d-Block Elements

There are six sections, Section 1 discusses general properties of d-Block Elements, Section 2 discusses chromium, Section 3 discusses Manganese, Section 4 discusses Iron, Cobalt Nickel groups, Section 5 discusses Copper and Section 6 is on Zinc group.

GENERAL PROPERTIES OF TRANSITION ELEMENTS

Section - 1

Three series of elements are formed by filling the 3d, 4d and 5d shells of elements, together called the d-block elements (Group 3-12). They are often called 'transition elements' because their position is between the s-block and p-block. Strictly speaking, a transition element is the one which has incompletely filled d-orbitals in its ground state or in any one of its oxidation states. Thus Zn, Cd, Hg of group 12 having full d^{10} configuration are not regarded as transition metals. Compounds of these elements are thus not typical and show some differences from the others. In general the electronic configuration of these elements is $(n-1) d^{1-10} n s^{1-2}$. In the case of Cr and Cu, the configuration is $d^5 s^1$ and $d^{10} s^1$ instead of $d^4 s^2$ and $d^9 s^2$ respectively. This is because of the additional stability when the d-orbitals are exactly half filled or completely filled.

Oxidation states and their stability

Transition elements show a great variety of oxidation state. The prominant oxidation states are shown in the following table:

	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
Electronic structure	d ¹ s ²	d ² s ²	d ³ s ²	d ⁴ s ² d ⁵ s ¹	d ⁵ s ²	d ⁶ s ²	d ⁷ s ²	d ⁸ s ²	d ⁹ s ² d ¹⁰ s ¹	d ¹⁰ s ²
Oxidation states	ш	II III IV	II III IV IV	I II IV V VI	II III IV V VI	II III IV V VI	II III IV V	II III IV	III	П

The various oxidation states show a difference in stability. In general the second and third row elements exhibit higher coordination numbers and their higher oxidation states are more stable than the corresponding first row elements. This is interesting because in *p*-block elements the lower oxidation states are favoured by the heavier elements (due to inert pair effect).

Atomic and Ionic Sizes

The covalent radii decreases from left to right across the period in d-block until near the end when the size increases slightly.

Sc	Ti	٧	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni
1.44	1.32	1.22	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.15
Υ	Zr	Nb	Мо	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd
1.62	1.45	1.34	1.29	-	1.24	1.25	1.28
La	Zr	Та	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt
1.69	1.45	1.34	1.30	-	1.26	1.26	1.29

14 Lanthanide elements

On going down the group the size increases as expected. But it is noticed that the increase in radius between the second and third member of a group is virtually negligible. This is due to the intervention of the 4f orbitals which must be filled before the 5d series begins. The f-shells shield the nuclear charge poorly as compared to s, p, d shells and thus lead to a decrease in radii called Lanthanoid contraction or f-block contraction which compensates for the expected increase in atomic size with increasing atomic number.

Melting and boiling points

The transition metals (except Zn, Cd and Hg) are very much hard and have high m.p. and b.p.. They typically melt over 1000°C. Zn, Cd and Hg behave abnormally (Hg is in fact a liquid with m.p. –38°C) because they have a complete d shell and d dectrons do not participate in metallic bonding.

Density

Due to low atomic volumes as compared with Group 1 and 2 metals, they have high densities (almost all have greater than 5gcm⁻³). To get a feel of high densities of Os (22.57g/cc) and Ir (22.61g/cc), a football of Os or of diameter 30cm would weight 320kg!

Colour

Many ionic and covalent compounds of transition elements are coloured (In contrast those of s and p block are generally white). Colour arises when a compound is able to absorb some wavelength in the visible region of the spectrum. The colour of the compound is then that of the transmitted light i.e. the complementary colour to the colour of the light absorbed. Ions having d^{10} or d^0 configuration are usually uncoloured. Thus $ZnSO_4$ and TiO_2 are colourless because in $Zn^{2+}(d^{10})$ and $Ti^{4+}(d^0)$ it is not possible to promote electrons within the d-level.

Another reason for colour can be charge transfer from one atom to another as occurs in MnO_4^- (intense purple).

Magnetic Properties

When an external magnetic field H is applied on a substance, the intensity of field inside it may be greater than or less than H. If the field is greater than H, the substance is paramagnetic and if the field is less than H it is diamagnetic. Ferromagnetic materials are a special case of paramagnetism in which the moments on individual atoms become aligned and all point in the same direction increasing the magnetic susceptibility drastically. Fe, Co and Ni are ferromagnetic. Antiferromagnetism is just opposite to ferromagnetism when the moments on individual atoms are aligned in the opposite direction to that of H. It occurs in several simple salts of Fe³⁺, Mn²⁺ and Gd³⁺. Since ferromagnetism and antiferromagnetism depend on orientation they disappear in solution.

Paramagnetism arises from the presence of unpaired electrons each having a magnetic moment due to its spin and due to its orbitals angular momentum. The 'spin only' formula is:

 $\mu_s = \sqrt{n(n+2)}$, where n is the number of unpaired electrons. The unit is Bohr Magneton (BM). For the 3-d series effect of orbitals angular momentum is effectively negligible.

Catalytic Properties

Transition elements and their compounds are important catalysts. In some cases they form variable valency unstable intermediates and in other cases they provide a suitable reaction surface. For example, $TiCl_3$ is used as 'Zieger-Natta catalyst' in the production of polythene, MnO_2 is used as a catalyst to decompose $KClO_3$ to give O_2 , Pd is used for hydrogenation and V_2O_5 converts SO_2 to SO_3 in the Contact Process for which Fe was formerly used.

Complexes

The transition elements have an unparalleled tendency to form coordination compounds with lewis bases called *ligands*. Some example are $[Co(NH_3)_6)^{3+}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$, $[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$. The reason for this is that transition elements have small, highly charged ions and vacant low energy orbitals to accept lone pairs of electrons donated by other groups.

IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE - A

- 1. Why do second and third rows of transition elements resemble each other more closely than the first raw?
- **2.** *Give reasons*:
 - (i) *Most transition metals show paramagnetic behaviours.*
 - (ii) Transition metal and their many compounds are coloured.

CHROMIUM & ITS COMPOUNDS

Section - 2

Chromium metal is produced on a large scale from the ore chromite (FeO. Cr_2O_3 or $FeCr_2O_4$). It is unreactive or passive at low temperature due to the formation of a protective coating of oxide, Cr_2O_3 . Thus it is used in electroplating to prevent corrosion of iron articles. For Cr the +II, +III, +VI states are well known. Cr(+II) is reducing, Cr(+III) is the most stable and important, and Cr(+VI) is strongly oxidising.

Cr^{+II} state (Chromous Compounds)

Cr⁺² is one of the strongest reducing agent known in aqueous solution. The Cr⁺² ion is blue coloured in aqueous solution.

$$\operatorname{Cr}^{+2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{aqueous}} \left[\operatorname{Cr}(H_2 O)_6 \right]^{2+} \text{ (sky blue)}$$

Important compounds are CrCl₂ and Cr₂(CH₃COO)₄.

