

# BYJU'S Classes

## p-Block Elements



# p-Block Elements

Group **13 to 18** of the periodic table of elements constitute the p-block.



# Recall!

General **valence shell**  
electronic configuration



Except He:  $1s^2$

# p-Block Elements

The highest oxidation state of p-block elements is equal to **(group number-10)**.

# p-Block Elements

In groups 13 to 16

Down  
the group

Stability of  
O.S. = Highest group O.S. – 2



Due to **inert  
pair effect**



## Recall!

B

Inert pair effect

Due to **poor shielding**  
of intervening **d & f-orbitals**

**Increased  $Z_{\text{eff}}$**  holds  **$ns^2$**   
electrons **tightly**

**$ns^2$**  electrons **do not**  
**participate** in bonding

## Point to be Noted

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The inert-pair effect predominates only in the **sixth period** of the p-block.

# Anomalous Behaviour

The **first member** of each group from 13-17 of the p-block elements



**Differs** in many respects from the other members of their respective groups.



This is because of the **small size, high electronegativity, and absence of d-orbitals.**

# Anomalous Behaviour

**The first member** of the group has a **greater ability** to form (as compared to other members of the same group)

$p\pi-p\pi$  multiple bonds

With itself

Example:  $C=C$ ,  
 $C\equiv C$ ,  $N\equiv N$  ✓

With elements  
of 2<sup>nd</sup> period

Example:  $C=O$ ,  
 $C=N$ ,  $C\equiv N$ ,  $N=O$

# p-Block Elements



# Group 15 Elements

Nitrogen ( $\text{N}_{7}^{14}$ )

Phosphorus ( $\text{P}_{15}^{31}$ )

Arsenic ( $\text{As}_{33}^{75}$ )

Antimony ( $\text{Sb}_{51}^{122}$ )

Bismuth ( $\text{Bi}_{83}^{209}$ )

Non-metals

Metalloids

Metals

# Group 15 Elements

B

## Nitrogen(N)

**Liquid nitrogen uses** – Coolant, cold storage, cryotherapy

## Phosphorus(P)

### **Phosphorus over matchstick**

When you rub the match stick on the box, you get friction, which means you get heat. This heat causes a small amount of the phosphorus chain to be broken apart and then it starts burning.

# Group 15 Elements

**Arsenic(As)**

Poisonous

**Antimony(Sb)**

Used in batteries, cable

**Bismuth(Bi)**

Used in alloys

## Group 15 elements

Occurrence

Atomic properties

Physical properties

Chemical properties

# Occurrence

# Nitrogen

1

Molecular nitrogen comprises **78%** of earth's atmosphere by **mass**.

2

It is an essential constituent of **proteins** and **amino acids**.

3

It occurs as **sodium nitrate**,  $\text{NaNO}_3$  (known as Chile saltpetre) & potassium nitrate (Indian saltpetre).

# Phosphorus

B

1

Phosphorus occurs in minerals of the apatite family,  $\text{Ca}_9(\text{PO}_4)_6 \cdot \text{CaX}_2$  (X = F, Cl, or OH) which are the main components of phosphate rocks.

Example

Fluorapatite  
 $\text{Ca}_9(\text{PO}_4)_6 \cdot \text{CaF}_2$

2

Phosphorus is an essential constituent of **animal and plant matter**.

**Organic matter: Source of phosphorus**

# Other Elements

**Arsenic, antimony,**  
and **bismuth** are  
found mainly as  
sulphide minerals.

# Atomic properties

Electronic configuration

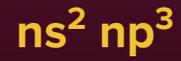
Covalent & ionic radii

Ionisation enthalpy

Electronegativity

# Electronic Configuration

Valence shell  
electronic  
configuration



# Electronic Configuration



Completely filled

Half filled

Extra stability

# Electronic Configuration

Elements	Electronic configuration
Nitrogen	$[\text{He}] 2s^2 2p^3$
Phosphorus <sup>15</sup>	$[\text{Ne}] 3s^2 3p^3$
Arsenic	$[\text{Ar}] 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^3$
Antimony	$[\text{Kr}] 4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^3$
Bismuth	$[\text{Xe}] 4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^3$

# Covalent and Ionic Radii



Down the group

Covalent and ionic radii ↑

In a particular  
oxidation state ✓

# Covalent Radii

Down the group

From N to P

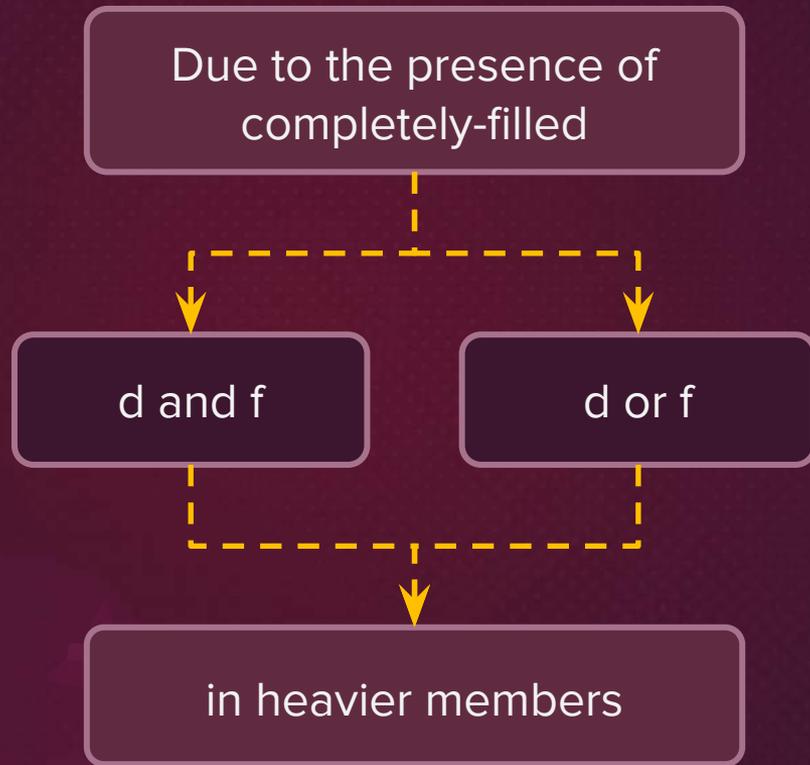
There is a  
**considerable**  
**increase**

From As to Bi

Only a **small**  
**increase** in  
covalent radius

# Covalent Radii

Reason 



# Ionisation Enthalpy

Down the group



Atomic size 

Ionisation enthalpy 

N

>

P

>

As

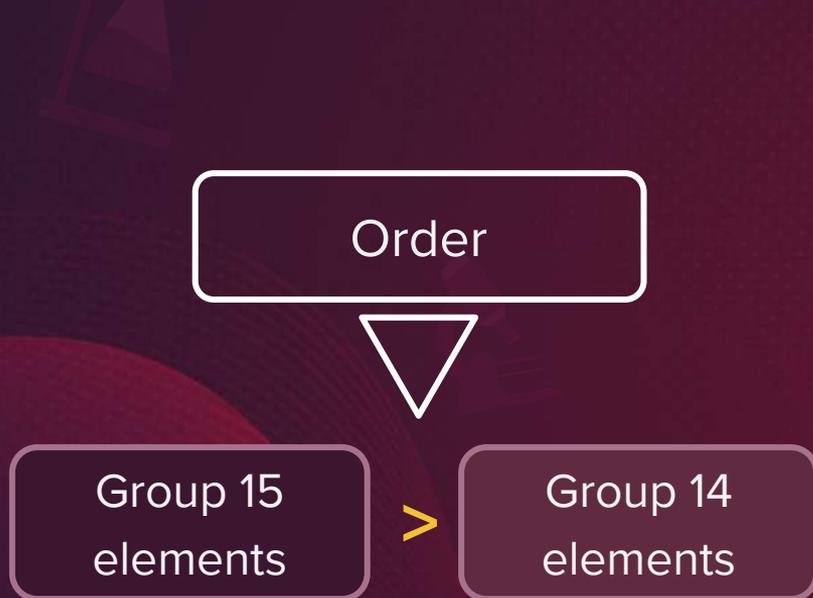
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Sb

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Bi

# Ionisation Enthalpy



Because of **extra stable half-filled p-orbital** and **smaller size**

# Ionisation Enthalpy



$$\Delta_i H_1 < \Delta_i H_2 < \Delta_i H_3 \quad \checkmark$$

The order of successive  
ionisation enthalpies



# Electronegativity

Down the group

Atomic size ↑

Electronegativity ↓

N

>

P

>

As

>

Sb

>

Bi

In heavier elements,  
the difference is not  
that much pronounced.



Which of the following is the **correct order** of the specified property?



a

$N < P < As > Sb < Bi$   
(First ionisation enthalpy)

b

$N > P > As > Sb$   
(Electronegativity)

c

$N > P > As > Sb$   
(Covalent radii)

d

None of these



**In option (a);** First ionisation enthalpy is the energy required to remove the outermost electron and on moving down the group, size is increasing and electron is moving away from the nucleus which means the effective nuclear charge is decreasing on the outermost electron and hence, down the group, first ionisation enthalpy decreases regularly which means option (a) is not correct as it has random order here.

**In option (b);** Electronegativity is the tendency of an atom to attract the shared pair of electrons towards itself and it should regularly decrease on going down the group so option (b) is the correct answer.

**In option (c);** As we go down the group atomic size increases so covalent radii should increase on going down from N to Sb and hence option (c) is incorrect.



a

$N < P < As > Sb < Bi$   
(First ionisation enthalpy)

b

$N > P > As > Sb$   
(Electronegativity)

c

$N > P > As > Sb$   
(Covalent radii)

d

None of these

**Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.**

# Physical Properties

## Physical Properties

Atomicity

Physical state

Metallic character

Boiling points

Melting points

Allotropy

## 1. Atomicity

**All** the  
elements of  
group 15 are

**Polyatomic**

# Physical Properties

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## 2. State

$N_2$

**Diatomic** gas

All other  
are

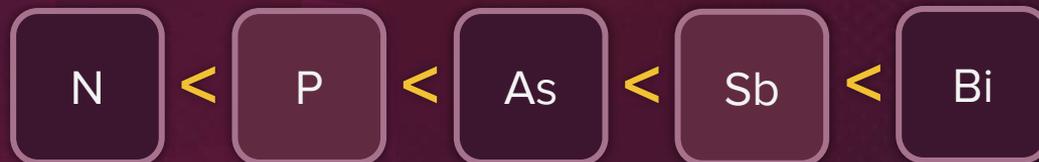
**Solids**

# Physical Properties

B

## 3. Metallic character

It's the tendency to lose electrons and as we are moving down the group, size increase and hence the tendency to lose electrons increases i.e., ionisation enthalpy and electronegativity decreases and hence the metallic character increases.



# Physical Properties

## 4. Boiling points

In general,

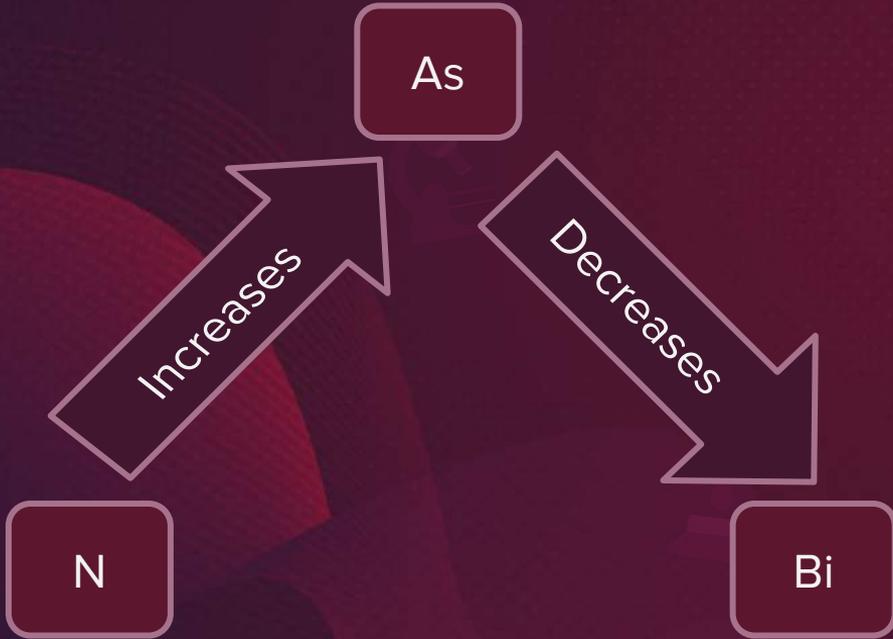


Exception

A yellow bracket is drawn under the Bi and Sb boxes, with a vertical line extending downwards to the word "Exception".

# Physical Properties

5. Melting points



## 6. Allotropy

When element exist in two or different forms, their different structural modifications called allotropes out of which one of the form is the most stable form.

All elements  
show allotropy

**Except  
nitrogen**



Which of the following element does **not** show **allotropy**?



a

P

b

Bi

c

Sb

d

N

### Solution

In group 15 elements, all elements show allotropy except nitrogen.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.



The **melting** point of group 15 elements:

B



a

Decreases on moving down the group

b

Increases on moving down the group

c

First decreases upto As and then increases.

d

First increases upto As and then decreases.



1) For boiling point, the graph was increasing up to Sb and then there was a gradual decrease from Sb to Bi.

2) For melting point, the graph is increasing up to As and then decreases from As to Bi.

**Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.**

a

Decreases on moving down the group

b

Increases on moving down the group

c

First decreases upto As and then increases.

d

First increases upto As and then decreases.

# Anomalous Properties of Nitrogen

Nitrogen differs from rest of the members of this group due to:

1

Smaller size

3

High ionisation enthalpy

2

High electronegativity

4

Unavailability of d-orbitals

# Anomalous Properties of Nitrogen

## Anomalous properties of nitrogen

Bonding

Covalency

Bonding

The catenation tendency is **weaker** in nitrogen.

A single N-N bond is **weaker** than a single P-P bond.

# Anomalous Properties of Nitrogen

Reason



High interelectronic repulsion of the non-bonding electrons

Owing to the **small bond length**

**Nitrogen** has some unique ability to form

$p\pi-p\pi$  multiple bonds

With itself

With other elements

Examples: C, O

Having small size and high electronegativity

# Anomalous Properties of Nitrogen

B

**$p\pi-p\pi$  bonding**

Heavier elements



**Do not form**  $p\pi-p\pi$  bonds

As their atomic orbitals are so **large**, and they **diffuse**

So that they cannot have **effective overlapping**

# Anomalous Properties of Nitrogen

Nitrogen exists as  
**diatomic molecule**

With a triple bond  
(one sigma and two pi)



Covalency

Another factor that affects the chemistry of nitrogen in the **absence of d-orbitals** in its valence shell.

# Anomalous Properties of Nitrogen

B

Besides restricting its covalency to **4**, nitrogen **cannot form a  $p\pi-d\pi$**  bond.

No d-orbital

It has one s and three p-orbitals for bonding

**Heavier elements** can form

**$d\pi-p\pi$**  bond

Eg:  $R_3P=O$  or  
 $R_3P=CH_2$   
(R: Alkyl group)



Which of the following properties **increases down the group** for nitrogen family?



- Electron gain enthalpy decreases down the group and Ionisation enthalpy also decreases due to increase in size on moving down the group.
- Boiling point in general increases on moving down the group.
- Electronegativity also decreases on going down the group

a

Electron gain enthalpy

b

Ionisation enthalpy

c

Boiling point

d

Electronegativity

**Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.**



Which of the following is the **correct** electronic configuration for arsenic?

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a



b



c



d



Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.



There is **considerable increase** in the covalent radius from N to P. However, there is only a **small increase** from Sb to Bi (of 7 pm). What is the **reason**?



a

Poor shielding by completely filled d- and f-orbitals in Bi

b

Similar electronegativity of Sb and Bi

c

The Bi being last element of the group

d

Similar densities of Sb and Bi



From N to P there is a considerable increase in radius but less increase in size from Sb to Bi is due to poor shielding by completely filled d- and f-orbitals in Bi.

a

Poor shielding by completely filled d- and f-orbitals in Bi

c

The Bi being last element of the group

b

Similar electronegativity of Sb and Bi

d

Similar densities of Sb and Bi

**Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**



In which of the following cases does the **inert-pair effect** plays an important role?

B



a

P

b

Bi

c

Sb

d

As



As we move go down the group, inert pair effect becomes more predominant so Bismuth is the correct answer as its  $6s^2$  electrons becomes inert.

a

P

b

Bi

c

Sb

d

As

**Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.**



Which of the following is **correct** statement?



**a** The valence shell electronic configuration of group 15 element is  $ns^2 np^4$

**b** Ionisation enthalpy increases down the group

**c** All the elements of group 15 are polyatomic

**d** Metallic character decreases down the group.

**Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.**



The **incorrect** statement is:



a

A single N-N bond is weaker than a single P-P bond.

b

Nitrogen exists as a diatomic molecule.

c

Electronic configuration of N is  $[\text{He}]2s^2 2p^3$ .

d

None of these

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

# Group 15 Elements

## Chemical Properties

Oxidation states and trends  
in a chemical reactivity

Reactivity towards hydrogen  
(hydrides)

Reactivity towards oxygen

Reactivity towards halogens

Reactivity towards metals

# Oxidation States and Stability

Common oxidation states

-3

+3

+5

# Oxidation States and Stability

B

Common oxidation states

-3

Reason

Down the group

Stability of **-3**  
oxidation state

**Decreases**

Due to **increase**  
in size and  
metallic character

# Oxidation States and Stability

+3

Down the group

Stability of **+3**  
oxidation state

**Increases**

$\text{Bi}^{3+}$

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$\text{Sb}^{3+}$

>

$\text{As}^{3+}$

Reason

Due to increase  
in the **inert-pair  
effect** down  
the group

# Oxidation States and Stability

+5

Down the group

Stability of **+5**  
oxidation state

**Decreases**

As<sup>5+</sup>

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Sb<sup>5+</sup>

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Bi<sup>5+</sup>

The only well-  
characterised  
Bi (V) compound

**BiF<sub>5</sub>**

# Other Oxidation States

Nitrogen

Exhibits

Large number of  
oxidation states  
from **-3 to +5**

When it reacts  
with oxygen

# Other Oxidation States

Nitrogen



Compound	O.S. of N
$\text{NH}_3$	-3
$\text{N}_2$	0
$\text{N}_2\text{O}$	+1
$\text{NO}$	+2
$\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$	+3
$\text{NO}_2/\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$	+4
$\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$	+5

# Other Oxidation States

Phosphorus



Shows **+1** and **+4**  
oxidation states  
in some oxoacids

# Disproportionation

B

Nitrogen

All oxidation  
states from **+1**  
to **+4**

tend to  
disproportionate  
in an **acid** solution.



# Disproportionation

Phosphorus

All intermediate  
oxidation states

disproportionate into  
**+5 and -3**

both in **alkaline**  
and **acidic medium**

# Disproportionation

As, Sb and Bi

The **+3** oxidation state becomes increasingly **stable**

with respect to **disproportionation**

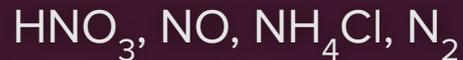


Which ordering of compounds is according to the decreasing order of the **oxidation states** of nitrogen?

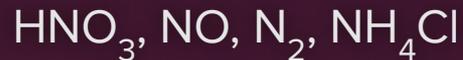
B



a



b



c



d



Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.



Which **gas is obtained** during the disproportionation reaction of  $\text{HNO}_2$ ?

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a



b



c



d



Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

# Group 15 Elements

## Chemical Properties

Oxidation states and trends  
in chemical reactivity

Reactivity towards hydrogen  
(hydrides)

Reactivity towards oxygen

Reactivity towards halogens

Reactivity towards metals

# Chemical Properties

All the elements  
form hydrides  
of the type



E = N, P, As, Sb or Bi

# Properties of Hydrides

Stability



Predicted from the  
bond dissociation  
enthalpy data

# Properties of Hydrides

Hydrides	$\Delta_{\text{diss}} H^{\circ} (\text{E-H}) (\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$
$\text{NH}_3$	389
$\text{PH}_3$	322
$\text{AsH}_3$	297
$\text{SbH}_3$	255
$\text{BiH}_3$	—

$\Delta_{\text{diss}} H^{\circ}$ : Bond dissociation enthalpy

# Properties of Hydrides

Reducing character



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Ammonia  
( $\text{NH}_3$ )

Mild reducing  
agent



Strong reducing  
agent

# Properties of Hydrides

Stability

Order of bond dissociation enthalpy

N-H

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P-H

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As-H

>

Sb-H

>

Bi-H

Can lose  
hydrogen easily

Has more  
**reducing power**

# Properties of Hydrides

Basicity



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# Properties of Hydrides

Boiling point



van der Waals forces in bigger  
**Sb** molecules **dominates**  
**the H-bonding** in ammonia

# Properties of Hydrides

Melting point



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# Reactivity Towards Oxygen

All the elements  
form two types  
of oxides



E = N, P, As, Sb or Bi

# Reactivity Towards Oxygen

The oxide in the higher  
oxidation state of the element

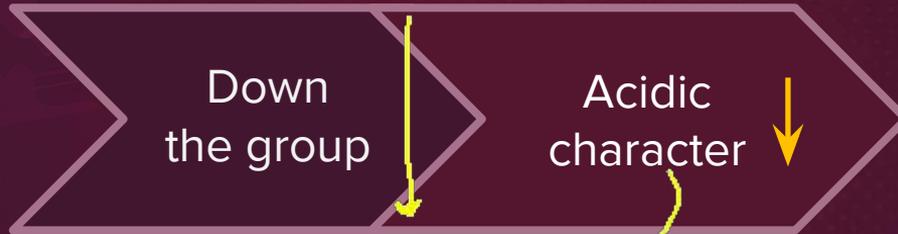
is **more acidic**

than that of the lower  
oxidation state

# Reactivity Towards Oxygen



acidic char. ↓



# For E<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Type Oxides

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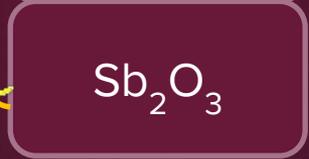
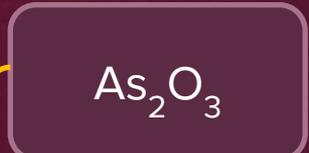
≤ +3

metal oxides: basic  
non-metal ox: acidic  
metalloid oxides: amphoteric

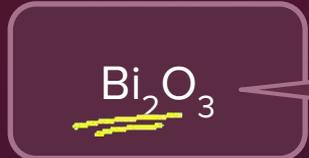
most impl.



Acidic



Amphoteric



Basic



## Note

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The oxides in lower oxidation state (i.e., **+3**) will act as **reducing reagents**.

Down  
the group

Reducing  
power ↓

# Group 15 Elements

## Chemical Properties

Oxidation states and trends in chemical reactivity

Reactivity towards hydrogen (hydrides)

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Reactivity towards metals

# Reactivity Towards Halogens

These elements  
react to form two  
series of halides



E = N, P, As, Sb or Bi

# Reactivity Towards Halogens

B

Trihalides ( $\text{MX}_3$ )

Except  $\text{NX}_3$

All trihalides  
are stable

$\text{NF}_3$  is the only stable  
halide of nitrogen

# Reactivity Towards Halogens

B

Pentahalides ( $MX_5$ )

All elements  
form pentahalides

Except  
**nitrogen (N)**

Due to the  
non-availability  
of d-orbital

# Reactivity Towards Halogens

B

Reason

Pentahalides are **more covalent** than trihalides.



Polarising power

Elements  
in '+5' O.S

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Elements  
in '+3' O.S

more  
covalent

more



## Note

B

Stability of  
halides

For a given  
element of group 15





Based on the compounds of **group 15** elements, the **incorrect statement** is:



a

$\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_5$  is more basic than  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$

b

$\text{NF}_3$  is more covalent than  $\text{BiF}_3$

c

$\text{PH}_3$  boils at a lower temperature than  $\text{NH}_3$

d

The N–N single bond is stronger than the P–P single bond

### Solution

**Hence, option d is the correct answer.**

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In case of nitrogen,  $\text{NCl}_3$  is possible but not  $\text{NCl}_5$  while in case of phosphorus,  $\text{PCl}_3$  as well as  $\text{PCl}_5$  are possible. It is due to:

B

a

Availability of vacant d-orbitals in P but not in N

b

Lower electronegativity of P than that of N

c

Lower tendency of H-bond formation in P than that in N

d

Occurrence of P in solid state but N in gaseous state at room temperature

**Solution**

Hence, option a is the correct answer.

# Reactivity Towards Metals

All these elements **react**  
**with metals** to form



their binary compounds  
exhibiting **-3** oxidation state

# Reactivity Towards Metals

## Examples

$\text{Ca}_3\text{N}_2$   
(Calcium nitride)

$\text{Ca}_3\text{P}_2$   
(Calcium phosphide)

$\text{Na}_3\text{As}$   
(Sodium arsenide)

$\text{Zn}_3\text{Sb}_2$   
(Zinc antimonide)

$\text{Mg}_3\text{Bi}_2$   
(Magnesium bismuthide)

# Nitrogen-Containing Compounds

Nitrogen-Containing  
Compounds

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graph TD; A[Nitrogen-Containing Compounds] --> B[Dinitrogen (N2)]; A --> C[Ammonia (NH3)]; A --> D[Oxides of nitrogen]; A --> E[Oxoacids of nitrogen];
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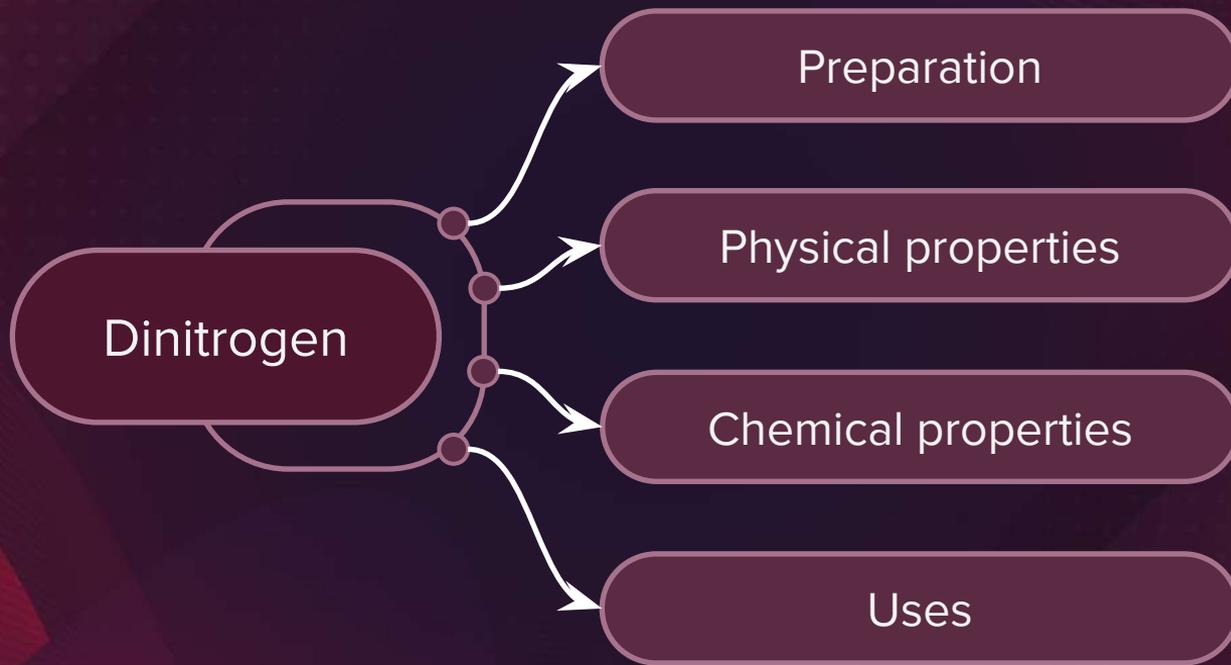
Dinitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ )

Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ )

Oxides of nitrogen

Oxoacids of nitrogen

# Dinitrogen ( $N_2$ )



# Preparation of Dinitrogen ( $N_2$ )

Industrial

From liquefied air by  
fractional distillation

B.P. 77.2 K

Liquid dinitrogen  
distils out first, leaving  
behind liquid oxygen

B.P. 90 K

# Preparation of Dinitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>)

▶ In the laboratory

Obtained by making **ammonium nitrite** and then warming it.



▶ By heating ammonium nitrite



# Preparation of Dinitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>)

By thermal decomposition



Barium azide

Very pure



Sodium azide

Very pure

# Physical Properties



Colourless, odourless,  
tasteless, and  
non-toxic gas



Has very low solubility  
in water

# Physical Properties

B



N<sub>2</sub> is inert at room temperature

because of the high bond enthalpy of **N≡N** bond.

Reactivity **increases** rapidly with rise in **temperature**, *beyond*

1500°C

# Chemical Properties

At higher temperatures

With metals

It directly combines with some metals to form predominantly **ionic nitrides**.

With non-metals

It forms covalent nitrides

# Chemical Properties

## Examples



# Chemical Properties

Haber's process



$\text{N}_2$  combines with **hydrogen** at about 773 K,  $P = 202600$  kPa, in the presence of a catalyst ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  mixed with  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ , and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ )

Industrial  
manufacture of  $\text{NH}_3$

# Chemical Properties

## Examples



$$\Delta_r H^0$$

$$=$$

$$-92 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

# Chemical Properties



Dinitrogen combines with dioxygen only at a very high temperature

to form **nitric oxide** (NO)

at about 2000 K





**Assertion:** Nitrogen and oxygen are the main components of the atmosphere, but these do not react to form oxides of nitrogen.

**Reason:** The reaction between nitrogen and oxygen requires high temperature.



B

**a**

Both the assertion and reason are correct, and the reason is the correct explanation for the assertion.

**b**

Both the assertion and reason are correct, but the reason is not the correct explanation for the assertion.



**Assertion:** Nitrogen and oxygen are the main components of the atmosphere, but these do not react to form oxides of nitrogen.

**Reason:** The reaction between nitrogen and oxygen requires high temperature.



c

The assertion is incorrect, but the reason is correct.

### Solution

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**

d

Both the assertion and the reason are incorrect.

# Uses



In the **manufacture of ammonia** and other industrial chemicals containing nitrogen

Example

**Calcium cyanamide**

# Uses



It also finds use where,  
an **inert atmosphere**  
is required.

Example

In the iron and steel  
industry, **inert diluent**  
for reactive chemicals

# Uses



Liquid dinitrogen is used as a **refrigerant**

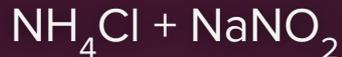
to preserve biological materials, food items, and in cryosurgery



Extra pure  $N_2$  can be obtained by heating:

B

a



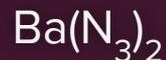
c



b



d



### Solution

Very pure nitrogen can be obtained by the thermal decomposition of  $Ba(N_3)_2$  or  $NaN_3$ .  
Hence, option d is the correct answer.



B

Nitrogen is best obtained by the thermal decomposition of which one of the following?



**Solution**

Hence, option d is the correct answer.



The **correct statement** with respect to **dinitrogen** is:

B



a

$N_2$  is paramagnetic in nature

b

It can combine with dioxygen at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

c

Liquid dinitrogen is not used in cryosurgery

d

It can be used as an inert diluent  
for reactive chemicals



$N_2$  is diamagnetic.

Dinitrogen combines with dioxygen only at **very high temperature** (at about 2000 K) to form nitric oxide

Liquid dinitrogen is used as a refrigerant to preserve biological materials, food items and in cryosurgery

Use in iron and steel industry, inert diluent for reactive chemicals.

**Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.**



Which of the following order is **wrong**?

B



a

$\text{NH}_3 < \text{PH}_3 < \text{AsH}_3$  - acidic

b

$\text{Li} < \text{Be} < \text{B} < \text{C}$  - 1<sup>st</sup> I.P.

c

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < \text{MgO} < \text{Na}_2\text{O} < \text{K}_2\text{O}$  - basic

d

$\text{Li}^+ < \text{Na}^+ < \text{K}^+ < \text{Cs}^+$  - ionic radius

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.



The **basic character of hydrides** of the V group elements decreases in the order:

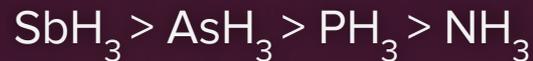
B



a



b



c



d



Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.



Which of the following statement is **not correct** for **nitrogen**?

B

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- a Its electronegativity is very high.
- b d-orbitals are available for bonding.
- c It is a typical non-metal.
- d Its molecular size is small.

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.



What is the **sum of the highest and lowest oxidation states** for nitrogen family?

B



a 3

b 4

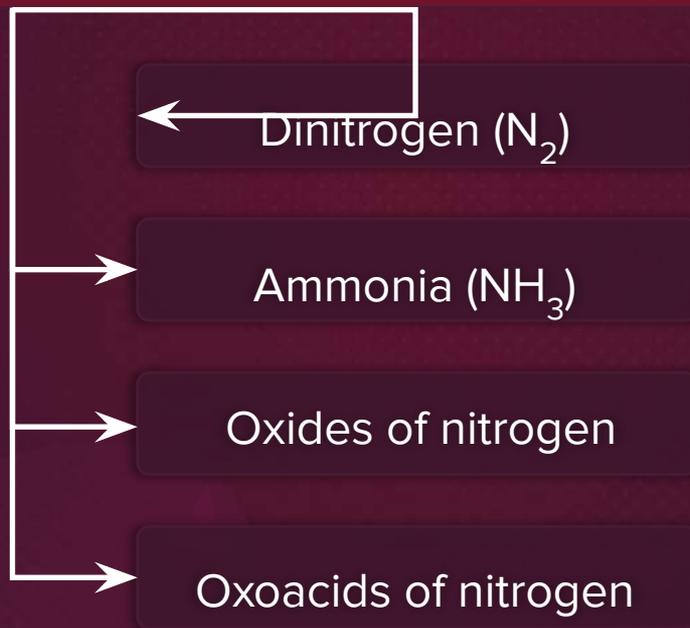
c 2

d 5

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

# Nitrogen-Containing Compounds

## Nitrogen-Containing Compounds



# Nitrogen-Containing Compounds

Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ )

Ammonia

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graph LR; A((Ammonia)) --- B[a Preparation]; A --- C[b Physical properties]; A --- D[c Chemical properties]; A --- E[d Uses];
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**a**

Preparation

**b**

Physical properties

**c**

Chemical properties

**d**

Uses

Ammonia finds great applications in the hair dye industry.

# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

a

## Preparation



Ammonia is present in small quantities in air and soil.

It is formed by the decay of **nitrogenous organic matter.**

Example

=

Urea

# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

B



# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

On small scale



Obtained from **ammonium salts** that decompose

When treated with **caustic soda** or calcium hydroxide

# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

B

On small scale



# Haber's Process

On large scale

Manufactured by **Haber's process**



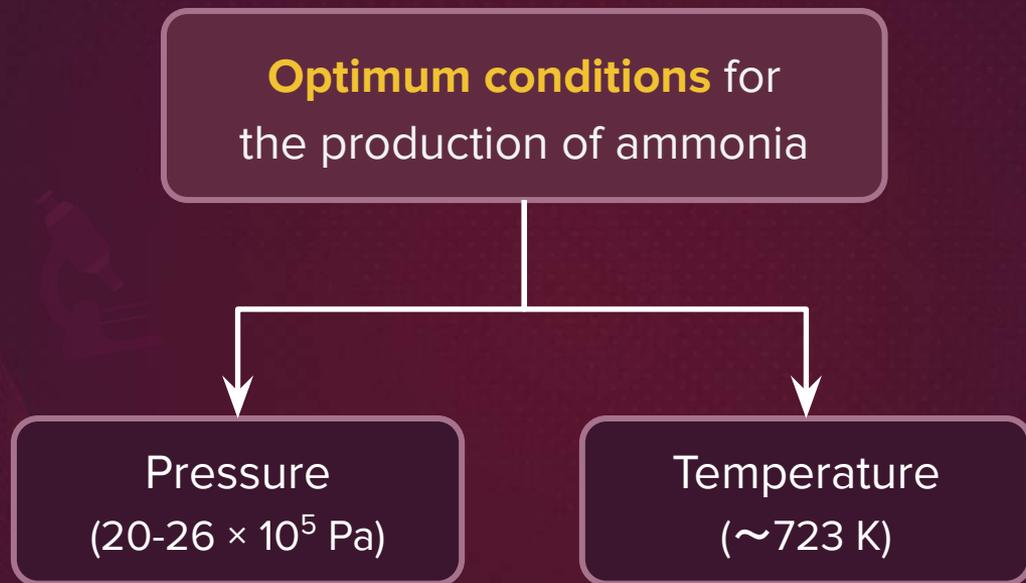
$\Delta_r H^\circ (298 \text{ K})$

=

$-92 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

As per Le Chatelier's principle, "**high pressure** would **favour** the formation of ammonia".

# Haber's Process



# Haber's Process

B

Catalyst 

The **activation barrier** for the dissociation of  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$  in the gas phase is **very high**.



**Without a catalyst**, the reaction between  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$  occurs **slowly**.

**Iron oxide** with small amount of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

Earlier, iron was used as a catalyst with **molybdenum (Mo)** as a promoter.

# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

## b Physical properties

1 Colourless gas

2 Pungent odour

3 Freezing point is 195.5 K

4 Boiling point is 240 K

# Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ )



In solid and liquid state

It is associated through  
**hydrogen bonds.**

Same as water

# Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ )

In solid and  
liquid state



Due to this **association**

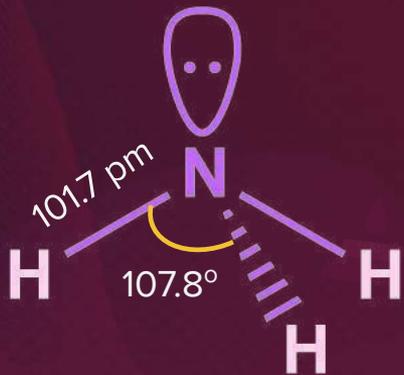
It has **higher melting and boiling points** than expected.

# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

6

Structure

**Trigonal pyramidal**



# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

Solubility



**Highly soluble** in water



The aqueous solution is **weakly basic** due to the formation of OH<sup>-</sup>.

# Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ )

c Chemical properties

## Chemical Properties

Ammonia as base

Thermal decomposition  
of ammonium salts

## Chemical Properties

Ammonia as base

Reaction with acids

Reaction with metal salt

Complex formation

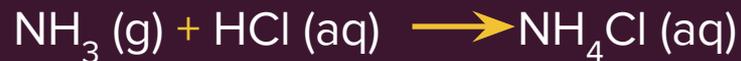
# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

Ammonia  
as base



It forms ammonium salts with acids.

Reaction with acids



# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

B

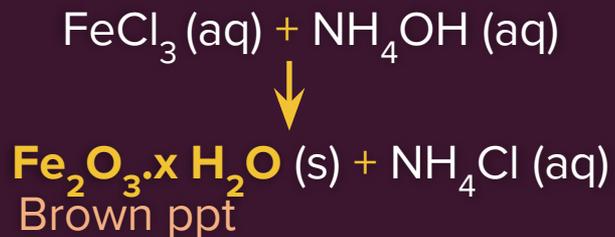
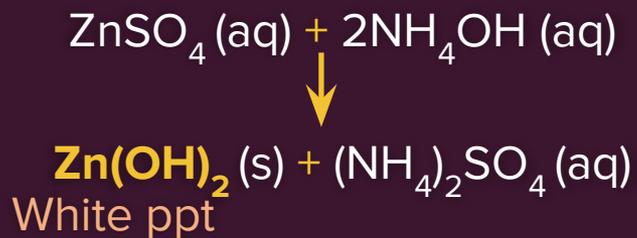
Ammonia  
as base

Reaction with metal salt

As a **weak base**, it precipitates the hydroxides of many metals from their salt solutions.

# Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)

Ammonia  
as base



# Chemical Properties

B

## Ammonia with $\text{ZnSO}_4$

The products, zinc hydroxide is shown by the white precipitates. In this reaction, ions of sulphate and hydroxide are exchanged. Hence, it is a double decomposition reaction.

# Chemical Properties

B

Ammonia  
as base

Complex formation

The presence  
of a **lone pair** of  
electrons on the  
nitrogen atom of  
ammonia

Makes it a  
**Lewis base**

# Chemical Properties

It donates the electron pair and forms **linkage with metal ions.**

The formation of such complex compounds finds applications in **detection of metal ions.**

# Chemical Properties

Complex  
formation



Blue

Deep blue



Colourless

# Chemical Properties

Complex  
formation



Colourless

White ppt



White ppt

Colourless

# Chemical Properties of Ammonia

## Chemical Properties

Ammonia as base

Thermal decomposition  
of ammonium salts

Ammonium salts **decompose**  
quite readily on heating.

# Chemical Properties of Ammonia

B

Example:  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  
 $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  or  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$

If the anion is **not oxidising**,  
then **ammonia** is evolved.



# Chemical Properties of Ammonia

B

Example:



If the anion is **more oxidising** then  $\text{NH}_4^+$  is oxidised to  **$\text{N}_2$  or  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$** .



# Uses of Ammonia

d

Uses

1

Used to produce various  
**nitrogenous fertilisers**

Fertilisers

← Ammonium nitrate

→ Ammonium sulphate

→ Ammonium phosphate

→ Urea

etc.

# Uses of Ammonia

## Refrigerant

Liquid ammonia is also used as a **refrigerant**.

2

?

B



What is (D)?

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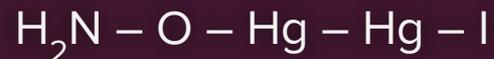
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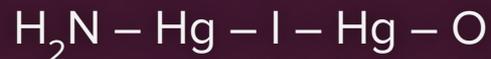
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c



d





B

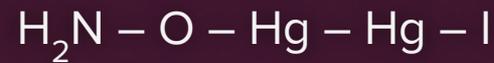
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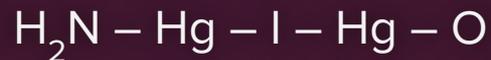
b



c



d



Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.



Regular use of which of the following fertilisers **increases the acidity** of soil?



a

Ammonium sulphate

b

Potassium nitrate

c

Urea

d

Superphosphate of lime

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.



$\text{NH}_3$  can't be obtained by:

B



a

Heating of  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$   
or  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_2$

b

Heating of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$   
or  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$

c

Heating of  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$   
with  $\text{NaOH}$

d

Reaction of  $\text{AlN}$  or  $\text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2$   
or  $\text{CaCN}_2$  with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

# Oxides of Nitrogen

Nitrogen forms a  
**number of oxides**

In **different** oxidation states

## Oxides of Nitrogen

Dinitrogen oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ )

Nitrogen monoxide ( $\text{NO}$ )

Dinitrogen trioxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ )

Nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ )

Dinitrogen tetroxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ )

Dinitrogen pentoxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ )

# Dinitrogen Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)



This reaction was involved in the Beirut, Lebanon blast.

On August 4, 2020, one of the world's biggest-ever, non-nuclear explosions destroyed much of Beirut's port and devastated swaths of the capital. The blast was caused by a fire in a warehouse which Lebanese authorities admit held a vast stockpile of ammonium nitrate for six years.

# Dinitrogen Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)

Preparation



# Dinitrogen Oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ )

Oxidation state

 $2x$ 

+

 $-2$ 

=

0

 $x$ 

=

+1

O.S of nitrogen

# Dinitrogen Oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ )

Physical appearance  
and chemical nature



1

Stable

2

Relatively unreactive

3

Colourless gas

4

Neutral oxide

# Dinitrogen Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)

Structure





## Note



$\text{N}_2\text{O}$  is used as an  
**anesthetic**  
and also known as  
**laughing gas.**

# Oxides of Nitrogen

## Oxides of Nitrogen

Dinitrogen oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ )

Nitrogen monoxide (NO)

Dinitrogen trioxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ )

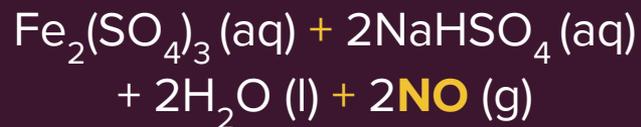
Nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ )

Dinitrogen tetroxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ )

Dinitrogen pentoxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ )

# Nitrogen Monoxide (NO)

Preparation 



# Nitrogen Monoxide (NO)

Oxidation state

NO

x

+

-2

=

0

x

=

+2

O.S of nitrogen

# Nitrogen Monoxide (NO)

Physical appearance  
and chemical nature



1



Colourless gas

2



Neutral oxide

# Nitrogen Monoxide (NO)

Physical appearance  
and chemical nature



3



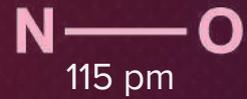
Reacts instantly with  
 $O_2$  to give  $NO_2$



# Nitrogen Monoxide (NO)

B

Structure



# Nitrogen Monoxide (NO)

Nature



It is an **odd electron molecule**.  
Hence, the **gas** is  
**paramagnetic** in nature.



Which of the following properties is **not shown by NO**?



- a It is paramagnetic in liquid state.
- b It is a neutral oxide.
- c It combines with oxygen to form nitrogen dioxide.
- d Its bond order is 2.5.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.



Ammonia can be **dried** by:

B



a

Conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

b

$\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$

c

CaO

d

Anhydrous  $\text{CaCl}_2$

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.



Reaction of ammonia with excess  $\text{Cl}_2$  gives:



a

$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{N}_2$

b

$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{HCl}$

c

$\text{NCl}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$

d

$\text{NCl}_3$  and  $\text{HCl}$

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.



**Hydrolysis** of nitrides of s-block elements (for e.g.,  $\text{Ba}_3\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{Ca}_3\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$ ) will yield:



a  $\text{NH}_3$  + Metal hydroxide

b Only  $\text{NH}_3$

c  $\text{NH}_3$  +  $\text{HNO}_3$

d  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$



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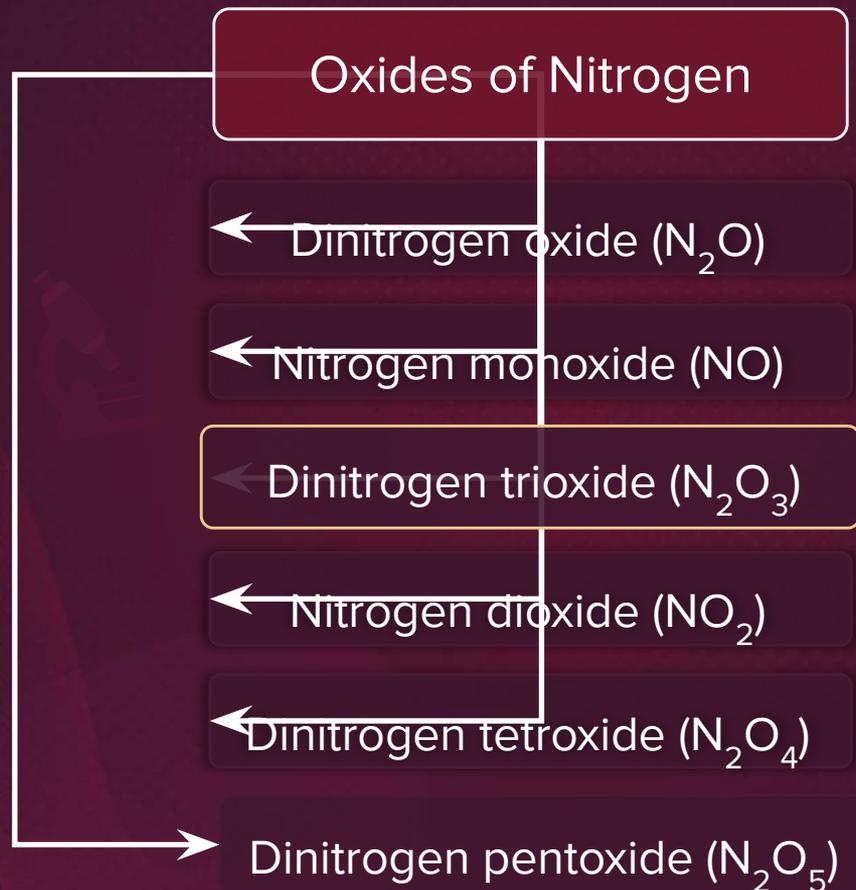
b Only  $\text{NH}_3$

c  $\text{NH}_3$  +  $\text{HNO}_3$

d  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

# Oxides of Nitrogen



# Dinitrogen Trioxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ )

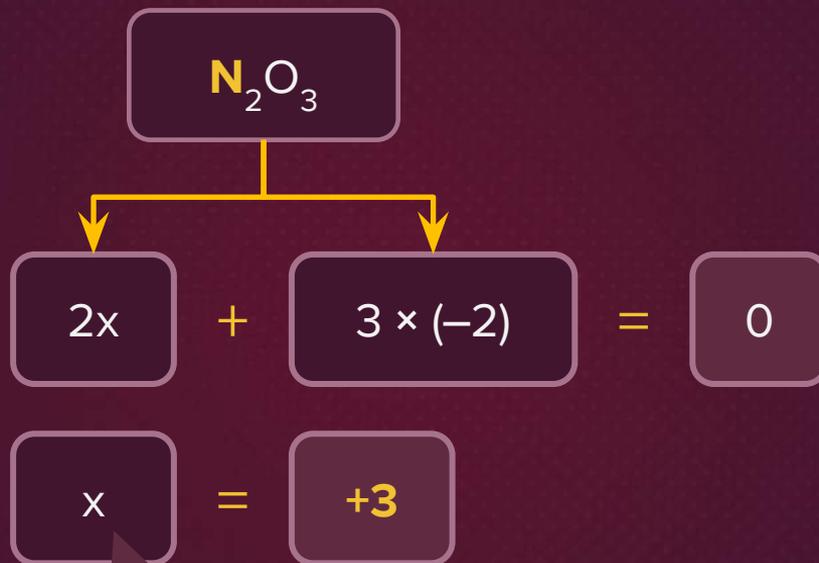
## Preparation

By condensing **equimolar amounts** of NO and  $\text{NO}_2$  together or by reacting NO with the appropriate amount of  $\text{O}_2$ .



# Dinitrogen Trioxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ )

Oxidation state



O.S of nitrogen

# Dinitrogen Trioxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ )

Physical appearance  
and chemical nature



Blue solid

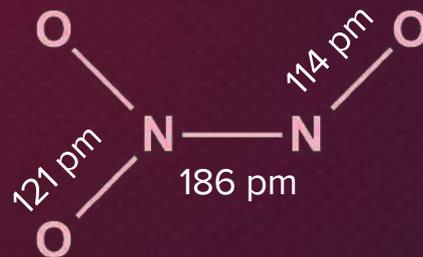
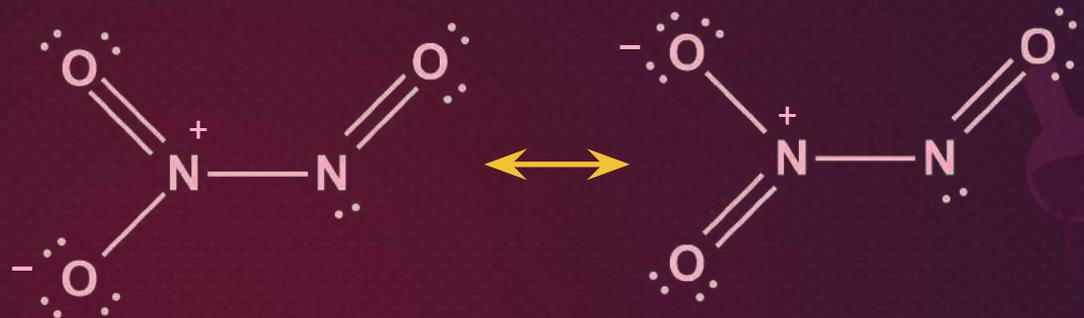


Acidic

It is **anhydride of  $\text{HNO}_2$**

# Dinitrogen Trioxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ )

Structure



Planar



The reaction of **NO** with **N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>** at 250 K gives:



a



b



c



d



Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.



The **pale blue liquid** obtained by equimolar mixture of two gases at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  is:

B



a



b



c



d



Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

# Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

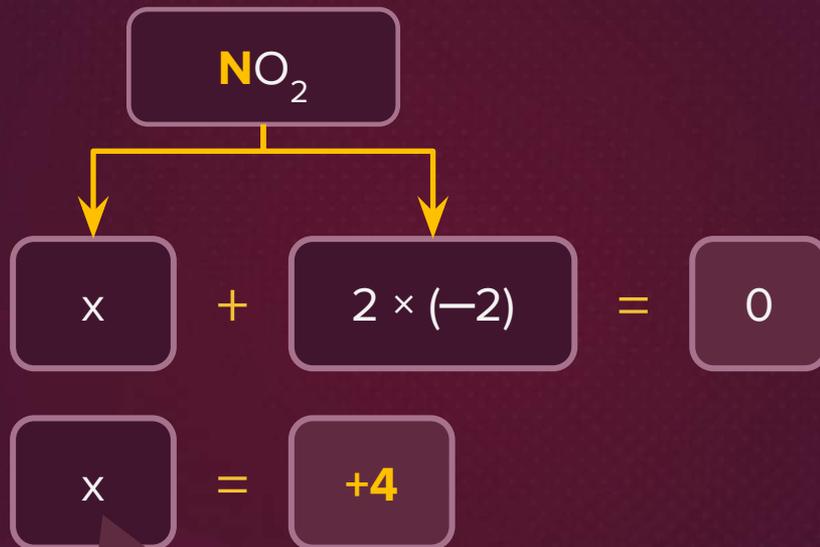
Preparation

Laboratory method



# Nitrogen Dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ )

Oxidation state



O.S. of nitrogen

# Nitrogen Dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ )

Physical appearance  
and chemical nature



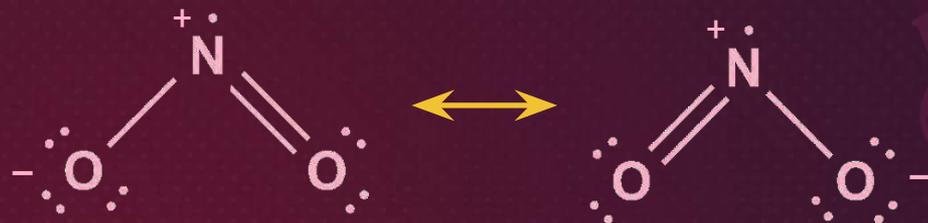
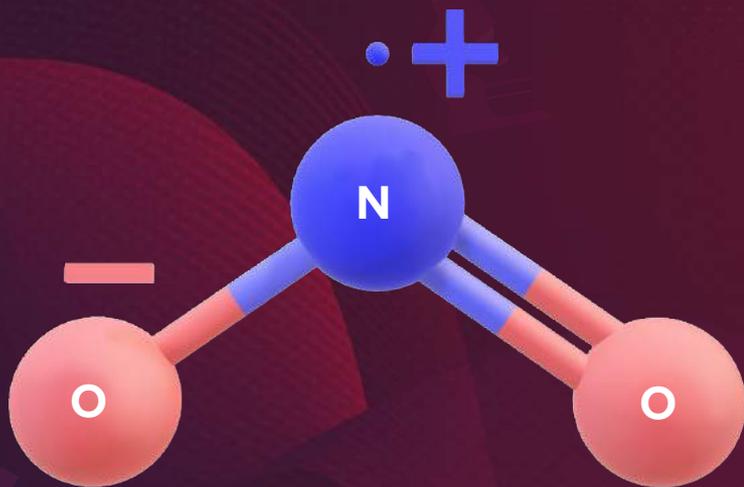
Red-brown poisonous gas



Very reactive

# Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

Structure



**Bent**



The following are **neutral** oxides, **except**:

B



a

NO

b

$N_2O$

c

CO

d

$NO_2$

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

# Dinitrogen Tetroxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ )

Preparation



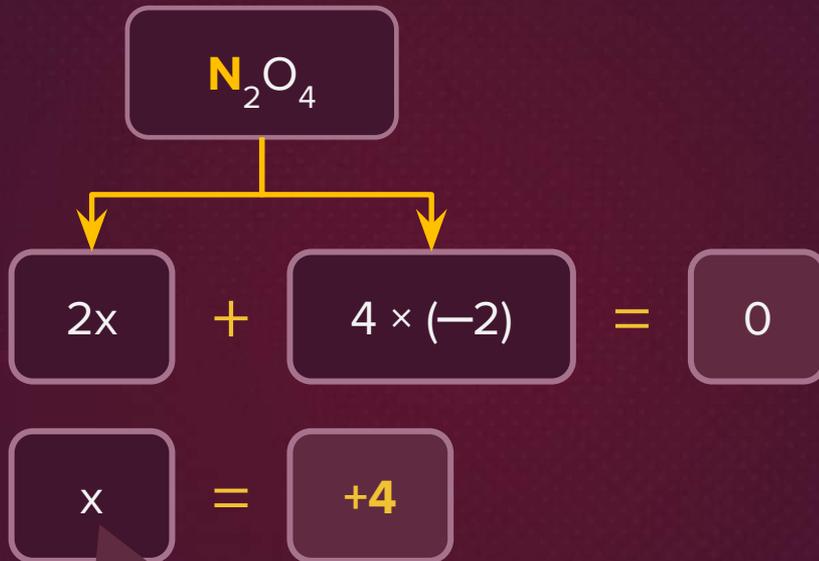
Paramagnetic,  
brown

Diamagnetic,  
colourless

$\text{NO}_2$ - $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  system is a  
**strong oxidising agent**

# Dinitrogen Tetroxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ )

Oxidation state



O.S. of nitrogen

# Dinitrogen Tetroxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ )

Physical appearance  
and chemical nature



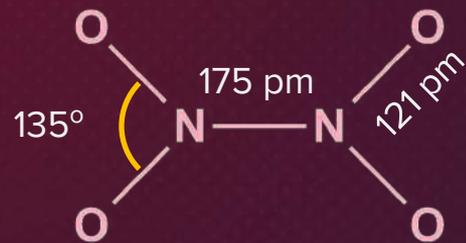
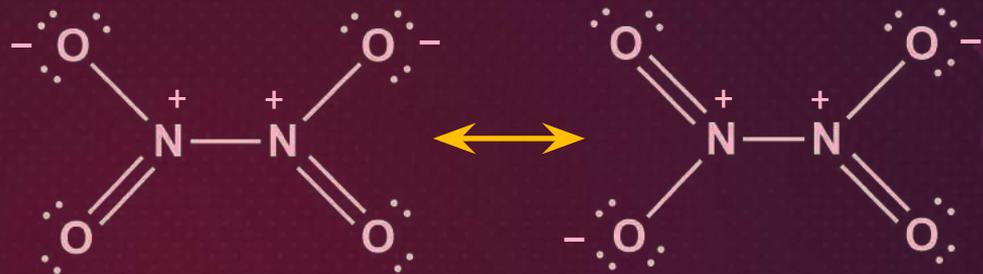
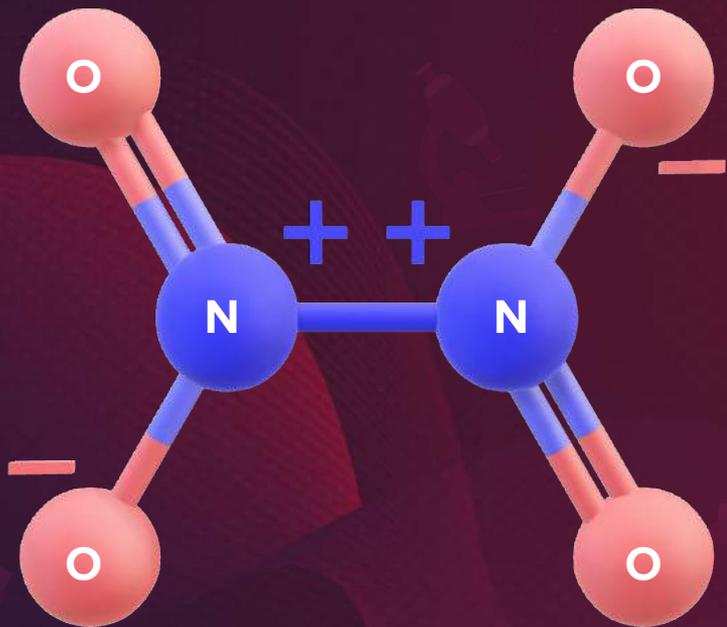
Colourless  
solid/liquid



Acidic

# Dinitrogen Tetroxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ )

Structure



Planar



Which of the following statements is **wrong**?

B



a

The stability of hydrides decreases from  $\text{NH}_3$  to  $\text{BiH}_3$  in group 15 of the periodic table

b

Nitrogen cannot form  $d\pi-p\pi$  bond



Which of the following statements is **wrong**?



c

The single N–N bond is weaker than the single P–P bond.

d

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  has two resonance structure.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

# Dinitrogen Pentoxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ )

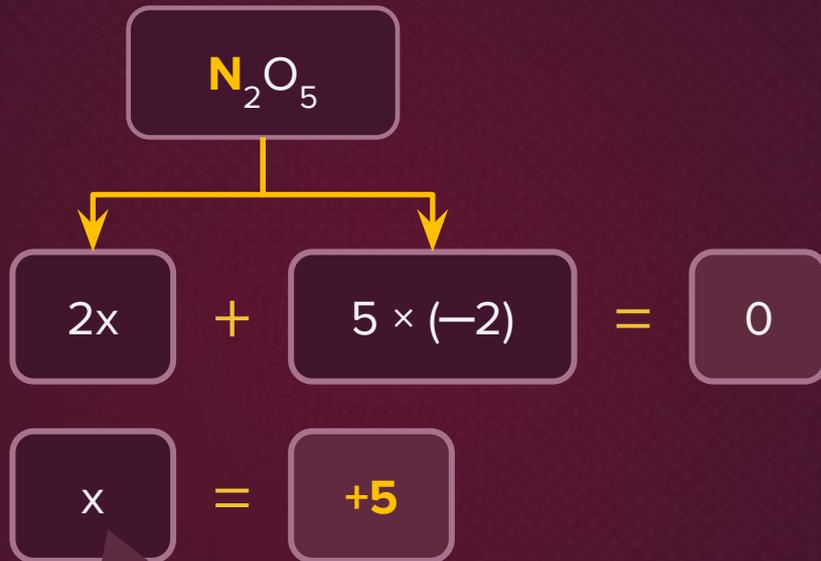
B

Preparation



# Dinitrogen Pentoxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ )

Oxidation state



O.S. of nitrogen

# Dinitrogen Pentoxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ )

Physical appearance  
and chemical nature



Colourless,  
deliquescent solid



Acidic



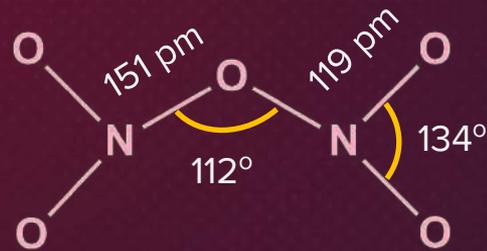
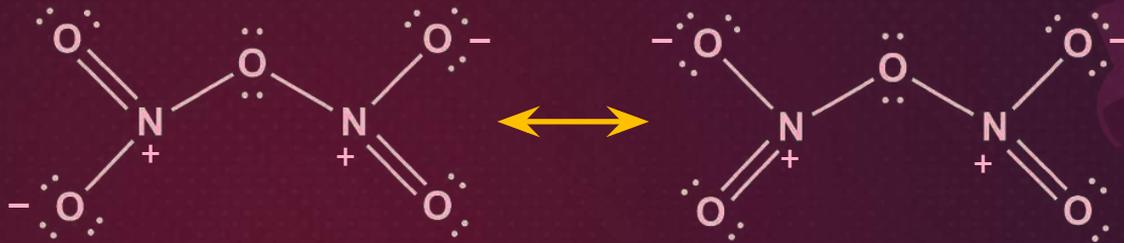
Anhydride of  $\text{HNO}_3$



Strong oxidising agent

# Dinitrogen Pentoxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ )

Structure



Planar



Among the oxides of nitrogen such as  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ , the molecule(s) having N-N bond is/are:



a



b



c



d



Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.



Which of the following is a **mixed acid anhydride**?



a

 $\text{NO}$ 

b

 $\text{NO}_2$ 

c

 $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ 

d

 $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.



The gas that is **acidic in nature** is:

B



a

NO

b

$N_2O$

c

$NO_2$

d

Both (a) and (c)

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

# Oxoacids of Nitrogen

Nitrogen forms  
oxoacids such as

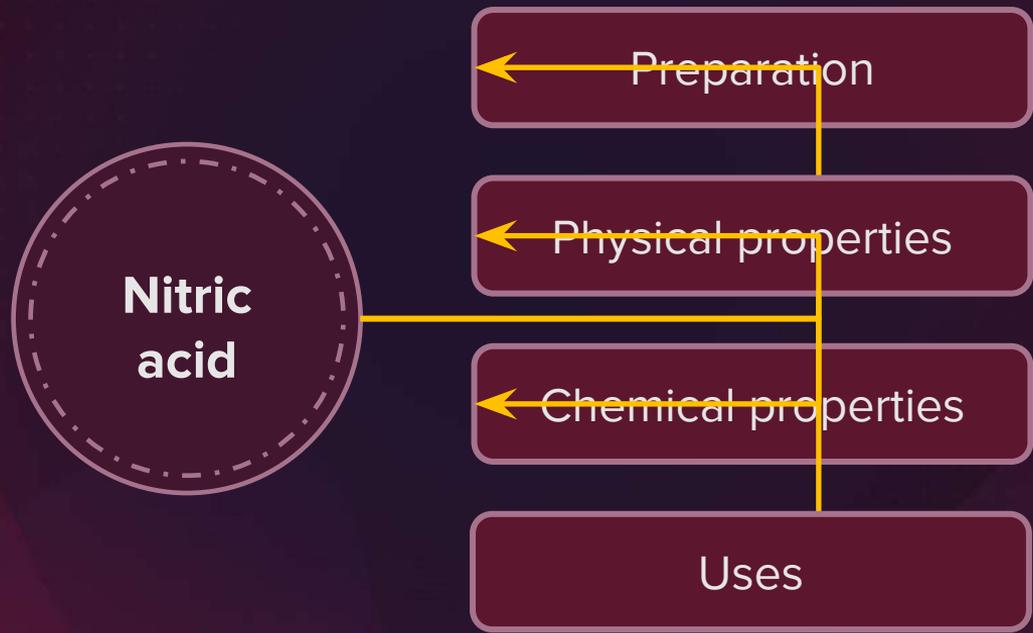
$\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   
(Hyponitrous acid)

$\text{HNO}_2$  (Nitrous acid)

**$\text{HNO}_3$**  (Nitric acid)

Most  
important

# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )



# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )

Preparation

On a large scale



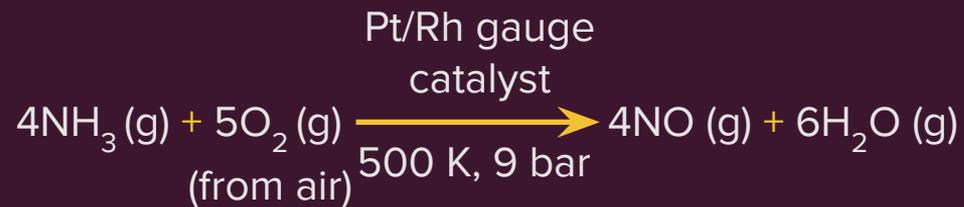
**Ostwald's  
process**

Catalytic  
oxidation of  $\text{NH}_3$   
by atmospheric  
oxygen.

# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

On a large scale

Step 1



# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

On a large scale

Step 2

The nitric oxide so formed, combines with oxygen to give NO<sub>2</sub>



# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

B

On a large scale

Step 3

The nitrogen dioxide so formed,  
dissolves in water to give HNO<sub>3</sub>



Recycled

# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )

B

On a large scale

Step 4

By **distillation**, aqueous  $\text{HNO}_3$  can be concentrated up to  $\approx$  **68%** by mass

It can be further concentrated to **98%** by mass by **dehydration** with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )

B

## Physical properties



**Colourless** liquid



Freezing point is **231.4 K** and  
boiling point is **355.6 K**.

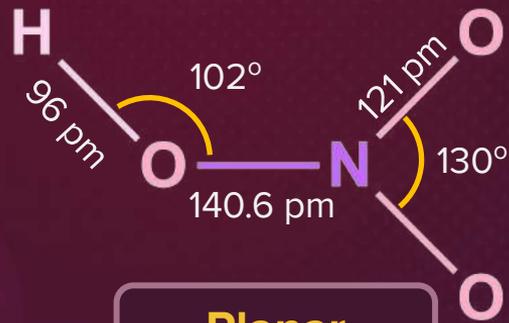
# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )



In gaseous state



$\text{HNO}_3$  exists as a **planar** molecule



**Planar**



Concentrated nitric acid, upon long standing, turns **yellow-brown** due to the **formation** of:

B



a NO

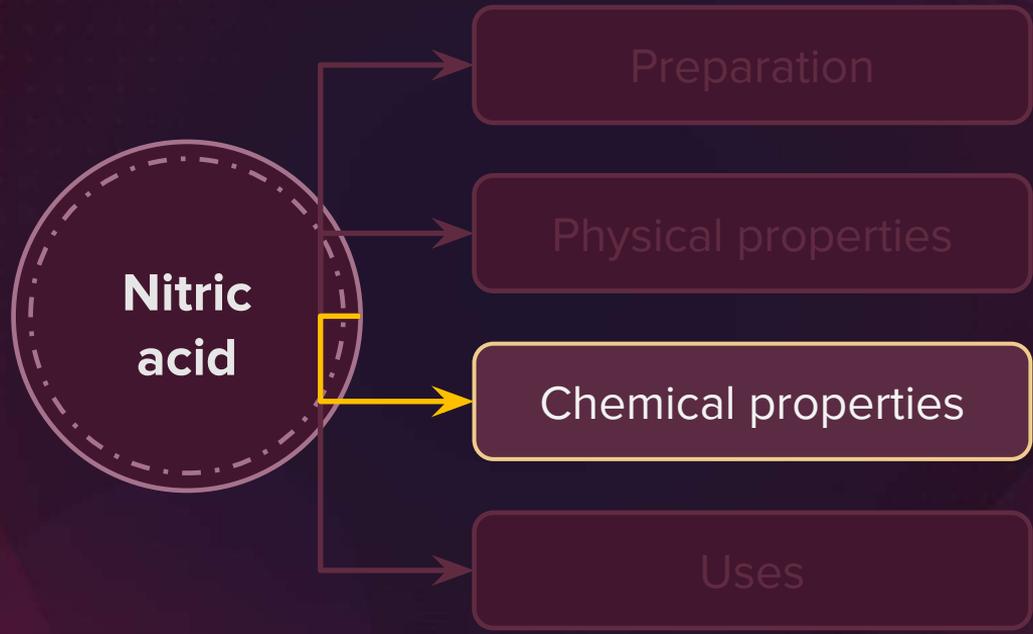
b  $\text{NO}_2$

c  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$

d  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )



# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )

B

## Reactivity

With water

With metals

With non-metals and  
their compounds

# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

Reactivity with water

In aqueous  
solution



Nitric acid behaves as a **strong acid**, releasing hydronium and nitrate ions



# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )

Reactivity with metals

Concentrated nitric acid is a **strong oxidising agent**.



It attacks most metals

Except, **noble** metals  
Example: Au, Pt

The **products** of oxidation depend upon

Concentration of the acid

Temperature

Nature of the material undergoing oxidation

# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )



$\text{HNO}_3$  is an excellent **oxidising agent**. Metals like copper and zinc which are insoluble in  $\text{HCl}$ , dissolve in  $\text{HNO}_3$ .

# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

Example



# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

B

Example



# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )



Some metals, such as gold, are insoluble even in  $\text{HNO}_3$ , but **dissolve in aqua regia**.

## Aqua regia



A mixture of **25%** conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$  and **75%** conc.  $\text{HCl}$ .

# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )



The **enhanced ability** of aqua regia to dissolve metals arises from the **oxidising power** of  $\text{HNO}_3$  and the ability of  $\text{Cl}^-$  to form **complexes** with metal ions.

# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )

Some metals  
(example: **Cr, Al**) do not  
dissolve in concentrated  
nitric acid



because of the formation  
of a **passive film of oxide**  
on the surface



When copper is heated with conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$  it produces?



a  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , NO, and  $\text{NO}_2$

b  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$

c  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{NO}_2$

d  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and NO

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

## Reactivity

With water

With metals

With non-metals & their compounds

Iodine to iodic acid



Carbon to carbon dioxide



# Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)

Sulphur to sulphuric acid



Phosphorus to  
phosphoric acid



# Brown Ring Test

Depends on the ability of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  to  
**reduce nitrates to nitric oxide**

Nitric oxide formed  
reacts with  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$   
to form



**Brown coloured  
complex**

# Brown Ring Test

B

Process

Add dilute **ferrous sulphate** solution to aqueous solution containing **nitrate ion**



Then carefully add **conc. sulphuric acid** along the sides of the test tube

# Brown Ring Test

B

2

A **brown ring** at the interface between the solution and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  layer



Indicates the **presence of nitrate ion** in the solution

# Brown Ring Test



# Nitric Acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ )

B

Uses

Used for the manufacture of **fertilisers** ( $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ )

For the manufacture of **other nitrates** that are used in **explosives**



Substances burn **more readily in  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$**  than in air because  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ :

B



a

Is reactive at high temperature

b

Dissociates to give more nitrogen than in air

c

The activation energy is increased on increasing temperature

d

Dissociates more readily than  $\text{O}_2$

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.



The reaction of zinc with dilute and concentrated nitric acid, respectively, **produces**:



a  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}$

b  $\text{NO}$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$

c  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$

d  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{NO}_2$

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.



