

Unit 1: Periodicity

1. Keywords

Periodicity The regular occurrence of elements with similar properties giving repeated patterns when compared to atomic number

First ionisation energy The energy needed to remove 1 electron from each atom in 1 mole of gaseous atoms.
 $M(g) \rightarrow M^+(g) + e^-$

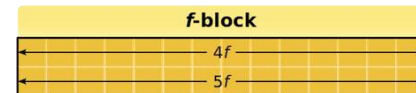
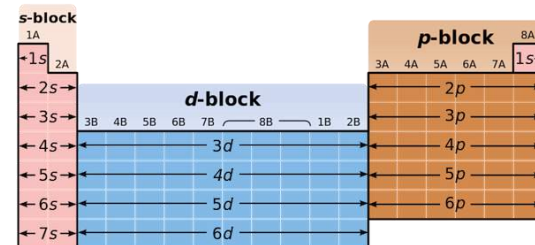
Second ionisation energy: The energy needed to remove 1 electron from each atom in 1 mole of gaseous +1 ions.
 $M^+(g) \rightarrow M^{2+}(g) + e^-$

Successive ionisation energies: Removing each electron in turn from a mole of gaseous atoms. Provides evidence of energy levels and orbitals

Atomic radius a measure of the size of its atoms, usually the mean distance from the centre of the nucleus to the outermost electron shell

2. The periodic table.

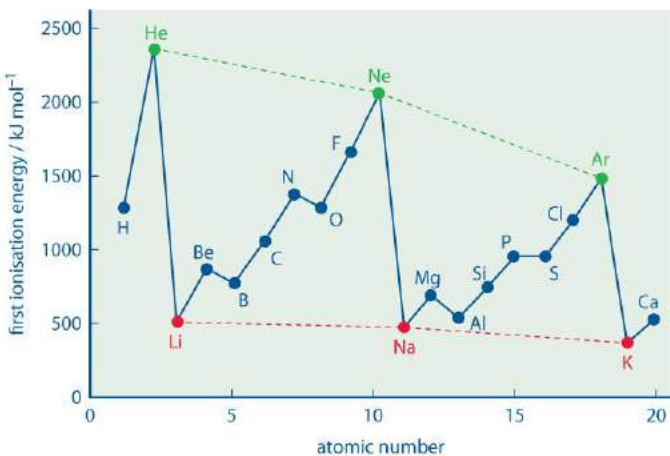
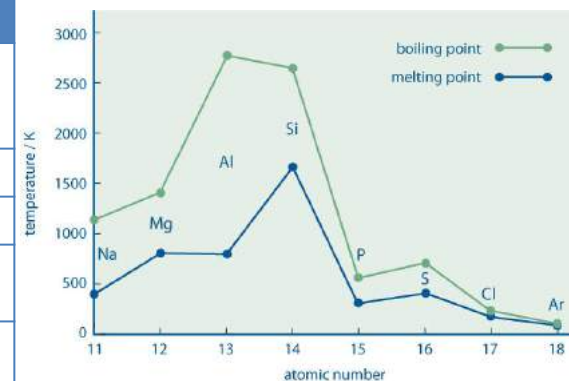
An element is classified as s, p, d or f block according to its position in the Periodic Table, which is determined by its proton number so on the nature of the orbital into which the last electron of the atom enters.



3. Melting and boiling point across period 3

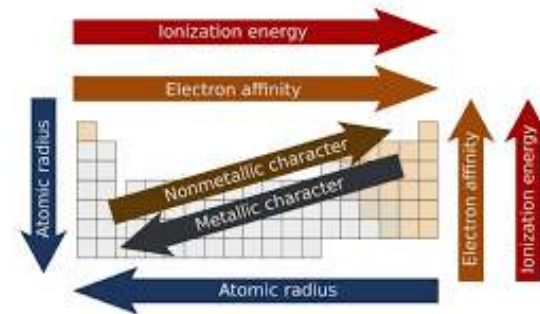
Trends in melting and boiling point are explained based on the intermolecular forces between the molecules.

