

Chapter 8

d-and f-Block Elements

General Properties of Transition Elements: The d & f- Block Elements

Transition Elements:

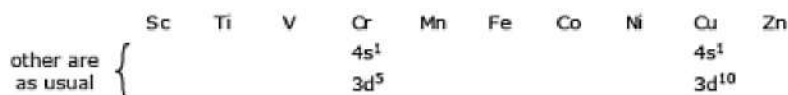
Definition: They are often called "transition elements" because their position in the periodic table is between s-block and p-block elements.

Typically, the transition elements have an incompletely filled d-level. Since Zn group has d^{10} configuration and are not considered as transition elements but they are d-block elements.

General Characteristics:

(i) **Metallic character:** They are all metals and good conductors of heat & electricity.

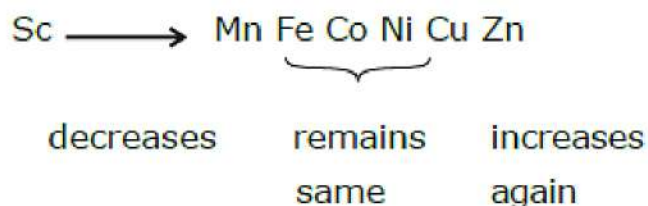
(ii) **Electronic configuration:** $(n-1) d^{1-10} ns^{1-2}$



(iii) M.P.



(iv) Variation in atomic radius:



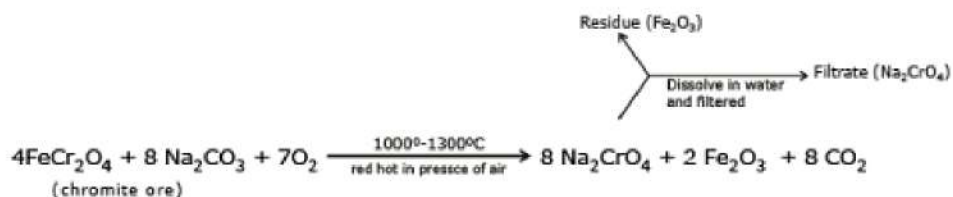
(v) Variable oxidation states possible:

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

Colour : (aquated)	Colour : (aquated)
Sc ³⁺ → colourless	Ti ⁴⁺ → colourless
Ti ³⁺ → purple	V ⁴⁺ → blue
V ³⁺ → green	V ²⁺ → violet
Cr ²⁺ → blue	Cr ³⁺ → green
Mn ³⁺ violet	Mn ²⁺ → light pink
Fe ²⁺ → light green	Fe ³⁺ yellow
Co ²⁺ → pink	Ni ²⁺ → green
Cu ²⁺ → blue	Zn ²⁺ → colourless

CHROMATE - DICHROMATE:

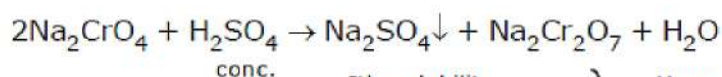
Preparation:



[Lime (CaO) added with Na₂CO₃ which keeps the mass porous so that air has access to all parts and prevents fusion.]

Then,

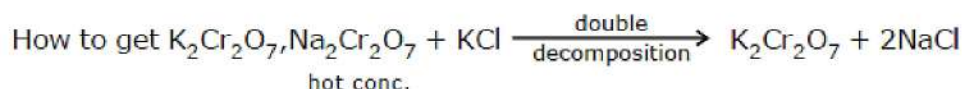




It's solubility
upto 32°C increases
and then decreases

Hence, suitable temp. is to be
employed to crystallise out
 Na_2SO_4 first.

Then $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ is crystallised out as $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ on evaporation.
(red crystal)



NaCl crystallises out first and filtered off. Then $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ crystallised out on cooling

- Other props & test of CrO_4^{2-} & $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$: Already discussed
- Similarities between hexavalent Cr & S-compounds.

(i) SO_3 & $\text{CrO}_3 \rightarrow$ both acidic.

(ii) $\text{S} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-}, \text{S}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, $\text{Cr} \rightarrow \text{CrO}_4^{2-}, \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$

(iii) CrO_4^{2-} & SO_4^{2-} are isomorphous

(iv) SO_2Cl_2 & $\text{CrO}_2\text{Cl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{OH}^-} \text{SO}_4^{2-}$ & CrO_4^{2-} respectively

(v) SO_2Cl^- & $\text{CrO}_3\text{Cl}^- \xrightarrow{\text{OH}^-} \text{SO}_4^{2-}$ & CrO_4^{2-} respectively

(vi) CrO_3 & $\beta(\text{SO}_3)$ has same structure

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} & & \text{O} & & \text{O} \\ || & & || & & || \\ -\text{Cr}- & \text{O}- & \text{Cr}- & \text{O}- & \text{Cr}- \\ || & & || & & || \\ \text{O} & & \text{O} & & \text{O} \end{array}$$

Ques: In laboratory $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ is used mainly not $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$. Why?