The mixture of concentrated  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{HNO}_3$  made in **3:1** ratio contains:



a



b



c

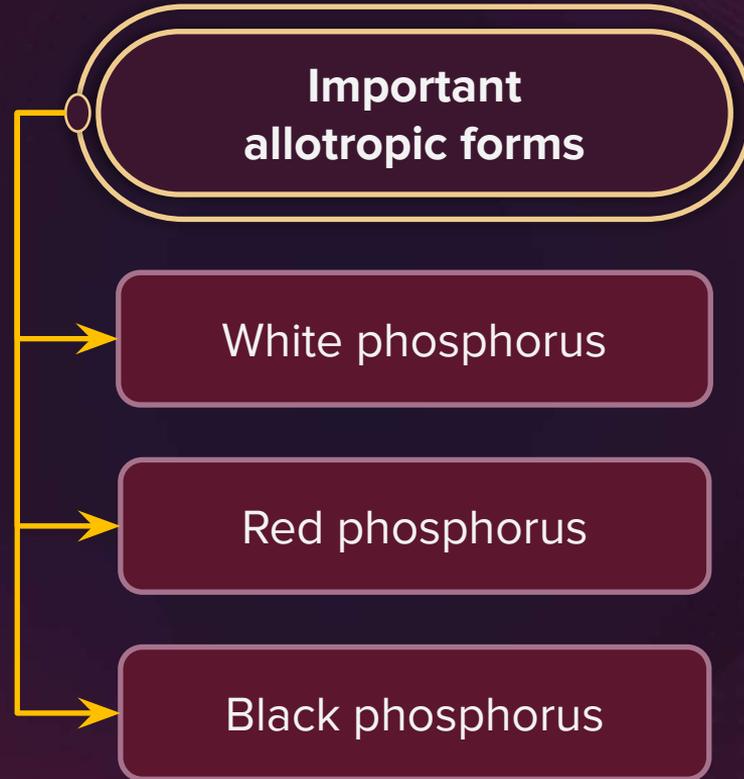


d



Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

# Allotropic Forms of Phosphorus



# Properties of White Phosphorus

Physical properties



Translucent white  
**waxy** solid



**Poisonous**



**Insoluble** in water but  
soluble in carbon disulphide



**Glow**s in the dark  
(chemiluminescence)

# Properties of White Phosphorus

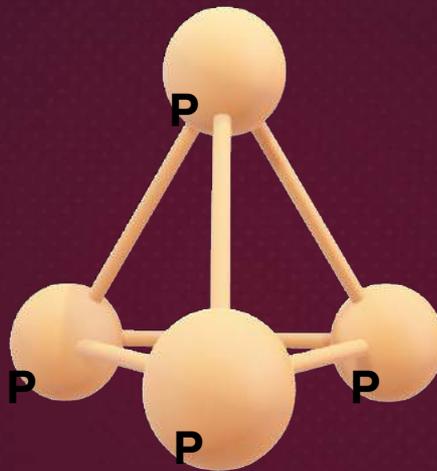
**Bioluminescence**

**Glows** in the dark  
(chemiluminescence)

# White Phosphorus

B

Structure



Consists of discrete  
**tetrahedral P<sub>4</sub>** molecule

# White Phosphorus

B

Chemical properties



Stability

White phosphorus is thermodynamically **less stable**

because of **angular strain** in the **P<sub>4</sub>** molecule

Angles are only **60°**

Result



**More reactive** than the other solid phases

Under normal conditions

# Properties of White Phosphorus

Chemical  
properties



In an inert  
atmosphere of  $\text{CO}_2$

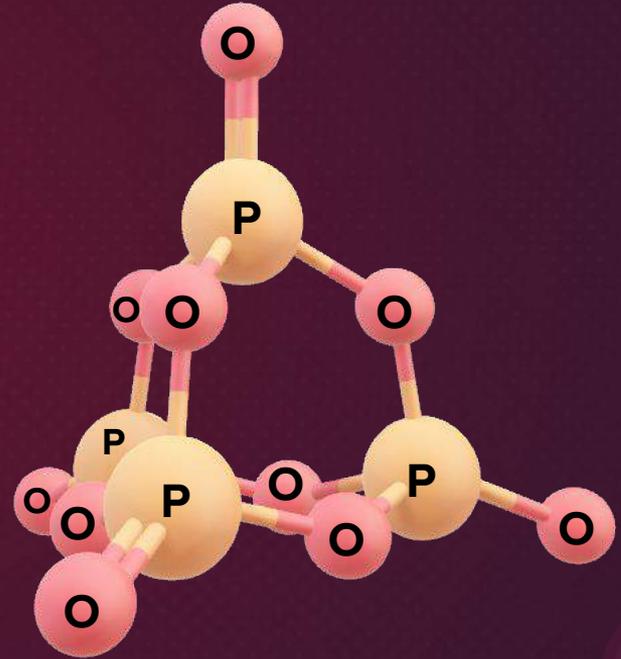
Dissolves in **boiling NaOH**  
solution to giving  **$\text{PH}_3$**



# White Phosphorus

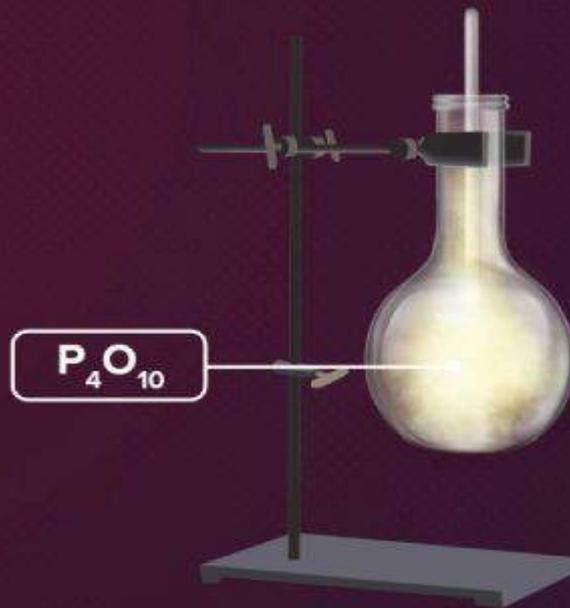
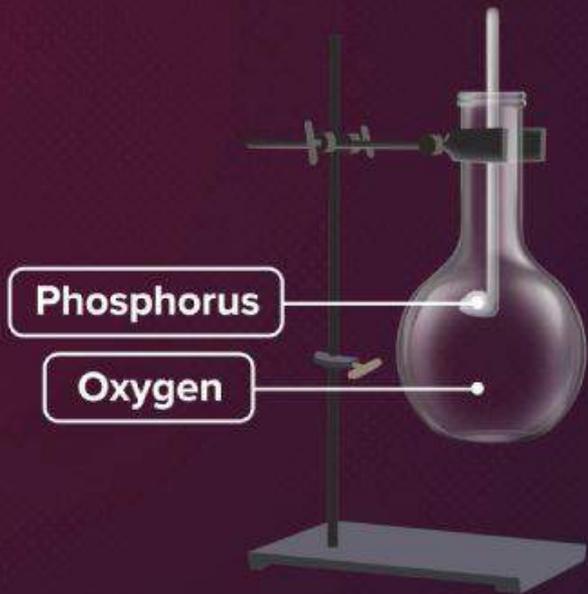


Readily **catches fire** to give  
**white fumes** of  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$



# White Phosphorus

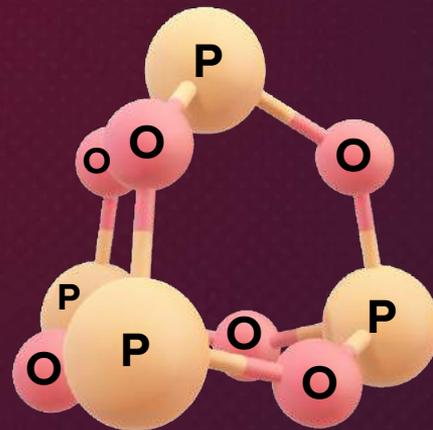
$P_4$  reacting with oxygen



# Properties of White Phosphorus

What happens if **limited air** is supplied?

Reaction with limited air





The reaction of  $P_4$  with X leads selectively to  $P_4O_6$ . The X is:



a

Dry  $O_2$

b

A mixture of  $O_2$  and  $N_2$

c

Moist  $O_2$

d

$O_2$  in the presence of aqueous NaOH

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

# Allotropic Forms of Phosphorus

## Important allotropic forms

White phosphorus

Red phosphorus

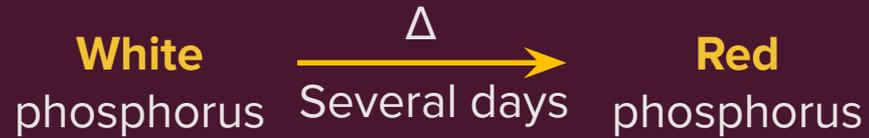
Black phosphorus

Red phosphorus

# Red Phosphorus

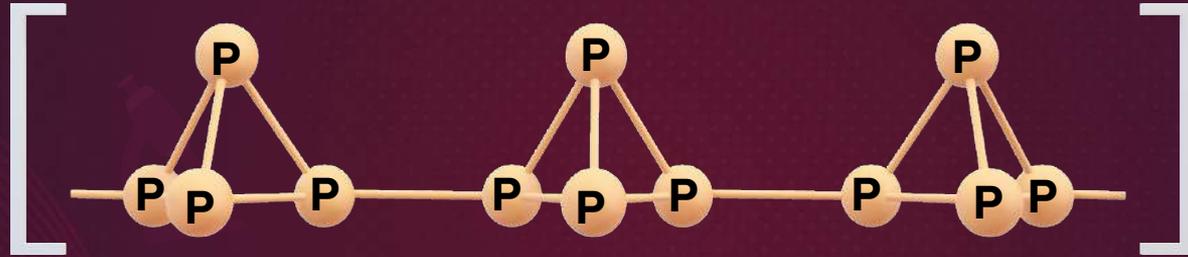
## Preparation

**Heating** white phosphorus at 573 K in an **inert** atmosphere for several days



# Properties

Structure



It is polymeric, consisting of chains of  $P_4$  tetrahedra linked together, forming a giant molecule.

# Properties

B

Physical  
properties

Due to this highly polymerised structure, **red phosphorus** is less reactive.



**Iron grey lustre**



**Non-poisonous**



**Insoluble** in **water** as well as in **carbon disulphide**



Does **not glow** in the dark

# Red Phosphorus

B

Chemical  
properties



Unlike white phosphorus, red **phosphorus** does not ignite readily in air and shows **no reaction with NaOH.**

# Allotropic Forms of Phosphorus

## Important allotropic forms

White phosphorus

Red phosphorus

Black phosphorus

## Important allotropic forms

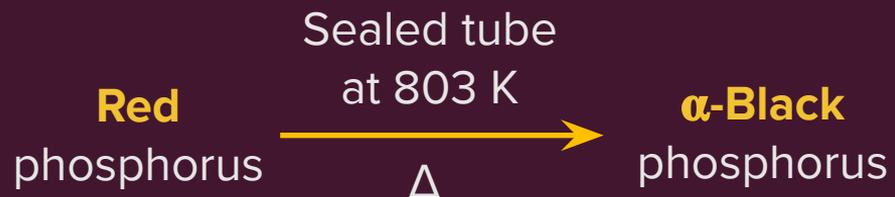
Black phosphorus

$\alpha$ -Black phosphorus

$\beta$ -Black phosphorus

# $\alpha$ -Black Phosphorus

Preparation



# $\alpha$ -Black Phosphorus

## Properties



Can be sublimed in air



Has opaque **monoclinic** or **rhombohedral** crystals



Does **not oxidise** in air

# $\beta$ -Black Phosphorus

Preparation



Properties

It does not burn in air up to 673 K.

Thermally **most stable**

# Important

B

Thermal  
stability order

White  
phosphorus

<

Red  
phosphorus

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Black  
phosphorus



Thermodynamically most stable allotrope of phosphorus is:



a

Red

b

White

c

Black

d

Yellow

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

# Phosphorus-Containing Compounds



## Phosphorus-Containing Compounds

Phosphine ( $\text{PH}_3$ )

Phosphorus halides

Oxoacids of phosphorus

# Phosphine (PH<sub>3</sub>)

**Phosphine**

Preparation

Physical properties

Chemical properties

Uses

# Preparation



Reaction of calcium phosphide with water



# Preparation



Reaction of calcium phosphide with dilute HCl

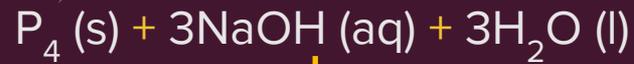


# Preparation

In laboratory



White  
phosphorous



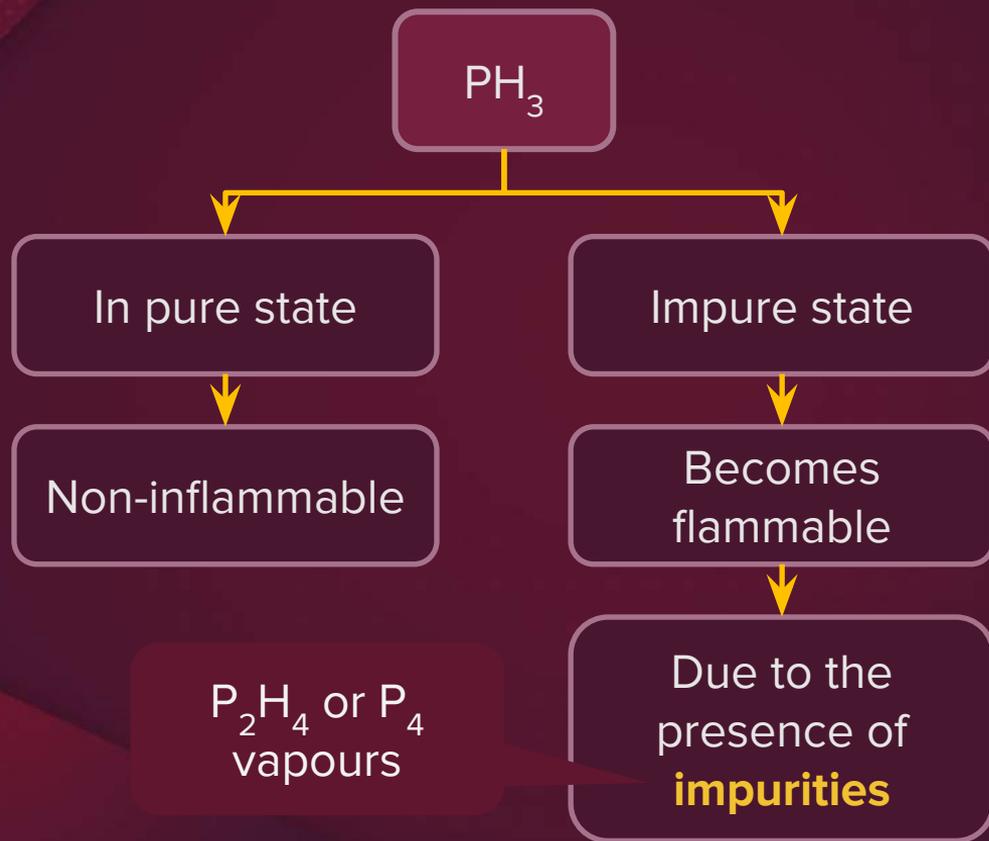
In an **inert**  
**atmosphere** of  $\text{CO}_2$



## Point to be Noted

B

In pure state



# Preparation

Purification

Absorbed in HI to form **phosphonium iodide (PH<sub>4</sub>I)**

which on treating with **KOH**, it gives off **phosphine**



# Physical Properties



**Colourless** gas



**Rotten fish-like** smell



Highly **poisonous**



Explodes in contact with traces of **oxidising agents**



Example:  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2$ , and  $\text{Br}_2$  vapours



It is slightly soluble in water but soluble in organic solvents.

# Chemical Properties



The solution of  $\text{PH}_3$  in water decomposes in the presence of light



giving **red phosphorus** and  $\text{H}_2$

# Chemical Properties



When absorbed in **copper sulphate or mercuric chloride solution**, the corresponding **phosphides** are obtained.



# Uses



The spontaneous combustion of phosphine is technically used in **Holme's signals**



Smoke screens

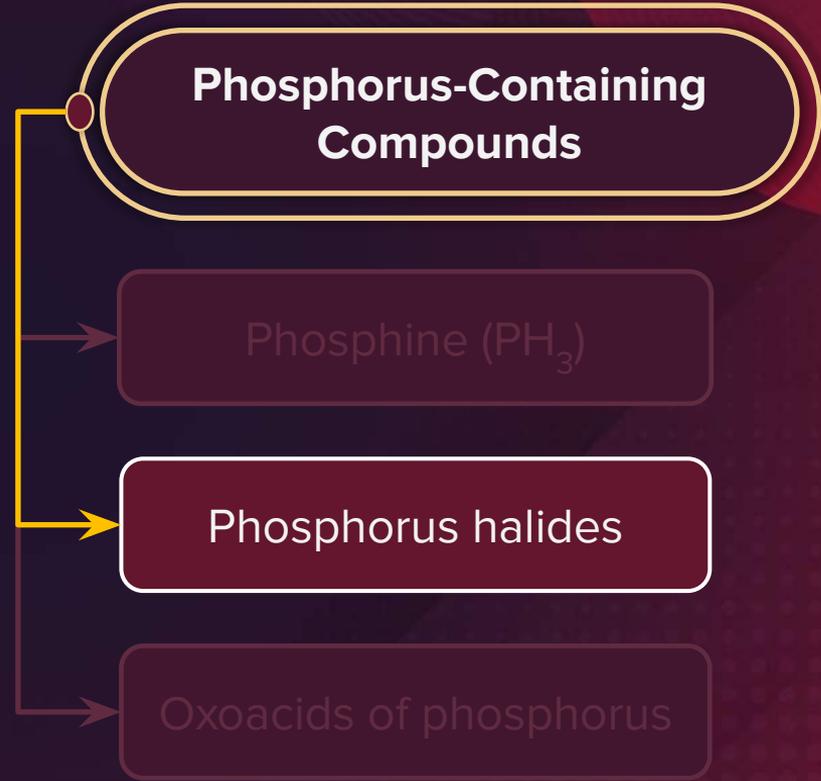
# Uses



Containers containing **calcium carbide** and **calcium phosphide** are pierced and thrown in the sea



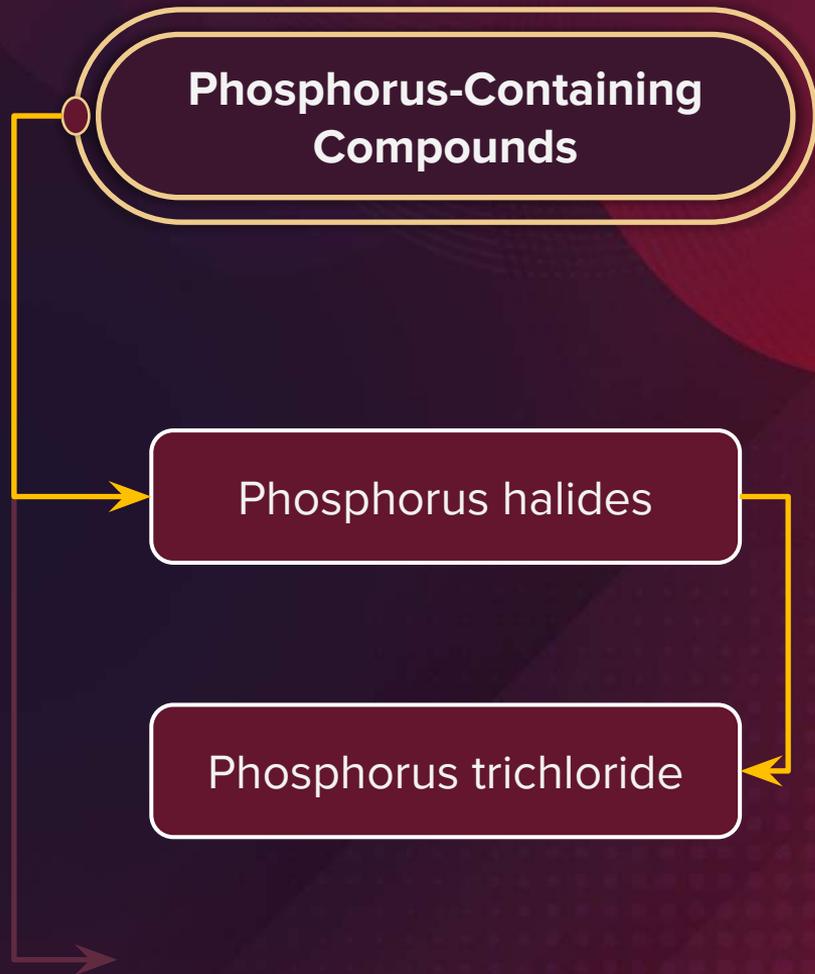
when the gases evolved burn serve as a **signal.**



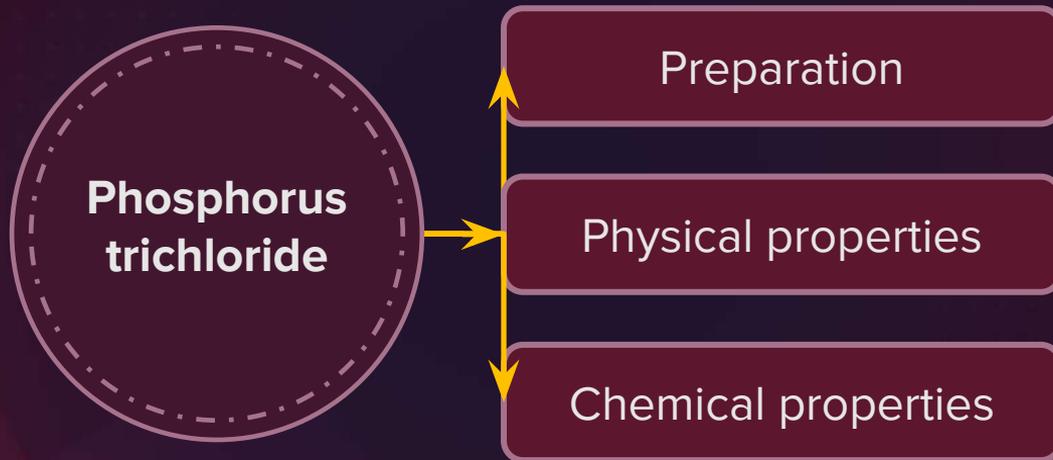
## Phosphorus-Containing Compounds

Phosphorus halides

Phosphorus trichloride



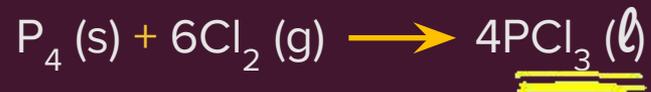
# Phosphorus Trichloride ( $\text{PCl}_3$ )



# Preparation



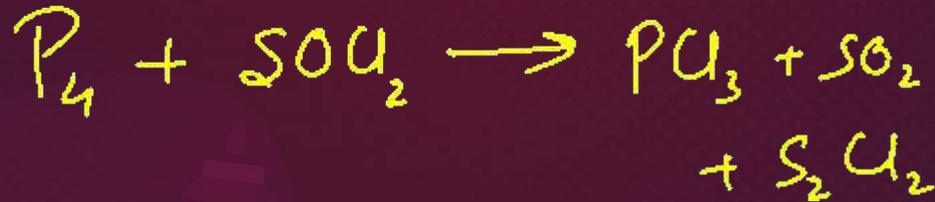
Obtained by passing  
dry chlorine over heated  
white phosphorus



# Preparation



Obtained by the action of thionyl chloride with white phosphorus



# Physical Properties

B

It is a **colourless  
oily liquid.**

# Chemical Properties

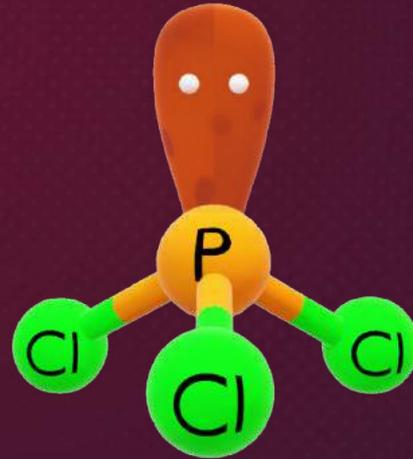
B

Structure



**Pyramidal  
shape**

in which phosphorus is  
 **$sp^3$  hybridised.**



# Chemical Properties

B



**Hydrolyses** in the  
presence of moisture

+3



$$3(+1) + x + 3(-2) = 0$$

$$x = +3$$

# Chemical Properties



Reacts with organic compounds containing **-OH group**



# Chemical Properties



It also acts as a reducing agent when treated with **SO<sub>3</sub>** and **conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>**.





The **product formed** in the reaction of  $\text{SOCl}_2$  with white phosphorus is?

B

a

b

c

d

$\text{PCl}_3$

$\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2$

$\text{SCl}_2$

$\text{POCl}_3$



Solution

B

a  $\text{PCl}_3$

b  $\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2$

c  $\text{SCl}_2$

d  $\text{POCl}_3$

Hence, option a is the correct answer.



What may be expected to happen when **phosphine gas** is mixed with **chlorine gas**?

B

### Solution

**Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**

a  $\text{PCl}_3$  and  $\text{HCl}$  are formed, and the mixture warms up

b  $\text{PCl}_5$  and  $\text{HCl}$  are formed, and the mixture cools down

c  $\text{PH}_3 \cdot \text{Cl}_2$  is formed with warming up

d  $\text{PH}_3 \cdot \text{Cl}_2$  is formed with warming up



$\text{PCl}_3$  reacts with water to form:

B

### Solution



Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

a  $\text{PH}_3$

b  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$  and  $\text{HCl}$

c  $\text{POCl}_3$

d  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$



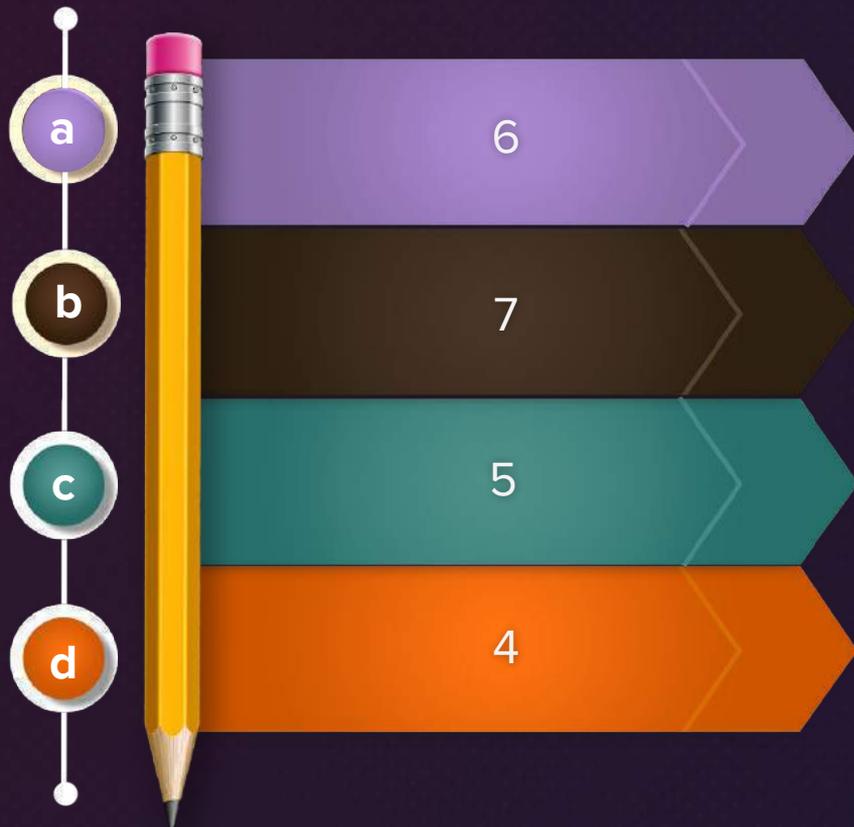
One mole of  $\text{PCl}_3$  is dissolved in excess of water. The number of moles of  $\text{NaOH}$  required to neutralise this solution completely is:

### Solution



$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$  is dibasic so 2 moles for this and 3 mole for  $\text{HCl}$  and hence total mole = 5

**Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.**





White phosphorous on reaction with NaOH gives  $\text{PH}_3$  and:

★ BOARDS



a	$\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_3$	X
b	$\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_2$	✓
c	$\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_3$	X
d	$\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$	X

Sodium hypophosphite

**Solution**

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.



Which of the following may **ignite spontaneously** in air?

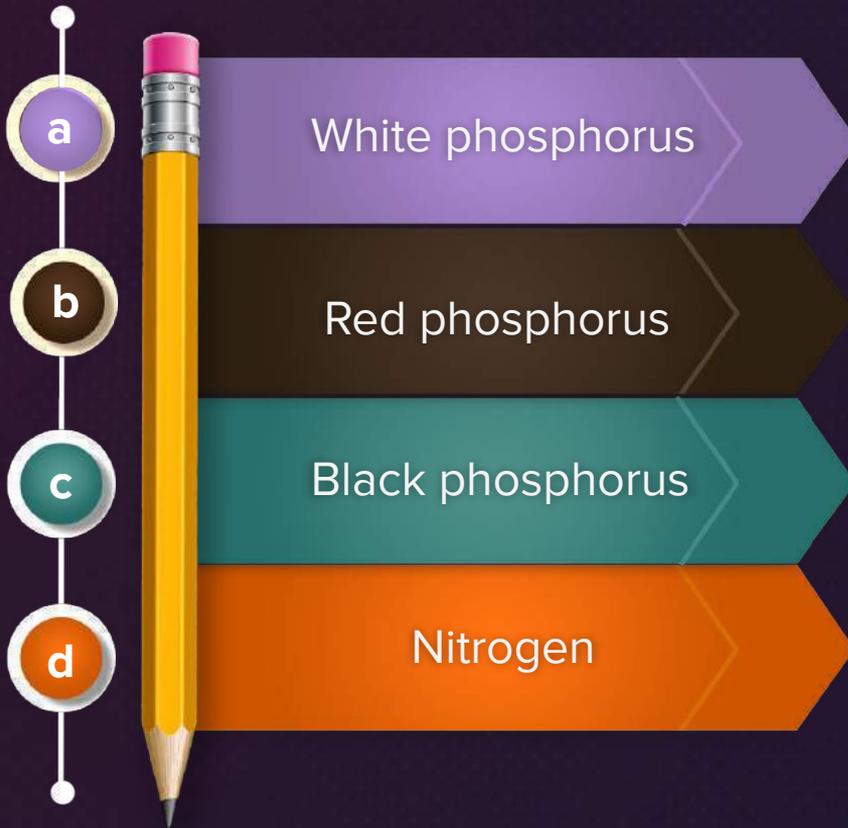
B

BOARDS

### Solution

White phosphorus is less stable and therefore, more reactive than the other solid phases under normal conditions because of angular strain in the  $P_4$  molecule where the angles are only  $60^\circ$ . It readily catches fire in air to give dense white fumes of  $P_4O_{10}$ .

**Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**





White phosphorus on reaction with NaOH gives  $\text{PH}_3$  as one of the products. This is a:

B



a Dimerisation reaction

b Disproportionation reaction

c Condensation reaction

d Precipitation reaction



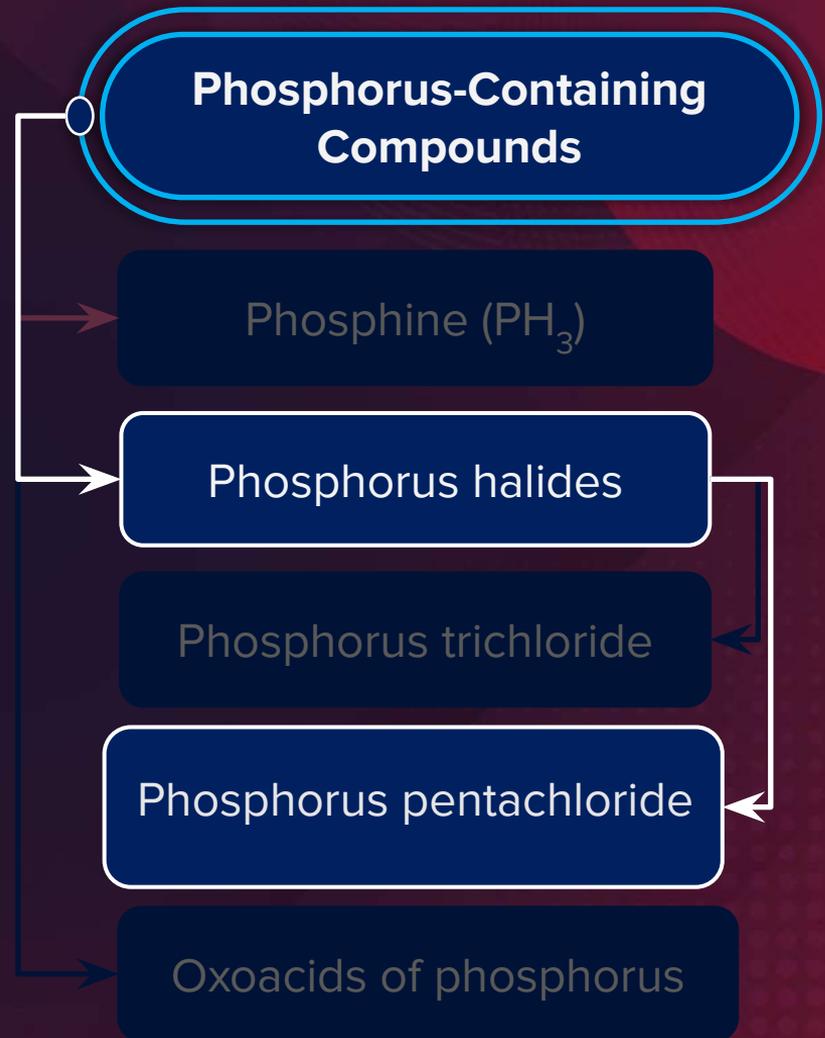
## Solution

B



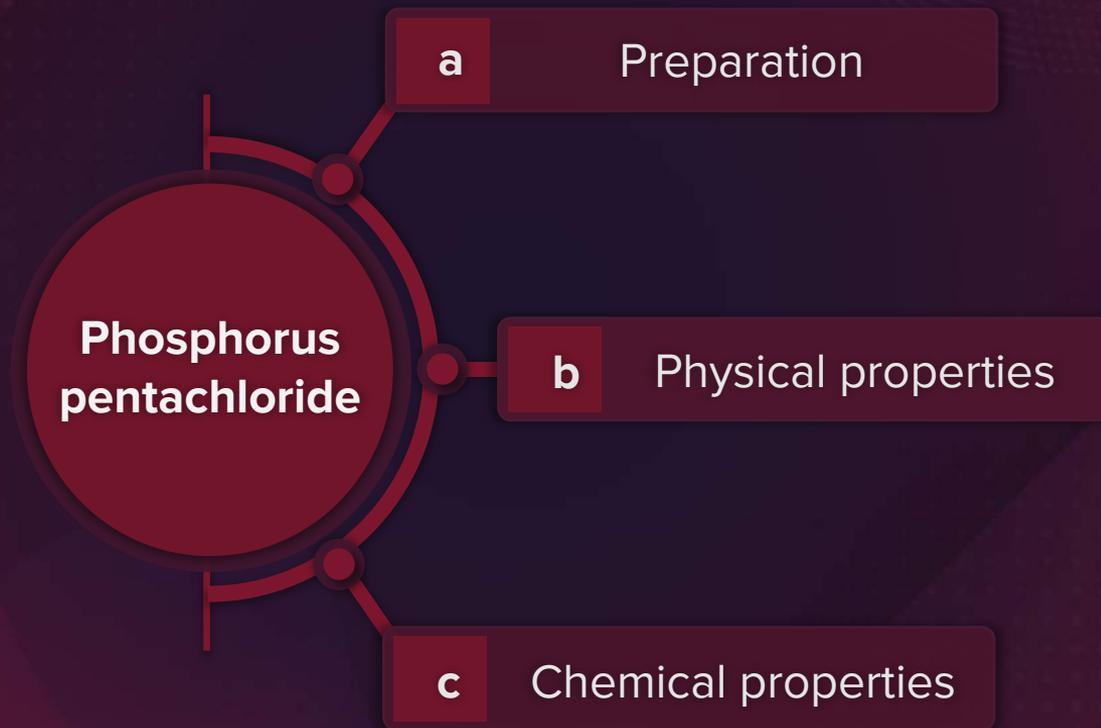
P undergoes reduction as well as oxidation and hence disproportionation

**Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.**



# Phosphorus Pentachloride ( $\text{PCl}_5$ )

B



# Preparation



1

Reaction of white phosphorus  
with excess of dry chlorine



# Preparation



Prepared by the action of  $\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2$  on phosphorus



# Physical Properties

B

$\text{PCl}_5$  is a **yellowish white** powder.

# Chemical Properties



1

In moist air, it hydrolyses to POCl<sub>3</sub> and finally gets converted to phosphoric acid.



# Chemical Properties

2

When heated, it sublimes but **decomposes** on stronger heating.



# Chemical Properties

3

It reacts with organic compounds containing  $-OH$  group, converting them to **chloro derivatives**.



# Chemical Properties

4

On heating with finely divided metals,  $\text{PCl}_5$  gives corresponding **chlorides**.



# Structure

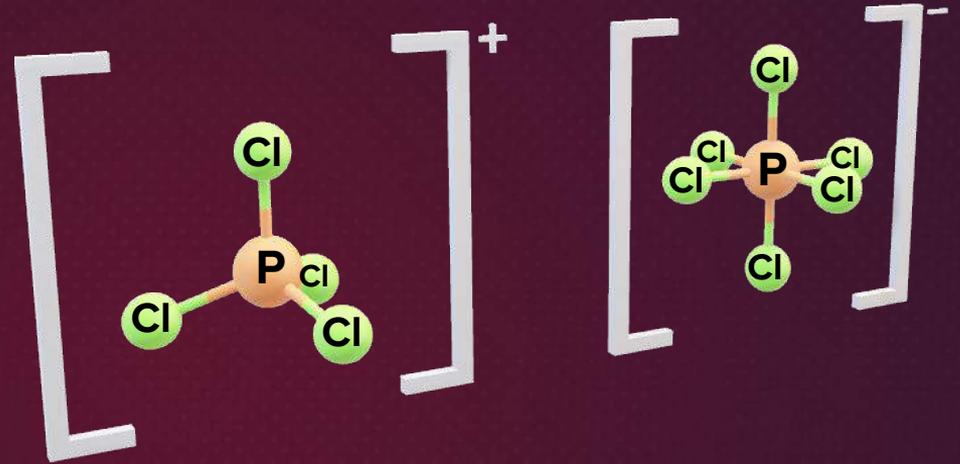


In solid state, it exists  
as an ionic solid

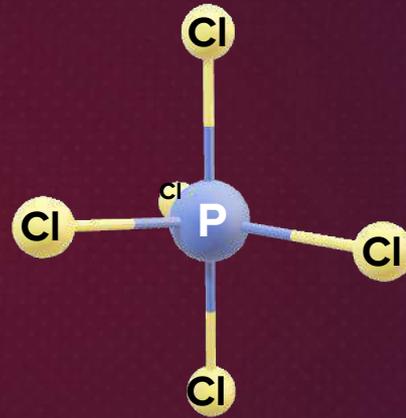
Consisting of  $[\text{PCl}_4]^+$   
(tetrahedral) and  
 $[\text{PCl}_6]^-$  (octahedral).

As ionic solid  $[\text{PCl}_4]^+$   
(tetrahedral) and  
 $[\text{PCl}_6]^-$  (octahedral)

B

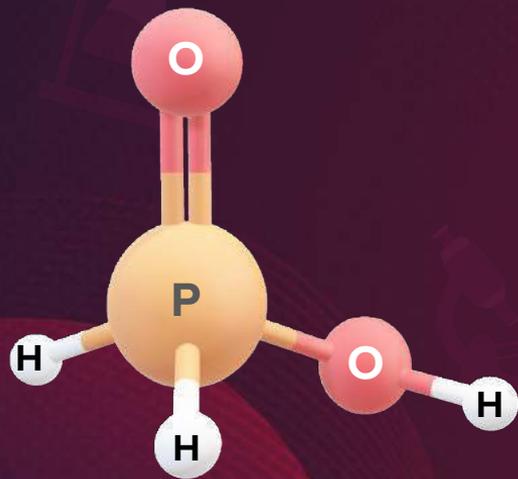


In gaseous and liquid phases, it has a **trigonal bipyramidal** structure.



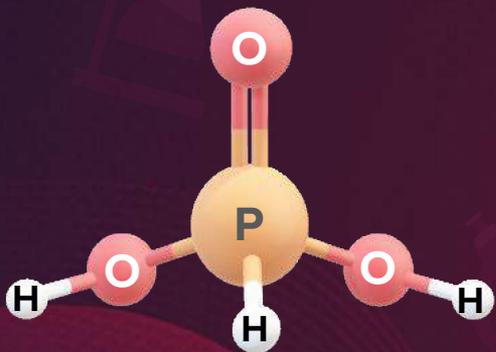
The three equatorial P–Cl bonds are **equivalent**, while the two axial bonds are **longer** than equatorial bonds

# Oxoacids of Phosphorus



Name	Hypophosphorous (Phosphinic)
Formula	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_2$
Oxidation	+1
Characteristic	One P-OH Two P-H One P=O
Preparation	White $\text{P}_4$ + alkali

# Oxoacids of Phosphorus



Name	Orthophosphorous (Phosphonic)
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Formula	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$
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Oxidation	+3
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Characteristic	Two P-OH One P-H One P=O
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Preparation	$\text{P}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
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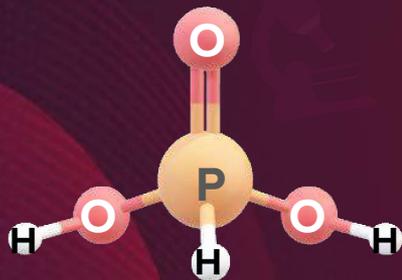
# Orthophosphorous Acid

**Orthophosphorous** acid  
(or phosphorous acid) on heating  
**disproportionates** to give  
orthophosphoric acid (or  
phosphoric acid) and phosphine.