Cr+III state (Chromic Compounds)

It is the most stable and important state of chromium. Chromic Oxide (Cr_2O_3) is used as a green pigment in paint, rubber, cement and prepared in the well known volcano experiment:

$$(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cr_2O_3 \text{ (green)} + N_2 + 4H_2O$$
ammonium
dichromate

settles like
volcano dust

The heat produced continues the above reaction on its own. Also,

$$4Cr + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2Cr_2O_3$$

Chromic chloride $(CrCl_3)$ is a solid which forms red-violet flakes and dissolves in water to form violet coloured solutions.

$$\operatorname{Cr}^{3+} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{aq}} \left[\operatorname{Cr}(\operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O})_6\right]^{3+} \text{ (violet)}$$

Cr+VI State

Few Cr^{+6} compounds are known. These are very strong oxidising agents and include chromates $[CrO_4]^{2-}$, dichromates $[Cr_2O_7]^{2-}$ and chromiun trioxide CrO_3 .

Sodium chromate (Na₂CrO₄) is a yellow solid prepared by fusing chromite with Na₂CO₃.

$$FeCr_2O_4 \xrightarrow{Na_2CO_3} Na_2CrO_4 + Fe_2O_3 + CO_2$$
show its

On acidifying sodium chromate, an orange coloured solid sodium dichromate ($Na_2Cr_2O_7$) is obtained while this sodium dichromate turns orange in basic solutions due to reformation of CrO_4^{2-} . The reversible reaction is thus represented by :

$$\operatorname{CrO}_4^{2-}(\operatorname{aq}) + \operatorname{H}^+(\operatorname{aq}) \Longrightarrow \operatorname{Cr}_2\operatorname{O}_7^{2-}(\operatorname{aq}) + \operatorname{OH}^-(\operatorname{aq})$$

Yellow Orange

Potassium dichromate [K₂Cr₂O₇]

To prepare potassium dichromate, $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ is first prepared from chromite as discussed above and then it is converted to $K_2Cr_2O_7$ by a KCl solution.

$$Na_2Cr_2O_7 + 2KCl \longrightarrow K_2Cr_2O_7 + 2NaCl$$

1. Action of heat:
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} K_2CrO_4 + Cr_2O_3 + O_2 \uparrow$$

2. Potassium dichromate is widely used as an oxidizing agent and a primary standard. The orange coloured $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution gets declourised and Cr^{2+} is formed.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$$

Thus it oxidises HCl to Cl_2 , KI to I_2 , and $FeSO_4$ to $Fe_2(SO_4)_3$. Note that $K_2Cr_2O_7$ is preferred to $Na_2Cr_2O_7$ for use in volumetric analysis because the Na compound is hydroscopic whilst the K compound is not.

3. The Chromyl Chloride Test is used to detect Cr₂O₇² when treated with conc. HCl or any chloride in conc. H₂SO₄, reddish brown vapours of chromyl chloride are obtained.

$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 4KCl + 6H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2CrO_2Cl_2 \uparrow + 6KHSO_4 + 3H_2O$$

4. When hydrogen peroxide is added to $K_2Cr_2O_7/H^+$, a deep blue - violet peroxo compound CrO_5 is formed. This decomposes rapidly into Cr^{3+} and O_2 in aqueous solution.

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Note: Chromic acid (CrO_3) is a bright orange solid used to clean laboratory glassware. It is obtained by adding conc. H_2SO_4 to a saturated solution of sodium dichromate.

$$Na_2Cr_2O_7 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2CrO_3 + Na_2SO_4 + H_2O$$

MANGANESE & IT'S COMPOUNDS

Section - 3

Maganese is mined as the ore pyrolusite (MnO_2) and is obtained by electrolysis of aqueous solution of $MnSO_4$. 95% of it is used in the steel industry to produce alloys.

Mn^{+II} State (Manganous)

The (+II) state is the most stable and common state. Manganous salts like $MnCl_2$, $MnSO_4$ are soluble in water and form pink coloured solutions of $[Mn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ while $MnCO_3$ is sparingly soluble.

Mn^{+IV} State

Very few Mn(+IV) compounds are known. MnO_2 is the most important oxide in the group and is commercially important. It occurs naturally as black coloured pyrolusite ore.

$$MnO_2 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow MnSO_4 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + H_2O_4$$
(hot, conc.)

$$MnO_2 + 4HCl \xrightarrow{\Delta} MnCl_2 + Cl_2 + 2H_2O$$

(Scheele discovered Cl₂ using this reaction)

Mn+VI State

The only example in this category is dark green coloured manganate ion MnO_4^{2-} . It is a strong oxidising agent and only stable in very strong alkali solutions. In dilute alkali, water (neutral) or acidic solution it disproportionates.

$$MnO_4^{2-} \longrightarrow MnO_4^- + MnO_2$$

Mn+VII State

 $\mathrm{Mn^{+7}}$ state is obtained when all the electrons of d^5s^2 in Mn are used for bonding. It is not common but very well known as the purple coloured permanganate ion ($\mathrm{MnO_4}^-$). The colour arises despite the d° configuration due to charge transfer.

Potassium Permanganate [KMnO₄]

KMnO₄ exists as deep purple black prism with greenish lustre and is moderately soluble in water at room temperature. It is manufactured on a large sale as follows:

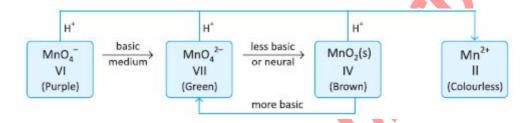
$$MnO_2 \xrightarrow{\text{fused with KOH}} MnO_4^{2-} \xrightarrow{\text{or + O}_3} MnO_4^{2-}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{or + O}_3} MnO_4^{-}$$

1. $KMnO_4$ is stored in dark bottles as its decomposition to MnO_2 is catalysed by sunlight.

- 2. KMnO₄ is widely used as an oxidising agent in both preparative and qualitative chemistry. In acidic solution it is reduced to MnO²₄, to MnO²₄ in alkaline solutions and to MnO₂ in neutral or slightly basic solutions thus oxidising Fe²⁺ to Fe³⁺, I $^-$ to I₂ and H₂S to S.
- 3. With larger amounts of KMnO₄, an explosive oil Mn₂O₇ is formed. (Do not try this)

 The following diagram will help you to memorize the interconnection between various manganese compounds:



IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE - B

1. Complete and balance the following equations:

(i)
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + \ldots + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 7H_2O + 3I_2$$

(ii)
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \xrightarrow{400^{\circ}C}$$

(iii)
$$KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 200^{\circ}C$$

$$(iv)$$
 $MnO_4^- + AsO_3^- + H^+ \longrightarrow$

(v)
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{NH_4Cl} \xrightarrow{\Delta}_{(gas)} + (green) \xrightarrow{A\ell}_{\Lambda} (metal) + (oxide)$$

- 2. Account for the following observations and write balanced chemical equations for them.
 - *The yellow colour of solutions change to orange an acidification.*
 - (ii) Acidified solution of ions form a deep blue colour with H_2O_2 .
- 3. When a white crystalline compound X is heated with $K_2Cr_2O_7$ and concentrated H_2SO_4 , a reddish brown gas A is evolved. On passing A into caustic soda solution, a yellow coloured solution of B is obtained. Neutralising the solution of B with acetic acid and on subsequent addition of lead acetate, a yellow precipitate C is obtained. When X is heated with NaOH solution, a colourless gas is evolved and on passing this gas into K_2HgI_4 solution, a reddish brown precipitate D is formed. Identify A, B, C, D and X. Write the equations of reaction involved.

