

BORON FAMILY

Non-metal ← **5 B** Most abundant metal
Third most element in earth crust
(O > Si > Al > Fe)

13 Al

31 Ga exists as Ga_2 molecules & thus low M.P (29.67° C)
-liquid up to 2000° C
Used in high T thermometer

Metal ← **49 In**

81 Tl

113 Nh Radioactive

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Atomic radii
 $B < Ga < Al < In < Tl$

Ionisation enthalpy
 $B > Tl > Ga > Al > In$

Electronegativity
 $B > Tl > In > Ga > Al$

Ionic radii Decreases down the group

Density Increases Down the group

M.p decreases from B to Ga and then increases
 $B > Al > Tl > In > Ga$

B.p Decreases down the group

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Reducing power $Al > Ga > In > Tl$
Stability order of O.S:
 $Tl^{+1} > In^{+1} > Ga^{+1} > Al^{+1} > B^{+1}$ (Inert pair effect)
 $B^{+3} > Al^{+3} > Ga^{+3} > In^{+3} > Tl^{+3}$
 Tl^{+3} = Strong oxidant, Ga^{+1} = Strong reductant
Maximum covalency of B is 4 (absence of valence d orbitals)
Halides -Lewis acids ($BF_3 < BCl_3 < BBr_3$)

Oxides

Acidic Character Decreases	B_2O_3 Al_2O_3 Ga_2O_3 In_2O_3 Tl_2O_3	Basic Character Increases
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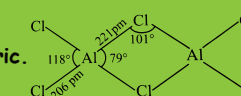
Hydroxides

Acidic Character Decreases	$B(OH)_3$ $Al(OH)_3$ $Ga(OH)_3$ $In(OH)_3$ $Tl(OH)_3$	Basic Character Increases
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COMPOUNDS OF Al



- $Al_2O_3 + 3C + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{heat} 2AlCl_3 + 3CO$
- Aqueous solution is acidic due to the formation of HCl.
 $AlCl_3 + 3H_2O \rightarrow Al(OH)_3 + 3HCl$
- Anhyd. $AlCl_3$ is covalent & dimeric.



Alum

$M_2SO_4 \cdot M'(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$
M - Monovalent metal M' - Trivalent metal
Examples:
Potash alum $K_2SO_4 \cdot Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$
Chrome alum $K_2SO_4 \cdot Cr_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$
Ferric alum $(NH_4)_2SO_4 \cdot Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 24H_2O$
Each cation is surrounded by 6 H_2O

BORIC ACID

- Weak monobasic acid (Lewis acid)
 $H_3BO_3 + H_2O \rightarrow [B(OH)_4]^- + H^+$
- Heating effect:
 $H_3BO_3 \xrightarrow{273K} HBO_2 \xrightarrow{433K} H_2B_4O_7 \xrightarrow{red\ hot} B_2O_3$
Metaboric acid Tetraboric acid Boron trioxide (Boric anhydride)
- Forms 6 H-bonds in aqueous solution.

DIBORANE

- Highly reactive: it catches fire
 $B_2H_6 + 3O_2 \rightarrow B_2O_3 + 3H_2O$, $\Delta H = -ve$
- With water: $B_2H_6(g) + 6H_2O(l) \rightarrow 2B(OH)_3(aq) + 6H_2(g)$
- Reaction with ammonia:
 $B_2H_6 + 2NH_3 \xrightarrow{Low\ temp\ (-120^\circ C)} [BH_2(NH_3)_2] \xrightarrow{Excess\ NH_3} [BH_4]^- [NH_3]_2^+$
Heat
 $[BH_4]^- \xrightarrow{Heat} B_2H_6 + 2H_2$
Borazine or borazole (inorganic benzene)

two 3c-2e banana bond
four 2c-2e Terminal bonds

BORAX / TINCAL

$Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$ / $Na_2[B_4O_5(OH)_4] \cdot 8H_2O$

