

Aryl halides are colourless liquids or colourless solids with

Boiling point generally increases with increase in the size of aryl group or halogen atom. Boiling point order

Ar-I>Ar-Br>Ar-Cl>Ar-F

The melting point of *p*-isomer is more than *o*- and *m*-isomer. This is because of more symmetrical nature of *p*-isomer.

Due to resonance in chlorobenzene, C-Cl bond is shorter and hence, its dipole moment is less than that of cyclohexyl

• Nueleophilic substitution reactions:

Aryl halides are less reactive towards nucleophilic substitution reaction. Their low reactivity is attributed due to the following

* Due to resonance, C-X bond has partial double bond character. * Stabilisation of the molecule by delocalisation of electrons.

However, aryl halides having electron withdrawing groups (like NO₂, -SO₃H, etc.) at ortho and para positions undergo nucleophilic



• Electrophilic substitution reactions:

Haloarenes are o, p-directing, due to + I effect of halogen group electrondensity increases at ortho and para positions e.g., halogenation, nitration, sulphonation, Friedel-crafts reaction etc.

$$Na + RX \xrightarrow{ether} R + NaX$$

-X+2Na _____ 2 NaX