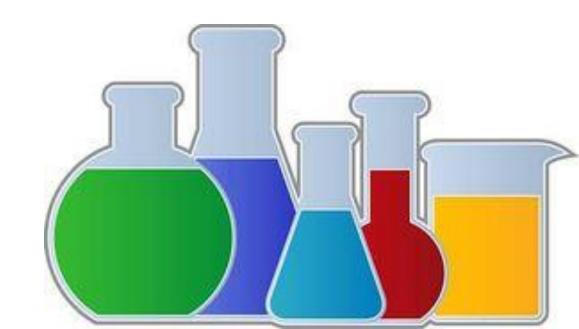
[1.6] Chemical Reactions





Chemical Equations

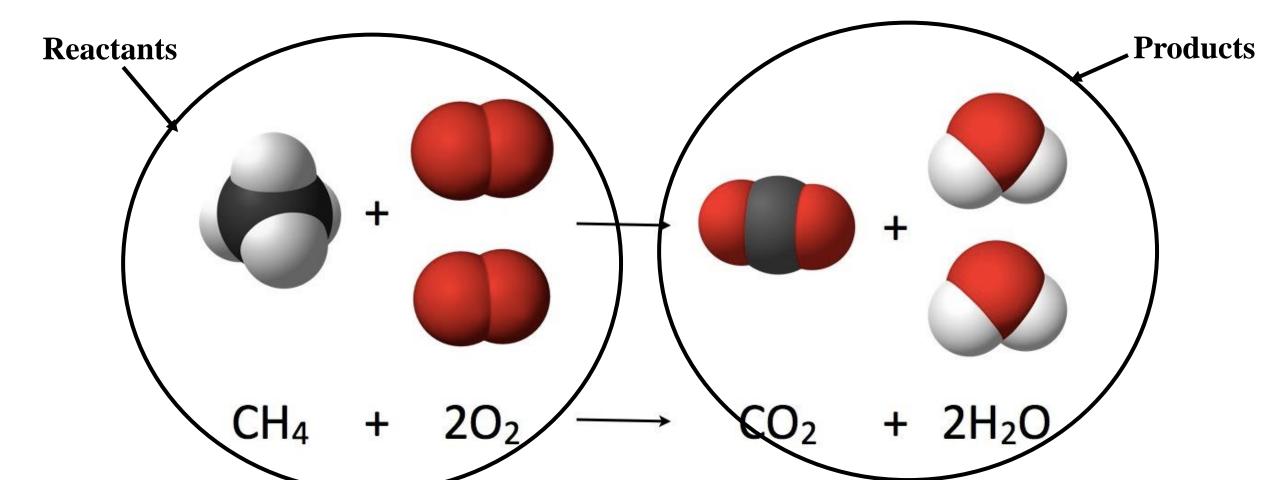
- Represent a chemical reaction
- Are made up of two parts:

Reactants \rightarrow **Products**

Example: methane + oxygen \rightarrow carbon dioxide + water $CH_4 + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$

Chemical Equations

- **Reactants** are listed on the **left side** and separated by a plus sign (+)
- **Products** are listed on the **right side** and separated by a plus sign (+)



Word Equations

• Word Equations: only the chemical names of the reactants and products are shown.

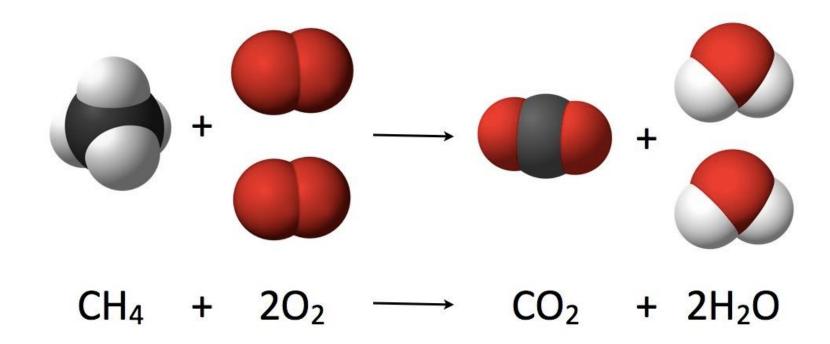
Example: methane + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water

Skeletal Equations

• Unbalanced system where the chemical names are converted to chemical symbols/formulas

• Example:

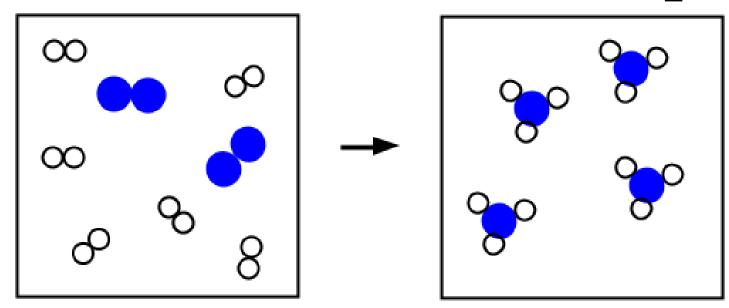
$$CH_4 + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$$



Law of Conservation of Mass

- Matter (atoms) cannot be created or destroyed, however may change forms
- Mass remains the same in a chemical reaction

Mass of reactants = Mass of products

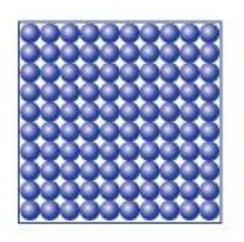


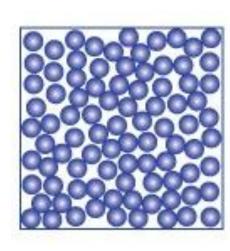
- When the reactants and products contain equal numbers of the same atom the chemical equation is balanced
- Balanced by the use of coefficients
- Coefficients are numbers written in front of chemical formulas
- They indicate number of atoms or molecules of that substance

Coefficients

$$CH_4 + _O_2 \rightarrow _CO_2 + _H_2O$$

- Physical state symbols are added to show the substance's composition
- (s): solid
- (l): liquid
- (aq): aqueous
- (g): gas





$$CH_{4(g)} + O_{2(g)} \rightarrow CO_{2(g)} + H_2O_{(l)}$$

Balancing Equations

$$CH_{4(g)} + O_{2(g)} \rightarrow CO_{2(g)} + H_2O_{(l)}$$

Type of atom (symbol)	Number in reactants	Number in products
C	1	1
H	4	2
O	2	3

Balancing Equations

$$CH_{4(g)} + O_{2(g)} \rightarrow CO_{2(g)} + 2H_2O_{(l)}$$

Type of atom (symbol)	Number in reactants	Number in products
C	1	1
H	4	4
O	2	4

Balancing Equations

$$CH_{4(g)} + {}^{2}O_{2(g)} \rightarrow CO_{2(g)} + {}^{2}H_{2}O_{(l)}$$

Type of atom (symbol)	Number in reactants	Number in products
C	1	1
H	4	4
O	4	4

General Rules:

- 1. Balance metals first
- 2. Balance non-metals next (except hydrogen and oxygen). Polyatomic ions can be balanced as a group.
- 3. Balance hydrogen and oxygen last
- 4. Ensure that the equation is in **lowest terms**
- 5. Check to ensure that there are the same number of each type of atom before and after the reaction

- Use **coefficients** to change the number of atoms of an element
- Never change the subscripts
- Some equations may take longer than others to solve (be patient)