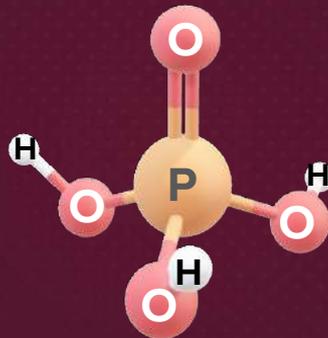
# Oxoacids of Phosphorus

+3



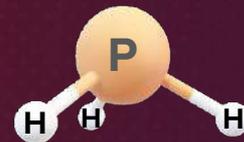
Phosphorous acid

+5



Phosphoric acid

-3



Phosphine

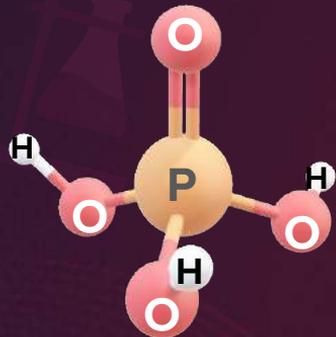


+

# Oxoacids of Phosphorus

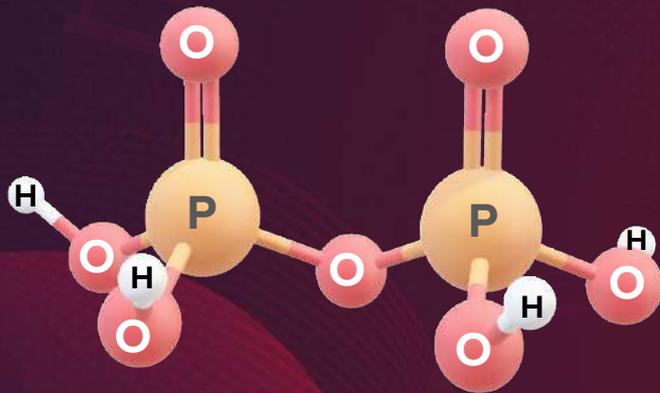
Name	Pyrophosphorous
Formula	
Oxidation	
Characteristic	Four P-OH Two P-H Two P=O One P-O-P
Preparation	$\text{PCl}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$

# Oxoacids of Phosphorus



Name	Orthophosphoric
Formula	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$
Oxidation	:+5
Characteristic	Three P-OH One P=O
Preparation	$\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

# Oxoacids of Phosphorus

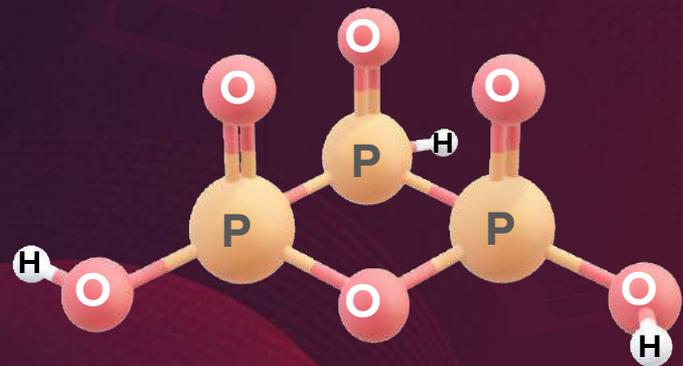


Name	Pyrophosphoric
Formula	$H_4P_2O_7$
Oxidation	+5
Characteristic	Four P-OH Two P=O One P-O-P
Preparation	Heating phosphoric acid

# Oxoacids of Phosphorus

Name	Hypophosphoric
Formula	$\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$
Oxidation	+4
Characteristic	Four P-OH One P-P Two P=O
Preparation	Red $\text{P}_4$ + alkali

# Oxoacids of Phosphorus



Name	Metaphosphoric
Formula	$(\text{HPO}_3)_n$
Oxidation	+5
Characteristic	Three P-OH Three P=O Three P-O-P
Preparation	Phosphorus acid + $\text{Br}_2$ , heat in a sealed tube



Strong reducing behaviour of  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_2$  is due to:

B



High electron gain enthalpy of phosphorus

High oxidation state of phosphorus

Presence of two  $-\text{OH}$  groups and one  $\text{P}-\text{H}$  bond

Presence of one  $-\text{OH}$  group and two  $\text{P}-\text{H}$  bonds

**Solution**

**Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.**



Which is the **correct** statement for the given acids?



### Solution

Can be understood by structures

Phosphinic acid is a monoprotic acid as it contains one P–OH bond

Phosphonic acid is a diprotic acid as it contains two P–OH bonds

**Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**



Phosphinic acid is a monoprotic acid, while phosphonic acid is a diprotic acid.

Phosphinic acid is a diprotic acid, while phosphonic acid is a monoprotic acid

Both are diprotic acids.

Both are triprotic acids.



Which of the following statements is not valid for **oxoacids of phosphorus**?

B



Orthophosphoric acid is used in the manufacture of triple superphosphate.

Hypophosphorous acid is a diprotic acid.

All oxoacids contain tetrahedral four coordinated phosphorus.

All oxoacids contain at least one  $\text{P}=\text{O}$  unit and one  $\text{P}-\text{OH}$  group.

**Solution**

**Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.**



Oxidation states of P in  $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  are respectively:



$$+4 + 2x + 5(-2) = 0$$

$$x = +3$$

a	+3, +5, +4	X	+4
b	+5, +3, +4	X	+2x
c	+5, +4, +3	X	+7(-2)
d	+3, +4, +5		= 0

$x = +5$

**Solution**

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

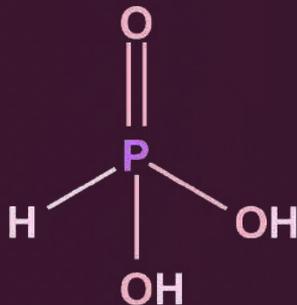


The structural formula of **hypophosphorous acid** is:

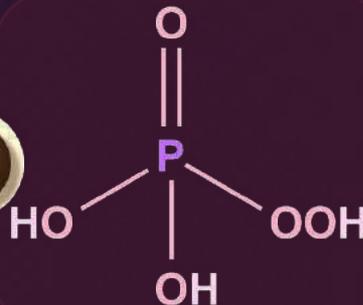
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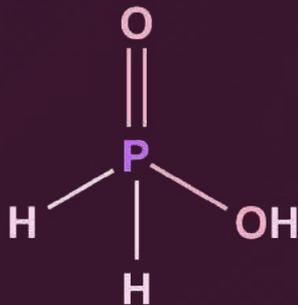
a



b



c



d

None of these

### Solution

Hypophosphorous acid is  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_2$ .

**Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.**

# p-Block Elements

p-Block Elements

Group 13

Group 14

Group 15

Group 16

Group 17

Group 18

**O** ne

**S** hould

**Se** e

**Te** nnis

**Po** litely

# Group 16 Elements

Oxygen ( ${}_{8}^{16}\text{O}$ )

Sulphur ( ${}_{16}^{32}\text{S}$ )

Selenium

Tellurium

Polonium

Non-metals

Metalloids

Radioactive  
metal

Sometimes  
known as group  
of **chalcogens**

# Note

Polonium is **radioactive** and short-lived (half-life 13.8 days).

# Occurrence

B

Oxygen

Most abundant  
of all elements ✓

Exists in free form as O<sub>2</sub> and makes up  
20.9% by volume and 23%  
by weight of atmosphere

# Occurrence

B

Oxygen

Most of this has been produced  
by **photosynthesis**.



# Occurrence

## Sulphur

Constitutes **0.034%** by weight of earth's crust and occurs mainly in combined form as numerous sulphide ores and as sulphates (particularly **gypsum**).

# Properties of Group-16

## Atomic Properties

Electronic configuration

Atomic & ionic radii

Ionisation enthalpy

Electron gain enthalpy

Electronegativity

# Electronic Configuration

$$16 - 10 = 6$$

The elements of group 16 have six electrons in the outermost shell.

General valence shell  
electronic configuration



# Properties of Group-16 Elements



Property	O	S	Se	Te	Po
Atomic number	8	16	34	52	84
Atomic mass	16.00	32.06	78.96	127.60	210.00
State	Gas	Solid	Solid	Solid	Solid
Electronic configuration	[He] $2s^2 2p^4$	[Ne] $3s^2 3p^4$	[Ar] $3d^{10} 3s^2 3p^4$	[Kr] $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^4$	[Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^4$
Radioactive	No	No	No	No	Yes
Melting point (K)	55	393	490	725	520
Boiling point (K)	90	718	958	1260	1235

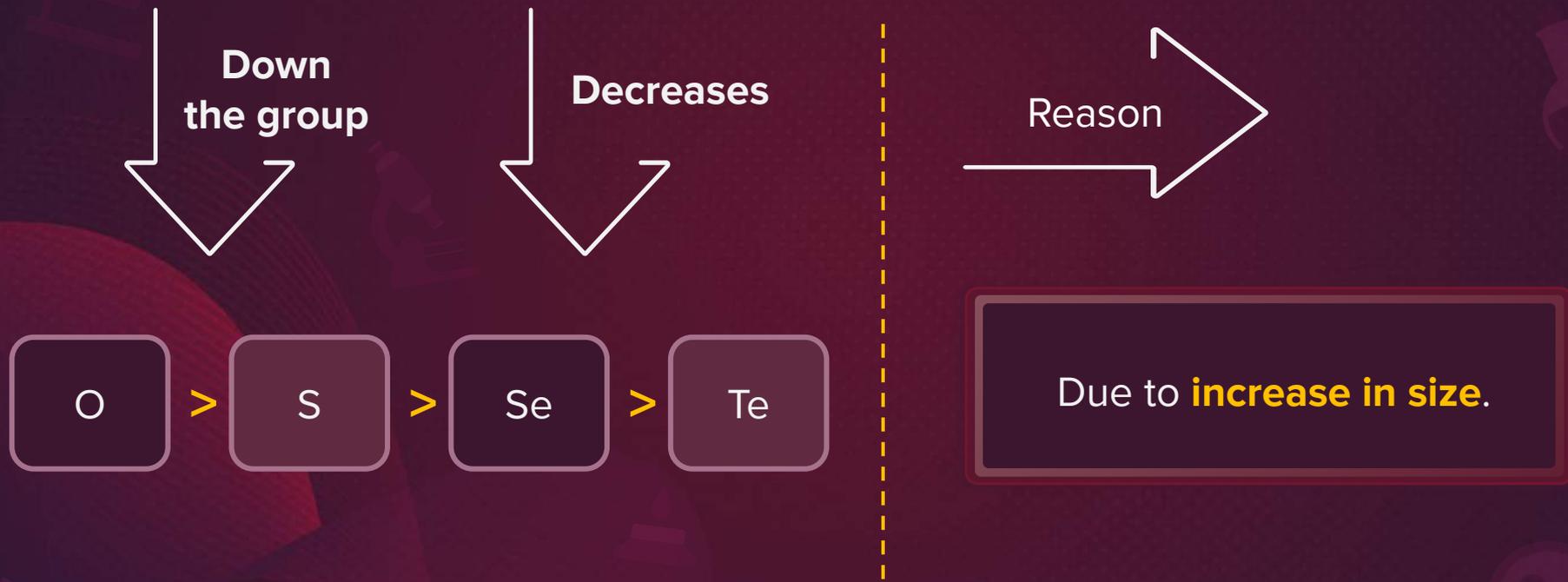
# Atomic and Ionic Radii



Atomic and  
ionic radii ↑

Due to  
**increase** in  
number of  
shells

# Ionisation Enthalpy



# Ionisation Enthalpy



Group 15  
elements

>

Group 16  
elements

$ns^2 np^3$

$ns^2 np^4$

Because of **extra stable**  
half-filled p orbital.



# Electronegativity

Next to fluorine,  
**oxygen** has the highest  
electronegativity value  
amongst the elements.

# Electronegativity



Down  
the group

**Decreases**

with **increase** in  
atomic size

# Group 16 Elements

## Group 16 Elements

Occurrence

Atomic properties

Physical properties

Chemical properties

# Physical Properties

## 1. Metallic character



Oxygen and  
sulphur

Selenium and  
tellurium

Polonium

# Metallic Character

Down  
the group



**Increases**

with **increase** in  
atomic size

# Physical Properties

## 2. Catenation

→  $\sigma$  bond strength

Down  
the group

Decreases ✓

This property is prominently displayed by sulphur ( $S_8$ ).

# Physical Properties

3. Boiling point



# Physical Properties

4. Melting point

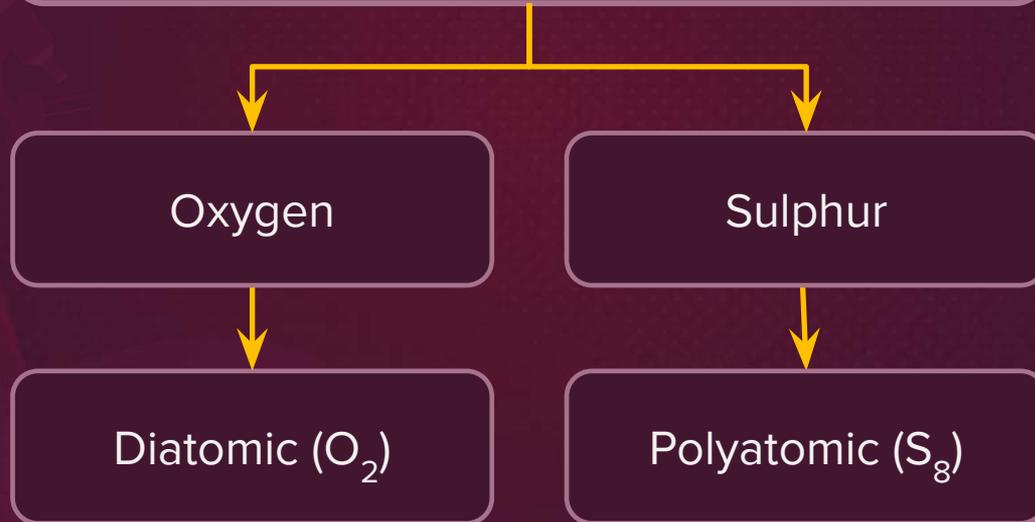
Down  
the group

Increases



# Physical Properties

The large difference between the M.P. and B.P. of oxygen and sulphur may be explained on the basis of their **atomicity**.



# Physical Properties

## 5. Allotropy

**All elements**  
show allotropy.

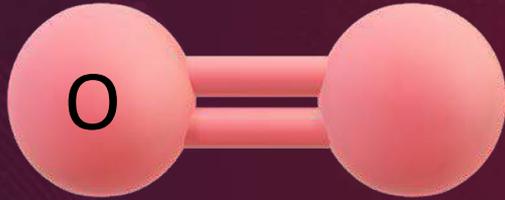
# Physical Properties

Oxygen exists in two allotropic forms



$O_3$  (unstable and decomposes to  $O_2$ )

# Allotropes of Oxygen (O)



Dioxygen ( $O_2$ )

Ozone ( $O_3$ )

# Allotropes of Sulphur



Sulphur has more allotropic forms than any other element.

This difference arises partly from the extent to which sulphur has polymerised and partly from the crystal structure adopted.

# Allotropes of Sulphur

Two common forms are  $\alpha$  or **rhombic sulphur** and  $\beta$  or **monoclinic sulphur**, both are stable at  $95.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  (transition temperature).

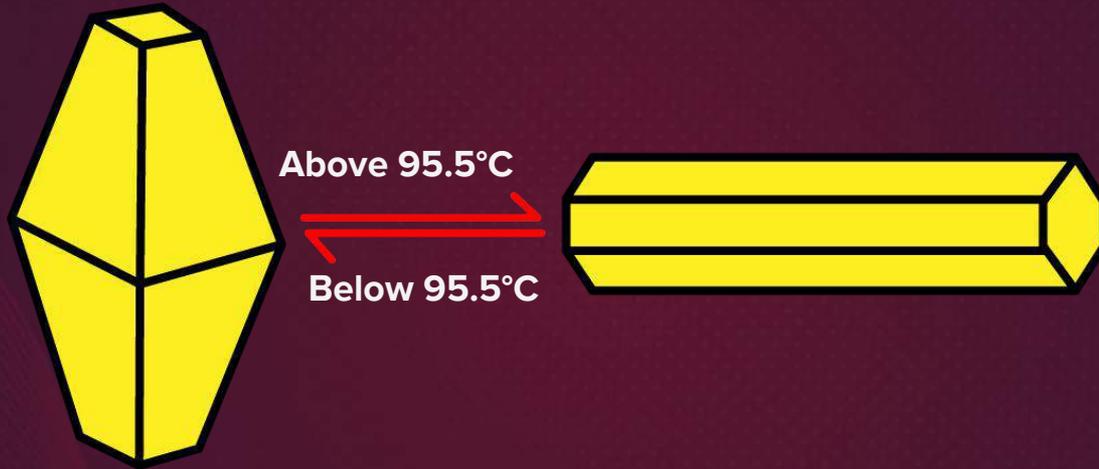


These two forms change **reversibly** with slow heating or slow cooling.

**Rhombic Sulphur**

**Monoclinic Sulphur**

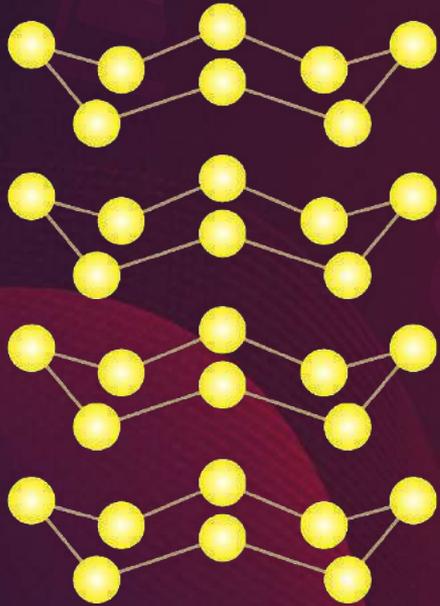
# Allotropes of Sulphur



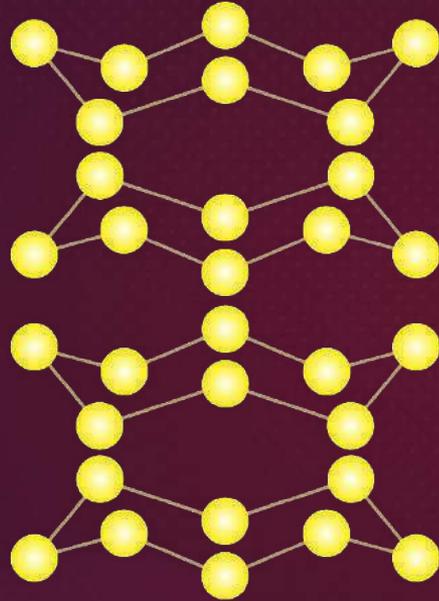
**Rhombic sulphur**

**Monoclinic sulphur**

# Allotropes of Sulphur



Rhombic  
sulphur



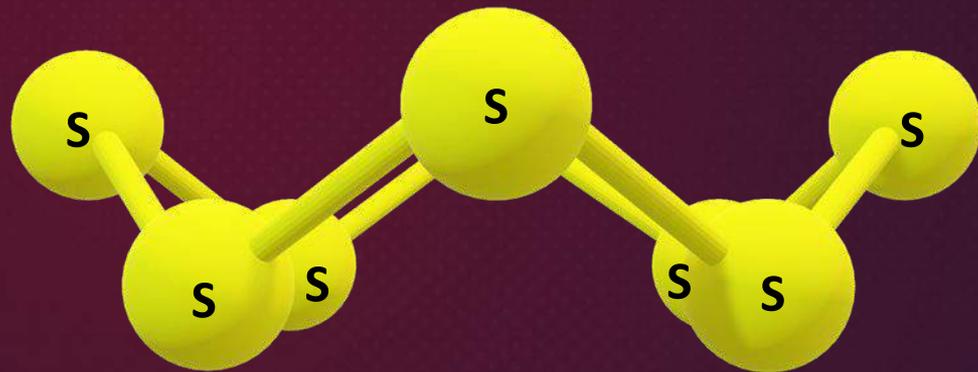
Monoclinic  
sulphur

A third form known as  **$\gamma$ -monoclinic** sulphur is also present.

# Allotropes of Sulphur

All three forms contain **puckered**  $S_8$  rings with a crown conformation.

Crown  
conformation



# Rhombic ( $\alpha$ -Sulphur)



It is **yellow** in colour and its specific gravity is 2.06.



Melting point = **385.8 K**



It is readily **soluble in CS<sub>2</sub>**.



Rhombic sulphur crystals are formed on **evaporating** the solution of roll sulphur in CS<sub>2</sub>.



It is **insoluble in water** but gets dissolved to some extent in benzene, alcohol and ether.

## Monoclinic ( $\beta$ -Sulphur)



Its melting point is **393 K** and specific gravity is 1.98.



It is **soluble in  $CS_2$** .



This form of sulphur is prepared by **melting** rhombic sulphur in a dish and cooling it till crust is formed.

Two holes are made in the crust and the remaining liquid is poured out.

On removing the crust, **colourless, needle-shaped crystals** of  $\beta$ -sulphur are formed.

# Allotropes of Sulphur

Both rhombic and monoclinic sulphur have **S<sub>8</sub> molecules**, which are packed to give different crystal structures.

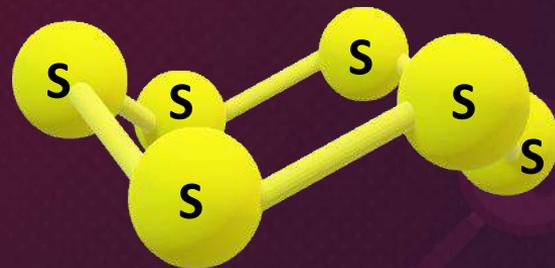
The S<sub>8</sub> ring in both the forms is puckered and has a **crown** shape.



Several other modifications of sulphur containing **6-20 sulphur** atoms per ring have been synthesised in the last two decades.

In cyclo-S<sub>6</sub>, the ring adopts the **chair form**.

**Chair conformation**



# Uses

B

The S—S bond is important  
in **biological** system.

It is found in some **proteins** and  
**enzymes** such as **cysteine**.

# Uses



Selenium has a unique property of **photo conductivity**.

It is used in **photocopying** machines and also as a **decolouriser** of glass.

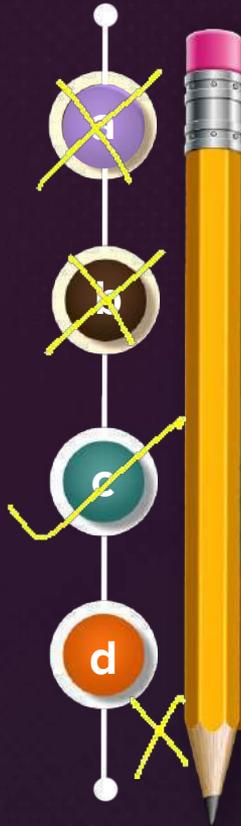


Correct statement about **allotropy of sulphur** is:



The most stable allotropic form of sulphur is Rhombic sulphur. Hence, stable at room temperature.

**Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.**



Monoclinic sulphur is more stable than rhombic sulphur at room temperature.  $20-25^\circ\text{C}$

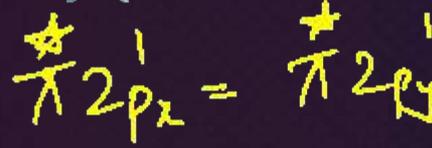
Both monoclinic and rhombic sulphur have the same ring structures and crystalline structures.  $S_8$

Rhombic sulphur exists at room temperature. ✓

None of these



Identify the **incorrect** statement:



a

Rhombic and monoclinic sulphur have  $S_8$  molecules.

b

$S_8$  ring has a crown shape.

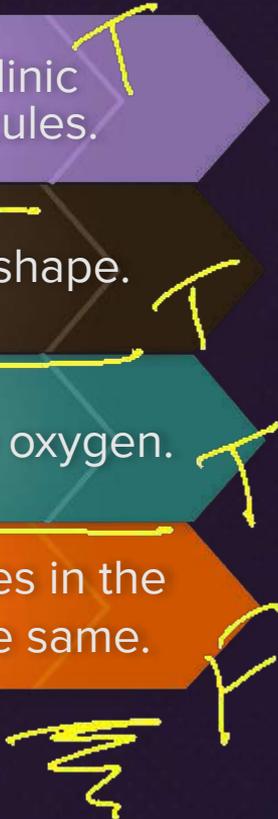
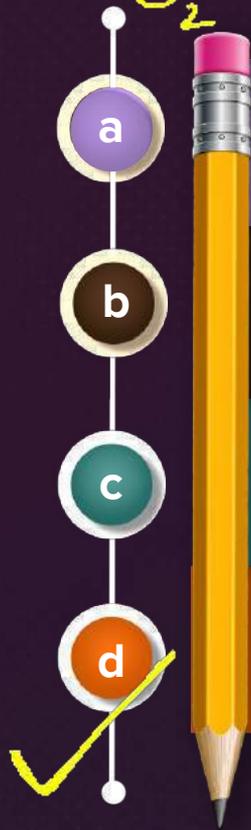
c

$S_2$  is paramagnetic like oxygen.

d

The S-S-S bond angles in the  $S_8$  and  $S_6$  rings are the same.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.





Crown shape of  $S_8$  molecule is present in:



Both rhombic & monoclinic sulphur has crown shape.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

a Rhombic sulphur

b Monoclinic sulphur

c Both (a) & (b)

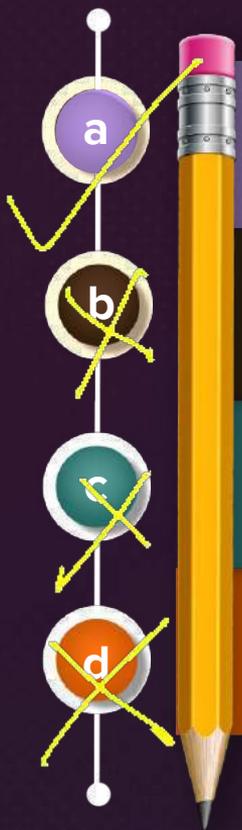
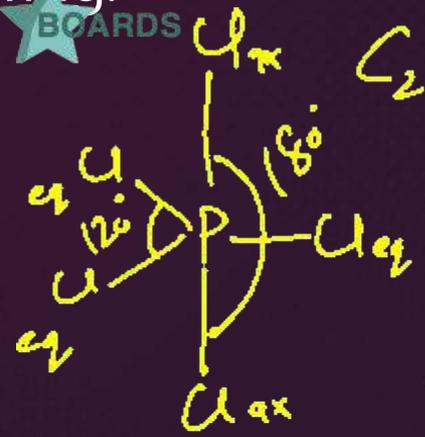
d None of these



B

Identify the **incorrect** statement related to  $\text{PCl}_5$  from the following:

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~~PCl<sub>5</sub> molecule is non-reactive.~~

Three equatorial P-Cl bonds make an angle of 120° with each other.

Two axial P-Cl bonds make an angle of 180° with each other.

Axial P-Cl bonds are longer than equatorial P-Cl bonds.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.



Which of the following cannot dissociate as  $PX_5 \rightleftharpoons PX_3 + X_2$ ?

NEET

BOARDS

a  $PF_5$

b  $PCl_5$

c  $PBr_5$

d  $PI_5$

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

B



Which compound has an ionic nature in solid state?



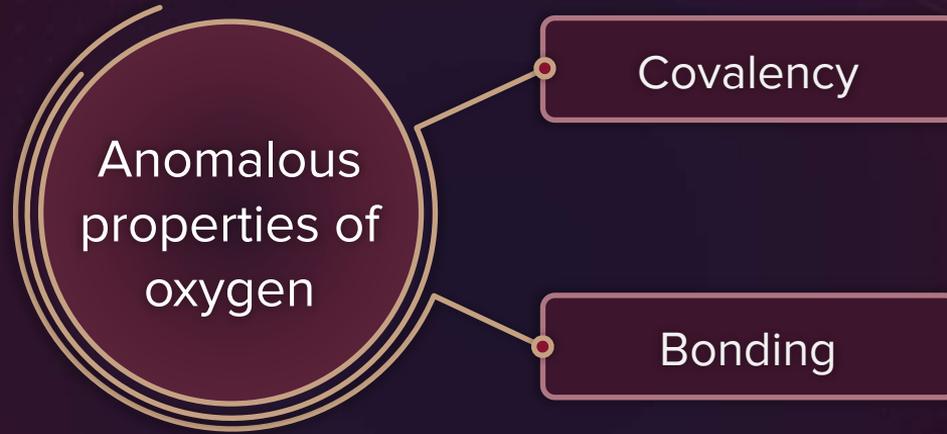
a  $\text{PCl}_5$

b  $\text{POCl}_3$

c  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$

d  $\text{PCl}_3$

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

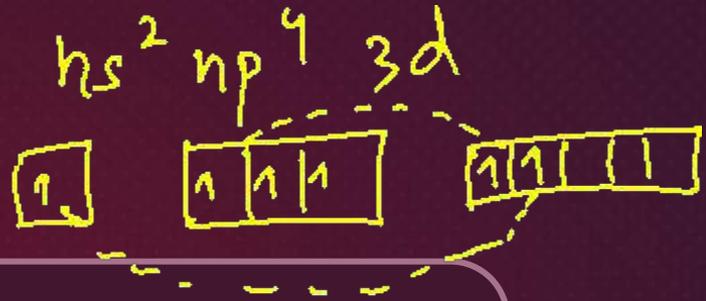


# Covalency

B

The **absence of d-orbitals** in oxygen **restricts** its covalency to **4** and **rarely increases beyond 2**.

# Covalency

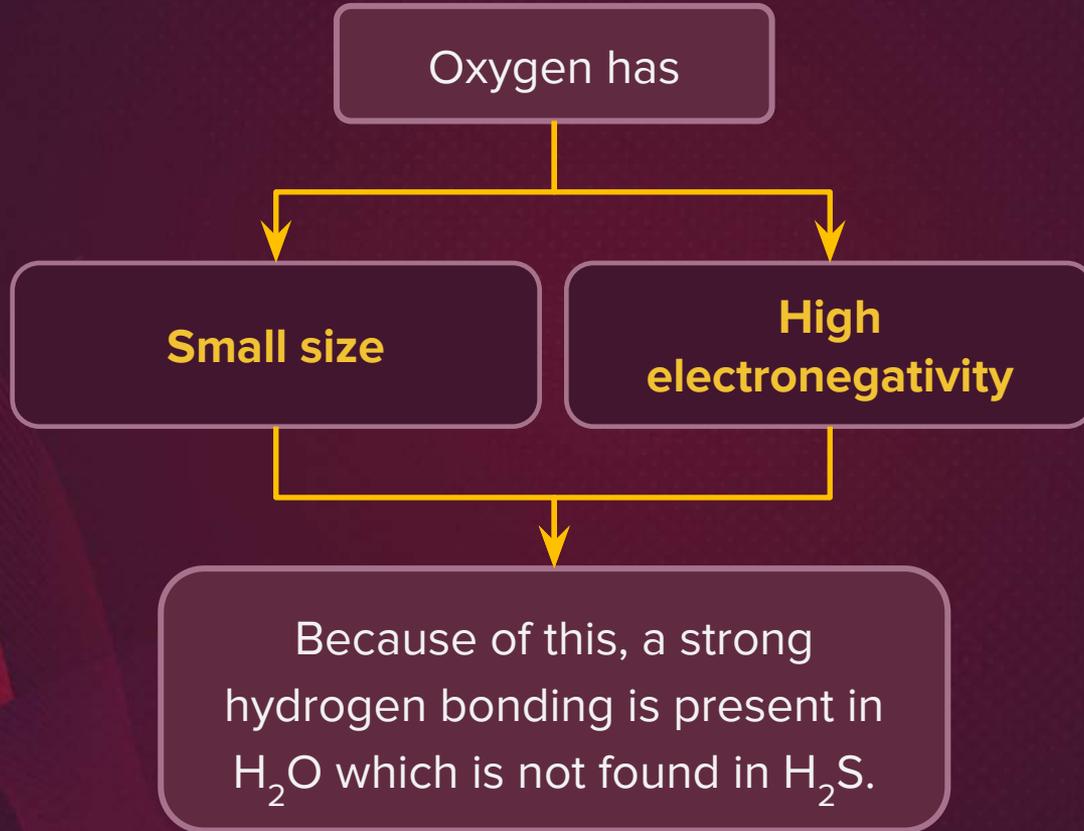


In case of **other elements** of the same group,



The valence shell can be **expanded** and covalency **exceeds four**.

# Bonding



# Oxidation State & Stability

Oxidation states

-2

+2

+4

+6

Down  
the group

Tendency to exhibit  
-2 oxidation state ↓

**Polonium** hardly shows  
-2 oxidation state.

## -2 Oxidation State

Electronegativity of oxygen is very high, therefore it shows only **negative** oxidation states such as **-2**.

Except in the case of **OF<sub>2</sub>** where its oxidation states is **+2**.

# Oxidation State

Other elements of the group exhibit +2, +4, +6 oxidation states.



**+4 and +6** are more common.

# +4 Oxidation State

Down  
the group

Tendency to exhibit  
**+4** oxidation state



Reason

*Inert pair effect*

# +6 Oxidation State

Down  
the group

Tendency to exhibit  
**+6** oxidation state



# +4 and +6 Oxidation States <sup>+6</sup>

B

S, Se, and Te  
usually show

SF<sub>6</sub>

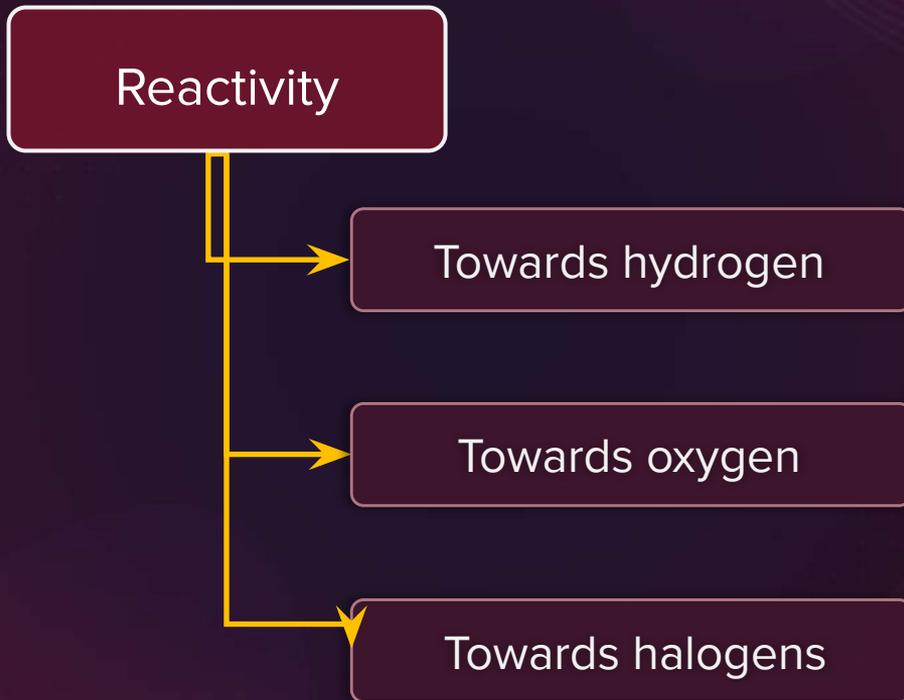
+4 oxidation in  
their compounds  
with oxygen

+6 oxidation in  
their compounds  
with fluorine

Bonding in +4 and +6 oxidation  
states is primarily **covalent**.

✓

# Chemical Properties



# Properties of Hydrides

Thermal  
stability



&gt;



&gt;



&gt;



**Hydrides**

**$\Delta_{\text{diss}}H^{\circ}$  of H-E (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)**



463



347



276



238

$\Delta_{\text{diss}}H^{\circ}$ : Bond dissociation enthalpy

# Properties of Hydrides

Acidity



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>



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$K_a$

Value



$$1.8 \times 10^{-16}$$



$$1.3 \times 10^{-7}$$



$$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$$



$$2.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$K_a$ : Dissociation constant

# Properties of Hydrides

Boiling point

Generally,

Boiling point

$\infty$

Down  
the group

Boiling point



But,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has high **boiling point** as compared to other elements.



# Properties of Hydrides

Reducing  
property



All the hydrides **except water** possess reducing property.



This character **increases** from **H<sub>2</sub>S** to **H<sub>2</sub>Te**.



**Assertion:** Dinegative anion of oxygen ( $O^{2-}$ ) is quite common but dinegative anion of sulphur ( $S^{2-}$ ) is less common.

**Reason:** Covalency of oxygen is two.

NEET

BOARDS

a

If both the assertion and the reason are correct and the reason is a correct explanation of the assertion.

b

If both the assertion and the reason are correct but the reason is not a correct explanation of the assertion.



**Assertion:** Dinegative anion of oxygen ( $O^{2-}$ ) is quite common but dinegative anion of sulphur ( $S^{2-}$ ) is less common.

**Reason:** Covalency of oxygen is two.



Oxygen is second most electronegative element after fluorine. So, it can easily gain electrons to form dinegative anion ( $O^{2-}$ ) while sulphur is not so electronegative element as oxygen.

**Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.**

c

If the Assertion is correct but Reason is incorrect

d

If both the Assertion and Reason are incorrect.



Acidity of diprotic acids in aqueous solutions **increases** in the order:

B



a  $H_2S < H_2Se < H_2Te$

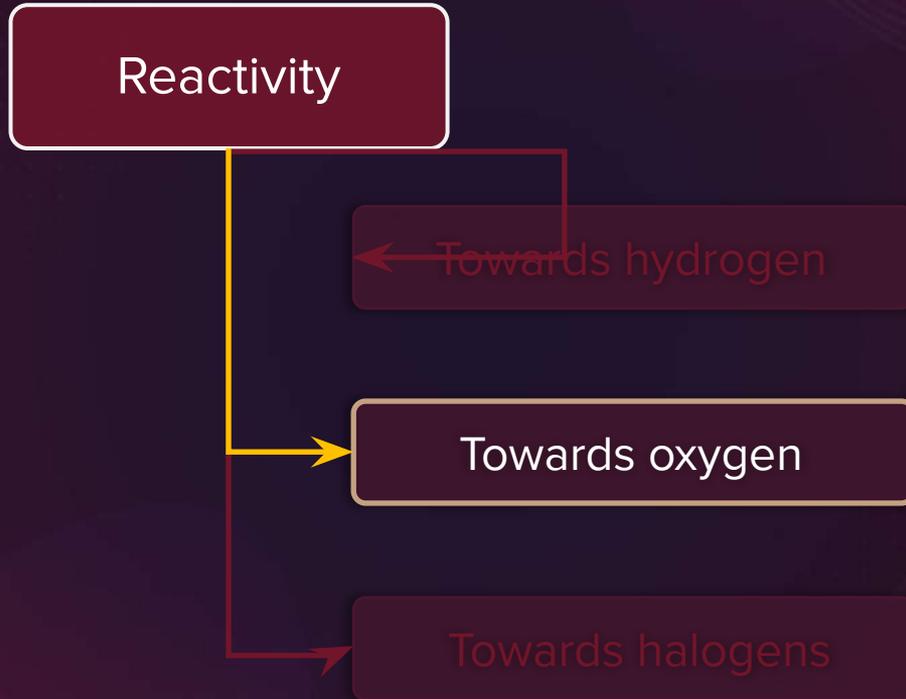
b  $H_2Se < H_2S < H_2Te$

c  $H_2Te < H_2S < H_2Se$

d  $H_2Se < H_2Te < H_2S$

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

# Chemical Properties



# Reactivity Towards Oxygen

All these elements form two types of oxides



E = S, Se, Te or Po

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

Sulphur trioxide  
( $\text{SO}_3$ )

# Properties of Oxides

Oxidising power  
of dioxide

Down  
the group

Increases

$\text{SO}_2$  is **reducing**, while  
 $\text{TeO}_2$  is **oxidising agent**.

