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#### **Coimbatore – 641 021.**

2018-2019

# **B.Sc. Chemistry**

18CHU303	<b>INORGANIC CHEMISTRY III</b>
	<b>Coordination Chemistry</b>

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Semester-III

#### Instruction Hours/week:L:4 T:0 P:0 Marks: Internal:40 External: 60 Total:100 End semester Exam:3 hrs

#### **Course Objectives**

The students should be able

- 1. To understand the key features of coordination compounds, including nomenclature, isomerism and types in coordination compounds.
- 2. To understand various theories to explain the characteristics of coordination compounds.
- 3. To understand the nature of transition elements and their compounds.
- 4. To understand about the occurrence, preparation and properties of Lanthanides and actinides.
- 5. To Know about the fundamentals of Inorganic reaction mechanisms.

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# UNIT I

# **Coordination Chemistry I:**

IUPAC nomenclature of coordination compounds, isomerism in coordination compounds. Stereochemistry of complexes with 4 and 6 coordination numbers. Chelate effect, polynuclear complexes, Labile and inert complexes.

# UNIT II

#### **Coordination Chemistry II:**

Werner's theory, valence bond theory (inner and outer orbital complexes), electroneutrality principle and back bonding. Crystal field theory, measurement of 10 Dq ( $\Delta$ o), CFSE in weak and strong fields, pairing energies, factors affecting the magnitude of 10 Dq ( $\Delta$ o,  $\Delta$ t). Octahedral vs. tetrahedral coordination, tetragonal distortions from octahedral geometry Jahn-Teller theorem, square planar geometry. Qualitative aspect of Ligand field and MO Theory.

#### UNIT III



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## **Transition Elements:**

General group trends with special reference to electronic configuration, colour, variable valency, magnetic and catalytic properties, ability to form complexes. Stability of various oxidation states and e.m.f. (Latimer diagrams) Different between the first, second and third transition series. Chemistry of Cr, Mn, Fe and Co in various oxidation states with special reference to the following compounds: peroxo compounds of chromium, potassium dichromate, potassium permanganate, potassium ferrocyanide, potassium ferricyanide, sodium nitroprusside and sodium cobaltinitrite.

## UNIT IV

#### Lanthanides and Actinides:

Electronic configuration, oxidation states, colour, spectral and magnetic properties, lanthanide contraction, separation of lanthanides (ion-exchange method only).

Actinides: Occurrence ,Preparation of elements,Electronic structure ,Oxidation State and general properties. Thorium: Extraction of Thorium.

## UNIT V

#### **Inorganic Reaction Mechanism**

Introduction to inorganic reaction mechanisms. Substitution reactions in square planarcomplexes, Trans- effect, theories of trans effect. Thermodynamic and Kinetic stability.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

- 1. Purcell, K.F & Kotz, J.C. (1980). An Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry. W.B. Saunders Co.
- 2. Huheey, J.E. (1993). Inorganic Chemistry. Prentice Hall.
- 3. Cotton, F.A. & Wilkinson, G. (1999). Advanced Inorganic Chemistry. Wiley-VCH.
- 4. Greenwood, N.N. & Earnshaw A. (2006). *Chemistry of the Elements*. Butterworth-Heinemann.
- 5. Miessler, G. L. &. Tarr, Donald A. (2009). Inorganic Chemistry. 3rd Ed.(adapted), Pearson.



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# **DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

# SUBJECT NAME: INORGANIC CHEMISTRY-IIISUBJECT CODE: 18CHU303SEMESTER: IIICLASS: II B.Sc CHEMISTRY

# LECTURE PLAN DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

S.No	D Lecture Topics to be Covered		Support	
	Hour		Materials/Page Nos	
		UNIT I		
1.	1	IUPAC nomenclature of coordination compounds	T2: 230	
			T3: 1293-1296	
2.	1	IUPAC nomenclature of coordination compounds	T2: 231-232	
			T3: 1293-1296	
3.	1	Isomerism in coordination compounds	T2: 232-236	
			T3: 1296-1299	
4.	1	Stereochemistry of complexes with 4 coordination	T3: 1299-1301	
		numbers	R1: 456-459	
5.	1	Stereochemistry of complexes with 6 coordination	T3: 1301-1305	
		numbers	R1: 460-467	
6.	1	Chelate effect	T2: 222-224	
			T3: 1291-1292	
7.	1	Labile and inert complexes	T3: 1312	
			R1: 490-496	
8.	1	Polynuclear complexes	R1: 355-362	
9.	1	Recapitulation and Discussion of important questions		
	Total No o	f Hours Planned For Unit I =9		
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1	1	Werner's theory	T3: 1317 1320	
1.	1		R1· 367-369	
2	1	Valence bond theory	T3: 1321-1326	
2.	1	v dience bond theory	R1: 375-385	

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		UNIT IV	
	Total No	of Hours Planned For Unit III = 9	
9.	1	Recapitulation and Discussion of important questions	
8.	1	Chemistry of Cobalt and its compounds	T2: 1414
7.		sodium nitroprusside and sodium cobaltinitrite	T3: 1455-1457
6.	1	Chemistry of Fe and compounds of Fe, Chemistry of Mn and KMnO <sub>4</sub>	T2: 1405- 1407-1414
5.	1	Chemistry of Cr in various oxidation states and peroxo compounds of Cr	T3: 1400-1402
4.	1	Stability of various oxidation states and e.m.f., Different between the first, second and third transition series	T2: 656-657 T3: 1357
3.	1	Catalytic properties and ability to form complexes	T2: 671, 657
2.	1	Colour, Variable valency and magnetic properties	T2: 663
1.	1	Transition Elements: General group trends with special reference to electronic configuration	T2: 653 ; T2: 662
		UNIT III	
	Total No	of Hours Planned For Unit II =9	
9.	1	Recapitulation and Discussion of important questions	
8.	1	Qualitative aspect of Ligand field and MO Theory	R1: 448-450
7.	1	Jahn-Teller theorem, square planar geometry	R1: 414-416
6.	1	Tetragonal distortions from octahedral geometry	T2: 214-217
5.	1	T2: 214-217	
4.		Factors affecting the magnitude of 10 Dq ( $\Delta o$ , $\Delta t$ ),	402
3.		Electroneutrality principle and back bonding, Crystal field theory, measurement of 10 Dq ( $\Delta o$ )	K1: 444-445, T3: 1330- 1331,R1: 390-398



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1	1	Lanthanoids and Actinoids:	T3· 1359-1360				
1.	1	Electronic configuration	T2: 859-860				
2	1	Ovidation states, Colour	T2: 860-861 870				
2.	1	Oxidation states, colour	T3: 1360-1363				
3	1	Spectral properties Magnetic properties	T2: 871-874 T3: 1363				
5.	1	spectral properties, wagnetic properties	12. 071-074, 15. 1505				
4.	1	Lanthanide contraction, Separation of lanthanides	T2: 874-875				
			T3: 1361-1362,1364-				
			1367				
5.	1	Actinides: Occurrence, preparation of elements					
6.	1	Electronic structure, oxidation state					
7.	1	General properties					
8.	1	Thorium: Extraction					
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9.		Recapitulation and Discussion of important questions					
	Total No of Hours Planned For Unit IV =9						
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1	1	Inorganic Reaction Mechanism	T/1.100_201				
1.	1	Introduction to inorganic reaction mechanisms	14.177-201				
2	1	Substitution reactions in square planar complexes	T4: 201-204				
2.	1	Substitution reactions in square planar complexes	14. 201-204				
3.	1	Substitution reactions in square planar complexes	T4: 201-204				
4.	1	Trans- effect	T4: 225-228				
	-		R1:527-528				
5.	1	Theories of trans effect	T4: 229-231				
			R1: 535-537				
6.	1	Thermodynamic stability of complexes	T4: 131-133				
7.	1	Kinetic stability of complexes	T4: 131-133				
8.	1	Recapitulation and Discussion of important questions					
9.	1	End semester question paper discussion					
10.	1	End semester question paper discussion					
11.	1	End semester question paper discussion					

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12.	1	End semester question paper discussion	
	Total No o	f Hours Planned For Unit I =12	

# **SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

#### Text books:

- T1. Lee, J. D. (2013). Concise Inorganic Chemistry. ELBS.
- T2. Puri, B. R., Sharma, L. R., & Kalia. K. C., (2017). *Principles of Inorganic Chemistry*. Vishal Publication.
- T3. Madan, R. D. (2014). Modern Inorganic Chemistry. S.Chand & Company Pvt.Ltd.
- T4: Gopalan, M., Ramalingam, R. V. (2008). Concise of Coordination Chemistry, Vikas Publications

#### **Reference Books:**

- 1. Malik. U., Tuli. G.D. & Madan. R.D. (2009). *Selected topics in Inorganic Chemistry*. S.Chand & Company Pvt.Ltd.
- 2. Sathya Prakash, Tuli. G.D., Basu. S.K., & Madan. R.D. (2012). *Advanced Inorganic Chemistry* (Volume II), S.Chand & Company Pvt.Ltd.

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# <u>UNIT I</u> SYLLABUS

IUPAC nomenclature of coordination compounds, isomerism in coordination compounds. Stereochemistry of complexes with 4 and 6 coordination numbers. Chelate effect, polynuclear complexes, Labile and inert complexes.

# Nomenclature of mono-nuclear complexes

Specify the oxidation numbers of the metals in the following coordination entities:

(i)  $[Co(H_2O)(CN)(en)_2]^{2+}$  (ii)  $[CoBr_2(en)_2]^+$  (iii)  $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$  (iv)  $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ 

Answer

# $(i) [Co(H_2O)(CN)(en)_2]^{2+} \\$

Let the oxidation number of Co be *x*.

The charge on the complex is +2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Co} & (\text{H}_2\text{O}) & (\text{CN}) & (\text{en})_2 \end{bmatrix}^{2+}$$

$$x + 0 + (-1) + 2(0) = +2$$

$$x - 1 = +2$$

$$x = +3$$

(ii)[CoBr<sub>2</sub>(en)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

$$\begin{bmatrix} Co & (Br)_2 & (en)_2 \end{bmatrix}^{1+}$$
  
x + 2(-1) + 2(0) = +1  
x - 2 = +1  
x = +3



(*iii*) [PtCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>

(iv) K<sub>3</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>

[Fe (CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$  x + 6 (-1) = -3x = + 3

The nomenclature system given below is the one recommended by the *Inorganic Nomenclature committee* of the *International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry*.

- 1) Non ionic or molecular complexes are given one word name.
- 2) In ionic complexes, the cation is named first, then the anion separately.
- 3) The ligands with negative charge end in-O, Some example are-

O <sup>2-</sup> (oxo)	Cl (chloro)	NH <sub>2</sub> (amido)
OH <sup>-</sup> (hydroxo)	Br (bromo)	NH <sup>2<sup>-</sup></sup> (imido)
$C_2O_4^{2^-}$ (oxalato)	I (iodo)	$NO_2^{2^-}$ (nitro)
$SO_4^{2^-}$ (sulphato)	CN <sup>-</sup> (cyano)	ONO <sup>-</sup> (nitrito)

- 4) Neutral ligands are named as the molecule. Example are NH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>
   (ethylenediamine, en) C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N (pyridine, py)
   *Exceptions to this rule are* H<sub>2</sub>O (*aquo*), NH<sub>3</sub> (*ammine*), CO (*carbonyl*), NO (*nitosyl*)
- 5) Positive ligands (rare) end in-ium NH<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (*hydrazinium*)
- 6) The ligands in a complex are named first and are given in the alphabetical order.



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- 7) The number of identical ligands is given by the Greek prefixes di-, tri-, tetra-, penta-, hexa- and hepta- in the case of simple ligands.
- The prefixes bis-, tris-, tetrakis-, pentakis-, etc. are used for complex ligands which themselves often contain the former prefixes:

e.g-triphenylphosphine, ethylenediamine. Usually these complex ligands have polysyllabic name and their name in the complex is enclosed in parenthesis.

- The name of the central atom is given after the ligands together with its oxidation stage designated by a Roman numeral in brackets.
- 10) When the complex is a cation or a neutral molecule, the name of the metal atom is unchanged, but when it is an anion, the suffix- *ate* is added. The above rules are illustrated in the following complexes:

# **Neutral Complexes**

1)	$[Fe(CO)_5]$	Pentacarbonyliron(0)
2)	$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$	Diamminedichloroplatiuim(II)
3)	$[Cr(H_2O)_3Cl_3]$	Triaquotrichlorochrominum(III)
4)	[PtNH <sub>3</sub> (py)ClBr]	Amminebromochloropyridine platinum(II)
5)	[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> (CN)Cl]	Triamminechlorocyanonitrocobalt(III)
Ca	tionic complexes	
1)	[Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ] Br <sub>2</sub>	Tetra-amminedichloroplatinum(IV) bromide
2)	[Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> Cl] CO <sub>3</sub>	Tetra-amminechloronitroplatinum(IV) carbonate
3)	[Co(en) <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O Cl] SO <sub>4</sub>	Aquochlorobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt (III)
		sulphate
4)	$[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl$	sulphate Tetra-aquodichlorochromium(III)chloride
4) 5)	eaaa [Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]Cl [Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	sulphate Tetra-aquodichlorochromium(III)chloride Tetra-amminedichlorocobalt(III)chloride
4) 5) 6)	$[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl$	sulphate Tetra-aquodichlorochromium(III)chloride Tetra-amminedichlorocobalt(III)chloride Diamminesilver(I) chloride
4) 5) 6) 7)	$[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl$ $[Rh(Ph_3P)_3]Cl$	sulphate Tetra-aquodichlorochromium(III)chloride Tetra-amminedichlorocobalt(III)chloride Diamminesilver(I) chloride Tris(triphenylphosphine)rhodium(I) chloride
<ol> <li>4)</li> <li>5)</li> <li>6)</li> <li>7)</li> <li>8)</li> </ol>	$[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl$ $[Rh(Ph_3P)_3]Cl$ $[Cu(H_2O)_4]^{2+}$	<ul> <li>sulphate</li> <li>Tetra-aquodichlorochromium(III)chloride</li> <li>Tetra-amminedichlorocobalt(III)chloride</li> <li>Diamminesilver(I) chloride</li> <li>Tris(triphenylphosphine)rhodium(I) chloride</li> <li>Tetra-aquocopper (II) ion.</li> </ul>
<ol> <li>4)</li> <li>5)</li> <li>6)</li> <li>7)</li> <li>8)</li> <li>An</li> </ol>	$[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ $[Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl$ $[Rh(Ph_3P)_3]Cl$ $[Cu(H_2O)_4]^{2+}$ <b>ionic Complexes</b>	sulphate Tetra-aquodichlorochromium(III)chloride Tetra-amminedichlorocobalt(III)chloride Diamminesilver(I) chloride Tris(triphenylphosphine)rhodium(I) chloride Tetra-aquocopper (II) ion.
<ol> <li>4)</li> <li>5)</li> <li>6)</li> <li>7)</li> <li>8)</li> <li>An</li> <li>1)</li> </ol>	$[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl \\ [Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl \\ [Ag(NH_3)_2]Cl \\ [Rh(Ph_3P)_3]Cl \\ [Cu(H_2O)_4]^{2+} \\ \mbox{ionic Complexes} \\ [Fe(CN)_6]^{3-} \label{eq:complexes}$	<ul> <li>sulphate</li> <li>Tetra-aquodichlorochromium(III)chloride</li> <li>Tetra-amminedichlorocobalt(III)chloride</li> <li>Diamminesilver(I) chloride</li> <li>Tris(triphenylphosphine)rhodium(I) chloride</li> <li>Tetra-aquocopper (II) ion.</li> </ul>

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 3)
 NH4[Co(H2O)2(SCN)4]
 Ammoniumdiaquotetrakis(thiocyanato-S) cobaltate(III)

- 4) K<sub>3</sub>[FeF<sub>6</sub>] Potassium hexafluoroferrate(III)
  5) K[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>3</sub>] Potassium amminetrichloro platinate(II)
- 6) K<sub>4</sub>[Ni(CN)<sub>4</sub>] Potassium tetracyanonickelate (0)
  7) Na[Al(OH)<sub>4</sub>] Sodium tetrahydroxoaluminate(III)
  8) H[AuCl<sub>4</sub>] Tetrachloroauric acid
  9) [Ag(CN)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> Dicyanoargentate (I) ion
  10) Na[Co(CO)<sub>4</sub>] Sodium tetracarbonylcobaltate(-I)
- 11) K<sub>3</sub>[Fe(C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] Potassium trioxalatoferrate(III)

## General:

$[Co(NO_2)_3(NH_3)_3]$	Triamminetrinitrocobalt(III)
K4[Ni(CN)4]	Potassium tetracyanidonickelate(0)
[Fe(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Hexaammineiron(III) nitrate
(NH4)2 [CuCl4]	Ammonium tetrachlorocuprate(II)
Na <sub>3</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> Cl]	Sodium monochloropentacyanoferrate(III)
K <sub>3</sub> [CoF <sub>6</sub> ]	Potassium hexafluorocobaltate(III)
[CoCl <sub>2</sub> (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]Cl	Dichlorotetraamminecobalt(III) chloride
[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Cl]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Chloropentaamminecobalt(III) chloride
K <sub>3</sub> [Co(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ]	Potassium hexanitritocobaltate(III)
[Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] [PtCl <sub>4</sub> ]	Tetraammineplatinum(II) tetrachloroplatinate(II)
[CoBr(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ]SO <sub>4</sub>	Pentaamminebromocobalt(III) sulfate
$[Fe(NH_3)_6][Cr(CN)_6]$	Hexaammineiron(III) hexacyanochromate(III)
[Co(SO <sub>4</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ]Br	Pentaamminesulfatocobalt(III) bromide
[Fe(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub> ] (NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Pentaaquahydroxoiron(III) nitrite
NH4[Cr(NH3)2(SCN)4]	Ammonium diamminetetrathiocyanatochromate(III)
$[Pt(NH_3)_6]Cl_4$	Hexaammineplatinum(IV) chloride
K[Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> )Cl <sub>3</sub> ]	Potassium amminetrichloroplatinate(II)
(NH4)2[Ni(C2O4)2(H2O)2]	Ammonium diaquabis(oxolato)nickelate(II)





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$[Mo(en)_4Cl_2]$ Cl	Dichlorotetrakis(ethylenediammine)molybdenum(III)
	chloride
[Co(en) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	Dibromobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) chloridede
$K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$	Potassium hexacyanoferrate(III)
[Co(NO <sub>2</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Nitropentaamminecobalt(III) chloride

## **Coordination complex**



Cisplatin, PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> A platinum atom with four ligands

In chemistry, a **coordination complex** or **metal complex**, is a structure consisting of a central atom or ion (usually metallic), bonded to a surrounding array of molecules or anions (ligands, complexing agents). The atom within a ligand that is directly bonded to the central atom or ion is called the **donor atom**. Polydentate (multiple bonded) ligands can form a chelate complex. A ligand donates at least one pair of electrons to the central atom/ion.

Compounds that contain a coordination complex are called **coordination compounds**. The central atom or ion, together with all ligands forms the coordination sphere.

**Coordination** refers to the "coordinate covalent bonds" (dipolar bonds) between the ligands and the central atom. Originally, a complex implied a reversible association of molecules, atoms, or ions through such weak chemical bonds. As applied to coordination chemistry, this meaning has evolved. Some metal complexes are formed virtually irreversibly and many are bound together by bonds that are quite strong.

#### Structure of coordination complexes

The ions or molecules surrounding the central atom are called ligands. Ligands are generally bound to the central atom by a coordinate covalent bond (donating electrons from a



lone electron pair into an empty metal orbital), and are said to be **coordinated** to the atom. There are also organic ligands such as alkenes whose pi bonds can coordinate to empty metal orbitals. An example is ethene in the complex known as Zeise's salt,  $K^+[PtCl_3(C_2H_4)]^-$ .

# Geometry

In coordination chemistry, a structure is first described by its coordination number, the number of ligands attached to the metal (more specifically, the number of  $\sigma$ -type bonds between ligand(s) and the central atom). Usually one can count the ligands attached, but sometimes even the counting can become ambiguous. Coordination numbers are normally between two and nine, but large numbers of ligands are not uncommon for the lanthanides and actinides. The number of bonds depends on the size, charge, and electron configuration of the metal ion and the ligands. Metal ions may have more than one coordination number.

Typically the chemistry of complexes is dominated by interactions between s and p molecular orbital of the ligands and the d orbital of the metal ions. The s, p, and d orbitals of the metal can accommodate 18 electrons (see 18-Electron rule; for f-block elements, this extends to 32 electrons). The maximum coordination number for a certain metal is thus related to the electronic configuration of the metal ion (more specifically, the number of empty orbital) and to the ratio of the size of the ligands and the metal ion. Large metals and small ligands lead to high coordination numbers, e.g.  $[Mo(CN)_8]^{4-}$ . Small metals with large ligands lead to low coordination numbers, e.g.  $Pt[P(CMe_3)]_2$ . Due to their large size, lanthanides, actinides, and early transition metals tend to have high coordination numbers.

Different ligand structural arrangements result from the coordination number. Most structures follow the points-on-a-sphere pattern (or, as if the central atom were in the middle of a polyhedron where the corners of that shape are the locations of the ligands), where orbital overlap (between ligand and metal orbital) and ligand-ligand repulsions tend to lead to certain regular geometries. The most observed geometries are listed below, but there are many cases which deviate from a regular geometry, e.g. due to the use of ligands of different types (which results in irregular bond lengths; the coordination atoms do not follow a points-on-a-sphere pattern), due to the size of ligands, or due to electronic effects (see e.g. Jahn-Teller distortion):



- Linear for two-coordination,
- > Trigonal planar for three-coordination,
- > Tetrahedral or square planar for four-coordination
- > Trigonal bipyramidal or square pyramidal for five-coordination,
- > Octahedral (orthogonal) or trigonal prismatic for six-coordination,
- Pentagonal bipyramidal for seven-coordination,
- > Square antiprismatic for eight-coordination, and
- > Tri-capped trigonal prismatic (Triaugmented triangular prism) for nine coordination.

Some exceptions and provisions should be noted:

The idealized descriptions of 5-, 7-, 8-, and 9- coordination are often indistinct geometrically from alternative structures with slightly different L-M-L (ligand-metal-ligand) angles. The classic example of this is the difference between square pyramidal and trigonal bipyramidal structures.

Due to special electronic effects such as (second-order) Jahn-Teller stabilization, certain geometries are stabilized relative to the other possibilities, e.g. for some compounds the trigonal prismatic geometry is stabilized relative to octahedral structures for six-coordination.

#### Isomerism

The arrangement of the ligands is fixed for a given complex, but in some cases it is mutable by a reaction that forms another stable isomer.

There exist many kinds of isomerism in coordination complexes, just as in many other compounds.

#### **Isomerism in Coordination Chemistry**



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Two or more different compounds having the same formula are called isomers. Two principal types of isomerism are known among coordination compounds. Each of which can be further subdivided.



# **Structural Isomerism**

# (i) Linkage isomers:

Same ligand connected by different atoms. Two compounds formed by the linkage isomer of bpy are shown. Small changes in ligand bonding could result in dramatic chemical property change.





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## (ii) Ionization isomers:

Different ions when dissolved exchange of ions between inner and outer coordination

sphere e.g. [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>Br][SO<sub>4</sub>] vs. [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)]Br.

#### (iii) Coordination isomers:

Found in special cases where both the cation and anion are complexes

Examples: Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>][Cr(CN)<sub>6</sub>] vs.[Cr(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>][Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]

 $[Pt(NH_3)_4][PtCl_6] vs.[Pt(NH_3)_4Cl_2][PtCl_4]$ 

## (iv) Hydration isomers:

Exchange of water and another ligand between inner and outer coordination sphere

eg. [Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sup>·</sup>2H<sub>2</sub>O (green crystals from c. HCl soln)

 $\rightarrow$  (dissolve H<sub>2</sub>O) [Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>Cl]Cl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (blue-green)

 $\rightarrow$  (heat) [Cr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]Cl<sub>3</sub> (violet)

## (v) Polymerization isomers:

Identical empirical formulae but different molar masses (i.e. different degrees of aggregation)

#### Stereoisomerism

Stereoisomerism occurs with the same bonds in different orientations relative to one another. Stereoisomerism can be further classified into:

# Cis-trans isomerism and facial-meridional isomerism

Cis-trans isomerism occurs in octahedral and square planar complexes (but not tetrahedral). When two ligands are mutually adjacent they are said to be **cis**, when opposite each other, **trans**. When three identical ligands occupy one face of an octahedron, the isomer is said to be facial, or **fac**. In a *fac* isomer, any two identical ligands are adjacent or *cis* to each other. If these three ligands and the metal ion are in one plane, the isomer is said to be meridional, or **mer**. A *mer* isomer can be considered as a combination of a *trans* and a *cis*, since it contains both trans and cis pairs of identical ligands.



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cis-[CoCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> trans-[CoCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> fac-[CoCl<sub>3</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]mer-[CoCl<sub>3</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]

## **Optical isomerism**

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Optical isomerism occurs when the mirror image of a compound is not superimposable with the original compound. It is so called because such isomers are optically active, that is, they rotate the plane of polarized light. The symbol  $\Lambda$  (*lambda*) is used as a prefix to describe the left-handed propeller twist formed by three bidentate ligands, as shown. Similarly, the symbol  $\Delta$  (*delta*) is used as a prefix for the right-handed propeller twist.



# $\Lambda - [Fe(ox)_3]^{3-} \Delta - [Fe(ox)_3]^{3-} \Lambda - cis - [CoCl_2(en)_2]^+ \Delta - cis - [CoCl_2(en)_2]^+$

# Structural isomerism

Structural isomerism occurs when the bonds are themselves different. Linkage isomerism is only one of several types of structural isomerism in coordination complexes (as well as other classes of chemical compounds). Linkage isomerism occurs with ambidentate ligands which can bind in more than one place. For example,  $NO_2$  is an ambidentate ligand: it can bind to a metal at either the N atom or at an O atom.

