

# *d-BLOCK ELEMENTS*

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# INTRODUCTION OF D-BLOCK ELEMENTS

## THE PERIODIC TABLE

1 IA																	18 VIIIA				
1 <b>H</b> 1 1.008 Hydrogen																	<b>He</b> 2 4.00 Helium				
2 <b>Li</b> 3 6.94 Lithium	<b>Be</b> 4 9.01 Beryllium															<b>B</b> 5 10.81 Boron	<b>C</b> 6 12.01 Carbon	<b>N</b> 7 14.01 Nitrogen	<b>O</b> 8 16.00 Oxygen	<b>F</b> 9 19.00 Fluorine	<b>Ne</b> 10 20.18 Neon
3 <b>Na</b> 11 22.99 Sodium	<b>Mg</b> 12 24.31 Magnesium	3 IIIB	4 IVB	5 VB	6 VIB	7 VIIB	8 VIII B	9 VIII B	10 VIII B	11 IB	12 IIB	<b>Al</b> 13 26.98 Aluminum	<b>Si</b> 14 28.09 Silicon	<b>P</b> 15 30.97 Phosphorus	<b>S</b> 16 32.07 Sulfur	<b>Cl</b> 17 35.45 Chlorine	<b>Ar</b> 18 39.95 Argon				
4 <b>K</b> 19 39.10 Potassium	<b>Ca</b> 20 40.08 Calcium	<b>Sc</b> 21 44.96 Scandium	<b>Ti</b> 22 47.88 Titanium	<b>V</b> 23 50.94 Vanadium	<b>Cr</b> 24 52.00 Chromium	<b>Mn</b> 25 54.94 Manganese	<b>Fe</b> 26 55.85 Iron	<b>Co</b> 27 58.93 Cobalt	<b>Ni</b> 28 58.69 Nickel	<b>Cu</b> 29 63.55 Copper	<b>Zn</b> 30 65.39 Zinc	<b>Ga</b> 31 69.72 Gallium	<b>Ge</b> 32 72.61 Germanium	<b>As</b> 33 74.92 Arsenic	<b>Se</b> 34 78.96 Selenium	<b>Br</b> 35 79.90 Bromine	<b>Kr</b> 36 83.80 Krypton				
5 <b>Rb</b> 37 85.47 Rubidium	<b>Sr</b> 38 87.62 Strontium	<b>Y</b> 39 88.91 Yttrium	<b>Zr</b> 40 91.22 Zirconium	<b>Nb</b> 41 92.91 Niobium	<b>Mo</b> 42 95.94 Molybdenum	<b>Tc</b> 43 (97.9) Technetium	<b>Ru</b> 44 101.07 Ruthenium	<b>Rh</b> 45 102.91 Rhodium	<b>Pd</b> 46 106.42 Palladium	<b>Ag</b> 47 107.87 Silver	<b>Cd</b> 48 112.41 Cadmium	<b>In</b> 49 114.82 Indium	<b>Sn</b> 50 118.71 Tin	<b>Sb</b> 51 121.76 Antimony	<b>Te</b> 52 127.60 Tellurium	<b>I</b> 53 126.90 Iodine	<b>Xe</b> 54 131.29 Xenon				
6 <b>Cs</b> 55 132.91 Cesium	<b>Ba</b> 56 137.33 Barium	<b>La</b> 57 138.91 Lanthanum	<b>Hf</b> 72 178.49 Hafnium	<b>Ta</b> 73 180.95 Tantalum	<b>W</b> 74 183.85 Tungsten	<b>Re</b> 75 186.21 Rhenium	<b>Os</b> 76 190.2 Osmium	<b>Ir</b> 77 192.22 Iridium	<b>Pt</b> 78 195.08 Platinum	<b>Au</b> 79 196.97 Gold	<b>Hg</b> 80 200.59 Mercury	<b>Tl</b> 81 204.38 Thallium	<b>Pb</b> 82 207.2 Lead	<b>Bi</b> 83 208.98 Bismuth	<b>Po</b> 84 (209) Polonium	<b>At</b> 85 (210) Astatine	<b>Rn</b> 86 (222) Radon				
7 <b>Fr</b> 87 223.02 Francium	<b>Ra</b> 88 226.03 Radium	<b>Ac</b> 89 227.03 Actinium	<b>Rf</b> 104 (261) Rutherfordium	<b>Db</b> 105 (262) Dubnium	<b>Sg</b> 106 (263) Seaborgium	<b>Bh</b> 107 (262) Bohrium	<b>Hs</b> 108 (265) Hassium	<b>Mt</b> 109 (266) Meitnerium	Unnamed Discovery 110 Nov. 1994	Unnamed Discovery 111 Nov. 1994	Unnamed Discovery 112 1996		Unnamed Discovery 114 1999		Unnamed Discovery 116 1999		Unnamed Discovery 118 1999				
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<b>Ce</b> 58 140.12 Cerium	<b>Pr</b> 59 140.91 Praseodymium	<b>Nd</b> 60 144.24 Neodymium	<b>Pm</b> 61 (145) Promethium	<b>Sm</b> 62 150.36 Samarium	<b>Eu</b> 63 152.97 Europium	<b>Gd</b> 64 157.25 Gadolinium	<b>Tb</b> 65 158.93 Terbium	<b>Dy</b> 66 162.50 Dysprosium	<b>Ho</b> 67 164.93 Holmium	<b>Er</b> 68 167.26 Erbium	<b>Tm</b> 69 168.93 Thulium	<b>Yb</b> 70 173.04 Ytterbium	<b>Lu</b> 71 174.97 Lutetium
<b>Th</b> 90 232.04 Thorium	<b>Pa</b> 91 231.04 Protactinium	<b>U</b> 92 238.03 Uranium	<b>Np</b> 93 237.05 Neptunium	<b>Pu</b> 94 (240) Plutonium	<b>Am</b> 95 243.06 Americium	<b>Cm</b> 96 (247) Curium	<b>Bk</b> 97 (248) Berkelium	<b>Cf</b> 98 (251) Californium	<b>Es</b> 99 252.08 Einsteinium	<b>Fm</b> 100 257.10 Fermium	<b>Md</b> 101 (257) Mendelevium	<b>No</b> 102 259.10 Nobelium	<b>Lr</b> 103 262.11 Lawrencium