# Properties of Oxides

Oxidising power  
of trioxide



Down  
the group



**Increases**



Trioxides act only as  
**oxidising agents.**



# Properties of Oxides

Both dioxides  
and trioxides are  
**acidic** in nature.

# Reactivity Towards Halogens

These elements react to form three series of halides.



E = Element  
of group 16,  
X = Halogen

# Reactivity Towards Halogens



Order of stability of halides

Flourides

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Chlorides

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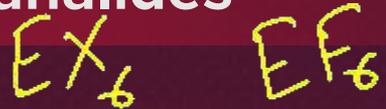
Bromides

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Iodides

# Hexahalides

$sp^3d^2$



Amongst hexahalides, hexafluorides are the only stable halides.



All hexafluorides are gaseous in nature.



They have an octahedral structure.

# Hexahalides

B

Sulphur hexafluoride ( $\text{SF}_6$ ) is exceptionally **stable** due to steric reasons.

**Sulphur hexafluoride ( $\text{SF}_6$ )**

# Tetrafluorides

Tetrafluorides have  $sp^3d$  hybridisation.

**Trigonal bipyramidal**  
structure

One of the **equatorial position** is occupied by a **lone pair** of electrons.

**See-saw shape**

# Dihalides

All elements except  
**oxygen** form dichlorides  
and dibromides.

# Dihalides

Dihalides are formed by  $sp^3$  hybridisation.



Thus, they have a **tetrahedral** geometry.

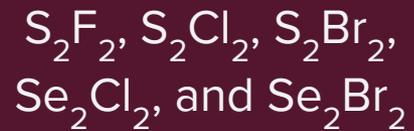
**Sulphur dichloride ( $SCl_2$ )**

# Monohalides



The well-known monohalides are **dimeric** in nature.

Examples



# Monohalides

These dimeric halides undergo  
**disproportionation**



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# Different Types of Oxygen-Containing Compounds

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## Oxygen-containing compounds

Oxygen ( $O_2$ )

Ozone ( $O_3$ )

# Preparation of Oxygen



Dioxygen is produced industrially by **fractional distillation** of liquid air.



**Electrolysis of water** leads to the release of **hydrogen** at the **cathode** and **oxygen** at the **anode**.

# Preparation of Oxygen



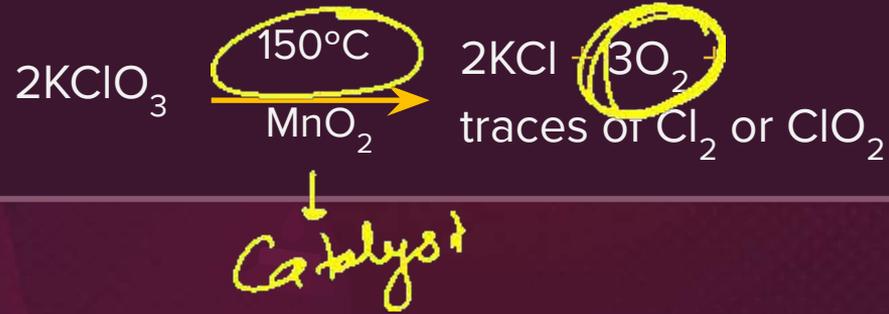
## Electrolysis of water

This is the production of oxygen via electrolysis. Oxygen is produced at anode via oxidation. **This method was most helpful in the COVID crises of second wave in India.**

# Preparation of Oxygen



It is prepared on a small scale in a laboratory by **thermal** decomposition of **KClO<sub>3</sub>** (with MnO<sub>2</sub> as catalyst).



# Preparation of Oxygen

4

By **thermal** decomposition  
of **oxides of metals**



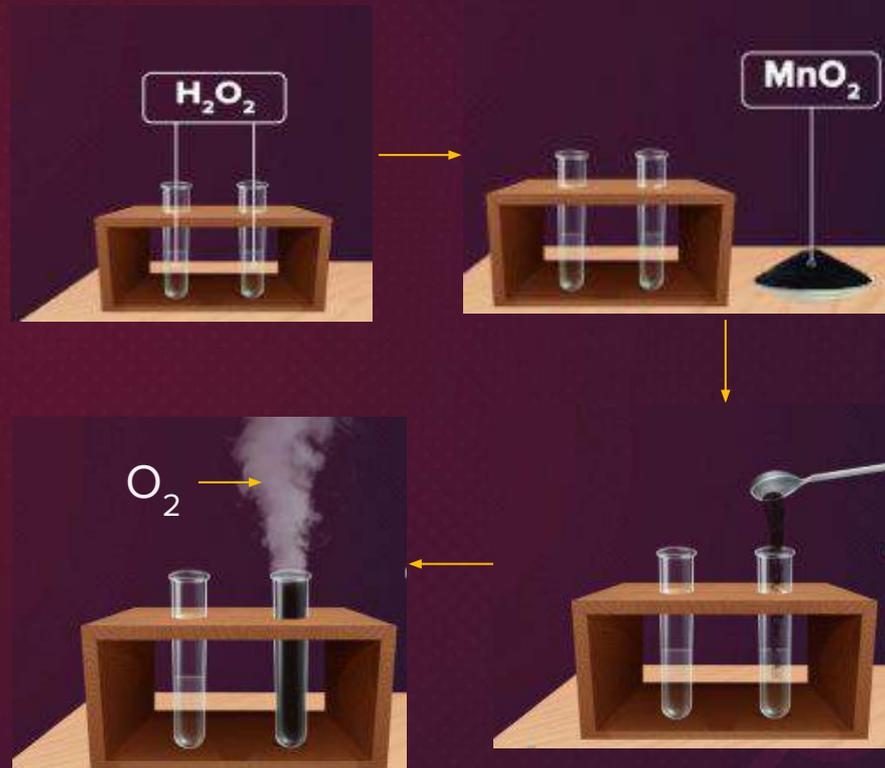
# Preparation of Oxygen

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By decomposition of  
**hydrogen peroxide**



## Decomposition of hydrogen peroxide



# Physical Properties



**Pale blue** in colour



**Paramagnetic**



**Odourless gas**



Strong supporter  
of **combustion**

# Uses of Oxygen

B

**Normal respiration**

**Combustion**

Combustion of fuels, e.g., hydrazines in **liquid oxygen** provides tremendous thrust in **rockets**.

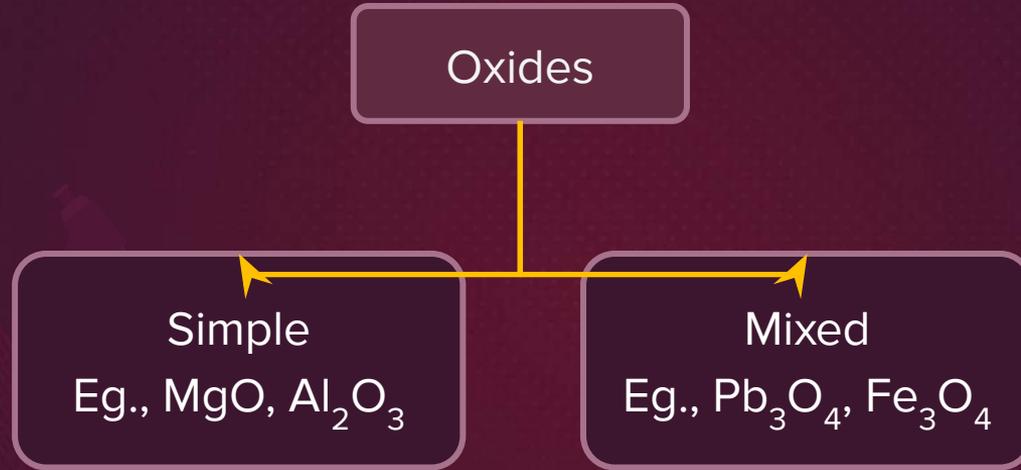
# Oxides

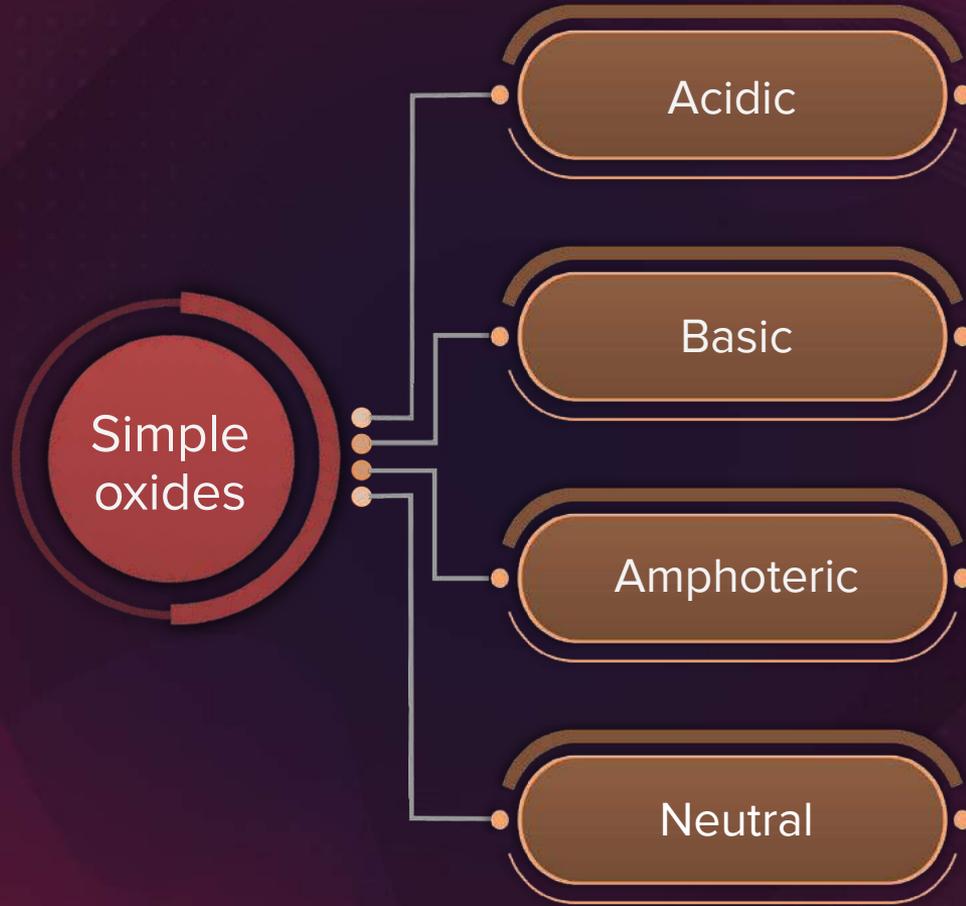
B

**Oxygen** reacts with most of the elements of the periodic table to form **oxides**.

In many cases one element forms **two or more oxides**. The oxides vary widely in their nature and properties.

# Oxides





# Simple Oxides

An oxide that combines with water to give an **acid**

Example





## Note

Generally, oxides of **non-metals** are **acidic** in nature.

Oxides of some metals in high oxidation states also have **acidic character**.

Example



# Basic Oxides

Oxides that  
give a **base**  
with water

Example

$\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{BaO}$





## Note



In general, **metallic oxides** are **basic**.

# Amphoteric Oxides

B



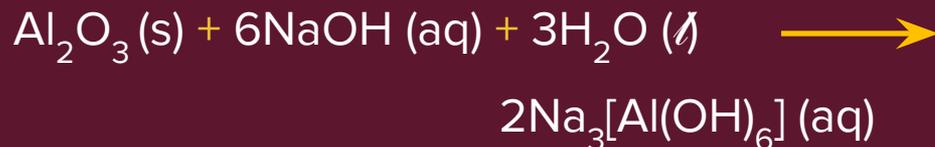
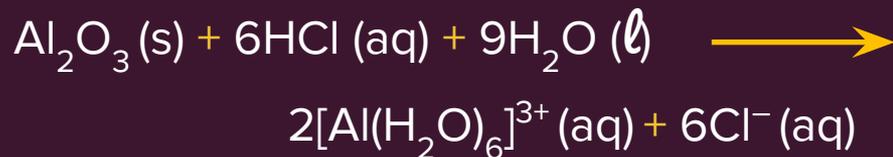
Such oxides are known as **amphoteric oxides**.

Some metallic oxides exhibit a **dual behaviour**. They show characteristics of both **acidic as well as basic oxides**.

# Amphoteric Oxides

Example

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  reacts with **acids** as well as **alkalis**.



# Neutral Oxides

Such oxides are known as **neutral oxides**.

Oxides that are **neither acidic nor basic**.

E.g., CO, NO, and N<sub>2</sub>O



Which of the following is the **correct statement**?



a

Dioxygen is produced industrially by fractional distillation of liquid air.

b

All elements except oxygen form dichlorides and dibromides.

c

The absence of d-orbitals in oxygen restricts its covalency to 4.

d

All of these

**Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.**



Which one of the following is the **correct** decreasing order of boiling points?

B

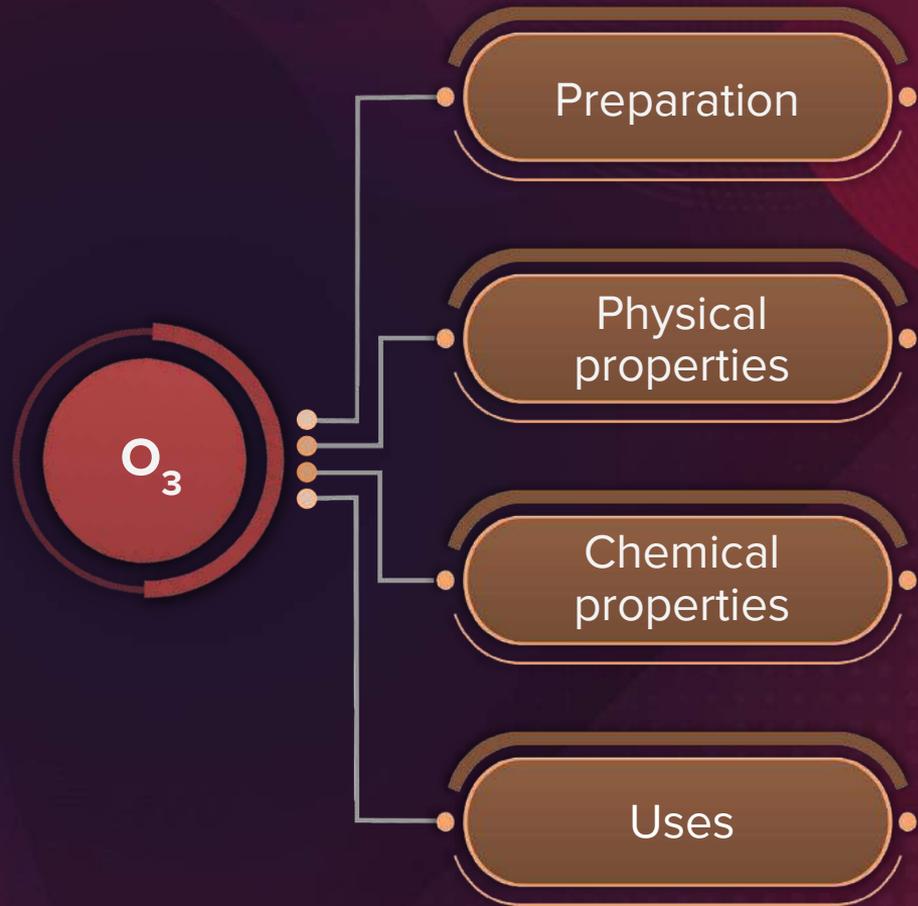


- a
- b
- c
- d



Among the hydrides of group 16 elements, boiling point of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is higher than  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  because of strong intermolecular hydrogen bonding. After the decrease in boiling point from  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , from  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  to  $\text{H}_2\text{Te}$ , it increases due to increase in size of the atoms from S to Te which increases the magnitude of van der Waal's forces among the molecules. So, the correct order of boiling points is  $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{H}_2\text{Te} > \text{H}_2\text{Se} > \text{H}_2\text{S}$

**Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.**



# Preparation of Ozone

**Pure and dry** stream of oxygen is passed through a silent electrical discharge

$$\Delta H_f^\circ = 2 \times 142 = +284 \text{ kJ}$$

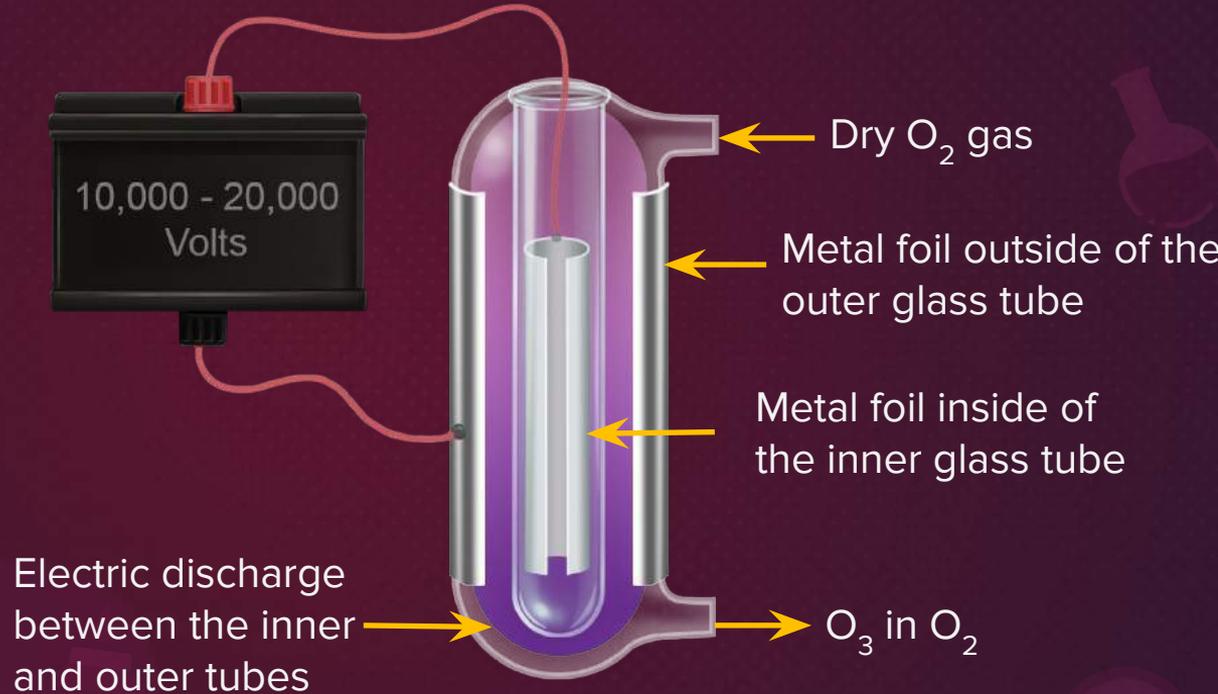


Endothermic

## Preparation of $O_3$ via electrical discharge

B

Purple colour indicates the concentration of the ozone. Dry  $O_2$  gas is passed through the inlet and we obtain an ozone rich gaseous mixture which is purified via ozone concentrator.





## Note

B



**Silent electrical discharge** is used in the preparation of ozone to prevent its **decomposition.**

# Preparation of Ozone

Mixture obtained contains **5–10% ozone** by volume, and this mixture is called **ozonised oxygen**.

Higher concentration or pure  $O_3$  can be obtained by **fractional liquefaction** of the mixture.

# Physical Properties of Ozone



Gas – dark blue ✓  
Liquid – blue ✓  
Solid – violet ✓



It has a **characteristic smell**  
and is **toxic** in high  
concentrations (> 100 ppm)

# Chemical Properties of Ozone

$O_3$  is **thermodynamically unstable** with respect to  $O_2$



$\Delta G$

=

Large  
negative

# Chemical Properties of Ozone

B

Oxidising agent



Ozone acts as a powerful oxidising agent due to the ease with which it liberates the atoms of **nascent oxygen**.



# Oxidising Properties

It oxidises  $\text{I}^-$  to iodine



It oxidises lead sulphide  
to lead sulphate



# Ozone

Buffered with a **borate buffer** (pH = 9.2)

When ozone reacts with an **excess of KI** solution

Iodine is liberated, which can be titrated against a **standard solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$**

## Estimation of ozone

Initially in KI solution ozone is added.  $I_2$  is liberated, which is estimated by titration with the **hypo solution**. Solution become colourless at the end point.

# Ozone Depletion

Particularly,

nitric oxide

NO

Experimentally,

nitrogen oxide

combine very  
rapidly with  $O_3$



# Ozone Depletion

There is a possibility that **nitrogen oxides** emitted from the exhaust systems of **supersonic jet aeroplanes** might be slowly depleting the concentration of the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere.

# Ozone Depletion

Another threat to this ozone layer is probably posed by the use of freons



which are used in aerosol sprays and as refrigerants.

# Ozone Structure

The two O–O bond lengths are **identical**

It is a **resonance hybrid**  
of the two main forms



# Uses

Used for **sterilising water**

Protects us from **harmful UV radiation** from the sun



Ozone is obtained from oxygen:



84

B

a

b

c

d

By oxidation at high temperature

By oxidation using a catalyst

By silent electric discharge

By conversion at high pressure

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.



The **correct statements** regarding **ozone** is/are:



- a
- b
- c
- d



Ozone is thermodynamically less stable with respect to oxygen.

It acts as a powerful oxidising agent.

It rapidly reacts with  $\text{NO (g)}$  and form  $\text{NO}_2 \text{ (g)}$  and  $\text{O}_2 \text{ (g)}$ .

All of these



Ozone is thermodynamically less stable because it decomposes into oxygen and this decomposition result in the liberation of heat, so its entropy is positive and free energy is negative.

Ozone acts as powerful oxidizing agent because it can easily decompose to give an atom of nascent oxygen which is more reactive than oxygen.



**Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.**

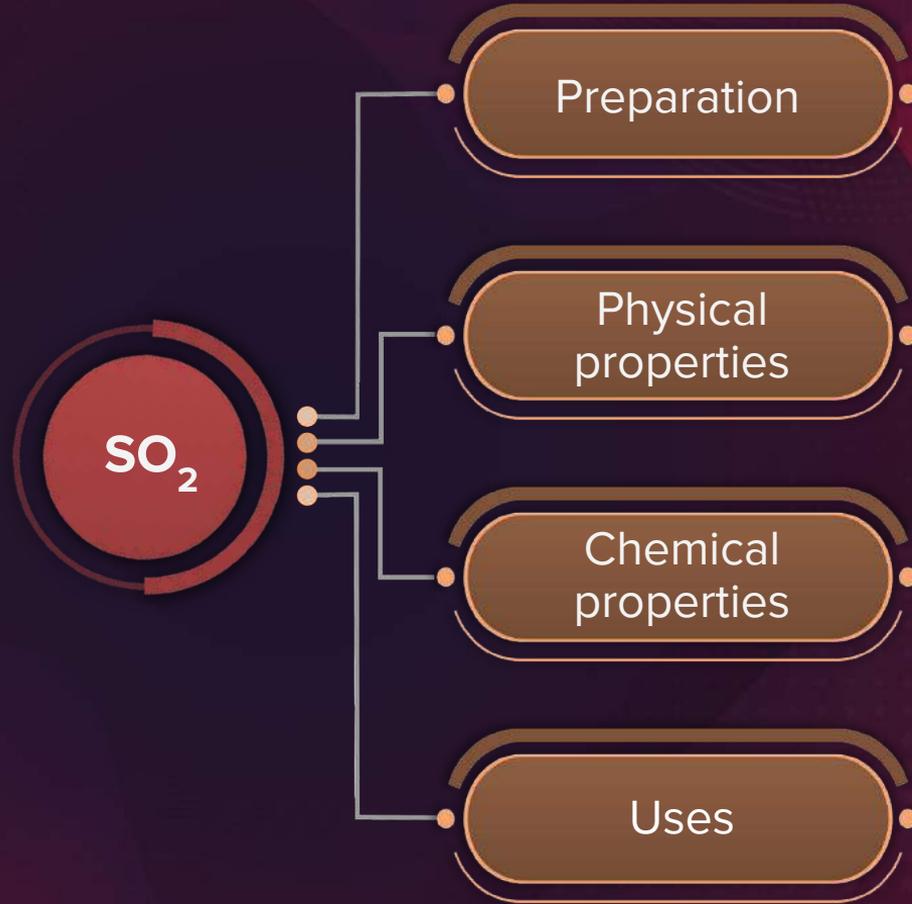
# Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)

Both the bonds are **equivalent**

Molecule of SO<sub>2</sub> is **angular**.

It is a resonance hybrid of the two canonical forms





## Preparation of SO<sub>2</sub>



SO<sub>2</sub> is formed together with a little (6–8%) SO<sub>3</sub> when sulphur is burnt in air or oxygen



Sulfur is burnt with a blue flame in the glass tube. SO<sub>2</sub> produced get transferred into the jar having universal indicator solution (green colour indicates pH = 7). As the concentration of the SO<sub>2</sub> increases, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> is produced which turns solution red.

# Preparation of $\text{SO}_2$

Laboratory  
method

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Generated by treating a sulphite with **dil.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$**



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



**Colourless gas** with burning sulphur smell

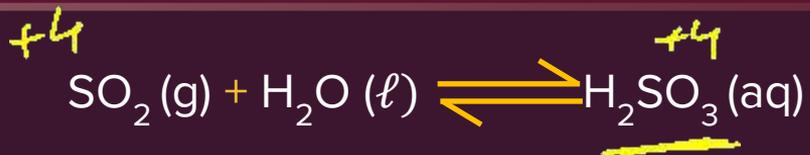


Highly **soluble** in water

# Chemical Properties of SO<sub>2</sub>



Sulphur dioxide, when passed through water, forms a solution of **sulphurous acid**.



# Chemical Properties of SO<sub>2</sub>



It reacts readily with sodium hydroxide solution, forming **sodium sulphite**.



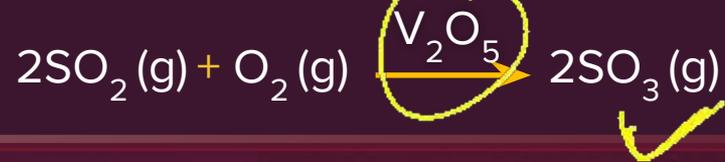
Sodium sulphite then reacts with more sulphur dioxide to form sodium **hydrogen sulphite**



# Chemical Properties of SO<sub>2</sub>



**Oxidised** to sulphur trioxide by oxygen in the presence of **vanadium oxide catalyst**



# Chemical Properties of SO<sub>2</sub>



It is a powerful reducing agent

It converts iron (III) to iron (II) ions



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

Reduction or decolourisation of acidified potassium permanganate(VII) solution is a **convenient test for  $\text{SO}_2$**

Convenient test  
for the gas



# Uses

In **refining** petroleum

As an **anti-chlor**

# Oxo-Acids of Sulphur

Sulphur forms a number of **oxoacids** such as  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ ,  
 $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$

Some of these acids  
are **unstable** and  
cannot be isolated.

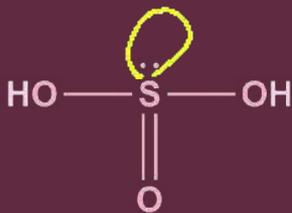
# Sulphurous Acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ )

$$2(+1) + x + 3(-2) = 0$$
$$x = +4$$

Oxidation state

+4

Structure



# Sulphuric Acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )

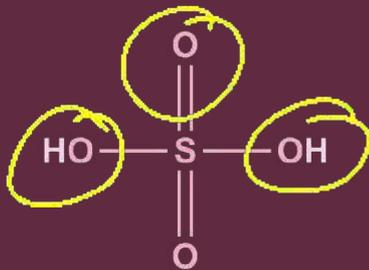
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$$2(+1) + x + 4(-2) = 0$$
$$x = +6$$

Oxidation state

+6

Structure



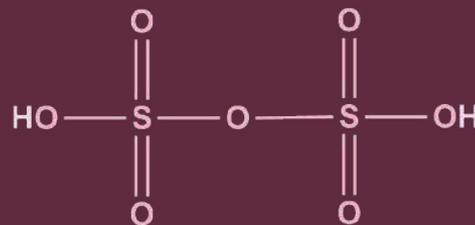
# Pyrosulphuric Acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$ )

B

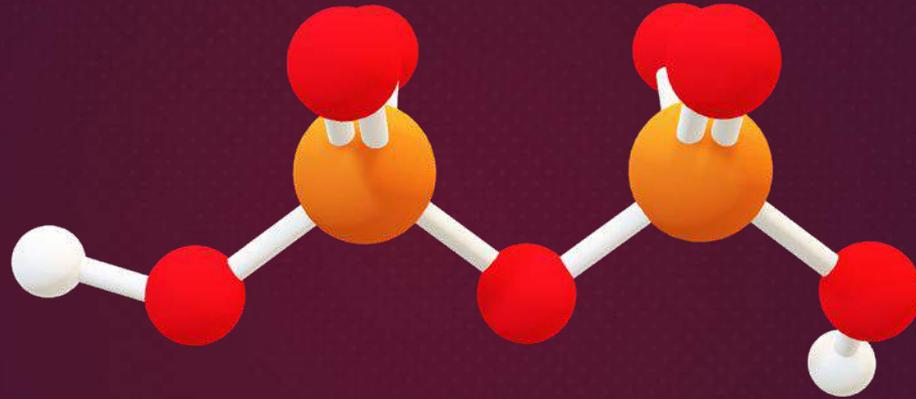
Oxidation state

+6

Structure



## Pyrosulphuric Acid



Red ball – Oxygen-atom

Orange ball – Sulphur-atom

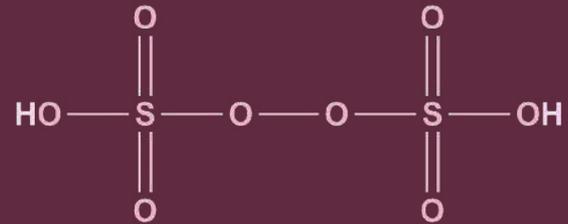
White ball – Hydrogen-atom

# Peroxydisulphuric Acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ )

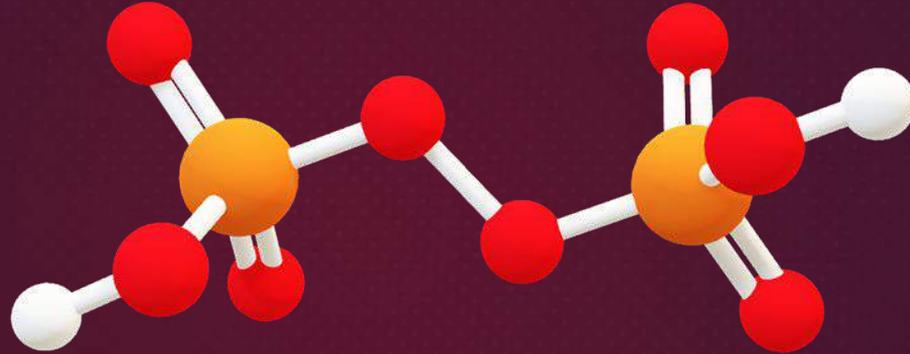
B

Oxidation state

Structure



# Peroxydisulphuric acid

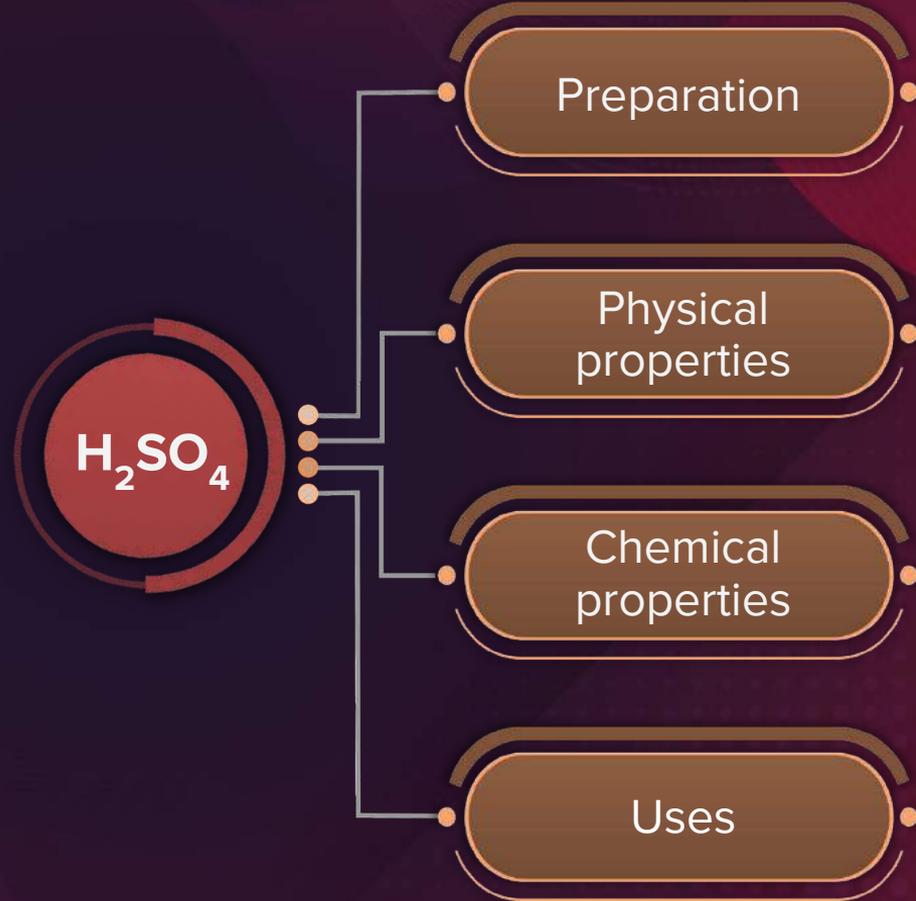


Red ball – Oxygen-atom

Orange ball – Sulphur-atom

White ball – Hydrogen-atom

# Sulphuric Acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )



# Preparation of Sulphuric acid

Sulphuric acid is manufactured by the **contact process**.

Sulphuric acid obtained by the contact process is **96–98% pure**.

# Contact Process

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Sulphur or sulphide **ore** is burnt in air to generate **SO<sub>2</sub>**



SO<sub>2</sub> produced is purified by removing dust and other impurities such as **arsenic compounds**, in a dust precipitator

# Contact Process

This the **key step**



Conversion of  $\text{SO}_2$  to  **$\text{SO}_3$**  by the reaction with oxygen in the presence of a **catalyst ( $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ )**



$$\Delta_r H = -196.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

# Contact Process

This reaction is  
**exothermic** and **reversible**

The forward direction results in  
the decrease in volume

So, **Low temperature (not too low)** and **high pressure**  
are the favourable conditions  
for maximum yield

# Contact Process



Absorption of  $\text{SO}_2$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$   
to give **oleum ( $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$ )**



Dilution of oleum with water gives  
 **$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$**  of the desired concentration

# Preparation of Sulphuric acid

In the industry, **two steps** are carried out simultaneously to make the process a **continuous** one and to **reduce the cost**.

Oleum



# Physical Properties of Sulphuric acid

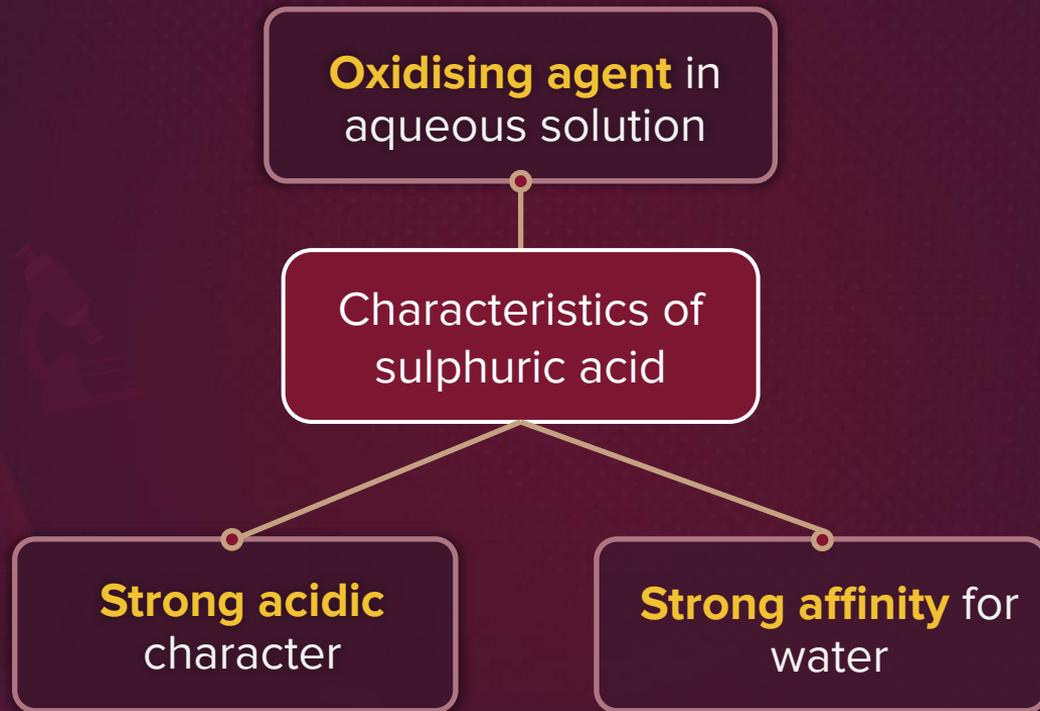


**Colourless, dense,  
oily liquid**



**Dissolves in water** with the  
evolution of a larger  
quantity of heat

# Chemical Properties of Sulphuric acid



# Chemical Properties of Sulphuric acid



Sulphuric acid ionises in **two steps**



$$K_{a_1} = \text{very large } (K_{a_1} > 10)$$



$$K_{a_2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$$

# Chemical Properties of Sulphuric acid

Larger value of  $K_{a_1}$  ( $K_{a_1} > 10$ ) means that  $H_2SO_4$  is largely dissociated into  $H^+$  and  $HSO_4^-$  ions

**Greater** the value of dissociation constant ( $K_a$ )

**Stronger** is the acid

# Chemical Properties of Sulphuric acid



Concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is a **strong dehydrating agent**

It removes water from **organic compounds**

Charring  
of sugar



## Charring of Sugar

Charring of sugar is a dehydration reaction. As the water molecules are removed from the sugar molecules, the heat generated vapourises water and expands the remaining carbon into a porous, smoking black column.



