



19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr
55 Cs	56 Ba	71 Lu	72 Hf
87 Fr	88 Ra	103 Lr	104

\* f-block Elements \* 6-Mark  
 or  
 [Inner transition elements]

$La = [Xe] 5d^1 6s^2 4f$   
+3

Lanthanide  $\Rightarrow$  14
 $[Xe] 4f^{1-14} 5d^{1-2} 6s$

57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

Actinoid  $\Rightarrow$  14

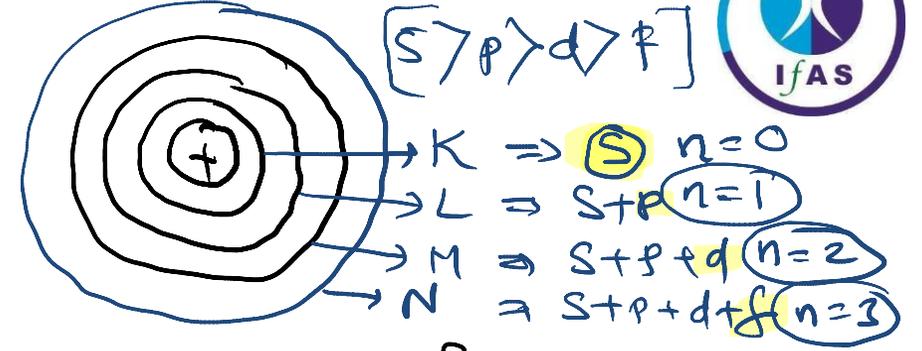
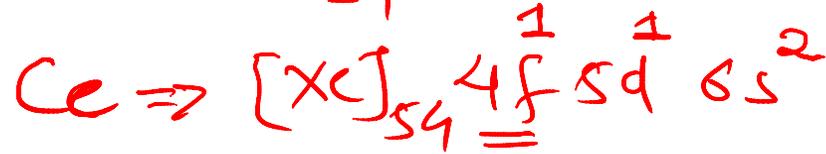
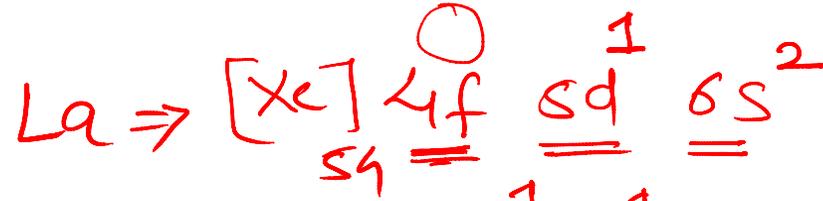


## Introduction

- # Lanthanoids common oxid<sup>n</sup> is +3 ( $\text{Ln}^{+3}$ )
- # Actinoids they show variable oxid<sup>n</sup> +2, +4, +6, +7
- # Lanthanoids not act as Radioactive element but  
Actinoids act as Radioactive element
- # General E.C. of Ln is  $[\text{Xe}] 4f^{1-14} 5d^{1-10} 6s^{1-2}$   
Ac is  $[\text{Rn}] 5f^{1-14} 6d^{1-10} 7s^{1-2}$
- # La  $\Rightarrow$  f-f transition  $\Rightarrow$  shape

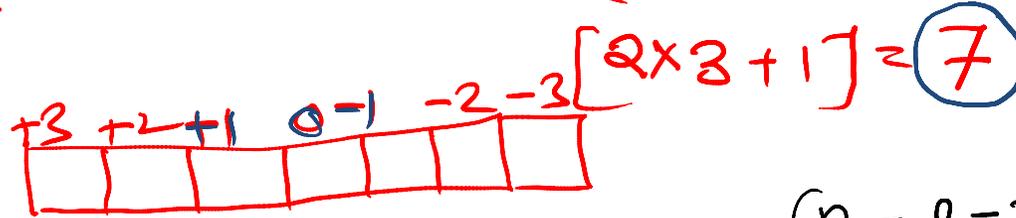


**f-Orbitals:**



No of Orientation  $\Rightarrow [2l+1]$

4f



n=4

\* No of Radial node  $\Rightarrow (n-l-1)$

l=3

\* No of Angular node  $\Rightarrow (l)$

Radial node  $\Rightarrow (4-3-1) = 0$

Angular node  $\Rightarrow l = 3$

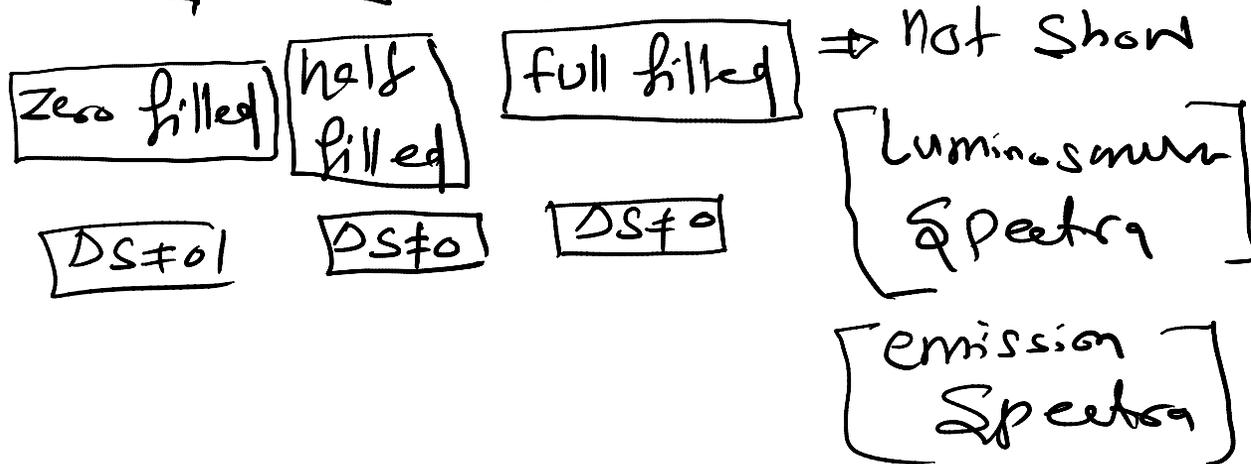
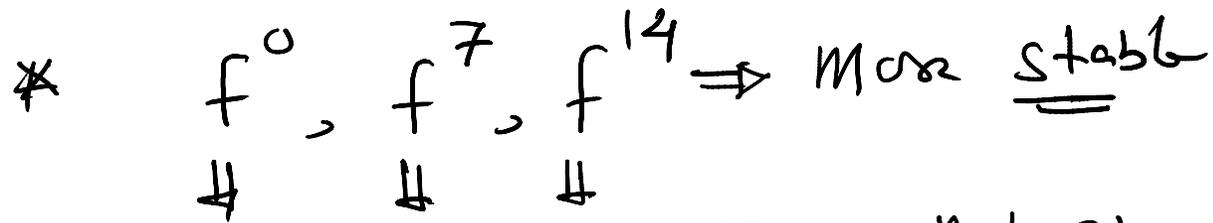
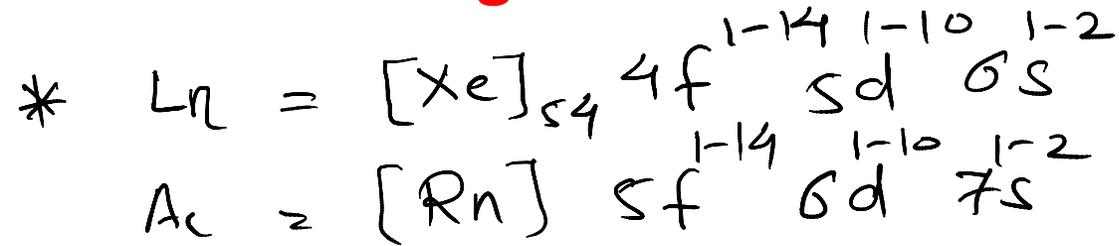
Total Node of 4f

$[n-1]$

$[4-1] = 3$



## \* Electronic configuration:





$$[n+e] = \frac{6s = 6 + 0 = 6 \text{ lower } E_{nc}}{5d = 5 + 2 = 7}$$

Element name	Symbol	Z	Ground state electronic configuration			
			$Ln^0$	$Ln^{2+}$	$Ln^{3+}$	$Ln^{4+}$
Lanthanum	La	57	$[Xe]6s^2 5d^1$	$[Xe]5d^1 6s^0$	$[Xe]4f^0$	
Cerium	Ce	58	$[Xe]4f^1 6s^2 5d^1$	$[Xe]4f^2$	$[Xe]4f^1$	$[Xe]4f^0$
Praseodymium	Pr	59	$[Xe]4f^3 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^3$	$[Xe]4f^2$	$[Xe]4f^1$
Neodymium	Nd	60	$[Xe]4f^4 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^4$	$[Xe]4f^3$	
Promethium	Pm	61	$[Xe]4f^5 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^5$	$[Xe]4f^4$	
Samarium	Sm	62	$[Xe]4f^6 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^6$	$[Xe]4f^5$	
Europium	Eu	63	$[Xe]4f^7 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^7$ <u>stable</u>	$[Xe]4f^6$	
Gadolinium	Gd	64	$[Xe]4f^7 6s^2 5d^1$	$[Xe]4f^7 5d^1$	$[Xe]4f^7$	$\Rightarrow$ half filled <u>stable</u>

electropositive



Terbium	<u>Tb</u>	65	$[Xe]4f^9 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^9$	$[Xe]4f^{(8)}$	$[Xe]4f^7$
Dysprosium	<u>Dy</u>	66	$[Xe]4f^{10} 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^{10}$	$[Xe]4f^{(9)}$	$[Xe]4f^8$
Holmium	<u>Ho</u>	67	$[Xe]4f^{11} 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^{11}$	$[Xe]4f^{(10)}$	
Erbium	<u>Er</u>	68	$[Xe]4f^{12} 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^{12}$	$[Xe]4f^{(11)}$	
Thulium	<u>Tm</u>	69	$[Xe]4f^{13} 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^{13}$	$[Xe]4f^{(12)}$	
Ytterbium	<u>Yb</u>	70	$[Xe]4f^{14} 6s^2$	$[Xe]4f^{14}$ stable	$[Xe]4f^{(13)}$	
Lutetium	<u>Lu</u>	71	$[Xe]4f^{14} 6s^2 5d^1$	$[Xe]4f^{14} 5d^1$	$[Xe]4f^{(14)}$ Full filled stable	

