

Chemistry of Lanthanide Elements

Elements

The elements which have partly filled $(n-2)f$ orbital are called f-block element.

These elements are also called inner transition element and divided into two series:

Lanthanide Series — This series includes fourteen element from Th Ce₅₀ to Lu₇₄. In the elements of this series the additional electron goes to 4f - orbital.

Actinide series — This series includes also fourteen elements from 90Th to 102Lu. In the element of this series the additional electron goes to 5f - orbital.

The inner transition of element are those element which possess both d and f orbital respectively.

Lanthanide shell

The series include 14 element from Ce to Lu. A group of 14 element in which additional electron goes to $4f$ - orbital are $(n-2)$ th main shell are called Lanthanide. These are also known as rare earth element because they are found in small amount.

The name of 14 element of Lanthanide series element are given below

	Symbol	Name
सीनि	58 Ce	Cerium
पर	59 Pr	Praseodymium
नोडियू	60 Nd	Neodymium
प्रेमकी	61 Pm	Promethium
समारी	62 Sm	Samarium
यूँ	63 Eu	Europium
गदगद	64 Gd	Gadolinium
तब	65 Tb	Terbium
दिल	66 Dy	Dysprosium
हुआ खुशा	67 Ho	Holmium
अँगेर	68 Er	Euribium Thulium

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General properties of lanthanide

The general property of lanthanide series is similar to transition metal atom some property of lanthanide is given below—

Electronic configuration

The electronic configuration of lanthanide series the energy of 5d and 4f orbital : ps near about similar and thus their filling of so certain prerequisites. The electronic configuration of lanthanide in their ground state is given below:-

Trick —

~~1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14~~
Electron ~~1 3 4 5 6 7 7 9 10 11 12 13 14 14~~
~~Ln 4 f~~ ~~Ln 5 f~~ ~~Ln 6 f~~

Element	Configuration	Oxidation states
50Ce सीट	[Xe] 4f ¹ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+3, +4
54Pr प्र	[Xe] 4f ³ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+3, +4
60Nd नंदी	[Xe] 4f ⁴ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+2, +3, +4
61Pm पीमी	[Xe] 4f ⁵ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+3
62Sm सुमी	[Xe] 4f ⁶ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+2, +3
63Eu यू	[Xe] 4f ⁷ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+2, +3
64Gd गुडी	[Xe] 4f ⁷ , 5d ¹ , 6s ²	+3
65Tb टीबी	[Xe] 4f ⁹ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+3, +4
66Dy द्यूरी	[Xe] 4f ¹⁰ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+3, +4
67Ho होर्ट	[Xe] 4f ¹¹ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+3
68Er इरेर	[Xe] 4f ¹² , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+3
69Tm त्रुमि	[Xe] 4f ¹³ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+2, +3
70Yb यी बी	[Xe] 4f ¹⁴ , 5d ⁰ , 6s ²	+2, +3
71Lu लू	[Xe] 4f ¹⁴ , 5d ¹ , 6s ²	+3

Oxidation number

Most of the common oxidation number is +3 all lanthanide series but it can show +2, +4 oxidation state when they achieve stable configuration f^0 , f^7 , f^{14} . There are some element which is show +2, +4 oxidation state these are given below

Magnetic properties

Most of the lanthanide series element are show paramagnetic property due to presence of unpaired electron and some element of diamagnetic due to presence of paired electron.

Paramagnetic substance are attracted in magnetic field but diamagnetic

In general the magnetic property of these element determined by magnetic movement

The magnetic movement arise from two type motion of electron.

The magnetic movement arise from two type -

- ① spin motion
- ② orbital motion

The spin motion of electron produces spin magnetic moment while the orbital motion of electron produces orbital magnetic moment.

The magnetic property of the lanthanides are different from those of the transition elements.

For f-block elements, the electric field of ligands does not restricted the orbital motion of electron thus, orbital moment which was ignored in d-block but can not ignored in case of f-block elements.

The magnetic moment in such case can be calculated by the following formula -

$$\mu = g \sqrt{J(J+1)} B \cdot M.$$

where, 'g' is Londe splitting factor

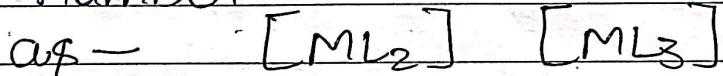
and ' J' is the total angular momentum.

Formation of complex compound

Most of lanthanide element show +3 oxidation state. Its f- and d- orbital are incomplete.

It is completed by gaining/accepting pair of electron to form complex compound.

In complex compound central metal atom is lanthanide element which surrounded by ligand. These ligand donate a pair of electron to vacant f- and d-orbital of central metal atom to form co-ordinate bond. The total number of co-ordinate bond in complex compound are known as co-ordination number.



