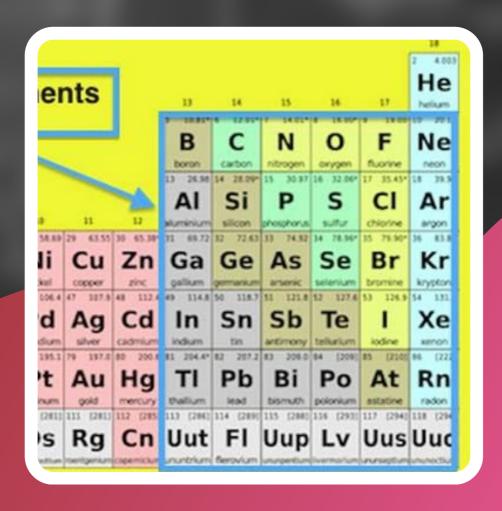


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# **STUDY MATERIAL**

p-Block Elements (group 13 to 18)

ENGLISH MEDIUM





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# p-BLOCK ELEMENTS

#### **IMPORTANT CONCEPTS:**

- 1. Back bonding
- 3. Inert pair effect
- 5. Hydrolysis
- 7. Silicates and Silicones

- 2. Dimerisation
- 4. Oxyacids
- 6. Allotropes
- 8. Drying agent and bleaching agents
- 9. Reactions and compounds (Group 13-18)

#### 1. BACK BONDING

Definition: It is an additional bond which if formed between 2 adjacent bonded atoms in a covalent molecule/ion by colateral overlapping.

#### Conditions for back bonding:

- (i) One bonded atom must possess vacant orbital and the other bonded atom must possess lone pair.
- (ii) Both bonded atoms must belong to 2nd period or one bonded atom must belong to 2nd period and the other must belong to 3rd period.
- As a result of back bonding between the bonded atoms, bond length decreases and bond energy increases.



F–donor B–acceptor

$$F \stackrel{\longrightarrow}{=} B \stackrel{F}{\downarrow} \leftarrow F - B \stackrel{F}{\downarrow} \leftarrow F - B \stackrel{F}{\downarrow} \leftarrow F \stackrel{\longrightarrow}{=} B \stackrel{F}{\downarrow} F$$

$$(B-F) B.O = 4/3 = 1.33$$

#### Types of back bonding:

Based on type of orbital involved in overlapping

2 types of back bonding is possible

- (1)  $p\pi$ - $p\pi$  back bonding
- (2)  $p\pi$ - $d\pi$  back bonding
- (1)  $p\pi$ - $p\pi$  back bonding: It is formed by the sidewise overlapping of two p orbitals.

Order of strength: 2p - 2p > 2p - 3p > 2p - 4p ......

#### It is used to explain following observations:-

- (a) Abnormal bond length and bond energy of B-F bond in BF<sub>3</sub>.
- (b) Lewis acidic order of **Boron** and **Beryllium** halides.

$$BF_3 < BCl_3 < BBr_3 < BI_3$$

$$BeF_2 < BeCl_2 < BeBr_2 < Bel_2$$

- extent of back bonding ↓
- ∴ Lewis acidic strength ↑

(c) **Hybridisation**: If a lone pair participates in back bonding then it is not considered in hybridisation.

B<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (inorganic benzine or borazene or borazole)

Hybridisation of B as well as N is sp<sup>2</sup>

- Inorganic benzene is more reactive than organic benzene as in it the bonds are polar, although overall molecule is non polar.
- If back bonding is present in the molecule then tendency to form dimer or polymer decreases. (d) Ex. BF<sub>3</sub>, BeF<sub>2</sub>

#### **(2)** $p\pi$ -d $\pi$ back bonding:

It is formed by the side wise overlapping between 2p and 3d orbital.

It is used to explain following observations:

#### (a) **Hybridisation**

Trimethyl amine

$$(CH_3)_3N$$

Back bonding is not CH<sub>3</sub> possible due to absence of vacant orbital

- Hybridisation of N is sp<sup>3</sup>
- Structure is trigonal pyramidal
- It is a stronger lewis base (due to presence of lp)

Trisilyl amine

$$(SiH_3)_3N$$



pπ-dπ back bonding is possible

- Hybridisation of N is sp<sup>2</sup>
- Structure is trigonal planar
- It is a weaker lewis base

#### (b) Acidic strength

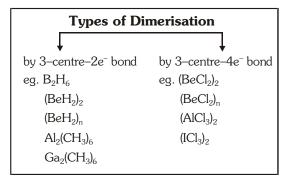
$$CH_3 - \overset{\bullet}{O} + H$$
  
Methyl alcohol

- No back bonding in conjugate base
- Less acidic

- Back bonding present in conjugate base
- More acidic

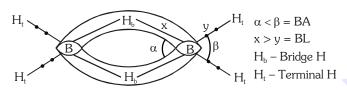


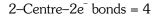
#### 2. DIMERISATION / POLYMERISATION

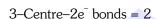


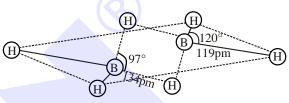
#### (A) By banana Bond or by 3-Centre-2e bond or by e deficient bond

#### (a) $B_2H_6$









structure of diborane, B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

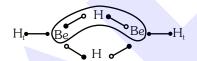
Hybridisation state of boron is sp<sup>3</sup>

It is electron deficient molecule and act as lewis acid

- All four terminal hydrogen and two boron atoms are present in same plane both bridging H are present in perpendicular plane.
- If substitution reaction takes place then only four terminal hydrogen atom will be substituted.

$$B_2H_6 + 4CH_3-Cl \rightarrow B_2H_2(CH_3)_4 + 4HCl$$

## (b) (BeH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (dimer of BeH<sub>2</sub> in vapour state)



- Hybridisation state of Be is sp<sup>2</sup>
- Planar
- electron deficient molecule

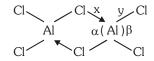
#### (c) (BeH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> (polymer of BeH<sub>2</sub> in solid state)



- Hybridisation state of Be is sp<sup>3</sup>
- Non-planar
- electron deficient molecule

#### (B) By-coordinate Bond / 3-Centre-4e bond

#### (a) Al<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> (dimer of AlCl<sub>3</sub> in liquid or solid state)



 $\alpha < \beta$ ; Order of bond angle

x > y; Order of bond length

Hybridisation state of Al is sp<sup>3</sup>

Non-planar

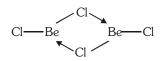
octet of Al is complete so it is not e deficient



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# (b) $(BeCl_2)_2$ (dimer of $BeCl_2$ in vapour state)

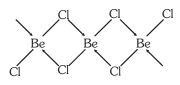


Hybridisation state of Be is sp<sup>2</sup>

Planar

electron deficient molecule

### (c) (BeCl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> (polymer of BeCl<sub>2</sub> in solid state)

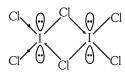


Hybridisation state of Be is sp<sup>3</sup>

Non-planar

octet of Be is complete so it is not e deficient

### (d) I<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> (dimer of ICl<sub>3</sub>)



Hybridisation state of I is sp<sup>3</sup>d<sup>2</sup>

Planar

e rich molecule (12 e)

#### Note:

- (i)  $BCl_3$ ,  $BBr_3$  &  $BI_3$  do not form dimer due to smaller size of boron & large size of halogen (due to more steric repulsion)
- (ii) BF<sub>3</sub> cannot form dimer due to presence of back bonding.
- (iii) AIF<sub>3</sub> cannot form dimer due to its ionic nature.

#### **BEGINNER'S BOX-1**

- $\mathbf{1}$ . In BF<sub>3</sub>:
  - (1) B-F bond has double bond character and this bond is delocalised
  - (2) All the B-F bonds are single covalent in nature
  - (3) Bond energy and bond length of B-F bond indicate its single bond character
  - (4) All the bonds are ionic
- 2. In  $BF_3$ , the B–F bond length is 1.30 Å, when  $BF_3$  is allowed to be treated with  $Me_3N$ , it forms an adduct,  $[Me_3N \rightarrow BF_3]$ . The bond length of B–F in the adduct is :

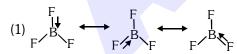
(1) Greater than 1.30Å

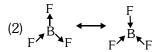
(2) Smaller than 1.30 Å

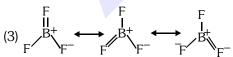
(3) Equal to 1.30 Å

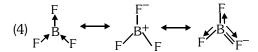
(4) None of these

**3**. Which of the following structures correctly represents the boron trifluoride molecule:









- **4.** Trisilylamine  $[N(SiH_3)_3]$  has a :-
  - (1) Planar geometry

(2) Tetrahedral geometry

(3) Pyramidal geometry

- (4) None of these
- 5. In which of the following molecule, vacant orbitals do not participate in bonding:-
  - $(1) B_2 H_6$
- (2) Al<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>
- (3)  $[H_3N.BF_3]$
- (4) Si<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>



**6.** In which of the following compounds B–F bond length is shortest?

- (1) BF<sub>4</sub>
- (2)  $BF_3 \leftarrow NH_3$
- (3) BF<sub>3</sub>
- (4)  $BF_3 \leftarrow N(CH_3)_3$

7. In diborane –

(1) 2 bridged hydrogen and four terminal hydrogen are present

(2) 3 bridged and three terminal hydrogen are present

(3) 4 bridged hydrogen atoms are not in the same plane

(4) 1 bridged hydrogen and 1 terminal hydrogen are present

**8.** How many 2C-2e bonds and 3C-2e bonds are present in diborane?

- (1) 2 and 4
- (2) 2 and 2
- (3) 4 and 2
- (4) 4 and 4

#### 3. INERT PAIR EFFECT

	Group-13	Group-14	Group-15
(group oxidation state)	$\frac{ns^2np^1}{+3}$	$\frac{ns^2np^2}{+4}$	$\frac{ns^2np^3}{+5}$

• While moving down the group the stability of lower oxidation state (2 less than group oxidation state) progressively increases and for the last element of the group the stability of lower oxidation state becomes even greater than the group oxidation state. **This is called inert pair effect.** 

Group-13	Group-14	Grou	up-15
B +3	C +4	N	+5
Al +3	Si +4	P	+5
Ga $+3 > +1$	Ge $+4 > +2$	As	+5 > +3
In $+3 > +1$	Sn $+4 > +2$	Sb	+5 > +3
Tl $+3 < +1$	<b>Pb</b> $+4 < +2$	<b>Bi</b>	+ 5 < +3

**Reason :** As we move down the group there is presence of d & f-orbitals in inner shells which have poor shielding effect hence  $Z_{eff}$  increases. As a result the  $ns^2$  electron pair becomes more and more tightly held to the nucleus and becomes inert to participate in bonding.

• For the last element group oxidation state is highly oxidising in nature.

#### **Examples:**

- 1. PbCl<sub>2</sub> is more stable than PbCl<sub>4</sub>.
- 2. TICl is more stable than TICl<sub>3</sub>
- 3. GaCl<sub>3</sub> is more stable than TlCl<sub>3</sub>
- 4. SnCl<sub>4</sub> is more stable than PbCl<sub>4</sub>
- 5. Thallium (III) iodide does not exist.
- 6. PbF<sub>4</sub>, PbCl<sub>4</sub> exist but PbBr<sub>4</sub> and PbI<sub>4</sub> does not exist.
- 7. Only BiF<sub>5</sub> exists among pentahalides of Bi
- 4′ 4 4 4

 $:: F^- < Cl^- < Br^- < l^-$ 

reducing nature

due to strong oxidising nature of  $Pb^{+4}$  and strong reducing nature of  $Br^-$  and  $I^-$ ,  $PbBr_4$  and  $PbI_4$  does not exist while  $CI^-$  and  $F^-$  can not reduce  $Pb^{+4}$ 

#### 4. OXY ACID

Inorganic acid which contain at least one  $Z ext{-}OH$  bond are known as oxyacids. (Z is generally a non metal)

Acidic oxide

• or 
$$+H_2O \rightleftharpoons Oxyacids$$

Non metallic oxide



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When an acidic oxide form one type of oxy acid on reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O then it is a simple anhydride

$$CO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CO_3$$

$$SO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4$$

$$N_2O_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HNO_3$$

$$Cl_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HClO_4$$

$$Mn_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HMnO_4$$

$$CrO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CrO_4$$

$$N_2O_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2HNO_3$$

When an acidic oxide on reaction with  $H_2O$  forms 2 types of oxy acids, then it is a mixed anhydride.

$$N_2O_4 + H_2O \rightarrow HNO_2 + HNO_3$$

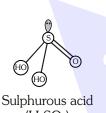
(N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is mixed anhydride of HNO<sub>2</sub> & HNO<sub>3</sub>)

$$Cl_2O_6 + H_2O \longrightarrow HClO_3 + HClO_4$$

(Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> is mixed anhydride of HClO<sub>3</sub> and HClO<sub>4</sub>)

2 mole oxy acid  -H <sub>2</sub> O  pyro acid	Meta  1 mole oxy acid  -H <sub>2</sub> O  meta acid	Per oxy acid	Ous acid -O Hypo us acid	ic acid (Pyro ic acid)  -O  Hypo ic acid
<b>Ex.</b> H <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> H <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> H <sub>4</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	Ex. HPO <sub>3</sub> HBO <sub>2</sub>	<b>Ex.</b> H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>5</sub> H <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> HNO <sub>4</sub>	Ex. HOX H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>2</sub>	<b>Ex.</b> H <sub>4</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>

#### **OXY ACIDS OF SULPHUR**



(H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>)



Sulphuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)

Peroxo disulphuric acid (Marshall's acid)  $(H_2S_2O_8)$ 

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Pyro sulphuric acid/oleum  $(H_2S_2O_7)$ 

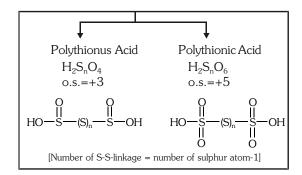
Peroxo monosulphuric acid (Caro's acid)  $(H_2SO_5)$ 

Thiosulphuric acid  $(H_2S_2O_3)$ 

Pyro sulphurous acid  $(H_2S_2O_5)$ 



#### **OXY ACIDS OF SALT CONTAINING S-S LINKAGE**



**Important points :** 
$$H_2S_2O_3$$

$$H_2S_2O_3$$
  
 $H_2S_2O_4$   
 $H_2S_2O_5$   
 $H_2S_2O_6$  (S-S bond)  
 $H_2S_2O_7 \rightarrow [S-O-S]$   
 $H_2S_2O_8 \rightarrow [S-O-S-S]$ 

#### **OXY ACID OF PHOSPHORUS**

(i) 
$$HO-P-OH$$
 $OH$ 
 $OH$ 
 $OH$ 
 $OH$ 
 $OH$ 

Hypo phosphorous (phosphinic) acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>2</sub>)

Hypo phosphoric acid  $(H_4P_2O_6)$ 

Pyro phosphoric acid (H<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)

Pyro phosphorous acid 
$$(H_4P_2O_5)$$

(HPO<sub>2</sub>)

## **OXY ACIDS OF HALOGENS**

Hypohalous	Halous	Halic	Per halic
Acid	Acid	Acid	Acid
НО—Х	O=X—OH	HO—X O	HO—X—O
+1	+3	+5	+7
HOCl	HClO <sub>2</sub>	HClO <sub>3</sub>	HClO <sub>4</sub>
HOBr	—	HBrO <sub>3</sub>	HBrO <sub>4</sub>
HOI	—	HIO <sub>3</sub>	HIO <sub>4</sub>



#### Some important points

(1) Oxy acid of phosphorus having +1 & +3 oxidation state (having P-H bond) can act as reducing agent and give disproportionation reaction on heating.

$$H_{3}^{+3}PO_{3} \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_{3}^{+5}PO_{4} + PH_{3}^{-3}$$
 $H_{3}PO_{3} + Ag_{2}O \xrightarrow{} H_{3}PO_{4} + 2Ag \downarrow$ 

Order of reducing nature.

