

Absorption spectral study for the interaction of Pr(III) with L-Aspartic acid in various aquated organic solvents through 4f-4f transition spectra: Analysis of reaction pathways and thermodynamic parameters

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Abstract

The interaction of Praseodymium (III) with L-Aspartic Acid has been analysed theoretically through 4f-4f transition in various aquated organic solvents (DMF, ACN, Dioxane and methanol). Spectral parameters such as: Energy interaction parameters like Slater–Condon (Fk's), Lande factor (ξ_{4f}), Racah energy (E_k), nephelauxetic effect (β), bonding ($b_{1/2}$) and percent covalency (δ), as well as intensity parameters: oscillator strength 'P' and Judd–Ofelt $T\lambda$ ($\lambda=2,4,6$) were evaluated. The degree of outer and inner sphere coordination, the level of metal 4f-4f orbital involvement in the complexation, defining the immediate coordination environment around the metal Pr(III), and the coordination number of the complex formed could be revealed through the analysis of these spectral parameters. The rate of complexation for Pr(III) with L-Aspartic acid and consequently its thermodynamic parameters have been evaluated through 4f-4f transition spectra.

Keywords: Oscillator strength, Nephelauxetic effect, Amino acids, Pr (III), Coordination number, Thermodynamic parameters.

INTRODUCTION

In recent decades Lanthanide chemistry has received a lot of attention. Lanthanides are used as structural and functional probes to understand biomolecule structures, conformations and properties[1–3]. Many of the concepts and hypotheses have been amended or abandoned as the science of coordination chemistry progresses. Complex formation processes are a "key" in several research fields like analytical, bioinorganic, clinical and biochemical aspects of coordination chemistry has an emerging research area[4][5][6][7].

Under certain experimental and physiological circumstances, lanthanide (III) ions are hard metal ions, preferring hard donor ligands such as oxygen, halogen and nitrogen. In multidentate large biological molecules, there are many ligands containing oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, halogen and phosphorous donor atoms in the form of functional groups[8]. While analysing the comparison in the absorption spectra of Pr(III): amino acids complex quantitatively, we discovered some interesting structural information about the amino acid molecule, including its coordinating sites[9]. When Pr(III) binds to amino acids, the energies of 4f-4f bands shifts, reducing the energy interaction parameters such as F_k , ξ_{4f} and E_k of 4f-4f electronic transitions[10]. Amino acids contain amine and carboxylic acid functional groups and can modify the form and size of buoyant materials while maintaining the -R group (side chains) [11]. Amino acids are essential to our general health since they play a critical role in enzyme and protein synthesis and contribute significantly to human health, the brain system, hormone secretion and muscle construction. They are also required for the proper functioning of vital cellular and organ networks[12,13]. It has been thoroughly examined how different lanthanides interact with a wide spectrum of proteins, amino acids, and polypeptides [14]. In complexation, lanthanides favour donor atoms in the following order: O>N>S and F>Cl. This indicates that the lanthanide ion has a strong preference for 'O' donor atoms. There is strong evidence of the bonding of Ln (III) ions with amino acids; Ln(III) ion is bonded with the carboxylate group's oxygen atom and the amine group's nitrogen atom [15]. Amino acids exist in a neutral state when they are in the solid phase. As seen in image 1, if their isoelectric point is preserved, they exist as zwitterions in aquated solution. [16]

The inner structure of the lanthanide (III) complex can be revealed by examining the 4f-4f transition spectra. Using 4f-4f transition spectra recorded in various aquated organic solvents, the energy interaction and intensity parameters for the

complexation of Pr (III) with amino acids, other ligands and polypeptides including O, N, and S donors were examined [13–15]. The spectroscopic characteristics of trivalent lanthanide ions are unusual. Because the overlaying 5s² and 5p⁶ shells shelter the 4f electrons from external forces, the electron cloud of the Ln (III) ion is mostly unaffected by the ligand environment. [20] The f-f transitions spectra are responsible for the absorption spectra of trivalent lanthanide ions. As a result, the absorption spectra of lanthanide complexes are often sharp and line-like, in contrast to transition metal's broad absorption bands. The f-f bands' intensity is affected by the nature of the coordination sphere in a quantitative way [21].

Comparative absorption spectroscopy was used in this study to estimate the energy interaction and intensity parameters for the complexation of praseodymium (III) with L-aspartic acid in various aqueous organic solvents. The fluctuation in spectral characteristics could reveal the mechanism of binding in terms of inner and outer-sphere complexation, degree of covalency, and 4f-orbital involvement. The simultaneous coordination of Pr(III): L-Aspartic acid complex at various temperatures in DMF medium was investigated using reaction rate and thermodynamic parameters to investigate reaction rate, pre-exponential factors, and thermodynamic parameters.

Materials and methods:

Praseodymium (III) chloride hydrate was purchased from Sigma Aldrich with 99.9% purity, and L-Aspartic acid from HIMEDIA are used for spectral and kinetic studies. The solvents used DMF, ACN, Dioxane and MeOH are of A/R grade from E. Merck. The concentrations of Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex were kept at 0.01 M and the pH was maintained to 2.77. In all the preparations, binary mixtures (50%v/v) of water in four different organic solvents (Acetonitrile, Dioxane, Dimethylformamide & Methanol) were used. The absorption spectra were recorded using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer (Perkin Elmer Lambda 365).

For kinetic experiments, equimolar quantities of Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex was added to aquated DMF solvent and the resulting mixture was agitated in an inert atmosphere generated to form the complex in solution. All spectra were taken using a Perkin Elmer Lambda-35 UV-Visible Spectrophotometer with a connected kinetic assembly that was temperature-controlled. Water flowing HAAKE DC 10 thermostat is used to maintain the desired temperature.

Praseodymium (III) with Amino acids form Metal Complex

Praseodymium (III) are "hard acids" and hard acceptors, they prefer to form complexes with "hard bases" and hard donor ligands. Coordination numbers typically range from 6 to 12, the physiologically significant being 8 or 9. Therefore, the complexes can take on a variety of geometrical forms. In their solid-state, amino acids are neutral. However, when they are dissolved in an aqueous medium and their isoelectric point is maintained, they exist as zwitterions as shown in figure 1 [22–24].

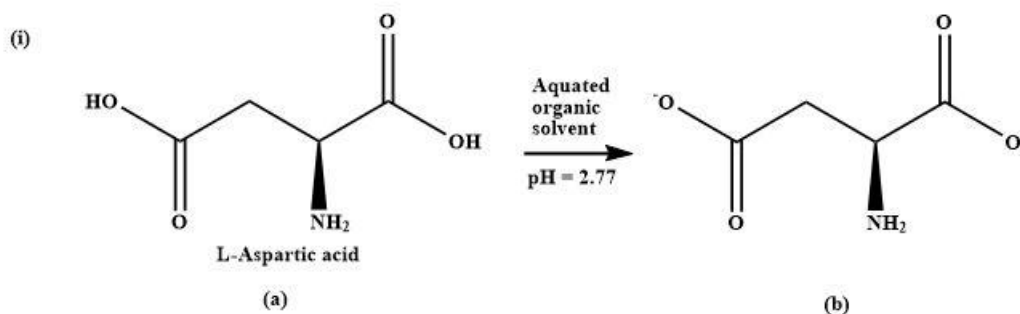


Figure 1: The zwitterions of L-Aspartic acid.

When the value of the pH is less than 7, only the 'O' atom bind to the metal ion; but when the pH value is above 7, both 'O' atom and 'N' atom bind with the metal ion [25]. Since the isoelectric point of L-aspartic acid is pH 2.77 the metal ion interacts with only the oxygen atoms of the L-Aspartic acid and acts as bidentate, forming a complex with the praseodymium(III) as given in figure 2.

