

A. WATER

Pure water is a **colourless, odourless, tasteless, neutral liquid**. Pure water does not exist in nature but naturally in varying degree of purity. The main sources of water include rain, springs, borehole, lakes, seas and oceans:

Water is generally **used** for the following purposes:

- (i) drinking by animals and plants.
- (ii) washing clothes.
- (iii) bleaching and dyeing.
- (iv) generating hydroelectric power.
- (v) cooling industrial processes.

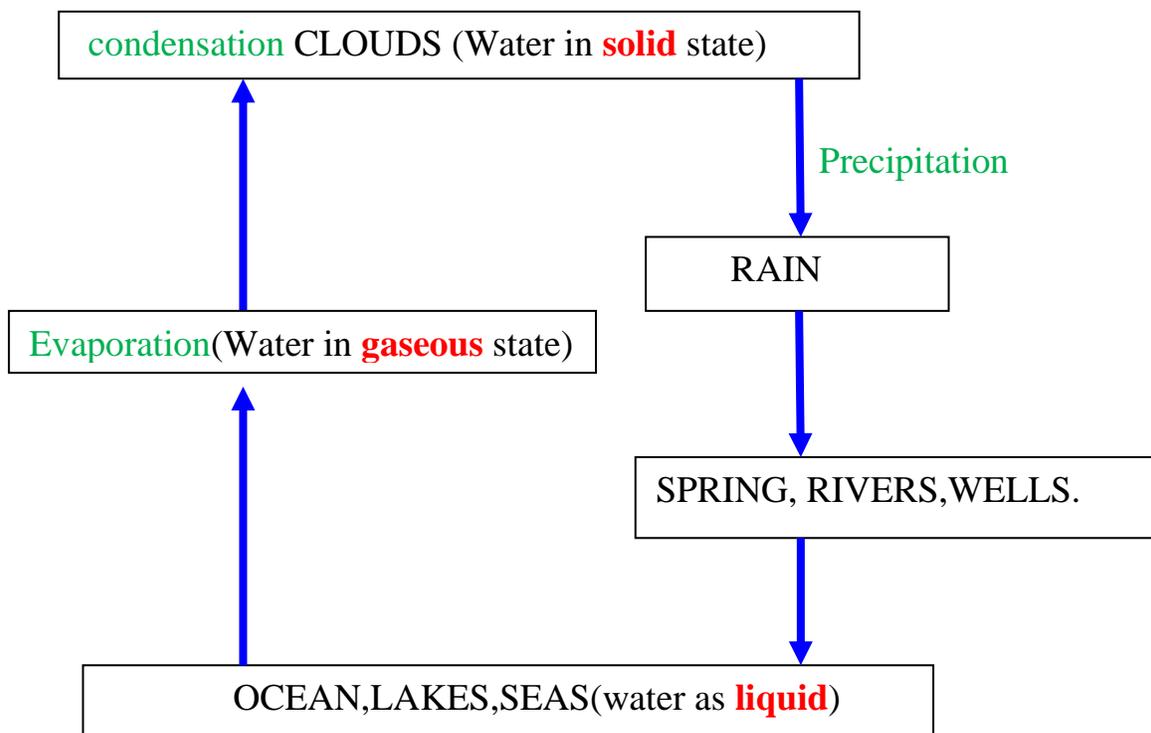
Water dissolves many substances/solutes.

It is therefore called **universal solvent**.

It contains about 35% **dissolved** Oxygen which support aquatic fauna and flora. Water naturally exist in three phases/states **solid** ice, **liquid** water and **gaseous** water vapour.

The three states of water are naturally **interconvertible**.

The natural interconversion of the three phases/states of water forms the water cycle.



Liquid water in land, lakes, seas and oceans use the solar/sun **energy** to **evaporate/vapourize** to form water vapour/**gas**. Solar/sun energy is also used during transpiration by plants and respiration by animals.

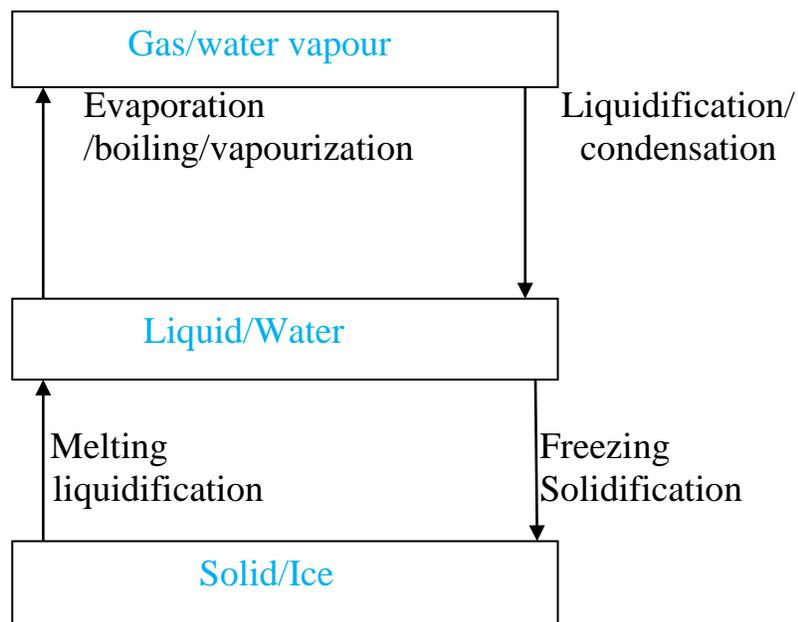
During evaporation, the water vapour rises up the earth's surface. Temperatures decrease with height above the earth surface increase. Water vapour therefore cools as it rises up. At a height where it is cold enough to below 373 Kelvin/100°C Water vapour loses enough energy to form tiny droplets of liquid.

The process by which a gas/water vapour changes to a liquid is called **condensation/liquidification**.

On further cooling, the liquid loses more energy to form **ice/solid**. The process by which a liquid/water changes to a ice/solid is called **freezing/solidification**.

