

# Chemistry Vocabulary

## Introduction

## 1 Elements and elementary substances

### 1.1 Alkali metals

#### 1.1.1 Elements

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| 3          | Li     | Lithium      | Lithium    | 6.94             |
| 11         | Na     | Sodium       | Natrium    | 22.99            |
| 19         | K      | Potassium    | Kalium     | 39.10            |
| 37         | Rb     | Rubidium     | Rubidium   | 85.47            |
| 55         | Cs     | Cesium       | Caesium    | 132.91           |
| 87         | Fr     | Francium     | Francium   | (223)            |

#### 1.1.2 Elementary Substances

| Element | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C) | Crystal Structure | Application/Source      |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Li      | 180.5     | 1342      | BCC               | Batteries, alloys       |
| Na      | 97.7      | 883       | BCC               | Reducing agent, coolant |
| K       | 63.5      | 759       | BCC               | Fertilizer, gun powder  |
| Rb      | 39.3      | 688       | BCC               | Photoelectric cells     |
| Cs      | 28.4      | 671       | BCC               | Atomic clocks           |
| Fr      | 27        | 677       | —                 | Radioactive, no use     |

#### 1.1.3 Preparation Methods

**Sodium (Na):** Electrolysis of molten NaCl:  $2\text{NaCl} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} 2\text{Na} + \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow$

**Potassium (K):** Reduction of KCl with Na at high temperature:  $\text{KCl} + \text{Na} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{K} \uparrow + \text{NaCl}$

## 1.2 Alkaline earth metals

#### 1.2.1 Elements

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| 4          | Be     | Beryllium    | Beryllium  | 9.01             |
| 12         | Mg     | Magnesium    | Magnesium  | 24.31            |
| 20         | Ca     | Calcium      | Calcium    | 40.08            |
| 38         | Sr     | Strontium    | Strontium  | 87.62            |
| 56         | Ba     | Barium       | Barium     | 137.33           |
| 88         | Ra     | Radium       | Radium     | (226)            |

### 1.2.2 Elementary Substances

| Element | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C) | Crystal Structure | Application/Source     |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Be      | 1287      | 2470      | HCP               | Alloys, X-ray windows  |
| Mg      | 650       | 1090      | HCP               | Alloys, fireworks      |
| Ca      | 842       | 1484      | FCC               | Reducing agent, cement |
| Sr      | 777       | 1382      | FCC               | Fireworks (red)        |
| Ba      | 727       | 1897      | BCC               | Drilling fluids        |
| Ra      | 700       | 1737      | BCC               | Radioactive, obsolete  |

### 1.2.3 Preparation Methods

**Magnesium (Mg):** Electrolysis of molten  $\text{MgCl}_2$ :  $\text{MgCl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} \text{Mg} + \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow$

Alternatively, reduction of  $\text{MgO}$  with coke:  $\text{MgO} + \text{C} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{Mg} \uparrow + \text{CO} \uparrow$

**Calcium (Ca):** Electrolysis of molten  $\text{CaCl}_2$  or reduction of  $\text{CaO}$  with  $\text{Al}$

## 1.3 Transition metals

### 1.3.1 Elements (First Row)

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| 21         | Sc     | Scandium     | Scandium   | 44.96            |
| 22         | Ti     | Titanium     | Titanium   | 47.87            |
| 23         | V      | Vanadium     | Vanadium   | 50.94            |
| 24         | Cr     | Chromium     | Chromium   | 52.00            |
| 25         | Mn     | Manganese    | Manganese  | 54.94            |
| 26         | Fe     | Iron         | Ferrum     | 55.85            |
| 27         | Co     | Cobalt       | Cobaltum   | 58.93            |
| 28         | Ni     | Nickel       | Niccolum   | 58.69            |
| 29         | Cu     | Copper       | Cuprum     | 63.55            |
| 30         | Zn     | Zinc         | Zincum     | 65.38            |

### 1.3.2 Important Elements (Other Rows)

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name  | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| 47         | Ag     | Silver       | Argentum    | 107.87           |
| 48         | Cd     | Cadmium      | Cadmium     | 112.41           |
| 74         | W      | Tungsten     | Wolframium  | 183.84           |
| 78         | Pt     | Platinum     | Platinum    | 195.08           |
| 79         | Au     | Gold         | Aurum       | 196.97           |
| 80         | Hg     | Mercury      | Hydrargyrum | 200.59           |