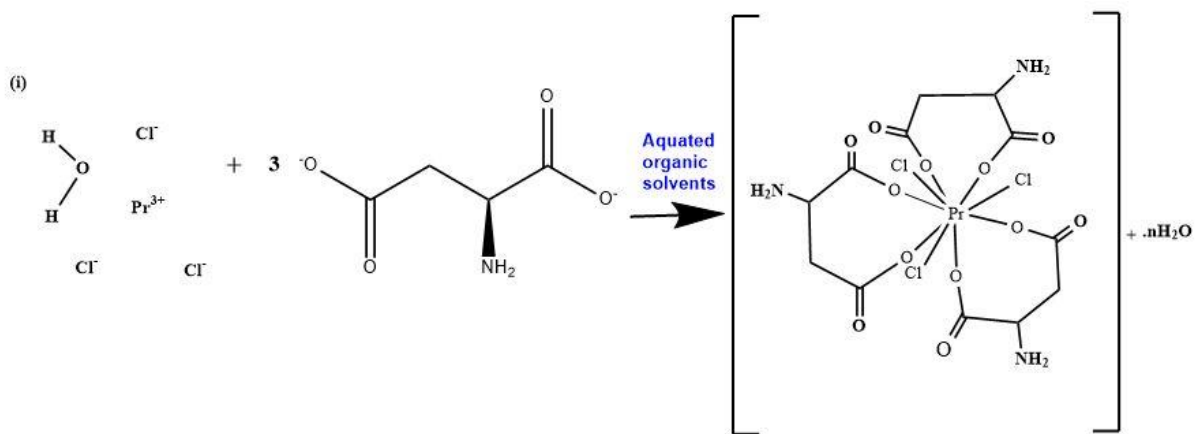


Figure 2: Chemical reaction pathway of Praseodymium(III) with L-Aspartic acid complex in aquated medium

Theoretical

Energy parameters

The Nephelauxetic ratio is determined by the covalency, as illustrated below.

$$\beta = \frac{F_K^C}{F_K^f} \text{ or } \frac{E_K^C}{E_K^f}$$

For complex and free ions, Slater–Condon parameters are written as FK while Racah parameters are expressed as EK. Covalent percentage and bonding parameter are calculated using the equations given below;

$$b^{1/2} = \left[\frac{1-\beta}{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\delta = \left[\frac{1-\beta}{\beta} \right] \times 100$$

The Electrostatic term E_0 was stated as, using the Slater radial integral and the Slater-Condon parameter.

$$E_0 = \sum_{k=0}^{k=6} K^k F_k$$

Where K^k is the angular coefficient.

The direct-integrals, or Slater-Condon parameters (F_k), are a decreasing function of K with the relationship given as,

$$F_1^k = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{r_<^k}{r_>^{k+1}} R_i^2(r_i) R_j^2(r_j) r_i^2 r_j^2 dr_i dr_j$$

The near and distant electron radii are ' $r_<$ ' & ' $r_>$ ', the 4f-radial wave function is 'R,' and the ith & jth electrons are 'i & j'. Condon and Shortley reformulated the Slater-Condon parameter (F_k) integrals in terms of reduced integrals (F_k).

$$F_k = \frac{F_k^k}{D_k}$$

Combining the above two relations, the reduced Slater-Condon integral is given by an equation,

$$F_k = \frac{1}{D_k} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{r_<^k}{r_>^{k+1}} R_i^2(r_i) R_j^2(r_j) r_i^2 r_j^2 dr_i dr_j$$

The linear combinations of F_k are given as the energy interaction parameter Racah E^k ,

$$E^1 = \frac{70F_2 + 231F_4 + 20.02F_6}{9}$$

$$E^2 = \frac{F_2 - 3F_4 + 7F_6}{9}$$

$$E^3 = \frac{5F_2 + 6F_4 - 9F_6}{3}$$

The energy (E_{so}) in 4f–4f electronic transition is known to come from a significant magnetic contact, but the spin-orbit interactions may be written as,

$$E_{so} = A_{so} \xi_{4f}$$

where ‘ ξ_{4f} ’ denotes the radial integral and ‘ A_{so} ’ denotes the angular component of spin-orbit interaction. By first-order approximation, the energy E_j of the j th level is represented as,

$$E_j(F_k, \xi_{4f}) = E_{oj}(F_k^0, \xi_{4f}^0) + \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial F_k} \Delta F_k + \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial \xi_{4f}} \Delta \xi_{4f}$$

where ‘ E_{oj} ’ denotes the j th level's zero-order energy. The equivalent values of F_k and ξ_{4f} are provided in the equations below.

$$F_k = F_k^0 + \Delta F_k$$

$$\xi_{4f} = \xi_{4f}^0 + \Delta \xi_{4f}$$

The zero-order ΔE_j and the observed value of E_j are expressed by the given equation,

$$\Delta E_j = \sum_{k=2,4,6} \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial F_k} + \frac{\partial E_j}{\partial \xi_{4f}} \Delta \xi_{4f}$$

The following problem may be solved using the least square approach to determine the values of ΔF_2 & $\Delta \xi_{4f}$.

The following is the formula for determining the estimated values of F_4 and F_6 :

$$\frac{F_4}{F_2} = 0.1380 \text{ and } \frac{F_6}{F_2} = 0.0150$$

Intensity Parameters

Judd[26] and Ofelt[27] established a theoretical technique for calculating band intensities. They thought the transitions are essentially electric dipole transitions, and that the oscillator strength corresponding to the induced electric dipole transition $\Psi J \rightarrow \Psi' J'$ as given by

$$\sum_{\lambda=2,4,6} T_{\lambda} \sigma(f^N \psi J \| U^{\lambda} \| f^N \psi' J')^2 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

The rank matrix element is denoted by $U(\lambda)$. The three numbers T_2 , T_4 , and T_6 are associated with the radial components of the 4fN wave functions, the closest of which is 4fN-15d.

The expression connects the measured intensity of an absorption band to the probability (P) of radiant energy absorption (oscillator strength):

$$P = \frac{2303mc^2}{N\pi e^2} \int \epsilon_i(\sigma) d\sigma$$

$$P = 4.318 \times 10^{-9} \int \epsilon_i(\sigma) d\sigma \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

The intensity of the absorption band is determined by the experimentally observed oscillator strength (Pobs), which is directly proportional to the area under the absorption curve and is estimated using Gaussian curve analysis:

$$P = 4.60 \times 10^{-9} \times \epsilon_{\max} \times \Delta\nu_{\frac{1}{2}} \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

The molar extinction coefficient is given by ϵ_{\max} .

The T2, T4 and T6 values supplied by Judd and Ofelt were utilised to represent the computed oscillator strength (Pobs) of the transition energies, as derived by the equation below.

$$\frac{P_{obs}}{\nu} = [(U^2)]^2 T_2 + [(U^4)]^2 T_4 + [(U^6)]^2 T_6 \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Carnall[26] gave the matrix elements of Pr(III) system as $U(\lambda)$.

Rate of the reactions

Based on the concept of activation energy. Arrhenius described the temperature dependence of the rate constant (k) by the equation,

$$k = A e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}} \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

This equation is known as the Arrhenius rate equation.

Where A stands for frequency factor. The factor $\exp(-E_a/RT)$ is a measure of the likelihood of a molecule being in an activated state.

Plotting graph $\log k$ (rate constant) versus $1/T$ yields the Arrhenius rate equation, which is used to determine the activation energy for the Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex in DMF solvent. [29,30]

The equation (5) may be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln k &= \ln A - \frac{E_a}{RT} \\ \text{or, } 2.303 \log k &= 2.303 \log A - \frac{E_a}{RT} \\ \text{or, } \log k &= \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303RT} \dots\dots\dots (6) \end{aligned}$$

where, A = pre-exponential factor, often known as the frequency factor.

