

# Sulphur.

Electronic configuration -  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^4$

Group - VIA - (p-block element)

Molecular formula - S<sub>8</sub> (Octa atomic)

Atomic no - 16

Atomic mass - 32

From ancient period it was known as brimstone (burning stone).

## Occurrence.

- 0.05% in earth crust
- free as well as combine state
- Iron pyrite, (FeS)
- zinc blende (ZnS)
- copper pyrite (CuFeS)
- Cinnabar (HgS);

organic compounds containing proteins like egg, hair, onion, garlic, mustard.

## Allotrops of sulphur

Sulphur exist in more than one form which is physically different but chemically identical. This is called allotropy.

Sulphur exist in two allotropic form.

① Crystalline

② Amorphous.

## ① Crystalline

- ② Rhombic sulphur ( $\alpha$ -sulphur)  
(pale yellow colour but transparent)
- bad conductor.
  - octahedral crystals
  - insoluble in  $H_2O$ , soluble in ether,  $CH_3Cl$ .

## ③ Monoclinic sulphur ( $\beta$ -sulphur)

- deep-yellow crystalline but opaque
- bad conductor.

## ④ Amorphous

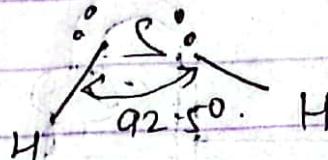
- ① Plastic sulphur. ( $\gamma$ -sulphur)
- ② colloidal sulphur ( $\delta$ -sulphur)
- ③ Milk of sulphur

## # Uses of Sulphur

- ① Sulphur is used to manufacture of  $SO_2$ ,  $H_2SO_4$ , (carbonyl sulphide)  $CS_2$ , dyes etc.
- ② Used to manufacture of gun powder  
- mixture of carbon, sulphur and  $KNO_3$
- ③ used to manufacture of medicine  
sulpha drugs and ointment for skin disease.
- iv) used in rubber for desirable property
- v) used to make matchstick
- vi) Burning sulphur is used for disinfectant room.

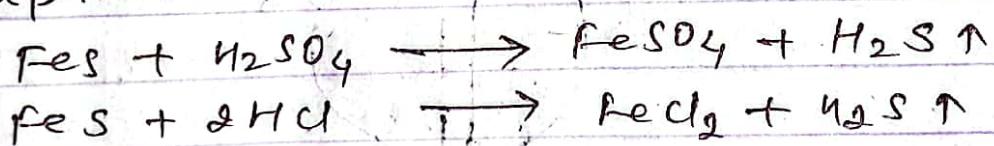
## Hydrogen sulphide ( $H_2S$ )

- $H_2S$  is present in volcanic gases.
- It has unpleasant smell of rotten eggs.



### # Laboratory preparation of $H_2S$ by Kipp's apparatus.

In laboratory,  $H_2S$  is prepared by the action of non oxidizing acid (dil  $H_2SO_4$ , or dil  $HCl$ ) and iron(II) sulphide.



It is prepared in Kipp's apparatus.

Kipp's apparatus consist of two parts.

(i) Bulb A with long stem.

(ii) The base with ~~to~~ two communicating bulb B and C.

The middle bulb B is fitted with a stop cock for the gas. and lower bulb C has a stopper to empty apparatus.

The stem of bulb A reaches the bottom of bulb C and placed alright into

the neck of B as shown in figure.