### 1.3.3 Elementary Substances

| Element | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C) | Crystal Structure | Application/Source         |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Ti      | 1668      | 3287      | HCP               | Aerospace alloys, pigments |
| V       | 1910      | 3407      | BCC               | Steel alloys, catalysts    |
| Cr      | 1907      | 2671      | BCC               | Stainless steel, plating   |
| Mn      | 1246      | 2061      | Cubic             | Steel production           |
| Fe      | 1538      | 2862      | BCC               | Construction, machinery    |
| Co      | 1495      | 2927      | HCP               | Alloys, magnets            |
| Ni      | 1455      | 2913      | FCC               | Alloys, catalysts, coins   |

| Element | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C) | Crystal Structure | Application/Source        |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Cu      | 1085      | 2562      | FCC               | Electrical wire, plumbing |
| Zn      | 419.5     | 907       | HCP               | Galvanization, batteries  |
| Ag      | 961.8     | 2162      | FCC               | Jewelry, conductors       |
| Cd      | 321.1     | 767       | HCP               | Batteries, pigments       |
| W       | 3422      | 5555      | BCC               | Light bulb filaments      |
| Pt      | 1768      | 3825      | FCC               | Catalysts, jewelry        |
| Au      | 1064      | 2856      | FCC               | Jewelry, electronics      |
| Hg      | -38.8     | 356.7     | Rhombohedral      | Thermometers, lamps       |

### 1.3.4 Preparation Methods

**Iron (Fe):** Reduction in blast furnace:  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{CO} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} 2\text{Fe} + 3\text{CO}_2$

**Copper (Cu):** Roasting sulfide ore then reduction:  $2\text{Cu}_2\text{S} + 3\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{Cu}_2\text{O} + 2\text{SO}_2$ , then  $\text{Cu}_2\text{S} + 2\text{Cu}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 6\text{Cu} + \text{SO}_2 \uparrow$

Alternatively, leaching and electrowinning from oxide ores.

**Zinc (Zn):** Roasting then reduction with carbon:  $2\text{ZnS} + 3\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{ZnO} + 2\text{SO}_2$ , then  $\text{ZnO} + \text{C} \longrightarrow \text{Zn} + \text{CO}$

**Chromium (Cr):** Reduction of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  with aluminum (thermite process):  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{Al} \longrightarrow 2\text{Cr} + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

## 1.4 Post-transition metals

### 1.4.1 Elements

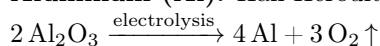
| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| 13         | Al     | Aluminum     | Aluminium  | 26.98            |
| 31         | Ga     | Gallium      | Gallium    | 69.72            |
| 49         | In     | Indium       | Indium     | 114.82           |
| 50         | Sn     | Tin          | Stannum    | 118.71           |
| 81         | Tl     | Thallium     | Thallium   | 204.38           |
| 82         | Pb     | Lead         | Plumbum    | 207.2            |
| 83         | Bi     | Bismuth      | Bismuthum  | 208.98           |

### 1.4.2 Elementary Substances

| Element | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C) | Crystal Structure | Application/Source          |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Al      | 660.3     | 2519      | FCC               | Packaging, construction     |
| Ga      | 29.8      | 2204      | Orthorhombic      | Semiconductors, LEDs        |
| In      | 156.6     | 2072      | Tetragonal        | LCD screens, solders        |
| Sn      | 231.9     | 2602      | Tetragonal        | Solder, coatings            |
| Tl      | 304       | 1473      | HCP               | Rat poison (obsolete)       |
| Pb      | 327.5     | 1749      | FCC               | Batteries, radiation shield |
| Bi      | 271.4     | 1564      | Rhombohedral      | Alloys, cosmetics           |

### 1.4.3 Preparation Methods

**Aluminum (Al):** Hall-Héroult process (electrolysis of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  dissolved in molten cryolite):



**Lead (Pb):** Roasting galena ( $\text{PbS}$ ) then reduction:  $2\text{PbS} + 3\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{PbO} + 2\text{SO}_2$ , then  $\text{PbO} + \text{C} \longrightarrow \text{Pb} + \text{CO}$