As a result, plotting $\log k$ versus $1/T$ should provide a straight line with a negative slope.

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{E_a}{2.303R} \quad \text{and Intercept} = \log A$$

The activation energy E_a is calculated from the slope as

$$E_a = -\text{Slope} \times 2.303 \times R \dots\dots\dots (7)$$

Where R is the universal gas constant

The complexation's thermodynamic characteristics were established using a Van't Hoff plot of $\log k$ versus $1/T \times 10^3$, which was provided as

$$\begin{aligned} \log k &= -\frac{\Delta H^\circ}{R} \left[\frac{1}{T} \right] + \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R} \dots\dots\dots (8) \\ \text{Or } \log k &= -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} \end{aligned}$$

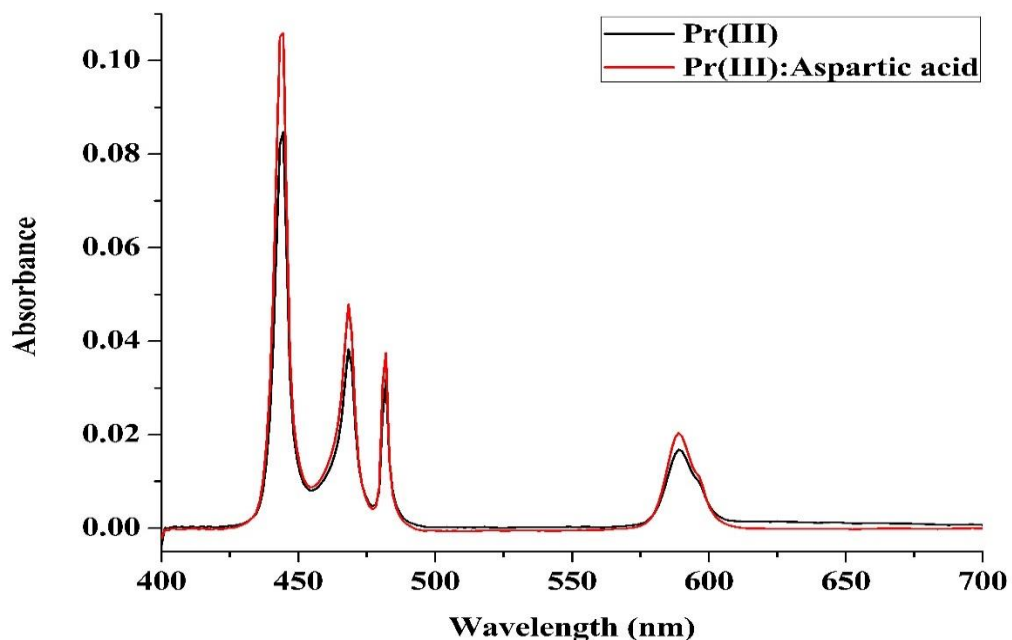


Figure 3: UV-vis spectra of Praseodymium(III) and Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex in aquated DMF solvent.

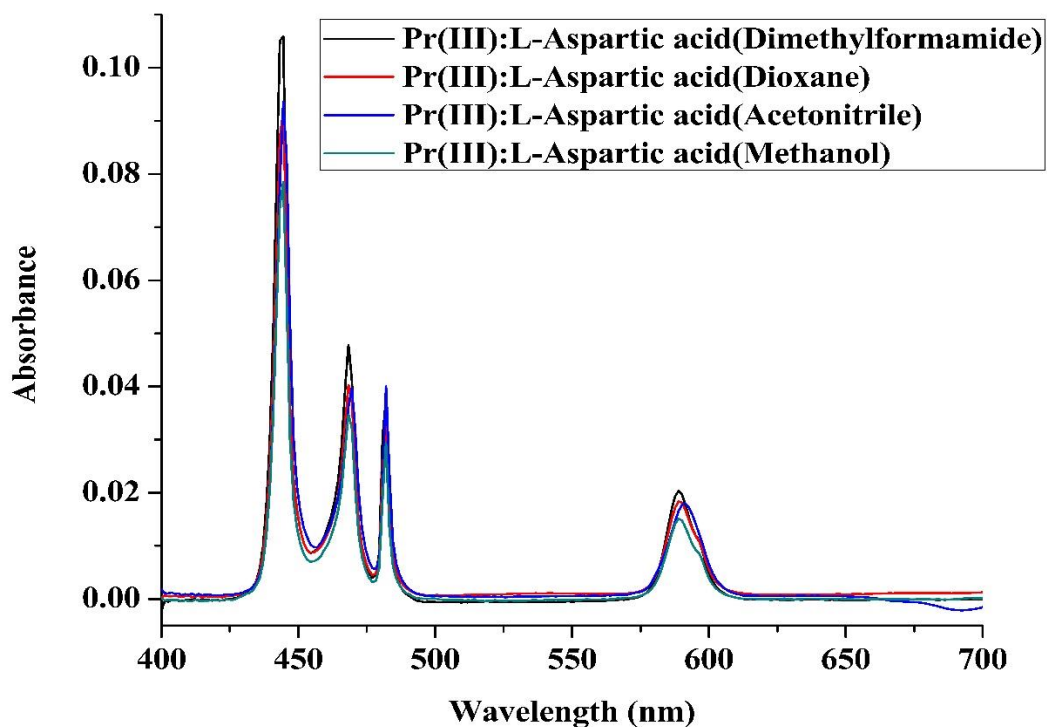


Figure 4: UV-vis absorption spectra of Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex in various aquated organic solvents.

Table 1. Comparative studies of energy interaction values- Slater–Condon (Fk), Lande (ξ_{4f}), Racah energy (Ek), Nephelauxetic ratio (β), bonding ($b^{1/2}$), and covalency (δ) factors of Praseodymium(III) and Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex in various aqueous medium

Systems	F ₂	F ₄	F ₆	ξ_{4f}	E ¹	E ²	E ³	β	b ^{1/2}	δ
ACETONITRILE										
Pr(III)	309.523	44.534	6.691	724.72	3612.55	25.327	589.34	0.947	0.1616	5.612
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	309.294	44.512	6.672	724.49	3612.34	25.311	588.96	0.948	0.1628	5.634
DIMETHYLFORMAMIDE										
Pr(III)	309.043	44.572	6.759	725.33	3613.21	25.376	589.78	0.946	0.1631	5.703
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	309.020	44.537	6.731	724.94	3612.92	25.298	589.34	0.949	0.1642	5.741
1,4-DIOXANE										
Pr(III)	309.196	44.493	6.654	724.52	3612.32	25.318	589.21	0.947	0.1609	5.609
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	309.173	44.469	6.633	724.25	3612.15	25.294	588.83	0.948	0.1619	5.627
METHANOL										
Pr(III)	309.323	44.474	6.639	724.48	3612.09	25.274	589.05	0.945	0.1589	5.594
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	309.305	44.427	6.613	724.12	3611.85	25.248	588.77	0.947	0.1611	5.621

Table 2. Comparative studies of energies (cm⁻¹) values as well as RMS values for Praseodymium(III) and Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid in various aqueous medium.