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_3PO_2 & > & H_3PO_3 & > & H_3PO_4 \\ Two\,P-H & One\,P-H & Zero\,P-H \\ bonds & bond & bond \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:** Nitrogen compound having +1 & +3 oxidation state gives disproportionation reaction in acidic medium.

$$\stackrel{+3}{\text{HNO}_2} \xrightarrow{H^+} \stackrel{+5}{\text{HNO}_3} + \stackrel{+2}{\text{NO}}$$

(2) Heating effect of phosphoric acid

$$H_3PO_4$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
200^{\circ}C \\
\hline
316^{\circ}C \\
\hline
600^{\circ}C \\
\hline
P_2O_5
\end{array}$$

(3) Heating effect of boric acid

(4)  $SO_3$  exists as a cyclic trimer  $(S_3O_9)$ 

(5) Metaphosphoric acid exists as dimer, cyclic trimer or polymer

$$(HPO_3)_3$$

$$O OH$$

$$O = P$$

$$O$$

(6) Acidic nature of oxy acids.

General concept:

(i) For same element 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Acidic nature} & \text{Oxidation number of} \\ \text{of oxyacids} & \text{active element} \end{pmatrix}$$
  
eg.  $\text{HCIO} < \text{HCIO}_2 < \text{HCIO}_3 < \text{HCIO}_4$ 

(ii) For different elements (Acidic nature of oxyacids ∞ EN of active element)

eg. 
$$H_3BO_3 < H_2CO_3 < HNO_3$$

### **BEGINNER'S BOX-2**

- 1. `Structures of metaboric acid and orthoboric acid respectively are:
  - (1)  $HO-B \xrightarrow{OH}$ , HO-B=O

(2) HO-B=O, HO-BOH

(3) Both the above

- (4) None
- 2. Hypophosphorus acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>2</sub>) is -
  - (1) Tribasic acid
- (2) Dibasic acid
- (3) Monobasic acid
- (4) Not acidic at all
- 3. The correct order of decreasing acid strength of oxy acids of group 15 elements is:
  - (1)  $HNO_3 > H_3SbO_4 > H_3AsO_4 > H_3PO_4$
  - (2)  $H_3PO_4 > H_3AsO_4 > H_3SbO_4 > HNO_3$
  - (3)  $HNO_3 > H_3PO_4 > H_3AsO_4 > H_3SbO_4$
  - $(4) \text{ HNO}_3 > \text{H}_3 \text{AsO}_4 > \text{H}_3 \text{PO}_4 > \text{H}_3 \text{SbO}_4$
- 4. Which one of the following is a mixed anhydride:
  - (1) NO
- (2) NO<sub>2</sub>
- $(3) N_2 O_3$
- $(4) N_2 O_5$

**5**. The structure of peroxodisulphuric acid is:

(2) HO-S-S-S-OH
(2) HO-S-O-O-S-OH

- **6**. Number of S-S bond in H<sub>2</sub>S<sub>n</sub>O<sub>6</sub>
  - (1) n

- (2) (n-1)
- (3) (n-2)
- (4)(n+1)

- 7. Ga<sup>+</sup> acts as a reducing agent because –
  - (1)  $Ga^{3+}$  state is less stable than  $Ga^{+1}$
- (2) Ga<sup>3+</sup> state is more stable than Ga<sup>+1</sup>

(3) Ga<sup>3+</sup> convert into Ga<sup>+1</sup>

- (4) None of the above
- 8. In inert pair effect which pair of electrons are said to be inert
  - (1) 2 electrons of (n-1)s

(2) 2 electrons of (n-1)d

(3) 2 electrons of np

(4) 2 electrons of ns



#### 5. HYDROLYSIS

Hydrolysis is a nucleophilic substitution reaction in which H<sub>2</sub>O acts as a nucleophile.

#### **Condition for hydrolysis:**

For hydrolysis electrophile should have vacant orbital it is undergoes through  $\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{N}}\mathbf{2}$  mechanism

#### **Mechanism of hydrolysis :** (S<sub>N</sub>2 mechanism)

$$H_2$$
 +  $E$   $A$  -  $A$  -

Weaker base goes out and a stronger base substitutes it.

#### Example

• In general hydrolysis is a non redox reaction.

#### Important examples of hydrolysis

#### 1. Hydrolysis of some important covalent molecules.

(a) BeCl<sub>2</sub> + 
$$2H_2O \longrightarrow Be(HO)_2 + 2HCl$$

(b) 
$$MgCl_2 + 2H_2 \stackrel{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow Mg(OH)_2 + 2HCl_2 \stackrel{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow Mg(OH)_2 \stackrel{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow$$

(c) 
$$BCl_3 + 3H_2 \stackrel{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow B(OH)_3 + 3HCl$$
  
or  $H_3BO_3$   
(orthoboric acid)

(d) 
$$PCl_3 + 3H_2 \stackrel{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow P(OH)_3 + 3HCl$$

(e) 
$$AsCl_3 + 3H_2 O \longrightarrow As(OH)_3 + 3HCl$$

(f) 
$$AlCl_3 + 3H_2 \overset{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow Al(OH)_3 + 3HCl$$
(steam) (white gelatinous ppt)



(g)  $PCl_5 + 4H_2O \longrightarrow H_3PO_4 + 5HCl$ 

Hydrolysis of PCl<sub>5</sub> complete in two steps:-

(i) 
$$PCl_5 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\bigcirc} \longrightarrow PCl_3 \overset{\bullet}{\bigcirc} (Cl_2) + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\bigcirc} \longrightarrow POCl_3 + 2HCl$$
two axial bonds

(ii) 
$$CI \stackrel{O}{\underset{C}{\mid I}} + 3H_2O \stackrel{O}{\underset{OH}{\longrightarrow}} + 3HCI$$

$$H_3PO_4$$
 = phosphoric acid

(h) 
$$Cl \rightarrow N-Cl \atop Sd \atop (vacant)} + H_2 O \rightarrow NH_3 + 3HOCl \atop (Hypochlorous acid)$$

(i) 
$$NF_3 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow No \text{ reaction}$$

(due to absence of vacant orbitals in the valence shell of Nitrogen)

Partial hydrolysis

SbCl<sub>3</sub> and BiCl<sub>3</sub> undergo partial Hydrolysis due to ionic character.

(j) 
$$SbCl_3 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow SbOCl + 2HCl$$
(Antimonyl chloride)

(k) 
$$\operatorname{BiCl}_3 + \operatorname{H}_2 \overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{\circ}}}} \longrightarrow \underset{\substack{\text{(Bismuthyl} \\ \text{chloride})}}{\operatorname{BiOCl}} + 2\operatorname{HCl}$$
(white pt also known as white pearl)

2. Hydrolysis of interhalogen compounds (XX',)

where X - large size Halogen (less EN atom), X' - small size Halogen (more EN atom)

(a) Type XX': 
$$Cl-F + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\text{O}} \longrightarrow HF + HOCl$$
Acid (Hypochlorous acid (Hypochlorous acid)

(b) Type XX'<sub>3</sub>: 
$$ClF_3 + 2H_2 \stackrel{.}{\bigcirc} \longrightarrow 3HF + HClO_2$$
(Chlorous acid)

(c) Type XX'<sub>5</sub>: 
$$ClF_5 + 3H_2 \stackrel{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow 5HF + HClO_3$$
(Chloric acid.)

(d) Type XX'<sub>7</sub>: 
$$IF_7 + 4H_2 \overset{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow 7HF + \underset{(Periodic acid)}{HIO_4}$$

3. Hydrolysis of pyro and peroxy oxy acids

(a) 
$$H_2P_2O_7 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{acid}}{\bigvee}} \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4$$
(Pyro sulphuric acid) (Sulphuric acid)

(b) 
$$H_4P_2O_7 + H_2O_7 + H_2O_7 + H_3SO_4$$
(Pyro phosphoric acid) (Phosphoric acid)



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(c) 
$$H_2SO_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + H_2O_2$$
(Peroxy sulphuric acid)

(d) 
$$H_2S_2O_8 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4 + H_2O_2$$

(i) 
$$H_2S_2O_8 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_5 + H_2SO_4$$

(ii) 
$$H_2SO_5 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + H_2O_2$$

#### 4. Hydrolysis of Acidic oxides

(a) 
$$SO_2 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow H_2 SO_3$$
(Sulphurous acid)

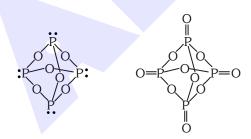
(b) 
$$SO_3 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{(Sulphuric acid)}}{}} \longrightarrow H_2 SO_4$$

(c) 
$$Cl_2O_7 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{order} \text{ acid})}{}} \longrightarrow 2HClO_4 \overset{\bullet}{\underset{\text{(Perchloric acid)}}{}}$$

(d) 
$$N_2O_5 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{O} \longrightarrow 2HNO_3$$
(Nitric acid)

(e) 
$$P_4O_6 + 6H_2O_0 \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_3$$
(Phosphorous acid)

(f) 
$$P_4O_{10} + 6H_2 \stackrel{.}{O} \longrightarrow 4H_3PO_4$$
(Phosphoric acid)



 $P_4O_6$ 

sp<sup>3</sup> hybrid 'P'

6 P-O-P bonds

P = O bond is absent

 $P_{4}O_{10}$ 

sp<sup>3</sup> hybrid 'P'

6 P-O-P bonds

4 P = O bonds



#### 5. Hydrolysis of xenon fluorides

(a) Hydrolysis of XeF<sub>6</sub> is a non redox reaction and it can undergo partial as well as complete hydrolysis.

$$XeF_6 + H_2O \xrightarrow{-2HF} XeOF_4 \xrightarrow{+H_2O} XeO_2F_2$$
  
(Partial Hydrolysis)

$$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \xrightarrow{-6HF} XeO_3$$

(b) 
$$XeF_2 + H_2O \xrightarrow{-2HF} XeO \xrightarrow{} Xe + \frac{1}{2}O_2$$
  
Unstable Redox

(c) 
$$6XeF_4 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4Xe + 2XeO_3 + 3O_2 + 24HF$$

#### 6. Hydrolysis of ionic compounds

(a) Carbides

$$CaC_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow Ca(OH)_2 + C_2H_2$$
 [HC=CH] (Acetylene)

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{Mg_2C_3} + 4\mathrm{H_2O} \longrightarrow 2\mathrm{Mg(OH)_2} + \mathrm{C_3H_4} \ [\mathrm{H_3C-C} = \mathrm{CH}] \\ \mathrm{(Propyne)} \end{array}$$

$$Al_4C_3 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4Al(OH)_3 + 3CH_4$$
(Methane)

$$Be_2C + 4H_2O \longrightarrow 2Be(OH)_2 + CH_4$$

(b) Nitrides

$$\text{Li}_3\text{N} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 3\text{LiOH} + \text{NH}_3$$

$$Mg_3N_2 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Mg(OH)_2 + 2NH_3$$

(c) **Phosphides** 

$$Ca_3P_2 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 3Ca(OH)_2 + 2NH_3$$

#### 7. Hydrolysis of non-metals and halogen

(a) 
$$F_2 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\bigcirc} \longrightarrow 2HF + 1/2 O_2$$
 ( $O_3$  is also produced in small amount & mixture of  $O_2$  &  $O_3$  is known as ozonide)

•  $F_2$  is the only non-metal that can oxidise  $H_2O$  as it is a powerful oxidising agent. Other halogens & non-metals undergo disproportionation with water in basic medium. (Redox reaction)

(c) 
$$P_4 + H_2 \overset{\bullet}{\bigcirc} \longrightarrow PH_3 + H_3PO_2 \overset{NaOH}{\longrightarrow} PH_3 + \underset{(Sodium hypophosphite)}{NaH_2PO_2}$$

### **BEGINNER'S BOX-3**

- 1. Which of the following statements is correct:
  - (1) Aluminium carbide as well as beryllium carbide produce methane gas on treatment with water
  - (2) On reacting with water, calcium carbide (CaC<sub>2</sub>) produces acetylene while magnesium carbide (Mg<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>) gives propyne
  - (3) Both 1 & 2
  - (4) None of the above
- (a) Al  $\xrightarrow{N_2}$  A (b) Al  $\xrightarrow{C}$  B 2.

High temp.

High temp.

Product A and B on hydrolysis yields respectively.

(1) Ammonia and acetylene

(2) Ammonia and methane

(3) Nitric oxide and acetylene

- (4) None
- 3. The hydrolysis of PCl<sub>3</sub> produces:
  - (1) H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub> + HClO
- (2)  $H_3PO_3 + HCl$
- $(3) H_3PO_4 + HCl$
- (4) PH<sub>3</sub> + HClO
- 4. The number of molecules of water needed to convert one molecule of P2O5 into orthophosphoric acid is :
  - (1) 2

(2) 3

(3)4

(4)5

- 5. Which of the following halides does not hydrolysed?
  - (1) NCl<sub>3</sub>
- (2) SiCl<sub>4</sub>
- (3) CCl<sub>4</sub>
- (4) PCl<sub>2</sub>

**6**. Consider the following reactions:

(i) 
$$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \rightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$$

(ii) 
$$SF_4 + 3H_2O \rightarrow H_2SO_3 + 4HF$$

(iii) 
$$BCl_3 + 3H_2O \rightarrow H_3BO_3 + 3HCl$$

(iv) 
$$XeF_6 + 3H_2O \rightarrow XeO_3 + 6HF$$

Then according to given information the incorrect statement is

- (1) During the (i) reaction the hybridisation of 15th group element does not change
- (2) During the (ii) reaction the hybridisation of 16th group element has been change
- (3) During the (iii) reaction the hybridisation of 13th group element does not change
- (4) During the (iv) reaction the hybridisation of 18th group element does not change
- 7. Give the name of final product in following reaction.

$$SiCl_{4} \xrightarrow{Hydrolysis} product$$

(1) Silicic Acid

(2) dichlorido di hydroxo silicate

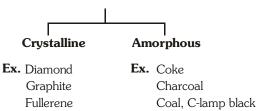
(3) Silicones

(4) Silicone carbide



#### 6. ALLOTROPES

### (A) Allotropes of Carbon



#### **DIAMOND**



Each carbon atom is bonded with four other carbon atoms sp<sup>3</sup> hybridisation

tetrahedral structure

Insulator due to absence of free electrons

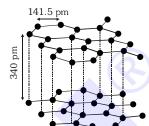
Hard due to presence of strong sigma bond and 3D structure

Density =  $3.35 \, \text{gm/cm}^3$ 

High melting point (giant molecule)

Bond length (C--C) = 1.54Å

# GRAPHITE



Each carbon atom is bonded with three other carbon atoms sp<sup>2</sup> hybridisation

hexagonal layer structure

Conductor due to presence of delocalised electrons

Soft due to presence of weak van der Waals forces between two layers

Density =  $2.22 \text{ gm/cm}^3$ 

Low melting point

Bond length (C--C) = 1.41Å

#### **Special Point:**

- (i) Thermodynamically graphite is more stable than diamond.
- (ii) Aqueous solution of graphite is known as aquadag.
- (iii) Graphite is also known as plumbago (used in lead pencil)
- (iv) Graphite use as a dry lubricants.
- (v) Hardest allotrope of carbon is diamond, softest allotrope is lamp black, purest allotrope is fullerene

#### **Fullerene**

- C-60 & C-70 are common forms of fullerene.
- C-60 is also known as Buckmeinster fullerene (Bucky ball)
- $\bullet$  There are 32 rings 32  $\stackrel{12}{<}$  pentagonal 20 hexagonal
- Each carbon atom bonded with 3 other carbon by sigma & double bond (resonance)
- sp<sup>2</sup> hybridisation & aromatic in nature

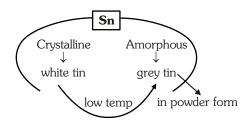
#### **Dangling Bond**

In diamond or graphite some surface carbon atoms have free valency. These carbon atoms form new bonds with impurities. These new bonds are known as dangling bond.





