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General characteristics of halogens. Halogen compounds

Position in the periodic system of chemical elements

• Halogens are located in the **main subgroup of group VII** (or group 17 in the modern form of the ETS) of the periodic system of chemical elements by D.I. Mendeleev.

The electronic structure of halogens

- The electronic configuration of the halogens in the ground state corresponds to the formula ns np²⁵.
- For example, the electronic configuration of fluori $^{+9F 1s^22s^22p^5}$ $_{1s} \uparrow \downarrow _{2s} \uparrow \downarrow _{2p} \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow$
- Halogen atoms contain 1 unpaired electron on the outer energy level and three unpaired electron pairs in the ground energy state. Consequently, in the ground state the halogen atoms can form 1 bond by the exchange mechanism.
- In this case the fluorine has no excited state, i.e. the maximum valence of the fluorine in the compound is I.
- However, unlike fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine atoms can move into an excited energy state due to their vacant d-orbitals.
- Thus, the maximum valence of halogens (except fluorine) in compounds is VII. Halogens are also characterised by valences I, III, V.
- The oxidation states of the halogen atom are from -1 to +7. The characteristic oxidation states are -1, 0, +1, +3, +5, +7. For fluorine the characteristic oxidation state is -1 and valence I.

Physical properties and patterns of property change

• Halogens form bi-atomic molecules with the composition Hal₂ . In the solid state have a molecular crystalline lattice. They are poorly soluble in water, all have an odour and are volatile.

Halogen	F	Cl	Br	l I
Oxidation grades	-1	-1, +1, +3, +5, +7	-1, +1, +3, +5, +7	-1, +1, +3, +5, +7
Aggregate state	Gas	Gas	Liquid	Solid crystals
Colour	Light yellow	Yellow-green	Brownish	Dark grey with a metallic sheen
Smell	Sharp	Sharp, suffocating	Pungent, stinky	Sharp
T melting	-220° C	-101° C	-7° C	113.5° C
Boiling point	-188 ^o C	-34 ^o C	58° C	185° C

Halogen compounds

Oxidation degree	Typical connections		
+7	Chloric acid HClO ₄		
	Perchlorates MeClO ₄		
+5	Chloric acid HClO ₃		
	Chlorates MeClO ₃		
+3	Chloric acid HClO ₂		
+1	Chlorous acid HClO		
	Hypochlorites MeClO		
-1	Hydrogen chloride HCl, Chlorides MeCl		

Bromine and iodine form similar compounds

Methods of producing halogens

Obtaining chlorine

- In industry, chlorine is produced by the electrolysis of molten or dissolved sodium chloride.
- Electrolysis of molten sodium chloride.

 $2NaCl \rightarrow 2Na + Cl_{2}$

• Electrolysis of a sodium chloride solution.

 $2NaCl + 2H_2 O \rightarrow H_2 \uparrow + 2NaOH + Cl_2 \uparrow$

- In the laboratory, chlorine is produced by reacting concentrated hydrochloric acid with strong oxidising agents.
- For example, by reacting hydrochloric acid with manganese oxide (IV)

 $MnO_2 + 4HCI \rightarrow MnCl_2 + Cl_2 \uparrow + 2HO_2$

• Or potassium permanganate:

 $2KMnO_4 + 16HCI \rightarrow 2MnCl_2 + 2KCI + 5Cl_2 \uparrow + 8HO_2$

• Bertholite salt also oxidises hydrochloric acid:

 $\mathrm{KClO}_3 + \mathrm{6HCl} \rightarrow \mathrm{KCl} + \mathrm{3Cl}_2 \uparrow + \mathrm{3H} \mathrm{O}_2$

• Potassium bichromate oxidises hydrochloric acid:

 $\mathrm{K_2\ Cr\ O_{27}\ +\ 14HCl} \rightarrow \mathrm{2CrCl_3\ +\ 2KCl\ +\ 3Cl_2\ \uparrow\ +\ 7H\ O_2}$

Obtaining fluorine

• Fluorine is produced by the electrolysis of molten potassium hydrofluoride.