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# Periodic Table

d block transition elements

f block transition elements


# d-Block Transition Elements

					VIII B			IB	IIB
IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VIIB					
Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd
La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg

**Most have partially occupied d sub-shells in common oxidation states**

# What is a transition metal?

an element which forms at least one ion with a partially filled d orbital(s).

## Why are they called d-block elements?

Their last electron enters the d-orbital

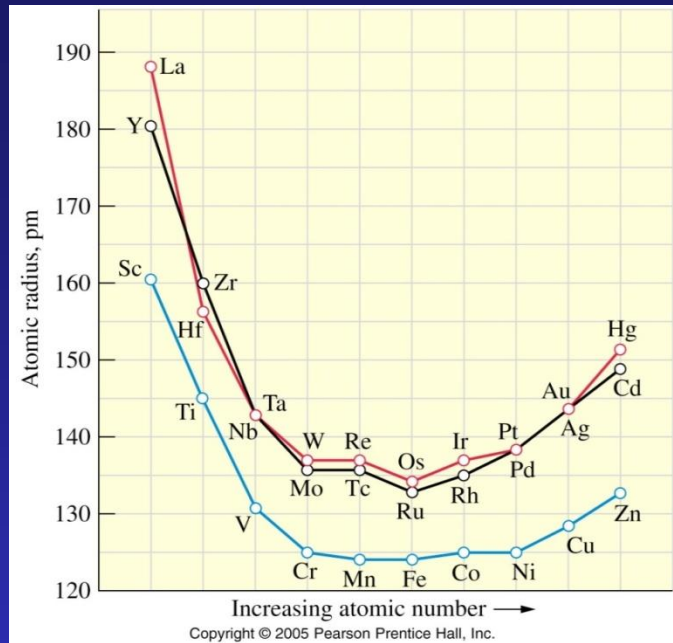
- Most d-block elements are also called transition metals. This is because they exhibit characteristics that ranges from s -block to p – block.
- Zinc group and Scandium group are *NOT* considered as transition metals, are called Non-typical Transition elements
- The d block consists of three horizontal series in periods 4, 5 & 6
  - 10 elements in each series
- **Electronic Configuration**
  - Across the 1<sup>st</sup> row of the d block (Sc to Zn) each element
    - has 1 more electron and 1 more proton
    - Each “additional” electron enters the 3d sub-shell
    - The core configuration for all the 1<sup>st</sup> series of transition elements is [Ar] 3d<sup>1-10</sup> 4s<sup>2</sup>