#### (B) ALLOTROPES OF TIN

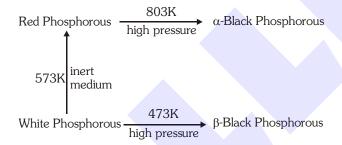


#### (C) ALLOTROPES OF PHOSPHOROUS

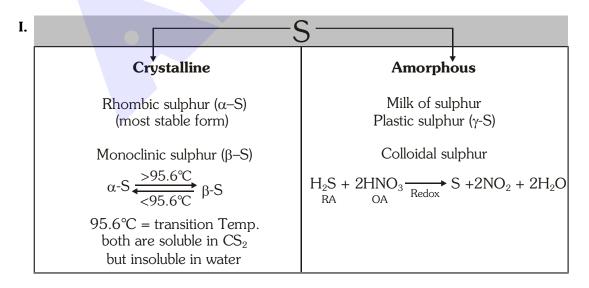
- (a) white/yellow phosphorous
- (b) Red phosphorous
- (c) Black phosphorous

White Phosphorous	Red Phosphorous
(1) Waxy solid	(1) Brittle powder
(2) Poisonous	(2) Non poisonous
(3) Soluble in CS <sub>2</sub> , Insoluble in water	(3) Insoluble in water & CS <sub>2</sub>
(4) Discrete units of $P_4$ are held by Vander Waal's forces	(4) P <sub>4</sub> units are linked with each other through covalent bond
<ul><li>(5) Less stable due to more angular strain</li><li>(6) It glows in dark due to slow oxidation(phosphorecence)</li></ul>	<ul><li>(5) More stable than white phosphorous</li><li>(6) It does not glow in dark</li></ul>

#### Order of stability or MP or density → white < red < black



#### (D) ALLOTROPES OF SULPHUR





- **II.** (a) density of  $\alpha S > \beta S$ 
  - (b) Both are puckered crown shape having  $\boldsymbol{S}_{\!\scriptscriptstyle{8}}$  units

  - (d)  $S_6$  is chair form of S

### 7. Compounds of Silicone

#### (A) Silicates

- Naturally occuring minerals
- Si and O atoms have poor tendency to form  $\pi$  bond, so these silicates anion have tendency to form polymer
- Basic structural unit is  $SiO_4^{-4}$

Silicate	No. of shared oxygen per unit	General formula	Structure	Example
Ortho silicate	0	SiO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-4</sup>		Zircon (ZrSiO <sub>4</sub> )
Pyro silicate	1	Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>-6</sup>	0 0	Hemi morphite Zn <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ·Zn(OH) <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O
Single chain silicate	for terminal unit - 1 for centre unit - 2	(SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> ) <sub>n</sub> but not true formula of single chain silicate		Ca <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (Kinoite)
Cyclic silicate	2	(SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> ) <sub>n</sub> True formula of cyclic silicate		Beryl (Be <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>18</sub> )
Sheet silicate	3	(Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> <sup>-2</sup> ) <sub>n</sub>		Talc (Mg <sub>3</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )
3-D silicate	4	(SiO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>	Ó │ ──Si─O─ │ ○	Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )



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Some important example of silicates

# (1) Sodium Zeolite $[Na_2Al_2Si_2O_8]/[Na_2O.Al_2O_3.2SiO_2.xH_2O]$

- (i) It is a 3-D silicate
- (ii) It is used in
  - (a) as a ion exchanger for softening of hard water
  - (b) as a catalyst in petrochemical industries for cracking of hydrocarbon & isomerisation

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Ex. ZSM-5 (Zeolite) is used to convert ethyl alcohol into petrol.

### (2) Silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>)/Silica

- Occurs in different forms like quartz, cristobalite and tridymite.
- Almost non reactive due to strong Si-O bond.
- However it is attacked by NaOH and HF
- Quartz is used to develop accurate clocks, modern radio & TV broadcasting & mobile radio communication.
- Silica gel is used as drying agent.
- Kieselgur is amorphous form of silica which is used in filtration plants.

(a) 
$$2\text{NaOH} + \text{SiO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
  
water glass

(b) 
$$SiO_2 + 4HF \rightarrow 2H_2O + SiF_4$$
  
 $SiF_4 + 2HF \rightarrow H_2[SiF_6]$   
hexa fluoro  
silicic acid

• This process is also known as **Etching of glass.** 

#### (B) SILICONES

Silicones are organosilicone polymer which contain R<sub>2</sub>SiO as a repeating unit.

#### **Properties:**

- (i) Silicones are chemically inert due to presence of strong sigma bond.
- (ii) Silicones have water repelling nature due to presence of alkyl group.
- (iii) Silicones are electric insulator due to absence of free electrons.

#### **Preparation:**

Alkyl chloro silane 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{hydrolysis}}$$
 product  $\xrightarrow{\text{condensation}}$  silicones

R<sub>3</sub>SiCl: used to stop chain length of silicones

R<sub>2</sub>SiCl<sub>2</sub>: used to form single chain silicones

RSiCl<sub>3</sub>: used to form cross link silicones

#### (a) Linear chain silicone (single chain silicones)

$$R_{2}SiCl_{2} + 2H - OH \xrightarrow{-2HCl} HO - Si - OH + HO - Si - OH + HO - Si - OH \xrightarrow{-nH_{2}O} * - COH \xrightarrow{-nH_{2$$



#### Cross linked silicone/Double chain silicone

#### 8. **BLEACHING AGENTS**

Conversion of coloured substance into colourless substance by using a suitable bleaching agent is known as bleaching.

- Bleaching can be done by oxidation or reduction.

(Permanent bleaching)

Coloured substance Reduction Colourless (Temporary bleaching)

Examples of bleaching agents:

# By oxidation

(1) O<sub>3</sub> (Dry bleach)

(2)H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (with moisture) (3)Cl<sub>2</sub> (with moisture)

# By Reduction

SO<sub>2</sub> (with moisture)

**Bleaching powder:** Used in textile industries. Bleaches by oxidation.

$$CaCl_2$$
 .  $Ca(OCl)_2$  .  $Ca(OH)_2$  .  $2H_2O$  (average oxidation number of  $Cl=0$ )

(Oxidation number of Cl = +1 and -1)

#### 9. **DEHYDRATING AGENTS**

A compound which removes water from a substance.

**Examples of dehydrating agents are :** Conc.  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $P_4O_{10}$ , CaO, Anhydrous  $CaCl_2$ 

 $\xrightarrow{\text{dehydrating}} H_2O + Oxide$ Acid —

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Chemistry: p-Block elements

### Example:

- HCOOH  $\xrightarrow{\text{conc. H}_2\text{SO}_4}$   $\rightarrow$   $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}$  (Lab preparation of CO)
- $\bullet \qquad \overset{\mathsf{COOH}}{\overset{\mathsf{I}}{\mathsf{COOH}}} \qquad \xrightarrow{\overset{\mathsf{conc.}\ \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{SO}_4}{\mathsf{COOH}}} \quad \mathsf{CO} + \mathsf{CO}_2 + \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \text{ (Lab preparation of CO & CO}_2)$

COOH  $CH_2$   $CH_2 \longrightarrow 2H_2O + O = C = C = C = O(C_3O_2)$ 

- $\begin{array}{ccc} CH_2 & \longrightarrow & 2H_2O + O = C = C = C = O & (C_3C) \\ COOH & (Carbon suboxide) \\ (Malonic acid) & \end{array}$
- Charring of sugar (dehydration):

$$\mathrm{C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}} \xrightarrow{\quad \mathrm{conc.}\ \mathrm{H_2SO_4} \quad} 11\ \mathrm{H_2O} \ + \ \mathrm{C}$$

(Carbon black)

- $\bullet \qquad 2\text{HClO}_4 \xrightarrow{P_4O_{10}} \text{Cl}_2O_7$
- $\bullet \qquad 2HNO_3 \xrightarrow{P_4O_{10}} N_2O_5$

#### Some extra points:

- (i)  $NH_3$  can not be dried by conc.  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $P_4O_{10}$  and  $CaCl_2$
- (ii) Alcohols, phenols can not be dried by metal hydrides.
- (iii) MgCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O and AlCl<sub>3</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O can not be dried by heating alone.

#### **BEGINNER'S BOX-4**

- 1. Silicones have the general formula
  - (1) SiO<sub>4</sub><sup>4</sup>-
- (2) Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>6-</sup>
- (3)  $(R_2SiO)_n$
- (4)  $(SiO_3)_n^{2-}$

- **2.** Glass or silica is soluble in :
  - (1) HClO<sub>4</sub>
- (2) HF
- (3) Aqua-regia
- (4) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

- 3.  $\operatorname{Si}_2\operatorname{O}_7^{6-}$  anion is obtained when
  - (1) no oxygen of a  ${\rm SiO_4}^{-4}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  ${\rm SiO_4}^{-4}$  tetrahedron
  - (2) one oxygen of a  $SiO_4^{-4}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  $SiO_4^{-4}$  tetrahedron
  - (3) two oxygen of a  $SiO_4^{-4}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  $SiO_4^{-4}$  tetrahedron
  - (4) three or all four oxygen of a  $SiO_4^{-4}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  $SiO_4^{-4}$  tetrahedron
- **4.** Consider the following route of reactions

$$R_{2}SiCl_{2} + Water \rightarrow (A) \xrightarrow{polymerisation} (B)$$

Compound(B) in above reaction is

(1) Dimer silicone

(2) Linear chain silicone

(3) cross linked silicone

(4) polymerisation of (A) does not occur

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- **5.**  $(Si_2O_5)_n^{2n-}$  anion is obtained when
  - (1) no oxygen of a  ${\rm SiO_4}^{^{4-}}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  ${\rm SiO_4}^{^{4-}}$  tetrahedron
  - (2) one oxygen of a  ${\rm SiO_4}^{4-}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  ${\rm SiO_4}^{4-}$  tetrahedron
  - (3) two oxygen of a  ${\rm SiO_4^{\ 4^-}}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  ${\rm SiO_4^{\ 4^-}}$  tetrahedron
  - (4) three oxygen of a  ${\rm SiO_4}^{^{4-}}$  tetrahedron is shared with another  ${\rm SiO_4}^{^{4-}}$  tetrahedron
- **6.** What is true about various allotropes of carbon?
  - (1) Diamond is thermodynamically more stable than graphite
  - (2) Both diamond and graphite are good conductor of electricity
  - (3) Diamond is harder than graphite
  - (4) Both graphite and fullerene are artificial allotropes of C
- **7.** Different layers in graphite are held together by :
  - (1) Ionic bonding

(2) Metallic bonding

(3) Covalent bonding

- (4) Vander Waal's forces
- **8.** Which of the following is not related with white phosphorous?
  - (1) it is more reactive than red phosphorous
  - (2) it glows in dark
  - (3) it is highly poisonous
  - (4) it is insoluble in both water and CS<sub>2</sub>



# **BORON FAMILY (GROUP 13)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Boron is a typical non-metal, aluminium is a metal but shows many chemical similarities to boron, gallium, indium and thallium are almost exclusively metallic in character,

#### **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

#### Physical properties:

- Boron is non-metallic in nature.
- It is extremely hard and black coloured solid. It exists in many allotropic forms.
- Due to very strong crystalline lattice, boron has unusually high melting point.
- Rest of the member are soft metals with low melting point and high electrical conductivity. Gallium with low melting point (303 K), could exist in liquid state during summer. Its **high boiling point** (2676 K) makes it a useful material for measuring high temperatures.

#### Chemical properties

#### Reactivity towards air

- Boron is unreactive in crystalline form.
- Aluminium forms a very thin oxide layer on the surface which protects the metal from further attack.
- $\bullet$  Amorphous boron and aluminium metal on heating in air form  $B_2O_3$  and  $Al_2O_3$  respectively. With dinitrogen at high temperature they form nitrides.

$$2E(s) + 3 O_2(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2 E_2O_3(s) ; 2E(s) + N_2(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2 EN(s).$$

The nature of these oxides varies down the group. Boron trioxide is acidic and reacts with basic (metallic) oxides forming metal borates. Aluminium and gallium oxides are amphoteric and those of indium and thallium are basic in their properties.

#### **COMPOUNDS OF BORON**

### (I) Borax $(Na_2B_4O_7.10H_2O) / Na_2[B_4O_5(OH)_4].8H_2O$

#### **Important points:**

$$B-O-B$$
 linkage = 5

Two Boron-sp<sup>2</sup> hybridised

Two Boron-sp<sup>3</sup> hybridised

Two tetrahedral and two trigonal planar units are present



### (A) Methods of Preparation

#### (i) From Colemanite.

When colemanite powder is heated with  $Na_2CO_3$  solution, the following reaction occurs with the precipitation of  $CaCO_3$ .

$$Ca_2B_6O_{11} + 2Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow 2CaCO_3 \downarrow + Na_2B_4O_7 + 2NaBO_2$$

The filtrate is cooled when white crystals of borax are precipitated. The mother liquor on treatment with  $CO_2$  converts  $NaBO_2$  to  $Na_2B_4O_7$  which precipitates out on crystallization.

$$4NaBO_2 + CO_2 \longrightarrow Na_2B_4O_7 + Na_2CO_3$$

#### (ii) From orthoboric acid.

Borax is obtained by the action of  $Na_2CO_3$  on orthoboric acid.

$$4H_3BO_3 + Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow Na_2B_4O_7 + 6H_2O + CO_2\uparrow$$

#### (B) Properties:

- (i) Borax is a white powder, less soluble in cold water, more soluble in hot water.
- (ii) Its aqueous solution is alkaline because of its hydrolysis to weak acid H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> and strong alkali NaOH.

$$Na_2B_4O_7 + 7H_2O \longrightarrow 4H_3BO_3 + 2NaOH$$

#### (iii) Action of heat.

When borax powder is heated, it first swells due to loss of water but at 740°C it converted into colourless transparent liquid, which solidifies into glass like material known as borax bead.

$$Na_2B_4O_7.10H_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta} Na_2B_4O_7 + 10 H_2O$$

$$Na_2B_4O_7 \xrightarrow{740^{\circ}C} 2NaBO_2 + B_2O_3 \text{ (borax bead)}$$
Sodium Boric
metaborate Anhydride

#### (C) Borax-bead test:

Borax reacts with certain metal salts such as,  $Ni^{2+}$ ,  $Co^{2+}$ ,  $Cr^{3+}$ ,  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}$  etc. to form coloured metaborates. The colour of the metaborates can be used to identify the metallic ions (cations) in salts.

#### **(D)** Uses: Borax is used

- 1. in borax bead test
- 2. in purifying gold
- 3. as flux during welding of metals
- 4. in production of heat resistant glass (eg. pyrex glass)



#### (II) ORTHO BORIC ACID [H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub>/B(OH)<sub>3</sub>]

It has a layered structure in which planar BO3 units are attached by hydrogen bonds as shown below and these layers are weakly held by Vander Waal's forces due to which boric acid is soft and slippery.

#### **Preparation:** (A)

It is precipitated by acidfying an aqueous solution of borax.

$$Na_2B_4O_7 + H_2SO_4 + 5H_2O \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 4H_3BO_3 \downarrow$$
  
 $Na_2B_4O_7 + HCl + 5H_2O \rightarrow 2NaCl + 4H_3BO_3 \downarrow$ 

From Colemanite: Powdered colemanite is suspended in water and excess  $SO_2$  is passed through it. On filtering and cooling the filtrate, white crystals of H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> are obtained.

$$Ca_2B_6O_{11} + 4SO_2 + 11H_2O \longrightarrow 2Ca(HSO_3)_2 + 6H_3BO_3$$

#### **(B) Properties:**

It is a weak monobasic acid. It is not a protonic acid but acts as a lewis acid by accepting electrons from OHion.

$$B(OH)_3(aq) + 2H_2O(\ell) \rightleftharpoons [B(OH)_4]^-(aq) + H_3O^+(aq),$$
 (Pk<sub>a</sub> = 9.25)

#### (C) **Test for Borate radical:**

When boric acid is heated with ethyl alcohol, the evolved gas is burned forming a green edged flame.

$$H_3BO_3 + 3C_2H_5OH \longrightarrow B(OC_2H_5)_3 + 3H_2O$$
  
ethyl borate (volatile)

#### Uses:

- 1. It is an antiseptic and its water solution is used as an eyewash.
- It is also used in glass, enamel and pottery industry.

#### (III) DIBORANE (B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)

Binary compounds of boron with hydrogen are called boron hydrides or boranes.

