

Halogen displacement reactions

A more reactive halogen can displace a less reactive halogen from solutions of its salts.

chlorine + potassium bromide → potassium chloride + bromine



chlorine + potassium iodide → potassium chloride + iodine

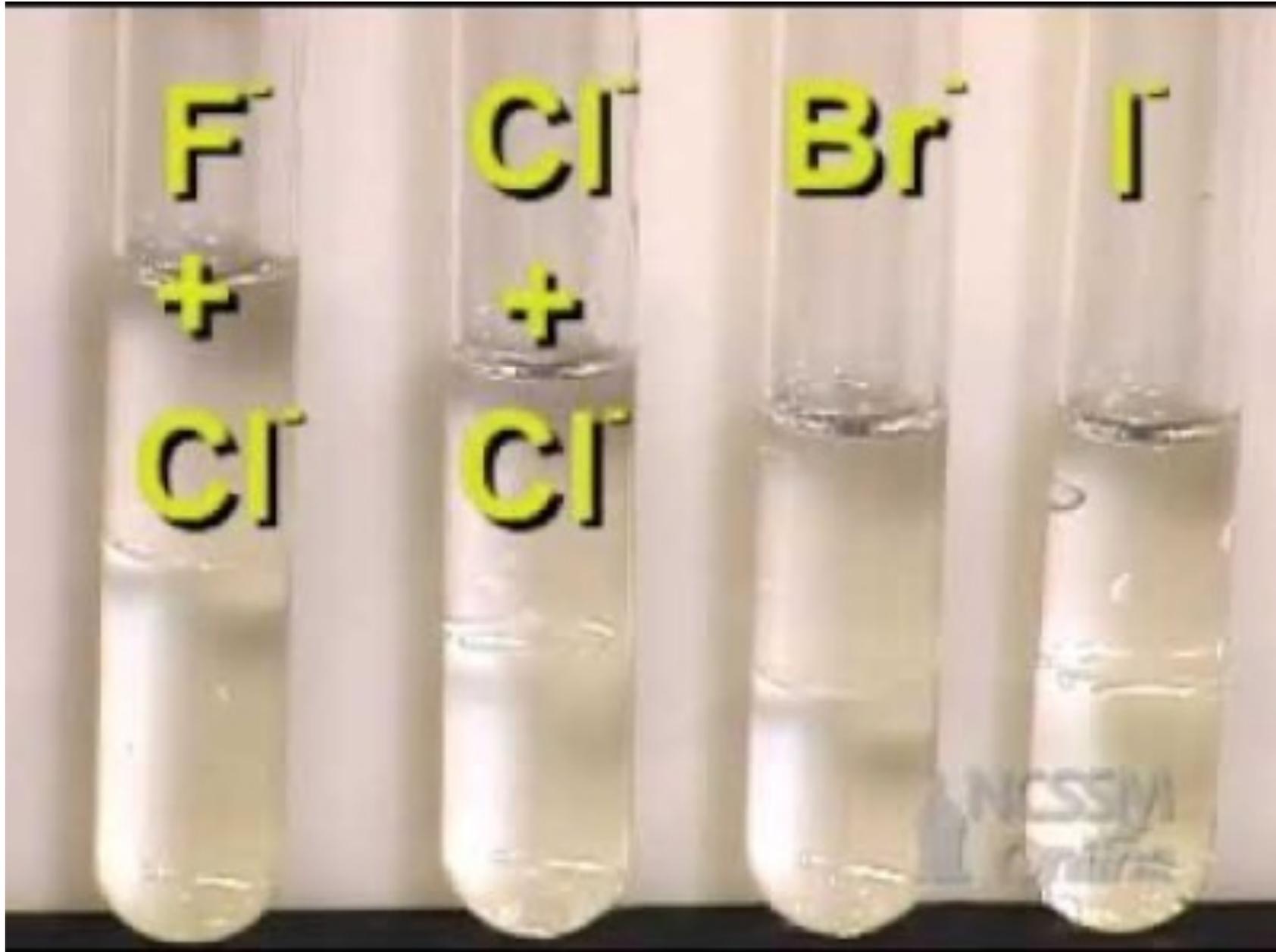


Potassium chloride, bromide and iodide solutions are colorless, but chlorine, bromine and iodine have colors.