# Chelation and its industrial importance:

The presence of objectionable metal ions causes problems in many industries because of the adverse effects these can have on the quality of the product. These difficulties can be averted if the free metal ion concentration is considerably reduced. An effective way of achieving this is



by the addition of suitable chelating agents which by complexing with the metal ion mask its characteristic reactions. The process by which a soluble complex of a metal is produced so that it is no longer precipitated by anions which form sparingly soluble salts with the free metal ion is known as *sequestration (Latin* sequestrate means to commit for safe keeping) and the reagents which bring this about are called *sequestering agents*.

Several tertiary amines that also contain carboxylic acid groups. i.e., the amino polycarboxylic acids (also known as complexones) form remarkably stable complexes with many metal ions. Their potential as sequestering agents was first recognised by *Schwarzenbach* in 1945, since that time they have been extensively investigated. The following are the name of few amino polycarboxylic acids:

- 1) Ethylene Diamine Tetra-Acetic acid (Abbreviated, EDTA)
- 2) Nitrilo Tri Acetic acid (abbreviated, NTA)
- 3) 1,2- diamino cyclohexane N,N,N' N' tetra- acetic acid (DCTA)

Other related substances also have been investigated but have not been widely employed in industries. We shall confine our discussion to the application of EDTA.

Ethylenediaminetetra acetic acid (known by various trivial names as Trilon B, complexone II, versene, sequestrene and Chelaton -3) has the structure.





It has four acidic hydrogens and each nitrogen atom has an unshared pair of electrons. Thus, the molecule has six potential sites for bonding with a metal ion and may be considered to be a hexadentate ligand.

There is no doubt that EDTA has the widest general industrial application because of it's-

- (i) Relatively low price.
- (ii) High water solubility.
- (iii) Strain less five membered ring formations on Chelation.
- (iv) Hexadenticity, most frequently, matches with the coordination number of many metal ions.

The structure of metal-EDTA complex is given in the figure.

Some of their applications are given below:

- One common application of EDTA is for the prevention or removal of scale in boilers.
- 2) Other uses of EDTA include-applications in laundry work, to eliminate harmful radio-active metals from the body, in medicine, dyeing etc.
- Though EDTA is invariably a minor component of the detergent formulation, application of EDTA in the detergent industry include the following – liquid soap products, bar soaps, shampoos, wax removing floor cleaners and synthetic detergents.
- 4) The very purpose of inverting EDTA is to shed more light on hardness in water.

Limestone and other calcium minerals are among the most abundant minerals in the Earth's crust. Consequently, natural water invariably contains  $Ca^{2+}$  ions and frequently bicarbonate ions. Other ions often found in natural water include  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{2+}$ . Natural water containing objectionable concentration of  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{2+}$  is called "HARD".

Two types of hardness are recognised: Non carbonate, permanent hard water- $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$  or  $Fe^{2+}$  ions as chlorides and sulphates. Water containing these metal ions and



*bicarbonates is called carbonate, temporary hard water.* Hardness is usually reported in parts per million (ppm) and is calculated as calcium carbonate.

Hard water is not suitable for drinking purposes, washing purposes and industrial purposes (in boilers).

# Polynuclear complexes

## Homometallic complexes:

There are two classes of homometallic dinuclear hydroxamate/imate complexes, one class features an O-hydroxamate/imate atom  $\mu$ -bridging between the metal ions the other class includes dihydroxamic ligands which coordinate in an O,O- bidentate fashion to isolated metal ions. For example, [Ni<sub>2</sub>(shiH)(shiH<sub>2</sub>)(py)<sub>4</sub>(OAc)] (22) belongs to the first class and comprises of two shiH<sub>3</sub>- derived ligands that bridge the two Ni(II) ions via HN-O(1-) groups, this complex is extraordinarily similar to the structure of urease, which is a dinuclear Ni(II)- containing enzyme.<sup>50,51</sup>



Two dinuclear Co(II) complexes have been reported with one (24) or two bridging ahaH(1-) ligands. 24 was yielded by reacting the dinuclear complex  $[Co_2(\mu-H_2O)(\mu-OAc)_2(tmen)_2]$  and ahaH<sub>2</sub>, when the starting material contained trifluoroacetic ligands rather than acetate ligands, the reaction yielded a novel trinuclear complexes. For example, the trinuclear



Zn(II) complex,  $[Zn_3(tfAcO)_4(tmen)_2(bhaH_2)$  (25), which features two tmen ligands that cap the outer Zn(II) ions and two pairs of trifluoroacetic ligands that bridge the central Zn ion to the outer Zn ions. The two bhaH (1-) ligands form  $\mu$ -O-bridging ligands between a pair of Zn(II) ions similar to that in dinuclear complexes.<sup>54</sup>

# Metallacrowns:

Hydroxamic acids can form polynuclear metal-ligand clusters, known as metallacrowns, which are analogues of crown ethers. Mn metallacrowns complexes formed with shiH<sub>3</sub>, feature a 12-metallacrown -4 [12-MC-4] core structure and a central Mn(II) ion, which is situated above the metallacrowns plane (1.20Å) (Fig. 8, 26).<sup>55</sup> Each shiH<sub>3</sub> ligand is triply deprotonated with the hydroximato ligand chelating to one Mn(III) ion, as well as, the N atom and the phenolato O atom of the same shi(3-) ligand are coordinated to an adjacent Mn(III) ion.<sup>55</sup>



The first Cu(II) [12-MC-4] complex characterised (27) shows  $\beta$ -alanine acting as a tridentate chelate, via the hydroximato group and the amine group.<sup>56</sup>  $\beta$ - Aminohydroxamic acids form [12-MC-4] systems with fused 5- and 6- membered rings, whereas  $\alpha$ - amino hydroxamic acid form 15-metallacrown-5 systems ([15-MC-5]), which creates a larger cavity size and are tuned towards the encapsulation of larger ions, for example, Gd(III) and Eu(III).



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## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

## **UNIT-II**

# PART-A (20 MARKS)

# (Q.NO 1 TO 20 Online Examination)

#### PART-B (2 MARKS)

- 1. What are ligands? Give five examples of ligand.
- 2. Define coordination compound.
- 3. What are chelates? Give one example.
- 4. What are linkage isomers? Give one example.
- 5. Define labile complex. Give one example.
- 6. Define inert complex. Give one example.
- 7. What are the oxidation states and coordination numbers of the metal ions in the following.
  - (a)  $K_4[Ni(CN)_4]$  (b)  $[Co(en)_3]_2(SO_4)_3$
- 8. Write the formula of the following compex.
  - (a) Sodium dicyanoaurate (I)
  - (b) Pentaaammine nitro cobalt (II) chloride
- 9. Write the names of the following.
  - (a)  $K_4[Ni(CO)_4]$  (b)  $K[BF_4]$
- 10. Define polynuclear complexes. Give an example.

# PART C (8 MARKS)

- 1. Write the Formula of the following
  - (i) Bis(Acetylacetonate) copper(II)
  - (ii) Sodium dicyanoauarate (I)
  - (iii) Hexaaquairon(II)sulphate
  - (iv) Potassium tetracyanonickelate(0)
  - (v) Tris(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) sulphate

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- (vi) Tetraammineaquabromo cobalt(III) nitrate
- 2. Name the different kinds of structural isomers in coordination compounds.
- 3. Discuss the geometrical isomerism in compound with coordination number 4.
- 4. Write the rules for naming the coordination compound.
- 5. Describe labile and inert complexes. Explain the factors affecting the inertness of complexes.
- 6. Discuss the geometrical isomerism in compound with coordination number 6.
- 7. Write the IUPAC names, Coordination number, Oxidation statae and geometry of the following.

(a)  $[Pt(NH_3)][CoCl_4]$ 

(b) Na<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO]

(c)[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>2</sub>)Cl ]SO<sub>4</sub>



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S.	Questions	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Answer
No						
1	Stability of a complex does not depend	nature of the	Number of	steric effects	mass of the	mass of the
	upon	central metal	chelate rings		complex	complex
		ion				
2	Maximum value of log $\beta$ is that of	AgI	AgCl	AgBr	AgF	AgI
3	What is the coordination number of	3	2	1	4	4
	platinum in [Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]					
4	What is the oxidation number of central	3	2	1	4	3
	metal atom in $Na_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$					
5	Among the following which is known as a	NH <sub>3</sub>	ONO	Cl	CN	NH <sub>3</sub>
	neutral ligand					
6	Among the following which is known as	NH <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	СО	CN	CN
	negative ligand					
7	Which of the following exhibits	$[Cr(en)_2Cl_2]^+$	[Cr(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ][Co(C	$[Co(NH_3)_4(NO_2)]$	[Co (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> )]Cl <sub>3</sub>	[Cr(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ][Co(
	Geometrical isomerism		N)6]	$Cl]^+$		CN)6]
8	Which of the following does not show	$[Cr(ox)_3]^{3-}$	[Co(en)(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl	trans	[Co(EDTA)] <sup>-</sup>	trans
	optical isomerism?		$2]^+$	$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$		$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$
9	The IUPAC name of $Na_3[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]$ is	Sodium	Sodium	Sodium	Sodium	Sodium
		trioxalatoferrat	trioxalatoiron(III	tri(oxalate)ferrate	tri(oxalate)iron(I	trioxalatoferrate
		e (III)	)	(III)	II)	(III)
10	Which of the following ligand is bidentate?	EDTA	Ethylenediamine	Acetato	Pyridine	Ethylenediamin
						e
11	The number of ions per mole of the	Three	Four	Nine	Two	Three



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complex CoCl<sub>3</sub>.5NH<sub>3</sub> in aqueous solution will be Which factor does not affect the labile and Size of Charge on the d-electron Geometry of the Geometry of the the 12 central metal ion configuration inertness of the complex complex complex central metal ion  $Na_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ Fe(CO)<sub>5</sub> 13 Which of the following has  $Na[Co(CO)_4]$  $[Co(en)_3]Cl_3$  $Na[Co(CO)_4]$ lowest oxidation state of central atom? The complexes [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> 14 Geometrical Coordination Linkage Position Linkage and [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub> (ONO)]Cl<sub>2</sub> are examples of isomerism isomerism isomerism isomerism isomerism The formula of the complex tris(ethylene  $[Co(en)_3]SO_4$  $[Co(en)_3]_2SO_4$  $[Co(en)_3SO_4]$  $[Co(en)_3]_2(SO_4)_2$  $[Co(en)_3]_2$ 15 diamine)cobalt (III) sulphate is  $(SO_4)_2$ The IUPAC name of K<sub>4</sub>[Ni (CN)<sub>4</sub>] is 16 Potassium Potassium Potassium Potassium Potassium tetracyanoni tetracyanonic tetracyanonick tetracyanonic tetracyanoni ckel (III) kel(II) elate(0)kelate(IV) ckelate(0) The IUPAC name of [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]Cl<sub>4</sub> is Hexaammine 17 Hexaammine Hexaammine Hexaammine Hexaammine platinum(IV) platinum(II) platinate(IV) platinate(0) platinum(IV) Chloride Chloride Chloride Chloride Chloride The IUPAC name of  $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$  is Potassium Potassium 18 Potassium Potassium Potassium hexacyanoferra ferrocyanide hexacyanoiron(III hexacyanoferrate hexacyanoferrat te (III) (II) e (II) ) If a ligand is attached to the central metal 19 Monodentate **Bidentate ligand** Tridentate ligand Tetra Monodentate dentate atom only by one coordination bond then ligand ligand ligand the ligand is called as If a ligand is attached to the central metal **Bidentate** ligand Tridentate ligand Bidentate Monodentate 20 Tetra dentate atom by two coordination bond then the ligand ligand ligand ligand is called as



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21	If a ligand is attached to the central metal	Monodentate	Bidentate ligand	Tridentate ligand	Tetra dentate	Tridentate
	atom by three coordination bond then the	ligand			ligand	ligand
	ligand is called as					
22	Chelation is defined as the process of	Coordination	Coordination	Complex ion	Chelate	Chelate
	formation of	complex	compound			
23	Among the following which is known as	NH <sub>3</sub>	CN	Cl	ONO	DMG
	the chelating agent					
24	Chelate effect is known as	Stability of	complexes	Size of the	Mass of the	Stability of
		complexes	containing	coordination	coordination	complexes
		containing	chelate rings	complex	complex	containing
		chelating				chelating
		ligands				ligands
25	Stability of the coordination complex is	Log β	Log a	μ	α	Log β
	measured by the value of					
26	Vitamin $B_{12}$ chelate is a	Cobalt	Copper complex	Iron complex	Porphyrin	Cobalt complex
		complex			complex	
27	Haemoglobin is a	Cobalt	Copper complex	Iron complex	Porphyrin	Porphyrin
		complex			complex	complex
28	Chlorophyll is a	Cobalt	Copper complex	Iron complex	Magnesium	Magnesium
		complex			Porphyrin	Porphyrin
					complex	complex
29	Among the following which ligand is used	EDTA	Acetato	Carbanato	Sulphato	EDTA
	in the determination of hardness of water					
30	What is the coordination number of the Au	5	4	3	6	4
	atom in K[Au(CN)2(SCN)2]?					
31	The hybridization of Square planar					
	symmetries is	sp	sp <sup>2</sup>	sp <sup>3</sup>	dsp <sup>2</sup>	dsp <sup>2</sup>



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32 Co ordination Lattice Lattice compounds Compounds Compounds Potash Alum is an example for Simple Salt Ligand 33 Polydentate ligands in which two are more Chelating donar atoms are attached with the same ligand Flexidentate metal ion and produce rings are called -----Ambidentate Chelating ligand Briged ligand ligand ligand 34 The number of ions per mole of the 9 2 4 4 3 complex CoCl<sub>3</sub>.6NH<sub>3</sub> in aqueous solution will be 35 The number of ions per mole of the 7 3 2 1 2 complex CoCl<sub>3</sub>.4NH<sub>3</sub> in aqueous solution will be The number of ions per mole of the 36 6 0 2 0 4 complex CoCl<sub>3</sub>.3NH<sub>3</sub> in aqueous solution will be IUPAC name of [Co(en)<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>]Cl is Bis(ethylenedia Dibromo 37 Dibromo Bis(ethylenedia Dibromo bis(ethylenedia mine dibromo bis(ethylenediami mine dibromo bis(ethylenedia cobalt(III) cobalt(II) mine cobalt(III) mine cobalt(II) ne chloride cobalt(III) chloride chloride chloride chloride Oxidation state of K<sub>4</sub>[Cu(CN)<sub>6</sub>] 38 4 3 2 2 1 39 Among the following which one is a imido pyridine thio nitronium nitronium positive ligand Charge of the coordination sphere in 40 -4 -6 -3 -2 -4  $K_4[Cu(CN)_6]$  is Coordination number 5 41 of copper in 3 4 6 6  $K_4[Cu(CN)_6]$  is



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42	Coordination number of cobalt in	5	3	6	4	6
	$[Co(NH_3)_5 (ONO)]Cl_2 18$					
43	Total number of geometrical isomers for	1	2	3	4	4
	the complex [RhCl(CO)(PPh <sub>3</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> )]is					
44	Which compound is zero valent metal	[Cu(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]SO <sub>4</sub>	$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$	[Ni(CO)4]	K <sub>3</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ]	[Ni(CO)4]
	complex?					
45	Which complex can not ionize in solution?	$[Pt(NH_3)_6] Cl_4$	$K_2[pt(F_6)]$	$K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$	$[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$	$[CoCl_3(NH_3)_3]$
46	The pair of compounds having metals in	MnO. EaCl.	[MnO <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> ,	$[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ ,	[NiCl <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2–</sup> ,	[MnO <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> ,
	their highest oxidation state is	$MIIO_2$ , $FeC_{13}$	CrO <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Co(CN) <sub>3</sub> ]	$[CoCl_4]^-$	$CrO_2Cl_2$
47	Which one of the following is the correct	$[Ar] 4s^1 3d^5$	[Ar] 3d <sup>5</sup>	$[Ar] 4s^2 3d^3$	[Ar] 3d <sup>6</sup>	[Ar] 3d <sup>5</sup>
	electron configuration for the Fe <sup>3+</sup> ion?					
48	Exchange of co-ordination group by a	Ionisation	Ligand	Hydration	Geometrical	Hydration
	water molecule in complex molecule	isomerism	isomerism	isomerism	isomerism	isomerism
	results in					
49	Which of the following compounds can	[Fe(CO) <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> ]	$[Cu(CO)_5Cl]^+D)$	[MnClBr <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup>	[Ni(CO) <sub>2</sub> (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	[Ni(CO) <sub>2</sub> (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
	exhibit cis-trans isomerism?	2+			2+	] <sup>2+</sup>
50	Which of the following square planar	[Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[Ni(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$	[Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> )Cl <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2]$
	complex ions can have cis-trans isomers?					
51	Which one of the following has an optical	$[Zn(en)(NH_3)_2]$	$[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$	$[Co(H_2O)_4(en)]^{3+}$	$[Zn(en)_2]^{2+}$	$[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$
	isomer? (en = ethylenediamine)	2+				
52	Which one of the following compounds	[Pt (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	[Co (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> ]	[Co (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	[Ag (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] NO <sub>2</sub>	[Co (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>
	will exhibit linkage isomerism		$Cl_2$	NO <sub>2</sub>		NO <sub>2</sub> ] Cl <sub>2</sub>
53	The IUPAC name for the complex	nitrito-N-	nitrito-N-	pentaamminenitrit	pentaamminenitr	pentaamminenit
	[Co(NO <sub>2</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> is	pentaamminec	pentaamminecob	o-N-cobalt (II)	ito-N-cobalt (III)	rito-N-cobalt
		obalt (III)	alt (II) chloride	chloride	chloride	(III) chloride
		chloride				
54	Oxidation state of cobalt in	2	4	3	1	3



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	$[Co(NO_2)(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ is					
55	Coordination number of cobalt in	5	6	7	4	6
	$[Co(NO_2)(NH_3)_5]Cl_2$ is					
56	If the complex having the 6 coordiantion	Octahedral	Square planar	Tetrahedral	Tetragonal	Octahedral
	number, its geometry is					
57	If the complex having d-block as the	Octahedral	Square planar	Tetrahedral	Tetragonal	Square planar
	central atom and the 4 coordiantion					
	number, its geometry is					
58	Write the formula for the coordination	$K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$	K <sub>4</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> Cl]	K[Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> Cl]	$K[Fe(CN)_6]$	$K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$
	compound, Potassium hexacyanoferrate					
	(III)					
59	Charge of the sphere in $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ is	-2	-3	-4	-6	-3
60	Coordination number of Iron in	5	4	6	3	6
	$K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ is					





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# <u>UNIT II</u> SYLLABUS

Werner's theory, valence bond theory (inner and outer orbital complexes), electroneutrality principle and back bonding. Crystal field theory, measurement of 10 Dq ( $\Delta$ o), CFSE in weak and strong fields, pairing energies, factors affecting the magnitude of 10 Dq ( $\Delta$ o,  $\Delta$ t). Octahedral vs. tetrahedral coordination, tetragonal distortions from octahedral geometry Jahn-Teller theorem, square planar geometry. Qualitative aspect of Ligand field and MO Theory.

# Werner's Coordination Chemistry

# Postulates of werner's theory

Coordination compounds were known in eighteenth century. It was a mystery for the chemist, of those days to understand as to why a stable salt like CoCl<sub>3</sub> reacts with varying number of stable molecules or compounds such as ammonia to give several new compounds: CoCl<sub>3</sub>.6NH<sub>3</sub>, CoCl<sub>3</sub>.5NH<sub>3</sub> and CoCl<sub>3</sub>.4NH<sub>3</sub>; and what are their structures? These compounds differed from each other in their chloride ion reactivity. Conductivity measurements on solutions of these compounds showed that the number of ions present in solution for each compound is different. Several theories were proposed, but none could satisfactorily explain all the observable properties of these compounds and similar other series of compounds which had been prepared by then. It was only in 1893 that Werner put forward a set of ideas which are known as Werner's coordination theory, to explain the nature of bonding in complexes. His theory has been a guiding principle in inorganic chemistry and in the concept of valence. The important postulates of Werner's theory are:

# 1. Metals exhibit two types of valence:

- (a) Primary valence (ionizable)
- (b) Secondary valence (non-ionizable).

Primary or ionizable valence is satisfied by negative ions and corresponds to oxidation state of the metal. The secondary or non-ionizable valence, which is satisfied by negative, positive



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or neutral groups, is equal to the coordination number of metal ion.

Every metal tends to satisfy both its primary and secondary valence.

2. The secondary valence is directed toward fixed positions in space i.e. this has spatial

arrangement corresponding to different coordination number. For the complexes



CoCl<sub>3</sub>.6NH<sub>3</sub>, CoCl<sub>3</sub>.5NH<sub>3</sub> and CoCl<sub>3</sub>.4NH<sub>3</sub>, the number of ionizable ions in these complexes are three, two and one, respectively. It has been proved by precipitation reactions and conductivity measurements. On the basis of Werner's postulate these compounds are formulated as:

 $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ ,  $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$  and  $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$ , respectively, the species inside the square brackets being the complex ion and outside the square brackets the ionisable ions. On the basis of Werner's theory the structure of  $[Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$  is:



# **Valence Bond Theory**

Linus Pauling of the California Institute of Technology developed the valance bond theory. He was awarded the Nobel prize in chemistry in 1954. Pauling's ideas have had an important impact on all areas of chemistry. He applied valence bond theory to coordination compounds. This theory can account reasonably well for the structure and magnetic properties of metal complexes. The basic principles, which are involved in the valence bond treatment of coordination compounds are:

- (a) Hybridization of valance orbitals of the central metal/ ion
- (b) Bonding between ligand and the metal ion/atom.
- (c) Relation between the type of bond and the observed magnetic behaviour.



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# **Six Coordinate Complexes**

Let us explain by taking simple examples such as  $[CoF_6]_3$ -and  $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ . Although in both the complexes, the oxidation state of cobalt is +3, but  $[CoF_6]^{3-}$  is paramagnetic and $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$  is diamagnetic, why? The formation of a complex may be considered as a series of hypothetical steps. First the appropriate metal ion is taken e.g.  $Co^{3+}$ . Cobalt atom has the outer electronic configuration  $3d^74s^2$ . Thus  $Co^{3+}$  ion will have the configuration  $3d^6$  and the electrons will be arranged as:



 $Co^{+3}$  ion forms both paramagnetic (outer orbital) and diamagnetic (inner orbital) complexes depending upon the nature of ligands as illustrated below.

As  $Co^{3+}$  ion combines with six fluoride ligands in  $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ , empty atomic orbitals are required on the metal ion to receive the coordinated lone pair of electrons. The orbitals used are one 4s, three 4p and two 4d. These are hybridized to give a set of six equivalent  $sp^3d^2$  hybrid orbitals. A ligand orbital containing a lone pair of electron forms a coordinate bond by overlapping with an empty hybrid orbital on the metal ion. In this way a  $\sigma$ -bond is formed with each ligand. The d-orbitals used are the  $4d_{x2-y2}$  and  $4_{z2}$ . It is shown below:



Since the outer 4d orbitals are used for bonding, this is called an outer orbital complex. The energy of these orbitals is quite high, so the complex will be reactive. This complex will be high-spin paramagnetic, because it has four unpaired electrons. An alternative octahedral arrangement in  $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$  is possible when the electrons on metal ion are rearranged as shown below:



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NH<sub>3</sub> NH<sub>3</sub> NH<sub>3</sub> NH<sub>3</sub> NH<sub>3</sub> NH<sub>3</sub> NH<sub>3</sub> d<sup>2</sup>sp<sup>3</sup>, inner orbital complex

Since inner d-orbitals are used this is called an inner orbital complex. There is no

unpaired electron; the complex will be low-spin diamagnetic.

The metal ion can also form 4-coordinate complexes. For such complexes two different arrangements are possible i.e. tetrahedral  $(sp^3)$  and square planar  $(dsp^2)$ :





Let us illustrate six coordinate complexes with more examples:

# 1. Cr(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>

The electronic configuration of only 3d, 4s and 4p orbitals are taken into account. The following steps are involved. The electronic configuration of Cr atom and Cr<sup>3+</sup> ion are given in (i) and (ii) below:

(i) Cr ground state:





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# (iii) [Cr(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>



The 12 electrons for bond formation come from six ligands, each donating a lone pair of electrons. The resulting complex will be paramagnetic because it has three unpaired electrons. Its magnetic moment will be:

$$\sqrt{n}(n+2) = \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3+2}) = \sqrt{15} = 3.87$$
B.M

# 2. [Fe(CN)6]<sup>4-</sup>

(i) Fe



The resulting complex is inner orbital, octahedral and due to the absence of unpaired electron, it will be diamagnetic.

# 3. [Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>

(i) Fe



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The resulting complex is inner orbital, octahedral. Due to presence of one unpaired electron, it will be paramagnetic.

# Four coordinate complexes:

# 1. [NiCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>



The resulting complex will be tetrahedral with two unpaired electrons. It will be paramagnetic.



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# 2. Ni(CO)<sub>4</sub>

(i) Ni



The resulting complex will be tetrahedral. It has no unpaired electrons and will be diamagnetic.






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Coordination	Type of	Geometry	Example	
number	hybridisation			
4	sp <sup>3</sup>	tetrahedral	[Ni(CO) <sub>4</sub> ]	$[ZnCl_4]^2$
4	dsp <sup>2</sup>	square planar	$[Ni(CN)_4]^2$	$[Pt(NH_3)_4]^2$
6	d <sup>2</sup> sp <sup>3</sup>	octahedral	$[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$	$[Fe(CN)_6]^4$
6	$sp^3 d^2$	octahedral	$[\text{FeF}_6]^3$	$[CoF_6]^{3^-}$

The resulting complex is square planar and diamagnetic.