Lanthanide element have less tendency to complex formation due to high charge and large size.

Colour property

Some trivalent ion of lanthanide series are coloured in solid and liquid state.

Element	Colour	Reason
La ³⁺	Colourless	Highly ionized
Ce ³⁺	Pink	Low ionization energy
Pr ³⁺	Yellow	Medium ionization energy
Nd ³⁺	Orange	Medium ionization energy
Pm ³⁺	Red	Medium ionization energy
Sm ³⁺	Yellow	Medium ionization energy
Eu ³⁺	Red	Low ionization energy
Gd ³⁺	Colourless	Highly ionized
Tb ³⁺	Pink	Low ionization energy
Dy ³⁺	Orange	Medium ionization energy
Hf ³⁺	Yellow	Medium ionization energy
Er ³⁺	Red	Medium ionization energy
Tm ³⁺	Colourless	Highly ionized
Yb ³⁺	Colourless	Highly ionized
Lu ³⁺	Colourless	Highly ionized

Ionic and atomic radii — (Lanthanide contraction)

In lanthanide series there is a regular decrease in the atomic size as well as atomic radius of trivalent ion as the

atomic number increase this decrease in size of atom is known as lanthanide contraction. Atomic radii do show some irregularities but ionic radii are decreases from La to Lu.

Atoms atomic size ionic size

Ce 183 103

Pr 182 107

Nd 181 99

Pm 181 98

Sm 106 96

Gd/Eu 180 95

Er 178 94

Tb 178 92

Dy 177 91

Ho 176 90

Eu 175 89

Tm 174 87

Hf 173 86

Lu 170 86

On the moving from Ce to Lu decrease in atomic radii from 183 to 170 i.e. the decrease is only 13 pm. Similarly the decrease in ionic radii 103 - 86 pm i.e. decrease only 17 pm. cause of

Cause of lanthanide contraction

The size of lanthanide series are decreases with increase atomic number because the number of nuclear charge outer most shell electron increases with increase in atomic number.

Effect of lanthanide contraction

Some effect of lanthanide contraction are given below—

I] Hardness (MP and BP increase) of some element of lanthanide series are higher this becomes the attraction between the atom as the size decreases.

II] Similarities of chemical property—

The change in the ionic radii in lanthanide series is very small. Therefore, chemical property of these element are similar. Thus, it is very difficult to separate these element in pure state.

Basic strength of hydroxides

The size of lanthanide series is decreases therefore the basic strength of OH^- is decreases because OH^- group is strongly attached to inner transition metal ion so, OH^- ion is not easily remove therefore $[\text{Ce}(\text{OH})_3]$ is more basic than $[\text{Lu}(\text{OH})_3]$

Q- $[\text{La}(\text{OH})_3]$ is more basic than $[\text{Lu}(\text{OH})_3]$ why?

Ans- $[\text{La}(\text{OH})_3]$ is more basic than $[\text{Lu}(\text{OH})_3]$ because when we move from in lanthanide series then the size of these element generally decrease therefore the size of La is larger than Lu and La is loosely bonded with OH^- and easily remove OH^- so it is more basic.

Due to smaller size of Lu it is tightly bonded to OH^- hence it is not easily remove OH^- so it is less basic.

Chemistry of Actinides

A group of 14 elements in which the additional e⁻ goes to 5f orbital of (n-2) main shell are called actinide or actinones or 5f-block element. The elements beyond 'U' which does not occurs in nature.

The elements having atomic number higher than 'U' are known as trans-uranic element. These elements are man-made. The 14 elements of actinide are —

Ac ₉₀ Th ₉₁ Pa ₉₂ U ₉₃ Np ₉₄ Pu ₉₅ Am ₉₆ Cm ₉₇ Bk
असे यासन पाकी शरीप नाचने पहुँचा अमेरिका कमिंग कैंक ओ
₉₈Cf ₉₉ Es ₁₀₀ Fm ₁₀₁ Md ₁₀₂ No ₁₂₃ Lw
कैलिफोर्निया स्टेट कैरस जीडेम गोआ की लैकर्ड अयि

Properties of actinides

Electronic configuration

The electronic configuration of outermost shell of these element are given below—

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
e ⁻ in f	1	2	3	4	5	7	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	14