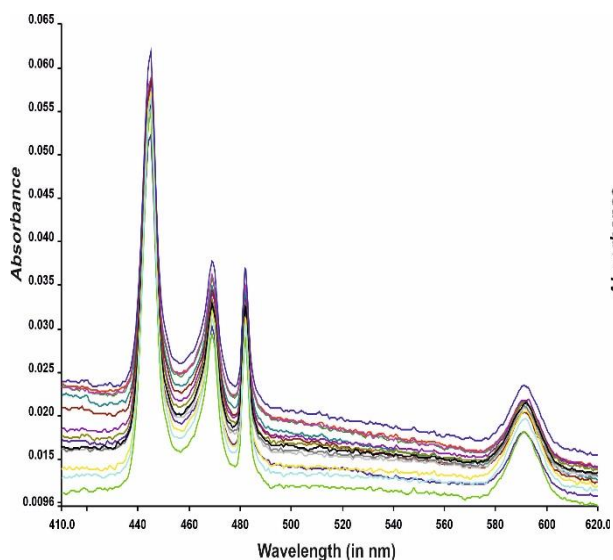
Systems	³ H ₄ → ³ P ₂		³ H ₄ → ³ P ₁		³ H ₄ → ³ P ₀		³ H ₄ → ¹ D ₂		RMS	
	E _{obs}	E _{cal}	E _{obs}	E _{cal}	E _{obs}	E _{cal}	E _{obs}	E _{cal}		
ACETONITRILE										
Pr(III)	22626.84	22543.21	22247.33	22185.47	21763.55	21649.72	18945.34	19146.05	102.56	

Pr(III)+ Aspartic Acid	22626.63	22527.66	22229.14	22170.89	21741.29	21621.43	18925.11	19120.52	102.33
DIMETHYLFORMAMIDE									
Pr(III)	22627.13	22575.31	22273.67	22199.15	21789.23	21689.43	18968.61	19178.63	102.81
Pr(III)+ Aspartic Acid	22626.63	22556.63	22251.61	22183.09	21763.75	21643.09	18947.07	19151.23	102.46
1,4-DIOXANE									
Pr(III)	22626.72	22529.71	22231.09	22152.76	21736.43	21626.21	18923.14	19125.72	102.32
Pr(III)+ Aspartic Acid	22626.51	22505.37	22213.65	22129.41	21717.79	21603.76	18901.51	19101.34	102.12
METHANOL									
Pr(III)	22626.69	22513.58	22207.82	22135.72	21719.65	21638.26	18921.56	19104.62	102.14
Pr(III)+ Aspartic Acid	22626.39	22498.27	22185.62	22094.56	21689.23	21612.87	18889.23	19092.13	102.05

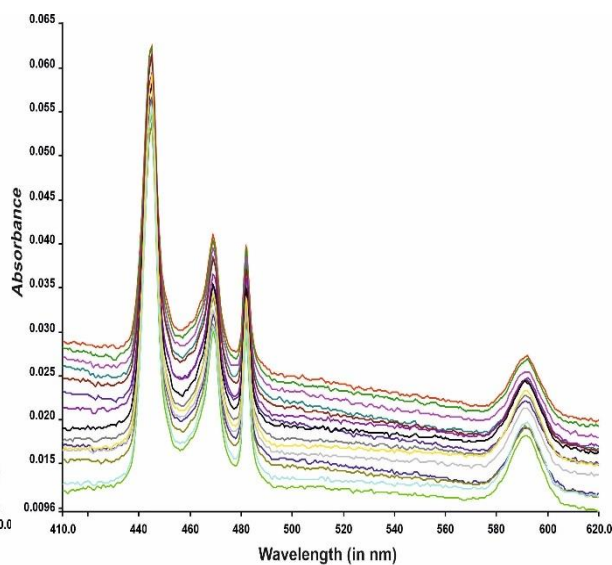
Table 3. Comparative studies of Oscillator strengths and Judd–Ofelt parameters for Praseodymium(III) and Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex in various aqueous medium.

Systems	$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_2$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_1$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_0$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^1D_2$		T ₂	T ₄	T ₆
	Pobs	Pcal	Pobs	Pcal	Pobs	Pcal	Pobs	Pcal			
ACETONITRILE											
Pr(III)	17.265	17.265	5.321	4.428	2.265	3.067	2.197	2.197	-253.2	10.127	54.321
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	21.735	21.735	5.721	4.699	3.595	4.321	3.765	3.765	-350.4	11.893	67.853
DIMETHYLFORMAMIDE											
Pr(III)	19.042	19.042	5.542	4.456	2.367	4.256	3.623	3.623	-321.7	12.153	53.428
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	20.098	20.098	5.921	4.761	2.972	4.541	4.035	4.035	-465.1	13.239	62.653
1,4- DIOXANE											

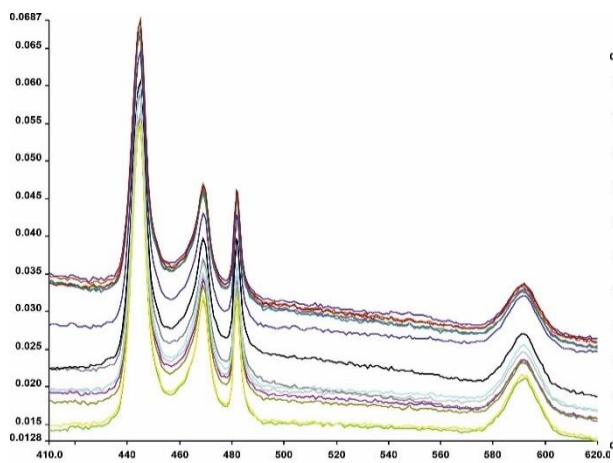
Pr(III)	17.623	17.623	5.278	4.165	2.231	3.967	2.978	2.978	-209.5	10.078	49.152
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	19.326	19.326	5.567	4.539	3.389	4.349	3.436	3.436	-312.9	12.217	55.294
METHANOL											
Pr(III)	15.723	15.723	5.123	4.067	1.725	3.721	2.749	2.749	-189.3	10.026	52.236
Pr(III)+Aspartic Acid	17.265	17.265	5.434	4.478	2.328	4.167	2.967	2.967	-232.5	12.518	57.447



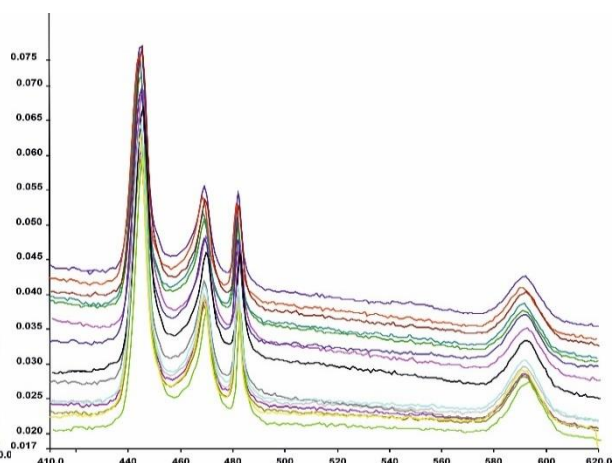
Absorption spectra of Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complexation at different hours at 298K (25°C)



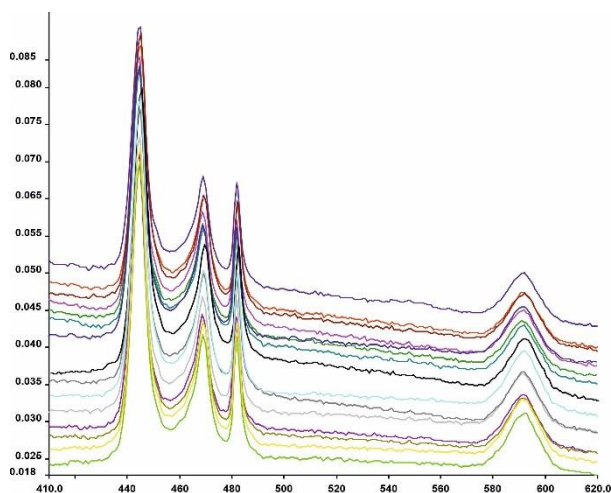
Absorption spectra of Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complexation at different hours at 303K (30°C)



Absorption spectra of Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complexation at different hours at 308K (35°C)



Absorption spectra of Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complexation at different hours at 313K (40°C)



