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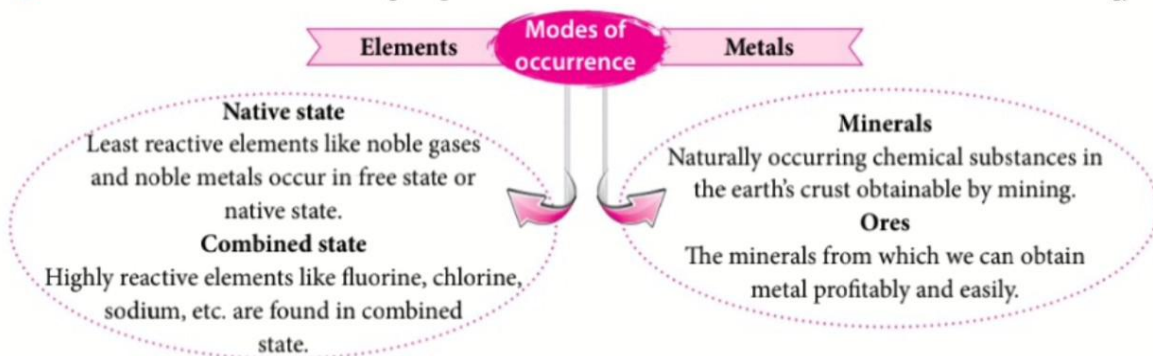
**Unit 3** **General Principles and Processes of Isolation of Elements | p-Block Elements (Group 15 to 18)**

**General Principles and Processes of Isolation of Elements**

A few elements like carbon, sulphur, gold and noble gases, occur in free state while others in combined forms in the earth's crust. The extraction and isolation of an element from its combined form involves various principles of chemistry.

**METALLURGY**

The entire scientific and technological processes used for isolation of metal from its ores is called *metallurgy*.



**METALLURGICAL PROCESSES**

- ✎ **Crushing and grinding of the ore** : Involves the breaking of huge lumps into small pieces using crushers or grinders which in turn reduced to fine powder using ball or stamp mill.
- ✎ **Concentration of ore** : Involves the removal of gangue from ore.

➤ The different methods used in this process are:

**Hydraulic washing** : Based on the difference in the specific gravities of the gangue and the ore particles. Therefore, heavier ore particles settle down while lighter impurities are washed away. For example, oxide ores like haematite, tinstone and native ores of Au, Ag, etc.

**Electromagnetic separation** : Based on the difference in magnetic properties of the gangue and ore particles. Therefore, magnetic particles fall nearer to the roller while non-magnetic particles fall farther off. For example, magnetite ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ), haematite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ), wolframite ( $\text{FeWO}_4$ ), chromite ( $\text{FeO}\cdot\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ), etc.

Based on nature of ores and impurities present

**Froth floatation process** : Based on the difference in wetting properties of gangue and ore particles. Therefore, ore particles rise to the surface in the form of froth and impurities remain in water. For example, sulphide ores.

**Leaching** : Based on the difference in chemical properties of gangue and ore particles. Used for extraction of Au, Ag (*Mac Arthur Forest cyanide process*) and pure alumina from bauxite ore (*Baeyer's process*).

➤ **Extraction and isolation of metals** : Involves extraction of metal in free state from concentrated ore. The following two chemical processes used are :

- **Calcination** : Process of heating the ore strongly below its melting point either in the absence of air or in the limited supply. e.g., carbonate and hydrated oxide ores.
- **Roasting** : Process of heating the ore strongly below the melting point in a sufficient supply of air to bring about its oxidation and remove volatile impurities. e.g., sulphide ores.

Oxidation or de-electronation process

Reduction process

**Reduction of calcinated or roasted ore to metal using reducing agent. For example,**

- Carbon or carbon monoxide is used for oxides of Fe, Cu, Zn, Mg, Co, etc.
- Electropositive metals like Na, Al, Mg or hydrogen are used for reduction of ores of Mn, Cr, Ti, Mo, W, etc.
- Water gas is used for nickel ores.
- Auto-reduction process is used for ores of Pb, Hg, Cu, etc.
- Electrolytic reduction is used for highly electropositive metals.
- Hydrometallurgy or displacement method is used for Ag, Au, etc.