Minute/tiny ice/solid particles float in the atmosphere and coalesce/join together to form clouds. When the clouds become too heavy they fall to the earth's surface as rain/snow as the temperature increases with the fall.

Interconversion of the three phases/states water



Pure water has :

- (i) fixed/constant/sharp freezing point/melting point of **273K/0°C**
- (ii) fixed/constant/sharp boiling point of **373K/100°C** at sea level/1 atmosphere pressure
- (iii) fixed density of **1gcm⁻³**

This is the **criteria** of identifying pure/purity of water.

Whether a substance is water can be determined by using the following methods:

a) To test for presence of water using anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI)

Procedure.

Put about 2g of anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI) crystals into a clean test tube. Add three drops of tap water. Repeat the procedure using distilled water.

Observation.

Colour changes from white to **blue**

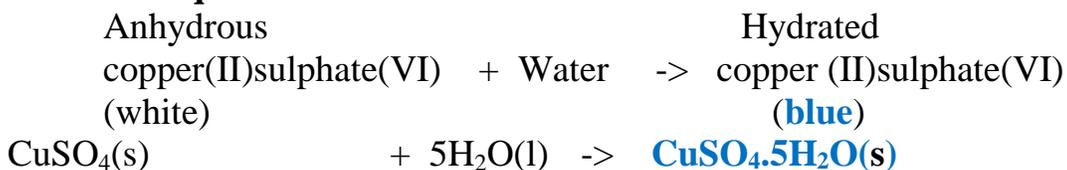
Explanation.

Anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI) is white. On adding water, **anhydrous** copper(II)sulphate(VI) gains/reacts with water to form **hydrated** copper(II) sulphate(VI).

Hydrated copper(II) sulphate(VI) is **blue**. Hydrated copper(II) sulphate(VI) contain water of crystallization.

The change of white **anhydrous** copper(II)sulphate(VI) to **blue** hydrated copper(II) sulphate(VI) is a confirmatory test for the **presence** of water

Chemical equation.



b) To test for presence of water using anhydrous cobalt(II)chloride

Procedure.

Put about 5cm³ of water into a clean test tube.

Dip a dry anhydrous cobalt(II)chloride **paper** into the test tube.

Repeat the procedure using distilled water.

Observation.

Colour changes from **blue** to **pink**

Explanation.

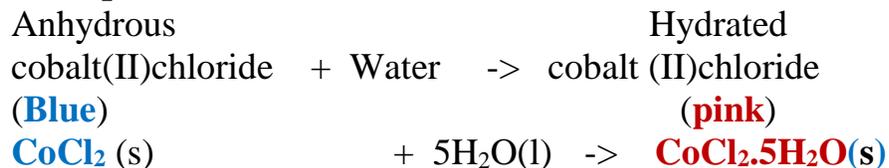
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Burning a candle in air

Most organic substances/fuels burn in air to produce water. Carbon(IV)oxide gas is also produced if the air is sufficient/excess.

Procedure

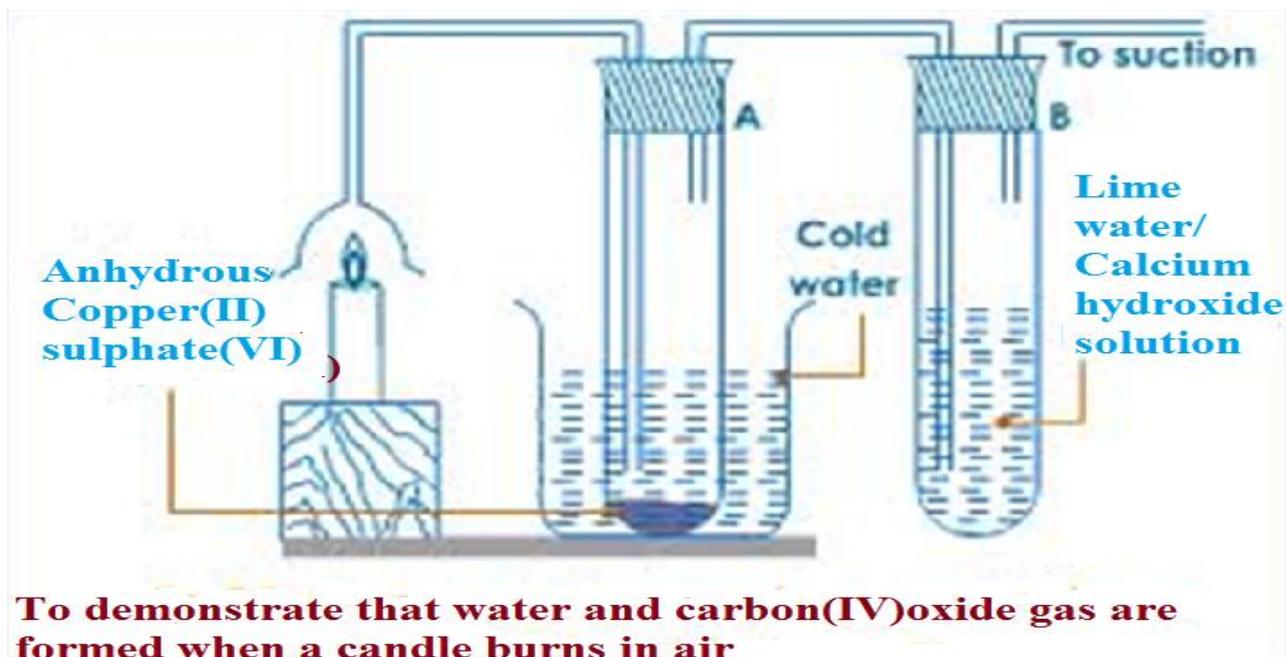
Put about 2g of anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI)crystals in a boiling tube.

Put about 5cm³ of lime water in a boiling tube.