**General configuration - [Inert gas] (n-1)d<sup>1-10</sup> ns<sup>2</sup>**

# Electronic Arrangement

Element	Z		3d					4s
Sc	21	[Ar]	↑					↑↓
Ti	22	[Ar]	↑	↑				↑↓
V	23	[Ar]	↑	↑	↑			↑↓
Cr	24	[Ar]	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Mn	25	[Ar]	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑↓
Fe	26	[Ar]	↑↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑↓
Co	27	[Ar]	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑	↑↓
Ni	28	[Ar]	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	↑	↑↓
Cu	29	[Ar]	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑
Zn	30	[Ar]	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓

# Trends in properties

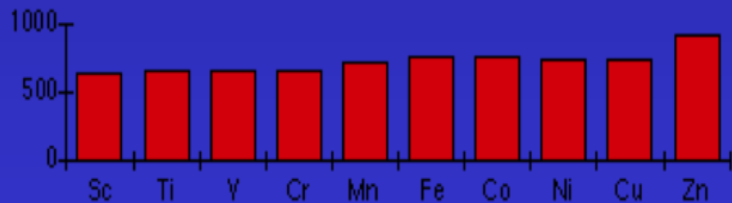


## 1. Atomic and Ionic radii

Decreases across the series as the atomic no. Increases, due to increase in nuclear charge.

- From Sc to Cr - regular expected decrease  
Increased nuclear attraction
- From Cr to Ni - almost same size  
nuclear attraction = inter electronic repulsion
- Ni to Zn – Marginal increase  
nuclear attraction < inter electronic repulsion

First ionisation energies  
(kJ per mole)



## 2. Ionization Potential

Follows the trend inversely to

Changes in the atomic radii;

However Zn group has very high value due to d10 configuration

### 3. Variable Oxidation States

- D-block elements exhibit variable oxidation states.
- This means that they can form two or more different types of cations.
- Examples: Iron can form both  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ 
  - Manganese shows  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{6+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{7+}$

Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
								+1	
+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2	+2
+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3	+3		
	+4	+4	+4	+4					
		+5	+5	+5					
			+6	+6	+6				
				+7					



# Oxidation States of TM's

- **Nature of bonds – ionic and covalent**
  - Lower OS's found in ionic compounds
    - E.g. compounds containing  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions
  - TM's in higher OS's usually covalently bound to electronegative element such as O or F
    - E.g  $\text{VO}_3^-$ , vanadate(V) ion;  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ , manganate(VII) ion
    - Simple ions with high OS's such as  $\text{V}^{5+}$  &  $\text{Mn}^{7+}$  are not formed

# Oxidising and reducing nature

- lower oxidation states are highly reducing
  - E.g.  $V^{2+}(aq)$  &  $Cr^{2+}(aq)$  strong reducing agents
- higher oxidation states are oxidising in nature
  - E.g.  $Co^{3+}$  is a strong oxidising agent,
  - $KMnO_4$  - OS +7,  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  - OS +6 are oxidising agents

# Acidic and basic nature

- Higher oxidation states are acidic in nature
- Lower oxidation states become increasingly basic via amphoteric nature

