



UNIT-11

THE P-BLOCK ELEMENTS

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P-BLOCK ELEMENTS



- The elements in which the last electron enters the p-orbitals of their valence shell are called P-block elements.
- It consists of group 13 to 18 except He.
- The valence shell configuration of these elements is $ns^2 np^{1-6}$.
- The maximum oxidation state shown by a P-block element is equal to the total number of valence electrons
- (i.e., the sum of s and p electrons).



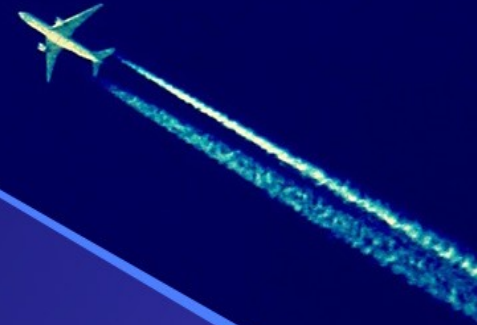
ANOMALOUS BEHAVIOUR OF FIRST MEMBER OF A GROUP

- **The first member in each group differ from that of the other elements in their respective groups.**
- **The anomalous behaviour of the first member in each group is due to**
- **The very small size of the atoms**
- **High Ionisation energies**
- **High electronegativities**
- **Absence of vacant d orbitals.**

INERT PAIR EFFECT

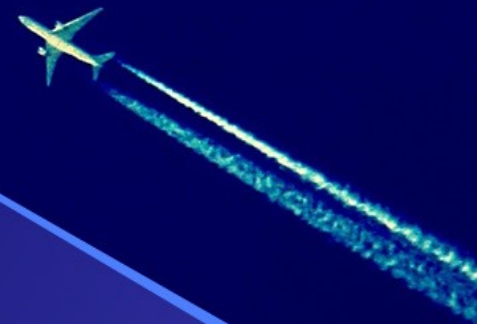


- It is the reluctance of s-electrons to participate in chemical bonding.
- It is commonly seen in the elements of groups 13, 14 & 15.
- Down the group, due to the poor shielding effect of inner d and f orbitals, the effective nuclear charge is greater, which holds the s-electrons tightly.
- So they cannot participate in bonding.
- Due to the above reason, TlCl is more stable than TlCl_3 .
- Lead mainly forms PbCl_2 than PbCl_4 .
- Tl^+ is stabler than Tl^{3+} and Pb^{2+} is stabler than Pb^{4+}



**GROUP 13 ELEMENTS:
THE BORON FAMILY**

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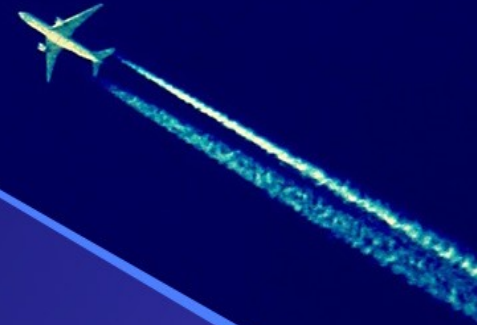


- It includes Boron, Aluminium, Gallium, Indium and Thallium.
- Boron is a typical non metal.
- Al is a metal.
- Ga, In and Tl are almost metallic in character.
- Boron mainly occurs as orthoboric acid (H_3BO_3), borax ($\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and Kernite ($\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$).
- The two isotopic forms of Boron are ^{10}B and ^{11}B .



GROUP 13 ELEMENTS

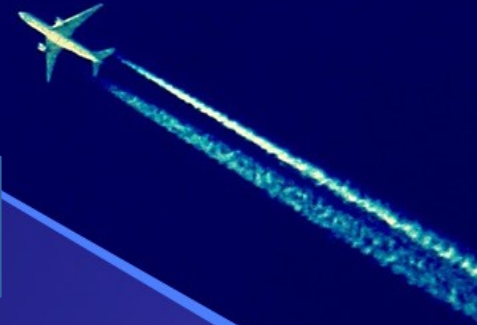
- **Aluminium is the most abundant metal and the third most abundant element in the earth's crust.**
- **Bauxite ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and Cryolite (Na_3AlF_6) are the important minerals of aluminium.**
- **Ga, In and Tl are less abundant elements in nature.**



ATOMIC PROPERTIES



ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATION



- **The outer electronic configuration of these elements is $ns^2 np^1$.**
- **Boron and Aluminium have noble gas core.**
- **Ga and In have noble gas plus 10 d electrons.**
- **Thallium has noble gas plus 14 f electrons plus 10 d electron cores.**

ATOMIC RADII



- **On moving down the group, atomic radius increases.**
- **Atomic radius of Ga is less than that of Al.**
- **This is due to the presence of completely filled d orbitals in Ga.**
- **The presence of 10 d electrons offers only very poor shielding effect for the outer electrons.**
- **Consequently, the atomic radius of gallium (135 pm) is less than that of Al (143 pm).**



IONISATION ENTHALPY

- **Ionisation enthalpy does not decrease smoothly down the group.**
- **This is due to the poor shielding effect of the completely filled inner d and f electrons.**

ELECTRONEGATIVITY

- **Down the group, electronegativity first decreases from B to Al and then increases marginally.**
- **This is because of the variation in atomic size of the elements.**

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

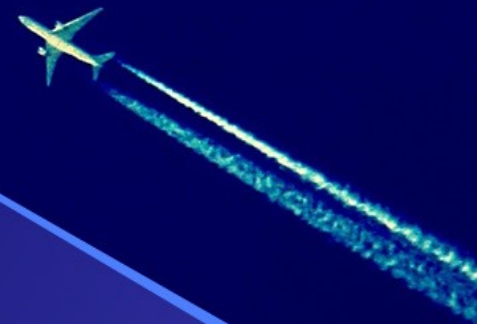


- **Boron is non metallic in nature.**
- **It is extremely hard and black coloured solid.**
- **It exists in many allotropic forms.**
- **Due to very strong crystalline lattice, boron has unusually high melting point.**
- **The other members of this group are soft metals.**
- **They have low melting point and high electrical conductivity.**
- **Ga with very low melting point (303 K) could exist in liquid state during summer.**
- **Its boiling point is very high. (2676 K).**
- **Therefore, it is used in high temperature thermometers.**

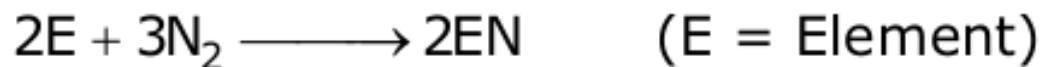


CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

REACTIVITY TOWARDS AIR

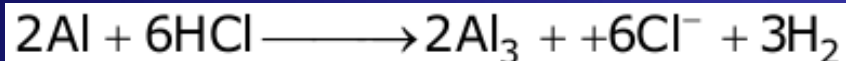


- Boron is unreactive in crystalline form.
- Aluminium forms a very thin oxide layer on the surface which protects the metal from further attack.
- Amorphous boron and Al metal on heating in air form B_2O_3 and Al_2O_3 respectively.
- With dinitrogen at high temperature they form nitrides.



REACTIVITY TOWARDS ACIDS AND ALKALIES

- Boron does not react with acids and alkalies even at moderate temperature.
- Al dissolves in mineral acids and aqueous alkalies.
- Al shows amphoteric character.
- Al dissolves in dilute HCl and liberates dihydrogen.