	Structure	MP/BP
Metal (Na, Mg, Al)	Electrostatic	Low
Semi Metal (Si)	Macromolecular, strong covalent bonds	High
Non Metal (P ₄ , S ₈ , Cl ₂)	Small molecular substances, weak van der Waals, depend on size of molecule	Low
Noble gas (Ar)	Monoatomic, weak van der Waals	Low



4. Atomic radius

Decreases across period due to increased nuclear charge attracting shells.
 Increases down group due to more shells



5. Ionisation energy

Ionisation energy increases across a period as similar distance from nucleus, same shielding but increased nuclear charge so stronger attraction.
 Group 3 drop due to p orbital higher energy than s.
 Group 6 drop due to repulsion of p orbital pair
 Ionisation energy decreases going down a group as more shielding and greater atomic radius.

Unit 2: Group II

1. Physical properties

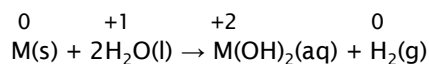
Trends in group II, Beryllium is not typical of the group and it is not considered here.

Atomic radius	Increases	More shells
Melting point	Decreases	Weaker metallic bonds due to larger atoms
First ionisation energy	Decreases	Outer electron in higher energy level, larger atom, more shells more shielding

2. Reactivity with water

Reactivity with water INCREASES down the group.

Magnesium reacts slowly with liquid water, but rapidly when heated in the presence of steam.



All equations similar down group: beware state symbol of hydroxide

3. Hydroxides and sulphates - solubility

Hydroxides - $\text{M}(\text{OH})_2$

- Varying solubility in water.
- Solubility INCREASES as you descend the group.
- pH of the hydroxide in water varies.
- pH increases as you descend the group.

Solubility of $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ described as sparingly soluble

Sulphates - MSO_4

- Colourless solids
- Solubility DECREASES as you descend the group.
- Carbonates thermally decompose to form $\text{MO}(\text{s})$ and $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$.
- Thermal stability increases as you descend the group.

BaSO_4 is described as insoluble

4. Application of group II compounds

Chemical	Common name	Applications
$\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$	Milk of magnesia	Treat indigestion, heartburns and wind.
$\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$	Slaked lime	Neutralise fields and polluted lakes.
CaO and CaCO_3		Remove SO_2 from flue gases
BaSO_4	Barium meal	Contrast medium for gut X-ray.
BaCl_2		Test for sulfate ions: acidified with hydrochloric acid to remove carbonate ions

Unit 3a: Group VII

1. Keywords

Mean bond Enthalpy:	The average enthalpy change when one mole of a specific bond is broken in a range of different gaseous compounds.
Displacement:	A displacement reaction is a type of reaction in which part of one reactant is replaced by another reactant.
Electronegativity:	The power of an atom to attract the electrons in a covalent bond.

2. Physical properties

Trends in group VII, Fluorine often does strange things due to its size and electron density

Atomic radius	Increases	More shells
Boiling point	Increases	Larger molecules have stronger van der Waals forces which need more energy to break
Electronegativity	Decreases	Larger atoms so bonding pair further from nucleus, less strongly attracted
Bond enthalpy of X ₂ and HX	Decreases	Atoms larger, bond longer, less energy to break

3. Physical states

The physical state of the halogens are summarised below.

Symbol	In pure form	In non-polar solvents	In water
F	Pale yellow gas	(Reacts with solvents)	(Reacts with water)
Cl	Pale green gas	Pale green solution	Pale green solution
Br	Dark red liquid	Orange solution	Orange solution
I	Grey solid	Purple solution	Insoluble

4. Oxidising abilities - Displacement reactions

The oxidising ability of the halogens decreases down the group. You cannot investigate the oxidising ability of Fluorine in aqueous solution because it reacts with water.

	F ⁻	Cl ⁻	Br ⁻	I ⁻
F ₂	-	yes	yes	yes
Cl ₂	no	-	yes	yes
Br ₂	no	no	-	yes
I ₂	no	no	no	-

Unit 3b: Reactivity of halide ions and chlorine.

1. Keywords


Disproportionation: a reaction in which a substance is simultaneously oxidised and reduced, giving two different products.

Precipitate (ppt): deposited solid formed in a solution.

2. Reducing strength

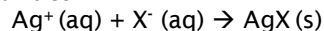
The reducing ability of the halide ions increases down the group.