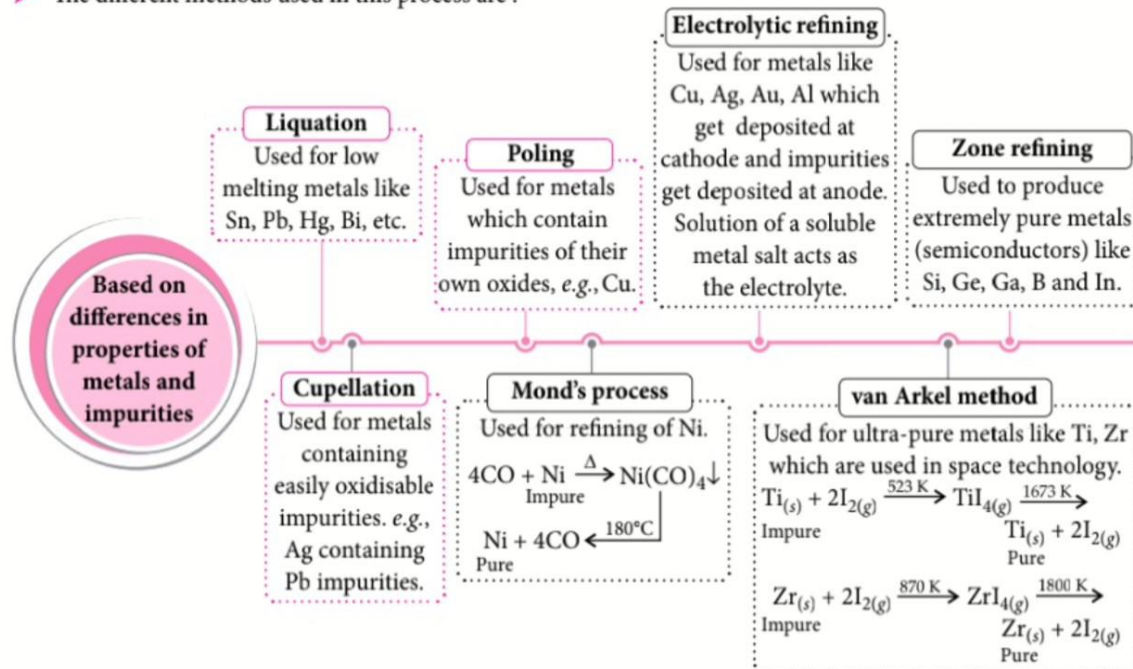
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#### Extraction of cleaner copper with energy capture!

In February 2016, a toxin-free method for extraction of copper from raw ore and other procedures using molten salts have been developed. Recent method involves the chemical processes that produce huge mountains of waste mine tailings and lake-size waste water collections, accumulating high levels of toxins such as arsenic, cadmium and sulphuric acid. But latest method works by heating ore using molten salts to temperatures exceeding  $1500^\circ\text{F}$  such that copper is separated from the ore without use of water and dangerous chemicals. The technology also allows for the collection of surplus heat and using it to power steam turbines and generators. These technologies could really shift the paradigm with cleaner, more efficient methods for both mining and energy storage.

➤ **Refining of metals** : Involves the purification of crude metals by removing the impurities present in it.

➤ The different methods used in this process are :



## THERMODYNAMIC PRINCIPLES OF METALLURGY

🔗 **Thermodynamic principles :**

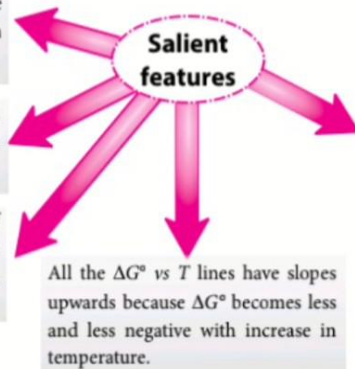
- With the help of thermodynamics, the temperature conditions and suitable reducing agents in the metallurgical processes can be decided.
- Gibbs's Helmholtz equation ( $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$ ), is used to check the feasibility of a reaction.
- $\Delta G^\circ < 0$  (Spontaneous reaction)

🔗 **Ellingham diagram :** The graphical representation of Gibbs free energy change vs absolute temperature for a process is known as *Ellingham diagram*.