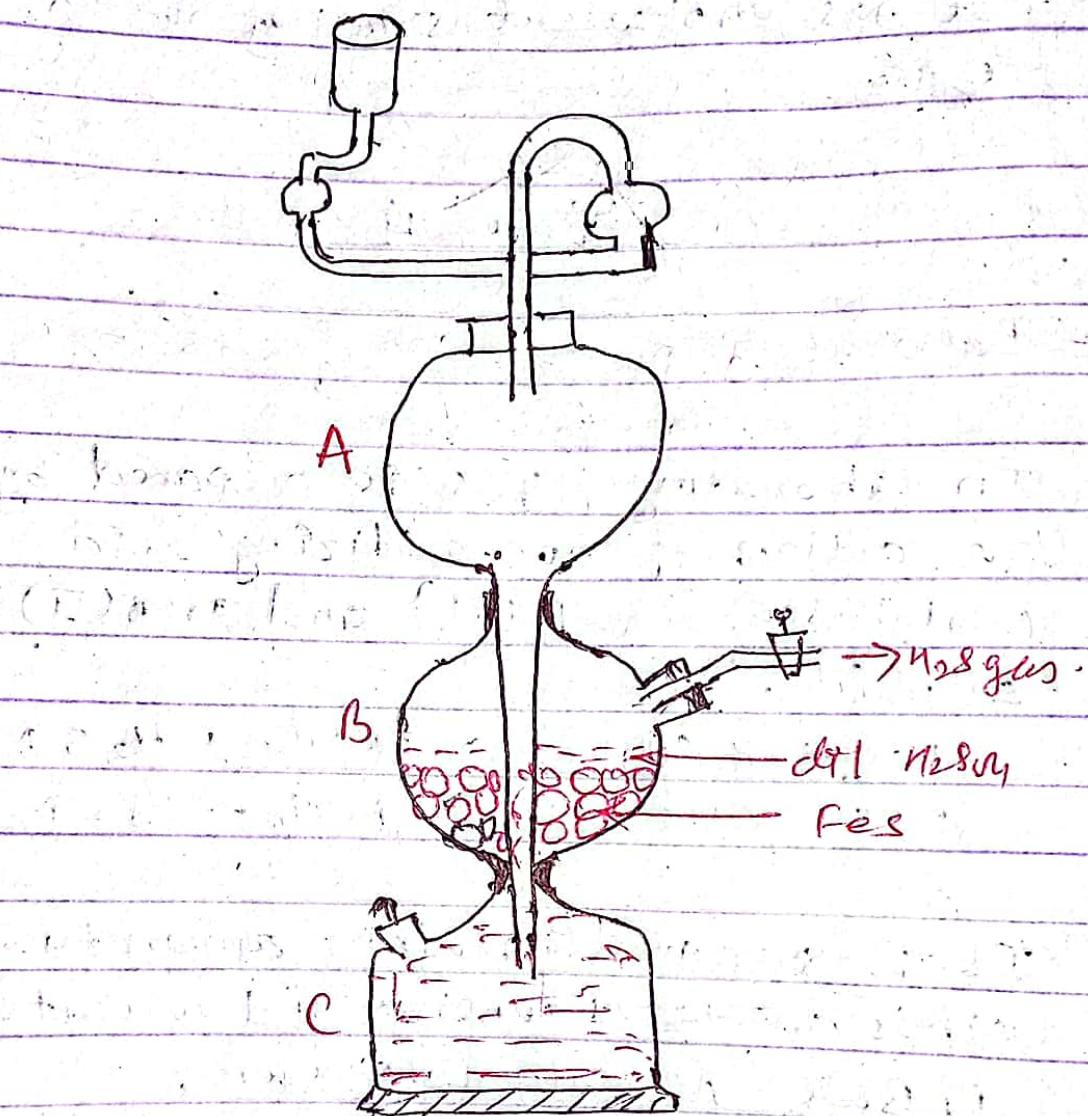


Fig: Kipp's apparatus for  $H_2S$ .

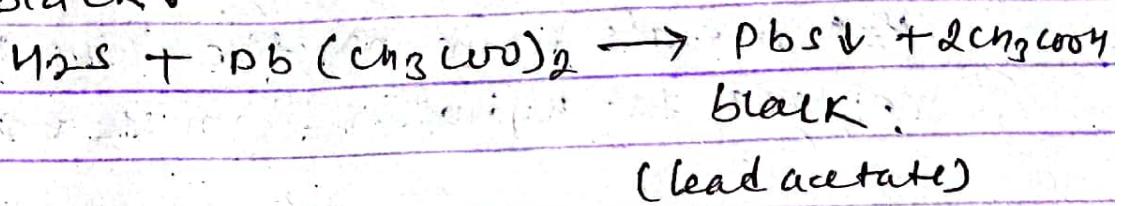
Middle bulb contain  $FeS$  (iron sulphide) and dilute  $H_2SO_4$  poured from upper bulb 'A'.

$FeS$  reacts with  $H_2SO_4$  produced  $H_2S$  which

It is liberated from top when needed.

### Test of $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ :

It turns lead acetate paper into black.



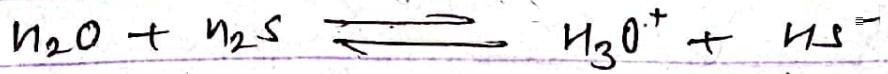
### \* Properties of hydrogen sulphide $\text{H}_2\text{S}$

- \* Colourless gas with very unpleasant smell of rotten eggs.
- \* It is poisonous when inhaled in excess.
- \* Soluble in water.

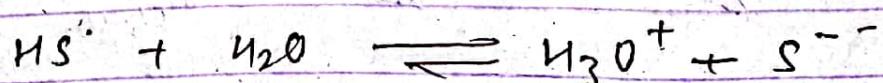
#### i). Acidic nature:-

Aqueous  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is acidic. It is diprotic acid. It turns blue litmus into red.

It ionizes into two stages:



bisulphide ion

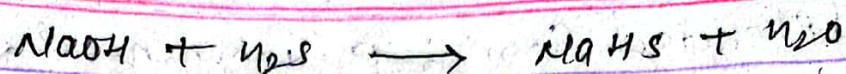


sulphide ion.

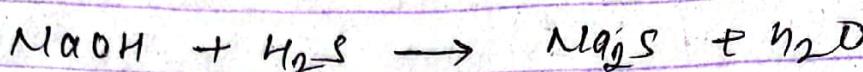
- It reacts with alkali and form two series of bisulphite salt and normal salt.