Light a small candle stick. Place it below an inverted thistle/filter funnel

Collect the products of the burning candle by setting the apparatus as below

Set up of apparatus



Observation

The suction pump pulls the products of burning into the inverted funnel. Colour of anhydrous copper(II) sulphate(VI) changes from white to **blue**. A **white precipitate** is formed in the lime water/calcium hydroxide.

Explanation

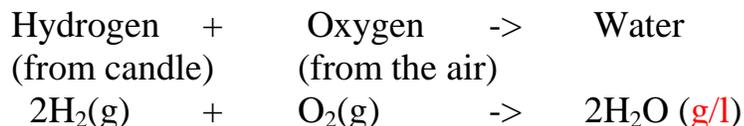
When a candle burn it forms a water and carbon(IV)oxide.

Water turns anhydrous copper(II) sulphate(VI)changes from white to **blue** .

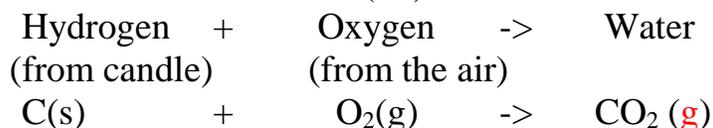
Carbon(IV)oxide gas forms **white precipitate** when bubbled in lime water/calcium hydroxide.

Since:

(i)hydrogen in the wax burn to form water



(ii) carbon in the wax burn to form carbon(IV)oxide



The candle before burning therefore contained only **Carbon and Hydrogen only**.

A compound made up of **hydrogen** and carbon is called **Hydrocarbon**.

A candle is a hydrocarbon.

Other hydrocarbons include: Petrol, diesel, Kerosene, and Laboratory gas.

Hydrocarbons burn in air to form water and carbon(IV)oxide gas.



Water pollution

Water pollution take place when undesirable substances are added into the water.

Sources of water pollution include:

(i)Industrial chemicals being disposed into water bodies like rivers, lakes and oceans.

(ii)Discharging untreated /raw sewage into water bodies.

(iii)Leaching of insecticides/herbicides form agricultural activities into water bodies.

(iv)Discharging non-biodegradable detergents after domestic and industrial use into water bodies.

(v)Petroleum oil spilling by ships and oil refineries

(vi)Toxic/poisonous gases from industries dissolving in rain .

(vii) Acidic gases from industries dissolving in rain to form “acid rain”

(viii)Discharging hot water into water bodies.This reduces the quantity of dissolved Oxygen in the water killing the aquatic fauna and flora.

Water pollution can be reduced by:

- (i) reducing the use of agricultural fertilizers and chemicals in agricultural activities.
- (ii) use of biological control method instead of insecticides and herbicides
- (iii) using biodegradable detergents

Reaction of metals with water

Some metals react with water while others do not. The reaction of metals with water depend on the reactivity series. The higher the metal in the reactivity series the more reactive the metal with water. The following experiments shows the reaction of metals with cold water and water vapour/steam.

(a) Reaction of sodium/ potassium with cold water:

Procedure

Put about 500cm³ of water in a beaker. Add three drops of phenolphthalein indicator/litmus solution/universal indicator solution/methyl orange indicator into the water.

Cut a **very small** piece of sodium. Using a pair of forceps, put the metal into the water.

Observation

Sodium melts to a silvery ball that floats and darts on the surface decreasing in size. Effervescence/fizzing/ bubbles of colourless gas produced.

Colour of phenolphthalein turns **pink**

Colour of litmus solution turns **blue**

Colour of methyl orange solution turns **Orange**

Colour of universal indicator solution turns **blue**

Explanation

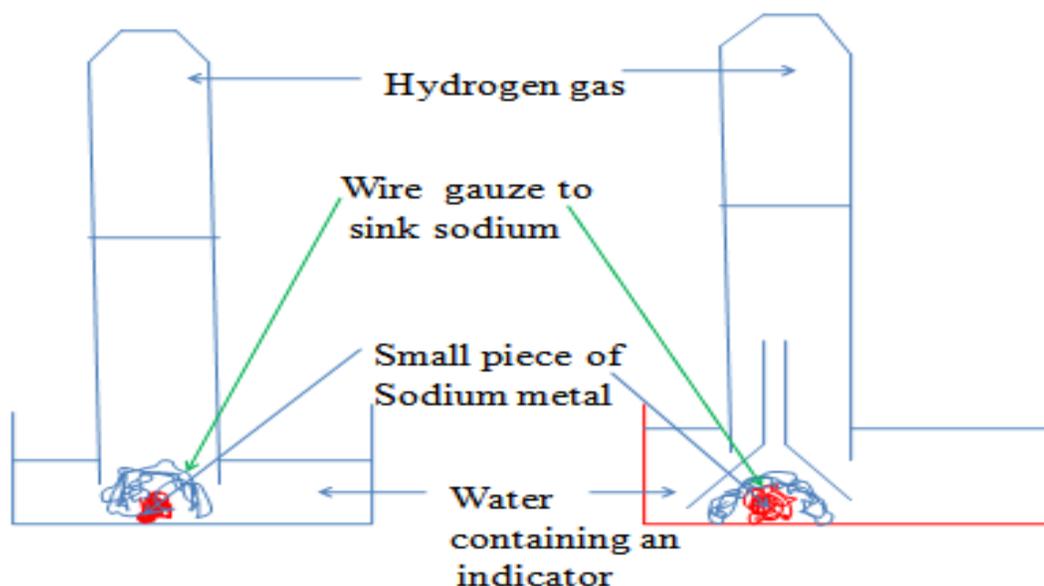
Sodium is less dense than water. Sodium floats on water and vigorously react to form an **alkaline** solution of sodium hydroxide and producing hydrogen gas.

Sodium is thus stored in paraffin to prevent **contact** with water.

Chemical equation



To collect hydrogen gas, Sodium metal is forced to **sink** to the bottom of the trough/beaker by wrapping it in wire gauze/mesh.



Potassium is more reactive than Sodium. On contact with water it **explodes**/burst into flames. An alkaline solution of potassium hydroxide is formed and hydrogen gas

Chemical equation



Caution: Reaction of Potassium with water is very risky to try in a school laboratory.