#### **Preparation:** (A)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Preparation:} & \\ \text{(i)} & 4BF_3 + 3LiAlH_4 \xrightarrow{\quad \text{ether} \quad} 2B_2H_6 + 3LiF + 3AlF_3 \\ \text{(ii)} & 2NaBH_4 + I_2 \xrightarrow{\quad \text{ether} \quad} B_2H_6 + 2NaI + H_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{(Laboratory method)} \\ \end{array}$$

(iii) 
$$2BF_3 + 6NaH \xrightarrow{453 \text{ K}} B_2H_6 + 6NaF \text{ (Industrial method)}$$



#### (B) Properties:

- (i) B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> is colourless gas and highly toxic (boiling point 183 K).
- (ii) It catches fire spontaneously in air and explodes with O<sub>2</sub>. Reaction with oxygen is extremely exothermic.

$$B_2H_6 + 3O_2 \longrightarrow B_2O_3 + 3H_2O$$
  $\Delta H = -1976 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

Mixtures of diborane with air or oxygen in flame spontaneously producing large amount of heat. Diborane has a higher heat of combustion per unit weight of fuel than most other fuels. It is therefore used as a rocket fuel.

(iii) It readily hydrolysed by water to give boric acid.

$$B_2H_6 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow 2B(OH)_3 + 6H_2$$

- (iv) Diborane undergoes cleavage reactions with lewis bases.
- Small amines such as NH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH give unsymmetrical cleavage of diborane.

$$B_2H_6 + 2NH_3 \longrightarrow [H_2B (NH_3)_2]^+ + [BH_4]^-$$

• Large amines such as (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N pyridine and CO give symmetrical cleavage of diborane.

$$2(CH_3)_3N + B_2H_6 \longrightarrow 2H_3B \leftarrow N(CH_3)_3$$

$$B_2H_6 + 2CO \longrightarrow 2BH_3CO$$
 (borane carbonyl)

(v) The reaction with ammonia depends on conditions.

$$B_2H_6 + NH_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Excess NH}_3} B_2H_6 \ . \ 2NH_3 \ \text{or} \ [H_2B(NH_3)_2]^{^+} \ [BH_4]^{^-} \ \text{(ionic compound)}.$$

 $\frac{\text{Excess NH}_3}{\text{higher temperature (> <math>200^{\circ}\text{C)}}} \text{ (BN)}_x \text{ boron nitride/BORAZONE. (Inorganic graphite)}$ 

$$\xrightarrow[higher temperature (200^{\circ}C)]{2} \begin{array}{c} 2:1\\B_{3}N_{3}H_{6} \end{array} \textbf{borazole/BORAZINE. (Inorganic benzene)}$$

#### (vi) Reaction with LiH or NaH

$$2MH + B_2H_6 \longrightarrow 2M^{+}[BH_4]^{-}(M \rightarrow Li/Na)$$
  
Metal borohydrides

#### (IV) ALUM

- (a) Alums are double salt with their general formula  $M_2SO_4$ . $M'_2(SO_4)_3$ . $24H_2O$  where M= monovalent radical like  $Na^+$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $NH_4^+$  and M'= Trivalent radical like  $Al^{+3}$ ,  $Cr^{+3}$ . Fe<sup>+3</sup>.
- (b) The different alums are -

(i) Potash alum -  $K_2SO_4$ . Al<sub>2</sub>  $(SO_4)_3$ . 24H<sub>2</sub>O

(ii) Chrome alum -  $K_2SO_4 Cr_2(SO_4)_3$ . 24  $H_2O$ 

(iii) Iron alum -  $(NH_a)_2SO_4$ .  $Fe_2(SO_4)_2$ .  $24H_2O$ 

(iv) Ammonium alum -  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ .  $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ .  $24H_2O_4$ 

- (c) In alums each metal ion is surrounded by six water molecules.
- (d) Lithium does not form alum because Li ion is too small to have a coordination number of six.



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#### Properties:

- (a) It is a white crystalline solid highly soluble in water.
- (b) On heating it swells up.
- (c) Its ageuous solution is acidic in nature because it gives  $H_2SO_4$  on hydrolysis.
- (d) It is a double salt and its aqueous solution gives test of all the constituents ions.

#### Uses:

- (i) Alum is used to stop bleeding.
- (ii) It is used for purification of water.
- (iii) It is used as a mordant in dyeing industry.
- (iv) Alum is used for tanning of leather.

		BEG	INNER'S BOX-5	
1.	Which of the following (1) Ni <sup>2+</sup>	can be detected by th	ne borax-bead test ? (3) Pb <sup>+2</sup>	(4) Both (1) & (2)
2.	A mixture of boric acid (1) Ethyl borax (3) Methyl borax	with ethyl alcohol bu	rns with green edged flan (2) Ethyl borate (4) Methyl borat	me due to the formation of - e
3.	The hydrolysis of borax (1) An acidic medium (3) A neutral medium	produces –	(2) A basic medi (4) An acidic or	um an neutral medium
4.	In alums, each metal ion (1) Two water molecules (3) Six water molecules		(2) Four water n (4) Eight water r	
<b>5</b> .	Which of the following (1) Boranes are easily h (3) $B_2H_6$ is a Lewis acid	ydrolysed	(2) LiAl $H_4$ reduction (4) $B_2H_6$ does not	es BCl <sub>3</sub> to borane ot react with air
<b>6</b> .	Inorganic graphite is :- (1) $B_3N_3H_6$	(2) B <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	(3) BN	(4) BF <sub>3</sub>

- 7. TI shows a core of
  - (1) noble gas configuration
  - (2) noble gas + 10 electron configuration
  - (3) Noble gas + 14 f electron + 10 d electron configuration
  - (4) None of these
- **8.** Which is correct about diborane-
  - (1) highly toxic liquid (2) Inflammable in air (3) have 4 bridge bond (4) has 4C-3e bond.
- **9.** Nature of boric acid  $H_3BO_3$  is-
  - (1) Weak acid (2) amphoteric (3) strong base (4) None
- 10. Borax bead is -
  - (1)  $Na_2B_4O_7$ .  $10H_2O$  (2)  $NaBO_2 + B_2O_3$  (3)  $Na_2[B_4O_5(OH)_4]$ .  $8H_2O$  (4) All



# **CARBON FAMILY (GROUP 14)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

 Carbon and silicon are non-metals, germanium is metalloid whereas tin and lead are soft metals with low melting points.

#### **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- All group 14 elements are solid.
- They have higher melting point and boiling point than 13 group elements.

#### **CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:**

#### Reaction with O<sub>2</sub>

- All elements when heated with O<sub>2</sub> form two types of oxide (MO and MO<sub>2</sub>)
- SiO only exist at high temperature.

#### Reactivity towards H<sub>2</sub>O

- C, Si and Ge do not react with H<sub>2</sub>O
- Sn decomposes steam to form dioxide and H<sub>2</sub> gas

$$Sn + 2H_2O(steam) \longrightarrow SnO_2 + 2H_2$$

• Pb is unaffected by H<sub>2</sub>O due to formation of protective layer of oxide.

#### Catenation property

- C has maximum tendency due to formation of strong C-C bond.
- On moving down the group tendency of catenation decreases due to increase in size.
- Lead does not show catenation.

#### COMPOUNDS OF CARBON

- (A) Carbon Monoxide (CO)
  - (I) Preparation of CO
  - (i) It is obtained by direct oxidation of C in limited supply of  $O_2$ /air.

$$2C(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2CO(g)$$

(ii) In the laboratory it can be prepared by dehydrating formic acid with concentrated sulphuric acid.

HCOOH (I) 
$$\xrightarrow{373 \text{ K}}$$
 CO(g) + H<sub>2</sub>O

(iii) On commercial scale it is prepared by passing steam over hot coke.

$$C(s) + H_2O(g) \xrightarrow{473-1273K} CO(g) + H_2(g)$$

water gas/synthesis gas

When air is used instead of steam a mixture of CO and  $N_2$  is obtained which is known as producer gas. Both water gas and producer gas are very important fuels.

#### (II) Physical Properties

- (i) Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless gas which burns in air with a blue flame, forming CO<sub>2</sub>.
- (ii) It is almost water insoluble.
- (iii) CO is toxic, because it forms a complex with haemoglobin in the blood and this complex is more stable than oxy-haemoglobin. This prevents the haemoglobin in the red blood corpuscles from carrying oxygen round the body. This causes oxygen deficiency, leading to unconsciousness and then death.
- (iv) It acts as good reducing agent and used in extraction of many metals from their oxides ores.



### (B) CARBON DIOXIDE (CO<sub>2</sub>)

#### **Preparation:**

(i) Complete combustion of carbon containing compounds.

$$CH_4 + O_2 \longrightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$$

(ii) In the laboratory it can be conveniently made by the action of dilute hydrochloric acid on calcium carbonate:

$$CO_3^{2-}(aq) + 2H^+(aq) \longrightarrow CO_2(g) + H_2O(\ell)$$

(iii) Industrially it is produced as a by-product during the manufacture of quicklime from lime stone :

$$CaCO_3(s) \xrightarrow{\Delta} CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$$

#### Properties:

- (i) It is a colourless, odourless gas.
- (ii) Carbon dioxide is the acid anhydride of carbonic acid, which is a weak dibasic acid and ionises in two steps as follows:

$$H_2CO_3(aq) + H_2O(\ell) \rightleftharpoons HCO_3^-(aq) + H_3O^+(aq)$$

$$HCO_3^-$$
 (aq) +  $H_2O(\ell) \rightleftharpoons CO_3^{2-}$  (aq) +  $H_3O^+$  (aq)

H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> / HCO<sub>3</sub> buffer system helps to maintain pH of blood between 7.26 to 7.42.

(iii) Carbon dioxide readily reacts with alkalies forming the carbonate and, if  $CO_2$  is in excess, the hydrogen carbonate is formed. This is the basis of the lime-water test for  $CO_2$  gas.

$$Ca(OH)_2(aq) + CO_2(g) \rightarrow CaCO_3(s) + H_2O(liq)$$
;  $CaCO_3(s) + H_2O(liq) + CO_2(g) \rightarrow Ca(HCO_3)_2(aq)$ 

- (iv) Gaseous  $CO_2$  is extensively used to carbonate soft drinks. Being heavy and non–supporter of combustion it is used as fire extinguisher. A substantial amount of  $CO_2$  is used to manufacture urea.
- (v)  $CO_2$  can be obtained as a solid in form of dry ice by allowing liquid  $CO_2$  to expand rapidly. Dry ice is used as a refrigerant for ice cream and frozen food.

#### (C) Carbides:

On the basis of type of bonding carbides are of three types:-

- (i) Salt like carbides (ionic carbides)
- (ii) Covalent carbides (giant molecular carbides)
- (iii) Interstitial carbides.

#### (I) Salt like carbides (ionic carbides):

- (a) These are formed by strong electropositive elements of groups 1, 2 and 13
- (b) These are transparent crystalline substances and do not conduct electric current in the solid state.
- (c) These are easily hydrolysed by water or dilute acids to give aliphatic hydrocarbons,
  - (i) **Methanides** (**Methides**) Methanides are the carbides which give methane on hydrolysis.

They contain C<sup>4-</sup> ions.

$$Be_2C + 4H_2O \longrightarrow 2Be(OH)_2 + CH_4$$

$$Al_4C_3 + 12H_2O \longrightarrow 4Al(OH)_3 + 3CH_4$$

(ii) **Acetylides** – These are the carbides which yield acetylene on hydrolysis.

They contain  $C_2^{2-}$  ions.

e.g. 
$$CaC_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow Ca(OH)_2 + C_2H_2$$

(iii) **Allylides** – These carbides give propyne (CH<sub>3</sub>–C≡CH) on hydrolysis.

They contain  $C_3^{4-}$  ions.

e.g. 
$$Mg_2C_3 + 4H_2O \longrightarrow 2Mg(OH)_2 + CH_3-C \equiv CH$$



#### (II) Covalent carbides (giant molecular carbides)

- (a) Covalent carbides are the compounds of carbon with elements having similar electronegativity.
- (b) These are covalent, polymeric, thermally stable, extremely hard, having high melting point and chemically inert solid.
- (c) B<sub>4</sub>C and SiC are two main covalent carbides.

#### (III) Interstitial carbides.

Transition metals like Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta and Mo form these carbides. The metals retains their **close packed lattice** and carbons are incorporated in their interstitial spaces. These carbides are extremely hard and have very high melting points. The carbides of V and Ta are very hard hence they are used for manufacture of high speed cutting tools.

#### **GLASS**

- (a) Glass is a hard, brittle transparent, amorphous solid or supercooled liquid made up of silicates of Na, Ca and other metals like Pb, Zn etc.
- **(b)** Being amorphous solid (not a true solid) it has no sharp melting and melts at high temperature.
- (c) Glass has no definite chemical formula, however it may be represented as:

 $xM_2O.yM'O.6SiO_2$ where M = monovalent metals (eg : Na, K) M' = bivalent metals Ca, Pb, Zn etc. x and y are integers.

(d) 
$$CaO + Na_2CO_3 + 6SiO_2 \xrightarrow{1700K} Na_2SiO_3 + CaSiO_3 + 4SiO_2 + CO_2$$
Glass

#### **Different Types of Glass**

- (i) Soda or Soft glass or Sodalime glass: It is common glass. Contain Na & Ca metal silicate. Used for formation of tube, window.
- **(ii) Potash or Hard glass :** It is a mixture of potassium and calcium silicates. It fuses with difficulty. It is used for making hard glass apparatus.
- (iii) Flint glass: It is mixture of potassium and lead silicates. It has a very high refractive index and is used for making electric bulbs and optical instruments.
- (iv) Crooke's glass: It is a optical glass containing CeO<sub>2</sub> which prevents the entry of UV rays.
- (v) Pyrex glass or borasil or borosilicate glass: It is used to make lab appliances as it is resistant to heat, shock and common reagents. It is a mixture of zinc and barium boro silicates and alumina silicate.
  Small part of SiO<sub>2</sub> is replaced by boric oxide/borax.

Low thermal expansion coefficient, can with stand sudden change in temperature so used for making lab glass wares.

#### **SOME GASEOUS FUELS**

- (a) Water gas or syn gas =  $CO + H_2$
- (b) Producer gas =  $CO + N_2$
- (c) Semi water gas =  $CO + N_2 + H_2$
- (d) Natural gas =  $CH_4$
- (e) Coal gas =  $[CO_2 + CO + H_2 + CH_4]$



### **BEGINNER'S BOX-6**

- **1.** Which element has less tendency to show catenation?
  - (1) C

- (2) Si
- (3) Ge
- (4) Sn

- **2.** Which of the following statement is false :
  - (1) Dry ice is solid  $CO_2$

- (2)  $CO_2$  is weakly acidic
- (3)  $\mathrm{CO_2}$  and  $\mathrm{SiO_2}$  are linear molecules
- (4)  $CO_2$  is a gas while  $SiO_2$  is solid

- **3.** CO is :
  - (1) Reductant

(2) Poisonous gas

(3) Neutral to litmus

- (4) all
- **4**. Which is/are true statements :
  - (1) Both  ${\rm CO_2}$  and  ${\rm SiO_2}$  are acidic oxides
  - (2) CO is toxic because it forms a complex with haemoglobin in the blood
  - (3) In  $\mathrm{CO_2}\ \mathrm{p}\pi\text{-p}\pi$  bond is present while in  $\mathrm{SiO_2}\ \pi$  bond is absent.
  - (4) All are true statements



# **NITROGEN FAMILY (GROUP 15)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Group 15 includes nitrogen phosphorus, arsenic, antimony and bismuth.

Nitrogen and phosphorous are non metals, arsenic and antimony are metalloids and bismuth is a typical metal.

#### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:**

- Dinitrogen is a diatomic gas while all others are solids.
- Except nitrogen, all the elements show allotropy.

#### **CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

#### Oxidation States and trends in a chemical reactivity:

- The common oxidation states of these elements are -3, +3 and +5. The tendency to exhibit -3 oxidation state decreases down the group, bismuth hardly forms any compound in -3 oxidation state.
- Nitrogen also exhibits +1, +2, +4 oxidation states when it reacts with oxygen. Phosphorus also shows +1 and +4 oxidation states in some oxyacids.
- In the case of nitrogen, all oxidation states from +1 to +4 tend to disproportionate in acid solution.