✓  $H_2CrO_4$  is strong acid – Cr OS +6

✓  $Mn_2O_3$  – basic (+3),  $MnO_2$  – amphoteric(+4),  $KMnO_4$  – acidic(+7)

# Formation of coloured ions

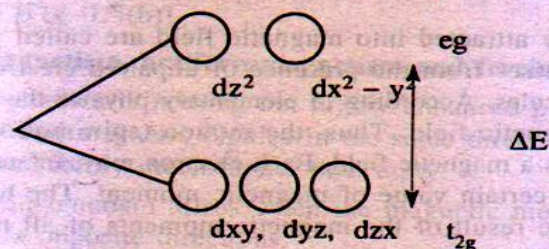
The compounds of the d-block metal ions are usually colored, except, those of  $d^0$  and  $d^{10}$  metal ions. The colors are due to:

Electronic transitions of d-electrons within the d sub-shell. These are known as  $d \rightarrow d$  transitions. When light passes through these compounds, electrons from a lower energy d-orbital absorb a photon of energy and are promoted to higher energy d-orbitals. The energy absorbed is equivalent to the energy difference between the two sets of orbitals. Electron while returning from the excited state gives away the energy which falls in visible range of spectrum and the substance appears coloured.

Since light of a certain frequency is absorbed, the light that comes out looks coloured because it lacks some colour.

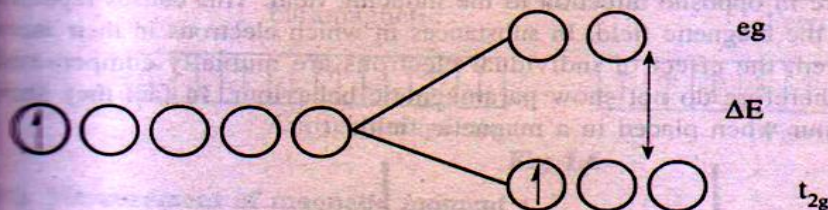
The colour of the compound is the complementary of the one that was absorbed

**d-d transition** : When a ligand approaches a transition metal ion, the five degenerated d-orbitals spilt into two different energy levels  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$ .



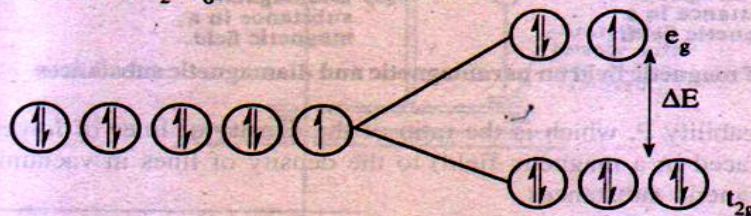
The energy difference between  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  is denoted by  $\Delta E$ .  $\Delta E$  is very small, to promote the electron from  $t_{2g}$  level to  $e_g$  level light is absorbed in the visible region. For d-d transition, there must be atleast one electron in  $t_{2g}$  level and one vacant orbital in  $e_g$  level.

For eg :  $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{+3}$  --- Purple colour



Green light equal to  $5000\text{\AA}$  is absorbed i.e., white light minus green light will give purple light.

For eg :  $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{+2}$  --- Blue colour



$\Delta E$  is equal to red light, so white light minus red light gives blue colour.

# Magnetic behaviour

Electron is a micromagnet, moves

1. On its axis – Spin moment
2. In the orbitals – Orbital moment

Total magnetic moment = Spin moment + Orbital moment

$$\mu_{(S+L)} = \sqrt{4S(S+1) + L(L+1)}$$

Orbital moment is negligible,

$$\mu_{\text{eff.}} = \sqrt{n(n+2)} \text{ B.M.}$$



## Types of magnetism

### (i) Paramagnetic substances :

Substances which are weakly attracted into magnetic field are called paramagnetic substances. Paramagnetism arises from the presence of unpaired electrons in atoms, ions, complex ions and molecules. According to elementary physics the motion of an electric charge creates a magnetic field. Thus, the motion (spin motion and orbital motion) of an electron, creates a magnetic field. Each electron may, infact, be regarded as a micro magnet having a certain value of magnetic moment. The total magnetic moment of a substance is the result of the magnetic moments of all the individual electrons.

