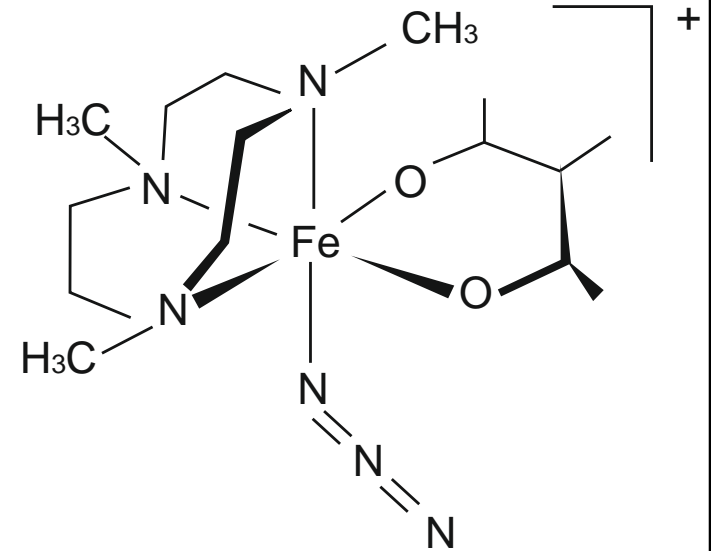


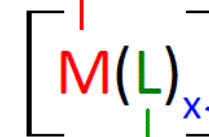
# Coordination and Transition Metal Chemistry

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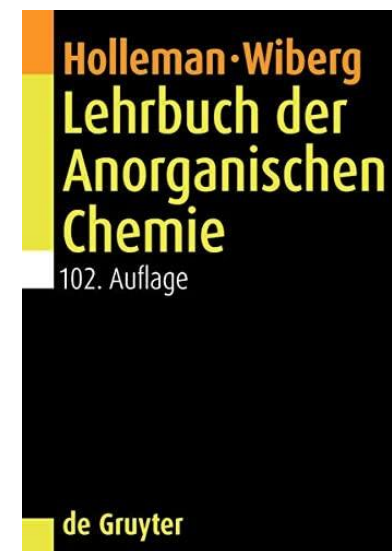
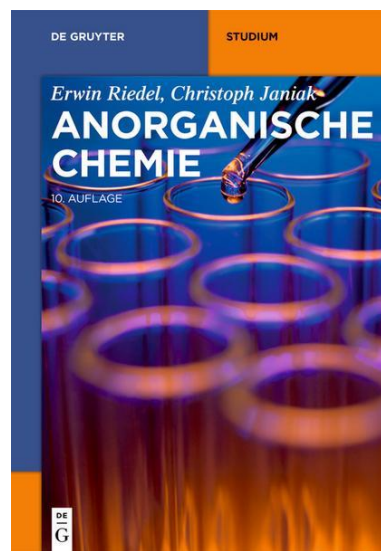
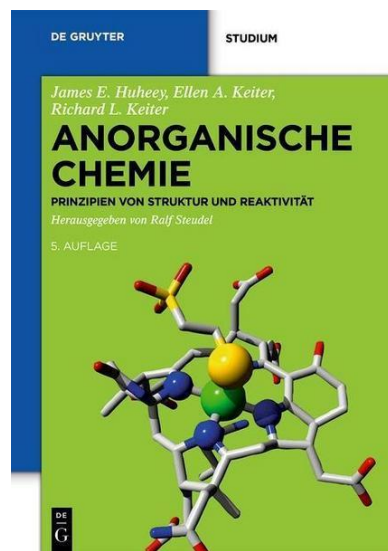
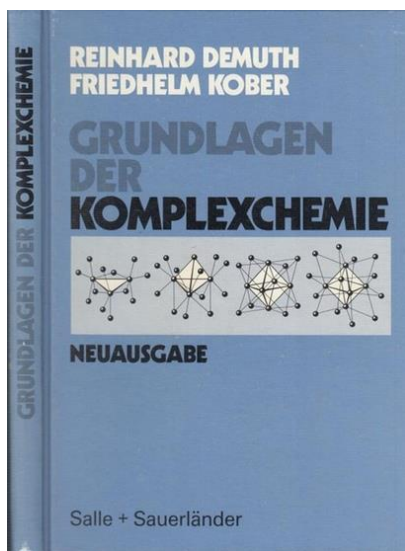


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# 1. Classification of the Elements

Groups																		18				
1																	2					
1 H	2															13	14	15	16	17	18 He	1
3 Li	4 Be															5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	2
11 Na	12 Mg	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	3				
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	4				
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	5				
55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	6				
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og	7				

Periods

58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu	6
90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr	7

Main group elements

Subgroup elements (transition metals)

Lanthanids (rare earth metals)

Actinids

s- and p-block elements

d-block elements

4f-block elements

5f-block elements

$ns^x np^y$

$nd^x$

$4f^x$

$5f^x$

$n = 1-7, x = 1-2, y = 1-6$

$n = 3-5, x = 1-10$

$x = 1-14$

$x = 1-14$

# 1. Classification of the Elements

## Electron Configuration of the 3d-Transition Metals



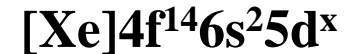
	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
4s	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2
3d	1	2	3	5	5	6	7	8	10	10

## Electron Configuration of the 4d-Transition Metals



	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd
5s	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2
4d	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	10	10	10

## Electron Configuration of the 5d-Transition Metals



	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg
6s	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
5d	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	10

⇒ More stable configuration  
due to lower energetic  
states of the d-orbitals

# 1. Classification of the Elements

## Electron Configuration of the Lanthanides and their Cations

### Metals

[Xe]	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
6s	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5d	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4f	0	1	3	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	14

### Cations

[Xe]	La <sup>3+</sup>	Ce <sup>3+</sup>	Pr <sup>3+</sup>	Nd <sup>3+</sup>	Pm <sup>3+</sup>	Sm <sup>3+</sup>	Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Gd <sup>3+</sup>	Tb <sup>3+</sup>	Dy <sup>3+</sup>	Ho <sup>3+</sup>	Er <sup>3+</sup>	Tm <sup>3+</sup>	Yb <sup>3+</sup>	Lu <sup>3+</sup>
	Ce <sup>4+</sup>	Pr <sup>4+</sup>	Nd <sup>4+</sup>				Sm <sup>2+</sup>	Eu <sup>2+</sup>	Dy <sup>4+</sup>					Tm <sup>2+</sup>	Yb <sup>2+</sup>
4f	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

### Examples

**Gd<sup>3+</sup>/Eu<sup>2+</sup>/Tb<sup>4+</sup>**

$m_l$	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	-2	-1	0	1	2	0	-1	0	1
	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑						↑			
	4f							5d					6s	6p		

Total spin  $S = \sum s = 7/2$

→  $2S+1 = 8$

→ highly paramagnetic ions

# 1. Classification of the Elements

## Particularities of Transition Metals

### 1. Variable oxidation states

The highest oxidation state corresponds to the group number and thus exhibit the electron configuration  $nd^0$  with  $n = 3, 4, 5$

### 2. Stability also in low oxidation states

In presence of certain ligands, i.e.  $\pi$ -acceptor ligandes e.g. CO, alkenes, and so on TM ions form stable complexes in low or even negative oxidation states. Carbonylates (anionic carbonyl complexes) can attain the oxidation state -4:



### 3. Optical properties

Special electronic transitions

- within partly occupied d- or f-orbitals
- between 4f and 5d orbitals of rare earth ions:  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Pr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Nd}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Sm}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Tm}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Yb}^{2+}$
- due to shift of electron density from the metal ion to ligands (MLCT), from ligands to the metal ion (LMCT) or between metal ions (MMCT)



NiO



$\text{Nd}_2\text{O}_3$



$\text{Ho}_2\text{O}_3$



$\text{Er}_2\text{O}_3$

# 1. Classification of the Elements

## Particularities of Transition Metals

### 4. Unpaired electrons: Energy technology, catalysis, luminescence, magnetism (see above)

Incomplete occupied d or f orbitals result in many energy levels with rather little energy spacing as well as high magnetic moments

- Energy technol.: Accumulators, batteries, fuel & solar cells, superconductors, wind turbines
- Catalysis: Biochemistry (enzymes), technical catalysis, polymerisation & condensation
- Luminescence: displays, laser, light sources, optical marker, Scintillators
- Magnetism: Fe/Co magnets, REE magnets, NMR contrast agents, sensors

### 5. Formation of complexes variable coordination number, geometry and reactivity

Basis of catalytical processes as well as transport processes: biology and technology

### 6. Peculiar physical properties of metals

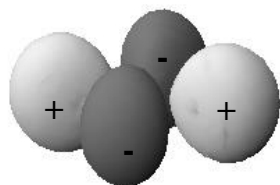
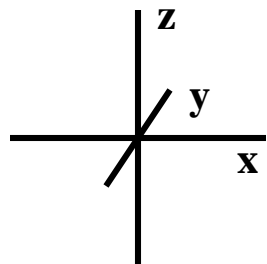
- high electrical and thermal conductivity
- high melting and boiling points, high density
- high ductility
- high resistance towards O<sub>2</sub>, acids, and bases



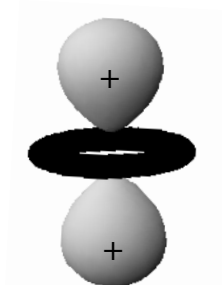
Iridium crucibles ( $T_m = 2465^\circ \text{C}$ )

## 2. d-Orbitals

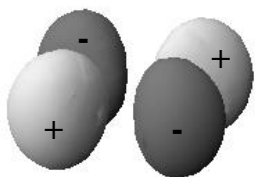
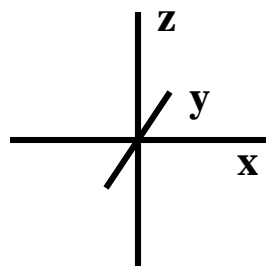
**The five d-Orbitals Can Be Divided into two Groups: Three are located between the Axes of the Cartesian Coordinate System and two Actually onto them**



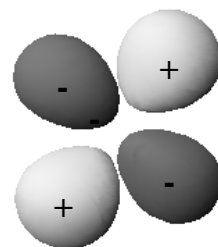
$d_{x^2-y^2}$



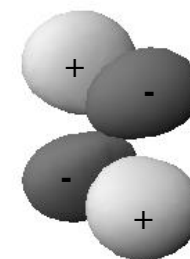
$d_{z^2}$



$d_{xy}$



$d_{xz}$



$d_{yz}$

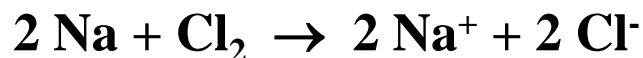
**The d-orbitals are accessible for the formation of chemical bonds**  
**Octet rule → 18-electrons rule**



# 3. Coordinative Bonding

## Ionic Bonding

Formally speaking, all bonding electrons are transferred to the more electronegative bonding partner



## Covalent Bonding

**2-centres-2e<sup>-</sup>:** The bonding electrons are contributed by two bonding partners and are distributed evenly between them (typical covalent bond): H<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>

**3-centres-2e<sup>-</sup>:** The bonding electrons originate from two bonding partners but are distributed between three of them: H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

**3-centres-4e<sup>-</sup>:** The four bonding electrons originate from two bonding partners but are distributed between three of them: HF<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, H-bridges

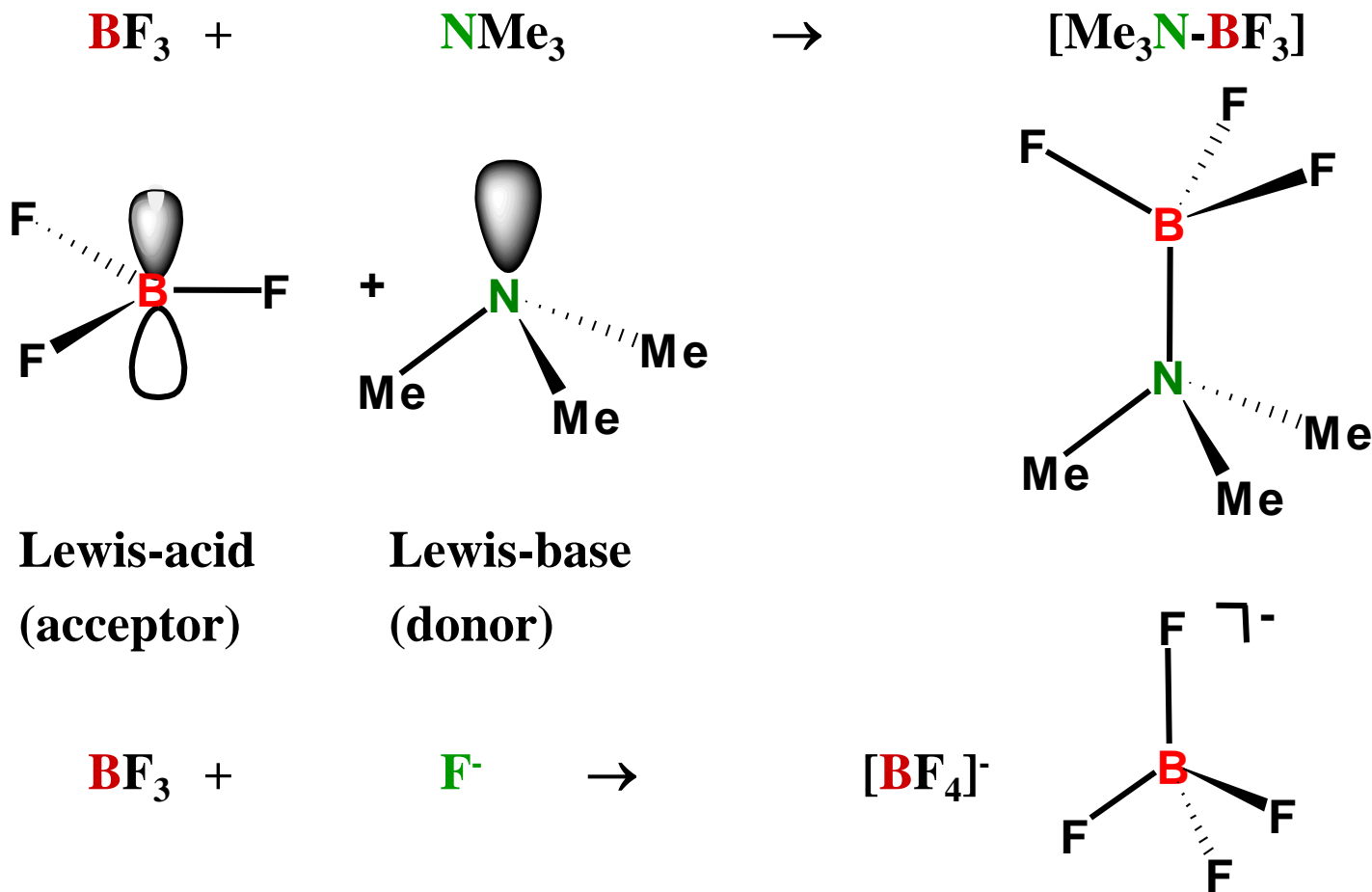
## Coordinative (Dative) Bonding

The bonding electrons are donated by a single bonding partner solely



# 3. Coordinative Bonding

The Coordinative (Dative) Bond Is the Product of a Lewis Acid-Base Reaction



# 4. Complexes

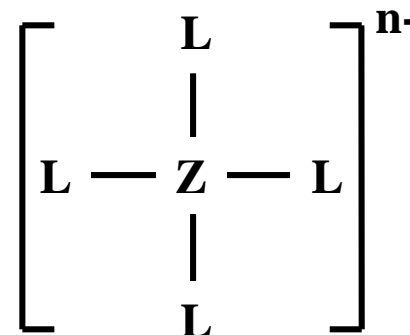
## Definition of Complexes

Complexes or coordination compounds are molecules or ions  $CL_n$ , wherein an either uncharged or charged central atom **C** is surrounded by a number - according to its coordination number - of either charged or uncharged mono- or polyatomic groups **L**

lat. complexus = embrace, lat. coordinare = associate

**C** = central atom = complex centre, coordination centre → acids

**L** = ligands, ligand shell, coordination sphere → bases



All ligands of same kind

homoleptic complexes



Different ligands

heteroleptic complexes



Alfred Werner  
(1866 - 1919)

# 4. Complexes

## Studies of Alfred Werner (Nobel Prize 1913) on Cobalt Compounds

a) $\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{NH}_3$	yellow	Luteo
b) $\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 5\text{NH}_3$	red	Purpureo
c) $\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 4\text{NH}_3$	green	Praseo
d) $\text{CoCl}_3 \cdot 4\text{NH}_3$	violet	Violeo



Gravimetical determination of chloride with  $\text{AgNO}_3$  gives

a)	3 AgCl	$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+} + 3 \text{Cl}^-$
b)	2 AgCl	$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Cl}]^{2+} + 2 \text{Cl}^-$
c, d)	1 AgCl	$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+ + 1 \text{Cl}^-$

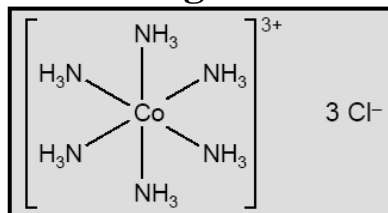
Luteo

Purpureo

2 isomers (cis and trans)

Werner's deductions:

- $\text{Co}^{3+}$  is always 6-coordinate
- Ligands are arranged in octahedra



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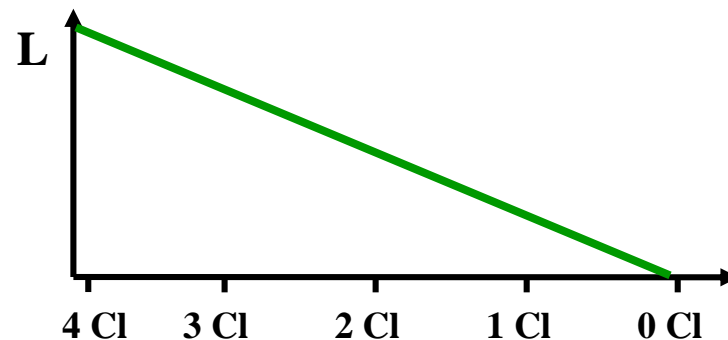
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# 4. Complexes

## Studies upon the Electrical Conductivity $L$ During the Formation of Complexes

Complex	$L$ [ $S \cdot cm^2/mol$ ]	Number of ions per formula unit	Number of $Cl^-$ -ions per formula unit
$[Pt(NH_3)_6]Cl_4$	523	5	4
$[Pt(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_3$	404	4	3
$[Pt(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl_2$	228	3	2
$[Pt(NH_3)_3Cl_3]Cl$	97	2	1
$[Pt(NH_3)_2Cl_4]$	0	0	0
$K[Pt(NH_3)Cl_5]$	108	2	0
$K_2[PtCl_6]$	256	3	0

- The electrical conductivity  $L$  of the aqueous solution of the complexes is defined by the amount of dissolved cations and anions per formula unit.
- Neutral complexes do not contribute to the electrical conductivity of a solution.



# 5. Nomenclature of Coordinative Compounds

## Construction of a Complexes' Formula

**Rule 1:** The **cation** is always placed in front of the **anion** and complexes are enclosed between **squared brackets**, e.g.  $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$

**Rule 2:** The **central** atom is positioned at first position, e.g.  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ ,  $[\text{PF}_6]^-$

**Rule 3:** Anionic ligands come first before neutral ligands

**Rule 4:** Alphabetical ordering within a class of ligands

**Rule 5:** Molecular ligands as well as abbreviations are written in brackets

**Rule 6:** Oxidation number as **superscript** behind the central atom, e.g.  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ ,  $[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{NH}_3)_3]$ ,  $[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}_2(\text{en})_2]$

# 5. Nomenclature of Coordinative Compounds

## Deduction of the Name

**Rule 1:** **Ligands** in alphabetical order prior to the name of the central atom (last!) with di, tri, ... as **prefix** for multiple ligands



**Hexaamminecobalt(III)**

**Rule 2:** Statement of:

a) **oxidation number** of central atom as Roman cipher in parentheses (e.g. **II**) or

b) charge of coordinating unit as Arabic cipher + charge (e.g. **3+**)

behind the corresponding unit



**Tetrachloroplatinate(II)**



**Pentacyanonickelate(3-)**

Anionic complexes end on **ate!**

**Attention!**

**Cu: Cuprate**

**Au: Aurate**

**Fe: Ferrate**

**Sn: Stannate**

**Pb: Plumbate**

**Ag: Argentate**

**Hg: Mercurat**

**Sb: Stibate**

# 5. Nomenclature of Coordinative Compounds

## Deduction of the Name

**Rule 3:** **Anionic ligands** which end in “-ide” are replaced with an ending “-o” (bromide→bromo), anions ending with “-ite” and “-ate” are replaced with endings “-ito” and “-ato”, respectively. Most **neutral** and formally **cationic ligands** carry their normal name.

There are a few exceptions to the naming of neutral ligands

Ammonia	$\text{NH}_3$	ammine
Carbon monoxide	$\text{CO}$	carbonyl
Water	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	aqua (aquo)
Nitrogen monoxide	$\text{NO}$	nitrosyl
Oxygen	$\text{O}_2$	oxygenyl



# 6. Ligands

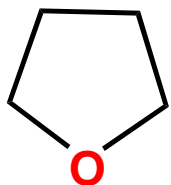
## Regularly Used Ligands

<i>Formel</i>	<i>Ligandname</i>	<i>Formel</i>	<i>Ligandname</i>
F <sup>-</sup>	Fluoro	H <sub>2</sub>	Diwasserstoff
Cl <sup>-</sup>	Chloro	O <sub>2</sub>	Disauerstoff
O <sup>2-</sup>	Oxo, Oxido	H <sub>2</sub> O	Aqua
S <sup>2-</sup>	Sulfido, Thio	H <sub>2</sub> S	Sulfan, Hydrogensulfid
(SH) <sup>-</sup>	Hydrogensulfido	H <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	Disulfan, Hydrogendisulfid
(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>2-</sup>	Sulfato	CO	Carbonyl
(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>2-</sup>	Oxalato, Ethandionato	CS	Thiocarbonyl
N <sup>3-</sup>	Nitrido	N <sub>2</sub>	Distickstoff
P <sup>3-</sup>	Phosphido	NH <sub>3</sub>	Ammin
(CN) <sup>-</sup>	Cyano oder Cyanido	PH <sub>3</sub>	Phosphan
(NCO) <sup>-</sup>	Cyanato	P <sub>4</sub>	Tetraphosphor
(NCS) <sup>-</sup>	Thiocyanato	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> N	Trimethylamin
(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	Amido, Azanido	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> P	Trimethylphosphan
(NH) <sup>2-</sup>	Imido, Azandiido	HN=NH	Diazen
(PH <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	Phosphanido	HP=PH	Diphosphen
N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Azido	NO	Nitrosyl
(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	Nitrato	NS	Thionitrosyl
(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	Nitrito	N <sub>2</sub> O	Distickstoffoxid

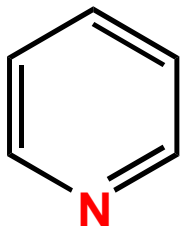
**Dentality of ligands = Number of atoms that bind to the central metal atom**

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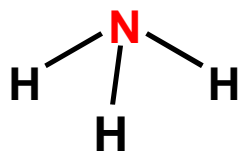
## Monodentate Ligands



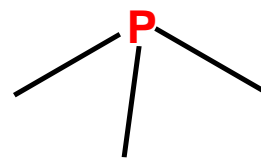
**THF**  
**Tetrahydrofuran**



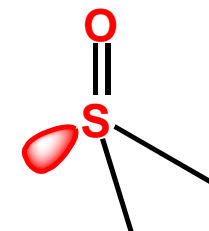
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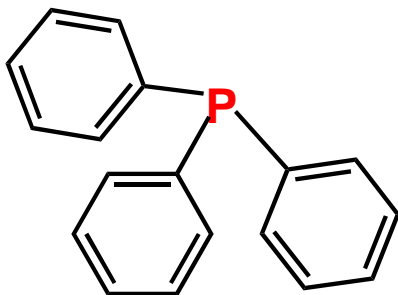
**Ammine**



**Trimethylphosphane**



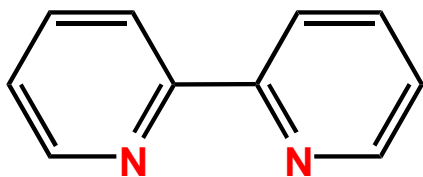
**dmsO**  
**Dimethylsulphoxide**



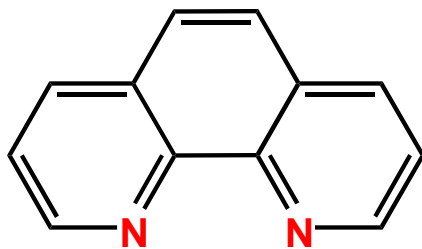
**Triphenylphosphane**

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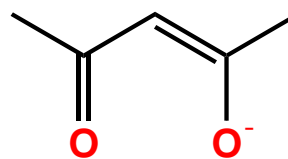
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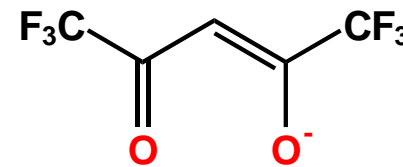
**bpy**  
2,2'-**B**ipyridine



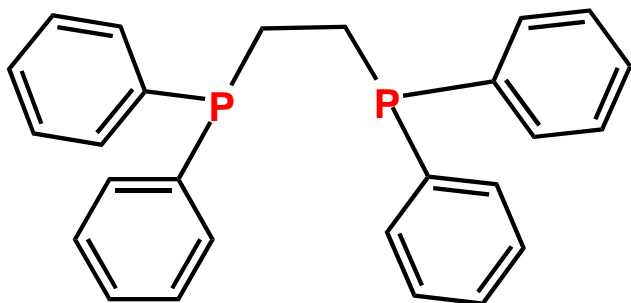
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1,10-**P**henanthroline



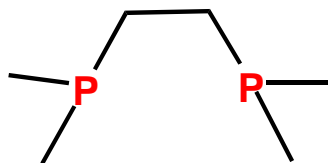
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**A**cetylacetonate



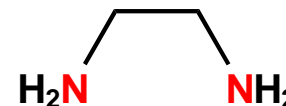
**hfacac**  
**H**exafluoroacetylacetonate



**dppe**  
**D**iphenyl**p**hosphinoethane



**dmpe**  
**D**imethyl**p**hosphinoethane



**en**  
**E**thylenediamine



**tmeda**  
**T**etramethylethylenediamine

# 6. Ligands

## Chelating Ligands

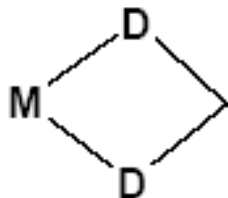
Bidentate ligands are also called chelating ligands (Greek: *chele* = claw).

Literally, the ligand grabs the metal “in it’s claws”. If thereby (chelating) rings with five or six members are created, the formation of such complexes is entropically favoured in comparison to the formation of a complex with only monodentate ligands and thus considerable more stable.

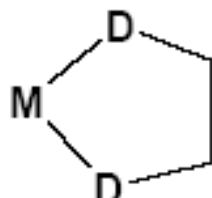
⇒ Chelating effect (entropic effect)



60°  
ring tension

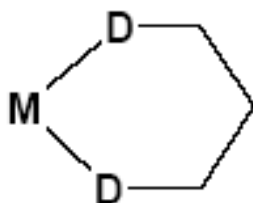


90°



108°

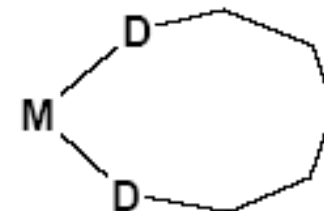
optimal ring size  
(optimal stability)



120°



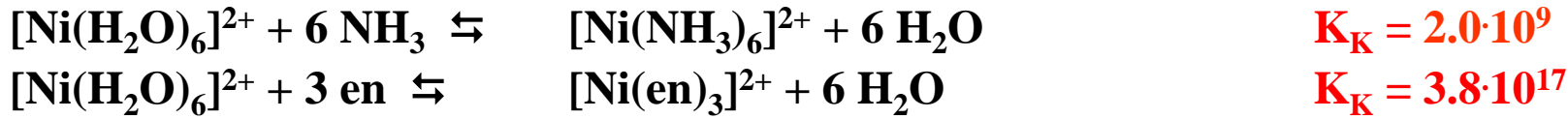
Inner angle =  $(N-2)180^\circ / N$   
declining chelating effect



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The formation of complexes with chelating ligands results in more stable complexes compared to the formation with mono dentate ligands



Formation of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ -complexes  $\Rightarrow$  number of particles remains the same

Formation of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$ -complexes  $\Rightarrow$  number of particles increases  $\Rightarrow \Delta S^0 > 0$

Formation of a complex with a chelating ligand leads to an increase in entropy!

$\Delta H$  is about equal for both cases

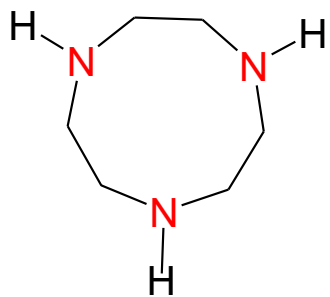
$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta G^\circ = -RT \cdot \ln K_{\text{K}} \quad \text{with } K_{\text{K}} = \text{complex formation constant}$$

( $\Delta \Delta G^\circ = 0 - T\Delta \Delta S^\circ$ )

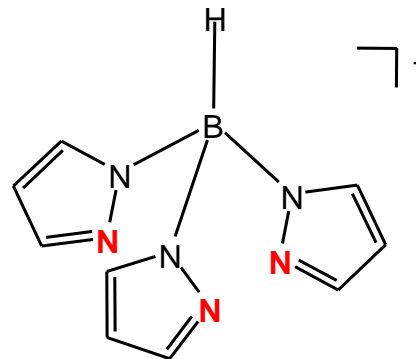
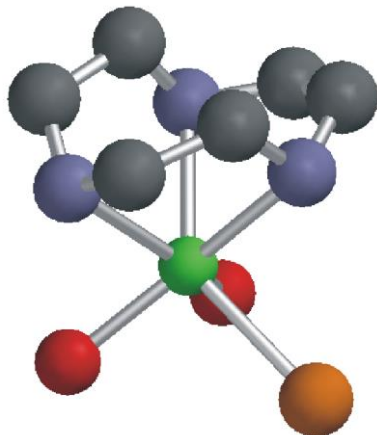
Formation of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+} \Rightarrow$  more negative  $\Delta G^\circ \Rightarrow$  **higher  $K_{\text{K}}$**

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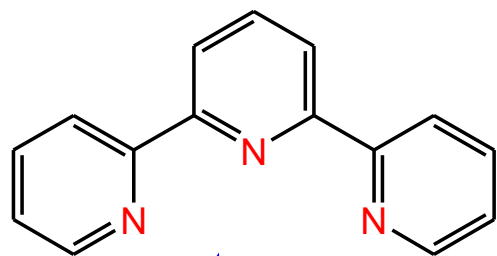
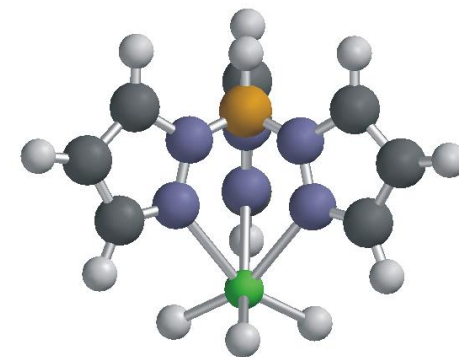
## Tridentate Ligands



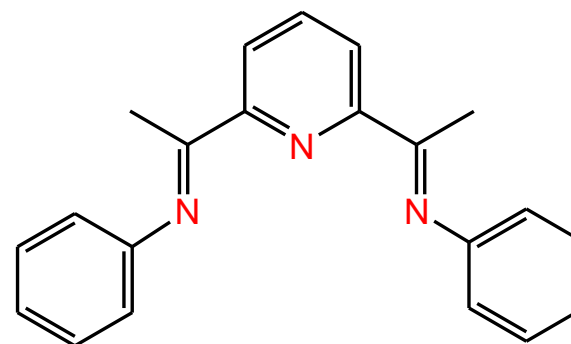
**tacn**  
**Triazacyclononane**



**Tp**  
**Trispyrazolylborate**



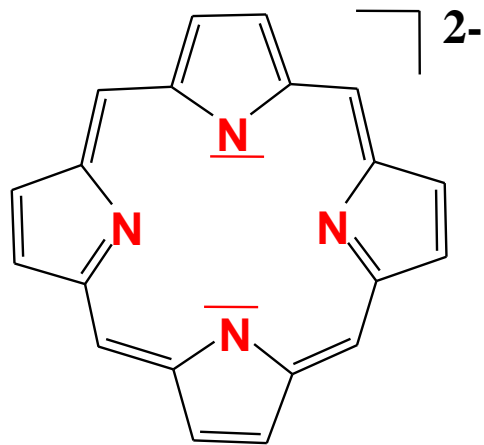
**terpy**  
**2,2',2''-Terpyridine**



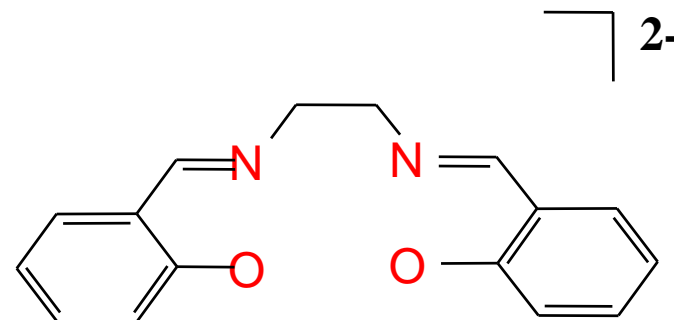
**Diimin-Pyridine**

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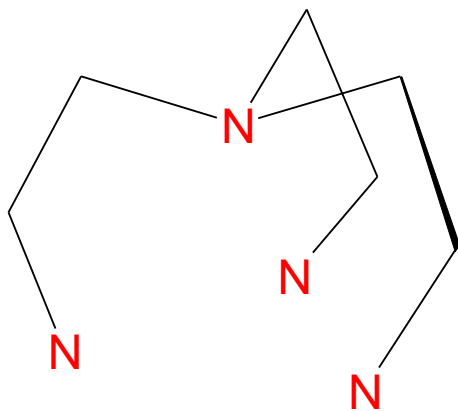
## Tetradentate Ligands



por  
**Porphyrine**



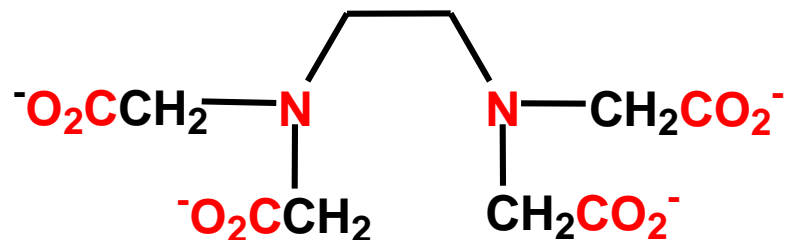
salen  
**Bis(salicylidene)ethylenediamine**



tren  
**Triethylenetetramine**

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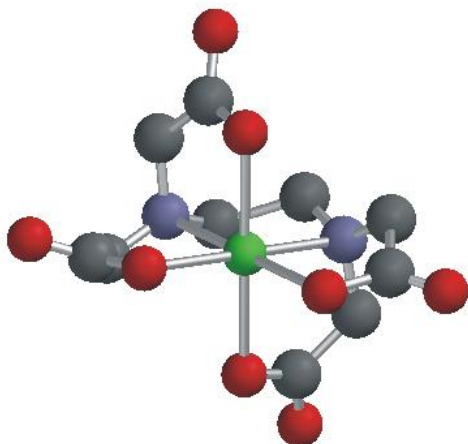
## Hexadentate Ligands



EDTA

Ethylenediaminetetraacetate

is an extraordinary good complexing agent



### Oral EDTA-Chelation Therapy

This site provides research, articles, and products related to Oral EDTA Chelation therapy; an alternative to conventional treatments for cleansing your arteries and veins of plaque.



### What is EDTA Chelation?

EDTA chelation is a therapy by which repeated administrations of a weak synthetic amino acid (EDTA, ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid) gradually reduce atherosclerotic plaque and other mineral deposits throughout the cardiovascular system by literally dissolving them away.

EDTA, ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid, chelation has frequently been compared to a "Roto-Rooter®"; in the cardiovascular system, because it removes plaque and returns the arterial system to a smooth, healthy, pre-atherosclerotic state. A better metaphor might be "Liquid-Plumr®," because, where Roto-Rooter violently scrapes deposits off the interior surfaces of your plumbing with a rapidly rotating blade, Liquid-Plumr simply dissolves them away.