- Conc. HNO_3 renders Al passive by forming a protective oxide layer on the surface.
- Al also reacts with aqueous alkali and liberates dihydrogen.

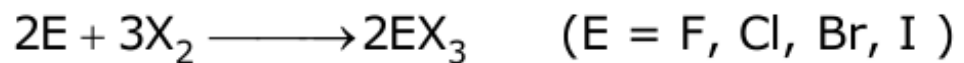


Sodium tetrahydroxo
aluminate (III)



REACTIVITY TOWARDS HALOGENS

- **Group 13 elements react with halogens to form trihalides except (Tl I₃)**





IMPORTANT TRENDS AND ANOMALOUS PROPERTIES OF BORON

- They are covalent in nature.
- They are hydrolysed in water.
- The monomeric trihalides are electron deficient.
- Therefore, they are strong Lewis acids.
- Boron trifluoride easily react with Lewis bases such as NH_3 to complete octet around Boron.



- It is due to the absence of d orbitals that the maximum covalency is 4.



Boron is unstable to form BF_6^{3-} ion. Explain.

- Due to non-availability of d orbitals, boron is unable to expand its octet.
- Therefore, the maximum covalency of boron cannot exceed 4.

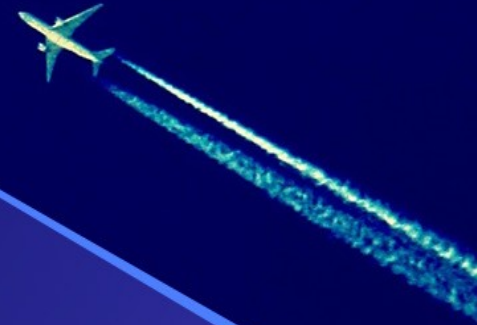
Why is boric acid considered as a weak acid?

- Because it is not able to release H^+ ions on its own.
- It receives OH^- ions from water molecule to complete its octet and in turn releases H^+ ions.

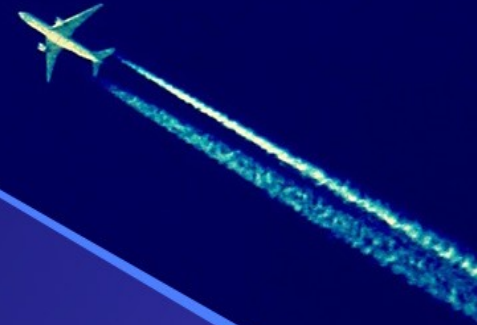


White fumes appear around the bottle of anhydrous AlCl_3 . Give reason.

- **Anhydrous aluminium chloride is partially hydrolysed with atmospheric moisture to liberate HCl gas.**
- **Moist HCl appears white in colour.**



SOME IMPORTANT COMPOUNDS OF BORON

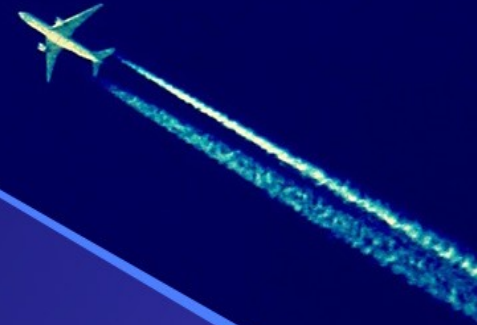


1. BORAX [Na₂B₄O₇·10H₂O]

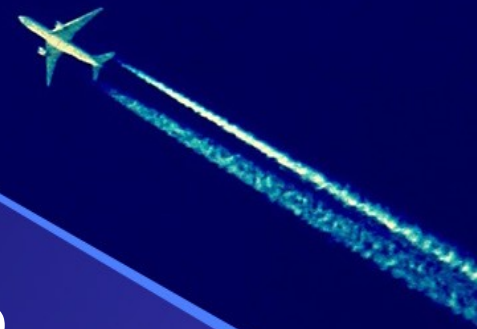
2. ORTHOBORIC ACID [H₃BO₃]

3. DIBORANE [B₂H₆]

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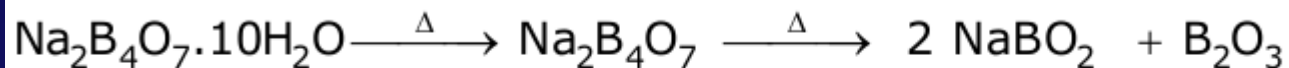
BORAX [Na₂B₄O₇·10H₂O]



- Borax is a white crystalline solid of formula Na₂B₄O₇·10H₂O.
- Borax dissolves in water to give NaOH and orthoboric acid.



- On heating, borax first loses water molecules and swells up.
- On further heating, it turns into a transparent liquid.
- It solidifies into glass like material known as borax bead.

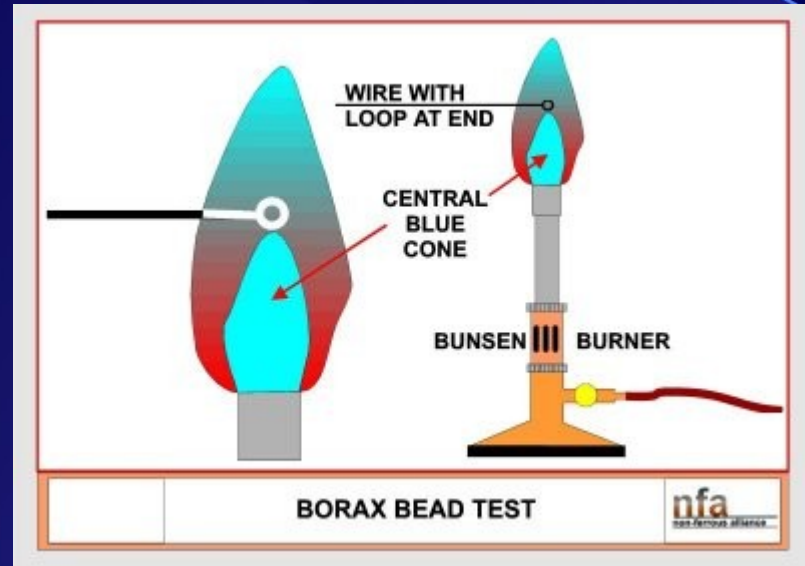
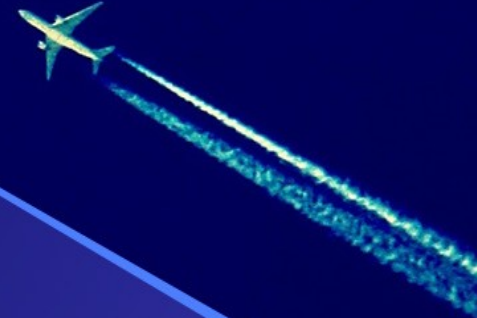


Sod. Meta borate + Boric anhydride



BORAX BEAD TEST

- **The meta borates of many transition metals have characteristic colours.**
- **Therefore borax bead test can be used to identify them in the laboratory.**
- **The bead test sometimes called the borax bead or blister test is an analytical method used to test for the presence of certain metals.**
- **Boric anhydride is non-volatile.**
- **When it reacts with coloured metallic salt, a characteristic coloured bead of metal meta borate is formed.**



WHAT IS BORAX BEAD TEST?



