# Revision Notes on Hydrogen:

## **Hydrogen Element:**

- Atomic number = Mass Number = 1
- Isotopes of hydrogen:
  - ∘ <sup>1</sup>H<sub>1</sub>: Protium, Most abundant in nature
  - ° <sup>2</sup>H<sub>1:</sub> Deuterium (D), Component of heavy water.
  - o 3H<sub>1</sub>: Tritium (T), Radioactive in nature

# Dihydrogen:

### a. Laboratory preparation:

Reaction of metals with acids.  $Zn + H^{+}\square Zn^{2+} + H_{2}$ 

#### b. Commercial Preparation:

- 1. Electrolysis of acidified water
- 2. Electrolysis of warm aqueous Ba(OH) 2 between nickel electrodes.
- 3. By-product in the manufacture of NaOH and Cl2 by electrolysis of brine solution.
- 4. Reaction of steam and hydrocarbons at high temperatures

### c. Properties:

- Reaction with halogen: H<sub>2</sub> +X<sub>2</sub> 2HX [X= F, Cl, Br, I]
- Reaction with oxygen:  $H_2(g) + O_2(g) + \Delta \square 2H_2O(l) \qquad \Delta H^0 = -285.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$
- Reaction with nitrogen:  $3H_2(g) + N_2(g) + \Delta \square 2NH_3(l) \Delta H^0 = -92 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$
- Reaction with alkali metals: 3H<sub>2</sub>(g) +2M(g) + Δ □ 2MX(s)

### **Uses of Hydrogen:**

- Used for synthesis of ammonia and vanaspati fat and many other products.
- Used as rocket fuel.
- Used in hydrogen fuel cells.

### **Hard Water:**

a) Water containing carbonate, chloride and sulphate salts of calcium and magnesium.

Temporary hardens is due to the presence of carbonate salts and can be removed by boiling or by

adding lime water.

$$Ca(HCO3)_2 + Ca(OH)_2 \square 2CaCO_3 \square + 2H_2O$$

$$Ca(HCO_3)_2 + \Delta \square 2CaCO_3\square + 2H_2O + CO_2\square$$

Permanent hardness is due to presence of sulphate and chloride salts and can be removed by treatment with washing soda.

$$MCl_2 + Na_2CO_3 \square MCO_3 \square + 2NaCl (M=Mg, Ca)$$

$$MSO_4 + Na_2CO_3 \square MCO_3 \square + Na_2SO_4$$
 (  $M = Mg, Ca$ )

b)Hard water forms scum/precipitate with soap:

$$2C_{17}H_{35}COONa(aq) + M^{2*}(aq) \rightarrow$$

$$(C_{17}H_{35}COO)_2 M \downarrow +2Na^*(aq); Mis Ca/Mg$$

# **Heavy water:**

- Molecular formula: D<sub>2</sub>O
- 10.68% denser than ordinary water
- Freezing point 3.8 <sup>0</sup>C
- Unfit for drinking and causes sterility.

# Hydrogen peroxide:

### a. Preparation:

Lab Method:

$$Na_2O_2(s) + H_2SO_4(aq) --> H_2O_2(aq) + Na_2SO_4(s)$$

$$BaO_2.8H_2O + H_2SO_4(aq) --> H_2O_2(aq) + BaSO_4(s)$$

Anhydrous barium oxide is not used because the precipitated  $BaSO_4$  forms a protective layer on the unreacted barium peroxide and thus prevents its further participation in the reaction. However it can be overcome by using phosphoric acid.

By Electrolysis:

$$2H_2SO_4(aq) \xrightarrow{\quad \text{electrolysis} \quad} H_2S_2O_8\left(aq\right) + H_2(g)$$

$$H_2S_2O_8(aq) \xrightarrow{2H_2O} 2H_2SO_4(aq) + H_2O_2(aq)$$

By the auto-oxidation of 2-ethyl anthraquinol. The net reaction is a catalytic union of  $H_2$  and  $O_2$  to yield hydrogen peroxide.

2-ethyl anthraquinol 
$$\frac{O_2(air)}{H_2(Pd)}$$
 (oxidised product) +  $H_2O_2$ 

#### b. Properties

i) Unstable liquid, decomposes to give water and dioxygen and the reaction is slow in the absence of catalyst. It is catalysed by certain metal ions, metal powders and metal oxides.

$$2H_2O_2(I) \square 2H_2O(I) + O_2(g)$$

ii) It is a very powerful oxidising agent and poor reducing agent.

### As oxidising agent

In acidic medium:  $H_2O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \square 2H_2O$ 

In basic medium : $H_2O_2 + OH^- + 2e^- \square 3OH^-$ 

### As reducing agent

In acidic medium:  $H_2O_2 \square 2H^+ + O_2 + 2e^-$ 

In basic medium:  $H_2O_2 + 2OH^- \square 2H_2O + O_2 + 2e^-$ 

$$2Fe^{2+} + H_2O_2 + 2H^+ \square 2Fe^{3+} + 2H_2O$$

 $2MnO_4^- + 5H_2O_2 + 6H^+ \square 2Mn^{2+} + 8H_2O + 5O_2$ 

$$Mn^{2+} + H_2O_2 --> Mn^{+4} + 2OH^{-}$$

$$2Fe^{3+} + H_2O_2 + 2OH^- \square 2Fe^{2+} + 2H_2O + O_2$$

The oxidising property of hydrogen peroxide is put to use in the **restoration of old paintings**, where the original white lead paint has been converted to black PbS by the  $H_2S$  in the atmosphere. Hydrogen peroxide oxidises the black PbS into white PbSO<sub>4</sub>.

$$PbS(s) + 4H_2O_2(aq) --> PbSO_4(s) + 4H_2O$$

black white

#### c. Tests:

- It liberates iodine from potassium iodide in presence of ferrous sulphate
- Acidified solution of dichromate ion forms a deep blue colour with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> due to the formation of CrO<sub>5</sub>.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 4H_2O_2 + 2H^+ \square 2CrO_5 + 5H_2O$$

• With a solution of titanium oxide in conc.H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, it gives orange colour due to the formation of pertitanic acid.

$$Ti^{4+} + H_2O_2 + 2H_2O \square H_2TiO_4 + 4H^+$$