OXIDES:

Oxides of Nitrogen:

- Oxides of N₂ are endothermic (except N₂O₅) and acts as better oxidants.
- Except N₂O₅ all are gases.

N₂O (Laughing gas): First prepared by priestly.

 Berthelot prepared it from Ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulphate and sodium nitrate.

$$NH_4NO_3 \xrightarrow{250^0C} N_2O + 2H_2O$$

 $(NH_4)_2SO_4 + 2NaNO_3 \rightarrow N_2O + H_2O + Na_2SO_4$

- It is colourless neutral gas.
- Fairly soluble in cold water.
- It is incombustible but supports combustion of Mg and P.

$$Mg + N_2O \rightarrow MgO + N_2$$

 $P_4 + 10 N_2O \rightarrow P_4O_{10} + 10N_2$

• Oxidising property: - It oxidises metals.

$$Cu_{(hot)}+ N_2O \rightarrow CuO + N_2$$

- Mixture of O₂ and N₂O is used as anaestheic in surgery and dentistry.
- In the presence of acidified potassium permanganate it undergoes oxidation to give nitric oxide.

$$2\mathsf{KMnO}_4 + 3\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{SO}_4 + 5\mathsf{N}_2\mathsf{O} \rightarrow \mathsf{K}_2\mathsf{SO}_4 + 2\mathsf{MnSO}_4 + 3\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} + 10\mathsf{NO}$$

• **Structure**: N₂O is hybrid of following structures. It is a linear molecule.

(-):
$$N = N^{(+)} = 0 \Leftrightarrow N = N^{+} - 0$$
: (-)

Nitric oxide (NO) Nitrogen monoxide: (Priestley)

1)
$$3Cu + 8HNO_3 \rightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$$

2) Catalytic oxidation of Ammonia gives Nitric oxide. (Ostward's method).

$$4NH_3 + 5O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{pt gauze}} 4NO + 6H_2O$$

3) By passing electric arc through N₂ and O₂

$$N_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2NO$$

Properties:

- NO is colourless gas and heavier than air.
- At 12 K it freezes to Blue solid & its M.P is 1232 K.
- On reaction with oxygen it gives reddish brown fumes.

$$2NO + O_2 \rightarrow 2NO_2$$

• NO is most thermally stable oxide of N₂.

$$2NO \xrightarrow{900^{0}C} N_{2} + O_{2}$$

• Oxidising properties :

$$H_2S + 2NO \rightarrow H_2O + N_2O + S$$

$$2Cu + 2NO \rightarrow 2CuO + N_2$$

• In the manufacture of H₂SO₄ by lead chamber process NO is used as catalyst.

Structure: NO has 11 valence electrons

$$(N \rightarrow 5, O \rightarrow 6).$$

- Presence of odd, electron makes it as paramagnetic.
- It doesn't dimerises due to delocalised odd electron.

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$$N = O$$
: $\Leftrightarrow N = O$: $N = O$:

In liquid and solid states it dimerises hence it is diamagnetic.

Nitrogen sesquioxide or dinitrogen trioxide (N₂O₃):

N₂O₃ is a hydride of nitrous acid.

$$N_2O_3 + H_2O \rightarrow 2HNO_2$$

• By cooling a mixture of NO and NO₂ in equimolar ratio to -20° C N₂O₃ is obtained.

$$NO + NO_2 \Leftrightarrow N_2O_3$$

• On action of Cu on HNO₃ N₂O₃ is obtained.

$$2Cu + 6HNO_3 \rightarrow N_2O_3 + 2Cu (NO_3)_2 + 3H_2O$$

- It is blue liquid and a pale blue solid.
- M.P is -102° C.
- It is acidic oxide.
- It's salts are called as nitrites.

$$2NO + 2KOH \rightarrow KNO_2 + H_2O$$

Structure:

i)
$$0 \times N = 0$$
 ii) $0 = N \times N = 0$

Nitrogen Dioxide:

- It is reddish brown gas.
- It dimerises to dinitrogen tetraoxide which is colourless solid.

Reduction of conc nitric acid with metals like Cu, Ag gives NO₂.

$$Cu + 4HNO_3 \rightarrow 2CuO + 4NO_2 + O_2$$

Lead nitrate on heating gives NO₂

$$Pb(NO_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2PbO + 4NO_2 + O_2$$

• NO₂ dissolves in water to give nitrous and nitric acids hence it is called as mixed anhydride of HNO₂ and HNO₃.

$$2NO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow HNO_2 + HNO_3$$

Structure : NO_2 has angular structure with a bond angle of 132° . It posses a three electron bond and hence it is coloured and paramagnetic.

The structure of N₂O₄:

- It turns ferrous sulphate solution black.
- NO₂ gives nascent oxygen hence it acts as oxidizing agent NO₂→ NO + (O)

$$SO_2 + NO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2SO_4 + NO$$

 $H_2S + NO_2 \rightarrow S + NO + H_2O$

• When reacts with alkalis it form nitrates and nitrites.

$$2NO_2 + 2KOH \rightarrow KNO_2 + KNO_3 + H_2O$$

Nitrogen pentaoxide:

• On dehydration of Nitric acid with the help of phosphorous pentoxide N₂O₅ is obtained.

$$2HNO_3 \xrightarrow{P_4O_{10}} N_2O_5 + H_2O$$

- $4AgNO_3 + 2Cl_2 \rightarrow 4AgCl + 2N_2O_5 + O_2$
- N₂O₅ is white solid.

- M.P. 35°C.
- Above it's melting point it decomposes to N₂O₄ and O₂.

$$2N_2O_5 + H_2O \rightarrow 2HNO_3$$

• It is anhydride of nitric acid.

$$N_2O_5 + H_2O \rightarrow 2HNO_3$$

• It reacts with bases to give nitrate salts.

$$N_2O_5 + 2NaOH \rightarrow 2NaNO_3 + H_2O$$

• As it decomposes easily it acts as powerful oxidizing agent.

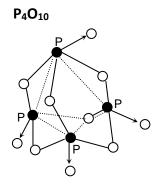
Structure:

• It is an ionic solid i.e, Nitronium nitrate (NO₂+,NO₃-)

- As the size of the central atom increases the basic property increases.
- Phosphorous forms the following oxides.

• P₂O₃ and P₂O₅ exist as dimmers P₄O₆ and P₄O₁₀.

P₄O₆



Phosphorus is linked

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to 3 oxygens

4 oxygens

- Acidic character of the oxides increases with increases in the oxidation state of central atom.
- Oxides of Nitrogen and phosphorous are acidic. As and Sb are amphoteric and Bismuth are basic.