- **On heating, Borax melts into a clear liquid.**
- **Later, it solidifies into a transparent glass-like bead.**
- **The glass bead is commonly known as borax bead.**
- **It is employed in qualitative analysis for the detection of Transition Metals.**
- **Whenever a coloured salt-containing transition metal cations is heated with a borax bead on a platinum wire, it forms metal meta borates.**
- **This test is called the borax bead test or Blister Test.**

ORTHOBORIC ACID [H₃BO₃]



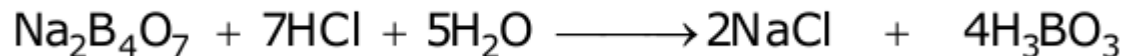


ORTHOBORIC ACID

- It is a white crystalline solid, with soapy touch.
- It is sparingly soluble in water but highly soluble in hot water.

PREPARATION

- It is prepared by adding conc. HCl to a concentrated aqueous solution of borax.



PROPERTIES



- Orthoboric acid on heating above 370K forms metaboric acid, (HBO_2)
- This on further heating gives boric oxide, B_2O_3 .

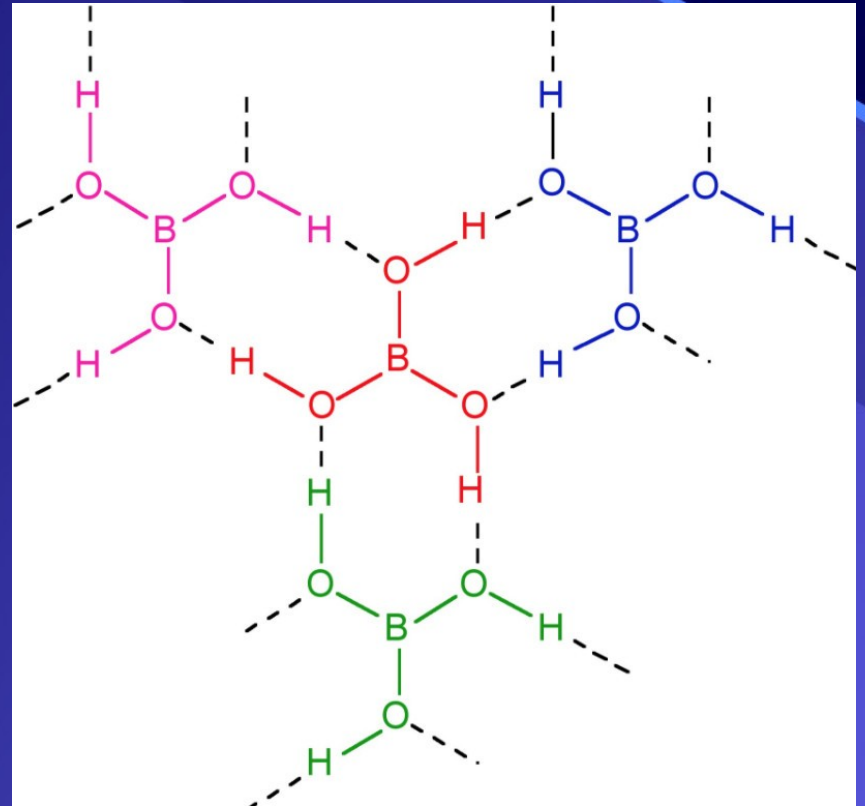


- Boric acid is a weak monobasic acid.
- It is not a protonic acid.
- It acts as a Lewis acid by accepting electrons from a hydroxyl ion.



STRUCTURE

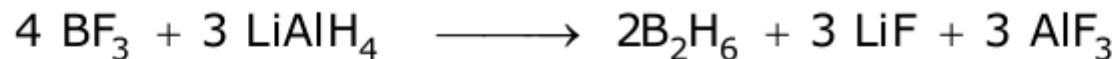
- Orthoboric acid has a layer structure.
- It has planar BO_3 units which are joined by hydrogen bonds.



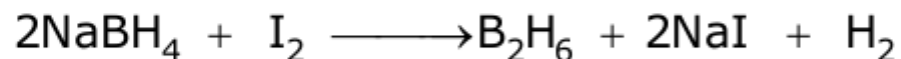
DIBORANE [B₂H₆]

- **The simplest boron hydride known is Diborane.**

❖ Diborane is prepared by treating boron trifluoride with LiAlH₄ in diethyl ether.



❖ In the laboratory, diborane is prepared by the reaction of Iodine with sodium borohydride.



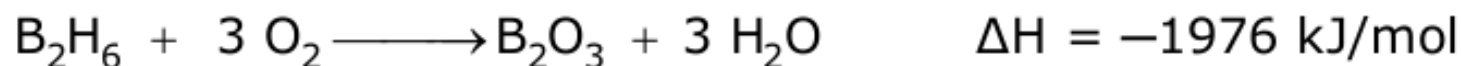
❖ On an industrial scale, diborane is prepared by the reaction of BF₃ with sodium hydride.





PROPERTIES

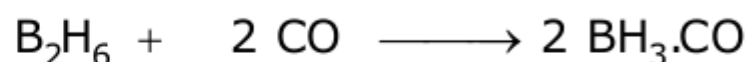
- ❖ Diborane is a colourless, highly toxic gas with a boiling point of 180 K.
- ❖ Diborane catches fire spontaneously upon exposure to air.
- ❖ It burns in oxygen releasing an enormous amount of energy.



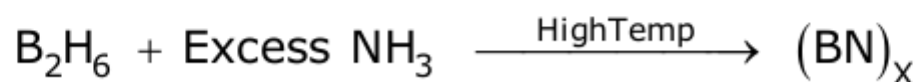
- ❖ Diborane is readily hydrolysed by water to give boric acid.



❖ Diborane undergo cleavage reactions with Lewis base to give borane adduct.



❖ Diborane reacts with ammonia to give different products under different conditions.

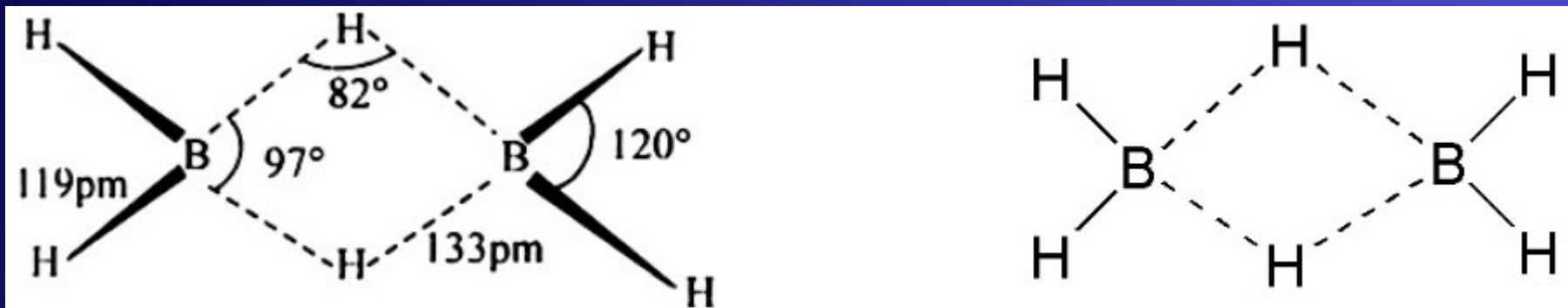


STRUCTURE OF DIBORANE



- **In Diborane, Boron atom is sp^3 hybridized.**
- **All the six hydrogen atoms are not similar.**
- **Four are terminal hydrogen atoms and two are bridged.**
- **The four terminal hydrogen atoms and the two boron atoms lie in one plane.**
- **The bridged hydrogen atoms lie one above and one below this plane.**
- **The four terminal B—H bonds are regular two centre-two electron bonds.**

- The four terminal B—H bonds are regular two centre-two electron bonds.
- The two bridge (B—H—B) bonds are three centre two electron bonds.
- These bonds are called banana bond.
- Diborane has only 12 electrons.
- Three from each boron and six from the hydrogen atoms.
- Thus, it is an electron deficient compound.