 $2KHF_2 \rightarrow 2K + H_2 + 2F_2$

Obtaining bromine

- Bromine can be obtained by oxidising Br ions⁻ with strong oxidising agents.
- For example, bromohydrogen is oxidised by chlorine:
- $2HBr + Cl_2 \rightarrow Br_2 + 2HCl$
- Manganese compounds also oxidise bromide ions.
- For example, manganese oxide (IV):

 $MnO_2 + 4HBr \rightarrow MnBr_2 + Br_2 + 2HO_2$

Obtaining iodine

- Iodine is produced by the oxidation of I ions⁻ with strong oxidizing agents.
- For example, chlorine oxidises potassium iodide:

 $2KI + CI_2 \rightarrow I_2 + 2KCI$

- Manganese compounds also oxidise iodide ions.
- For example, manganese oxide (IV) oxidises potassium iodide in an acidic environment:

$$2KI + MnO_2 + 2H_2SO_4 \rightarrow I_2 + K_2SO_4 + MnSO_4 + 2HO_2$$

The chemical activity of halogens increases from the bottom to the top - from astatine to fluorine.

- **1.** Halogens exhibit **oxidising** properties. Halogens react with **metals** and **non-metals**.
- **1.1** Halogens do not **burn** in air. Fluorine oxidises oxygen to form oxygen fluoride:

 $2F_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2OF_2$

1.2 The interaction of halogens with **sulphur** produces sulphur **halides**:

$$S + Cl_2 \rightarrow SCl_2 (S_2 Cl)_2$$

 $S + 3F_2 \rightarrow SF_6$

1.3 When **phosphorus** and **carbon** interact with halogens, **phosphorus** and **carbon** halides are formed:

 $2P + 5Cl_2 \rightarrow 2PCl_5$ $2P + 3Cl_2 \rightarrow 2PCl_3$ $2F_2 + C \rightarrow CF_4$

1.4 When interacting with **metals**, halogens exhibit **oxidising** properties, forming **halides**.

For example, **iron** reacts with halogens to form **halides**. Fluorine, chlorine and bromine form iron (III) halides and iron (II) with iodine:

 $3Cl_2 + 2Fe \rightarrow 2FeCl_3$

 $I_2 + Fe \rightarrow FeI_2$

The situation with **copper** is similar: fluorine, chlorine and bromine oxidise copper to copper (II) halides and iodine to copper (I) iodide:

$$Cl_2 + Cu \rightarrow 2CuCl_2$$

 $l_2 + 2Cu \rightarrow 2Cul$

Active metals react violently with halogens, especially fluorine and chlorine (burn in an atmosphere of fluorine or chlorine).

Another **example**: **aluminium** reacts with chlorine to form aluminium chloride:

 $3Cl_2 + 2Al \rightarrow 2AlCl_3$

1.5 Hydrogen burns in a **fluorine** atmosphere:

 $F_2 + H_2 \rightarrow 2HF$

Hydrogen only reacts with chlorine when heated or illuminated. In this case, the reaction proceeds with an explosion:

 $Cl_2 + H_2 \rightarrow 2HCl$

Bromine also reacts with hydrogen to form hydrogen bromide:

 $Br_2 + H_2 \rightarrow 2HBr$

lodine interacts with hydrogen only when strongly heated, the reaction is reversible, with heat absorption (endothermic):

 $I_2 + H_2 \leftrightarrow 2HI$

Halogens react with halogens. The more active halogens oxidise the less active ones.

For example, fluorine oxidises chlorine, bromine and iodine:

 $\mathrm{Cl}_{_{2}}\mathrm{+F}_{_{2}}\mathrm{\rightarrow 2ClF}$

2. Halogens react **with complex substances**, also showing predominantly oxidative properties. Halogens readily **disproportionate** when dissolved in water or in alkalis.

2.1 When dissolved **in water, chlorine and bromine** partially disproportionate, increasing and decreasing the oxidation degree. **Fluorine** oxidises water.

