REACTIONS OF SOME TRANSITION METAL IONS

COBALT

Cobalt(II)	 aqueous solutions contain the pink, octahedral hexaaquacobalt(II) ion. hexaaqua ions can also be present in solid samples of the hydrated salts. as it is a 2+ ion, the solutions are weakly acidic but protons can be removed by bases
ОН⁻	$ [Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2OH^{-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow [Co(OH)_2(H_2O)_4]_{(s)} + 2H_2O_{(l)} $ $ \textit{blue / pink ppt. soluble in XS NaOH} $
	ALL hexaaqua ions precipitate a hydroxide with OH ⁻ (aq). Some redissolve in excess NaOH.
NH3	$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2NH_{3(aq)} \longrightarrow [Co(OH)_2(H_2O)_4]_{(s)} + 2NH_4^+_{(aq)}$ ALL hexaaqua ions precipitate a hydroxide with NH _{3 (aq)} . It removes protons.
	Some hydroxides redissolve in excess $NH_{3(aq)}$ as ammonia substitutes as a ligand. $[Co(OH)_2(H_2O)_4]_{(s)} + 6NH_{3(aq)} \longrightarrow [Co(NH_3)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + 4H_2O_{(l)} + 2OH^{-}_{(aq)}$
	but ammonia ligands make the Co(II) state unstable. Air oxidises Co(II) to Co(III).
	$[Co(NH_3)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}_{(aq)} + e^{-}$ yellow / brown octahedral red / brown octahedral
CO ₃ ²⁻	$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}(aq) + CO_3^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow CoCO_{3(s)} + 6H_2O_{(l)}$ mauve ppt.
	ALL hexaaqua ions of metals with charge 2+ precipitate a carbonate but 3+ ones don't.
CI⁻	$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + 4Cl^{-}_{(aq)} - [CoCl_4]^{2-}_{(aq)} + 6H_2O_{(I)}$ blue, tetrahedral
	 Cl⁻ ligands are larger than H₂O and are charged

- the complex is more stable if the shape changes to tetrahedral less repulsion between ligands
 - adding excess water reverses the reaction

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COPPER				
Copper (II)	Aqueous solutions of copper(II) contain the blue , octahedral hexaaquacopper(II) ion Most substitution reactions are similar to cobalt(II).			
ОН⁻	$ \begin{bmatrix} Cu(H_2O)_6 \end{bmatrix}^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2OH_{(aq)}^{-} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} Cu(OH)_2(H_2O)_4 \end{bmatrix}_{(s)} + 2H_2O_{(l)} \\ pale \ blue, \ octahedral \\ insoluble \ in \ XS \ NaOH \end{bmatrix} $			
CO ₃ ²⁻	$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + CO_3^{2^-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow CuCO_{3(s)} + 6H_2O_{(l)}$ blue ppt.			
NH ₃	$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2NH_{3(aq)} \longrightarrow [Cu(OH)_2(H_2O)_4]_{(s)} + 2NH_4^+_{(aq)} \text{ then } blue \ ppt. \ soluble \ in \ excess \ NH_3$			
	$\label{eq:cu_order} \begin{split} [Cu(OH)_2(H_2O)_4]_{(s)} \ + \ 4NH_{3(aq)} \ &\longrightarrow \\ \hline [Cu(NH_3)_4 \ (H_2O)_2 \]^{2+}_{(aq)} \ + \ 2H_2O_{(l)} \ + \ 2OH^{(aq)} \\ \hline \textit{royal blue solution} \\ NOTE \ THE \ FORMULA \end{split}$			
CI⁻	 [Cu(H₂O)₆]²⁺_(aq) + 4Cl⁻_(aq) → [CuCl₄]²⁻_(aq) + 6H₂O_(l) <i>yellow, tetrahedral</i> Cl⁻ ligands are larger than H₂O and are charged the complex is more stable if the shape changes to tetrahedral adding excess water reverses the reaction 			
F	2Cu ²⁺ _(aq) + 4I ⁻ _(aq) > 2CuI _(s) + I _{2(aq)} off white ppt. • a redox reaction • used in the volumetric analysis of copper using sodium thiosulphate			
Copper(I)	The aqueous chemistry of copper(I) is unstable with respect to copper(0) and copper (II). $\begin{array}{rcl} Cu^{+}_{(aq)} & + & e^{-} & & Cu_{(s)} & E^{\circ} & = + 0.52 \text{ V} \\ Cu^{2+}_{(aq)} & + & e^{-} & & Cu^{+}_{(aq)} & E^{\circ} & = + 0.15 \text{ V}\end{array}$			
	subtracting $2Cu^{+}_{(aq)}$ $>$ $Cu_{(s)}$ $+$ $Cu^{2+}_{(aq)}$ E° $=$ $+$ 0.10 V			
	DISPROPORTIONATION:- a species is simultaneously oxidised and reduced to more stable forms. This explains why the aqueous chemistry of copper(I) is very limited.			
Stabilisation	Copper(I) can be stabilised by forming complexes $[Cu(NH_3)_2]^+$ $[Cu(CN)_2]^-$			
USES	Copper is used in alloys such as brass and bronze			