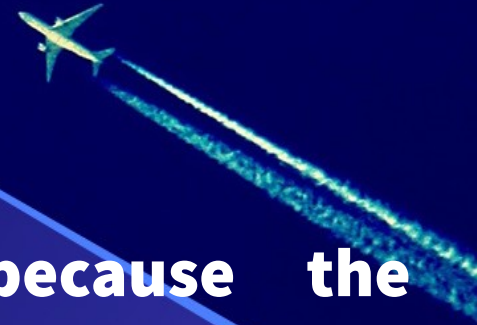


BORAZINE OR INORGANIC BENZENE

Borazine is also known as Inorganic benzene.

Its structure is similar to benzene with alternate BH and NH groups.





- **Borazine is called “inorganic benzene” because the compound is isoelectronic and isostructural with benzene.**
- **It is a colourless liquid with aromatic smell.**
- **Borazine is said to be aromatic because the number of pi electrons obeys $4n+2$ rule and the B-N bond lengths are all equal.**



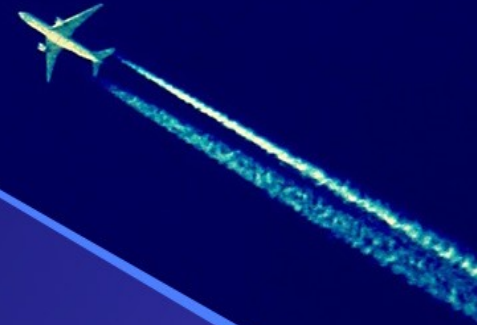
USES OF BORON AND THEIR COMPOUNDS

- **Boron fibres are used in making bullet proof vest.**
- **It is used in light composite material for air craft.**
- **Metal borides are used in nuclear industry as protective shields and control rods.**
- **Borax and boric acid is used in the manufacture of heat resistant glasses, glass wool and fibre glass.**
- **Borax is also used as a flux for soldering metals.**
- **Borax is used as a constituent of medicinal soaps.**
- **An aqueous solution of orthoboric acid is generally used as a mild antiseptic.**



USES OF ALUMINIUM AND THEIR COMPOUNDS

- **Aluminium is a bright silvery white metal with high tensile strength.**
- **It has high electrical and thermal conductivity.**
- **Aluminium forms alloys with Cu, Mn, Mg, Si and Zn.**
- **Al and its alloys are used for packing, utensil making, construction of aeroplane and in transportation industry.**



**GROUP 14 ELEMENTS:
THE CARBON FAMILY**



ATOMIC PROPERTIES

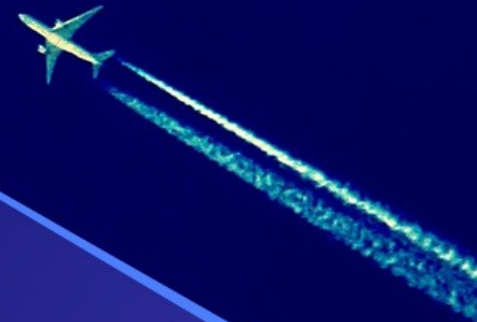


ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATION

- **The valence shell electronic configuration of these elements is ns^2np^2 .**
- **The inner core of the electronic configuration of elements in this group also differs.**



COVALENT RADIUS



- **There is a considerable increase in covalent radius from Carbon to Silicon.**
- **From Silicon to Lead, a small increase in radius is observed.**
- **This is due to the presence of completely filled d and f orbitals in heavier members.**



IONISATION ENTHALPY

- **The first ionisation enthalpy of group 14 elements is higher than the corresponding members of group 13.**
- **In general, the ionisation enthalpy decreases down the group.**
- **A small decrease in ionisation enthalpy is observed from Si to Sn.**
- **A slight increase in ionisation enthalpy is observed from Sn to Pb.**
- **This is due to poor shielding effect of intervening d and f orbitals and increase in size of the atom.**



ELECTRONEGATIVITY



- **Due to small size, the elements of this group are slightly more electronegative than group 13 elements.**
- **The electronegativity values for elements from Si to Pb are almost the same.**



PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- **All the group 14 elements are solids.**
- **Carbon and Silicon are non-metals.**
- **Germanium is a metalloid.**
- **Tin and Lead are soft metals with low melting points.**
- **Melting points and boiling points of group 14 elements are much higher than those of corresponding elements of group 13.**

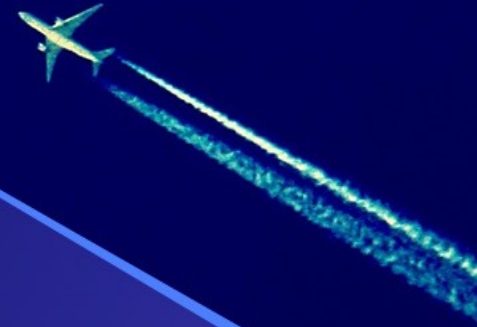


CHEMICAL PROPERTIES



REACTIVITY TOWARDS OXYGEN

- **All the members of the group 14 when heated in oxygen form oxides.**
- **There are mainly two types of oxides**
- **i.e., monoxide and dioxide of formula MO and MO_2 respectively.**
- **SiO exists at high temperature.**
- **Oxides in higher oxidation states of elements are generally more acidic than those in lower oxidation states.**



- **The dioxides, CO_2 , SiO_2 , and GeO_2 are acidic.**
- **SnO_2 and PbO_2 are amphoteric in nature.**
- **Among monoxides, CO is neutral.**
- **GeO is acidic.**
- **SnO and PbO are amphoteric.**



REACTIVITY TOWARDS WATER

- **Carbon, Silicon and Germanium are not affected by water.**
- **Tin decomposes steam to form dioxide and dihydrogen gas.**



