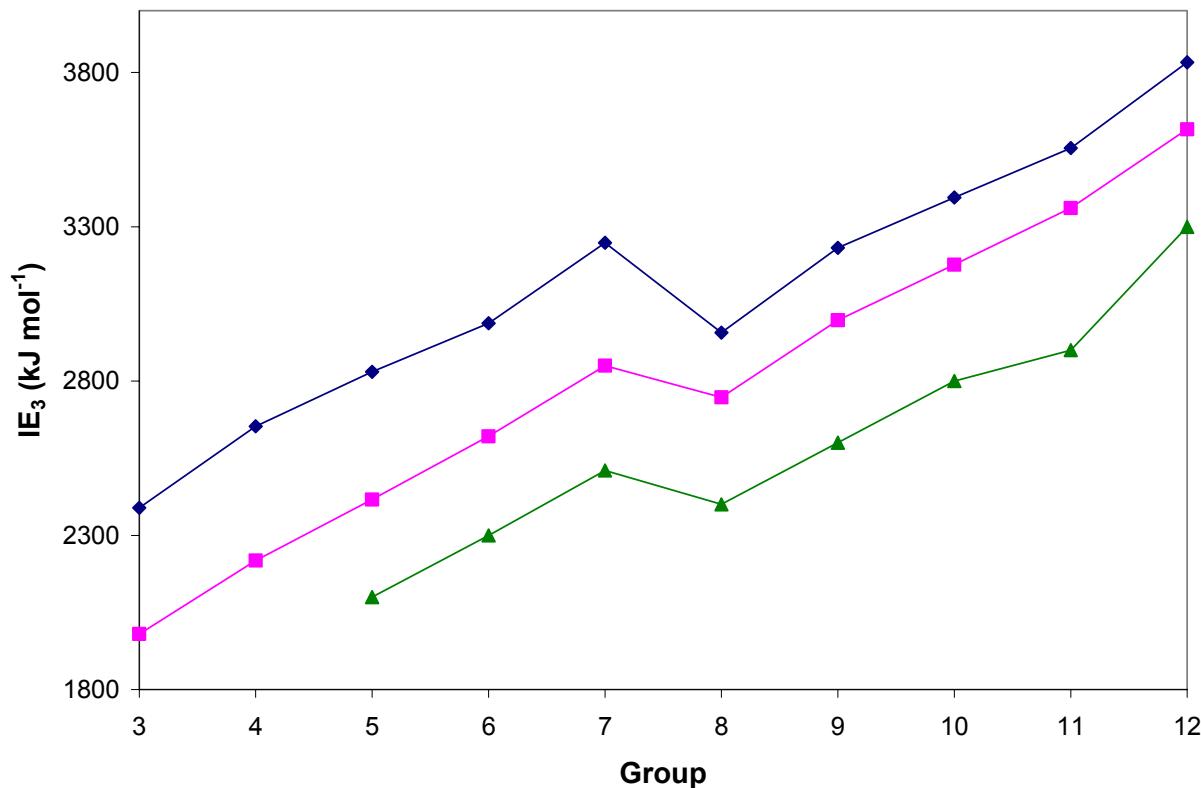
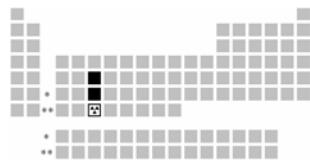
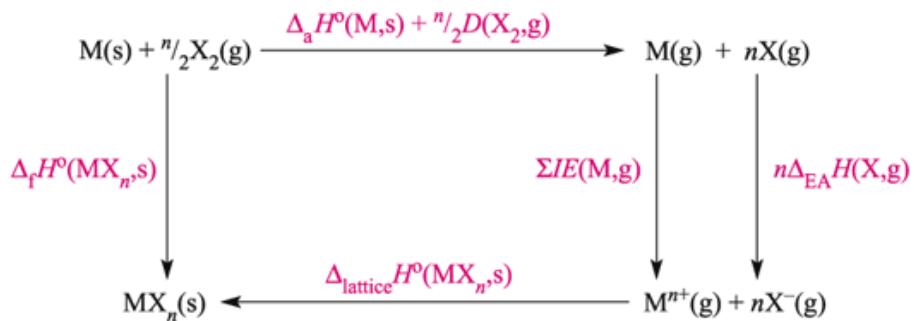


## Group 5: Niobium and Tantalum (& Dubnium)



**Figure 5.1** Third ionization energies of the d-block metals



$\Delta_a H^\circ(M,s)$	= Enthalpy of atomization of metal M
$D(X_2,g)$	= Dissociation enthalpy of $X_2 = 2 \times$ Enthalpy of atomization of X
$\Sigma IE(M,g)$	= Sum of the ionization energies for the processes $M(g) \rightarrow M^+(g) \rightarrow M^{2+}(g) \dots \rightarrow M^{n+}(g)$
$\Delta_{EA} H(X,g)$	= Enthalpy change associated with the attachment of an electron
$\Delta_f H^\circ(MX_n,s)$	= Standard enthalpy of formation
$\Delta_{lattice} H^\circ(MX_n,s)$	= Lattice enthalpy change (see text)

**Scheme 5.1** Born-Haber thermochemical cycle for the formation of a salt  $MX_n$ .