Symbol	Atomic radius (nm)
F ⁻	0.133
Cl ⁻	0.180
Br ⁻	0.195
I ⁻	0.215



4. Reaction with silver ions

All metal halides (except fluoride) react with silver ions to form an insoluble precipitate. Dilute nitric acid is added before the reaction to get rid of any carbonate or hydroxide impurities.



Symbol	Observation	Halide salt solubility
Cl ⁻	White ppt	Dilute NH ₃
Br ⁻	Cream ppt	Concentrated NH ₃
I ⁻	Pale yellow ppt	Insoluble in NH ₃

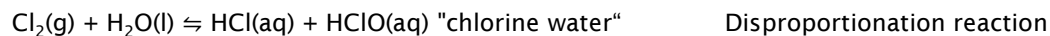
3. Reaction with concentrated sulphuric acid

Solid halides react with concentrated sulphuric acid giving the hydrogen halide. This then reacts with more acid to give different products based on their reducing powers. Iodide is more reducing so gives more products

Halide ion	Reaction A to form MeHSO ₄	Reaction B to form SO ₂	Reaction C to form S	Reaction D to form H ₂ S	Observations
Cl ⁻	✓	×	×	×	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steamy fumes (HCl) ppt (MeHSO₄)
Br ⁻	✓	✓	×	×	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steamy fumes (HBr) Brown fumes (Br₂) Pungent gas (SO₂)
I ⁻	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steamy fumes (HI) Black ppt (I₂) Rotten egg smell (H₂S) Yellow ppt (S)
Reaction A	$\text{MeX}(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{MeHSO}_4(\text{s}) + \text{HX}(\text{g})$				
Reaction B	$2\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 2\text{X}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{X}_2(\text{l})$				Acid-base
Reaction C	$6\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 6\text{X}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{S}(\text{s}) + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 3\text{X}_2(\text{s})$				Acid-base and redox
Reaction D	$8\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + 8\text{X}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{S}(\text{g}) + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + 4\text{X}_2(\text{s})$				Acid-base and redox

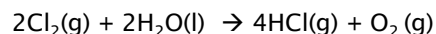
5. Reactivity of chlorine

Reactivity with water:



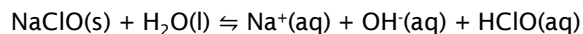
Disproportionation reaction

Reactivity with water in sunlight:



Goes from pale green to colourless

Alternative chlorination of swimming pools:



Water is kept slightly acidic

Reactivity with alkali:



Disproportionation reaction

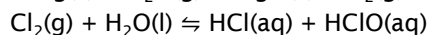
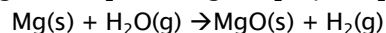
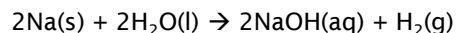
Unit 4: Period 3

1. Keywords

Amphoteric: able to react both as a base and as an acid.

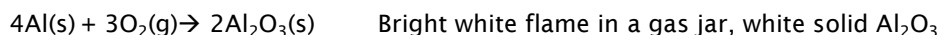
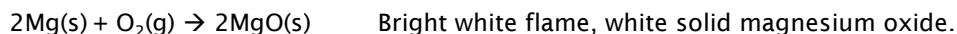
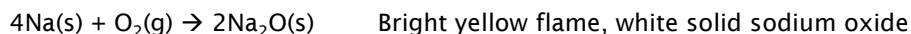
2. Reactivity

Reactivity with water (only Na, Mg, Cl₂):



Faster with steam

Reactivity with oxygen:



3. Period 3 oxides melting points

Na₂O/1548 K Strong attraction between oppositely charged ions in ionic lattice = high melting point

MgO/ 3125K Smaller and more highly charged than Na so stronger attraction to the oxide ions

Al₂O₃ /2345K Ionic structure with covalent character. Very high charge density on the small Al

SiO₂/1883K Giant covalent structure. Strong covalent bonds Si-O.

