# **Oxyacids of Nitrogen:**

### Hyponitrous acid $(H_2N_2O_2)$ :

- It is hydrate of N₂O
- It's salts are called hyponitrites.
- Acid and its salts are reducing agent.

#### Structure:

$$H - O - N = N - O - H$$

### Nitrous acid (HNO<sub>2</sub>):

- Dilute acids on reaction with Alkali nitrites gives HNO<sub>2</sub>.
- It is highly unstable.
- Salts are called as nitrites and are stable.
- Itself and it's salts are oxidizing and reducing agents.

Eg: It oxidizes 
$$FeSO_4 \rightarrow Fe(SO_4)_3$$

It reduces 
$$I_2 \rightarrow I^-$$
 and  $KMnO_4 \rightarrow Mn^{2+}$ 

Structure:

Mono basic. Used in the preparation of Ozodyes.

#### Nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>) (Aqua fortis):

- 1:1 ratio of KNO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> gives HNO<sub>3</sub>.
- Manufactured by Ostwald and Birkland Eyde process.
- In ostwald process the raw material is Ammonia.
- Catalyst in ostwald process is platinum guaze.
- Ammonia is oxidized in the process.
- 96 98 % HNO<sub>3</sub> is called as fuming nitric acid.
- With Cu dil HNO<sub>3</sub> gives NO with conc. HNO<sub>3</sub> gives NO<sub>2</sub>.
- Due to dissolved oxides of Nitrogen it is yellow.
- 1 : 3 mixture of conc. HNO₃ and HCl is called as aqua regia, which dissolves noble metals like Au, Pt, Rh etc,.
- NOCl produced is responsible for the solubility of Au.

$$HNO_3 + 3HCI \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2H_2O + 2NOCI$$

- Mixture of HNO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is called as nitration mixture.
- HNO₃ is good oxidizing agent.

$$S \rightarrow H_2SO_4$$
;  $P \rightarrow H_3PO_4$ ;  $C \rightarrow CO_2$ 

- Due to formation of xanthoproteins it produces yellow stains on skin.
- Metals like Al become passive (in active) with conc. HNO₃ due to formation of their oxide layer.
- It is used to prepare fertilizers like Ammonium nitrate (NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>) and explosives like TNT (trinitrotoluene) teargas CCl<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
OH & & H \\
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#### Pernitric acid:

• HNO<sub>4</sub> is called as per nitric acid.

$$\begin{matrix} \mathsf{O} \\ \parallel \\ \mathsf{HO} - \mathsf{O} - \mathsf{N} \to \mathsf{O} \end{matrix}$$

• Oxyacids of phosphorous :

## Hypophosphorous acid: (H<sub>3</sub> PO<sub>2</sub>)

- Salts are called as hypophosphates.
- It decomposes on heating to give PH<sub>3</sub>.
- The acid and its salts are powerful reducing agents.
- Basicity of H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>2</sub> is one.

Structure:

#### Ortho Phosphorous acid: (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>)

- Forms two series of salts phosphite (Normal) and hydrogen phosphite (Acidic).
- Decomposes on heating to give PH<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.
- It gives two series of salts primary phosphites (H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>) and secondary phosphites (HPO<sub>3</sub><sup>-2</sup>).
- H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and its salts are good reducing agents.
- Structure :



# Orthophosphoric acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>):

- Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>) with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> gives H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> on hydrolysis gives H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.
- Forms three types of salts (basicity is three). Dihydrogen phosphate  $(H_2PO_4^-)$ .

Hydrogen phosphate  $(HPO_4^{2-})$ .

Phosphate  $(PO_4^{3-})$ .

- It is syrupy liquid due to hydrogen bonding.
- The acid looses water steadily on heating.

 $H_3PO_4 \xrightarrow{gently \ heating} H_4P_2O_7 \xrightarrow{strong \ heating} HPO_3$ 

(orthophosphoric acid) (pyrophosphoric acid)

(meta phosphoric acid)

Structure:

• Used in the preparation of HBr and HI.

### Pyrophosphoric acid: (H<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>):

- It forms salts of type M<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> and M<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>.
- Ca<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> is used in fluoride tooth pastes.
- Na<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> is used in making bread.
- It is a Tetrabasic acid.

Structure:

## Metaphosphoric acid (HPO<sub>3</sub>):

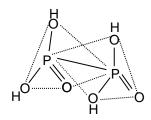
- By heating H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> or H<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> it is obtained.
- As it is transparent, glassy solid it is known as glacial phosphoric acid.
- It's salts are known as metaphosphates.
- Free monophosphate (PO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) ions doesn't exist where as it forms a ring compounds like triphosphates, tetraphosphates or polyphosphates.
- It's polymeric sodium metaphosphates are called as Graham's salt , Kurrol's salt and madrell's salt (NaPO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n</sub>.
- It is a monobasic acid.

Structure:

# Hypophosphoric acid (H<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>):

It is a tetrabasic acid.

Structure:



# Peroxy phosphoric acid( H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>5</sub>):

It is a Tribasic acid.

Structure: