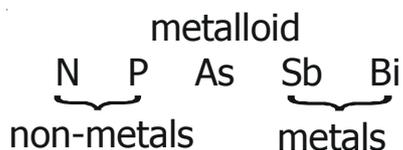
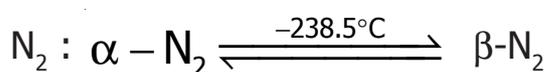


# VA GROUP ELEMENTS

- General configuration :  $ns^2 np^3$
- These are also called as pnicogens / pilogens as their hydrides are suffocating and poisonous



- **Atomicity:** Number of atoms in a molecule
- N : diatomic ( $N_2$ )
- P, As, Sb : tetra atomic (4)
- Bi : monoatomic
- **Reasons for the difference in atomicities**
- General valency of these elements is 3
- 'N' satisfies its valency through triple bond
- The large size of other elements donot permit them to form multiple bonds. To satisfy the trivalency they exist as tetra atomic molecules
- **Physical state:**
- $N_2$  - gas ; others - solids
- **Reasons for the difference in Physical states**
- Due to diatomic form M.wt of  $N_2$  is less
- London forces are weak, therefore it is gas
- The high atomicity of other elements increase their mol.wt, london forces become strong hence, they become solids
- **Catenation:**
- In V group,  $N_2$  has high catentation tendency
- Catenation of  $N_2 = 7$  atoms
- Catenation of P = 2 atoms (P-P)
- **Allotropy:**
- Except Bi all others exhibit allotropy



- P : white / yellow, red,  $\alpha$ -black, violet scarlet
- As: Grey, yellow, black
- Sb: yellow, black, explosive
- **White phosphorus** : (yellow)
- When exposed to air a layer of red 'P' gets deposited on white 'P' & it appears to be yellow in colour, Hence called as yellow phosphorus
- It is the most reactive allotrope
- Most poisonous allotrope (as  $Zn_3P_2$  it is used as rat poison)
- It is stored in water due to its low ignition temperature ( $31.8^\circ\text{C}$ )
- It exhibits phosphorescence. (bones will glow in dark as bones contain phosphate unit)
- **Red phosphorus:**
- Less reactive allotrope & more stable
- As  $P_4S_3$ , red 'P' is used in match sticks
- **Black phosphorus:**
- It is thermodynamically stable allotrope of 'P'
- Structure is similar to graphite
- It is the conductor of electricity
- It is the least reactive allotrope of 'P'

Q. Why white phosphorus is more reactive than red phosphorus ?

**Sol:** i) Due to the independent tetrahedral structure

ii) the lone pairs on 'P' decrease the bond angle from  $90^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$

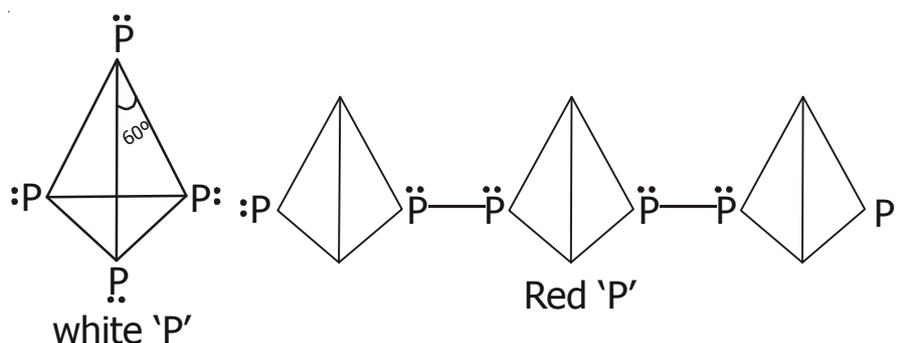
iii) due to the angle strain, white P becomes more reactive

- Red phosphorus is less reactive

i. due to its polymeric structure

ii. the effect of lone pairs on 'P' is distributed among the tetrahedral units

iii) angle strain is less therefore less reactive



- **Preparation methods of V group elements :**

- **Nitrogen:**

- $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{N}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $2\text{NaN}_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 3\text{N}_2 + 2\text{Na}$
- $\text{Ba}(\text{N}_3)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 3\text{N}_2 + \text{Ba}$
- $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{N}_2 + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{NH}_2\text{CONH}_2 + 3\text{NaOBr} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{N}_2 + 3\text{NaBr} + \text{CO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
urea
- $3\text{CaClOCl} + 2\text{NH}_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{N}_2 + 3\text{CaCl}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
Bleaching powder (O.A)

- **Phosphorus:**

- $2\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2 + 6\text{SiO}_2 + 10\text{C} \rightarrow \text{P}_4 + 6\text{CaSiO}_3 + 10\text{CO}$   
Phosphate rock

- **Arsenic:**  $4\text{FeAsS} \xrightarrow{\Delta} 4\text{FeS} + \text{As}_4$   
Arsenopyrites

- **Antimony:**  $\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 3\text{Fe} \rightarrow 2\text{Sb} + 3\text{FeS}$   
Stibnite

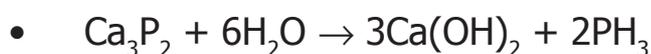
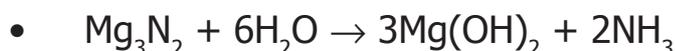
- **Bismuth:** Obtained as a byproduct during the extraction of Pb, Zn or Cu

- **Hydrides of V group elements :**

- General formula –  $\text{MH}_3$
- They cannot form pentahydrides due to the less E.N of 'H<sub>2</sub>' as H cannot effectively decrease the energy of d-orbital of central atom.

$\text{NH}_3$	$\text{PH}_3$	$\text{AsH}_3$	$\text{SbH}_3$	$\text{BiH}_3$
Ammonia	phosphene	Arsene	stibine	Bismuthine

- **Preparation:** hydrolysis of binary compounds



- **Hybridisation:**  $\text{Sp}^3$  **Structure :** pyramidal

- **Bond angle:** decrease (E.N of central atom decrease)

- **Physical state:** all are poisonous gases

- **Boiling point:**  $\text{SbH}_3 > \text{NH}_3 > \text{AsH}_3 > \text{PH}_3$   
↪ due to hydrogen bonding

- **volatility:**  $\text{PH}_3 > \text{AsH}_3 > \text{NH}_3 > \text{SbH}_3$

- **Thermal stability:** decrease (M–H B.E decrease)

- **Reducing action:** increase (M–H B.E decrease)

- **Lewis basicity:** decrease due to the increase in molecular size & the diffusion of lone pair into the vacant d-orbital increase
- **Poisonous nature:** increase as M–H B.E decrease
- **Oxides of V group:**  $\xrightarrow{M_2O_3, M_2O_4, M_2O_5}$  acidity increase as oxidation state increase and oxidising action increase as oxidation state increase
- Pentoxides are stronger oxidation agents. Among them  $N_2O_5$  is the stronger oxidising agent due to its smaller size (In similar oxidation states generally smaller ion behaves as strong oxidising agent)
- $P_2O_5$  behaves as oxidising agent in dry conditions. In moist conditions  $P_2O_5$  prefers to behaves as dehydrating agent

- **Oxides of Nitrogen:**

1. Nitrous oxide :  $N_2O$  : O.S = +1
2. Nitric oxide :  $NO$  : O.S = +2
3. Nitrogen sesqui oxide :  $N_2O_3$  : O.S = +3
4. Nitrogen dioxide :  $NO_2 \approx N_2O_4$  : O.S = + 4
5. Nitrogen pentaoxide :  $N_2O_5$  : O.S = +5

- **Geneal Characters of oxides of Nitrogen:**

i. **Neutral oxides:**  $N_2O$ ,  $NO$

ii. **Acidic oxides:**  $\xrightarrow{N_2O_3, N_2O_4, N_2O_5}$  acidity increase (oxidation state increase)  $\rightarrow$

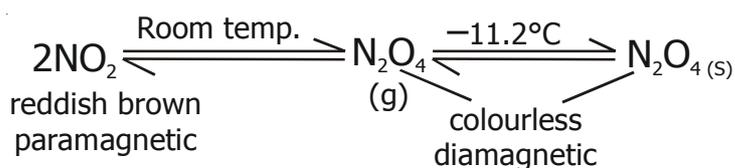
iii. **Sesqui / mixed oxides:**  $N_2O_3 \longrightarrow (NO + NO_2)$

iv. **Laughing gas :**  $N_2O$  it also used as local anesthetic in dental surgery

v. **Oxides with odd  $e^-$  :**  $NO_2$ ,  $NO$

vi **Coloured oxides :**  $NO_2$  is reddish brown,  $N_2O_3$  is blue in colour,  $N_2O_5$  is yellow in colour due to impurity

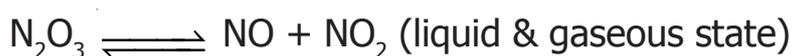
vii. **Oxides that dimerise :**

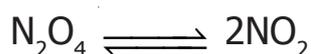
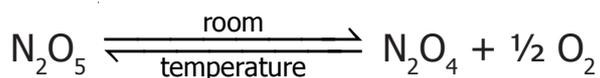


viii. **Paramagnetic oxides :**

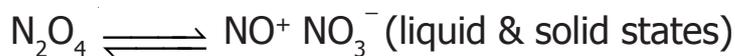
$NO$  in gaseous state ;  $NO_2$  as monomer

- **Oxides that dissociate:**

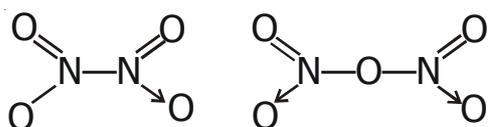




ix. **Oxides that ionise:**

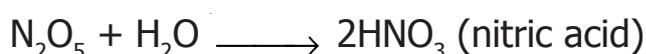


- In solid state resonance is not observed to stabilize themselves the oxides undergo ionisation

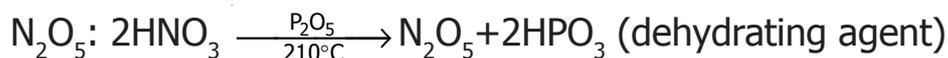
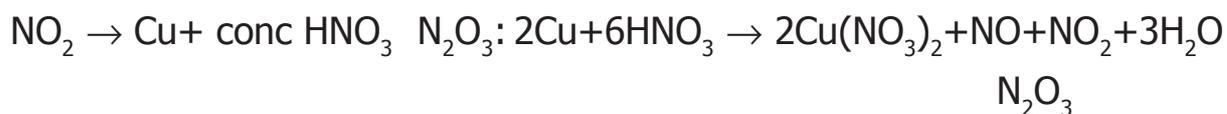
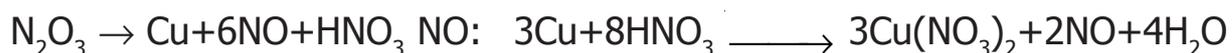
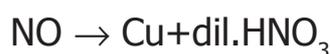


- In the above oxides resonance is observed between dative bond and double bonded oxygen

- **Acid anhydrides:**  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{HNO}_2$  (nitrous acid)

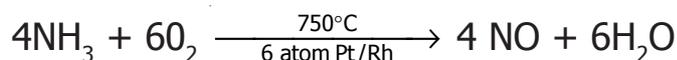


- **Preparation of oxides of Nitrogen :**

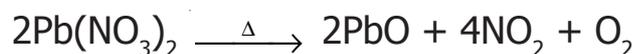


- **Special methods of preparation of oxides of Nitrogen :**

NO: **Ostwald's process: (Catalytic / partial oxidation of NH<sub>3</sub>)**

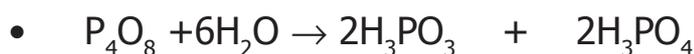
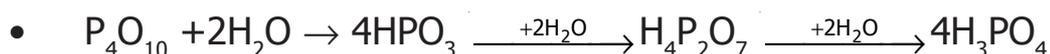
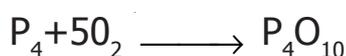
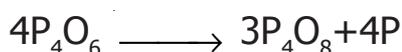


**NO<sub>2</sub>: (decomposition of heavy metal nitrates like Ba, Pb, Hg, Ag)**



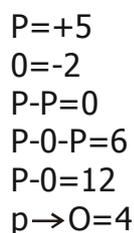
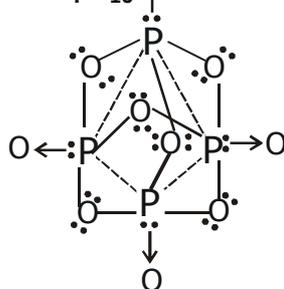
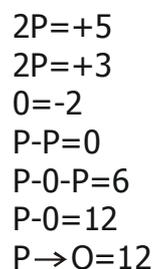
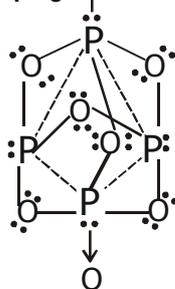
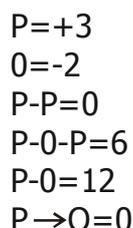
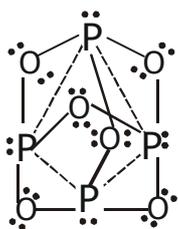
**Oxides of phosphorus:**  $P_4O_6$        $P_4O_8$        $P_4O_{10}$

- Phosphorus oxides dimers as 'P' cannot form the stable  $\pi$  bond with oxygen



- Structure:**

- Basic unit:** consists of 4 'P' atoms at the 4 corners of tetrahedraon



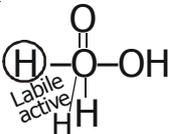
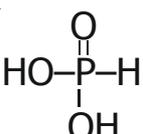
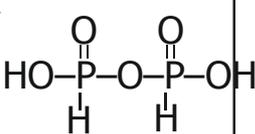
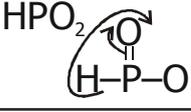
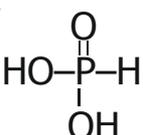
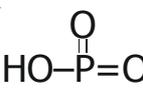
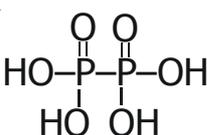
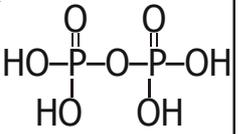
- Oxyacids of phosphorus:** In V group, 'P' forms more number of oxyacids due to :

- The ability to form  $\pi$  bond or dative bond with 'O' with resonance between those two bonds
- Presence of vacant at orbitals due to which it can exhibit variable oxidation state
- The catenation tendency of 'P' to the extent of 2 atoms (P-P)

- 'P' forms three series of oxyacids

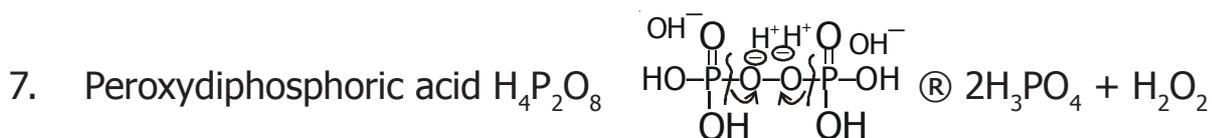
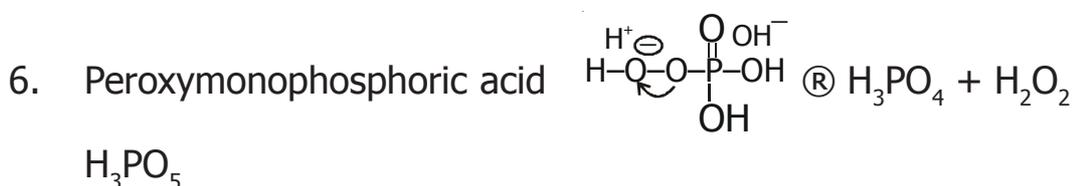
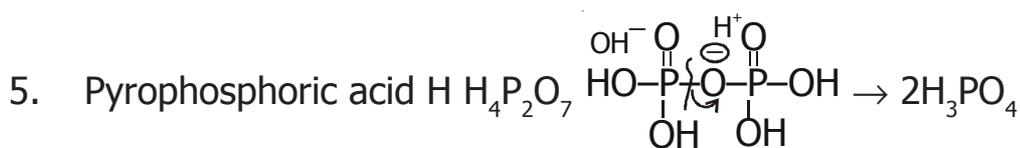
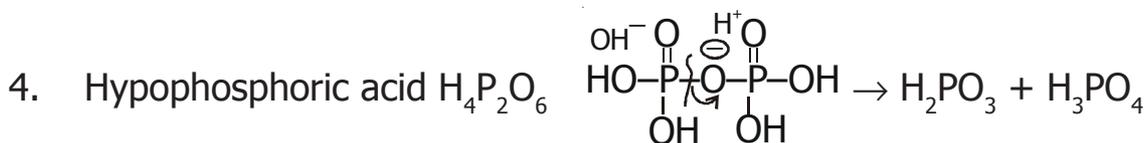
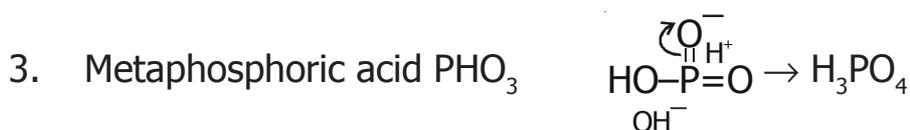
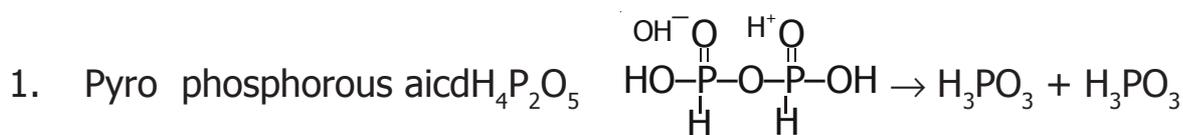
- Phosphorous acid series
- Phosphoric acid series
- Peroxy acid series

- Differs from the oxyacids of 'S' as it cannot form self linked oxyacids.

Sl.No.	Name	formla	O.S	Basicity	Slats
I	<b>Phosphorous acid series</b>				
1.	Hypophosphorous or phosphinic acid	$H_3PO_2$ 	+1	1	$H_3PO_2^-$
2.	Phosphorous (or) phosphonic acid	$H_3PO_3$ 	+3	2	$H_2PO_3^-$ $HPO_3^{-2}$
3.	Pyrophosphorous diphosphorous	$H_4P_2O_5$ 	+3	2	$H_3P_2O_5^-$ $H_2P_2O_5^{-2}$
4.	Metaphosphorous	$HPO_2$ 	+3	1	$PO_2^-$
II.	<b>Phosphoric acid series:</b>				
1.	Ortho phosphoric or phosphoric	$H_3PO_4$ 	+5	3	$H_2PO_4^-$ $HPO_4^{-2}, PO_4^{-3}$
2.	Metaphosphoric (or) glacial phosphoric	$HPO_3$ 	+5	1	$PO_3^-$
3.	Hypophosphoric	$H_4P_2O_6$ 	+4	4	$H_2P_2O_6^{-2}$ $HP_2O_6^{-3}, P_2O_6^{-4}$
4.	Pyrophosphoric (or) diphosphoric acid	$H_4P_2O_7$ 	+5	4	$H_2P_2O_7^{-2}$ $P_2O_7^{-4}$

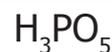
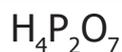
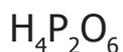
III.	Peroxy acid series:			
1.	Peroxy mono phosphoric acid	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_5$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{OH} \\   \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$	+5	3
2.	Peroxy diphosphoric acid	$\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_8$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \\ \text{HO}-\text{P}-\text{O}-\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{OH} \\   \quad   \\ \text{OH} \quad \text{OH} \end{array}$	+5	4

• **Products of hydrolysis :**



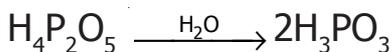
Q. Possible methods of preparation of phosphorus acids diphosphorous acid,  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$        $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$

Phosphoric, hypophosphoric, diphosphoric, peroxy monophosphoric,

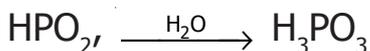


Peroxodiphosphoric acid  $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_8$

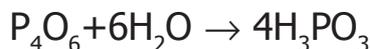
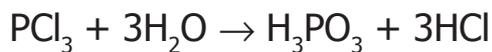
• **Phosphorous acid ( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$ )**



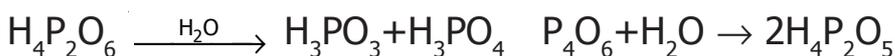
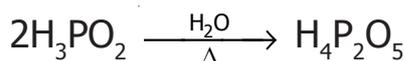
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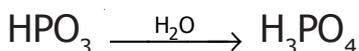
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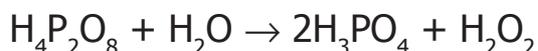
**Diphosphorous acid:** ( $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ )



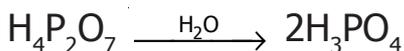
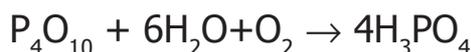
**Phosphoric acid ( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ):**  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_5 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$



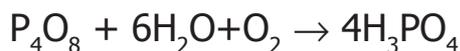
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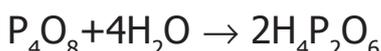
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Pyrophosphoric acid



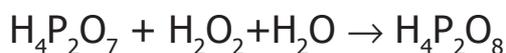
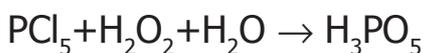
$\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_6$  (hypophosphoric acid: Diphosphoric acid ( $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ ):



Peroxyphosphoric acid

Peroxydiphosphoric acid ( $\text{H}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_8$ ):

( $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_5$ ):



• **Oxyacids of Nitrogen:**

1. Hyponitrous :  $\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$

2. Nitrous :  $\text{HNO}_2$

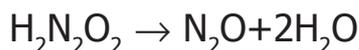
3. Nitric :  $\text{HNO}_3$

4. Pernitric :  $\text{HNO}_4$

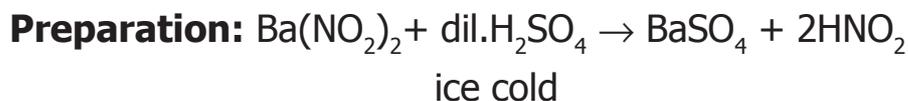
1. **Hyponitrous acid preparation:**  $\text{Ag}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$



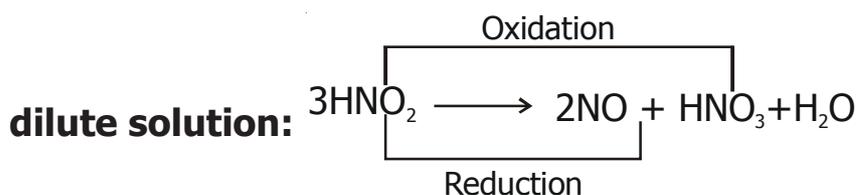
- The acid is highly unstable hence decomposes