- Aqueous solution of borax is alkaline in nature
 $Na_2B_4O_7 + 7H_2O \rightarrow 2NaOH + 4H_3BO_3$
- Borax bead test (detection of transition metal)
 $Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O \xrightarrow{\Delta} Na_2B_4O_7 \xrightarrow{740^\circ C} 2NaBO_2 + B_2O_3$
Sodium Metaborate Boric anhydride
Glassy mass (Borax bead)

T.M	Colour
Cu/Co	Blue

Uses: As flux
Water softening agent
As antiseptic
In making enamel
Manufacture of glass

• There are 5 B-O-B bridge bonds

CARBON FAMILY

- 1) Oxidation State: +2, +4, -2
Stability of +4: $C > Si > Ge > Sn > Pb$
Stability of +2: $Pb > Sn > Ge > Si > C$
- 2) Oxides
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|-----|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| CO | Neutral | CO_2 | Acidic |
| SiO | Neutral | SiO_2 | Acidic |
| GeO | Acidic | GeO_2 | Acidic |
| SnO | Amphoteric | SnO_2 | Amphoteric |
| PbO | Amphoteric (Litharge) | PbO_2 | Amphoteric |
- Halide
- Thermal stability order:
 $CCl_4 < SiCl_4 < GeCl_4 < SnCl_4 < PbCl_4$
 $CCl_4 > SiCl_4 > GeCl_4 > SnCl_4 > PbCl_4$
 - CCl_4 can't be hydrolysed due to absence of valence d orbitals
 - PbI_4 & $PbBr_4$ does not exist due to strong oxidising nature of Pb^{+4}

COMPOUNDS OF CARBON

CO

- $HCOOH \xrightarrow{conc. H_2SO_4} CO + H_2O$ (100% pure)
- Coal gasification
 $C + H_2O \xrightarrow{(steam)} CO + H_2$
Syn gas / Water gas
- Producer gas ($CO + N_2$)
- With Hb it forms 300 times stable Carboxy Hb (w.r. to oxyHb)

CO_2

- Solid CO_2 - Dry ice (Refrigerant)
- CO_2 in water gives carbonic acid (maintain pH 7.26-7.42)
- $NaOH + CO_2 \rightarrow NaHCO_3$
- Used in soft drinks
- Used as fire extinguisher

P-BLOCK ELEMENTS

COMPOUNDS OF SILICON

SILICA

- SiO_2 - sand, quartz (piezoelectric)
- Insoluble in H_2O & inert at room temp.
- Reacts with HF (etching of glass)
 $HF + SiO_2 \rightarrow SiF_4$
 $SiF_2 + 2HF \rightarrow H_4SiF_4$
- 3D Network Covalent Solid

SILICONES

- general formula $(R_2SiO)_n$
- $R_2SiCl_2 + H_2O \rightarrow R_2Si(OH)_2$
(Linear Chain Silicones)
- $RSiCl_3 \xrightarrow{H_2O} RSi(OH)_3$
(Cross linked silicones)
- $R_3SiCl \rightarrow$ stopping agent / Dimer

SILICATES

- Metal derivatives of silicic acid H_4SiO_4
- Basic unit is $(SiO_4)^{4-}$ Tetrahedral

ZEOLITES

- Sodium Aluminium silicates ($Na_2Al_2Si_2O_8 \cdot xH_2O$)
- (i) Used for Purification of H_2O to remove hardness of water
- (ii) ZSM 5 is a shape selective catalyst to convert alcohol to gasoline

ALLOTROPES OF CARBON

DIAMOND

- C-C bond length is 154 pm
- C is sp^3 hybridised
- Good thermal conductor
- ΔH of formation is 1.9 kJ/mol
- Used as abrasive for sharpening of tools

GRAPHITE

- C-C bond length is 141.5 pm
- Thermodynamically most stable due to $\Delta_r H = 0$
- C is sp^2 hybridised
- Good electric conductor
- Hexagonal ring layers which are 340 pm apart
- Used as dry lubricant in machines

FULLERENES

- C_{60} - C_{70} (Bucky balls)
- C is sp^2 hybridised
- C-C \rightarrow 143.5 pm
C=C \rightarrow 138.3 pm
- C_{60} has 12 pentagons and 20 hexagons