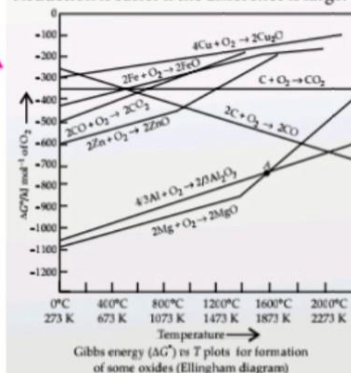
The  $\Delta G^\circ$  vs  $T$  graphs are straight lines unless the materials melt or vaporise (i.e., change from solid  $\rightarrow$  liquid or from liquid  $\rightarrow$  gas).

Metal oxide with lower value of  $\Delta G^\circ$  is more stable than a metal oxide with higher  $\Delta G^\circ$ .

The coupling or combination of oxidation and reduction reactions helps in interpreting whether the given reducing agent can be useful or not.



The diagram shows that reduction of the oxide of the elements in upper line is feasible by the elements represented by the lower line. Reduction is easier if the difference is large.





## p-Block Elements (Group 15 to 18)

### GROUP 15 ELEMENTS (PNICTOGENS)

↳ **Electronic configuration:** N(7) - [He] $2s^2 2p^3$ ; P(15) - [Ne] $3s^2 3p^3$ ; As(33) - [Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^3$ ; Sb(51) - [Kr] $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^3$ ; Bi(83) - [Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^3$ ; Mc(115) - [Rn] $5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^3$

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

#### Physical state and metallic character :

N<sub>2</sub> (unreactive gas), P<sub>4</sub> (solid non-metal),  
As<sub>4</sub> and Sb<sub>4</sub> (solid metalloids), Bi (solid metal), Mc (Radioactive)

**Atomicity :** Nitrogen (diatomic gaseous molecule), phosphorus, arsenic, antimony (discrete tetraatomic tetrahedral molecules).

#### Thermal and electrical conductivity:

Increase down the group, as delocalisation of electrons increases.

**Allotropy :** Nitrogen ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -Nitrogen), phosphorus (white, red, scarlet, violet,  $\alpha$ -black,  $\beta$ -black), arsenic (grey, yellow, black) antimony (metallic, yellow, explosive).

**Atomic radioactive :** Increase down the group, smaller than that of group 14 elements due to increased nuclear charge.

**Melting and boiling points :** M.pt. increases from N to As and then decreases whereas b. pt. increases from N to Sb and decreases very slightly.

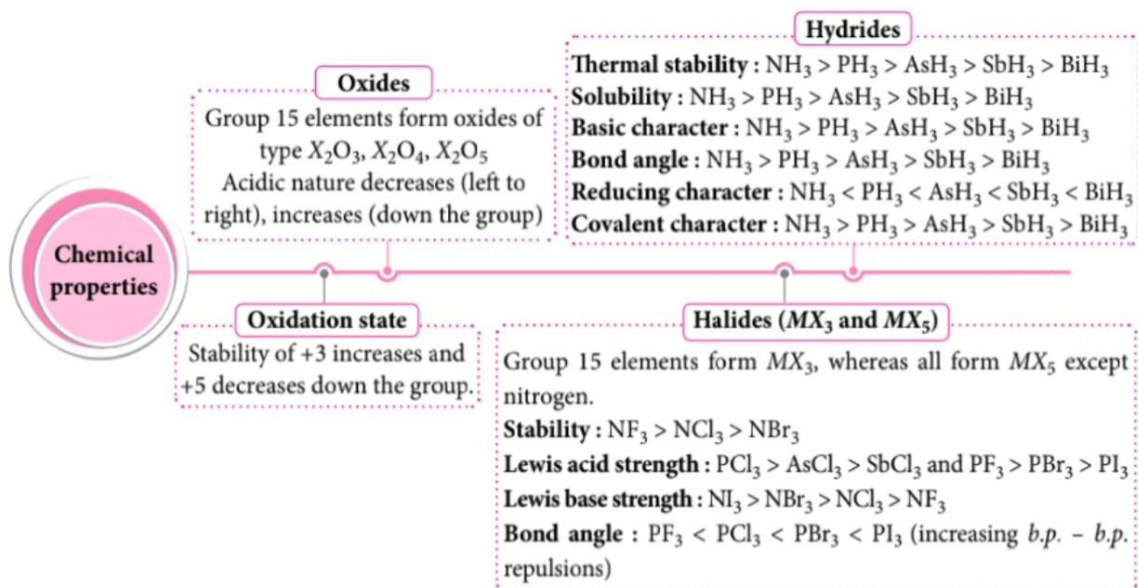
**Ionisation enthalpy :** Decreases regularly down the group due to increase in size.