P₄O₁₀ /573K Simple molecular compounds. Weak van der Waals = low melting point

SO₃/290K Simple molecule Weak van der Waals = low melting point

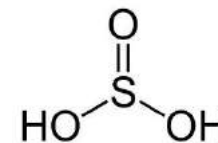
SO₂/200K Simple molecule. Weak van der Waals = low melting point

4. Reactivity of Period 3 oxides with acids/bases

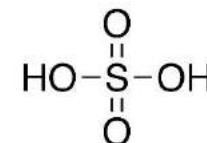
Na ₂ O	$\text{Na}_2\text{O(s)} + 2\text{HCl(aq)} \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$	Alkali
MgO	$\text{MgO(s)} + 2\text{HCl(aq)} \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$	Alkali
Al ₂ O ₃	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{(s)} + 6\text{HCl(aq)} \rightarrow 2\text{AlCl}_3\text{(aq)} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$	Amphoteric
	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{(s)} + 2\text{NaOH(aq)} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow 2\text{NaAl(OH)}_4\text{(aq)}$	
SiO ₂	$\text{SiO}_2\text{(s)} + 2\text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$	Weak acid
P ₄ O ₁₀	$\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}\text{(s)} + 12\text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow 4\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4\text{(aq)} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$	Acid
SO ₂	$\text{SO}_2\text{(g)} + 2\text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$	Acid
SO ₃	$\text{SO}_3\text{(g)} + 2\text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4\text{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$	Acid

5. Reactivity of Period 3 oxides with water

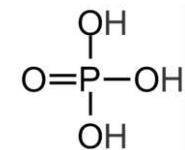
Na ₂ O	$\text{Na}_2\text{O(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow 2\text{NaOH(aq)}$	pH = 14
MgO	$\text{MgO(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \text{Mg(OH)}_2\text{(aq)}$	pH = 9
Al ₂ O ₃	Insoluble no reaction	pH = 7
SiO ₂	Insoluble	pH = 7
P ₄ O ₁₀	$\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}\text{(s)} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow 4\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4\text{(aq)}$	pH = 1-2
SO ₂	$\text{SO}_2\text{(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3\text{(aq)}$	pH = 2-3
SO ₃	$\text{SO}_3\text{(g)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4\text{(aq)}$	pH = 0-1



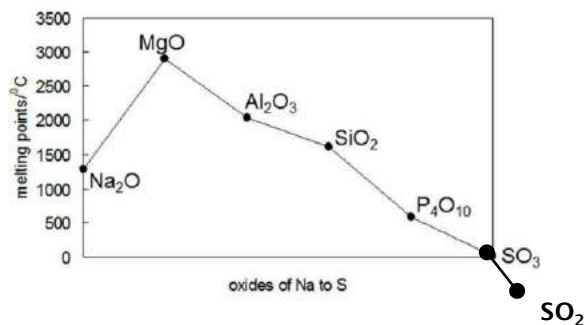
Sulfuric(IV) acid
H₂SO₃



Sulfuric(VI) acid
H₂SO₄



Phosphoric(V) acid
H₃PO₄



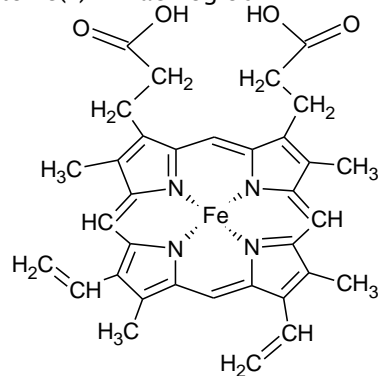
Unit 5a: Transition metals

1. Keywords

Complex ions:	central metal atom or ion surrounded by ligands, which are held by dative covalent bonds.
Coordination number:	is the number of co-ordinate bonds to the central metal atom or ion.
Ligand:	is an ion or molecule that forms a co-ordinate bond with a transition metal by donating a pair of electrons
Chelate:	compound containing a ligand bonded to a central metal atom at two or more points.
Coordinate (dative) bond	A type of covalent bond where both electrons are donated by one atom

4. Haem

Haem is an iron(II) complex with a multidentate ligand. Oxygen forms a co-ordinate bond to Fe(II) in haemoglobin, enabling oxygen to be transported in the blood. Carbon monoxide is toxic because it replaces oxygen co-ordinately bonded to Fe(II) in haemoglobin.



2. Classification

A transition metal is an element that forms at least one stable ion with a partially full d-shell.