+2

+3

# [all  $La^{+3}$  elements stable in  $3+ 0.5$ ]

#  $\frac{Eu^{+2}}{Sm^{+2}}$  ,  $\frac{Yb^{+2}}{Tm^{+2}}$  → Stable

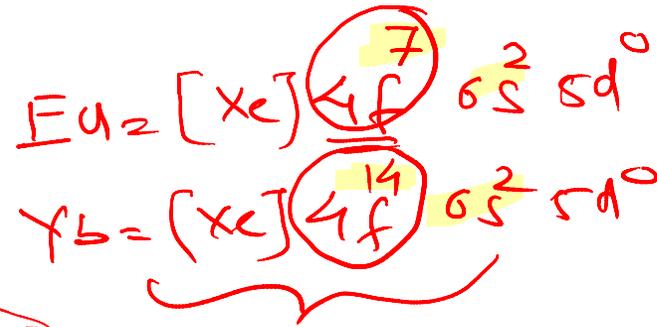
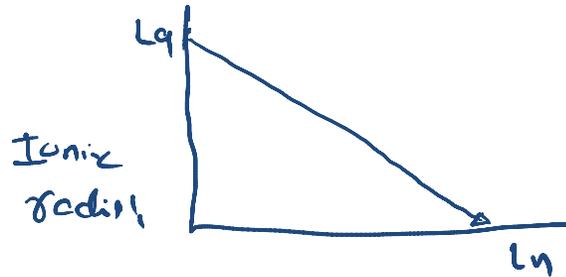


### Ion sizes and Atom ,metallic radii:

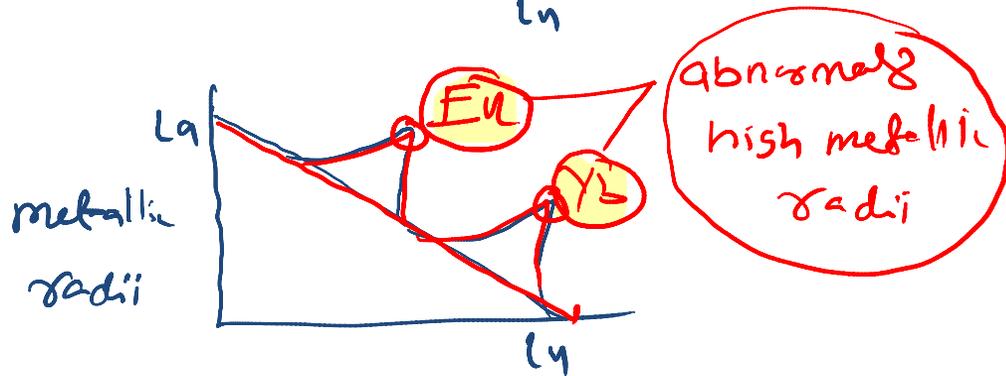
# Common o.s +3 ( $L_n^{+3}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  [Ionic radii]

# If o.s is zero ( $L_n^0$ )  $\Rightarrow$  [Metallic radii]

If periodic table left to Right Ionic radii is  $\downarrow$



Stable





Atom and ion sizes and metallic radii:

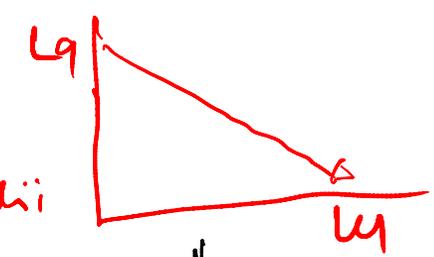
Element name	Symbol	Radius / pm	
		Ln <sup>0</sup>	Ln <sup>+3</sup>
Lanthanum	La	188	116
Cerium	Ce	183	114
Praseodymium	Pr	182	113
Neodymium	Nd	181	111
Promethium	Pm	181	109
Samarium	Sm	180	108
Europium	Eu	199	107
Gadolinium	Gd	180	105
Terbium	Tb	178	104
Dysprosium	Dy	177	103
Holmium	Ho	176	102
Erbium	Er	175	100
Thulium	Tm	174	99
Ytterbium	Yb	194	99

half filled

Full filled

L<sub>4</sub>

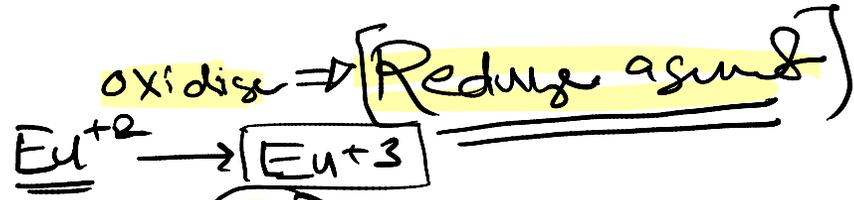
⇒ Ionic radii



⇒ Metallic radii



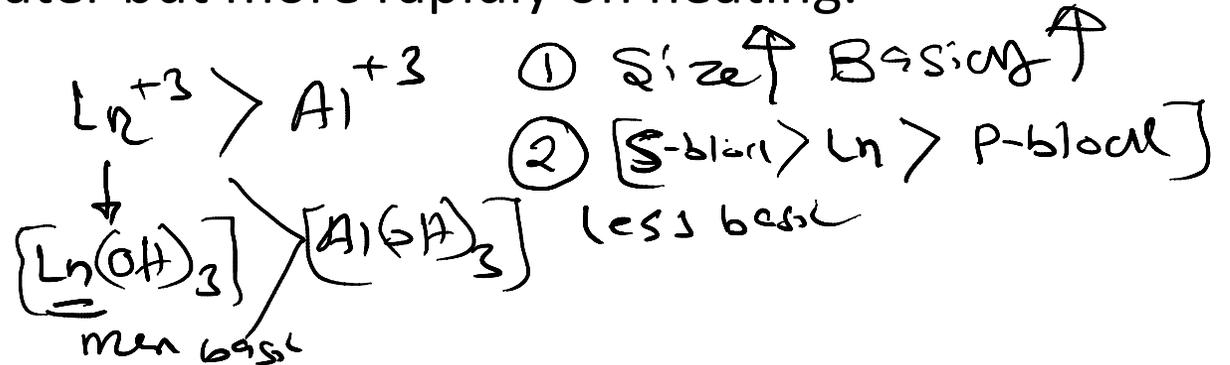
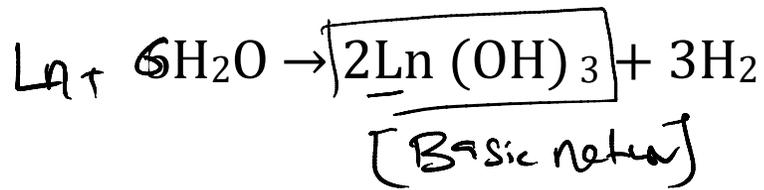
[ Eu & Yb in zero o.s  
 Show abnormal high metallic radii ]



### \* Reduction potential

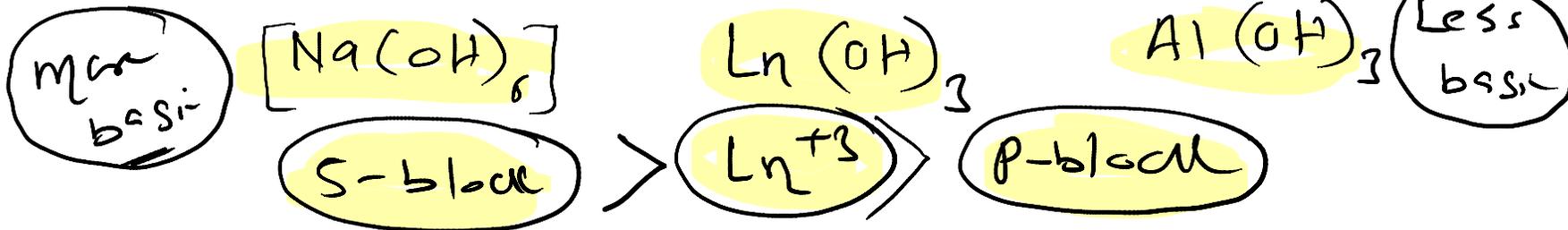
The standard reduction potentials ( $E^0$ ) are all high (~~Table 29.2~~).