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CHROMIUM				
Chromium(III) Chromium(III) ions are typical of M ³⁺ ions in this block. Aqueous solutions contain the violet, octahedral hexaaquachromium(III) i				
ОН⁻	$ [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3OH^{-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow [Cr(OH)_3(H_2O)_3]_{(s)} + 3H_2O_{(l)} $ violet, octahedral green ppt. soluble in XS NaOH			
	As with all hydroxides the precipitate reacts with acid			
	$[Cr(OH)_{3}(H_{2}O)_{3}]_{(s)} + 3H^{+}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow [Cr(H_{2}O)_{6}]^{3+}_{(aq)}$			
	being a 3+ hydroxide it is AMPHOTERIC as it dissolves in excess alkali			
	$[Cr(OH)_{3}(H_{2}O)_{3}]_{(s)} + 3OH^{-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow [Cr(OH)_{6}]^{3-}_{(aq)} + 3H_{2}O_{(I)}$ green, octahedral			
The	$2 [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3CO_3^{2-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow 2 [Cr(OH)_3(H_2O)_3]_{(s)} + 3H_2O_{(l)} + 3CO_{2(g)}$ e carbonate is not precipitated but the hydroxide is. The high charge density of M ³⁺ ions kes the solutions too acidic to form the carbonate. CARBON DIOXIDE IS EVOLVED.			
NH ₃	$[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3NH_{3(aq)} \longrightarrow [Cr(OH)_3(H_2O)_3]_{(s)} + 3NH_4^+_{(aq)}$ green ppt. soluble in XS NH ₃			
	$[Cr(OH)_{3}(H_{2}O)_{3}]_{(s)} + 6NH_{3(aq)} \longrightarrow [Cr(NH_{3})_{6}]^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3H_{2}O_{(I)} + 3OH^{-}_{(aq)}$			
Oxidation	In the presence of alkali, Cr(III) is unstable and can be oxidised to Cr(VI) with peroxide. $2Cr^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3H_2O_{2(I)} + 10OH^{-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow 2CrO_4^{2-}_{(aq)} + 8H_2O_{(I)}$ <i>green</i> Acidification of the yellow chromate will produce the orange dichromate(VI) ion			
Reduction	Chromium(III) can be reduced to the less stable chromium(II) by zinc in acidic solution.			

 $2 [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}_{(aq)} + Zn_{(s)} \longrightarrow 2 [Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + Zn^{2+}_{(aq)}$ green blue

Chromium (VI) Occurs as dichromate (VI) $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ orange

and c	chromate (VI)	CrO ₄ ²⁻	yellow
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Interconversion	Dichromate is stable in acid solution; chromate is stable in alkaline solution.		
	in alkali	$Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq)$ + $2OH^{-}(aq)$	$2CrO_4^{2-}(aq)$ + $H_2O_{(I)}$
	in acid	$2 \operatorname{CrO_4^{2-}}_{(aq)} + 2 \operatorname{H^+}_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons$	$Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq)$ + $H_2O_{(I)}$
Oxidising power	Being in the	highest oxidation state (+6), they wil	I be oxidising agents.

In acidic solution, dichromate is widely used in both organic (oxidation of alcohols) and inorganic chemistry. It can also be used as a volumetric reagent but with special indicators as its colour change (orange to green) makes the end point hard to observe.

- Its E° value is lower than that of CI_2 (1.36V) so can be used in the presence of CI^- ions.
- MnO_4^- (E° = 1.52V) oxidises chloride in HCl so must be acidified with sulphuric acid.
- Chromium(VI) can be reduced back to chromium(III) using zinc in acid solution.

MANGANESE

Mn (VII) • Manganese is in its highest oxidation state therefore Mn(VII) will be an oxidising agent

- Occurs in the purple, tetraoxomanganate(VII) (permanganate) ion (MnO₄⁻).
- It acts as an oxidising agent in acidic or alkaline solution.

acidic $MnO_{4^{-}(aq)} + 8H^{+}_{(aq)} + 5e^{-} \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}_{(aq)} + 4H_2O_{(I)} = + 1.52 V$ alkaline $MnO_{4^{-}(aq)} + 2H_2O_{(I)} + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow MnO_{2(s)} + 4OH^{-}_{(aq)} = + 0.59 V$