- 4. Pyrolusite on heating with KOH in the presence of the air gives a dark brown compound A. When ozonized oxygen is passed through a solution of A, a purple coloured compound B is formed. Write balanced chemical equations for the formation of B.
- 5. Acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution turns green when sodium sulphite is added to it. Explain.

IRON, COBALT & NICKEL GROUPS

Section - 4

Group 8	Group 9	Group 10
Fe	Co	Ni
Ru	Rh	Pd
Os	Ir	Pt

These nine elements earlier made up Group VIII in the old Mendeleev periodic table. The horizontal similarities between these elements are greater than anywhere else in the periodic table. Fe, Co and Ni are together called 'Ferrous metals' and Ru, Rh, Pd, Os, Ir, Pt are known as 'platinum metals'.

[A] Iron and Its Compounds

Fe is a silvery metal which is not very hard and quite reactive. It is used in large quantities in steel making. Its biological importance is as an electron carrier in plants and animals, as haemoglobin in mammals, as nitrogenase to fix bacteria and many more. Fe is strongly ferromagnetic but the ferromagnetism is lost above the Curie Temperature which is 700°C for Fe.

Iron is passivated by strong oxidising agents like conc. HNO₃, $K_2Cr_2O_7$ due to the formation of a protective coat of oxide (Fe₂O₃) while with dilute acids Fe is oxidised to Fe²⁺. Finely divided iron combines with the ligand CO forming [Fe(CO)₅] which is liquid at room temperature.

Rusting of iron is a special case of corrosion and is of great importance. Rusting occurs in the presence of O_2 , H_2O and H^+ due to the formation of an oxide film of Fe_2O_3 which is not protective and the corrosion continues. To prevent corrosion, O_2 and H_2O must be excluded. This is done by electroplating Fe with a thinlayer of Sn (tin plating), dipping the Fe in molten zinc (hot dipping), electroplating with Zn (galvanising) or painting with red lead.

I. Fe^{+II} State (Ferrous)

It is the most stable state of Fe and salts are called ferrous salts. In aqueous solutions, ferrous salts are pale green and contain the $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ ion.

(a) Green Vitriol [FeSO₄ . 7H₂O]

It is a pale green crystalline solid soluble in water. It is efflorescent and isomorphous with Epsom salt (MgSO₄ . 7H₂O) and white vitriol (ZnSO₄ . 7H₂O). It is prepared by adding dilute H_2SO_4 to iron or to FeS in the kipp's apparatus.

Fe + dil.
$$H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow FeSO_4 + H_2$$

$$FeS + dil. H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow FeSO_4 + H_2S$$

1. FeSO₄ . 7H₂O
$$\xrightarrow{140^{\circ}\text{C}}$$
 FeSO₄ . H₂O $\xrightarrow{300^{\circ}\text{C}}$ FeSO₄ $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$ Fe₂O₃ + SO₂ \uparrow + SO₃ \uparrow

2.
$$FeSO_4 + (NH_4)_2SO_4 + 6H_2O \longrightarrow FeSO_4 \cdot (NH_4)_2SO_4 \cdot 6H_2O$$
(Mohr's salt)

Mohr's salt is double salt used as a primary standard compound in volumetric analysis for titrations with oxidising agents such as dichromate, permanganate and ceric solutions where Fe^{2+} is oxidised to Fe^{3+} .

3.
$$FeSO_4 + 2KCN \longrightarrow Fe(CN)_2 + K_2SO_4$$

$$Fe(CN)_2 + 4KCN \longrightarrow K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$$

Potassium ferrocyanide

- **4.** FeSO₄ and H₂O₂ are used as Fenton's reagent for producing hydroxyl radicals, for example oxidising alcohols to aldehydes.
- (b) FeO

It is a non stoichiometric, metals deficient compound more precisely written as Fe_{0.95}O. It dissolves in acids and is completely basic.

II. Fe^{+III} State (Ferric)

It is a very important oxidation state. Salts are often called ferric salts and solution are usually yellow brown. The colour is due to the presence of colloidal iron oxide (FeO.OH)

(a) Ferric Oxide (Fe₂O₃)

It is also a non stoichiometric red - brown compound prepared in the laboratory by strongly heating FeSO₄.

$$FeSO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Fe_2O_3 + SO_2 \uparrow + SO_3 \uparrow$$

Igniting Fe_2O_3 at 1400°C produces Fe_3O_4 or Fe^{II} Fe_2^{III} O_4 (a black solid). It is largely basic and when fused with Na_2CO_3 gives ferrites (NaFeO₂). Ferrites hydrolyse with water forming NaOH.

$$Fe_2O_3 + Na_2CO_3 \longrightarrow 2NaFeO_2 + CO_2$$

$$2\text{NaFeO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow 2\text{NaOH} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$$

(b) Ferric Chloride (FeCl₂)

It exists as yellow deliquescent solid FeCl₃. 6H₂O. It is very soluble in water, alcohol and ether.

$$Fe + Cl_2 \longrightarrow FeCl_3(anhydrous) \xrightarrow{moisture} FeCl_3.6H_2O$$

$$FeCl_3(anhydrous) \xrightarrow{moisture} FeCl_3.6H_2O$$

$$Yellow$$

Hydrolysis of $FeCl_3$ does not produce $Fe(OH)_3$ but gives a red-brown gelatinous precipitate of the hydrous oxide $Fe_2O_3(H_2O)_n$. On heating $FeCl_3$ at 500°C FeCl₂ and Cl₃ are obtained.

Uses:

FeCl₃ is used as an oxidising agent and in the manufacture of CCl₄.

$$Fe^{2+} + Sn^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + Sn^{4+}$$

$$Fe^{3+} + SO_2 \longrightarrow Fe^{2+} + SO_4^{2-}$$
(as an Oxidising Agent)

$$CS_2 + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{FeCl_3 \text{ catalyst}} CCl_4 + S_2Cl_2$$
 (manufacture of carbon tetrachloride).