**Tin (Sn):** Reduction of cassiterite ( $\text{SnO}_2$ ) with carbon:  $\text{SnO}_2 + 2\text{C} \longrightarrow \text{Sn} + 2\text{CO} \uparrow$

## 1.5 Metalloids

### 1.5.1 Elements

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| 5          | B      | Boron        | Borium     | 10.81            |
| 14         | Si     | Silicon      | Silicium   | 28.09            |
| 32         | Ge     | Germanium    | Germanium  | 72.64            |
| 33         | As     | Arsenic      | Arsenicum  | 74.92            |
| 51         | Sb     | Antimony     | Stibium    | 121.76           |
| 52         | Te     | Tellurium    | Tellurium  | 127.60           |
| 84         | Po     | Polonium     | Polonium   | (209)            |

### 1.5.2 Elementary Substances

| Element | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C)   | Crystal Structure | Application/Source          |
|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| B       | 2075      | 4000        | Rhombohedral      | Glass, detergents           |
| Si      | 1414      | 3265        | Diamond cubic     | Semiconductors, solar cells |
| Ge      | 938.3     | 2833        | Diamond cubic     | Semiconductors, optics      |
| As      | 817       | 614 (subl.) | Rhombohedral      | Alloys, pesticides          |
| Sb      | 630.6     | 1587        | Rhombohedral      | Flame retardants, alloys    |
| Te      | 449.5     | 988         | Hexagonal         | Alloys, solar cells         |
| Po      | 254       | 962         | Cubic             | Radioactive, no common use  |

### 1.5.3 Preparation Methods

**Silicon (Si):** Reduction of silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) with carbon in electric furnace:  $\text{SiO}_2 + 2\text{C} \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{Si} + 2\text{CO} \uparrow$   
 For ultrapure silicon (semiconductors): Trichlorosilane reduction:  $\text{SiHCl}_3 + \text{H}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{high T}} \text{Si} + 3\text{HCl}$

## 1.6 Halogen

### 1.6.1 Elements

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| 9          | F      | Fluorine     | Fluorum    | 19.00            |
| 17         | Cl     | Chlorine     | Chlorum    | 35.45            |
| 35         | Br     | Bromine      | Bromum     | 79.90            |
| 53         | I      | Iodine       | Iodum      | 126.90           |
| 85         | At     | Astatine     | Astatium   | (210)            |

### 1.6.2 Elementary Substances

| Element       | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C) | Physical State      | Application/Source        |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| $\text{F}_2$  | -219.6    | -188.1    | Pale yellow gas     | Toothpaste, Teflon        |
| $\text{Cl}_2$ | -101.5    | -34.0     | Yellow-green gas    | Disinfectant, PVC         |
| $\text{Br}_2$ | -7.2      | 58.8      | Red-brown liquid    | Flame retardants, dyes    |
| $\text{I}_2$  | 113.7     | 184.3     | Purple-black solid  | Disinfectant, photography |
| $\text{At}_2$ | 302       | 337       | Solid (radioactive) | No practical use          |

### 1.6.3 Preparation Methods

**Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>):** Electrolysis of brine (chlor-alkali process):  $2\text{NaCl} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + \text{H}_2 \uparrow + 2\text{NaOH}$

Laboratory: Oxidation of HCl:  $\text{MnO}_2 + 4\text{HCl} \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{MnCl}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Bromine (Br<sub>2</sub>):** Oxidation of bromide in seawater:  $2\text{Br}^- + \text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Br}_2 + 2\text{Cl}^-$

**Iodine (I<sub>2</sub>):** Oxidation of iodide from brine or seaweed:  $2\text{I}^- + \text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{Cl}^-$

Or from Chile saltpeter:  $2\text{NaIO}_3 + 5\text{NaHSO}_3 \longrightarrow \text{I}_2 + 3\text{NaHSO}_4 + 2\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Fluorine (F<sub>2</sub>):** Electrolysis of KF in anhydrous HF:  $2\text{HF} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} \text{H}_2 + \text{F}_2 \uparrow$

## 1.7 Noble gases

### 1.7.1 Elements

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| 2          | He     | Helium       | Helium     | 4.00             |
| 10         | Ne     | Neon         | Neon       | 20.18            |
| 18         | Ar     | Argon        | Argon      | 39.95            |
| 36         | Kr     | Krypton      | Krypton    | 83.80            |
| 54         | Xe     | Xenon        | Xenon      | 131.29           |
| 86         | Rn     | Radon        | Radon      | (222)            |

### 1.7.2 Elementary Substances

| Element | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C) | Physical State | Application/Source     |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|
| He      | -272.2    | -268.9    | Colorless gas  | Balloons, cryogenics   |
| Ne      | -248.6    | -246.0    | Colorless gas  | Neon signs, lasers     |
| Ar      | -189.3    | -185.8    | Colorless gas  | Welding, light bulbs   |
| Kr      | -157.4    | -153.2    | Colorless gas  | Flash lamps, lasers    |
| Xe      | -111.8    | -108.1    | Colorless gas  | Anesthesia, ion drives |
| Rn      | -71       | -61.7     | Colorless gas  | Radioactive tracer     |

### 1.7.3 Preparation

Noble gases are obtained by fractional distillation of liquid air (except He and Rn).

**Helium (He):** Extracted from natural gas wells.

**Radon (Rn):** Decay product of radium, collected from uranium/thorium ores.

## 1.8 Other Nonmetals

### 1.8.1 Elements

| Atomic No. | Symbol | English Name | Latin Name  | Rel. Atomic Mass |
|------------|--------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1          | H      | Hydrogen     | Hydrogenium | 1.008            |
| 6          | C      | Carbon       | Carboneum   | 12.01            |
| 7          | N      | Nitrogen     | Nitrogenium | 14.01            |
| 8          | O      | Oxygen       | Oxygenium   | 16.00            |
| 15         | P      | Phosphorus   | Phosphorus  | 30.97            |
| 16         | S      | Sulfur       | Sulfur      | 32.07            |
| 34         | Se     | Selenium     | Selenium    | 78.96            |

### 1.8.2 Elementary Substances

| Element                   | M.P. (°C) | B.P. (°C)       | Form/Structure   | Application/Source       |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| H <sub>2</sub>            | -259.2    | -252.9          | Colorless gas    | Fuel, ammonia synthesis  |
| C<br>(graphite)           | 3825      | 4827<br>(subl.) | Hexagonal layers | Pencils, electrodes      |
| C (diamond)               | 3550      | —               | Cubic crystal    | Jewelry, cutting tools   |
| C<br>(fullerene)          | —         | —               | Molecular cage   | Research, electronics    |
| N <sub>2</sub>            | -210.0    | -195.8          | Colorless gas    | Fertilizers, inert atm.  |
| O <sub>2</sub>            | -218.8    | -183.0          | Colorless gas    | Respiration, combustion  |
| O <sub>3</sub><br>(ozone) | -192.5    | -112.0          | Blue gas         | Sterilization, UV shield |
| P<br>(white)              | 44.2      | 280             | Molecular solid  | Incendiaries, match      |
| P (red)                   | 590       | 431<br>(subl.)  | Amorphous        | Safety matches           |
| P<br>(black)              | —         | —               | Layered          | Research                 |
| S<br>(rhombic)            | 115.2     | 444.6           | Orthorhombic     | Sulfuric acid, vulcanize |
| S (monoclinic)            | 119       | 444.6           | Monoclinic       | Allotrope of sulfur      |
| Se<br>(gray)              | 221       | 685             | Hexagonal        | Photocells, glass        |

### 1.8.3 Preparation Methods

#### Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>):

- Steam reforming of methane:  $\text{CH}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{high T}]{\text{catalyst}} \text{CO} + 3 \text{H}_2$
- Electrolysis of water:  $2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} 2 \text{H}_2 \uparrow + \text{O}_2 \uparrow$
- Laboratory: Reaction of metals with acids:  $\text{Zn} + 2 \text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2 + \text{H}_2 \uparrow$

#### Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>):

- Fractional distillation of liquid air
- Electrolysis of water:  $2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{electrolysis}} 2 \text{H}_2 \uparrow + \text{O}_2 \uparrow$
- Laboratory: Decomposition of KMnO<sub>4</sub>:  $2 \text{KMnO}_4 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{K}_2\text{MnO}_4 + \text{MnO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \uparrow$
- Or:  $2 \text{KClO}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{MnO}_2, \text{heat}} 2 \text{KCl} + 3 \text{O}_2 \uparrow$

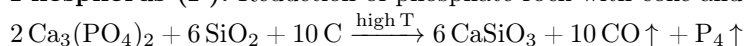
**Nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>):** Fractional distillation of liquid air

**Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>):** See Halogen section

#### Sulfur (S):

- Frasch process: Melting underground sulfur with superheated water
- Recovered from petroleum refining and natural gas processing

**Phosphorus (P):** Reduction of phosphate rock with coke and silica:



## 2 Acids and bases ions

### 2.1 Hydrogen halides

#### 2.1.1 Hydrofluoric acid

**HF** (Hydrofluoric acid, Hydrogen fluoride)

**Properties:** Weak acid in aqueous solution (unlike other hydrogen halides), can dissolve glass.

**Reactions:**

- Etching glass:  $\text{SiO}_2 + 4\text{HF} \longrightarrow \text{SiF}_4 \uparrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With calcium:  $\text{Ca} + 2\text{HF} \longrightarrow \text{CaF}_2 + \text{H}_2 \uparrow$
- Formation of hexafluorosilicate:  $\text{SiO}_2 + 6\text{HF} \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SiF}_6 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

#### 2.1.2 Hydrochloric acid

**HCl** (Hydrochloric acid, Hydrogen chloride)

**Properties:** Strong acid, colorless gas, forms white fumes in moist air.

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation by manganese dioxide:  $\text{MnO}_2 + 4\text{HCl} \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{MnCl}_2 + \text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With ammonia:  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (white smoke)
- Dissolving metals:  $\text{Fe} + 2\text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{FeCl}_2 + \text{H}_2 \uparrow$
- With permanganate:  $2\text{KMnO}_4 + 16\text{HCl} \longrightarrow 2\text{KCl} + 2\text{MnCl}_2 + 5\text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$

#### 2.1.3 Hydrobromic acid

**HBr** (Hydrobromic acid, Hydrogen bromide)

**Properties:** Strong acid, stronger reducing agent than HCl.

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation by sulfuric acid:  $2\text{HBr} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \longrightarrow \text{Br}_2 + \text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With silver nitrate:  $\text{HBr} + \text{AgNO}_3 \longrightarrow \text{AgBr} \downarrow + \text{HNO}_3$  (pale yellow precipitate)

#### 2.1.4 Hydroiodic acid

**HI** (Hydroiodic acid, Hydrogen iodide)

**Properties:** Strong acid, strongest reducing agent among hydrogen halides.

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation by sulfuric acid:  $8\text{HI} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \longrightarrow 4\text{I}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{S} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Reduction of Fe(III):  $2\text{Fe}^{3+} + 2\text{I}^- \longrightarrow 2\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{I}_2$
- With chlorine:  $2\text{HI} + \text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{HCl} + \text{I}_2$

## 2.2 Oxyacid

### 2.2.1 Nitrogen oxyacids

**HNO<sub>2</sub>** (Nitrous acid)

**Structure:**  $\text{H} - \text{O} - \text{N} = \text{O}$

**Valence:** N is +3

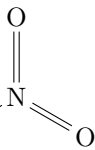
**Properties:** Weak acid, unstable, exists only in solution.

**Reactions:**

- Decomposition:  $3\text{HNO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{HNO}_3 + 2\text{NO} \uparrow + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Oxidation of iodide:  $2\text{HNO}_2 + 2\text{HI} \longrightarrow \text{I}_2 + 2\text{NO} \uparrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- Reduction by reducing agents:  $2\text{HNO}_2 + 2\text{HI} \longrightarrow 2\text{NO}\uparrow + \text{I}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**HNO<sub>3</sub>** (Nitric acid)



**Structure:** H—O—N(=O)=O

**Valence:** N is +5

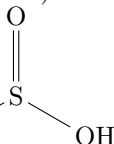
**Properties:** Strong acid, strong oxidizing agent.

**Reactions:**

- With copper:  $3\text{Cu} + 8\text{HNO}_3(\text{dilute}) \longrightarrow 3\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO}\uparrow + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Concentrated with copper:  $\text{Cu} + 4\text{HNO}_3(\text{conc.}) \longrightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO}_2\uparrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Nitration reaction:  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6 + \text{HNO}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With phosphorus:  $\text{P}_4 + 20\text{HNO}_3 \longrightarrow 4\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 20\text{NO}_2\uparrow + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Passivation of iron:  $\text{Fe} + 6\text{HNO}_3(\text{conc.}) \longrightarrow \text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{passive layer})$

### 2.2.2 Sulfur oxyacids

**H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>** (Sulfurous acid)



**Structure:** HO—S(=O)—OH

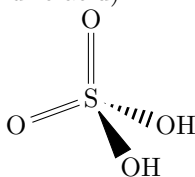
**Valence:** S is +4

**Properties:** Weak acid, exists only in solution, reducing agent.

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation by oxygen:  $2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 + \text{O}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
- Reduction by hydrogen sulfide:  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{S} \longrightarrow 3\text{S}\downarrow + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With bromine:  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 + \text{Br}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{HBr}$

**H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>** (Sulfuric acid)



**Structure:** O=S(=O)(OH)OH

**Valence:** S is +6

**Properties:** Strong acid, strong dehydrating agent, strong oxidizing agent (concentrated).

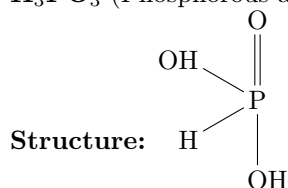
**Reactions:**

- With carbon (dehydration):  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{conc.})} 12\text{C} + 11\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Hot concentrated with copper:  $\text{Cu} + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{conc.}) \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{CuSO}_4 + \text{SO}_2\uparrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With NaCl (making HCl):  $\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{HCl}\uparrow$
- Esterification:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} \xrightleftharpoons{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} \text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$



### 2.2.3 Phosphorus oxyacids

**H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>** (Phosphorous acid)



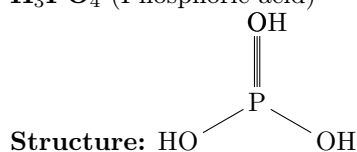
**Valence:** P is +3

**Properties:** Dibasic acid (only 2 acidic H), reducing agent.

**Reactions:**

- Reduction of silver nitrate:  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 + 2 \text{AgNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 2 \text{Ag} \downarrow + 2 \text{HNO}_3$
- Disproportionation:  $4 \text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} 3 \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{PH}_3 \uparrow$

**H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>** (Phosphoric acid)



**Valence:** P is +5

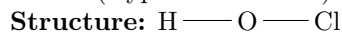
**Properties:** Weak tribasic acid, non-oxidizing.

**Reactions:**

- Dehydration to pyrophosphoric acid:  $2 \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With ammonia:  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{NH}_3 \longrightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$
- Esterification:  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 3 \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} \longrightarrow (\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O})_3\text{PO} + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}$

### 2.2.4 Chlorine oxyacids

**HClO** (Hypochlorous acid)



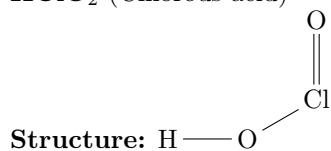
**Valence:** Cl is +1

**Properties:** Very weak acid, strong oxidizing agent, unstable.

**Reactions:**

- Disproportionation:  $3 \text{HClO} \longrightarrow \text{HClO}_3 + 2 \text{HCl}$
- Oxidation:  $\text{HClO} + \text{H}_2\text{S} \longrightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{S} \downarrow + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Bleaching:  $\text{HClO} + [\text{dye}] \longrightarrow [\text{oxidized dye}] \text{ (colorless)}$

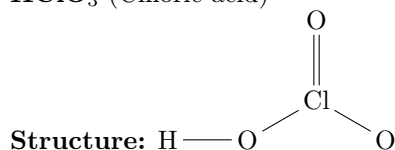
**HClO<sub>2</sub>** (Chlorous acid)



**Valence:** Cl is +3

**Properties:** Weak acid, unstable, exists only in solution.

**HClO<sub>3</sub>** (Chloric acid)



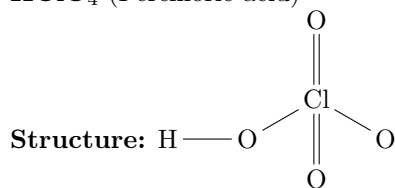
**Valence:** Cl is +5

**Properties:** Strong acid, strong oxidizing agent.

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation of sulfur:  $3\text{S} + 6\text{HClO}_3 \longrightarrow 3\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 3\text{Cl}_2 \uparrow$
- Decomposition:  $8\text{HClO}_3 \longrightarrow 4\text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + 6\text{O}_2 \uparrow + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**HClO<sub>4</sub>** (Perchloric acid)



**Valence:** Cl is +7

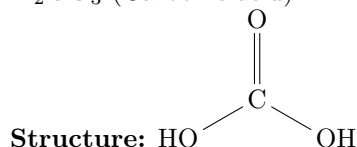
**Properties:** Very strong acid, strongest common acid, powerful oxidizing agent when hot/concentrated.