For example, **chlorine**, when dissolved in cold water, disproportions to the nearest stable oxidation states (+1 and -1) and forms hydrochloric acid and hypochlorous acid (chlorine water):

 $Cl_2 + H_2 O \leftrightarrow HCl + HClO$

When dissolved in hot water, chlorine disproportionates to oxidation states -1 and +5, forming hydrochloric acid and perchloric acid:

 $Cl_2 + 6H_2 O \leftrightarrow 5HCl + HClO_3$

Fluorine reacts with water with an explosion:

 $2\mathrm{F_2} + 2\mathrm{H_2}\,\mathrm{O} \rightarrow 4\mathrm{HF} + \mathrm{O_2}$

2.2 When dissolved in alkalis, chlorine, bromine and iodine disproportionate to form different salts. Fluorine oxidises alkalis.

For example, chlorine reacts with a **cold** solution of sodium hydroxide:

 $Cl_2 + 2NaOH_{(XOIL)} \rightarrow NaCl + NaClO + HO_2$

When interacting with **hot** sodium hydroxide solution, chloride and chlorate are formed:

$$3Cl_2 + 6NaOH_{(rop.)} \rightarrow 5NaCl + NaClO_3 + 3HO_2$$

Another **example**: chlorine dissolves in a cold solution of calcium hydroxide:

 $2Cl_2 + 2Ca(OH)_{2(XOJ.)} \rightarrow CaCl_2 + Ca(ClO)_2 + 2HO_2$

2.3 More active halogens displace less active halogens from salts and halogen hydrocarbons.

For example, chlorine displaces iodine and bromine from a solution of potassium iodide and potassium bromide respectively:

 $Cl_2 + 2Nal \rightarrow 2NaCl + l_2$

$$Cl_2 + 2NaBr \rightarrow 2NaCl + Br_2$$

Another property: the more active halogens oxidise the less active ones.

2.4 Halogens exhibit **oxidising properties** and interact with **reducing agents**. **For example**, chlorine oxidises hydrogen sulphide:

 $Cl_2 + H_2 S \rightarrow S + 2HCl$ Chlorine also oxidises sulphites:

 $Cl_2 + H_2 O + Na_2 SO_3 \rightarrow 2HCl + Na_2 SO_4$ Halogens also oxidise peroxides:

 $Cl_2 + HO_{22} \rightarrow 2HCl + O_2$

Or, when heated or exposed to light, water:

 $2Cl_2 + 2H_2 O \rightarrow 4HCl + O_2$ (light or boiling)

Halogen hydrocarbons

Halogen hydrocarbons

- Halogen hydrocarbons HHal are binary compounds of hydrogen with halogens, which are volatile hydrogen compounds. Halogen hydrocarbons are colourless, poisonous gases with a pungent odour, well soluble in water.
- In the series HCl HBr HI the bond length increases and the covalence of the bond decreases the polarity of the H Hal bond.
- Halogen-hydrogen solutions in water (except hydrogen fluoride) are **strong acids**. Aqueous hydrogen fluoride solution is a weak acid.

Methods of producing halogen hydrocarbons

- In the laboratory, halogen hydrocarbons are produced by the action of non-volatile acids on metal chlorides.
- For example, by the action of concentrated sulphuric acid on sodium chloride:
- $H_2 SO_{4(конц.)} + NaCl_{(solid)} \rightarrow NaHSO_4 + HCl\uparrow$
- Halogen hydrocarbons are also obtained by direct interaction of simple substances:

• $Cl_2 + H_2 \rightarrow 2HCl$

1. In aqueous solution, hydrogen halides exhibit **acidic properties**. They react with **bases**, **basic oxides**, **amphoteric hydroxides**, **amphoteric oxides**. Acidic properties **increase** in the series HF - HCl - HBr - Hl.