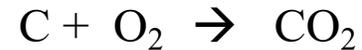
Going down group 17:

- the atoms become larger
- the outer shell becomes further from the nucleus
- the force of attraction between the nucleus and the outer shell decreases
- an outer electron is gained less easily
- the halogen becomes less reactive

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Redox reactions



4 electrons move from C towards the two O atoms. We say C is oxidized. O gains electrons, oxygen is reduced (In CO_2 : oxidation number of the carbon +4, O -2).



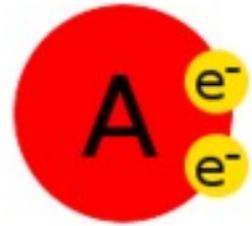
What element is reduced and what element is oxidized?

Reactions involving the transfer of electrons from one atom to another are called oxidation – reduction reactions or REDOX.

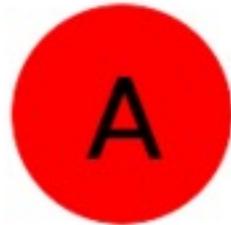
In redox reactions some substances donate electrons, they are called reductant or reducing agents. Other substances gain electrons, they are called oxidizing agents or oxidants.

Examples of strong oxidants: oxygen, fluorine, chlorine.

Reducing Agent

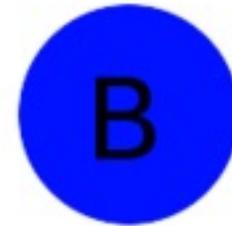


A loses electrons

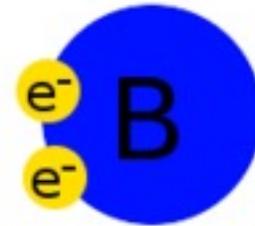


A is oxidized

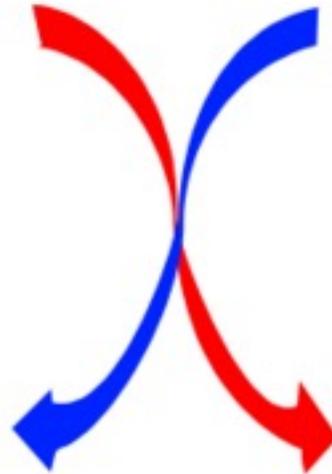
Oxidizing Agent



B gains electrons



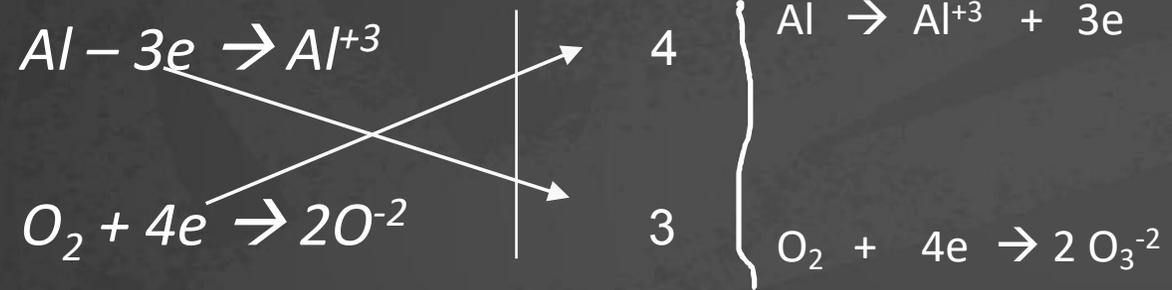
B is reduced





Reduction or oxidation?

Redox reactions can be balanced using electron transfer



Half equations

Redox reactions may be broken down into two half- equations. We can see the oxidation and reduction processes separately.

chlorine + potassium bromide \rightarrow potassium chloride + bromine



We can separate two processes:



If we don't put coefficient what will we see?



The number of atoms and the charges are not balanced. To balance the number of atoms and the charges we have to add two electrons and we have to add 2 as the coefficient before Cl^- : $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^-$