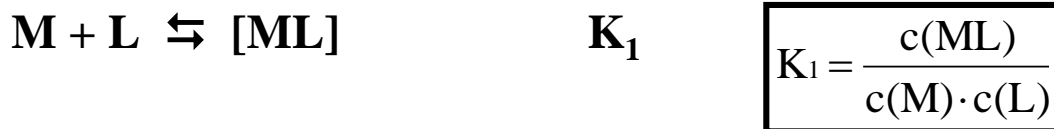
# 7. Stability of Complexes

## Definition of Complex Stability

Complex equilibria in solution (cleavage of ligands)

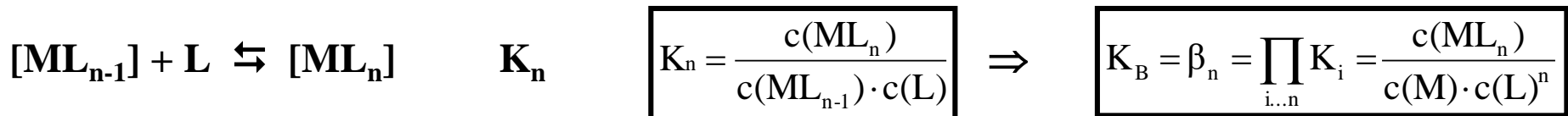


Normally, the formation of a complex proceeds step by step



and so on

total constant of formation =  $K_B = \beta_n$



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## Complex Stability Using $[\text{Cd}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$ as a Example

Stepwise formation of the complex from  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  and  $\text{CN}^-$



⇒ Often, the more ligands already bound to the metal centre, the lower the complex formation constant  $K_n$  gets!

### Explanations for this behaviour

- Sterical hindrance
- Coulomb-effect hinders the addition of more charged ligands, such as  $\text{CN}^-$
- Decrease in entropy, because the systems becomes more ordered, i.e.  $\Delta S_r^0 < 0$

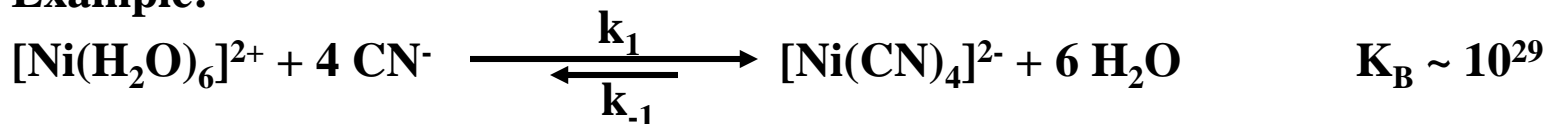
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## Thermodynamic and Kinetic Complex Stability

**Thermodynamic Stability** is expressed by the complex formation constant  $K_B$  and  $\beta$ , respectively. The higher this constant, the more stable the complex (**unstable – stable**)

Free reaction enthalpy  $\Delta G_r^0 = -RT \cdot \ln K_B$

Example:



The equilibrium is shifted almost completely on the right side, meaning the complex is thermodynamically stable. But still, the ligand exchange proceeds very fast, which means that the kinetic stability is poor (**labile – inert**)

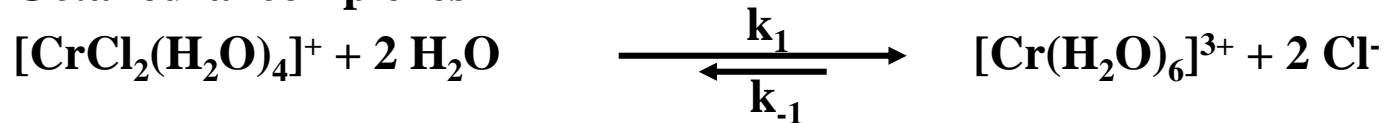
Free activation enthalpy  $\Delta G_r^\ddagger$



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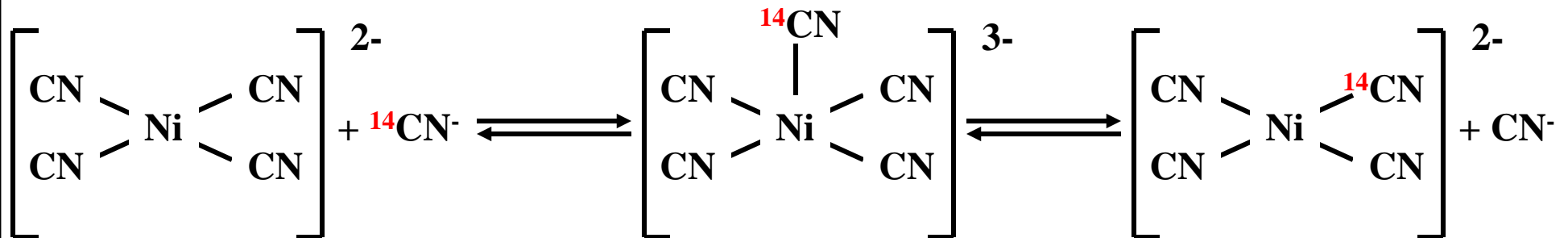
**The Kinetic Complex Stability or the Reactivity of a Complex Is Determined by the Structure of the Complex and the Possible Reaction Pathway**

Octahedral complexes



⇒ Very slow ligand exchange, although the hexa aquachrom(III) complex is more stable

Square-planar complexes



⇒ Very fast ligand exchange, although there is no thermodynamic reason for it

# 7. Stability of Complexes

## Dependence of Stability Constants of Metal Complexes

### 1. Central Atom



⇒ Correlates with decreasing ionic radius of the cation or increasing ionic charge density, respectively

### 2. Ligands

- Chelating effect, macro cyclic effect
- Polarizability (hard - soft)

### Hard and Soft Acids and Bases HSAB Concept (R.G. Pearson 1963)

- Metal atoms = acids (electron acceptors)
- Ligands = bases (electron donators)
- High stability:                      soft metal atoms – soft ligands  
  hard metal atoms - hard ligands
- Low stability:                         soft metal atoms - hard ligands  
  hard metal atoms – soft ligands

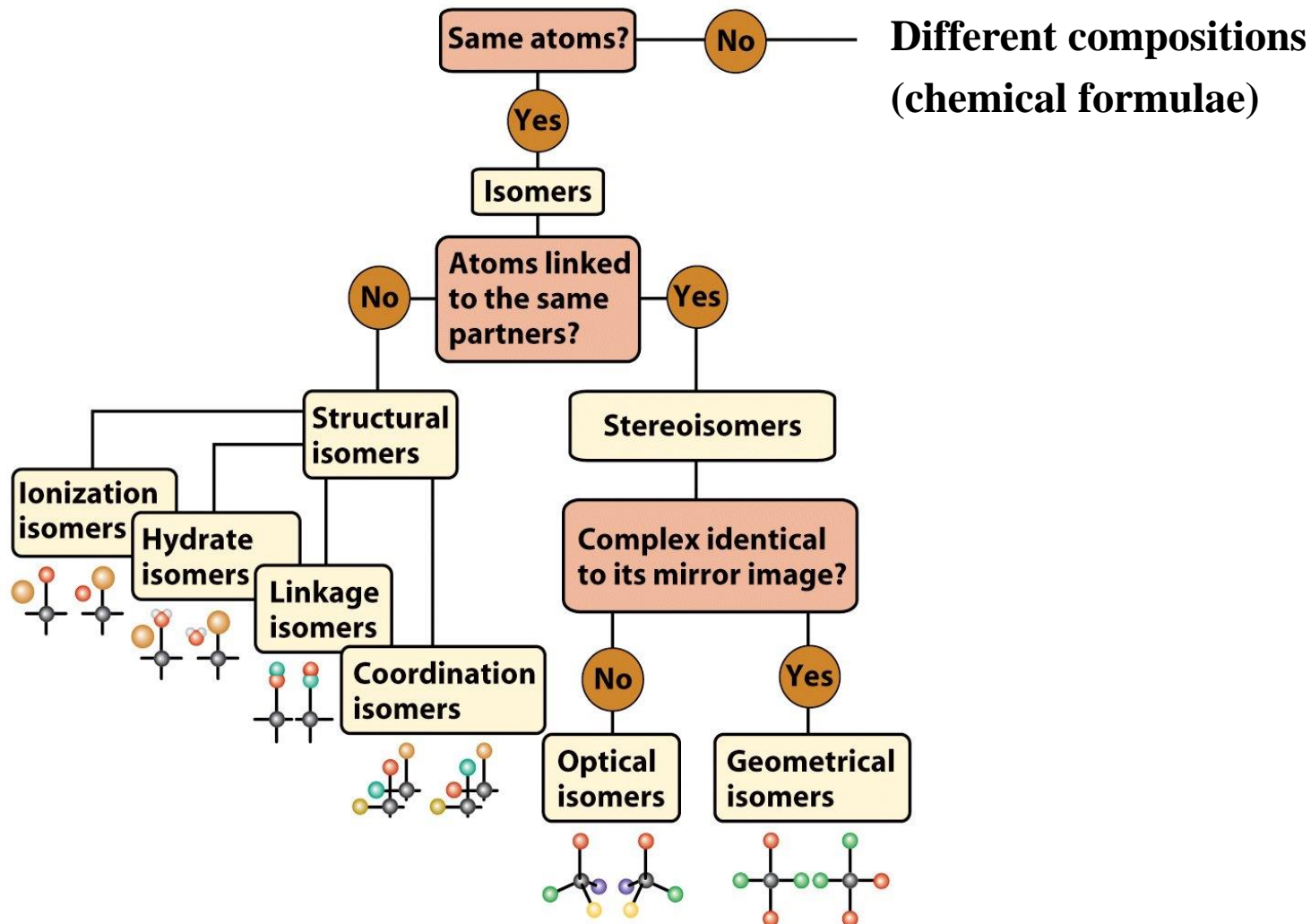
# 7. Stability of Complexes

## HSAB Concept: Classification of Metal Atoms (Acids) and Ligands (Bases)

	Bases	Acids
<b>Hard</b>	<p><math>\text{NH}_3</math>, <math>\text{R-NH}_2</math>, <math>\text{N}_2\text{H}_4</math>, <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}</math>, <math>\text{OH}^-</math>, <math>\text{O}^{2-}</math>,  <math>\text{R-OH}</math>, <math>\text{RO}^-</math>, <math>\text{R}_2\text{O}</math>, <math>\text{CO}_3^{2-}</math>, <math>\text{R-COO}^-</math>,  <math>\text{NO}_3^-</math>, <math>\text{PO}_4^{3-}</math>, <math>\text{SO}_4^{2-}</math>, <math>\text{ClO}_4^-</math>, <math>\text{F}^-</math>, <math>\text{Cl}^-</math></p> <p><i>Electron shell is hard to deform</i></p>	<p><math>\text{H}^+</math>, <math>\text{Li}^+</math>, <math>\text{Na}^+</math>, <math>\text{K}^+</math>, <math>\text{Ba}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Mg}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Ca}^{2+}</math>,  <math>\text{Sr}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Ti}^{4+}</math>, <math>\text{Zr}^{4+}</math>, <math>\text{VO}^{3+}</math>, <math>\text{Cr}^{3+}</math>, <math>\text{Cr}^{6+}</math>,  <math>\text{Mn}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Mn}^{4+}</math>, <math>\text{Mn}^{7+}</math>, <math>\text{Fe}^{3+}</math>, <math>\text{Co}^{3+}</math>, <math>\text{Al}^{3+}</math>,  <math>\text{Ga}^{3+}</math>, <math>\text{In}^{3+}</math></p> <p><i>Strongly polarizing</i></p>
<b>In between</b>	<p><math>\text{N}^{3-}</math>, <math>\text{N}_2</math>, <math>\text{Ph-NH}_2</math>, <math>\text{NO}_2^-</math>, <math>\text{Br}^-</math>  <math>\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}</math>, <math>\text{SO}_3^{2-}</math></p>	<p><math>\text{Fe}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Co}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Ni}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Cu}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Zn}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Rh}^{3+}</math>,  <math>\text{Ir}^{3+}</math>, <math>\text{Ru}^{3+}</math>, <math>\text{Sn}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Pb}^{2+}</math></p>
<b>Soft</b>	<p><math>\text{H}^-</math>, <math>\text{R}^-</math>, <math>\text{CN}^-</math>, <math>\text{CO}</math>, <math>\text{SCN}^-</math>, <math>\text{R}_3\text{P}</math>, <math>\text{R}_2\text{S}</math>, <math>\text{RS}^-</math>,  <math>\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}</math>, <math>\text{I}^-</math></p> <p><i>Electron shell is readily deformed</i></p>	<p><math>\text{Pd}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Pt}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Cu}^+</math>, <math>\text{Ag}^+</math>, <math>\text{Hg}^+</math>, <math>\text{Hg}^{2+}</math>, <math>\text{Tl}^+</math>,  <math>\text{Me}^0</math></p> <p><i>Weakly polarizing</i></p>

# 8. Structures and Isomers

## Differentiation: Compounds vs. Isomers



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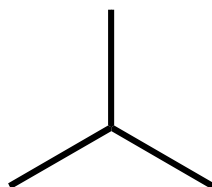
**Isomers Are Compounds with the Same Molecular Formula but Different Spatial Arrangement of the Atoms**

## 1. Structure or Constitutional Isomers

**Connectivity of the atoms differs**



**Butane**



**2-Methylpropane (isobutane)**

## 2. Stereoisomers

**Identical connectivity but different spatial arrangement of the atoms**



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## 1. Constitutional Isomerism

### a) Ionisation isomerism

- Exists in complex salts where ligands and counter ions can interchange positions
- Example:



### b) Hydration isomerism

- Special case of ionisation isomerism whereby  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  can either be a ligand or incorporated as water of crystallization
- Example:



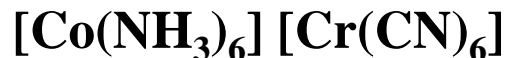
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## 1. Constitutional Isomerism

### c) Coordination isomerism

- In salts where cations and anions consist of complexes, ligands can be interchanged between the cations and the anions

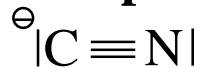
- Example:



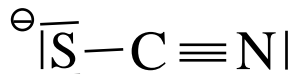
### d) Bond or salt isomerism

- Asymmetrical ligands that possess various linking positions, can be coordinated in multiple ways

- Examples:



bonding via C-atom: cyano, via N-atom: isocyano



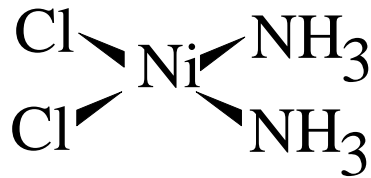
bonding via S-atom: thiocyanato, via N-atom: isothiocyanato

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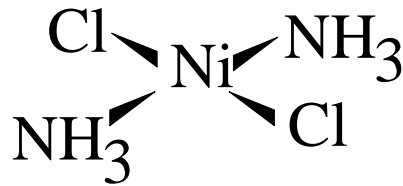
## 2. Stereoisomerism

### a) cis-trans isomerism

- Occurs in square-planar or octahedral complexes which comprise of two different ligands L and L', so that the bonding angle L-Z-L can be  $90^\circ$  (cis) or  $180^\circ$  (trans)
- Square-planar complexes

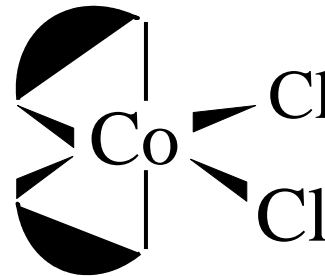


cis

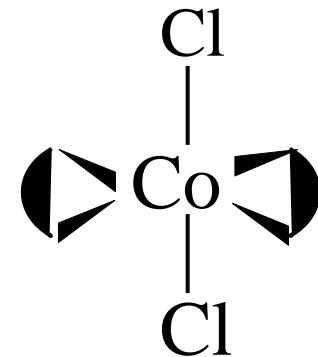


trans

### Octahedral complexes



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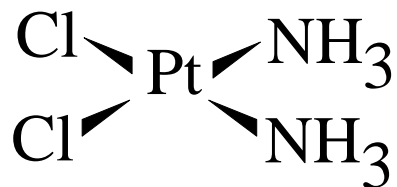


trans

# Excursion: cis-Platinum

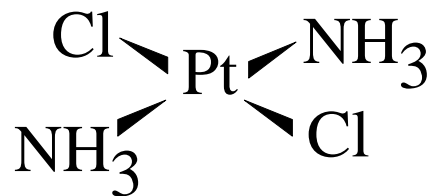
## The Metal Complex cis-Platinum Is Cancerostatic

cis-diamminedichloroplatinum(II) (Peyrone's salt)



orange yellow

0.252 g/100 ml H<sub>2</sub>O



bright yellow

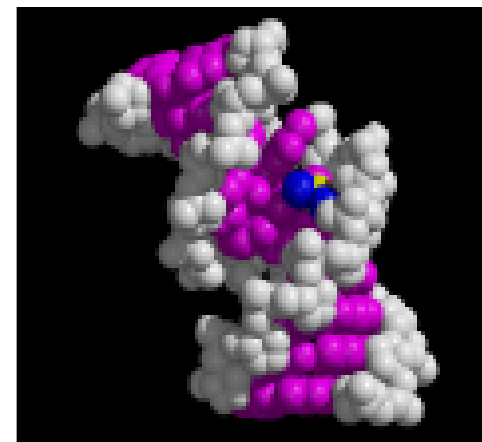
0.037 g/100 ml H<sub>2</sub>O



The square-planar cis-platinum disrupts the DNA structure of cancerous cells which leads to apoptosis of those cells

⇒ Chemotherapeutic for bronchial carcinoma  
and tumours within the genitourinary system

⇒ 95% success rate

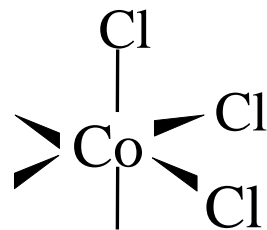


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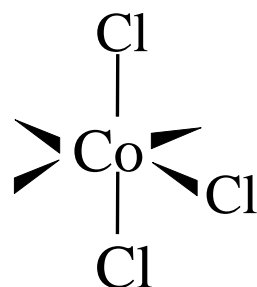
## 2. Stereoisomerism

### b) fac-mer Isomerism

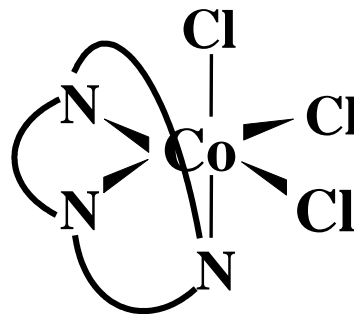
- If a octahedral complex consists of three identical ligands, two of them can be arranged in two different ways



fac(ial)



mer(idional)



Macroclic, tridentate ligands enforce a facial arrangement, e.g. 1,4,7-triazacyclononane

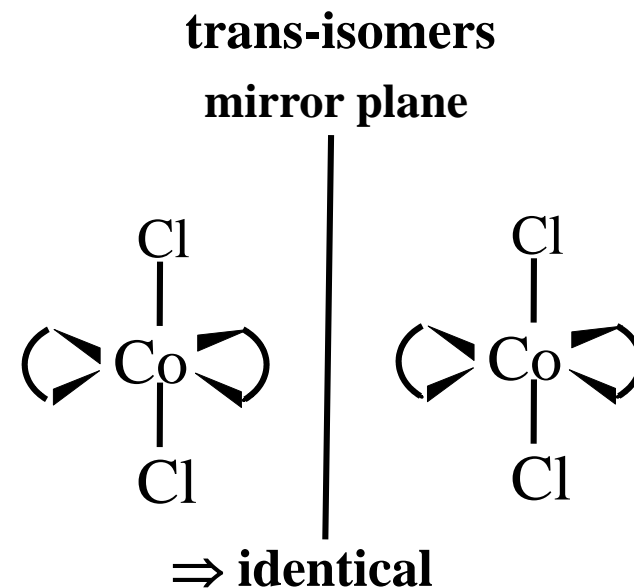
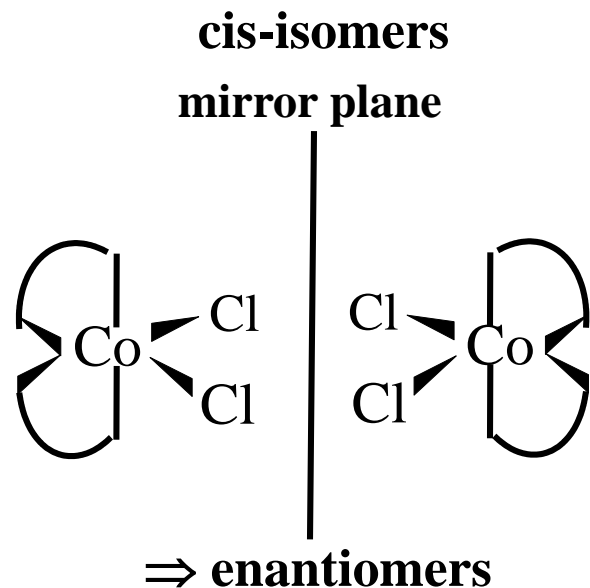
### c) Optical isomerism

- Molecules or complexes which image and mirror image can not be superimposed, are called chiral
- The two isomers of chiral molecules are called enantiomers

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## 2. Stereoisomerism

c) Optical isomerism explained, using the example of octahedral cobalt complexes



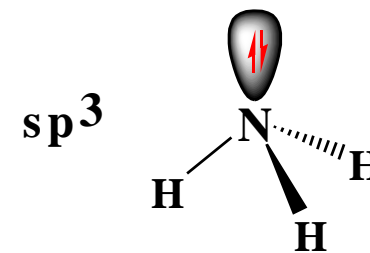
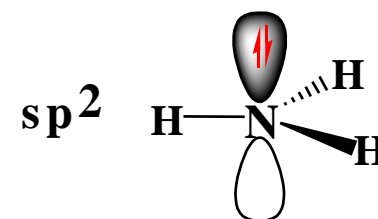
**If a molecule exhibits inversion or mirror symmetry, it can not be chiral!**

# 8. Structures and Isomers

## Structures in Main Group Chemistry

Predictions by **V**alence **S**hell **E**lectron **P**air **R**epulsion (**VSEPR**) model!

<u>Coordination number</u>	<u>Polyhedron</u>
2	linear arrangement
3	equilateral triangle
4	tetrahedron
5	trigonal bipyramidal
6	octahedron
7	pentagonal bipyramidal
8	dodecahedron, hexahedron
9	triply capped prism
10	doubly trigonal-bipyramidal
12	Icosahedron

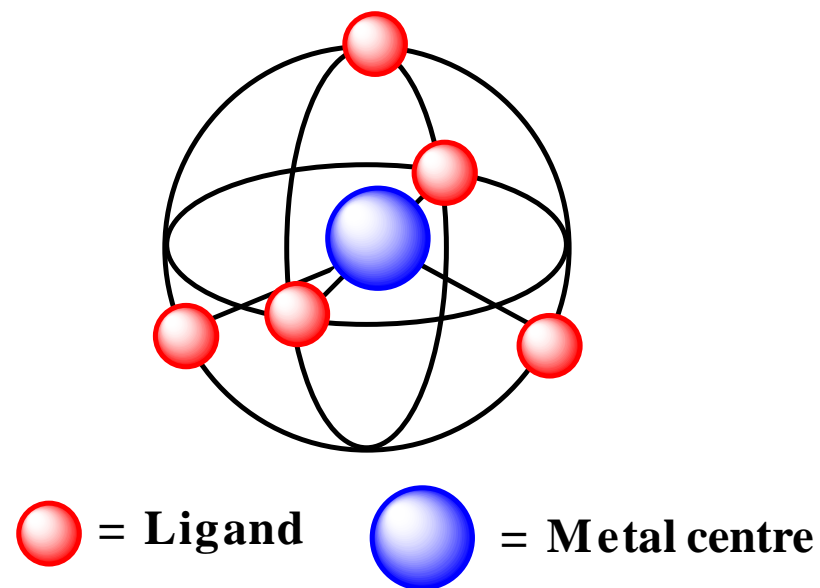


**Free electron pairs show greater spatial demand than bonding electron pairs**

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## Method of Kepert et al.

- ⇒ The inter-ligand interaction is repulsive
- ⇒ The ligands are arranged on a sphere in such a way that repulsion between them is minimised



(David L. Kepert, *Inorganic Stereochemistry*, Springer, Berlin 1982)



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## Geometry of Complexes

### Coordination number (CN)

- **Number of bound ligand to the metal center**
- **Between 2 and 12**
- **Dependent on**
  - **Size of the central atom**
  - **Sterical interaction between ligands**
  - **Electronic interaction between ligands and metal center**

### Coordination polyhedra

- **Geometrical structure formed by the ligands around the metal center**
- **Symmetry is determined by sterical and electronical demands**

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## Geometry of Complexes

### Coordination number 2

- Only with bulky ligands or elements from group 11 (IB) and 12 (IIB)
- Preferably for metals with  $d^{10}$ -configuration
- Structure: linear or almost linear
- Examples:



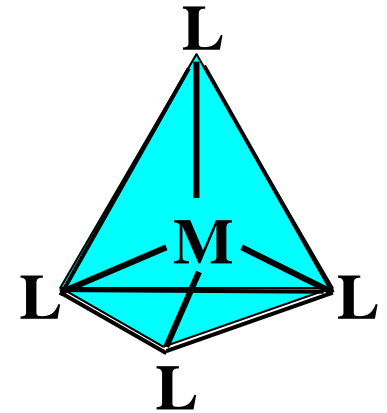
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## Geometry of Complexes

### Coordination number 4 (common)

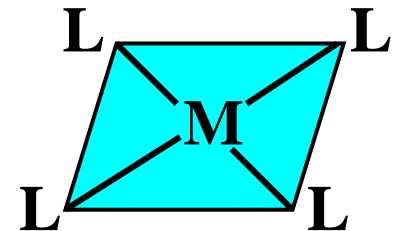
1. Tetrahedral coordination preferably for metals with  $d^7$ - or  $d^{10}$ -configuration

Examples:  $[\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4]^-$ ,  $[\text{Cd}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$ ,  $[\text{BF}_4]^-$



2. Square-planar coordination preferably for metals with  $d^8$ -configuration

Example:  $[\text{PtCl}_4]^{2-}$ ,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{dimethylglyoxim})_2]$ ,  $[\text{AuF}_4]^-$



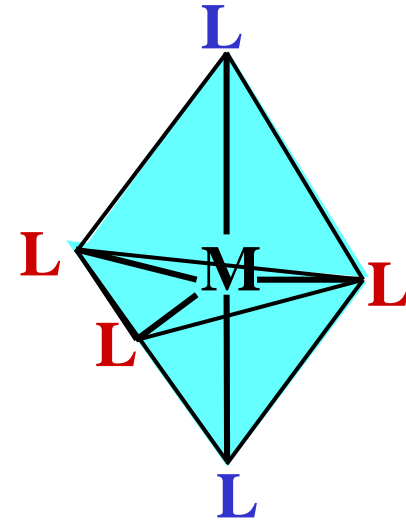
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## Geometry of Complexes

### Coordination number 5 (rare)

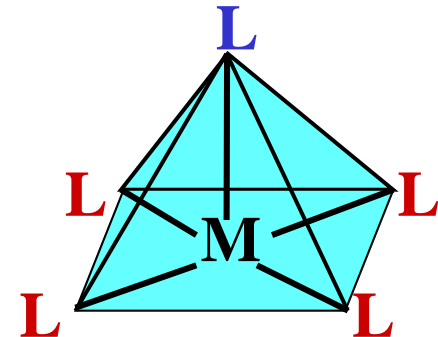
1. Trigonal-bipyramidal coordination,  
**equatorial** and **axial (apical)** positions

Examples:  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ ,  $[\text{SnCl}_5]^-$



2. Square-pyramidal coordination  
preferably for highly asymmetrical  
ligand sphere, e.g. oxo-ligands

Examples:  $[\text{VO}(\text{acetylacetonate})_2]$



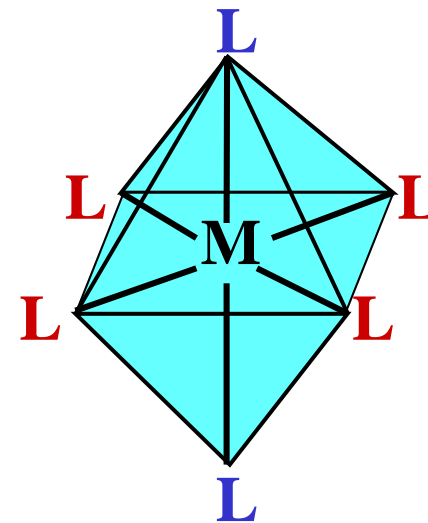
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## Geometry of Complexes

### Coordination number 6 (most common)

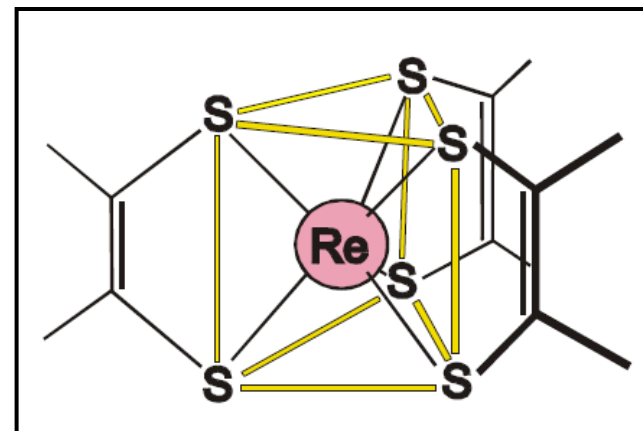
1. Octahedral coordination,  
**equatorial** and **axial (apical)** positions

Examples:  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ ,  $[\text{Al}(\text{OH}_2)_6]^{3+}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$



2. Trigonal-prismatic coordination,  
can be caused by sterical demand of  
the ligand sphere

Examples:  $[\text{Re}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_2\text{Ph})_3]$ ,  $[\text{W}(\text{CH}_3)_6]$



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## Geometry of Complexes

### Coordination number 7

1. Pentagonal-bipyramidal coordination  
**equatorial** and **axial (apical)** positions

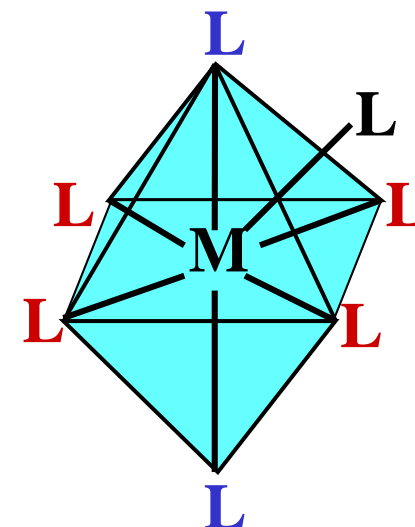
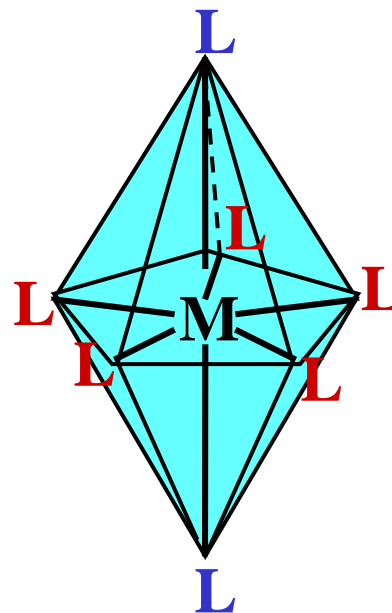
Examples:  $\text{IF}_7$ ,  $[\text{UO}_2\text{F}_5]^{3-}$ ,  $[\text{HfF}_7]^{3-}$

2. Capped trigonal-prismatic coordination

Examples:  $[\text{TaF}_7]^{3-}$

3. Capped octahedral coordination

Examples:  $[\text{IF}_6]^-$ ,  $[\text{NbOF}_6]^{3-}$



# 8. Structures and Isomers

## Geometry of Complexes

### Coordination number 8

1. Cubic coordination (rare)

Examples:  $[\text{UF}_8]^{3-}$

2. Hexagonal-bipyramidal coordination

Examples:  $[\text{UO}_2(\text{acetylacetonate})_3]$

3. Squared-antiprismatic coordination

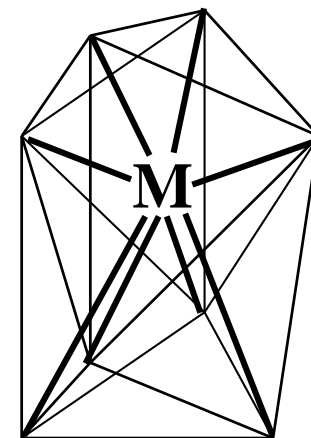
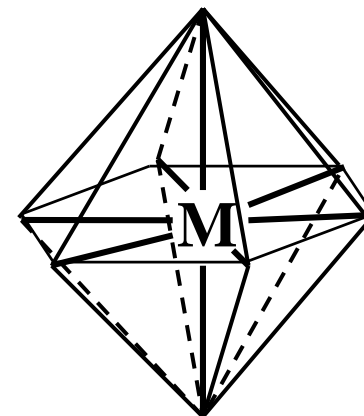
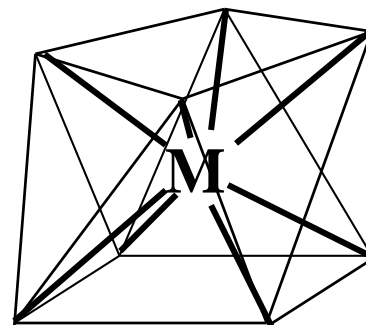
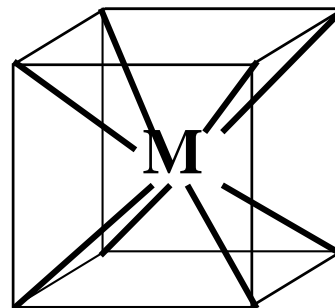
Examples:  $[\text{TaF}_8]^{3-}$ ,  $[\text{ReF}_8]^{3-}$

4. Dodecahedral coordination

Examples:  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8]^{4-}$ ,  $[\text{W}(\text{CN})_8]^{4-}$

The difference in energy between the configurations becomes smaller with increasing coordination number

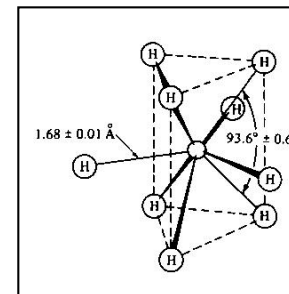
⇒ Fluctuations between different configurations



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## Geometry of Complexes

CN	Structure type	Examples
2	linear	$[\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2]^-$
3	trigonal-planar, trig.-aplanar (trig.-pyramidal)	$[\text{HgI}_3]^-$
4	tetrahedral, square-planar	$[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$ , $[\text{PtCl}_4]^{2-}$
5	trigonal-bipyramidal, square-pyramidal	$[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5]^0$
6	octahedral, trigonal-prismatic	$[\text{Fe}(\text{OH}_2)_6]^{2+}$
7	pentagonal-bipyramidal, capped trigonal-prismatic, capped octahedral	
8	cubic, hexagonal-bipyramidal, dodecahedral, squared-antiprismatic	
9	triply capped prismatic	$[\text{Ln}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_9]^{3+}$ , $[\text{ReH}_9]^{2-}$
10	doubly trigonal-bipyramidal	$(\text{PPh}_3\text{Et})_2[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_2)_5]$
12	icosahedral	$(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_2)_6]$





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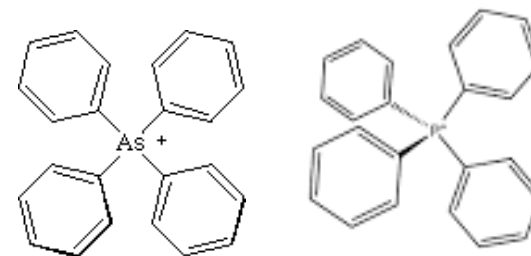
## Geometry of Complexes

### Realisation of low coordination numbers

- Metals in low oxidation states ( $\pi$ -backbonding) or small metal cations in high oxidation states
- Ligands with  $\pi$ -backbonding: Carbonyles,  $O^{2-}$ ,  $N^{3-}$
- Soft donor atoms (N, C, P, S)
- Large ligands
- Counter ions with low basicity, e.g.  $CF_3SO_3^-$ ,  $BF_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$

### Realisation of high coordination numbers

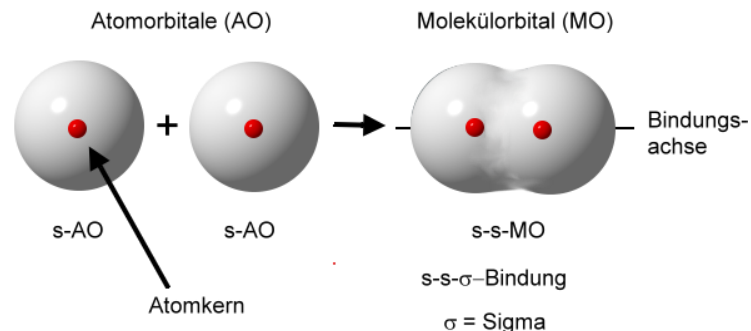
- Metals in intermediate oxidation states
- Hard donor atoms (F, O, N, ...)
- Small ligands
- Large non-acidic cations, e.g.  $[P(Ph_4)]^+$  or  $[As(Ph_4)]^+$



# 9. Concepts of Bonding

## Chemical Bonding in Complexes Can Be Described by Three Different Theories

- Valence Bond (VB) theory
- Crystal Field or Ligand Field theory
- Molecular Orbital (MO) theory



Valence (VB) Bond theory (Heitler and London 1927, Zeitschrift für Physik 44 (1927) 455)

### Explanation of

- geometry (most of the time)
- magnetic properties
- but not colour of transition metal complexes!