Absorption spectra of Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complexation at different hours at 318K (45°C)

Figure 5: Absorption spectrum for Praseodymium (III): L-Aspartic acid complex in DMF medium at different time intervals of 25°C, 30°C, 35°C, 40°C and 45°C

Table 4: Oscillator Strengths and Judd-Ofelt parameters for Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex at different time intervals of 298 K(25°C)

System	$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_2$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_1$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_0$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^1D_2$		T ₂	T ₄	T ₆
	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}			
0	4.711	4.711	2.612	1.865	1.181	1.911	1.804	1.804	79.023	4.187	14.460
2	4.921	4.921	2.623	1.932	1.234	1.894	1.775	1.775	79.245	4.398	14.945
4	5.131	5.131	2.645	1.966	1.265	1.933	1.815	1.815	81.923	4.821	15.332
6	5.223	5.223	2.665	1.992	1.279	1.967	1.921	1.921	88.921	4.943	15.873
8	5.407	5.407	2.763	2.067	1.355	2.036	2.113	2.113	91.231	5.466	16.231
10	5.545	5.545	2.846	2.097	1.367	2.099	2.267	2.267	171.431	5.687	16.436
12	5.672	5.672	2.883	2.133	1.396	2.128	2.345	2.345	202.321	5.977	16.643
14	5.723	5.723	2.925	2.185	1.411	2.165	2.431	2.431	208.562	6.056	16.851
16	5.851	5.851	2.966	2.212	1.485	2.197	2.546	2.546	210.214	6.167	18.176
18	5.915	5.915	3.038	2.279	1.513	2.265	2.672	2.672	211.875	6.269	18.598
20	6.149	6.149	3.125	2.334	1.554	2.329	2.754	2.754	270.137	6.559	18.784
22	6.246	6.246	3.236	2.451	1.620	2.435	2.918	2.918	273.751	6.749	18.904
24	6.355	6.355	3.376	2.545	1.767	2.523	3.075	3.075	276.920	6.921	19.123
26	6.429	6.429	3.534	2.631	1.823	2.646	3.156	3.156	285.706	7.063	19.334
28	6.541	6.541	3.625	2.756	1.891	2.727	3.227	3.227	308.334	7.137	19.525
30	6.653	6.653	3.768	2.867	1.908	2.816	3.454	3.454	345.413	7.285	19.667
32	6.718	6.718	3.838	2.952	1.976	2.881	3.523	3.523	359.202	7.564	19.843

34	6.823	6.823	3.974	3.066	2.026	2.935	3.741	3.741	401.576	7.758	20.266
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Table 5: Oscillator Strengths and Judd-Ofelt parameters for Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex at different time intervals of 303 K(30°C)

System	$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_2$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_1$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_0$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^1D_2$		T ₂	T ₄	T ₆
	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}			
0	5.523	5.523	1.195	1.079	1.075	1.091	1.342	1.342	215.230	3.731	17.845
2	5.756	5.756	1.366	1.147	1.091	2.046	1.557	1.557	204.312	4.145	19.361
4	5.921	5.921	3.154	2.187	1.165	2.147	1.107	1.107	187.542	5.817	20.056
6	6.156	6.156	3.232	2.247	1.223	2.246	1.168	1.168	175.527	6.231	20.189
8	6.325	6.325	2.756	1.985	1.241	1.953	1.227	1.227	163.606	5.326	20.556
10	6.562	6.562	2.768	2.023	1.263	1.995	1.338	1.338	149.805	5.535	20.609
12	6.735	6.735	2.742	2.071	1.304	2.007	1.447	1.447	137.163	5.656	20.665
14	6.967	6.967	2.797	2.056	1.389	2.114	1.545	1.545	140.427	5.723	21.314
16	7.008	7.008	3.121	2.265	1.411	2.239	1.768	1.768	133.712	6.217	21.452
18	7.167	7.167	3.245	2.361	1.447	2.341	1.969	1.969	36.274	6.467	21.942
20	7.245	7.245	3.411	2.439	1.502	2.412	2.073	2.073	16.434	6.752	22.324
22	7.573	7.573	3.485	2.531	1.585	2.491	2.139	2.139	21.507	6.959	22.954
24	7.761	7.761	3.513	2.572	1.614	2.522	2.371	2.371	9.318	7.043	23.125
26	7.827	7.827	3.647	2.663	1.659	2.607	2.463	2.463	45.164	7.353	23.641
28	7.914	7.914	3.721	2.725	1.692	2.675	2.529	2.529	58.173	7.463	23.743
30	8.168	8.168	4.429	3.086	1.714	3.146	2.783	2.783	65.239	8.556	25.068
32	8.382	8.382	5.047	3.371	1.783	3.447	2.912	2.912	66.428	9.571	25.487
34	8.582	8.582	3.634	2.962	1.828	2.849	3.065	3.065	121.135	7.917	25.891

Table 6: Oscillator Strengths and Judd-Ofelt parameters for Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex at different time intervals of 308 K(35° C)

System	$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_2$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_1$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^3P_0$		$^3H_4 \rightarrow ^1D_2$		T ₂	T ₄	T ₆
	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}			
0	6.521	6.521	2.635	1.711	0.646	1.669	1.121	1.121	78.145	4.643	20.421
2	6.643	6.643	2.741	1.823	0.723	1.729	1.357	1.357	78.341	4.862	20.569
4	6.755	6.755	2.852	1.936	0.845	1.841	1.573	1.573	66.705	5.497	20.656
6	6.813	6.813	2.942	2.008	0.898	1.967	1.636	1.636	76.187	5.775	20.832

8	6.962	6.962	3.017	2.145	0.904	2.085	1.742	1.742	38.428	5.887	21.362
10	7.039	7.039	3.165	2.263	0.947	2.138	1.838	1.838	42.276	5.945	21.672
12	7.183	7.183	3.273	2.352	0.993	2.253	1.916	1.916	44.456	5.997	22.019
14	7.234	7.234	3.361	2.476	1.006	2.321	2.058	2.058	40.745	6.019	22.345
16	7.341	7.341	3.446	2.531	1.018	2.392	2.148	2.148	132.415	6.096	22.567
18	7.475	7.475	3.573	2.619	1.038	2.425	2.363	2.363	37.543	6.287	22.876
20	7.681	7.681	3.690	2.755	1.092	2.489	2.481	2.481	47.458	6.372	23.471
22	7.767	7.767	3.756	2.838	1.114	2.556	2.546	2.546	66.371	6.463	23.535
24	7.943	7.943	3.829	2.953	1.146	2.678	2.661	2.661	48.169	6.548	24.323
26	8.006	8.006	3.992	3.009	1.192	2.742	2.734	2.734	66.321	6.749	24.573
28	8.216	8.216	4.051	3.156	1.236	2.837	2.826	2.826	86.538	6.992	24.729
30	8.473	8.473	4.193	3.231	1.288	2.907	2.969	2.969	91.376	7.418	25.468
32	8.567	8.567	4.258	3.312	1.316	2.989	3.013	3.013	100.464	7.587	26.352
34	8.748	8.748	4.385	3.476	1.371	3.069	3.145	3.145	99.276	7.276	26.867

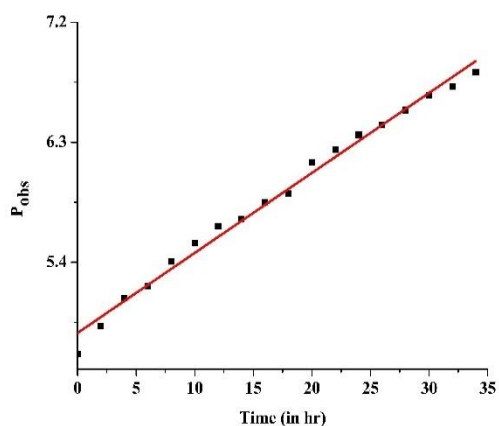
Table 7: Oscillator Strengths and Judd-Ofelt parameters for Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex at different time intervals of 313 K(40° C)