$aq = \text{aqueous}$

Brf<sub>3</sub> LEO

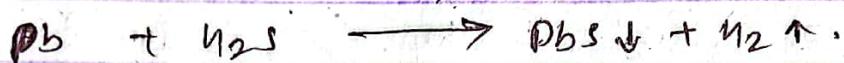
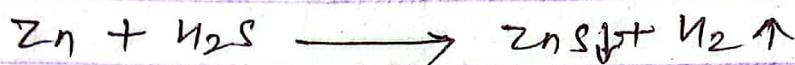


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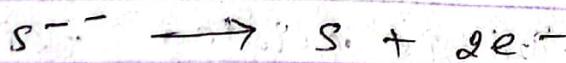
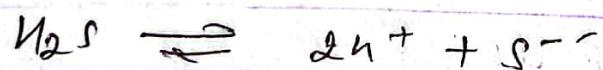
sod. sulphide

~~H<sub>2</sub>S~~ metals more reactive than hydrogen  
replace the hydrogen from ~~H<sub>2</sub>S~~ or  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$

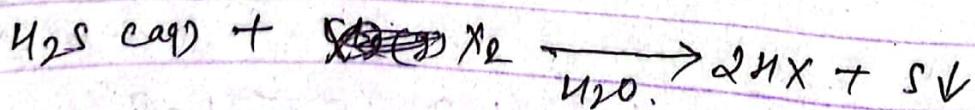


## 2. Reducing properties:

$\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is good reducing agent due to  $\text{S}^{2-}$  ions loses two electrons to another species, and itself get oxidized to sulphur.

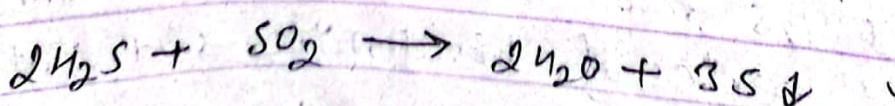


② It reduces halogens ( $\text{Cl}_2, \text{Br}_2, \text{I}_2$ ) to halogen acids.

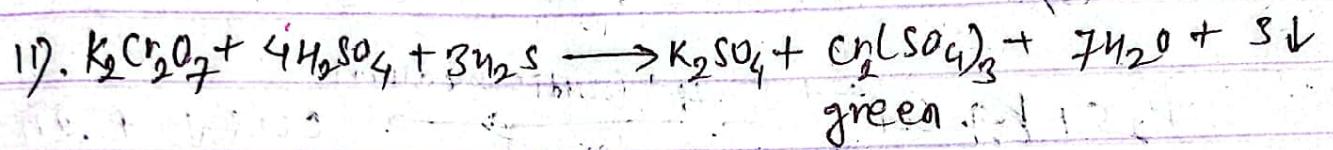
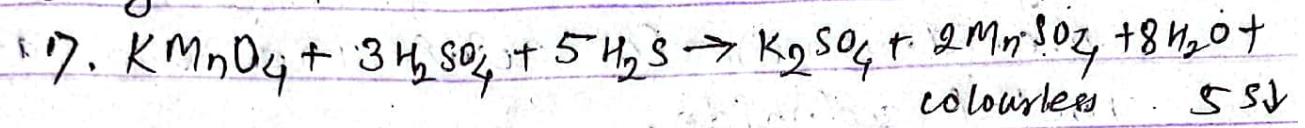


yellow

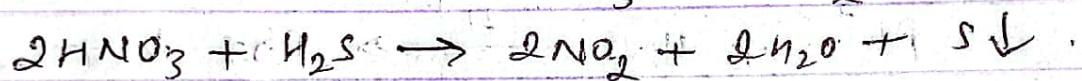
③ It reduces  $\text{SO}_2$  to colloidal sulphur.



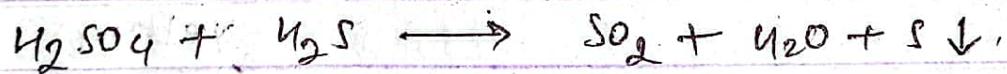
③ It reduces acidified potassium permanganate  $KMnO_4$  (pink) to colourless, acidified potassium dichromate (orange colour)  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  to green.



iii) It reduces conc.  $HNO_3$  to  $NO_2$ .



iv) It reduces conc.  $H_2SO_4$  to  $S \downarrow$ .



### 37. Analytical reagent in salt analysis.

Precipitation reaction of  $H_2S$  with metal ions is highly useful to identify the basic radicals in qualitative analysis of salt.

When  $H_2S$  is passed on salt solution (metal) ions precipitate as coloured sulphide either in acidic medium or in basic medium, on the basis of solubility product value.