# Chemical Properties of Sulphuric acid



**Hot concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$**  is a moderately strong **oxidising agent** (intermediate between phosphoric and nitric acids)



Both metals and non-metals are oxidised by concentrated sulphuric acid, which is **reduced to  $\text{SO}_2$**

# Chemical Properties of Sulphuric acid

Examples



# Uses of Sulphuric acid

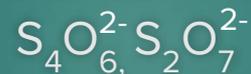
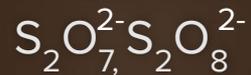
To manufacture  
**fertilisers**

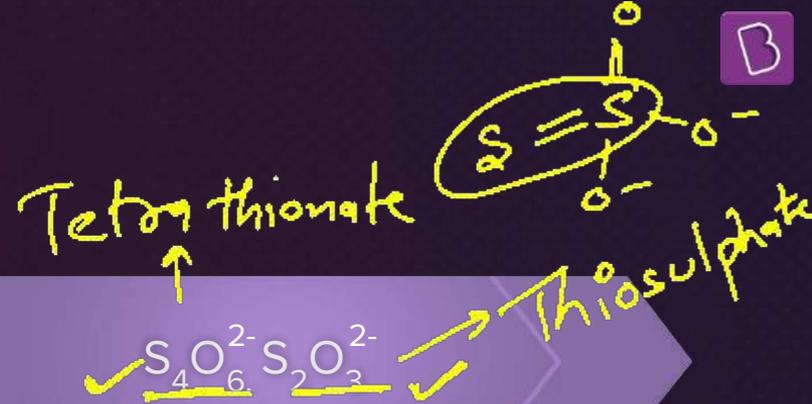
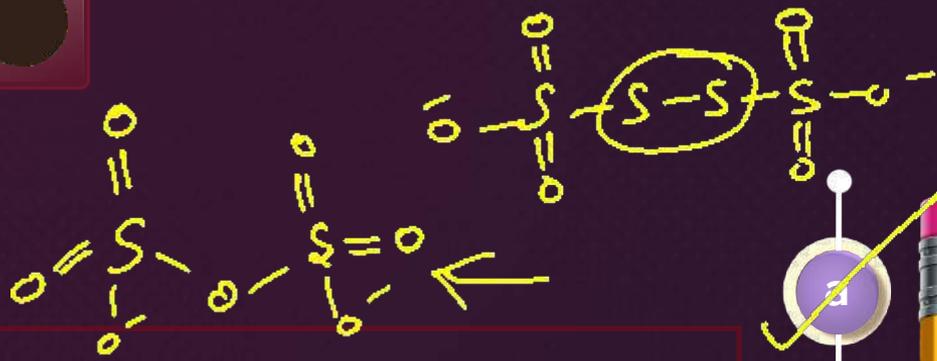
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batteries

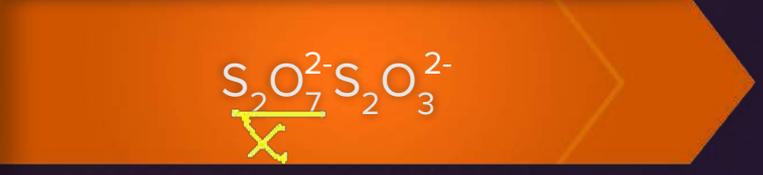
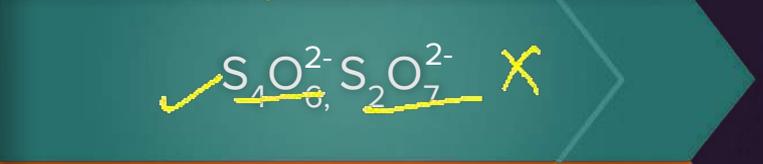
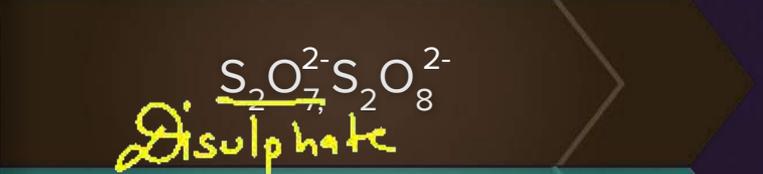
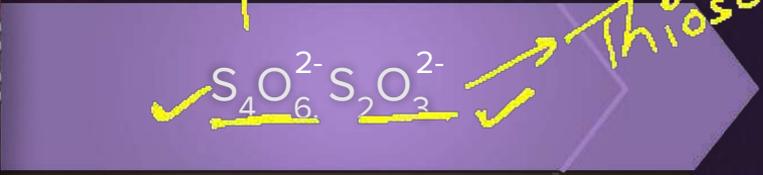
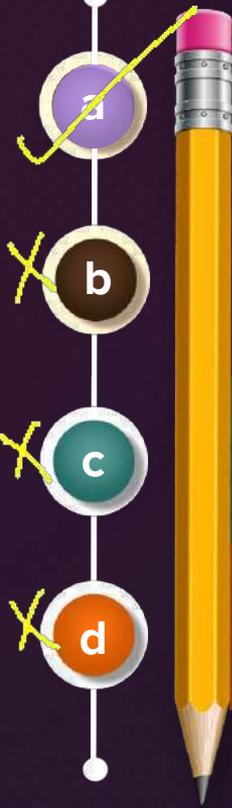
In which pairs of ions both the species contain S–S bond?

B





B

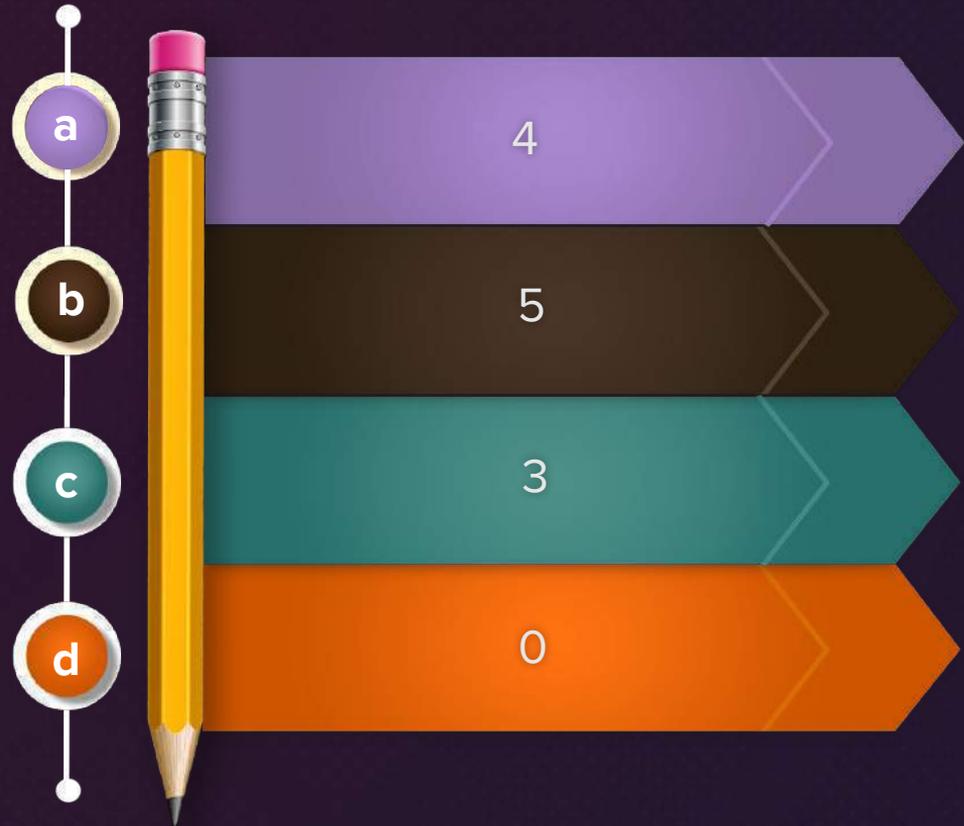


Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

The difference in oxidation states of sulphur atoms present in  $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$  is:



a	4
b	5
c	3
d	0



Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

Which of the following is **not oxidised** by  $O_3$ ?

a KI

b  $KMnO_4$

c  $K_2MnO_4$

d  $FeSO_4$



Which of the following is **not oxidised** by  $O_3$ ?



a KI

b  $KMnO_4$

c  $K_2MnO_4$

d  $FeSO_4$

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

Which of the following chemical reactions depicts the **oxidising** behavior of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ?

B



- a
- b
- c
- d



Which of the following chemical reactions depicts the oxidising behavior of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ?



- a
- b
- c
- d



Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

## p-Block Elements

Group 13

Group 14

Group 15

Group 16

Group 17

Group 18

**F**ree

**Cl**asses

**Br**ing

**I**nfinite

**At**tendance

# Group 17 Elements

These are collectively known as the **halogens.**

Greek: halo  
Meaning: salt

Greek: gen  
Meaning: born

## Group 17 Elements

Occurrence

Atomic properties

Physical properties

Chemical properties

Element	Source
F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main Source: <b>Fluorspar</b> or <b>fluorite</b> (<math>\text{CaF}_2</math>)</li><li>• Another Source: <b>Fluorapatite</b> [<math>3\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{CaF}_2</math>] <b>Cryolite</b> <math>\text{Na}_3\text{AlF}_6</math></li></ul>
Cl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most abundant compound of Cl – NaCl (Sea water)</li><li>• <b>Carnallite</b>: <math>\text{KCl} \cdot \text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}</math></li></ul>
Br	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bromides occur in sea water and brine lakes.</li></ul>
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Iodides occur in low concentration in sea water.</li><li>• Better source: Natural brines</li></ul>

## Atomic Properties

Electronic configuration

Covalent and ionic radii

Ionisation enthalpy

Electron gain enthalpy

Enthalpy of dissociation

Distance (X–X)

# Atomic Properties

Electronic  
configuration

General valence shell  
**electronic configuration**



Element	Electronic configuration
F	$[\text{He}]2s^22p^5$
Cl	$[\text{Ne}]3s^23p^5$
Br	$[\text{Ar}]3d^{10}4s^24p^5$
I	$[\text{Kr}]4d^{10}5s^25p^5$

# Atomic Properties

Covalent and  
ionic radii



Element	Covalent radii (in pm)	Ionic radii (in pm)
F	64	133
Cl	99	184
Br	114	196
I	133	220

# Atomic Properties

Ionisation  
enthalpy



Element	Ionisation enthalpy (in kJ/mol)
F	1680
Cl	1256
Br	1142
I	1008

# Atomic Properties

Electron gain  
enthalpy

Electron gain  
enthalpy  
(in kJ/mol)



-349	-333	-325	-296
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Maximum negative electron gain enthalpy  
in their corresponding period

# Why does fluorine have a lesser E.G.E than chlorine?

Electron gain  
enthalpy



Due to small size of fluorine atom



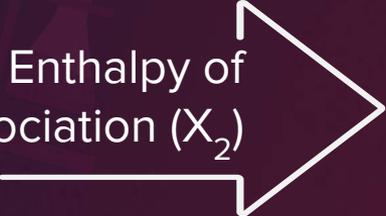
There are **strong inter-electronic repulsions** in the relatively **small 2p** orbitals of fluorine.



Thus, the incoming electron does not experience much attraction.

# Atomic Properties

Enthalpy of dissociation ( $X_2$ )



Compound	Enthalpy of dissociation (in kJ/mol)
F-F	158.8
Cl-Cl	242.6
Br-Br	192.8
I-I	151.1

# Atomic Properties

Distance X-X



Compound	Distance (in pm)
$F_2$	143
$Cl_2$	199
$Br_2$	229
$I_2$	266

## Physical Properties

Atomicity

Melting & boiling points

Enthalpy of hydration

Colour

Solubility

# Physical Properties

Atomicity



All halogens exist as  
**diatomic ( $X_2$ )** molecule.

# Physical Properties



Melting point

54.4 K

172 K

265.8 K

386.6 K

Boiling point

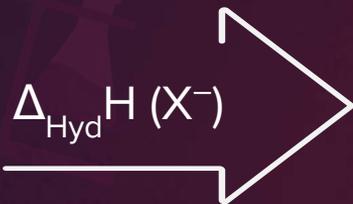
84.9 K

239 K

332.5 K

458.2 K

# Physical Properties



$\Delta_{\text{Hyd}} H$  of  $X^-$   
(in kJ/mol)

515	381	347	305
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**Smaller** the ion

**Higher** is the  
hydration energy

# Physical Properties

Colour



Element	Colour (at room temperature)
F	Pale green-yellow gas
Cl	Greenish yellow gas
Br	Reddish brown liquid
I	Dark violet solid

## Display different colours

This is due to the **absorption of radiations** in visible region, which results in the excitation of outer electrons to a higher energy level.

By absorbing different quanta of radiation, they **display different colours**.

# Physical Properties



Solubility

Fluorine and chlorine react with water. Bromine and iodine are only **sparingly soluble** in water.

But bromine and iodine are **soluble** in various **organic solvents** such as  $\text{CCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CS}_2$ , etc., to give **coloured solutions**.

# Chemical Properties

Oxidation  
states



All the halogens exhibit  
**-1** oxidation state.

However, chlorine, bromine, and  
iodine exhibit **+1, +3, +5, and +7**  
oxidation states as well.

# Chemical Properties

Oxidation  
states



**Higher oxidation states** of chlorine, bromine, and iodine are mainly seen when

The halogens are in combination with the **fluorine** and **oxygen** atoms

Examples

In interhalogens, oxides, and oxoacids

# Chemical Properties

Oxidation  
states



**Fluorine** atom has **no d-orbitals** in its valence shell. Therefore, it **cannot expand its octet**.

Being the **most electronegative**, it exhibits only **-1** oxidation state.

# Chemical Properties

Reactivity

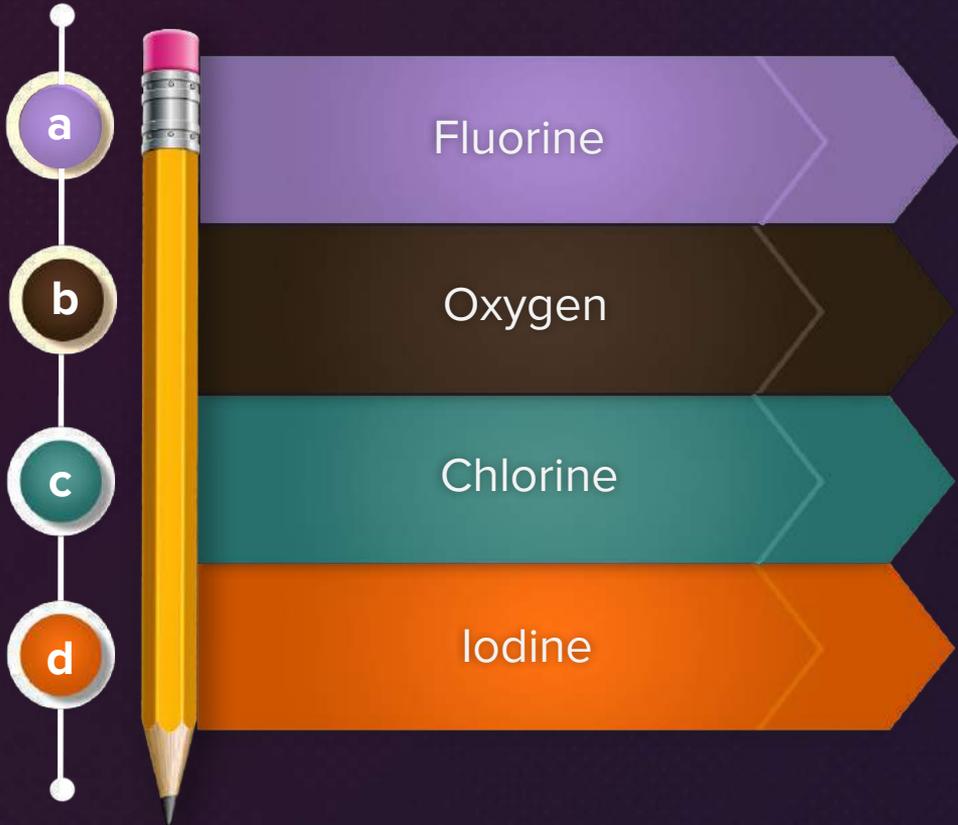


All the **halogens** are **highly reactive**. They react with **metals** and **non-metals** to form **halides**.

Down  
the group

Reactivity  
decreases

The non-metal that **does not exhibit positive oxidation state** is:



Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

# Chemical Properties



Oxidising  
nature



The **ready acceptance** of an electron is the reason for the **strong oxidising nature** of **halogens**.

**F<sub>2</sub>** is the **strongest oxidising halogen**, and it oxidises other halide ions in solution or even in the solid phase.

# Chemical Properties



X = Cl, Br or I



X = Br or I



# Chemical Properties



## Halogen displacement reaction

$\text{Cl}_2$  is added to the solutions of chloride, bromide and iodide respectively. Colour change is observed in the bromide and iodide test tubes due to the formation of the  $\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{I}_2$ , while no reaction occurs in the chloride test tube.

Bromine water is added to the solutions of chloride, bromide and iodide respectively. The colour change observed in the iodide test tube is due to the formation of  $\text{I}_2$ , but no reaction occurs in the chloride and bromide test tubes.

$\text{I}_2(\text{aq})$  is added to the solutions of chloride, bromide and iodide respectively. No reaction occurs in any of the test tubes, but the colour change is due to the colour of iodine water, which imparts its colour to the solution.

# Chemical Properties

**Oxidising ability**  
of halogens in  
aqueous solution

Down the  
group ↓

Fluorine oxidises **water to oxygen**, whereas chlorine and bromine react with water to form the corresponding **hydrohalic** and **hypohalous acids**.

→  $\text{HOCl}$ ,  $\text{HOBr}$

# Chemical Properties



X = Cl or Br

**Spontaneous**



## Chlorine water exposed to atmosphere

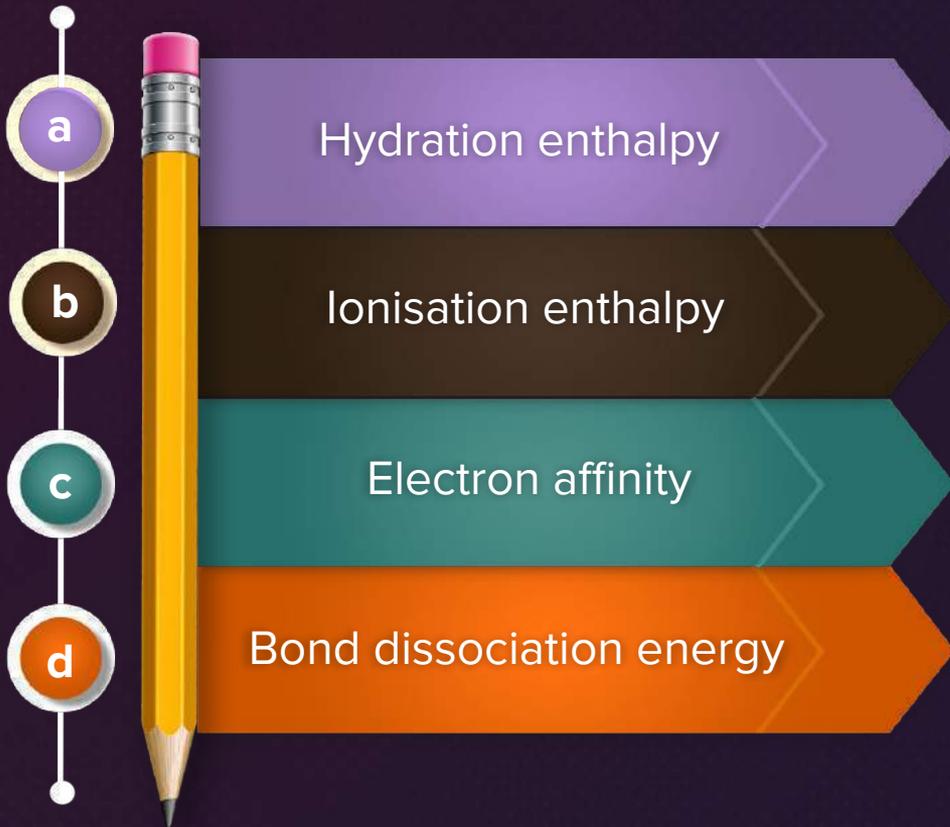
When exposed to atmosphere for a longer time, the solution become colourless and the pH decreases to 2.52 due to formation of HCl and HOCl.





Which among the following factors is the most important in making fluorine the **strongest oxidising halogen**?

B





## Solution

B

Chlorine has the highest electron gain enthalpy, so gaseous chlorine can accept electrons easily. Nonetheless, fluorine is the strongest oxidising agent and the oxidising power decreases from  $F_2$  to  $I_2$ . This is due to:

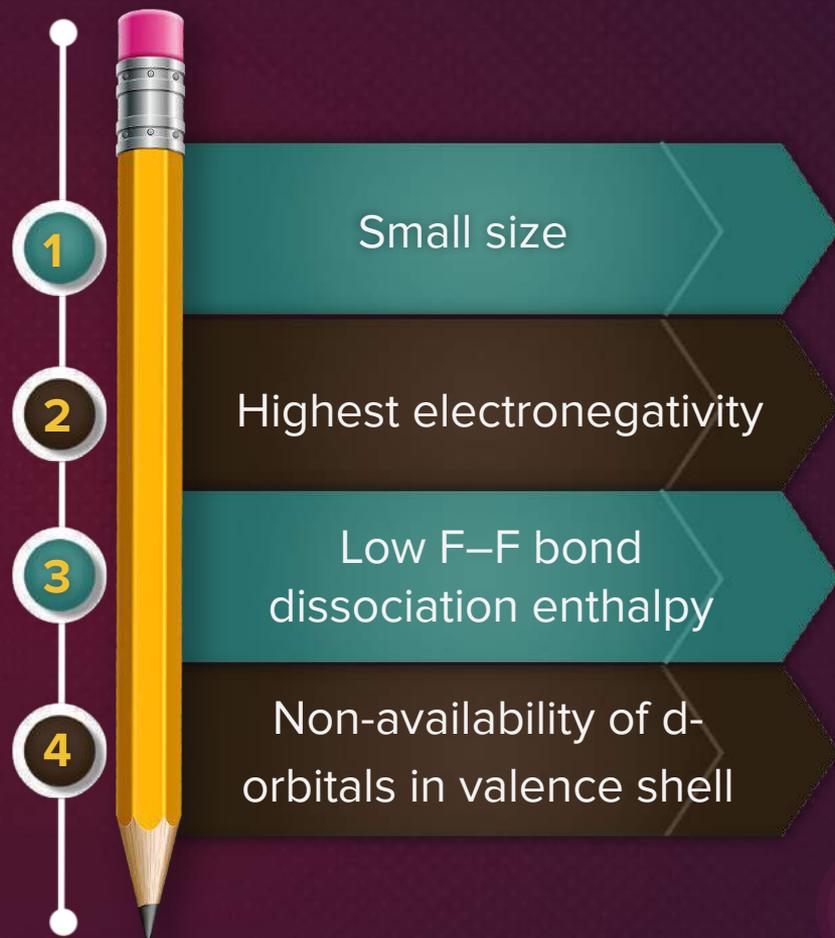
1. Low enthalpy of dissociation of  $F_2$  due to weak F-F bond
2. High enthalpy of hydration due to the smaller size of  $F^-$  ion.

Enthalpy of hydration plays an important role than the enthalpy of dissociation in making fluorine the strongest oxidising agent.

Thus, the oxidising power of halogens follows the order  $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$

**Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**

**Anomalous behaviour**  
of **fluorine** is due to:



# Anomalous Properties of Fluorine



Most of the **reactions of fluorine** are **exothermic** (due to the **small** and **strong bond** formed by it with other elements).



It forms **only one oxoacid**, while other halogens form several oxoacids.

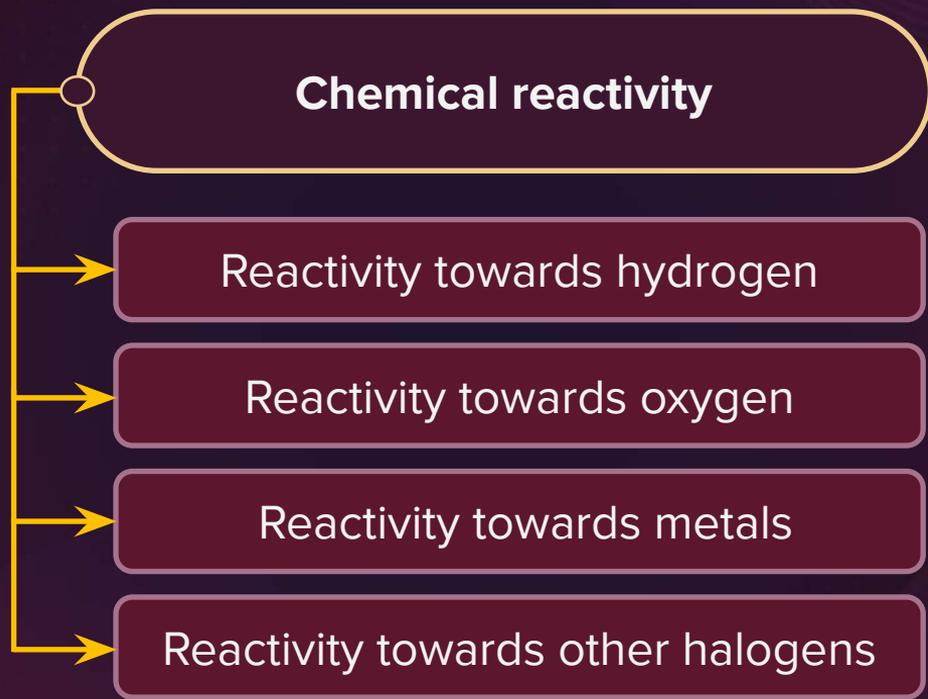
# Anomalous Properties of Fluorine



**Hydrogen fluoride** is **liquid** (b.p. 293 K) due to strong **hydrogen bonding**.



Other hydrogen halides that have **bigger size and less electronegativity** are **gases**.



# Reaction with H<sub>2</sub>



Where X = F,  
Cl, Br, I

Hydrogen halide

Down the  
group

Reactivity  
towards H<sub>2</sub> ↓

**F**<sub>2</sub> reacts violently, whereas  
**I**<sub>2</sub> is **slow** at room temperature.

# Hydrogen Halides







The variation of the boiling points of the hydrogen halides is in the order  $\text{HF} > \text{HI} > \text{HBr} > \text{HCl}$ . What explains the higher boiling point of hydrogen fluoride?



a

There is strong hydrogen bonding between HF molecules.

b

The bond energy of HF molecules is greater than its other hydrogen halides.



The variation of the boiling points of the hydrogen halides is in the order  $\text{HF} > \text{HI} > \text{HBr} > \text{HCl}$ . What explains the higher boiling point of hydrogen fluoride?

B



c

The effect of nuclear shielding is much reduced in fluorine which polarise the HF molecule.

d

The electronegativity of fluorine is much higher for other elements in the group.



## Solution

B

Bond energy is the energy required to break a bond. In the hydrogen halides, HF requires a large amount of energy due to the presence of strong hydrogen bonding. Hence, the boiling point of HF molecule is higher due to the presence of strong hydrogen bonding between HF molecules.

**Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**

# Oxygen Fluorides



Fluorine forms two oxides, **OF<sub>2</sub>** and **O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>**.



Only **OF<sub>2</sub>** is **thermally stable** at 298 K.

# Oxygen Fluorides



These oxides are essentially **oxygen fluorides** because of the **higher electronegativity** of **fluorine** than oxygen. Both are **strong fluorinating agents**.

# Halogen Oxides



Chlorine, bromine, and iodine form oxides in which the **oxidation states** of these halogens vary from **+1 to +7**.



**Higher oxides** of halogens tend to be **more stable** than the lower ones.

# Halogen Oxides



Considering **kinetic** and **thermodynamic** factors

**Order of stability** of **oxides** formed by halogens

Generally,

Br

<

Cl

<

I

# Stability of Halogen Oxides

Stability 



Oxides of **iodine**

Due to greater **polarisability of I–O bond**

Oxides of **chlorine**

Formation of **Cl–O multiple bond** due to the availability of d-orbitals

Oxides of **bromine**

# Chlorine Oxides

$\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{ClO}_2$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_6$ , and  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$

**Highly reactive** oxidising agents  
and tend to **explode**.

$\text{ClO}_2$  is used as a **bleaching agent** for paper pulp and textiles  
and in water treatment.



Which of the following chlorine oxides is used as a **bleaching agent** for paper pulp and textiles?

B



a  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$

b  $\text{ClO}_2$

c  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_6$

d  $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$

### Solution

Chlorine dioxide,  $\text{ClO}_2$  is used as a bleaching agent for paper pulp and textiles.

**Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.**

# Reaction with Metals

Halogens react with metals  
to form **metal halides**.

General reaction



Example



# Metal Halides

Ionic  
character



Where M = Monovalent metal



# Metal Halides

Ionic  
character



If a metal exhibits **more than one oxidation state**, the metal in higher oxidation state will be **more covalent** than the one in lower oxidation state.

For example,

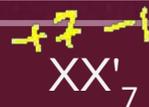
**$\text{SnCl}_4$**  and  **$\text{SbCl}_5$**  are more covalent than  **$\text{SnCl}_2$**  and  **$\text{SbCl}_3$**  respectively.

# Reactivity of Halogens Towards Other Halogens



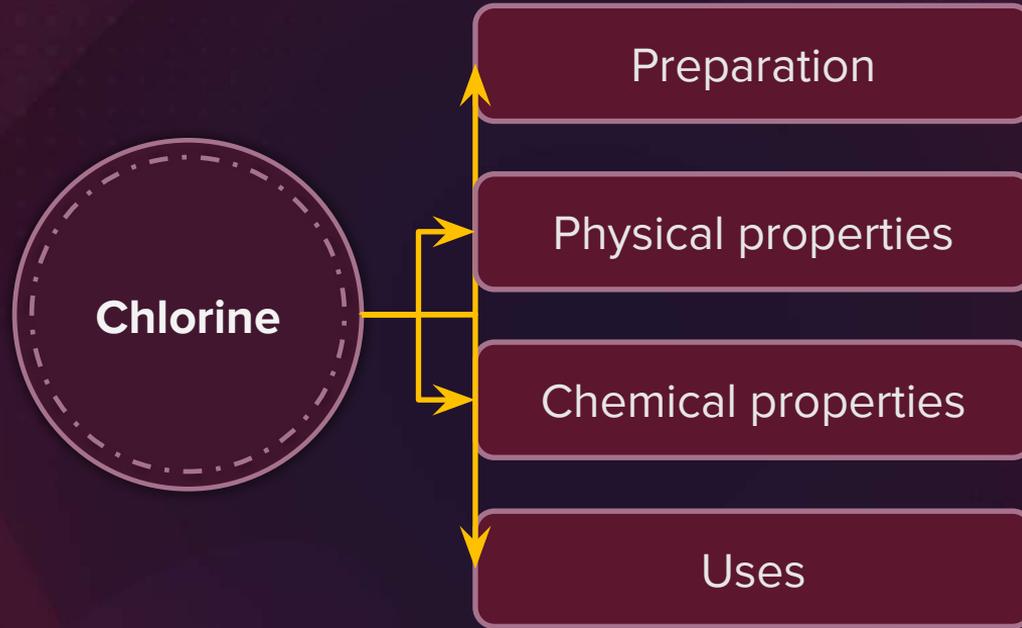
Halogens combine amongst themselves to form a number of compounds known as **interhalogen compounds**.

## Types of interhalogens



where, **X** is a larger size halogen  
**X'** is smaller size halogen.

More electropositive  
More EN<sup>-</sup>



# Preparation



**By heating** manganese dioxide with concentrated hydrochloric acid

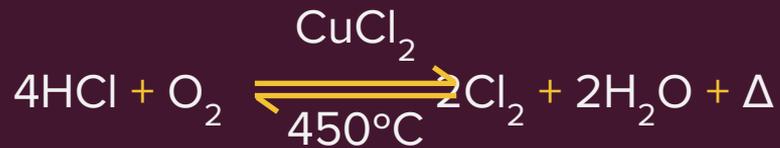


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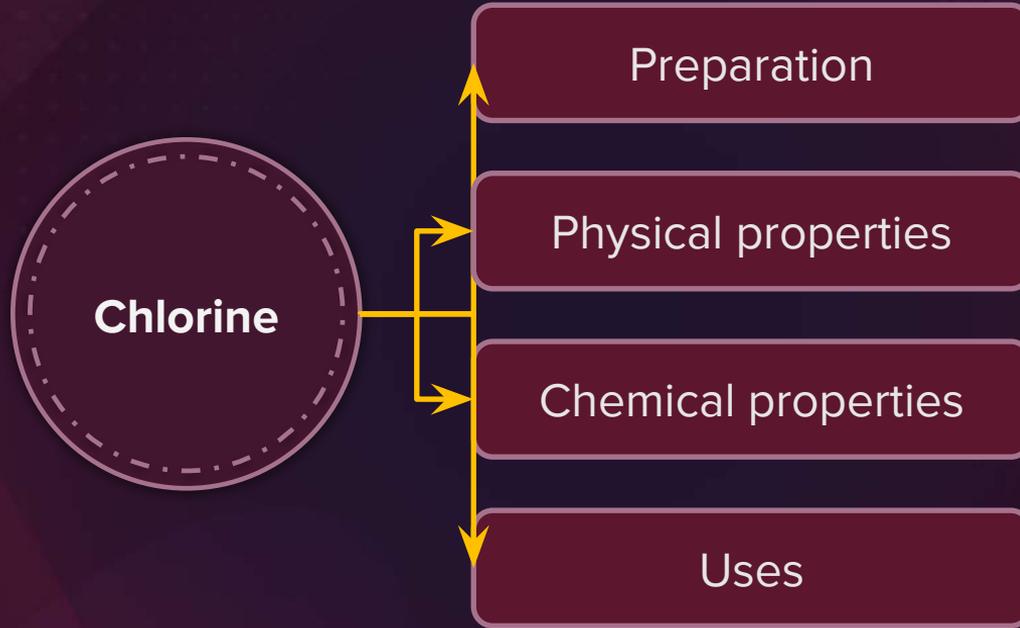
Deacon's  
process



**Air** is used to **oxidise**  
**HCl** the presence of  
 $\text{CuCl}_2$  (catalyst) at 723 K.



Reaction is **reversible**  
And conversion is **65%**



# Physical Properties of Cl<sub>2</sub>



Greenish yellow gas  
with **pungent and  
suffocating odour**



About **2–5 times  
heavier** than air



**Soluble** in water

# Chemical Properties



Chlorine reacts with a number of **metals** and **non-metals**.

Examples



# Chemical Properties

B



Reaction with **alkali**



(Cold & dil.)

Hypochlorite



(Hot & conc.)

Chlorate

# Chemical Properties



Reaction with **dry slaked lime**



Composition of **bleaching powder** is  
 $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})_2 \cdot \text{CaCl}_2 \cdot \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

# Chemical Properties



Chlorine water on standing loses its **yellow colour** due to the formation of **HCl and HOCl**.



**Hypochlorous acid (HOCl)** so formed gives **nascent oxygen**, which is responsible for the oxidising and bleaching properties of chlorine.

# Chemical Properties

Oxidising  
property

Oxidises ferrous to ferric

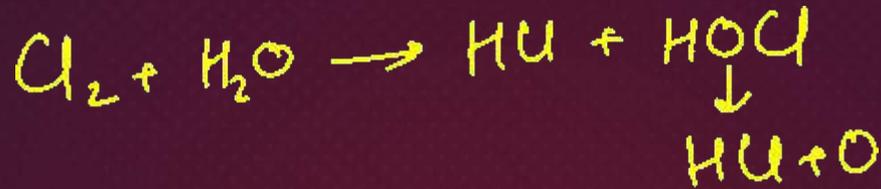


Iodine to iodic acid



# Chemical Properties

Bleaching  
action



It is a powerful **bleaching agent**.

Bleaching action is due to **oxidation**.

# Chemical Properties

Bleaching effect of chlorine is **permanent**.

It bleaches **vegetable or organic matter** in the presence of moisture.

Coloured  
substance + O



Colourless  
substance

## Uses

For bleaching **wood pulp**

In the preparation of **poisonous gases** such as phosgene ( $\text{COCl}_2$ ), tear gas ( $\text{CCl}_3\text{NO}_2$ ) etc.



Select the incorrect statement.

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Electron density

B



The basic nature of  $X^-$  is in the order  ~~$F^- > Cl^- > Br^- > I^-$~~

The electron gain enthalpy is in the order  $F > Cl > Br > I$ .

The ionic character of M-X bond decreases in the order  $M-F > M-Cl > M-Br > M-I$

Among  $F^-$ ,  $Cl^-$ ,  $Br^-$ , and  $I^-$ ,  $F^-$  has the highest enthalpy of hydration.



## Solution

B

In general, electron gain enthalpy becomes less negative down the group. However, the negative electron gain enthalpy of fluorine is less than that of chlorine. It is due to small size of fluorine atom. As a result, there are strong interelectronic repulsions in the relatively small 2p orbitals of fluorine and thus, the incoming electron does not experience much attraction. Therefore, the order of electron gain enthalpy of halogens is  $\text{Cl}^- > \text{F}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$

We know, stronger acid has weaker conjugate base. So, The basic nature of  $\text{X}^-$  is in the order  $\text{F}^- > \text{Cl}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$ . Hence, option a is correct.

According to Fajan rule, as the size of anion increases, ionic character decreases. So, The ionic character of M–X bond decreases in the order  $\text{M–F} > \text{M–Cl} > \text{M–Br} > \text{M–I}$ . So, option c is correct.



## Solution

B

Due to small size and high electronegativity,  $F^-$  has highest enthalpy of hydration among the halogens. So, option d is correct.

**Hence, option b is the correct answer.**



Which one of the following is used in the preparation of chlorine?