## **Electroneutrality principle**

Pauling's principle of electroneutrality states that each atom in a stable substance has a charge close to zero. It was formulated by Linus Pauling in 1948 and later revised. The principle has been used to predict which of a set of molecular resonance structures would be the most significant, to explain the stability of inorganic complexes and to explain the existence of  $\pi$ -bonding in compounds and polyatomic anions containing silicon, phosphorus or sulfur bonded to oxygen; it is still invoked in the context of coordination complexes. However, modern computational techniques indicate many stable compounds have a greater charge distribution than the principle predicts (they contain bonds with greater ionic character).

"Stable molecules and crystals have electronic structures such that the electric charge of each atom is close to zero. Close to zero means between -1 and +1."

The large difference in electronegativity gives a calculated ionic character of 9%. In the crystal (CsF has the NaCl structure with both ions being 6-coordinate) if each bond has 9% covalent character the total covalency of Cs and F would be 54%. This would be represented by one bond resonating between the six positions and the overall effect would be to reduce the charge on Cs to about +0.5 and fluoride to -0.5. It seemed reasonable to him that such a

reduction would be general.



## **Back bonding**

 $\pi$  back bonding, also called  $\pi$  back donation, is a concept from chemistry in which electrons move from an atomic orbital on one atom to a  $\pi^*$  antibonding orbital on a  $\pi$ -acceptor ligand.



## **Crystal Field theory**

This theory (CFT) largely replaced VB Theory for interpreting the chemistry of coordination compounds the chemistry of coordination compounds. •It was proposed by the physicist Hans Bethe in 1929. •Subsequent modifications were proposed by by J. H. Van Vleck in 1935 to allow for some covalency in the interactions. These modifications are often referred to as Ligand Field Theory.

The assumptions were are

- The interaction between the metal ion and the ligands are electrostatic in nature
- The ligands are regarded as point charges
- If the ligand is negatively charged: ion-ion interaction, if the ligand is neutral then ion-dipole interaction.
- The electrons in the metal are under repulsive from those on the ligands
- The electrons on the metal occupy those d-orbitals that are farthest away the direction of approach of ligands.

The 5 x d orbitals in an isolated gaseous metal are The 5 x d orbitals in an isolated gaseous metal are degenerate If a spherically symmetric field of negative charges is If a spherically symmetric field of negative charges is placed around the metal, these orbitals remain degenerate, but all of them are raised in energy as a result of the repulsion between the negative charges on the ligands and electrons present in the d orbitals.



In an octahedral field not all d orbitals will interact to the same extent with the six pg , oint charges located on the +x, -x, y, + - y, +z and -z axes respectively. The orbitals which lie along these axes (i.e.  $x^2-y^2 g (z^2)$  will be destabilized more that the orbitals which lie in-between the axes (i.e. xy, xz, yz). The extent to which these two sets of orbitals are split is denoted by  $\Delta_0$  or alternatively 10Dq. As the bar center must be conserved on going from a spherical field to an octahedral field the t spherical field to an octahedral field, the t set must 2g set must be stabilized as much as the e g set is destabilized.

What happens for more than 1 electron in d orbitals? The electron-electron interactions must be taken into account. For  $d^1$ - $d^3$  systems: Hund's rule predicts that the electrons will not pair and occupy the  $t_{2g}$  set. For  $d^4$ - $d^7$  systems (there are two possibilities): Either put the electrons in the  $t_{2g}$  set and therefore pair the electrons (low spin case or strong field situation). Or put the electrons in the  $e_g$  set, which lies higher in energy, but the electrons do not pair (the electrons do not pair (high spin case or weak field high spin case or weak field situation). Therefore there are two important parameters to consider:

Therefore, there are two important parameters to consider:

• The Pairing energy (P) [is a repulsive energy], and

• the  $e_g$  -  $t_{2g}$  Splitting (referred to as  $\Delta_0$ , 10Dq)

For both the high spin (H.S.) and low spin (L.S.) situations, it is possible to compute the CFSE.  $\Delta o$  is dependent on:

- Nature of the ligands
- The charge on the metal ion
- Whether the metal is a 3d 4d or 5d element

# Crystal field splitting

In an octahedral complex, the d orbitals of the central metal ion divide into two sets of different energies. The separation in energy is the crystal field splitting energy,  $\Delta$ . (A). When  $\Delta$  is large, it is energetically more favorable for electrons to occupy the lower set of orbitals.

# Crystal field stabilization energy



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Crystal Field Stabilisation Energy (CFSE) A consequence of Crystal Field Theory is that the distribution of electrons in the d orbitals can lead to stabilisation for some electron configurations. It is a simple matter to calculate this stabilization since all that is needed is the electron configuration.



## **Octahedral Crystal Fields**

Each  $Mn^{2+}$  ion in manganese (II) oxide is surrounded by six  $O^{2-}$  ions arranged toward the corners of an octahedron, as shown in the figure below. MnO is therefore a model for an *octahedral* complex in which a transition-metal ion is coordinated to six ligands.



What happens to the energies of the 4*s* and 4*p* orbitals on an  $Mn^{2+}$  ion when this ion is buried in an MnO crystal? Repulsion between electrons that might be added to these orbitals and the electrons on the six O<sup>2-</sup> ions that surround the metal ion in MnO increase the energies of these orbitals. The three 4*p* orbitals are still degenerate, however. These orbitals still have the same energy because each 4*p* orbital points toward two O<sup>2-</sup> ions at the corners of the octahedron. Repulsion between electrons on the O<sup>2-</sup> ions and electrons in the 3*d* orbitals on the metal ion in MnO also increases the energy of these orbitals. But the five 3*d* orbitals on the Mn<sup>2+</sup> ion are no longer degenerate. Let's assume that the six O<sup>2-</sup> ions that surround each Mn<sup>2+</sup> ion define an *XYZ* coordinate system. Two of the 3*d* orbitals ( $3d_x^2 \cdot y^2$  and  $3d_z^2$ ) on the Mn<sup>2+</sup> ion point directly toward the six O<sup>2-</sup> ions, as shown in the figure below. The other three orbitals ( $3d_{xy}$ ,  $3d_{xz}$ , and  $3d_{yz}$ ) lie between the O<sup>2-</sup> ions.



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The energy of the five 3d orbitals increases when the six O<sup>2-</sup> ions are brought close to the Mn<sup>2+</sup> ion. However, the energy of two of these orbitals  $(3d_{x - y} and 3d_z)$  indreases much more than the energy of the other three  $(3d_{xy}, 3d_{xz}, and 3d_{yz})$ , as shown in the figure below. The crystal field of the six O<sup>2-</sup> ions in MnO therefore splits the degeneracy of the five 3d orbitals. Three of these orbitals are now lower in energy than the other two.



By convention, the  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$ , and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals in an octahedral complex are called the  $t_{2g}$  orbitals. The  $d_{x-y}^{22}$  and  $d_z$  orbitals, on the other hand, are called the  $e_g$  orbitals. The easiest way to remember this convention is to note that there are three orbitals in the  $t_{2g}$  set.

$$t_{2g}$$
:  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$ , and  $d_{yz}$   $e_g$ :  $d_{x-y}^2$  and  $d_z^2$ 

The difference between the energies of the  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  orbitals in an octahedral complex is represented by the symbol  $\Delta_0$ . This splitting of the energy of the *d* orbitals is not trivial;  $\Delta_0$  for the Ti(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>3+</sup> ion, for example, is 242 kJ/mol.



The magnitude of the splitting of the  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  orbitals changes from one octahedral complex to another. It depends on the identity of the metal ion, the charge on this ion, and the nature of the ligands coordinated to the metal ion.

## **Tetrahedral Crystal Fields**

Each Cu<sup>+</sup> ion in copper(I) chloride is surrounded by four Cl<sup>-</sup> ions arranged toward the corners of a tetrahedron, as shown in the figure below. CuCl is therefore a model for a *tetrahedral* complex in which a transition-metal ion is coordinated to four ligands.



Once again, the negative ions in the crystal split the energy of the *d* atomic orbitals on the transition-metal ion. The tetrahedral crystal field splits these orbitals into the same  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  sets of orbitals as does the octahedral crystal field.

$$t_{2g}$$
:  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$ , and  $d_{yz}$   $e_g$ :  $d_{x-y}^2$  and  $d_z^2$ 

But the two orbitals in the  $e_g$  set are now lower in energy than the three orbitals in the  $t_{2g}$  set, as shown in the figure below.



To understand the splitting of *d* orbital in a tetrahedral crystal field, imagine four ligands lying at alternating corners of a cube to form a tetrahedral geometry, as shown in the figure below. The  $d_x^2$ -y<sup>2</sup> and  $d_z^2$  orbitals on the metal ion at the center of the cube lie between the



ligands, and the  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$ , and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals point toward the ligands. As a result, the splitting observed in a tetrahedral crystal field is the opposite of the splitting in an octahedral complex.

Because a tetrahedral complex has fewer ligands, the magnitude of the splitting is smaller. The difference between the energies of the  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  orbitals in a tetrahedral complex ( $\Delta_t$ ) is slightly less than half as large as the splitting in analogous octahedral complexes ( $\Delta_o$ ).



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The crystal field theory can be extended to square-planar complexes, such as

 $Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_2$ . The splitting of the *d* orbitals in these compounds is shown in the figure below.

Ligands that give rise to large differences between the energies of the  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  orbitals are called *strong-field ligands*. Those at the opposite extreme are known as *weak-field ligands*. Because they result from studies of the absorption spectra of transition-metal complexes, these generalizations are known as the spectrochemical series. The range of values of for a given geometry is remarkably large. The value of <sub>o</sub> is 100 kJ/mol in the Ni(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> ion, for example, and 520 kJ/mol in the Rh(CN)<sub>6</sub><sup>3-</sup> ion.

### High-spin versus Low-spin complexes

Once we know the relative energies of the d orbitals in a transition-metal complex, we have to worry about how these orbitals are filled. Degenerate orbitals are filled according to Hund's rules.



- One electron is added to each of the degenerate orbitals in a subshell before a second electron is added to any orbital in the subshell.
- Electrons are added to a subshell with the same value of the spin quantum number until each orbital in the subshell has at least one electron.

Octahedral transition-metal ions with  $d^1$ ,  $d^2$ , or  $d^3$  configurations can therefore be described by the following diagrams.



When we try to add a fourth electron, we are faced with a problem. This electron could be used to pair one of the electrons in the lower energy  $(t_{2g})$  set of orbitals or it could be placed in one of the higher energy  $(e_g)$  orbitals. One of these configurations is called high-spin because it contains four unpaired electrons with the same spin. The other is called low-spin because it contains only two unpaired electrons. The same problem occurs with octahedral  $d^5$ ,  $d^6$ , and  $d^7$ complexes.





For octahedral  $d^8$ ,  $d^9$ , and  $d^{10}$  complexes, there is only one way to write satisfactory configurations.





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As a result, we have to worry about high-spin versus low-spin octahedral complexes only when there are four, five, six, or seven electrons in the d orbitals.

The choice between high-spin and low-spin configurations for octahedral  $d^4$ ,  $d^5$ ,  $d^6$ , or  $d^7$  complexes is easy. All we have to do is compare the energy it takes to pair electrons with the energy it takes to excite an electron to the higher energy ( $e_g$ ) orbitals. If it takes less energy to pair the electrons, the complex is low-spin. If it takes less energy to excite the electron, the complex is high-spin. The amount of energy required to pair electrons in the  $t_{2g}$  orbitals of an octahedral complex is more or less constant. The amount of energy needed to excite an electron into the higher energy ( $e_g$ ) orbitals, however, depends on the value of  $_0$  for the complex. As a result, we expect to find low-spin complexes among metal ions and ligands that lie toward the high-field end of the spectrochemical series. High-spin complexes are expected among metal ions and ligands that lie toward the low-field end of these series.



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Compounds in which all of the electrons are paired are diamagnetic— they are repelled by both poles of a magnet. Compounds that contain one or more unpaired electrons are paramagnetic they are attracted to the poles of a magnet. The force of attraction between paramagnetic complexes and a magnetic field is proportional to the number of unpaired electrons in the complex. We can therefore determine whether a complex is high-spin or low-spin by measuring the strength of the interaction between the complex and a magnetic field.

## Factors Affecting the Magnitude of $\Delta$

- 1. Higher oxidation states of the metal atom correspond to larger  $\Delta$ .
  - $\Delta = 10,200 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{for } [\text{CoII}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+} \text{ and } 22,870 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{for } [\text{CoIII}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$

 $\Delta$ =32,200 cm<sup>-1</sup> for [FeII(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> and 35,000 cm<sup>-1</sup> for [FeIII(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>

2. In groups, heavier analogues have larger  $\Delta$ .

For hexa ammine complexes  $[MIII(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ :

 $\Delta = 22,870 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Co)

34,100 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Rh)

41,200 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Ir)

3. Geometry of the metal coordination unit affects  $\Delta$  greatly.

Tetrahedral complexes ML<sub>4</sub> have smaller  $\Delta$  than octahedral ones ML<sub>6</sub>:

 $\Delta = 10,200 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{for } [\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ 

5,900 cm<sup>-1</sup> for [Co<sup>II</sup>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>

4. Nature of the ligands.

For [Co<sup>III</sup>L<sub>6</sub>] Δin cm<sup>-1</sup>: 13 100 (F<sup>-</sup>); 20 760 (H<sub>2</sub>O); 22 870 (NH<sub>3</sub>)

For [Cr<sup>III</sup>L<sub>6</sub>],  $\Delta$ in cm<sup>-1</sup>: 15,060 (F<sup>-</sup>); 17,400 (H<sub>2</sub>O); 26,600 (CN<sup>-</sup>)



## Ligand field theory:

**Ligand field theory** (LFT) describes the bonding, orbital arrangement, and other characteristics of coordination complexes. It represents an application of molecular orbital theory to transition metal complexes. A transition metal ion has nine valence atomic orbitals, five nd, one (n+1)s, and three (n+1)p orbitals. These orbitals are of appropriate energy to form bonding interaction with ligands. The LFT analysis is highly dependent on the geometry of the complex, but most explanations begin by describing octahedral complexes, where six ligands coordinate to the metal.

## **σ-Bonding**

The molecular orbitals created by coordination can be seen as resulting from the donation of two electrons by each of six  $\sigma$ -donor ligands to the *d*-orbitals on the metal. In octahedral complexes, ligands approach along the *x*-, *y*- and *z*-axes, so their  $\sigma$ -symmetry orbitals form bonding and anti-bonding combinations with the  $d_z^2$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}^2$  orbitals. The  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$ orbitals remain non-bonding orbitals. Some weak bonding (and anti-bonding) interactions with the *s* and *p* orbitals of the metal also occur, to make a total of 6 bonding (and 6 anti-bonding) molecular orbitals.





Ligand-Field scheme summarizing  $\sigma$ -bonding in the octahedral complex  $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ .

In molecular symmetry terms, the six lone pair orbitals from the ligands (one from each ligand) form six symmetry adapted linear combinations (SALCs) of orbitals, also sometimes called ligand group orbitals (LGOs). The irreducible representations that these span are  $a_{1g}$ ,  $t_{1u}$ and  $e_g$ . The metal also has six valence orbitals that span these irreducible representations - the s orbital is labeled  $a_{1g}$ , a set of three p-orbitals is labeled  $t_{1u}$ , and the  $d_z^2$  and  $d_x^2 v^2$  orbitals are labeled  $e_g$ . The six  $\sigma$ -bonding molecular orbitals result from the combinations of ligand SALC's with metal orbitals of the same symmetry.

#### **π**-bonding

 $\pi$  bonding in octahedral complexes occurs in two ways: via any ligand *p*-orbitals that are not being used in  $\sigma$  bonding, and via any  $\pi$  or  $\pi^*$  molecular orbitals present on the ligand.

The *p*-orbitals of the metal are used for  $\sigma$  bonding (and are the wrong symmetry to overlap with the ligand p or  $\pi$  or  $\pi^*$  orbitals anyway), so the  $\pi$  interactions take place with the appropriate metal d-orbitals, i.e.  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$ . These are the orbitals that are non-bonding when only  $\sigma$  bonding takes place.

One important  $\pi$  bonding in coordination complexes is metal-to-ligand  $\pi$  bonding, also called  $\pi$  back bonding. It occurs when the LUMOs of the ligand are anti-bonding  $\pi^*$  orbitals. These orbitals are close in energy to the  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals, with which they combine to form bonding orbitals (i.e. orbitals of lower energy than the aforementioned set of *d*-orbitals). The corresponding anti-bonding orbitals are higher in energy than the anti-bonding orbitals from  $\sigma$ bonding so, after the new  $\pi$  bonding orbitals are filled with electrons from the metal *d*-orbitals,  $\Delta_0$  has increased and the bond between the ligand and the metal strengthens. The ligands end up with electrons in their  $\pi^*$  molecular orbital, so the corresponding  $\pi$  bond within the ligand weakens.

The other form of coordination  $\pi$  bonding is ligand-to-metal bonding. This situation arises when the  $\pi$ -symmetry p or  $\pi$  orbitals on the ligands are filled. They combine with the  $d_{xy}$ ,



 $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals on the metal and donate electrons to the resulting  $\pi$ -symmetry bonding orbital between them and the metal. The metal-ligand bond is somewhat strengthened by this interaction, but the complementary anti-bonding molecular orbital from ligand-to-metal bonding is not higher in energy than the anti-bonding molecular orbital from the  $\sigma$  bonding. It is filled with electrons from the metal *d*-orbitals, however, becoming the HOMO of the complex. For that reason,  $\Delta_0$  decreases when ligand-to-metal bonding occurs.

The greater stabilization that results from metal-to-ligand bonding is caused by the donation of negative charge away from the metal ion, towards the ligands. This allows the metal to accept the  $\sigma$  bonds more easily. The combination of ligand-to-metal  $\sigma$ -bonding and metal-to-ligand  $\pi$ -bonding is a synergic effect, as each enhances the other.

As each of the six ligands has two orbitals of  $\pi$ -symmetry, there are twelve in total. The symmetry adapted linear combinations of this fall into four triply degenerate irreducible representations, one of which is of  $t_{2g}$  symmetry. The  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  orbitals on the metal also have this symmetry, and so the  $\pi$ -bonds formed between a central metal and six ligands also have it (as these  $\pi$ -bonds are just formed by the overlap of two sets of orbitals with  $t_{2g}$  symmetry.)

Tetragonal distortions from octahedral symmetry

The sections we just passed over, discussed howenergy levels are affected by having different ligands bound to the central metal atom or ion. As I said earlier, this is more complex than we need to get into, however energy level distortions canoccur even if the ligands are all the same. The Jahn-Teller theorem predicts these distortions. It states that for a non-linear molecule in a non-degenerate state, the molecule must distort such that the symmetry of the molecule is lowered, the degeneracy is removed, and the energy of the molecule is lowered.

So what does this mean? First, a non-degenerate state is one in which all sets of orbitals are not full, empty, or half-full (e.g. 1 or 2 electrons in  $t_{2g}$  or 1 electron in  $e_g^*$ ). Let's assume for a moment you have 1 electron in an egset. That electron spends 50% of the time in the  $z^2$  and 50% of the time in the  $x^2$ - $y^2$ . Now what would happen if the two z-axis ligands were pulled slightly away from the metal? The x and y axis ligands would be pulled in a little closer to replace lost



electron density. With the  $z^2$  ligands further away the  $z^2$  drops in energy. The  $x^2-y^2$  will rise in energy by an equal amount because its ligands are drawn closer. The reverse may also happen. That is: z ligands move in and x, y ligands move out. There will also be an effect on the  $t_{2g}$  set. This is shown graphically below.



Note the average energy of each split set equals the energy of the unsplit set. These splittings are quite small and so do not affect pairings. Altering spin pairings could conceivably happen in a  $d^4$  case where to avoid spin pairing energy the fourth electron moved into a lowered  $e_g^*$  orbital. However, the square planar geometry can be viewed as an extreme Jahn-Teller distortion with the z-ligands moved to infinite distance.

Finally, the number of electrons in a  $t_{2g}$  set will govern the type of distortion: 1e<sup>-</sup>, 4e<sup>-</sup>(LS), or 6e<sup>-</sup>(HS) z out and 2e<sup>-</sup>, 5e<sup>-</sup>(LS), or 7e<sup>-</sup>(HS) z in. What about the  $e_g^*$  set? This brings us to an important point about the Jahn-Teller theorem. It tells us neither the type, nor the size of the distortion, only that it will occur with the proviso that the center of symmetry will remain. For the  $e_g$  set, either distortion can occur, depending on the complex.



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## High and low spin and the spectrochemical series

The six bonding molecular orbitals that are formed are "filled" with the electrons from the ligands, and electrons from the *d*-orbitals of the metal ion occupy the non-bonding and, in some cases, anti-bonding MO's. The energy difference between the latter two types of MO's is called  $\Delta_0$  (O stands for octahedral) and is determined by the nature of the  $\pi$ -interaction between the ligand orbitals with the *d*-orbitals on the central atom. As described above,  $\pi$ -donor ligands lead to a small  $\Delta_0$  and are called weak- or low-field ligands, whereas  $\pi$ -acceptor ligands lead to a large value of  $\Delta_0$  and are called strong- or high-field ligands. Ligands that are neither  $\pi$ -donor nor  $\pi$ -acceptor give a value of  $\Delta_0$  somewhere in-between.

The size of  $\Delta_0$  determines the electronic structure of the  $d^4 - d^7$  ions. In complexes of metals with these *d*-electron configurations, the non-bonding and anti-bonding molecular orbitals can be filled in two ways: one in which as many electrons as possible are put in the non-bonding orbitals before filling the anti-bonding orbitals, and one in which as many unpaired electrons as possible are put in. The former case is called low-spin, while the latter is called high-spin. A small  $\Delta_0$  can be overcome by the energetic gain from not pairing the electrons, leading to high-spin. When  $\Delta_0$  is large, however, the spin-pairing energy becomes negligible by comparison and a low-spin state arises.



The spectrochemical series is an empirically-derived list of ligands ordered by the size of the splitting  $\Delta$  that they produce. It can be seen that the low-field ligands are all  $\pi$ -donors (such as I<sup>-</sup>), the high field ligands are  $\pi$ -acceptors (such as CN<sup>-</sup> and CO), and ligands such as H<sub>2</sub>O and NH<sub>3</sub>, which are neither, are in the middle.

$$\begin{split} I^- &< Br^- < S^{2-} < SCN^- < Cl^- < NO_3^- < N_3^- < F^- < OH^- < C_2O_4^{2-} < H_2O < NCS^- < CH_3CN < py \\ (pyridine) < NH_3 < en \ (ethylenediamine) < bipy \ (2,2'-bipyridine) < phen \ (1,10-phenanthroline) < NO_2^- < PPh_3 < CN^- < CO. \end{split}$$



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## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

## UNIT-I

## PART-A (20 MARKS)

## (Q.NO 1 TO 20 Online Examination)

## PART-B (2 MARKS)

- 1. Define crystal field splitting.
- 2. Define Crystal field field stabilization energy.
- 3. What is meant by Spectrochemical series?
- 4. What are the limitations of crystal field theory?
- 5. Calculate CFSE for  $d^4$  high spin octahedral complex.
- 6. Calculate CFSE for  $d^9$  tetra hedral complex.
- 7. Define Jan Teller Theorm.
- 8. Define MO theory.

## PART-C (6 MARKS)

- 1. Explain the postutales of Werner's Theory.
- Describe CFSE and calculate its value for d<sup>4</sup> system in octahedral and thetrahedral fields of Ligands.
- 3. How does valence bond theory explain;
  - (i)  $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$  is diamagnetic and squareplaner.
  - (ii) [Ni(Co)4] is diamagnetic and tetrahedral.
- 4. Discuss the factors affecting the magnitude of crystal field splitting.
- 5. What are the postulates of Werner's coordination theory? How does it account for nonionic nature of CoCl<sub>3</sub>.3NH<sub>3</sub> complex.
- 6. Using valence bond theory explain the hybridization, geometry and magnetic properties of
  - (i)  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$  Complex and (ii)  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$  ion.
- 7. Explain Jahn Teller Theorem.



- 8. How does valence bond theory explain the structures of  $[Co(NH_3)]^{3+}$  and  $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ .
- 9. How does valence bond theory explain the structures of  $[Co(NH_3)]^{3+}$  and  $[CoF_6]^{3-}$ .
- 10. Explain the features of crystal field theory.