Ans: $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ is deliquescent enough and changes its concentration and cannot be taken as primary standard solution whereas $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ has no water of crystallisation and is not deliquescent.

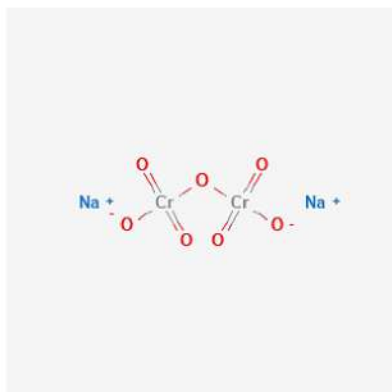
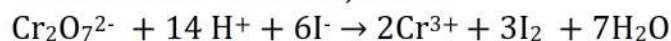


Fig: Structure of $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$

Ques: How to standardise $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution in iodometry?

Ans: $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ is the primary standard $\Rightarrow$ strength is known by weighing the salt in chemical balance and dissolving in measured amount of water.

Then in acidic solution, add KI



This I_2 is liberated can be estimated with $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$.

Lanthanides & Actinides

Lanthanides

Lanthanides consist of elements that follow lanthanum and involve the filling of 4f subshell

1 H Hydrogen 1.00794																	2 He Helium 4.003				
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182															5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.0107	7 N Nitrogen 14.00644	8 O Oxygen 15.9994	9 F Fluorine 18.9984032	10 Ne Neon 20.1797
11 Na Sodium 22.989770	12 Mg Magnesium 24.3050															13 Al Aluminum 26.981538	14 Si Silicon 28.0855	15 P Phosphorus 30.973761	16 S Sulfur 32.066	17 Cl Chlorine 35.4527	18 Ar Argon 39.948
19 K Potassium 39.0983	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.955910	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.9415	24 Cr Chromium 51.9961	25 Mn Manganese 54.938049	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933200	28 Ni Nickel 58.6934	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.39	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.61	33 As Arsenic 74.92160	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.80				
37 Rb Rubidium 85.4678	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.90585	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.90638	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium (98)	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.90550	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.8682	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe Xenon 131.29				
55 Cs Cesium 132.90545	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57 La Lanthanum 138.9055	58 Ce Cerium 140.12	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.90768	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium (145)	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.92534	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.93032	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.93401	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.04	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967					
87 Fr Francium (223)	88 Ra Radium (226)	89 Ac Actinium (227)	90 Th Thorium 232.0381	91 Pa Protactinium 231.03588	92 U Uranium 238.0289	93 Np Neptunium (237)	94 Pu Plutonium (244)	95 Am Americium (243)	96 Cm Curium (247)	97 Bk Berkelium (247)	98 Cf Californium (251)	99 Es Einsteinium (252)	100 Fm Fermium (257)	101 Md Mendelevium (258)	102 No Nobelium (259)	103 Lr Lawrencium (262)					

Electronic Configuration

$[\text{Xe}] 4f^{n+1} 5d^0 6s^2$ or $[\text{Xe}] 4f^n 5d^1 6s^2$

The general valence shell electronic configuration of lanthanides is $4f^{1-14} 6s^2$.

Electronic configurations of lanthanum and lanthanides are listed in the table

Atomic Number	Name	Symbol	Electronic configurations			Radii/pm		
			Ln	Ln ²⁺	Ln ³⁺	Ln ⁴⁺	Ln	Ln ³⁺
57	Lanthanum	La	$5d^1 6s^2$	$5d^1$	$4f^0$	-	187	106
58	Cerium	Ce	$4f^1 5d^1 6s^2$	$4f^2$	$4f^1$	$4f^0$	183	103
59	Praseodymium	Pr	$4f^3 6s^2$	$4f^3$	$4f^2$	$4f^1$	182	101
60	Neodymium	Nd	$4f^4 6s^2$	$4f^4$	$4f^3$	$4f^2$	181	99
61	Promethium	Pm	$4f^5 6s^2$	$4f^5$	$4f^4$	-	181	98
62	Samarium	Sm	$4f^6 6s^2$	$4f^6$	$4f^5$	-	180	96
63	Europium	Eu	$4f^7 6s^2$	$4f^7$	$4f^6$	-	199	95
64	Gadolinium	Gd	$4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$	$4f^3 5d^1$	$4f^7$	-	180	94
65	Terbium	Tb	$4f^9 6s^2$	$4f^9$	$4f^8$	$4f^7$	178	92