In detail, the VB-model demands the following:

Covalent bonds are formed by the overlap of empty metal orbitals (acids) with occupied donor orbitals (bases), i.e. the ligands must possess one free pair of electrons.



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## The 18-VE-Rule

### Typical examples



**18 VE**



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**18 VE**

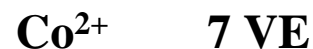
### Examples that violate the rule



**15 VE**



**20 VE**



**15 VE**

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## The 18-VE-Rule

Metal organic compounds obey the 18-VE-rule in most cases!



Cr      6 VE

6 CO    12 VE  
          **18 VE**



Fe      8 VE

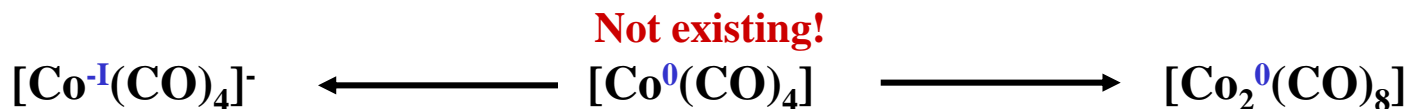
5 CO    10 VE  
          **18 VE**



Ni      10 VE

4 CO    8 VE  
          **18 VE**

If the metal possess a odd number of electrons, dimers are formed readily or the complex can be reduced easily



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## The 18-VE-Rule

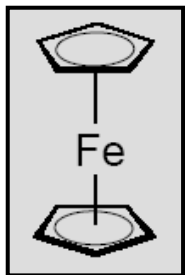
The carbonyl ligand (CO) is, as many others (CN<sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>3</sub>, OH<sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O, olefins, ...), too,  
A typical 2-electron donator

But a ligand can also donate more electrons:

Butadiene 4 → Ligand for polymerisation via Ziegler-Natta catalyst

Cyclopentadienyl radical 5

Benzene (benzol) 6



Fe 8 VE

2 C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>· 10 VE

**18 VE**



Mn<sup>+</sup> 6 VE

5 CO 10 VE

1 C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> 2 VE

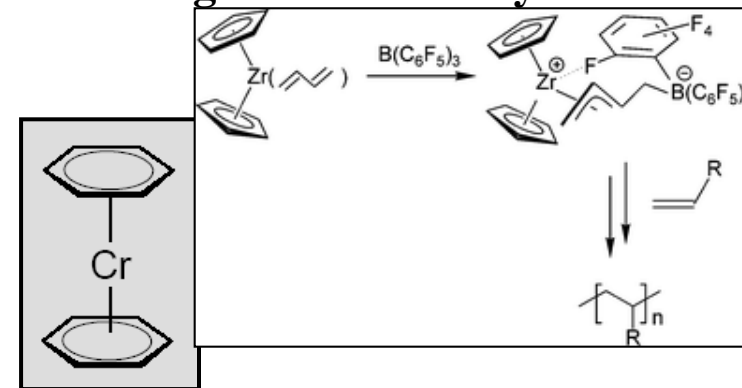
**18 VE**



Cr 6 VE

2 C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> 12 VE

**18 VE**

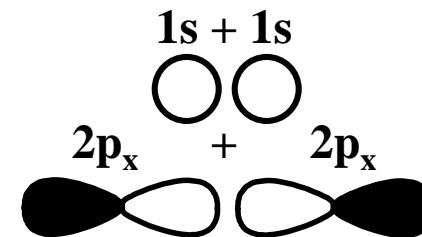


# 9. Concepts of Bonding

## Valence Bond (VB) Theory („revisited“)

### Assumptions

1. Interaction of atoms if they approach each other
2. Localised bonds due to overlap of suitable atom orbitals
3. Formation of molecule orbitals (mathematics: Linear Combination of Atomic Orbitals LCAOs)
4. Occupation of MOs by an electron pair, whereby the spin of both electrons must be antiparallel to each other ( $\rightarrow$  Pauli principle)
5. Enhancement of electron density between nuclei causes attraction for the positively charged cores and the negative electron cloud
6. Bonding occurs if the overlapping atom orbitals exhibit suitable symmetry ( $\rightarrow$   $+/+$  or  $-/-$ )
7. Structure of formed molecules is governed by the geometry of the formed molecule orbitals



Experimentally determined molecule geometry is not always in line with the presence of pure s-, p- and d-atom orbitals  $\Rightarrow$  Hybridisation (model)

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## Valence Bond (VB) Theory

L. Pauling + J.C. Slater further developed the theory

⇒ The spatial arrangement of the ligands is explained by the hybridisation of the orbitals, located at the central atom:

<u>Hybridisation</u>	<u>preferred coordination geometry</u>
sp	linear
sp <sup>2</sup>	trigonal-planar
sp <sup>2</sup> d	squared-planar
sp <sup>3</sup>	tetrahedral
sp <sup>3</sup> d	trigonal-bipyramidal
sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>2</sup>	octahedral
sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>3</sup>	pentagonal-bipyramidal
sp <sup>3</sup> d <sup>4</sup>	cubic

## LCAOs for sp<sup>3</sup>-Hybridisation

$$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\psi_s + \psi_{p_x} + \psi_{p_y} + \psi_{p_z})$$

$$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\psi_s + \psi_{p_x} - \psi_{p_y} - \psi_{p_z})$$

$$\psi_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\psi_s - \psi_{p_x} + \psi_{p_y} - \psi_{p_z})$$

$$\psi_4 = \frac{1}{2}(\psi_s - \psi_{p_x} - \psi_{p_y} + \psi_{p_z})$$

- Hybridisation is a mathematical tool and not the description of a physical reality!
- Solely atom orbitals with similar energy form hybrid orbitals



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## Valence Bond (VB) Theory

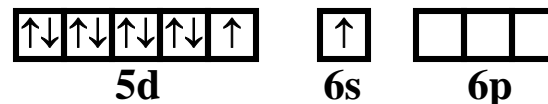


Formally, the formation of a complex can be described by the following steps

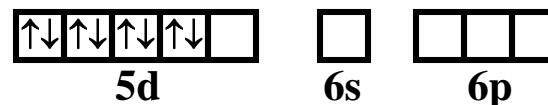
Course of action

Example: tetrachloroplatinate(II)  $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$

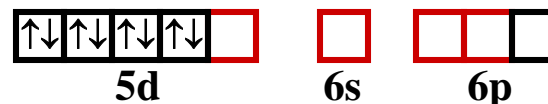
1. Electronic configuration of the metal atom?



2. Formation of the corresponding metal cation by ionisation



3. **Hybridisation** of free metal orbitals



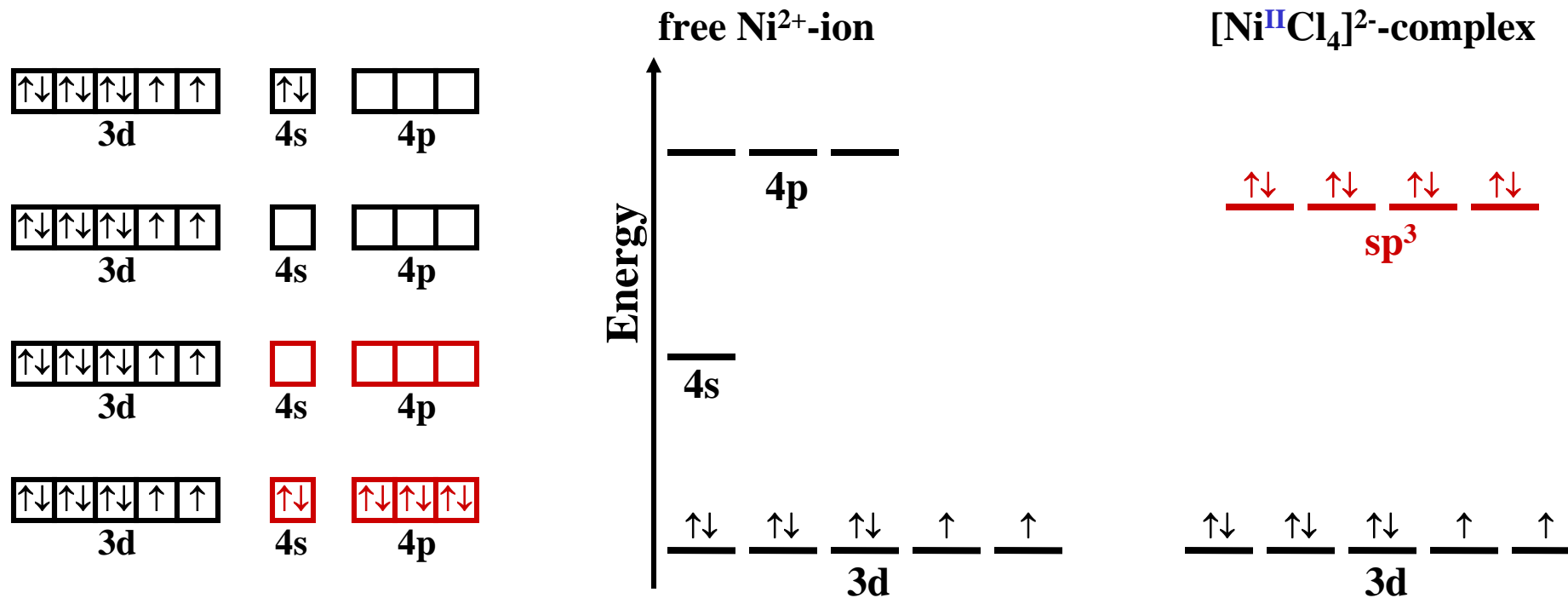
4. Formation of covalent  $\sigma$ -bonds by the overlap of empty metal hybrid orbitals with occupied ligand orbitals (free electron pairs)



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## Valence Bond (VB) Theory

Further example: Tetrachloronickelate(II)  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}_4]^{2-}$



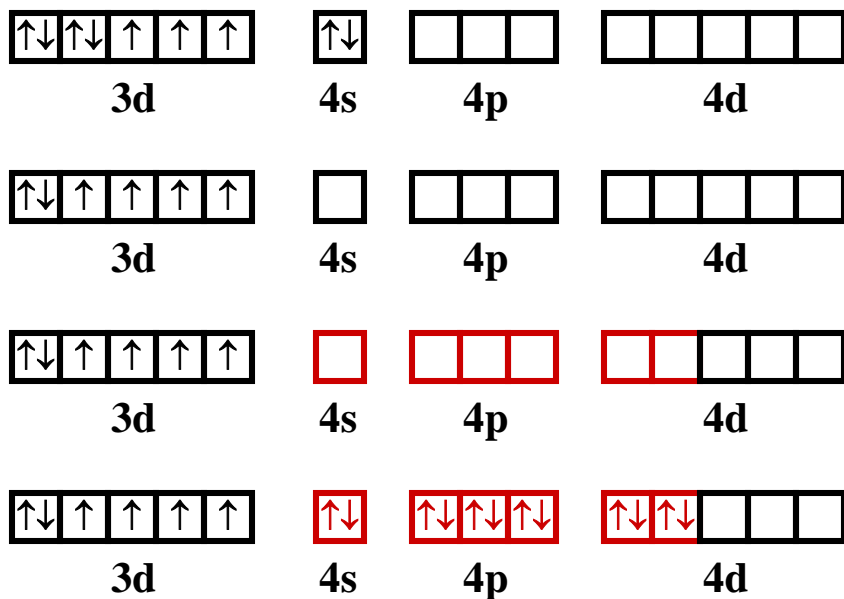
$sp^3$ -hybrid, tetrahedral, paramagnetic (two unpaired electrons:  $\mu_{\text{calc.}} = 2.83 \mu_{\text{B}}$ )

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## Valence Bond (VB) Theory

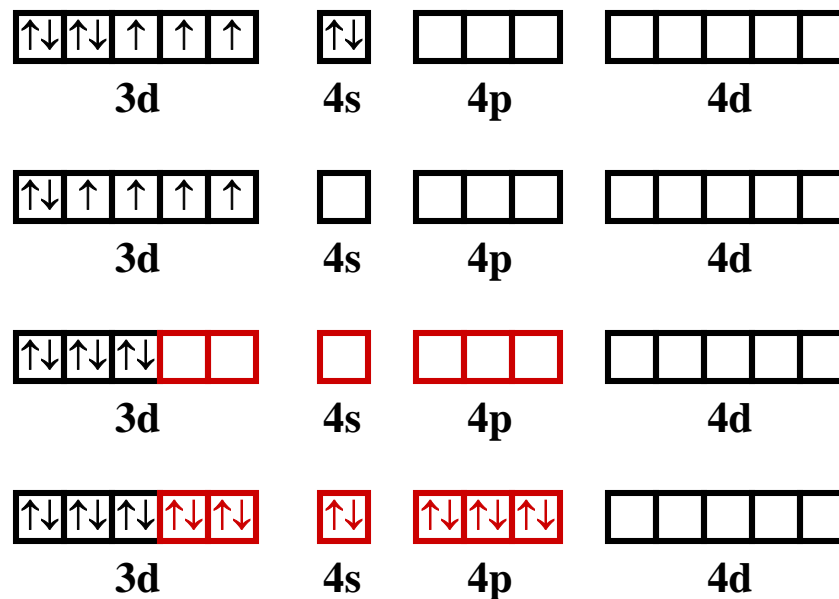
### High and low spin complexes

#### High spin $[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}\text{F}_6]^{3-}$



$sp^3d^2$ -hybrid, octahedral,  
paramagnetic (4 unpaired electrons)  
“magnetically normal“

#### Low spin $[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$



$sp^3d^2$ -hybrid, octahedral,  
diamagnetic (no unpaired electrons)  
“magnetically anomalous“

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## Shortcomings of Valence Bond (VB) Theory

No explanation for:

- Temperature dependence of magnetic moment
- Spectroscopic properties of complexes (colour)
- Properties of excited electronic states

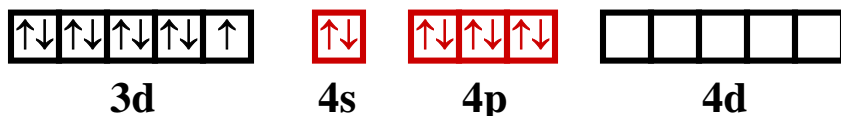
Furthermore, VB theory often falls short predicting the structure of square-planar complexes

Example:  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$  is square-planar, but according to VB theory the complex should exhibit tetrahedral coordination, due to the expected  $sp^3$ -hybridisation

$\text{Cu}^{2+}$ -ion



$[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$



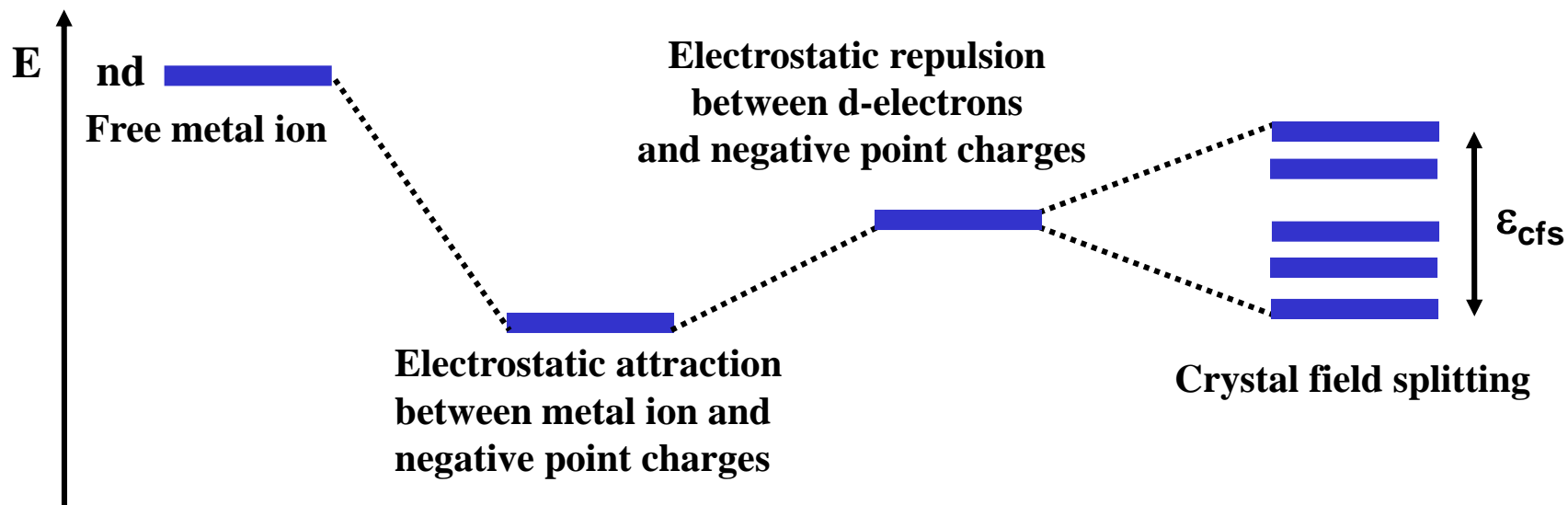
# 9. Concepts of Bonding

## Crystal Field Theory

### Assumptions

- The isolated metal atom possesses **five degenerate d-orbitals**
- The metal atom is situated in a chemical surrounding of electrical point charges
- Between the metal atom and the ligands only electrostatic interactions arise

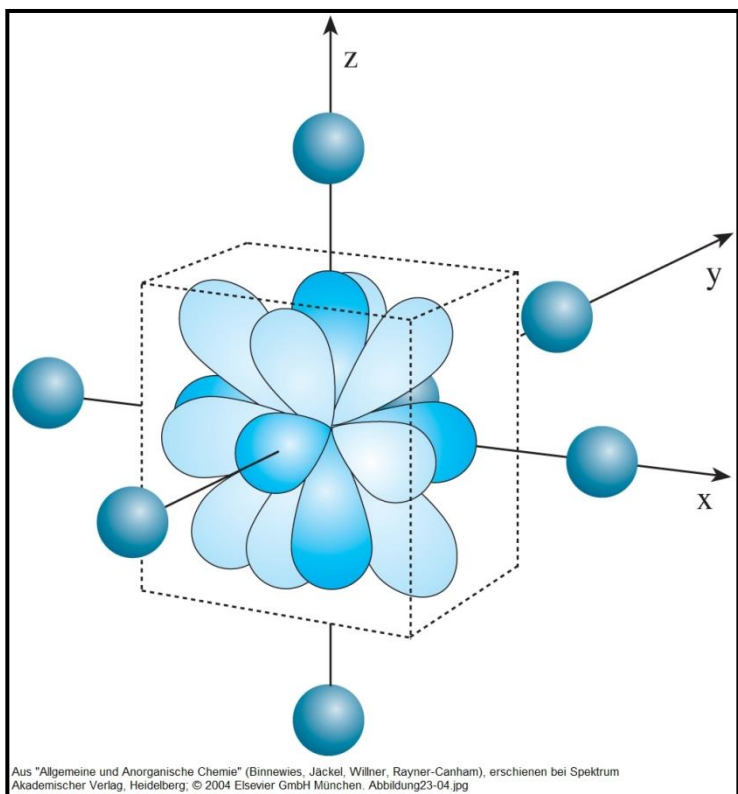
Stepwise formation of a complex according to crystal field theory



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## Crystal Field Theory

### Octahedral crystal field (1 d-electron)



$$Dq = 1/6 \cdot [z \cdot e^2 \cdot \langle r^4 \rangle / 4\pi \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot a^5]$$

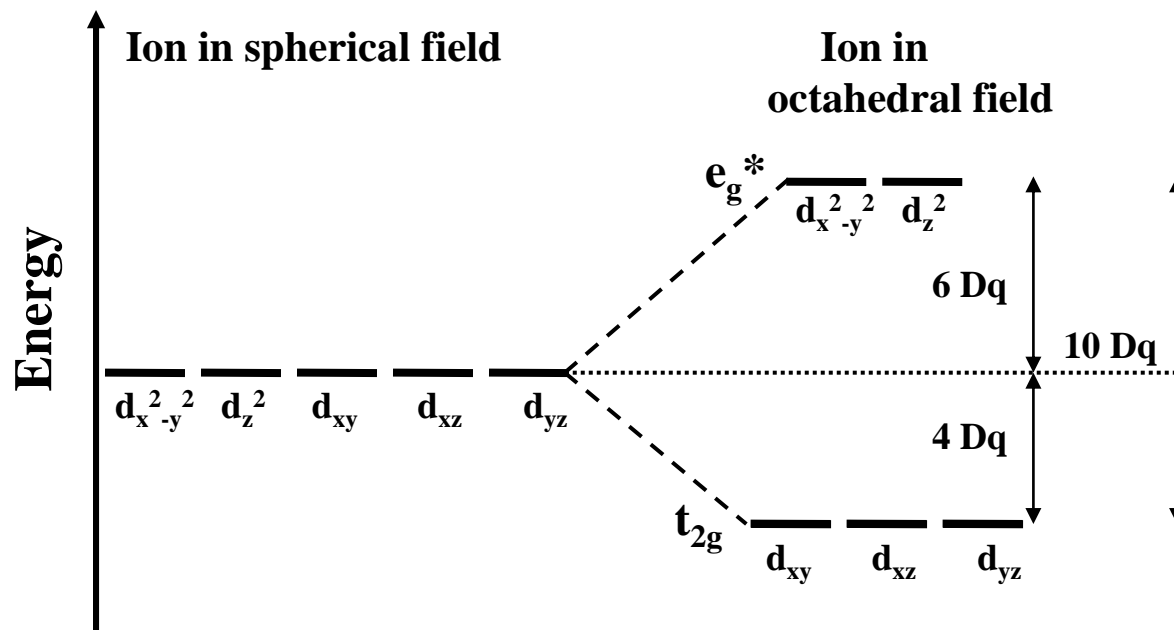
with

$z$  = Formal charge of metal ion

$e$  = Charge of electron =  $1.602 \cdot 10^{-19}$  C

$r$  = Distance d-electron from nucleus

$a$  = Metal ligand distance



The energy gap between the  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g^*$ -orbitals is called – also for historical reasons –  $10 Dq$  or  $\Delta_0$  ( $10 Dq \sim 0.6 - 6.0$  eV  $\sim 5000 - 50000$  cm $^{-1}$   $\sim 200 - 2000$  nm)

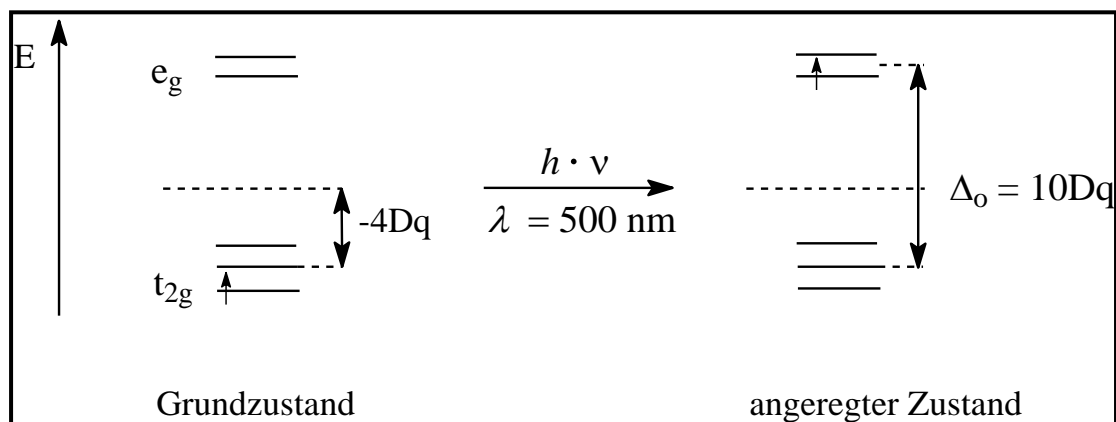
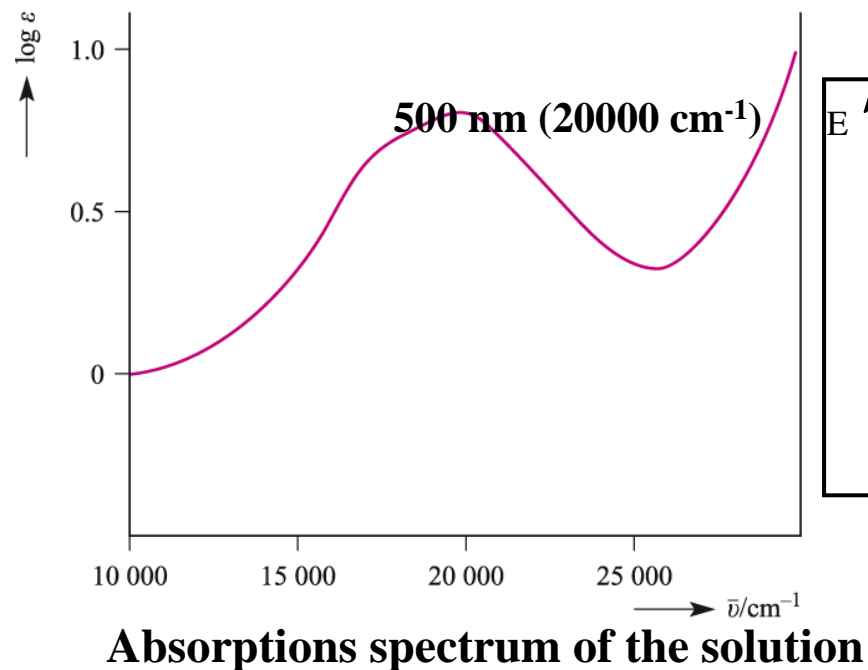
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## Crystal Field Theory

### Octahedral crystal field (1 d-electron)

Example:  $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$        $[\text{Ar}]3d^1$ , octahedral, paramagnetic

The complex is violet in colour, thus absorbing from around 500 nm on



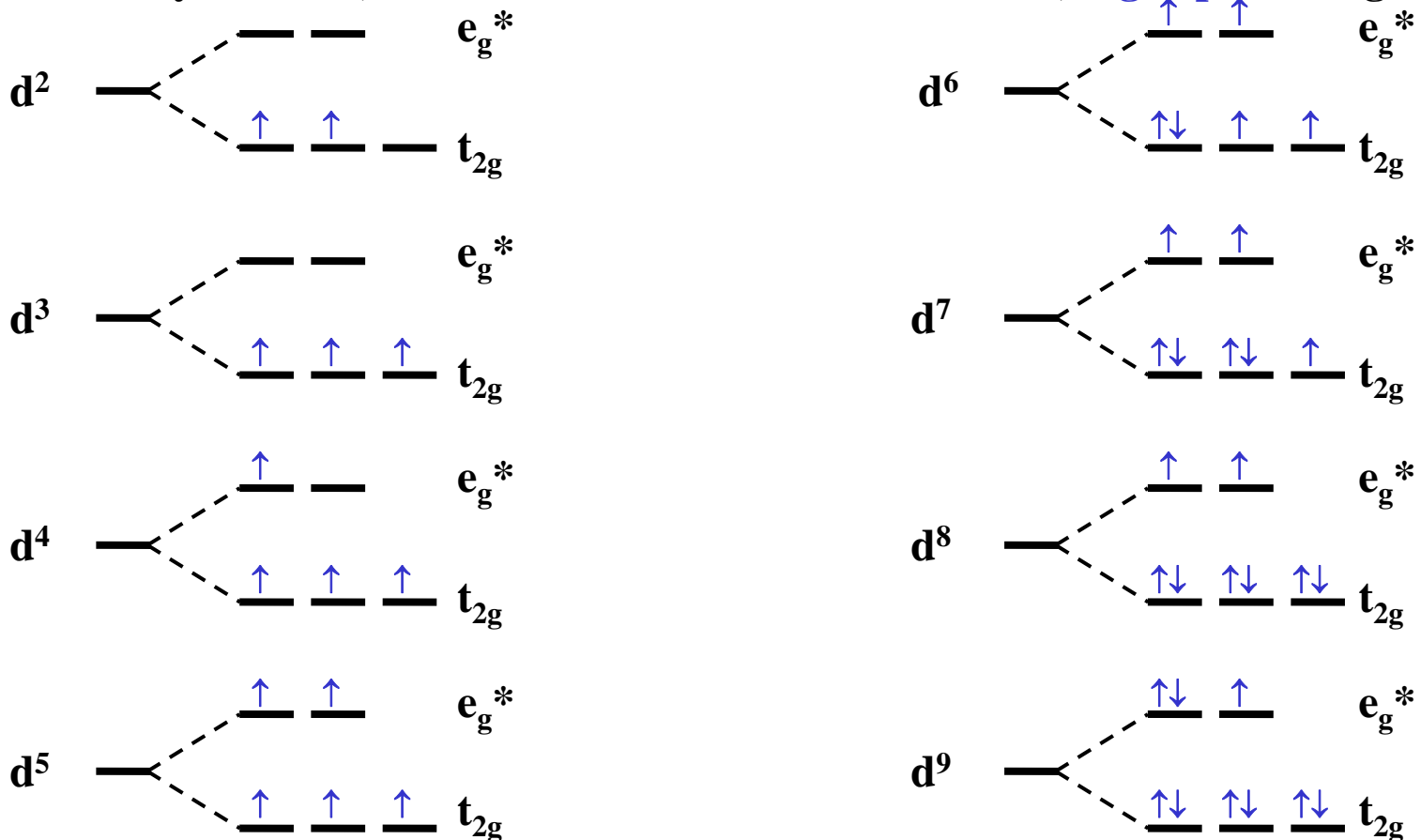
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_o &= h \cdot c / \lambda \\ &= 3.97 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J/photon (x } N_A) \\ &= 239 \text{ kJ/mol photons}\end{aligned}$$

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## Crystal Field Theory

### Octahedral crystal field (n d-electrons)

Weak crystal field, weak electron-electron interactions, **high spin** configuration



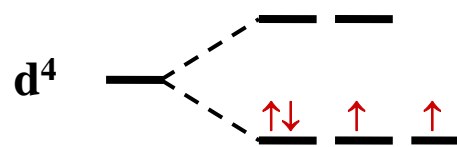
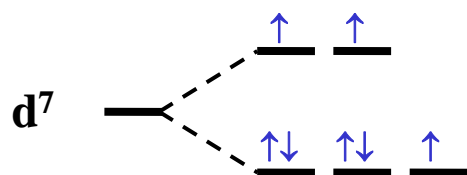
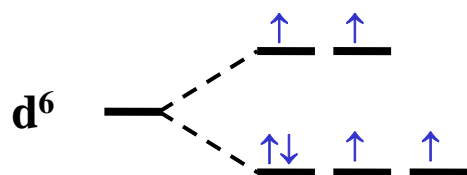
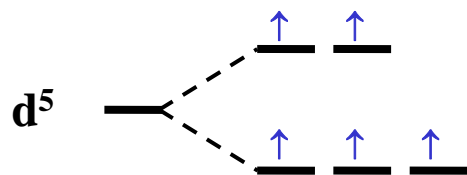
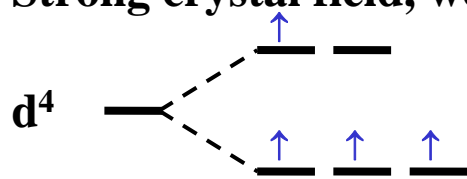


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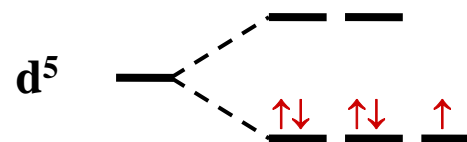
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### Octahedral crystal field (n d-electrons)

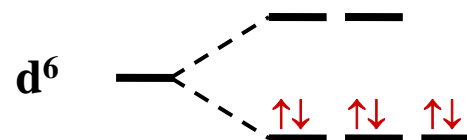
Strong crystal field, weak electron-electron-interactions, **high spin** vs. **low spin**



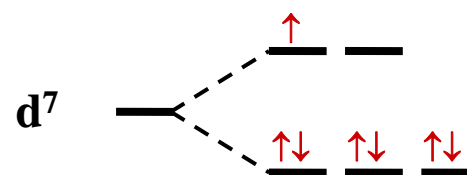
1 x spin pair energy



2 x spin pair energy



2 x spin pair energy



1 x spin pair energy

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## Crystal Field Theory

### Crystal field stabilisation energy CFSE in octahedral crystal field

$$\text{CFSE} = x(-4Dq_0) + y(+6Dq_0) + \text{SPE}$$

SPE = spin pair energy

x = number of electrons in  $t_{2g}$

y = number of electrons in  $e_g^*$

$d^n$	CFSE <b>high spin</b>	CFSE <b>low spin</b>	$\Delta\text{CFSE}$	Examples
0	0 $Dq_0$	-	-	$\text{Sc}^{3+}$ , $\text{Y}^{3+}$ , $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ , $\text{Ti}^{4+}$
1	-4 $Dq_0$	-	-	$\text{Ti}^{3+}$
2	-8 $Dq_0$	-	-	$\text{V}^{3+}$
3	-12 $Dq_0$	-	-	$\text{Cr}^{3+}$ , $\text{Mo}^{3+}$ , $\text{W}^{3+}$
4	-6 $Dq_0$	-16 $Dq_0$ + 1 SPE	-10 $Dq_0$ + 1 SPE	$\text{Mn}^{2+}$
5	0 $Dq_0$	-20 $Dq_0$ + 2 SPE	-20 $Dq_0$ + 2 SPE	$\text{Mn}^{2+}$ , $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , $\text{Ru}^{3+}$
6	-4 $Dq_0$	-24 $Dq_0$ + 2 SPE	-20 $Dq_0$ + 2 SPE	$\text{Co}^{3+}$ , $\text{Ru}^{2+}$ , $\text{Ir}^{3+}$
7	-8 $Dq_0$	-18 $Dq_0$ + 1 SPE	-10 $Dq_0$ + 1 SPE	$\text{Co}^{2+}$
8	-12 $Dq_0$	-	-	$\text{Ni}^{2+}$
9	-6 $Dq_0$	-	-	$\text{Cu}^{2+}$
10	0 $Dq_0$	-	-	$\text{Cu}^+$ , $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

Spin pairing occurs, if  $10 Dq > \text{SPE}$ !