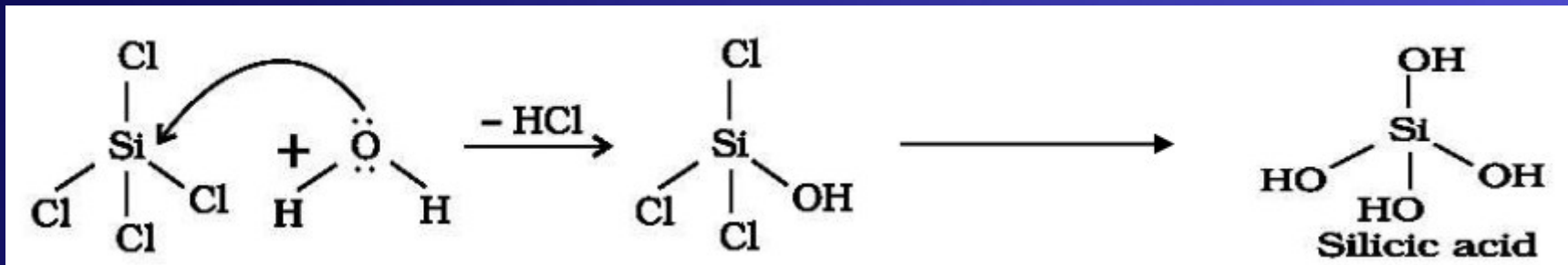
- **Lead is unaffected by water because of a protective oxide film formation.**



REACTIVITY TOWARDS HALOGEN

- **The elements of group 14 can form dihalides of formula MX_2 and MX_4 .**
- **Except carbon, all other members react directly with halogens under suitable conditions to form halides.**
- **Most of the MX_4 are covalent in nature.**
- **Heavier members Ge to Pb are able to make halides of formula MX_2 .**

- Except CCl_4 , other tetrachlorides are easily hydrolysed by water.
- This is because the central atom can accommodate the lone pair of electrons from oxygen atom of water molecule in d orbital.
- Eg:- SiCl_4 undergoes hydrolysis by initially accepting lone pair of electrons from water molecule in d orbitals of Si, finally leading to the formation of Si(OH)_4 .





SiF_6^{2-} is known whereas SiCl_6^{2-} is not . Give reasons.

- **Six large chloride ions cannot be accommodated around Si^{4+} due to limitation of its size.**
- **Interaction between lone pair of chloride ion and Si^{4+} is not very strong.**



IMPORTANT TRENDS AND ANOMALOUS BEHAVIOUR OF CARBON

- **Carbon can accommodate only four pairs of electrons around it.**
- **The maximum covalency of carbon is four.**
- **The other members can expand their covalency due to the presence of d orbitals.**
- **Carbon has the unique ability to form $p\pi - p\pi$ multiple bonds with itself and with other atoms of small size and high electronegativity.**
- **Heavier elements do not form $p\pi - p\pi$ bonds, because their atomic orbitals are too large and diffuse to have effective overlapping.**
- **CCl_4 cannot be hydrolysed, but the tetrahalides of other elements can be hydrolysed.**



CATENATION

- **Carbon atoms have the tendency to link with one another through covalent bonds to form chains and rings.**
- **This property is called catenation.**
- **Due to catenation and $p\pi - p\pi$ bond formation, carbon is able to show allotropic forms.**

ALLOTROPES OF CARBON

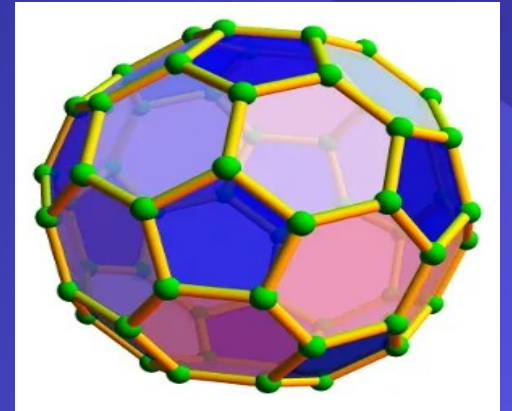
- Carbon exhibits three main allotropic forms.
- They are Diamond, Graphite and Fullerenes.



Diamond



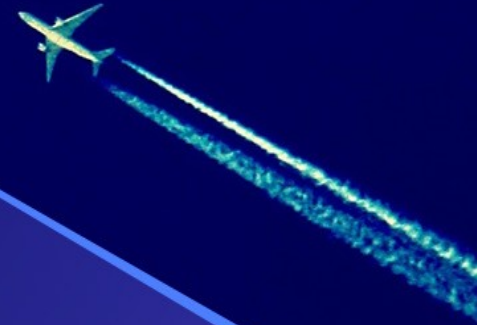
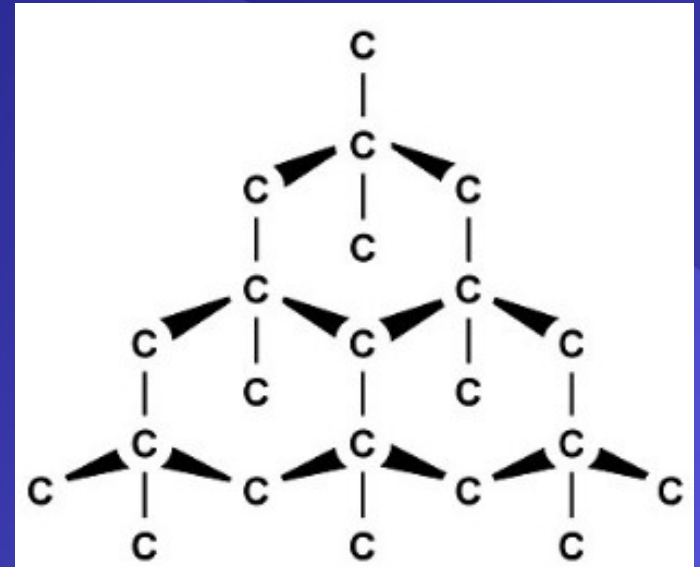
Graphite



Fullerene

DIAMOND

- It is the purest form of carbon.
- It has a crystalline lattice.
- In diamond, each carbon atom is sp^3 hybridized.
- It is linked tetrahedrally to four other carbon atoms.
- The C—C bond length is 154 pm and bond angle is $109^\circ 28'$.





- **The structure extends in space and produces a rigid three dimensional network of carbon atoms.**
- **Directional covalent bonds are present throughout the lattice.**
- **It is very difficult to break extended covalent bonding.**
- **Therefore, diamond is the hardest substance on the Earth.**



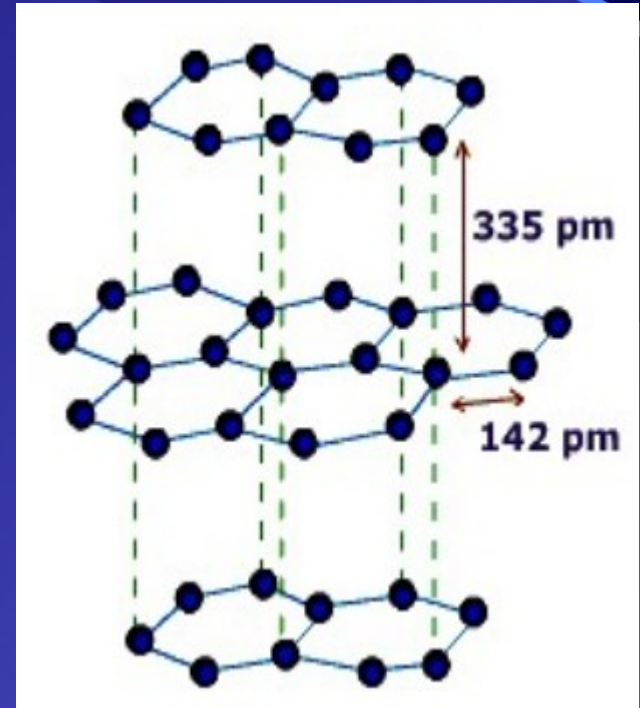
USES

Diamond is used

- **for cutting glass.**
- **as an abrasive for sharpening hard tools.**
- **in making dyes.**
- **in the manufacture of tungsten filaments for electric bulbs.**
- **in making precious gems.**
- **Surgeons used sharp edged diamonds to remove cataract from eyes.**

GRAPHITE

- Graphite is a purest form of carbon.
- Graphite has layered structure.
- Layers are held by Vander Waals forces.
- Distance between two layers is 340 pm.
- Each layer is composed of planar hexagonal rings of carbon atoms.
- The C—C bond length with in the layer is 141.5 pm.