#### Electronegativity :

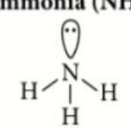
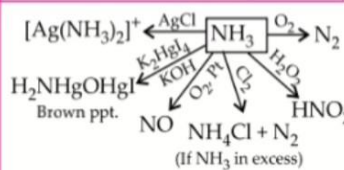
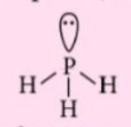
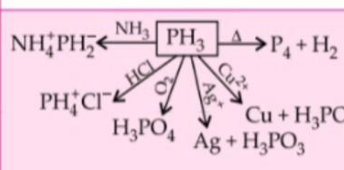
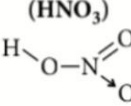
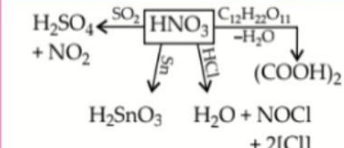
Decreases down the group.

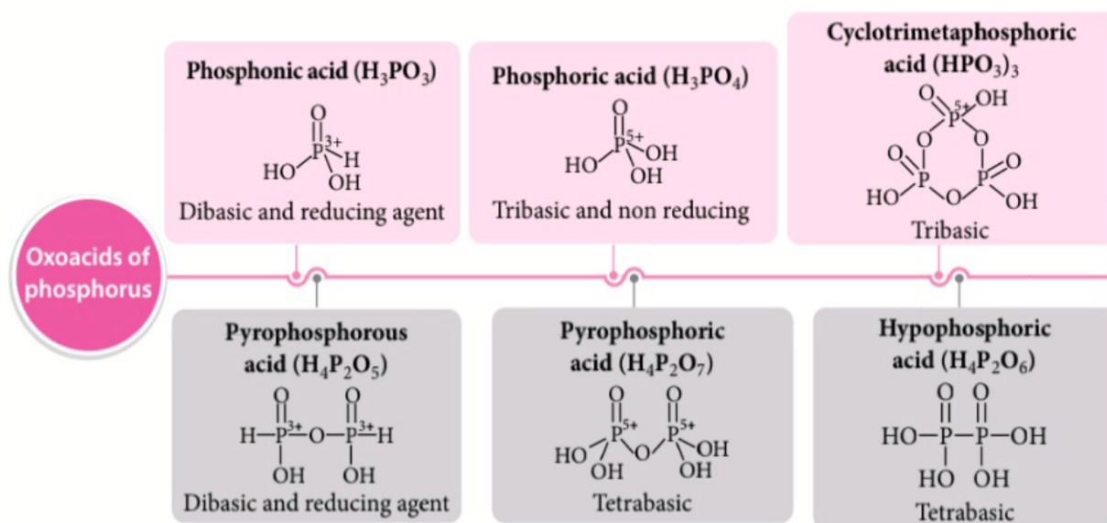
**Group 15  
Elements  
( $ns^2 np^3$ )**

### CHEMICAL PROPERTIES



## IMPORTANT COMPOUNDS OF NITROGEN AND PHOSPHORUS

Compounds	Preparations	Properties
<b>Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  <i>sp</i> <sup>3</sup> hybridisation (pyramidal)	<b>Haber's process :</b> $\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \xrightleftharpoons{773\text{K}} 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$ $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NaCl}$ $2\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{CaCl}_2 + 2\text{NH}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Slaked lime</p> $\text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 3\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{NH}_3$	
<b>Phosphine (PH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  <i>sp</i> <sup>3</sup> hybridisation (pyramidal)	$4\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 \xrightarrow{478-483\text{K}} 3\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{PH}_3$ $\text{P}_4 + 3\text{NaOH} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 3\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_2 + \text{PH}_3$ $\text{PH}_4\text{I} + \text{KOH} \rightarrow \text{PH}_3 + \text{KI} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{Ca}_3\text{P}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 3\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{PH}_3$	
<b>Nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)</b> 	$2\text{KNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{HNO}_3 + \text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$ $4\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + 5\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \xrightarrow[500\text{K, 9 bar}]{\text{Pt/Rh gauge}} 4\text{NO}(\text{g}) + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$ $2\text{NO}(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$ $3\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow 2\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{NO}(\text{g})$	



## GROUP 16 ELEMENTS (CHALCOGENS)

$\text{O}(8) - [\text{He}]2s^2 2p^4$ ;  $\text{S}(16) - [\text{Ne}]3s^2 3p^4$ ;  $\text{Se}(34) - [\text{Ar}]3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^4$ ;  $\text{Te}(52) - [\text{Kr}]4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^4$ ;  
 $\text{Po}(84) - [\text{Xe}]4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^4$ ;  $\text{Lv}(116) - [\text{Rn}]5f^{14} 6d^{10} 7s^2 7p^4$

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

**Allotropy** : All elements show allotropy

**Electronegativity** :

Decreases down the group.