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## Crystal Field Theory

### Crystal field splitting in octahedral crystal field

#### Consequences:

- High spin complexes are less stable than low spin complexes
- Ions with  $d^3$  ( $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mo}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{W}^{3+}$ ) or  $d^6$  ( $\text{Co}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Rh}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ir}^{3+}$ ) low spin configuration form highly inert complexes

#### Dimension of crystal field splitting

- Atomic number of metal atom (position in periodic table)  
With increasing atomic number, the core charge increases, resulting in a strengthened electrostatic field strength
- Trend for 10 Dq:  $3d \xrightarrow{\sim +50\%} 4d \xrightarrow{\sim +25\%} 5d$ 

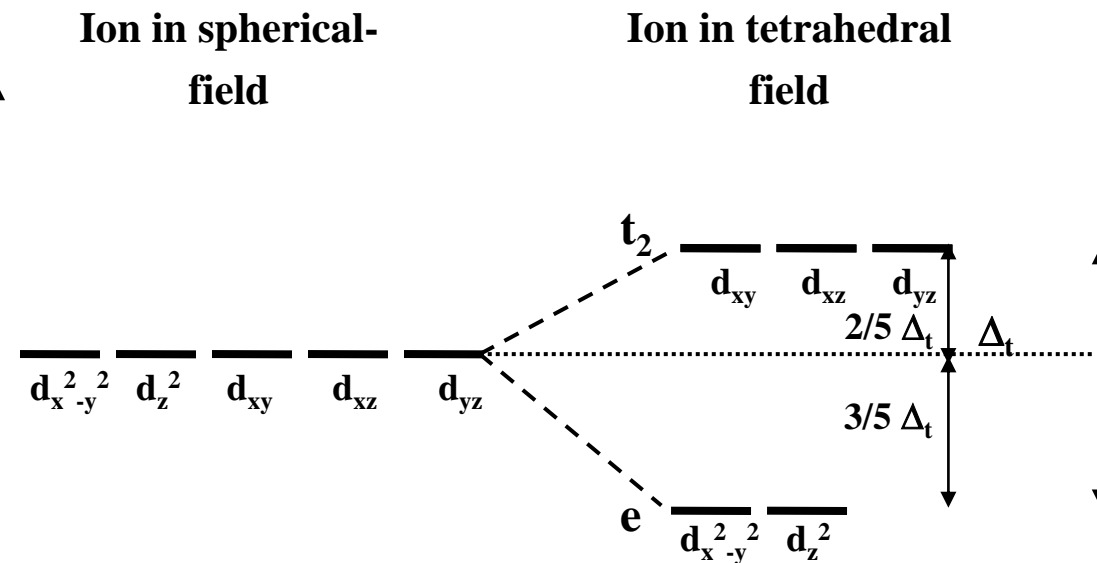
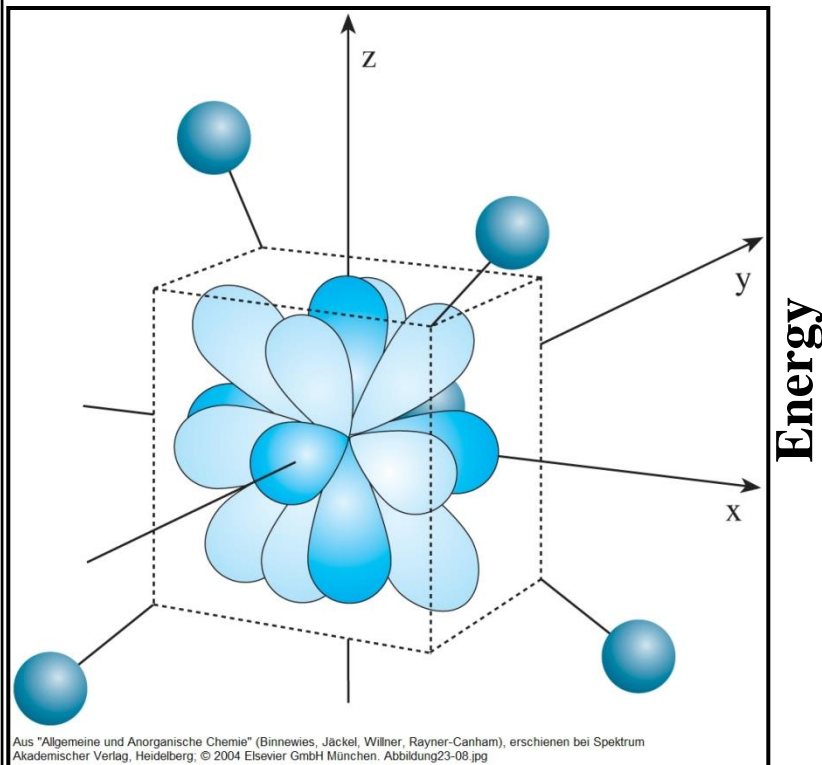
$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ 22870 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$[\text{Rh}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ 34100 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$[\text{Ir}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ 41200 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
$[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$ 23200 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$[\text{Rh}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$ 34600 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	$[\text{Ir}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$ 41400 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- Oxidation states of the metal atom (ionic charge density)  
Trend for 10 Dq:  $M^{2+} < M^{3+} < M^{4+} \dots$

⇒ Metals of the 4d- and 5d-series in high oxidation states form low spin complexes, only

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## Crystal Field Theory

### Tetrahedral crystal field (1 d-electron)



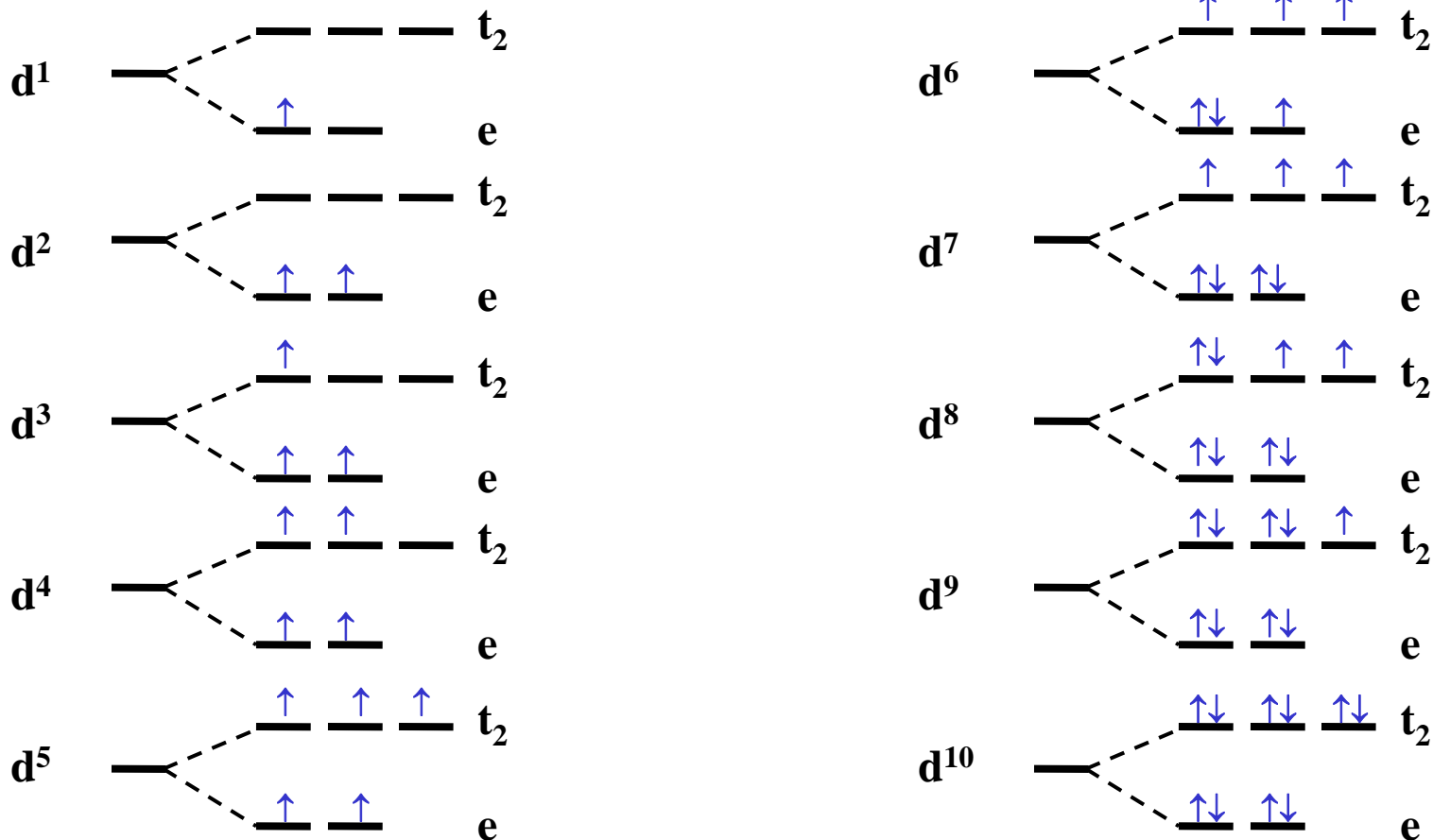
The energy gap between  $t_2$ - and  $e$ -orbitals,  $\Delta_t$ , amounts to only  $4/9$  of  $\Delta_o$ , since there are only four instead of six ligands which are furthermore not aligned along the axes of the d-orbitals

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## Crystal Field Theory

### Tetrahedral crystal field (n d-electrons)

Strong crystal field, weak electron-electron interactions, **high spin** configuration



⇒ Low spin configurations would be possible for  $d^3 - d^6$

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## Crystal Field Theory

Crystal field stabilisation energy in tetrahedral vs. octahedral crystal field

Calculation with  $\Delta_t = 4/9\Delta_o$

*“site preference“*

$d^n$	CFSE( <b>tetrahedral</b> )	CFSE( <b>octahedral</b> )	$\Delta$ KFSE( <b>octah.</b> – <b>tetrah.</b> )
1	-2.67 $Dq_o$	-4 $Dq_o$	-1.33 $Dq_o$
2	-5.33 $Dq_o$	-8 $Dq_o$	-2.67 $Dq_o$
3	-3.55 $Dq_o$	-12 $Dq_o$	-8.45 $Dq_o$
4	-1.78 $Dq_o$	-6 $Dq_o$ (h.s.) -16 $Dq_o$ + 1 SPE (l.s.)	-4.22 $Dq_o$ -14.22 $Dq_o$ + 1 SPE
5	0 $Dq_o$	0 $Dq_o$ (h.s.) -20 $Dq_o$ + 2 SPE (l.s.)	0 $Dq_o$ -20 $Dq_o$ + 2 SPE
6	-2.67 $Dq_o$	-4 $Dq_o$ (h.s.) -24 $Dq_o$ + 2 SPE (l.s.)	-1.33 $Dq_o$ -21.33 $Dq_o$ + 2 SPE
7	-5.33 $Dq_o$	-8 $Dq_o$ (h.s.) -18 $Dq_o$ + 1 SPE (l.s.)	-2.67 $Dq_o$ -12.67 $Dq_o$ + 1 SPE
8	-3.55 $Dq_o$	-12 $Dq_o$	-8.45 $Dq_o$
9	-1.78 $Dq_o$	-6 $Dq_o$	-4.22 $Dq_o$
10	0 $Dq_o$	0 $Dq_o$	0 $Dq_o$

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## Crystal Field Theory

### Crystal field splitting in tetrahedral crystal field

Amounts to only 4/9 of the splitting in a octahedral crystal field!

- Solely high spin complexes
- Ions with a electronic configuration that gives rise to high CFSE, e.g.  $[\text{Ar}]d^3$ -,  $[\text{Ar}]d^5$ (low spin)- or  $[\text{Ar}]d^6$ (low spin)-configuration, prefer – if possible – octahedral coordination  
⇒ ordinary spinel → inverse spinel

Tetrahedral coordination polyhedra are observed for:

- Sterically demanding ligands, such as chloro, bromo and iodo ligands
- Ligands forming multiple bonds to the metal centre, e.g. oxo and nitrido ligands

**Remember:** There is no electronic configuration, where the electronic stabilisation in a tetrahedron is higher than in a octahedron (site preference) ⇒ octahedral geometry favoured

**Exception:**  $d^5$  (high spin) and  $d^{10}$ , since in these cases CFSE for octahedral and tetrahedral geometry equals zero

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## Spinel are Compounds of the Following Composition, $AB_2O_4$

The oxygen anions almost form a cubic close packing (cubic face centred). In the spinel  $MgAl_2O_4$ , 1/8 of all tetrahedral sites are occupied by Mg atoms ( $A^{II}$ ), 1/2 of all octahedral sites are taken up by Al atoms ( $B^{III}$ ) in such a way, that every O atom is coordinated by one Mg and three Al atoms in a distorted tetrahedral fashion

$A^{II} = Mg, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Sn$

$B^{III} = Al, Ga, In, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Rh, Ni$

### Normal spinel structure



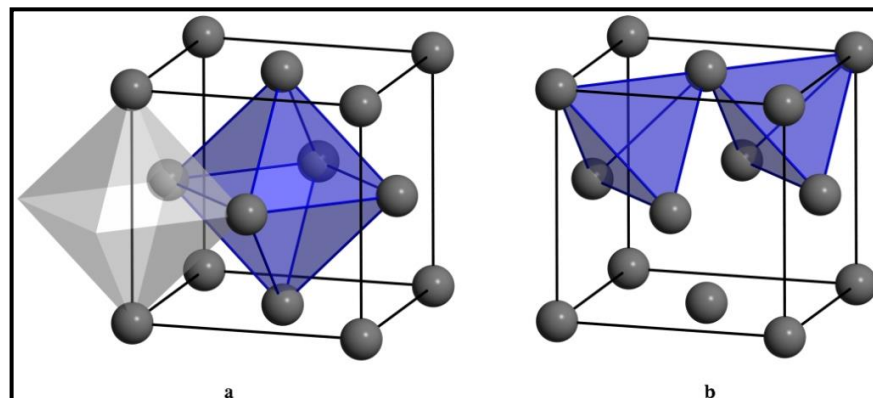
Examples:  $MgAl_2O_4$ ,  $MnMn_2O_4$  ( $Mn_3O_4$ ),  $FeAl_2O_4$   
 $CoCo_2O_4$  ( $Co_3O_4$ )

### Inverse spinel structure



Examples:  $CoFe_2O_4$ ,  $FeFe_2O_4$  ( $Fe_3O_4$ ),  $NiFe_2O_4$

### Octahedral and tetrahedral sites



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## Crystal Field Theory

The site preference determines the distribution of the transition metal cations in spinels

<b>Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>Mn<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>d<sup>5</sup> high spin</b>	<b>no site preference</b>
	<b>Mn<sup>3+</sup></b>	<b>d<sup>4</sup> high spin</b>	<b>site preference = -4.22 Dq</b> <b>⇒ preferably octahedral site [B<sup>III</sup>]<sup>oct.</sup></b>

⇒ normal spinel [Mn<sup>II</sup>]<sup>tetr.</sup>[Mn<sup>III</sup>]<sup>oct.</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>Fe<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>d<sup>6</sup> high spin</b>	<b>site preference = -1.33 Dq</b> <b>⇒ preferably octahedral site [A<sup>II</sup>]<sup>oct.</sup></b>
	<b>Fe<sup>3+</sup></b>	<b>d<sup>5</sup> high spin</b>	<b>no site preference</b>

⇒ Inverse spinel [Fe<sup>III</sup>]<sup>tetr.</sup>[Fe<sup>II</sup>]<sup>oct.</sup>[Fe<sup>III</sup>]<sup>oct.</sup>O<sub>4</sub>, meaning all Fe<sup>2+</sup>-ions occupy octahedral sites and force half of the Fe<sup>3+</sup>-ions onto tetrahedral sites

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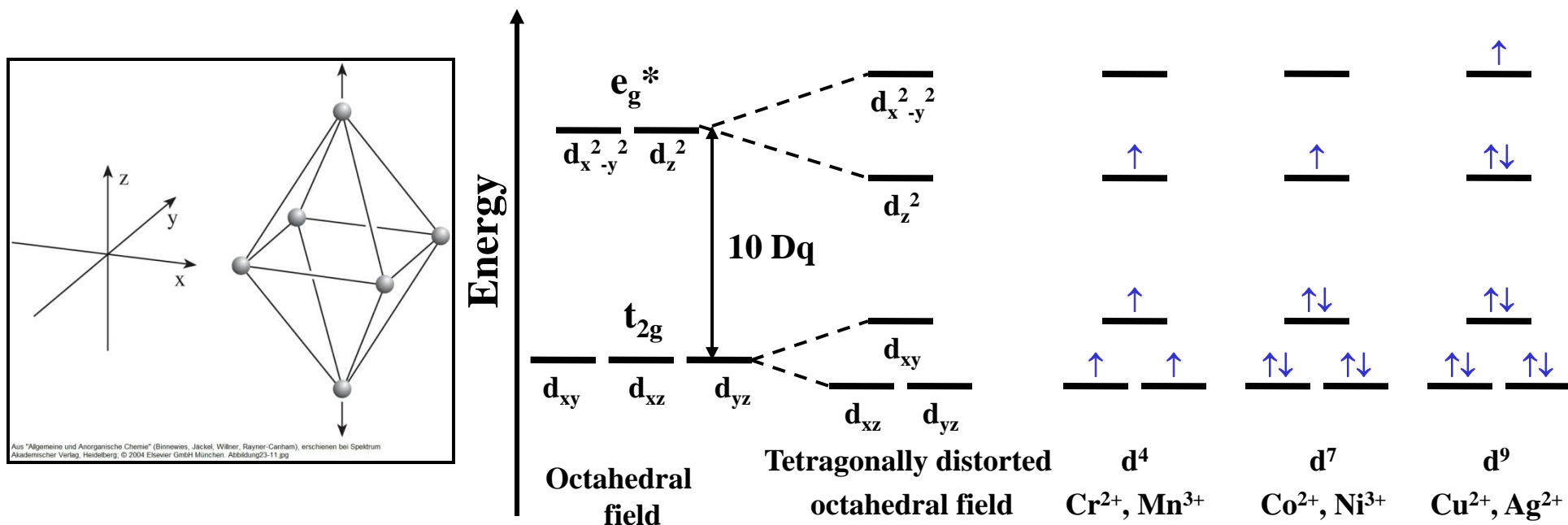
## Crystal Field Theory

### Tetragonally distorted octahedral crystal field

### Jahn-Teller-Theorem (Hermann Arthur Jahn and Edward Teller 1937)

“Every non-linear molecule, which possesses a degenerate electronic state, is prone to distortion, lowering the symmetry and thus revoking electronic degeneration“

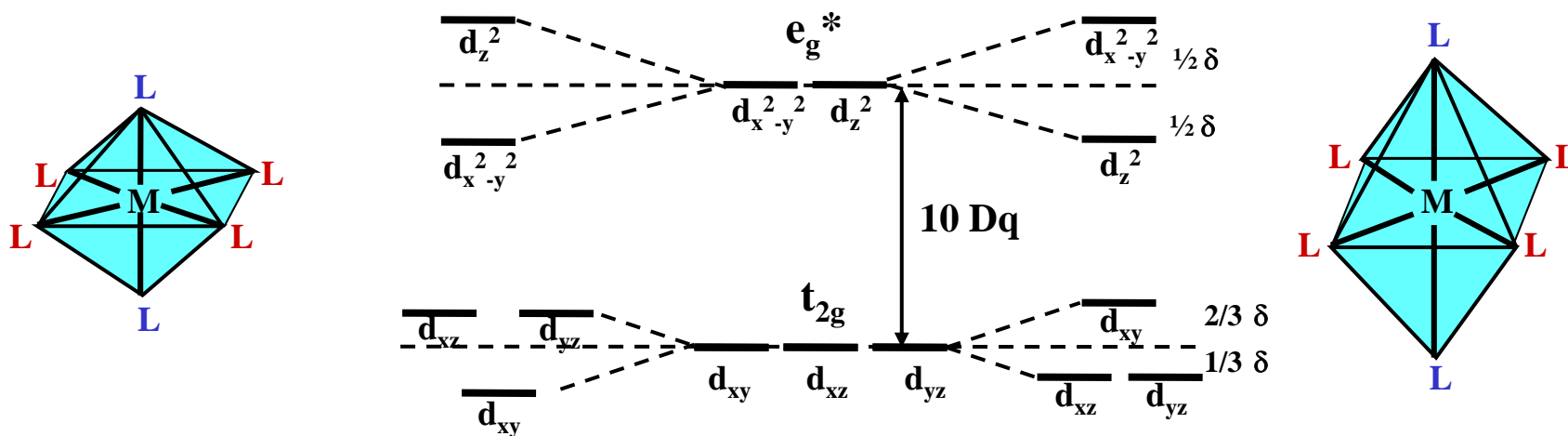
⇒ Large gain in energy for  $d^4$ (high spin),  $d^7$ (low spin) and  $d^9$ -configuration



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## Crystal Field Theory

### Tetragonally distorted crystal field as a result of the Jahn-Teller effect

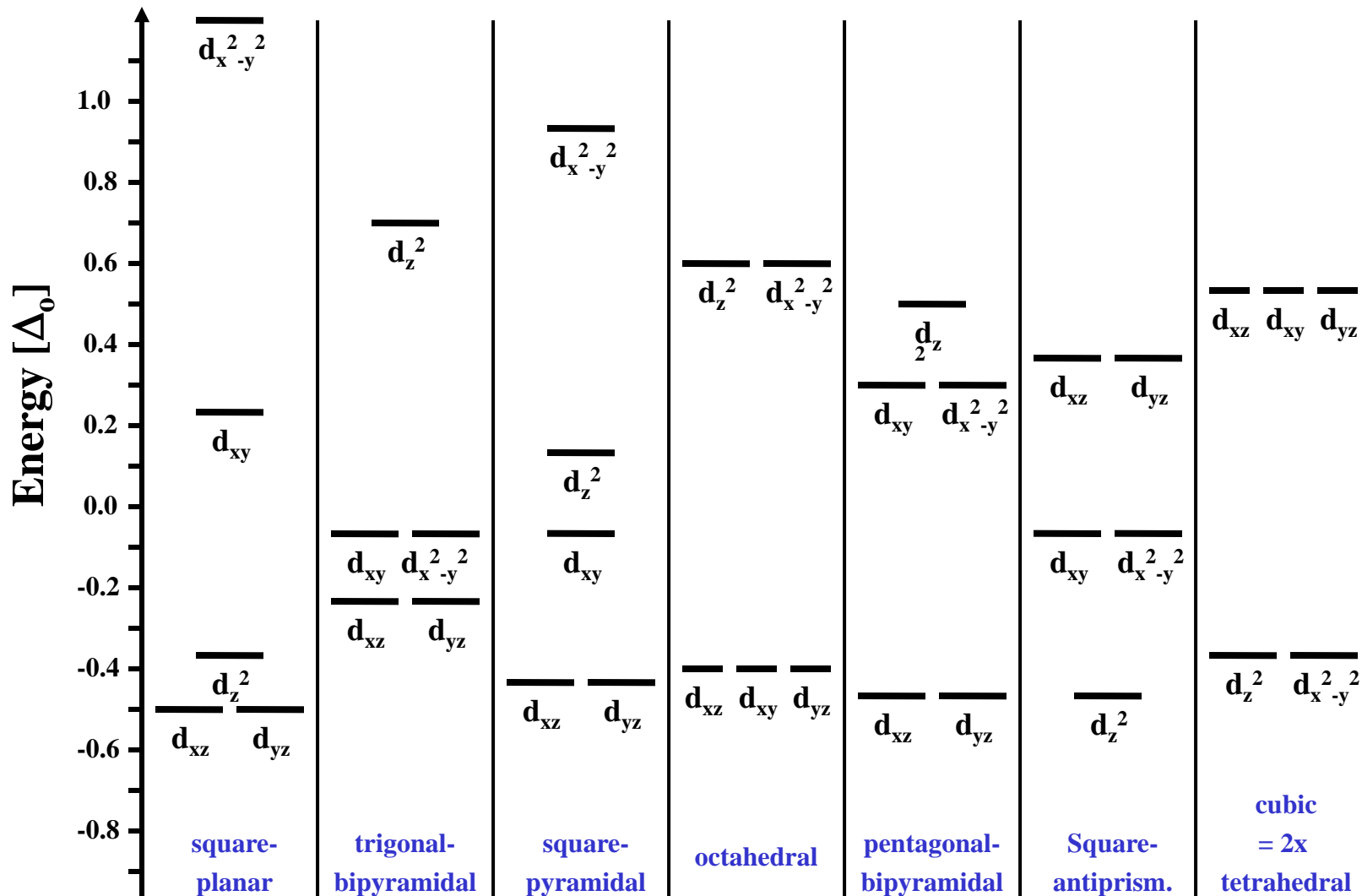


Electronic configuration	$nd^1$	$nd^2$	$nd^3$	$nd^4$	$nd^5$	$nd^6$	$nd^7$	$nd^8$	$nd^9$	$nd^{10}$
High spin J.T.	Weak	Weak	-	Strong	-	Weak	Weak	-	Strong	-
Low spin J.T.	Weak	Weak	-	Weak	Weak	-	Strong	-	Strong	-

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## Crystal Field Theory

Crystal field splitting in various crystal field symmetries



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## Crystal Field Theory – Applications and Implications

- 1. Magnetic properties  $\leftrightarrow$  electronic configuration**  
paramagnetic Fe(II)-compounds:                      high spin (magnetically normal)  
(unpaired electrons)  
diamagnetic Fe(II)-compounds:                      low spin (magnetically anomalous)  
(no unpaired electrons)
- 2. Optical properties (absorption and luminescence spectra)**
- 3. Ionic radii of transition metal cations**
- 4. Hydration enthalpies of transition metal cations**
- 5. Lattice energy of transition metal salts**

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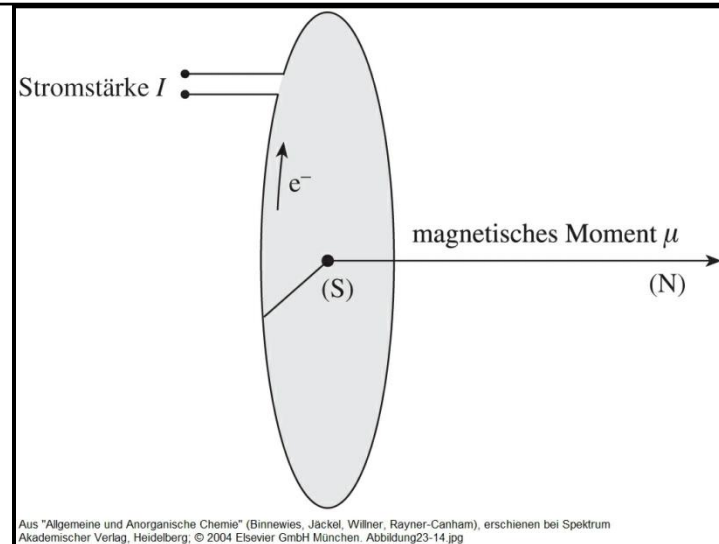
## Crystal Field Theory

### To 1. Magnetic properties

The base unit of the magnetic momentum is called Bohr's magneton, and equals the magnetic momentum, induced by a single electron on a circular path - with Bohr's radius (53 pm) - around a proton

$$\mu_B = \frac{e \cdot \hbar}{2 \cdot m_e}$$

Every moving electrical charge induces a magnetic field with the magnetic momentum  $\mu$  (exp.: electrical current in a wire)



For elements of the first row of transition metals with  $n$  unpaired electrons, the following approximate correlation can be stated:

$$\mu_{\text{ber}} = \sqrt{n(n+2)} \cdot \mu_B$$

“Spin only value“, i.e. only spin angular momentum and no orbital momentum

$$\mu_{\text{ber}} = 2\sqrt{S(S+1)} \cdot \mu_B$$

Total spin  $S = \sum s$

with  $s = 1/2$  and  $S = n/2$

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## Crystal Field Theory

### To 1. Magnetic properties

The calculated spin-only values are in good agreement with experimental data

⇒ For this reason it is possible to deduce the number of unpaired electrons in 3d-complexes directly from magnetic measurements

3d-Ion	Electronic configuration	n	$\mu_{\text{calc.}} [\mu_{\text{B}}]$ <i>high spin</i>	$\mu_{\text{exp.}} [\mu_{\text{B}}]$
Ti <sup>3+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>1</sup>	1	1.73	1.7 – 1.8
V <sup>3+</sup> , Cr <sup>4+</sup> , Mn <sup>5+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>2</sup>	2	2.83	2.7 – 2.9
V <sup>2+</sup> , Cr <sup>3+</sup> , Mn <sup>4+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>3</sup>	3	3.87	3.7 – 3.9
Cr <sup>2+</sup> , Mn <sup>3+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>4</sup>	4	4.90	4.8 – 4.9
Mn <sup>2+</sup> , Fe <sup>3+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>5</sup>	5	5.92	5.7 – 6.0
Fe <sup>2+</sup> , Co <sup>3+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>6</sup>	4	4.90	5.0 – 5.6
Co <sup>2+</sup> , Ni <sup>3+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>7</sup>	3	3.87	4.3 – 5.2
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>8</sup>	2	2.83	2.9 – 3.9
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>9</sup>	1	1.73	1.9 – 2.1
Cu <sup>+</sup> , Zn <sup>2+</sup>	[Ar]3d <sup>10</sup>	0	0	0

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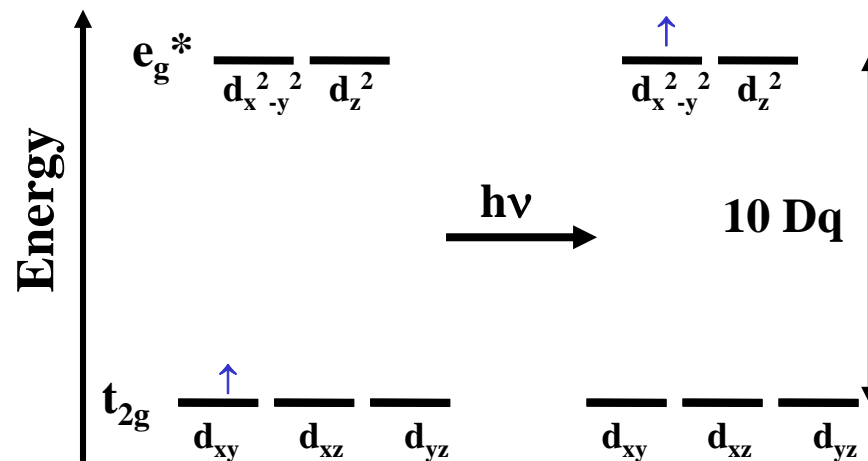
## Crystal Field Theory

### To 2. Optical properties

Electronic transitions between d-orbitals (d-d-transitions) often lead to absorption bands situated in the visible spectral range

Example: octahedral  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ -complexes

Complex	10 Dq [kJ/mol]	10 Dq [nm]
$[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$	239	500
$[\text{TiF}_6]^{3-}$	203	630
$[\text{TiCl}_6]^{3-}$	160	770



CFSE:  $\text{CO} > \text{CN}^- > \text{NO}_2^- > \text{en} > \text{NH}_3 > \text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{OH}^- > \text{F}^- > \text{NO}_3^- > \text{Cl}^- > \text{SCN}^- > \text{S}^{2-} > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$   
 (10 Dq) *strong field* *weak field*

⇒ Spectrochemical series

- Arranges ligands relative to the strength of the resulting crystal field splitting
- The sequence can not be explained by crystal field theory (point charges)



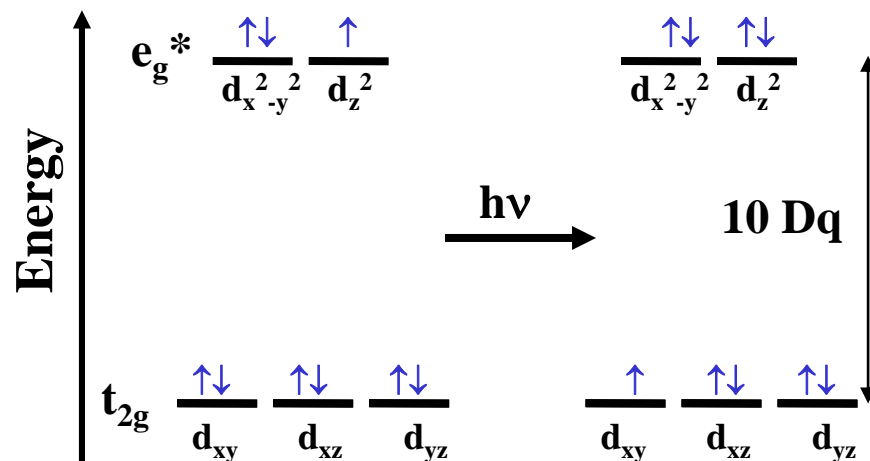
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## Crystal Field Theory

### To 2. Optical properties

Example: octahedral  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ -complexes ( $d^9$ )

Complex	10 Dq	Colour
$[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$	800 nm	colourless
$[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+}$	670 nm	pale blue
$[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$	600 nm	blue



Comparably simple situations – one absorption band – can also be found for octahedral complexes with  $d^4$  high spin or  $d^6$  high spin configurations at the metal centres.

For the electronic configurations  $d^2 - d^8$ , the situation becomes more complex, due to interactions between the electrons (electron-electron-correlation)

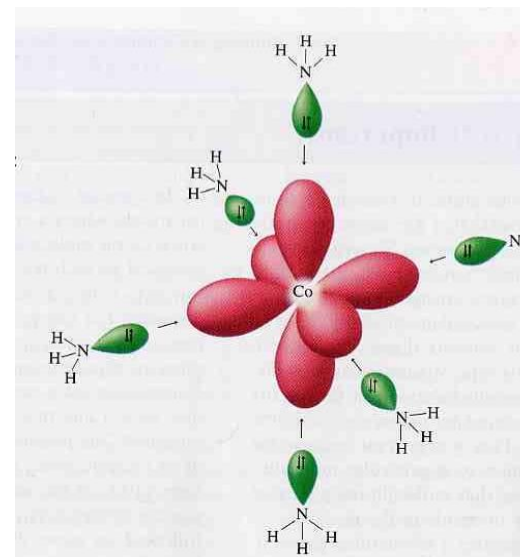
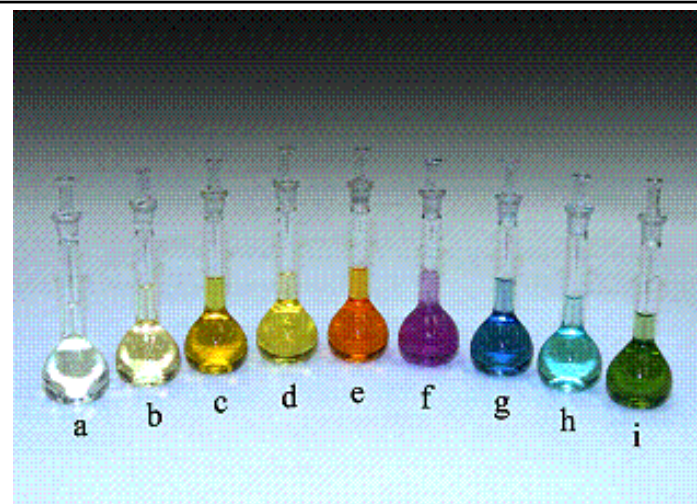
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## Crystal Field Theory

### To 2. Optical properties

Example: Octahedral  $\text{Co}^{3+}$ -complexes ( $d^6$  low spin)

#	Complex	10 Dq	Colour	Absorption
a	$[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$	↑	colourless	UV
b	$[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_2)_6]^{3-}$		pale yellow	violet
c	$[\text{Co}(\text{phen})_3]^{3+}$		yellow	blue
d	$[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$		deep yellow	cyan-blue
e	$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$		orange	cyan
f	$[\text{Co}(\text{gly})_3]^{3+}$		violet	green
g	$[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$		blue	yellow
h	$[\text{Co}(\text{ox})_3]^{3-}$		cyan	orange
i	$[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)_3]^{3-}$		green	red (+ blue)



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## Crystal Field Theory

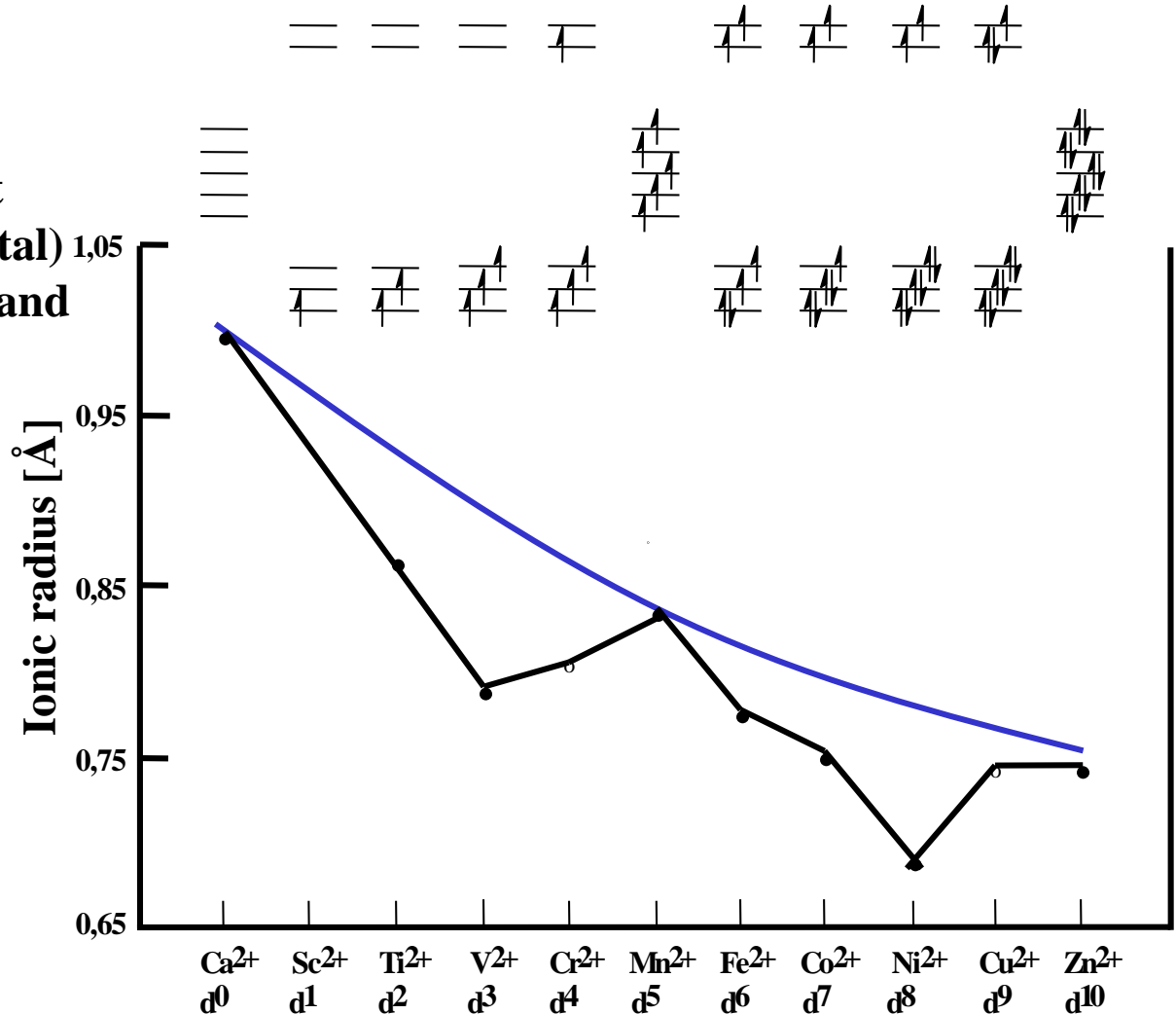
### To 3. Ionic radii

A plot of the ionic radii of divalent 3d-ions in the oxides MO (M = metal) in octahedral ligand coordination and high spin state does not show a steady linear decrease

(blue graph)!