- For example, hydrogen chloride reacts with calcium oxide, aluminium oxide, sodium hydroxide, copper (II) hydroxide, zinc (II) hydroxide, ammonia:
- $2HCI + CaO \rightarrow CaCl_2 + HO_2$
- 6HCl + Al $O_{23} \rightarrow 2AlCl_3 + 3H O_2$
- HCl + NaOH \rightarrow NaCl + H O₂
- $2\text{HCl} + \text{Cu(OH)}_2 \rightarrow \text{CuCl}_2 + 2\text{HO}_2$
- $2\text{HCl} + \text{Zn(OH)}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2 + 2\text{HO}_2$
- $HCI + NH_3 \rightarrow NH_4 CI$
- As typical mineral acids, aqueous solutions of halogen hydrocarbons react with **metals** in the metal activity series before hydrogen. This produces **a metal salt and hydrogen**.
- For example, hydrochloric acid dissolves iron. This produces hydrogen and iron(II) chloride:
- Fe + 2HCl \rightarrow FeCl₂ + H₂

2. In aqueous solution, hydrogen halides **dissociate** to form acids. An aqueous solution **of hydrogen fluoride** (hydrofluoric acid) is a weak acid:

• $HF \leftrightarrow H^+ + F^-$

- Aqueous solutions of hydrogen chloride (hydrochloric acid), hydrogen bromide and hydrogen iodide are strong acids and dissociate almost completely in dilute solution:
- $HCI \leftrightarrow H^+ + CI^-$

3. Aqueous solutions of halogenated hydrocarbons react **with salts of weaker acids** and with some **soluble salts** (if a gas, precipitate, water or weak electrolyte is formed).

- For example, hydrochloric acid reacts with calcium carbonate:
- 2HCl + CaCO₃ \rightarrow CaCl₂ + 2H₂ O + CO₂

- Qualitative reaction for halide ions interaction with soluble silver salts.
- When hydrochloric acid reacts with **silver nitrate (I)**, a white precipitate of silver chloride is formed:
- $HCI + AgNO_3 = AgCI \downarrow + HNO_3$
- The **silver bromide** precipitate is a pale yellow colour:
- HBr + AgNO₃ = AgBr \downarrow + HNO₃
- The **silver iodide** precipitate is yellow in colour:
- HI + AgNO₃ = AgI \downarrow + HNO₃



- 4. The reducing properties of halogen hydrocarbons increase in the series HF HCl HBr HI.
- Halogen hydrocarbons react with halogens. The more active halogens displace the less active ones.
- For example, bromine displaces iodine from iodine-hydrogen:

• $Br_2 + 2HI \rightarrow I_2 + 2HBr$

- Chlorine, on the other hand, cannot displace fluorine from hydrogen fluoride.
- Hydrogen bromide is a strong reducing agent and is oxidised by manganese compounds, chromium (VI), concentrated sulphuric acid and other strong oxidising agents:
- For example, bromohydrogen is oxidised with concentrated sulphuric acid:
- $2HBr + H_2 SO_{4(KOHIL.)} \rightarrow Br_2 + SO_2 + 2HO_2$
- Hydrogen bromide reacts with **potassium bichromate** to form molecular bromine:
- 14HBr + $K_2 \operatorname{Cr} O_{27} \rightarrow 2 \operatorname{KBr} + 2 \operatorname{CrBr}_3 + 3 \operatorname{Br}_2 + 7 \operatorname{H} O_2$
- Or with manganese (IV) oxide:
- $4HBr + MnO_2 \rightarrow MnBr_2 + Br_2 + 2HO_2$
- Hydrogen peroxide also oxidises hydrogen bromide to molecular bromine:
- $2HBr + HO_{22} \rightarrow Br_2 + 2HO_2$

- **Iodohydrogen is an** even stronger **reducing agent**, and is oxidised by other non-metals and even oxidising agents such as iron (III) compounds and copper (II) compounds.
- For example, iodohydrogen reacts with iron (III) chloride to form molecular iodine:
- $2HI + 2FeCl_3 \rightarrow l_2 + 2FeCl_2 + 2HCl$
- or with **ferrous (III) sulphate:**
- $2HI + Fe_2 (SO)_{43} \rightarrow 2FeSO_4 + I_2 + H_2 SO_4$
- Iodohydrogen is easily oxidised by nitrogen compounds such as nitric oxide (IV):
- $2HI + NO_2 \rightarrow I_2 + NO + HO_2$
- or molecular **sulphur** when heated:
- $2HI + S \rightarrow I_2 + HS_2$
- 5. Hydrofluoric acid reacts with silicon (IV) oxide (dissolves glass):
- $SiO_2 + 4HF \rightarrow SiF_4 + 2HO_2$
- $SiO_2 + 6HF_{(N3G)} \rightarrow H_2 [SiF_6] + HO_2$