N.B. Acidify with dilute H_2SO_4 NOT dilute HCI

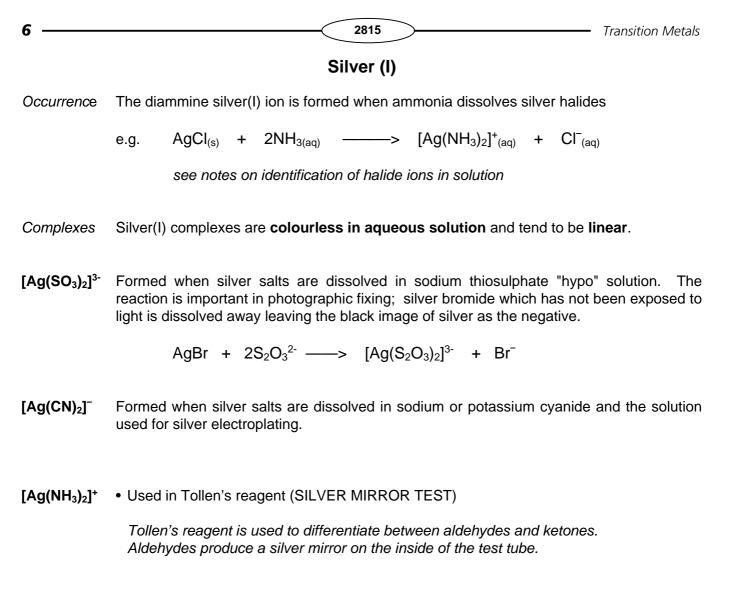
In volumetric analysis it must be acidified with dilute sulphuric acid as MnO_4^- is powerful enough to oxidise the chloride ions in hydrochloric acid.

It is used to estimate iron(II), hydrogen peroxide, ethanedioic (oxalic) acid and ethanedioate (oxalate) ions. The last two titrations are carried out above 60°C due to the slow rate of reaction.

No indicator is required; the end point being the first sign of a permanent pale pink colour.

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	IRON	
Iron (II)	When iron reacts with acids it gives rise to iron(II) (ferrous) salts. Aqueous solutions of such salts contain the pale green, octahedral hexaaquairon(II) ion.	
OH⁻	$ [Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2OH^{-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow [Fe(OH)_2(H_2O)_4]_{(s)} + 2H_2O_{(l)} $	
	It only re-dissolves in very conc. OH ⁻ but on standing in air it slowly turns a rusty brown colour due to oxidation to iron(III). Increasing the pH renders iron(II) unstable.	
	$\begin{array}{rcl} Fe(OH)_{2(s)} & + & OH^{-}_{(aq)} & \longrightarrow & Fe(OH)_{3(s)} & + & e^{-} \\ \textit{dirty green} & & \textit{rusty brown} \end{array}$	
CO ₃ ²⁻	Off-white coloured iron(II) carbonate, FeCO ₃ , precipitated.	
NH ₃	Iron(II) hydroxide precipitated, insoluble in excess ammonia.	
Volumetric	Iron(II) can be analysed by titration with potassium manganate(VII) in acidic (H_2SO_4) solution. No indicator is required.	
	$MnO_{4(aq)}^{-} + 8H_{(aq)}^{+} + 5Fe^{2+}_{(aq)} - Mn^{2+}_{(aq)} + 5Fe^{3+}_{(aq)} + 4H_2O_{(l)}$	
	this means that $\frac{\text{moles of Fe}^{2+}}{\text{moles of MnO}_4} = \frac{5}{1}$	
Iron(III)	Aqueous solutions contain the yellow-green, octahedral hexaaquairon(III) ion. It behaves as a typical M ³⁺ ion.	
ОН⁻	$ [Fe(H_2O)_{6]}^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3OH^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow [Fe(OH)_3(H_2O)_3]_{(s)} + 3H_2O_{(l)} $ $ yellow \qquad rusty-brown \ ppt. \ insoluble \ in \ XS $	
CO ₃ ²⁻	$2 [Fe(H_2O)_{6]}^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3CO_3^{2-}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow 2 [Fe(OH)_3(H_2O)_3]_{(s)} + 3H_2O_{(l)} + 3CO_{2(g)}$ rusty-brown ppt.	
	The carbonate is not precipitated but the hydroxide is. High charge density of M ³⁺ ions makes the solutions too acidic to form the carbonate. CARBON DIOXIDE EVOLVED.	
NH ₃	$[Fe(H_2O)_{6]}^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3NH_{3(aq)} \longrightarrow [Fe(OH)_3(H_2O)_3]_{(s)} + 3NH_4^+_{(aq)}$ <i>rusty-brown ppt. insoluble in XS</i>	
SCN⁻	$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}_{(aq)} + SCN^{-}_{(aq)}> [Fe(SCN)(H_2O)_5]^{2+}_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(I)}$ blood-red colour	
	Very sensitive. A blood red colour confirms Fe(III). No reaction with Fe(II)	



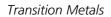
Formed when silver halides dissolve in ammonia - TEST FOR HALIDES

OTHER IMPORTANT COMPOUNDS INVOLVING COMPLEXES

Haemoglobin A complex containing iron(II) which is responsible for the red colour in blood and for the transport of oxygen by red blood cells.