They vary in a regular way over a small range from -2.48 to -2.26 volts depending on the size of the ions. The lanthanides are all much more reactive than is Al ( $E^0 = -1.66$  volts) and are slightly more reactive than Mg ( $E^0 = -2.37$  volts). Thus, they react slowly with cold water but more rapidly on heating.



### Basicity of lanthanoide elements

### Basicity of hydroxides and oxides

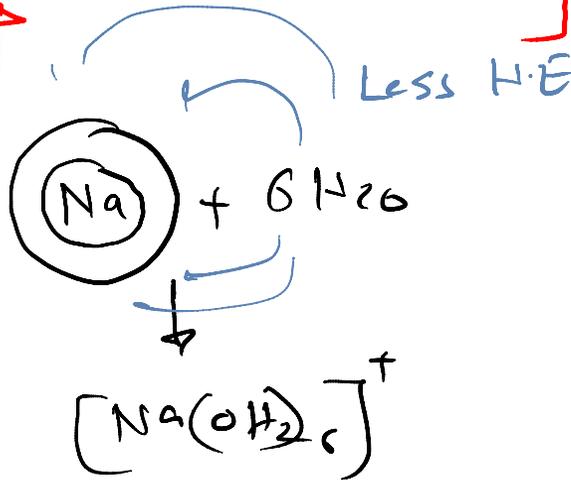




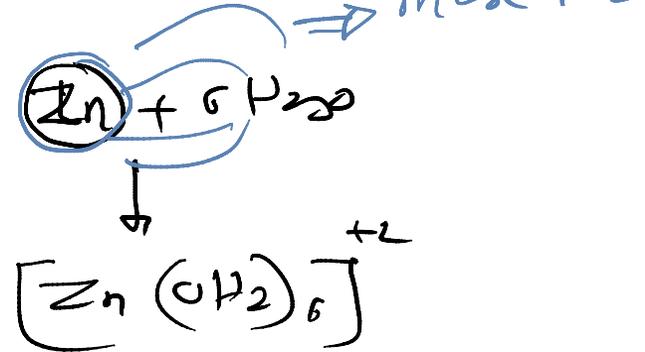
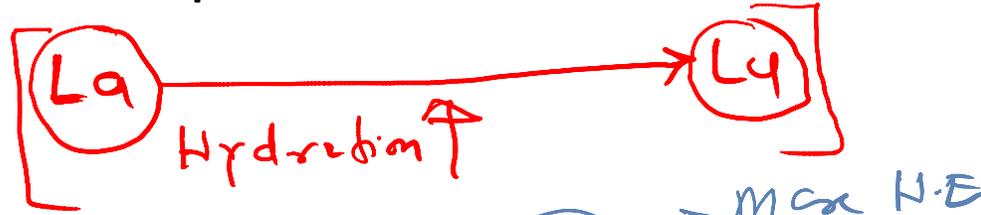
# Hydration Energy of lanthanoide elements $\propto$ L.E

Hydration energy (also hydration enthalpy) is the amount of energy released when one mole of ions undergo hydration which is a special case of solvation.

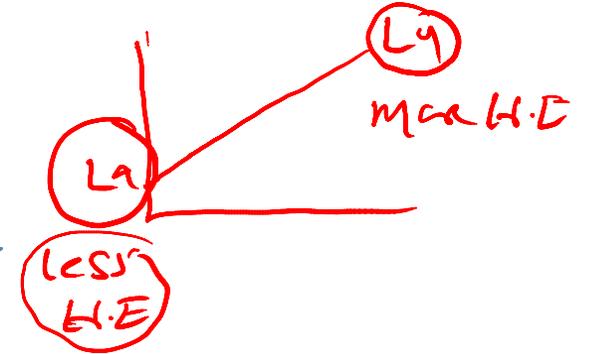
[left to right in LA element]  
H.E  $\uparrow$



Larger size element  
Less H.E



Small size element  
more H.E



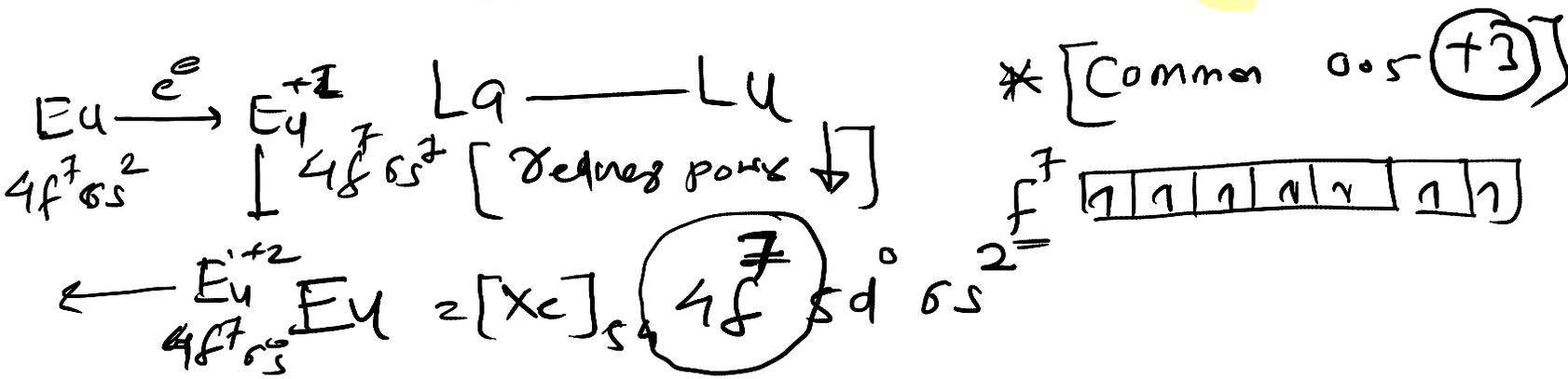
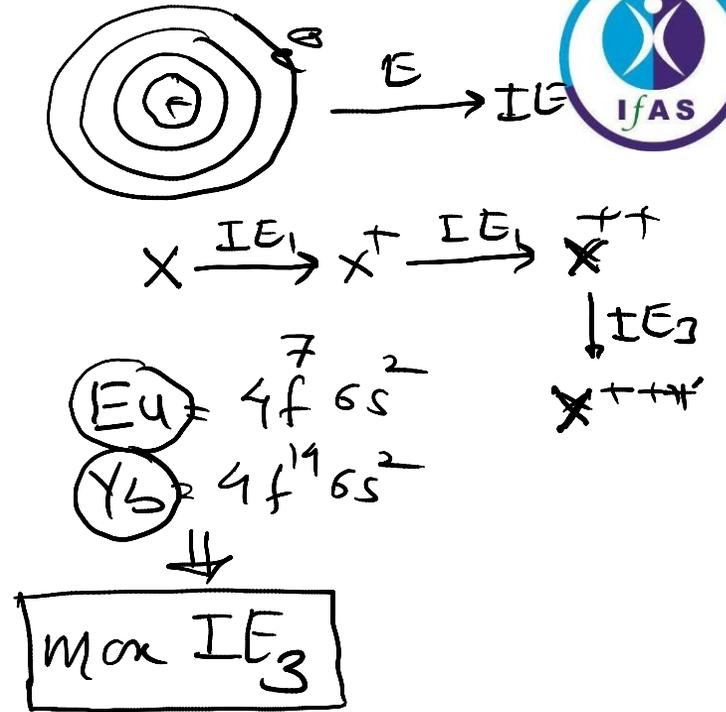
[H.E  $\propto$  L.E]  
H.E  $\propto$   $Z_{eff}$



# Ionization Energy of Lanthanoid elements

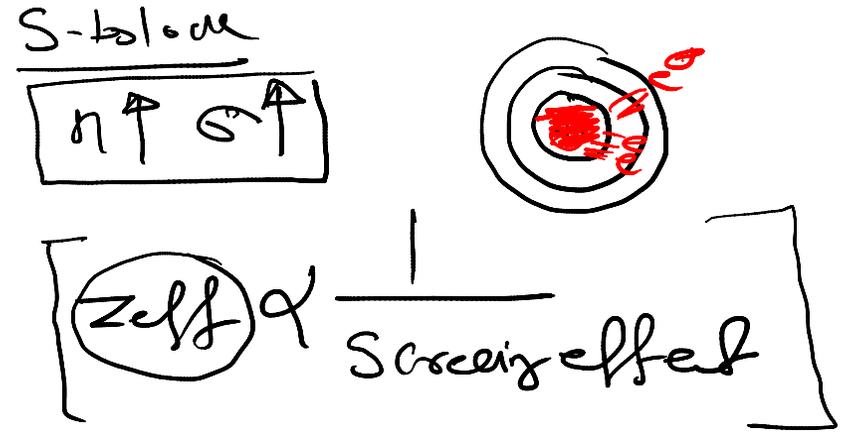
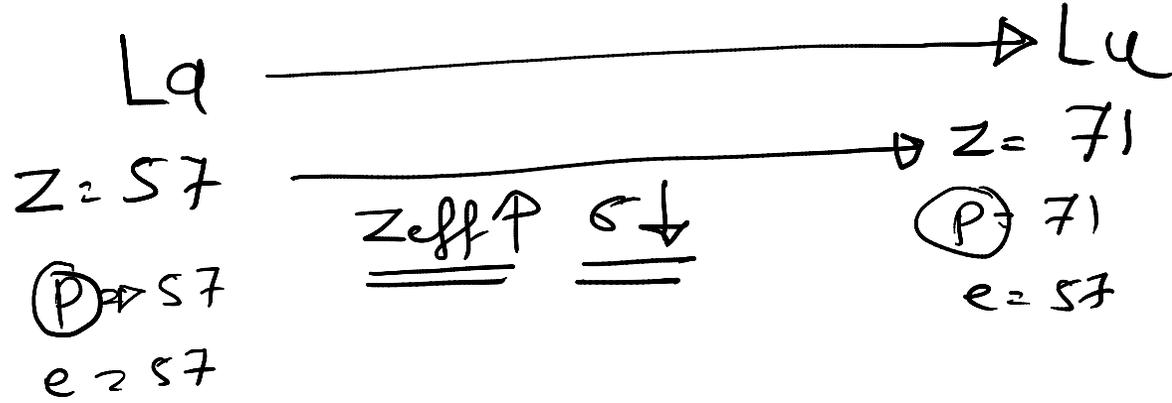


