

Chapter 23

Transition Metals and Coordination Chemistry

The Transition Metals: Exact Definition

Transition metal: An element whose atom has an **incomplete d** subshell or which can give rise to **cations** with an **incomplete d** subshell.
(official IUPAC definition)

1 1A																			18 8A
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3 Li	4 Be												5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
11 Na	12 Mg	3 3B	4 4B	5 5B	6 6B	7 7B	8 8B	9 8B	10 8B	11 1B	12 2B	13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar		
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr		
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe		
55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn		
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112	(113)	114	(115)	116	(117)	(118)		

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- What about **Zn**, **Cd**, and **Hg**?
 - Officially, they are **NOT** transition metals (often called “noble” metals)
 - Unofficially, they usually grouped with transition metals because of similarities in chemistry and because they are completing the *d*-orbital filling.

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Electronic Configuration of *d*-block metals

d-block									
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sc 21 -4s ² 3d ¹	Ti 22 -4s ² 3d ²	V 23 -4s ² 3d ³	Cr 24 -4s ¹ 3d ⁵	Mn 25 -4s ² 3d ⁵	Fe 26 -4s ² 3d ⁶	Co 27 -4s ² 3d ⁷	Ni 28 -4s ² 3d ⁸	Cu 29 -4s ¹ 3d ¹⁰	Zn 30 -4s ² 3d ¹⁰
Y 39 -5s ² 4d ¹	Zr 40 -5s ² 4d ²	Nb 41 -5s ¹ 4d ⁴	Mo 42 -5s ¹ 4d ⁵	Tc 43 -5s ² 4d ⁵	Ru 44 -5s ¹ 4d ⁷	Rh 45 -5s ¹ 4d ⁸	Pd 46 -5s ⁰ 4d ¹⁰	Ag 47 -5s ¹ 4d ¹⁰	Cd 48 -5s ² 4d ¹⁰
Lu 71 -6s ² 5d ¹	Hf 72 -6s ² 5d ²	Ta 73 -6s ² 5d ³	W 74 -6s ² 5d ⁴	Re 75 -6s ² 5d ⁵	Os 76 -6s ² 5d ⁶	Ir 77 -6s ² 5d ⁷	Pt 78 -6s ¹ 5d ⁹	Au 79 -6s ¹ 5d ¹⁰	Hg 80 -6s ² 5d ¹⁰

Where Found? - Minerals

- Most metals, including **transition** metals, are found in solid inorganic **compounds** known as **minerals**.
- **Minerals** are named by common, not chemical, names.

TABLE 23.1 • Principal Mineral Sources of Some Transition Metals

Metal	Mineral	Mineral Composition
Chromium	Chromite	FeCr_2O_4
Copper	Chalcocite	Cu_2S
	Chalcopyrite	CuFeS_2
	Malachite	$\text{Cu}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{OH})_2$
Iron	Hematite	Fe_2O_3
	Magnetite	Fe_3O_4
Manganese	Pyrolusite	MnO_2
Mercury	Cinnabar	HgS
Molybdenum	Molybdenite	MoS_2
Titanium	Rutile	TiO_2
	Ilmenite	FeTiO_3
Zinc	Sphalerite	ZnS

Properties of Transition Metals

- What's so special about transition metals
 - atoms and ions have partially filled d subshells
 - low energy, unoccupied d orbitals
- Results
 - ions of variable oxidation state (i.e. Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+})
 - magnetic properties
 - Form complex ions (act as Lewis acids)
 - many make good catalysts (i.e. Pt, Pd, Rh in catalytic converter)
 - ion orbital energy differences = visible photon energy (colored)