Cyanide Complexes

Iron forms two impartant complexes with the cyanide ion namely hexacyanoferrate(II) {Fe^{II}(CN)₆]⁴⁻} and hexacyanoferrate(III) {[Fe^{III}(CN)₆³⁻] }. Hexacyanoferrate(II) is also know as ferrocyanide ion while hexacyanoferrate (III) is also known as ferrocyanide ion. Both these ions from coloured salts with metal ions like K⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe²⁺ which are used in qualitative analysis. Potassium ferrocyanide K₄[Fe(CN)₆] is a yellow coloured solid which is famously used to defect Fe²⁺ (and Fe³⁺) ions in solution. It forms a white coloured precipitate with Fe(+II) and a Prussiun blue solution with Fe(+III) ions. Potassium ferricyanide K₃[Fe(CN)₆] can also be used for the same purpose as it gives Turnbull's blue colour with Fe(+III) and a brown colour with Fe(+III). The reactions are:

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Fe}^{+2} + \operatorname{K}_{4}[\operatorname{Fe}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Fe}_{2}^{\operatorname{II}}[\operatorname{Fe}^{\operatorname{II}}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] \downarrow \\ & \operatorname{Ferro}\operatorname{Ferrocyanide} (\operatorname{White}) \\ \\ + \operatorname{K}_{3}[\operatorname{Fe}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Fe}_{3}^{\operatorname{II}}[\operatorname{Fe}^{\operatorname{III}}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] \downarrow \\ & \operatorname{Ferro}\operatorname{Ferricyanide} (\operatorname{Tuenbull's blue}) \\ \\ \operatorname{Fe}^{+3} + \operatorname{K}_{4}[\operatorname{Fe}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Fe}_{4}^{\operatorname{III}}[\operatorname{Fe}^{\operatorname{II}}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] \\ & \operatorname{Ferri}\operatorname{Ferrocyanide} (\operatorname{Prussian Blue}) \\ \\ + \operatorname{K}_{3}[\operatorname{Fe}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Fe}^{\operatorname{III}}[\operatorname{Fe}^{\operatorname{III}}(\operatorname{CN})_{6}] \\ & \operatorname{Ferri}\operatorname{Ferricyanide} (\operatorname{Brown}) \\ \end{array}$$

One of the best tests for Fe(+III) is to add aqueous solutions containing SCN^- ions. A blood red colour is produced due to a mixture of $Fe(SCN)_3$ and $[Fe(SCN)(H_2O)_5]^{2+}$.

[B] Cobalt & Its Compounds

Cobalt is a very tough metal which resembles iron. It is bluish white and lustrous in appearance. Like iron it is ferromagnetic (Curie temperature = 1000° C) but relatively unreative as it does not react with H_2O , H_2 or N_2 . However, it forms the most number of complexes and more compounds than any other element except carbon.

I. Co+II State

+II state is the most important oxidisation state for simple compounds of cobalt. Some compounds in this state are CoO, $CoCl_2$, $CoSO_4$, $CoCO_3$. The hydrated salts are all pink or red due to the hexahydrate ion $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ while CoO is olive green. Thus $CoCl_2$ is used as a test for water and as an indicator added to the drying agent 'silica gel'. CoO in combination with ZnO is used as a green pigment in paints called Rinnmann's green.

II. Co+III State

This state is the most important state for complexes of cobalt. Since the (+II) state is common for simple compounds, it is difficult to oxidise Co^{+2} to Co^{+3} and Co^{+3} are less stable and are reduced by water. In contrast many Co(+II) complexes are readily oxidised to Co(+III) complexes, Co(+III) complexes being more stable.

[C] Nickel & its Compounds

Nickel, a silvery white metal which does not tarnish in air is produced in large quantities and used in a wide variety of alloys both ferrous and non-ferrous. All three metals (Ni, Pd, Pt) of Group 10, are used as catalysts in many reactions. For example, 'Raney Nickel' is very finely divided nickel used in reduction processes and Pd is used for hydrogenation.

Nickel is predominantly divalent in both its simple compounds and complexes. The hydrated salts are bright green coloured due to the hydrated ion $[\mathrm{Ni(H_2O)}_6]^{2+}$. Complexes are commonly square planar or octahedral. The red colourd complex precipitated by $\mathrm{Ni^{2+}}$ and dimethylglyoxime from slightly ammonical solution is square planar. This reaction is used both for detection and quantitative estimation of Ni .

IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE - C

- 1. Write the chemical reactions associated with the Brown Ring Test.
- 2. A hydrated metallic salt A, light green in colour, gives a white anhydrous residue B after being heated gradually. B is soluble in water and its aqueous solution reacts with NO to give a dark brown compound C. B on strong heating gives a brown residue D and a mixture of two gases E and F. The gaseous mixture, when passed through acidified KMnO₄ discharges the pink colour, when passed through acidified BaCl₂ solution, gives a white precipitate. Identify A, B, C, D, E and F.

NOW ATTEMPT IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE-C REMAINING QUESTIONS IN THIS EBOOK

COPPER GROUP [COINAGE METALS]

Section - 5

Group 11 consists of the metals coper, gold and silver, all having a completely filled d-shell and one selectron. They have been known since prehistoric times when they were used to moke coins and hence called Coinage Metals. They conduct electricity and heat particularly well and tend to be noble (unreactive). The reason for their noble character is higher ionisation energy and enthalpy of sublimation.

[A] Copper & its Compounds

Copper is a reddish coloured, lustrous and soft metal produced on large scale from its ores like chalcopyrite (CuFeS₂), malachite (CuCO₃.Cu(OH)₂), cuprite (Cu₂O). The metals is used in the electrical industry because of its high conductivity, electroplating, in manufacture of coins and also as a catalyst.

(i) Reaction with air:

A green coating of basic copper carbonate $CuCO_3$. $Cu(OH)_2$ called 'Verdigris' is formed in presence of moisture and CO_2 in air (O_2) .

$$2Cu + H_2O + CO_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow CuCO_3 \cdot Cu(OH)_2$$

While, when heated it forms two oxides:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cu} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{<1100^{\circ}\text{C}} \text{CuO} \\ \text{Cupricoxide(black)} \\ \xrightarrow{>1100^{\circ}\text{C}} \text{Cu}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Cuprous oxide (red)} \end{array}$$

Copper is inert towards non-oxidising acids (HCl, dil. H_2SO_4) but reacts with concentrated HNO_3 and H_2SO_4 .

$$Cu + 2H_2SO_4$$
 (conc.) $\longrightarrow CuSO_4 + SO_2 + 2H_2O$
 $3Cu + 8HNO_3$ (dil.) $\longrightarrow 3Cu(NO_3)_2 + 4H_2O + 2NO$

$$Cu + 4HNO_3(conc.) \longrightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2H_2O + 2NO_2$$

(iii) Copper reduces oxides of nitrogen to N_2 and ferric ion to ferrous ion.

$$Cu + NO \longrightarrow CuO + \frac{1}{2}N_2$$

$$Cu + 2Fe^{3+} \longrightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2Fe^{2+}$$

The etching of designs on copper plates using ferric chlorides is based on this property.

$$Cu + 2FeCl_3 \longrightarrow CuCl_2 + 2FeCl_2$$

I. Cu+l State

The configuration of copper in (+I) state is $3d^{10}$ to $4s^{\circ}$ which is known as 'pseudo-noble gas configuration'. It might thus be expected that the (+I) state would be the most stable but surprisingly this is not so. In fact is disproportionates in aqueous solution as:

$$2Cu^{+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Cu^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$$
 $K_{eq} = 1.6 \times 10^{6}$

The only Cu+ compounds stable in water are either insoluble (CuCl, CuBr, CuI, CuCN) or present as complexes.