System	${}^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow {}^3\text{P}_2$		${}^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow {}^3\text{P}_1$		${}^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow {}^3\text{P}_0$		${}^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow {}^1\text{D}_2$		T_2	T_4	T_6
	P_{obs}	P_{cal}	P_{obs}	P_{cal}	P_{obs}	P_{cal}	P_{obs}	P_{cal}			
0	6.532	6.532	1.812	1.623	1.417	1.623	2.645	2.645	212.561	4.537	20.175
2	6.641	6.641	1.983	1.836	1.631	1.743	2.734	2.734	234.323	5.117	20.365
4	6.867	6.867	2.043	1.917	1.678	1.865	2.846	2.846	251.635	5.350	20.735
6	7.037	7.037	2.174	1.987	1.708	1.956	2.951	2.951	269.266	5.832	21.537
8	7.321	7.321	2.231	2.061	1.783	2.043	3.067	3.067	263.437	5.543	22.482
10	7.549	7.549	2.452	2.136	1.882	2.159	3.134	3.134	266.431	5.752	23.368
12	7.811	7.811	2.531	2.251	1.955	2.238	3.265	3.365	45.672	7.291	23.653
14	7.949	7.949	2.672	2.304	1.998	2.376	3.347	3.347	243.435	5.652	24.434
16	8.098	8.098	2.708	2.443	2.008	2.436	3.409	3.409	66.134	6.653	24.842
18	8.213	8.213	2.785	2.567	2.089	2.498	3.574	3.574	270.456	6.762	25.365
20	8.423	8.423	4.084	2.647	2.134	2.505	3.623	3.623	91.532	7.456	25.473
22	8.565	8.565	2.659	2.721	2.235	2.596	3.745	3.745	274.382	6.631	26.267
24	8.677	8.677	2.934	2.836	2.341	2.625	3.813	3.813	315.438	7.264	26.453

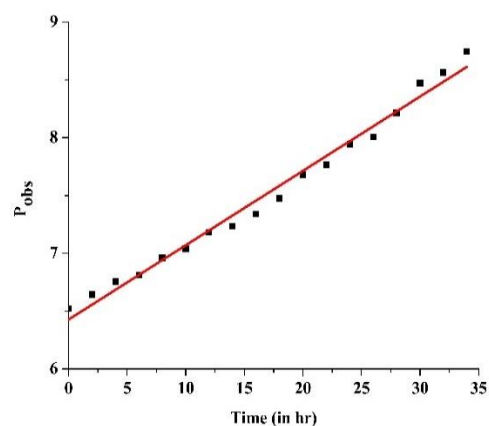
26	8.746	8.746	3.521	2.905	2.393	2.677	3.885	3.885	209.367	6.266	26.854
28	8.828	8.828	4.347	3.006	2.427	2.712	3.957	3.957	99.587	7.743	26.987
30	9.453	9.453	2.173	3.113	2.481	2.747	4.007	4.007	299.683	4.365	29.765
32	9.669	9.669	3.856	3.248	2.512	2.793	4.083	4.083	151.374	7.632	29.987
34	10.056	10.056	2.867	3.355	2.678	2.853	4.169	4.169	258.467	7.462	30.644

Table 8: Oscillator Strengths and Judd-Ofelt parameters for Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex at different time intervals of 318 K(45°C)

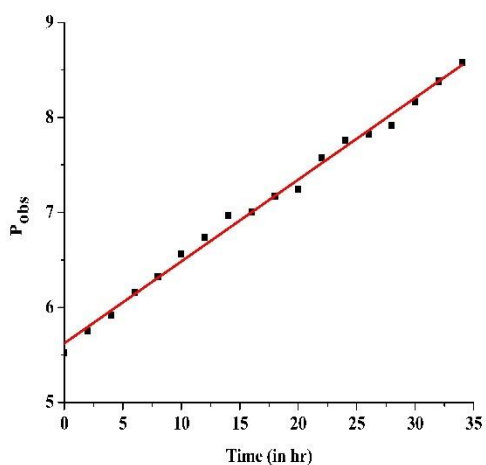
System	$^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow ^3\text{P}_2$		$^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow ^3\text{P}_1$		$^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow ^3\text{P}_0$		$^3\text{H}_4 \rightarrow ^1\text{D}_2$		T ₂	T ₄	T ₆
	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}	P _{obs}	P _{cal}			
0	6.762	6.762	1.991	1.782	1.543	1.786	2.856	2.856	203.541	4.865	20.376
2	6.945	6.945	2.045	1.866	1.649	1.856	2.967	2.967	209.633	5.345	20.554
4	7.067	7.067	2.168	1.953	1.716	1.941	3.039	3.039	261.458	5.549	20.941
6	7.231	7.231	2.227	2.047	1.789	2.019	3.155	3.155	271.413	5.654	21.482
8	7.459	7.459	2.356	2.231	1.852	2.123	3.226	3.226	265.827	5.861	22.630
10	7.676	7.676	2.473	2.436	1.940	2.185	3.346	3.346	268.623	6.068	23.342
12	7.864	7.864	2.540	2.673	2.017	2.234	2.461	2.461	48.719	6.361	23.558
14	8.057	8.087	2.607	2.721	2.069	2.387	3.589	3.589	246.347	6.543	24.376
16	8.253	8.253	2.745	2.789	2.178	2.453	3.664	3.664	69.381	6.843	24.896
18	8.491	8.491	2.952	2.824	2.221	2.584	3.721	3.721	273.425	6.952	25.469
20	8.653	8.653	3.084	2.876	2.294	2.638	3.855	3.855	94.456	7.267	25.921
22	8.844	8.844	3.254	2.921	2.356	2.679	3.954	3.954	278.309	7.459	26.256
24	8.912	8.912	3.476	2.992	2.432	2.745	3.989	3.989	317.417	7.660	26.864
26	9.058	9.058	3.753	3.043	2.491	2.809	2.345	2.345	212.367	7.857	27.658
28	9.475	9.475	3.905	3.127	2.523	2.876	4.019	4.019	104.285	7.563	28.409
30	9.931	9.931	4.016	3.178	2.568	2.911	4.154	4.154	303.674	8.045	29.377
32	10.168	10.168	4.127	3.227	2.617	2.985	4.275	4.275	155.438	8.129	30.563
34	10.456	10.456	4.187	3.331	2.684	3.059	4.303	4.303	262.382	7.539	31.478



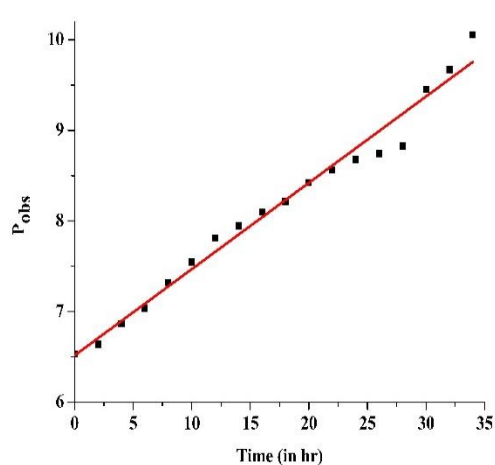
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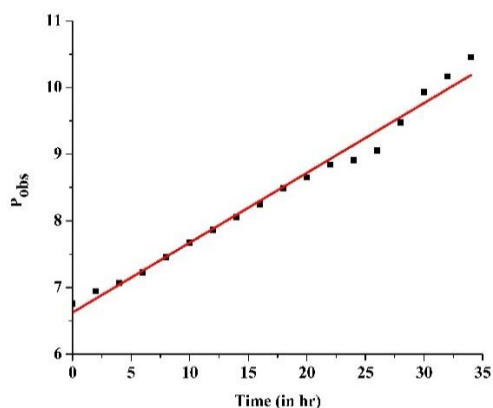
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Figure 6: Graph for oscillator strength vs. time (in hrs) for $3H_4 \rightarrow 3P_2$ transition for Praseodymium (III): L-Aspartic acid complex in DMF solvent at various temperatures 25°C, 30°C, 35°C, 40°C and 45°C