66	Dysprosium	Dy	$4f^{10}6s^2$	$4f^{10}$	$4f^9$	$4f^8$	$\frac{17}{7}$	91
67	Holmium	Ho	$4f^{11}6s^2$	$4f^{11}$	$4f^{10}$	-	$\frac{17}{6}$	89
68	Erbium	Er	$4f^{12}6s^2$	$4f^{12}$	$4f^{11}$	-	$\frac{17}{5}$	88
69	Thulium	Tm	$4f^{13}6s^2$	$4f^{13}$	$4f^{12}$	-	$\frac{17}{4}$	87
70	Ytterbium	Yb	$4f^{14}6s^2$	$4f^{14}$	$4f^{13}$	-	$\frac{17}{3}$	86
71	Lutetium	Lu	$4f^{14}5d^16s^2$	$4f^{14}5d^1$	$4f^{14}$	-	-	-

Atomic and Ionic Sizes of Lanthanides

- Atomic and ionic radii of lanthanides decrease with an increase in atomic number. This gradual decrease is known as lanthanides contraction.
- Because of the lanthanides contraction, the radii of the elements of the 3rd transition series are very similar to those of the corresponding elements of the 2nd transition series elements.

Oxidation States of Lanthanides

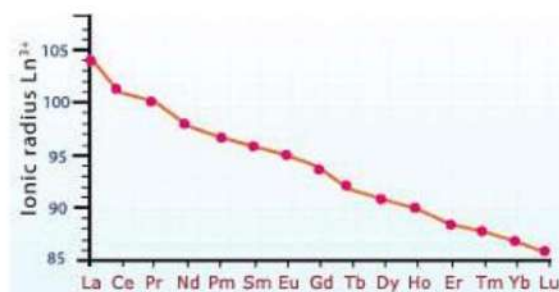
Lanthanides exhibit the oxidation state of +3. Some of them also exhibit the oxidation state of +2 and +4.

- a noble gas configuration e.g. Ce^{4+} (f^0)
- a half filled f shell e.g. Eu^{2+} (f^7)
- a completely filled f shell e.g. Yb^{2+} (f^{14})

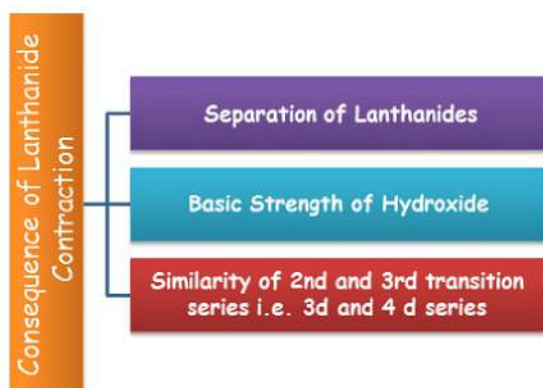
Lanthanide contraction

It is observed that in lanthanide series, there is a progressive decrease in the atomic and ionic radii with increasing atomic number. This regular decrease with increase in atomic number is called lanthanide contraction. This is due to the weak shielding of f orbitals. These f orbitals are unable to counter balance the effect of increasing nuclear charge because of which the size keeps on decreasing with increase in atomic number.





Causes of Lanthanide Contraction:



As we move along the period from left to right in lanthanide series, the atomic number increases i.e. number of protons keeps on increasing. For every proton added in the nucleus, the extra electron goes to the same 4f orbital.

The 4f orbital shows poor shielding effect because of which there is a gradual increase in the effective nuclear charge experienced by the outer electrons. Thus, the attraction of the nucleus for the electrons in the outermost shell increases with atomic number.

Consequence of Lanthanide Contraction

- **Separation of Lanthanides:** Without lanthanide contraction, all the lanthanides would have the same size because of which it would have been very difficult to separate them, but due to lanthanide contraction, their properties slightly vary. The variation in the properties is utilized for separating them.
- **Basic Strength of Hydroxide:** Because of the lanthanide contraction, the size of M^{3+} ions decreases and there is an increase in covalent character in $M-OH$ and hence basic character decreases.
- **Similarity of 2nd and 3rd transition series i.e. 3d and 4d series:** The atomic sizes of second row transition elements and third row transition elements are almost similar. This is also an effect of lanthanide contraction. As we move down from the 4d to 5d series, the size must increase but it remains



Complex formation

- ## Chemical Behaviour

- Lanthanides combine with hydrogen on gentle heating. When they are heated with carbon result in formation of carbides. On burning in the presence of halogens, lanthanides form halides.
- Lanthanides react with dilute acids to liberate hydrogen gas.
- Lanthanides form oxides and hydroxides of the type M_2O_3 and $M(OH)_3$ which are basic alkaline earth metal oxides and hydroxides.