- **Each carbon atom in hexagonal rings undergoes sp^2 hybridization.**
- **It makes three sigma bonds with three neighbouring carbon atoms.**
- **Fourth electron makes a π bond.**
- **The electrons are delocalized over the whole sheet.**
- **Electrons are mobile and therefore graphite conducts electricity.**
- **In graphite, the successive layers are held together by weak Vander Waals forces.**
- **As a result, one layer can slip over another.**
- **This makes graphite soft and a good lubricant.**

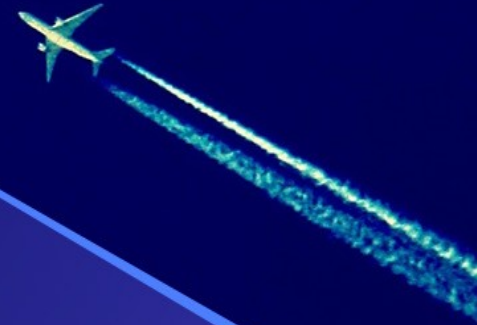
USES

Graphite is used

- **for making electrodes.**
- **in lead pencils.**
- **as a lubricant.**

NOTE

- **Graphite can be changed into diamond by applying high pressure and high temperature.**
- **The diamond thus obtained does not have the gem quality.**



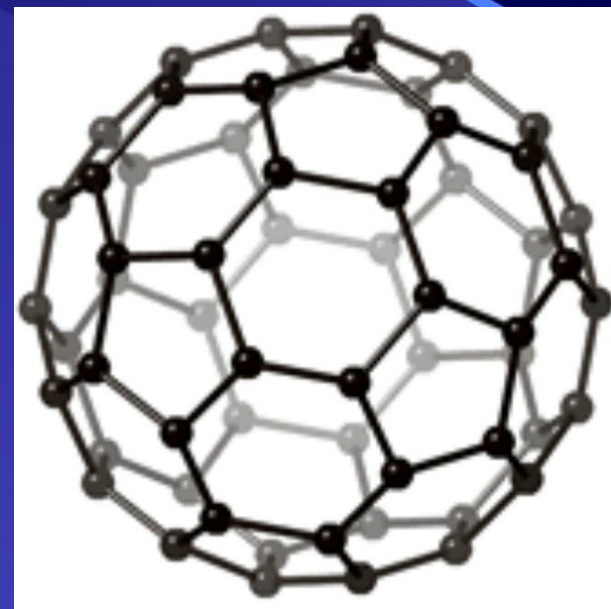
FULLERENES



- Fullerenes are newly discovered allotropes of carbon.
- These are cage like spherical molecules of formula C_{60} , C_{70} , C_{76} , C_{84} etc.
- The most commonly known fullerene is C_{60}
- It is named as Buckminster Fullerene.
- Fullerenes are made by the heating of graphite in an electric arc in the presence of inert gas such as He or Ar.
- The sooty material formed consists of C_{60} with smaller amounts of C_{70} and traces of fullerene.
- It consists of even number of carbon atoms up to 350 or above.
- C_{60} molecule has a shape like soccer ball and called Buckminster fullerene.

STRUCTURE OF FULLERENES

- It consists of 20 six membered rings and 12 five membered rings.
- A six membered ring is fused with six or five membered rings.
- A five membered ring can only fuse with six membered rings.
- All the carbon atoms are equal and they undergo sp^2 hybridization.





- **Each carbon atom forms three sigma bonds with other three carbon atoms.**
- **The remaining electron at each carbon is delocalized in molecular orbitals.**
- **It gives aromatic character to the molecule.**
- **This ball shaped molecule has 60 vertices.**
- **Each vertices are occupied by one carbon atom.**
- **It also contains both single and double bonds with C—C distance of 143.5 pm and 138.3pm respectively.**
- **Spherical fullerenes are also called Bucky balls in short.**

USES OF CARBON

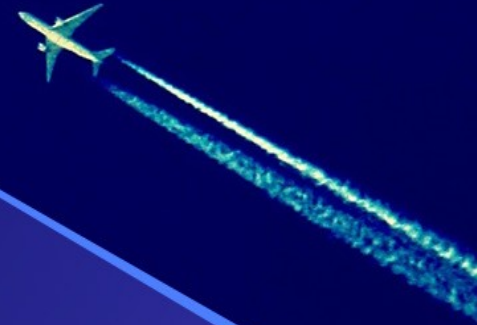


- Graphite fibres embedded in plastic material are used in tennis rackets, fishing rods, aircrafts etc.
- Graphite is used for electrodes in batteries.
- Crucibles made from graphite are inert to dilute acids and alkalies.
- Activated charcoal is used in adsorbing poisonous gases.
- Carbon black is used as black pigment, in black ink and as filler in automobile tyres.
- Coke is used as a reducing agent in metallurgy.
- Diamond is a precious stone used in jewellery.



Diamond is covalent, yet it has high melting point. Why?

- **Diamond has a three dimensional network structure involving strong C—C bonds, which are very difficult to break and in turn has high melting point.**



SOME IMPORTANT COMPOUNDS OF CARBON AND SILICON

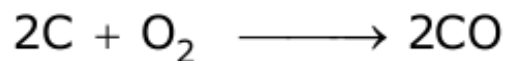


OXIDES OF CARBON

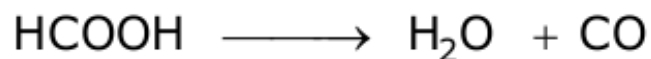
CARBON MONOXIDE



- ❖ Direct oxidation of carbon in limited supply of oxygen or air.



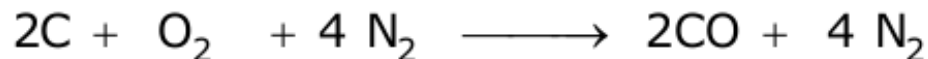
- ❖ On a small scale pure CO is prepared by the dehydration of formic acid with conc. H_2SO_4 at 373 K.



- ❖ On a commercial scale, it is prepared by the passage of steam over hot coke.
- ❖ The mixture of CO and H_2 thus produced is known as water gas or synthesis gas.



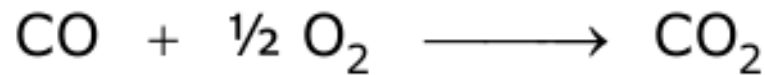
- ❖ When air is used instead of steam, a mixture of CO and N_2 is produced.
- ❖ A mixture of CO and N_2 is called producer gas.



