

unit - V

Chemistry of f-block elements

Lanthanide Series:

- * Additional e^- enters $(n-2)f$ orbitals are called inner transition elements
- * f-block elements - because extra e^- enter the f-orbital.
- * f block elements are also called Lanthanides or rare earths
- * Ce - Y is Lanthanide Series
- * Similar physical & chemical properties

occurrence

(f) Cerium gp

- * These are also called cerite - earth minerals or cerium earths
- * This gp contains largely elements of atomic numbers from 57-63.

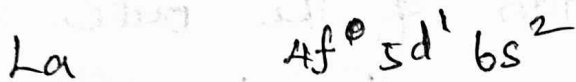
(i) Yttrium group minerals:

* These are also called yttrium earth minerals or yttrium earths.

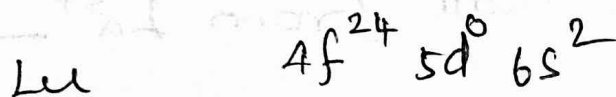
* This group contains 64-71

properties:

(i) electronic configuration:



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(ii) oxidation states:

* tri positive (+3)

* half or completely filled orbitals are more stable.

* formation of Ce^{4+} , La^{3+} ($4f^0$)

* ~~The stability of order is +2 state~~

* ~~most common state is +3~~

* The oxidation state is +2, +3, & +4

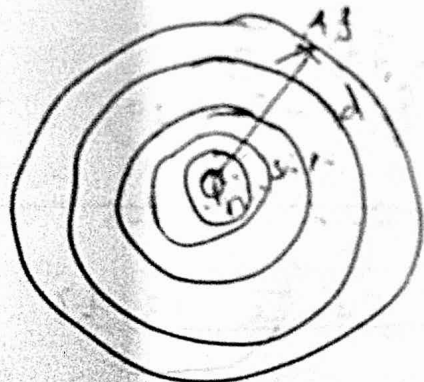
* most common is +3

iii) Lanthanide contraction

- * Decrease in the ionic radii of the elements from Lanthanum to Lutetium.
- * The term was coined by the Norwegian geochemist

Effects:

- * The increased attraction of the outer shell e^{-} s across the Lanthanide period.
- * Decrease in ionic radii from La^{3+} to Lu^{3+}
- * Across the Lanthanide series e^{-} s are added to the $4f$ -shell.
- * The first f shell is inside the full $5s$ & $5p$ shells,



↓ decrease the ionic radii does not affect chemical

* Without Lanthanide Contraction, a chemical separation of Lanthanide contraction, a chemical separation of ~~period~~ Lanthanides would be extremely difficult.

* Lutetium is hardest densest.

* Lanthanide has the highest m.p.

Causes:

* Size will be decrease and resulting in a smaller atomic radius.

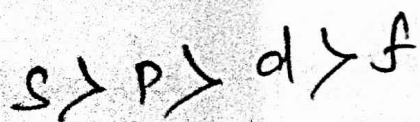
* Decreases with increasing charge on the nucleus.

* Decreases the atomic radius.

* increasing electrostatic repulsion among the e^-

* e^- s added in outer shells e^- s already present ~~in~~ shield the outer e^- s from nuclear charge.

* The shielding effect exerted by the inner e^- s decreases in the order



(iv) Magnetic Properties:

- * paramagnetic behaviour shows unpaired e^-
- * La^{3+} & Lu^{3+} do not contain unpaired e^-
- * other +3 ions are paramagnetic
- * e^- motion (or) orbital motion are possible in this group elements
- * Paramagnetic value does not depend on the no. of unpaired e^- only.
- * A few e^- are responsible for the strong magnetic nature.
- * At high temp. all Lanthanides except Lu. are paramagnetic
- * At low temp. many metals exhibit antiferromagnetism.
- * Very low temp. no. of elements becomes ferromagnetism

* Paramagnetism depends only e^{-8} moments

diamagnetic nature:

* $\mu < 1$

* The compd in magnetic field magnetic lines are not allow this compds.

$$\chi = \frac{\mu - 1}{4\pi\rho}$$

$$\mu = -ve$$

ρ - magnetic permeability

μ - magnetic susceptibility

(ii) Paramagnetic nature:

* $\mu > 1$

* Compds in magnetic field, magnetic lines are goes to this compds contain no empty place.

$$\chi = \frac{\mu - 1}{4\pi\rho}$$

(iii) Ferromagnetic nature:

* 1000 times greater magnetic susceptibility.

(eg) Fe, Co, Ni

* Increases the temp. decreases the magnetic permeability called Curie point or Curie temp.

(IV) Anti ferromagnetism: nature

* magnetic values are low and +ve in particular temp called Neel point (or) neel temp.

(V) Complex formation:

* highly electro positive

* big size ($0.85 - 1.03 \text{ \AA}$). So should not give complex.

* Should form complex with π -bond ligands.

* f -orbital should not involved π -bonds

* But gives complex with EDTA, oxalic acid, Ethylene diamine called chelate ligands.

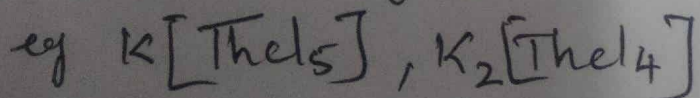
Actinides:

- * First element is Actinium.
- * f-block elements
- * increases atomic no. decreases the size.
- * f-orbital having no screening effect.
- * Actinide contraction is same as Lanthanide contraction.
- * Actinium — Lawrencium \Rightarrow 14 elements are called actinides.

Properties:

- * +2, +3, +4, +5, +6 oxdn is common.
- * Th & U are diamagnetic
- * most elements ^{have} +4 oxdn state. Some elements +5, +6 states are occur.

* Actinides gives halide complexes



* $ThCl_4$ with KCl ^{KB} gives $ThCl_4$, $ThBr_4$

Actinide contraction:

- * increases atomic no. decreases the size.