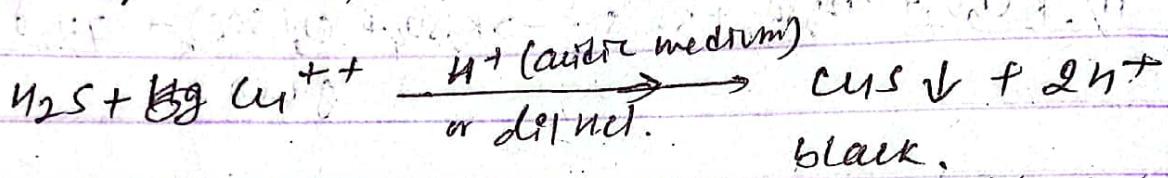
Thus the metal ions (basic radical) classified

into two groups.

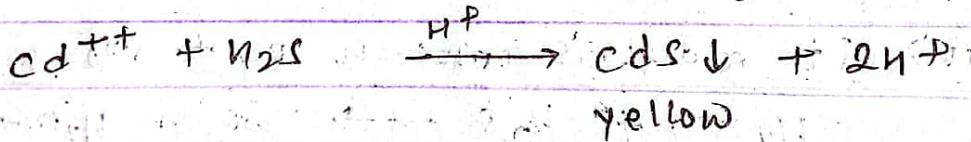
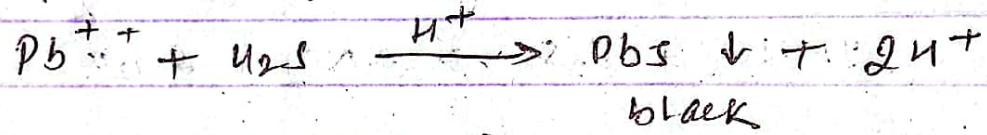
### (2) Group II basic radicals.

$H_2S$  precipitate the group (II) cations (metal ions) in acidic medium as metal sulphide.

e.g.,  $Cu^{++}$ ,  $Pb^{++}$ ,  $Bi^{++}$ ,  $Cd^{++}$ .



(metal sulphides)



The sulphide of group II radicals have low solubility product so addition of dil.  $HCl$  suppresses the ionization of weak acid ( $H_2S$ ) and thus precipitates the basic radicals.

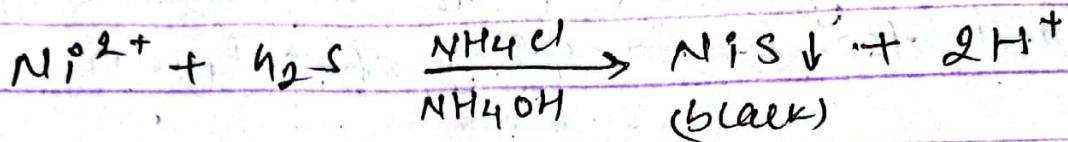
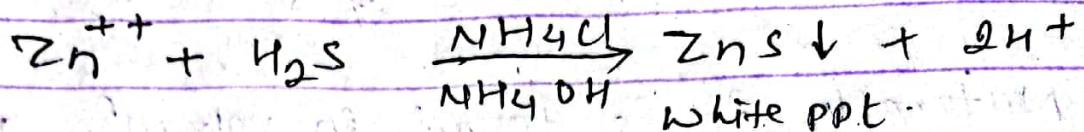
### (3) Group III B basic radicals.

$H_2S$  precipitates the group III B cations in basic medium as the metal sulphide.

e.g.  $Zn^{++}$ ,  $Ni^{++}$ ,  $Co^{++}$  &  $Mn^{++}$  ions.

The sulphides of group III B radicals have high solubility product value and are

precipitated by ~~H<sub>2</sub>S~~ passing H<sub>2</sub>S on alkaline (basic) medium. (solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl + NH<sub>4</sub>OH)



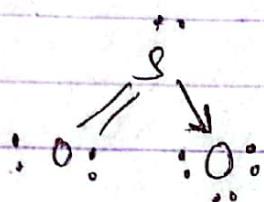
### USES OF H<sub>2</sub>S.

- i). Used in preparation of metallic sulphides used as pigments.
- ii). Used as laboratory reagent in analysis of basic radicals.
- iii). Used as reducing agent.
- iv). Used in preparation of hydrogen halides like HBr & HI.

## Sulphur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ )

$\text{SO}_2$  is common oxide of sulphur ~~with~~  
The oxidation state of S in  $\text{SO}_2$  is +4.

Naturally it is found in volcanic gases and also by roasting of sulphur.

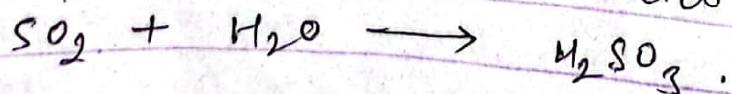


## Properties of $\text{SO}_2$

- 1). colourless acidic gas.
  - 2). <sup>It has</sup> pungent and suffocating smell of burning Sulphur.
  - 3). slightly soluble in water, it turns moist litmus to red.