Ti^{3+}

Cr^{3+}

Mn^{2+}

Fe^{3+}

Co^{2+}

Ni^{2+}

Cu^{2+}

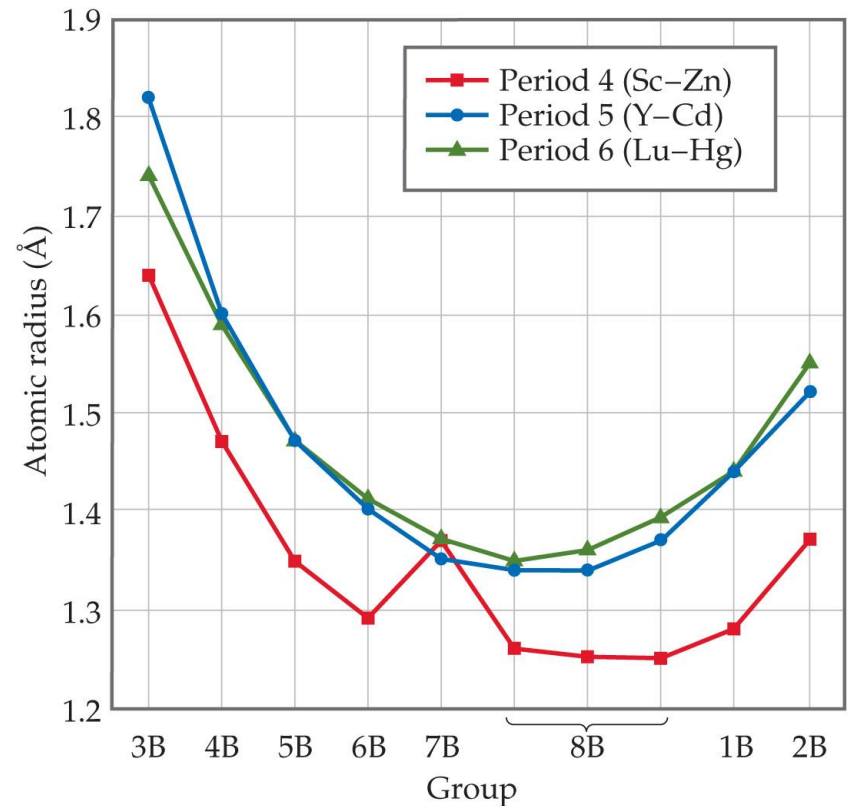
Properties of “First-Row” TM

TABLE 23.2 • Properties of the Period 4 Transition Metals

Group	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	8B			1B	2B
Element:	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
Ground state electron configuration	$3d^14s^2$	$3d^24s^2$	$3d^34s^2$	$3d^54s^1$	$3d^54s^2$	$3d^64s^2$	$3d^74s^2$	$3d^84s^2$	$3d^{10}4s^1$	$3d^{10}4s^2$
First ionization energy (kJ/mol)	631	658	650	653	717	759	758	737	745	906
Radius in metallic substances (Å)	1.64	1.47	1.35	1.29	1.37	1.26	1.25	1.25	1.28	1.37
Density (g/cm ³)	3.0	4.5	6.1	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.7	8.9	8.9	7.1
Melting point (°C)	1541	1660	1917	1857	1244	1537	1494	1455	1084	420

Atomic Radii

- **Left** to right across a row, the **radius** of **TM** **decrease** then **increase**.
- **Increasing effective nuclear charge** tends to make atoms **smaller**.
- However, the **strongest** (and **shortest**) metallic **bonds** are found in the **center** of **TM**. Move **further** to **right** filling **anti-bonding** orbitals so **bonds weaken**.



Atomic Radii

- Mn: radius inc. – likely due to electron going into $\frac{1}{2}$ -filled 4s subshell and Mn still fairly small
– more repulsion
- Periods 5 and 6 – size about same.

period 6 – lanthanide contraction

adding protons to nucleus & filling 4f orbitals which don't shield well

- inc. effective nuclear chg.
- offsets expected inc. in size due to adding electrons as go down group
- similar chemical prop.

Electron Config. & Oxidation States

For a given **TM** the $(n-1)d$ orbitals smaller than ns and np orbitals (wave fncs drop off more rapidly than ns and np)

- d -electrons can behave like valence electrons or like core electrons
- depends on location in PT and atom's environment

TM charges and oxidation states

TM lose outer s -electrons before d -electrons



Ex: What are the electron config. for Co^{2+}
and Co^{3+} ?

Ex: What is the electron config. for Cr^{3+} ?