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation of organic compounds:  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 24\text{HClO}_4 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} 6\text{CO}_2 \uparrow + 12\text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + 18\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With metals:  $\text{Mg} + 2\text{HClO}_4 \longrightarrow \text{Mg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 + \text{H}_2 \uparrow$

### 2.2.5 Carbon oxyacids

**H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>** (Carbonic acid)



**Valence:** C is +4

**Properties:** Weak acid, unstable, exists in equilibrium with CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Reactions:**

- Decomposition:  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2 \uparrow + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With ammonia:  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 + 2\text{NH}_3 \longrightarrow (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$
- Formation:  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$

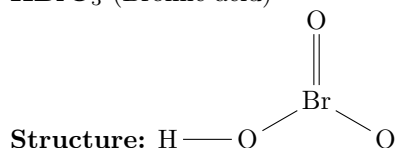
### 2.2.6 Bromine and iodine oxyacids

**HBrO** (Hypobromous acid)

**Structure:**  $\text{H} - \text{O} - \text{Br}$

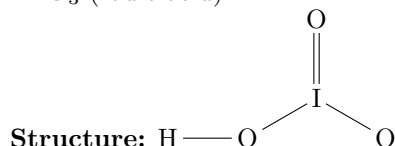
**Valence:** Br is +1

**HBrO<sub>3</sub>** (Bromic acid)



**Valence:** Br is +5

**HIO<sub>3</sub>** (Iodic acid)

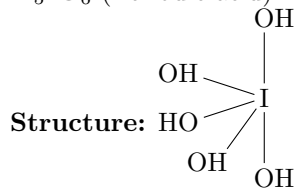


**Valence:** I is +5

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation:  $5\text{HI} + \text{HIO}_3 \longrightarrow 3\text{I}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With sulfur dioxide:  $\text{HIO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3 \longrightarrow \text{HI} + 3\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

**H<sub>5</sub>IO<sub>6</sub>** (Periodic acid)



**Valence:** I is +7

**Reactions:**

- Oxidative cleavage of diols: Used to cleave vicinal diols (glycols) to aldehydes or ketones

## 2.3 Bases from metal oxides

### 2.3.1 Alkali metal hydroxides

**NaOH** (Sodium hydroxide, Caustic soda, Lye)

**Valence:** Na is +1

**Properties:** Strong base, deliquescent, corrosive.

**Reactions:**

- With aluminum (amphoteric):  $2\text{Al} + 2\text{NaOH} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{NaAlO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\uparrow$
- With silicon dioxide:  $\text{SiO}_2 + 2\text{NaOH} \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Saponification of esters:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COONa} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$
- With chlorine (disproportionation):  $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{NaClO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With sulfur:  $3\text{S} + 6\text{NaOH} \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} 2\text{Na}_2\text{S} + \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**KOH** (Potassium hydroxide, Caustic potash)

**Valence:** K is +1

**Properties:** Strong base, more hygroscopic than NaOH.

**Reactions:**

- With CO<sub>2</sub>:  $2\text{KOH} + \text{CO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Excess CO<sub>2</sub>:  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{KHCO}_3$
- With haloalkanes (elimination):  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{Br} + \text{KOH} \xrightarrow{\text{alcohol}} \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\uparrow + \text{KBr} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

**LiOH** (Lithium hydroxide)

**Valence:** Li is +1

**Properties:** Strong base, used in CO<sub>2</sub> scrubbers.

**Reactions:**

- CO<sub>2</sub> absorption:  $2\text{LiOH} + \text{CO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