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**Ouestions Option 1 Option 2 Option 3 Option 4** S. Answer No Primary Valency indicates ----- of Coordination Oxidation state Neutral ligands Negative Oxidation state ligands the metal ion number 1 Primary valency of central metal Positive ligands Negative Neutral ligands Bidentate Negative 2 ion is satisfied by ligands ligands ligands Secondary Valency of central metal Either negative or Bidentate Negative ligands Either negative 3 neutral ligands ion is satisfied by neutral molecules molecules only only or neutral molecules 4 Secondary valency is corresponds Oxidation state Coordination Neutral ligands Neutral ligands Coordination to----of metal atom number number only Werner's theory explain the Colour hybridisation Magnetic property Geometry of the Geometry of the 5 of the complex of the complex complex complex  $1.3 \Delta_0$  $-1.3 \Delta_0$  $0.45 \Delta_0$  $1.3 \Delta_0$  $\Delta_{sp} =$ 6  $\Delta_0$ Bonding and orbital arrangement is LFT 7 described by CFT VBT MOT LFT 10 Da 10 Dq 8  $\Delta_0 =$ -6 Dq -4 1 Dq eg-Orbitals d- Orbitals eg-Orbitals The axial Orbitals are known as t<sub>2g</sub>-Orbitals 9 none The geometry of the complex Trigonal 10 having coordination number 5 is ---pyramidal Trigonal Trigonal bipyrimidal Hexagonal pyramidal Tetrahetral The number of unpaired electrons 11 sp<sup>3</sup> present in [MnCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> complex ion is 5, the hybridisation of the complex sp<sup>2</sup> sp<sup>3</sup> dsp<sup>2</sup> is ---sp



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12	Accordingtheory the metal-					
	ligand $\sigma$ - bonding in octahedral					
	complexes results from the overlap					
	of suitable atomic orbitals of the					
	central metallic cation with ligand		Crystalfield		Free electron	Ligand field
	σ- orbitals.	Valence bond theory	theory	Ligand field theory	theory	theory
13	In the formation of $\sigma$ - bonding in					
	octahedral complexes, the non-					
	bonding orbitals are	a <sub>1g</sub>	t <sub>1u</sub>	eg	t <sub>2g</sub>	eg
13	Crystal field theory is also called as	Weak field theory	Strong field	ligand field theory	None	ligand field
			theory			theory
14	In Crystal field theory ligands are	Positive point	negative point			negative point
	consider as	charges	charges	ligand field theory	None	charges
15	In crystal field splitting of d					
	orbitals $d_{xy}$ , $d_{yz}$ , $d_{zx}$ orbitals are					
	known as	a <sub>1g</sub>	t <sub>1u</sub>	eg	t <sub>2g</sub>	t <sub>2g</sub>
16	Triply degenerate orbitals are	a <sub>1g</sub>	eu	eg	t <sub>2g</sub>	t <sub>2g</sub>
17	Which theories are more				CFT and	MO and CFT
	complicated ?	MO and LFT	MO and CFT	CFT and LFT	Werner theory	
18	Valence bond theory was developed					
	by	Linus Pauling	Werner	Mullikan	Hund	Linus Pauling
19	The LFT analysis is highly					
	dependent on the geometry of the?	Bonds	Ligands	Electrons	Complex	Complex
20	The d orbitals of the ligands are				Too low in	
	usually?	Too high in energy	Low energy	High energy	energy	High energy
21	The s orbitals of the ligands are				Too low in	Too low in
	usually ?	Too high in energy	Low energy	High energy	energy	energy



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22	The force of attraction between paramagnetic complexes and a					
	magnetic field is proportional to the	<b>D</b> 1 1 1	Unpaired		Uncharged	Unpaired
	number of?	Paired electrons	electrons	Charged electrons	electrons	electrons
23	If the oxidation state of the					Increases
	complex increase then the $\Delta_0$					
	value	Decreases	Increases	As such	Moderate	
24	The number of unpaired electrons in	two	zero	One	four	Two
	NiCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (tetra hedral) are					
25	Colour of the complex is	Werner's theory	Valence bond	Crystal field theory	Ligand field	Crystal field
	satisfactorily explained by	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	theory		theory	theory
26	The CFSE for a high spin d <sup>4</sup>	-14Dq	-6Dq	-12Dq	Zero	-6Dq
	octahedral complex ion is					
27	The largest crystal field splitting	Ox <sup>2-</sup>	NO <sup>2-</sup>	NH <sub>3</sub>	CN <sup>-</sup>	CN <sup>-</sup>
	will be for the ligand (same metal					
	ion)					
28	Which of the following is a ligand	NH <sub>3</sub>	СО	Ox <sup>2-</sup>	F-	СО
	which causes maximum crystal					
	field splitting?					
29	The order of splitting in cubic	tetrahedral	Square planar	Octahedral	tetragonally	Tetrahedral
	geometry is same as that in				distorted	
			r		octahedral	
30	The number of unpaired electron in	3	2	1	7	3
	$d^7$ tetrahedral configuration is					
31	Stability of a complex does not	nature of the central	Number of	steric effects	mass of the	mass of the
	depend upon	metal ion	chelate rings		complex	complex
	r r r					<b>r</b>



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d<sup>9</sup> (octahedral) Which of the following systems has d<sup>6</sup>(tetrahedral) d<sup>7</sup>(octahedral, high  $d^4$ (octahedral. d<sup>6</sup>(tetrahedral) 32 maximum number of unpaired spin) low spin) electrons? Fe<sup>3+</sup> (High spin)  $Co^{2+}$  (low spin) Fe<sup>3+</sup> (low spin)  $Cr^{3+}$  (high spin) Fe<sup>3+</sup> (low spin) Which of the following has no 33 CFSE in octahedral field? dsp<sup>2</sup>  $sp^3d^2$  $sp^3d^2$ 34 An octahedral complex is formed sp<sup>3</sup> sp<sup>3</sup>d when central metal atom undergoes hybridization among orbitals the In which one of the following  $[Cr(NH3)6]^{3+}$  $[Co(OH2)6]^{2+}$ [Fe(CN)6]<sup>3-</sup> [CoF6]<sup>3-</sup>  $[Fe(CN)6]^{3-}$ 35 species does the transition metal ion have d<sup>3</sup> electronic configuration? dxy and  $dx^2 - v^2$ (Crystal Field Theory) When the dxy, dxz and dxz and dyz dxy, dxz and 36 dyz and dxz,  $dz^2$ valence d orbitals of the central dyz dyz metal ion are split in energy in an octahedral ligand field, which orbitals are raised least in energy? 37 (Crystal Field Theory) How many 0 2 4 2 1 unpaired electrons are there in a strong field iron(II) octahedral complex?  $[Cr(H2O)6]^{3+}$  $[Cu(H2O)6]^{2+}$  $[Fe(H2O)6]^{2+}$  $[Fe(H2O)6]^{2+}$ Among the following ions which  $[Zn(H2O)6]^{2+}$ 38 one has the highest paramagnetism Which statement most correctly The theory considers The theory The The theory The theory 39 theory rationalizes describes crystal field theory for a dconsiders rationalizes why rationalizes the covalent interactions the block complex of unspecified electrostatic non-degeneracy of the metal non-degeneracy between a metal d



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and the metal *d* orbitals orbitals are split of the metal dgeometry? centre the interactions surrounding ligands between a metal by considering the into two levels orbitals by electrostatic considering the and ion the surrounding repulsions between electrostatic ligands which point charge repulsions are taken to be ligands between point and electrons in point charges the charge ligands and electrons in metal *d* orbitals d metal the orbitals Which of the following *correctly* Cl<sup>-</sup>< NH<sub>3</sub><  $I < Br < H_2O <$  $F < CI < H_2O <$  $I < C < H_2 O <$  $I^{-} < Cl^{-} < H_2O < Cl^{-}$ 40 Br <places the ligands in their order in  $H_2O$ [OH] NH<sub>3</sub> en en the spectrochemical series? Mn(II) < Fe(III) <Which of the following *correctly* Co(III) < Co(II)Pt(IV) < Pd(II) <Pd(II) < Ni(II) <Mn(II) < Fe(III)41 places the metal centres in their < Rh(III)< Rh(III)Rh(III) Ni(II) Pt(IV) order in the spectrochemical series?  $[Cr(OH_2)_6]^{3+}$  $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$  $[Cr(CN)_{6}]^{3-}$  $[Cr(bpy)_3]^{2+}$  $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$ Which metal complex ion 42 is expected to be subject to a Jahn-Teller distortion? Which of the following complex  $[PdCl_4]^{2-}$  $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$ [NiCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>  $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$ [AuCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> 43 ions is tetrahedral? Match up the correct formula and  $[Zn(OH_2)_6]^{2+};$  $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+};$  $[CoF_6]^{3-};$  $[V(OH_2)_6]^{2+};$  $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+};$ 44 magnetic property. Which pair is paramagnetic diamagnetic diamagnetic diamagnetic diamagnetic correct? Which statement is *incorrect* about They are likely to They contain  $\pi$ -M is in a zero They are likely They are likely 45 obey the 18-electron typical metal carbonyl complexes acceptor ligands oxidation state to be to be rule  $M(CO)_n$ ? paramagnetic paramagnetic



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46	The splitting of degeneracy of d	Octahedral splitting	Crystal field	Degeneracy	Splitting	Crystal field
	orbital due to ligands is known as		splitting	splitting		splitting
47	According to CFT, in the	Lower t <sub>2g</sub> and higher	Lower $t_{2g}$ and	Higher $t_{2g}$ and	Lower d <sub>2g</sub> and	Lower t <sub>2g</sub> and
	octahedral complexes the d orbital	eg level	higher ug level	lower eg level	higher eg level	higher eg level
	splits into					
48	The degeneracy of d orbital is	Ligand nucleus-	Ligand nucleus-	Ligand electron-	Ligand	
	removed with the approach of the	metal nucleus	metal electron	metal nucleus	electron-metal	
	ligand due to	repulsions	attractions	attractions	electron	
					repulsions	
49	The splitting of d orbital will be	F <sup>-</sup> is a strong field	F <sup>−</sup> is smaller in	F <sup>-</sup> is larger in size	F <sup>−</sup> is a weak	F <sup>-</sup> is a strong
	more in $F^-$ as compared to $CI^-$	ligand than Cl <sup>–</sup>	size than Cl <sup>-</sup>	than Cl⁻	field ligand than	field ligand than
	because				Cl	Cl <sup>-</sup>
50	According to CFT, as the ligand	Energy remains	Splitting of d	No effect	Degeneracy is	Splitting of d
	approaches towards d orbital it	same	orbital		maintained	orbital
	results into					
51	Valence bond theory could explains	Stereochemistry	Geometry	Bonding	Stereochemistry	Stereochemistry
	theof the complex				and magnetic	and magnetic
					property	property
52	The number of unpaired electrons in	4	3	2	6	3
	$[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ complex is					
53	The oxidation state of central metal	3+	2+	4+	6+	3+
	atom in $[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ is					
54	Coordination sphere charge of	+6	+9	+3	0	+3
	$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$					
55	Coordination number of	4	5	3	6	6



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	$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$ complex					
56	What is the outer most electronic	3d <sup>6</sup>	$3d^4$	3d <sup>3</sup>	3d <sup>5</sup>	$3d^6$
	configuration of cobalt in [CoF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>o</sup> complex ion is					
57	Which metal complex ion is	$[Cr(OH_2)_6]^{3+}$	$[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$	$[Cr(CN)_{6}]^{3-}$	$[Cr(bpy)_3]^{2+}$	$[Cr(NH_3)_6]^{2+}$
	expected to be subject to a Jahn-					
	Teller distortion?					
58	Ligand field theory describes the	Bonding and orbital	Geometry	Magnetic property	d-orbital	Bonding and
	of coordination complexes	arrangment			splitting	orbital
	-	C				arrangment
59	In the complex formation, the	Lewis base	Bronsted base	Lewis acid	Bronsted acid	Lewis acid
	central metal atom / ion acts as					
60	An octahedral complex is formed	sp <sup>3</sup>	dsp <sup>2</sup>	sp <sup>3</sup> d	sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup>	sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup>
	when central metal atom undergoes					
	hybridization among					
	theorbitals					



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#### Introduction

The elements belonging to 3 to 12 group, present in the center of the periodic table are called transition metals. These are actually d- block metals and form a bridge in between the s and p block elements, the metals and non metals. The transition metals are unique among the chemical elements. The elements in which the last electron enters the d- sub shell of their penultimate shell (n-1 shell) are known as d- block elements.

Thus, transition metals can be broadly defined as those which either as elements or as ions have partially filled d-sub shell. Since d-sub shell is partially filled, the elements are called as d- block elements.

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The transition metals are classified into four transition series. Each series (Except 6d) consists of 10 elements. (This is because the d- sub-shell can occupy only 10 electrons and they get filled up when we move along a period in a series.)

### **First Transition Series**

It is a part of the fourth period and consists of 10 elements from Scandium (At no: 21) to zinc (at no 30) in which 3d - sub-shells are progressively filled. This is also called as 3d series which corresponds to the filling of the 3d orbital.

Element	Atomic number	Symbol	Electronic configuration
Scandium	21	Sc	$[Ar] 3d^1 4s^2$
Titanium	22	Ti	$[Ar] 3d^2 4s^2$
Vanadium	23	V	$[Ar] 3d^3 4s^2$
Chromium	24	Cr	$[Ar] 3d^5 4s^1$
Manganese	25	Mn	[Ar] $3d^5 4s^2$
Iron	26	Fe	$[Ar] 3d^6 4s^2$
Cobalt	27	Со	$[Ar] 3d^7 4s^2$
Nickel	28	Ni	$[Ar] 3d^8 4s^2$
Copper	29	Cu	[Ar] 3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>1</sup>
Zinc	30	Zn	[Ar] $3d^{10}4s^2$

#### **Second Transition Series**

Second transition series is a part of the fifth period and consists of 10 elements from Yttrium (At no: 39) to cadmium (At no: 48) in which 4d- sub-shells are being progressively filled. This is also called 4d series which corresponds to the filling of the 4d orbital.



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Element	Atomic Number	Symbol	Electronic configuration
Yttrium	39	Y	[Kr] $4d^1 5s^2$
Zirconium	40	Zr	$[Kr] 4d^2 5s^2$
Niobium	41	Nb	$[Kr] 4d^4 5s^1$
Molybdenum	42	Mo	$[Kr] 4d^5 5s^1$
Technetium	43	Тс	[Kr] $4d^5 5s^2$
Ruthenium	44	Ru	$[Kr] 4d^7 5s^1$
Rhodium	45	Rh	$[Kr] 4d^8 5s^1$
Palladium	46	Pd	[Kr] $4d^{10}5s^{0}$
Silver	46	Ag	[Kr] $4d^{10}5s^1$
Cadmium	48	Cd	[Kr] $4d^{10}5s^2$

## **Third Transition Series**

It is a part of the sixth period and consists of 10 elements from Lanthanum (At no: 57) and Hafnium (At no: 72) to Mercury (At no: 80) in which the 5d sub-shell is progressively filled. This is also called as 5d series which corresponds with the filling of 5d orbital.

Element	Atomic number	Symbol	Electronic configuration
Lanthanum	57	La	[Xe] $5d^1 6s^2$
Hafnium	72	Hf	[Xe] $4f^{14}5d^26s^2$
Tantalum	73	Та	[Xe] $4f^{14}5d^36s^2$
Tungsten	74	W	$[Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^4 6s^2$
Rhenium	75	Re	$[Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^5 6s^2$
Osmium	76	Os	$[Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^6 6s^2$
Iridium	77	Ir	[Xe] $4f^{14}5d^76s^2$
Platinum	78	Pt	$[Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^9 6s^1$
Gold	79	Au	$[Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^1$
Mercury	80	Hg	$[Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^{10} 6s^2$

## **Fourth Transition Series**

It is a part of the seventh period and is an incomplete series starting from actinium (At no: 80) in which 6d sub-shell is being progressively filled. This is also called as 6d series which



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corresponds with the filling of 6d orbitals. This series contains only 3 elements. They are actinium with atomic number 89 followed by two elements with atomic numbers 104 and 105.

Element	Atomic No	Symbol	Electronic configuration
Actinium	89	Ac	$[Rn] 6d^17s^2$

## **Transition metal charges**

The valence electrons of transition metals are responsible for the charges that these metals carry or show and has been explained below. The valence or the electrons in the ultimate shell enter the 'd' orbital. The first element in each series stats with one valence electron or 'd' electron and the last element will have 10 'd' electrons. Variable oxidation state or variable valency is one of the most striking features of the transition elements. All transition elements, except the first and last member of each series exhibit variable valency, related to its electronic structure. These elements lose both the 's' an the 'd' electrons and thus have a lot of valencies. Consequently, all transition elements in general exhibit variable valencies. Valencies of first transition series are

Element	Oxidation state/valences
Sc	+2, +3
Ti	+2, +3, +4
V	+2, +3, +4, +5
Cr	+1 to +6 (+4 and +5 are unstable)
Mn	+2 to +6(+4, +5 and +6 are unstable)
Fe	+2 to +6 (+4, +5 and +6 are unstable)
Co	+2 to $+6$ ( $+4$ is unstable)
Ni	+2, +3, +4
Cu	+1, +2
Zn	+2

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#### **Characteristics of Transition Metals**

The transition metals properties are described as follows. Transition elements have partly filled d- orbitals. These elements show several interesting properties like variable oxidation state or variable valency, formation of colored complexes and paramagnetic behavior. These metals and their compounds also exhibit catalytic properties.

Some of the important properties of transition metals are

#### **1. Electronic Configuration**

The electronic configuration of transition elements may in general be represented as

#### (n-1) d <sup>1-10</sup> ns<sup>1 or 2</sup>

The (n-1) means penultimate or next to the outermost shell and d- orbital may have 1 to 10 electrons and the s- orbital of the outermost shell (n) may have 1 or 2 electrons. The electronic configurations of all the four series of elements are given in a table above.

#### 2. Atomic and ionic radii

The atomic and ionic radii of the elements of a particular transition series decreases from left to right. In the first series, the atomic radii become almost constant for chromium, because of two factors-Increases in nuclear charge and increase in the screening effect which just balance each other. Atomic radii of Chromium is - 117pm. Mn, the next element has an atomic radii of 117 pm. The next three elements, Co, Ni and Cu have 116. 115 and 117 respectively. To summarize, atomic and ionic radii decrease with increase in atomic number, due to increase in nuclear charge.

#### **3. Magnetic Properties**

Magnetic character is of two types.

- > Paramagnetic
- Diamagnetic



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Those which are attracted by the magnetic field are termed as paramagnetic and those repelled by the magnetic field are diamagnetic. Transition elements and their compounds are paramagnetic in nature, they conduct electricity.

Paramagnetism is due to the presence of unpaired electrons in the d- orbitals of the transition metal atoms, ions or molecules. The greater the number of unpaired electrons, the greater will be its magnetic behavior. So, all transition metals with at least one unpaired electron are paramagnetic.

#### 4. Color

Most d- block compounds are colored in the solid or in solution states. The color of the transition metal ions is due to the presence of unpaired or incomplete (n-1) d orbitals and the ability to promote an electron from one energy level to another. In these ions d- electrons are promoted to the higher energy levels within the same d- sub-shell. The color exhibited depends upon the complementary color of light observed by these ions.

Colors of some transition metals are

Ions	Color observed
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Green
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Green
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Blue
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Yellow
Mn <sup>2+</sup>	Pink

#### 5. Complex formation

Complex formation or complexation is a typical behavior of transition metals. In these complex compounds, the transition metal ions form co-ordinate bonds with a number of neutral or negatively charged ions which are capable of donating electrons to the metal atom. A few examples are  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ ,  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ ,  $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$ , etc.



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## 6. Catalytic behavior

Most of the transition elements and their compounds are good catalysts. Platinum, cobalt, nickel, chromium, manganese, vanadium pent-oxide, etc are good examples. They are used as catalysts since they have incomplete d- orbitals and can form unstable intermediates which can then change into products.

## **Transition Metals**

- Inner transition elements are also called as f- block elements. The elements in these group are present below the main table and contains two series.
- The first series is called as Lanthanoid series and starts from Cerium (Ce atomic number -58) to Lutetium (Lu atomic number- 71). There are totally 14 elements in this series.
- The second series is called the actinoid series. This series also contains 14 elements from Thorium (Th - 90) to Lawrencium (Lr- 103).
- Most of the actinoids are radioactive isotopes, and do not occur in nature. They are the result of a radioactive decay and thus are not stable.

## THE COLOURS OF COMPLEX METAL IONS

This page is going to take a simple look at the origin of colour in complex ions - in particular, why so many transition metal ions are coloured. Be aware that this is only an introduction to what can grow into an extremely complicated topic.

#### Why do we see some compounds as being coloured?

#### White light

You will know, of course, that if you pass white light through a prism it splits into all the colours of the rainbow. Visible light is simply a small part of an electromagnetic spectrum most of which we can't see - gamma rays, X-rays, infra-red, radio waves and so on.

Each of these has a particular wavelength, ranging from 10<sup>-16</sup> metres for gamma rays to several



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hundred metres for radio waves. Visible light has wavelengths from about 400 to 750 nm. (1 nanometre =  $10^{-9}$  metres.)

The diagram shows an approximation to the spectrum of visible light.



Zinc with the electronic structure [Ar]  $3d^{10}4s^2$  doesn't count as a transition metal whichever definition you use. In the metal, it has a full 3d level. When it forms an ion, the 4s electrons are lost - again leaving a completely full 3d level.

At the other end of the row, scandium (  $[Ar] 3d^{1}4s^{2}$ ) doesn't really counts as a transition metal either. Although there is a partially filled d level in the metal, when it forms its ion, it loses all three outer electrons.

The  $Sc^{3+}$  ion doesn't count as a transition metal ion because its 3d level is empty.

## Some sample colours

The diagrams show the approximate colours of some typical hexaaqua metal ions, with the formula  $[M(H_2O)_6]^{n+}$ . The charge on these ions is typically 2+ or 3+.




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These ions are all colourless. (Sorry, I can't do genuinely colourless!)

Transition metal ions



The corresponding transition metal ions are coloured. Some, like the hexaaquamanganese(II) ion (not shown) and the hexaaquairon(II) ion, are quite faintly coloured - but they *are* coloured.

### The origin of colour in complex ions containing transition metals

Complex ions containing transition metals are usually coloured, whereas the similar ions from non-transition metals aren't. That suggests that the partly filled d orbitals must be involved in generating the colour in some way. Remember that transition metals are defined as having partly filled d orbitals.

### Octahedral complexes

For simplicity we are going to look at the octahedral complexes which have six simple ligands arranged around the central metal ion. The argument isn't really any different if you have multidentate ligands - it's just slightly more difficult to imagine!

When the ligands bond with the transition metal ion, there is repulsion between the electrons in the ligands and the electrons in the d orbitals of the metal ion. That raises the energy of the d orbitals.

However, because of the way the d orbitals are arranged in space, it doesn't raise all their energies by the same amount. Instead, it splits them into two groups.

The diagram shows the arrangement of the d electrons in a Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion before and after six water

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molecules bond with it.



Whenever 6 ligands are arranged around a transition metal ion, the d orbitals are always split into 2 groups in this way - 2 with a higher energy than the other 3.

The size of the energy gap between them (shown by the blue arrows on the diagram) varies with the nature of the transition metal ion, its oxidation state (whether it is 3+ or 2+, for example), and the nature of the ligands.

When white light is passed through a solution of this ion, some of the energy in the light is used to promote an electron from the lower set of orbitals into a space in the upper set.



Each wavelength of light has a particular energy associated with it. Red light has the lowest energy in the visible region. Violet light has the greatest energy.

Suppose that the energy gap in the d orbitals of the complex ion corresponded to the energy of yellow light.



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The yellow light would be absorbed because its energy would be used in promoting the electron. That leaves the other colours.

Your eye would see the light passing through as a dark blue, because blue is the complementary colour of yellow.

### What about non-transition metal complex ions?

Non-transition metals don't have partly filled d orbitals. Visible light is only absorbed if some energy from the light is used to promote an electron over exactly the right energy gap. Nontransition metals don't have any electron transitions which can absorb wavelengths from visible light.

For example, although scandium is a member of the d block, its ion  $(Sc^{3+})$  hasn't got any d electrons left to move around. This is no different from an ion based on  $Mg^{2+}$  or  $Al^{3+}$ . Scandium(III) complexes are colourless because no visible light is absorbed. In the zinc case, the 3d level is completely full - there aren't any gaps to promote an electron in to. Zinc complexes are also colourless.

### Tetrahedral complexes

Simple tetrahedral complexes have four ligands arranged around the central metal ion. Again the ligands have an effect on the energy of the d electrons in the metal ion. This time, of course, the ligands are arranged differently in space relative to the shapes of the d orbitals.



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The net effect is that when the d orbitals split into two groups, three of them have a greater energy, and the other two a lesser energy (the opposite of the arrangement in an octahedral complex).

Apart from this difference of detail, the explanation for the origin of colour in terms of the absorption of particular wavelengths of light is exactly the same as for octahedral complexes.

### The factors affecting the colour of a transition metal complex ion

In each case we are going to choose a particular metal ion for the centre of the complex, and change other factors. Colour changes in a fairly haphazard way from metal to metal across a transition series.

### The nature of the ligand

Different ligands have different effects on the energies of the d orbitals of the central ion. Some ligands have strong electrical fields which cause a large energy gap when the d orbitals split into two groups. Others have much weaker fields producing much smaller gaps.

Remember that the size of the gap determines what wavelength of light is going to get absorbed.

The list shows some common ligands. Those at the top produce the smallest splitting; those at the bottom the largest splitting.



The greater the splitting, the more energy is needed to promote an electron from the lower group of orbitals to the higher ones. In terms of the colour of the light absorbed, greater energy corresponds to shorter wavelengths.

That means that as the splitting increases, the light absorbed will tend to shift away from the red



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end of the spectrum towards orange, yellow and so on.

There is a fairly clear-cut case in copper(II) chemistry.

If you add an excess of ammonia solution to hexaaquacopper(II) ions in solution, the pale blue (cyan) colour is replaced by a dark inky blue as some of the water molecules in the complex ion are replaced by ammonia.



The first complex must be absorbing red light in order to give the complementary colour cyan. The second one must be absorbing in the yellow region in order to give the complementary colour dark blue. Yellow light has a higher energy than red light. You need that higher energy because ammonia causes more splitting of the d orbitals than water does.

It isn't often as simple to see as this, though! Trying to sort out what is being absorbed when you have murky colours not on the simple colour wheel further up the page is much more of a problem.

The diagrams show some approximate colours of some ions based on chromium(III).



It is obvious that changing the ligand is changing the colour, but trying to explain the colours in terms of our simple theory isn't easy.



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### The oxidation state of the metal

As the oxidation state of the metal increases, so also does the amount of splitting of the d orbitals.

Changes of oxidation state therefore change the colour of the light absorbed, and so the colour of the light you see.

Taking another example from chromium chemistry involving only a change of oxidation state (from +2 to +3):



The 2+ ion is almost the same colour as the hexaaquacopper(II) ion, and the 3+ ion is the hard-to-describe violet-blue-gey colour.

### The co-ordination of the ion

Splitting is greater if the ion is octahedral than if it is tetrahedral, and therefore the colour will change with a change of co-ordination. Unfortunately, I can't think of a single simple example to illustrate this with!