- 1) Lanthanides have fairly low ionisation energies
- 2) Due to low values of ionisation energies, lanthanides are highly electropositive in nature. The values of standard reduction potential (E values) increase from La to Lu. E<sup>0</sup> values become less negative in the series.
- 3) All the lanthanides are, thus, strong reducing agents. The reducing power decreases from La to Lu.

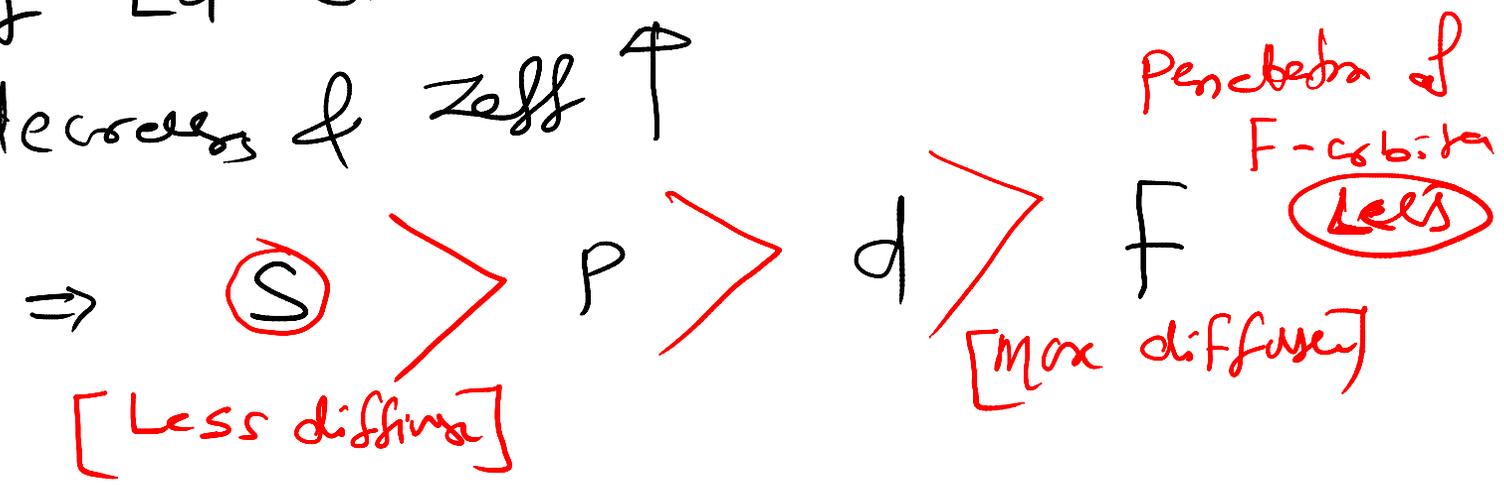




Screening effect of lanthanides elements



[ If La element left to right screening effect decreases &  $Z_{eff} \uparrow$  ]



**Partition coefficient of lanthanides elements**

# Less size  $M_{Ca}$  partition coefficient

#  $Z_{eff}$   $\propto$  P.C

# H.E  $\propto$  P.C

[ In  $Ln^{+3}$  element left to Right ( $La \rightarrow Lu$ )  
partition coefficient  $\uparrow$  ]

# Which of the following is  $M_{Ca}$  P.C

(A)  $Ce^{+3}$

(B)  $Eu^{+3}$

(C)  $Gd^{+3}$

~~(D)  $Yb^{+3}$~~

$Yb^{+3}$  = small size  
[High P.C]

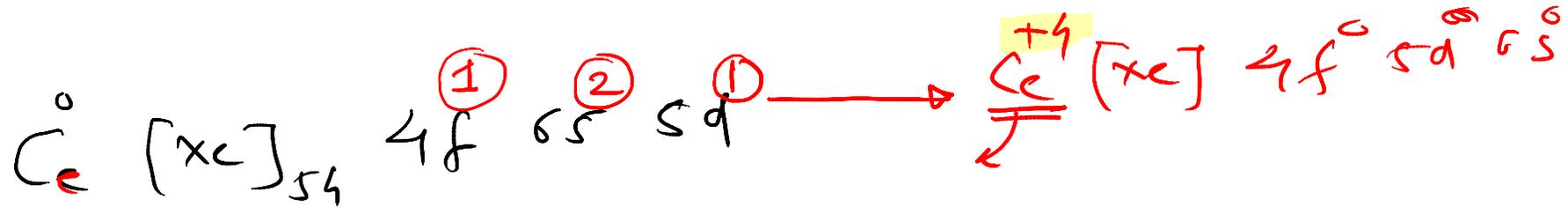
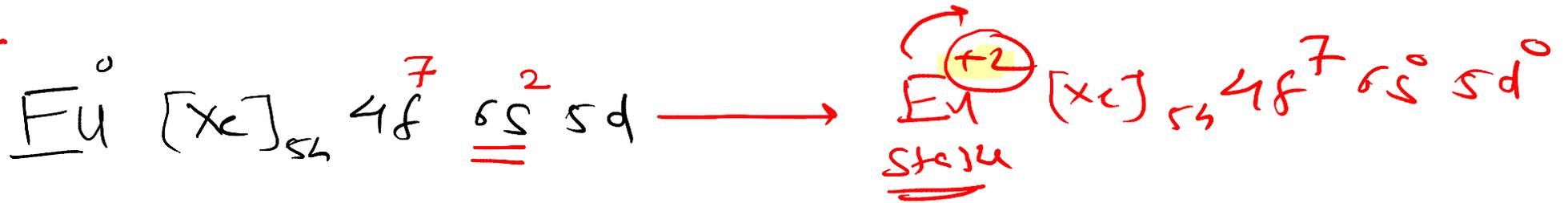


## Oxidation state of lanthanides elements

# Common oxid<sup>n</sup> state of Ln elements is +3

# Variable oxid<sup>n</sup> state of Ln is +2, +4, +3

9f<sup>7</sup> } stable  
4f<sup>0</sup>  
4f<sup>14</sup>



Z = 58

#  $\text{Eu}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Yb}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Sm}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Tm}^{+2}$  stable in +2

#  $\text{Ce}^{+4}$  stable in +4 oxid<sup>n</sup> state

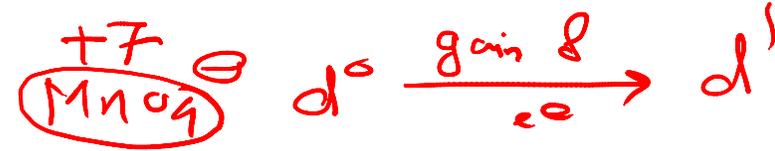
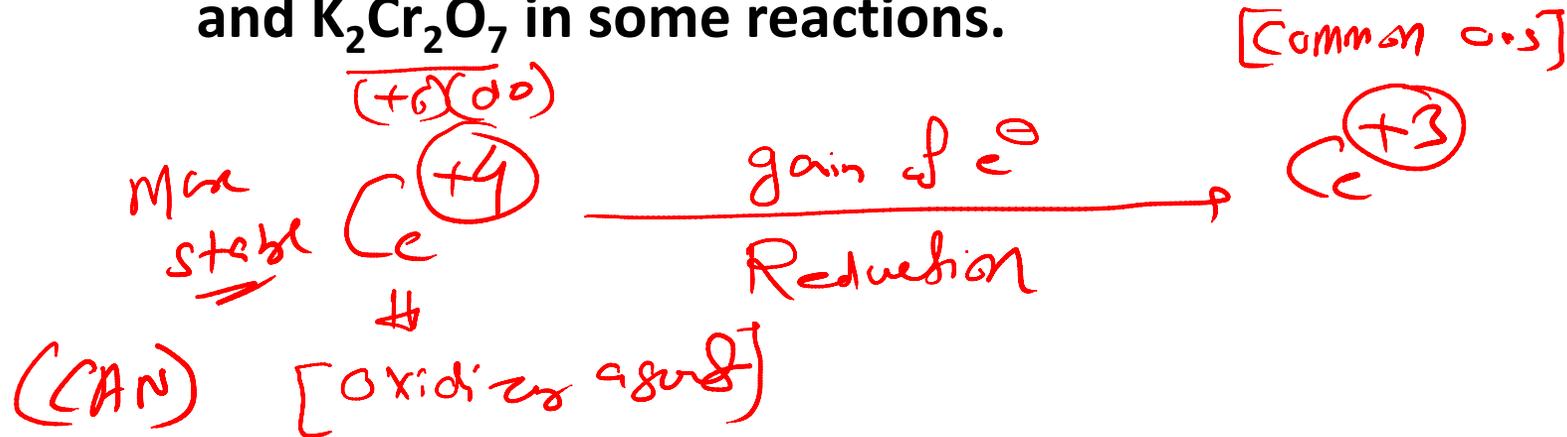


The stability of the elements in the different oxidation states gives the information about the **oxidizing power** and **reducing power** of that particular **element**. This can be illustrated by the following three examples:

1) **Ce<sup>4+</sup>** is a **strong oxidising reagent**:

Electronic configuration of Ce is 4f<sup>1</sup>5d<sup>1</sup>6s<sup>2</sup>. Ce is most stable in +3 state. In +4 state it is most oxidizing because in +4 state it can give an electron to become more stable at +3 state.