**Electron gain enthalpy** : Increases from oxygen to sulphur and then decreases.

**Melting and boiling points** : Increase down the group upto Te and then decreases.

**Atomicity** : Oxygen (diatomic molecule), S, Se, Te (form polyatomic complex molecules).

**Physical state and metallic character** :

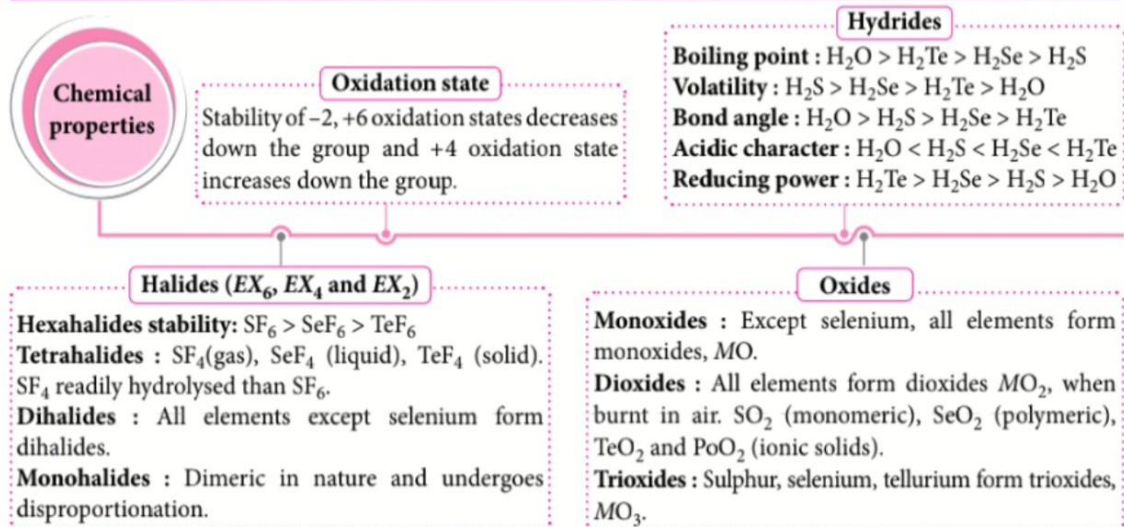
O<sub>2</sub> (gas), S<sub>8</sub> (solid non-metal), Se and Te (solid metalloids), Po (radioactive metal), Lv (radioactive)

**Atomic radii** : Increase down the group.

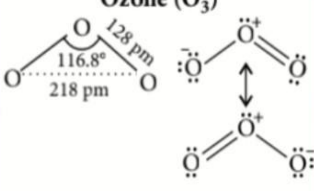
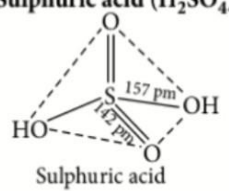
**Ionisation enthalpy** : Decreases down the group.

Group 16  
Elements  
(*ns<sup>2</sup> np<sup>4</sup>*)

