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LESSON NOTES

Subject: Chemistry

Year/Level: 12

Week 21

Strand	3 Quantitative Chemistry
Sub Strand	3.3 Physical Chemistry
Content Learning Outcome	To discuss the acidic oxides of period 3 elements and then chlorides of period 3 elements, properties and equations.

Acidic oxides

- Acidic oxides are the oxides of non-metals. These oxides form acids with water.

i. Silicon dioxide (SiO₂)

- White solid at 20 °C.
- Melting point is 1610 °C.
- Has covalent bonding with giant molecular structure.
- A non-conductor of heat and electricity.
- Does not react with water.

ii. Phosphorous pentoxide (P₄O₁₀)

- White solid at 20 °C.
- Has covalent bonding with simple molecular structure
- Melting point is 340 °C.
- A non-conductor of heat and electricity

- Reacts with water to form phosphoric acid. $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10(\text{s})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightarrow 4\text{H}_3\text{PO}_{4(\text{aq})}$

iii. Sulphur trioxide (SO₃)

- Gas at 20 °C.
- Melting point for SO₃ is 17 °C.
- Covalent bonding with simple molecular structure.
- They are non-conductors of heat and electricity.

Reaction with water: SO₃ reacts to form sulphuric acid: $\text{SO}_{3(\text{g})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_{4(\text{aq})}$

iv. Chlorine monoxide (Cl₂O)

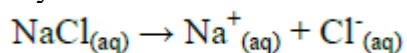
- Gas at 20 °C.
- Melting point is -20 °C.
- Covalent bonding with simple molecular structure.
- They are non-conductors of heat and electricity.
- Reacts with water to form hypochlorous acid.

Reaction with water: $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_{(\text{g})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightarrow 2\text{HClO}_{(\text{aq})}$

B. CHLORIDES- Chlorides of Period 3 elements

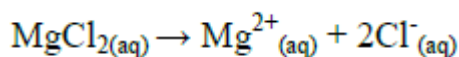
i. Sodium chloride (NaCl)

- White solid at 20 °C.
- Melting point is 801 °C.
- Has ionic bonds and a giant array of sodium and chloride ions (ionic lattice).
- A conductor of electricity in solution and molten form but not in solid state.
- Dissolves readily in water to form sodium and chloride ions (neutral solution).



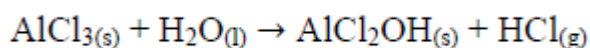
ii. Magnesium chloride (MgCl₂)

- White solid at 20 °C.
- Melting point is 712 °C.
- Has ionic bonds and a giant array of magnesium and chloride ions (ionic lattice).
- A conductor of electricity in solution and molten form but not in solid state.
- Dissolves readily in water to form magnesium and chloride ions. The solution is slightly acidic.



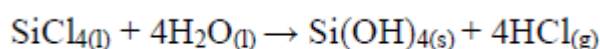
iii. Aluminum chloride (AlCl₃)

- White solid at 20 °C.
- Melting point is 180 °C.
- Has an ionic lattice but with a lot of covalent character at room temperature.
- A very poor conductor of electricity in molten form.
- Aluminum chloride reacts dramatically with small amounts of water producing heat and hydrogen chloride fumes.



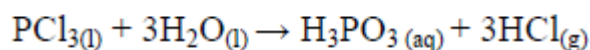
iv. Silicon tetrachloride (SiCl₄)

- Colorless liquid at 20 °C.
- Melting point is 68 °C.
- Reacts violently with small amounts of water producing heat and hydrogen chloride fumes.
- Has covalent bonds and simple molecular structure.
- It does not conduct electricity.



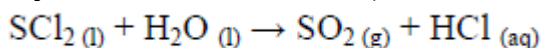
v. Phosphorous trichloride (PCl₃)

- A colorless fuming liquid at 20 °C.
- Melting point is -91 °C.
- It reacts violently with water to produce phosphorous acid (acidic solution) and fumes of hydrogen chloride.
- Has covalent bonds with simple molecular structure.
- It does not conduct electricity.



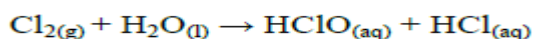
vi. Sulphur dichloride (SCl₂)

- Cherry red liquid at 20 °C.
- Melting point is -80 °C.
- Has covalent bonds with simple molecular structure.
- Is a non-conductor of heat and electricity.
- It reacts violently with water to form HCl (acidic solution) and sulphur dioxide.



vii. Chlorine (Cl₂)

- Greenish yellow gas at 20 °C.
- Melting point is -101 °C.
- Reacts with water to form hypochlorous and hydrochloric acids.
- Has covalent bonds with simple molecular structure.
- Is a non-conductor of heat and electricity.



Summary

General trends in the chlorides of Period 3 elements:

1. Bonding and structure

Ionic (lattice) → covalent (simple molecular)

2. Melting Point

High → low (decreases across the period)

3. Nature

Neutral → acidic

4. Conductivity

Conductor to non-conductor

5. State

Solid → liquid → gas

Summary:

basic oxides (ionic)

acidic oxides (covalent)

no oxides

○ amphoteric oxides ● neutral oxides also

Source: <http://www.slideshare.net/bsvab/acidic-and-basic-oxides-16541388>

General trends in the oxides of Period 3 elements across left to right of the period are:

- ✱ Bonding changes from ionic to covalent.
- ✱ Structure changes from giant ionic to macromolecular to simple (discrete).
- ✱ The melting point decreases.
- ✱ The nature of the oxides changes from basic to amphoteric to acidic.

Activity Complete the table given below.

Oxide	State at 25°C	Bonding	Structure
Na ₂ O	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
SiO ₂	solid	(iv)	(v)
P ₄ O ₁₀	solid	covalent	simple molecular where molecules are held together by weak intermolecular forces
SO ₃	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)
Chloride	State at 25°C	Bonding	Structure
NaCl	(i)	(ii)	ionic lattice
SiCl ₄	solid	covalent	(iii)
PCl ₃	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
SCl ₂	(vii)	(viii)	simple molecular where molecules are held together by weak intermolecular forces