(b)Reaction of Lithium/ Calcium with cold water:

Procedure

Put about 200cm³ of water in a beaker. Add three drops of phenolphthalein indicator/litmus solution/universal indicator solution/methyl orange indicator into the water.

Cut a small piece of Lithium .Using a pair of forceps, put the metal into the water. Repeat with a piece Calcium metal

Observation

Lithium sinksto the bottom of the water.Rapid effervescence/fizzing/ bubbles of colourless gas produced.

Colour of phenolphthalein turns **pink**

Colour of litmus solution turns **blue**

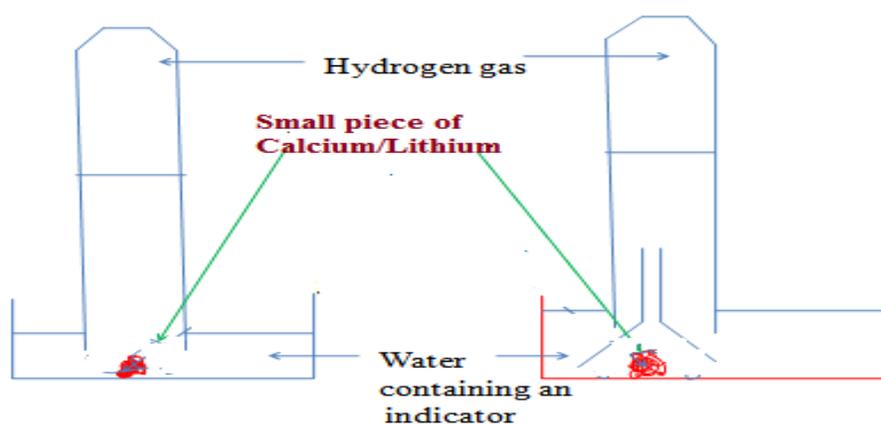
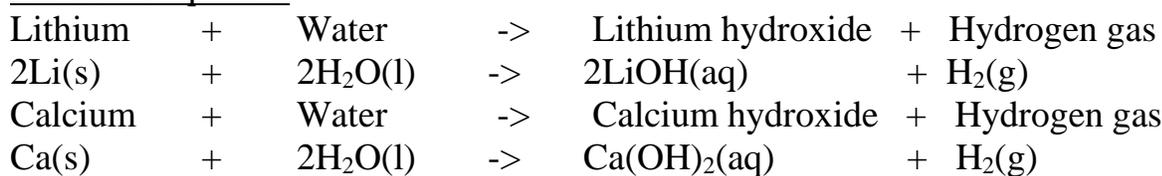
Colour of methy orange solution turns **Orange**

Colour of universal indicator solution turns **blue**

Explanation

Lithium and calcium are **denser** than water. Both sink in water and vigorously react to form an **alkaline** solution of Lithium hydroxide / calcium hydroxide and producing hydrogen gas. Lithium is more reactive than calcium. It is also stored in paraffin like Sodium to prevent **contact** with water.

Chemical equation



Collection of hydrogen from reaction of Lithium /calcium with water

(c) Reaction of Magnesium/Zinc/ Iron with Steam/water vapour:

Procedure method1

Place some wet sand or cotton/glass wool soaked in water at the bottom of an ignition/hard glass boiling tube.

Polish magnesium ribbon using sand paper.

Coil it at the centre of the ignition/hard glass boiling tube.

Set up the apparatus as below.

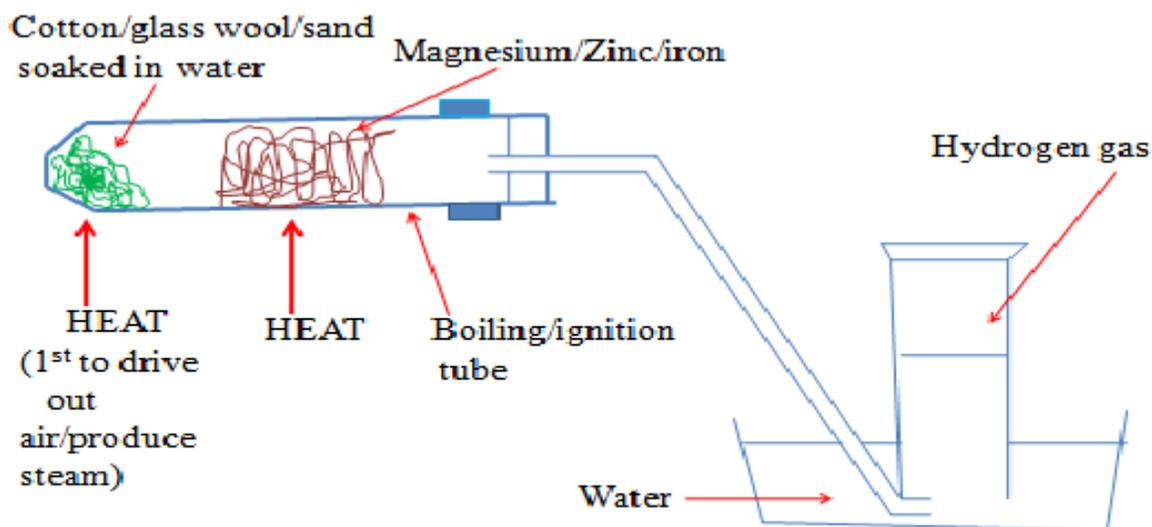
Heat the wet sand or cotton/glass wool soaked in water gently to:

(i) drive away air in the ignition/hard glass boiling tube.

(ii) generate steam

Heat the coiled ribbon strongly using another burner. Repeat the experiment using Zinc powder and fresh Iron filings.

Set up of apparatus



Reaction of Steam/water vapour with Magnesium /Zinc/iron

Observations

(i) With Magnesium ribbon:

The Magnesium glow with a bright flame (and continues to burn even if heating is stopped)

White solid /ash formed

White solid /ash formed dissolve in water to form a colourless solution

Colourless gas produced/collected that extinguish burning splint with “pop sound”

(ii) With Zinc powder:

The Zinc powder turns red hot on strong heating

Yellow solid formed that turn white on cooling

White solid formed on cooling does not dissolve in water.