## 1) Acidic nature

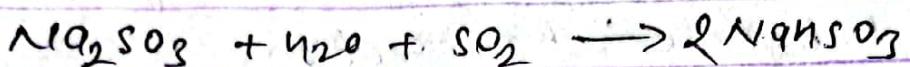
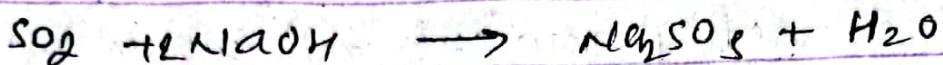
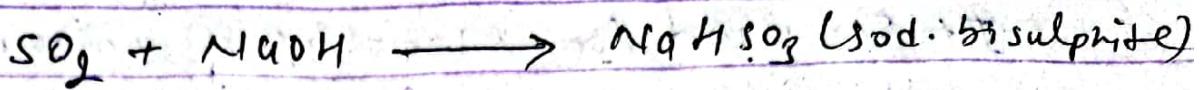
It dissolves in water to give sulphurous acid, and weak diprotic acid.



If sulphurous acid is boiled,  $\text{SO}_2$  is expelled out

$$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SO}_2 \uparrow.$$

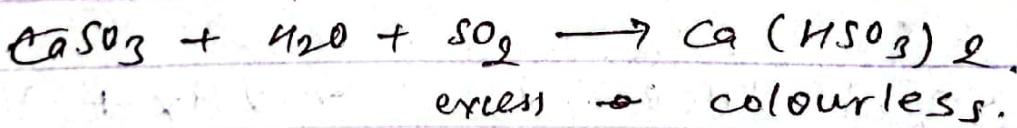
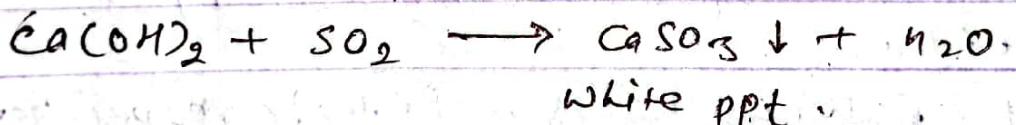
② action with  $\text{NaOH}$ .



excess.

③ action with  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ .

When  $\text{SO}_2$  is bubbled in lime water, it turns milky due to the formation of white ppt of calcium sulphite and it disappear on excess  $\text{SO}_2$  due to formation of a colourless bisulphite solution.



④ Action with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ .

It gives  $\text{CO}_2$  and



## 27. Bleaching property

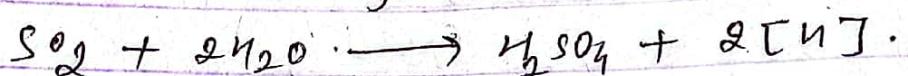
Sulphur dioxide shows bleaching properties in presence of moisture. It changes

colouring matter into colourless product.

It is used for bleaching of coloured wool, silk, sponge, flower, hair, straw.

It is not permanent and colour can be restored.

It bleached by reduction.

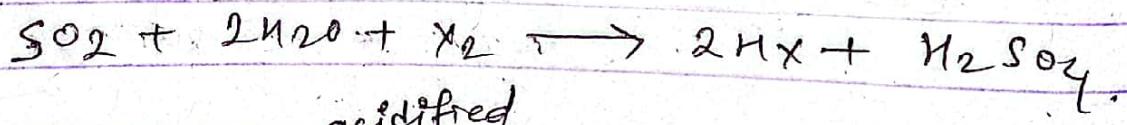


Vegetable colouring matter + [H]  $\rightarrow$  colourless product

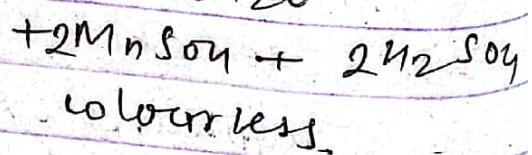
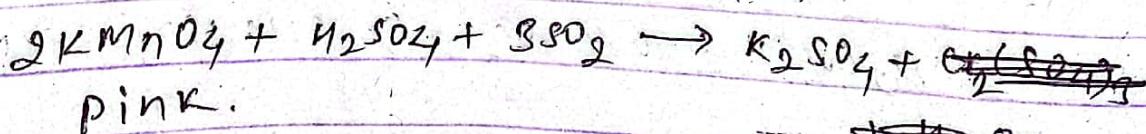
### 3 Reducing nature.

Moist  $SO_2$  reduces,  $Cl_2$ ,  $Br_2$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  etc

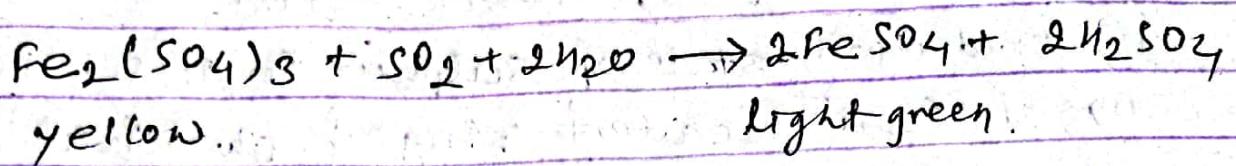
i) It reduces halogen to their respective halides.