(a) Cuprous Oxide (Cu₂O):

Cu₂O is a red coloured basic oxide found as the ore cuprite in nature. It is prepared by heating cupric oxide and copper or by reduction of Cu²⁺ by mild reducing agents (as in the *Fehling's Test* for reducing sugars).

$$CuO + Cu \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cu_2O$$

CuO + glucose (or aldehyde or HCOOH)
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Cu₂O + gluconic acid (reducing agent) (red) [Fehling's test]

- (i) Cu₂O reacts with halogen acids HCl, HBr and HI giving insoluble CuCl(white), CuBr(yellow) and CuI(yellow). CuF is unknown.
- (ii) Cu_2O is reduced to copper when heated in a current of H_2 or CO or with carbon.

$$Cu_2O + C \longrightarrow 2Cu + CO$$

$$Cu_2 + H_2 \longrightarrow 2Cu + H_2O$$

$$Cu_2 + CO \longrightarrow 2Cu + CO_2$$

(iii) Oxidation of Cu_2O :

$$2Cu_2O + O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 4CuO$$

$$Cu_2O + 3H_2SO_4 \xrightarrow{\text{(hot. conc.)}} 2CuSO_4 + 3H_2O + SO_2$$

$$3Cu_2O + 14HNO_3(dil.) \longrightarrow 6Cu(NO_3)_2 + 7H_2O + 2NO_3$$

(iv) Reaction with aqueous ammonia:

$$Cu_2O + NH_4OH \xrightarrow{\text{no air}} [Cu^I(NH_3)_2] OH$$

$$Cu_2O + NH_4OH \xrightarrow{O_2} [Cu^{II}(NH_3)_4(OH)_2]$$
Deep blue

II. Cu^{+II} State

It is the most important and stable state of copper. Since the electronic configuration is d^9 , the compounds are typically coloured due to d-d spectra and paramagnetic. The hydrated salts are blue due to $[Cu(H_2O)_6)]^{2+}$ ions. Cu^{2+} compounds are detected by adding a KI solution which forms yellow precipitate of Cu_2I_2 .

$$2Cu^{2+} + 4I^{-} \longrightarrow Cu_{2}I_{2} + I_{2}$$
 (CuI is not formed)

This is also used in the volumetric analysis of Cu^{+II}. Another test is adding the salt to NH₄OH solution.

$$Cu^{2+}(aq) \xrightarrow{NH_4OH} Cu(OH)_2 \downarrow \xrightarrow{excess NH_4OH} [Cu(NH_3)_4]_{(aq)}^{2+}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Light blue}} Deep blue$$

(a) Copper sulphate $[CuSO_4 . 5H_2O]$:

Also known as blue vitriol, copper sulphate solutions are blue coloured. The anhydrous salt is however white.

It is prepared by dissolving CuCO₃.Cu(OH)₂ or CuO in sulphuric acid.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{CuO} \\ \text{Cu} + \text{O}_2 \\ \text{Cu(OH)}_2 . \text{CuCO}_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2 \text{SO}_4} \text{CuSO}_4$$

Hydrated copper sulphate crystals are blue coloured and thus this can be used as a test for the presence of water on heating, the water of crystallisation is lost.

$$CuSO_4.5H_2O \xrightarrow{100^{\circ}C} CuSO_4.H_2O \xrightarrow{230^{\circ}C} CuSO_4 \xrightarrow{750^{\circ}C} CuO \xrightarrow{1200^{\circ}C} CuO \xrightarrow{1200^{\circ}C} O_2 + Cu_2O$$

(ii)
$$CuSO_4 + KCN \longrightarrow CuCN \downarrow + (CN)_2$$
 Cyanogen (extremely poisonous)

$$CuSO_4 + KCN(excess) \longrightarrow K_3[Cu(CN)_4]$$
 (a complex is formed)

(iii) A mixture of CuSO₄ and Ca(OH)₂ (milk lime) is used as *Bordeaux Mixture* used for preventing fungus attack on potato leaves and vines. CuSO₄ is also used to make fehling solution.

(b) Cupric Chloride [CuCl₂.2H₂O]:

Cupric chloride can be obtained by dissolving Cu(OH)₂.CuCO₃ or CuO or the metal in conc. HCl.

CuO
$$Cu + O_2$$

$$Cu(OH)_2.CuCO_3$$

$$conc. HCl \longrightarrow CuCl_2 \text{ (hydrated)}$$

The hydrated crystals are green coloured. Anhydrous salt can be obtained by heating in HCl gas.

$$CuCl_2.2H_2O + HCl(g) \xrightarrow{150^{\circ}C} CuCl_2 + 2H_2O$$
Dark brown mass

(i) It is a deliquescent compound readily soluble in water. Dilute solutions are blue while concentrated solutions are green. It changes to yellow if added to conc. HCl or Cl₂ current is passed.

The blue colour is due to $[{\rm Cu(H_2O)_4}]^{2+}$ and yellow colour due to complex ion $[{\rm CuCl_4}]^{2-}$

(ii)
$$CuCl_2 + NaOH \longrightarrow Cu(OH)_2 \downarrow + 2NaCl$$

Light blue

(iii)
$$CuCl_2 + Cu \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cu_2Cl_2$$

(c) Cupric Oxide [CuO]:

It is black coloured and formed by heating cuprous oxide or copper in air (O_2) . In fact, all oxosalts, such as $Cu(NO_3)_2$ decompose into black CuO on strong heating.

$$Cu(OH)_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} CuO + H_2O$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cu(NO}_3)_2 \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} \text{CuO} + \text{O}_2 + \text{NO}_2 \\ \\ \text{Cu(CO}_3)_2 \cdot \text{Cu(OH)}_2 \stackrel{\Delta}{\longrightarrow} \text{CuO} + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \end{array}$$

[B] Silver & its Compounds

Silver is a white lustrous, ductile and malleable metal. It is the best known conductor of electricity and heat. The chemical properties of silver are:

(i) It is quite unreactive and has no effect of air and alkalies. However, air contaminated with H₂S tarnishes silver due to formation of black Ag₂S.

$$4Ag + 2H_2S + O_2 \longrightarrow 2Ag_2S + 2H_2O$$

- (ii) On heating the molten mass of silver absorbs oxygen which is again released on cooling. This is called as 'SPITTING OF SILVER'.
- (iii) Ag dissolves in conc. HNO₃ and conc. H₂SO₄ producing NO₂ and SO₂ respectively. Dilute H₂SO₄ has no effect on silver but dilute HNO₃ react to from NO (Ag being a poor reducing agent). In each case Ag is oxidised to Ag⁺ ion.
- (iv) Cyanide complexes are used in the extraction of silver.

$$4Ag + 8KCN + 2H_{2}O + 2H_{2}O + O_{2} \longrightarrow 4K[Ag(CN)_{2}] + 4KOH$$
Argentocyonide
$$Complex$$

$$[Ag(CN)_{2}]^{-} + 2CN^{-} \longrightarrow [Ag(CN)_{4}]^{3-}$$

$$(Ag(CN)_{2})^{-} + 2CN^{-} \longrightarrow [Ag(CN)_{4}]^{3-}$$

(v) Silver finds its use as AgCl and AgBr in photographic emulsions. Other uses include in making jwellery and ornaments, silver mirrors and for batteries.