- Lanthanide are used in the production of alloy steels for plates and pipes.
- Mixed oxides of lanthanides are used as catalysts in petroleum cracking industries.
- Some lanthanum oxides are used as phosphors in television screens and other fluorescing surfaces.

Actinides consist of elements that follow actinium and involve the filling of 5f subshell .

Diagram illustrating the placement of Actinides in the periodic table. The Actinide series is highlighted in a yellow triangle, starting with Thorium (90) and ending with Lawrencium (103). The element Actinium (89) is shown above the triangle, labeled 'Ac (227)' and 'ACTINIDES'.

90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
Th (232)	Pa (231)	U (238)	Np (237)	Pu (244)	Am (243)	Cm (247)	Bk (247)	Cf (251)	Es (252)	Fm (257)	Md (258)	No (259)	Lr (260)

[Rn] 5f⁰⁻¹⁴6d⁰⁻² 7s²

Oxidation States

The dominant oxidation state of these elements is +3 (similar to lanthanides). Besides +3 state, they also exhibit +4 oxidation state. Some actinides show still higher oxidation states. The maximum oxidation state first increases upto the middle of the series and then decreases i.e. it increases from +4 for Th to +5, +6 and +7 for Pa, V and Np but decreases in the succeeding elements.

Melting and boiling point

They have high melting and boiling points like lanthanides but don't show any regular trend with increasing atomic number.

Density:

All actinides except thorium and americium have high density.

Ionization enthalpies:

The actinides have lower ionization enthalpies as compared to lanthanides because 5f is more effectively shielded from nuclear charge than 4f.

Magnetic behavior:

All actinides are paramagnetic in nature. The paramagnetic nature which depends on the presence of unpaired electrons.

Radioactivity:

All the actinides are radioactive in nature. Radioactivity increases with increase in atomic number.

Chemical Behaviour

The ability of actinides to exist in different oxidation states has made their chemistry more complex. Moreover, most of these elements are radioactive and the study of their chemistry in the laboratory is difficult.

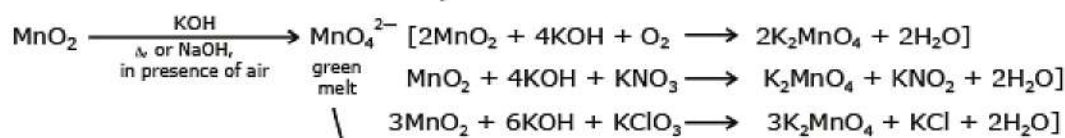
- They react with boiling water to give a mixture of oxide and hydride.
- They combine with most of the non-metals at moderate temperature.
- All these metals are attacked by HCl but the effect of HNO_3 is very small due to the formation of a protective oxide layer on their surface.

Manganate & Permanganate



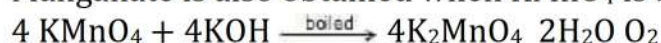
Manganate & Permanganate

Preparation of Manganate (MnO_4^{2-}):

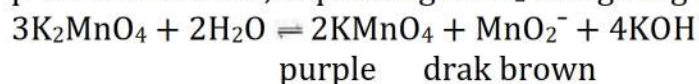


In presence of KClO_3 & KNO_3 the above reaction is more faster because these two on decomposition provides O_2 easily.

Manganate is also obtained when KMnO_4 is boiled with KOH .



Props: The above green solution is quite stable in alkali, but in pure water and in presence of acids, depositing MnO_2 and giving a purple solution of permanganate.



Prob: $E^\circ_{\text{MnO}_4^{2-}/\text{MnO}_2} = 2.26 \text{ V}$ $E^\circ_{\text{MnO}_4^{2-}/\text{MnO}_4^-} = -0.56 \text{ V}$

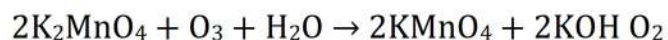
Prove that MnO_4^{2-} will disproportionate in acidic medium.

Another Method of Prepⁿ: $3\text{K}_2\text{MnO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{KMnO}_4 + \text{MnO}_2 + 2\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
or $3\text{K}_2\text{MnO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{KMnO}_4 + \text{MnO}_2 + 4\text{KHCO}_3$

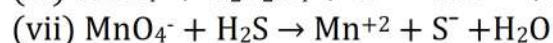
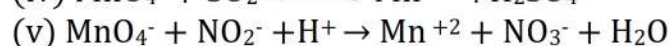
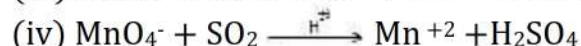
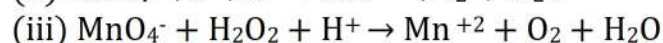
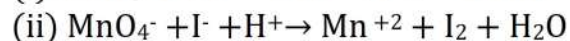
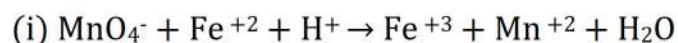
But in the above method $\frac{1}{3}$ of Mn is lost as MnO_2 but when oxidised either by Cl_2 or by O_3



OR



Oxidising Prop. of KMnO_4 : (in acidic medium)



(1) It is not a primary standard since it is difficult to get it in a high degree of purity and free from traces of MnO_2 .



