- h. Formation of coloured compounds: They form coloured ions due to presence of incompletely filled d – orbitals and unpaired electrons, they can undergo d – d transition by absorbing colour from visible region and radiating complementary colour.
- i. Formation of complexes: Transition metals form complexes due to (i) presence of vacant d – orbitals of suitable energy (ii) smaller size (iii) higher charge on cations.
- j. Interstitial compounds: Transition metals have voids or interstitials in which C, H, N, B etc. can fit into resulting in formation of interstitial compounds. They are non – stoichiometric, i.e., their composition is not fixed, e.g., steel. They are harder and less malleable and ductile.
- k. Alloys formation: They form alloys due to similar ionic size. Metals can replace each other in crystal lattice, e.g., brass, bronze, steel etc.

Preparation of Potassium dichromate (K₂Cr₂O₇):

It is prepared by fusion of chromate ore (FeCr₂O₄) with sodium carbonate in excess of air.

$$4FeCr_2O_4 + 8Na_2CO_3 + 7O_2 \longrightarrow 8Na_2CrO_4 + 2Fe_2O_3 + 8CO_2$$

$$2Na_2CrO_4 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow Na_2Cr_2O_7 + H_2O + Na_2SO_4$$

Sodium Sodium

chromate dichromate

 $Na_2Cr_2O_7 + 2KCl \longrightarrow K_2Cr_2O_7 + 2NaCl$

10. Effect of pH on chromate and dichromate ions: The chromates and dichromates are interconvertible in aqueous solution depending upon pH of the solution. The oxidation state of chromium in chromate and dichromate is the same.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \ \text{CrO}_4^{\ 2^{\text{-}}} \ + \ 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{\ 2^{\text{-}}} \ + \ \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{\ 2^{\text{-}}} \ + \ 2 \ \text{OH-} \rightarrow \ 2 \ \text{CrO}_4^{\ 2^{\text{-}}} \ + \ \text{H}_2\text{O} \end{array}$$

11. Potassium dichromate acts as a strong oxidizing agent in acidic medium.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14 H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow 2 Cr^{3+} + 7 H_2O$$

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- a. Potassium permanganate is prepared by fusion of MnO_4 with alkali metal hydroxide (KOH) in presence of O_2 or oxidising agent like KNO_3 . It produces dark green K_2MnO_4 which undergoes oxidation as well as reduction in neutral or acidic solution to give permanganate.

$$2MnO_2 + 4KOH + O_2 \longrightarrow 2K_2MnO_4 + 2H_2O$$
 $4H^+ + 3MnO_4^{2-} \longrightarrow 2MnO_4^- + MnO_2 + 2H_2O$
Or

Commercially it is prepared by the alkaline oxidative fusion of MnO₂ followed by the electrolytic oxidation of manganate (VI).

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{MnO_2} \xrightarrow{\quad \text{fused with KOH} \quad } \operatorname{MnO_4^{2-}} \\ & \quad \text{(manganate ions)} \end{array}$$

$$\operatorname{MnO_4^{2-}} \xrightarrow{\quad \text{electrolytic oxidation in alkaline medium} } \operatorname{MnO_4^{2-}} \\ (\operatorname{Green}) & \quad \text{(P urple)} \end{array}$$

(ii) In laboratory, Mn²⁺ salt can be oxidized by peroxodisulphate ion to permanganate ion.

$$2Mn^{2+} + 5S_2O_8^{2-} + 8H_2O ------ 2MnO_4^- + 10SO_4^{2-} + 16H^+$$

13. Potassium permanganate acts as a strong oxidizing agent in acidic, neutral or faintly basic medium.

In acidic medium.

$$MnO_4^- + 8 H^+ + 5 e^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4 H_2O$$

In neutral or faintly basic medium,
 $MnO_4^- + 3 e^- + 2 H_2O \rightarrow MnO_2 + 4OH^-$