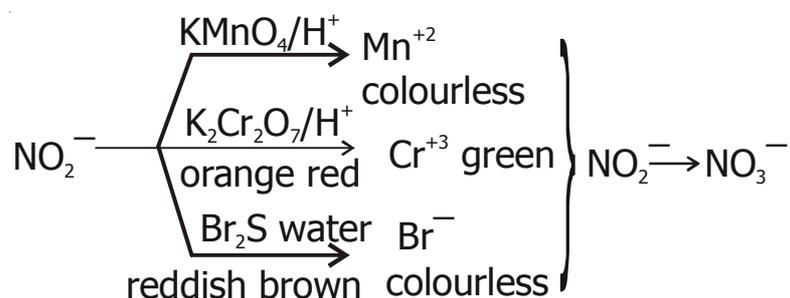
- Nitrous acid:** Nitrous acid exists only in solution state. Hence anhydrous  $\text{HNO}_2$  cannot be prepared



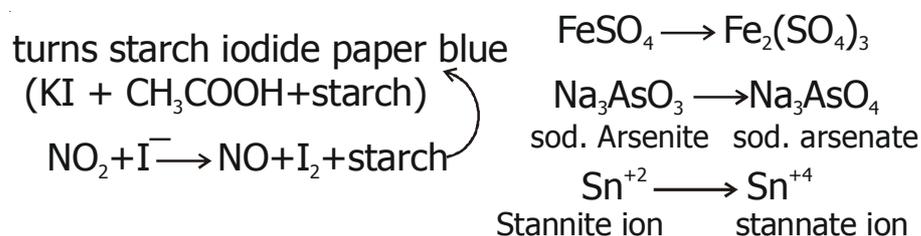
- In solution state also  $\text{HNO}_2$  is unstable hence it decomposes. The products of decomposition are decided by the concentration of the solution.



- In dil. solution  $\text{HNO}_2$  undergoes disproportionation. Hence it can behave as both oxidising & reducing agent

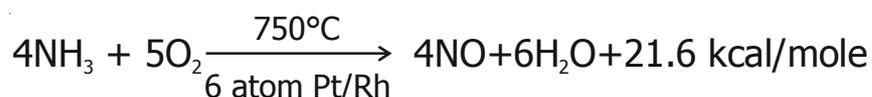


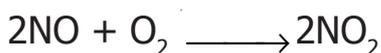
- Oxidising action:**  $2\text{HNO}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{NO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + (\text{O})$



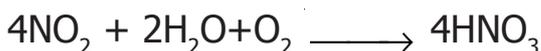
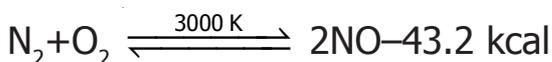
- Nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ):** can be manufactured by two methods:

- Ostwald's process :** (partial / catalytic oxidation of  $\text{NH}_3$ )



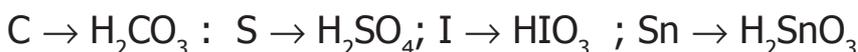


ii. **Berkland – Eyde Process:**



- Nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ) is generally considered as **aqua fortis (strong water)** as it can oxidise most of the elements in periodic table
- Nitric acid can behave as an acid, an oxidising agent & it differs  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  as it cannot behave as dehydrating agent
- As an acid  $\text{HNO}_3$  neutralises metal oxides metal hydroxides, metal sulphites, metal carbonates etc to the respective metal nitrates.
- When it behaves as an oxidising agent it may get reduced to ammonium nitrate ( $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ ) or nitrous oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ) or nitric oxide ( $\text{NO}$ ) or nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ ) or nitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ ) these products of reduction depend on
  - i. concentration of the acid
  - ii. Nature of the element to be oxidised
  - iii. temperature of the reaction

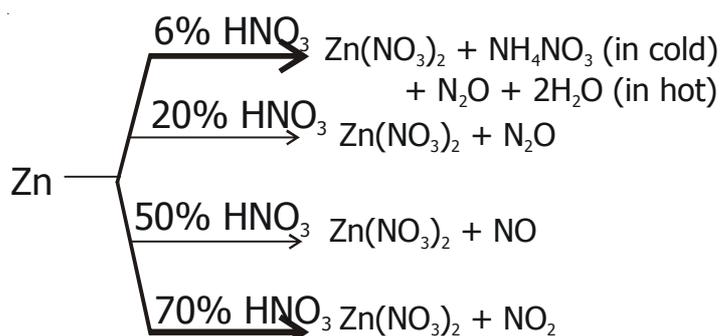
I. **Oxidation of non metals / metalloids:  $\text{HNO}_3$  oxidises them to their highest oxyacids: Eg: C, P, S, I, Sn**



II. **Oxidation of metals which are above  $\text{H}_2$  in electrochemical series:**

**Eg:** (Mg, Mn, Fe, Zn)

- Very dil.  $\text{HNO}_3$  (2%) :
- $\text{Mg} + 2\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{H}_2$