The most stable and common oxidation state of silver is the (+I) state. Some compounds in this state are :

(a) Silver oxide [Ag. 0]:

Ag₂O is mainly basic and prepared from silver salts like AgNO₃

$$2AgNO_3 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow Ag_2O \downarrow + H_2O$$
(Brown)

- (i) On heating silver oxide decomposes to silver and oxygen at 160°C.
- (ii) Aqueous solutions of Ag_2O consist of Ag(OH) making the solution strongly basic. Thus the moist Ag_2O can hydrolyse alkyl halides.

$$C_2H_5Br + AgOH \longrightarrow C_2H_5OH + AgBr$$

Moist Ag₂O also abosorbs carbon dioxide and forms Ag₂CO₃.

- 3. Ag₂O forms black coloured AgO with sodium thiosulphate. This oxide actually exists as Ag^I[Ag^{III}O₂] and hence is diamagnetic not paramagnetic.
- (b) Silver Nitrate [AgNO₂] (Lunar Caustic):

Silver nitrate is one of the most important salts of silvers. It can be formed by simply dissolving Ag in nitric acid.

$$3Ag + 4HNO_3 \longrightarrow 3AgNO_3 + 2H_2O + NO$$

- 1. In crystalline form it is colourless. Heating AgNO₃ dissociates it into Ag, NO₂ and O₂.
- 2. All simple compounds of Ag+ (Ag₂O, AgCl, AgBr, AgNO₃) from complexes with alkali cyanide and sodium thiosulphate.

$$Ag^{+} + CN^{-} \xrightarrow{O_{2}} [Ag(CN)_{2}]^{-} \xrightarrow{excess CN^{-}} [Ag(CN)_{4}]^{3-}$$

$$Ag^{+} + S_{2}O_{3}^{2-} \longrightarrow [Ag(S_{2}O_{3})_{2}]^{3-} + [Ag_{3}(S_{2}O_{4})_{4}]^{5-} + \text{other complexes.}$$

3. A solution of AgNO₃ and alkaline aqueous ammonia is used as *Tollens Reagent* (ammonical AgNO₃ or [Ag(NH₃)₂]OH⁻)

4.
$$5 \text{AgNO}_3 + 3 \text{H}_2 \text{O} + \text{I}_2 \text{ (excess)} \longrightarrow \text{HIO}_3 + 5 \text{AgI} \downarrow + 5 \text{HNO}_3$$

 $6 \text{AgNO}_3 \text{(excess)} + 3 \text{I}_2 + 3 \text{H}_2 \text{O} \longrightarrow \text{AgIO}_3 + 5 \text{AgI} \downarrow + 6 \text{HNO}_3$

(c) Silver Halides:

Silver halides (AgX) are insoluble solids used in photography. AgCl is white, AgBr pale yellow and AgI yellow. Presence of halide ions in solutions is tested by adding $AgNO_3$ solution and dil. HNO_3 which forms silver halide precipitates. The colour indicates the type of halide ion present. This can be confirmed by testing solubility of these precipitates in ammonium hydroxide. AgCl is soluble in dilute NH_4OH . AgBr fully dissolves only in strong ammonia solution while AgI is insoluble in NH_4OH . (AgCl and AgBr form the soluble ammine complex $Ag(NH_3)_2^+$ which is linear).

(d) Silver thiosulphate $[Ag_2S_2O_3]$:

It forms white needle like crystals precipitated when Ag₂S or AgNO₃ reacts with hypo.

$$Ag_2S + S_2O_3^{2-} \longrightarrow Ag_2S_2O_3^{2-} \downarrow$$

On adding excess of sodium thiosusphate, it dissolves.

$$Ag_2S_2O_2 + 3Na_2S_2O_3 \longrightarrow 2Na_3[Ag(S_2O_3)_2]$$

Ag₂S₂O₃ is decomposed by water giving a variety of colours changing from black through yellow and brown.

$$Ag_2S_2O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4 + Ag_2S \downarrow$$

[C] Gold

Gold(Au) is a soft, heavy and yellow metal with high lustre. It is inert to air and all acids except aqua regia (a 3: 1 mixture of concentrated HCl and HNO₃). The HNO₃ acts as an oxidising agent and the chloride ions as a complexing agent.

$$2Ag + 9HCl + 3HNO_3 \longrightarrow 2AuCl_3 + 6H_2O + 3NOCl$$

The most stable oxidation state for gold is Au(+III)

IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE - D

- 1. Explain the following facts:
 - (i) Silver nitrate is kept in dark coloured bottles:
 - (ii) Copper hydroxide is soluble in ammonium hydroxide but not in sodium hydroxide.
 - (iii) Cuprous chloride is insoluble in water and dilute HCl but dissolves in concentrated HCl.
 - (iv) The species $[CuCl_{\Delta}]^{2-}$ exists but $[CuI_{\Delta}]^{2-}$ does not.
 - (v) Addition of an alkali to cuprous chloride solution gives a yellow precipitate which gradully changes to a red colour.

NOW ATTEMPT IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE-D REMAINING QUESTIONS IN THIS EBOOK

ZINC GROUP - GROUP 12

Section - 6

The elements of group 12 have a $d^{10}s^2$ configuration and they typically form divalent ions. Since they have a fully filled orbital in native as well as any other state, they do not behave as typical transition metals (like they are very soft).

The members of this group are zinc (Zn), cadmium (Cd) and mercury (Hg).