The problem is that an ion will normally only change co-ordination if you change the ligand and changing the ligand will change the colour as well. You can't isolate out the effect of the coordination change.

For example, a commonly quoted case comes from cobalt(II) chemistry, with the ions  $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  and  $[CoCl_4]^{2-}$ .

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The difference in the colours is going to be a combination of the effect of the change of ligand, and the change of the number of ligands.

There are various substances which show magnetic behavior. We have substances that are attracted by the magnetic field and are called paramagnetic. This phenomenon is called paramagnetism. Paramagnetic property is only shown when the substance contains one or more unpaired electrons. When a substance acquires a permanent magnetic moment, it is known as ferromagnetic and the phenomenon is called ferromagnetism. On the other hand we also have substances which are repelled by magnetic field and are called as diamagnetic substances. A substance shows diamagnetism when it contains only paired electrons.

Most of the transition elements show paramagnetic behavior. The unpaired electrons in (n-1) d orbitals are responsible for the magnetic properties. The paramagnetic character of the transition metals increases on moving from left to right as the number of unpaired electron increases from one to five. The middle elements are found to possess the maximum paramagnetic property. The magnetic properties decrease with the decrease in the number of unpaired electrons. The transition metals which contain paired electrons depict diamagnetic behavior.

### **Explanation for magnetic properties**

An electron is a charged particle (negatively charged) which revolves around the nucleus and spins on its own axis. A <u>magnetic</u> field is generated due to the orbital motion and spin of the electron. The spinning of an electron in an orbit is very much similar to flow of electric current in a closed circuit. Therefore an unpaired electron is regarded as a micro magnet which has a definite magnetic moment. A substance which contains an unpaired electron when placed in a





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magnetic field interacts with the applied field. Consequently, an attractive force is exerted and paramagnetic property is shown. The number of unpaired electrons determines the magnitude of magnetic moment. Higher the number of unpaired electrons more is the magnetic moment and greater will be the paramagnetic behavior of the substance.

In the case of paired electrons, the electrons in each pair will have opposite spin. The magnetic field created by the electrons of same pair is equal and opposite in nature. Hence the magnetic field which is created by one <u>electron</u> is canceled by the other. So the net effect of the magnetic moment is zero. These kind of substances show diamagnetic property and are repelled by the applied magnetic field.

Catalytic properties

Most of the transition metals and their compounds particularly oxides have good catalytic properties. Platinum, iron, vanadium pentoxide, nickel, etc., are important catalysts. Platinum is a general catalyst. Nickel powder is a good catalyst for hydrogenation of unsaturated organic compound such as, hydrogenation of oils some typical industrial catalysts are,

(i) Vanadium pentoxide ( $V_2O_5$ ) is used in the Contact process for the manufacture of sulphuric acid,

(ii) Finely divided iron is used in the Haber's process for the synthesis of ammonia.

Explanation : Most transition elements act as good catalyst because of,

(i) The presence of vacant d-orbitals.

(ii) The tendency to exhibit variable oxidation states.

(iii) The tendency to form reaction intermediates with reactants.

(iv) The presence of defects in their crystal lattices.

Alloy formation : Transition metals form alloys among themselves. The alloys of transition metals are hard and high metals are high melting as compared to the host metal. Various steels



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are alloys of iron with metals such as chromium, vanadium, molybdenum, tungsten, manganese etc.

Explanation : The atomic radii of the transition elements in any series are not much different from each other. As a result, they can very easily replace each other in the lattice and form solid solutions over an appreciable composition range. Such solid solutions are called alloys.

Chemical reactivity : The d-block elements (transition elements) have lesser tendency to react, i.e., these are less reactive as compared to s-block elements.

Explanation : Low reactivity of transition elements is due to,

- (i) Their high ionisation energies.
- (ii) Low heats of hydration of their ions.
- (iii) Their high heats of sublimation.

### **Oxidation state**

The oxidation state of an element is related to the number of electrons that an atom loses, gains, or appears to use when joining with another atom in compounds. It also determines the ability of an atom to oxidize (to lose electrons) or to reduce (to gain electrons) other atoms or species. Almost all of the <u>transition metals</u> have multiple potential oxidation states.

### Introduction

Oxidation results in an increase in the oxidation state. Reduction results in a decrease in the oxidation state. If an atom is reduced, it has a higher number of valence shell electrons, and therefore a higher oxidation state, and is a strong oxidant. For example, oxygen (O) and fluorine (F) are very strong oxidants. On the other hand, lithium (Li) and sodium (Na) are incredibly strong reducing agents (likes to be oxidized), meaning that they easily lose electrons. In this module, we will precisely go over the oxidation states of transition metals.



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### **Unpaired Electrons of d-orbitals**

To fully understand the phenomena of oxidation states of transition metals, we have to understand how the unpaired d-orbital electrons bond. There are five orbitals in the d subshell manifold. As the number of unpaired valence electrons increases, the d-orbital increases, the highest oxidation state increases. This is because unpaired valence electrons are unstable and eager to bond with other chemical species. This means that the oxidation states would be the highest in the very middle of the transition metal periods due to the presence of the highest number of unpaired valence electrons. To determine the oxidation state, unpaired d-orbital electrons are added to the 2s orbital electrons since the 3d orbital is located before the 4s orbital in the periodic table.

For example: Scandium has one unpaired electron in the d-orbital. It is added to the 2 electrons of the s-orbital and therefore the oxidation state is +3. So that would mathematically look like: 1s electron + 1s electron + 1d electron = 3 total electrons = oxidation state of +3. The formula for determining oxidation states would be (with the exception of copper and chromium):

# Highest Oxidation State for a Transition metal = Number of Unpaired d-electrons + Two sorbital electrons

The number of d-electrons range from 1 (in Sc) to 10 (in Cu and Zn) below:

Scandium is one of the two elements in the first transition metal period which has only one oxidation state (zinc is the other, with an oxidation state of +2). All the other elements have at least two different oxidation states. Manganese, which is in the middle of the period, has the highest number of oxidation states, and indeed the highest oxidation state in the whole period since it has five unpaired electrons (see table below).

It was mentioned previously that both copper and chromium do not follow the general formula for transition metal oxidation states. This is because copper has 9 d-electrons, which would produce 4 paired d-electrons and 1 unpaired d-electron. Since copper is just 1 electron short of having a completely full d-orbital, it steals an electron from the s-orbital, allowing it to have 10



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d-electrons. Likewise, chromium has 4 d-electrons, only 1 short of having a half-filled d-orbital, so it steals an electron from the s-orbital, allowing chromium to have 5 d-electrons.

### **Rules about Transition Metals**

Free elements (elements that are not combined with other elements) have an oxidation state of zero, e.g., the oxidation state of Cr (chromium) is 0.

For ions, the oxidation state is equal to the charge of the ion, e.g., the ion  $Fe^{3+}$  (ferric ion) has an oxidation state of +3.

The oxidation state of a neutral compound is zero, e.g., What is the oxidation state of Fe in FeCl<sub>3</sub>?

Answer: Cl has an oxidation state of -1. Since there are 3 Cl atoms the negative charge is -3. Since FeCl3 has no overall charge, the compound have a neutral charge, and therefore the oxidation state of Fe is +3.

In other words, it is:  $Fe^{3+}$  and  $3Cl^{-}$ , which makes up  $FeCl_3$  with a neutral charge.

### **Multiple Oxidation States**

As stated above, most transition metals have multiple oxidation states, since it is relatively easy to lose electron(s) for transition metals compared to the alkali metals and alkaline earth metals. Alkali metals have one electron in their valence s-orbital and therefore their oxidation state is almost always +1 (from losing it) and alkaline earth metals have two electrons in their valences-orbital, resulting with an oxidation state of +2 (from losing both). This is not the case for transition metals since transition metals have 5 d-orbitals. The d-orbital has a variety of oxidation states. The s-orbital also contributes to determining the oxidation states.

### **Potassium dichromate**

**Potassium dichromate**, K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, is a common inorganic chemical reagent, most commonly used as an oxidizing agent in various laboratory and industrial applications. As with all



hexavalent chromium compounds, it is acutely and chronically harmful to health. It is a crystalline ionic solid with a very bright, red-orange color. The salt is popular in the laboratory because it is not deliquescent, in contrast to the more industrially relevant salt sodium dichromate

Potassium dichromate is usually prepared by the reaction of potassium chloride on sodium dichromate. Alternatively, it can be obtained from potassium chromate by roasting chrome ore with potassium hydroxide. It is soluble in water and in the dissolution process it ionizes:

 $K_2Cr_2O_7 \rightarrow 2 K^+ + Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  $Cr_2O_7^{2-} + H_2O \rightleftharpoons 2 CrO_4^{2-} + 2 H^+$ 

### Reactions

Potassium dichromate is an oxidising agent in organic chemistry, and is milder than potassium permanganate. It is used to oxidizealcohols. It converts primary alcohols into aldehydes and, under more forcing conditions, into carboxylic acids. In contrast, potassium permanganate tends to give carboxylic acids as the sole products. Secondary alcohols are converted into ketones. For example, menthone may be prepared by oxidation of menthol with acidified dichromate. Tertiary alcohols cannot be oxidized.

In an aqueous solution the color change exhibited can be used to test for distinguishing aldehydes from ketones. Aldehydes reduce dichromate from the +6 to the +3 oxidation state, changing color from orange to green. This color change arises because the aldehyde can be oxidized to the corresponding carboxylic acid. A ketone will show no such change because it cannot be oxidized further, and so the solution will remain orange.

When heated strongly, it decomposes with the evolution of oxygen.

 $4K_2Cr_2O_7 { \rightarrow } 4K_2CrO_4 + 2Cr_2O_3 + \ 3O_2$ 



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When an alkali is added to an orange red solution containing dichromate ions, a yellow solution is obtained due to the formation of chromate ions. For example, potassium chromate is produced industrially using potash:

 $K_2Cr_2O_7 + K_2CO_3 \rightarrow 2 K_2CrO_4 + CO_2$ 

The reaction is reversible.

Treatment with cold sulphuric acid gives red crystals of chromic anhydride (CrO<sub>3</sub>):

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 2H_2SO_4 \rightarrow 2CrO_3 + 2 KHSO_4 + H_2O_3$$

On heating with concentrated acid, oxygen is evolved:

$$2 \text{ K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 + 8\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 2 \text{ K}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2 \text{ Cr}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 + 8 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + 3\text{O}_2$$

### Uses

Potassium dichromate has few major applications, as the sodium salt is dominant industrially. The main use is as a precursor to potassium chrome alum, used in leather tanning.

### Pottassium Permanganate (KMnO4)

Pottassium Permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>) is prepared from Pyrolusite ore (MnO<sub>2</sub>). The finely powdered Pyrolusite ore (MnO<sub>2</sub>) is fused with an alkali metal hydroxide like KOH in the presence of air or an oxidizing agent like KNO<sub>3</sub> to give the dark green potassium Manganate (K<sub>2</sub>MnO<sub>4</sub>). Potassium manganate disproportionate in a neutral or acidic solution to give potassium permanganate.

$$2 \text{ MnO}_2 + 4 \text{ KOH} + \text{O}_2 = 2 \text{K}_2 \text{MnO}_4 + 2 \text{H}_2 \text{O}_4$$

Commercially potassium permanganate is prepared by the alkaline oxidative fusion of Pyrolusite ore  $(MnO_2)$  followed by the electrolytic oxidation of manganate(IV) ion.

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 $2 \text{ MnO}_2 + 4 \text{KOH} + \text{O}_2 = 2 \text{K}_2 \text{MnO}_4 + 2 \text{H}_2 \text{O}_4$ 

 $MnO_4^{2^-}$ -----(electrolytic oxidation)--->  $MnO_4^-$  + e<sup>-</sup>

### **Properties of Potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>)**

1. Action of Heat:

Potassium permangante on strong heating gives potassium manganate, manganese dioxide and oxygen.

 $K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$  $2 \text{ KMnO}_4$ 

2. Oxidising properties of Potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>)

Potassium permanganate is a powerful oxidizing agent in alkaline or acidic solution. The

relevant half reactions are:

1. Alkaline medium (pH > 7) $MnO^{-} + 2HO + 3e^{-}$  $MnO + 4OH^{-}$  $\Delta$ 2 2. Acidic medium (pH <7)  $MnO^{-} + 8H^{+} + 5e^{-}$  $Mn^+ + 4HO$ A few important oxidizing reactions of Potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>) 1. In acidic medium potassium permanganate oxidizes green ferrous salts to yellow ferric salts  $MnO^{-} + 8H^{+} + 5Fe^{+}$  $5Fe^{+} + Mn^{+} + 4HO$ 2, in acidic medium potassium permanganateoxidizes oxalic acid or oxalate salts to  $CO_2$  and water  $2 \text{ Mn}^+ + 10 \text{ CO} + 8 \text{ HO}_2$  $2 \text{ MnO}^{-} + 16\text{H}^{+} + 5 \text{ C}^{-} \text{O}^{-2-}$ 2 4 3. In acidic medium potassium permanganateoxidizes nitrites to nitrate.  $\rightarrow 2 \text{ Mn}^+ + 5 \text{ NO}^- + 3 \text{ HO}_2$  $2 \text{ MnO}^{-} + 6 \text{ H}^{+} + 5 \text{ NO}^{-}$ 

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4. In acidic medium potassium permanganate oxidises iodides to iodine.

 $2 \operatorname{MnO}_{4}^{-} + 16 \operatorname{H}^{+} + 1 \operatorname{OI}^{-} \longrightarrow 2 \operatorname{Mn}_{2}^{+} + 8 \operatorname{H}_{2} + 5 \operatorname{I}_{2}$ 

5. In alkaline medium potassium permanganateoxidizes iodides to iodates .

### Potassium ferrocyanide

Potassium ferrocyanide is the inorganic compound with formula  $K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \cdot 3H_2O$ . It is the potassium salt of the coordination complex  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$ . This salt forms lemon-yellow monoclinic crystals.

### Synthesis

### **Modern production**

Potassium ferrocyanide is produced industrially from hydrogen cyanide, ferrous chloride, and calcium hydroxide, the combination of which affords  $Ca_2[Fe(CN)_6] \cdot 11H_2O$ . This solution is then treated with potassium salts to precipitate the mixed calcium-potassium salt  $CaK_2[Fe(CN)_6]$ , which in turn is treated with potassium carbonate to give the tetrapotassium salt.

### **Historical production**

Historically, the compound was manufactured from organically derived nitrogenous carbon sources, iron filings, and potassium carbonate. Common nitrogen and carbon sources were torrified horn, leather scrap, offal, or dried blood.

### **Chemical reactions**

Treatment of potassium ferrocyanide with nitric acid gives  $H_2[Fe(NO)(CN)_5]$ . After neutralization of this intermediate with sodium carbonate, red crystals of sodium nitroprusside can be selectively crystallized.

Upon treatment with chlorine gas, potassium ferrocyanide converts to potassium ferricyanide:

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 $2 K_4[Fe(CN)_6] + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2 K_3[Fe(CN)_6] + 2 KCl$ 

This reaction can be used to remove potassium ferrocyanide from a solution.

A famous reaction involves treatment with ferric salts to give <u>Prussian blue</u>. With the approximate composition  $K[Fe_2(CN)_6]$ , this insoluble but deeply colored material is the blue of blueprinting.

### Applications

Potassium ferrocyanide finds many niche applications in industry. It and the related sodium salt are widely used as anticaking agents for both road salt and table salt. The potassium and sodium ferrocyanides are also used in the purification of tin and the separation of copper from molybdenum ores. Potassium ferrocyanide is used in the production of wine and citric acid.

In the laboratory, potassium ferrocyanide is used to determine the concentration of potassium permanganate, a compound often used in titrations based on redox reactions. Potassium ferrocyanide is used in a mixture with potassium ferricyanide and phosphate buffered solution to provide a buffer for beta-galactosidase, which is used to cleave X-Gal, giving a bright blue visualization where an antibody (or other molecule), conjugated to Beta-gal, has bonded to its target.On reacting with Fe(3) it gives a Prussian blue colour. Thus it is used as an identifying reagent for iron in labs.

Potassium ferrocyanide can be used as a fertilizer for plants.

Prior to 1900 AD, before the invention of the Castner process, potassium ferrocyanide was the most important source of alkali metal cyanides. In this historical process, potassium cyanide was produced by decomposing potassium ferrocyanide:

 $K_4[Fe(CN)_6] \rightarrow 4 \text{ KCN} + FeC_2 + N_2$ 

### Structure



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Like other metal cyanides, solid potassium ferrocyanide, both as the hydrate and anhydrous salts, has a complicated polymeric structure. The polymer consists of octahedral  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$  centers crosslinked with K<sup>+</sup> ions that are bound to the CN <u>ligands</u>. The K<sup>+</sup>---NC linkages break when the solid is dissolved in water.

### Toxicity

Potassium ferrocyanide is nontoxic, and is not decomposed to cyanide in the body. The toxicity in rate is low, with lethal dose  $(LD_{50})$  at 6400 mg/kg.

### **Potassium ferricyanide**

**Potassium ferricyanide** is the chemical compound with the formula  $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ . This bright red salt contains the octahedrally coordinated  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$  ion. It is soluble in water and its solution shows some green-yellow fluorescence. It was discovered in 1822 by Leopold Gmelin and was initially used in the production of ultramarine dyes.

### Preparation

Potassium ferricyanide is manufactured by passing chlorine through a solution of potassium ferrocyanide. Potassium ferricyanide separates from the solution:

 $2 \text{ K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6] + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6] + 2 \text{ KCl}$ 

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### Applications

In the 19th century, it was used for reading palimpsests and old manuscripts.

The compound has widespread use in blueprint drawing and in photography (Cyanotype process). Several photographic print toning processes involve the use of potassium ferricyanide. Potassium ferricyanide is used as an oxidizing agent to remove silver from negatives and positives, a process called dot etching. In color photography, potassium ferricyanide is used to reduce the size of color dots without reducing their number, as a kind of manual color correction. It is also used in black-and-white photography with sodium thiosulfate (hypo) to reduce the density of a negative or gelatin silver print where the mixture is known as Farmer's reducer; this can help offset problems from overexposure of the negative, or brighten the highlights in the print.

The compound is also used to harden iron and steel, in electroplating, dyeing wool, as a laboratory reagent, and as a mild oxidizing agent in organic chemistry.

Potassium ferricyanide is also one of two compounds present in ferroxyl indicator solution (along with phenolphthalein) which turns blue (Prussian blue) in the presence of  $Fe^{2+}$  ions, and which can therefore be used to detect metal oxidation that will lead to rust. It is possible to calculate the number of moles of  $Fe^{2+}$  ions by using a colorimeter, because of the very intense color of Prussian blue  $Fe_4[Fe(CN)_6]_3$ .

Potassium ferricyanide is often used in physiology experiments as a means of increasing a solution's redox potential ( $E^{\circ}$ ' ~ 436 mV at pH 7). As such, it can oxidize reduced cytochrome c ( $E^{\circ}$ ' ~ 247 mV at pH 7) in intact isolated mitochondria. Sodium dithionite is usually used as a reducing chemical in such experiments ( $E^{\circ}$ ' ~ -420 mV at pH 7).

Potassium ferricyanide is used in many amperometric biosensors as an electron transfer agent replacing an enzyme's natural electron transfer agent such as oxygen as with the enzyme glucose oxidase. It is used as this ingredient in many commercially available blood glucose meters for use by diabetics.



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Potassium ferricyanide is combined with potassium hydroxide (or sodium hydroxide as a substitute) and water to formulate Murakami's etchant. This etchant is used by metallographers to provide contrast between binder and carbide phases in cemented carbides.

### **Prussian blue**

Prussian blue, the deep blue pigment in blue printing, is generated by the reaction of  $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$  with ferrous (Fe<sup>2+</sup>) ions as well as  $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$  with ferric salts.

In histology, potassium ferricyanide is used to detect ferrous iron in biological tissue. Potassium ferricyanide reacts with ferrous iron in acidic solution to produce the insoluble blue pigment, commonly referred to as Turnbull's blue or Prussian blue. To detect ferric ( $Fe^{3+}$ ) iron, potassium *ferrocyanide* is used instead in the Perls' Prussian blue staining method. The material formed in the Turnbull's blue reaction and the compound formed in the Prussian blue reaction are the same.

### Safety

Potassium ferricyanide has low toxicity, its main hazard being that it is a mild irritant to the eyes and skin. However, under very strongly acidic conditions, highly toxic hydrogen cyanide gas is evolved, according to the equation:

 $6 \text{ H}^+ + [\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^3 \longrightarrow 6 \text{ HCN} + \text{Fg}^+$ 

The reaction with hydrochloric acid is as follows:

 $6 \text{ HCl} + \text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6] \longrightarrow 6 \text{ HCN} + \text{Fe}\text{Cl}_3 + 3 \text{ KCl}$ 

### Sodium nitroprusside

Sodium nitroprusside (SNP), sold under the brand name Nitropress among others, is a medication used to lower blood pressure. This may be done if the blood pressure is very high and resulting in symptoms, in certain types of heart failure, and during surgery to decrease bleeding. It is used by continuous injection into a vein. Onset is typically immediate and effects last for up to ten minutes.



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Common side effects include low blood pressure and cyanide toxicity. Other serious side effects include methemoglobinemia. It is not generally recommended during pregnancy due to concerns of side effects. High doses are not recommended for more than ten minutes. It works by causing the dilation of blood vessels.

Sodium nitroprusside was discovered as early as 1850 and found to be useful in medicine in 1928. It is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines, the most effective and safe medicines needed in a health system. In the United States a course of treatment costs less than 25 USD.



### Medical use

Sodium nitroprusside is intravenously infused in cases of acute hypertensive crises. Its effects are usually seen within a few minutes.

Nitric oxide reduces both total peripheral resistance and venous return, thus decreasing both preload and afterload. So, it can be used in severe congestive heart failure where this combination of effects can act to increase cardiac output. In situations where cardiac output is normal, the effect is to reduce blood pressure. It is sometimes also used to induce hypotension (to reduce bleeding) for surgical procedures (for which it is also FDA, TGA, and MHRA labelled).

This compound has also been used as a treatment for aortic valve stenosis, oesophageal varices, myocardial infarction, pulmonary hypertension, respiratory distress syndrome in the newborn, shock, and ergot toxicity.

### Adverse effects by incidence and severity Common

- Bradyarrhythmia (low heart rate)
- Hypotension (low blood pressure)
- Palpitations
- Tachyarrhythmia (high heart rate)



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- Apprehension
- Restlessness
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Somnolence
- Rash
- Sweating
- Thyroid suppression
- Muscle twitch
- Oliguria
- Renal azotemia

### Sodium cobaltinitrite

**Sodium cobalt nitrite** is a coordination compound with the formula  $Na_3Co(NO_2)_6$ . The anion of this yellow-colored salt consists of a cobalt(III) center *N*-bonded to six nitrito ligands. It is a reagent for the qualitative test for potassium and ammonium ions.

### Synthesis and reactions

The compound is prepared by oxidation of cobalt(II) salts in the presence of sodium nitrite:

 $4 [Co(H_2O)_6](NO_3)_2 + O_2 + 24 NaNO_2 \longrightarrow 4 Na_3[Co(NO_2)_6] + 8 NaNO_3 + 4 NaOH + 22 H_2O$ 

### **Application for analysis of potassium**

Although the sodium cobaltinitrite is soluble in water, it forms the basis of a quantitative determination of potassium, thallium, and ammonium ions. Under the recommended reaction conditions the insoluble double salt,  $K_2Na[Co(NO_2)_6] \cdot H_2O$  is precipitated and weighed. In geochemical analysis, sodium cobaltinitrite is used to distinguish alkali feldspars from plagioclase feldspars in thin section.

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### POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

### UNIT-III

### PART-A (20 MARKS)

# (Q.NO 1 TO 20 Online Examination)

### PART-B (2 MARKS)

- 1. What is the justification for classifying Zn, Cd and Hg as transition elements?
- 2. Write the electronic configuration of W (Z=74) and Mo (Z=42).
- 3. Write the oxidation states of Cu, Ni, Co and Zn.
- 4. How do you explain the anomalous electronic configurations of Cr and Cu?
- 5. Calculate the magnetic moment(Spin only) for the complex K<sub>4</sub>[Mn(NCS)<sub>6</sub>]
- 6. Name four elements belonging to the group of copper.
- 7. Name two elements belonging to second and third transition series which are used as catalysts.
- 8. Write the uses of Potassium dichromate.
- 9. Write the preparation and uses of potassium permanganate.
- 10. Write the preparation and uses of potassium ferricyanide.

### PART C (8 MARKS)

- 1. Discuss the variation of oxidation states among the elements of first, second and third transition series.
- 2. Write the preparation, properties and uses of Potassium dichromate.
- 3. Give a brief account on magnetic property of first, second and third transition series.
- 4. Discuss the colour of first, second and third transition elements with an example.
- 5. Discuss the stability of various oxidation states and e.m.f. of transition elements.
- 6. Write the preparation, properties and uses of potassium ferricyanide.
- 7. Write the uses of Potassium permanganate and potassium ferrocyanide.



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- 8. Discuss the electronic configurations among the elements of first, second and third transition series.
- 9. Explain the difference between the first, second and third transition series.