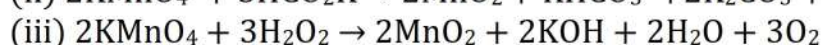
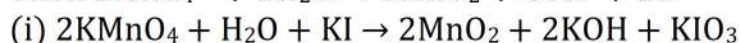
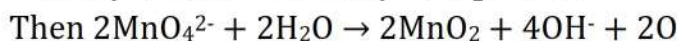
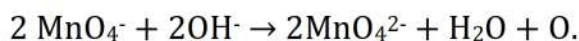
(2) It is slowly reduced to MnO_2 especially in presence of light or acid



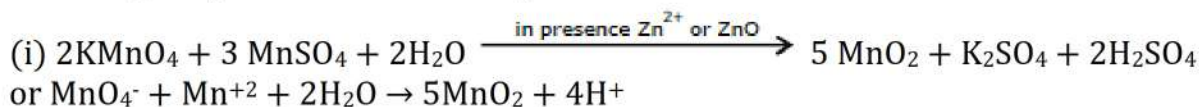
Hence it should be kept in dark bottles and standardise just before use.



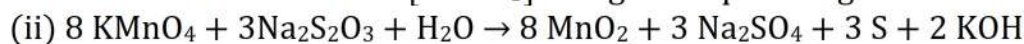
Oxidising Prop. of KMnO_4 in alk. medium:



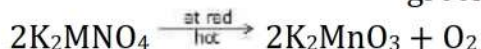
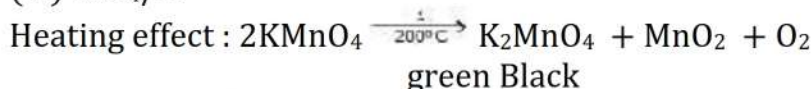
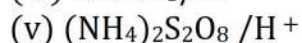
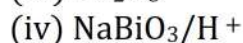
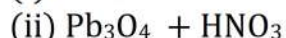
Oxidising Prop. in neutral or weakly acidic solution:



In absence of Zn^{2+} ions, some of the Mn^{2+} ion may escape, oxidation through the formation of insoluble $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}[\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}_3]$ manganous permanganite.

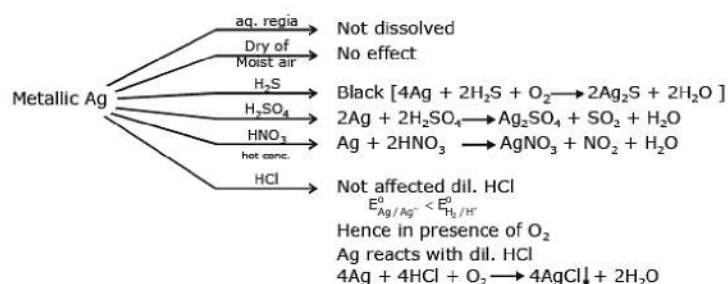


Conversion of Mn^{2+} to MnO_4^-

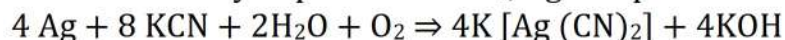


Silver and its compound

(I)



In the same way in presence of O_2 , Ag complexes with NaCN/KCN.



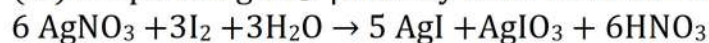
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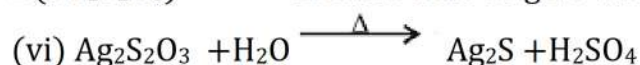
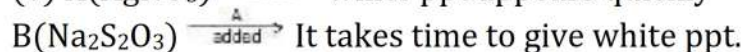
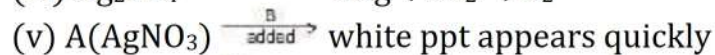
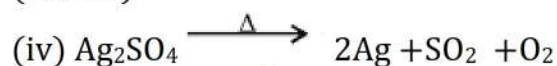
(i) It is called as lunar caustic because in contact with skin it produces burning sensation like that of caustic soda with the formation of finely divided silver (black colour)