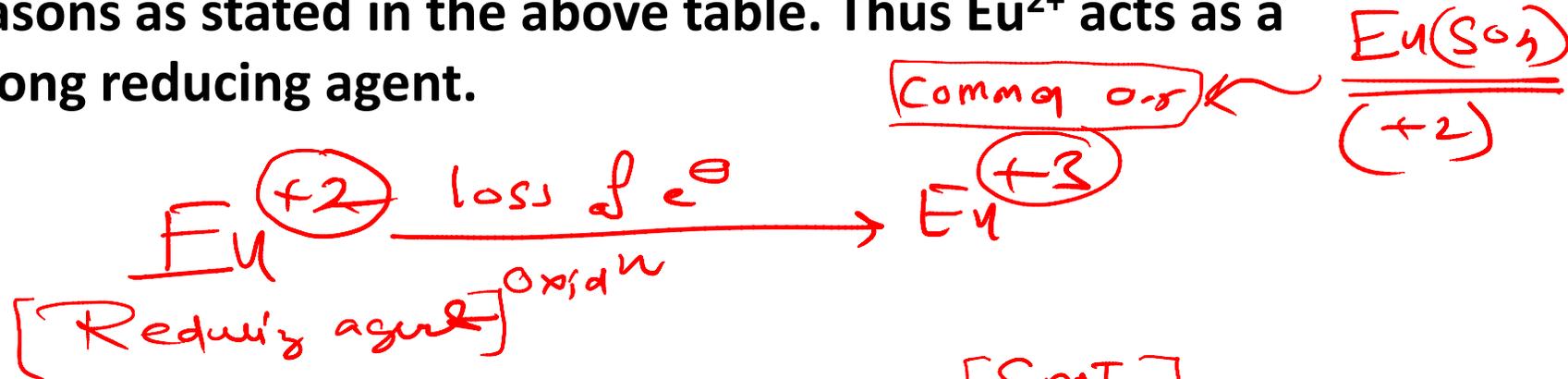
CAN (Ceric Ammonium Nitrate) is a stronger reagent than KMNO<sub>4</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> in some reactions.





2)  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  is a strong reducing reagent:

$\text{Eu}^{2+}$  is less stable than that of the  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  due to configurational reasons as stated in the above table. Thus  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  acts as a strong reducing agent.



3)  $\text{Sm}^{2+}$  is a strong oxidising reagent: ←  $[\text{SmI}_2]$

Whereas in  $\text{Sm}^{+2}$ , the lanthanides are more stable in +3 state and hence in +2 state it gets oxidized easily (good reducing agent) to get to +3 oxidation state.



Oxidation state actinide

stable = +3 Am, Cm, Bk, Cf, Es, Fm, Md, Lr  
+4, Th, U, Pu

**+5** Pa, Np

Table Oxidation states of actinium and the actinoids. The **most stable states are shown in bold.** **+2** No

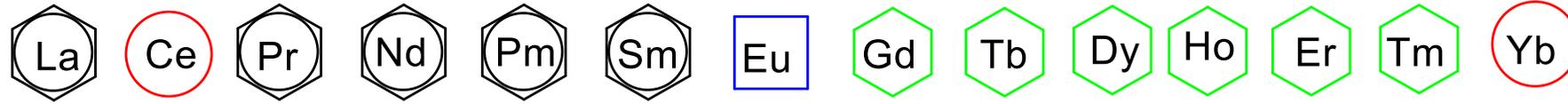
Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr
						2			2	2	2	2	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>			3	3	3	<b>3</b>	3	<b>3</b>						
	<b>4</b>	4	<b>4</b>	4	<b>4</b>	4	4	4	4					
		<b>5</b>	5	<b>5</b>	5	5								
			6	6	6	6								
				<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>									

Pa } +5 ⇒ stable  
Np }

**Th, U, Pu = +4**



Structures of Elemental Metals



Key: CCP    HCP    BCC    hc (4 H)

Ce  
Yb

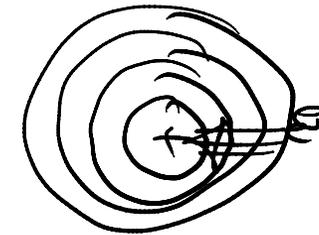
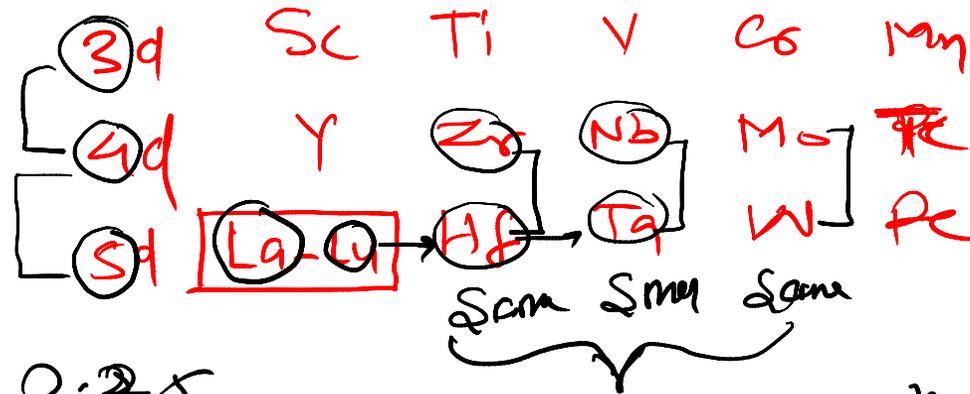
Gd  
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Tm

Eu

Sm  
Pm  
Nd  
Pr  
La



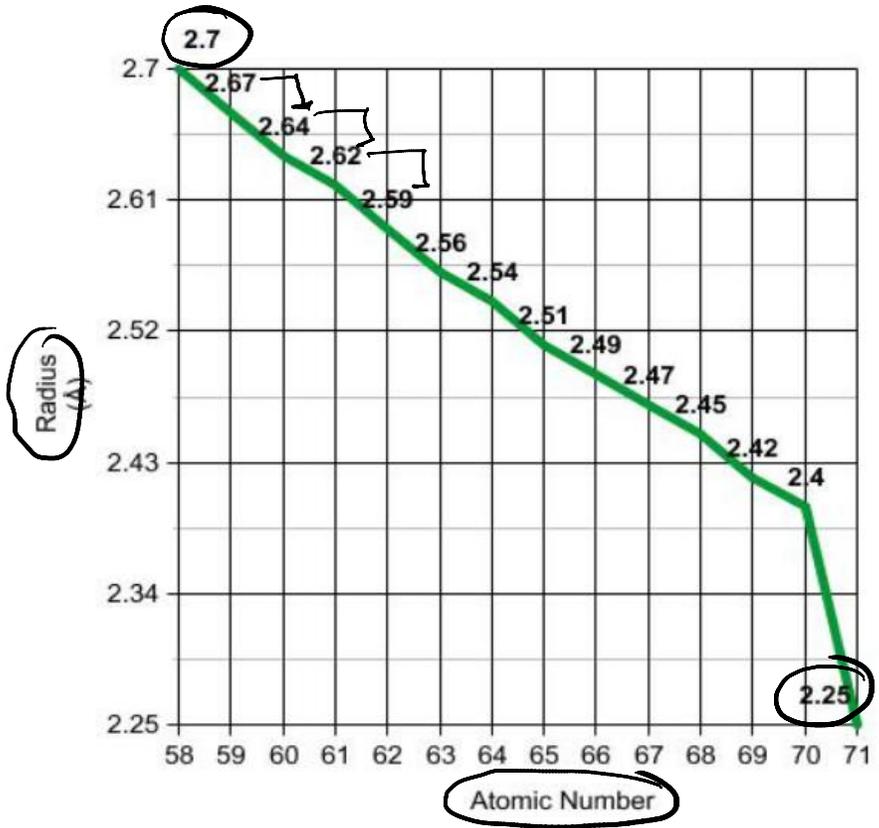
Lanthanide contraction :



2.7  $\xrightarrow{0.55}$

2.25

La  $\xrightarrow{\text{du to La-contraction}}$  Lu  
57  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$  71

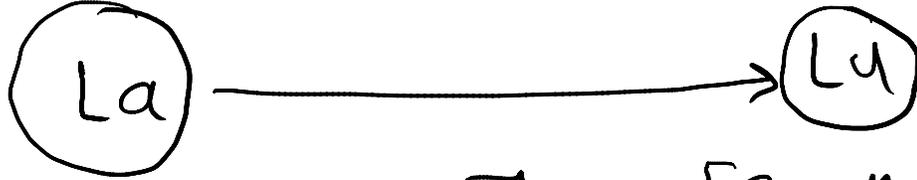


- (I) Screening effect  $\downarrow$
  - (II)  $Z_{eff} \uparrow$
  - (III) Atomic Number  $\uparrow$
- atomic radius  $\downarrow$   
La-contraction

$\Rightarrow$  atomic no  $\uparrow$  atomic size  $\downarrow$   
La-contraction

**Factor affecting of lanthanide contraction :**

① Complex formation ability. ↑



[ Large size element  
form less complex ]

[ Small size element  
form more complex ]

② Separation of the lanthanide elements :

due to the L<sub>a</sub> contraction ⇒ L<sub>a</sub> separation is very difficult.