(iii) With Iron filings:

The Iron filings turns red hot on strong heating

Dark blue solid formed

Dark blue solid formed does not dissolve in water.

Procedure method 2

Put some water in a round bottomed flask

Polish magnesium ribbon using sand paper.

Coil it at the centre of a hard glass tube

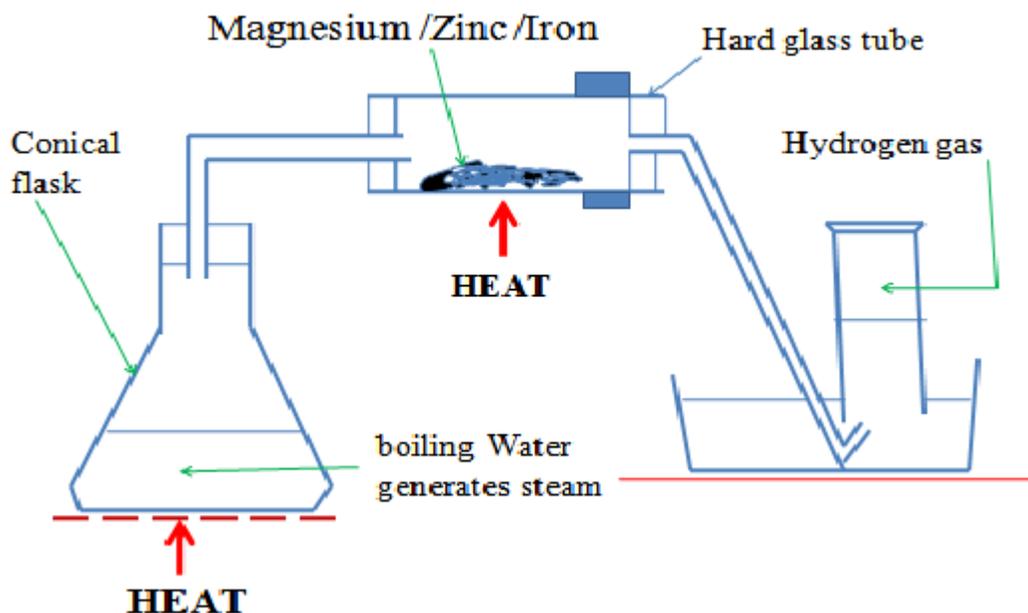
Set up the apparatus as below.

Heat water strongly to boil so as to:

(i) drive away air in the glass tube.

(ii) generate steam

Heat the coiled ribbon strongly using another burner. Repeat the experiment using Zinc powder and fresh Iron filings.



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(iii)With Iron fillings:

The Iron fillings turns red hot on strong heating

Dark blue solid formed

Dark blue solid formed does not dissolve in water.

Explanations

(a)Hot magnesium burn vigorously in steam. The reaction is highly exothermic generating enough heat/energy to proceed without further heating.

White Magnesium oxide solid/ash is left as residue.

Hydrogen gas is produced .It extinguishes a burning splint with a “pop sound”.

Chemical Equation



Magnesium oxide reacts /dissolves in water to form an alkaline solution of Magnesium oxide

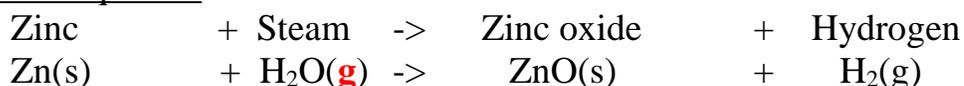
Chemical Equation



(b)Hot Zinc react vigorously in steam forming yellow Zinc oxide solid/ash as residue which cools to white.

Hydrogen gas is produced .It extinguishes a burning splint with a “pop sound”.

Chemical Equation



Zinc oxide does not dissolve in water.

(c)Hot Iron react with steam forming dark blue tri iron tetra oxide solid/ash as residue.

Hydrogen gas is produced .It extinguishes a burning splint with a “pop sound”.

Chemical Equation



Tri iron tetra oxide does not dissolve in water.

(d)Aluminium reacts with steam forming an **insoluble coat**/cover of **impervious** layer of aluminium oxide on the surface preventing further reaction.

(e) Lead, Copper, Mercury, Silver, Gold and Platinum **do not** react with either water or steam.

HYDROGEN

Occurrence

Hydrogen does not occur free in nature. It occurs as Water and in Petroleum.