For example, 
$$3 \text{ HNO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2 \text{ NO}$$

 $\bullet$  Similarly, in case of phosphorus nearly all intermediate oxidation states disproportionate into +5 and -3 both in alkali and acid. However +3 oxidation state in case of arsenic, antimony and bismuth become increasingly stable with respect to disproportionation.

#### Reactivity towards hydrogen:

- All the elements of Group 15 form hydrides of the type EH<sub>3</sub> where E=N, P, As, Sb or Bi.
- $\bullet$  The stability of hydrides decreases from NH $_3$  to BiH $_3$ . Which can be determined by bond dissociation enthalpy. Consequently the reducing character of the hydrides increases. Ammonia is only a mild reducing agent while BiH $_3$  is the strongest reducing agent amongst all the hydrides.

#### Reactivity towards oxygen:

 $\bullet$  All these elements form two types of oxides:  $E_2O_3$  and  $E_2O_5$ . On moving down the group acidic nature decreases. The oxides of the type  $E_2O_3$  of nitrogen and phosphorus are purely acidic, that of arsenic and antimony amphoteric and those of bismuth is predominantly basic.

#### Reactivity towards halogens:

- These elements react to form two series of halides:  $EX_3$  and  $EX_5$ .
- $\bullet$  All the trihalides of these elements except those of nitrogen are stable. In case of nitrogen, only NF<sub>3</sub> is known to be stable. Trihalides except BiF<sub>3</sub> are predominantly covalent in nature.

#### **COMPOUND OF NITROGEN**

#### 1. NITROGEN GAS (N<sub>2</sub>):

#### (a) Preparation:

(i) Laboratory method of preparation:

$$NH_4Cl(aq) + NaNO_2(aq) \longrightarrow N_2(g) + H_2O(\ell) + NaCl(aq)$$

(ii) By heating ammonium dichromate:

$$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} N_2 \uparrow + 4H_2O + Cr_2O_3$$

(iii) Very pure nitrogen can be obtained by heating sodium or barium azide.

$$Ba(N_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Ba + 3N_2$$

$$2NaN_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 3N_2 + 2Na$$



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(iv) Industrial methods of preparation:

From liquified air by fractional distillation: The boiling point of  $N_2$  is -196°C and that of oxygen is -183°C and hence they can be separated by fractional distillation of air.

Chemistry: p-Block elements

#### (b) Properties:

- (i)  $N_2$  is a colourless, odourless gas and very less soluble in water.
- (ii)  $N_2$  is rather inert at room temperature due to high bond enthalpy of N=N bond.
- (iii) **Reaction with oxygen:** Dinitrogen combines with dioxygen only at very high temperature (at about 2000K) to form nitric oxide.

$$N_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2NO (\Delta H = +ve)$$

- (c) Uses:
  - (i) For providing an inert atmosphere during many industrial processes. (eg. in iron and steel industry)
  - (ii) For manufacture of NH<sub>3</sub> by the Haber's process.
  - (iii) Liquid dinitrogen is used as a refrigerent to preserve biological materials, food items & in cryosurgery.

#### 2. AMMONIA (NH<sub>2</sub>)

- (a) Preparation:
- (i) By the action of any base or alkali on any ammonium salt:

$$NH_4NO_3 + NaOH \longrightarrow NH_3\uparrow + NaNO_3 + H_2O$$
  
 $(NH_4)_2SO_4 + Ca(OH)_2 \longrightarrow 2NH_3\uparrow + CaSO_4 + 2H_2O$ 

This is a general method and is used as a test for ammonium salts.

Ammonia is present in small quantities in air and soil where it is formed by the decay of nitrogenous organic matter e.g., urea.

$$NH_2CONH_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2CO_3 \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3 + H_2O + CO_2$$

(ii) Industrial methods of preparation:

Haber's process : 
$$N_2 + 3H_2 \xrightarrow{500^{0} \text{C},200 \text{atm}} 2\text{NH}_3 \text{ ($\Delta$H$^{\circ}_{f}$ = $-46.1 kJ mol}^{-1}\text{)}$$

In accordance with Le Chatelier's principle, high pressure would favour the formation of ammonia. The optimum conditions for the production of ammonia are a pressure of  $200 \times 10^5$  Pa (about 200 atm), a temperature of  $\sim 700$  K and the use of a catalyst such as iron oxide with small amounts of  $K_2O$  and  $Al_2O_3$  to increase the rate of attainment of equilibrium.

- (b) Physical properties: Ammonia is a colourless gas with a pungent odour. Highly soluble in  $H_{o}O$
- (c) Chemical properties:
- (i) Its aqueous solution is weakly basic due to the formation of OH ions.

$$NH_3$$
 (g) +  $H_2O$  ( $\ell$ )  $\rightleftharpoons$   $NH_4^+$  (aq) +  $OH^-$  (aq)

(ii) It forms ammonium salts with acids, e.g.,  $NH_4Cl$ ,  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$  etc. As a weak base, it precipitates the hydroxides of many metals from their salt solutions. For example,

$$\label{eq:FeCl3} \text{FeCl}_3 \text{ (aq)} + \text{NH}_4 \text{OH (aq)} \\ \longrightarrow \text{Fe}_2 \text{O}_3 \text{ . xH}_2 \text{O (s)} + \text{NH}_4 \text{Cl (aq)} \\ \text{\tiny (brown ppt)}$$

$$ZnSO_{4} (aq) + 2NH_{4}OH (aq) \longrightarrow Zn(OH)_{2} (s) + (NH_{4})_{2} SO_{4} (aq)$$

$$(white ppt)$$



(iii) The presence of lone pair of electrons on the nitrogen atoms of the ammonia molecule makes it a Lewis base. It donates the electrons pair and forms linkage with metal ions and the formation of such complex compounds finds applications in detection of metal ions such as  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Ag^{+}$ 

$$\begin{array}{c} Cu^{2+} \text{ (aq)} + 4 \text{ NH}_3 \text{ (aq)} & \Longrightarrow \text{ [Cu(NH_3)_4]}^{2+} \text{ (aq)} \\ \\ Ag^+ \text{ (aq)} + C\Gamma \text{ (aq)} & \Longrightarrow \text{ AgCl (s)} \\ \\ \text{ (colourless)} & \text{ (white ppt)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} AgCl \text{ (s)} + 2 \text{ NH}_3 \text{ (aq)} & \longrightarrow \text{ [Ag (NH_3)_2]Cl (aq)} \\ \\ \text{ (white ppt)} & \text{ (colourless)} \end{array}$$

#### 3. OXIDES OF NITROGEN:

Nitrogen forms a number of oxides,  $N_2O$ , NO,  $N_2O_3$ ,  $NO_2$  or  $N_2O_4$  and  $N_2O_5$ . All these oxides of nitrogen exhibit  $p\pi$ - $p\pi$  multiple bonding between nitrogen and oxygen.

Name	Formula	Oxidation state of nitrogen	Common methods of preparation	Physical appearance and chemical nature
Dinitrogen oxide [Nitrogen(I) oxide]	N <sub>2</sub> O	+ 1	$NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{Heat} N_2O + 2H_2O$	colourless gas, neutral
Nitrogen monoxide [Nitrogen(II) oxide]	NO	+ 2	$2NaNO_2 + 2FeSO_4 + 3H_2SO_4$ $\longrightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3 + 2NaHSO_4$ $+2H_2O + 2NO$	colourless gas, neutral
Dinitrogen trioxide [Nitrogen(III) oxide]	$N_2O_3$	+ 3	$2NO + N_2O_4 \xrightarrow{250K} 2N_2O_3$	blue solid, acidic
Nitrogen dioxide [Nitrogen(IV) oxide]	NO <sub>2</sub>	+ 4	$ \begin{array}{c} \text{2Pb(NO}_3)_2 & \xrightarrow{673\text{K}} & \text{4NO}_2 + \\ \text{2PbO} + \text{O}_2 \end{array} $	brown gas, acidic
Dinitrogen tetroxide [Nitrogen(IV) oxide]	$N_2O_4$	+ 4	$2NO_2 \xrightarrow{cool} N_2O_4$	colourless solid/ liquid, acidic
Dinitrogen pentoxide [Nitrogen(V) oxide]	$N_2O_5$	+5	$4HNO3 + P4 O10 \longrightarrow 4HPO3 + 2N2O5$	colourless solid, acidic

#### 4. NITRIC ACID (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

#### (A) Preparation:

In the laboratory, nitric acid is prepared by heating  $KNO_3$  or  $NaNO_3$  and concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  in a glass retort.

$$\mathsf{NaNO}_3 + \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{SO}_4 {\longrightarrow} \mathsf{NaHSO}_4 + \mathsf{HNO}_3$$

On a large scale it is prepared mainly by Ostwald's process.

This method is based upon catalytic oxidation of  $\mathrm{NH}_3$  by atmospheric oxygen.

$$4~NH_{3}~(g) + 5O_{2}~(g) \xrightarrow{Pt/Rh~gauge~catalyst} 4~NO~(g) + 6~H_{2}O~(g) \label{eq:pt/Rh}$$
 (from air)



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Nitric oxide thus formed combines with oxygen giving NO<sub>2</sub>.

$$2 \text{ NO (g)} + O_2 \text{ (g)} \Longrightarrow 2 \text{ NO}_2 \text{ (g)}$$

Nitrogen dioxide so formed, dissolves in water to give HNO<sub>3</sub>.

$$3 \text{ NO}_2 \text{ (g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \text{ ($\ell$)} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ HNO}_3 \text{ (aq)} + \text{NO (g)}$$

NO thus formed is recycled and the aqueous  $HNO_3$  can be concentrated by distillation upto  $\sim 68\%$  by mass. Further concentration to 98% can be achieved by dehydration with concentrated  $H_2SO_4$ .

#### (B) Physical properties:

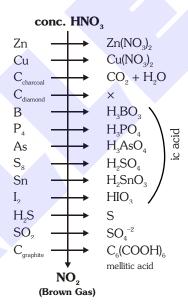
- (i) It is a colourless liquid. Freezing point is 231.4 K and boiling point is 355.6 K. Laboratory grade nitric acid contains  $\sim 68\%$  of the HNO<sub>3</sub> by mass and has a specific gravity of 1.504.
- (ii) In the gaseous state, HNO<sub>3</sub> exists as a planar molecule.

#### (C) Chemical properties

(i) In aqueous solution, nitric acid behaves as a strong acid giving hydronium and nitrate ions.

$$HNO_3$$
 (aq) +  $H_2O(\ell) \longrightarrow H_3O^+$  (aq) +  $NO_3^-$  (aq)

- (ii) Concentrate nitric acid is a strong oxidising agent and attacks most metals except Noble metal like Au & Pt. The product of oxidation depend upon the concentration of the acid, temperature and nature of metal
- (iii) Concentrate HNO<sub>3</sub> also oxidises non-metals into their ic acids.



Types of Metal	conc. HNO <sub>3</sub>	dil. HNO <sub>3</sub>	very dil. HNO <sub>3</sub>
negative SRP metal	Metal nitrate	Metal nitrate	Metal nitrate
	+ NO <sub>2</sub>	+ N <sub>2</sub> O	+ NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> /(NH <sub>3</sub> )
positive SRP metal	Metal nitrate	Metal nitrate	×
& Pb	+ NO <sub>2</sub>	+ NO	
Metalloids, Non-metals & Sn	ic-acid + NO <sub>2</sub>	×	×



## Some important points

- Mg and Mn form H<sub>2</sub> gas on reaction with very dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>
- Be, Al, Fe, Cr do not react with conc. HNO<sub>3</sub> due to fromation of protective oxide layer.
- Au and Pt (Noble metals) do not react with conc. HNO<sub>3</sub>
- Sn reacts with conc. HNO<sub>3</sub> and forms H<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>3</sub> (metastannic acid)
- Au and Pt react only with aqua regia (3 part of conc. HCl and 1 part of conc. HNO<sub>3</sub>)

$$3HCl + HNO_3 \rightarrow NOCl + 2H_2O + Cl$$

$$Au + 3Cl^- \rightarrow AuCl_3 \xrightarrow{\quad HCl \quad} H[AuCl_4]$$
Tetrachloroauric acia

$$Pt + 4Cl^- \rightarrow PtCl_4 \xrightarrow{2HCl} H_2[PtCl_6]$$
Hexachloroplatinic aci

### (D) Uses :-

The major use of nitric acid is in the manufacture of ammonium nitrate for fertilizers and other nitrates for use in explosives and pyrotechnics. It is also used for the preparation of nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene and other organic nitro compounds. Other major uses are in the pickling of stainless steel, etching of metals and as an oxidiser in rocket fuels.

#### **COMPOUNDS OF PHOSPHORUS:**

- 1. Phosphine  $(PH_3)$ :
- (a) Preparation:
  - (i) Phosphine is prepared by the reaction of calcium phosphide with water.

$$Ca_3P_2 + 6 H_2O \longrightarrow 3 Ca(OH)_2 + 2 PH_3$$

(ii) In the laboratory, it is prepared by heating white phosphorus with concentrated NaOH solution in an inert atmosphere of CO<sub>2</sub>.

$$P_4 + 3 \text{ NaOH} + 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{PH}_3 + 3 \text{ NaH}_2\text{PO}_2$$
 (sodium hypophosphite)

(iii) When pure, it is non inflammable but becomes inflammable owing to the presence of  $P_2H_4$  or  $P_4$  vapours. To purify it from the impurities , it is absorbed in HI to form phosphonium iodide ( $PH_4I$ ) which on treating with KOH gives off phosphine.

$$PH_4I + KOH \longrightarrow KI + H_2O + PH_3$$

- (b) Properties:
  - (i) It is a colourless gas with rotten fish smell and is highly poisonous. It is slightly soluble in water. The solution of  $PH_3$  in water decomposes in presence of light giving red phosphorus and  $H_2$ .
  - (ii) When absorbed in copper sulphate or mercuric chloride, the corresponding phosphides are obtained.

$$3\text{CuSO}_4 + 2\text{PH}_3 \longrightarrow \text{Cu}_3\text{P}_2 \downarrow + 3\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$$
  
 $3\text{HgCl}_2 + 2\text{ PH}_3 \longrightarrow \text{Hg}_3\text{P}_2 \downarrow + 6\text{ HCl}$ 

(iii) Phosphine is weakly basic and like ammonia, gives phosphonium compounds with acids

e.g. 
$$PH_3 + HBr \longrightarrow PH_4Br$$

- Uses: The spontaneous combustion of phosphine is technically used in Holme's signals.
   Containers containing calcium carbide and calcium phosphide are pierced and thrown in the sea when the gases evolved burn and serve as a signal.
- It is also used in the production of smoke screens. Calcium phosphide reacts with water producing phosphine which burns in air to give clouds of phosphorus pentaoxide and that acts as smoke screens.



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## 2. PHOSPHOROUS HALIDES

Phosphorous forms two types of halides,  $PX_3$  (X = F, Cl, Br, I) and  $PX_5$  (X = F, Cl, Br).