**Coordination Number :** Common co-ordinate no of Lanth element is greater than 8

Coordination Number	Complex	Shape
4	[Lu(2,6-dimethylphenyl) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	Tetrahedral
6	[Ce <sup>IV</sup> Cl <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup>	Octahedral
6	[Er(NCS) <sub>6</sub> ]	Octahedral
7	[Y(acetylacetonate) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]	<u>Mono-capped trigonal prism</u>
8	[La(acetylacetonate) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	<u>Square Antiprism</u>
8	[Eu(acetylacetonate) <sub>3</sub> (phenanthroline)]	<u>Square Antiprism</u>
8	[Ho(tropolonate) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	<u>Dodecahedral</u>
9	[Nd(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>9</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	<u>Tri-capped trigonal prism</u>
10	no 4f <sup>0</sup> [Ce <sup>IV</sup> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (Ph <sub>3</sub> PO) <sub>2</sub> ] Diamagnetic 8 + 2 = 10	Complex (each NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> is bidentate)
12	no 4f <sup>0</sup> [Ce <sup>IV</sup> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> Diamagnetic 2 × 6 = 12 n = 0	<u>Icosahedral</u> (each NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> is bidentate)

Less Common

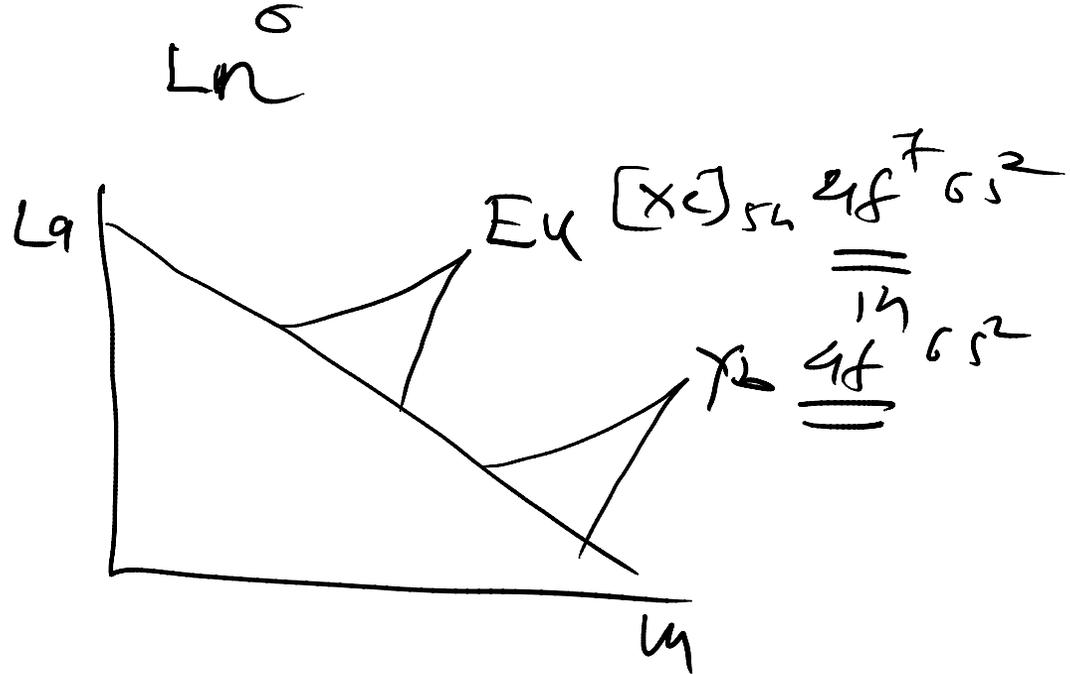
More Common



1. The metallic radii are abnormally high for which of the following pairs?

- ~~1. Eu, Yb~~
- ~~3. Gd, Lu~~

- 2. Sm, Tm
- 4. Nd, Ho





2. The common oxidation state of the elements of lanthanide series is

(1) + 1  
(3) + 4

~~(2) + 3~~  
(4) + 6

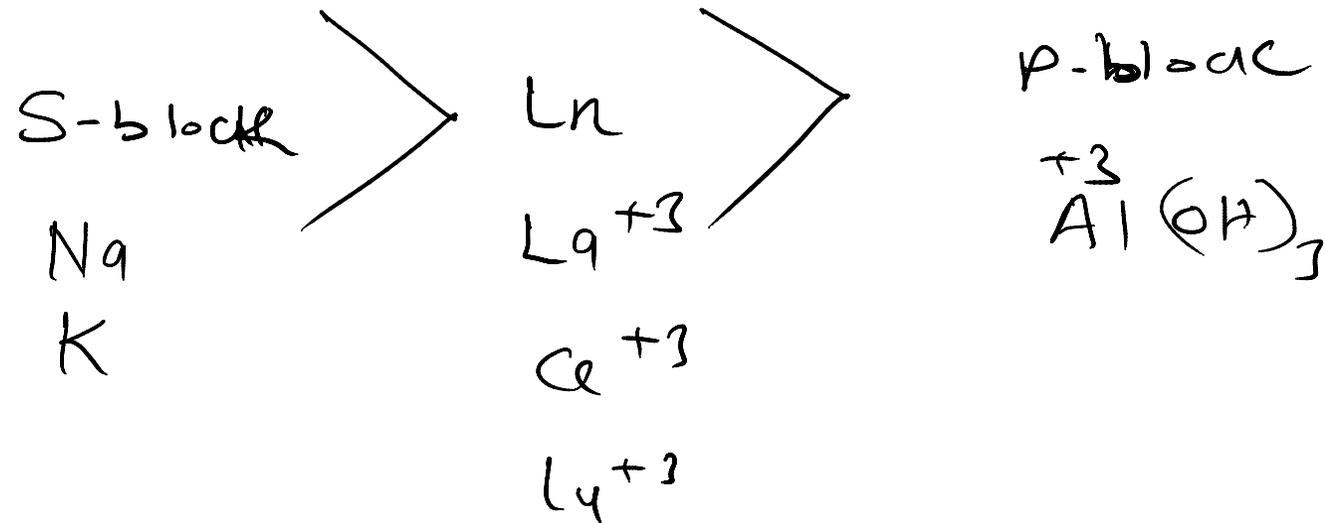




3. The least basic among the following is:

- Less basic
- (1)  $\text{Al(OH)}_3$
- (3)  $\text{Ce(OH)}_3$

- Max basic
- (2)  $\text{La(OH)}_3$
- (4)  $\text{Lu(OH)}_3$





3. For  $[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_4(\text{OPPh}_3)_2]$ , from the following

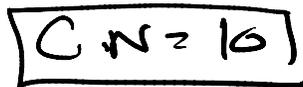
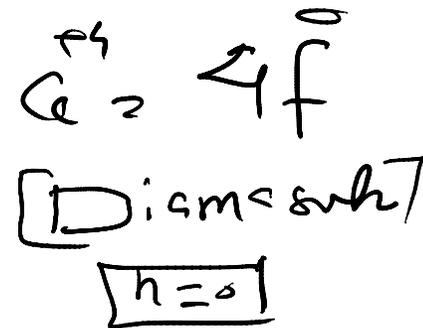
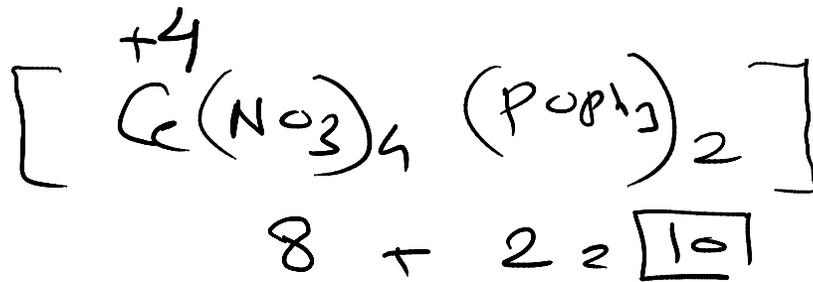
- ~~A.~~ Its aqueous solution is yellow-orange in colour  
~~B.~~ Coordination number of Ce is ten  
~~C.~~ It shows metal to ligand charge transfer  
~~D.~~ It is Diamagnetic in nature the correct answer is:

1. A and B

2. A and C

~~3.~~ A, B and D

4. B, C and D

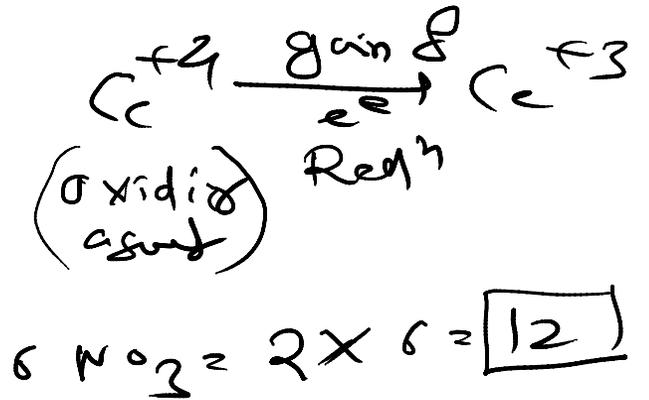
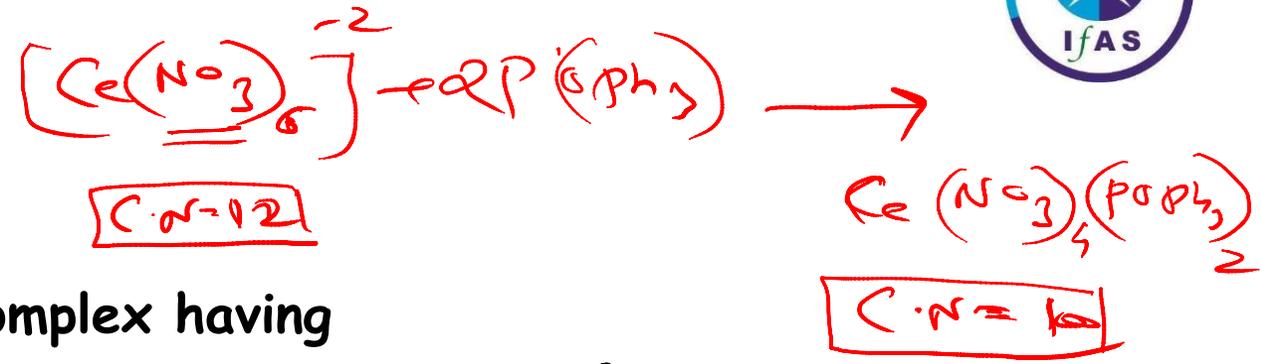
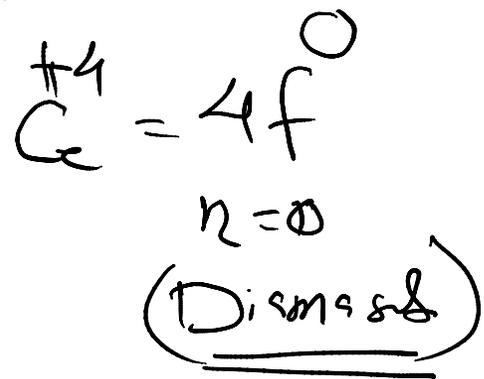
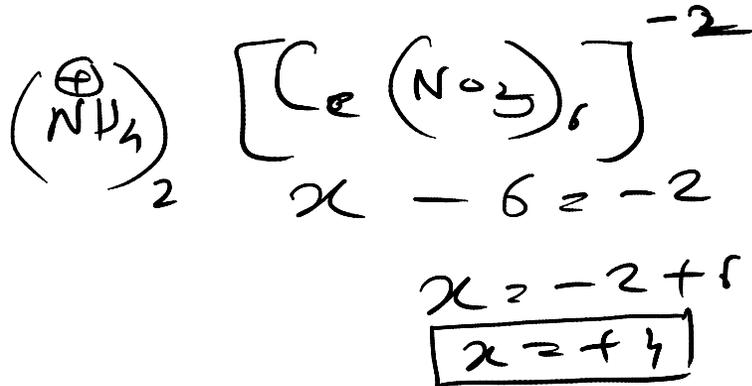




4. Consider the following statements for:  
 $(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6]$  (Z)

- ~~(a)~~ Coordination number of Ce is 12
  - ~~(b)~~ Z is paramagnetic
  - ~~(c)~~ Z is an oxidising agent
  - (d) Reaction of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PO}$  with Z gives a complex having coordination number 10 for Ce.
- The correct statements are:

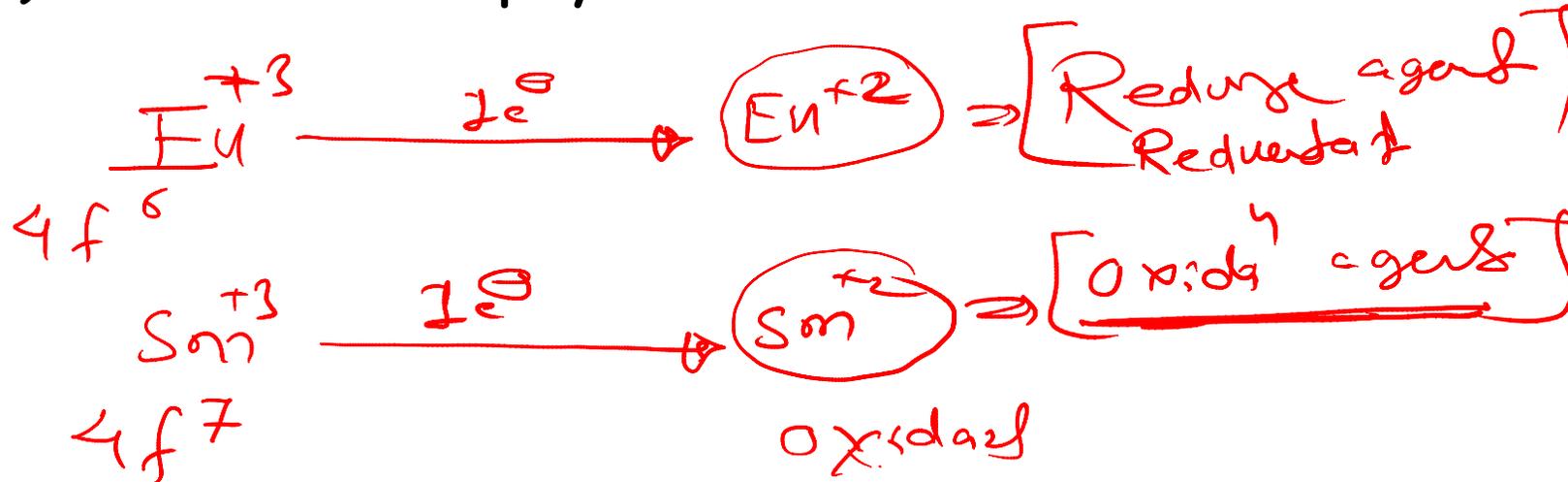
- ~~1. (a), (b) and (c)~~
- ~~3. (b), (c) and (d)~~
- ~~2. (b), (a) and (d)~~
- 4. (a), (c) and (d)





5. A comparison of the valence electron configuration of the elements, **Sm** and **Eu** suggests that:

- ~~(1)~~ Sm is a better one electron reductant than Eu
- ~~(2)~~ Sm is a better one electron oxidant than Eu
- (3) Facile oxidation state is +2 for both the elements
- ~~(4)~~ Both of these display similar redox behaviour.





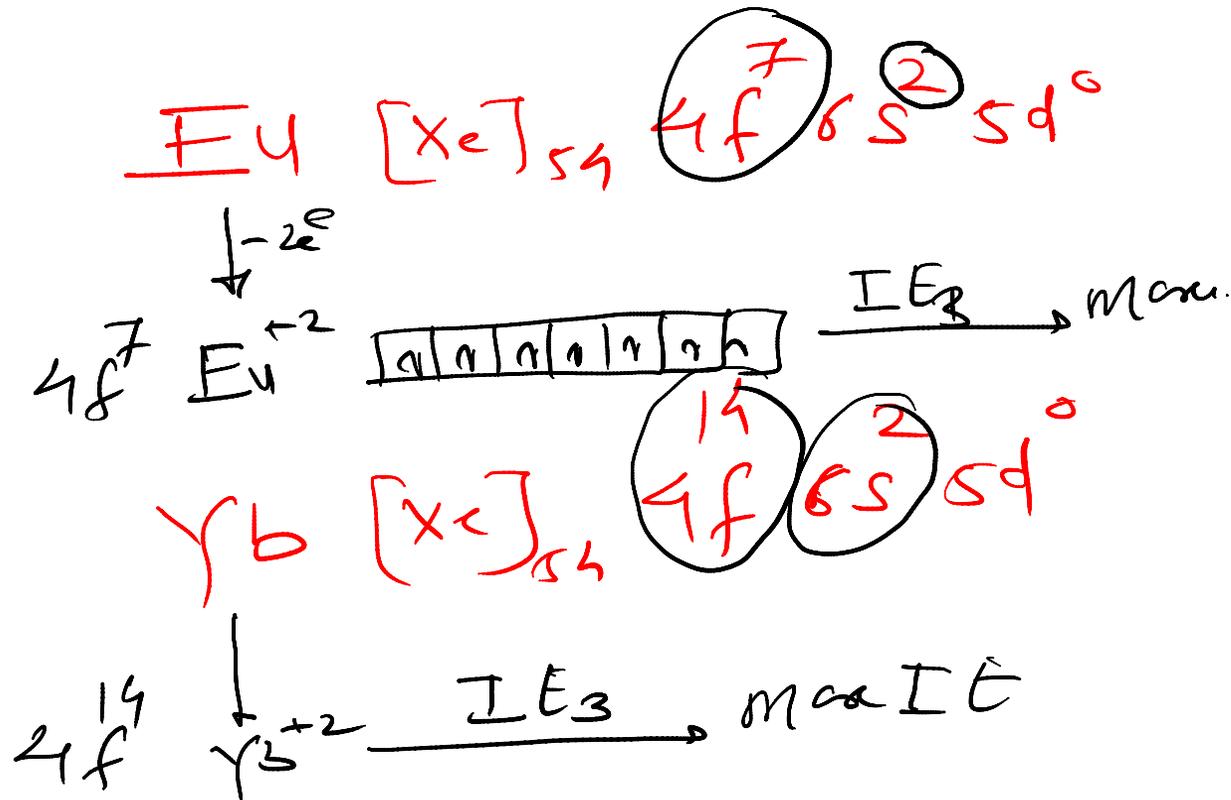
6. The pair of lanthanides with the highest third-ionization energy is:

(a) Eu, Gd

~~(b) Eu, Yb~~

(c) Dy, Yb

(d) Lu, Yb





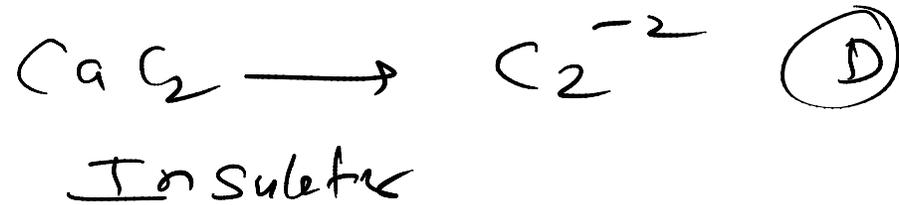
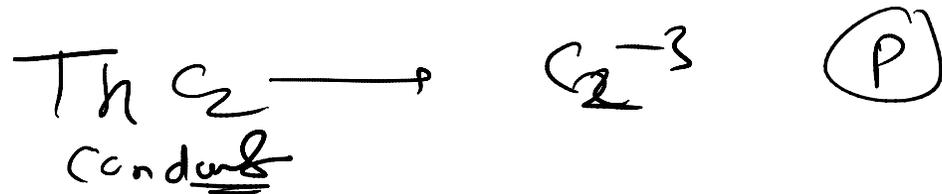
7. The metal iodide with metallic lustre and high electrical conductivity is:

1. NaI ✓

2. CdI<sub>2</sub> ✓

3. LaI<sub>2</sub>

4. BiI<sub>3</sub> ✓





8. The lanthanide (III) ion having the highest partition coefficient between tri-n-butylphosphate and concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  is:

- (a) La(III)  
(c) Nd(III)

- (b) Eu(III)  
~~(d) Lu(III)~~

La      Nd      Eu      Ly  
Larger      Smaller

# Small size  $\text{Ln}^{+3}$  element or more  
P.C



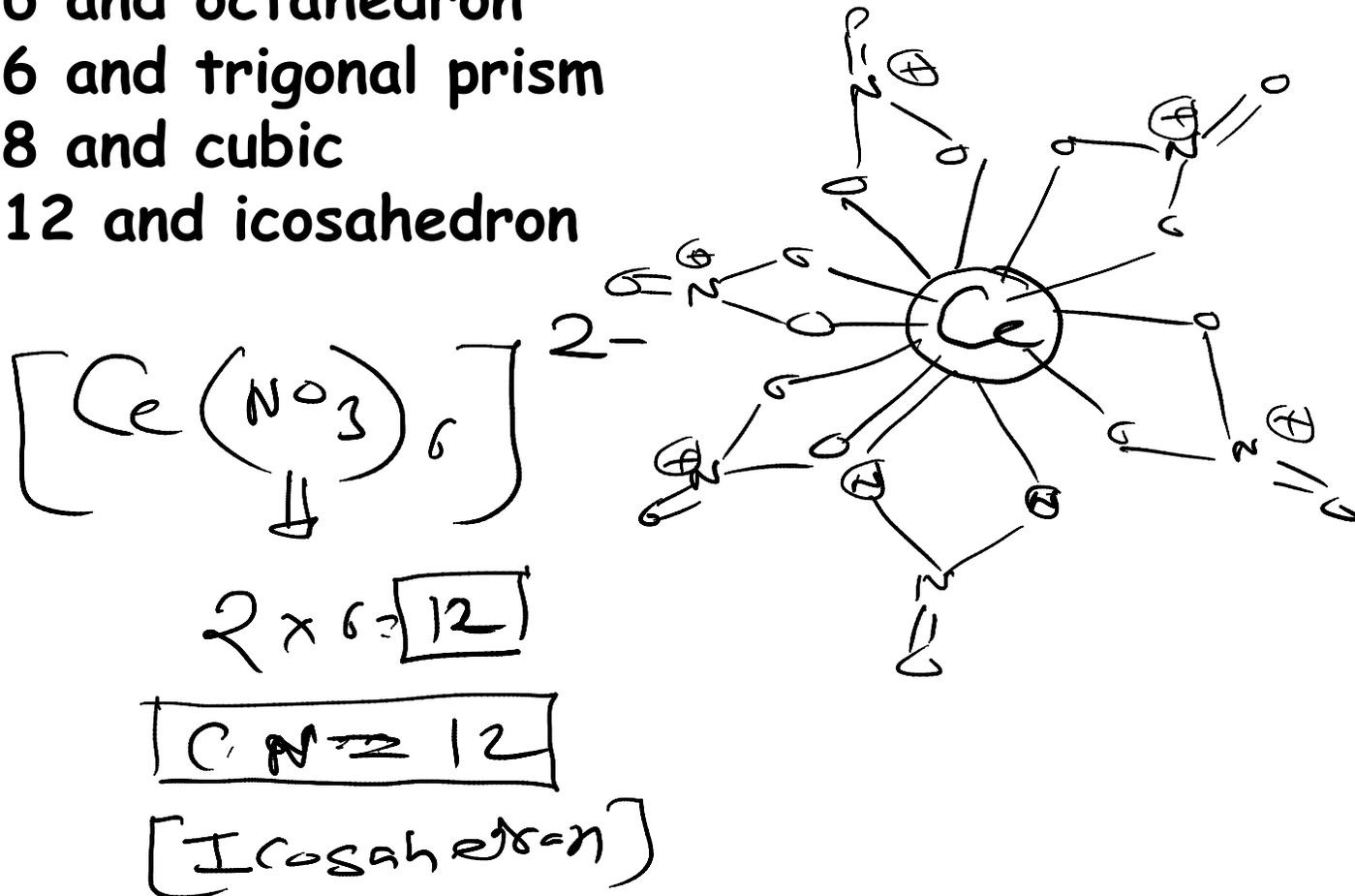
9. Statement I. U(VI) is more stable than Nd(VI).  
Statement II. The valence electrons in U are in 5f 6d and 7s orbitals.

- (a) Statements I and II are correct and Statement II is correct explanation of I.
- ~~(b)~~ Statements I and II are correct but Statement II is not an explanation for Statement I.
- (c) Statement I is correct and Statement II is incorrect.
- (d) Statements I and II both are incorrect.



20. The coordination number and geometry of cerium in  $[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6]^{2-}$  are respectively:

- (1) 6 and octahedron
- (2) 6 and trigonal prism
- (3) 8 and cubic
- (4) 12 and icosahedron





22. The electronic configuration for gadolinium (Gd) is [Xe]  $4f^7 5d^1 6s^2$ , where as that of  $Gd^{2+}$  is:

(a) [Xe]  $4f^5 5d^6 s^2$

(b) [Xe]  $4f^6 6s^2$

(c) [Xe]  $4f^6 5d^1 6s^1$

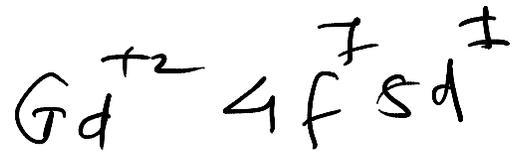
~~(d) [Xe]  $4f^7 5d^1$~~



$$(n+l)$$

$$\underline{\underline{6s}} = (6+0) = 6$$

$$5d = 5+2 = 7$$





23. **Statement I: The sizes of Zr and Hf are similar**  
**Statement II: Size of Hf is affected by lanthanide contraction.**

- (1) Statement I and II are correct and II is correct explanation of I.
- (2) Statement I and II are correct but II is not a correct explanation of I.
- (3) Statement I is correct and II is incorrect
- (4) Statements I and II both are incorrect.



2. The lanthanide complex (acac = acetylacetonate; phen = 1, 10-phenanthroline) that do not have square antiprismatic structure is

- ~~(a)  $[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6]^{2-}$   $\boxed{\text{C.N} = 12}$~~   $[\text{C.N} = 8]$
- (b)  $[\text{La}(\text{acac})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  (C.N = 8) } C.N = 8
- (c)  $[\text{Ce}(\text{acac})_4]$  (C.N = 8) }
- (d)  $[\text{Eu}(\text{acac})_3\text{Phen}]$  C.N = 8 }

***THANK YOU***