School laboratory Preparation

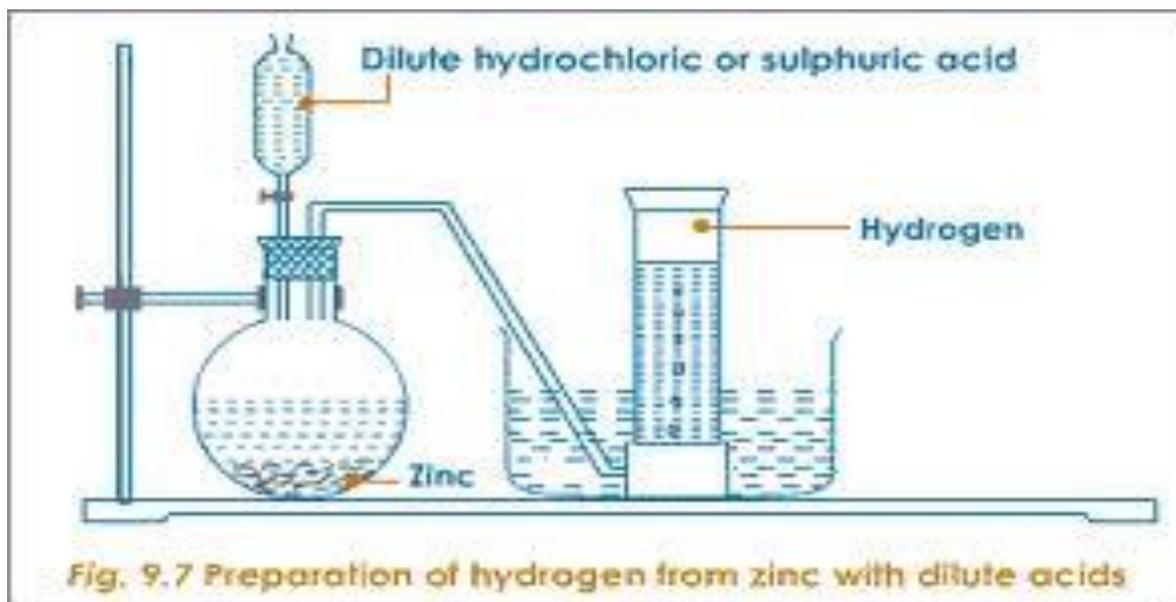
Procedure

Put Zinc granules in a round/flat/conical flask. Add dilute sulphuric(VI) /Hydrochloric acid.

Add about 3cm³ of copper(II)sulphate(VI) solution.

Collect the gas produced over water as in the set up below.

Discard the first gas jar. Collect several gas jar.



Observation/Explanation

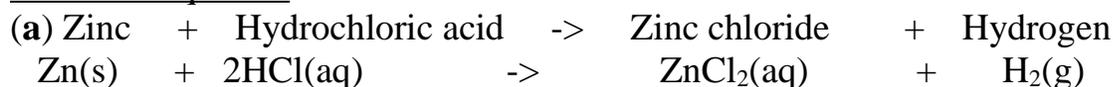
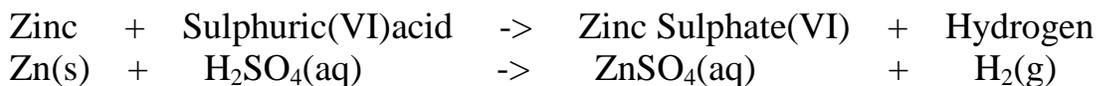
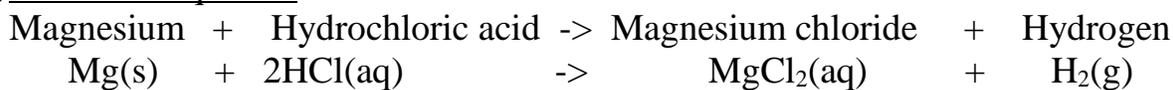
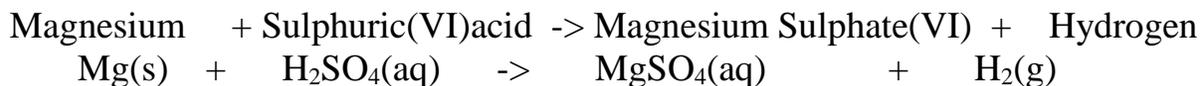
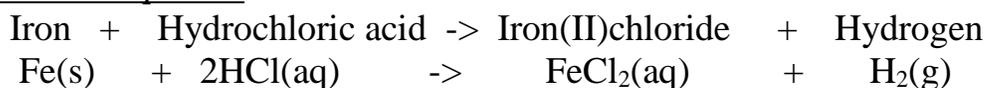
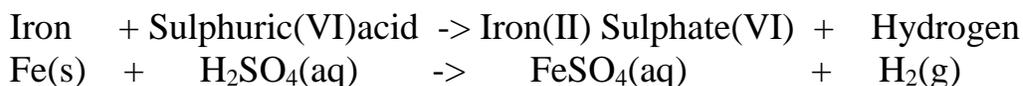
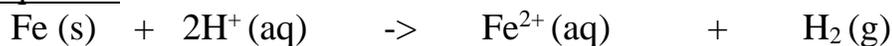
Zinc reacts with dilute sulphuric(VI)/hydrochloric acid to form a salt and produce hydrogen gas.

When the acid comes into contact with the metal, there is rapid effervescence/ bubbles /fizzing are produced and a colourless gas is produced that is collected:

- (i) over water because it is insoluble in water
- (ii) through downward displacement of air/upward delivery because it is less dense than air.

The first gas jar is impure. It contains air that was present in the apparatus.

Copper(II)sulphate(VI)solution act as catalyst.

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1. Hydrogen cannot be prepared from reaction of:

(i) Nitric(V)acid and a metal. Nitric(V)acid is a strong oxidizing agent. It **oxidizes** hydrogen gas to **water**.

(ii) dilute sulphuric(VI)acid with calcium/Barium/Lead because Calcium sulphate(VI), Barium sulphate(VI) and Lead(II)sulphate(VI) salts formed are insoluble. Once formed, they **cover/coat** the **unreacted** calcium/Barium/Lead

stopping further reaction and producing very small amount/volume of hydrogen gas.

(iii) dilute acid with sodium/potassium. The reaction is **explosive**.

Properties of Hydrogen gas

(a) Physical properties

1. Hydrogen is a **neutral**, **colourless** and **odourless** gas. When mixed with air it has a characteristic pungent choking smell
2. It is insoluble in water thus can be collected over water.
3. It is the lightest known gas. It can be transferred by inverting one gas jar over another.

(b) Chemical properties.

(i) Burning

I. Hydrogen does not support burning/combustion. When a burning splint is inserted into a gas jar containing Hydrogen, the flame is extinguished /put off.

II. Pure dry hydrogen burn with a blue quiet flame to form water. When a stream of pure dry hydrogen is ignited, it catches fire and continues to burn with a blue flame.

III. Impure (air mixed with) hydrogen burns with an explosion. Small amount/volume of air **mixed** with hydrogen in a test tube produce a small explosion as a “pop” sound. This is the confirmatory test for the presence of Hydrogen gas. A gas that burns with a “pop” sound is confirmed to be Hydrogen.

(ii) Redox in terms of Hydrogen transfer

Redox can also be defined in terms of Hydrogen transfer.

