



Coordination Chemistry and Reactivity of f Elements

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Question 1

1) Using only your periodic table give and justify the electronic configuration of Er^{3+}

Work out the ground state of Er^{3+} .

2) Calculate the magnetic moment of a Er^{3+} complex using the spin-only formula and the SOC formula.

Which one fits better the measured value of the magnetic moment ($9.58 \mu\text{B}$) and why ?

3) Explain why none of these two formulas correctly predict the magnetic moment of Eu^{3+}

Question 2

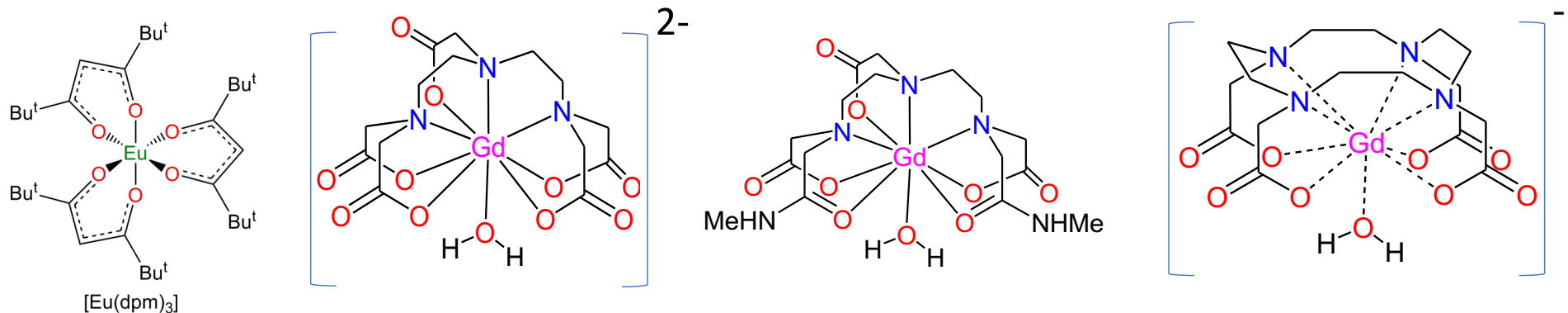
- 1) What consequences has the paramagnetism of the lanthanide ions on the proton NMR spectra of their complexes
- 2) Indicate how you expect the proton NMR of a gadolinium(III) complex to look like and why
- 3) Indicate how you expect the proton NMR of a Yb(II) and of a Yb(III) complex to look like

Question 3

- 1) Give an example of a Ln based NMR « Shift reagent » and explain its mode of action.
- 2) What are the applications NMR « Shift reagents »?

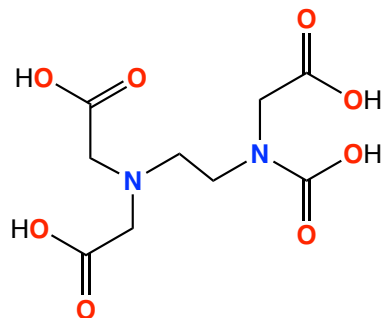
Question 4

- 1) Indicate how for the following complexes the thermodynamic stability vary and why.
- 2) Indicate which complex has the highest kinetic stability and why.
- 3) Indicate how these complexes can be synthesised.

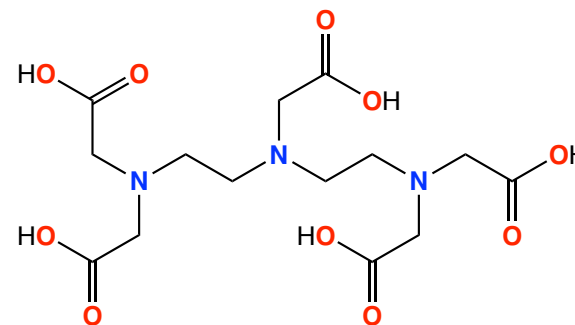


Question 5

1) Draw the structure of Ln(III) complexes with, EDTA⁴⁻, DTPA⁵⁻ indicating a synthetic scheme and the CN of complexes.



H₄EDTA = Ethylenediaminetetracetic acid



H₅DTPA = Diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid

- 2) Explain how and why the stability constant varies along the Ln series for all ligands.
- 3) Explain the difference in stability for the complexes of the different ligands.

Table 4.2 Aqueous stability constants ($\log \beta_1$) for lanthanide (3+) ions with fluoride, EDTA, and DTPA

Ligand	Y ³⁺	La ³⁺	Ce ³⁺	Pr ³⁺	Nd ³⁺	Pm ³⁺	Sm ³⁺	Eu ³⁺	Gd ³⁺	Tb ³⁺	Dy ³⁺	Ho ³⁺	Er ³⁺	Tm ³⁺	Yb ³⁺	Lu ³⁺
F ⁻	3.60	2.67	2.87	3.01	3.09	3.16	3.12	3.19	3.31	3.42	3.46	3.52	3.54	3.56	3.58	3.61
EDTA ⁴⁻	18.08	15.46	15.94	16.36	16.56		17.10	17.32	17.35	17.92	18.28	18.60	18.83	19.30	19.48	19.80
DTPA ⁵⁻	22.05	19.48	20.33	21.07	21.60		22.34	22.39	22.46	22.71	22.82	22.78	22.74	22.72	22.62	22.44

Question 6

- 1) Explain how a Gadolinium complex leads to an increase of contrast in a MRI image?
- 2) What is the property that describes the efficiency of a MRI contrast agent?
- 3) What parameters influence this property?
- 4) How can the efficiency of a contrast agent be increased? What possible drawbacks exist?

Question 7

- 1) Explain the principle of the « antenna » effect.
- 2) Identify the advantages and disadvantages of luminescent complexes of lanthanides compared to lanthanide inorganic materials.
- 3) Indicate the most important applications of luminescent lanthanide complexes and lanthanide inorganic materials.

Question 8

- 1) Explain why $\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot x \text{H}_2\text{O}$ reacts (in methanol) with the ligand terpy to form $[\text{Eu}(\text{terpy})(\text{NO}_3)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ and $\text{Eu}(\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot x \text{H}_2\text{O}$ reacts with terpy to form $[\text{Eu}(\text{terpy})_3] \cdot (\text{ClO}_4)_3$
- 2) Draw the structure of the two complexes and give the CN and geometry.