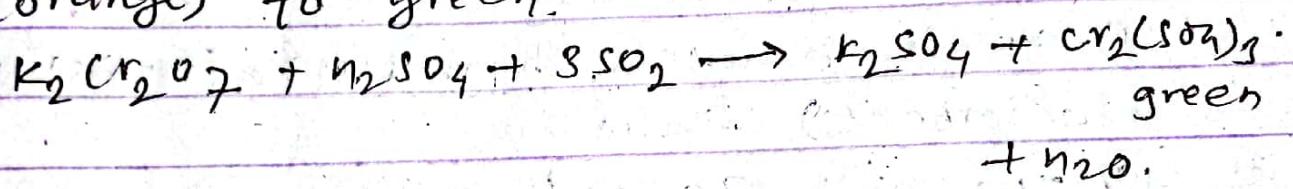
ii) It reduces potassium permagnent to colour colourless.



iii). It reduces ferric salt to ferrous salt -

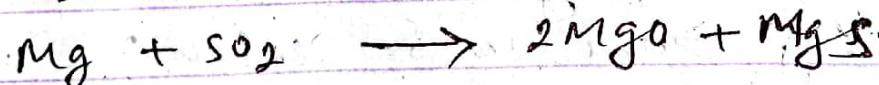
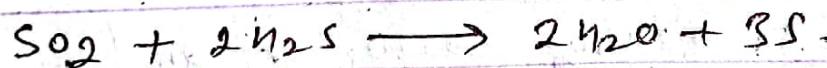


iv). It reduces oxidized ~~KMnO<sub>4</sub>~~  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  (orange) to green.



#### 4). Oxidising property

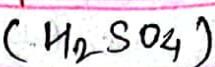
It reduces powerful reducing agents like  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{Mg}$ ,  $\text{Na}$ ,  $\text{HI}$  etc.



#### USES OF $\text{SO}_2$ :

- i) used for the manufacture of sulphuric acid, sulphurous acid.
- ii). used for bleaching delicate articles like, silk, wool, hair etc. and in sugar industry for decolorising can sugar solution.
- iii). used as disinfectant, fungicide, and preservative.

## Sulphuric acid:



- I) It is common mineral acid.
- II) Oxidation state of sulphur in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is +6
- III) It is also called king of chemical due to high consumption in world.

### 2. Physical properties-

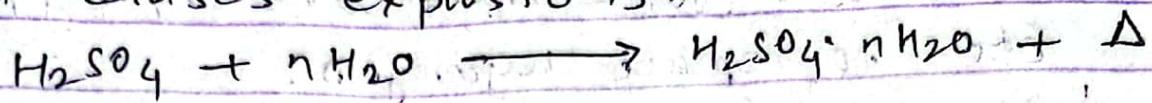
- I) It is colourless, hygroscopic (moisture adsorbent) liquid.
- II) Its high B.p. and viscous nature is due to intermolecular hydrogen bonding among  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  molecules.
- III) Pure  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is covalent compound so bad conductor of electricity but aqueous  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  conducts electricity.
- IV) It is highly corrosive and produce burning sensation on skin.

Question - How concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is diluted?

conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is diluted by adding acid slowly to water with constant stirring and not by adding water to acid.

when water is added on acid a large amount of heat is produced which spurt the acid out of container. The produced heat evapourates the water

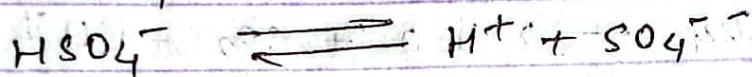
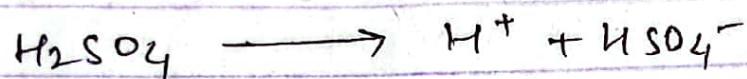
dibasic → two replaceable hydrogen,  
and causes explosions.



### CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

#### 17. Acidic nature.

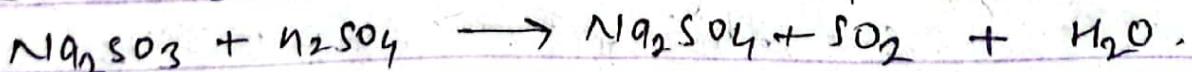
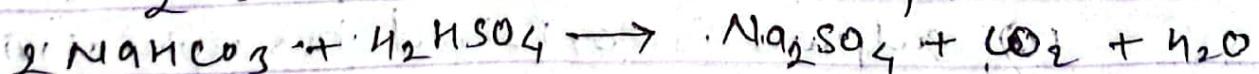
strong dibasic acid and it ionizes in  
two steps.



