

Erratum to: Valencies of the lanthanides

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The authors regret that there are errors in equation (6) and subsequent discussion. The correct version is as follows:

$$i = L[-\bar{E}_f + (\Delta_i p)\bar{E}_p - (\Delta_i q)\bar{E}_q + (\Delta_i c_3)\bar{E}^3] + (5/2)RT \quad (6)$$

The values of $\Delta_i p$, $-\Delta_i q$, and $\Delta_i c_3$ are given in Table 4. The second of these determines the loss of exchange energy and peaks at f^7 .

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Table 4 Values of the coefficients in Eq. (6)

Process	$\Delta_i p$	$-\Delta_i q$	$\Delta_i c_3$
$f^1 \rightarrow f^0$	0	0	0
$f^2 \rightarrow f^1$	-1	1	+9
$f^3 \rightarrow f^2$	-2	2	+12
$f^4 \rightarrow f^3$	-3	3	0
$f^5 \rightarrow f^4$	-4	4	-12
$f^6 \rightarrow f^5$	-5	5	-9
$f^7 \rightarrow f^6$	-6	6	0
$f^8 \rightarrow f^7$	-7	0	0
$f^9 \rightarrow f^8$	-8	1	+9
$f^{10} \rightarrow f^9$	-9	2	+12
$f^{11} \rightarrow f^{10}$	-10	3	0
$f^{12} \rightarrow f^{11}$	-11	4	-12
$f^{13} \rightarrow f^{12}$	-12	5	-9
$f^{14} \rightarrow f^{13}$	-13	6	0

As with the tetrad effect, the irregularities in $\Delta_i c_3$ centred on the quarter- and the three-quarter-full shell are associated with the ability of electrons to keep apart better if their m_l values have the same sign rather than opposite. This eases the general increase in inter-electronic repulsion in the first quarter of the series, where electrons have m_l values of the same sign, relative to the second quarter, where they have both positive and negative values (Table 2). On ionization, this easement is lost in the first quarter and gained in the second (Table 4); similarly in the third quarter over the fourth quarter.