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S.	Questions	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Answer
No						
1	Which of the following is expected to be	CrCl <sub>3</sub>	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	CuSO <sub>4</sub>	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>
	diamagnetic?					
2	The expected magnetic moment of Ti <sup>3+</sup> ion	4.90	2.84	1.73	0	1.73
	is					
3	Which of the following is expected to have	Co <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	$Mn^{2+}$
	the highest Magnetic moment?					
4	Which of the following is used as calibrant	CoCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	KCu(CN) <sub>2</sub>	CoHg(CNS) <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	CoHg(CNS) <sub>4</sub>
	in magnetic measurements?					
5	The most familiar example of	Copper	Iron	Manganese	Zinc	Iron
	ferromagnetic substance is					
6	Among the following which one is known	Cobalt	Copper	Zinc	Manganese	Cobalt
	as ferromagnetic substance					
7	Among the following which one is known	Nickel	Copper	Zinc	Manganese	Nickel
	as ferromagnetic substance					
8	The magnetic moment of the coordination	Number of	Charge of	Oxidation state of	Ligands of the	Number of
	compound is associated with the	unpaired	complex	complex	complex	unpaired
		electrons				electrons
9	The relationship between the number the	β	μ	Σ	π	μ
	number of unpaired electrons of an ion and					
	its magnetic moment is represented by the					
	symbol					
10	The unit of $\mu$ is	BM	AM	М	UM	BM
11	The unpaired electrons are arises due to	Charge	Size	Spin and orbital	mass	Spin and
	the of electrons			motion		Orbital motion



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12	The magnetic moment is calculated by	Plank's	Spin only	Orbital angular	emf	Spin only
		constant	formula	quantum number		formula
13	As the oxidation state increases, the metal	basic	stable	hard	acidic	acidic
	ions become more					
14	The relative stability of oxidation states of	Ionic strength	Volume	Electrode	Density	Electrode
	transition metals can be predicted on the			potential		potential
	basis of					
15	The relative stability of oxidation states of	Ionic strength	Ionization	Volume	Density	Ionization
	transition metals can be predicted on the		energy			energy
	basis of					
16	Among the following which is used in the	Finely divided	Iron powder	Molybdenum	Zinc chromite	Finely divided
	manufacture of vanaspati	Nickel and				Nickel and
		palladium				palladium
17	Among the following which is used in the	Finely divided	Zinc chromite	Platinum	Vanadium	Finely divided
	manufacture of ammonia	iron and		pentaoxide	pentaoxide	iron and
		molybdenum				molybdenum
18	Zinc chromite is used in the synthesis of	polythene	Ammonia	Methyl alcohol	Ethanol	Methyl alcohol
19	Which is used in the oxidation of alcohols	Tallen's	Grignard reagent	Fenton's reagent	Bayer's reagent	Fenton's
	to aldehydes	reagent				reagent
20	Fenton's reagent is known as the mixture	TiCl <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O	FeSO <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	CuSO <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	FeSO <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O	FeSO <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
	of					
21	The mixture of FeSO <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> is known as	Tallen's	Grignard reagent	Fenton's reagent	Bayer's reagent	Fenton's
		reagent				reagent
22	Ziegler – Natta catalyst is used for the	Vanaspati	Ammonia	polythene	Methyl alcohol	Polythene
	manufacture of					
23	TiCl <sub>4</sub> is known as	Fenton's	Ziegler-Natta	Grignard reagent	Fenton's reagent	Ziegler-Natta
		reagent	catalyst			catalyst



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24	Which is known as Ziegler –Natta catalyst	TiCl <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O	FeSO <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	FeSO <sub>4</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	TiCl <sub>4</sub>
25	What is the colour of Sc <sup>3+</sup>	Purple	pink	Colourless	Green	Colourless
26	What is the colour of Cu <sup>2+</sup>	pink	Blue	Pink	Yellow	Blue
27	The coordination number of Third	6	4	8	5	8
	transition series is					
28	The Maximum oxidation state of Fe is	+3	+2	+6	+4	+6
29	The maximum oxidation state of Ru and	+5	+8	+6	+7	+8
	Os is					
30	Which is used in the manufacture of	Fe	Pt/Rh	Ni/Ru	Co	Pt/Rh
	ammonia					
31	Which is known as Adam's catalyst	Fe/FeO	Pt	Pt/PtO	Fe	Pt/PtO
32	Which is used for the hydrogenation	Pd	Pt	Fe	Ni	Pd
	reactions in organic chemistry					
33	Which is used in tracker in process for	Pd	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	NiCl <sub>2</sub>	Ni	PdCl <sub>2</sub>
	converting C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> to CH <sub>3</sub> CHO					
34	Re(IV) has the electronic configuration of	$d^2$	$d^3$	$d^4$	d <sup>5</sup>	d <sup>3</sup>
35	The metal which is used as Adam's	Pd	Pt	Со	Ni	Pt
	catalyst					
36	The highest oxidation state shown by	+5	+8	+6	+7	+7
	rhenium is					
37	The common oxidation state for transition	+1	+2	+3	+4	+2
	elements					
38	Catalytic properties of the d-block	Paired	unpaired	Charged electrons	uncharged	unpaired
	elements are due to its Electrons	electrons	electrons		electrons	electrons
39	The outermost electronic configuration of	3d <sup>1</sup>	3d <sup>2</sup>	3d <sup>3</sup>	3d <sup>0</sup>	3d <sup>1</sup>
	Ti <sup>3+</sup> ion					



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40	In contact process is used as	Pt	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Fe	Ni	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
	a catalyst					
41	V <sup>3+</sup> ion showsColour	Pink	Green	Red	colourless	Green
42	In the manufacture of ammonia which is used as a catalyst	Palladium	Iron	platinum	vanadium	Iron
43	The magnetic property is termed as	Ergg	Pascal	Bohr Magneton	joules	Bohr Magneton
44	The general electronic configuration of d- block elements is	$(n-1)d^{1-10}ns^{0-2}$	$(n-1) d^{1-5} ns^2$	$(n-1)d^0 ns^1$	$(n-1)f^{1-14}ns^1$	$(n-1)d^{1-10}ns^{0-2}$
45	Formation of coloured ions is possible when compounds contains	paired electrons	unpaired electrons	lone pairs of electrons	Electrons in f- orbitals	unpaired electrons
46	Paramagnetism is common in	p-block elements	d-block elements	ock elements s-block elements		d-block elements
47	The colour of $[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ ion is due	d-d transition	Presence of water molecules	Inter atomic transfer of electrons	Oxidation state of central metal ion	d-d transition
48	the correct electronic configuration of copper atom is	3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>1</sup>	$3d^{10}4s^2$	$3d^94s^2$	$3d^94s^1$	$3d^{10}4s^{1}$
49	Silver salt used in photography is	AgCl	AgBr	AgF	AgNO <sub>3</sub>	AgBr
50	The first transition series comprises of elements from	Scandium to Zinc	Lanthanum to hafnium	Yttrium to cadmium	Lithium to Neon	Scandium to Zinc
51	The number of unpaired electrons in Fe <sup>3+</sup> (Z=26)is	4	6	5	2	5
52	In first transition series, the divalent compound having maximum magnetic moment is of:	Mn	Fe	Cu	Cr	Mn
53	d-block elements show all the following properties expect:	Variable oxidation states	Catalytic properties	Natural radioactivity	Colour of the compounds	Natural radioactivity



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54	Which of the following does not belong to first transition series?	Silver	Cobalt	Chromium	Vanadium	Silver
55	The second transition series comprises of elements from	Scandium to Zinc	Lanthanum to hafnium	Yttrium to Lithium to Neon Cadmium		Yttrium to Cadmium
56	The third transition series comprises of elements from	Scandium to Zinc	Lanthanum to hafnium	Yttrium to Cadmium	Lanthanum to mercury	Lanthanum to mercury
57	Which of the ions will give colourless aqueous solution?	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>+</sup>	Cu <sup>+</sup>
58	The most common oxidation state for d- block elements are	+1	+2	+3	+4	+2
59	Which of the following has the maximum number of unpaired electons	Ti <sup>3+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	V <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>
60	The transition element with lowest atomic number	Ti	Sc	Cr	Zn	Sc
61	Which is used in calico printing	Sodium dichromate	Potassium dichromate	Chromic acid	Potassium chromate	Potassium dichromate
62	The mixture of K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> and Con.H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> is known as	Chromic acid	Potassium Chromic acid dichromate		Potassium chromate	Chromic acid
63	Chromic acid is the mixture of	$\frac{K_2Cr_2O_7 + Con.H_2SO_4}{Con.H_2SO_4}$	$K_2Cr_2O_7 + Con.HNO_3$	$K_2Cr_2O_7 + Con.HCl$	K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> + CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	$\begin{array}{c} K_2 Cr_2 O_7 + \\ Con. H_2 SO_4 \end{array}$
64	Potassium permanganate is used as an	Cleaning agent	Reducing agent	Catalyst Oxidising agent		Oxidizing agent
65	Baeyer's Reagent is	Alkaline Potassium permanganate	Alkaline Sodium permanganate	Potassium chromate	Potassium dichromate	Alkaline Potassium permanganate
66	Which is obtained from coal gas	Potassium chromate	Potassium dichromate	Potassium ferrocyanide	Potassium ferricyanide	Potassium ferrocyanide
67	Na <sub>2</sub> [Fe(NO)(CN) <sub>5</sub> ].2H <sub>2</sub> O is known as	Potassium nitroprusside	Pentacyano Nitro iron sodium dihydrate	Sodium nitroprusside	Sodium hexa cyanate	Sodium nitroprusside
68	Write the correct IUPAC name for $Na_3[Co(NO_2)_6]$	Sodium hexanitritocoba lt (III)	Hexanitriticobalt (III) Sodium	Sodium hexanitritocobalt (III)	Sodium hexanitrocobalt (III)	Sodium hexanitritocobal t (III)



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### <u>UNIT IV</u> SYLLABUS

### Lanthanoids and Actinoids:

Electronic configuration, oxidation states, colour, spectral and magnetic properties, lanthanide

contraction, separation of lanthanides (ion-exchange method only).

Actinides: Occurrence ,Preparation of elements,Electronic structure ,Oxidation State and general properties. Thorium: Extraction of Thorium.

### Lanthanides (5f- Block elements) Introduction

Lanthanides (also called lanthanoids) are called first inner transition series or third transition and come immediately after lanthanum. They are classified as f block elements along with the actinides. They are commonly called the rare earths. They are characterized by the filling up of the 4f energy levels which are not usually involved in bonding. These highly electropositive elements have a common oxidation state of +3 and generally resemble each other in their chemical and physical properties. They have a generic symbol "Ln".

### DISCOVERY AND OCCURRENCE

In 1794, Swedish chemist, Gadolin, discovered anoxide called yttria. Yttria was broken down to– yttria, erbis and terbia. Over the years, more sparation was achieved, and more oxide discovered e.g. lutetia. The names were later obtained by changing the ending –a to -um. Major sources of lanthanides are Monazite sand-composed of phosphatesof thorium, cerium, neodymium and lanthanum; the phosphate portion of monazite contains small traces of other lanthanide ions and the only lanthanide that doesnot occur naturally is promethium, which is made artificially by nuclear reaction. Bastnaesite, found in USA and Madagascar is a mixed fluorocarbonate M<sup>III</sup>CO<sub>3</sub>F where M is La or the lanthanide metals. It provides 20% total supply of lanthanides. An also very small amount of xenotime mineral is mined.

### **Electronic configuration**

• The general electronic configuration of these elements is  $ns^2(n-1)d^{0-1}(n-2)f^{1-14}$ 



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They resemble each other very closely as they have same electronic configuration in nth and (n -1) valency shell. Their most common oxidation state is +3 involving only 5d<sup>1</sup> and 6s<sup>2</sup> electrons. An alternate electronic configuration is also suggested that after Ce, the d electron also shifts to 4f orbital, except for those elements where it will disturb f1 or f<sup>14</sup> configuration.

Element	Symbol	Atomic number	Electronic Configuration
Lanthanum	La	57	[Xe] 4fº 5d1 6s2
Cerium	Ce	58	[Xe] 4f1 5d1 6s2
Praseodymium	Pr	59	[Xe] 4f <sup>3</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Neodymium	Nd	60	[Xe] 4f <sup>4</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Promethium	Pm	61	[Xe] 4f <sup>5</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Samarium	Sm	62	[Xe] 4f <sup>6</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Europium	Eu	63	[Xe] 4f <sup>7</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Gadolinium	Gd	64	[Xe] 4f <sup>7</sup> 5d <sup>1</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Terbium	Tb	65	[Xe] 4f9 6s2
Dysprosium	Dy	66	[Xe] 4f <sup>10</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Holmium	Но	67	[Xe] 4f <sup>11</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Erbium	Er	68	[Xe] 4f12 6s2
Thulium	Tm	69	[Xe] 4f13 6s2
Ytterbium	Yb	70	[Xe] 4f <sup>14</sup> 6s <sup>2</sup>
Lutetium	Lu	71	[Xe] 4f14 5d1 6s2

Table. Ground electronic configurations of the lanthanides

### **Oxidation States**

Lanthanides exhibit a principal oxidation state of +3 which contain an outer shell containing 8 electrons and an underlying layer containing up to 14 electrons. The +3 ions of La,



Gd and Lu which contain respectively an empty, a half-filled, and a completely filled 4f level are especially stable. Ce can exhibit an oxidation state of +4 in which it has the same electronic structure with La<sup>+3</sup>, an empty 4f level-noble gas configuration). Also, Tb<sup>4+</sup> exists which has the same electronic structure as Gd<sup>3+</sup> i.e. a half-filled 4f level. An empty, a half filled and a completely filled 4f shell confers some extra stability on a particular oxidation state.

La3+ $4f^05s^25p^6$ Ce4+ $4f^05s^25p^6$ (empty 4f level)Gd3+ $4f^75s^25p^6$ Tb4+ $4f^75s^25p^6$ (half-filled 4f level)

Also,  $Eu^{+2}$  is isoelectronic with  $Gd^{+3}$  *i.e.* half-filled 4f level and Yb<sup>+2</sup> is isoelectronic with  $Lu^{+3}$ 

$\mathrm{Gd}^{3+}$	$4f^75s^25p^6$	$Eu^{2+}$	$4f^75s^25p^6$	(half-filled 4f level)
Lu <sup>3+</sup>	$4f^{14}5s^25p^6$	$Yb^{2+}$	$4f^{14}5s^25p^6$	(completely filled 4f level)

In addition, +2 and +4 states exist for elements that are close to these states. For example,  $Sm^{2+}$  and  $Tm^{2+}$  occur with f<sup>6</sup> and f<sup>13</sup> arrangements and  $Pr^{4+}$  and  $Nd^{4+}$  have f<sup>1</sup> and f<sup>2</sup> arrangements.

The most stable oxidation state is  $Ln^{3+}$  and  $Ln^{2+}$  and  $Ln^{4+}$  are less stable. Ce<sup>4+</sup> is strongly oxidizing and Sm<sup>2+</sup> is strongly reducing:

$$Ce^{4+} + Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Ce^{3+} + Fe^{3+}$$
$$Sm^{2+} + 2H_2O \longrightarrow 2Sm^{3+} + 2OH^- + H_2$$

{ $Ce^{4+}$  and  $Sm^{2+}$  are converted to +3 state, showing that it is the most stable oxidation state}

### **Colour:**

The colours are due to Laporte forbidden f-f transitions. The absorption bands of  $Ln^{+3}$  ions (except Ce<sup>+3</sup> and Yb<sup>+3</sup> ions) are very weak but sharp when compared to those of d – block elements. Many of these bands are line-like and become even narrower as the temperature is lowered. These narrow bands appear due to f-f transition and are independent of the nature of



the anion present. As 4 felectron lie deep inside the atom, the colours of  $Ln^{+3}$  ions are not affected by changing the anion.

### **Spectral properties of Lanthanoid complexes**

Lanthanide ions are weakly coloured. The spectra of their complexes show much narrower and more distinct absorption bands which is associated with weak f-f transition. The 4f orbital are deeply embedded inside the atom and well shielded by 5s and 5p electrons. The f electrons are practically unaffected by complex formation; hence colour remains almost constant for a particular ion regardless of the ligands shown in table. The bands due to f-f transition are sharp compared to the broad bands for d-d transition. Absorption bands due to 4f-5d transitions are broad and are affected by ligand environment.

All lanthanoid ions (except  $La^{3+}(f^{0})$  and  $Lu^{3+}(f^{14})$  show luminescence  $Eu^{3+}(f^{6})$  and  $Tb^{3+}(f^{8})$  showing particularly strong emissions. This has being attributed to the large number of excited states that exist which decays to the ground state with either emission of energy (fluorecence) or non-radiative pathways. The origin of this is f-f transition. The luminescence of lanthanoid complexes is the reason they are used as phosphors on TV screens and fluorescent lighting.



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Ions	No of 4 <i>f</i> e`s	Colour	Ions	No of 4f e`s	Colour	Ions	No of 4f e`s	Colour	Isoelectronic Ln <sup>3+</sup>
La <sup>3+</sup>	4f°	Colourless	Lu <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>14</sup>	Colourless	Ce4+	4f°	Orange-red	La <sup>3+</sup> Colourless
Ce <sup>3+</sup>	$4f^{i}$	Colourless	Yb <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>13</sup>	Colourless	Sm <sup>2+</sup>	4f <sup>6</sup>	Yellow	Eu <sup>3+</sup> Pale pink
Pr3+	4f²	Green	Tm <sup>3+</sup>	4f12	Green	Eu <sup>2+</sup>	4f7	Pale greenish yellow	Gd3+ Colourless
Nd3+	4f <sup>3</sup>	Lilac	Er <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>u</sup>	Lilac	Yb2+	4f <sup>14</sup>	Colourless	Lu <sup>3+</sup> Colourless
Pm <sup>3+</sup>	4f4	pink	Ho <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>10</sup>	Pink				
Sm <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>5</sup>	Yellow	Dy3+	4f9	Yellow				
Eu <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>6</sup>	Pale pink	Tb <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>8</sup>	Pale pink				
Gd <sup>3+</sup>	4f <sup>7</sup>	Colourless							

#### The Colours Of Some Aqueous Lanthanides

#### **Magnetic properties**

The 4f electrons are responsible for the strong magnetism exhibited by the metals and compounds of the lanthanides. In the incomplete 4f sub shell the magnetic effects of the different electrons do not cancel out each other as they do in a completed sub shell, and this factor gives rise to the interesting magnetic behaviour of these elements. At higher temperatures, all the lanthanides except lutetium are paramagnetic (weakly magnetic), and this paramagnetism frequently shows a strong anisotropy. As the temperature is lowered, many of the metals exhibit a point below which they become antiferromagnetism (i.e., magnetic moments of the ions are aligned but some are opposed to others), and, as the temperatures are lowered still further, many of them go through a series of spin rearrangements, which may or may not be in conformity with the regular crystal lattice. Finally, at still lower temperatures, a number of these elements become ferromagnetic (i.e., strongly magnetic, like iron). Some of the metals have saturation moments (magnetism observed when all the magnetic moments of the ions are aligned) greater than iron, cobalt, or nickel. They also show a strong anisotropy in their magnetic behaviour depending on



the crystal direction. Study of the magnetism of rare-earth elements has had great influence on present-day theories of magnetism.

### Lanthanide Contraction (or Atomic and ionic radii):

The energies of 4f and 5d -orbitals are nearly same, beginning near to atomic number 57 La. Similar behavior is also observed for 5f and 6d - orbitals at atomic number 89 Ac.

The shielding of one f- electron by another from the effect of nuclear charge is quite weak due to shape of f-orbitals and hence with increasing atomic number the effective nuclear charge experienced by each 4f e increases, because of this there is contraction of atomic or ionic - radii proceeding from La to Lu. This decrease in atomic or ionic radii is called Lanthanide Contraction. Due to Lanthanide contraction the chemical properties of Lanthanides are almost similar.

### Case of Lanthanide Contraction:

In Lanthanides the additional electrons enters 4f-sub shell but not in the valence shell namely sixth shell. The shielding effect of one electron in 4f- sub shell by another in the same sub-shell (i.e. mutual shielding effect of 4f- electrons) is being even smaller than that of delectrons, because the shape of f sub-shell is very much diffused. The nuclear charge (i.e. atomic number) increases by unity at each step. Thus the nuclear charge increases at each step, while there is no comparable increase in the mutual shielding effect of 4f-electron. This results in that electrons in the outermost shell experience increasing nuclear attraction from the growing nucleus. Consequently, the atomic and ionic- radii go on decreasing as we move from La<sub>57</sub> to Lu<sub>71</sub>.

### Consequences of lanthanide contraction:

Some important consequences of lanthanides contraction are as under:

(i) High density of post lanthanide elements:

Because of lanthanide contraction the atomic sizes of the post lanthanide elements become very small. The arrangement of atoms in metallic lattice is much compact that the



densities are very high. The density of  $2^{nd}$  transition series is slightly higher than  $1^{st}$  transition series, while the densities of  $3^{rd}$  transition series is almost double than  $2^{nd}$  transition series.

(ii) Basic character of oxides,  $Ln_2O_3$  and hydroxides,  $Ln(OH)_3$ :

There is decrease in basic strength of oxides and hydroxides of lanthanides with increase in atomic number. The basicity decreases as ionic radii decreases. The basicity of  $Ln^{+3}$  ions may be expected to decreases in the order,  $La^{+3}$ >  $Ce^{+3}$ >  $Pr^{+3}$ ...>  $Lu^{+3}$ . These differences in basicity are reflected in (a) thermal decomposition of oxy-salts. *i.e.* more basic oxy-salts decompose less easily (b) hydrolysis of ions-more basic ions hydrolyse less readily (c) solubilities of salts (d) formation of complexes and (e) decreasing ease of oxidation of the metals with increasing atomic number–oxidation potential for the couple  $Ln \rightarrow Ln^{+3} + 3e^{-}$  regularly goes on decreasing.

Due to lanthanide contraction the decrease in size of  $Ln^{+3}$  ions from  $La^{+3}$  to  $Lu^{+3}$  increases the covalent character ( i.e. decreases the ionic character ) between  $Ln^{+3}$  and OH ions in Ln(III) hydroxides. Thus La(OH)<sub>3</sub> is the most basic while Lu(OH)<sub>3</sub> is the best basic.

Similarly there is a decrease in the basic strength of the oxides,  $Ln_2O_3$  with the increase of atomic number of Ln-atom.

(iii) Small variation in the properties on account of Lanthanide contraction allows the separation of Lanthanides by the methods based on fractional crystallization and basicity differences.

(iv) The pair of elements i.e. Zr-Hf, Nb-Ta, have almost similar size and they are much closer to one another in properties than the pairs of elements of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> transition series, e.g. solubilities of their salts are very much similar to one another.

### (v) Occurrence of Y with heavy Lanthanides:

The crystal radii of  $Y^{+3}$  and  $Er^{+3}$  are equal ( $Y^{+3}=0.93$  A<sup>0</sup> and  $Er^{+3}=0.96$  A<sup>0</sup>). This similarities in atomic size of these two cations coupled with the equality in ionic charge (= +3 in both the ions) accounts for the invariable occurrence of Y with heavier Lanthanides.



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### Separation of Lanthanides - Ion exchange method:

A synthetic ion-exchange resin with functional groups like –COOH and –SO<sub>3</sub>H is packed in a long column fixed in a vertical position. The steady decrease in size and consequent decrease in basicity causes the steady increase the complexing ability with increasing atomic number of lanthanides. When an aqueous solution containing `the mixture of trivalent lanthanide ion  $M^{+3}(aq)$  is passed through a column having synthetic cation-exchange resin (HR)solid, the  $M^{+3}$  ions replace H<sup>+</sup> ion of the resin and thus get fixed on that

 $M^{+3}(aq) + 3HR \longrightarrow MR_3(solid) + 3H^+(aq)$ 

Small  $Lu^{3+}$  gets more hydrated than  $La^{3+}$  and is bigger in size. So  $La^{3+}$  (aq) gets strongly bound to the resin column than others. In order to recover  $M^{3+}$  ions fixed on the resin, the column is eluted with a citric acid–ammonium citrate solution (eluant). During elution process  $NH_{4^+}$  ions replace  $M^{3+}$  ion and M-citrate complexes are formed.

 $MR_3 + NH_4^+ \longrightarrow NH_4R + M^{3+}$ 



A citrate buffer (citric acid/ammonium citrate) solution (which complexes with the lanthanide ions) is slowly run down the column and the cations partition themselves between the column itself and the moving citrate solution. Since the smaller ions show a greater preference for complexing with the citrate solution, these ions are the first to emerge from the column. By the correct choice of conditions the lutetium ion,  $Lu^{+3}(aq)$ , emerges first from the column, followed by the cations ytterbium, thulium, erbium, etc, in order of increasing ionic radius. By using a long ion-exchange column, the elements may be obtained at 99.9% with one pass. The bigger aquated ion is least strongly held and comes out first. Other ions remain on the column and can be separated by repeated elution.

### **Applications of lanthanides**

 Use as catalysts: Lanthanide catalysts have been repeatedly recommended for use in numerous organic reactions, including the hydrogenation of ketones to form secondary alcohols, the hydrogenation of olefins to form alkanes, the dehydrogenation of alcohols and butanes, and the formation of polyesters.


- 2. Use in the glasses industry: Cerium oxides has been found to be a more rapid polishing agent for glass than rouge, and are used in the polishing of lenses for cameras, binoculars, and eyeglasses, as well as in polishing mirrors and television faceplates. Neodymium is added to some glasses to counteract the yellowish tint caused by iron impurities. Very pure neodymium oxide, when added in sufficient quantities (1–5 percent), gives a beautiful purple glass.
- 3. Use in the metallurgical industry: Small amounts of misch metal and cerium have long been added to other metals or alloys to remove their nonmetallic impurities. Misch metal added to cast iron makes a more malleable nodular iron. Added to some steels, it makes them less brittle. The addition of misch metal to certain alloys has been reported to increase the tensile strength and improve the hot workability and the high-temperature oxidation resistance.
- 4. Use in the television industry: It has been found that if a small amount of europium oxide (Eu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) is added to yttrium oxide (Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), it gives a brilliant-red phosphor. Colour television screens utilize red, green, and blue phosphors. Some television companies have substituted gadolinium oxide for the yttrium oxide. Considerable amounts of mixed rareearth fluorides are used to make cored carbon rods, which are used as arcs in searchlights and in some of the lights used by the motion-picture industry.
- 5. Other applications: Another significant industrial application of rare earths is in the manufacture of strong permanent magnets. Alloys of cobalt with rare earths, such as cobalt–samarium, produce permanent magnets that are far superior to most of the varieties now on the market. Another relatively recent development is the use of a barium phosphate-europium phosphor in a sensitive X-ray film that forms satisfactory images with only half the exposure.