### (ii) Diamagnetic substances :

Substances which are repelled by a magnetic field are called diamagnetic substances. This is due to the fact that small magnetic moments are induced into a substance when a magnetic field is brought in the vicinity of the substance. The magnetic moments induced however, are in opposite direction to the inducing field. This causes repulsion of the substance by the magnetic field. In substances in which electrons in their atoms are completely paired, the effect of individual electrons are mutually compensated. These substances, therefore do not show paramagnetic behaviour. In fact they show diamagnetic behaviour when placed in a magnetic field.

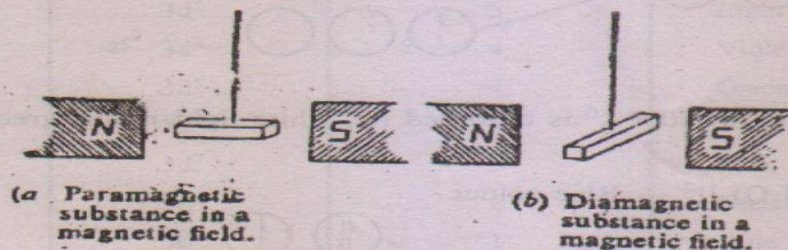


Fig 1.4 : Effect of magnetic field on paramagnetic and diamagnetic substances

The magnetic permeability  $P$ , which is the ratio of the density of lines of forces within a body (which is placed in a magnetic field) to the density of lines in vacuum, is less than one for diamagnetic substances.

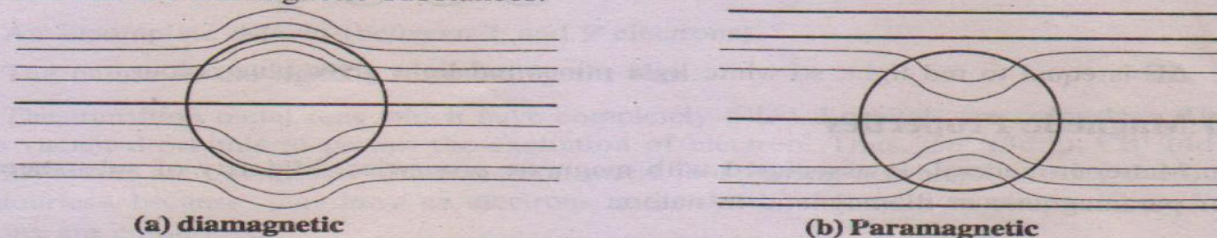


Fig 1.5 Change in force of lines



### Measurement of magnetic moment :

There are two common methods of measuring magnetic susceptibilities : The Faraday method and the Gouy method. However, the Gouy method by Gouy balance is more often used.