### III. Oxidation of metals which are below H<sub>2</sub> in electrochemical series:

**Eg:** (Cu, Ag, Au, Hg, Pt)

- Cu + hot conc HNO<sub>3</sub> → Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> + N<sub>2</sub>
- Hg + HNO<sub>3</sub>
  - Hg<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> + NO  
Mercurous nitrate
  - Hg(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub>  
Mercuric nitrate

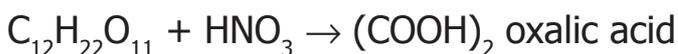
### IV. Action on noble metals : **Eg:** Au, Pt, Ir, Pd

- Noble metals do not dissolve in nitric acid but they readily dissolve in aqua regia due to the formation of respective chloro complexes.
- **aqua regia:** Conc HNO<sub>3</sub> + conc. HCl

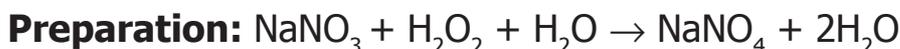


- Au → H [AuCl<sub>4</sub>]
- Pt → H<sub>2</sub> [PtCl<sub>6</sub>]
- Pd + dil. HNO<sub>3</sub> → Pd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>
- Ir + aqua regia → no reaction

### V. Action on sugar:



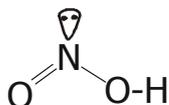
#### • Pernitric acid:



#### • Structures of oxyacids of N<sub>2</sub>:

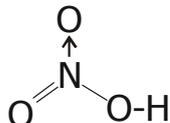
##### HNO<sub>2</sub>:

hybridisation Sp<sup>2</sup>:  
structure : Angular



##### HNO<sub>3</sub>

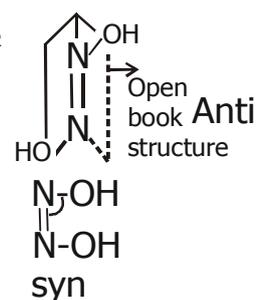
hybridization Sp<sup>2</sup>:  
structure:



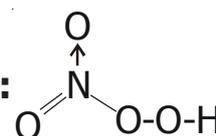
##### H<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:

hybridization: Sp<sup>2</sup>  
structure:

angular  
around N<sub>2</sub>



#### • HNO<sub>4</sub> (pernitric acid) : Hybridisation : Sp<sup>2</sup> structure tp:



#### • Halides of V group Elements:

#### • Trihalides: (MX<sub>3</sub>)

#### • Preparation : 2M + 3X<sub>2</sub> → 2MX<sub>3</sub>

#### • Hybridisation : Sp<sup>3</sup> structure : Py

- **Bond angle:** bond angle decrease (E.N of C.A decrease)



Stability increase as +3 stability

increase due to inert pair effect

- **Stability:**

$\text{NF}_3$	$\text{NCl}_3$	$\text{NBr}_3$	$\text{NI}_3$
stable	unstable		

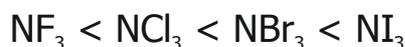
  1. low N-X bond polarity
  2. low -X bond energy

- **Lewis basicity:** :



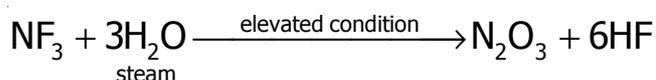
Decreasing order of lewis basicity as  $e^-$  density

decrease due to increase in molecular size

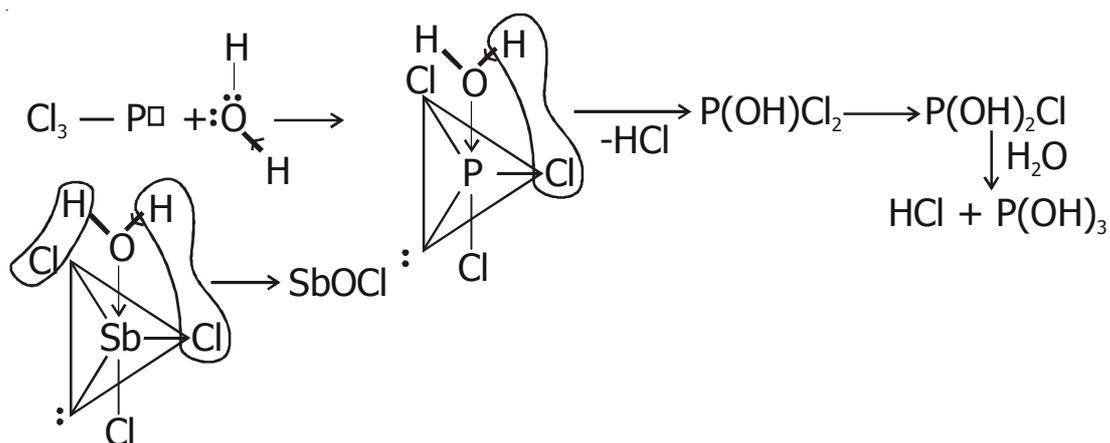


Lewis basicity increase (as E.N of suounding atom decrease & the  $e^-$  density on N increase)