Table 9: Rate Constants of Praseodymium (III): L-Aspartic acid complex in DMF solvent

Temp 'K'	1/T x 10 ³	Rate Constant 'k' (Mol L ⁻¹ hr ⁻¹)	Rate Constant 'k' Mol L ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	Log k	Pre-exponential factor 'A'	Activation Energy 'Ea' (kJ)
298	3.3557	0.05997	16.65833	1.22163	16.81879	0.02382
303	3.3003	0.06430	17.86111	1.25191	18.03067	
308	3.2468	0.08619	23.94167	1.37915	24.16578	
313	3.1949	0.09529	26.46944	1.42275	26.71235	
318	3.1447	0.10476	29.10000	1.46389	29.36339	

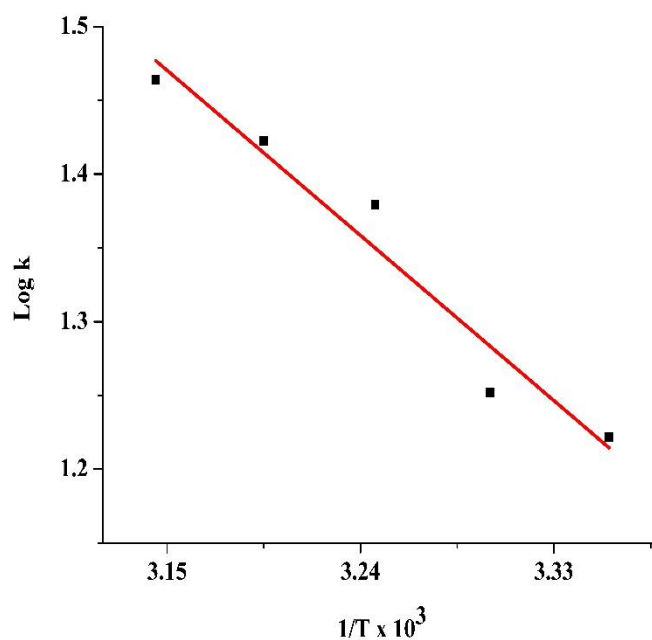


Figure 7: Plot of Log k versus 1/T × 10³ for Praseodymium (III): L-Aspartic acid complex in DMF at different temperatures

Table 10: Thermodynamic parameters, activation energy and rate constants for Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex

Temperature 'K'	Rate Constant 'k' Mol L ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	ΔH (kJ)	ΔG (kJ)	ΔS (kJ)	Activation Energy 'Ea' (kJ)
298	16.65833	0.02382	-6.97044	0.02347	0.02382
303	17.86111		-7.38291	0.02405	
308	23.94167		-8.00126	0.02649	
313	26.46944		-8.52662	0.02732	
318	29.10000		-8.91332	0.02810	

Results and discussion

Hypersensitive transitions are those transitions that obeyed the selection principle $|\Delta S|=0$; $|\Delta L|\leq 2$; $|\Delta J|\leq 2$ and are extremely responsive to fluctuations in the coordination environment [27]. The transitions 3H4→3P2, 3P1, 3P0, and 1D2 of

Praseodymium(III) are non-hypersensitive because they do not obey selection principles. They however have shown significant sensitivity to minute changes in the coordination surroundings of Praseodymium(III). Hence, these non-hypersensitive transitions were named Pseudohypersensitive, and such findings were termed 'Ligand Mediated Pseudohypersensitivity'[28,29]. Absorption spectrophotometry is an extremely useful tool for lanthanide coordination chemistry, especially in solution and non-aqueous media, because most lanthanides have detailed internal f-electron transition spectra in the visible spectral region and are sensitive to the metal-ligand coordination environment. Pr(III) has a paramagnetic property. In the visible region, it has 4f-4f transition spectra ($3H_4 \rightarrow 3P_2$, $3H_4 \rightarrow 3P_1$, $3H_4 \rightarrow 3P_0$, & $3H_4 \rightarrow 1D_2$)[33]. In Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex, the intensity of the spectral bands increases dramatically, which could be owing to the ligand involvement in the complexation with Pr (III).

Table 1 shows the comparison of energy interaction parameters: Slater-Condon Fk (cm-1), Lande ξ_{4f} (cm-1), Racah energy Ek (cm-1), nephelauxetic ratio (β), bonding (b1/2) and covalency (δ) factor for Pr(III) and Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex in different aquated MeOH, MeCN, DMF and dioxane solvents. When compared to the free Pr(III) state, the values of energy interaction parameters such as Fk, Ek, and ξ_{4f} for Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex decreases, indicating a decrease in interelectronic repulsion and spin-orbit interaction parameters, resulting in a decrease in the metal-ligand bond distance, making complexation possible. The decrease in the values of Fk parameters indicates that ligand affects electrostatic repulsion more than spin-orbit coupling. The order of Slater-Condon parameters is found to be $F_2 > F_4 > F_6$. According to the nephelauxetic effect, the metal-ligand bond distance must decrease when complexation occurs and its impact depends on the coordination number, according to Jorgensen and Ryan[32]. According to Frey and Dew Horrocks [37], the nephelauxetic effect is connected to the covalency of the metal-ligand bond and the coordination number: the smaller the coordination number, the greater the amplitude of the nephelauxetic effect. In all systems, the nephelauxetic effect is between 0.944-0.948, showing the validity of the study; the positive value of δ could indicate the possibility of a covalent bond formed between the Pr (III) and L-Aspartic acid complex. When complexation occurs between Pr(III) and the L-Aspartic acid, the values of nephelauxetic effect, bonding parameters and covalency factor increase, resulting in the decrease of effective nuclear charge and the interelectronic repulsion parameters. Due to the nephelauxetic effect, the metal-ligand distance is lowered, implying orbital overlapping is more likely to occur, which is a requirement for improving covalency. The binding parameter, often known as the mixing coefficient, is related to β . It is commonly used to assess the extent of engagement of the metal ligands in binding[33]. In Pr(III) spectra, all three of these parameters (β , δ , and b1/2) are utilized to define the degree of covalency. The presence of covalent nature in the metal-ligand bonding is indicated by the positive values of b1/2. Because of the tiny value of b1/2 and the minor change in its values, 4f orbitals are only minimally involved in ligand binding. Sinha's parameter (δ) is usually taken as a measure of covalency.

In table 2 except for the $3H_4 \rightarrow 1D_2$ transition, the observed value of energies for $3H_4 \rightarrow 3P_2$, $3P_1$ and $3P_0$ transitions of Pr (III) and Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex are more significant than the calculated value of energies. The precision of different energy interaction parameters: Slater-Condon (Fk), Lande factor (ξ_{4f}), Racah energy (Ek), Nephelauxetic ratio (β), bonding (b1/2) and covalency (δ) factors, is shown by the root mean square deviation (RMS) values.