- When the fourth period metals form ions the 4s electrons are the first to be lost then 3d electrons.
- Scandium and Zinc are not considered to be transition metals. Scandium forms only a 3+ ion [Ar] 4s⁰ 3d⁰
- Zinc forms only a 2+ ion [Ar] 4s⁰ 3d¹⁰
- Copper is a transition metal because its +2 ion has an incomplete d orbital. [Ar] 4s⁰ 3d⁹

Chemical properties

- Form coloured ions
- Form complexes
- Catalysts
- Variable oxidation state

Physical properties

- Shiny
- Strong
- Hard
- Good conductors

3. Complex ion formation

All transition metals form co-ordinate bonds by accepting electron pairs from other ions or molecules generally called ligands.

Different ligands form different strength bonds.

Monodentate ligands (single co-ordinate bond):

- H₂O (Aqua)
- NH₃ (Ammino)
- OH⁻ (Hydroxy)
- CN⁻
- Cl⁻

} small, similar size and uncharged

large

Bidentate (two atoms that each donate a lone pair of electrons to form co-ordinate bonds):

- H₂NCH₂CH₂NH₂ ethane-1,2-diamine
- C₂O₄²⁻ ethanedioate

Multidentate (many co-ordinate bonds):

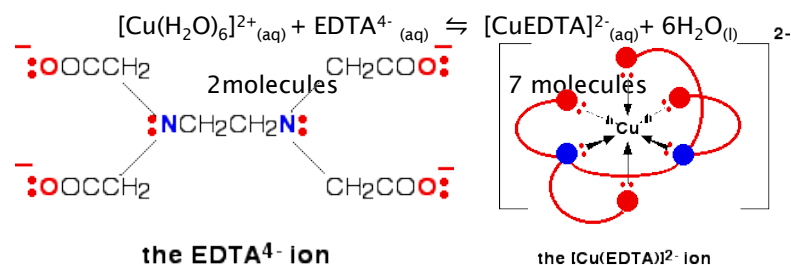
- EDTA⁴⁻ which can form 6 co-ordinate bonds

The charge of the complex ion depends on the charge of the transition metal and on the charge and number of the ligand.

5. Chelate effect

When bidentate or multidentate ligands take the place of monodentate, there are more products than reactants, the number of particles increases, hence the entropy of system increases. The products are thermodynamically more stable.

The enthalpy change of these reaction is very small but the increase in entropy makes the reaction possible.



Gibbs free-energy equation

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

Entropy increases = favourable reaction

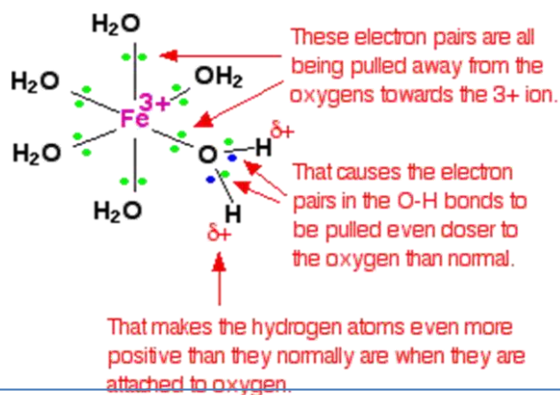
Unit 5b: Reactivity of complex ions

1. Keywords

Amphoteric	dissolves in both acids and bases so therefore has both acidic and basic character
Hydrolysis	the chemical breakdown of a compound due to reaction with water.
Metal-aqua ion	The complex ion formed when water molecules form coordinate bonds with a metal ion

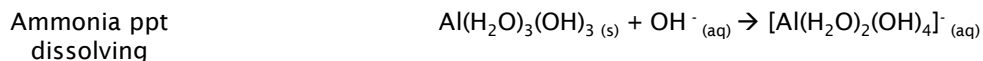
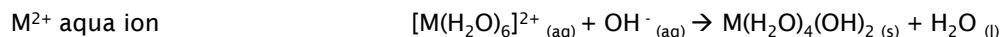
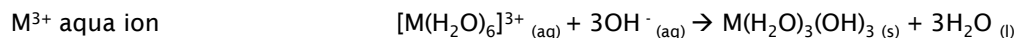
2. Acidity

The acidity of $[M(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$ is greater than that of $[M(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$
 M^{3+} smaller and more positive than M^{2+}
 M^{3+} has greater charge density so more strongly attracts electrons on metal-oxygen bond
 More polarisation of water molecules.
 H^+ more easily lost as OH bond weaker