B

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a Both  $\text{MnO}_2$  and  $\text{KMnO}_4$

b Only  $\text{KMnO}_4$

c Only  $\text{MnO}_2$

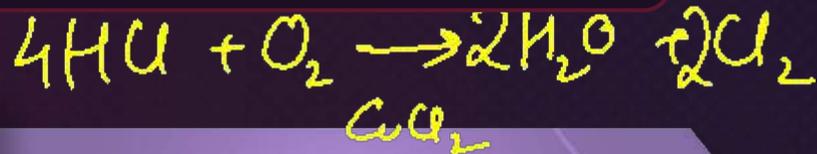
d Either  $\text{MnO}_2$  or  $\text{KMnO}_4$

Hence, option a is the correct answer.



The catalyst used in the Deacon's process for the manufacture of chlorine is:

B



Deacon process is the preparation of chlorine gas using Hydrochloric acid gas with atmospheric oxygen (raw oxygen straight from photosynthesis) using a catalyst (cupric chloride).

Hence, option c is the correct answer.

a Cu

b An alloy of copper

c  $\text{CuCl}_2$

d  $\text{CuS}$



The **products obtained** when chlorine gas reacts with cold and dilute aqueous NaOH are:

B

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a

$\text{ClO}_2$  and  $\text{ClO}_3$

b

$\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}^-$

c

$\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_2$

d

$\text{ClO}^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_3$

Hence, option b is the correct answer.



Among the following which is the **strongest oxidising agent**?

B

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a

b

c

d

$\text{Br}_2$

$\text{I}_2$

$\text{Cl}_2$

$\text{F}_2$



## Solution

B

Fluorine is the most electronegative element and electron gain tendency decreases down the group. Hence, fluorine readily gets reduced to  $F^-$  ion and is the strongest oxidizing agent. Standard reduction potential (SRP) value of these four halogens is in the order  $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$ .

Thus, fluorine is the strongest oxidising agent.

**Hence, option d is the correct answer.**



Which one of the following orders is **not in accordance** with the property stated against it?

B



a  $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$ :  
Bond dissociation energy

b  $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$ :  
Oxidising power

c  $HI > HBr > HCl > HF$ :  
Acidic property in water

d  $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$ :  
Electronegativity



Bond dissociation energies of halogen, **decrease down the group as the size of the atom increases**. However, the bond dissociation energy of fluorine, is, lower than chlorine and bromine because of interelectronic repulsions present in the small atom of fluorine. So option a is incorrect.

All halogen atoms have a strong tendency to accept an electron due to its electronic configuration i.e., there is the only requirement of one electron to complete their octet. Hence they act as a strong oxidizing agent. However their oxidizing power decreases from  $F_2$  to  $I_2$ . So, option b is correct.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**



As we move down the group, the bond strength between halogen and hydrogen, decreases as the size of halogen increases so, liberation of  $H^+$  become easy and hence, acidic nature increases. So, option c is correct.

We know, down the group electronegativity decreases, so option d is the correct.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**

Regarding  $F^-$  and  $Cl^-$  which of the following statements is/are correct?

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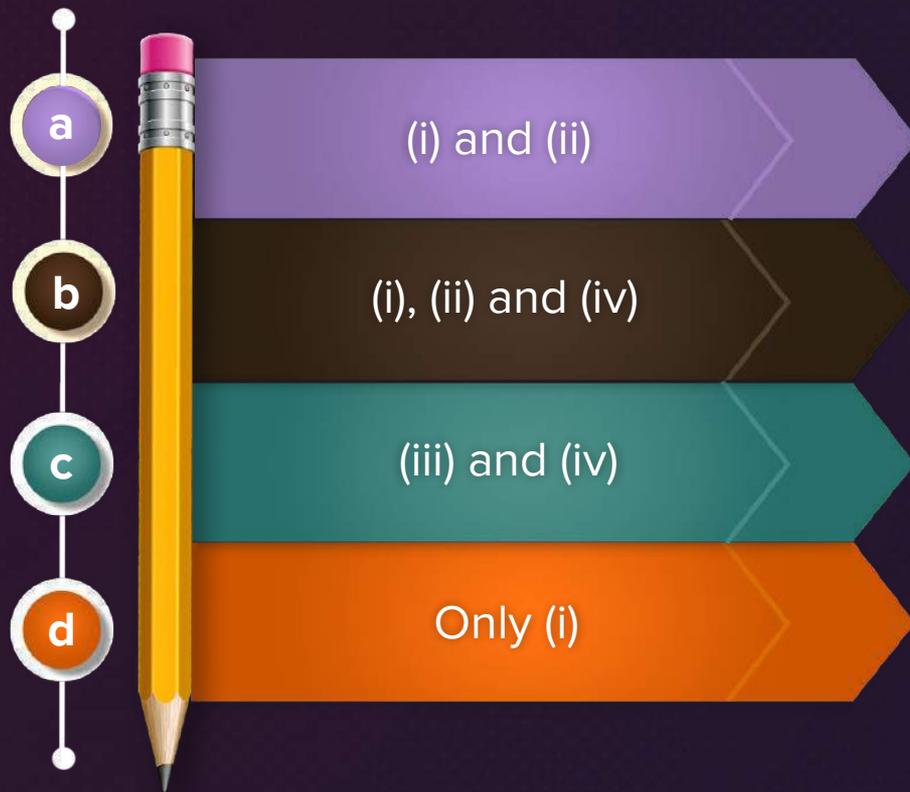
- $F \rightarrow$  High SRT
- (i)  $Cl^-$  can give up an electron more easily than  $F^-$ . ✓
- (ii)  $Cl^-$  is a better reducing agent than  $F^-$ . ✓
- (iii)  $Cl^-$  is smaller in size than  $F^-$ . ✗  $F \xrightarrow{+e^-} F^-$  ✓
- (iv)  $F^-$  can be oxidised more readily than  $Cl^-$ . ✗  $Cl \xrightarrow{+e^-} Cl^-$  ✓

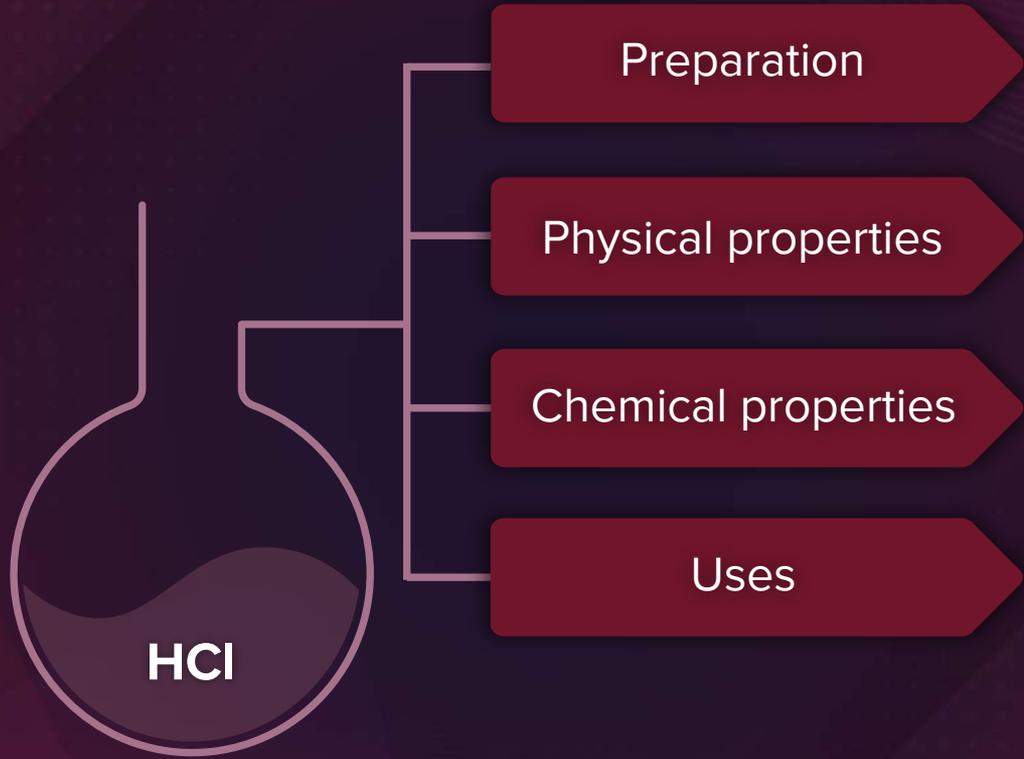


### Solution

The electronegativity of  $F^-$  ion is the highest, so it accepts an electron, and  $Cl^-$  ion can donate an electron relatively more easily. Also, the size of  $F^-$  is smaller than chloride ion.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**





# Preparatio n

Heating sodium chloride with  
concentrated sulphuric acid



# Physical Properties of HCl



Colourless, pungent  
smelling gas



Quite **soluble** in water



# Physical Properties of HCl

The aqueous solution is called **hydrochloric acid**.

High value of  
dissociation  
constant ( $K_a$ )

**Strong acid  
in water**

 $K_a$ 

=

 $10^7$

# Chemical Properties of HCl

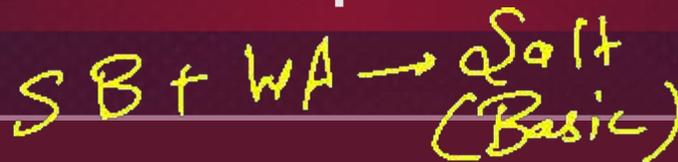


Acidic character

It reacts with  $\text{NH}_3$  and gives off white fumes of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .



# Chemical Properties of HCl



Hydrochloric acid decomposes the **salts of weaker acids**.



# Uses

In manufacturing  
**chlorine**,  **$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$** , and  
**glucose** (from corn starch)

In **medicines**

As a **laboratory reagent**

## Hypofluorous acid (HOF)

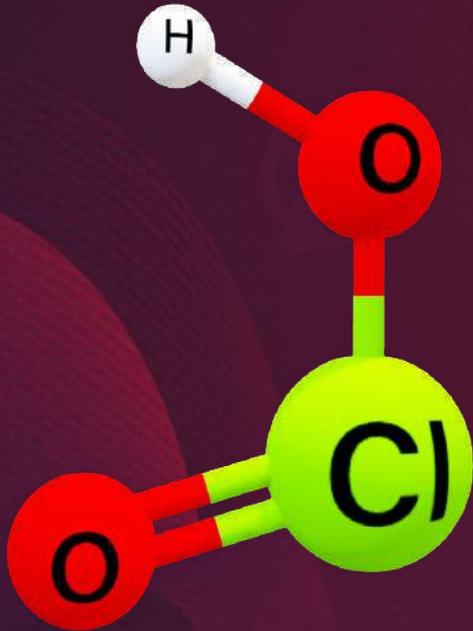


**Fluorine** is unique among the halogens in forming no species in which it has a formal oxidation state other than **-1**.

The only known oxoacid is **hypofluorous acid, HOF**.

# Oxoacids of Chlorine

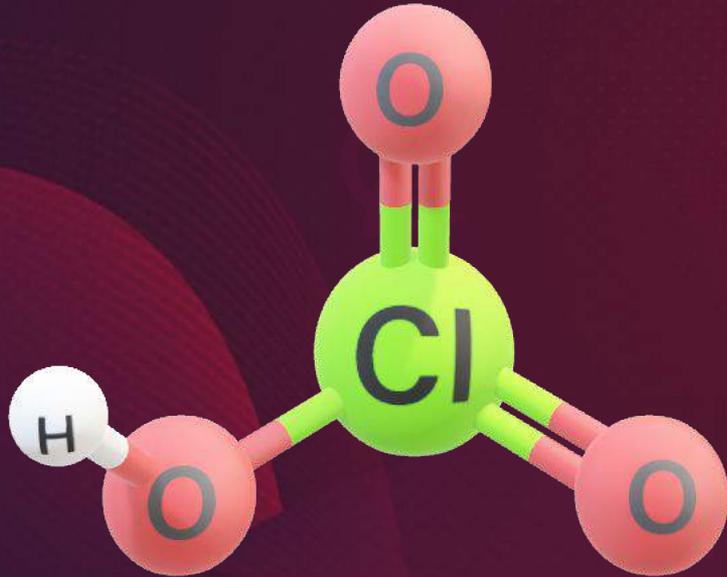
Chlorous acid



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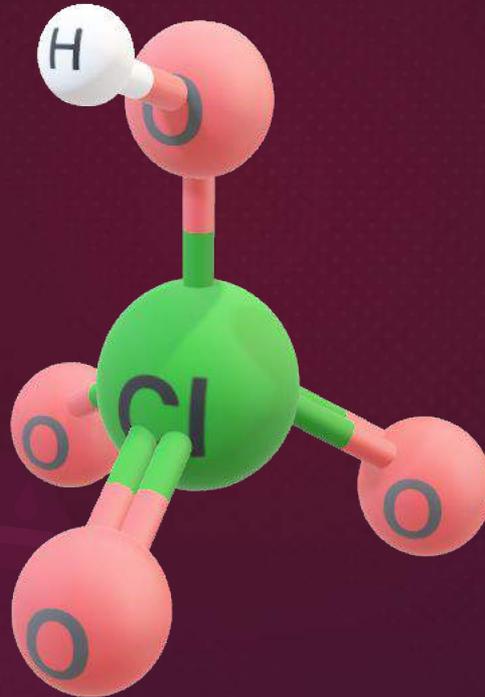
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Chloric acid



# Oxoacids of Chlorine

Perchloric acid

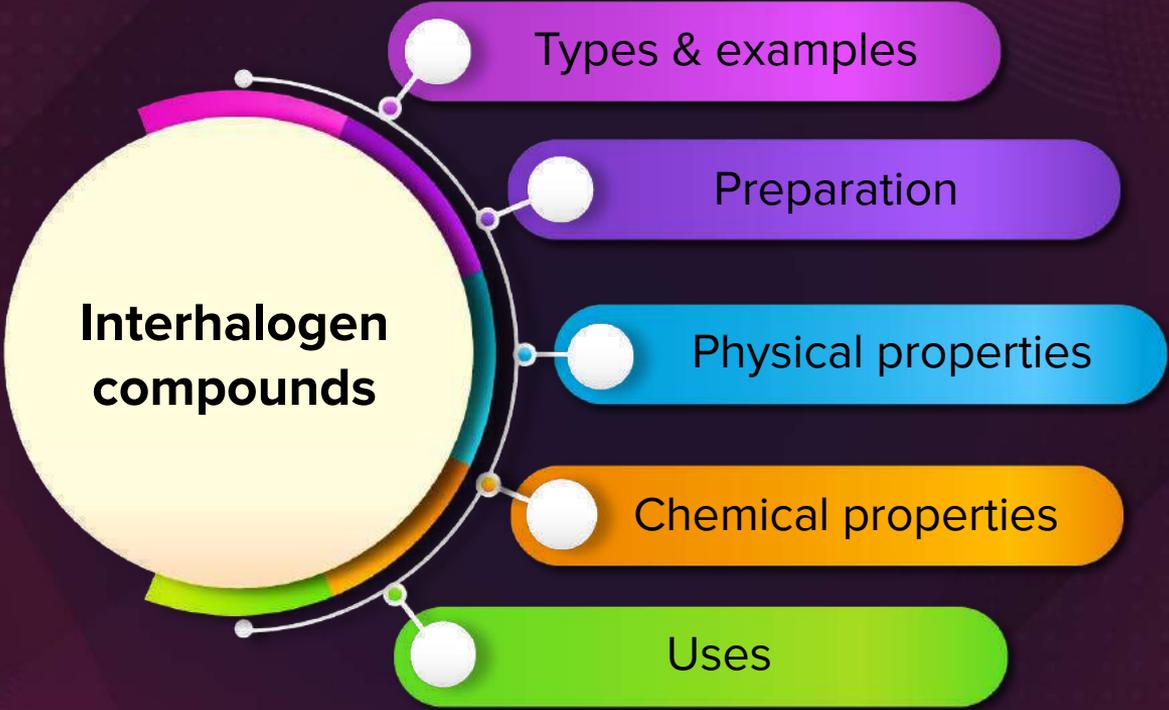


# Interhalogen Compounds

Halogen atoms have different electronegativities. Due to this **difference** in electronegativities, the halogen atoms combine with each other.



This gives rise to the formation of binary covalent compounds, which are called **interhalogen** compounds.



# Types of Interhalogen Compounds

Four types



**X**

Halogen of larger size

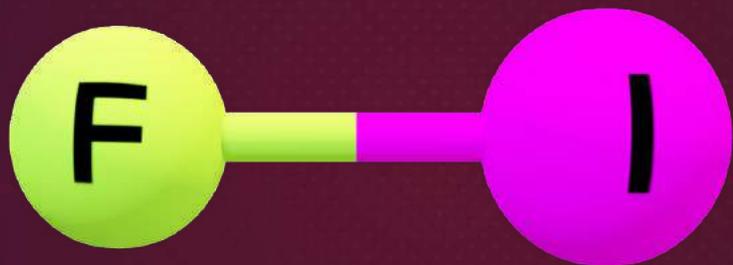
**X'**

Halogen of smaller size

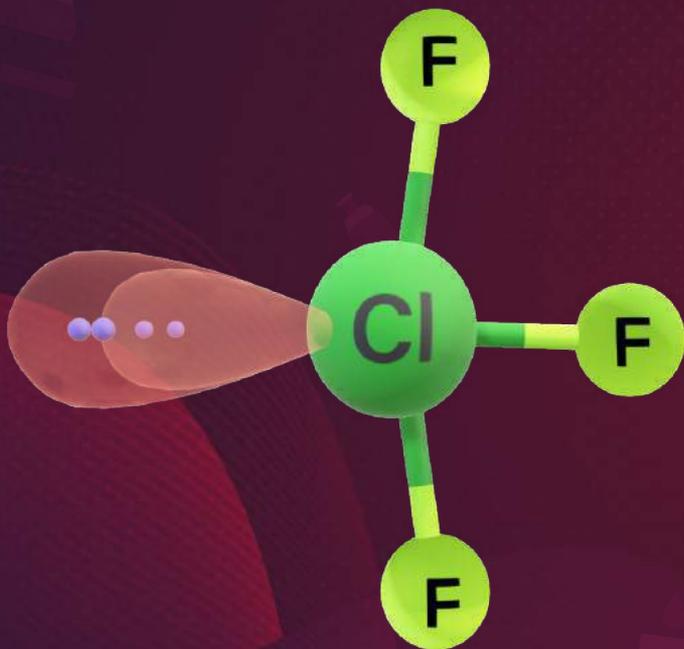
**X is more electropositive than X'**

# Iodine monofluoride (XX')

B



# Chlorine trifluoride ( $\text{XX}_3$ )

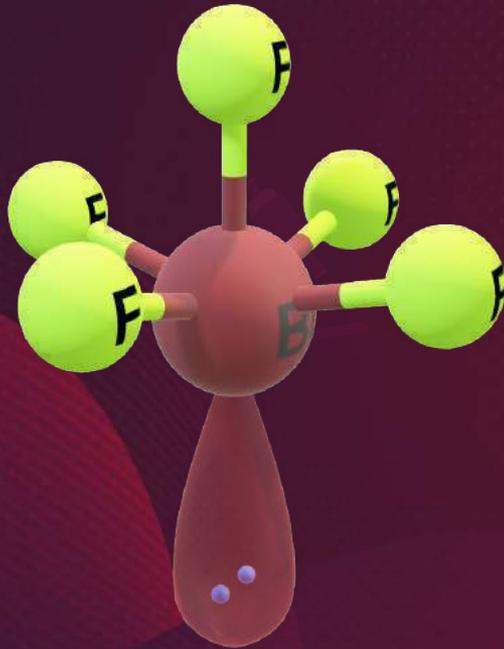


Hybridisation –  $\text{sp}^3\text{d}$

Geometry – Trigonal Planar

Structure – T-shaped

# Bromine Pentafluoride ( $\text{BrF}_5$ )

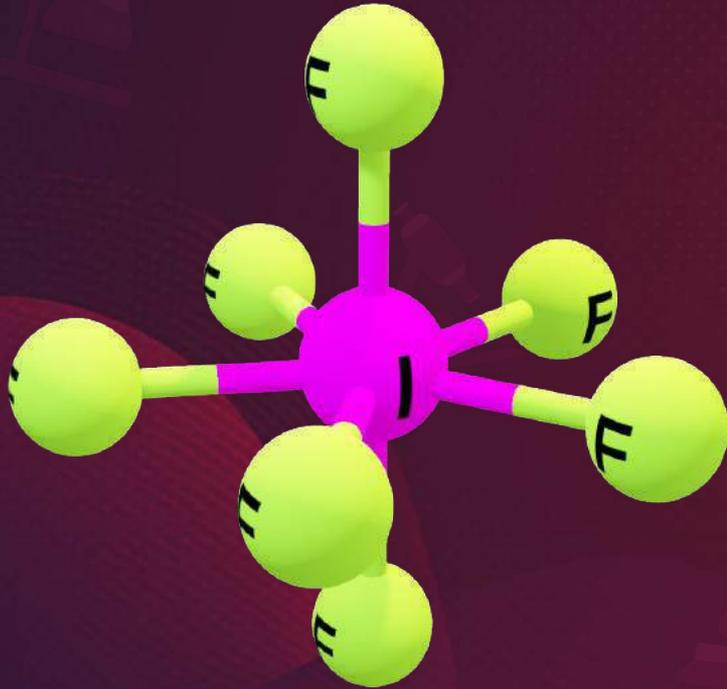


Hybridisation –  $\text{sp}^3\text{d}^2$

Geometry – Octahedral

Structure – Square Pyramidal

# Iodine Heptafluoride (XX<sub>7</sub>)

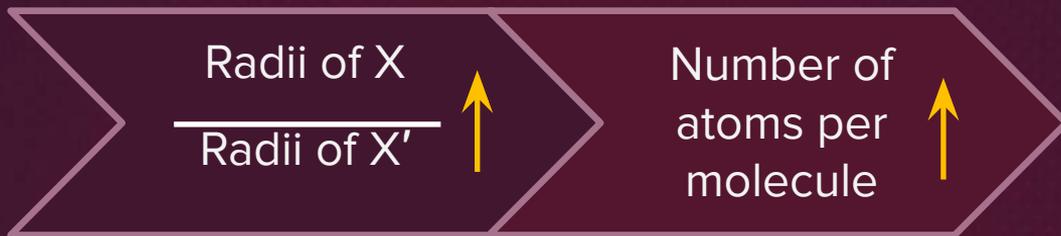


Hybridisation –  $sp^3d^3$

Geometry – **Pentagonal Bipyramidal**

Structure – **Pentagonal Bipyramidal**

# Interhalogen Compounds



Thus, iodine (VII) fluoride should have the **maximum number of atoms** as the ratio of the radii between I and F should be the **maximum**.

That is why its formula is **IF<sub>7</sub>** (having the maximum number of atoms).

By the **direct combination** of halogens:



# Physical Properties



These compounds may be **gases, liquids, or solids.**

Gases:  $\text{ClF}$ ,  $\text{BrF}$ ,  $\text{ClF}_3$ ,  $\text{IF}_7$

Liquids:  $\text{BrF}_3$ ,  $\text{BrF}_5$

Solids:  $\text{ICl}$ ,  $\text{IBr}$ ,  $\text{IF}_3$ ,  $\text{ICl}_3$

# Physical Properties



All interhalogens are **covalent molecules** and are **diamagnetic** in nature.



Electronegativity  
difference ↑

Boiling  
point ↑

Between  
X and X' atoms

# Physical Properties

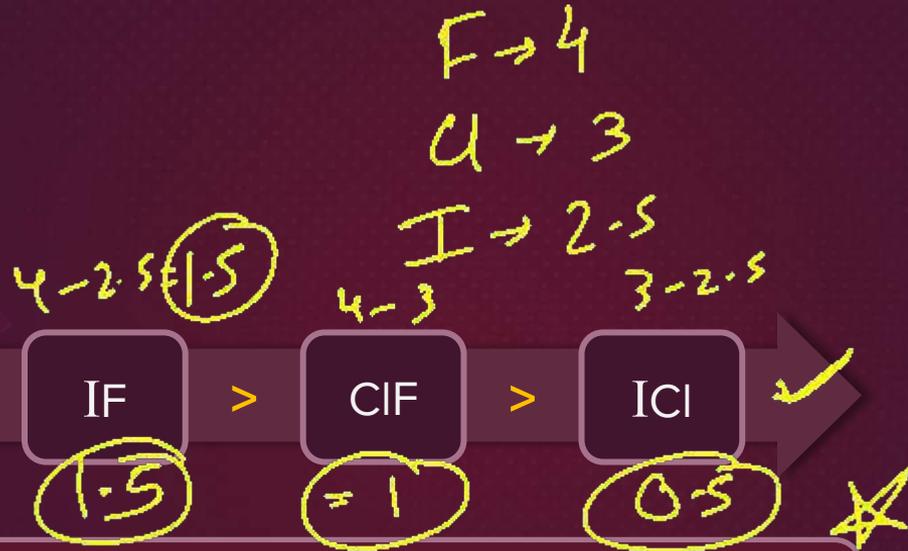


Electronegativity  
difference ↓

Thermal  
stability ↓

Between  
X and X' atoms

# Physical Properties



**More polar** is the X-X' bond, more  
 is the stability of interhalogen.

# Chemical Properties



Interhalogen compounds are **more reactive** than the **parent halogens** but **less reactive than  $F_2$** .

This is because the  $X-X'$  bond in interhalogens is **weaker** than the  $X-X$  bond in halogens except the  $F-F$  bond.

# Chemical Properties



All interhalogen compounds undergo **hydrolysis**.



# Chemical Properties

B

All these undergo **hydrolysis** giving

A **halide ion**

Derived from **smaller** halogen

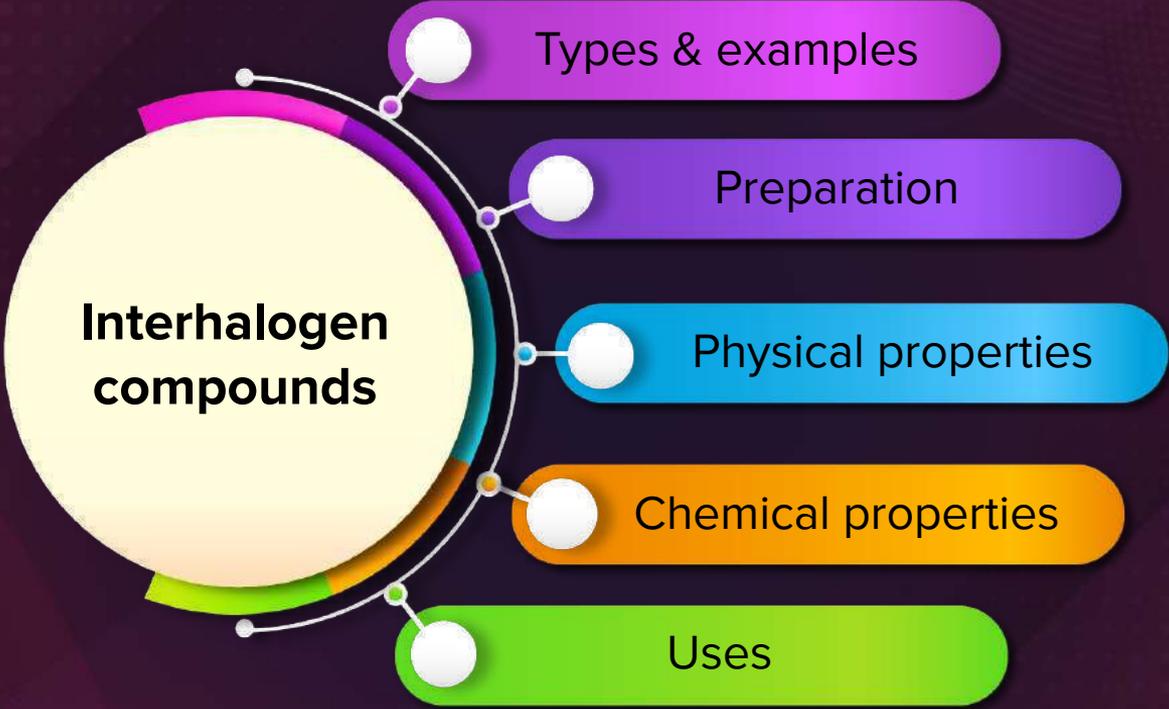
A **hypohalite** (when  $XX'$ ), **halite** (when  $XX'_3$ ), **halate** (when  $XX'_5$ ), and **perhalate** (when  $XX'_7$ ) anion

Derived from **larger** halogen

# Uses

Interhalogen compounds are very useful **fluorinating agents**.

Interhalogen compounds can be used as **non-aqueous solvents**



# Chemical Properties



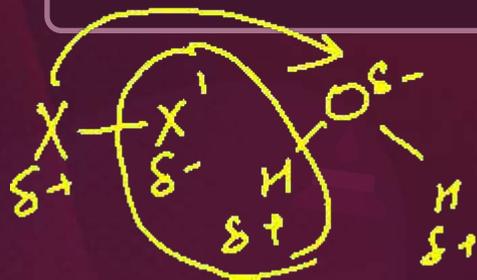
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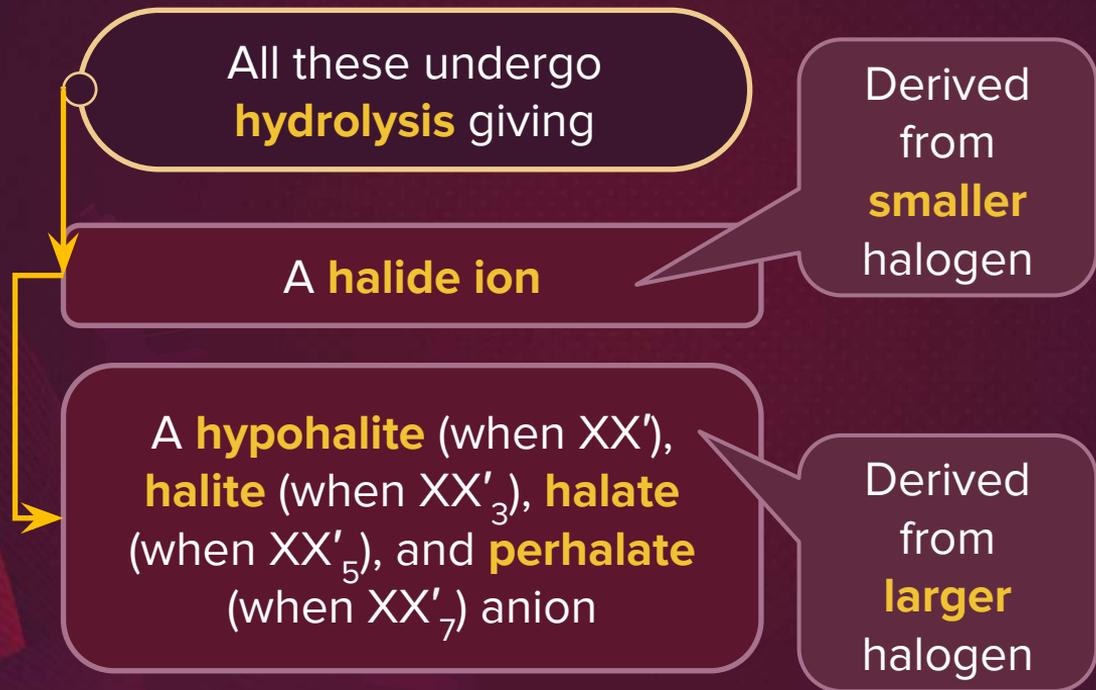
# Chemical Properties



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# Chemical Properties





The number of lone pairs of electrons present in the central atom of  $\text{ClF}_3$  is:

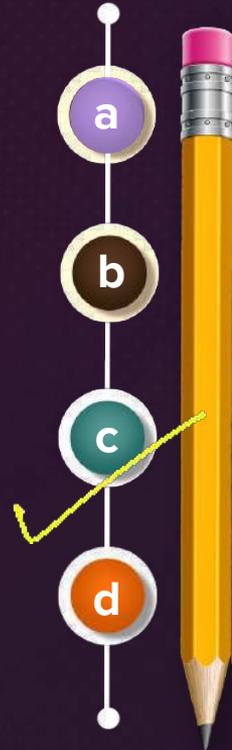
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Cl (central atom) has 7 valence electrons, out of which 3 are involved in bond formation with 3 F atoms.  $7 - 3 = 4$  valence electrons remain in the form of 2 lone pairs of electrons.

**Hence, option c is the correct answer.**



$$H = \frac{1}{2} [V + M - C + A]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} [7 + 3] = 2 \text{ } sp^3d^2$$

4

3

2

5

# Uses

B

Interhalogen compounds are very useful **fluorinating agents**.

Interhalogen compounds can be used as **non-aqueous solvents**



Match the interhalogen compounds of **column-I** with their **geometry in column-II** and assign the correct code:

B

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$H = \frac{1}{2} [7 + 3] = 5$   $sp^3d$  TBP



$H = \frac{1}{2} [7 + 5] = 6$   
 $sp^3d^2$   
 Oh



	Column I		Column II
(A)	$XX'$	(i)	T-shape
(B)	$XX'_3$	(ii)	Pentagonal bipyramidal
(C)	$XX'_5$	(iii)	Linear
(D)	<u><math>XX'_7</math></u>	(iv)	Square pyramidal
	$IF_7$ $sp^3d^3$	(v)	Tetrahedral

Pentagonal bipyramidal



Match the interhalogen compounds of **column-I** with their **geometry in column-II** and assign the correct code:



B

	A	B	C	D
(a)	(iii)	(i)	(iv)	(ii)
(b)	(v)	(iv)	(iii)	(ii)
(c)	(iv)	(iii)	(ii)	(i)
(d)	(iii)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)

Hence, option a is the correct answer.



**Group 18**  
**(The Noble Gases)**

**He** ro

**Ne** ver

**Ar** rived

**Kr** iti

**Xe** roxed

**Ran** domly

# Group 18 elements

Helium

Neon

Argon

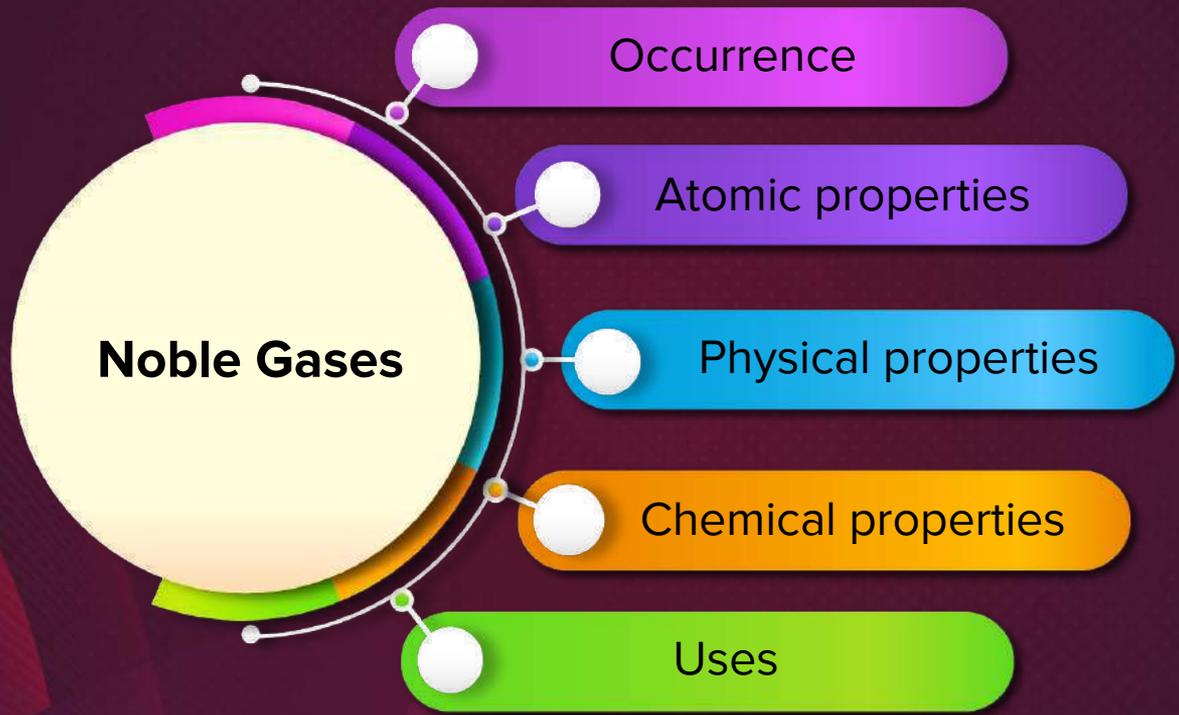
Krypton

Xenon

Radon

All these are gases and chemically **unreactive**.

They **form very few compounds**, and are hence termed as noble gases.

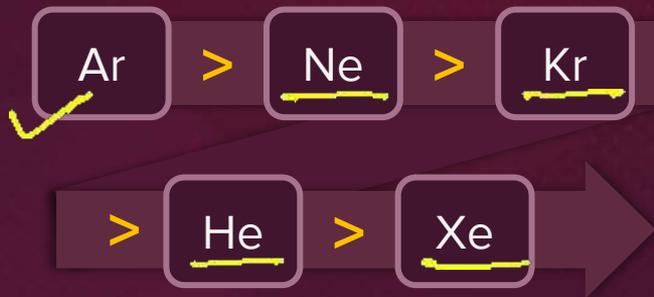


# Occurrence and isolation

Except **radon**

All noble gases occur  
in the atmosphere

Order of  
abundance in air



**Atomic Properties**

Electronic configuration

Atomic radii

Ionisation enthalpy

# Atomic Properties

Electronic  
configuration



Except  
**helium ( $1s^2$ )**

All noble gases have  
the general electronic  
configuration  **$ns^2np^6$** .

Their inactive nature are  
ascribed to their **closed  
shell structures**.