Zinc & its Compounds

Zinc is bluish white crystalline metal which shows some similarities to Mg. It is brittle at ordinary temperature, malleable and ductile at 100° - 150° C and again becomes brittle at 220° C. Some properties are :

1.
$$2Zn + O_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2ZnO$$

2.
$$Zn(red hot) + H_2O(g) \longrightarrow ZnO + H_2$$

3. Reaction with acids:

(i)
$$Zn + 2H_2SO_4(conc.) \longrightarrow ZnSO_4 + H_2O + SO_2$$

(ii)
$$4\text{Zn} + 10\text{HNO}_3$$
 (very dil.) $\longrightarrow 4\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$

(iii)
$$3Zn + 8HNO_3$$
 (moderately conc.) $\longrightarrow 3Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2NO + 4H_2O$

(iv)
$$Zn + 4HNO_3$$
 (hot conc.) $\longrightarrow Zn(NO_3)_2 + 2NO_2 + 2H_2O$

4. Reaction with NaOH:
$$Z_n + 2NaOH(hot) \longrightarrow Na_2Z_nO_2 + H_2$$

Sodium zincate(soluble)

- 5. Uses: Zinc is used in larger amounts for coating iorn to prevent it from rusting, make alloys (brass is Zn+Cu), sheets used for roofing and as a reducing agent. It also has an important role in biological systems.
- (a) Zinc oxide (ZnO): ZnO is a white, light powder insoluble in water and made by heating zinc salts.

$$Zn(NO_3)_2$$
 $Zn(OH)_2$
 \longrightarrow heat \longrightarrow ZnO

- 1. ZnO is white when cold and becomes yellow on heating. The colour occurs due to loss of O atoms on heating, creating defects in structure.
- 2. ZnO is amphoteric. In acids it forms salts and in alkali, zincates such as $[Zn(OH)_4]^{2-}$.

$$ZnO + 2HCl \longrightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2O$$

$$ZnO + 2NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2 2NO_2 + H_2O$$
 (or $NO_2 [Zn(OH)_4]^{2-}$.
Sodium zincate (soluble)

3. ZnO is the only important commercial oxide in this group. It is used mainly in vulcanization of rubber. It is also used as white shoe polish and manufacture of glass.

(b) Zinc Sulphide (ZnS):

ZnS is also white and insoluble in water. It turns yellow on exposure to light. Zinc oxide or zinc sulphate or other zinc salts form zinc sulphide in the presence of H_2S gas.

$$ZnSO_4 + H_2 \longrightarrow ZnS + H_2SO_4$$

- 1. It shows phosphorescence due to impurities of Mn, Cu, Ag etc. and hence is used as a phosphorecsent.
- 2. On heating in oxygen at high temperature ZnO is formed while ZnSO₄ is the major product at how temperature.

$$ZnS \xrightarrow{O_3} ZnO + ZnSO_4$$
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(c) Zinc Sulphate [ZnSO₄.7H₂O] (White vitriol):

White vitriol is isomorphous with epsom salts and green vitriol. It is highly soluble in water and prepared as follows:

$$ZnCO_3 + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow ZnSO_4 + H_2O + CO_2$$

- 1. $ZnSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O \xrightarrow{100^{\circ}C} ZnSO_4 \cdot 6H_2O \xrightarrow{280^{\circ}C} ZnSO_4 \xrightarrow{800^{\circ}C} ZnO + SO_2 + O_2$
- 2. It is used in medicine as an eye lotion and in manufacture of white point.
- (d) Zinc Chloride (ZnCl₂). It is a white deliquescent solid very soluble in water.

$$Zn + Cl_2$$
 (or HCl) $\longrightarrow ZnCl_2$ (anhydrous)
$$ZnCO_3$$
 $ZnCO_3$
 $Zn(OH)_2$
 $\longrightarrow 2nCl_2$. $2H_2O$ (crystals)

Heating hydrated ZnCl₂ simply decomposes it to ZnO instead of dehydrating to anhydrous form.

1. Aqueous solutions of Zn²⁺ are acidic because of hydrolysis.

$$Zn^{2+} + 6H_2O \longrightarrow [Zn(H_2O)_6]^{2+} \xrightarrow{H_2O} [Zn(H_2O)OH]^+ + H_3O^+$$

2.
$$ZnCl_2 + H_2S \longrightarrow ZnS \downarrow + 2HCl$$

3.
$$ZnCl_2 \xrightarrow{NaOH} Zn(OH) \downarrow (White gelationus precipitate) \xrightarrow{NaOH} Na_2ZnO_2$$

4. (i)
$$\operatorname{ZnCl}_2 \xrightarrow{\operatorname{NH}_4\operatorname{OH}} \operatorname{Zn}(\operatorname{OH})_2 \downarrow \xrightarrow{\operatorname{NH}_4\operatorname{OH}/\operatorname{NH}_4\operatorname{Cl}} \operatorname{[Zn}(\operatorname{NH}_3)_4]\operatorname{Cl}_2$$
Tetramminezinc Chloride

(ii)
$$\operatorname{ZnCl}_2 \xrightarrow{4\operatorname{NH}_3} \operatorname{ZnCl}_2 . 4\operatorname{NH}_3$$

5. Concentrated solutions of zinc chloride are corrosive and dissolve paper. It is used for treating textiles. ZnCl₂ is also used as a flux for soldering.

Mercury & its Compounds

Mercury is a silvery liquid which does not tarnish readily. All mercury (and cadmium) compounds are toxic. It has two oxidation state +I and +II. Hg(I) compounds (*mercurous* compounds) are few in number and contain the ion $(Hg-Hg)^{2+}$ and Hg^{+} . Hg(II) compounds (*mercuric* compounds) are more covalent and stable.

Hg is used in thermometers, barometers and mercury vapour street lights.

I. Hg^{+l} State (Mercurous)

Mercurous compound can be made by reducing the Hg(II) salts with the metal.

$$HgCl_2 + Hg \longrightarrow Hg_2Cl_2$$
 (white)
Calomel

Alternatively, mercury (I) nitrate can be made by dissolving Hg in dilute HNO₃.

$$Hg + HNO_3 (dil.) \longrightarrow Hg_2(NO_3)_2 + NO$$

➤ Hg₂Cl₂ also known as calomel is used in calomel electrodes. It is a white powder which turns black in NH₃ (which is used in detection of mercurous ion).

$$Hg_2Cl_2 + NH_3 \longrightarrow \underbrace{Hg NH_2Cl + Hg}_{black} + NaCl_2$$

II. Hg^{+II} State (Mercuric)

Salts are usually anhydrous. Mercuric chloride (HgCl₂) is called 'Corrosive Sublimate' and prepared as follows:

$$HgSO_4 + NaCl \xrightarrow{\Delta} HgCl_2 + Na_2SO_4$$

It is a colourless crystalline highly poisonous solid used as an antiseptic since the middle Ages. It is also used to make *Nessler's Reagent* which is used to detect NH₃.

$$HgCl_2 \xrightarrow{KI} HgI_2 \xrightarrow{excess KI} K_2 [HgI_4]$$
 (Called Nessler's reagent in alkali medium)

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IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE - E

- 1. Write balanced equations for the reaction of alkaline perbromate with zinc giving tetrahydraoxozincate anion.
- 2. Excess of dilute sodium hydroxide solution is gradually added with shaking to an aqueous solution of zinc sulphate. What would you observe?
- **3.** *Explain the following:*
 - (i) The addition of NaOH solution to a solution of zinc chloride produces a white precipitate which dissolves on further addition of NaOH.
 - (ii) The addition of NH_4OH to $ZnSO_4$ solution produces white precipitate but no precipitate is formed if it contains NH_4Cl .
- **4.** *Mercurous chloride turns black on adding NH₄OH to it. Explain.*
- 5. A while substance A reacts with dilute H_2SO_4 to produce a colourless gas B and a colourless solution C. The reaction between B and acidified $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution produces a green solution and a slightly coloured precipitate D. The substance D burns in air to produce a gas E which reacts with B to yield D and a colourless liquid. Anhydrous copper sulphate is turned blue on addition of this colourless liquid. Addition of aqueous NH_3 or NaOH to C produces first a precipitate, which dissolves in the excess of the respective reagent to produce a clear solution in each case. Identify A, B, C, D and E. Write the equations of the reactions involved.