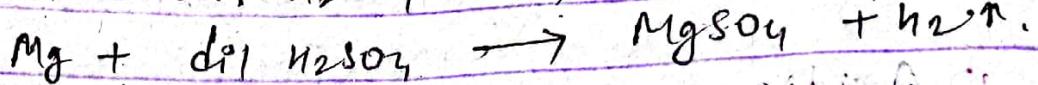
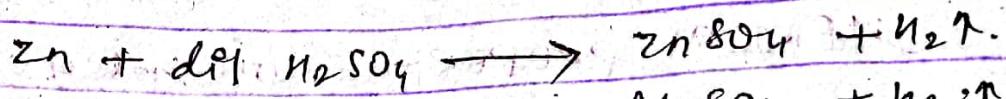
Being diprotic acid it gives two series of  
salts, like bisulphate and sulphate.



It neutralizes alkalis, basic oxides to  
form salts and water.  $\text{CO}_2$  evolves from  
carbonate and bicarbonates and  $\text{SO}_2$  gas  
from sulphite and bisulphites.

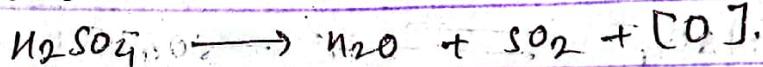


⑥ It reacts with metal like Zn, Mg, Fe etc to replace hydrogen.



## 2) Oxidizing properties

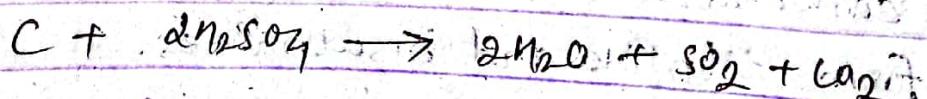
Hot conc.  $H_2SO_4$  act as an oxidising agent



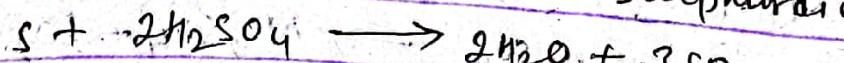
① This nascent oxygen oxidizes non-metals

H<sub>2</sub>S to S

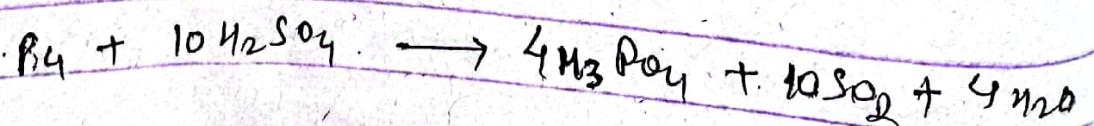
e.g. 1) carbon is oxidized to  $CO_2$ .



2) sulphur is oxidized to sulphur dioxide

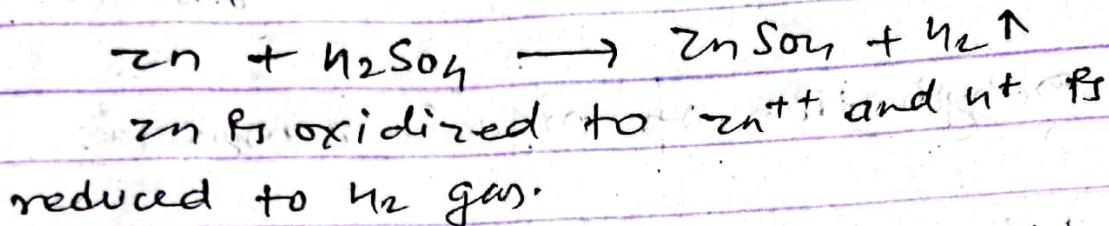


3) phosphorous is oxidized to phosphoric acid.

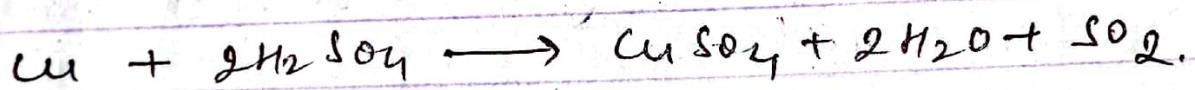


### ⑥ with metal.

1) More electropositive metal like Zn, Fe, Mg, Al reduce dil.  $H_2SO_4$  to  $H_2$  but get oxidized to metal sulphates.



2) Hot and conc.  $H_2SO_4$  oxidizes Zn, Cu, Ag to metal sulphates but  $H_2SO_4$  is reduced to  $SO_2$ .