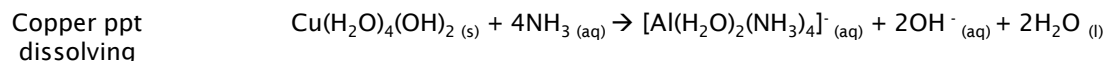
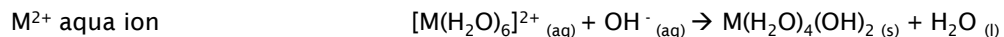
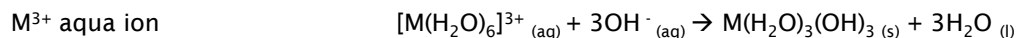
3. Reactions with OH⁻

Reaction with OH⁻ to produce precipitate is called hydrolysis- often indicated by use of EXCESS NaOH
 Reactions are equilibria so can get single and multiple substitutions
 If precipitate not produced, product is aqueous and charged
 Only aluminium precipitate dissolves- amphoteric: acting as an acid



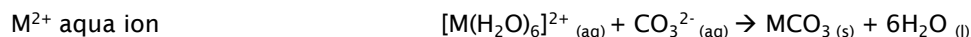
4. Reactions with NH₃

Ammonia in water releases OH⁻
 $NH_{3(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons NH_4^{+} + OH^{-}_{(aq)}$
 Reactions the same as with OH⁻
 Aluminium precipitate does not dissolve
 Copper precipitate dissolves- ligand exchange

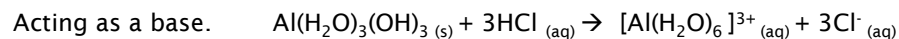
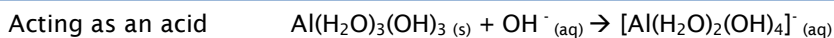


5. Reactions with Na₂CO₃

M^{3+} ions fizz due to CO₂ released- they are acting as an acid
 M^{2+} ions do not fizz



6. Amphoteric aluminium

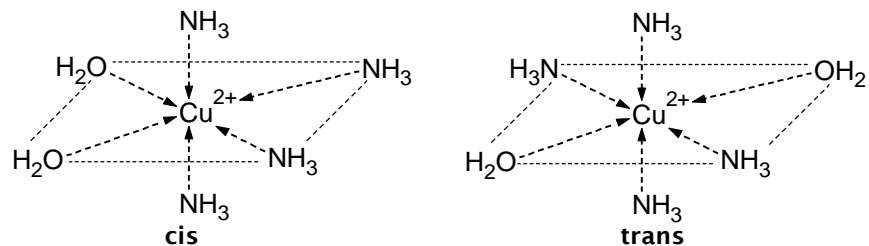


Unit 5c: Complex ions

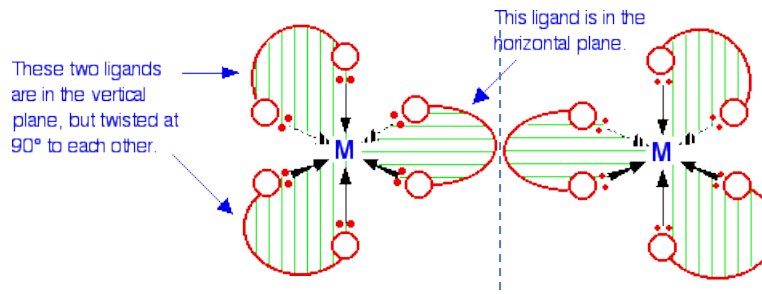
1. Keywords

Cis trans isomerism	when an octahedral or square planar complex with monodentate ligands has two molecules with ligands in different position in space
Cis isomer	ligands next to each other
Trans isomer	ligands opposite each other
Optical isomerism:	non-superimposable mirror images with bidentate ligands, particularly $C_2O_4^{2-}$ or $NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$

Cis trans isomers



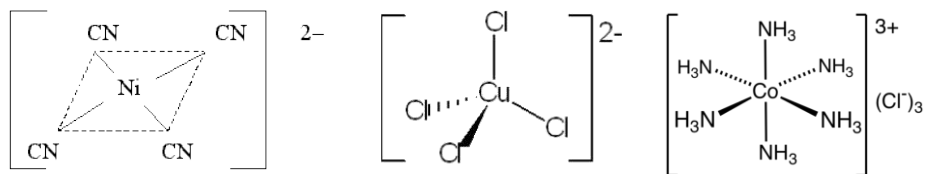
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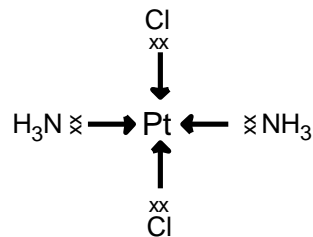
2. Complex ion shapes

The coordination number dictates the shape of the complex ions.