SOLUTIONS - IN - CHAPTER EXERCISE - A

- 1. Due to lanthanoid contraction, the difference between the radius of second and third group elements is negligible.

 As a result, they have similar lattice energies, solvation energies, ionization energies and other properties.
- 2. (i) Many transition metals contain partially filled electrons shell. The unpaired electrons produce spin magnetic moments which result into paramagnetism.
 - (ii) Colour arises from the ability of a compound to absorb particular wavelengths of white light and emit the rest. This can occur when their is/are electrons / charge which can be transferred from an energy level to another which is the case with transition elements and their compounds.

SOLUTIONS - IN - CHAPTER EXERCISE - B

1. (i)
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 2KI + 4H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 7H_2O + I_2$$

(ii)
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} K_2CrO_4 + Cr_2O_3 + O_2$$

(iii)
$$2KMnO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} K_2MnO_4 + MnO_2 + O_2$$
 (disproportionation)

(iv)
$$2\text{MnO}_4^- + 5\text{AsO}_3^- + 6\text{H}^+ \longrightarrow 2\text{Mn}^{2+} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} + 5\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$$

(v)
$$K_2Cr_2O_7 + 2NH_4Cl \longrightarrow (NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 + 2Kcl$$

 $(NH_4)_2Cr_2O_7 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Cr_2O_3 + N_2 + 4H_2O$; $Cr_2O_3 + 2A\ell \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2Cr + A\ell_2O_3$
(green) (gas) (metal) (oxide)

2. $X \text{ is } NH_{A}Cl.$

$$4Cl^{-} + K_2Cr_2O_7 + 6H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow 2CrO_2Cl_2 + 2KHSO_4 + 4HSO_4^{-} + 3H_2O$$
 (from NH₄Cl) (gas A)

$$CrO_2Cl_2 + 4NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2CrO_4 + 2NaCl + 2H_2O$$
(B)

$$Na_2CrO_4 + (CH_3COO)_2Pb \longrightarrow PbCrO_4 \downarrow + 2CH_3COONa$$
(C)

$$NH_4^+ + NaOH \xrightarrow{\Delta} NH_3 + Na^+ + H_2O$$
(From NH_4Cl) (gas)

$$NH_3 + 2HgI_4^{2-} + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2N - Hg - O - Hg - I \downarrow + 7I^- + 3H^+$$
(D)

3. The process described is that of preparation of potassium permanganate from pyrolusite ore.

$$2MnO_2 + 4KOH + 2[O] \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2K_2MnO_4 + 2H_2O ; 2K_2MnO_4 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2KMnO_4 + 2KCl$$

4.
$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 3S^{2-} + 14H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3S + 7H_2O$$

SOLUTIONS - IN - CHAPTER EXERCISE - C

1. Nitrates produce NO which coordinates with Fe^{2+} to give a brown ring.

$$FeSO_4 + NO + 5H_2O \longrightarrow [Fe(H_2O)_5 NO]SO_4$$

2. FeSO₄ . 7H₂O
$$\xrightarrow{\Delta}$$
 FeSO₄ (white) ; FeSO₄ + NO $\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ [Fe(H₂O)₅NO]SO₄ (C)

$$FeSO_4 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Fe_2O_3 + SO_2 + SO_3$$
(D) (E) (F)

$$SO_2 + SO_3 + KMnO_4 \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}$$
 (pink solution)

$$SO_2 + SO_3 + BaCl_2 \longrightarrow BaSO_4$$
 (white precipitate)

SOLUTIONS - IN - CHAPTER EXERCISE - D

- 1. (i) AgNO₃ decomposes to Ag₂O and NO₂ in presence of slight heat (due to light) and is thus kept in dark bottles.
 - (ii) This is because Cu^{2+} can form many complexes with NH_4^+ which are soluble in water.
 - (iii) Cuprous halides form soluble complexes in presence of excess of halide ions in solution.

$$Cu_2Cl_2 + 2HCl \longrightarrow 2H[CuCl_2]$$

- (iv) I⁻ion is a stronger reducing agent than Cl⁻ion. It reduces Cu^{2+} ion into Cu^{+} ion. Hence, cupric iodide is converted into cuprous iodide. Thus the species $[CuI_4]^{2-}$ does not exist.
- (v) $Cu_2Cl_2 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow Cu_2O \downarrow + 2NaCl + H_2O$

Precipicate changes colour from yellow to red due to formation of Cu₂O

SOLUTIONS - IN - CHAPTER EXERCISE - E

- 1. $BrO_4^- + Zn + 2OH^- + H_2O \longrightarrow BrO_3^- + Zn(OH)_4^{2-}$
- 2. $ZnSO_4 + 2NaOH \longrightarrow Na_2SO_4 + Zn(OH)_2 \downarrow \xrightarrow{NaOH} Na_2ZnO_2$ (white) (soluble and colourless)
- 3. (i) First a white precipitate of Zn(OH)₂ is formed which on further addition of NaOH forms soluble zincate Na₂ZnO₂.
 - (ii) NH₄OH is a weak hydroxide. It is ionized slightly furnishing OH⁻ ions which are sufficient to precipitate Zn(OH)₂ because its low solubility product. However, in presence of NH₄Cl, the ionization of NH₄OH is further suppressed and sufficient OH⁻ are not available to cause precipition.
- 4. $Hg_2Cl_2 + NH_4OH \longrightarrow Hg NH_2Cl + Hg$ This is used to detect mercurous ions.
- 5. $\operatorname{ZnS} + \operatorname{dil.H_2SO_4} \longrightarrow \operatorname{H_2S} + \operatorname{ZnSO_4}$; (A) (B) (C)

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$$3H_2S + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+ \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 3S + 7H_2O$$
(green) (D)

$$S + O_2 \longrightarrow SO_2(E)$$

$$SO_2 + H_2S \longrightarrow S + H_2O$$
(E) (B) (D) (colourless liquid)

$$Zn^{2+} + 2OH^{-} \longrightarrow 2n(OH)_{2} \downarrow \xrightarrow{OH^{-}} Zn(OH)_{4}^{2-}$$
 (clear solution)
(C)



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