(ii) Thermal decomposition:

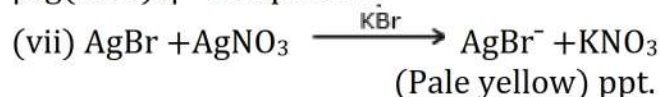
(iii) Props. of $AgNO_3$: [Already done in basic radical]



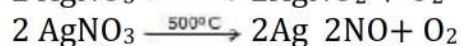
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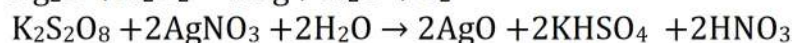
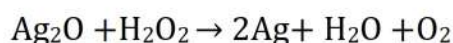
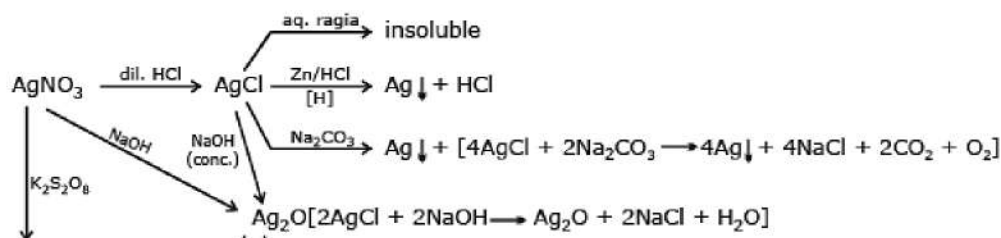
$AgCl$, $AgBr$, AgI (but not Ag_2S) are soluble in $Na_2S_2O_3$ forming $[Ag(S_2O_3)_2]^{-3}$ complexes



Heating effect:



(VIII)

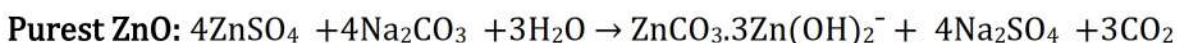
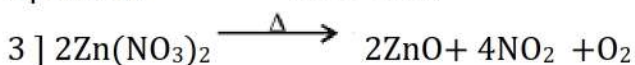
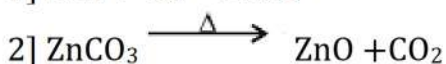
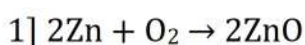


- AgO supposed to be paramagnetic due to d^9 configuration. But actually it is diamagnetic and exists as $Ag^I[Ag^{III}O_2]$
- Reaction involved in developer: $K_2Fe^{II}(C_2O_4)_2 + AgBr \rightarrow KFe^{III}(C_2O_4)_2 + Ag^- + KBr$

Zinc Compounds

ZnO: It is called as phillospher's wool due to its wooly flock type appearance

Preparation:



white basic zinc
carbonate

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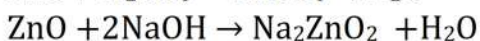
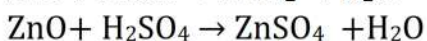
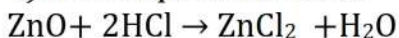
Pure

Properties : 1) $ZnO(cold) \xrightleftharpoons{\Delta} ZnO(hot)$
white yellow

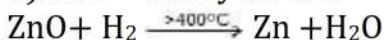
2) It is insoluble in water

3) It sublimes at $400^\circ C$

4) It is amphoteric oxide



5) $ZnO \rightarrow Zn$ by H_2 & C



6) It forms Rinmann's green with $Co(NO_3)_2$



Rinmann's green

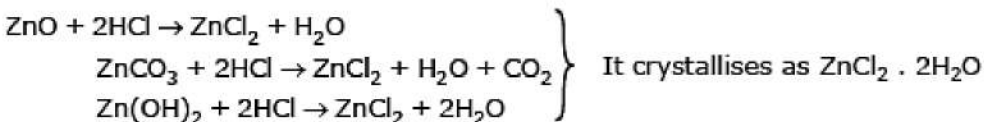
Uses : (1) As white pigment. It is superior than white lead because it does not turn into black

(2) Rinmann's green is used as green pigment

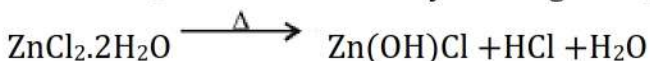
(3) It is used as zinc ointment in medicine

ZnCl₂

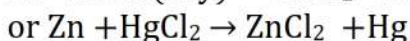
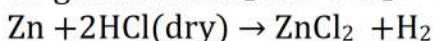
Preparation :