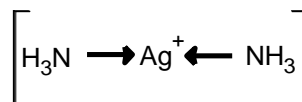
Coordination number	2	4	6
Shape	Linear	Tetrahedral or square planar	Octahedral



Square planar can show cis-trans isomerism if two different ligands present



Cisplatin



The silver complex in Tollens' reagent is linear

Unit 5d: Properties of complexes

1. Coloured ion formation

Ions with d^{10} or d^0 are colourless, those partly filled tend to be coloured.

Colour arises when d electrons in the ground state absorb energy from visible light which promotes them to an excited state: a higher 3d sublevel. The rest of the frequencies are transmitted or reflected; hence the complementary colour is observed via transmission or reflection.

Factors affecting colour by altering ΔE :

- Size & type of ligand
- Oxidation state
- Complex shape
- Coordination number

The energy difference between the ground state and the excited state of the d electrons is given by

$$\Delta E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

ΔE = energy absorbed (J)

h = Planck's constant (6.63×10^{-34} J s)

ν = frequency of light absorbed (Hz)

c = speed of light (3.00×10^8 m s⁻¹)

λ = wavelength of light absorbed (m)

Colorimetry: we can then determine the concentration by comparing our sample against known concentrations of the same metal ion / ligand.

1. Make up solutions of known concentration.
2. Measure absorption of each known solution
3. Plot a graph of absorption vs concentration
4. Measure absorption of unknown and compare on the graph to give a concentration reading

Compounds of Vanadium

Aqueous ion	VO_2^+	VO^{2+}	V^{3+}	V^{2+}
Oxidation state	+5	+4	+3	+2
Colour	yellow	blue	green	violet

Compounds of Chromium

Aqueous ion	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}(\text{aq})$	$\text{CrO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$	Cr^{3+}	Cr^{2+}
Oxidation state	+6	+6	+3	+2
Colour	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue

2. Variable oxidation state

Transition elements show variable oxidation states.

Vanadium species in oxidation states IV, III and II are formed by the reduction of vanadate(V) ions by zinc in acidic solution.

The redox potential for a transition metal ion changing from a higher to a lower oxidation state is influenced by pH and by the ligand.

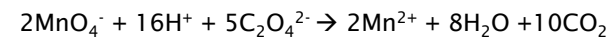
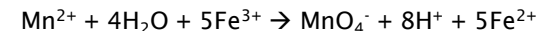
The reduction of $[\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+$ (Tollens' reagent) to metallic silver is used to distinguish between aldehydes and ketones.

Since many transition metal compounds are coloured, we can use colour changes as self indicators in titrations.

The titration using KMnO_4 is a typical redox titration.

The end point is the first permanent pink i.e. the first sight of the MnO_4^- ion. The pink colour is not due to phenolphthalein!

Typical scenarios which appear in exam questions are: concentration of iron solutions, % iron in iron tablets and % iron in a steel sample.



Unit 5e: Catalysis

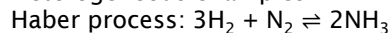
1. Keywords

Catalyst:	is a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction by providing an alternative route with a lower activation energy. The catalyst is unchanged by the reaction.
Heterogeneous catalyst:	catalyst is in a different phase from the reactants and the reaction occurs at active sites on the surface
Homogeneous catalyst:	is in the same phase as the reactants. The reaction happens via an intermediate species.
Support medium	used to maximise the surface area of a catalyst and minimise cost
Catalytic poisoning	impurities blocking the active sites of a heterogeneous catalyst, reducing efficiency. Catalyst can also be lost from the support. This has a cost implication.
Autocatalysis	where the catalyst is a product of the reaction. As a result, the rate of reaction increases over time as more product, and therefore catalyst, is produced.