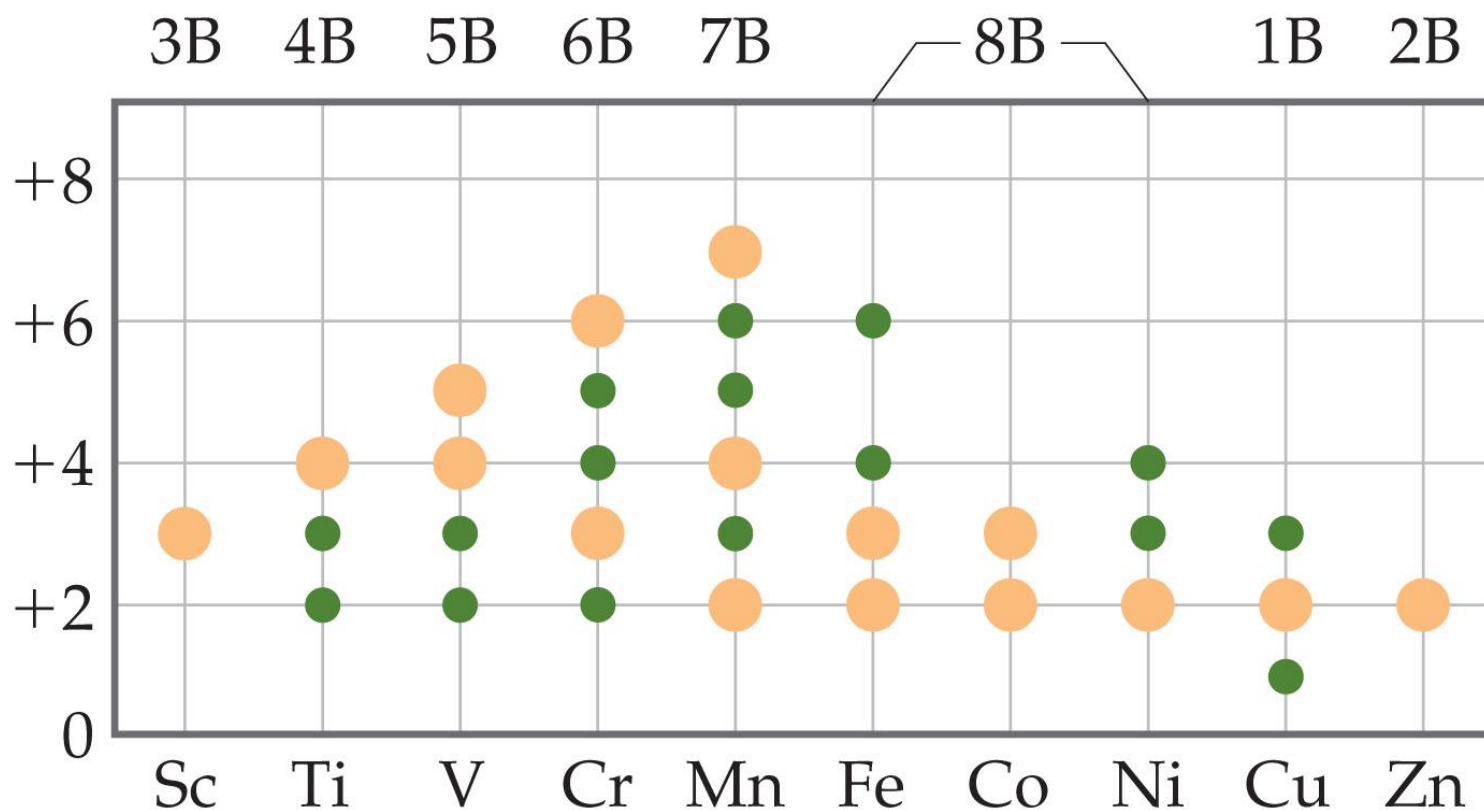
Because most TM have partially occupied d subshells, the metals and/or their cmpds often:

- Have more than one oxidation state
- colored
- exhibit magnetic properties

Oxidation States

● Most frequently seen

● Less common



Most common: +2

- due to loss of 4s e⁻

Next most common: +3

- Sc (grp 3B) always +3

- noble gas config. (Sc³⁺ is [Ar])

Max. ox. st. inc from +3 to +7 from Sc to Mn then dec. beyond Mn

- d electrons become more core like

- Zn always +2 (can't remove d e⁻)

Higher ox. st.

- No isolated ions $> +4$ (e.g. in soln.)
- inc. covalent character

most common oxidation state for Ti is $+4$, but the Ti^{4+} ion not found as an isolated ion

- bonding is highly covalent



Mn highest oxidation state is +7,

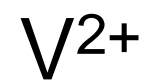
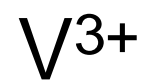
- only found in MnO_4^-

Periods 5 & 6 : ox. st. as high as +8

- larger 4d & 5d orb

Max. ox. st. – only when metal combined w.
most electroneg. elements

O, F, sometimes Cl



Ox. St.

+5

+4

+3

+2

Color

yellow

blue

blue-grn

violet

Magnetism

Electron possesses spin

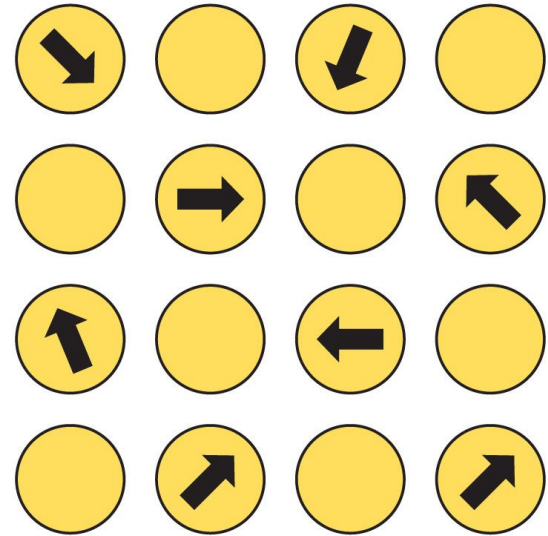
- has magnetic moment
(behaves like a tiny magnet)

