

Is it possible to synthesize $MNg_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ ($Ng=Ar, Ne, He, M=Au, Ag, Cu$) bulk salt compounds?

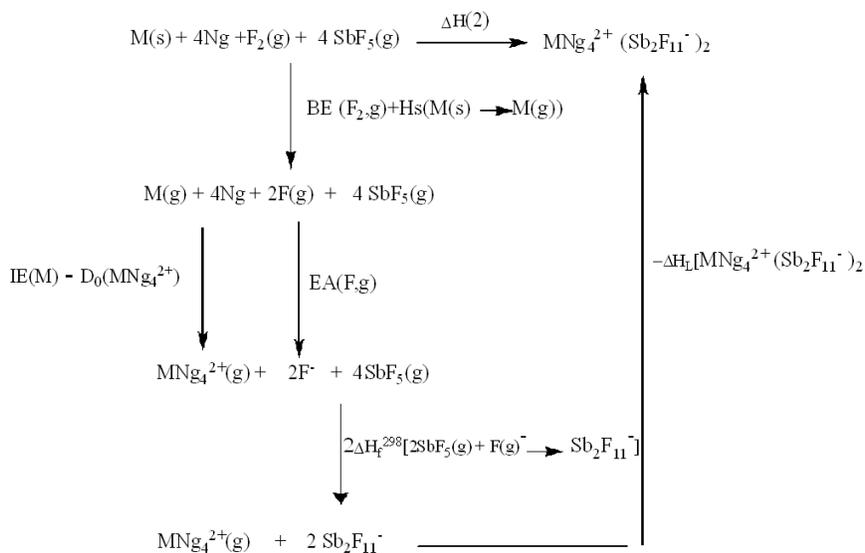
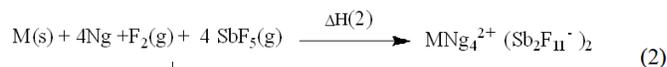
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Abstract

The existence and stability of $MNg_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ ($Ng=Ar, Ne, He, M=Au, Ag, Cu$) salt compounds are theoretically investigated in this study. This undertaking is carried out to address the following challenges: (1) synthesizing a bulk salt compound containing a noble gas lighter than krypton and (2) synthesizing the congeners of $AuXe_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ containing noble gases other than Xe. The reliability of our calculations on the $MNg_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ ($Ng=Ar, Ne, He, M=Au, Ag, Cu$) systems is assessed by benchmark calculations of the well-known $AuXe_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ salt. In the benchmark calculations, a two-pronged evaluation strategy, including direct and indirect evaluation methods, is used to theoretically investigate the spectroscopic constants of $AuXe_4^{2+}$ and the existence and stability of the $AuXe_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ salt. The validity of the theoretical calculation methods in the benchmark calculations of $AuXe_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ allows us to adopt a similar methodology to effectively predict the existence and stability of $MNg_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ ($Ng=Ar, Ne, He, M=Au, Ag, Cu$) salt compounds. Calculations based on the Born-Haber cycle using estimated lattice energies and some necessary ancillary thermochemical data show that $MAr_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ ($M=Au, Ag, Cu$) salt compounds can be synthesized. The upper-limit stable temperatures are estimated to be -224.43, -146.21, and -80.39 °C. The $CuAr_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ salt compound is a promising candidate. Our calculations also show that the $MNg_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11-1})_2$ ($Ng=Ne, He, M=Au, Ag, Cu$) salt compounds cannot be stabilized.



To address the following challenges: (1) synthesizing a bulk salt compound containing a noble gas lighter than krypton and (2) synthesizing the congeners of $AuXe_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11}^-)_2$ containing noble gases other than Xe. Based on the Born-Haber cycle using estimated lattice energies and some necessary ancillary thermochemical data, the existence and stability of $MNg_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11}^-)_2$ ($Ng = Ar, Ne, He; M = Au, Ag, Cu$) salt compounds are theoretically investigated. Calculations show that $MAR_4^{2+}(Sb_2F_{11}^-)_2$ ($M=Au, Ag, Cu$) salt compounds can be synthesized.

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