⇒ Electronic configurations with unoccupied orbitals, which are directed to the ligands ( $d_z^2$ ,  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ ), result in small ionic radii

⇒  $V^{2+}$ ,  $Ni^{2+}$

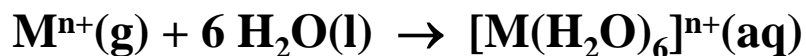


# 9. Concepts of Bonding

## Crystal Field Theory

### To 4. Hydration enthalpy

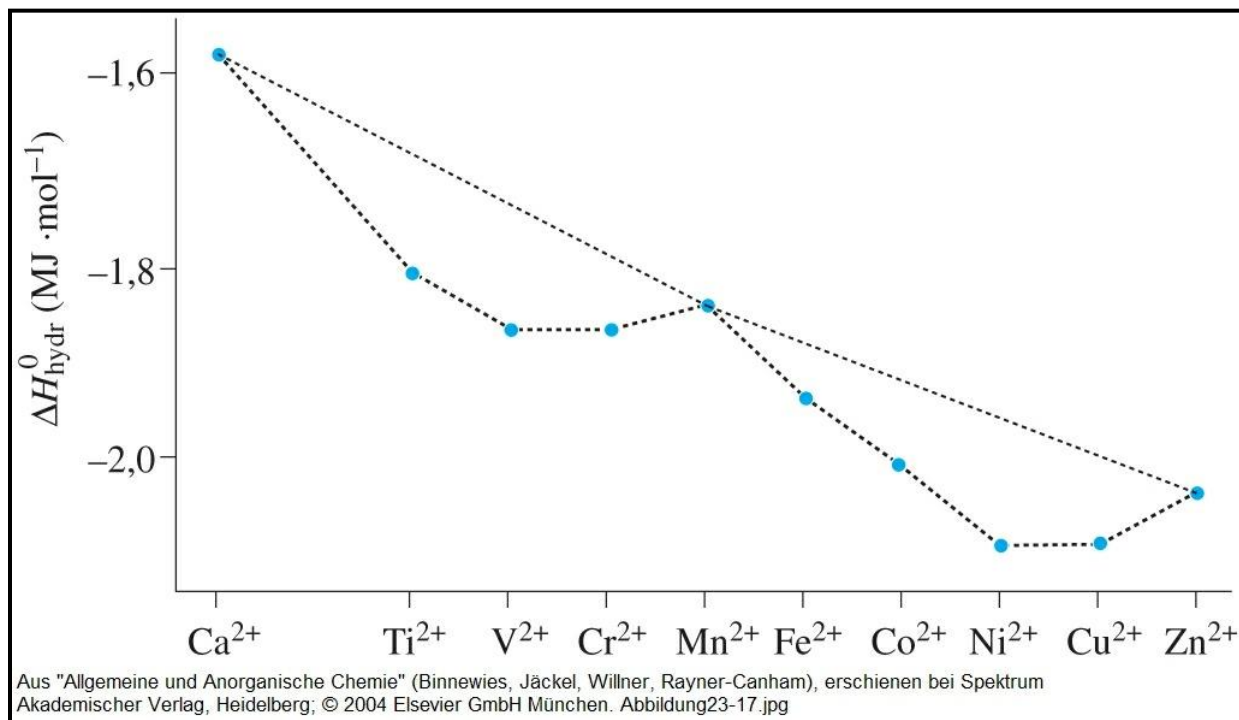
During the reaction:



energy is set free by the electrostatic forces between the metal, M, and the ligand, water

Small cations provide high hydration enthalpies

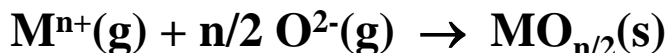
Therefore, the trend for hydration enthalpies corresponds with the one for the ionic radii



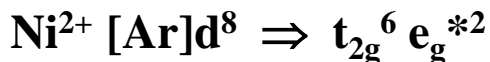
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## Crystal Field Theory

### To 5. Lattice energy of transition metal salts



Through the deviation between measured and calculated values for  $U_g$ , the parameter  $10 Dq$  (crystal field splitting) can be calculated

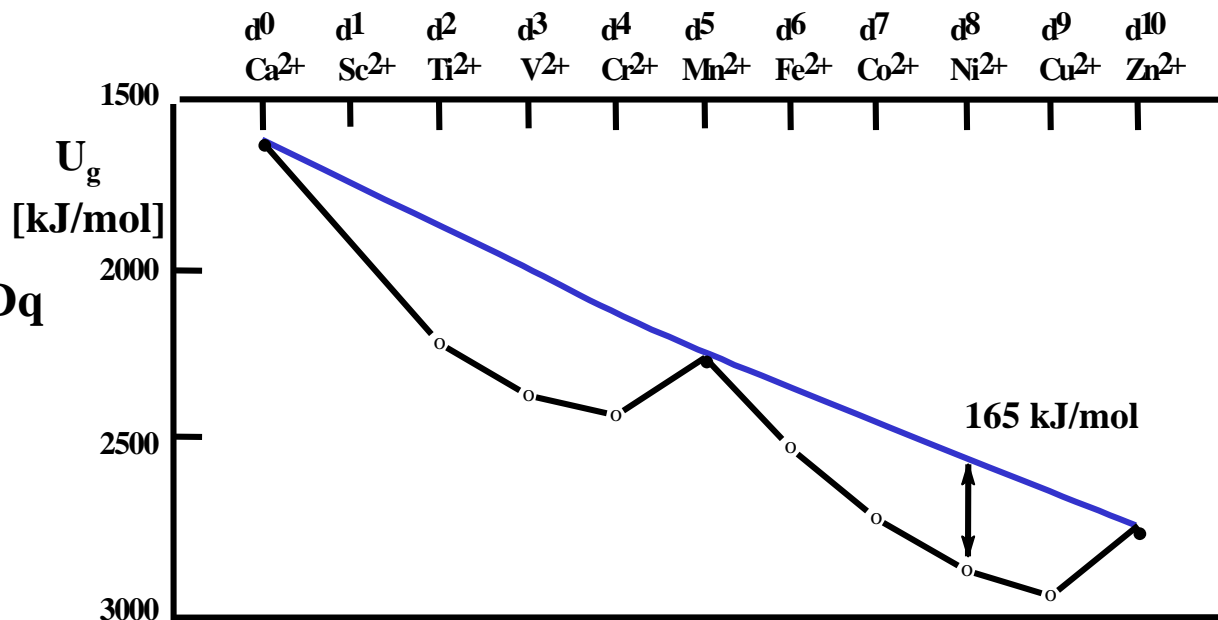


Crystal field stabilisation energy CFSE = -12 Dq

$$U_g(\text{exp.}) - U_g(\text{calc.}) = 165 \text{ kJ/mol} = 13600 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 12 Dq$$

$$10 Dq = 11330 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Lattice energies for difluorides of the 3d-metals



# 9. Concepts of Bonding

## Ligand Field Theory

**Disadvantages of crystal field theory:** There is a number of spectroscopic phenomena that the concept of electrostatic point charges can not explain: **Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) spectra, ordering of spectrochemical series**

⇒ It is necessary to account for the covalence of the metal-ligand bond

### Effects of covalent interactions

- **Delocalisation of electron density from metal d-orbitals towards ligands (nephelauxetic effect)**
- **Reduction of inter-electronic repulsion at the metal centre**
- **Shift of electron density towards ligands, possibly leading to weakening of intra-ligand bonds (back-bonding-effect)**

⇒ **Change of electronic, magnetic, and spectroscopic properties**

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## Ligand Field Theory

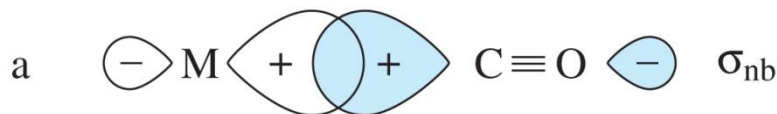
### Back-bonding to ligands

- Typically for metalcarbonyls and -nitrosyls
- Metal experiences formally low oxidation states, coinciding with high electron density that is reduced by a withdrawal of charge towards the ligands

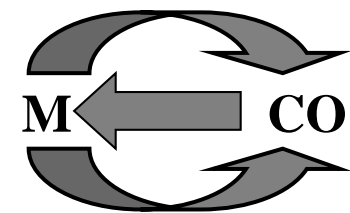
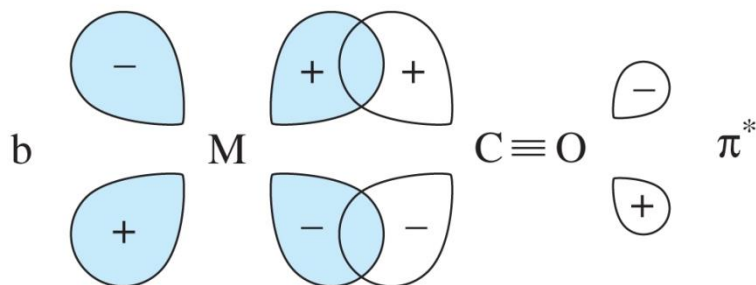
Example:  $M(CO)_6$  “metalcarbonyl“



a)  $\sigma$ -donor-bond



b)  $\pi$ -acceptor-bond



“synergetic effect“

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## Ligand Field Theory

### Explanation for the sequence of ligands within the spectrochemical series

$\text{CO} > \text{CN}^- > \text{NO}_2^- > \text{en} > \text{NH}_3 > \text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{OH}^- > \text{F}^- > \text{NO}_3^- > \text{Cl}^- > \text{SCN}^- > \text{S}^{2-} > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$

**strong ligands**

$\pi$ -back-bonding

**weak ligands**

no  $\pi$ -back-bonding

The spectrochemical series does not correlate with the charge of the ligands, but with the ability of the ligands to delocalise electron density from the metal atom and thus intensifying the positive charge density or effective field strength at the metal atom.

$\pi$ -acceptor ligands: stabilise metals in low oxidation states  $\Rightarrow$  CO, NO  
(back-bonding)

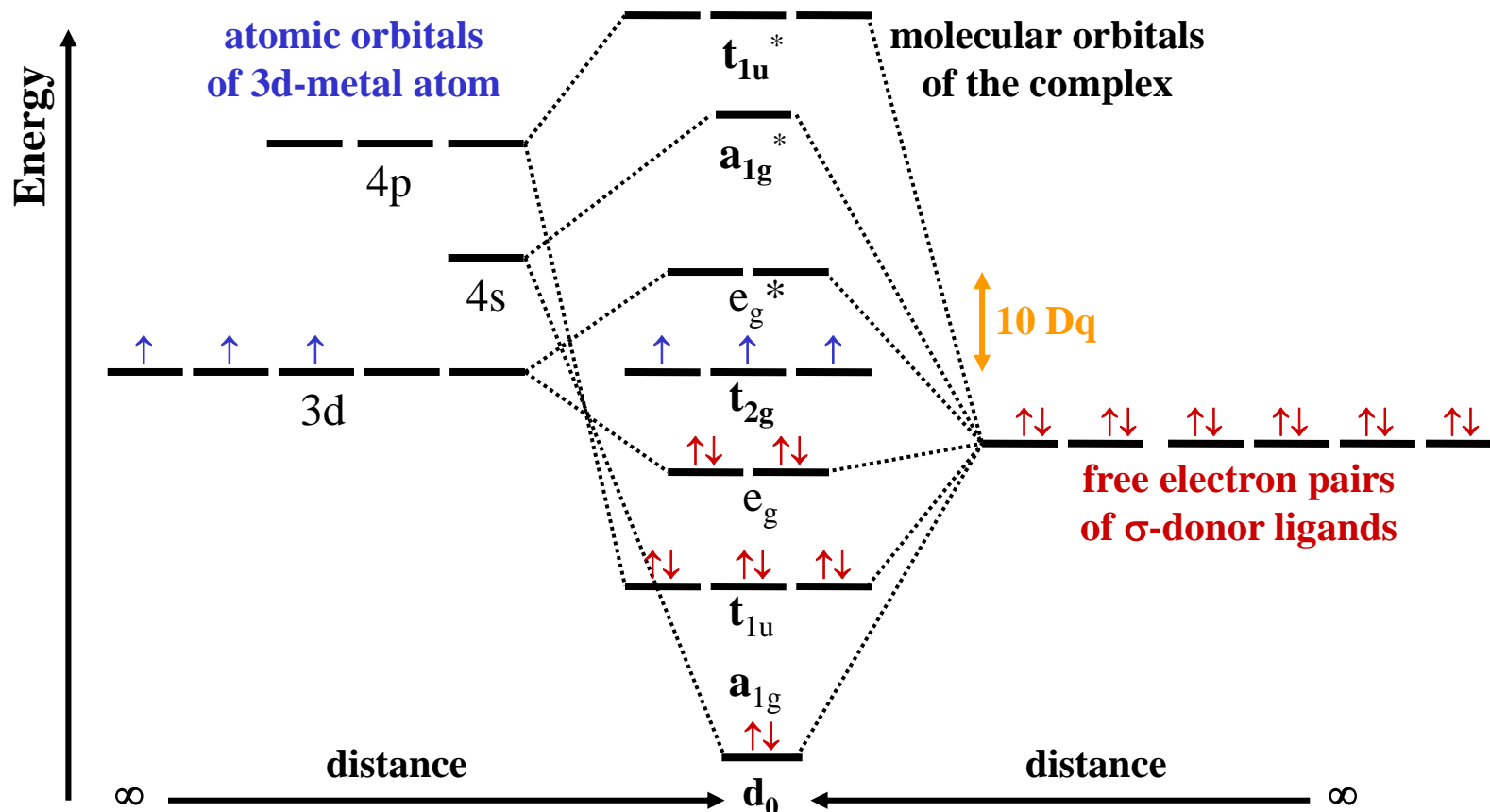
$\pi$ -donor ligands: stabilise metals in high oxidation states  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{N}^{3-}$   
(multiple metal-ligand-bonds)



# 9. Concepts of Bonding

## Molecular Orbital (MO) Theory

- ⇒ Overlap of metal and ligand orbitals leads to the formation of molecular orbitals
- ⇒ Example: octahedral complex consisting of **6  $\sigma$ -donor ligands** and **3d-metal atom**

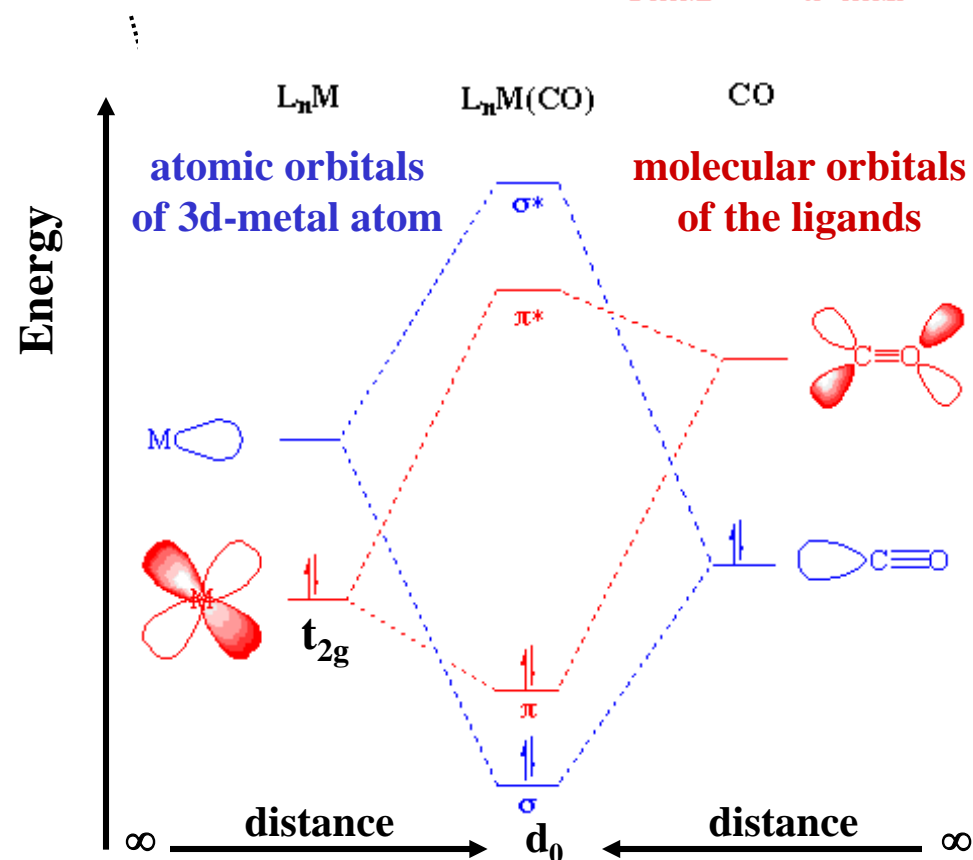
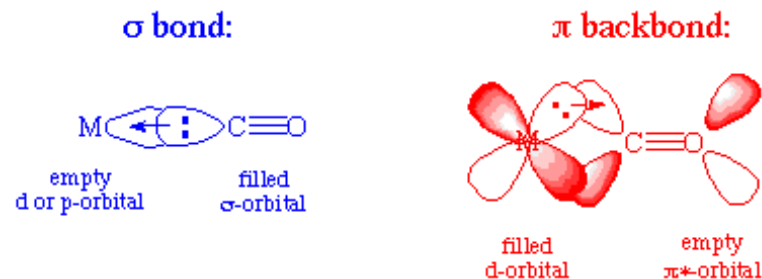


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## Molecular Orbital (MO) Theory

### Consequences of $\pi$ -back-bonding

- Strengthening of metal-ligand bond
- Increase of crystal field splitting by lowering the energy of  $t_{2g}$ -orbitals
- Weakening of intra-ligand bonds by transfer of electronic density into anti-bonding ligand orbitals
  - ⇒ Decrease of vibrational frequencies
  - ⇒ Increased reactivity of the ligands (activation)
  - ⇒ Catalytic and enzymatic reactions



# 9. Concepts of Bonding

## Molecular Orbital (MO) Theory

### Explanation for the sequence of ligands within the spectrochemical series

**CO > CN<sup>-</sup> > NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> > en > NH<sub>3</sub> > H<sub>2</sub>O > OH<sup>-</sup> > F<sup>-</sup> > NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> > Cl<sup>-</sup> > SCN<sup>-</sup> > S<sup>2-</sup> > Br<sup>-</sup> > I<sup>-</sup>**

**strong ligands**

unoccupied  $\pi^*$ -orbitals

$\pi$ -acceptor ligands

no suitable p-orbitals

exclusively  $\sigma$ -donor ligands

**weak ligands**

occupied p-orbitals

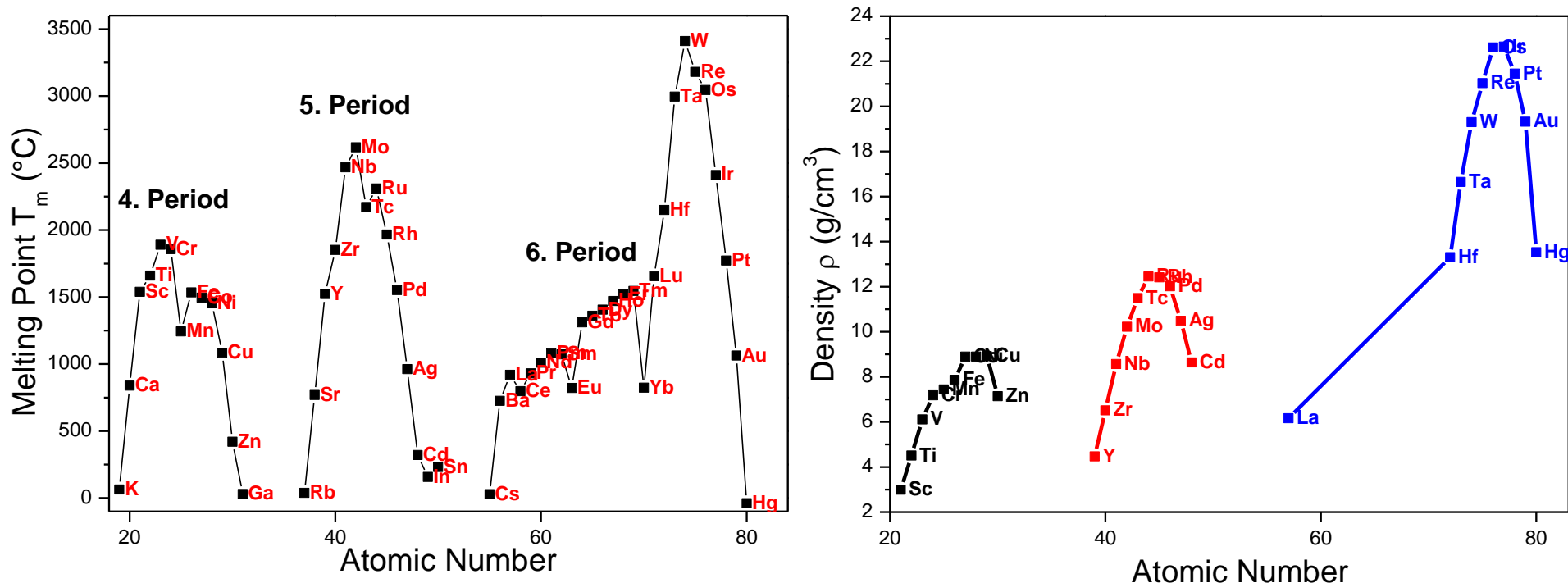
$\pi$ -donor ligands

<u>Type of ligand</u>	<u>Effect upon metal-ligand-bond</u>	<u>Crystal field splitting</u>
$\pi$ -acceptor	highly stabilising	high
$\sigma$ -donor	stabilising	intermediate
$\pi$ -donor	destabilising	small

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Physical Properties

Transition metals experience high melting/boiling points, along with high/highest densities



Numerous transition metals are highly relevant as materials or catalysts

(→ chemicals records: <http://www.fh-muenster.de/FB1/Juestel/ScienceFun.shtm>)

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

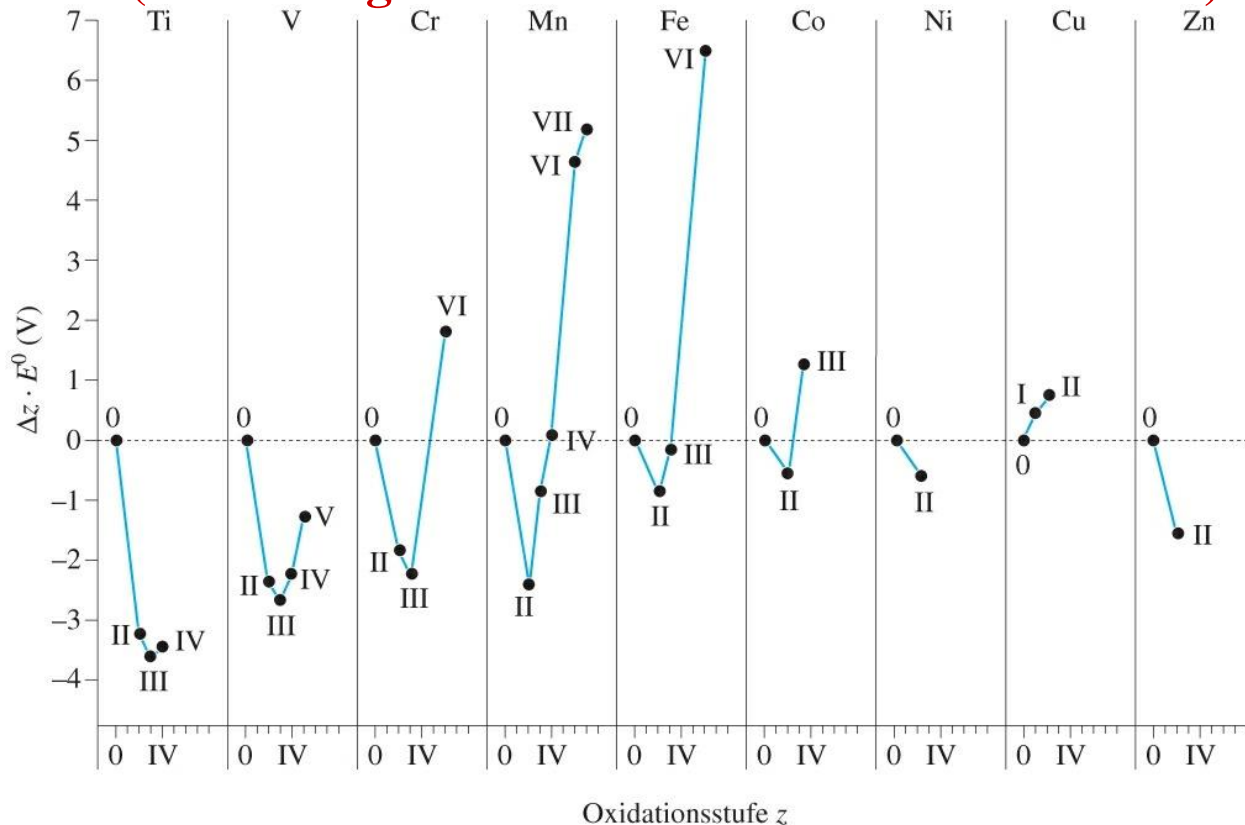
## Oxidation States

3d-Elements	Sc +3	Ti +2, +3, +4	V +2, +3, +4, +5	Cr +2, +3, +6	Mn +2, +3 +4, +7	Fe +2, +3	Co +2, +3	Ni +2	Cu +1, +2	Zn +2
4d-Elements	Y +3	Zr +4	Nb +5	Mo +4, +6	Tc* +7	Ru +2, +3, +4	Rh +3	Pd +2	Ag +1, +2	Cd +2
5d-Elements	La +3	Hf +4	Ta +5	W +4, +6	Re +4, +7	Os +4, +8	Ir +3, +4	Pt +2, +4	Au +1, +3	Hg +1, +2

- All TM, with a sufficient abundance in the earth's crust and relatively stable low oxidation states, are accessible for **biological/biochemical** processes, and are thus of great importance as trace elements
- Highest oxidation states ( $\text{Mn}^{\text{VII}}$ ,  $\text{Os}^{\text{VIII}}$ ) are only possible with  $\pi$ -donor ligands ( $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{N}^{3-}$ )  $\Rightarrow$   $[\text{MnO}_4]^-$ ,  $\text{OsO}_4$ ,  $[\text{OsO}_3\text{N}]^-$ , whereas  $\text{MnF}_7$  and  $\text{OsF}_8$  are not known, while  $\text{MnF}_4$  is a strong oxidising agent

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Oxidation States (Frost-Diagram of 3d-Metals in Acidic Solution)



- **Metallic titanium is a potent reductive agent**
- **Mn<sup>VI</sup>, Mn<sup>VII</sup> and Fe<sup>VI</sup> are strong oxidising agents**
- **Most stable oxidation states: Ti<sup>III/IV</sup>, V<sup>III</sup>, Cr<sup>III</sup>, Mn<sup>II</sup>, Fe<sup>II</sup>, Co<sup>II</sup>, Ni<sup>II</sup>, Cu<sup>0</sup>, Zn<sup>II</sup>**  
**⇒ Copper is a noble metal, i.e.  $E^0 > 0.0$  V**

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

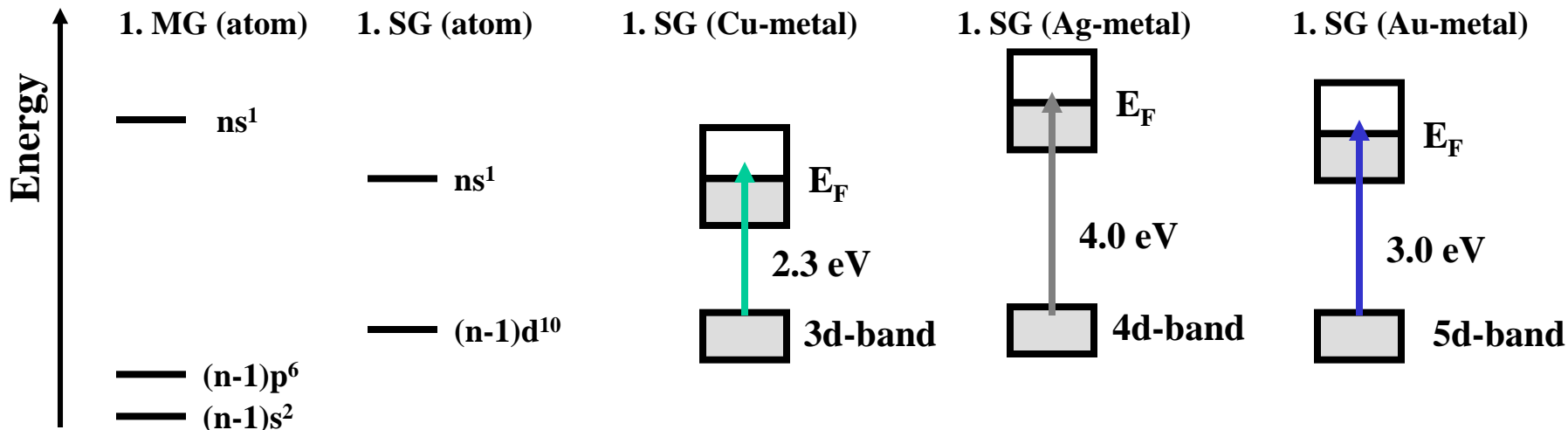
## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

⇒ 1. Subgroup or group 11

$(n-1)d^{10}ns^1$  with  $n = 4, 5, 6$

### Properties of the elements:

- Melting points at about  $1000^\circ \text{C}$  (readily form alloys and are easy to be refound )
- High electric conductivity ( $\text{Ag} > \text{Cu} > \text{Au}$ )
- $ns^1$ -electron is more tightly bound than in alkaline metals, due to the higher core charge
- Copper and gold are, together with Cs, the only coloured metals ⇒ absorption in visible range of the spectrum



# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

⇒ Metals of the copper group and their respective alloys “coined” the development of the first advanced civilisations (Au: 5000 BC, Ag: ca. 3500 BC, Copper Age: ca. 5000 BC, Bronze Age: ca. 3000 BC)

### Alloys of technical importance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Main component</u>	<u>Alloying addition</u>
Brass	Cu	Zn
Bronze	Cu	Sn
Cupronickel	Cu	Ni
Nickel silver	Cu	Ni, Zn
Billion	Cu	Ag
White gold	Au	Pd, Ni
Red gold	Au	Cu



*Brass rolls*



*Bronze statue*



*White gold ring*

(→ presentations)



# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

### Occurrence

Copper (aes cyprium, cuprum)

*Cyprus*

$\text{Cu}_2\text{S}$

$\text{CuFeS}_2$

$\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{CuCO}_3$

Cu

Copper shine

Chalcopyrite

Malachite

Dignified



Silver (argos, argentum)

*shiny, white*

$\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$

Ag

Silver glance

Sterling



Gold (aurum)

*shiny, blank*

Au

(E175)

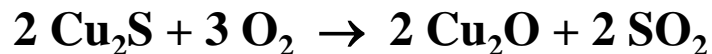
Dignified

Gold leaf



### Fabrication

- Cu and Ag by calcination of sulphide ores, e.g.  $\text{Cu}_2\text{S}$  or  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$



- Au (and partially Ag, too) by cyaniding (→ presentations)

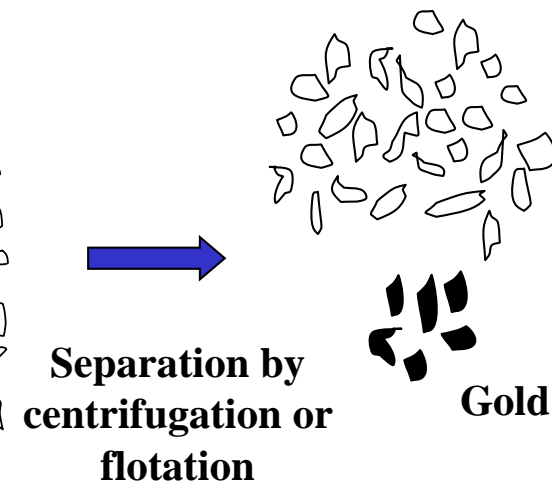
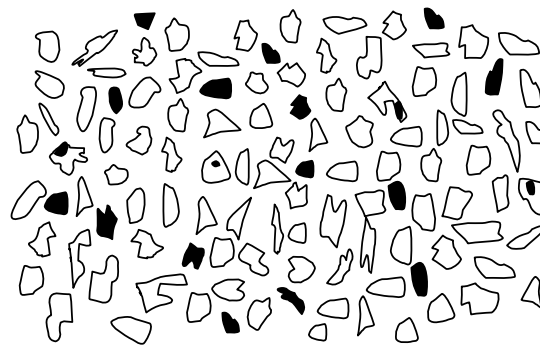
# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Excursion: Gold mining

Gold bound in rocks

Released Gold

Minerals (Quartz)



Chemical	Formula	pH-value	Formed Au complex
Thio urea	$(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{C}=\text{S}$	1-4	$[\text{Au}(\text{NH}_2\text{CSNH}_2)_2]^+$
Bromide	$\text{Br}^-$	1-7	$[\text{AuBr}_4]^-$
Iodide	$\text{I}^-$	1-5	$[\text{AuI}_2]^-$
Thiocyanate	$\text{SCN}^-$	1-3	$[\text{Au}(\text{SCN})_4]^-$
Thiosulphate	$\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$	8-11	$[\text{Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2]^{3-}$
Chlor compounds	$\text{Cl}^-, \text{OCl}^-, \text{Cl}_2, \text{ClO}_3^-$	1-4	$[\text{AuCl}_4]^-$

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

### Oxidation States

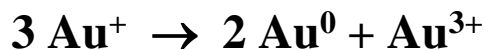
Coinage metal	Oxidation state	$E^0_{M/M^+}$ [V]	1. IE [kJ/mol]	soluble in
Cu	+1, <b>+2</b> , +3	0.52	745.3	HNO <sub>3</sub>
Ag	<b>+1</b> , +2, +3	0.80	730.8	HNO <sub>3</sub>
Au	+1, <b>+3</b>	1.68	889.9	HNO <sub>3</sub> /HCl (1:3)

### Cu<sup>+</sup> and Au<sup>+</sup> tend to disproportionate in aqueous solution



Ag<sup>+</sup> is stable

2. Ionisation energy: Ag<sup>+</sup> > Au<sup>+</sup> > Cu<sup>+</sup>



High CFSE for square-planar Au<sup>3+</sup>([Xe]4f<sup>14</sup>5d<sup>8</sup>)-ions

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

### Stereo chemistry

⇒ Strong influence of oxidation state

+I ( $d^{10}$ ):  $\text{Cu}^+$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Au}^+$  favour CN 2 ⇒ linear coordination ⇒  $[\text{H}_3\text{N} \rightarrow \text{Ag} \leftarrow \text{NH}_3]^+$

Tetrahedral coordination of  $\text{Cu}^+$  in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{py})_4]^+$  and  $[\text{Cu}(\text{CN})_4]^{3-}$

⇒  $sp^3$ -hybridisation (CFSE = 0)

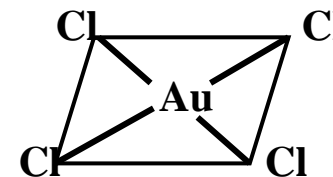
Due to the high energy gap between s- and p-orbitals,  $\text{Ag}^+$  and  $\text{Au}^+$  generally form no tetrahedral complexes!