Diamagnetic – all e^- paired

- magnetic moments cancel
- “non”magnetic
 - actually very weakly repelled
by magnet

Paramagnetic

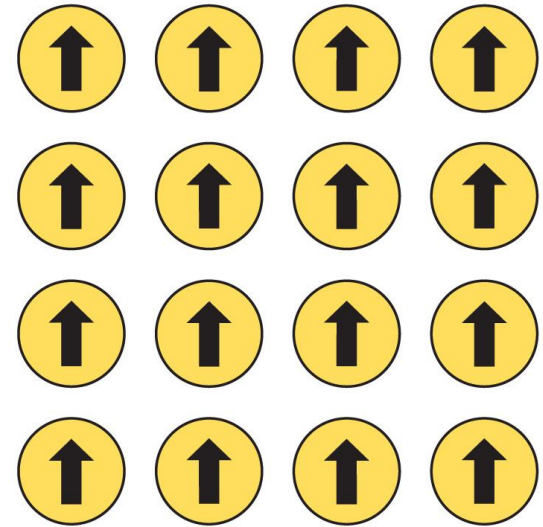
- Results from an atom having **unpaired electrons**.
- **Not** influenced by e^- on **adjacent** atoms or ions
- **Magnetic moments randomly** oriented
- In **magnetic field mag. mom.** **align parallel** to each other
- **Net attraction** to **mag. field**



(a) Paramagnetic; spins random; spins do align if in magnetic field

Ferromagnetic

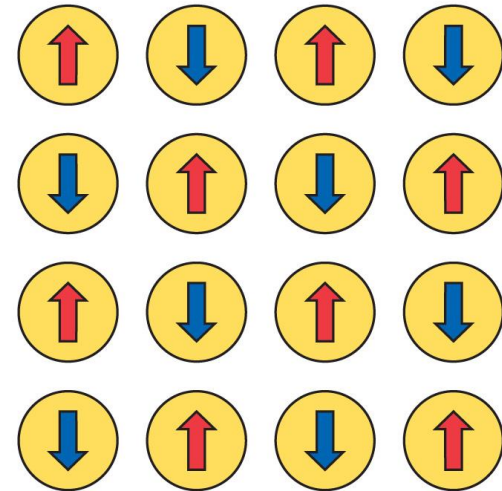
- Unpaired e^- influence each other to align in the same direction
- Exhibit strong attractions to an external mag. field
- Permanent magnets.
- Fe, Co, Ni, alloys (CrO_3 , Fe_2O_4)



(b) Ferromagnetic; spins aligned; spins become random at high temperature

Antiferromagnetism

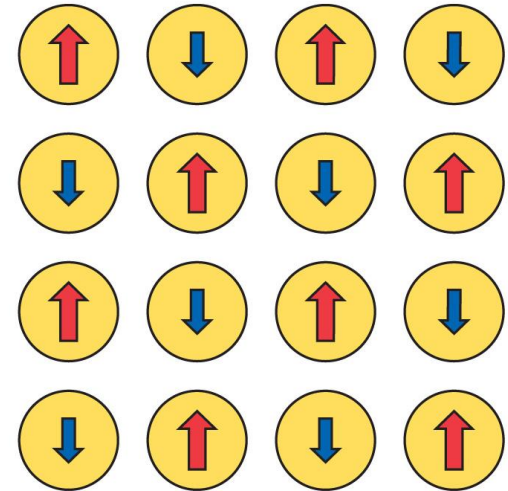
- Unpaired e^- on adjacent atoms align in opposing directions.
- These magnetic fields tend to cancel each other.
- Cr, FeMn alloys, Fe_2O_3 , LaFeO_3 , MnO



(c) Antiferromagnetic; spins opposed and cancel; spins become random at high temperature

Ferrimagnetic

- Spins align opposite each other, but the spins are not equal
- NET magnetic field
- Prop. similar to ferromag. materials
- Examples are NiMnO_3 , $\text{Y}_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}$, and Fe_3O_4 .



(d) Ferrimagnetic; unequal spins opposed but do not cancel; spins become random at high temperature

Ferromag, Ferrimag & Antiferromag
become paramag. at temp. above a
critical temp.

- spins become random
- Curie Temp., T_C , ferromag & ferrimag
- Néel Temp., T_N , antiferromag