PROPERTIES

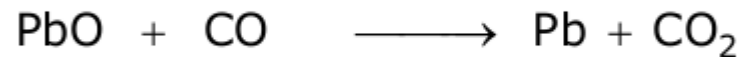


- **CO is a colourless gas and almost insoluble in water.**
- **CO is highly toxic in nature.**
- **It reacts with haemoglobin to form a complex carboxy haemoglobin.**
- **This complex destroys the capacity of haemoglobin to supply oxygen to the body.**
- **CO burns in air with a pale blue flame to form CO₂.**

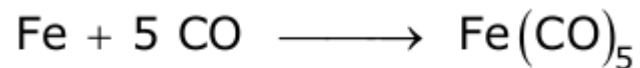




- **CO is a powerful reducing agent.**
- **It reduces almost all metal oxides other than those of the alkalis and alkaline earth metals, aluminium and a few transition metals.**



- **CO combines with metals like Iron, Nickel, Cobalt etc to form the respective metal carbonyls.**

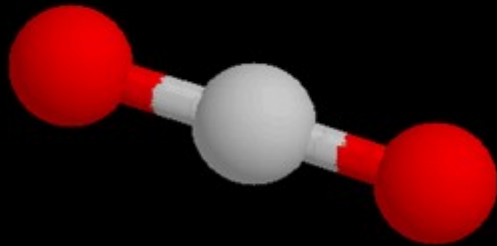
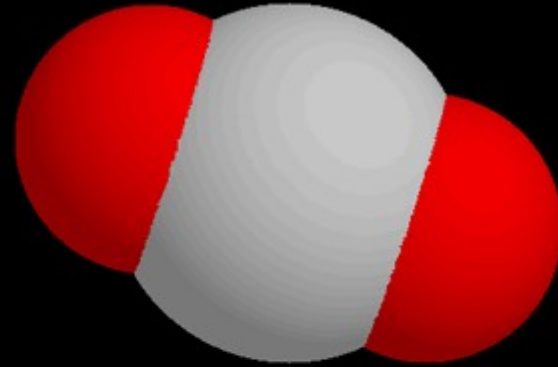
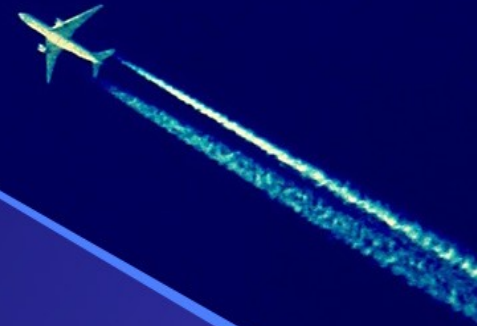




USES OF CARBON MONOXIDE

- **It is used as an industrial fuel in the form of water gas and producer gas.**
- **It is used in some metallurgical processes.**
- **It is used in the manufacture of methanol, synthetic petrol etc.**

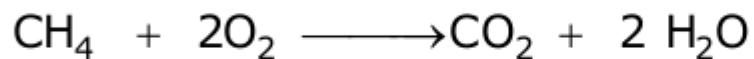
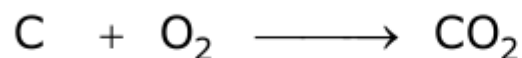
CARBON DIOXIDE



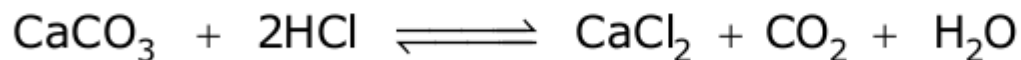


PREPARATION

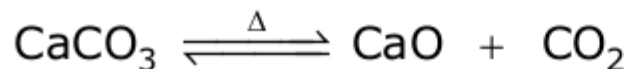
- ❖ CO₂ is prepared by the complete combustion of carbon and carbon containing fuels in excess of air.



- ❖ In the laboratory, it is prepared by the action of dil. HCl on CaCO₃.



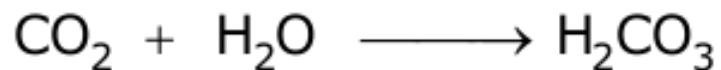
- ❖ On a commercial scale, it is prepared by heating limestone.



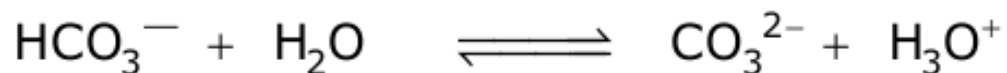
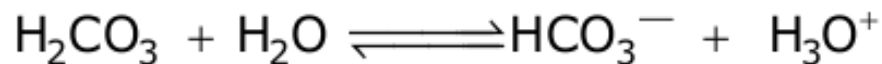
PROPERTIES



- CO_2 is a colourless gas.
- It is slightly soluble in water.
- CO_2 dissolves in water forming carbonic acid, which is a weak dibasic acid.

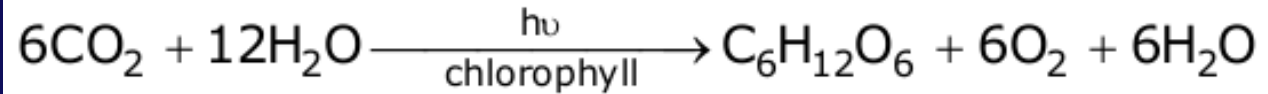


- H_2CO_3 dissociates in two steps





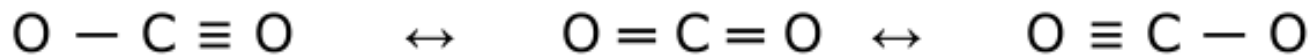
- $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{HCO}_3^-$ buffer system helps to maintain a pH of blood between 7.26 to 7.42.
- Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants convert atmospheric CO_2 into carbohydrates such as glucose.



- The increase in carbon dioxide content in the atmosphere may lead to increase in greenhouse effect and thus raise the temperature of the atmosphere.
- Solid carbon dioxide is called dry ice.
- It is obtained by cooling liquid CO_2 under pressure.
- It is a soft snow like substance.

STRUCTURE OF CARBON DIOXIDE

- In CO_2 molecule carbon atom undergoes sp hybridization.
- Two sp hybridized orbitals of carbon overlap with two p orbitals of oxygen atoms to make two sigma bonds.
- The other two electrons of carbon atoms are involved in $p\pi - p\pi$ bonding with oxygen atom.
- This results in its linear shape with no dipole moment.
- The resonance structures are shown below.





USES OF CARBON DIOXIDE

- **It is used as fire extinguisher.**
- **It is used in the manufacture of washing soda.**
- **It is used as a refrigerant in the form of dry ice.**
- **CO₂ is extensively used to carbonate soft drinks.**



OXIDES OF SILICON

SILICON DIOXIDE (SiO_2)

- It commonly known as silica.
- It occurs in several crystallographic forms.
- Quartz, Cristobalite and Tridmrite are some of the crystalline forms of Silica.