+II ( $d^9$ ): Favoured coordination geometry for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ -complexes is a distorted octahedron

→  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  and square-planar →  $[\text{CuCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^0$

⇒ Jahn-Teller-Effect

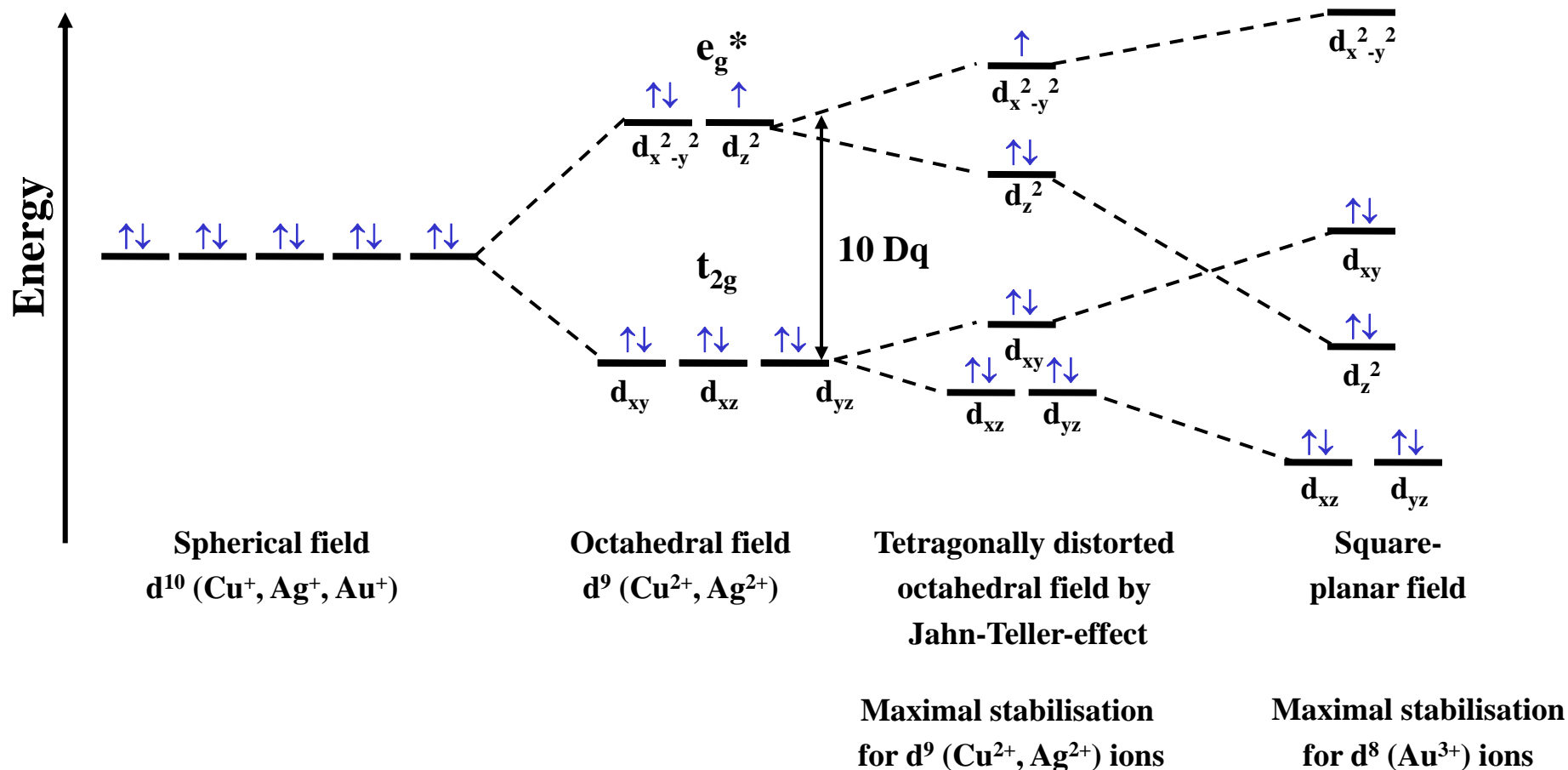
+III ( $d^8$ ):  $\text{Au}^{3+}$  is usually coordinated in a square-planar fashion →  $[\text{AuCl}_4]^-$



# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

### Stereochemistry and crystal field splitting



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## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

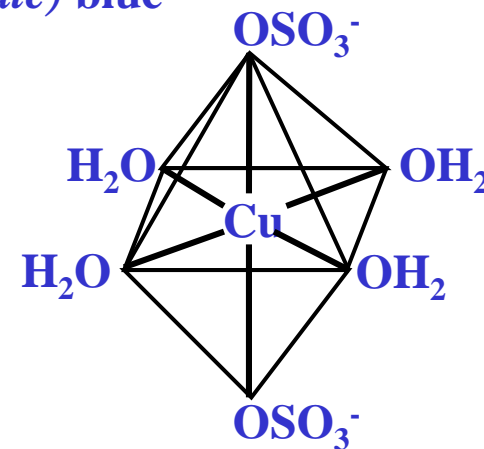
### Cu(II)-compounds

$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (copper(II)-sulphate-pentahydrate) blue

### Synthesis



### Dehydration



White (dry) copper sulphate readily takes up  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  becoming blue in the process  
⇒ detection of small amounts of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , e.g. in ethanol

Copper sulphate behaves as an acid, when dissolved in water (cation acid)



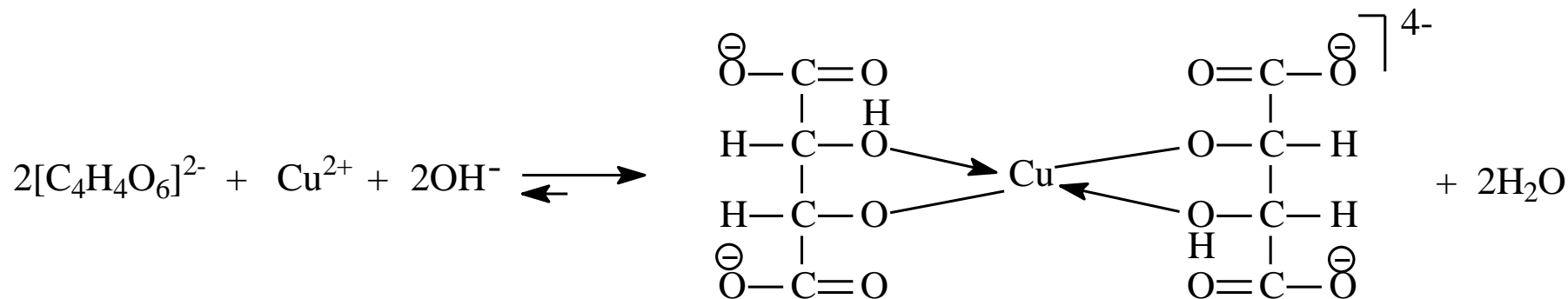
⇒ pH of a 0.1 molar solution ~ 3

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## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

### Cu(II)-compounds

#### Bis(tartrato)cuprate(II)-complex (Fehling's solution 1850)



löslicher tiefblauer Cu(II)-Komplex

**In presence of reducing agents and elevated temperatures, reduction to poorly soluble  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  takes place, which then precipitates as brick red (in the beginning yellow) powder**

**Fehling's test: detection of reducing agents (aldehydes and sugars, such as D-Glucose)  
⇒ analysis of urine (diabetes)**



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## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

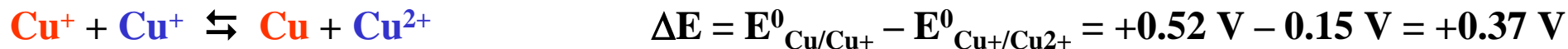
### Cu(I)-compounds

In water readily soluble Cu(I)-compounds disproportionate:



**Remember: Ions disproportionate, if the redox potential for the reduction to the next lower oxidation state is more positive than the redox potential for the oxidation to the next higher oxidation state**

Reduced form	$\rightleftharpoons$	Oxidised form	+ e <sup>-</sup>	Standard potential E <sup>0</sup> [V]
<b>Cu</b>	$\rightleftharpoons$	<b>Cu<sup>+</sup></b>	+ e <sup>-</sup>	<b>+0.52</b>
<b>Cu<sup>+</sup></b>	$\rightleftharpoons$	<b>Cu<sup>2+</sup></b>	+ e <sup>-</sup>	<b>+0.15</b>



Poorly soluble Cu(I)-compounds (Cu<sub>2</sub>O, CuI, CuCN, Cu<sub>2</sub>S) are stable in aqueous solution and do not disproportionate

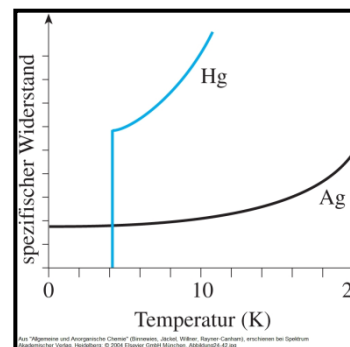
⇒ Impact of solubility upon redox potentials



# Excursion: Superconductor

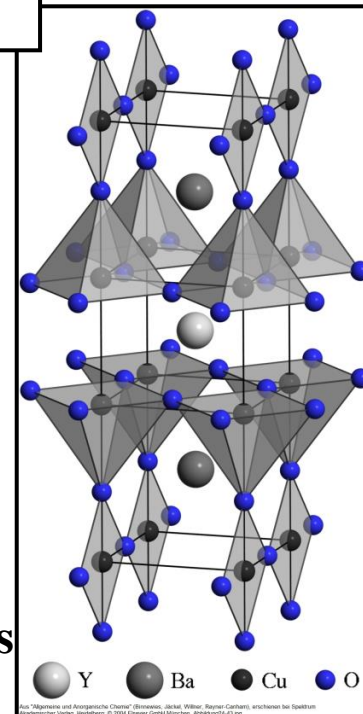
**Superconductors Are Materials which Specific Electrical Resistance Diminish to About Zero, Below a Certain Transition Temperature ( $T_c$ )**

- ⇒ Virtually lossless electrical power transmission possible
- ⇒ Application in superconducting magnetic coils
- ⇒ (N)MR-devices, magnetometer, particle accelerator



## History of superconductor research

Year	Material	$T_c$ [K]	
1911	Hg	4.2	<i>H.K. Onnes</i>
1972	Nb <sub>3</sub> Ge	23.3	
1986	La <sub>1.8</sub> Ba <sub>0.2</sub> CuO <sub>4</sub>	35	<i>J.G. Bednorz, K.A. Müller</i>
1987	YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7-x</sub>	93	
1988	Bi <sub>2</sub> Sr <sub>2</sub> Ca <sub>n-1</sub> Cu <sub>n</sub> O <sub>x</sub>	125	> 77 K = $T_b$ (N <sub>2</sub> )
1993	HgBa <sub>2</sub> CuO <sub>4+x</sub>	155	⇒ liquid nitrogen as cooling agent



**High-temperature superconductors ⇒ mixed-valent Cu(II)/Cu(III)-ceramics**

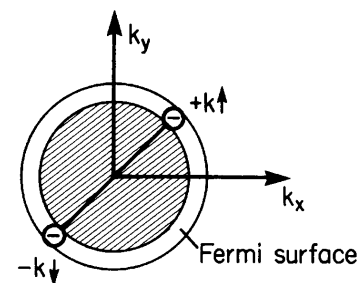
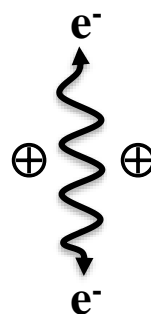
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## YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7-x</sub> – Electronic properties

### Dependence on Oxygen content

- YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6.5</sub> 100% Cu<sup>2+</sup> [Ar]3d<sup>9</sup>, paramagnetic, distorted octahedr. (J.T.-Effect)
- YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 66,7% Cu<sup>2+</sup> [Ar]3d<sup>9</sup>, paramagnetic, distorted octahedr. (J.T.-Effect)
- 33,3% Cu<sup>3+</sup> [Ar]3d<sup>8</sup>, diamagnetic, quadratic-planar

### Layer structure enables 2D-conductivity



**Coppling of electrons  
by virtual phonons  
to form Cooper-Pairs (Bosons)**

**Cu<sup>2+</sup>(distorted octahedral) ↔ Cu<sup>3+</sup>(quadratic-planar) ⇒ Oscillations (J.-T.-Polarons)**

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

### Ag(I)-compounds

- Most Ag(I) salts ( $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{Ag}_3\text{PO}_4$  and  $\text{AgX}$  with  $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{SCN}, \text{OCN}, \text{N}_3$ ) are poorly soluble  
⇒ high covalence, high lattice energies and low hydration enthalpies
- $3 \text{Ag} + 4 \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{NO} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{AgNO}_3$  (soluble in water) ⇒ application as precursor for other silver salts and as Höllestein

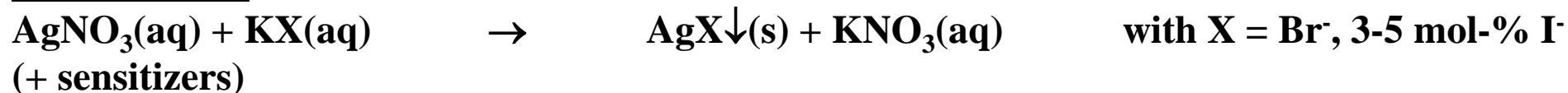
### Ag(I)-halides

AgX	Covalence	Solubility	Colour	Sensitivity to light
AgCl	↓	↑	white	↓
AgBr			yellowish-white	
AgI			yellow	
			⇒ photosensitive pigments	

# Excursion: The Photographic Process

**B/W as well as Colour Photography Require a Photosensitive Layer that Can Be Brought upon a Substrate as a Thin Layer (Film)**

## 1. Fabrication



**AgBr and AgI are yellow and absorb only in the blue region of the spectrum.**

**The sensitizers absorb in the green, yellow and red region of the spectrum and transfer the energy into the conduction band of AgBr, so that all spectral colours trigger the reaction**

**Colloidally dispersed AgX, means finely distributed AgX (grain), upon transparent substrate (silver bromide gelatine)**

**⇒ potentially too insensitive to light**

**⇒ maturation with thiosulphate,  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$  and  $\text{NH}_3$**

**⇒ Formation of seed crystals, e.g.  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$**

**⇒ considerable spike in photosensitivity**

**“seeds on nanometer scale“**

# Excursion: The Photographic Process

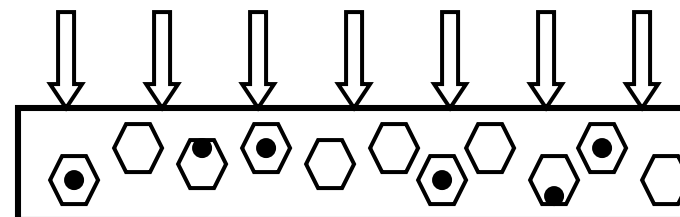
## B/W and Colour Photography are Based on the Photo Induced Reduction of AgBr Crystallites

### 2. Exposure

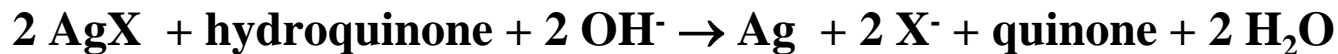


Silver seeds  $\rightarrow$  latent picture seed (10 – 100 Ag atoms)

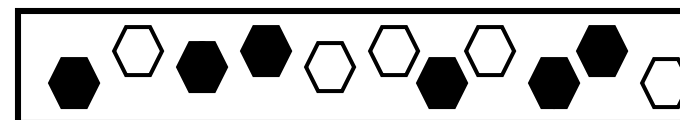
latens (lat.) = concealed, hidden



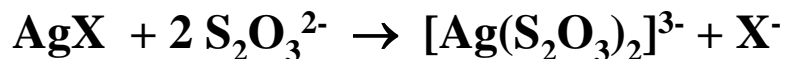
### 3. Development



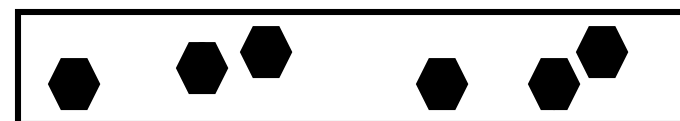
Conversion of the latent picture to the actual visible picture by complete reduction of AgBr grains ( $\sim 10^{12}$  Ag atoms)



### 4. Fixation



Removal of non-exposed AgX through treatment with fixing salt,  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$

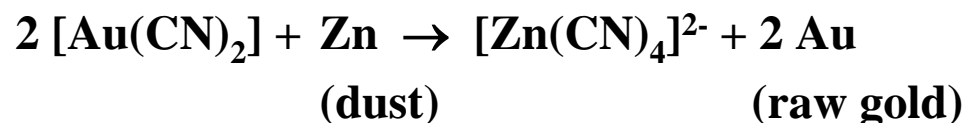
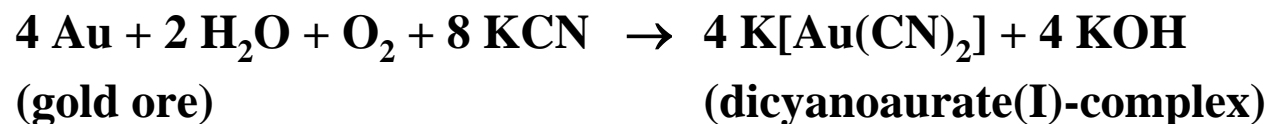


# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

### Au(I)-compounds

- Halides:  $\text{AuX} + \text{X}^- \rightarrow [\text{AuX}_2]^-$  (linear)
- Importance of cyaniding ( $\rightarrow$  presentations)



- The colourless  $\text{Au}^+$ -ion shows disproportionation in solution:

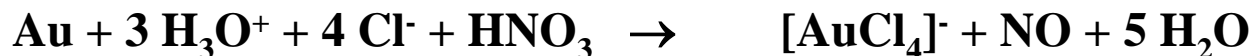
Reduced form	$\rightleftharpoons$	Oxidised form	+ e <sup>-</sup>	Standard potential E <sup>0</sup> [V]
2 Au	$\rightleftharpoons$	2 Au <sup>+</sup>	+ 2e <sup>-</sup>	+1.69
Au <sup>+</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons$	Au <sup>3+</sup>	+ 2e <sup>-</sup>	+1.40



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## Copper Group (Coinage Metals)

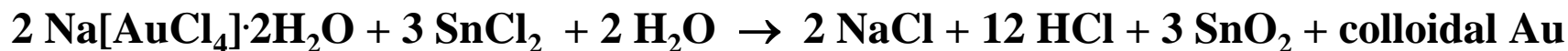
### Au(III)-compounds



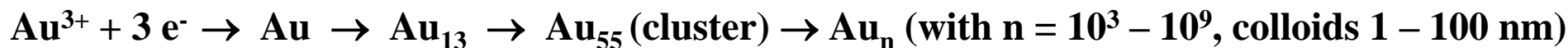
Evaporation leads to tetrachloro auric acid  $\text{H}[\text{AuCl}_4] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$\Rightarrow$  gold salt:  $\text{Na}[\text{AuCl}_4] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

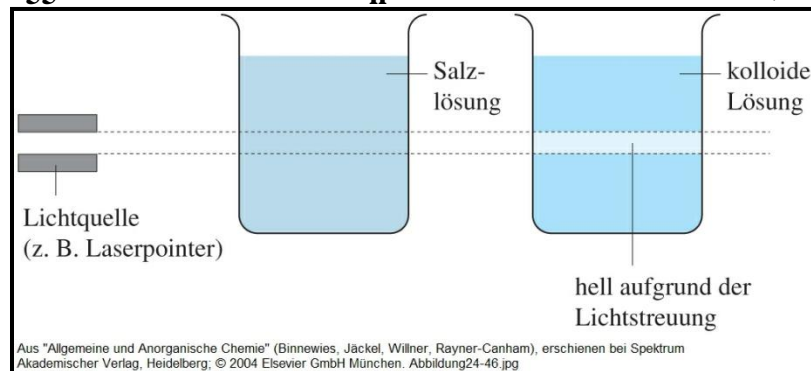
### Gold cluster and colloidal gold



(Cassius' gold purple)



Colloids can be detected by the Tyndall-effect (light scattering)



# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Zinc Group

⇒ 2. subgroup or group 12  $(n-1)d^{10}ns^2$  with  $n = 4, 5, 6$

The elements possess a relatively noble character, due to their full outer electron shell, which becomes particularly apparent for Hg

### Properties of the elements

Element	$T_m$ [°C]	Oxidation state	$r(M^{2+})$ [pm]	$E^\circ (M/M^{2+})$ [V]
Zn	419	+II	74	-0.76 (non-precious)
Cd	321	+II	97	-0.40 (non-precious)
Hg	-39	+I, +II	110	+0.85 (precious)

⇒ Hg is the only metal liquid at room temperature, exhibiting a vapour pressure of  $2.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mbar at that temperature

### Alloy

Brass Zn + Cu

Amalgams Hg + Na and Hg + Zn  
Hg + Ag/Cu/Sn



dental filling



amalgam lamps

reducing agent at the lab



# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Zinc Group

### Occurrence

Zink (zinc spar)



sphalerite  
zinc spar



Cadmium (Greek: kadmeia)  
*Mineral name*



greenocite  
otavite



Mercury (Greek: hydrargyrum)  
(Germanic: queck, quick)  
(Latin: mercurium)



zinner  
levingstonite



*Water silver, mobile, Mercury*

(Arabic: alzaybiq, الزئبق) → alkimiya

### Preparation by calcination

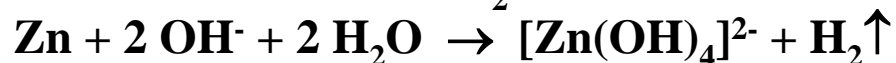
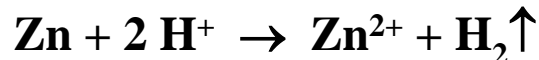
- Zn/Cd:  $2 \text{ZnS} + 3 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ZnO} + 2 \text{SO}_2$   
 $\text{ZnO} + \text{CO} \rightarrow \text{Zn} + \text{CO}_2$
- Hg:  $\text{HgS} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Hg} + \text{SO}_2$

# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## Zinc Group

### Reactions and applications of Zinc

- Soluble in acids and bases (amphoteric character of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$ ) under development of  $\text{H}_2$ :

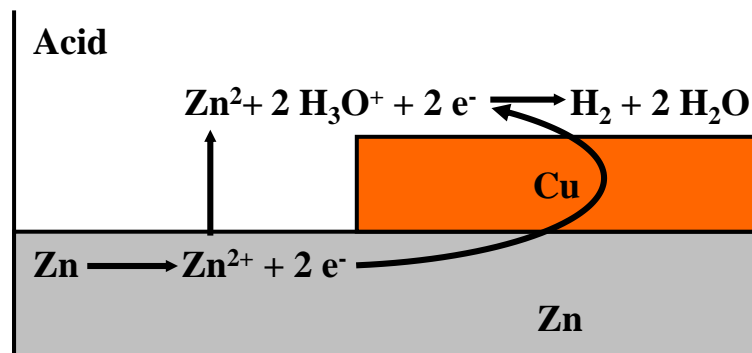


- Highly pure Zinc (99.999%) is not attacked any more ( $\text{H}_2$ -overvoltage 0.7 V, kinetic inhibition of the discharge of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions upon the Zinc surface)

Therefore:  $\text{Zn} + \text{dil. HCl} \rightarrow$  very weak development of  $\text{H}_2$

But:  $\text{Zn} + \text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{dil. HCl} \rightarrow$  violent development of  $\text{H}_2$

Explanation:  $\text{Zn} + \text{Cu}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Cu} + \text{Zn}^{2+} \Rightarrow$  Copper precipitates upon the Zinc  $\Rightarrow$  zinc surface is occupied by Cu  $\Rightarrow$  local elements are formed



Metals more precious than Zinc catalyse the solvation of Zn, which is why corrosion inhibition by galvanization works

Redox pair	$E^0$ [V]
Zn/ $\text{Zn}^{2+}$	-0.76
Fe/ $\text{Fe}^{2+}$	-0.41

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## Zinc Group

### Zinc(II)-compounds

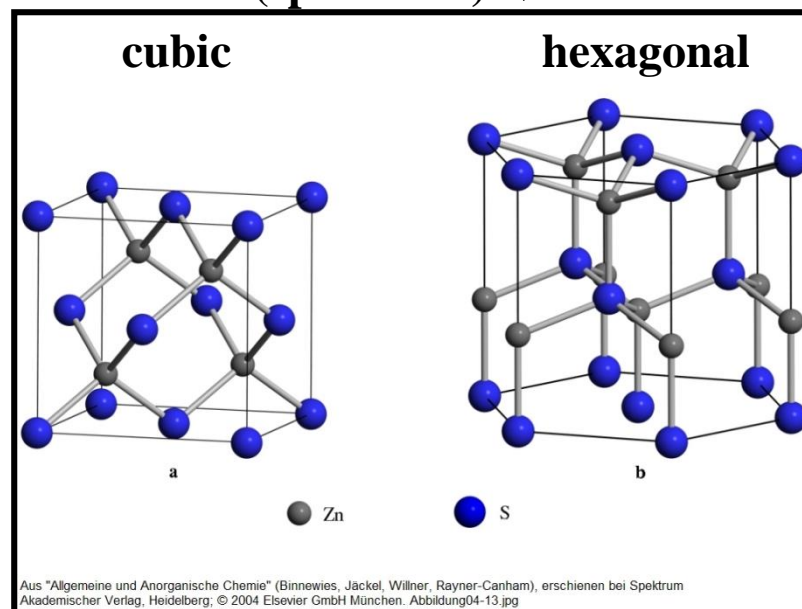
- Zinc sulphate heptahydrate “zinc vitriol“  
 $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O} = [\text{Zn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Zinc oxide “zinc white“: pigment with wurtzite-like structure  
 $\text{ZnO} \rightarrow \text{ZnO}:\text{Zn}$  (yellow)  $\Rightarrow$  Upon heating, anion defects occur  
 $\text{ZnO} + \text{Co}_2\text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{ZnCo}_2\text{O}_4$  (Rinmans' green)  $\Rightarrow$  normal spinel
- Zinc sulphide: dimorphous white pigment  $\Rightarrow$  zinc blende (sphalerite)  $\Leftrightarrow$  wurtzite  
Zinc blende: cubic close packing of anions  
Wurtzite: hexagonal close packing of anions  
Doping results in a variety of phosphors:

**ZnS:Ag** 450 nm

**ZnS:Cu,Al,Au** 530 nm

**ZnS:Mn** 580 nm

$\Rightarrow$  application in RGB cathode ray tubes  
and electroluminescence screens

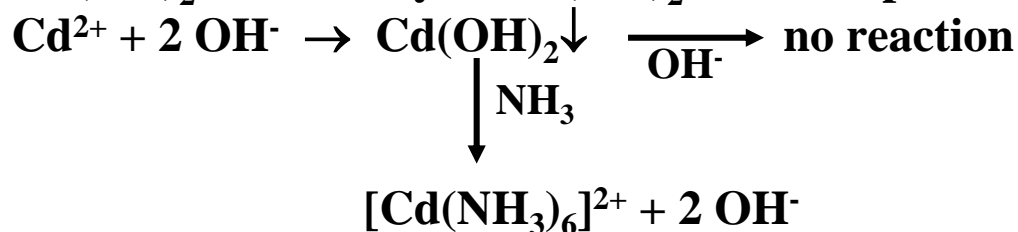


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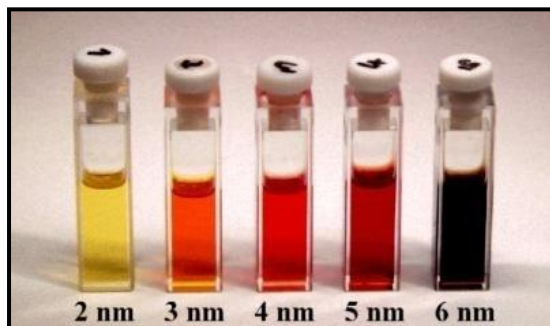
## Zinc Group

### Reactions and applications of Cadmium

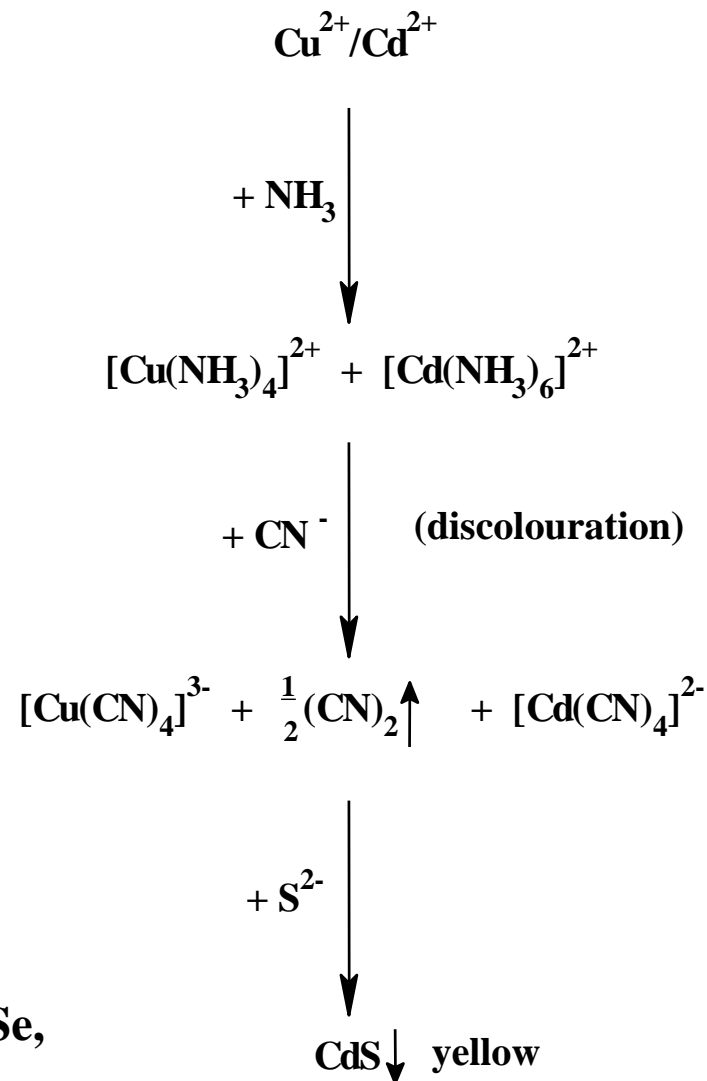
- $\text{Cd(OH)}_2$  in contrary to  $\text{Zn(OH)}_2$  is not amphoteric!



- $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  can be detected next to  $\text{Cu}^{2+} \Rightarrow$



- Cadmium sulphide,  $\text{CdS}$ , and Cadmium selenide,  $\text{CdSe}$ , are used as pigments and quantum dots



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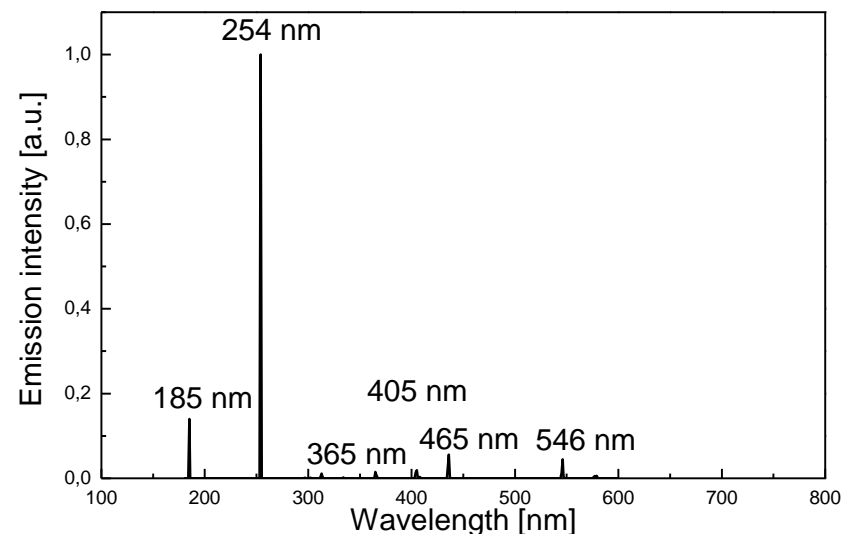
## Zinc Group

### Redox chemistry of mercury

- Hg forms  $\text{Hg}^+$  and, as  $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$ , salts
$$2 \text{Hg} \rightleftharpoons \text{Hg}_2^{2+} + 2 e^- \quad E^0 = +0.79 \text{ V}$$
$$\text{Hg}_2^{2+} \rightleftharpoons 2 \text{Hg}^{2+} + 2 e^- \quad E^0 = +0.91 \text{ V}$$
$$\text{Hg} \rightleftharpoons \text{Hg}^{2+} + 2 e^- \quad E^0 = +0.85 \text{ V}$$
- $\text{Hg}^+$ -salts contain dimeric  $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$  (metal-metal bonds!)
- $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$  does not disproportionate, but reagents that drastically reduce the concentration of  $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$  (precipitation agents ( $\text{OH}^-$ ,  $\text{S}^{2-}$ ) or complexing agents ( $\text{CN}^-$ )) lead to disproportionation

### Application of Hg in:

- Hg-low pressure discharge lamps (1 – 5 mg)
  - Fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent lamps
- Hg-high pressure discharge lamps (> 10 mg)
  - Street lighting, projector, head lights
- Thermo- and barometer
- Hg-switch
- Amalgams

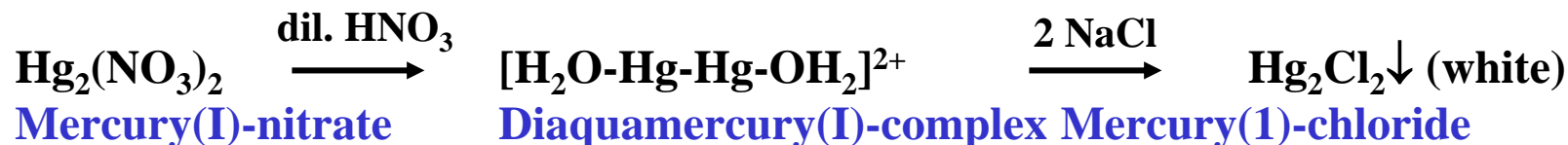


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## Zinc Group

### Mercury(I)-compounds

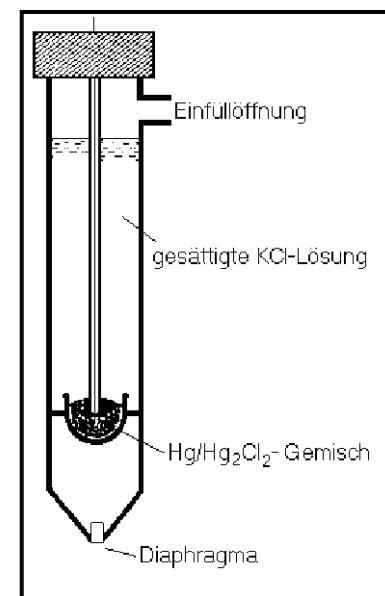
- $\text{Hg}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$  is soluble
- Halides:  $\text{Hg}_2\text{X}_2$  (with X = Cl, Br, I) are poorly soluble



- Mercury(I)-chloride is also called calomel (deep black), since a black colour arises upon treatment with  $\text{NH}_3$



- The calomel electrode ( $\text{Hg}/\text{Hg}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Cl}^-$ ) is a regularly used reference electrode in electrochemistry



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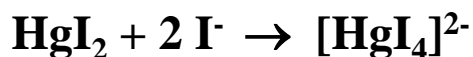
## Zinc Group

### Mercury(II)-compounds

- Hg(II)-salts are highly covalent und thus poorly soluble
- Only HgF<sub>2</sub> and Hg(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> are built iogenicly
- Hg + O<sub>2</sub> → HgO (red)
- Hg<sup>2+</sup> + 2 OH<sup>-</sup> → H<sub>2</sub>O + HgO (yellow) ⇒ smaller particles
- HgCl<sub>2</sub> (sublimate) is white, melts at 280 ° C and and boils at 303 ° C!  
⇒ molecular lattice consists of linear Cl-Hg-Cl molecules

- HgI<sub>2</sub> is dimorphous: α-HgI<sub>2</sub>(red) ⇌ β-HgI<sub>2</sub>(yellow) at T = 127 ° C

It reacts with excess I<sup>-</sup> to the tetraiodomercurate anion:



- Nessler's reagent: solution of K<sub>2</sub>HgI<sub>4</sub> in potash lye

for the detection of ammonia: 2 K<sub>2</sub>HgI<sub>4</sub> + NH<sub>3</sub> → [Hg<sub>2</sub>N]I + 4 KI + 3 HI

- $[\text{HgI}_4]^{2-} + 2 \text{Ag}^+ \rightarrow \text{Ag}_2[\text{HgI}_4] \downarrow \begin{matrix} 35^\circ \text{C} \\ \rightleftharpoons \\ \text{(yellow)} \end{matrix} \text{Ag}_2[\text{HgI}_4] \text{ (orange-red)}$
- $[\text{HgI}_4]^{2-} + 2 \text{Cu}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cu}_2[\text{HgI}_4] \downarrow \begin{matrix} 70^\circ \text{C} \\ \rightleftharpoons \\ \text{(red)} \end{matrix} \text{Cu}_2[\text{HgI}_4] \text{ (black)} \Rightarrow \text{thermochromism}$



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## Titanium Group

4. Sub group / group 4       $(n-1)d^2ns^2$  with  $n = 4, 5, 6$

Those elements are highly reactive and do react with  $N_2$  and  $H_2$  at elevated temperatures

### Properties of the elements

Element	Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	T <sub>m</sub> [° C]	T <sub>b</sub> [° C]	Oxidation state	r(M <sup>4+</sup> ) [pm]
Ti	4.54	1670	~3350	+II, +III, +IV	61
Zr	6.51	1850	~4400	+IV	72
Hf	13.31	2230	~4700	+IV	71

Zr and Hf resemble one another in terms of chemistry, which is why they are often associated with one another

Ti-alloys (DIN 17851): Light metals →  $\rho < 5 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Ti + Fe, C, N, O

Ti + Al, V, Mn, Mo, Pd, Cu, Zr, Sn

⇒ Aviation industry, ship building, chemical plant construction, engines, implants....