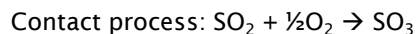
2. Catalytic activity

Transition metals are good as catalysts either due to a change in oxidation state or they adsorb other substances onto the surface. A partially filled d orbital can be used to form bonds with adsorbed reactants.

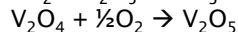
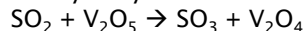
Heterogeneous examples



Catalyst Fe

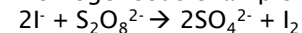


Catalytic cycle:



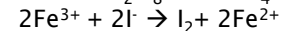
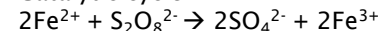
Catalyst vanadium(V) oxide, vanadium changes oxidation state

Homogeneous example

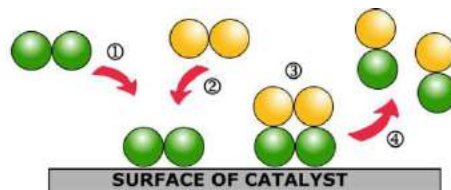


Needs catalyst due to repulsion of two negative ions, high activation energy

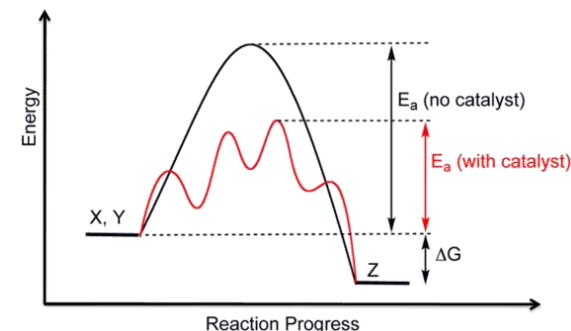
Catalytic cycle:



Catalyst Fe^{2+} changes oxidation state

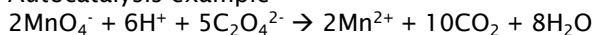


- 1 Adsorption of first reactant onto catalyst active site
- 2 Adsorption of second reactant onto catalyst active site
- 3 Bonds weaken, reaction takes place
- 4 Products leave surface



3. Autocatalysis

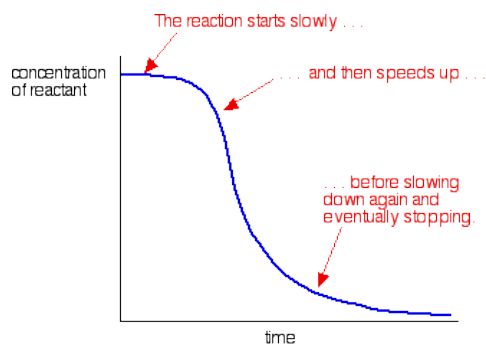
Autocatalysis example



The reaction starts slowly due to no catalyst.

Catalyst Mn^{2+} speeds up reaction when produced.

Rate falls when reactants used up.



Unit 6: Reactions of ions in aqueous solution

Metal aqua-ion	With OH ⁻ or NH ₃ (aq)	With excess OH ⁻ (aq)	With excess NH ₃ (aq)	With Na ₂ CO ₃ (aq)
[Fe(H ₂ O) ₆] ²⁺ (aq)	[Fe(H ₂ O) ₄ (OH) ₂] (s)	No change, precipitate remains	No change, precipitate remains	FeCO ₃ (s)
[Fe(H ₂ O) ₆] ³⁺ (aq) Yellow	[Fe(H ₂ O) ₃ (OH) ₃] (s) Red-Brown	No change, precipitate remains	No change, precipitate remains	[Fe(H ₂ O) ₃ (OH) ₃] (s) Red-Brown
[Cu(H ₂ O) ₆] ²⁺ (aq)	[Cu(H ₂ O) ₄ (OH) ₂] (s)	No change, precipitate remains	[Cu(NH ₃) ₄ (H ₂ O) ₂] ²⁺ (aq) Deep-blue	CuCO ₃ (s) Blue-green
[Al(H ₂ O) ₆] ³⁺ (aq) Colourless	[Al(H ₂ O) ₃ (OH) ₃] (s) White	[Al(OH) ₄] ⁻ (aq)	No change, precipitate remains	[Al(H ₂ O) ₃ (OH) ₃] (s) White

Colours of Vanadium oxidation states