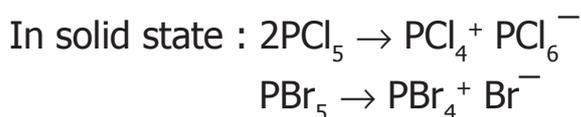
- **Hydrolysis:**
- Except  $\text{NF}_3$ ,  $\text{PF}_3$ ,  $\text{PF}_5$  all others are hydrolysed
- $\text{NF}_3$  doesnt undergo hydrolysis due to the absence of vacant orbital with N & F. However, it is hydrolysed under elevated conditions with steam



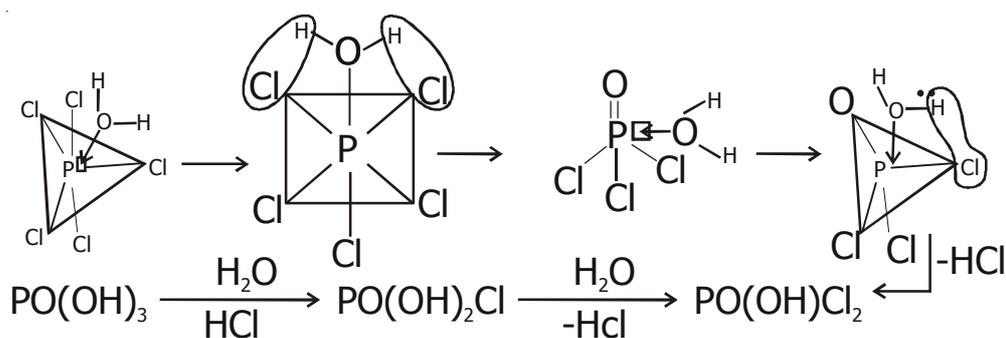
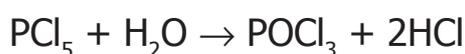
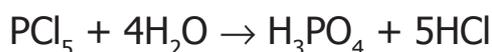
- $\text{PF}_3$  &  $\text{PF}_5$  are resistant towards hydrolysis as the P-O bond energy (hydration energy) is less than P-F bond energy due to backbonding
- $\text{NCl}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + 3\text{HOCl}$
- $\text{PCl}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 + 3\text{HCl}$
- $\text{AsCl}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{AsO}_3 + 3\text{HCl}$
- $\text{SbCl}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{SbOCl} + 2\text{HCl}$
- $\text{BiCl}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{BiOCl} + 2\text{HCl}$
- $\text{NCl}_3$  when hydrolysed  $\text{NH}_3$  is liberated instead of  $\text{HNO}_2$  due to inability of  $\text{N}_2$  to form bond with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecule as it has no vacant orbital
- P & As interact with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecule by using their vacant d-orbitals. Hence they form the respective -ous acids.
- Sb & Bi due to the high polarising power form oxychlorides



- **Pentahalides:** ( $\text{MX}_5$ )
- 'N' cannot form pentahalides due to the absence of vacant orbitals
- P :  $\text{PF}_5$ ,  $\text{PCl}_5$ ,  $\text{PBr}_5$  exist but not  $\text{PI}_5$  due to steric hinderance
- As :  $\text{AsF}_5$ ,  $\text{AsCl}_5$  ( $\text{AsCl}_5$  decomposes at  $30^\circ\text{C}$ )
- Sb:  $\text{SbF}_5$   $\text{SbCl}_5$
- Bi :  $\text{BiF}_5$  due to high E.N of Cl the d orbitals is activated in Bi hence it forms  $\text{BiF}_5$
- **Preparation:**  $\text{MX}_3 + \text{X}_2 \rightarrow \text{MX}_5$
- **Hybridistaion:**  $\text{Sp}^3\text{d}$  **structure :** tbp
- **Bond angle:**  $90^\circ$ ,  $120^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$  (any molecule with mulptiple bond angles is highly unstable but these penta halides are stable due to Pseudoberry rotation



- **Hydrolysis:**



- **Phosphazenes:**
- Linear or cyclic polymers of  $[\text{NPCI}_2]_n$  group  
phosphazene  $\rightarrow$  phosph-phosphorous + Az-nitrogen + en-unsaturation
- Each  $[\text{NPCI}_2]$  is considered as phosphonitrilic chloride (o) phosphazene (or) dichloro phosphazene
- **Nomenclature:** root word = phosphonitrilic chloride
- The number of times the unit is repeated is indicated with -di, tri, tetra etc  
 $(\text{NPCI}_2)_3$  – tri (phosphonitrilic chloride)  
 $(\text{NPCI}_2)_4$  – tetra (phosphonitrilic chloride)