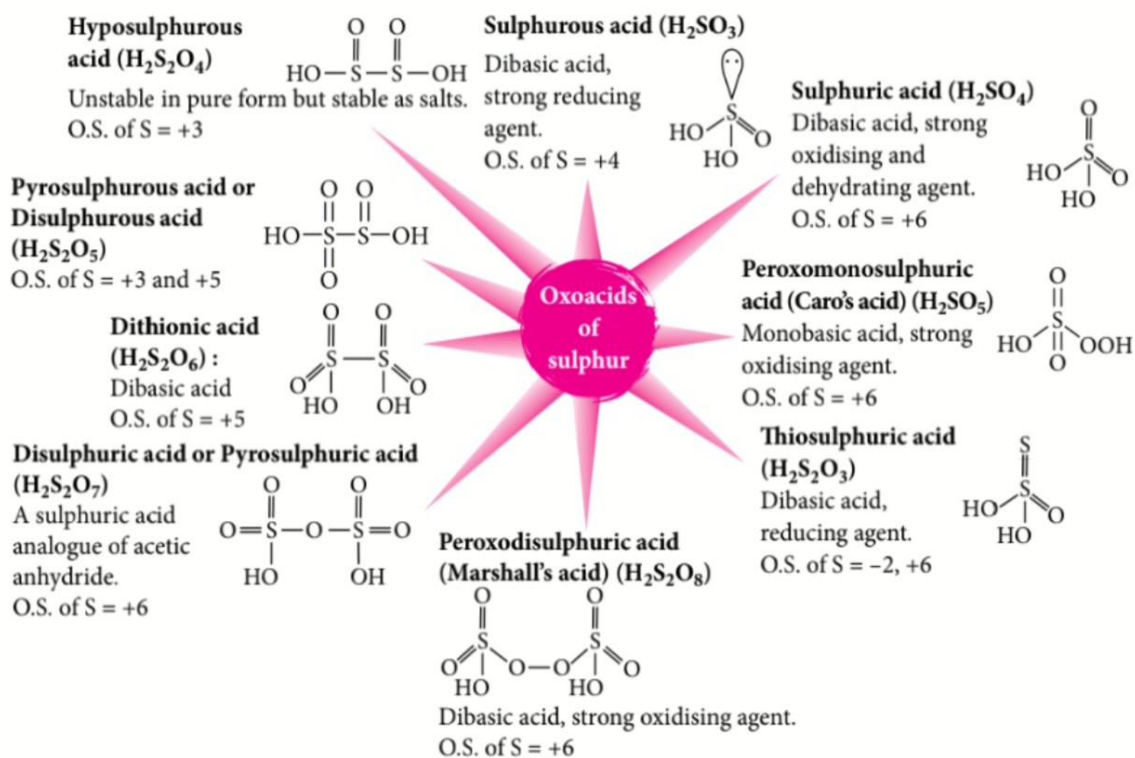
## CHEMICAL PROPERTIES



## IMPORTANT COMPOUNDS OF OXYGEN AND SULPHUR

Compounds	Preparation	Properties
<b>Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)</b> 	$3\text{O}_2 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Silent electric discharge}} 2\text{O}_3$	$\begin{array}{l} \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{NO}_2 \\ \text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{S} + \text{O}_2 \\ \text{KOH} \rightarrow \text{KO}_3 \\ \text{PbS} \rightarrow \text{PbSO}_4 \\ \text{HCl} + \text{SnCl}_2 \rightarrow \text{SnCl}_4 \\ \text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{Zn}} \text{HCHO} \end{array}$
<b>Sulphuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)</b> 	<b>Contact process :</b> $2\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \xrightarrow{\text{V}_2\text{O}_5} 2\text{SO}_3(\text{g})$ $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \downarrow$ $2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \xleftarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$	$\begin{array}{l} \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ 2\text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Zn} \rightarrow \text{ZnSO}_4 + \text{H}_2 \\ \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11} \rightarrow 12\text{C} + 11\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{S}_8 \rightarrow \text{SO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Na}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{S} \\ \text{BaCl}_2 \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_4 + \text{HCl} \\ \text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6] \rightarrow \text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{FeSO}_4 + (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{CO}\uparrow \end{array}$