## Phosphorous Trichloride (PCl<sub>3</sub>)

## (a) Method of preparation

(i) It is obtained by passing dry chlorine over heated white phosphorus.

$$P_4 + 6Cl_2 \rightarrow 4PCl_3$$

(ii) It is also obtained by the action of thionyl chloride with white phosphorus.

$$P_4 + 8SOCl_2 \rightarrow 4PCl_3 + 4SO_2 + 2S_2Cl_2$$

## (b) Properties

(i) It is a colourless oily liquid and hydrolyses in the presence of moisture.

$$PCl_3 + 3H_2O \rightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$$

(ii) It reacts with organic compounds containing –OH group such as CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH.

$$3CH_3COOH + PCl_3 \rightarrow 3CH_3COCl + H_3PO_3$$
  
 $3C_9H_5OH + PCl_3 \rightarrow 3C_9H_5Cl + H_3PO_3$ 

## PHOSPHORUS PENTACHLORIDE (PCI<sub>5</sub>)

## (a) Method of preparation

(i) Phosphorus pentachloride is prepared by the reaction of white phosphorus with excess of dry chlorine.

$$P_4 + 10Cl_2 \rightarrow 4PCl_5$$

(ii) It can also be prepared by the action of SO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> on phosphorus.

$$P_4 + 10SO_2Cl_2 \rightarrow 4PCl_5 + 10SO_2$$

## (b) Properties

(i) PCl<sub>5</sub> is a yellowish white powder and in moist air, it hydrolyses to POCl<sub>3</sub> and finally gets converted to phosphoric acid.

$$PCl_5 + H_2O \rightarrow POCl_3 + 2HCl_3$$

$$POCl_3 + 3H_2O \rightarrow H_3PO_4 + 3HCl$$

(ii) When heated, it sublimes but decomposes on stronger heating.

$$PCl_5 \xrightarrow{Heat} PCl_3 + Cl_2$$

(iii) It reacts with organic compounds containing -OH group converting them to chloro derivatives.

$$C_9H_5OH + PCl_5 \rightarrow C_9H_5Cl + POCl_3 + HCl$$

(iv) Finally divided metals on heating with PCl<sub>5</sub> give corresponding chlorides.

$$2Ag + PCl_5 \rightarrow 2AgCl + PCl_3$$

$$Sn + 2PCl_5 \rightarrow SnCl_4 + 2PCl_3$$

# **NCERT QUESTIONS (REASONING)**

#### Q.1 Why BiH, is the strongest reducing agent amongst all the hydrides of Group 15 elements?

**Ans.** In hydrides of nitrogen family on moving down the group M–H bond length increases so bond strength decreases hence tendency to release hydrogen increases and reducing nature increases.

Increasing order of reducing nature is  $NH_3 < PH_3 < AsH_3 < SbH_3 < BiH_3$ 

- Q.2 Write the reaction of thermal decomposition of sodium azide.
- **Ans.** Thermal decomposition of sodium azide gives dinitrogen gas.

$$2NaN_3 \rightarrow 2Na + 3N_2$$



## Q.3 Why $N_2$ is less reactive at room temperature?

**Ans.**  $N_2$  is less reactive at room temperature because of the high bond enthalpy of N=N bond.

## Q.4 Why does $R_3P = O$ exist but $R_3N = O$ does not (R = alkyl group)?

**Ans.** Due to presence of vacant d orbital phosphorous can form five covalent bond, while nitrogen restricts its covalency to four due to absence of vacant d orbitals.

## Q.5 Why does nitrogen show catenation properties less than phosphorus?

**Ans.** N–N bond is weaker than the single P–P bond due to high interelectronic respulsion of non-bonding electrons as a result the catenation tendency is weaker in nitrogen.

### Q.6 Mention the conditions required to maximise the yield of ammonia.

Ans. In accordance with Le Chatelier's principle, high pressure would favour the formation of ammonia. The optimum conditions for the production of ammonia are a pressure of  $200 \times 10^5$  Pa (about 200 atm), a temperature of  $\sim 700$  K and the use of a catalyst such as iron oxide with small amounts of  $K_2O$  and  $Al_2O_3$  to increase the rate of attainment of equilibrium.

## Q.7 How does ammonia react with a solution of Cu<sup>2+</sup>?

**Ans.** The presence of a lone pair of electrons on the nitrogen atom of the ammonia molecule makes it a Lewis base. It donates the electron pair and forms linkage with metal ions and the formation of such complex compounds finds applications in detection of  $Cu^{2+}$ .

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4NH_3(aq) \xrightarrow{\text{(blue)}} [Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}(aq)$$

## Q.8 Illustrate how copper metal can give different products on reaction with HNO<sub>3</sub>.

**Ans.** 
$$3\text{Cu} + 8 \text{ HNO}_3(\text{dilute}) \rightarrow 3\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
  
 $\text{Cu} + 4\text{HNO}_3(\text{conc.}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 

# Q.9 Why is nitrogen di-oxide paramagnetic in gaseous state but the solid obtained on cooling it is diamagnetic.

**Ans.**  $NO_2$  contains odd number of electrons in its valence shell. On cooling it forms dimer and converted to stable  $N_2O_4$  which is a colourless solid and diamagnetic in nature.

#### Q.10 Why NH<sub>3</sub> gas cannot be dried by passing over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>?

Ans. 
$$CaCl_2 + 8NH_3 \longrightarrow CaCl_2 \cdot 8NH_3$$
  
 $P_2O_5 + 6NH_3 + 3H_2O \longrightarrow 2(NH_4)_3PO_4$   
 $H_2SO_4 + 2NH_3 \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2SO_4$   
So it is dried by passing over quick lime (CaO).  
 $CaO + H_2O \longrightarrow Ca(OH)_2$ 

# Q.11 Why inert atmosphere of $CO_2$ is taken in the formation of $PH_3$ by the reaction of white phosphorous with conc. NaOH solution.

**Ans.** To decrease the partial pressure of  $O_2$  in atmosphere.

## Q.12 Why does PCl<sub>3</sub> fumes in moisture?

**Ans.** PCl<sub>3</sub> hydrolyses in the presence of moisture giving fumes of HCl PCl<sub>3</sub>  $+ 3H_2O \rightarrow H_3PO_3 + 3HCl$ 

#### Q.13 What happens when PCl<sub>5</sub> is heated?

**Ans.** When heated, it sublimes but decomposes on stronger heating  $PCl_5 \xrightarrow{\Delta} PCl_3 + Cl_2$ 

## Q.14 Can PCl<sub>5</sub> act as an oxidising as well as reducing agent? Justify.

**Ans.** It can act as an oxidising as well as reducing agent due to oxidising nature of P(V) and reducing nature of C\(\tau\)



## **BEGINNER'S BOX-7**

1.	Which of the following $(1) NF_3$	halide of nitrogen is sta $(2) \text{ NCl}_3$	ble? (3) NBr <sub>3</sub>	(4) NI <sub>3</sub>						
2.	The nitrogen oxide(s) the contraction of the contr	nat does not contain N–(2) $\mathrm{N_2O_3}$	N bond(s) is (3) N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	(4) N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>						
3.	What is false about $N_2O_3$ (1) It is anhydride of HI (3) Solid $N_2O_5$ is called	NO <sub>3</sub>	(2) It is a powerful oxidizing agent (4) Structure of $N_2O_5$ contains no $[N\rightarrow O]$ bond							
4.	(1) $4NH_3(g) + 5O_2(g)$ (2) $2NO(g) + O_2 = $	$\xrightarrow{Pt} 4NO(g) + 0$ $2NO_2(g)$ $\rightarrow 2HNO_3(aq) + NO(g)$	6H <sub>2</sub> O(g)	or the manufacture of HNO <sub>3</sub> ?						
5.	Which of the following (1) $(NH_4)_2CO_3$ (3) $NH_4Cl$	salts give $\mathrm{NH}_3$ in alkalir	ne medium? (2) ( $NH_4$ ) <sub>2</sub> $SO_4$ (4) All of the abo	ve						
6.	(1) $NH_4Cl(aq) + NaNO_2$ (2) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta}$	Which of the following reaction is suitable for obtaining very pure nitrogen? (1) $NH_4Cl(aq) + NaNO_2(aq) \longrightarrow N_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + NaCl(aq)$ (2) $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} N_2 + 4H_2O + Cr_2O_3$ (3) $Ba(N_3)_2 \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} Ba + 3N_2$ (4) All of the above								
7.	(1) dimerisation reactio	White phosphorus on reaction with NaOH gives PH <sub>3</sub> as one of the products. This is a (1) dimerisation reaction (2) disproportionation reaction (3) condensation reaction (4) precipitation reaction								
8.	Which of the following $(1) NH_3$	gas is highly poisonous (2) PH <sub>3</sub>	and has strong rotten to (3) HNO <sub>3</sub>	fish like smell ? (4) None						
9.	Which of the following A. Odourless B. Tangy taste C. Non toxic gas D. Highly soluble in wa E. Used in liquid state a (1) A,B,D		tch with $N_2$ . (3) $B$ , $D$ , $E$	(4) A,B,C,D						
10.	Which paramagnetic ga	as is evolved if lead nitra (2) NO	nte is heated. (3) Both	(4) None						



# **OXYGEN FAMILY (GROUP 16)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Oxygen, sulphur, selenium, tellurium and polonium constitute group 16 of the periodic table. This is sometimes known as group of chalcogens (ore forming elements) because a large number of metals ores are oxides or sulphides.

Oxygen and sulphur are non-metal, selenium and tellurium metalloids, whereas polonium is a metal. Polonium is radioactive and is short lived (Half-life 138.4 days).

### **Physical Properties:**

- Oxygen is a gaseous diatomic molecule while other elements are solid.
- The melting and boiling points increase with an increase in atomic number down the group. The larger difference between the melting and boiling points of oxygen and sulphur may be explained on the basis of their atomicity; oxygen exist as diatomic molecules (O<sub>2</sub>) whereas sulphur exists as polyatomic molecule (S<sub>8</sub>).

## **Chemical Properties**

## Oxidation states and trends in chemical reactivity :

The elements of group 16 exhibit a number of oxidation states. The stability of -2 oxidation state decreases down the group. Except oxygen other elements of the group exhibit +2, +4, +6 oxidation states but +4 and +6 are more common. Sulphur, selenium and tellurium usually show +4 oxidation in their compounds with oxygen and +6 oxidations state with fluorine. The stability of +6 oxidation state decreases down the group and stability of +4 oxidation state increases (inert pair effect). Bonding in +4 and +6 oxidation states are primarily covalent.

## • Reactivity with hydrogen:

All the elements of group 16 form hydrides of the type  $H_2E$  (E = O, S, Se, Te, Po).

- Reactivity with oxygen: All these elements form oxides of the  $EO_2$  and  $EO_3$  types where E = S, Se, Te or Po. Ozone  $(O_3)$  and sulphur dioxide  $(SO_2)$  are gases while selenium dioxide  $(SeO_2)$  is solid. Reducing property of dioxide decreases from  $SO_2$  to  $TeO_2$ ;  $SO_2$  is reducing while  $TeO_2$  is an oxidising agent. Besides  $EO_2$  type sulphur, selenium and tellurium also form  $EO_3$  type oxides  $(SO_3, SeO_3, TeO_3)$ . Both types of oxides are acidic in nature.
- Reactivity toward the halogens: Elements of group 16 form a larger number of halides of the type  $EX_6$ ,  $EX_4$  and  $EX_2$  where E is an element of the group 16 and X is an halogen. The stabilities of the halides decrease in the order F > Cl > Br > I. Amongst hexahalides, hexafluorides are the only stable halides. All hexafluorides are gaseous in nature. They have octahedral structure. Sulphur hexafluoride  $SF_6$  is exceptionally stable for steric reasons.

Amongst tetrafluorides,  $SF_4$  is a gas ,  $SeF_4$  liquid and  $TeF_4$  a solid

All elements except oxygen form dichlorides and dibromides. The well known monohalides are dimeric in nature, examples are  $S_2F_2$ ,  $S_2Cl_2$ ,  $S_2Br_2$ ,  $Se_2Cl_2$  and  $Se_2Br_2$ . These dimeric halides undergo disproportionation as given  $2Se_2Cl_2 \longrightarrow SeCl_4 + 3Se$ .

## **COMPOUNDS OF OXYGEN**

## 1. DIOXYGEN (O<sub>2</sub>)

#### (a) Preparation:

By thermal decomposition of oxides of metals.

By heating oxygen containing salts such as chlorates, dichormates and permanganates.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{KClO}_3 & \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} & 2 \text{ KCl} + 3O_2 \text{ (laboratory method)} \\ 4 \text{ K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 & \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} & 4 \text{ K}_2\text{CrO}_4 + 2 \text{ Cr}_2\text{O}_3 + 3O_2 \; ; \; 2 \text{ KMnO}_4 & \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} & \text{K}_2\text{MnO}_4 + \text{MnO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \\ \end{array}$$



## **Properties:**

- Dioxygen is a colourless and odourless gas and tasteless gas.
- Oxygen atom has three stable isotopes: <sup>16</sup>O, <sup>17</sup>O and <sup>18</sup>O. Molecular oxygen.
- O<sub>2</sub> is paramagnetic (by MOT)
- Dioxygen directly reacts with nearly all metals and non-metals except some metals (e.g., Au, Pt) and some noble gases.

## 2. OZONE (O<sub>3</sub>):

(a) **Preparation:** It is prepared by passing pure and dry oxygen through a silent electric discharge.

$$3O_2 \longrightarrow 2O_3 \quad \Delta H(298K) = +142kJ \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Mixture obtained contains 5-10% ozone by volume and this mixture is called ozonised oxygen.

Since the formation of ozone from oxygen is an endothermic process, it is necessary to use a silent electrical discharge in its preparation to prevent its decomposition. If concentrations of ozone greater than 10 per cent are required, a battery of ozonisers can be used, and pure ozone (b.p. 385 K) can be condensed in a vessel surrounded by liquid oxygen.

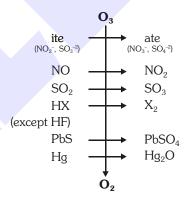
### (b) Physical properties:

- Pure ozone is a pale blue gas, dark blue liquid and violet-black solid.
- Ozone is thermodynamically unstable with respect to oxygen since its decomposition into oxygen results in the liberation of heat ( $\Delta H$  is negative) and an increase in entropy ( $\Delta S$  is positive). These two effects reinforce each other, resulting in large negative Gibbs energy change ( $\Delta G$ ) for its conversion into oxygen. Therefore, high concentrations of ozone can be dangerously explosive.

## (c) Chemical properties:

#### Oxidising behaviour of ozone:

Due to the ease with which it liberates atoms of nascent oxygen ( $O_3 \rightarrow O_2 + O$ ), it acts as a powerful oxidising agent.



#### **Tests for Ozone**

(i) Tailing of mercury: Pure mercury is a mobile liquid but when brought in contact with  $O_3$  its mobility decreases and it starts sticking to glass surface forming a type of tail due to the dissolution of  $Hg_2O$  in Hg.

$$2 \text{ Hg} + \text{O}_3 \longrightarrow \text{Hg}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$$

(ii) Estimation of Ozone: When ozone reacts with an excess of potassium iodide solution buffered with a borate buffer (pH 9.2), iodine is liberated which can be titrated against a standard solution of sodium thiosulphate. This is a quantitative method for estimating  $O_3$  gas.

$$2KI + H2O + O3 \rightarrow O2 + I2 + 2KOH$$

$$I2 \xrightarrow{\text{(Na2S2O3.5H2O)}} 2NaI + Na2S4O6$$
(sodium tetra thionate)



**(d) Depletion of ozone layer:** Experiments have shown that nitrogen oxides (particularly nitric oxide) combine very rapidly with ozone and there is, thus, the possibility that nitrogen oxides emitted from the exhaust systems of supersonic jet aeroplanes might be slowly depleting the concentration of the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere.

$$NO(g) + O_3(g) \rightarrow NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$$

Another threat to this ozone layer is probably posed by the use of freons which are used in aerosol sprays and as refrigerants.

(e) Uses :-

Used as a germicide, disinfactant and for sterlising water.

Used as a bleaching agent for oils, ivory, starch etc.

## **COMPOUNDS OF SULPHUR:**

- 1. Hydrogen Sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S)
- (a) Preparation:

$$FeS + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow FeSO_4 + H_2S$$

It is prepared in kipp's apparatus

- (b) Properties:
  - (i) Colourless gas with rotten egg smell.
  - (ii) Moderately soluble in water but solubility decreases with increasing temperature.
  - (iii) It gives black ppt with lead acetate

$$(CH_3COO)_2$$
 Pb+  $H_2S$   $\longrightarrow$  PbS +  $2CH_3COOH$ 

## Reducing behaviour:

Acts as a strong reducing agent as it decomposes evolving hydrogen.

$$H_2S + SO_2 \xrightarrow{\text{moisture}} H_2O + S;$$
  
 $2FeCl_3 + H_2S \xrightarrow{\text{redox}} 2FeCl_2 + S + 2HCl_2$ 
wellow green

- 2. SO<sub>2</sub> (Sulphur Dioxide)
- (a) Preparation:
  - (i)  $S + O_2$  or air  $\xrightarrow{Burn} SO_2$
  - (ii) By reaction of metal sulphites with dilute HCl (Laboratory method)

$$Na_{9}SO_{3} + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2NaCl + SO_{9} + H_{9}O$$

Similarly bisulphites also give SO<sub>2</sub> with dilute HCl

$$NaHSO_3 + HCl \longrightarrow NaCl + SO_2 + H_2O$$

(iii) By heating sulphides (metal sulphide ores) in excess of air.

$$2 \text{ ZnS} + 3O_2 \longrightarrow 2 \text{ZnO} + 2 \text{SO}_2$$

By this method SO<sub>2</sub> is obtained in large scale

- (b) Physical Properties:
  - (i) Colourless gas with pungent smell.
  - (ii) It is heavier than air and is highly soluble in water.
- (c) Chemical Properties:
  - (i) It is an acidic oxide and thus dissolve in water forming sulphurous acid.

$$SO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_3$$

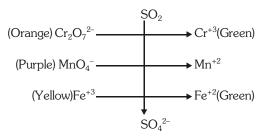
(ii) It turns lime water milky due to formation of CaSO<sub>3</sub>.

$$Ca(OH)_{2(ac)} + SO_2 \longrightarrow CaSO_3 + H_2O$$

(iii) SO<sub>2</sub> act as an oxidising as well as reducing agent.