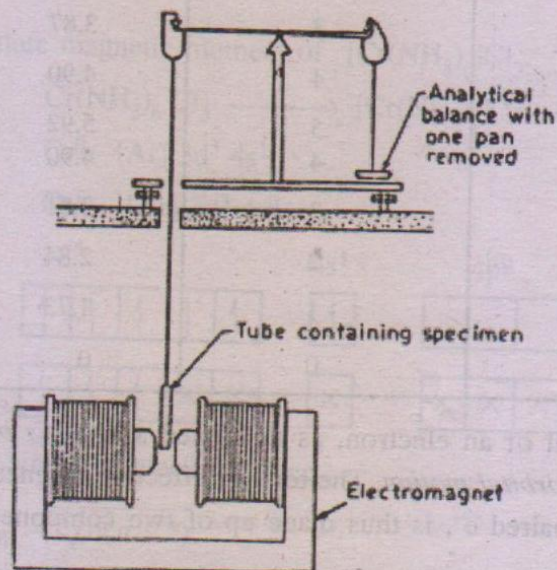


Fig 1.7 - Gouy's magnetic balance

Table 1.8 : Magnetic moments of first transition series metal ions

Ions	Outer electronic Configuration	No. of unpaired electrons	Magnetic moment (BM)	
			Calculated	Observed
Sc <sup>3+</sup>	3d <sup>0</sup>	0	0	0
Ti <sup>3+</sup>	3d <sup>1</sup>	1	1.73	1.75
Ti <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>2</sup>	2	2.84	2.76
V <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>3</sup>	3	3.87	3.86
Cr <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>4</sup>	4	4.90	4.80
Mn <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>5</sup>	5	5.92	5.96
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>6</sup>	4	4.90	5.0 - 5.5
Co <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>7</sup>	3	3.81	4.4 - 5.2
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>8</sup>	2	2.84	2.9 - 3.4
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>9</sup>	1	1.73	1.4 - 2.2
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	3d <sup>10</sup>	0	0	0

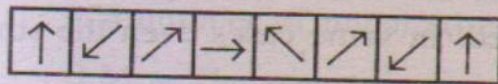
# Ferromagnetism and Paramagnetism

## Ferromagnetism, antiferromagnetism and ferrimagnetism :

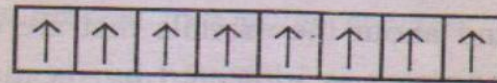
Ferromagnetism is nothing but highly enhanced paramagnetism because of the close alignment of magnetic dipoles in the same direction. Ferromagnetic substances have their permeability much higher than unity.

Antiferromagnetism arises when the magnetic moments at neighbouring centres are aligned in opposite directions.

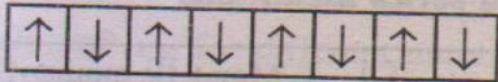
Ferrimagnetism is shown by some substances in which the individual magnetic moments are aligned in a systematic way so as to oppose others but giving rise to some finite resultant magnetic moment. eg :  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ .



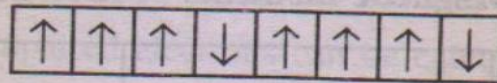
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Ferromagnetic



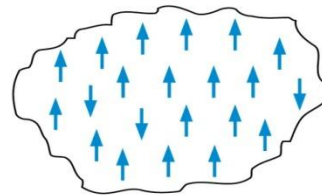
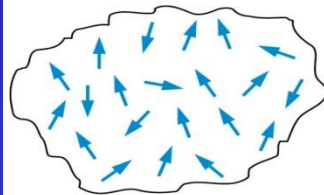
Antiferromagnetic



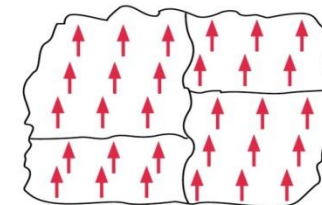
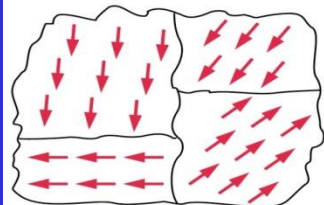
Ferrimagnetic

Magnetic field absent

In presence of magnetic field



Paramagnetism



Ferromagnetism

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## 1.11 Tendency to form complexes

The transition elements have a great tendency to form complexes (coordination compounds) with Lewis bases, that is with the groups which are able to donate an electron pair. These groups are called ligands. A ligand may be a neutral molecule such as  $\text{NH}_3$ , or an ion such as  $\text{Cl}^-$  or  $\text{CN}^-$ .



The tendency of the transition metals cations to form complexes is due to the following reasons:

- (i) The transition metal cations are relatively very small in size and hence have high positive charge density which makes it easy for the transition metal cations to accept the lone pairs of electrons from the ligands.
- (ii) The transition metal cations have vacant (n-1) d-orbitals which have approximately the right energy to accept lone pairs of electrons.
- (iii) The transition metal are capable of showing several oxidation states.

Due to the presence of coordinate bonds between the metal cation and the ligands, the complexes are termed as coordination compounds. The complex ions have in general, linear, square planar, tetrahedral or octahedral structure depending upon the nature of hybridisation of the metal ion orbitals.