Table 3 gives the values of oscillator strength (P) and Judd-Ofelt parameters ($T\lambda$) for Praseodymium(III) and Praseodymium(III):L-Aspartic acid complex under various experimental conditions. The table shows that when Pr(III) was added to L-Aspartic acid there were significant changes in the oscillator strength and Judd Ofelt parameters values, which validates the possibility of binding of L-Aspartic acid to Praseodymium(III) in the solution. T2 is not considered since it is associated to the $3H_4 \rightarrow 3F_3$ transition, which is beyond the UV-Visible area and has negative findings. Minor changes in the coordinating environment, on the other hand, had a considerable impact on the values of T4 and T6 parameters, which were both positive. Variation in the symmetry characteristics of the complex is connected to both T4 and T6 parameters[34]; therefore the significant changes in the values of T4 and T6 suggest changes in the symmetry of Pr(III), its complex systems and their immediate coordination environment. Outer-sphere coordination occurs between the ligand and metal ion when there are small variations in the values of oscillator strength and Judd Ofelt parameters, while inner-sphere coordination occurs when there are large variations in P and $T\lambda$ ($\lambda=2,4,6$). The change in computed values of P and $T\lambda$ presented in table 3 could provide strong evidence of the involvement of inner-sphere coordination between L-Aspartic acid and Praseodymium (III).

From fig. 3, the absorption bands of Pr (III) complexes shift significantly as compared to Pr (III), demonstrating their sensitivity to small changes in the coordination ambience which induce a wavelength shift towards longer wavelengths, resulting in a redshift and strengthening of the 4f-4f transition spectral bands. A red shift is observed leading to the phenomena of the nephelauxetic effect. The nephelauxetic effect causes the metal-ligand bond length to shorten, leading to the intensification of the 4f-4f bands, indicating the likelihood of ligand binding to the metal ion. Figure 4 shows the comparative spectra of Pr(III) and Pr(III): amino acid complexes in aquated MeOH, MeCN, dioxane and DMF solvents. Variation of solvents brings a significant effect on the oscillator strengths of the 4f-4f bands and consequently marked variation in the magnitudes of intensity $T\lambda$ parameters ($\lambda=2,4,6$). DMF has high polarizability and sensitivity, which means it efficiently enhances 4f-4f electric dipole intensity and hence could show the possibility of highest covalency for the complexation of Pr(III): Ligands among the four

solvents followed by the solvents MeCN, Dioxane and MeOH.

In particular, ligand properties including ion formation, donor atoms, sizes, and solvation effects influence the coordination numbers and geometries. The coordination number of lanthanides in an aqueous solution is 9 and 8, but it can increase to 12 when a ligand is added [35]. Because of the chelate effect, when praseodymium ions create a complex with ligands that are chelated, the resulting complexes are stronger than when they form a complex with monodentate ligands [36]. When the isoelectric point of an amino acid is preserved, the amino acid exists in solution in its zwitterion form. Amino acids are hard donors, whereas the ionic compound Pr(III) is a hard acceptor. L-Aspartic acid produces zwitterion at pH 2.98 in an aqueous solution because at this pH, Pr(III) and the amino acid's oxygen atom form complex [23–25]. The oxygen donor of L-aspartic acid and the praseodymium ion created a stable complex with a 9-coordination number. For the nona-coordinated Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid combination in an aqueous media, Figure 2 depicts potential chemical reaction routes.

Five sets of kinetic experiments were analysed at various temperatures (298K, 303K, 308K, 313K, and 318K) to indicate changes in the value of absorbance over time. The kinetic studies were executed by examining the rising variations in absorbance with time corresponding to four bands in the complexation of Praseodymium(III) with L-Aspartic acid, as illustrated in Figure 5 all four bands of the Pr(III): L-Aspartic acid complex are equally sensitive. The rate constants were calculated by plotting oscillator strength over time in Figure 6 and listing them in Tables 4-8; oscillator strength graphs develop linearly with time. The absorbance and oscillator strength of the various absorption transition bands can thus be used to explore the Pr (III) and L-Aspartic acid complexation reaction pathways. Absorption spectrum analysis can be used to investigate the kinetics of Pr (III) complexation with L-Aspartic acid since the strength of 4f-4f transitions increases over time. Table 9 shows the measured rates (k) in terms of the complex formed during the reaction, as well as plots of oscillator intensity of 3H4→3P2 transitions for Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex vs. time. We can see from the table that when the temperature rises, the rate constant values of complexation rise as well, which is consistent with the Arrhenius equation's theoretical prediction. Additionally, when the temperature rises, the values of the Pre-exponential factor (A) rise, increasing the probability of molecules collision. The Van't Hoff equation is used to compute the activation energy (Ea) and other thermodynamic parameters (ΔG_o , ΔH_o and ΔS_o); figure 7 depicts a plot of 1/T against ln k. The rate of complexation has been conclusively proved to increase with increasing temperature, and this is used to compute the activation energy Ea of the complexation. Table 10 shows that the values of the thermodynamic parameters ΔH_o and ΔS_o are positive, indicating that the complexation reaction is endothermic and that entropy is increasing. In addition, because $T\Delta S_o > \Delta H_o$, the coordinating reaction is entropy-driven. Negative ΔG_o values imply that complex formation is favoured and spontaneous, as shown in all of Pr(III) and L-Aspartic acid complex systems. As a result, we can further justify that as the system approaches higher temperatures (increasing ΔS_o values), the complexation process between Pr(III) and L-Aspartic acid takes place at a random pace. The activation energy (Ea) for the complexation of Pr(III) with L-Aspartic acid in DMF solvent was found to be 0.02382 kJ, lower values of Ea substantiate recent information about the reaction's spontaneity.

Conclusion

For Praseodymium(III) complexes, a drop in the Lande factor, Racah energy, and Slater-Condon parameters points to a reduction in interelectronic repulsion and spin-orbit interaction, which in turn causes a reduction in the metal-ligand bond distance. The nephelauxetic effect is found to be between 0.944-0.948, showing the validity of the study and indicating the possibility of a covalent bond formed between the Pr (III) and L-Aspartic acid complex. The increased values of the Nephelauxetic ratio, bonding parameters and covalency factor as well as the resulting decrease of effective nuclear charge and the interelectronic repulsion parameters signify the formation of complex Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid. The appearance of redshift is caused by the intensification of the absorption bands that arise from complexation between Pr (III) and L-Aspartic acid. A red shift is observed leading to the phenomena of the nephelauxetic effect. The nephelauxetic effect causes the metal-ligand bond length to shorten, leading to the intensification of the 4f-4f bands, indicating the possibility of ligand binding to the metal ion. The ligand, L-Aspartic acid's role in the inner-sphere coordination of Pr (III) may be strongly supported by the fluctuations in the estimated values of P and $T\lambda$. With the oxygen donor ligands of L-aspartic acid, praseodymium ions form a stable complex, and the inner sphere coordination produces a nona-coordination number. The considerable variations in T_4 and T_6 readings show that the symmetry has changed. DMF has high polarizability and sensitivity, which means it efficiently enhances 4f-4f electric dipole intensity and hence could show the possibility of highest covalency for the complexation of Praseodymium (III): Ligands among the four solvents followed by the solvents MeCN, Dioxane and MeOH. The 4f-4f band intensities of the organic solvents have sensitivity in the order:



It reveals that the changing oscillator strengths of different 4f-4f transitions over time could aid in determining the nature of the reaction pathways for the complexation of L-Aspartic acid with Pr(III) in DMF solvent. The rate of complexation increases

with time and temperature confirming the Arrhenius prediction of the reaction rate. The positive values of ΔH_o and ΔS_o indicate that the complexation reaction is endothermic and that entropy is increasing. Furthermore, negative ΔG_o values indicate a favourable and spontaneous complex formation. The rate of the reaction for Pr(III):L-Aspartic acid complex increases with temperature and the activation energy are found to be 0.02382 KJ, the lower values of E_a substantiate information on the reaction's spontaneity. The empirical relation between temperature and reaction rate is provided by the readings of the pre-exponential factor (A), which is dependent on the possibility of how often the molecules collide.

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