Co-ordination of CO molecules interferes with the process

Cis-platin An important anti-cancer drug. It is a square planar, 4 co-ordinate complex of platinum.



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VANADIUM Reduction using zinc in acidic solution shows the various oxidation states of vanadium.

Vanadium(V)
$$VO_{2^{+}(aq)} + 2H^{+}_{(aq)} + e^{-} \longrightarrow VO^{2^{+}}_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(I)}$$
 E°
 $hlue$ Vanadium(IV) $VO_{2^{+}(aq)} + 2H^{+}_{(aq)} + e^{-} \longrightarrow V^{3^{+}}_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(I)}$ $+0.34 V$
 $hlue$ Vanadium(IV) $VO_{2^{+}(aq)}^{2^{+}} + 2H^{+}_{(aq)} + e^{-} \longrightarrow V^{3^{+}}_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(I)}$ $+0.34 V$
 $hlue/green$ Vanadium(III) $V^{3^{+}}_{(aq)} + e^{-} \longrightarrow V^{2^{+}}_{(aq)}$ $-0.26 V$

Uses V_2O_5 Vanadium(V) oxide is used as a catalyst in the CONTACT PROCESS It has the ability to change its oxidation state

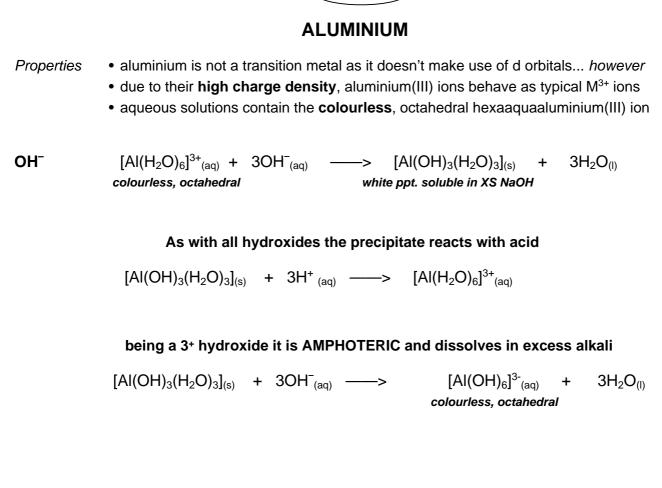
Oxidation and reduction of transition metal ions - Summary

Oxidation• hexaaqua metal ions
• tend to be less stable in acid solution
• tend to be less stable in alkaline solution
• in alkaline conditions they form neutral hydroxides and/or anionic complexes
• it is easier to remove electrons from species which are neutral or negatively charged
• conditions involve addition of sodium hydroxide followed by hydrogen peroxide
e.g.e.g.
$$Fe(OH)_{2(s)} + OH^-_{(aq)} \longrightarrow Fe(OH)_{3(s)} + e^-$$

 $Co(OH)_{2(s)} + OH^-_{(aq)} \longrightarrow Co(OH)_{3(s)} + e^-$
 $2Cr^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3H_2O_{2(l)} + 10OH^-_{(aq)} \longrightarrow 2CrO_4^{2+}_{(aq)} + 8H_2O_{(l)}$ • Solutions of cobalt(II) can be oxidised by air under ammoniacal conditions
 $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{2+}_{(aq)} \longrightarrow [Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}_{(aq)} + e^-$

Reduction
zinc metal is used to reduce transition metal ions to lower oxidation states
acts in acid solution as follows ... Zn ---> Zn²⁺ + 2e⁻

e.g. it reduces iron(II) to iron(II) vanadium(V) to vanadium (IV) vanadium(IV) to vanadium(III)



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$$\mathbf{CO_3^{2-}} \qquad 2 \left[\mathsf{AI}(\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O})_6 \right]^{3+}_{(\mathsf{aq})} + 3\mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} \longrightarrow 2 \left[\mathsf{AI}(\mathsf{OH})_3(\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O})_3 \right]_{(\mathsf{s})} + 3\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}_{(\mathsf{l})} + 3\mathsf{CO}_{2(\mathsf{g})} \right]_{(\mathsf{s})} + 3\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}_{(\mathsf{l})} + 3\mathsf{CO}_{2(\mathsf{g})} = \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} + \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} + \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} = \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} + \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} = \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} + \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} = \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} + \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{(\mathsf{aq})} = \mathsf{CO}_3^{2-}_{$$

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