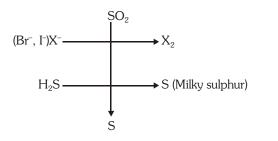


## Reducing nature:



The above reactions are not given by CO<sub>2</sub>, so they are used to distinguish between SO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>

## Oxidising nature:



#### (d) Uses :-

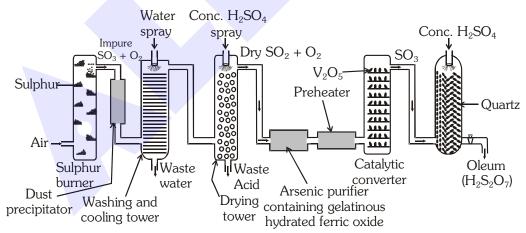
In refining of petrol and sugar.

In bleaching of wool and silk.

As a antichlor, disinfectant and preservative.

## 3. SULPHURIC ACID (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>):

#### (a) Preparation (Contact process):



Flow diagram for the manufacture of sulphuric acid

Sulphuric acid is one of the most important industrial chemicals worldwide.

Sulphuric acid is manufactured by the contact process which involves three steps:

- (i) burning of sulphur or sulphide ores in air to generate SO<sub>2</sub>
- (ii) Conversion of  $SO_2$  to  $SO_3$  by the reaction with oxygen in the presence of a catalyst  $(V_2O_5)$ , and
- (iii) Absorption of  $SO_3$  in  $H_2SO_4$  to give Oleum ( $H_2S_2O_7$ )



The key step in the manufacture of  $H_2SO_4$  is the catalytic oxidation of  $SO_2$  with  $O_2$  to give  $SO_3$  in the presence of  $V_2O_5$  (catalyst).

$$2SO_2(g) + O_2(g) \xrightarrow{V_2O_5} 2SO_3(g) \Delta H = -196.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}.$$

The reaction is exothermic, reversible and the forward reaction leads to a decrease in volume. Therefore, low temperature and high pressure are the favourable conditions for maximum yield. But the temperature should not be very low other wise rate of reaction will become slow.

Dilution of oleum with water gives  $H_2SO_4$  of the desired concentration. In the industry two steps are carried out simultaneously to make the process a continuous one and also to reduce the cost.

$$SO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow H_2S_2O_7$$
;  $H_2S_2O_7 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2H_2SO_4$ 

The sulphuric acid obtained by Contact process is 96-98% pure.

- **(b) Physical properties:** Sulphuric acid is a colourless, dense, oily liquid with a specific gravity of 1.84 at 298 K. The acid freezes at 283 K and boils at 611 K. It dissolves in water with the evolution of a larger quantity of heat.
- (c) Chemical properties:

The chemical reaction of sulphuric acid are as a result of the following characteristics: (a) low volatility (b) strong acidic character (c) strong affinity for water and (d) ability to act as an oxidising agent in aqueous solution.

Sulphuric acid ionises in two steps.

$$\begin{split} &H_2 SO_4 (aq) \ + H_2 O(\ell) \to H_3 O^+ \ (aq) \ + \ HSO_4^- \ (aq) \ ; \ K_{a_1} = \ very \ larger \ (K_{a_1} > 10) \\ &HSO_4^- (aq) \ + \ H_2 O(\ell) \to H_3 O^+ \ (aq) \ + \ SO_4^{\ 2^-} \ (aq) \ ; \ K_{a_2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \end{split}$$

The larger value of  $K_{a_1}$  ( $K_{a_1} > 10$ ) means that  $H_2SO_4$  is largely dissociated into  $H^+$  and  $HSO_4^-$ . Greater the value of dissociation constant ( $K_a$ ) the stronger is the acid.

The acid forms two series of salts: Normal sulphates (such as sodium sulphate and copper sulphate and acid sulphate (e.g., sodium hydrogen sulphate)

Sulphuric acid, because of its low volatility can be used to manufacture more volatile acid from their corresponding salts.

$$2MX + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow 2HX + M_2SO_4(X = F, Cl, NO_3)$$
  
eg.  $NaCl + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow NaHSO_4 + HCl$   
eg.  $KNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow KHSO_4 + HNO_3$ 

Concentrated sulphuric acid is a strong dehydrating agent. Many wet gases can be dried by passing them through sulphuric acid, provided the gases do not react with the acid. Sulphuric acid removes water from organic compound; it is evident by its charring action on carbohydrates.

$$\begin{array}{c} C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} \xrightarrow{\quad H_2SO_4 \quad} 12C + 11H_2O \text{ (charring action of sugar)} \\ H_2C_2O_4 \xrightarrow{\quad H_2SO_4 \quad} CO + CO_2 \end{array}$$

Hot concentrated sulphuric acid is moderately strong oxidising agent. In this respect it is intermediate between phosphoric and nitric acids. Both metals and non-metals are oxidised by concentrated sulphuric acid, which is reduced to  $SO_9$ .

$$Zn + 2 H_2SO_4 \text{ (conc.)} \longrightarrow ZnSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$$
  
 $Cu + 2H_2SO_4 \text{ (conc.)} \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$   
 $3S + 2H_2SO_4 \text{ (conc.)} \longrightarrow 3SO_2 + 2H_2O$   
 $C + 2H_2SO_4 \text{ (conc.)} \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2SO_2 + 2H_2O$ 



## (d) Uses:

- In the manufacture of fertilisers (ammonium sulphate, superphosphate)
- In petroleum refining
- Metallurgical applications
- As a laboratory reagent

## NCERT QUESTIONS (REASONING)

## Q.1 $H_2S$ is less acidic than $H_2$ Te. Why?

**Ans.** Due to the decrease in bond (E–H) dissociation enthalpy down the group, acidic character increases.

## Q.2 Why is H<sub>2</sub>O a liquid and H<sub>2</sub>S a gas?

**Ans.** Hydrogen bonds are present between H<sub>2</sub>O molecules while between H<sub>2</sub>S molecules, vander Waal's forces are present.

## Q.3 Why is dioxygen a gas but sulphur a solid?

**Ans.** Oxygen exist as a  $O_2$  molecule while sulphur exist as a  $S_8$  molecule and due to more molecular mass sulphur is solid.

Q.4 Knowing the electron gain enthalpy values for  $O \rightarrow O^-$  and  $O \rightarrow O^{2^-}$  as -141 and 702 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> respectively, how can you account for the formation of a large number of oxides having  $O^{2^-}$  species and not  $O^-$ ?

**Ans.** Consider lattice energy factor in the formation of compounds.

#### Q.5 Which of the following does not react with oxygen directly? Zn, Ti, Pt, Fe

**Ans.** Pt is a noble metal which does not react directly with oxygen.

## Q.6 Complete the following reactions:

(i) 
$$C_2H_4 + O_2 \rightarrow$$

(ii) 
$$4Al + 3O_2 \rightarrow$$

**Ans.** (i) 
$$C_2H_4 + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 2H_2O$$

(ii) 
$$4Al + 3O_2 \rightarrow 2Al_2O_3$$

## Q.7 How is O<sub>3</sub> estimated quantitatively?

**Ans.** When ozone reacts with an excess of potassium iodide solution buffered with a borate buffer (pH 9.2), iodine is liberated which can be titrated against a standard solution of sodium thiosulphate. This is a quantitative method for estimating  $O_3$  gas.

## Q.8 What happens when sulphur dioxide is passed through an aqueous solution of Fe(III) salt?

**Ans.** 
$$2Fe^{+3} + SO_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2Fe^{+2} + SO_4^{-2} + 4H^+$$

## Q.9 How is the presence of SO<sub>2</sub> detected?

**Ans.** It has colourless gas with pungent smell and decolourise acidified KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution.

## Q.10 Write the conditions to maximise the yield of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> by Contact process.

**Ans.** The reaction is exothermic, reversible and the forward reaction leads to a decrease in volume. Therefore, low temperature and high pressure are the favourable conditions for maximum yield. But the temperature should not be very low otherwise rate of reaction will become slow.

## Q.11 Why is $K_{a_2} \ll K_{a_1}$ for $H_2SO_4$ in water?

**Ans.** It is difficult to remove  $H^+$  ion from  $HSO_4^-$  ion.

## **BEGINNER'S BOX-8**

- **1.** Which of the following is not oxidised by  $O_3$ ?
  - (1) KI

- (2) FeSO<sub>4</sub>
- (3) KMnO<sub>4</sub>
- (4) K<sub>2</sub>MnO<sub>4</sub>
- 2. In which of the following reaction conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is not used as on oxidising agent?
  - (1)  $Cu + 2H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$
- (2)  $2HI + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow I_2 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$
- (3)  $CaF_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow CaSO_4 + 2HF$
- (4) None
- 3. Hot conc.  $H_2SO_4$  acts as strong oxidising agent which of the following element is oxidised by conc.  $H_2SO_4$  into two gaseous products?
  - (1) Cu
- (2) S

(3) C

(4) Zn

- **4.** HCOOH reacts with conc.H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to produce
  - (1) CO
- (2) CO<sub>2</sub>
- (3) NO
- (4) NO<sub>2</sub>

- **5.** Regarding O<sub>3</sub> incorrect statement is-
  - (1) ozone is a allotrope of oxygen
  - (2) in presence of sunlight formed by atmospheric oxygen
  - (3) in laboratory formed ozone is known as ozonised oxygen
  - (4) formation of  $O_3$  from  $O_2$  is an exothermic process hence carried out in silent electric discharge tube
- **6.** What happens when  $SO_3$  is passed through water-
  - (1) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
- (2)  $H_{2}O + S$
- (3)  $H_2S + O_2$
- (4) None



# **HALOGEN FAMILY (GROUP-17)**

## (A) INTRODUCTION

F, Cl, Br, I and At are members of group 17. These are known as halogens (Salt producers). They are highly reactive non metallic elements. At is a radioactive element.

## (B) PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- (i) Fluorine and chlorine are gases, bromine is a liquid whereas iodine is a solid.
- (ii) Their melting and boiling points steadily increase with atomic number.
- (iii) All halogens are coloured. This is due to absorption of radiations in visible region which results in the excitation of outer electrons to higher energy level. By absorbing different quanta of radiation, they display different colours.
  - For example, F<sub>2</sub>, has yellow, Cl<sub>2</sub> has greenish yellow, Br<sub>2</sub> has red and I<sub>2</sub> has violet colour.
- (iv) Fluorine and chlorine react with water. Bromine and iodine are only sparingly soluble in water. But are soluble in organic solvents such as chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, carbon disulphide and hydrocarbons to give coloured solutions.
- (v) The X-X bond disassociation enthalpies from chlorine onwards show the expected trend: Cl Cl > Br Br > F F > I I. The reason for the smaller enthalpy of dissociation of  $F_2$  is the relatively larger electrons-electrons repulsion among the lone pairs in  $F_2$  molecule where they are much closer to each other than in case of  $Cl_2$ .

## (C) CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### (i) Oxidation states and trends in chemical reactivity

- ◆ All the halogens exhibit -1 oxidation state. However, chlorine, bromine and iodine exhibit + 1, + 3, + 5 and + 7 oxidation states also. The higher oxidation states of chlorine, bromine and iodine are realised mainly when they are in combination with the small and highly electronegative fluorine and oxygen atoms e.g., in interhalogens, oxides and oxoacids.
- The fluorine atom has no d orbitals in its valence shell and therefore cannot expand its octet. Being the most electronegative, it exhibits only -1 oxidation state.
- All the halogens are highly reactive. They react with metals and non-metals to form halides. The reactivity of the halogens decreases down the group.

#### **Standard Reduction Potential (SRP)**

$$X_{2} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow 2X^{-}$$

$$F_{2} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow 2F^{-}$$

$$E^{0} = +2.87 \text{ V}; \text{ Cl}_{2} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow 2CI^{-}$$

$$E^{0} = +1.36 \text{ V}$$

$$E^{0} = +1.09 \text{ V}; \text{ I}_{2} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow 2I^{-}$$

$$E^{0} = +0.54 \text{ V}$$

More the value of the SRP, more powerful is the oxidising agent.

Hence the order of oxidising power is  $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$ 

Order of reducing behaviour is  $\Gamma > Br^{-} > C\Gamma > F^{-}$ 

## (ii) Reactivity towards oxygen:

- Fluorine forms two oxides  $OF_2$  and  $O_2F_2$ . However, only  $OF_2$  is the thermally stable at 298 K. These oxide are essentially oxygen fluorides because of the higher electronegativity of flurorine than oxygen. Both are strong fluorinating agents.
- O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> oxidises plutonium to PuF<sub>6</sub> and the reaction is used in removing plutonium as PuF<sub>6</sub> from nuclear fuel.
- Chlorine, bromine and iodine form oxides in which the oxidation states of these halogen vary from + 1 to + 7. A combination of kinetic and thermodynamic factors lead to the generally decreasing order of stability of oxides formed by halogens, I > Cl > Br. The higher oxides of halogens tend to be more stable than the lower ones. This is called middle row anomaly.
- Chlorine oxides,  $Cl_2O$ ,  $Cl_2O_6$  and  $Cl_2O_7$  are highly reactive oxidising agents and tend to explode.  $ClO_2$  is used as a bleaching agent for paper pulp and textiles and in water treatment.
- The bromine oxides, Br<sub>2</sub>O, BrO<sub>2</sub>, BrO<sub>3</sub> are the least stable halogen oxides (Middle row anomaly) and exist only at low temperature. They are very powerful oxidising agents.



• The iodine oxides,  $I_2O_4$ ,  $I_2O_5$ ,  $I_2O_7$  are insoluble solids and decompose on heating.  $I_2O_5$  is very good oxidising agent and is used in the estimation of carbon monoxide.

## **COMPOUNDS OF HALOGEN**

## 1. CHLORINE GAS (Cl<sub>2</sub>)

## (a) Preparation:

(i) By heating chloride with concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  in presence of  $MnO_2$ .

$$4H^{+} + MnO_{2} + 2X^{-} \longrightarrow X_{2} + Mn^{+2} + 2H_{2}O$$

Bromides and iodides also liberate Br<sub>2</sub> and I<sub>2</sub> respectively with concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and MnO<sub>2</sub>.

- (ii) By the action of HCl on KMnO<sub>4</sub>/CaOCl<sub>2</sub>/PbO<sub>2</sub>.
  - $CaOCl_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow CaCl_2 + Cl_2 + H_2O$
  - $2\text{KMnO}_4 + 16 \text{ HCl} \rightarrow 2 \text{ KCl} + 2 \text{ MnCl}_2 + 5 \text{ Cl}_2 + 8 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$
  - $\bullet \qquad \mathsf{PbO}_2 + 4\;\mathsf{HCl} \to \mathsf{PbCl}_2, \, + \;\mathsf{Cl}_2 + 2\;\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}$

### (iii) Commercial preparation:

 Deacon's process: By oxidation of hydrogen chloride gas by atmospheric oxygen in the presence of CuCl<sub>2</sub> (catalyst) at 723 K.

$$4 \text{ HCl} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{CuCl}_2} 2 \text{ Cl}_2 + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$$

• **Electrolytic process**: Chlorine is obtained by the electrolysis of brine (concentrated NaCl solution). Chlorine is liberated at anode. It is obtained as a by-product in many chemical industries e.g.; in manufacturing of sodium hydroxide.

$$NaCl (aq) \longrightarrow Na^{+} (aq) + Cl^{-} (aq)$$

Anode: 
$$2Cl \longrightarrow Cl_2 + 2e^{-}$$

## (b) Physical properties:

It is a greenish-yellow gas with pungent and suffocating odour. It is about 2–5 times heavier than air. It can be liquefied into greenish-yellow liquid which boils at 239 K. It is soluble in water.