02  
**He**  
Helium  
4.0026

Series	<b>Noble gas</b>	Radioactive	<b>No</b>	Electron Configuration	<b>1s<sup>2</sup></b>
Atomic Weight	<b>4.0026</b>	State	<b>Gas</b>		<b>2</b>
Atomic Number	<b>02</b>	Density	<b>0.1785 g/L</b>		

**0.95 K**

Melting point

**4.216 K**

Boiling point



10  
**Ne**  
Neon  
20.1797

Series	Noble gas	Radioactive	No	Electron Configuration	[He] 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>6</sup>
Atomic Weight	20.1797	State	Gas		2, 8
Atomic Number	10	Density	0.8999 g/L		

Melting point  
24.55 K

Boiling point  
27.1 K



18

# Ar

Argon

39.948

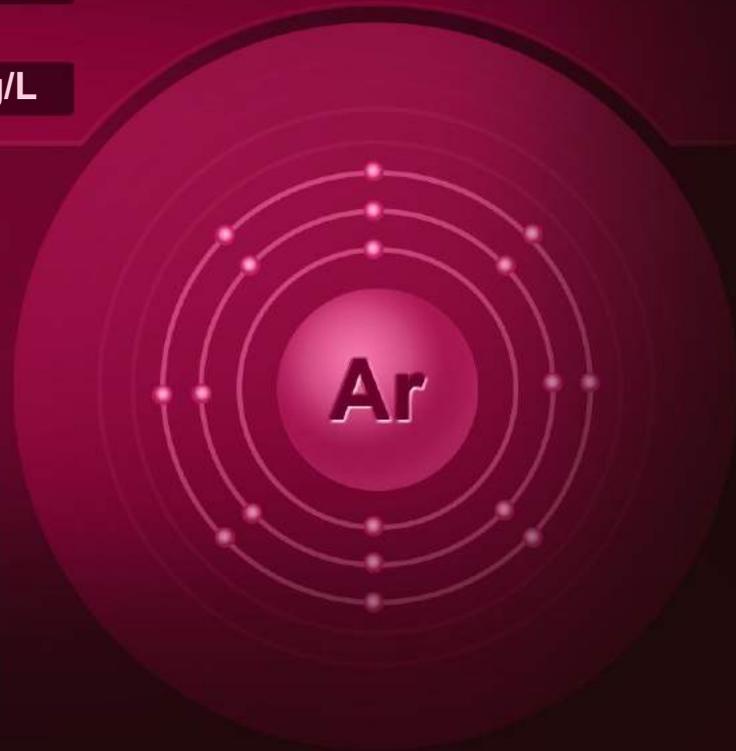
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Atomic Weight	39.948	State	Gas		
Atomic Number	18	Density	1.7837 g/L		

Melting point

83.95 K

Boiling point

87.45 K



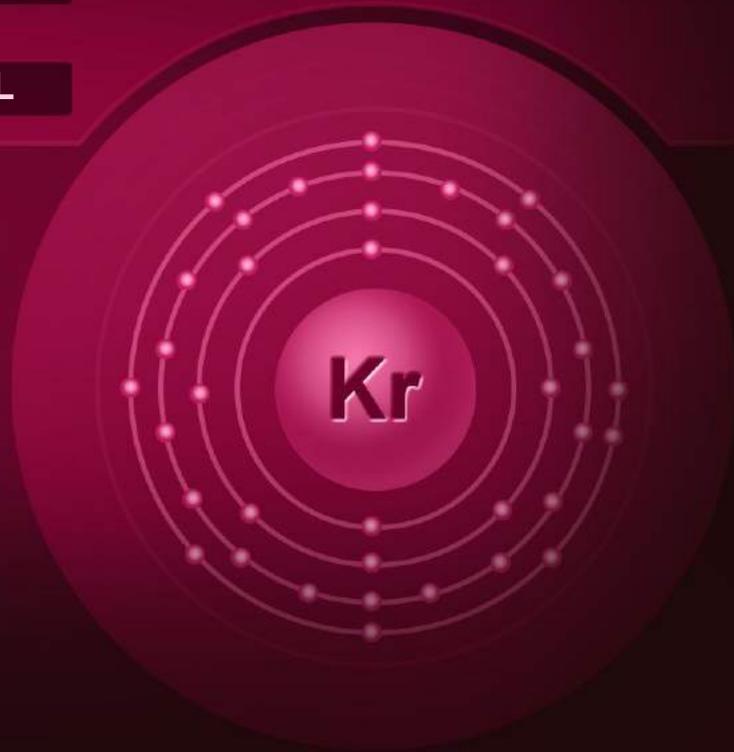
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**Kr**  
Krypton  
83.8

Series	<b>Noble gas</b>	Radioactive	<b>No</b>	Electron Configuration	<b>[Ar] 3d<sup>10</sup>4s<sup>2</sup>4p<sup>6</sup></b>
Atomic Weight	<b>83.800</b>	State	<b>Gas</b>		<b>2, 8, 8, 18</b>
Atomic Number	<b>36</b>	Density	<b>3.733 g/L</b>		

**Phase Diagram**

**Melting point**  
116.00 K

**Boiling point**  
120.85 K



54  
**Xe**  
Xenon  
131.29

Series	<b>Noble gas</b>	Radioactive	<b>No</b>	Electron Configuration	<b>[Kr] 4d<sup>10</sup>5s<sup>2</sup>5p<sup>6</sup></b>
Atomic Weight	<b>131.29</b>	State	<b>Gas</b>		<b>2, 8, 18, 18, 8</b>
Atomic Number	<b>54</b>	Density	<b>5.887 g/L</b>		

**Phase Diagram**

**Melting point**  
161.39 K

**Boiling point**  
165.1 K



86

# Rn

Radon

222

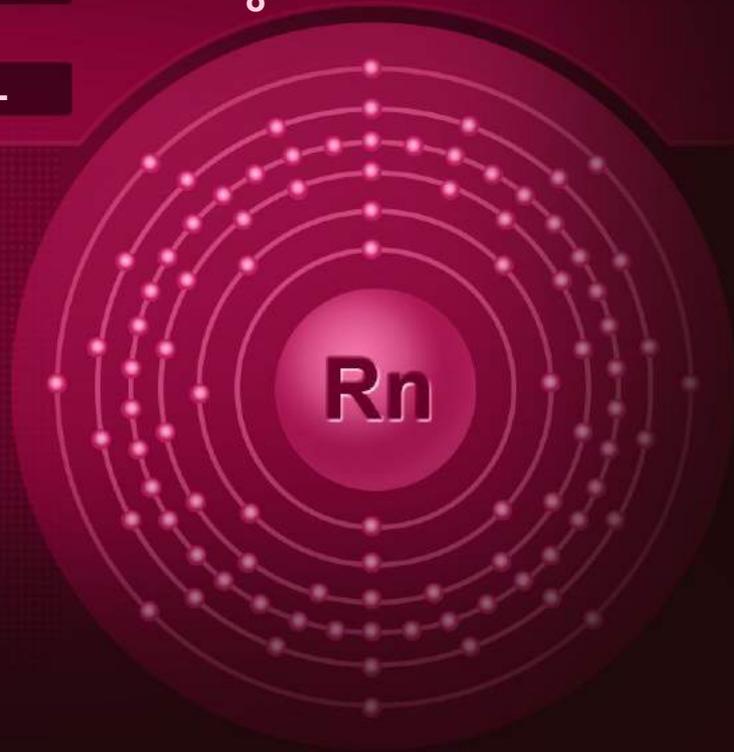
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Atomic Weight	222	State	Gas		$4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^26p^6$
Atomic Number	86	Density	9.75 g/L		2, 8, 18, 32, 18, 8

Melting point

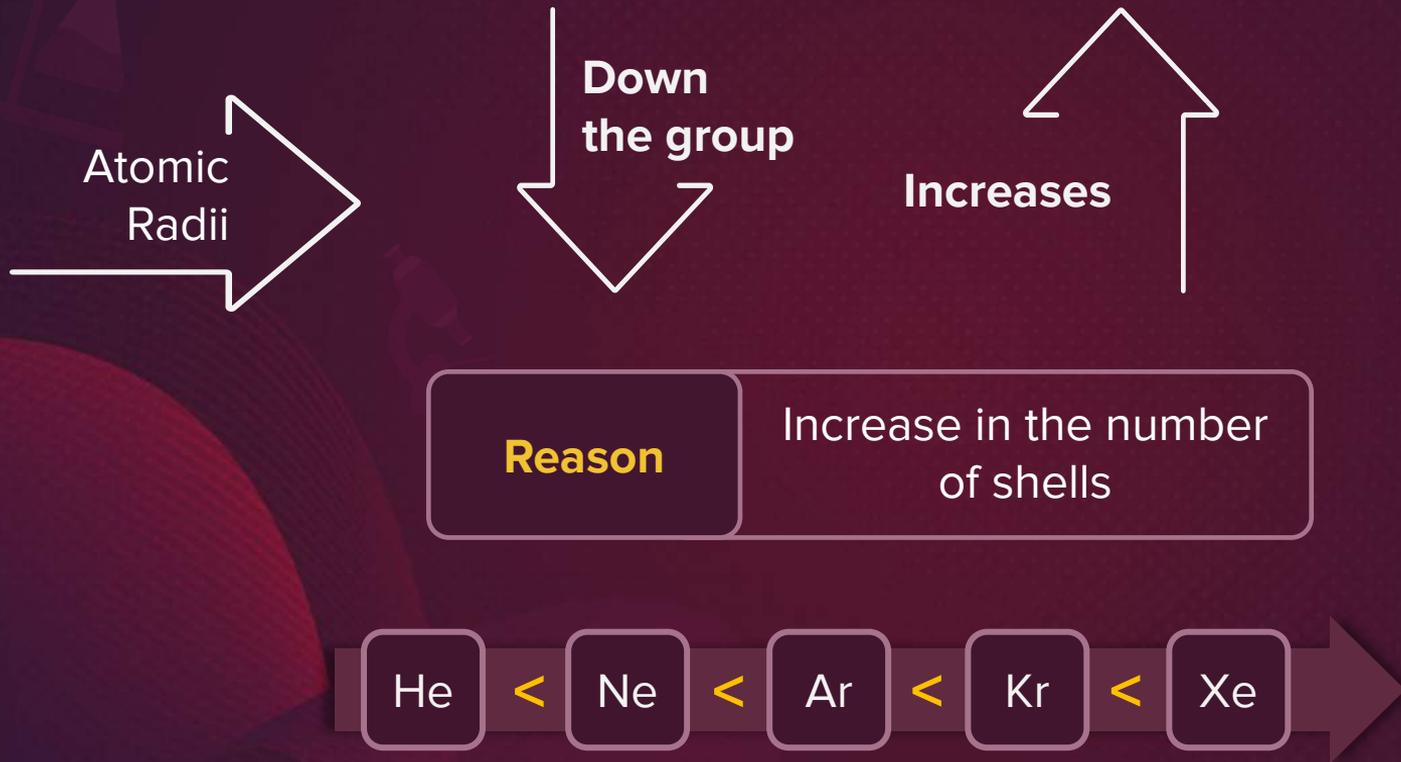
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Boiling point

211.4 K



# Atomic Properties



# Atomic Properties

Ionisation  
Enthalpy

Due to the stable electronic configuration, they exhibit **very high ionisation enthalpy**.

Down  
the group

Decreases

He

>

Ne

>

Ar

>

Kr

>

Xe

# Physical Properties



All the noble gases are **monoatomic**.



**Colourless, odourless,**  
and **tasteless**



**Sparingly** soluble  
in water

# Physical Properties



**Very low** melting  
and boiling points



This is because the only  
type of interatomic interaction  
in these elements is **weak  
dispersion forces.**

# Physical Properties



Helium has the **lowest boiling point** of any known substance.

4.2 K

# Chemical Properties

Noble gases are  
**least reactive due to**

Completely **filled  $ns^2 np^6$**   
electronic configuration  
in their valence shell

**High ionisation enthalpy** and  
more **positive electron gain  
enthalpy**

# Reactivity of Noble Gases

The compounds of krypton are fewer. Only the **difluoride ( $\text{KrF}_2$ )** has been studied in detail.

No true compounds of Ar, Ne, or He are yet known.

# Reactivity of Noble Gases

Neil Bartlett, prepared a red compound which is formulated as  $\text{O}^{2+}\text{PtF}_6^-$ .

He observed that,

(I.E.)  $\text{O}_2$

$\approx$

(I.E.) Xe

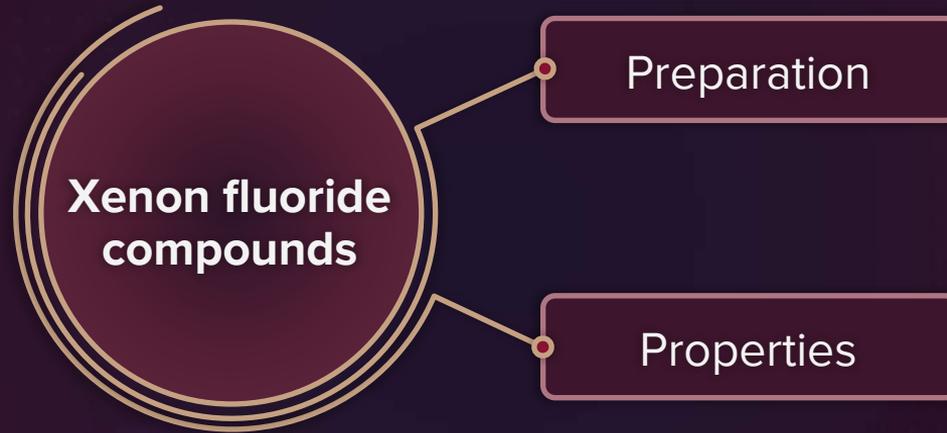
1175 kJ/mol

1170 kJ/mol

# Reactivity of Noble Gases

He also prepared another red-coloured compound  $\text{Xe}^+\text{PtF}_6^-$  by mixing  $\text{PtF}_6$  and **xenon**.

Many **xenon compounds**, mainly with the most electronegative elements like fluorine and oxygen, have been **synthesised**.



# Preparation

Xenon forms three binary fluorides, namely **XeF<sub>2</sub>**, **XeF<sub>4</sub>**, and **XeF<sub>6</sub>**, by the direct reaction of elements under appropriate experimental conditions.

The products formed depend on the **Xe/F<sub>2</sub> ratio**.

Xe excess



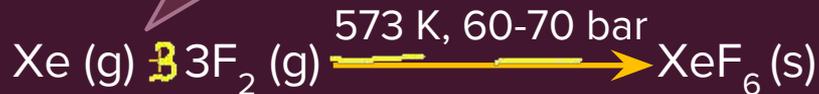
Xe:F

1:5 ratio



Xe:F

1:20 ratio



# Properties of Xenon Fluoride compounds

$\text{XeF}_2$ ,  $\text{XeF}_4$ , and  $\text{XeF}_6$

**Colourless** crystalline solids

They are **readily hydrolysed**  
even by traces of water

Powerful **fluorinating agents**

# Properties of Xenon Fluoride compounds

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Xenon fluorides react with

Fluoride ion **acceptors**  
to form **cationic species**



Fluoride ion **donors**  
to form **fluoroanions**

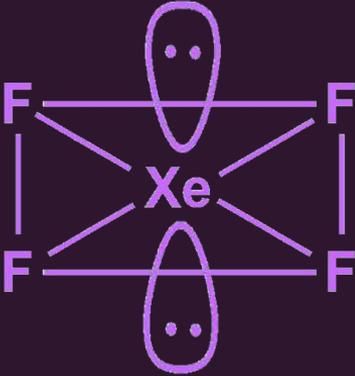


(M = Na, K, Rb or Cs)

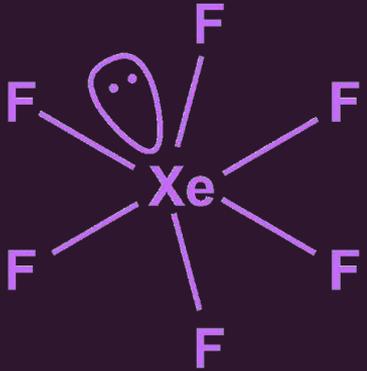


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<b>Hybridisation</b>	
<b>Geometry</b>	
<b>Shape</b>	



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The formation of  $\text{O}_2^+[\text{PtF}_6]^-$  is the basis for the formation of xenon fluorides. This is because:

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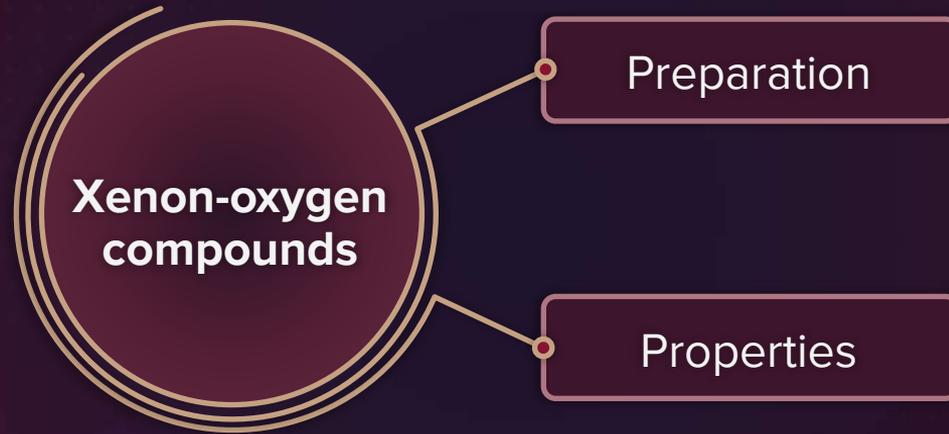
$\text{O}_2$  and Xe have comparable sizes.

Both  $\text{O}_2$  and Xe are gases.

$\text{O}_2$  and Xe have comparable ionisation energies.

$\text{O}_2$  and Xe have comparable electronegativities.

Hence, option c is the correct answer.



# Xenon-Oxygen Compounds

**Hydrolysis** of  $\text{XeF}_4$  and  $\text{XeF}_6$   
with water gives  **$\text{XeO}_3$** .



# Xenon-Oxygen Compounds

Partial hydrolysis of  $\text{XeF}_6$  gives **oxyfluorides**,  **$\text{XeOF}_4$** , and  **$\text{XeO}_2\text{F}_2$** .



# Properties of Xenon-Oxygen Compounds

B

$$H = \frac{1}{2} [V + M - C + A]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} [8 + 0] = 4 \quad sp^3 \text{ Th}$$

Compound	Physical properties	Molecular structure
$XeO_3$	Colourless, explosive solid	Pyramidal
$XeOF_4$	Colourless, volatile liquid	Square Pyramidal

$$H = \frac{1}{2} [8 + 4] = 6$$
$$sp^3d^2$$

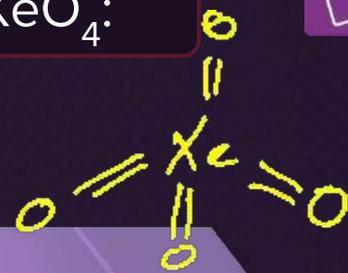


Identify the **incorrect** statement regarding the molecule XeO<sub>4</sub>:

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$H = \frac{1}{2} [8 + 0 + 0] = 4$

sp<sup>3</sup>  
Th  
ns<sup>2</sup> np<sup>6</sup>



XeO<sub>4</sub>:

Xe – [(4σ, 4π) bonds, 0 l.p.]  
– sp<sup>3</sup> hybridisation – tetrahedral

O – [(1σ, 1π) bond, 2 l.p.]  
– sp<sup>2</sup> hybridisation.

1π bond means one electron from O is in p orbital, which means in total there are 4 sp<sup>3</sup>-p bonds.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**



XeO<sub>4</sub> molecule is square planar. ~~X~~

There are four pπ-dπ bonds. ✓ T

There are four sp<sup>3</sup>-p, σ-bonds. T

XeO<sub>4</sub> molecule is tetrahedral. T





$\text{XeO}_4$  :

Xe – [(4 $\sigma$ , 4 $\pi$ ) bonds, 0 l.p.]  
–  $sp^3$  hybridisation – tetrahedral

O - [(1 $\sigma$ , 1 $\pi$ ) bond, 2 l.p.]  
–  $sp^2$  hybridisation.

1 $\pi$  bond means one electron from O is in p orbital, which means in total there are 4  $sp^3$ -p bonds.

Four  $p\pi - d\pi$  bonds are also formed with oxygen atoms by the unpaired electrons. Here, p-orbital is from O and d-orbital is from Xe - atom respectively.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**



Xenon forms the largest number of compounds only with oxygen and fluorine because:



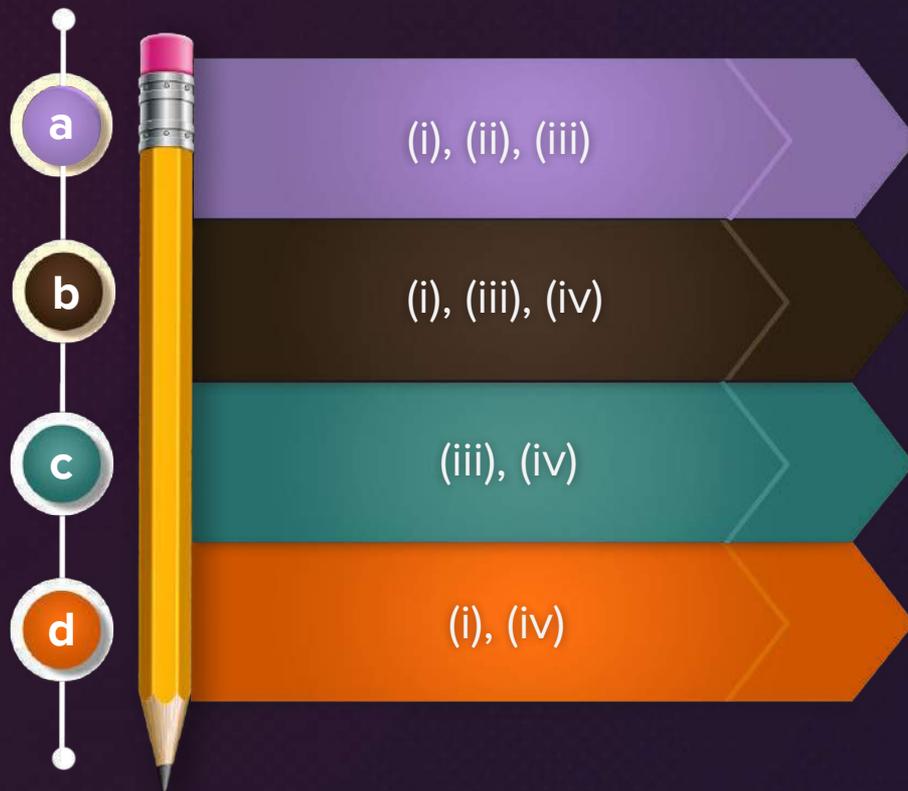
- (i) Oxygen and fluorine have very high electronegativity.
- (ii) Ionisation energy of Xe is the largest among rare gases.
- (iii) Ionisation energy of Xe is low compared to those of other rare gases.
- (iv) Low dissociation energy of fluorine molecule compared to those of  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Br}_2$



Oxygen and fluorine are more electronegative elements and act as strong oxidising agents, which means they can easily attract the lone pair of noble gas elements.

Down the group ionisation energy decreases, so Xe has low I.E. compared to other noble gases above it.

**Hence, option b is the correct answer.**



# Uses

**Helium is used in filling balloons**

**Helium is used as a diluent due to its very low solubility in blood.**

**Helium is used in gas-cooled nuclear reactors**

**Neon is used in discharge tubes**

**Argon is used in filling electric bulbs**

**Argon is used in arc welding of metals and alloys**



Which of the following **xenon-oxo** compounds **may not** be obtained by the **hydrolysis** of **xenon fluorides**?

B



a  $\text{XeO}_2\text{F}_2$

b  $\text{XeOF}_4$

c  $\text{XeO}_3$

d  $\text{XeO}_4$

Hence, option d is the correct answer.





Xenon hexafluoride on partial hydrolysis produces compounds 'X' and 'Y'. Compounds 'X' and 'Y' with the oxidation state of Xe in them is respectively:



XeOF<sub>4</sub> (+6) and XeO<sub>3</sub> (+6)

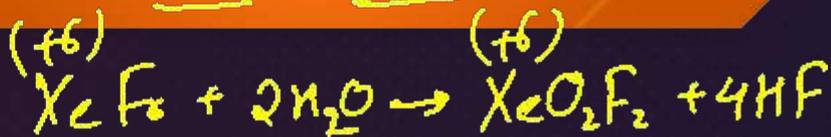
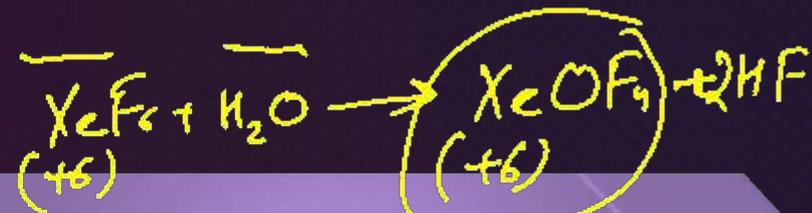
XeO<sub>2</sub> (+4) and XeO<sub>3</sub> (+6)

XeOF<sub>4</sub> (+6) and XeO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (+6)

XeO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (+6) and XeO<sub>2</sub> (+4)



Hence, option c is the correct answer.

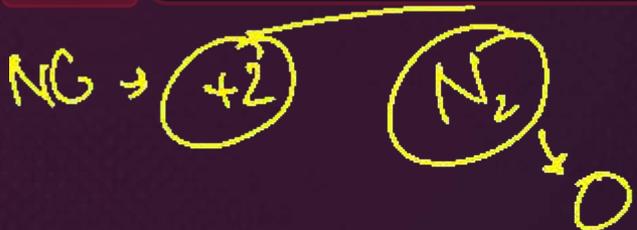




The correct order of N-compounds in the decreasing order of their oxidation states is:

B

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- a
- b
- c
- d

$+5 \text{HNO}_3, +2 \text{NO}, -3 \text{N}_2, 0 \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  ✓  
 $+5 \text{HNO}_3, +2 \text{NO}, -3 \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}, 0 \text{N}_2$  ✗  
 $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}, \text{N}_2, \text{NO}, \text{HNO}_3$  ✗  
 $+5 \text{HNO}_3, -3 \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}, +2 \text{NO}, 0 \text{N}_2$  ✗



Hence, option a is the correct answer.



Which of the following statements is not true for halogens?



$\text{HOX}$ ,  $\text{HOX}$ ,  $\text{HOX}$ ,  $\text{HOX}$

All the halogens except fluorine show positive oxidation states. This is because, fluorine being the most electronegative element can never have a positive oxidation state.

Hence, option d is the correct answer.



All form monobasic oxyacids.

$\overset{0}{\text{X}}_2$  All are oxidising agents.

Chlorine has the highest electron gain enthalpy.

All halogens show positive oxidation states.



In the structure of  $\text{ClF}_3$ , the number of lone pair of electrons on central atom 'Cl' is:



A vertical line with four circles labeled a, b, c, and d, and a yellow pencil pointing upwards.

a	One
b	Two
c	Three
d	Four



In the structure of  $\text{ClF}_3$ , the number of lone pairs of electrons on central atom Cl is two. Cl has 7 valence electrons out of which 3 are involved in bond formation with 3 F atoms.  $7 - 3 = 4$  valence electrons remains in the form of 2 lone pairs of electrons.

**Hence, option b is the correct answer.**

$$K = \frac{1}{2} [V + M - C + A]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [7 + 3] = 5 \text{ } sp^3d^2$$





Which oxide of nitrogen is **not** a **common pollutant** introduced into the atmosphere both due to natural and human activity?

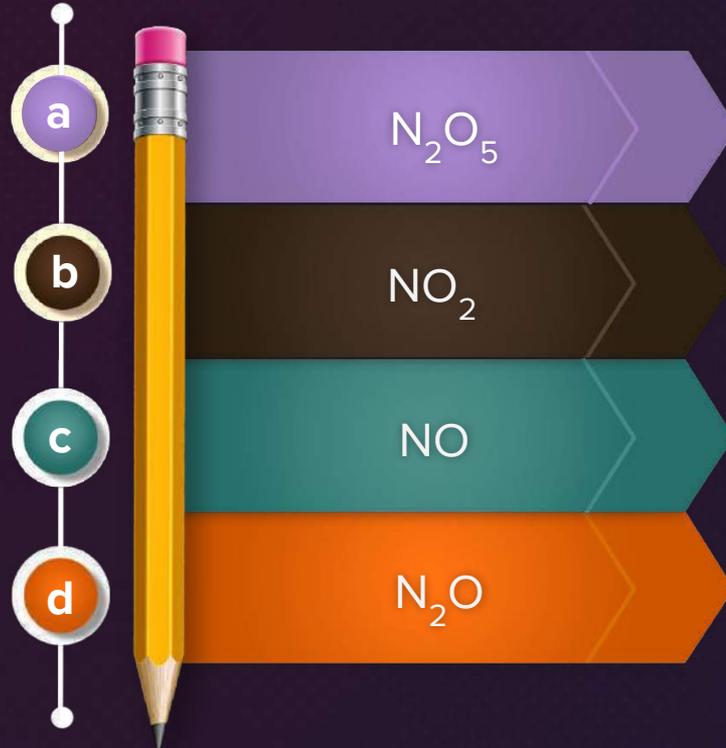
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$\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  is not a common pollutant introduced into the atmosphere both due to natural and human activity.

$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NO}$ , and  $\text{NO}_2$  are common pollutants introduced into the atmosphere both due to natural and human activity.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**





Among the compounds shown below, which one has a **linear structure**?

B



a

$\text{NO}_2$

b

$\text{HOCl}$

c

$\text{O}_3$

d

$\text{N}_2\text{O}$



*180° X*

*120°*

*Linear*

*N*

*a*

*b*

*c*

*d*

**NO<sub>2</sub>** X

HOCI X

O<sub>3</sub> X

N<sub>2</sub>O

Hence, option d is the correct answer.



Which of the following oxides is **amphoteric** in nature?

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a	SnO <sub>2</sub>	✓
b	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Acidic
c	GeO <sub>2</sub>	Acidic
d	CO <sub>2</sub>	Acidic

CO<sub>2</sub>  
SiO<sub>2</sub>  
GeO<sub>2</sub>  
Acidic

SnO<sub>2</sub>  
PbO<sub>2</sub>

Amphoteric

Hence, option a is the correct answer.



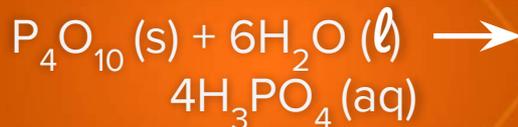
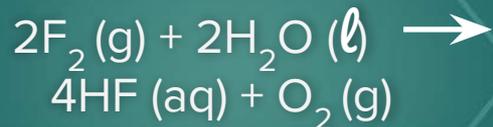
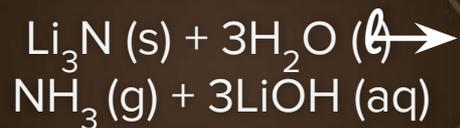
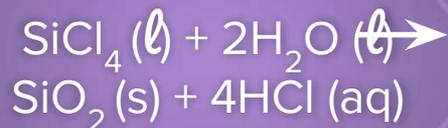


Which one of the following reactions does **not** come under **hydrolysis-type reaction**?

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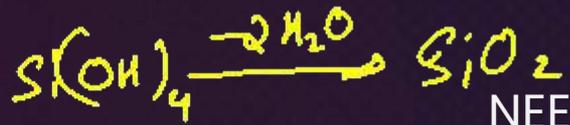


- a
- b
- c
- d

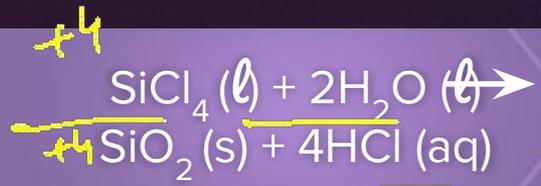
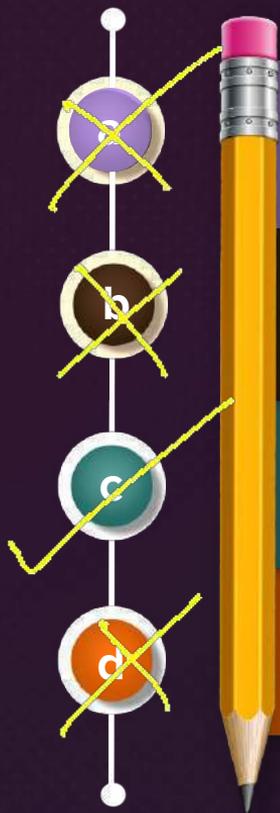




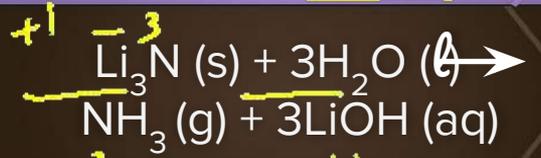
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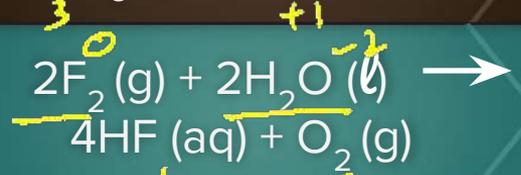
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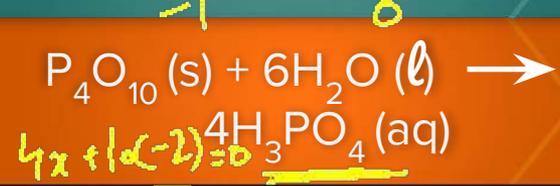
Hydrolysis



Hydrolysis



Redox



Hydrolysis

$$x = +5$$

$$+3 + 2 + 4(-2) = 0$$

$$(x = +5)$$

Hence, option c is the correct answer.



For the **second period elements**, the correct increasing order of **first ionisation enthalpy** is:



a

$\text{Li} < \text{Be} < \text{B} < \text{C} < \text{N} < \text{O} < \text{F} < \text{Ne}$

b

$\text{Li} < \text{B} < \text{Be} < \text{C} < \text{O} < \text{N} < \text{F} < \text{Ne}$

c

$\text{Li} < \text{B} < \text{Be} < \text{C} < \text{N} < \text{O} < \text{F} < \text{Ne}$

d

$\text{Li} < \text{Be} < \text{B} < \text{C} < \text{O} < \text{N} < \text{F} < \text{Ne}$



**Hence, option b is the correct answer.**

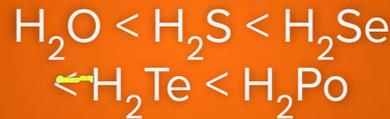
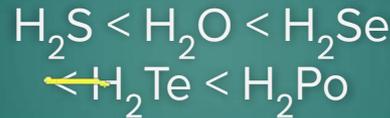
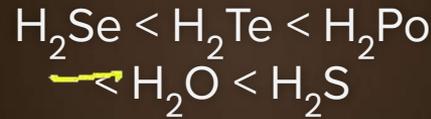
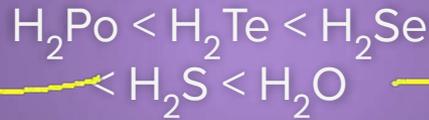


Which is the correct **thermal stability** order for  $H_2E$  (E = O, S, Se, Te, and Po)?

B

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$H_2Po < H_2Te < H_2Se < H_2S$   $T_S \propto$  Bond. diss. Energy



On going down the group, the thermal stability of  $H_2E$  decreases because H-E bond energy decreases.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**



The correct order of **atomic radii** in group 13 elements is:

B

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$B < Ga < Al < In < Tl$   
 B  
 Al  
 Ga + 31

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2 3d^{10} 4p^1$

Generally, atomic radii increases down the group, but the atomic radius of Ga is less than that of Al due to the poor shielding effect of 3d electrons in Ga.

**Hence, option c is the correct answer.**



a  $B < Al < In < Ga < Tl$  ✗

b  $B < Al < Ga < In < Tl$  ✗

c  $B < Ga < Al < In < Tl$  ✓

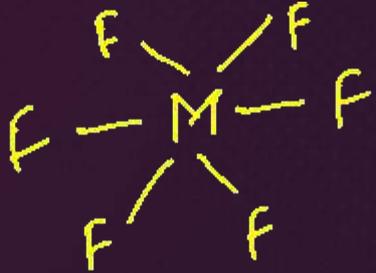
d  $B < Ga < Al < Tl < In$  ✗



Which one of the following elements is **unable** to form  $MF_6^{3-}$  ion?

B

★ BOARDS



(B) ~~2d~~

$B^{3+}$  has no vacant d orbitals. It has only on s and 3 p orbitals in its valence shell. Hence, it can accept only 4 electron pairs and can form  $BF_4^-$ .

Hence, option d is the correct answer.

- a
- b
- c
- d

Ga

Al

In

B





The stability of **+1 oxidation state** among Al, Ga, In, and Tl **increases** in the sequence:

B



a  $\text{Al} < \text{Ga} < \text{In} < \text{Tl}$

b  $\text{Tl} < \text{In} < \text{Ga} < \text{Al}$

c  $\text{In} < \text{Tl} < \text{Ga} < \text{Al}$

d  $\text{Ga} < \text{In} < \text{Al} < \text{Tl}$



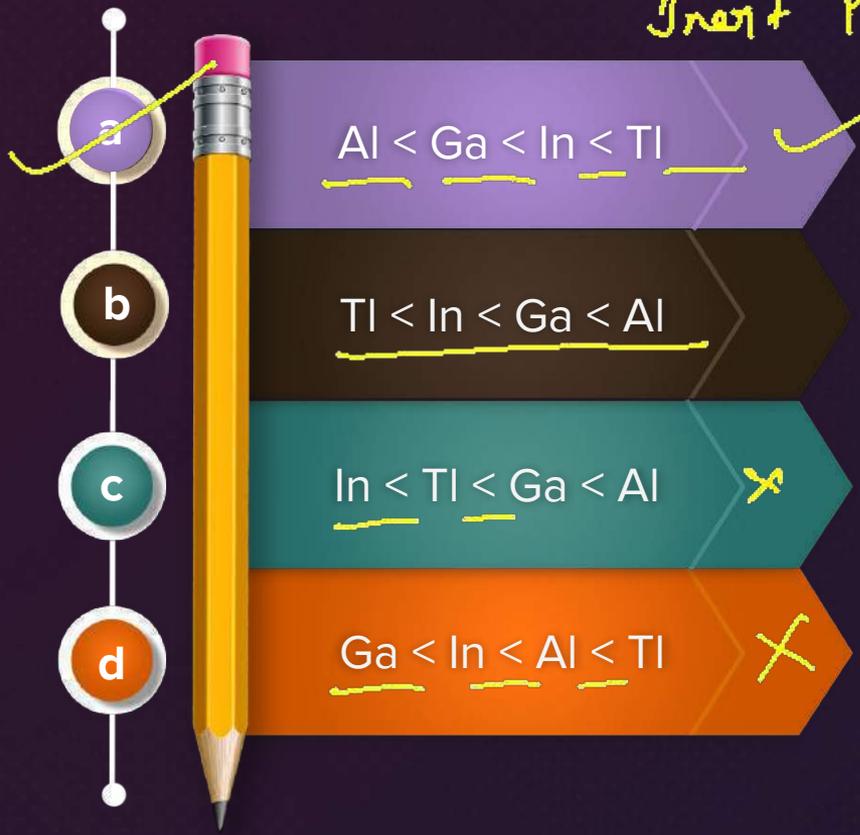
Al < Ga < In < Tl  $\begin{matrix} +x \\ +x-2 \end{matrix}$

gp 13  $\rightarrow ns^2 np^1$   
 $\begin{matrix} +3 \\ +1 \end{matrix}$

Inert Pair effect

As we go down the group, the stability of low oxidation state increases, this is generally due to inert pair effect.

**Hence, option a is the correct answer.**



+3 stable  
 +1 stable