- (i) Oxidation is removal of Hydrogen
- (ii) Reduction is addition of Hydrogen
- (iii) Redox is simultaneous addition and removal of Hydrogen

Example

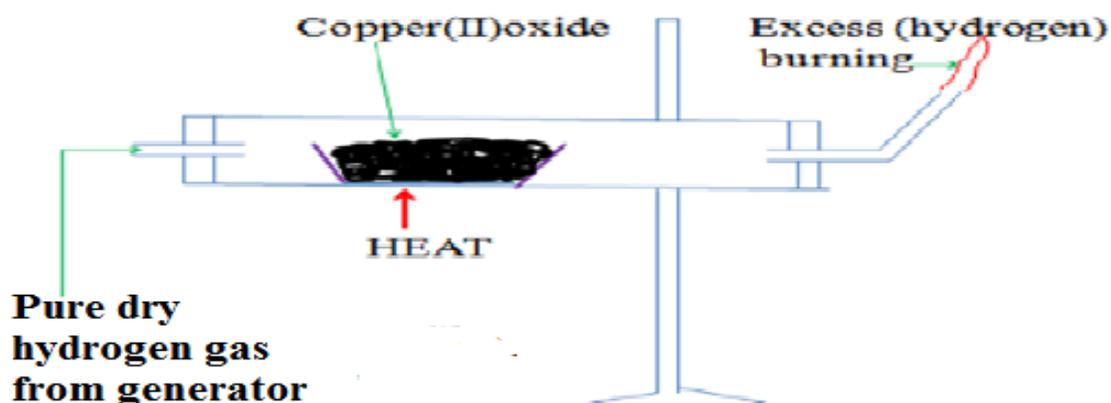
When a stream of dry hydrogen gas is passed through black copper (II) oxide, hydrogen gas gains the oxygen from copper(II)oxide.

Black copper (II) oxide is reduced to brown copper metal.

Black copper(II)oxide is thus the Oxidizing agent.

Hydrogen gas is oxidized to Water. Hydrogen is the Reducing agent.

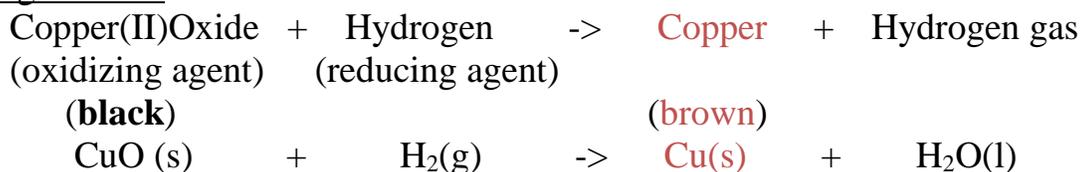
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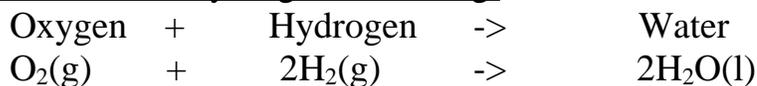
Reduction of Copper(II)Oxide by Hydrogen gas

(a) Chemical equation

(i) In glass tube

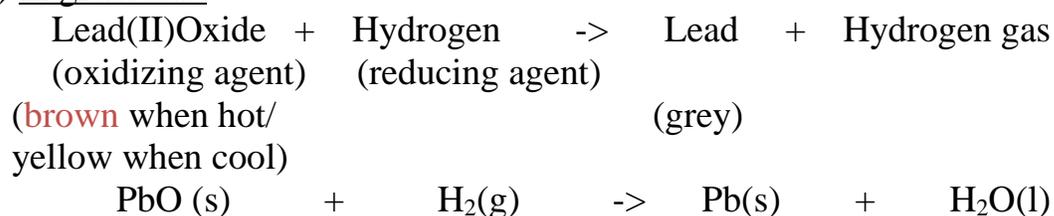


(ii) when excess Hydrogen is burning.

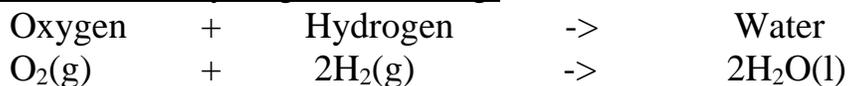


(b) Chemical equation

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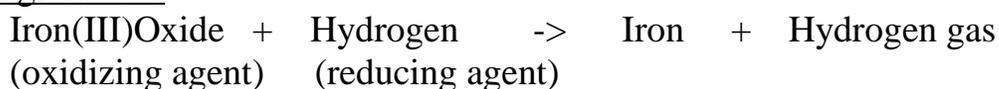


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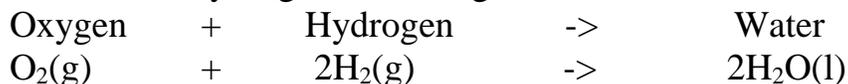
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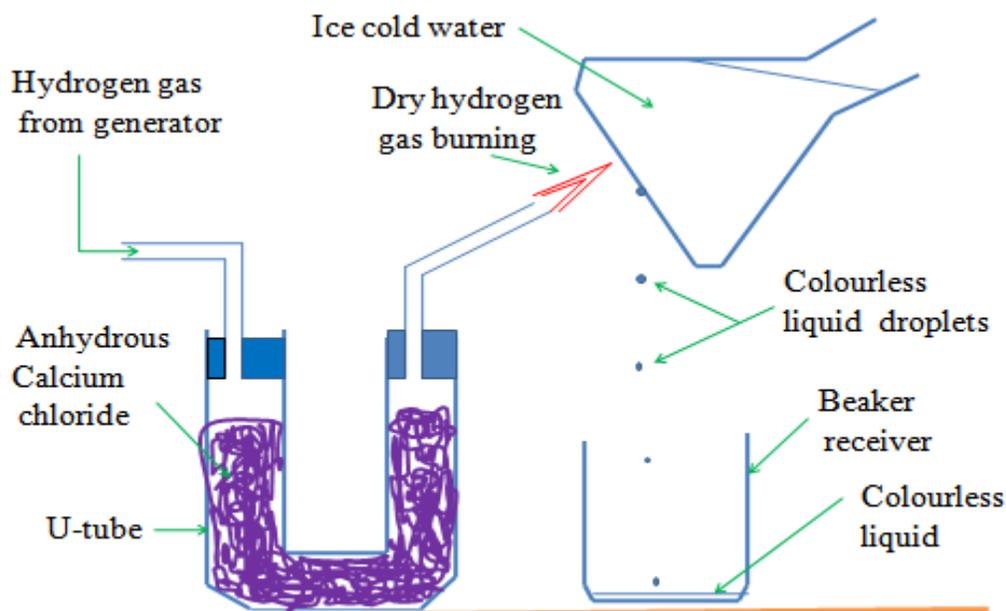