Anh. ZnCl₂ cannot be made by heating ZnCl₂·2H₂O because

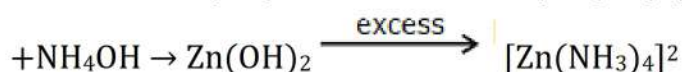
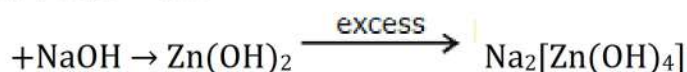


To get anh. ZnCl₂ : $\text{Zn} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_2$



Properties : (i) It is deliquescent white solid (when anhydrous)

(ii) $\text{ZnCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{ZnS}$



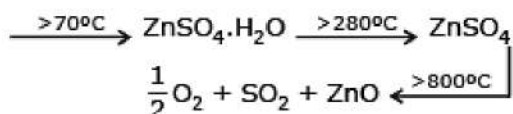
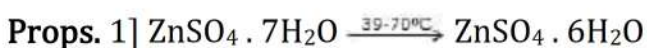
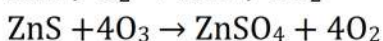
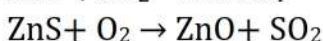
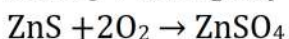
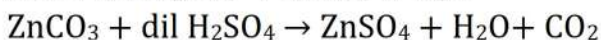
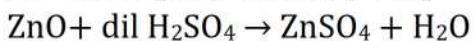
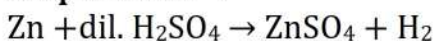
Uses : 1] Used for impregnating timber to prevent destruction by insects

2] As dehydrating agent when anhydrous

3] ZnO, ZnCl₂ used in dental filling

ZnSO₄ :

Preparation: →



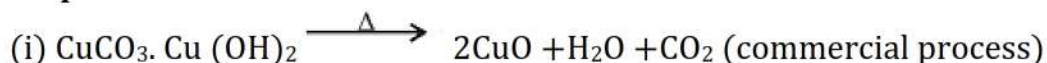
Uses: 1] in eye lotion

2] Lithophone making (ZnS BaSO_4) as white pigment.

COPPER compounds

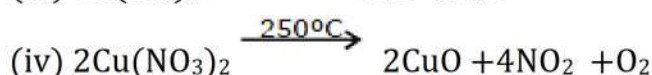
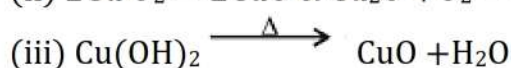
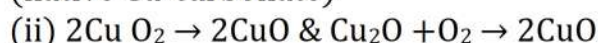
CuO:

Preparation: -



Malachite Green

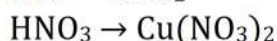
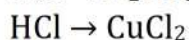
(native Cu-carbonate)



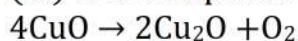
Properties:

(i) CuO is insoluble in water

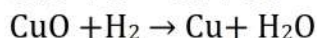
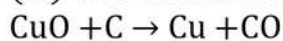
(ii) Readily dissolves in dil. acids



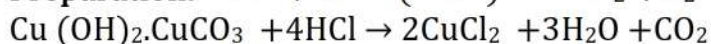
(iii) It decomposes when, heated above 1100°C



(iv) CuO is reduced to Cu by H_2 or C under hot condition



CuCl₂ :



Preparation: -

(i) It is crystallised as $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ of Emerald green colour

(ii) Dil. solution in water is blue in colour due to formation of

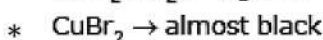
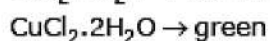
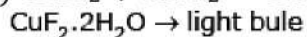
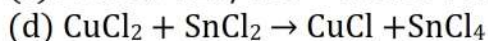
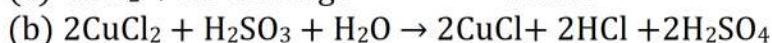
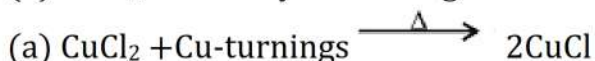
$[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+}$ complex.

(iii) Conc. HCl or KCl added to dil. solution of CuCl_2 the colour changes into yellow, owing to the formation of $[\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-}$.

(iv) The conc. aq. solution is green in colour having the two complex ions in equilibrium $2[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+} \rightleftharpoons [\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+} + [\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

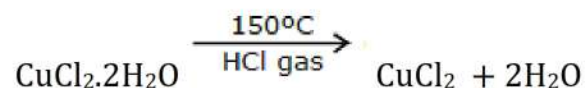


(v) $\text{CuCl}_2 \rightarrow \text{CuCl}$ by no. of reagents



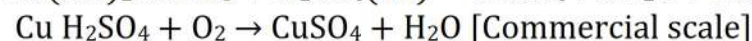
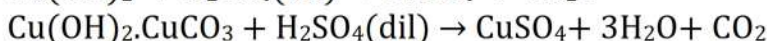
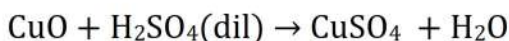
{ Anh. CuCl_2 is dark brown mass obtained by heating $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 150°C in presence of HCl vap. }

CuI_2 does not exist.