# **Actinides (5f- Block elements)**

# Introduction

The elements in which the extra electron enters 5f- orbitals of  $(n-2)^{th}$  main shall are known as 5f-block elements, actinides or actinones. Thus, according to the definition of actinides only thirteen elements from Th<sub>90</sub> (5f<sup>0</sup> 6d<sup>2</sup> 7s<sup>2</sup>) to No<sub>102</sub> (5f<sup>14</sup> 6d<sup>0</sup> 7s<sup>2</sup>) should be the members of



actinide series. However, all the fifteen elements from  $Ac_{89} (5f^0 6d^17s^2)$  to  $Lw_{103} (5f^{14} 6d^1 7s^2)$  are considered as the members of actinide series, since all these fifteen elements have same physical and chemical properties. In fact actinium is prototype of actinides as lanthanum is the prototype of lanthanides.

### **Electronic configuration of actinides:**

General electronic configuration of actinides is 2,8,18, 32,  $5s^2$ ,  $p^6 d^{10} f^{0.14}$ ,  $6s^2 p^6 d^{0.2}$ ,  $7s^2$ 

Nos.	Name	At. No. and symbol	Electronic configuration
1	Actinium	Ac <sub>89</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>0</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
2	Thorium	Th <sub>90</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>0</sup> 6d <sup>2</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
3	Protactinium	Pa <sub>91</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>2</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
4	Uranium	U <sub>92</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>3</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
5	Neptunium	Np <sub>93</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>4</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
6	Plutonium	Pu <sub>94</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>6</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
7	Americium	Am <sub>95</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>7</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
8	Curium	Cm <sub>96</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>7</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
9	Berkelium	Bk <sub>97</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>9</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
10	Californium	Cf <sub>98</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>10</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
11	Einstenium	Es <sub>99</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>11</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
12	Fermium	Fm <sub>100</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>12</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
13	Mendelevium	Md <sub>101</sub>	[Rn] 5f1 <sup>3</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
14	Nobelium	No <sub>102</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>0</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>
15	Lawrencium	Lw <sub>103</sub>	[Rn] 5f <sup>14</sup> 6d <sup>1</sup> 7s <sup>2</sup>

# **Oxidation states of actinide elements**

Composition of the oxidation states of lanthanides with those of actinides indicates that +3 oxidation state is most common for both the series of elements. The oxidation state of actinide element is given below:



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Ac	Th	Ра	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lw
						+2								
+3	-	-	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3
	+4	+4	+4	+4	+4	+4	+4	+4						
		+5	+5	+5	+5	+5			-					
			+6	+6	+6	+6								
				+7	+7		]							

This oxidation state becomes increasingly more stable as the atomic number increases in the actinide series. The increasing stability of +3 oxidation state is illustrated by the increasing difficulty of oxidation above +3 oxidation state. Actinides show a greater multiplicity of oxidation states. Since in the first half of the actinide series (i.e. lower actinides) the energy required for the conversion  $5f \rightarrow 6d$  is less than that required for the conversion  $4f \rightarrow 5d$ , the lower actinides should show higher oxidation state such as +4, +5, +6 and +7. Correspondingly, since in the second half of the actinide series (i.e. higher actinides), the energy required for the conversion  $5f \rightarrow 6d$  is more than that required for the conversion  $4f \rightarrow 5d$ , and the higher actinides should show more lower oxidation states such as +2. The tripositive oxidation state occurs widely in each series. The two groups of elements are not entirely comparable in this respect. The +3 state characteristic of lanthanides does not appear in aqueous solution of Th and Pa and this oxidation state become the predominantly stable oxidation state in aqueous solution of the actinides only when we reach Am. For Th & Pa the +4 & +5 oxidation states are important respectively. From Uranium onward there is very closely related groups U, Np, Pu & Am in which the stability of higher oxidation sate takes place.

#### **Magnetic properties of Actinide elements**

In the 5f-series, Pu<sup>+3</sup> and Am<sup>+3</sup> ions show analogous behavior as noted for Sm<sup>+3</sup> and Eu<sup>+3</sup> ions in 4f-series. The magnetic properties of the actinides ions are considerably more difficult to explain than those of the lanthanide ions. The values of magnetic moments found experimentally are usually lower than those calculated using russellsaunders coupling scheme. This is due perhaps to the inadequacy of the russellsaunders coupling scheme for 5f n ions and also to more soluble ligand field effects which involve 5f-orbitals to a greater extent than the 4f-orbitals are involved in bonding in the lanthanide complexes.

An equation used for the calculation of molar susceptibility  $X_M$  is given by,



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$$x_{\rm M} = \frac{Ng^2\beta^2 J(J+1)}{3KT} + N\alpha$$

Where N = Avogadro's number, g = lande splitting factor Which is given by:

$$g = 1 + \frac{S(S+1) + J (J+1) - L(L-1)}{2J(J+1)}$$
  
$$\beta = Bohr magneton = \frac{eh}{2\pi mc}$$
  
$$= 9.27 \times 10^{-21} \text{ erg/gauss}$$

J = Total angular momentums of atom = |L+S| K = Boltzmann constant,  $T = absolute temperature and <math>\alpha = small$  temperature independent term due to second order Zeeman effect. Strictly speaking the above equation can be applied only to gaseous ions in which the multiplet intervals are larger compound to KT and value of J to be used in it is taken from the ground state symbols of ions.

#### **Chemical properties**

Like the lanthanides, all actinides are highly reactive with halogens and chalcogens; however, the actinides react more easily. Actinides, especially those with a small number of 5f-electrons, are prone to hybridization. This is explained by the similarity of the electron energies at the 5f, 7s and 6d shells. Most actinides exhibit a larger variety of valence states, and the most stable are +6 for uranium, +5 for protactinium and neptunium, +4 for thorium and plutonium and +3 for actinium and other actinides.

Chemically, actinium is similar to lanthanum, which is explained by their similar ionic radii and electronic structure. Like lanthanum, actinium almost always has an oxidation state of +3 in compounds, but it is less reactive and has more pronounced basic properties. Among other trivalent actinides  $Ac^{3+}$  is least acidic, i.e. has the weakest tendency to hydrolyze in aqueous solutions.

Thorium is rather active chemically. Owing to lack of electrons on 6d and 5f orbitals, the tetravalent thorium compounds are colorless. At pH < 3, the solutions of thorium salts are dominated by the



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cations  $[Th(H_2O)_8]^{4+}$ . The Th<sup>4+</sup> ion is relatively large, and depending on the coordination number can have a radius between 0.95 and 1.14 Å. As a result, thorium salts have a weak tendency to hydrolyse. The distinctive ability of thorium salts is their high solubility, not only in water, but also in polar organic solvents.

Protactinium exhibits two valence states; the +5 is stable, and the +4 state easily oxidizes to protactinium(V). Thus tetravalent protactinium in solutions is obtained by the action of strong reducing agents in a hydrogen atmosphere. Tetravalent protactinium is chemically similar to uranium(IV) and thorium(IV). Fluorides, phosphates, hypophosphate, iodate and phenylarsonates of protactinium(IV) are insoluble in water and dilute acids. Protactinium forms soluble carbonates. The hydrolytic properties of pentavalent protactinium are close to those of tantalum(V) and niobium(V). The complex chemical behavior of protactinium is a consequence of the start of the filling of the 5*f* shell in this element.

Uranium has a valence from 3 to 6, the last being most stable. In the hexavalent state, uranium is very similar to the group 6 elements. Many compounds of uranium(IV) and uranium(VI) are nonstoichiometric, i.e. have variable composition. For example, the actual chemical formula of uranium dioxide is  $UO_{2+x}$ , where x varies between -0.4 and 0.32. Uranium(VI) compounds are "uranyl" group, UO<sup>2+</sup> weak oxidants. Most of them contain the linear 2. Between 4 and 6 ligands can be accommodated in an equatorial plane perpendicular to the uranyl group. The uranyl group acts as a hard acid and forms stronger complexes with oxygen-donor ligands.  $NpO^{2+}$ ligands with nitrogen-donor than  $_2$  and PuO<sup>2+</sup>

 $_2$ are also the common form of Np and Pu in the +6 oxidation state. Uranium(IV) compounds exhibit reducing properties, e.g., they are easily oxidized by atmospheric oxygen. Uranium(III) is a very strong reducing agent. Owing to the presence of d-shell, uranium (as well as many other actinides) forms organometallic compounds, such as U<sup>III</sup>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and U<sup>IV</sup>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>.

Neptunium has valence states from 3 to 7, which can be simultaneously observed in solutions. The most stable state in solution is +5, but the valence +4 is preferred in solid neptunium compounds. Neptunium metal is very reactive. Ions of neptunium are prone to hydrolysis and formation of coordination compounds.



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Plutonium also exhibits valence states between 3 and 7 inclusive, and thus is chemically similar to neptunium and uranium. It is highly reactive, and quickly forms an oxide film in air. Plutonium reacts with hydrogen even at temperatures as low as 25-50 °C; it also easily forms halides and intermetallic compounds. Hydrolysis reactions of plutonium ions of different oxidation states are quite diverse. Plutonium(V) can enter polymerization reactions.

The largest chemical diversity among actinides is observed in americium, which can have valence between 2 and 6. Divalent americium is obtained only in dry compounds and non-aqueous solutions (acetonitrile). Oxidation states +3, +5 and +6 are typical for aqueous solutions, but also in the solid state. Tetravalent americium forms stable solid compounds (dioxide, fluoride and hydroxide) as well as complexes in aqueous solutions. It was reported that in alkaline solution americium can be oxidized to the heptavalent state, but these data proved erroneous. The most stable valence of americium is 3 in the aqueous solutions and 3 or 4 in solid compounds.

Valence 3 is dominant in all subsequent elements up to lawrencium (with the exception of nobelium). Curium can be tetravalent in solids (fluoride, dioxide). Berkelium, along with a valence of +3, also shows the valence of +4, more stable than that of curium; the valence 4 is observed in solid fluoride and dioxide. The stability of  $Bk^{4+}$  in aqueous solution is close to that of  $Ce^{4+}$ . Only valence 3 was observed for californium, einsteinium and fermium. The divalent state is proven for mendelevium and nobelium, and in nobelium it is more stable than the trivalent state. Lawrencium

shows valence 3 both in solutions and solids. The redox potential increases from -0.32 V in uranium, through 0.34 V (Np) and 1.04 V (Pu) to 1.34 V in americium revealing the increasing reduction ability of the An<sup>4+</sup> ion from americium to uranium. All actinides form AnH<sub>3</sub> hydrides of black color with salt-like properties. Actinides also produce carbides with the general formula of AnC or AnC<sub>2</sub> (U<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>for uranium) as well as sulfides An<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> and AnS<sub>2</sub>.

#### Uses of actinides

- Plutonium is used in the manufacture of nuclear weapons and as the power source in nuclear power plants.
  - On a smaller scale, Plutonium is also used as a power source in smaller devices such as the heart pacemaker.
  - Californium is used in smoke detectors,



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- Curium is a power source in space vehicles,
- Americium is utilized in the treatment of cancer.

#### Extraction



Owing to the low abundance of actinides, their extraction is a complex, multistep process. Fluorides of actinides are usually used because they are insoluble in water and can be easily

separated with redox reactions. Fluorides are reduced with calcium, magnesiumor barium:

Among the actinides, thorium and uranium are the easiest to isolate. Thorium is extracted mostly from monazite: thorium pyrophosphate (ThP<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>) is reacted with nitric acid, and the produced thorium nitrate treated with tributyl phosphate. Rare-earthimpurities are separated by increasing the pH in sulfate solution.

In another extraction method, monazite is decomposed with a 45% aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide at 140 °C. Mixed metal hydroxides are extracted first, filtered at 80 °C, washed with water and dissolved with concentrated hydrochloric acid. Next, the acidic solution is neutralized with hydroxides to pH = 5.8 that results in precipitation of thorium hydroxide (Th(OH)<sub>4</sub>) contaminated with ~3% of rare-earth hydroxides; the rest of rare-earth hydroxides remains in solution. Thorium hydroxide is dissolved in an inorganic acid and then purified from the rare earth elements. An efficient method is the dissolution of thorium hydroxide in nitric acid, because the resulting solution can be purified by extraction with organic solvents:



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# POSSIBLE QUESTIONS UNIT-IV

# PART-A (20 MARKS)

# (Q.NO 1 TO 20 Online Examination) PART-B (2 MARKS)

- 1. Why lanthanoids are paramagnetic in nature?
- 2. Why maximum numbers of actinides areradio active in nature?
- 3. Write any two uses of lanthanides.
- 4. Why do actinides show higher oxidation states than lanthanides?
- 5. What are lanthanides? Give the variations in oxidation number.
- 6. Write any two uses of actinides.
- 7. What is meant by lanthanide contraction?

# PART C (Each carry 6 marks)

- 1. What are lanthanides? Describe ion exchange method for the separation of lanthanides
- 2. Write a note lanthanide contraction.
- 3. Write the differences between lanthanides and actinides
- 4. Explain the electronic configuration, colour, oxidation states of f-block elements in the position periodic table
- 5. Write a note on contraction and electronic configuration of actinides.
- 6. Explain one method for extract the lanthanides.
- 7. Explain the magnetic properties of Lanthanides.
- 8. Discuss the differences between lanthanides and actinides



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S. **Ouestions Option 1 Option 2 Option 3 Option 4** Answer No The electronic configuration of f block p block d block s block f block 1 Lanthanides is filled in 4f orbitals 5f orbitals 6f orbitals 7f orbitals 5f orbitals 2 The electronic configuration of Actinides is 3 acidity basicity conductivity neutrality basicity The lanthanide contraction will affect the 4 3 the most common oxidation state of 1 2 4 3 lanthanides is 5 Magnetite Monazite Limonite Monazite Cassiterite Lanthanides are extracted from The elements in which the extra electron d block elements f block elements f block p block elements 6 s block enters (n-2)f orbitals are called elements elements 7 The Lanthanides contraction is due to imperfect Perfect shielding imperfect imperfect Perfect shielding of 4f shielding of 3d of 4f electron shielding of 3d shielding of 4f electron electron electron electron 8 Tracer bullets gas lamp none of the gas lamp toys Ceria is used in materials above materials Lanthanides are separated by Fractional Fractional Sublimation 9 Steam Fractional crystallization distillation distillation crystallization 10 Alkalis lanthanides actinides inert gases actinides Which of the following forms oxocations Maximum oxidation states foe lanthanides 3 4 6 8 11 4 are Mish metals nichrome Mish metals 12 pyroboric alloy Alloys of lanthanides are called brass 13 alkaline earth alkali metals rare earth metals inert metals rare earth Lanthanides are also called metals metals 14 2 3 4 3 1 Common oxidation state for lanthanides is 15 bauxite carnitite carnolite zincite carnitite The main ore of uranium is 5f orbital 16 6d orbital 5d orbital 4f orbital 5f orbital Actinide contraction is caused by due to 17 Hf La Pm Pm The only radioactive element in Os



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lanthanides 18 Berzelius Goldstein Thorium was first discovered by Chadwick Newland Berzelius 19 araldite zincite The oxides of lanthanide is called Cerite cuprite Cerite 20 The maximum oxidation state for actinides 5 7 4 6 7 is the color of transition in lanthanides is due f-d transition f-f transition 21 d-d transition s-s transition f-f transition to 22 2000-5000 2000-10000 5000-10000 0-2000 2000-10000 the color region for lanthanides 23 no change on moving Ce to Lu in the radii is decreases increases decreases zero 24 compare lanthanides, actinides are colored diamagnetic ferromagnetic colored non colored ..... in nature lanthanides and actinides are enter into 25 (n-2)d (n-2)f (n-1)f (n-1)d (n-2)f ..... Shell Among all the lanthanides ...... Is the 26 lanthanum cerium lutetium gadolinium cerium most abundant element ..... is the less abundant element is 27 lanthanum thalium gadolinium thalium lutetium lanthanides In aqueous solutions lanthanides exhibit 2 3 5 3 28 4 ..... oxidation state 29 Which state is stable for lanthanides monopositive dipositive tripositive zero state v holmium erbium holmium 30 ..... has maximum magnetic property lanthanum cerium in lanthanides 31 vellow red Pr3+ exhibit ..... color pink pink green 32 red colorless the color of the La3+ is colorless pink vellow 33 the color of the lanthanides was explained smith tanabe bailey smith rossey by Due to the lanthanide contraction ionic 34 increases decreases decreases zero non zero radii is 35 Based on lanthanide contraction ..... conductivity solubility magnetism solubilty color



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	of their salts are closed to each other					
36	is the fbolck element but it is	Thorium	cerium	samerium	yttrium	yttrium
	belongs to d-block					
37	the formation ofbond which	ionic	hydrogen	covalent	coordination	coavlent
	affect the complex formation of f orbitals					
38	lanthanides are highly dense metals and	boiling point	melting point	ionization energy	electrode	melting point
	they possess high				potential	
39	The percentage of cerium in pyrophoric	40.5	45.5	50.5	35.5	40.5
	alloys					
40	the important use of pyrophoric alloy is	toys	gun	tracer bullets	box	tracer bullets
	making					
41	lanthanides are easily react with to liberate	oxygen	ammonia	nitrigen	hydrogen	hydrogen
42	In actinideshas +2 oxidation	curium	actinum	americium	fermium	americium
	state					
43	All the actinides in nature	conductive	radioactive	nonmetallic	inert	radioactive
44	actinides are basic than actinides	high	low	zero	no	high
45	Misch metal is used to making parts of	gun	toys	jet engine	aero plane	jet engine
46		cerium	thalium	thorium	samerium	cerium
47	In petroleum industryis used as a catalyst	Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	La(OH) <sub>3</sub>	Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
48	is used in glass industry	Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	La(OH) <sub>3</sub>	PrO	Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
49	In the treatment of cancer is	cerium	thalium	thorium	lanthanum	thorium
	used as a medicine					
50	uranium and plutonium are used as	moderators	fuel	desiccator	control rods	fuel
	for nuclear reactors					
51	In the making of incandescent lights	ceria	thoria	alumina	magnesia	thoria
	Are used					
52	When ionic radii is increased, the stability	a. increased	b. decreased	c. no change	d. maintained	b. decreased
	of the complexes are					
53	The electronic configuration of	f block	p block	d block	s block	f block



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	Lanthanides is filled in					
54	The electronic configuration of Actinides is	4f orbitals	5f orbitals	6f orbitals	7f orbitals	5f orbitals
55	The lanthanide contraction will affect the	acidity	basicity	conductivity	neutrality	basicity
56	the most common oxidation state of	1	2	3	4	3
	lanthanides is					
57	Lanthanides are extracted from	Limonite	Monazite	Magnetite	Cassiterite	Monazite
58	The elements in which the extra electron	s block	p block elements	d block elements	f block elements	f block
	enters (n-2)f orbitals are called	elements				elements
59	The Lanthanides contraction is due to	Perfect	imperfect	Perfect shielding	imperfect	imperfect
		shielding of 3d	shielding of 4f	of 4f electron	shielding of 3d	shielding of 4f
		electron	electron		electron	electron
60		toys	Tracer bullets	gas lamp	none of the	gas lamp
	Ceria is used in			materials	above	materials



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# <u>UNIT V</u> SYLLABUS

#### Inorganic Reaction Mechanism

Introduction to inorganic reaction mechanisms. Substitution reactions in square planar

complexes, Trans- effect, theories of trans effect. Thermodynamic and Kinetic stability.

# Introduction to inorganic reaction mechanisms

Ligand substitution reactions of coordination complexes can be illustrated by the general equation,

 $MX_n + Y \longrightarrow MX_{n-1}Y + X$ 

where 'M' is a metal atom or ion and 'X', 'Y' are any two ligands. For simplicity the charges have been ignored. In keeping with organic chemistry terminology, substitution reactions have been conveniently divided into nucleophilic ( $S_N$ ) and electrophilic ( $S_E$ ) substitutions:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} MX_n + Y & \longrightarrow & MX_{n-1}Y + X \dots & S_N \\ MX_n + M' & \longrightarrow & M' X_n + M \dots & S_E \end{array}$$

Electrophilic substitution mechanisms will not be considered further. For a ligand substitution process,  $S_N$  mechanisms are relevant and can be further subdivided into two paths like:

(i)  $S_N 1$  dissociation (substitution, nucleophilic, unimolecular):

This type of reaction can be illustrated as:

$$MX_{n} \xrightarrow{slow} MX_{n-1} + X$$
$$MX_{n-1} + Y \xrightarrow{fast} MX_{n-1}Y$$

Such reactions are insensitive to the nature of the incoming nucleophile, 'Y', but sensitive to the leaving group 'X' and reach the transition state principally by the internal accumulation of the energy to break the bond to the leaving group. The detection of an intermediate of reduced coordination number is the best diagnosis of the  $SN^1$  mechanism.



(ii) S<sub>N</sub>2 displacement (substitution, nucleophilic, bimolecular):

This type of reaction involves a bimolecular rate determining step followed by a rapid cleavage of 'X'

 $MX_n + Y \xrightarrow{slow} X \xrightarrow{} X_{n-1} Y \xrightarrow{fast} MX_{n-1}Y + X$ 

These reactions are affected by the nature of the entering group. Stereospecificity *i.e.* retention of configuration suggests an  $S_N 2$  reaction.

One of the great complicating factors in assigning mechanism of substitution reactions is the existence of borderline mechanism or intermediate mechanism between  $S_N 1$  and  $S_N 2$ . Depending upon the nature of participation of entering ligand in the transition state, it has been suggested to classify ligand substitution reactions into four categories:

- (a) S<sub>N</sub>1 (lim), where the rate determining step involves only bond breaking and definite evidence for intermediate with reduced coordination number exists;
- (b)  $S_N 1$ , in which bond breaking is important in the rate determining step but no evidence for the existence of intermediate of reduced coordination can be presented;
- (c) S<sub>N</sub>2 (lim), in which the rate determining step involves only ligand-substrate bond making and definite evidence for intermediate of increased coordination number exists;
- (d)  $S_N 2$ , in which the rate determining step involves about equal bond making and bond breaking in the transition state.

An alternative classification has been proposed by Langford and Stengle. According to them the ligand substitution processes can be classified in terms of stoichiometric and intimate mechanism. Stoichiometric mechanism relates to the identification of the sequence of elementary steps involved in a complicated overall reaction. Intimate mechanism is the understanding of the magnitude of the rate constants for the individual steps in terms of rearrangements of atoms and bonds.

Stoichiometric Mechanism: Three paths for ligand substitutions are illustrated below:



$$MX_{n} \xrightarrow{+ X} MX_{n-1} \xrightarrow{+ Y} MX_{n-1}Y$$
$$MX_{n} \xrightarrow{+ Y} MX_{n}Y \xrightarrow{- X} MX_{n-1}Y$$

 $MX_n \ldots Y \quad \longrightarrow \ MX_{n\text{--}1}Y \ldots \ X$ 

In dissociative path (D), the leaving ligand is lost in the first step, producing an intermediate of reduced coordination number. In associative (A) path the entering ligand adds to the complex in the first step, producing an intermediate of increased coordination number. In the concerted path termed interchange (I), the leaving group is moving from the inner to outer sphere while the entering group is moving from outer to inner sphere.

Intimate mechanism: Two categories of intimate mechanism may be distinguished operationally.

- 1. Associative activation (a): The reaction rate is approximately as sensitive to variation of the entering group as to variation of the leaving group.
- 2. Dissociative activation (d): The reaction rate is much more sensitive to variation of the leaving group than to the variation of the entering group.

D mechanism must be dissociative. A mechanism must be associative. 'I' reaction may have a variety of transition states, but two well-defined types will be those resembling the transition state of A and D reactions. The A-like transition in an 'I' process will display substantial bonding to both the entering and leaving groups, and the entering group will display an important part in determining its energy. Such a transition state in an I path will be indicated by adding a notation 'a'. The D-like transition state of I reaction is one with only weak bonding to both the entering groups (the bonding may be very weak indeed). The entering group effect on the reaction rate will be small. Such an 'I' process will be denoted with an added d. However, the effect of charge and size of the central metal ion influences the mechanism of a reaction.



#### Mechanism for square planar substitutions

It is now established beyond doubt that the intimate mechanism of square planar substitution is a type i.e. the energy of the transition state is profoundly affected by the nature of the entering group. The theoretical considerations lead to the conclusion that planar  $d^8$  substitutions are ideal cases for an associative mechanism involving a five coordinated intermediate or transition state. Isolation of such intermediate depends on the presence of deep potential wells along the reaction profile. The presence of such minima depends on a number of factors, which are difficult to understand and cannot be easily predicted. For example, there is good evidence that all the reactions of tertiary phosphines with bis- $\beta$ -diketonato complexes of Pt(II) and Pd(II) proceed *via* five coordinated species. Though some can be isolated, others can only be detected spectroscopically and many cannot be observed at all.

A necessary consequence of assigning these five coordinated species as intermediate or transition state is that the five coordinated d8 molecules show a tendency to lose a ligand. For example, NMR spectroscopic measurements show that five coordinated  $[PdBr_2(PMe_3)_3]$  and  $[PdBr(PMe_3)_4]^{4+}$  readily lose Br<sup>-</sup> and PMe<sub>3</sub> respectively in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution. Several examples of four and five coordination equilibrium of the type (1.40) have been detected by variable temperature NMR spectroscopy.