Quartz

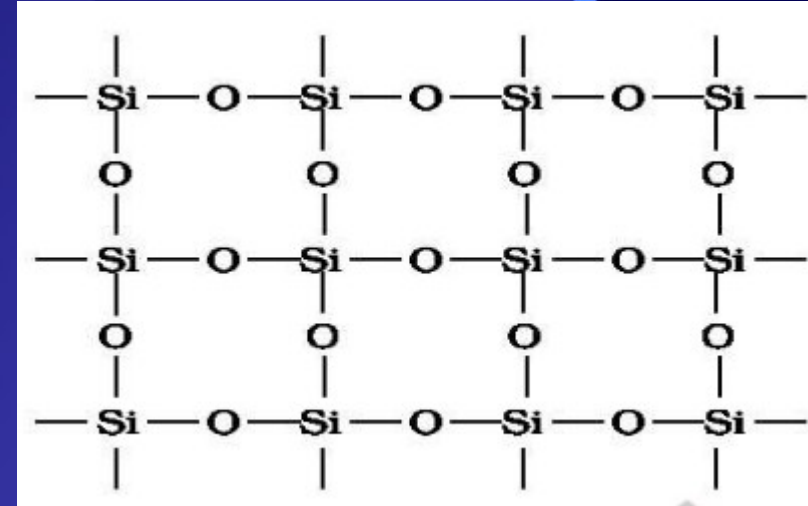


Cristobalite



Tridymite

- **SiO₂ is a covalent, three dimensional network solid.**
- **Each silicon atom is covalently bonded in a tetrahedral manner to four oxygen atoms.**
- **Each oxygen atom in turn covalently bonded to another silicon atom.**
- **Each corner is shared with another tetrahedron.**





PROPERTIES OF SILICON DIOXIDE (SiO₂)

- Silica is almost non reactive because of very high Si—O bond enthalpy.
- It is attacked by HF and NaOH.



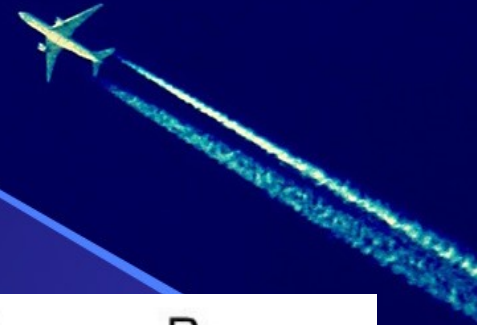
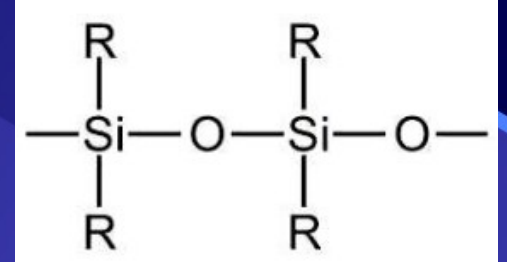


USES OF SILICON DIOXIDE

- **Quartz is extensively used as a piezoelectric material.**
- **Silica gel is used as a drying agent.**
- **Silica Gel is used as a support for chromatographic materials.**
- **Keiselghur, an amorphous form of silica is used in filtration plants.**

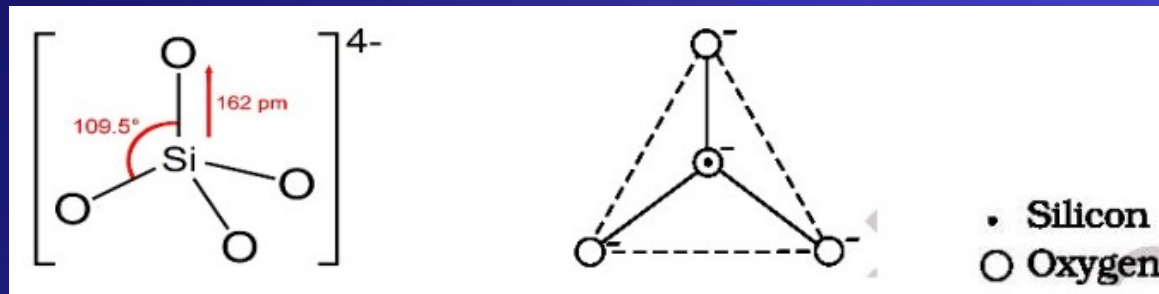
SILICONES

- Silicones are a group of organo silicon polymer.
- It has $-\text{[R}_2\text{SiO]}-$ as a repeating unit.
- The starting materials for the manufacture of silicones are alkyl or aryl substituted silicon chlorides, $\text{R}_n\text{SiCl}_{(4-n)}$
- where R is alkyl or aryl group.
- Methyl chloride reacts with silicon, in the presence of copper as a catalyst, at 573K temperature, to form various types of methyl substituted chlorosilanes.
- They have the formula MeSiCl_3 , Me_2SiCl_2 , Me_3SiCl .
- Small amounts of Me_4Si are also formed.



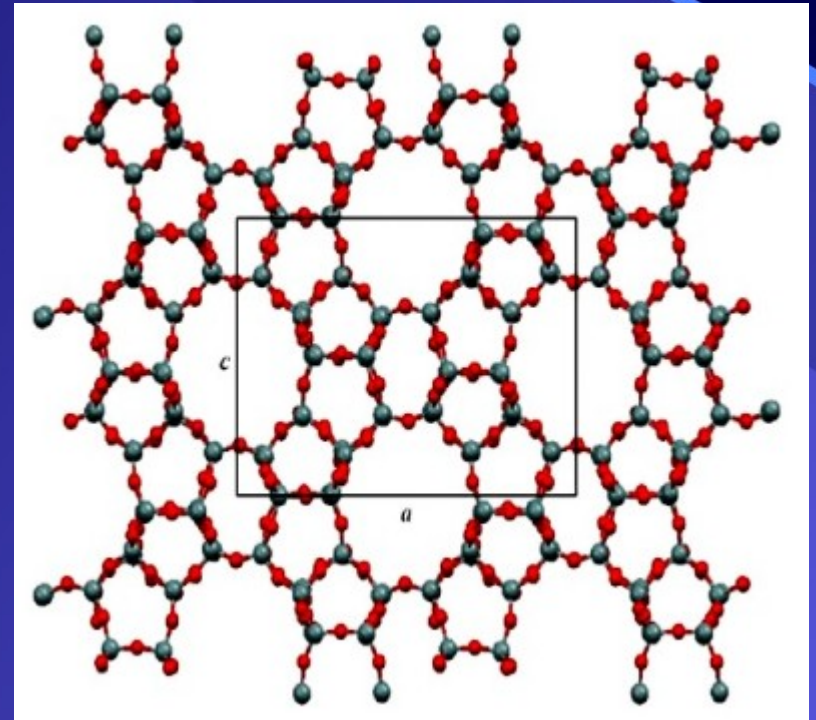
SILICATES

- Silicates are compounds of silicon with oxygen atoms.
- The basic structural unit in silicates is the tetrahedral SiO_4^{4-} ion.
- Silicates are classified as orthosilicates, pyrosilicates, cyclic silicates, chain silicates, sheet silicates and three dimensional silicates.
- Negative charge on silicate structure is neutralized by positively charged metal ions.
- If all the four corners are shared with other tetrahedral units, three dimensional network is formed.



ZEOLITES

- Zeolites are hydrated sodium aluminium silicates.
- Zeolites are widely used as a catalyst in petrochemical industries for cracking of hydrocarbons and isomerisation.
- Eg:- ZSM-5 is used to convert alcohols directly into gasoline.
- Hydrated Zeolites are used as ion exchangers in softening of hard water.



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