CuSO_4 :

Preparation: -

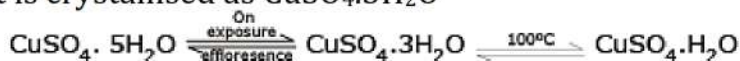


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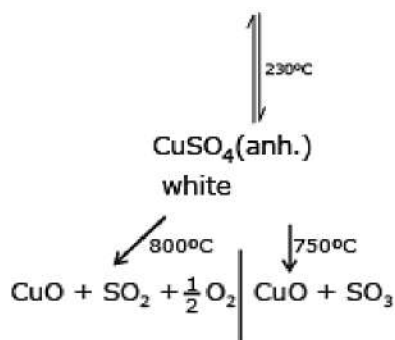
$\text{Cu} + \text{dil. H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{no reaction}$ {Cu is below H in electrochemical series}

Preparation: -

(i) It is crystallised as $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

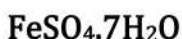


(ii) Blue take places Pale blue Bluish white



(iii) Revision with all others reagent

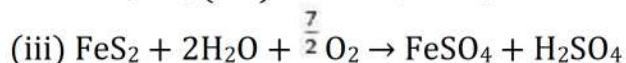
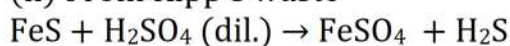
Iron compounds



Preparation: -

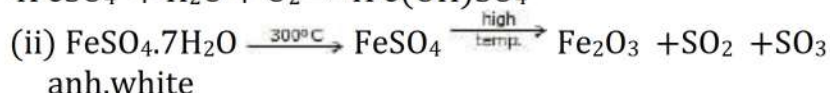
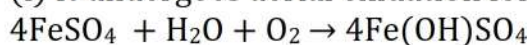


(ii) From Kipp's waste

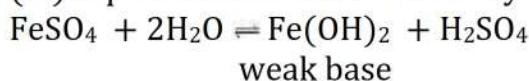


Properties: -

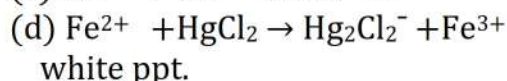
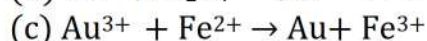
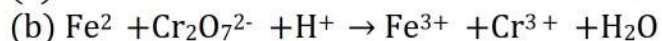
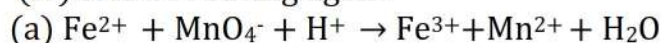
(i) It undergoes aerial oxidation forming basic ferric sulphate



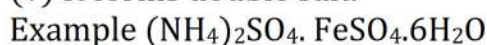
(iii) Aq. solution is acidic due to hydrolysis



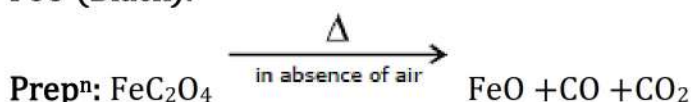
(iv) It is a reducing agent



(v) It forms double salt.

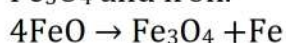


FeO (Black):

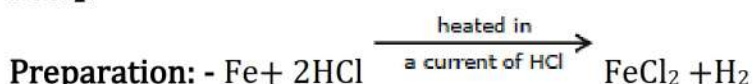


Props: - It is stable at high temperature and on cooling slowly disproportionates into

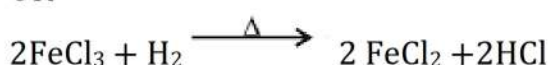
Fe₃O₄ and iron.



FeCl₂:



OR



Properties: -

- (i) It is deliquescent in air like FeCl_3
- (ii) It is soluble in water, alcohol and ether also because it is sufficiently covalent in nature.
- (iii) It volatilises at about 1000°C and vapour density indicates the presence of Fe_2Cl_4 . Above 1300°C density becomes normal
- (iv) It oxidises on heating in air
$$12\text{FeCl}_2 + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 8\text{FeCl}_3$$
- (v) H_2 evolves on heating in steam
$$3\text{FeCl}_2 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + 6\text{HCl} + \text{H}_2$$
- (vi) It can exist as different hydrated form
$$\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Colourless}$$
$$\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{pale green}$$
$$\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{green}$$