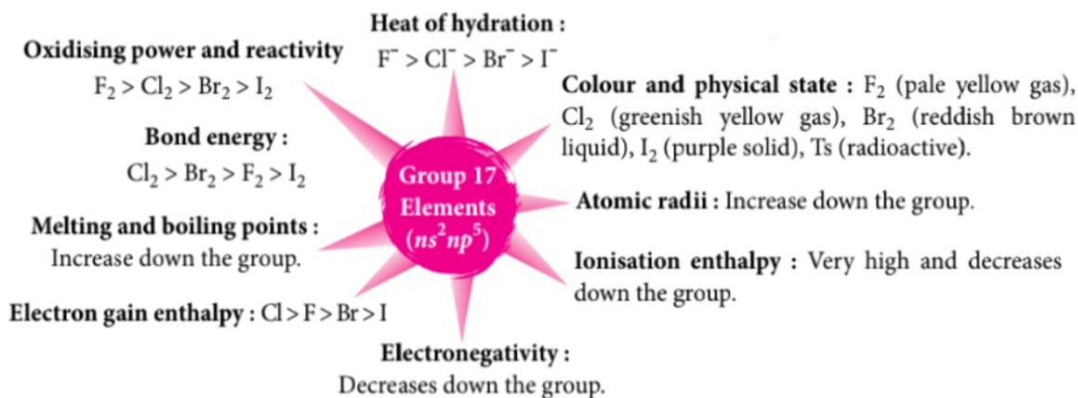




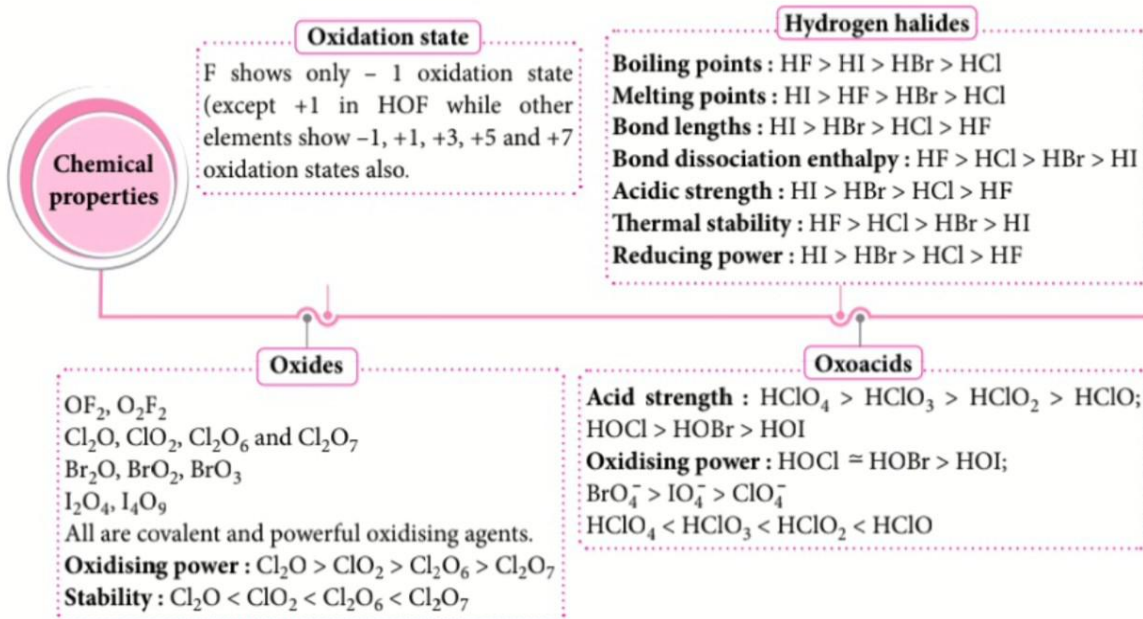
## GROUP 17 ELEMENTS (HALOGENS)

↪ **Electronic configuration:** F(7) - [He]2s<sup>2</sup>2p<sup>5</sup>; Cl(17) - [Ne]3s<sup>2</sup>3p<sup>5</sup>; Br(35) - [Ar]3d<sup>10</sup>4s<sup>2</sup>4p<sup>5</sup>; I(53) - [Kr]4d<sup>10</sup>5s<sup>2</sup>5p<sup>5</sup>; At(85) - [Xe]4f<sup>14</sup>5d<sup>10</sup>6s<sup>2</sup>6p<sup>5</sup>; Ts(117) - [Rn] 5f<sup>14</sup>6d<sup>10</sup>7s<sup>2</sup>7p<sup>5</sup>