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(iii) Water as an Oxide as Hydrogen

Burning is a reaction of an element with Oxygen. The substance formed when an element burn in air is the oxide of the element. When hydrogen burns, it reacts/ combines with Oxygen to form the **oxide of Hydrogen**. The oxide of Hydrogen is called water. Hydrogen is first dried because a mixture of Hydrogen and air explode. The gas is then ignited .The products condense on a cold surface/flask containing a freezing mixture. A freezing mixture is a mixture of water and ice.



Burning Hydrogen: To show Water is an Oxide of Hydrogen

The condensed products are collected in a receiver as a colourless liquid.

Tests

(a) When about 1g of **white** anhydrous copper (II)sulphate(VI) is added to a sample of the liquid, it turns to **blue**. This confirms the liquid formed is water.

(b) When **blue** anhydrous cobalt (II)chloride paper is dipped in a sample of the liquid, it turns to **pink**. This confirms the liquid formed is water.

(c)When the liquid is heated to boil, its **boiling point** is **100°C** at sea level/one atmosphere pressure. This confirms the liquid is **pure water**.

Uses of Hydrogen gas

1. Hydrogenation/Hardening of unsaturated vegetable oils to saturated fats/margarine.

When Hydrogen is passed through unsaturated compounds in presence of **Nickel** catalyst and about **150°C**, they become saturated. Most vegetable oil are unsaturated liquids at room temperature. They become saturated and hard through hydrogenation.

2. In weather forecast balloons.

Hydrogen is the lightest known gas. Meteorological data is collected for analysis by sending hydrogen filled weather balloons to the atmosphere. The data collected is then used to forecast weather conditions.

3.In the Haber process for the manufacture of Ammonia

Hydrogen is mixed with Nitrogen in presence of Iron catalyst to form Ammonia gas. Ammonia gas is a very important raw material for manufacture of agricultural fertilizers.

4.In the manufacture of Hydrochloric acid.

Limited volume/amount of Hydrogen is burnt in excess chlorine gas to form Hydrogen chloride gas. Hydrogen chloride gas is dissolved in water to form Hydrochloric acid. Hydrochloric acid is used in pickling/washing metal surfaces.

5. As rocket fuel.

Fixed proportions of Hydrogen and Oxygen when ignited explode violently producing a lot of energy/heat.This energy is used to power/propel a rocket to space.

6. In oxy-hydrogen flame for welding.

A cylinder containing Hydrogen when ignited in pure Oxygen from a second cylinder produces a flame that is very hot. It is used to cut metals and welding.

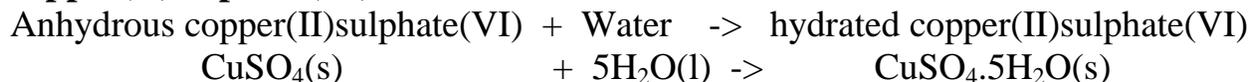
Sample revision questions

1. A colourless liquid was added anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI) which turned blue.

(a) Why is it wrong to conclude the liquid was pure water?

Anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI) test for presence of water. Purity of water is determined from freezing/melting/boiling point.

(b) Write an equation for the reaction that take place with anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI)



(c)(i) Which other compound would achieve the same results as anhydrous copper(II)sulphate(VI)

Anhydrous cobalt (II)chloride/ $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$

(ii) Write the equation for the reaction



(d) Complete the equation

(i) Sulphur(VI)oxide + Water -> Sulphuric(VI)acid

(ii) Sulphur(IV)oxide + Water -> Sulphuric(IV)acid

(iii) Carbon(IV)oxide + Water -> Carbonic(IV)acid

(iv) Nitrogen(IV)oxide + Water -> Nitric(V)acid

(v) Phosphorus(V)oxide + Water -> Phosphoric(V)acid

(vi) Sodium oxide + Water -> Sodium hydroxide

(vi) Sodium peroxide + Water -> Sodium hydroxide

2. Metal B reacts with steam. Metal C reacts with cold water. Metal A does not react with water.

(a) Arrange the metals as they should appear in the reactivity series.

B

C

A

(b) A product residue in D which was brown when hot but turned yellow on cooling during the reaction of metal B was formed. Gas E was also evolved.

Identify

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| (i) Metal B | Lead/Pb |
| (ii) Residue D | Lead(II)oxide/PbO |
| (iii) Gas E | Hydrogen/H ₂ |

(c) A portion of product residue in D was added dilute nitric(V)acid. Another portion of product residue in D was added dilute sulphuric(VI)acid. State and explain the observations made.

When added dilute nitric(V)acid, D dissolves to form a colourless solution.

Lead(II)Oxide + dilute nitric(V)acid \rightarrow Lead(II) nitrate(V) + Water



When added dilute sulphuric(VI)acid, D does not dissolve. A white suspension/precipitate was formed. Lead(II)Oxide reacts with sulphuric(VI)acid to form insoluble Lead(II)sulphate(VI) that cover/coat unreacted Lead(II)Oxide, stopping further reaction.

Lead(II)Oxide + dilute sulphuric(VI)acid \rightarrow Lead(II) sulphate(VI) + Water