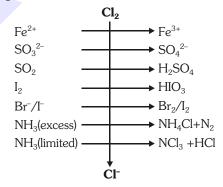
#### (c) Chemical properties:

**Oxidising & bleaching properties :** Chlorine dissolves in water giving HCl and HOCl. Hypochlorous acid (HOCl) so formed, gives nascent oxygen which is responsible for oxidising and bleaching properties of chlorine.

$$Cl_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow 2 HCl + O$$

Coloured substance + O → Colourless substance

Oxidising behaviour of Cl<sub>2</sub>



With dry slaked lime it gives bleaching powder

## (d) Uses:

- For bleaching wood pulp, cotton textiles.
- In the extraction of Au & Pt.
- In sterlisting drinking water.
- In the preparation of phosgene (COCl<sub>2</sub>), tear gas (CCl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)

## 2. HALOGEN ACIDS (HCI)

## (a) Preparation:

(i) By heating a halide with concentrated acid:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \xrightarrow{\quad 150^{\circ}\text{C} \quad} \text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{HCl} \\ &\text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{NaCl} \xrightarrow{\quad 550^{\circ}\text{C} \quad} \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{HCl} \end{aligned}$$

• HCl cannot be dried over  $P_2O_5$  ( $P_4O_{10}$ ) or quick lime since they react with HCl gas chemically.

$$CaO + 2HCl \longrightarrow CaCl_2 + H_2O$$
  
 $P_4O_{10} + 3HCl \longrightarrow POCl_3 + 3HPO_3$ 

HCl is, hence dried by passing through concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

## (b) Properties:

- (i) This is colourless, pungent smelling gas with acidic taste.
- (ii) Its aqueous solution is called hydrochloric acid.
- (iii) It reacts with NH<sub>3</sub> & gives white fumes of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl.

$$NH_3 + HCl \longrightarrow NH_4Cl$$

**3. Pseudo halogens and pseudo halides:** Some inorganic compounds consisting of two or more atoms of which at least one is N have been found to behave like halogens & they are known as pseudo halogen solids,

Pseudo halogens	Pseudo halides				
(i) (CN <sub>2</sub> ) cyanogen (ii) (SCN) <sub>2</sub> thiocyanogen	(i) (CN <sup>-</sup> ) cyanide (ii) (SCN <sup>-</sup> ) thiocyanate ion				
(iii) (SeCN) <sub>2</sub> selenocyanogen	(iii) (SeCN) <sup>-</sup> selenocyanate ion				
(iv) (SCSN <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> azidocarbondisulphide	(iv) (OCN) <sup>-</sup> cyanate ion				
	(v) (NCN) <sup>2-</sup> cyanamide ion				

## 4. INTERHALOGEN COMPOUNDS:

We know that halogen atoms have different electronegativity. Due to this difference in electronegativity the halogen atoms combine with each other and give rise to the formation of binary covalent compounds, which are called interhalogen compounds. These are of four types.

AB	$AB_3$	$AB_5$	AB <sub>7</sub> *
CIF	$ClF_3$	ClF <sub>5</sub>	$1F_7$
BrF	$BrF_3$	$BrF_5$	
ICl	$ICl_3$	$IF_5$	
IF	$IF_3$		

<sup>\*</sup> Where A - halogen of larger size and B is of small size.



## (a) Properties:

(i) These compounds may be gases, liquids or solids.

 $\mathsf{Gases} : \mathsf{CIF}, \, \mathsf{BrF}, \, \mathsf{CIF}_3 \, \, , \, \mathsf{IF}_7 \, ; \qquad \mathsf{Liquids} : \mathsf{BrF}_3, \, \mathsf{BrF}_5 \, \, ; \qquad \mathsf{Solids} : \mathsf{ICl}, \, \mathsf{IBr}, \, \mathsf{IF}_3, \, \mathsf{ICl}_3.$ 

- (ii) Interhalogens containing fluorine are generally colourless but inter halogens consisting of heavier halogens are coloured. The intensity of colour increases with increase in the molecular weight of the compounds.
- (iii) All interhalogens are covalent molecules and are diamagnetic in nature since all the valence electrons present as bonding or non-bonding electrons are paired.
- (iv) Interhalogen compounds are more reactive than the parent halogens but less reactive than  $F_2$ .
- (v) These compounds can be used as non aqueous solvents. Interhalogen compounds are very useful fluorinating agents.  $ClF_3$  and  $BrF_3$  are used for the production of  $UF_6$  in the enrichment of  $^{235}U$ .

$$U(s) + 3 ClF3(\ell) \longrightarrow UF6(g) + 3 ClF(g)$$

## **TEST OF HALOGENS**

- 1.  $F^-$  = Itching of glass
- 2. AgNO<sub>3</sub> test  $(Cl^-, Br^-, l^-)$

 $Cl^-$  Salt + AgNO<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$  AgCl (White ppt)

 $Br^-$  salt +  $AgNO_3 \rightarrow AgBr$  (Pale yellow ppt)

 $\Gamma$  salt + AgNO<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$  AgI (Yellow ppt)

3. Test of I<sub>2</sub>

 $I_{\circ}$  + Starch  $\rightarrow$  Navy blue

 $I_2 + CCl_4 \rightarrow Violet$ 

4. Layer test (Br , I)

 $Cl_2 + 2Br^- \rightarrow 2Cl^- + Br_2 \xrightarrow{CCl_4}$  Reddish brown (Halogen displacement reaction)

(**Note**: In case of  $\Gamma$  violet colour is obtained.)

# NCERT QUESTIONS (REASONING)

Q.1 Covalent radius of fluorine is 64 pm but the bond length is not equal to 128 pm and that is 143 pm and bond energy is found to be comparable to  $I_2$ . Explain why?

**Ans.** This may be attributed to  $\ell.p - \ell.p$  repulsions due to small size of F atom.

Q.2 Electron affinity of chlorine is more than F. Inspite of this  $F_2$  is the better oxidising agent. Why?

**Ans.** SRP of  $F_2$  is much higher than that of  $Cl_2$  on account of smaller bond dissociation energy of  $F_2$  molecule and high hydration energy of F ion.

Q.3 Layer test of Br is successful with Cl<sub>2</sub> but not with I<sub>2</sub>. Explain?

**Ans.** Br is oxidised by  $Cl_2$  but not by  $I_2$ 

Q.4 What is the difference between bleaching action of SO<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub>

**Ans.** The bleaching action of  $SO_2$  is temporary because it takes place through reduction.

The bleaching action of Cl<sub>2</sub> is permanent because it takes place through oxidation

- Q.5 (a) When HCl reacts with finely powdered iron, it forms ferrous chloride and not ferric chloride. why?
  - (b) Chlorine water turns blue litmus red but solution becomes colourless after sometime.
- **Ans.** (a) It forms  $H_2$  gas. Fe + 2 HCl $\longrightarrow$  FeCl<sub>2</sub> +  $H_2$ . Liberation of hydrogen prevents the formation of ferric chloride.
  - (b) Blue litmus change into red due to acidic nature ( $Cl_2 + H_2O \rightarrow HOCl + HCl$ ) but it is bleaching agent, therefore, it decolourises the red litmus.



**ZERO GROUP (GROUP-18)** 

#### INTRODUCTION

Group 18 consists of six elements: helium, neon, argon, krypton, xenon and radon. All these are gases and chemically unreactive. They form very few compounds. Because of this they are termed noble gases.

## (A) PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- (i) All the noble gases are mono-atomic.
- (ii) They are colourless, and tasteless. They are sparingly soluble in water.
- (iii) They have very low melting and boiling points because the only type of interatomic interaction in these elements is weak dispersion forces,.
- (iv) Helium has the lowest boiling point (4.2K) of any known substance. It has a unusual property of diffusing through most commonly used laboratory materials such as rubber, glass or plastics.

### (B) CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

In general, noble gases are least reactive. Their inertness to chemical reactivity is attributed to the following reasons:

- (i) The noble gases except helium (1s²) have completely filled ns² np6 electronic configuration in their valence shell.
- (ii) They have high ionisation enthalpy and more positive electron gain enthalpy.

Neil Bartlett, observed the reaction of a noble gas. First , he prepared a red compound which is formulated as  $O_2^+$  [PtF<sub>6</sub>]. He, then realised that the first ionisation enthalpy of molecular oxygen (1175 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) was almost identical with that xenon (1170 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>). He made efforts to prepare same type of compound with Xe and was successfull in preparing another red coloured compound. Xe<sup>+</sup> [PtF<sub>6</sub>] by mixing PtF<sub>6</sub> and Xenon. After this discovery, a number of xenon compounds mainly with most electronegative elements like fluorine and oxygen, have been synthesised.

The compounds of krypton are fewer. Only the difluoride  $(KrF_2)$  has been studied in detail. Compounds of radon have not been isolated but only identified (e.g.,  $RnF_2$ ) by radiotracer technique. No true compounds of Ar, Ne or He are yet known .

## **COMPOUNDS OF XENON**

#### Xenon-fluorine compounds

Xenon forms three binary fluorides, XeF<sub>2</sub>, XeF<sub>4</sub> and XeF<sub>6</sub> by the direct reaction of elements under appropriate experimental conditions.

$$\begin{array}{c} Xe(g) + F_2(g) & \xrightarrow{673 \text{K}, 1 \text{ bar}} XeF_2(s) \\ \text{(xenon in excess)} & \\ Xe(g) + 2F_2(g) & \xrightarrow{873 \text{K}, 7 \text{bar}} XeF_4(s) \\ \text{(1:5 ratio)} & \\ Xe(g) + 3F_2(g) & \xrightarrow{573 \text{K}, 60-70 \text{bar}} XeF_6(s) \end{array}$$

 $XeF_6$  can also be prepared by the interaction of  $XeF_4$  and  $O_2F_2$  at 143K.

$$XeF_4 + O_2F_2 \rightarrow XeF_6 + O_2$$

 $XeF_2$ ,  $XeF_4$  and  $XeF_6$  are colourless crystalline solids and sublime readily at 298 K. They are powerful fluorinating agents. They are readily hydrolysed even by traces of water. For example,  $XeF_2$  is hydrolysed to give Xe, HF and  $O_2$ .

$$2XeF_{2}(s) + 2H_{2}O(l) \rightarrow 2Xe(g) + 4HF(aq) + O_{2}(g)$$



**Formation of addition compounds :** Xenon fluorides reacts with fluoride ion acceptors to form cationic species and fluoride ion donors to form fluoroanions.

$$\begin{split} & \text{XeF}_2 + \text{PF}_5 \longrightarrow \left[\text{XeF}\right]^+ \left[\text{PF}_6\right]^- \\ & \text{IF}_5 \quad + \quad \text{XeF}_2 \longrightarrow \left[\text{XeF}\right]^+ \left[\text{IF}_6\right]^- \; ; \\ & \text{(lewis acid)} \\ & 2\text{SbF}_5 \quad + \quad \text{XeF}_2 \longrightarrow \left[\text{XeF}\right]^+ \left[\text{SbF}_6\right]^- \end{split}$$

•  $CsF + XeF_6 \longrightarrow Cs^+[XeF_7]^-$ 

## [With s-block flourides and alkyl flourides it is F acceptor with others it is F donor]

## **USES OF INERT GASES:**

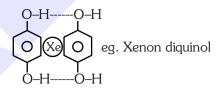
- (1) He is non-inflammable and light gas, so it is used in filling balloons for meteorological observations.
- (2) He is used in gas cooled nuclear reactors.
- (3) Liquid He is used as cryogenic agent.
- (4) He is used to produce powerful superconducting magnets.
- (5) Ne is used in discharge tubes.
- (6) Ar is used as inert atmosphere in metallurgical process.
- (7) Xenon and Krypton are used in light bulbs designed for special purposes.
- (8) He is used as a diluent for oxygen in modern diving apparatus due to its very low solubility in blood.

#### **IMPORTANT ORDER:**

- (1) He < Ne < Ar < Kr < Xe **Atomic radius**
- (2) He > Ne > Ar > Kr > Xe **Ionisation energy**
- (3) He < Ne < Ar < Kr < Xe < Rn **Density**
- (4) He < Ne < Ar < Kr < Xe < Rn **Boiling point/Melting point** [Atomic mass / size / polarisability / London force]  $\uparrow$
- (5) He < Ne < Ar < Xe < Rn [solubility in water because of dipole-induced dipole attraction]

**Clatherate Compounds :** Larger inert gas atoms are trapped into cavity or crystal structure of some organic compounds and form clatherate compounds.

• Force of attraction between noble gas and organic compound is **dipole-induced dipole** attraction.



He, Ne do not form clatherate compounds due to smaller size

#### **BEGINNER'S BOX-9**

- **1.** Which is correct
  - (1) NaCl $\xrightarrow{\text{conc.H}_2SO_4}$  yellow green gas
- (2) NaBr $\xrightarrow{\text{conc.H}_2SO_4}$  red brown vapour

(3)  $NaF + Cl_2 \longrightarrow NaCl + F_2$ 

(4) All

- **2.** True statement about  $\bar{\Gamma}$  will be
  - (1) weak base
- (2) strong nucleophile
- (3) strong reducing agent (4) all
- **3.** Which of the following is strong oxidising agent
  - (1)  $F_2$

- (2) Cl<sub>2</sub>
- (3) Br<sub>2</sub>
- (4) I<sub>2</sub>



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**4.** The ion that cannot undergo disproportionation is

(1) ClO<sub>4</sub> -

(2) ClO<sub>3</sub>

(3) ClO<sub>2</sub>

(4) ClO<sup>-</sup>

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**5.** In the clatherates of xenon with water, the nature of bonding between xenon and water molecule is :

(1) covalent

(2) hydrogen bonding

(3) co-ordinate

(4) dipole-induced dipole interaction

**6.**  $XeF_2$  reacts with  $PF_5$  to give :

(1) XeF<sub>6</sub>

(2)  $[XeF]^{+}[PF_{6}]^{-}$ 

(3) XeF<sub>4</sub>

(4)  $[PF_4]^+ [XeF_3]^-$ 

7. The first compound of noble gases prepared by Neil-Bartlett was :-

(1)  $Xe^{+} [PtF_{6}]^{-}$ 

(2) XeF<sub>4</sub>

(3) XeF<sub>6</sub>

(4) XeOF<sub>4</sub>

**8.** Colour of  $F_2$  is -

(1) greenish - yellow

(2) light blue

(3) pink

(4) pale yellow

**9.** IF<sub>7</sub> is a -

(1) colorless gas

(2) coloured gas

(3) coloured solid

(4) coloured liquid

10. Basis of formation of Bartlett compound is-

(1) Ionisation enthalpy

(2) Solubility

(3) Boiling point

(4) Color property

ANSWER'S KEY											
BEGINNER'S BOX-1	Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
DEGINNER 3 DOA-1	Ans.	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	3		
	Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
BEGINNER'S BOX-2	Ans.	2	3	3	2	4	2	2	4		
	Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
BEGINNER'S BOX-3	Ans.	3	2	2	2	3	4	1			
	One	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
BEGINNER'S BOX-4	Que. Ans.	3	2	2	2	4	6 3	4	4		
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BEGINNER'S BOX-5	Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Ans.	4	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	1	2
BEGINNER'S BOX-6	Que.	1	2	3	4						
DEGINNER O BOX O	Ans.	4	3	4	4						
BEGINNER'S BOX-7	Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DEGINNER 3 BOA-7	Ans.	1	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	1
BEGINNER'S BOX-8	Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6				
BEGINNER'S BUX-8	Ans.	3	3	3	1	4	1				
DECININEDIC DOV.	Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
BEGINNER'S BOX-9	Ans.	2	4	1	1	4	2	1	4	1	1