### Stability of coordination compounds :

General trends towards increased stabilities of complex compounds are :

- (a) Stability of complexes decreases with the increase in atomic number.
- (b) In a particular oxidation state, the stability of a complex increases with decrease in the size of atoms.

## 1.12 Catalytic properties

Most of the transition elements are used as good catalysts both in the laboratory and industry. In some cases because of their variable valency transition metals may form unstable intermediate compounds. These intermediate products decompose to give the final product, regenerating the catalyst. According to the adsorption theory, finely powdered metals or their compounds provide a large surface area for adsorption and the reactants react faster due to closer contact.

### Examples

1. Vanadium as  $V_2O_5$  is used in the manufacture of  $H_2SO_4$  by contact process.
2. Nickel is used in hydrogenation reactions like conversions of oils to fats, conversion of CO and steam into  $CO_2$  and  $H_2$ .
3. Platinum is used in the oxidation of  $NH_3$  to nitric oxide in the manufacturing of  $HNO_3$  by Ostwald process.
4. Fe is used in the manufacture of  $NH_3$  by the Haber process.

### In Organic Chemistry :

1. Fentons reagent ( $FeSO_4 + H_2O_2$ ) is used for oxidising alcohols to aldehydes.
2. Pd is used for hydrogenation of Phenol to cyclohexane.
3. Ziegler Natta Catalyst ( $TiCl_4$ ) is used for the manufacture of polythene.

# Titanium Triad

<small>titanium</small> <b>22</b> <b>Ti</b> <small>47.867</small>	Titanium	$[\text{Ar}] 3d^2 4s^2$	Quite unreactive
<small>zirconium</small> <b>40</b> <b>Zr</b> <small>91.224</small>	Zirconium	$[\text{Kr}] 4d^2 5s^2$	Fairly inactive element
<small>hafnium</small> <b>72</b> <b>Hf</b> <small>178.49</small>	Hafnium	$[\text{Xe}] 4f^{14} 5d^2 6s^2$	Not very reactive
<small>rutherfordium</small> <b>104</b> <b>Rf</b> <small>[261]</small>	Rutherfordium	$[\text{Rn}] 5f^{14} 6d^2 7s^2$	Highly radioactive

## Oxidation States

$M^{4+}$

1. Most stable –  $d^0$  Config
2. Covalent, Tetrahedral
3. Diamagnetic
4. Colourless

$M^{3+}$

Fairly stable  
 Reducing agents  
 Paramagnetic (1 e)  
 Coloured

$M^{2+}$

Unstable  
 strongly reducing  
 Paramagnetic  
 Coloured

$M^{3+}$  and  $M^{2+}$  undergo disproportionation to give higher and lower O.S.





# Oxides

## 1. Normal oxides

- MO<sub>2</sub> : 1. Stable and insoluble in water  
2. Basic nature of oxides increases down the group

TiO<sub>2</sub> : Amphoteric



ZrO<sub>2</sub> : Basic, HfO<sub>2</sub> : More Basic, on heating becomes refractory and are used as pigments

## 2. Oxygenyl ions :

1. Titanyl ion, TiO<sup>2+</sup> is unstable and polymerises to form chains
2. Zirconyl ion, ZrO<sup>2+</sup> is stable

## 3. Peroxides :

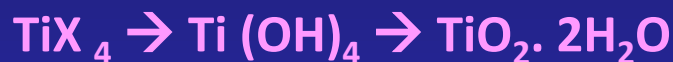
on heating with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> peroxides are obtained .