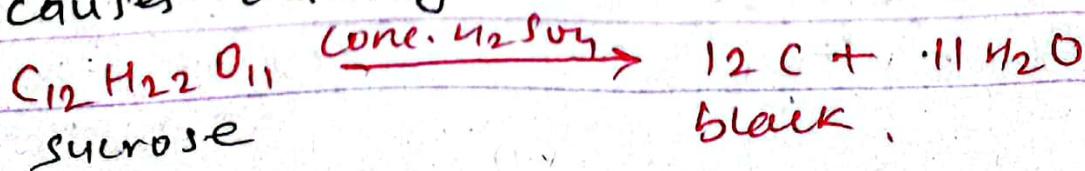


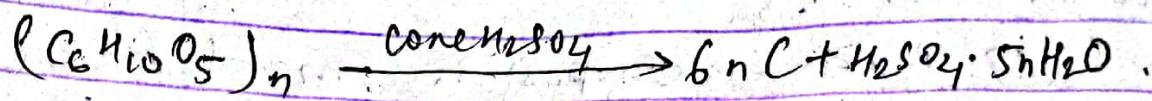
### ③ Dehydrating properties.

$H_2SO_4$  is strong dehydrating agent. It has strong affinity for water, decomposes compounds like cellulose, paper, wood, sucrose, by removing elements of water.

### ④ Charring action.

When conc.  $H_2SO_4$  is kept in sugar, wood, paper etc. it extracts water and causes charring.

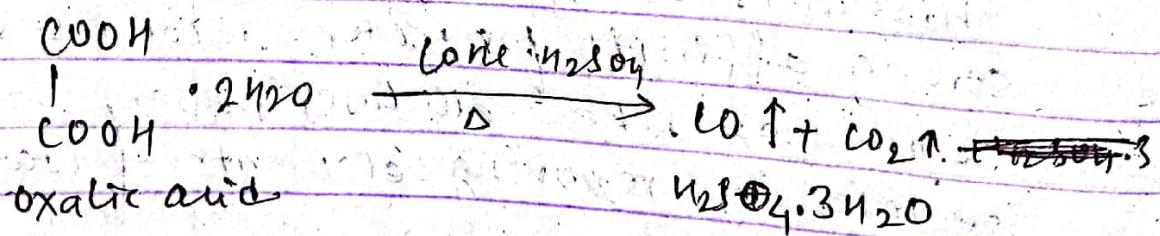
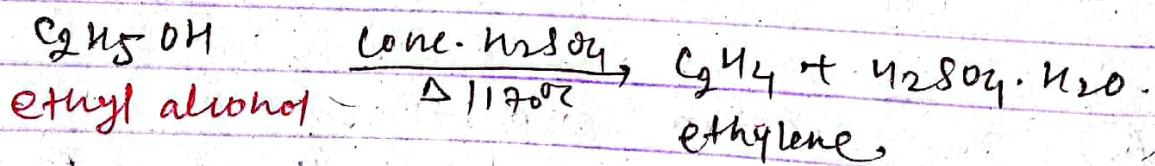
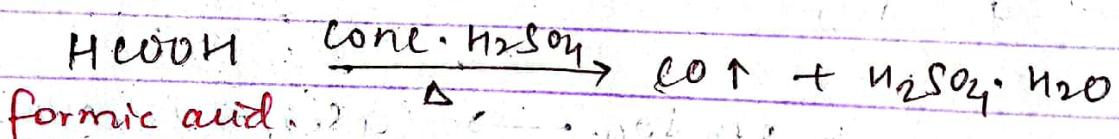




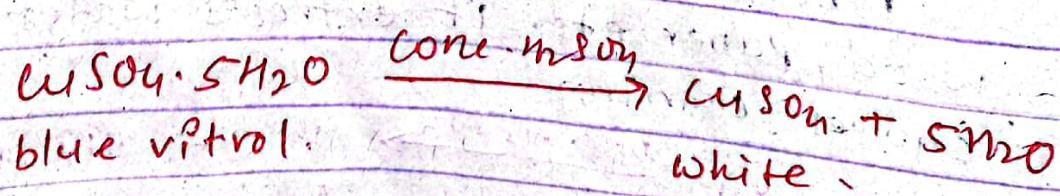
When something is written on paper by conc  $H_2SO_4$  black letter will be observed.

117) Dehydration of organic compound:-

When  $H_2SO_4$  is dropped on oxalic acid formic acid, and ethyl alcohol, it removes elements of water from them.



iii) It removes water of crystallization from hydrated salts. e.g.,



## Uses of $H_2SO_4$ .

- i). Used for manufacture of dyes, drugs, explosive, fertilizer, paints, pigments etc.
- ii). Used for manufacture of  $HCl$ ,  $HNO_3$ ,  $H_3PO_4$  etc.
- iii). Used to manufacture of nitrocellulose products like cotton, wool, rayon, rubber etc
- iv). used as laboratory reagent
- v). Used for refining petroleum,

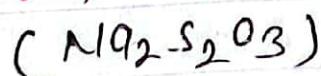
## Test of $H_2SO_4$

When Barium sulphate is added to  $H_2SO_4$  solution white ppt is formed.



~~sodium~~

sodium thiosulphate



It is sodium salt of thiosulphuric acid.

It is commonly called hypo.

Hydrated structure of  ~~$S_2O_3$~~  molecular formula is  $Na_2S_2O_3 \cdot 5H_2O$ .

→ It is used in photography.

→ Used as laboratory reagent to estimate iodine in titration.