Element	E. Configuration	Oxidation No.
90 Th - थामस	[Rn] $5f^1, 6d^1, 7s^2$	+3, +4
91 Pa - पाकरी	[Rn] $5f^2, 6d^1, 7s^2$	+3, +4, +5
92 U - युरोप	[Rn] $5f^3, 6d^1, 7s^2$	+3, +4, +5, +6
93 Np - नाचने	[Rn] $5f^4, 6d^1, 7s^2$	+3, +4, +5, +6, +7
94 Pu - पहुंचे	[Rn] $5f^5, 6d^1, 7s^2$	+2, +3, +4, +5, +6
95 Am - अमेरिका	[Rn] $5f^7, 6d^0, 7s^2$	+3, +4
96 Cm - कमिंग	[Rn] $5f^7, 6d^1, 7s^2$	+3, +4
97 Bk - ब्रिक्स	[Rn] $5f^9, 6d^0, 7s^2$	+2, +3
98 Cf - कैलिफोर्निया	[Rn] $5f^{10}, 6d^0, 7s^2$	+2, +3
99 Es - रसेट	[Rn] $5f^{11}, 6d^0, 7s^2$	+2, +3
100 Fm - फर्म	[Rn] $5f^{12}, 6d^0, 7s^2$	+2, +3
101 Md - मीडम	[Rn] $5f^{13}, 6d^0, 7s^2$	+2, +3
102 No - नोआ	[Rn] $5f^{14}, 6d^0, 7s^2$	+2, +3
103 Lw - लक्ष्य	[Rn] $5f^{14}, 6d^1, 7s^2$	+3

Oxidation state -

Most of the actinides series element shows +3 oxidation number but some element shows +2 to +7 the different oxidation state. The +4 state is shown by first O-element and +5 oxidation state shown by five element and +7 oxidation state is shown by Pu and Np. In oxidation variation is because on the element of actinide, the energy of 5f, 6d and 7s are about similar.

Magnetic property -

Most of the ion of actinide series are paramagnetic i.e. they are attracted in magnetic field. This is due to the presence of unpaired electron Act^{+3} , $\text{S}\text{T}\text{h}^{4+}$, Lw^{3+} are diamagnetic which are repelled in magnetic field. The magnetic properties of these element can be explained on the basis of magnetic moment. The magnetic moment of these can be calculated by the following formula -

$$\mu = g \sqrt{J(J+1)} B.M.$$

OR

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

Actinide contraction

The atomic and ionic radii decreases with increasing of atomic number when we move actinide series from left to right. It has been observed that on going Act^{++} to Cm^{++} , Ionic radii decreases from $99\text{ Å} - 88\text{ Å}$. This regular decrease in the atomic and ionic radii in actinide element are known as actinide contraction.

The contraction is causes due to increasing the number of nuclear charge the attraction between outer most shell electron and nuclear charge increases so, the size of atom or ion decreases.

Similarities of Lanthanide and actinide series

There are some similarities between lanthanide and actinide series -

- i - both the series there is irregular filling of f-orbital in their electronic configuration.
- ii - Both shows common oxidation number +3.
- iii - Both are electropositive and high chemical reactivity.
- iv - There is a decrease in the atomic/ ionic size in both the series with increase in atomic number.
- v - The elements of both series are recorded paramagnetic.
- vi - Both have tendency to form complex compound.

Difference between Lanthanide and actinide -

Lanthanide ~~which have~~ ~~resemble~~ Actinide

- i - The electron enters in $4f$ -orbital i - The electron enters in $5f$ -orbital
- ii - They show highest oxidation state $+3$ ii - They show highest oxidation state $+6, +7$
- iii - They are paramagnetic iii - They are also paramagnetic but it is difficult to explain their magnetic property
- iv - $4f$ -electron have greater shielding effect iv - It have less shielding effect
- v - They have less tendency to form complex v - They have greater tendency to form complex compound.
- vi - They are non-radioactive vi - They are radioactive

Oxidation and Reduction

Oxidation number

Oxidation number

of atom is the charge on the atom in compound.

- general rule to calculate the oxidation number

The following rule to determine the oxidation number of the element.

i - Oxidation number of an element in the combined or free state is zero

ii - Oxidation number of hydrogen in all its compound is +1. but in hydride the oxidation number of hydrogen is -1

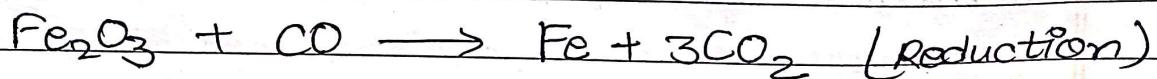
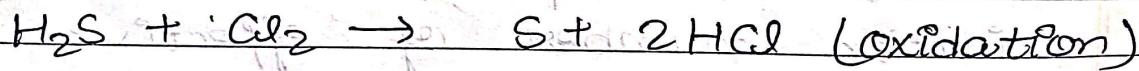
iii - Oxidation number of oxygen in all its compound is -2 but in peroxide in -1 and OF_2 in +2.

iv - Oxidation number of alkali metal is +1 and alkali earth metal have +2.

