2019 CHEM2C: Assignment 5

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- 1. Provide the electronic configuration across the series Sc ... Cu and explain the rules.
- 2. Provide the electronic configuration of the divalent cations across the series Sc^{2+} \dots Cu^{2+} and explain the rules.
- 3. Explain the notion of shielding and use this to explain the approximate trend across the series Sc . . . Cu, for:
 - (a) The first ionization energy
 - (b) Atomic size
 - (c) The highest oxidation state
- 4. Explain this trend in atomic radii: Ti 1.477 Å, Zr 1.593 Å, and Hf 1.476 Å.
- 5. Consider the preparation of pure TiO_2 particles (for use as pigments) from less pure TiO_2 through the reactions presented below, and answer the questions that follow:

$$2\text{TiO}_2 + 3\text{C} + 4\text{Cl}_2 \xrightarrow{950^{\circ}C} 2\text{TiCl}_4 + \text{CO}_2 + 2\text{CO}$$

and

$$\operatorname{TiCl}_4 + \operatorname{O}_2 \xrightarrow{1000-1400^{\circ}C} \operatorname{TiO}_2 + 2\operatorname{Cl}_2$$

- (a) What is the driving force for first reaction?
- (b) What are the oxidation states of the different components in first reaction? Identify what is oxidised, what is reduced, and what stays the same.
- (c) What does the second reaction tell you about the relative preference of Ti for O *versus* Cl?