Metal halides

 Halogenides are binary compounds of halogens and metals or certain non-metals, salts of halogen hydrocarbons.

Methods of producing halides

1. Metal halides are produced by the interaction of halogens with metals. The halogens exhibit the properties of an oxidising agent.

• For example, chlorine interacts with magnesium and calcium:

•
$$Cl_2 + Mg \rightarrow MgCl_2$$

•
$$Cl_2 + Ca \rightarrow CaCl_2$$

2. Metal halides can be obtained by the interaction of metals with hydrogen halides.

- For example, hydrochloric acid reacts with iron to form ferric chloride (II):
- Fe + 2HCl \rightarrow FeCl₂ + H₂

Metal halides

3. Metal halides can be obtained by the interaction of **basic and amphoteric oxides** with **hydrogen halides**.

- For example, when calcium oxide and hydrochloric acid interact:
- 2HCl + CaO \rightarrow CaCl₂ + H O₂
- Another **example**: the interaction of aluminium oxide with hydrochloric acid:
- 6HCl + Al $O_{23} \rightarrow 2AlCl_3 + 3H O_2$

4. Metal halides can be obtained by the interaction of **bases and amphoteric hydroxides** with **hydrogen halides**.

- For example, when sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid interact:
- HCl + NaOH \rightarrow NaCl + H O₂

Metal halides

- 5. Some salts react with hydrogen halides to form metal halides.
- For example, sodium hydrogen carbonate reacts with hydrogen bromide to form sodium bromide:
- HBr + NaHCO₃ \rightarrow NaBr + CO₂ \uparrow + H O₂

1. Soluble halides enter into exchange reactions with **soluble salts, acids and bases** if a precipitate, gas or water is formed.

- For example, bromides, iodides and chlorides react with silver nitrate to form yellow, yellow and white precipitates respectively.
- NaCl + AgNO₃ \rightarrow AgCl \downarrow + NaNO₃
- **2.** Heavy metal halides react **with the more active metals**. The more active metals displace the less active ones.
- For example, magnesium displaces copper from molten copper(II) chloride:
- Mg + CuCl₂ \rightarrow MgCl₂ + Cu

3. Halogenides are subjected **to electrolysis** in solution or melt. This produces **halogens** at the anode.

- For example, the electrolysis of a potassium bromide melt produces potassium at the cathode and bromine at the anode:
- $2KBr \rightarrow 2K + Br_2$
- When a solution of potassium bromide is electrolysed, hydrogen is released at the cathode and bromine is also produced at the anode:
- $2KBr + 2H_2 O \rightarrow H_2 \uparrow + 2KOH + Br_2 \uparrow$

4. Metal halides exhibit **reducing properties**. Chlorides are oxidising only strong oxidising agents, but iodides are already very strong reducing agents. In general, the reducing properties of halides are similar to those of hydrogen halides.

- For example, potassium bromide is oxidised with concentrated sulphuric acid:
- $2KBr + 2H_2 SO_{4 (KOHU,)} \rightarrow 4K_2 SO_4 + 4Br_2 + SO_2 + 2HO_2$

- 5. Insoluble metal halides are dissolved by an excess of ammonia.
- For example, silver (I) chloride dissolves when exposed to an excess of ammonia solution:
- AgCl + NH₃ \rightarrow [Ag(NH)₃₂]Cl
- **6.** Insoluble halides **decompose** into halogen and metal when exposed to light.
- For example, silver chloride decomposes when exposed to ultraviolet light:
- 2AgCl \rightarrow 2Ag + Cl₂