General formula - **M(OH)<sub>3</sub>OOH** when M=Ti, Zr,

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# Halides

1. Ti & Zr give all the tetrahalides,  $MX_4$
2. Hf given only  $HfF_4$  &  $HfCl_4$
3. Tetrafluorides are ionic while others are covalent.
4. Except  $MF_4$  others undergo hydrolysis and fume in moist air



5. Tetrahalides are electron pair acceptors and give six coordinated complex ions

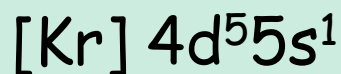


# Chromium Triad

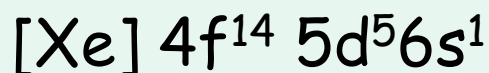
chromium 24 <b>Cr</b> 51.996
molybdenum 42 <b>Mo</b> 95.94
tungsten 74 <b>W</b> 183.84



Cr: +2, +3, +6



Mo: +2, +3, +4, +5, +6



W: +2, +3, +4, +5, +6

- (i) **Electronic configuration :** The general electronic configuration of the chromium group is (n-1) d<sup>4</sup> ns<sup>1</sup> in the case of Cr, Mo and (n-2) f<sup>14</sup> (n-1) d<sup>4</sup> ns<sup>2</sup> in the case of W.
- (ii) **Oxidation states :** On descending the group the higher oxidation states become more stable and the lower states become less stable. They show variable oxidation states mainly +III and +VI, because there is very little total energy difference between (n-1)d orbitals and ns orbitals and the electrons from both levels can be used in bonding.
- (iii) **Size of atoms and ions :** Down the group the effective nuclear charge becomes less than the screening effect due to the addition of new shells, so covalent and ionic radii go on increasing. The covalent radius increases from Cr to Mo to W. But the sizes of Mo and W are almost same due to the lanthanide contraction.
- (iv) **Reactivity :** All of them forms excellent alloys. They directly combine with O, S, N forming their oxides, sulphides and nitrides respectively. Chromium is unreactive and passive at low temperatures due to the formation of oxide layer. It dissolves in HCl and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, but not in HNO<sub>3</sub> or aquaregia Mo and W are relatively inert, and are only slightly attacked by aqueous acids and alkalis.
- (v) **Ionisation energy :** The first ionisation energy of elements increases down the group.

(vi) All are coloured and paramagnetic

# Copper Triad

<div> <div>copper</div> <div>29</div> <div>Cu</div> <div>63.546</div> </div> <div> <div>silver</div> <div>47</div> <div>Ag</div> <div>107.87</div> </div> <div> <div>gold</div> <div>79</div> <div>Au</div> <div>196.967</div> </div>		Cu	Ag	Au
Atomic number		29	47	79
Electron configuration		$[\text{Ar}]3d^{10}4s^1$	$[\text{Kr}]4d^{10}5s^1$	$[\text{Xe}]4f^{14}5d^{10}6s^1$
Atomic radius, pm		128	144	144
Electronegativity		1.9	1.9	2.4
Oxidation numbers <sup>a</sup>		+1, +2	+1, +2, +3	+1, +3

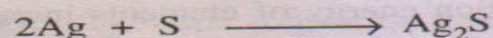
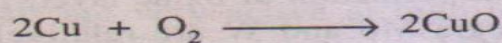
## (i) Oxidation states

- s and d electrons are involved in bonding
- For Copper +2, Silver +1 and Gold +3 are Most stable O.S.
- Cu +1 Disproportionate in water -  $\text{Cu}_2\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{CuCl}_2$
- $\text{Cu}^{3+}$  is known in some complexes -  $[\text{CuF}_6]^{3-}$
- $\text{Ag}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ag}^{3+}$  are strong O.A.

**(ii) Size of atoms and ions :** Down the group the covalent radius and ionic radius go on increasing. This is because of the decrease in the effective nuclear charge than the screening effect due to addition of new shells.

The first ionisation energy of elements, however, increases with increase in atomic number down the group. It is because of increased nuclear charge than the screening effect of added new shells.

**(iii) Reactivity :** Cu reacts with  $\text{O}_2$  to form oxides whereas Ag and Au do not react. They react with sulphur to form sulphides.



All of them form corresponding halides. Cu does not react with HCl but reacts with  $\text{HNO}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Ag dissolves in conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and conc  $\text{HNO}_3$ . Au does not react with any acid but reacts with aqua regia.