# $[PtX_2(PR_3)_2] + PR_3 \quad \longleftarrow \quad [PtX_2(PR_3)_3]$

The five coordinated species there are two possibilities, depending on whether the detailed mechanism is A or I<sub>a</sub>. In the A process, there is a minimum in the plot of free energy versus reaction coordinate, corresponding to a symmetrical (D<sub>3h</sub>) trigonalbipyramidal structure. In the I<sub>a</sub> process, the symmetric trigonal bipyramid is the highest energy structure and is the transition state. The validity of the A mechanism is certainly strongly suggested by the impressive correlation of a wide variety of substituent effects based on a process that proceed through an approximately trigonal bipyramidal transition state and a trigonal bipyramidal intermediate. Intimate analysis of the five coordinate transition state shows that the three ligands, that occupy the trigonal plane in the trigonal bipyramidal, may take advantage of certain  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$ -bonding possibilities which are substantially changed from the ground state square



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planar complex. On the other hand, the bonding situation of the apical ligands is not appreciably different from the ground state complex. Thus, the assumption of an approximately trigonal bipyramidal geometry for the transition state correctly predicts relatively large substituent effects for the ligands in the trigonal plane (the *trans*, entering, and leaving groups) and relatively small effects for the apical ligands (the *cis* groups).

### Substitution in Square Planar Metal Complexes

Extensively studied for square planar  $Ni^{2+}$ ,  $Pd^{2+}$  and  $Pt^{2+}$  (d<sup>8</sup>) substitutions in water and non-polar solvents:

# $M(A)_2(T)(X) + Y \rightarrow M(A)_2(T)(Y) + X$

- Almost all examples of square planar geometry are d8 electron counts so electron counts are not a factor.
- However,  $\Delta CFSE$  going from square planar to TBP geometry is still unfavourable by-0.242 $\Delta_{oct}$  so this adds to the barrier for square planar substitution and this is one of the main reasons why square planar substitution is slower for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> row metals.
- Metal ions with d<sup>8</sup> configuration (Rh<sup>I</sup>, Ir<sup>I</sup>, Pt<sup>II</sup>, Pd<sup>II</sup>, Au<sup>III</sup>).
- Best studied: Pt(II) complexes rate of ligand substitution relatively slow and it convenient to measure.
- Nucleophilic substitution reactions in square planar Pt(II) complexes usually proceed by an associative mechanism.
- Substitution at square planar Pt(II) is stereoretentive.





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The most fundamental reaction a complex can undergo is ligand substitution reaction, a reaction in which one Lewis base displaces another from a Lewis acid:

$$MX_n + Y \longrightarrow MX_{n-1}Y + X$$

This class of reaction includes complex formation, in which the leaving group, the displaced base X and the entering group, the displacing base Y, is some other ligand (one of the ligands involved is often also the solvent species). The rates of such reactions vary widely, ranging from completion within the time for reactant mixing tow years. H. Taube called complexes having substitution half life  $t_{1/2} < 30$  sec as labile and called those with longer  $t_{1/2}$  as inert. Studying reactions of labile complexes require techniques such as stopped-flow, P-jump, or T-jump (in which system at equilibrium is perturbed by a sudden change in pressure or temperature and its relaxation to a new equilibrium monitored).

# Factors are affecting the substitution reactions in square planar complexes



The following factors are affecting the substitution reaction in square planar complexes

- i). Role of the Entering Group
- ii). The Role of The Leaving Group
- iii). The Nature of the Other Ligands in the Complex
- iv). Effect of the Metal Centre
- i). Role of the Entering Group



, The rate of substitution is proportional to the nucleophilicity of entering group i.e. for most reactions of Pt(II). The rate constant increases in the order:  $H_2O < NH_3 = py < Br^- < I^- < CN^-$ The ordering is consistent with Pt(II)being a soft metal centre.

ii). The Role Of The Leaving Group

# $[Pt(dien)X]^{+} + py \longrightarrow [Pt(dien)(py)]^{+} + X^{-}$

For the reaction in H<sub>2</sub>O at 250 C the sequence of lability is;  $H_2O > Cl^->Br^->l^->N_3 > - SCN^- > NO_2^->CN$  with a spread of over 10 in rate across series.



The leaving group does not affect the nucleophilic discrimination factors only the intrinsic reactivity. The series tend to parallel the strength of the Metal-L bond *iii). The nature of other ligands in the complex* 

Nature of the ligands present in the complex also affects the substitution reactions.

# **Trans effect**

# Definition

"The trans effect is best defined as the effect of a coordinated ligand upon the rate of substitution of ligands opposite to it."

#### OR

"The ability of a ligand in a square planar complex to direct the replacement if the ligand trans to it."

The trans effect is given as the following series:

 $CN^{-} > NO_{2}^{-} > I^{-} = SCN^{-} > Br^{-} > Cl^{-} > py > NH_{3} > H_{2}O$ 



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#### **Conclusion:**

- Cl<sup>-</sup> has a greater *trans* directing effect than NH<sub>3</sub>. Trans directing series Cl<sup>-</sup>>NH<sub>3</sub>.
- Depends on order in which the reagents are added as to which geometric isomer is formed so has uses for devising synthesis of Pt(II) complexes.
- *e.g.* consider the preparation of *cis* and *trans*  $PtCl_2I(py)$  from  $PtCl_4^{2-}$ , I<sup>-</sup> and py.



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#### $\pi$ -bonding theory

The Chatt (1955) and Orgel (1956) explained the high trans effect of the  $\pi$ -bonding ligands like PR<sub>3</sub>, NO, CO, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CN and given  $\pi$ -bonding theory of trans effect.

According to this theory the vacant  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals of the  $\pi$ -bonding ligands accept a pair of electrons from the filled d-orbitals of the metal ( $d_{xz}$  and  $d_{yz}$  orbital) to form metal ligand  $\pi$ -bond ( $d \pi - d \pi$  or  $d \pi - p\pi$  bond).

In case of Pt(II) square-planar complexe, PtX<sub>2</sub>L (L is the  $\pi$ -bonding ligand) the  $d_{yz}$  orbital of Pt(II) with a pair of electrons overlaps with the empty  $p_z$  orbital of the  $\pi$ -bonding ligand, L to form the  $d\pi$ - $p\pi$  bond between Pt(II) and L. The formation of  $\pi$ -bond in the complex increases the electron density in the direction of L and diminishes it in the direction of the ligand, X trans to L. Thus Pt-X bond trans to L is weakened.



The weakening of Pt-X bond trans to L fascilitates the approach of the entering ligand, say Y: with its lone pair in the direction of diminished electron density to form the five coordinated transition state complex,  $PtLX_3Y$ , which on losing X yields  $PtLX_2Y$ . In the formation of  $PtLX_3Y$  the ligand trans to L is replaced by the incoming group, Y. The transition



state complex has distorted *trigonal*-bipyramidal (*tbp*) structure in which tow X's groups which are cis to L both in the initial and final states form the apexes.



The formation of  $d\pi$ -p $\pi$  bond between Pt(II) and  $\pi$ -bonding ligand, L in the 5-coordinated transition activated complex as in the below cited **Figure 1** Smaller d-orbital lobes adjacent to the group X which is to be replaced by Y may be marked in the figure.



**Figure 1:** Formation of  $d\pi$ - $d\pi$  bond in the 5-coordinated activated complex formed during the substitution reaction in Pt(II) square planar complex PtLX<sub>3</sub>

$$PtLX_3 + Y \longrightarrow PtLX_2Y + X$$

A Schematic representation of double bond in Pt-PR3 is shown in **Figure 2**.  $\pi$ -bond is formed by the donation of a pair of electrons from the phosphorous to platinum and the  $\pi$ -bond by the overlap of filled d-orbital of platinum and a vacant d-orbital of phosphorous atom. If the ligand PR<sub>3</sub> and X are in the *xy* plane, the d-orbital shown in either  $d_{xz}$  or  $d_{yz}$ .



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**Figure 2:** Schematic representation of  $R_3P$ -Pt double bond

Chatt *et al* emphasises that the removal of charge from Pt(II) by  $\pi$ -bonding of L enhances the addition of the entering group, Y and favours a more rapid reaction. According to Orgel the formation of  $\pi$ -bond between Pt(II) and  $\pi$ -bonding ligand L enhances the stability of the 5-coordinated transition state complex, thus lowering the activation energy for its formation and speeding up the reaction.

The formation of  $\pi$ -bond weakens the metal-ligand bond trans to a  $\pi$ -bonding ligand is evident from the fact that in the square-planar complex anion,  $[(C_2H_4)PtCl_3]$ , the Pt-Cl bond trans to  $C_2H_4$  is slightly larger than those cis to  $C_2H_4$ . Pt-trans-Cl stretching frequency is lower than the average of the two Pt cis-Cl frequencies. Lower the frequency, the weaker (i.e.longer) the bond.

# STABILITY OF THE CPMPLEXES

The use of the term stability is without any qualification means that complex is existent under suitable condition and it is possible to store complex for appreciable time.

The use of term stability is general because the coordination compounds are stable in one reagent but dissociate or decompose in presence of another reagent. It is also possible that term stability can be referred as an action of heat or light or compound. The stability of complex is expressed qualitatively in terms of

(i) Thermodynamic stability (ii) Kinetic stability

# THERMODYNAMIC STABILITY:

It is the measure of extent of formation or transformation of complex under given set of condition at equilibrium. Thermodynamic stability depends on the strength of bond between metal ligand. The most of complexes are highly stable but they are dissociated in aqueous solution to some extent. The strength of bond between metal and ligand varies widely. For



example the complexes like  $[Co(SCN)_4]^{2+}$  ion the bond is very weak and on dilution, it breaks immediately and forms another compound.

 $[M(H_2O)_6]n++nL \rightarrow [M(H_2O)_{6\text{-}n} L_n]+nH_2O$ 

On the other hand, the complex of  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$  the bond is stronger in aqueous solution and in this complex Fe<sup>3+</sup> cannot be detected by any sensitive reagent. So it is indicated that thermodynamic stability deals with metal-ligand bond energy, stability constant and other thermodynamic parameters. In terms of thermodynamic stability, the complexes are referred as stable and unstable. The thermodynamic stability of the species is the measure of extent to which species will be formed or transformed into other species under certain condition when system attained equilibrium. The tetra cyno nickelate ion is a good example of thermodynamically stable complex that is kinetically labile. The classic example of the opposite case. i.e. a kinetically inert complex and thermodynamically unstable is the Hexa amine cobalt(III) cation in acid solution. It is expected to decompose:

$$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+} + 6H_3O^+ \rightarrow [Co(H_2O)_6]^{3+} + 6NH^{4+}$$

The tremendous thermodynamic driving force of six basic ammonia molecules combining with six protons results in an equilibrium constant for the above reaction of value  $10^{25}$ . Nevertheless acidification of a solution of Hexamine cobalt(III) results in on immediate change and several days are required (at room temperature) for degradation of the complex despite the favourable thermodynamics. The inertness of the complex results from the absence of a suitable low-energy pathway for the acidolysis reaction. The difference between stability and inertness can be expressed thermodynamically; a stable complex has large positive free energies of reaction  $\Delta G^0$ . The standard enthalpy change,  $\Delta H0$  for this reaction is related to the equilibrium constant,  $\beta n$  by the well thermodynamic equation.

$$\Delta G^{0} = -RT \ln\beta$$
$$\Delta G^{0} = \Delta H^{0} - T\Delta S^{0}$$

For similar complexes of various ions of the same charge of a particular transition series and particular ligand,  $\Delta S^0$  values would not differ substantially and hence a change in  $\Delta H^0$  value be related to change in  $\beta n$  values. So order of values of  $\Delta H^0$  is also the order of the  $\beta n$  value.



#### **KINETIC STABILITY:**

It is referred to rate or speed at which a complex formation or transformation reaction proceeds at equilibrium. Time factors play an important role in deciding the kinetic stability of the complex. The kinetic stability deals with the rate and mechanism of a chemical reaction. In kinetic stability, hence the complexes are referred as "inert" or "labile". Tube had used term "Inert" for thermodynamically stable complexes and "labile" for reactive complexes. The exceptions are complexes of some Polydentate ligands like the naturally occurring chlorophyll which is extremely inert to exchange with Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion in solution, the extended conjugation helps making the ring rigid. The effect of EDTA addition upon homeostatic equilibrium of some trace elements, including copper has been evaluated by some workers in terms of simplified blood plasma model.

# VARIOUS FACTORS AFFECTING THE STABILITY OF COORDINATION COMPOUNDS

Following factors are affecting the stability of coordination compounds

- (1) Nature of the Central Metal Ion
  - (i) Ionic Size
  - (ii) Ionic Charge
- (2) Nature of the Ligand
  - (i) Size and Charge
  - (ii) Basic Character
  - (iii) Ligand Concentration
- (3) Chelate Effect
  - (i) Ring Size
  - (ii) Number of Rings
  - (iii) Effect of Substitution
  - (iv) Macrocyclic effect

# [1] Nature of Central Metal Ion:

The important characteristics of the metal atom in determining stability of the complexes are given below.



### (i) Ionic Size:

The stability of coordination compound (complex) decreases with increase in size of metal ion. Zn(II) forms more stable complexes than Cd(II). The size of Zn(II) ion is 0.74A° and Cd(II) 0.97A°

#### (ii) Ionic Charge:

The effect of ionic charge of the central metal ion on the stability of coordination compounds may be described by comparing the change in stability in a series of complexes by changing the ionic charge on metal ion. If the charge of the central metal ion is more and the size is small, then the stability of the complex is more. In general, the small and highly charged cation can form more stable coordinate compounds because of most stable coordinate bonds.

$$\label{eq:Li} \begin{split} Li^+ > Na^+ > K^+ > Rb^+ > Cs^+ \\ Th^{4+} > Y^{3+} > Ca^{2+} > Na^+ \mbox{ and } La^{3+} > Sr^{2+} > K^+ \end{split}$$

### [2] Nature of the Ligand:

Nature of the ligand or important characteristics of ligand affects to determine the stability of the compounds is explained in the following manner

# (i) Size and Charge:

Ligands with less charge and more size are less stable and form less stable coordination compounds. Ligands with higher charge have small size and form more stable compounds.

More size  $\rightarrow$  Less Stable  $\leftarrow$  Less Charge Small size  $\rightarrow$  More stable  $\leftarrow$  More Charge

# (ii) Basic Character:

Calvin and Wilson suggested that the higher basic character or strength of the ligand, higher will be the stability of coordination compounds. It is defined that a strong base or higher basic strength of the ligand means it forms more stable compounds or its donating tendency of electron to central metal ion is higher. *e.g.* Aromatic diamines form unstable coordination compounds while aliphatic diamines form stable coordination compounds. Ligands like NH<sub>3</sub>, CN<sup>-</sup> etc have more basic character that means they form more stable compounds.



#### (iii) Ligand Concentration:

Some coordination complexes exist in aqueous solution only in presence of higher concentration of coordination group. In some cases aqueous molecules show greater coordinating tendency than the coordinating group which is originally present. e.g. in presence of highly concentrated solution of SCN<sup>-</sup> (thiocynate ion), the Co<sup>2+</sup> metal ion forms a stable blue colored coordination complex but on dilution in aqueous medium the blue complex is destroyed and a pink aqua complex  $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  is formed and then by further addition of ligand (SCN<sup>-</sup>) pink color disappears.

 $[Co(SCN)_4]^{2-} + H_2O \iff [Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 4SCN^{-}$ Blue Pink

The color change indicates that there is a competition between H2O/SCN- in formation of complex with Co(II) ion.

In the synthesis of tetra amine cupric sulphate complex at lower concentration of ammonia forms copper hydroxide, while at higher concentration of ligand form following complex.

Small concentration of ligand

$$CuSO_4 + NH_4OH \rightarrow Cu(OH)_2$$

High concentration of ligand

 $Cu(OH)_2 + NH_4OH \rightarrow [Cu(NH_4)_2SO_4.H_2O]$ 

# [3] Chelate Effect:

The process of forming metal chelate by the attachment of multidentate ligand with central metal ion in which ligand act as chelating agent is known as chelation. Chelation is expressed by the following unidentate and bidentate ligand reaction.

$$M + 2L \leftrightarrow ML_2$$
$$M + L-L \leftrightarrow M-L-L$$



Morgan proposed the term chelate to describe the cyclic structure which arises by multidented (poly) ligand and a metal ion. The name chelate is derived from the Greek word 'CHELA' means 'CLAW OF LOBSTER OR CRAB'.

Multidentate ligands form more stable coordination compounds than monodentate ligands. In 1937 Dielh gave the comprehensive review of the chelate rings and more recent treatment is given by Martell and Calvin who gave the review of the unusually high stability of metal chelate compounds.

Following factors are of great importance in chelate formation.

# (i) Ring Size:

The stability of chelate is depending on the size of chelate ring. The stability of coordination complex increases with number of chelate ring. It is found that 4-membered rings are unstable and rare than 5-membered rings which are common and stable. For chelate (saturated chelate) rings the following is the decreasing order of stability with increasing ring size

Five membered > Six membered > Seven membered The stability of metal chelates decrease by increasing the chelate size. Late (Defeter (End EAST) (Defeter (End CADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Ceened bis Utiveriti)) (Isabilited Utive Station 34 UCC ACt, 1956)

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#### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

#### **UNIT-IV**

#### PART-A (20 MARKS)

#### (Q.NO 1 TO 20 Online Examination)

#### PART-B (2 MARKS)

- 1. What is Trans effect?
- 2. What is kinetic stability?
- 3. What is  $\pi$ -bonding theory?
- 4. Write any two applications of Trans effect
- 5. Write the theories of trans effect.
- 6. Define square planar complexes.

# PART C (8 MARKS)

- 1. Discuss the  $\pi$ -bonding and electrostatic theories with example
- 2. Discuss the factors affecting the stability of metal complexes
- 3. Explain Trans effect with example
- 4. Discuss the stability of the complexes with example
- 5. Discuss the factors are affecting the substitution reactions in square planar complexes
- 6. Explain how the nature of metal ion and ligand affect the stability of the complexes
- 7. Explain the theories of Trans effect with examples
- 8. Discuss the factors affecting the stability of metal complexes
- 9. What is Trans effect? How does it influence substitution in square planar complexes?



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S.	Questions	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Answer
No						
1	Chelating ligands are formedComplexes	unstable	stable	neutral	semi stable	stable
2	The outermost configuration of La is	$5d^14s^2$	$5d^24s^2$	$5d^06s^2$	$4f^16s^2$	$5d^{1}4s^{2}$
3	The radii of lanthanides are decrease bacause of	contraction	expansion	limitation	elangation	contraction
4	The no of unpaired electrons in La3+	0	1	2	3	0
5	The no of unpaired electrons in Gd3+	3	4	6	7	7
6	The bohr magneton value of La3+ is	1.1	2.3	0	3.5	0
7	The bohr magneton value of Dy3+ is	7.9	8.5	10.6	10.65	10.65
8	$\pi$ -bonding theory is explained the complex	octahedral	tetrahedral	square planar	pyramidal	square planar
9	Which of the following is an example for non-conducting solvent?	CCl <sub>4</sub>	ROH	$C_6H_6$	DMSO	CCl <sub>4</sub>
10	The stability constant is denoted as	μ	β	γ	α	β
11	Trans effect has been increased when polarisability	decreases	increases	zero	no change	increases
12	The main application of the Trans effect is to analyze the synthesis of complexes	Pt	Cu	Fe	Co	Pt
13	Electrostatic polarization theory is not applicable for	μbond	$\pi$ bond	$\sum$ bond	$\alpha$ bond	$\pi$ bond
14	Stabilty constany was introduced by	Sachey	Irving	Glasco	Taffel	Irving
15	Chelating effect present inmembered complexes	Three	four	five	none	five
16	Determination of stability constants are calculated ny using	ohm's law	Beer's law	Lambert's law	Charles law	Beer's law
17	Which ligand presents in the first of the trans effect series	СО	F	NO	CN <sup>-</sup>	CN <sup>-</sup>
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18	An ability to replace one or more ligand by other ligands are called	inert	labile	stability	instability	labile
19	Labile and inert complexes are classified by	Biltz	Stobe	Taube	Tanabe	Taube
20	Square planar complexes formed by the Mechanism	S <sub>N</sub> 1	E <sup>1</sup> CB	$\mathrm{E}^{1}$	$S_N 2$	$S_N 2$
21	The groupWhich direct the entering ligand to occupy the <i>trans</i> position	NO <sub>2</sub>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	en	NO <sub>2</sub>
22	Another name of stable complexes is	penetration	labile	inert	dilution	penetration
23	Labile complexes are belongs to stability	thermal	kinetic	Photo chemical	Chemical	kinetic
24	kinetic stability is based on the of the reactions	Order	Number	Rate	Degree	Rate
25	Labile complexes are those whose ligands in which replaced	uniformly	rapidly	one by one	doesn't replaced	rapidly
26	CN- is more stable than	CO	F-	NO <sub>2</sub>	NO	CO
27	The symbol for magnetic property is	μ	λ	β	Λ	μ
28	Coordination complexes undergo	Ligand substitution reactions	elimination reactions	addition reactions	Rearrangeme nts	Ligand substitution reactions
29	The mechanism followed by Pt(II) complexes in substitution reactions is	SN1	E <sup>1</sup> CB	E <sup>1</sup>	SN2	$S_N^{-1}$
30	SN1 mechanism is followed in	Ligand substitution reactions	elimination reactions	addition reactions	Rearrangeme nts	Ligand substitution reactions
31	the labilization (making more reactive) of ligands that are trans to certain other ligands	Trans effect	Hoffmann elimination	Zayteff effect	Emdes degradation	Trans effect
32		the labilization	the labilization	the labilization	the	the labilization
	Trans effect is	(making more reactive) of	(making more reactive) of	(making more reactive) of	labilization (making more	(making more reactive) of



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		ligands that are trans to certain other ligands	ligands that are cis to certain other ligands	ligands that are in the same side	reactive) of ligands that are adjacent to certain other ligands	ligands that are trans to certain other ligands
33	Groups which direct the entering ligand to occupy the position	Trans directing			hyperactive	Trans directing
-	trans to them are called	group	strong ligands	weak ligands	ligands	group
34	The property of the groups due to which the groups lying trans to them are replaced far more readily by the entering ligand is	Ortho directing	meta directing	trans directing	para directing	trans directing
	called	character	character	character	character	character
35	The effect of a coordinated group lying trans to it in a metal complex is called	Trans effect	Hoffmann elimination	Zayteff effect	Emdes degradation	Trans effect
36	Which is having high trans effect	cyanide ion	carbonyl	ethylene	Nitrosyl	cyanide
37	Which is having the least trans effect	cyanide ion	carbonyl	ethylene	Nitrosyl	Nitrosyl
38	Which is having high trans effect	Hydride ion	carbonyl	ethylene	Nitrosyl	Carbonyl
39	Which is having the least trans effect	cyanide ion	carbonyl	Nitrite ligand	Nitrosyl	Nitrite ligand
40	The ligands at the High end of the trans series have	vacant pi orbital	vacant sigma orbital	completely occupied pi orbital	completely occupied sigma orbital	vacant pi orbital
41	The ligands at the High end of the trans series have	vacant ∏* orbital	vacant sigma orbital	completely occupied pi orbital	completely occupied sigma orbital	vacant П* orbital
42	Example for a Pi bonding ligand	cyanide ion	carbonyl	ethylene	Nitrosyl	cyanide
43	The ligand which can accept electrons from metal orbital to form metal-ligand bond	cyanide ion	ammine	hydroxyl	aqua	cyanide
44	Which ligand does not accept electrons from metal orbital to form					
	a metal ligand bond	cyanide ion	carbonyl	ethylene	aqua	aqua
45	Trans effect is less in	Fluoride	chloride	bromide	iodide	Iodide
46	Which is having low polarisability	Fluoride	chloride	bromide	iodide	Fluoride
47	Which is having high polarisability power	Fluoride	chloride	bromide	iodide	Iodide



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48	Trans effect is used in			In preparing trans	Friedel Crafts	Synthesis of Pt(II)
		Synthesis of	Nitrating	geometrical	alkylating	complexes
		Pt(II) complexes	reactions	isomer	reactions	1
49	Trans effect is explained by		Absolute	electrostatic		Electrostatic
		Arrehenius	reaction rate	polarisation	Collisio	polarisation
		theory	theory	theory	n theory	theory
50	Trans effect is explained by		Absolute			
		Arrehenius	reaction rate	Pi bonding	Collisio	Pi bonding
		theory	theory	theory	n theory	theory
51	Electrostatic polarisation theory is to explain		Hoffmann		Emdes	
		Trans effect	elimination	Zayteff effect	degradation	Trans effect
52	Pi bonding theory is to explain		Hoffmann		Emdes	
		Trans effect	elimination	Zayteff effect	degradation	Trans effect
53	Which follows a thermodynamic approach	Electrostatic				Electrostatic
		polarisation	Pi bonding	Arrehenius	Collisio	polarisation
		theory	theory	theory	n theory	theory
54	If the resultant dipole of the ligands is zero then it will			The trans effect	The trans	Will not show
		exhibit trans	will not exhibit	will be very	effect will be	trans effect
		effect	trans effect	high	moderate	
55	Metal ligand bond energies are used to explain the	Thermodynamic		lability of the	Inertness of	thermodynamic
		stability	Kinetic stability	complexes	the complexes	stability
56	The stability constant s are used to explain	Thermodynamic		lability of the	Inertness of	thermodynamic
		stability	Kinetic stability	complexes	the complexes	stability
57	The complexes in which the ligands are rapidly replaced by	Labile complexes	Inert complexes	Thermodynamic	Thermodynam	Labile
	others are called			ally stable	ically non	complexes
				complexes	stable	
					complexes	
58	The complexes in which the ligands are slowly replaced by other	Labile complexes	Inert complexes	Thermodynamic	Thermodynam	Inert complexes
1	ligands are called			ally stable	ically non	
1				complexes	stable	
					complexes	