- v - The oxidation number of ion or radical is equal to the charge present in it.
- vi - The sum of oxidation number of all the atom in a given molecule is zero. and is determined by the sum of oxidation number of the individual atom each multiplied by number of atom present in molecule.
- vii - The sum of the oxidation number of the atom in a poly atomic ion is equal to the charge carried by the ion.

Older concept of oxidation and Reduction

According to this concept
The addition of oxygen or removed of hydrogen is called oxidation and addition of hydrogen or removed of oxygen is called reduction.

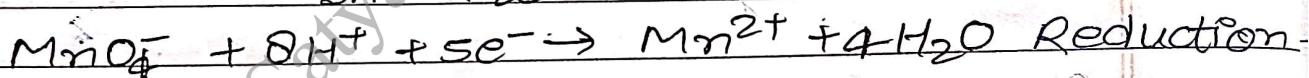
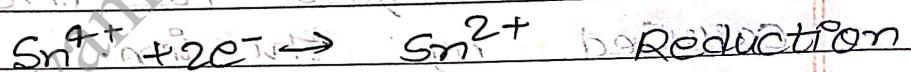
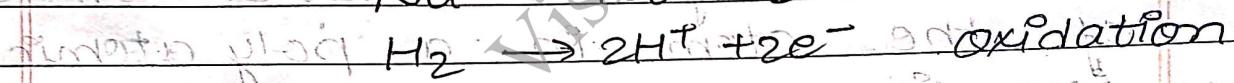
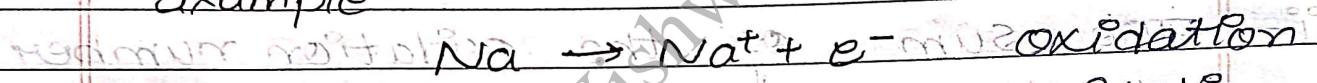


Differentiation based on the electron transfer.
(Electronical concept) →

According to

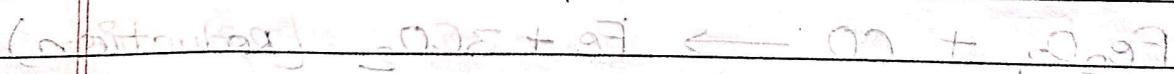
this concept oxidation is a process in which ion, atom or molecule loses one or more electron. On the other hand, reduction is a process in which ion, atom or molecule accept one or more electron.

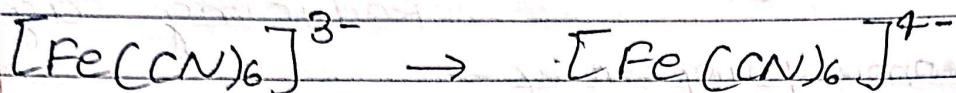
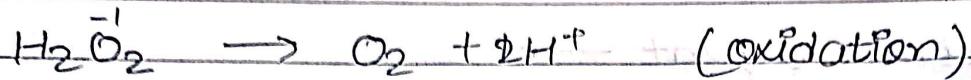
Example -



Differentiation based on oxidation number —

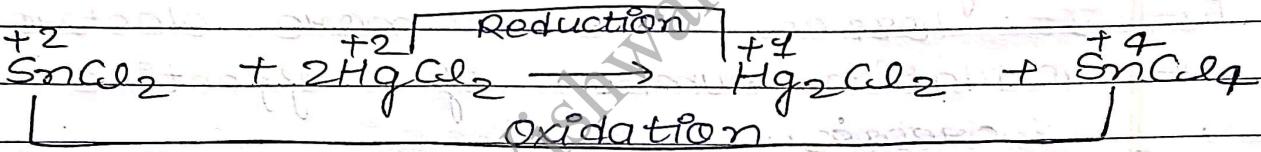
According to this concept oxidation can be defined as a process in which oxidation number of effective element increases and reduction is a process in which oxidation number of effective element decreases.





Redox reaction —

A reaction in which oxidation and reduction takes place simultaneously is called Redox or Oxidation- Reduction reaction.



Oxidising agent —

An oxidising agent have some properties —

- i - It oxidised some other substance and itself it reduced.
- ii - It losses oxygen or any electro-negative element.
- iii - It accept Hydrogen or any electro-positive element.
- iv - It gains one or more electron.
- v - oxidation number of effective element decreases.

Reducing agent —

Reducing agent have some properties —

- i- It reduced some other substance and itself it oxidised.
- ii- It losses Hydrogen or any electro positive element.
- iii- It accept oxygen or any electro negative element.
- iv- It losses one or more electron.
- v- Oxidation number of effective element increases.