### 2.3.2 Alkaline earth metal hydroxides

**Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>** (Calcium hydroxide, Slaked lime, Hydrated lime)

**Valence:** Ca is +2

**Properties:** Moderately strong base, sparingly soluble in water (lime water).

**Reactions:**

- With CO<sub>2</sub> (limewater test):  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2 + \text{CO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{CaCO}_3\downarrow + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Excess CO<sub>2</sub>:  $\text{CaCO}_3 + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{Ca(HCO}_3)_2$  (soluble)
- With chlorine:  $2\text{Ca(OH)}_2 + 2\text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + \text{Ca(ClO)}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Preparation from quicklime:  $\text{CaO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{Ca(OH)}_2$  (exothermic)

**Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>** (Magnesium hydroxide, Milk of magnesia)

**Valence:** Mg is +2

**Properties:** Weak base, very sparingly soluble, antacid.

**Reactions:**

- Decomposition:  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{MgO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With acids (antacid action):  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2 + 2\text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{MgCl}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>** (Barium hydroxide)

**Valence:** Ba is +2

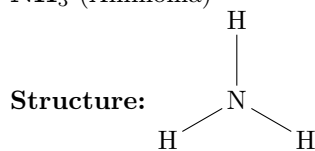
**Properties:** Strong base, more soluble than  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$ .

**Reactions:**

- With sulfuric acid:  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \longrightarrow \text{BaSO}_4 \downarrow + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With ammonium salts (endothermic):  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} \longrightarrow \text{BaCl}_2 + 2\text{NH}_3 \uparrow + 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$

### 2.3.3 Ammonia and related bases

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



**Valence:** N is -3

**Properties:** Weak base, pungent gas, very soluble in water.

**Reactions:**

- Complex formation with  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ :  $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 4\text{NH}_3 \longrightarrow [\text{Cu(NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$  (deep blue)
- With HCl:  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (white smoke)
- Haber process:  $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \xrightleftharpoons[\text{high T, P}]{\text{Fe catalyst}} 2\text{NH}_3$
- Oxidation by oxygen:  $4\text{NH}_3 + 5\text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Pt catalyst}} 4\text{NO} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Ostwald process)
- With chlorine:  $2\text{NH}_3 + 3\text{Cl}_2 \longrightarrow \text{N}_2 + 6\text{HCl}$
- Reduction of CuO:  $3\text{CuO} + 2\text{NH}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} 3\text{Cu} + \text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**NH<sub>4</sub>OH** (Ammonium hydroxide)

**Formula:**  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$  ions in aqueous solution

**Valence:** N is -3

**Properties:** Aqueous ammonia solution, weak base.

**Reactions:**

- Precipitation of metal hydroxides:  $\text{Fe}^{3+} + 3\text{NH}_4\text{OH} \longrightarrow \text{Fe(OH)}_3 \downarrow + 3\text{NH}_4^+$
- With excess ammonia (complex formation):  $\text{Zn(OH)}_2 + 4\text{NH}_3 \longrightarrow [\text{Zn(NH}_3)_4]^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^-$

### 2.3.4 Transition metal hydroxides

**Fe(OH)<sub>2</sub>** (Iron(II) hydroxide, Ferrous hydroxide)

**Valence:** Fe is +2

**Properties:** Weak base, white-green solid, easily oxidized.

**Reactions:**

- Oxidation:  $4\text{Fe(OH)}_2 + \text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 4\text{Fe(OH)}_3$  (turns brown)
- Decomposition:  $\text{Fe(OH)}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{FeO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub>** (Iron(III) hydroxide, Ferric hydroxide)

**Valence:** Fe is +3

**Properties:** Very weak base, brown precipitate.

**Reactions:**

- Decomposition:  $2\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>** (Aluminum hydroxide)

**Valence:** Al is +3

**Properties:** Amphoteric, white precipitate, antacid.

**Reactions:**

- With acid:  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3 + 3\text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{AlCl}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With base:  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3 + \text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{NaAlO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Decomposition:  $2\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub>** (Copper(II) hydroxide, Cupric hydroxide)

**Valence:** Cu is +2

**Properties:** Weak base, blue precipitate.

**Reactions:**

- Decomposition:  $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2 \xrightarrow{\text{heat}} \text{CuO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- With ammonia:  $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2 + 4\text{NH}_3 \longrightarrow [\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^-$  (deep blue solution)
- With tartaric acid (Fehling's reagent): Forms copper tartrate complex

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