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES



## CHEMICAL PROPERTIES



## IMPORTANT COMPOUNDS OF HALOGEN FAMILY

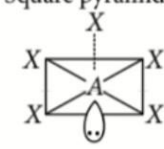

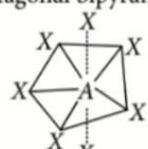
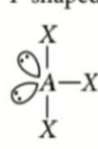
Compounds	Preparation	Properties
<b>Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>)</b>	<b>Laboratory method :</b> $2\text{NaCl} + 3\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{MnO}_2 \longrightarrow 2\text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{MnSO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Cl}_2$	$\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{FeSO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \longrightarrow \text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 + \text{HCl}$ $\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{S} \longrightarrow 2\text{HCl} + \text{S}$ $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{NaOH}_{(dil.)} \longrightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{NaOCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ $3\text{Cl}_2 + 6\text{NaOH}_{(conc.)} \longrightarrow 5\text{NaCl} + \text{NaClO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{Cl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}} 2\text{HCl} + [\text{O}] \xrightarrow{\text{Coloured substance}} \text{Colourless}$
<b>Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)</b>	$\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \xrightarrow{420\text{ K}} \text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{HCl}$ $\text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{NaCl} \xrightarrow{823\text{ K}} \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{HCl}$	Colourless and pungent smelling gas, easily liquifiable, extremely soluble in water. $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + 2\text{HCl} \longrightarrow 2\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$ $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3 + 2\text{HCl} \longrightarrow 2\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SO}_2$

👉 **Oxoacids of halogens :**

Oxidation state of halogen	Chlorine	Bromine	Iodine	Name of acid
+1	HClO	HBrO	HIO	Hypohalous
+3	HClO <sub>2</sub>	-	-	Halous
+5	HClO <sub>3</sub>	HBrO <sub>3</sub>	HIO <sub>3</sub>	Halic
+7	HClO <sub>4</sub>	HBrO <sub>4</sub>	HIO <sub>4</sub> H <sub>5</sub> IO <sub>6</sub>	Perhalic



## INTERHALOGEN COMPOUNDS

Properties					
Covalent in nature	Strong oxidising agents	Diamagnetic in nature	Reactive than halogens	Partially ionised in solution or in liquid state	Coloured in nature
Types of interhalogen compounds					
$AX_5$ $sp^3d^2$ Square pyramidal 	$AX$ $sp^3$ Linear 	$AX_7$ $sp^3d^3$ Pentagonal bipyramidal 	$AX_3$ $sp^3d$ T-shaped 		

### GROUP 18 ELEMENTS (NOBLE OR INERT GASES)

↳ **Electronic configuration :** He(2) -  $1s^2$ ; Ne(10) -  $[\text{He}]2s^22p^6$ ; Ar(18) -  $[\text{Ne}]3s^23p^6$ ; Kr(36) -  $[\text{Ar}]3d^{10}4s^24p^6$ ; Xe(54) -  $[\text{Kr}]4d^{10}5s^25p^6$ ; Rn(86) -  $[\text{Xe}]4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^26p^6$ ; Og(118) -  $[\text{Rn}]5f^{14}6d^{10}7s^27p^6$

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical state :** All are monoatomic gases and Og is radioactive

**Ease of liquefaction :**  
Increases down the group.

**Atomic radii :**  
Increase down the group.

**Ionisation enthalpy :**  
Decreases down the group.

**Electron gain enthalpy :** Positive

**Melting and boiling points :** Very low due to weak dispersion forces.



### COMPOUNDS OF XENON

Compound	Preparation	Properties
Xenon difluoride ( $\text{XeF}_2$ )	$\text{Xe} + \text{F}_2 \xrightarrow[673 \text{ K, 1 bar}]{\text{Xe in excess}} \text{XeF}_2$	Linear, $sp^3d$
Xenon tetrafluoride ( $\text{XeF}_4$ )	$\text{Xe} + 2\text{F}_2 \xrightarrow[6-7 \text{ bar}]{873 \text{ K}} \text{XeF}_4$ (1 : 5)	Square planar, $dsp^2$
Xenon hexafluoride ( $\text{XeF}_6$ )	$\text{Xe} + 3\text{F}_2 \xrightarrow[60-70 \text{ bar}]{573 \text{ K}} \text{XeF}_6$ (1 : 20)	Distorted octahedral, $sp^3d^3$
Xenon trioxide ( $\text{XeO}_3$ )	$\text{XeF}_6 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{XeO}_3 + 6\text{HF}$	Pyramidal, $sp^3$
Xenon oxydifluoride ( $\text{XeOF}_2$ )	$\text{XeF}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{XeOF}_2 + 2\text{HF}$	T-shaped, $sp^3d$
Xenon oxytetrafluoride ( $\text{XeOF}_4$ )	$\text{XeF}_6 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{XeOF}_4 + 2\text{HF}$	Square pyramidal, $sp^3d^2$
Xenon dioxydifluoride ( $\text{XeO}_2\text{F}_2$ )	$\text{XeOF}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{XeO}_2\text{F}_2 + 2\text{HF}$	Distorted trigonal bipyramidal, $sp^3d$