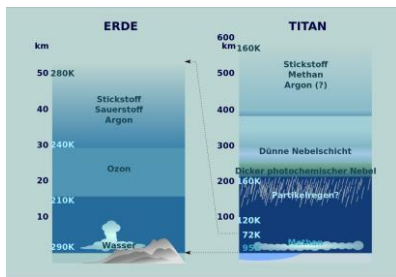
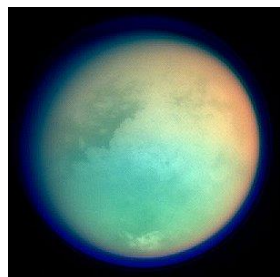
# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## The Titanium Group

### Occurrence

**Titanium (Titans)**

*Gods/giants in Greek myth.*



**Zirconium (name of mineral)**

*Named after the mineral zircon*

**Hafnium (Hafnia)**

*Copenhagen*

*(lat.: Hafnia)*

**TiO<sub>2</sub>**

**FeTiO<sub>3</sub>**

**CaTiO<sub>3</sub>**

**CaTiO[SiO<sub>4</sub>]**

**ZrO<sub>2</sub>(monoclinic) Baddeleyite**

**ZrO<sub>2</sub>(tetragonal) > 1100 ° C**

**ZrO<sub>2</sub>(cubic) > 2350 ° C**

**ZrSiO<sub>4</sub>**

**always a companion in Zr-minerals**

**Rutile**

**Anatase**

**Brookite**

**Ilmenite**

**Perovskite**

**Titanite**

**Baddeleyite**

**> 1100 ° C**

**> 2350 ° C**

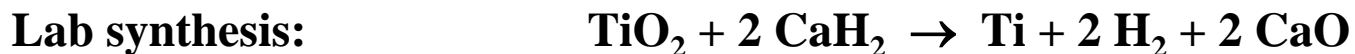
**Zircon**



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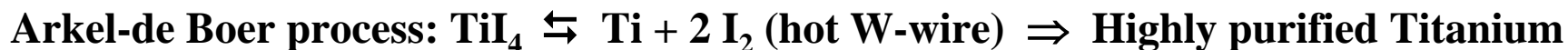
## The Titanium Group

### Synthesis



- Titanium is separated from the blend of Titanium, Magnesium dichloride, and Magnesium residues by high temperature vacuum sintering
- Magnesium dichloride is cleaved into Mg and Cl<sub>2</sub> by electrolysis
- The resulting material is brittle and porous → Titanium sponge

1200 ° C



600 ° C

## Zirconium Zr and Hafnium Hf

More or less analogue to Titanium

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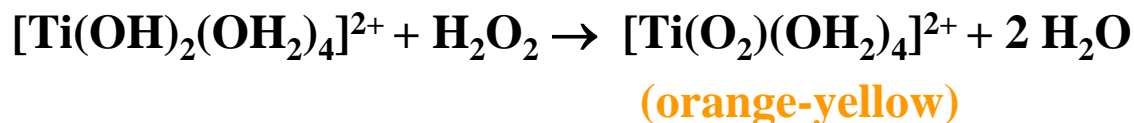
## The Titanium Group

### Titan(IV) compounds

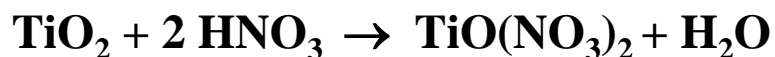
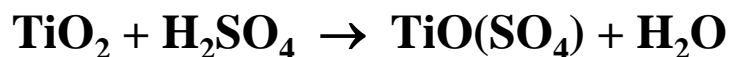
- [Ar] configuration  $\Rightarrow$  most stable oxidation state, colourless
- $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  is small and highly charged  $\Rightarrow$  strongly polarising (high ionic charge density)



In aqueous solution, there are thus no  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  cations but aqua hydroxo complexes that can be verified by the reaction with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ :

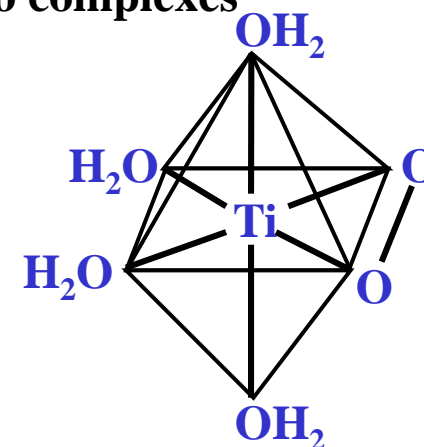


- Treatment of  $\text{TiO}_2$  with  $\text{HNO}_3$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  yields double salts



that contain polymeric Ti-O-Ti-O-Ti zig-zag chains

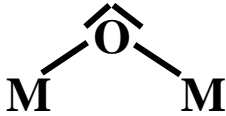
- However, the reaction of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ -containing solutions with oxalates yield tetramers



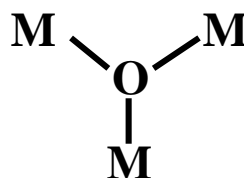
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## The Oxide Ion O<sup>2-</sup> as Ligand

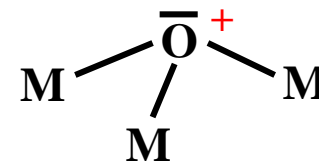
1. Terminal oxo groups      $M=O$   
 Vanadyl cation              $[V=O]^+$   
 Permanganate anion       $[MnO_4]^-$

2.  $\mu_2$ -oxo-groups              $M-O-M$      or     
- $[L_2Fe_2(\text{catecholate})_2(\mu_2-O)]$  with L = 1,4,7-trimethyl-1,4,7-triazacyclononane  
 $[Cr_2O_6(\mu_2-O)]^{2-}$

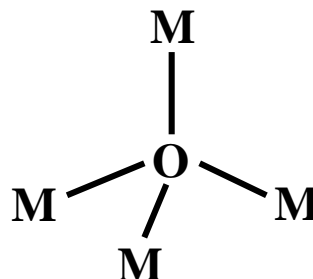
3.  $\mu_3$ -oxo-groups  
 $[Mn_3(\mu_3-O)(\mu_2-CH_3COO)_6]^+$   
 $[Hg_3Cl_3(\mu_3-O)]^+$



or



4.  $\mu_4$ -oxo-groups  
 $[Be_4(\mu_4-O)(\mu-CH_3COO)_6]$   
 $[Be_4(\mu_4-O)(\mu-NO_3)_6]$



Spectral classification

Type	Absorption lines	Temperature	Example
O	(H I, He I,) He II, N III, O III, Si IV	> 30000	
B	H I, He I, O II, Si III	> 10000	Orion's Belt
A	H I, Mg II, Si II, (Fe II, Ti II, Ca II)	> 7000	Sirius
F	H I, Ca II, Fe I, Ti I, Fe II, Ti II	> 6000	Procyon
G	(H I,) Ca II, Fe I, Ti I, etc., CH	> 5300	Sun
K	Ca II, Ca I, etc., TiO	> 4000	Arcturus
M	Ca I, TiO, etc.	> 2000	Betelgeuse

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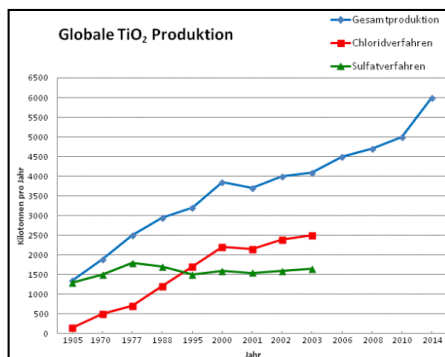
## The Titanium Group

### Titanium dioxide $\text{TiO}_2$

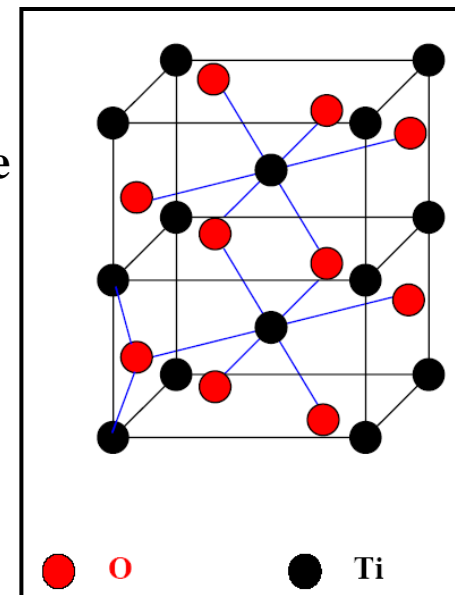
Synthesis → see presentations

### Structure

- Ti is coordinated octahedrally by O
  - 3 modifications: rutile, brookite, anatase
- ⇒ Different connectivity of  $\text{TiO}_2$ -octahedra



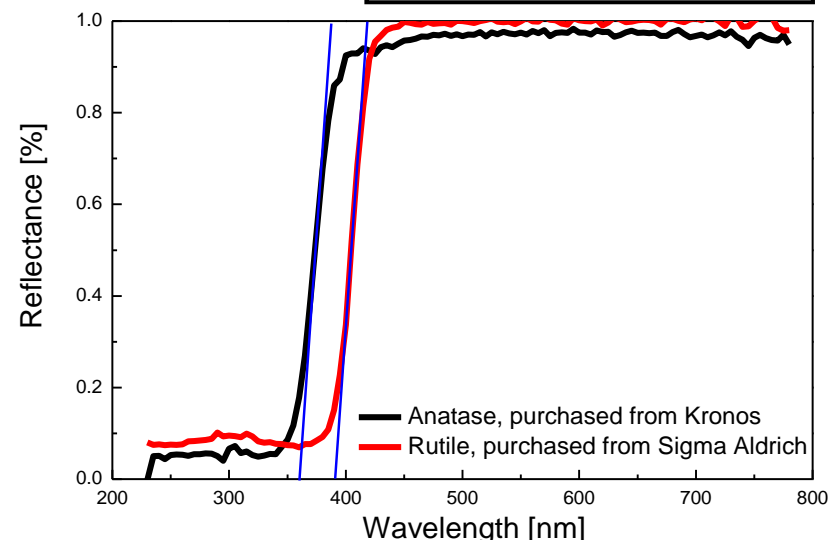
### Rutile-structure



### Properties

- Photocatalytic activity
  - $\text{TiO}_2 + h\nu \rightarrow \text{TiO}_2^*(e^- + h^+)$
  - $\text{TiO}_2^*(e^- + h^+) + A + D \rightarrow \text{TiO}_2 + A^- + D^+$
- High refractive index:

Modification	$E_g$ [eV]	$E_g$ [nm]	n
Anatase	3.5	360	2.55
Rutile	3.2	390	2.79

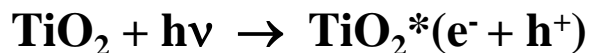


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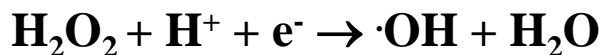
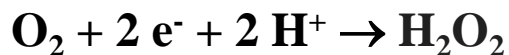
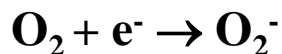
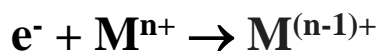
## The Titanium Group

### Photocatalytic water treatment with TiO<sub>2</sub> (Anatas)

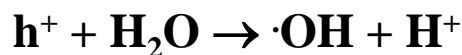
Excitation by absorption of UV-A/B radiation



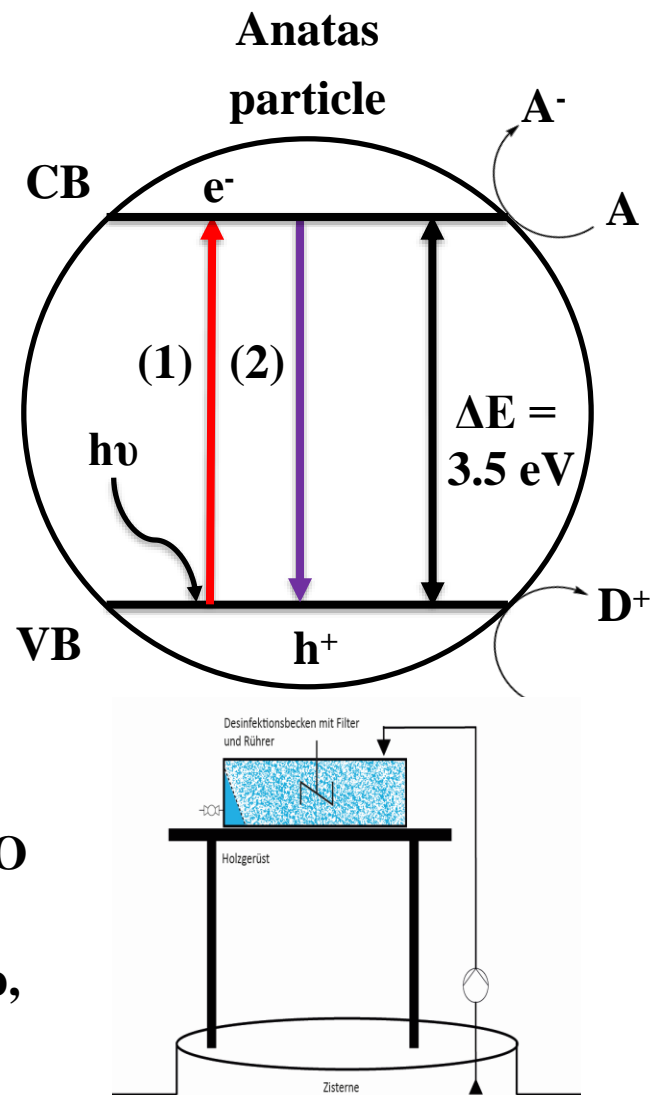
Acceptor A:



Donor D:



**Improved Material: Bi<sub>4</sub>Ti<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub> (BTO), due to smaller band gap, i.e. ~ 3,0 eV which means that blue light is absorbed**



# Excursion: Ferroelectrics and Perovskites

## Perovskites $ABX_3$

⇒  $\text{CaTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{BaTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{PbTiO}_3$ ,  $\text{KIO}_3$ ,  $\text{LaCoO}_3$ , ...

- Cubic primitive unit cell  
i.e.  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $a = b = c$
- Corner connected  $\text{TiO}_6$  octahedra
- $\text{Me}^+$ ,  $\text{Me}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Me}^{3+}$  occupy twelfefold coordinate voids

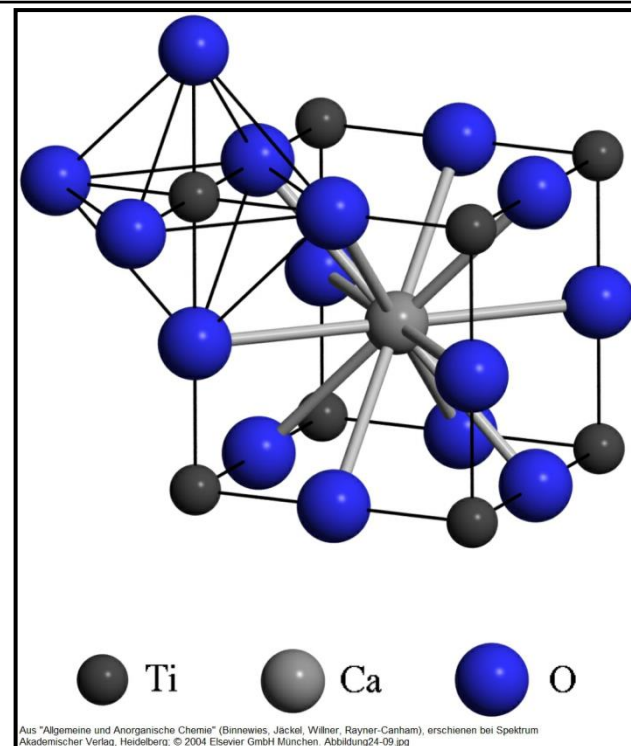
## Ferroelectrics

⇒ Possess areas (domains) in the crystal which are uniformly polarised in one spatial dimension

- These domains exhibit a permanent dipole moment
- Throughout the whole crystal, the differently polarized domains are distributed statistically ⇒ compensation dipole moments
- When introduced to an electrical field, the dipole moments are going to align themselves  
⇒ The orientation partly persists even after the cut-off of the electrical field (storage effect)

⇒ Ferroelectricity (cooperative phenomenon)

- $\text{BaTiO}_3$  is particularly ferroelectric ( $\epsilon \sim 1000$ ) ⇒ application in capacitors



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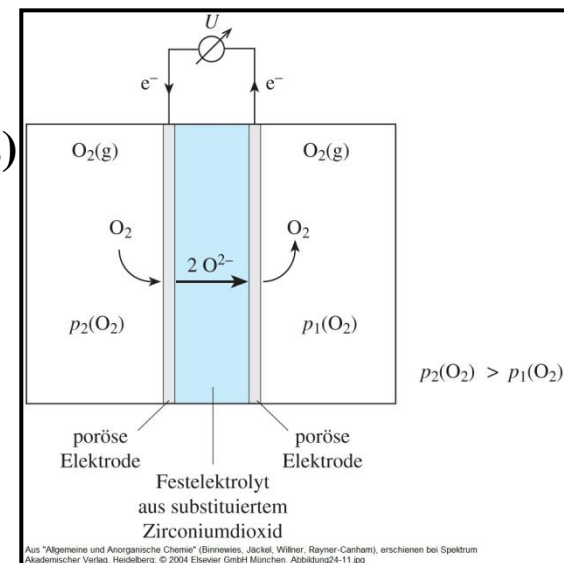
## The Titanium Group

### Zirconium- and Hafnium-compounds

- In compounds, Zr and Hf are mostly tetravalent
- $\text{ZrO}_2$  and  $\text{HfO}_2$  possess high melting points and are poorly soluble (only in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ):  
$$\text{ZrO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Zr}(\text{SO}_4)_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
- $\text{ZrX}_4$  and  $\text{HfX}_4$  with  $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$  known
- $\text{ZrX}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ZrOCl}_2 \cdot 8 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (tetramer:  $[\text{Zr}_4(\text{OH})_8(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}]^{8+} 8\text{Cl} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

### Application of Zirconium and Hafnium

- $\text{ZrO}_2/\text{CaO}, \text{MgO}$  fire-resistant tools (crucibles, furnaces)
- $\text{ZrO}_2/\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$   $\lambda$ -probe ( $\rightarrow$  presentations)  
fuel cell  
Nernst-stick: IR-radiation source
- $\text{La}_2\text{Hf}_2\text{O}_7:\text{Ce}$  Scintillators
- $\text{Lu}_4\text{Hf}_3\text{O}_{12}$  Scintillators ( $\rho = 9,04 \text{ g/cm}^3$ )





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## The Vanadium Group

5. Sub group or group 5  $\Rightarrow$  5 valence electrons

Vanadium [Ar]3d<sup>3</sup>4s<sup>2</sup>

Niobium [Kr]4d<sup>4</sup>5s<sup>1</sup>

Tantalum [Xe]4f<sup>14</sup>5d<sup>3</sup>6s<sup>2</sup>

### Properties of the elements

Element	Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	T <sub>m</sub> [° C]	T <sub>b</sub> [° C]	Oxidation state	r(M <sup>5+</sup> ) [pm]
V	6.11	1910	3407	+II, +III, +IV, +V	54
Nb	8.58	2477	4744	(+III, +IV), +V	64
Ta	16.65	3017	5458	(+III, +IV), +V	64

Stability of the oxidation state +V strongly increases from V to Ta!

### Alloys

- Vanadium steel                      Fe + V (up to 0.5%)                      tool steel
- Ferro-Niobium                      Nb + Fe (28 – 33.5%)                      steel construction
- Tantalum-Niobium-steel                      Ta + Fe                      rocket engines
- Tantalumcarbide                      Ta + C                      cutting tool

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## The Vanadium Group

### Occurrence

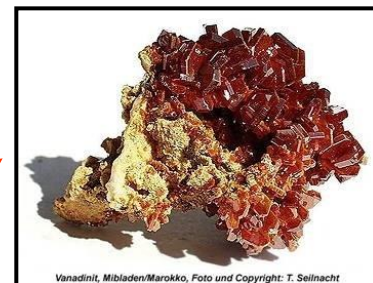
**Vanadium (Vanadis)**

*Byname of Nordic goddess Freya*



**Patronite**

**Vanadinite**



**Niobium (Niobe)**

*Daughter of Tantalus*

$(\text{Fe},\text{Mn})(\text{Nb},\text{Ta})_2\text{O}_6$  **Columbite**



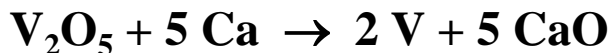
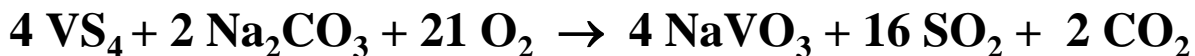
**Tantalum (Tantalus)**

*Greek saga figure*

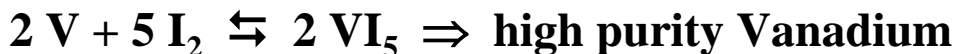
$(\text{Fe},\text{Mn})(\text{Nb},\text{Ta})_2\text{O}_6$  **Tantalite**



### Vanadium synthesis and purification



**Arkel-de Boer process**



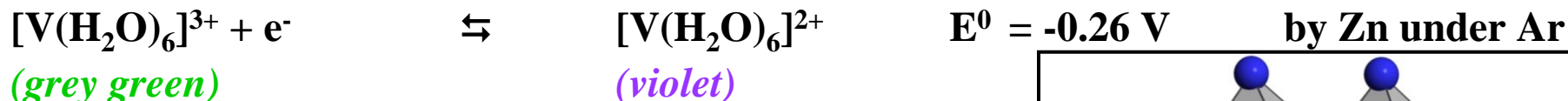
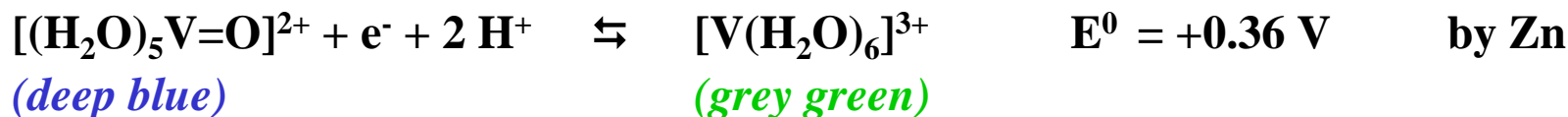
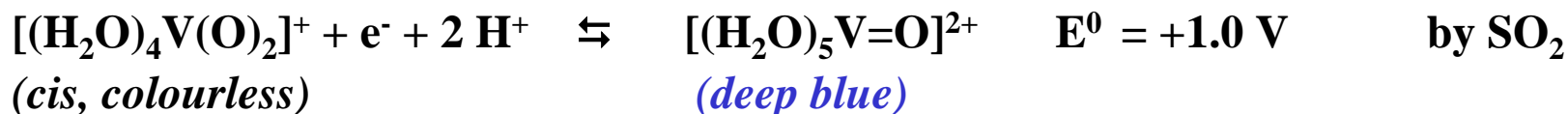
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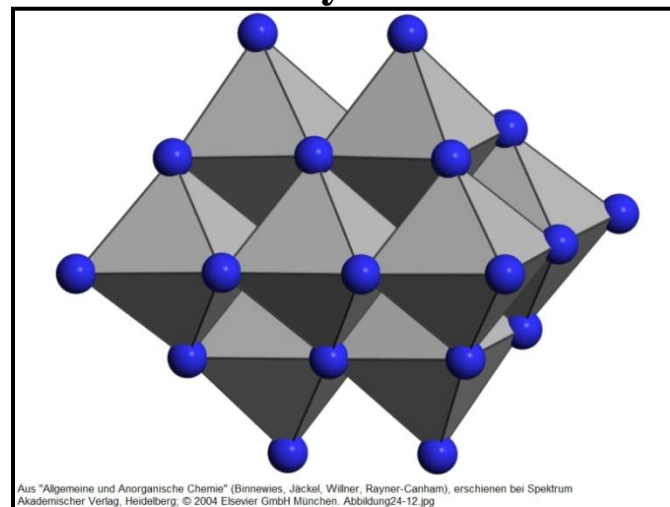
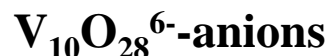
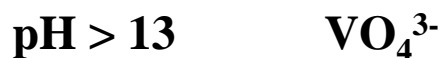
### Properties and reactions of Vanadium

- Four stable oxidation states

⇒ Versatile redox chemistry:



- $\text{VO}_4^{3-}$  in aqueous solution:



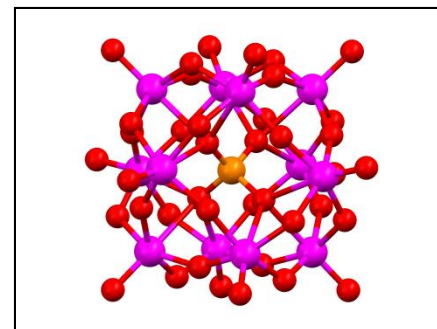
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## The Vanadium Group

### Isopoly acids

- Oxo acids of transition metals that contain only one kind of metal
- Formation through condensation of metal anions
- Built up by corner or edge connected metal-oxo-polyhedra

Examples:  $[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]^{6-}$ ,  $[\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7]^{2-}$ ,  $[\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}]^{6-}$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}]^{10-}$



### Heteropoly acids

- Isopoly acids where the central atom is a hetero atom
- They form through intercalation of hetero atoms in tetrahedra and octahedra voids
- The hetero atom can be a non-metal or a transition metal

Class	X:M	Hetero Group	Example
$[\text{X}^{n+}\text{M}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{(8-n)-}$ “ $\alpha$ -Keggin-structures“	1:12	$\text{XO}_4$	$[\text{PMo}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{3-}$
$[\text{X}^{n+}\text{M}_6\text{O}_{24}]^{(12-n)-}$	1:6	$\text{XO}_6$	$[\text{IW}_6\text{O}_{24}]^{5-}$

with M = V, Cr, Mo, W and X = B, P, Si, I

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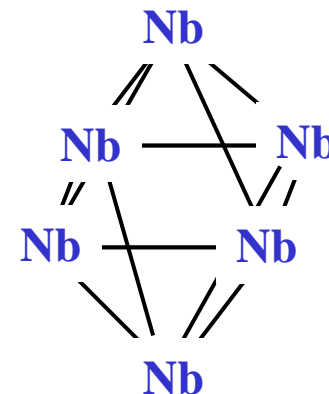
## The Vanadium Group

### Properties and reactions of Niobium and Tantalum

- The oxidation state +V is most stable
- In low oxidation states, preferably clusters are formed



*“octahedral Nb<sub>6</sub> Cluster”*



### Definition of the term Cluster

Higher molecular aggregates of transition metal compounds, where the metal centres are linked by M-M-bonds

M-M

M=M

M≡M

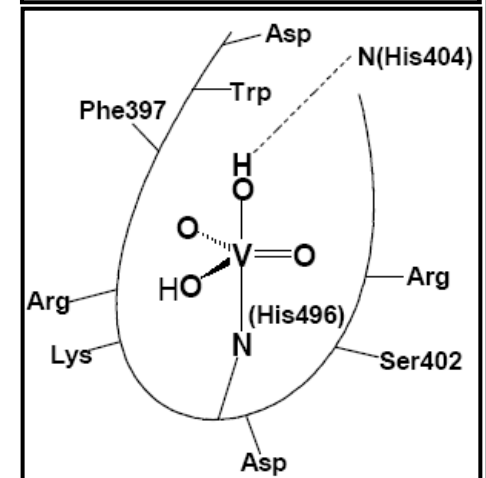
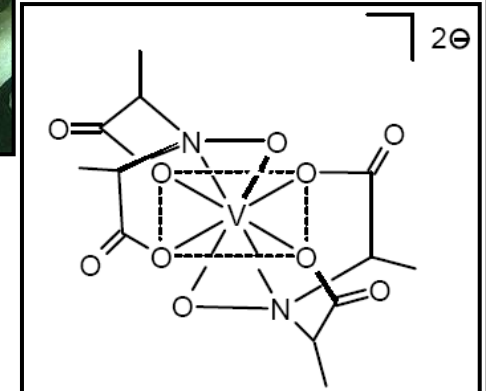
In rare cases also quadruple bonds between the transition metals can be observed

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## The Vanadium Group

### Biological aspects

- **Amavadin**  
In fungus *amanita muscaria* (fly agaric)
- **Tunicates** (“coat animals”) use vanadocytes for their oxygen transportation, that contain Vanadium ions instead of Iron(II)-ions
- **Peroxidases**, in their active form, contain Vanadium(V)-ions in trigonal-bipyramidal coordination
- **Nitrogenases**  
Some variations contain Mo-V-clusters
- **Insulin mimetics**



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## The Chromium Group

6. Sub group or group 6  $\Rightarrow$  6 valence electrons

Chromium [Ar]3d<sup>5</sup>4s<sup>1</sup>      Molybdenum [Kr]4d<sup>5</sup>5s<sup>1</sup>      Tungsten [Xe]4f<sup>14</sup>5d<sup>4</sup>6s<sup>2</sup>

$\Rightarrow$  An half-filled d-shell is reached by a change in electron configuration for Cr and Mo

### Properties of the elements

Element	Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	T <sub>m</sub> [° C]	T <sub>b</sub> [° C]	Oxidation state	r(M <sup>6+</sup> ) [pm]
Cr	7.18	1903	2640	+II, +III, +VI	44
Mo	10.22	2620	4825	+IV, +VI	59
W	19.3	3410	5700	+IV, +VI	60

Lower oxidation states are accessible via  $\pi$ -acceptor ligands, e.g. Chromium-hexacarbonyl [Cr(CO)<sub>6</sub>]



$\sigma$ -donor- and  $\pi$ -back bonding

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## The Chromium Group

### Occurrence

**Chromium (Chromos)**

*Byname of Nordic goddess Freya*



**Chromiumironstone**

**Crocoisite** →



**Molybdenum (Molybdos)**

*Lead*



**Molybdenum glitter**

**Wulfenite** →



**Tungsten (lat.: lupi spume)**

*Wolf-foam, wolf-cream*



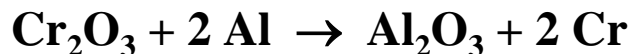
**Wolframite**

**Scheelit** →

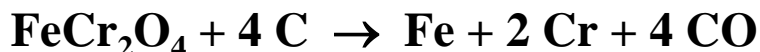


### Synthesis

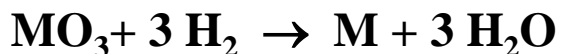
**Chromium through thermite process**



**Ferrochromium (Chromium-iron-steel) by reduction with coke**



**Molybdenum/Tungsten by reduction of the oxides with hydrogen**



**Scheelit shows  
Blue luminescence**



# 10. Chemistry of Transition Metals

## The Chromium Group

### Properties and reactions of Chromium

#### Oxidation state +II

- $\text{Cr} + 2 \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{2+} + 2 \text{Cl}^- + \text{H}_2$
- $\text{CrCl}_2$  is stable in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  under the exclusion of air  $\Rightarrow$  Formation of  $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  (sky blue)
- $\text{Cr}^{2+}$  is a strong reduction agent:  $\text{Cr}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+} + \text{e}^- \quad E^0 = -0.41 \text{ V}$
- $\text{Cr}^{2+}$ -complexes are kinetically unstable and exhibit Jahn-Teller distortion

#### Oxidation state +III

- $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  exists in aqueous solution as hexaaquochromium(III)-ion which reacts acidic  
 $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons [\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5(\text{OH})]^{2+} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \quad \text{pK}_s = 4.0$
- Chromium(III)-chloride in aqueous solution is transformed into its hydration isomers  
 $[\text{CrCl}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons [\text{CrCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^+ + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Cl}^- \rightleftharpoons [\text{CrCl}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2 \text{Cl}^-$   
(dark green) (dark green) (light blue green)  
 $\rightleftharpoons [\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} + 3 \text{Cl}^- \Rightarrow$  slow ligand exchange, because  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  is kinetically inert  
(violet)
- $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  is stable in acidic and neutral conditions, but is easily oxidised in basic surroundings  
 $2 \text{Cr}^{3+} + 7 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + 6 \text{e}^- \quad E^0 = +1.33 \text{ V at pH} = 0$   
 $2 \text{Cr}(\text{OH})_3 + 5 \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{CrO}_4^{2-} + 4 \text{H}_2\text{O} + 3 \text{e}^- \quad E^0 = +0.13 \text{ V at pH} = 14$

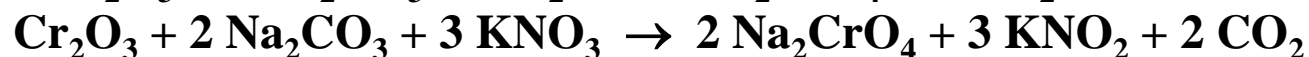
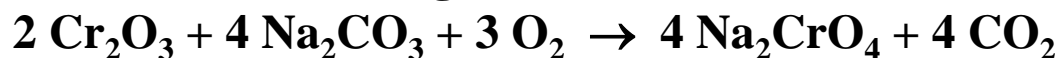
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## The Chromium Group

### Properties and reactions of Chromium

#### Oxidation state +VI

- Forms from oxidising melts of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ -salts:

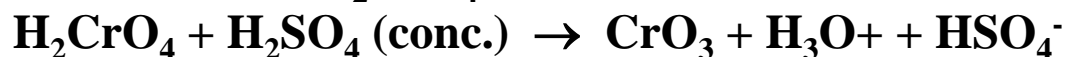


- Chromate-dichromate-equilibrium:



(orange red)                      (yellow)

- Chromic acid,  $\text{H}_2\text{CrO}_4$ , can be drained to the anhydride:

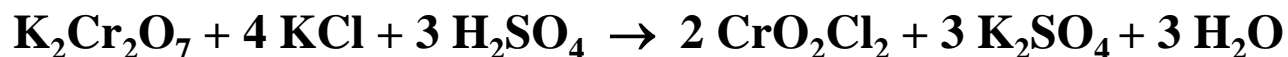


(red)

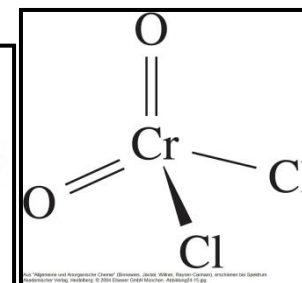
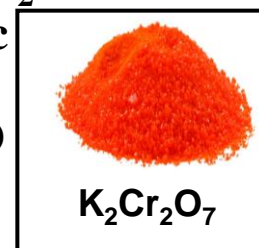
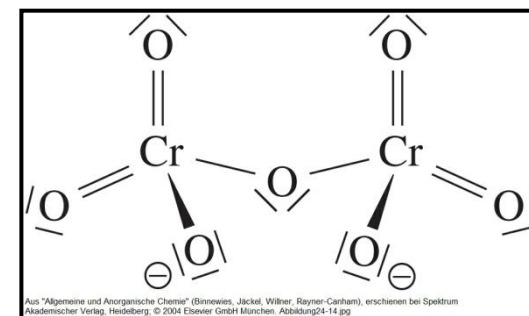
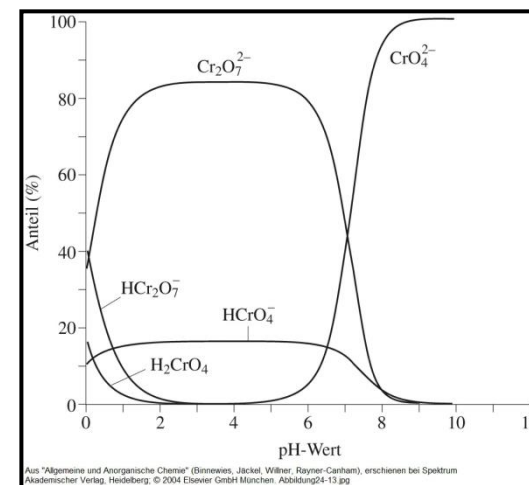
- Chromate oxidises primary alcohols to aldehydes:



- Heating of dichromate with alkali metal chlorides in sulphuric acid yields chromyl chloride:



(deep red oil)



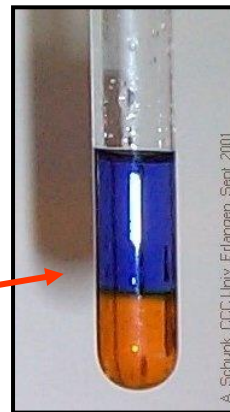
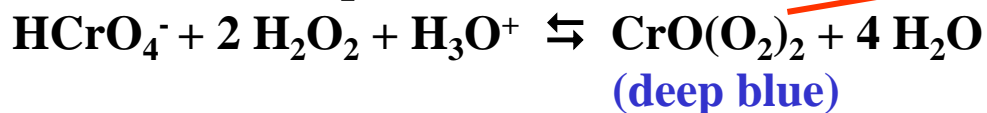
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## The Chromium Group

### Properties and reactions of chromium

#### Oxidation state +VI

- Treatment of chromate solutions with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  yields Chromium(VI)-peroxide:

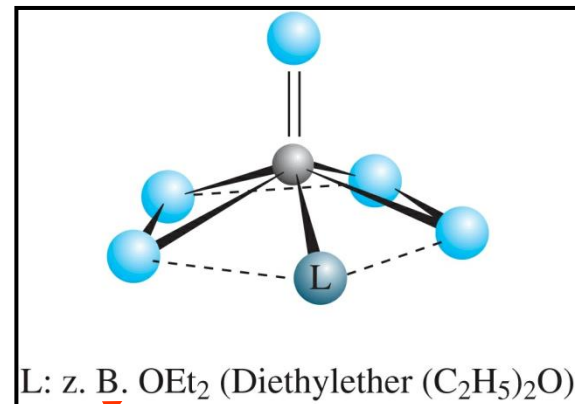


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- The unstable Cr(VI)-peroxide can be stabilised by the formation of an adduct with diethylether or pyridine



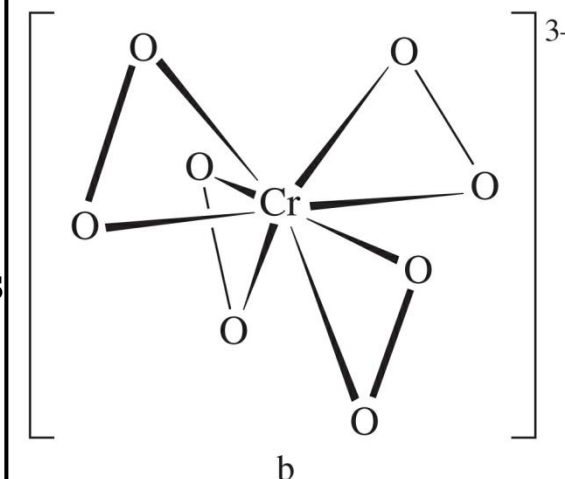
(pentagonal-pyramidal)



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#### Oxidation state +V

- Known are:  $\text{Li}_3\text{CrO}_4$ ,  $\text{Na}_3\text{CrO}_4$  and  $\text{CrF}_5$
- Reaction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  with alkaline alkali metal chromate solutions results in peroxochromate(V)  $\text{M}_3\text{CrO}_8$



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### Solubility of Chromium compounds

	readily soluble
+II	$\text{CrCl}_2$
+III	$\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (complex salts)
+VI	$\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4$ , $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$

poorly soluble

$\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_3$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CrCl}_3$  (layered grid)

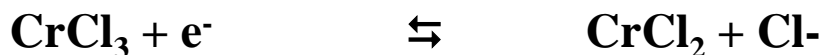
$\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$



$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$



Poorly soluble Chromium(III)-salts can be transformed into more readily soluble compounds by oxidation or reduction:



**$\text{d}^3$  kinetically stable**  $\rightarrow$   **$\text{d}^4$  kinetically labile**

Similar is true for poorly soluble Iron(III)- and Manganese(IV)-compounds:

$\Rightarrow$  Of importance for the assimilation of Fe ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) and Mn ( $\text{MnO}_2$ ) from soil

**Trick: Addition of  $\text{M}^{2+}$ -salts to poorly soluble  $\text{M}^{3+}$ -salts increases the solubility through the transfer of electrons on the crystal surfaces**

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## The Chromium Group

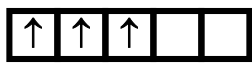
### Optical spectra of Chromium(III)-compounds



3d

$$S = \sum s = 3/2$$

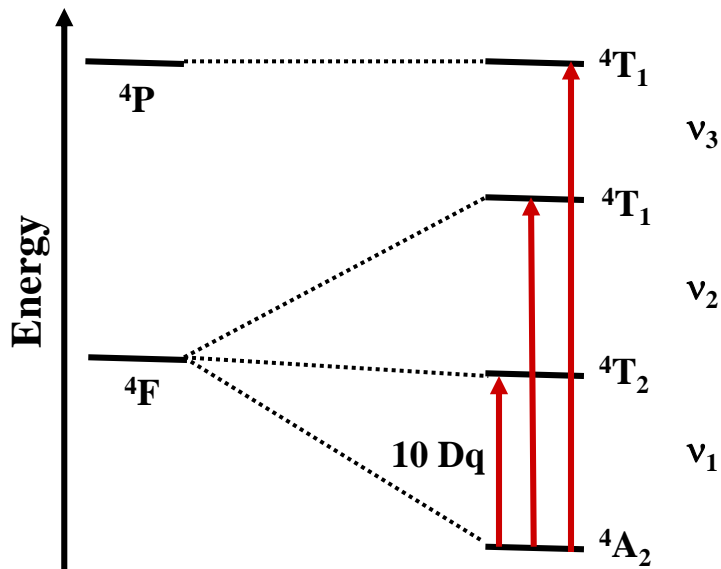
$$L = |\sum l| = 1$$



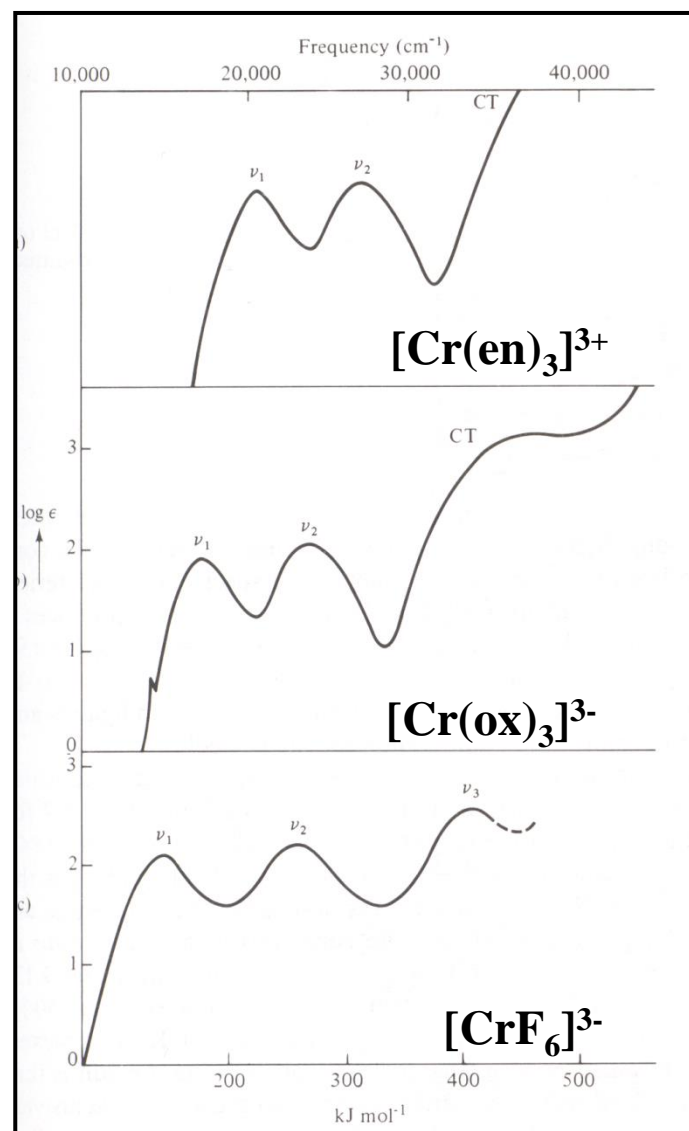
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$$S = \sum s = 3/2$$

$$L = |\sum l| = 3$$



Complex	10 Dq [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	
[Cr(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	26700	
[Cr(en) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	21900	en = ethylenediamine C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
[Cr(acac) <sub>3</sub> ]	17800	acac = acetylacetonate C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>
[Cr(ox) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	17500	ox = oxalate C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
[CrF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	14900	



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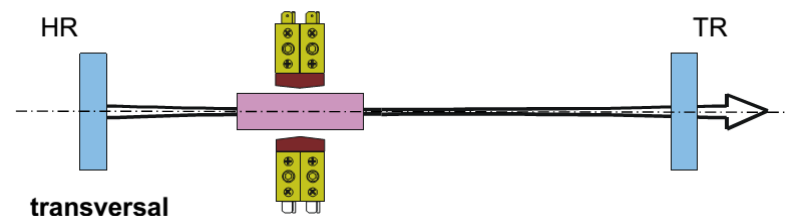
## The Chromium Group

### Optical spectra of with Cr(III) doped solid state materials (e.g. oxides)

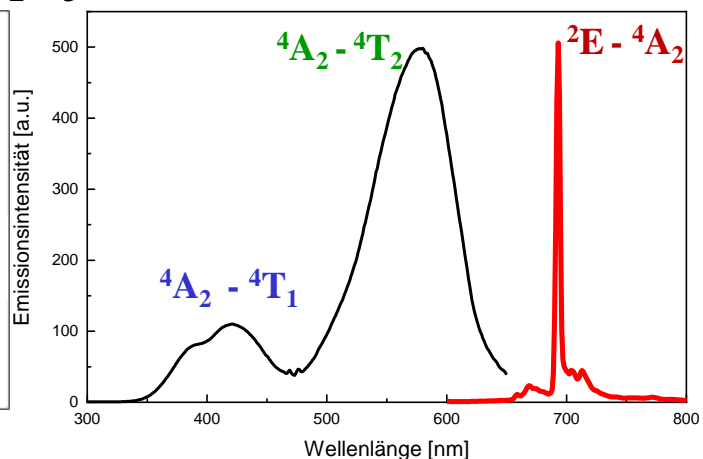
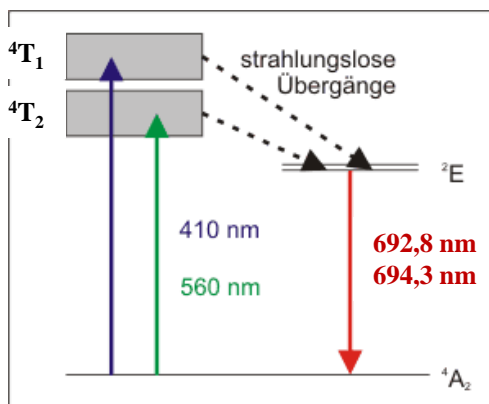
- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Cr}$  (693 nm)  $\Rightarrow$  ruby  $\sim 0.1\% \text{Cr}^{3+} \Rightarrow$  ruby solid state laser
- $\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}:\text{Cr}$  (688 nm)
- $\text{LiAlO}_2:\text{Cr}$  (690 nm)
- $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}:\text{Cr}$  (695 nm)
- $\text{Lu}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}:\text{Cr}$  (704 nm)
- $\text{Y}_3\text{Ga}_5\text{O}_{12}:\text{Cr}$  (730 nm)
- $\text{LaAlO}_3:\text{Cr}$  (735 nm)
- $\text{Gd}_3\text{Ga}_5\text{O}_{12}:\text{Cr}$  (745 nm)

Influence of the crystal field on the exact position of the 3d-3d emission lines

- weak for lines
- strong for bands



Laser scheme, **excitation** and emission spectra of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Cr}$  (ruby)



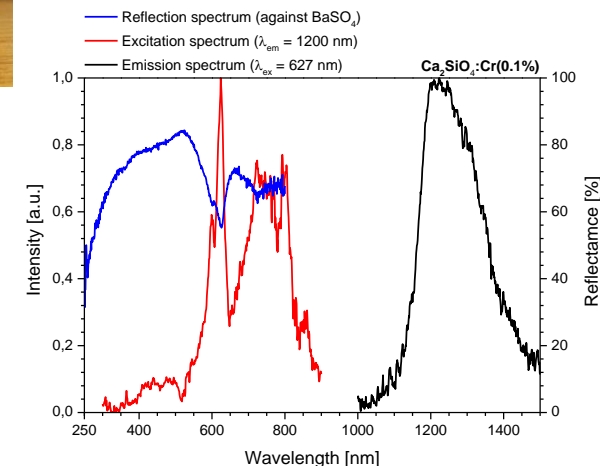
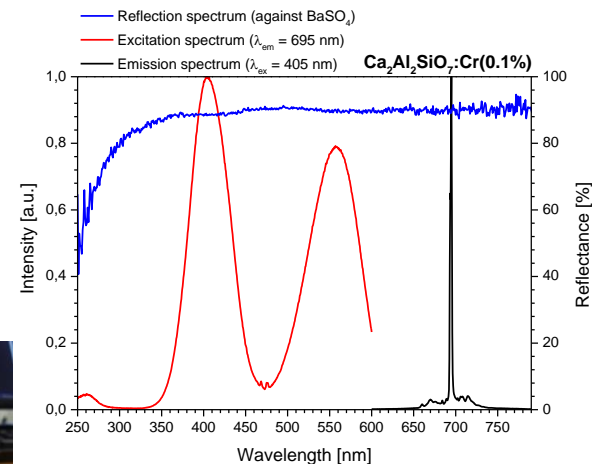
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### Optical spectra of Cr<sup>3+</sup> doped solid state compounds (oxides)

#### Optical marker for inorganic phases in cement

CaO-SiO <sub>2</sub>	CaO-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -SiO <sub>2</sub>
Ca <sub>3</sub> SiO <sub>5</sub>	Ca <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	Ca <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub>
Ca <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	CaAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Ca <sub>2</sub> Al <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>7</sub>
Ca <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaAl <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	CaAl <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>6</sub>
CaSiO <sub>3</sub>	CaAl <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	CaAl <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
CaSi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Ca <sub>12</sub> Al <sub>14</sub> O <sub>33</sub>	Ca <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>16</sub>



#### Tracing alkalinity by luminescence

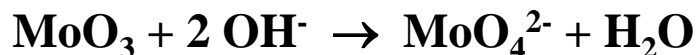
- Cr<sup>3+</sup> Ca<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>7</sub> red
- Cr<sup>4+</sup> Ca<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> NIR
- Cr<sup>6+</sup> CaAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> none

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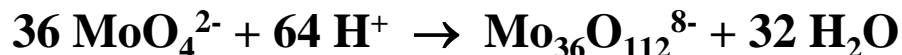
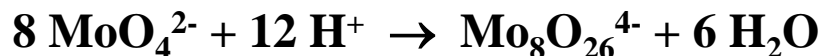
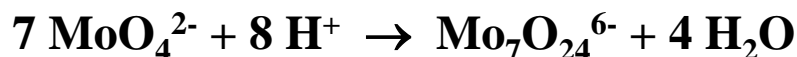
## The Chromium Group

### Properties and reactions of Molybdenum and Tungsten

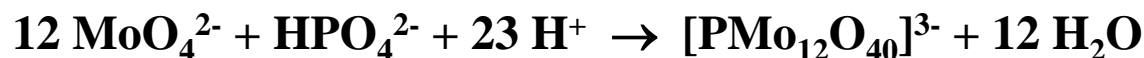
- $\text{MoO}_3$  and  $\text{WO}_3$  are insoluble in water and acids, but soluble in alkaline lyes:



- At pH 6 and below isopoly anions are formed:



- Isopoly anions can incorporate hetero atoms:

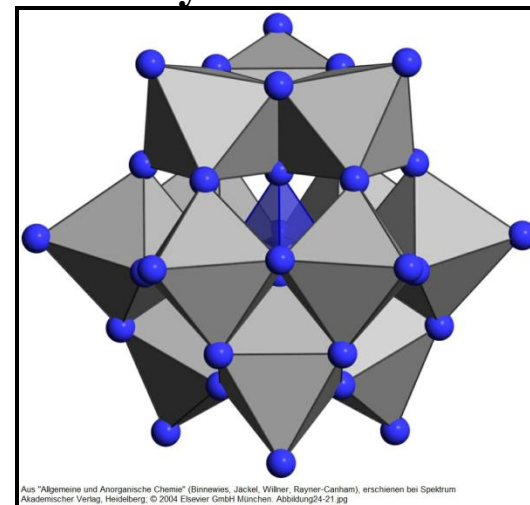
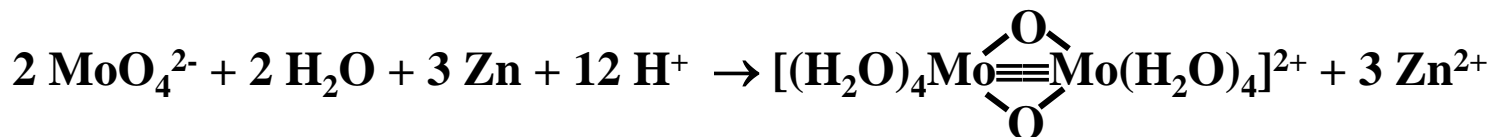


(yellow)  $\Rightarrow$  detection of phosphate

- Reduction of sodiumpolytungstate with  $\text{H}_2$  yields



- Reduction of  $\text{MoO}_4^{2-}$  with Zn/Hg  $\Rightarrow$  diamagnetic  $\text{Mo}^{3+}$ -complex:



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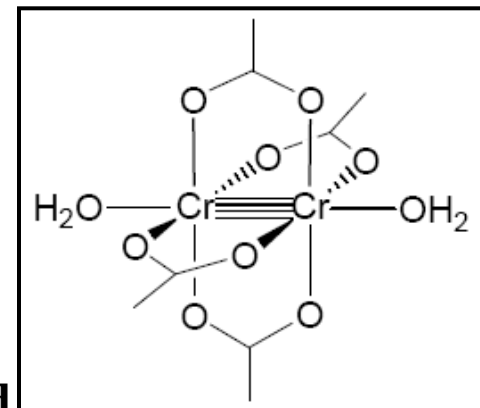
## The Chromium Group

### Metal-metal-bonds

- Chromium(II)-acetate contains one Cr-Cr-quadruple bond  

$$2 [\text{Cr}(\text{OH}_2)_6]^{2+} + 4 \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- \rightarrow [\text{Cr}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_4] + 10 \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
- Molybdenum(II)-acetate also contains one Mo-Mo-quadruple bond  

$$2 [\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6]^0 + 4 \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} \rightarrow [\text{Mo}_2(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_4] + 12 \text{CO} + 4 \text{H}^+ + 4 \text{e}^-$$



$\sigma$ -bonds                      0 nodal plane

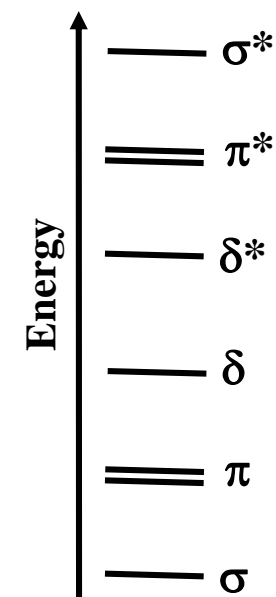
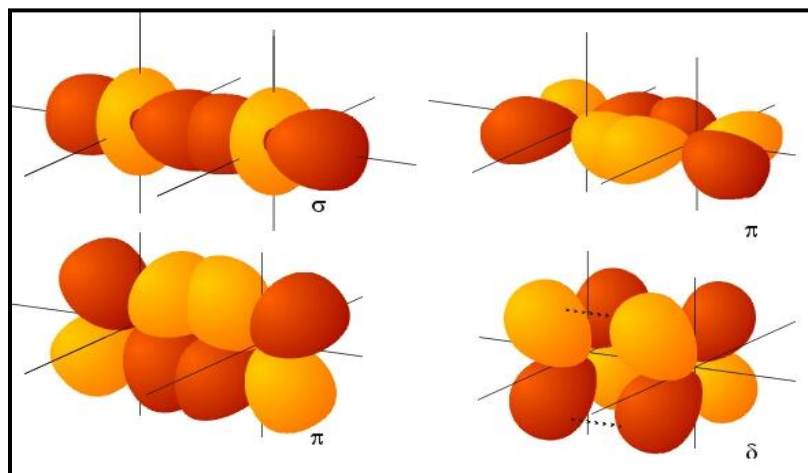
( $s + s, p_z + p_z, d_z^2 + d_z^2$ )

$\pi$ -bonds                      1 nodal plane

( $p_x + p_x, p_y + p_y, d_{xz} + d_{xz}, d_{yz} + d_{yz}$ )

$\delta$ -bonds                      2 nodal plane

( $d_{xy} + d_{xy}$ )



Cr(I) also forms Cr-Cr-quintuple bonds, e.g. in [PhCrCrPh]

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## The Chromium Group

### Biological aspects

#### Chromium

- Chromium(VI) acts carcinogenic, because it can oxidise OH-groups of the DNA
- Chromium(III) regulates the blood sugar level, together with insulin and glucagon

#### Molybdenum

- Only element of 2<sup>nd</sup> transition metal series of biological significance!
- In the form of molybdate  $\text{MoO}_4^{2-}$  soluble und thus readily available from sea water
- Biochemically relevant oxidation states: IV, V, VI  $\Rightarrow$  electron transfer reactions
- Coordination by O-, S-, and N-ligands
- Enzymes: nitrogenases, nitrate reductases, aldehyde oxidases

#### Tungsten

- Only element of 3<sup>rd</sup> transition metal series of biological relevance!
- Metalloenzymes in hypothermal archaeobacteria are stable up to 110 ° C, due to strong metal-ligand interactions, stabilising the enzyme

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## The Manganese Group

7. Sub group or group 7  $\Rightarrow$  7 valence electrons

Manganese [Ar]3d<sup>5</sup>4s<sup>2</sup>

Technetium [Kr]4d<sup>5</sup>5s<sup>2</sup>

Rhenium [Xe]4f<sup>14</sup>5d<sup>5</sup>6s<sup>2</sup>

• Manganese is one of the most abundant heavy metals, second only to Iron

•  $^{99}\text{Tc}^* \rightarrow ^{99}\text{Tc} + \gamma: \tau_{1/2} = 6 \text{ h}$        $^{99}\text{Tc} \rightarrow ^{99}\text{Ru} + \beta^-: \tau_{1/2} = 2.1 \cdot 10^5 \text{ a}$

### Properties of the elements

Element	Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	T <sub>m</sub> [° C]	T <sub>b</sub> [° C]	Oxidation state	r(M <sup>7+</sup> ) [pm]
Mn	7.44	1247	2030	+II, +III, +IV, +VI, +VII	46
Tc	11.49	2250	4700	+IV, +V, +VII	56
Re	21.03	3180	5870	+IV, + V, + VI, +VII	53

### Alloys

**Ferromanganese** Mn(> 70%) + Fe + C

**Silicomanganese** Mn(65%) + Si(15-20%) + C

**Manganin** Cu(84%), Cu(12%), Ni(4%)

precision resistors

**Manganese steel** Fe + Mn(10-18%)

railway tracks, armour plates

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## The Manganese Group

### Occurrence

**Manganese (Greek: manganizein)**  
*cleaning: discolours ferrous glass*

$\text{MnO}_2$   
 $\text{MnO}(\text{OH})$   
 $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4$   
 $\text{MnSiO}_4$

**Pyrolustie (manganese ore)**  
**Manganite**  
**Hausmannite**  
**Rhodonite**



**Technetium (Grek: technetos)**  
*artificial*

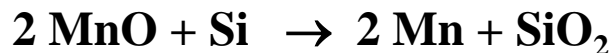
Traces in uranium ores

**Rhenium (Rhineland)**  
*Home to the discoverer Ida Tacke*

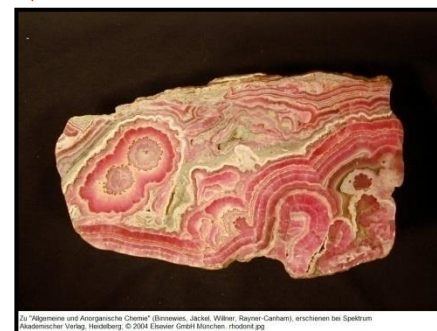
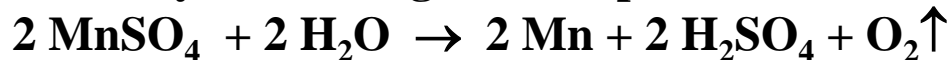
Companion in molybdenum ores ( $\text{MoS}_2$ )

### Production of Manganese

1. From Manganese ores with silicomanganese



2. Electrolysis of Manganese sulphate solutions



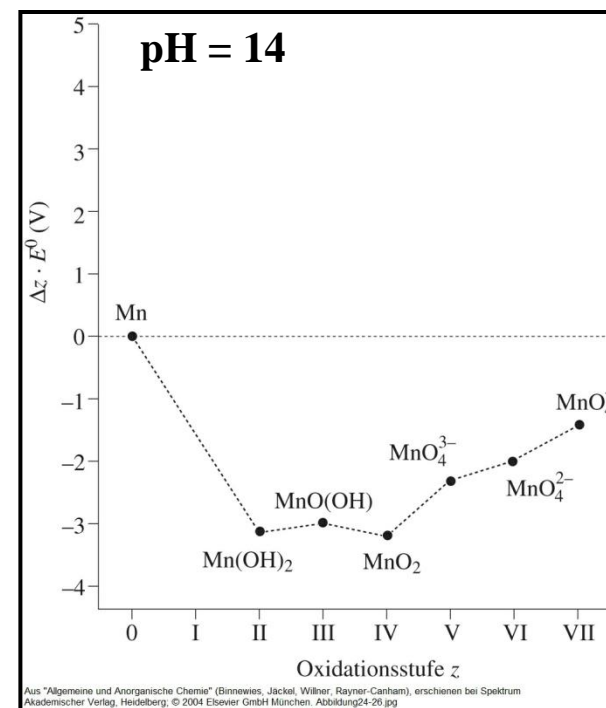
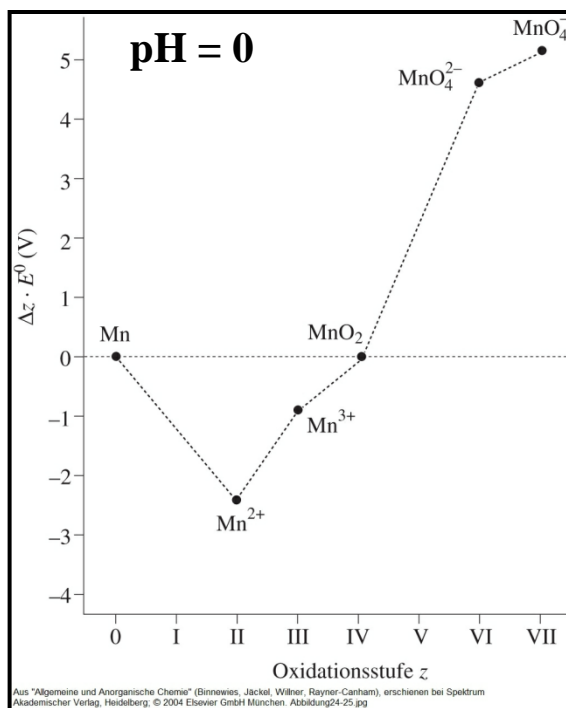
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### Oxidation states of Manganese

- Manganese is relatively ignoble:  $\text{Mn} \rightleftharpoons \text{Mn}^{2+} + 2 e^- \quad E^\circ = -1.19 \text{ V}$
- In acidic solution  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  is the most stable oxidation state
- In alkaline solution  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  is the most stable species but also  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$  experience high stability

Frost-diagram  
of manganese in acidic  
(right) and alkaline (left)  
solution

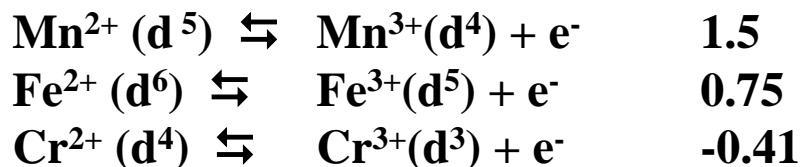


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### Oxidation state +II ([Ar]3d<sup>5</sup>)

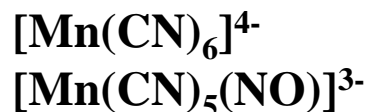
- Compared to other divalent TM ions, Mn<sup>2+</sup> is relatively stable and no reducing agent in acidic solution:



- Manganese(II)-salts and –solutions are just weakly coloured, since absorption in the visible range of the spectrum is due to spin-forbidden d-d-transitions (d<sup>5</sup>, high-spin), only

MnSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	Manganese(II)-sulphate-heptahydrate	rose
MnCl <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	Manganes(II)-chloride-tetrahydrate	rose
[Mn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	Hexaaquamanganese(II)-ion	light rose

- Strongly coloured low-spin complexes are formed solely with very strong ligands



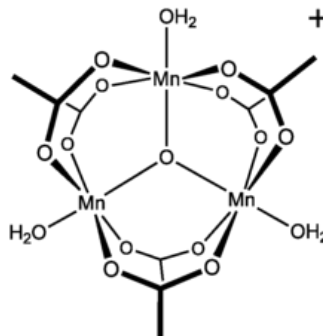
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### Oxidation state +III ([Ar]3d<sup>4</sup>)

- **Dissolution of braunite, Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, in concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>**  
$$\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3 + 6 \text{H}^+ + 9 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons 2 [\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$$
  
yields a solution of garnet red hexaaquamanganese(III)-ions
- **Manganese(III)-ions tend to disproportionate**  
$$2 \text{Mn}^{3+} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{Mn}^{2+} + \text{MnO}_2 + 4 \text{H}^+$$
  
if no reductive agent is present
- **The stable deep red Manganese(III)-acetate is formed upon treatment of Manganese(II)acetate with permanganate in glacial acetic acid:**  
$$3 \text{KMnO}_4 + 12 \text{Mn}(\text{OAc})_2 + 11 \text{HOAc} + 3 \text{H}^+ \rightarrow 5 [\text{Mn}_3\text{O}(\text{OAc})_6]\text{OAc}\downarrow + 7 \text{H}_2\text{O} + 3 \text{K}^+$$

(HOAc = CH<sub>3</sub>-COOH)



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### Oxidation state +IV ([Ar]3d<sup>3</sup>)

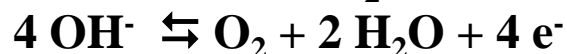
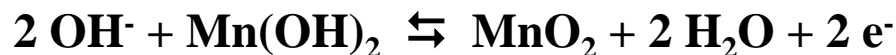
$\text{MnO}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{MnO}(\text{OH})_2$  is a strong oxidising agent in acidic solution

pH = 0

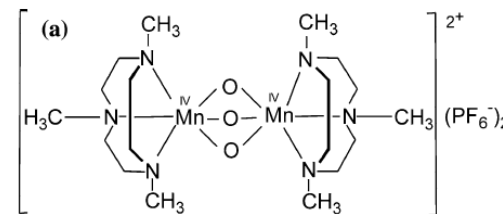


⇒ preparation of chlorine at laboratory scale

pH = 14



⇒  $\text{O}_2$  oxidises Manganese(II)-hydroxide to  $\text{MnO}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$



$$E^\circ = +1.28 \text{ V}$$

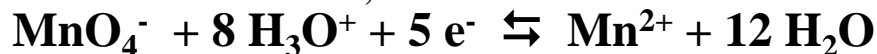
$$E^\circ = -0.05 \text{ V}$$

$$E^\circ = +0.40 \text{ V}$$

### Oxidation state +VII ([Ar]3d<sup>0</sup>)

The violet permanganate ion,  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ , is a very strong oxidising agent in acidic solution

pH = 0



$$E^\circ = +1.51 \text{ V}$$

pH = 5

$$E^\circ = +1.04 \text{ V}$$

pH = 7

$$E = E^0 + \frac{0.059}{5} \lg \frac{[\text{MnO}_4^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^8}{[\text{Mn}^{2+}]}$$

$$E^\circ = +0.85 \text{ V}$$

Permanganate can be synthesised by the oxidation of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  with  $\text{PbO}_2$  in acidic surroundings



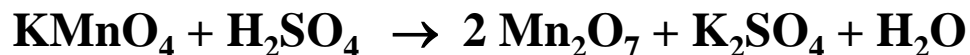


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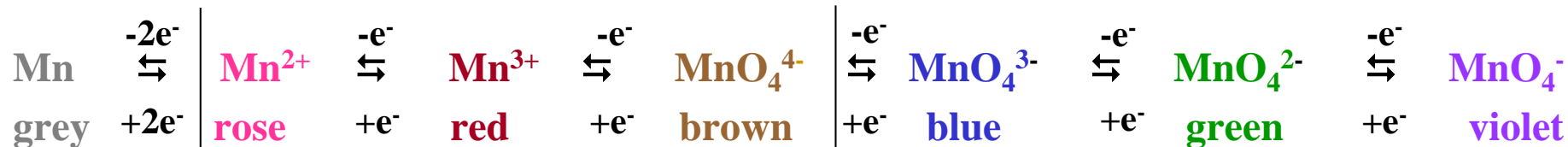
### Oxidation state +VII ([Ar]3d<sup>0</sup>)

- Permanganate can be dehydrated to manganese heptoxide, using sulphuric acid:



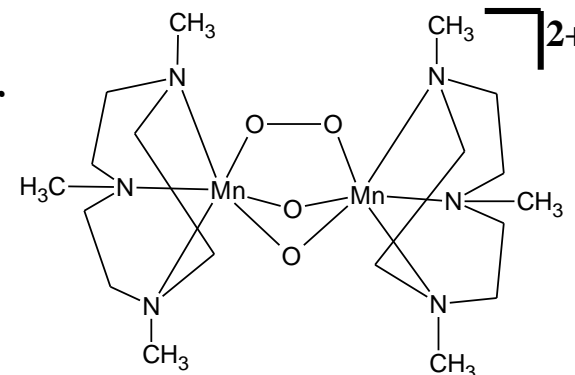
- $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_7$  is highly oxidising:  $2 \text{Mn}_2\text{O}_7 \rightarrow 4 \text{MnO}_2 + 3 \text{O}_2$  “lightning under water“

### Redox chemistry and colours of Manganese



Redox enzymes and photosystem II

Model complex for Mn-species, that cleaves O<sub>2</sub> during photosynthesis



⇒ Manganese complexes

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### Rhenium compounds

#### Oxides and oxychlorides

- $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{ReO}_3$ ,  $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{ReO}_2$ ,
- $\text{ReOCl}_4$ ,  $\text{ReOCl}_3$

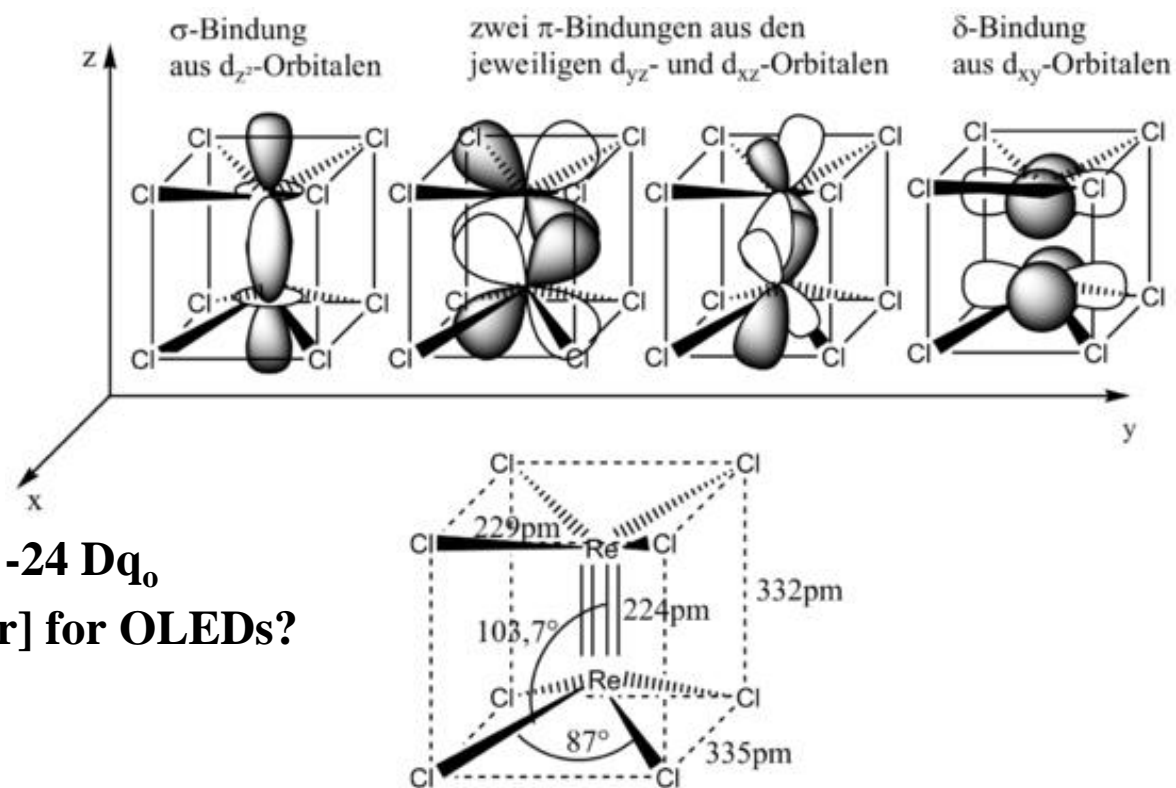
#### Halides

- $\text{ReCl}_6$ ,  $\text{ReCl}_5$ ,  $\text{ReCl}_4$ ,  $\text{ReCl}_3$
- $[\text{Re}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Cl}_8]^{2-}$  with quadruple bond
- $\text{Cp}_2\text{Re}^{\text{I}}_2$  with bond order 4-6!

#### Re(I) complexes

- $[\text{Xe}]4f^{14}5d^6$  l.s.  $\rightarrow$  large CFSE =  $-24 Dq_0$
- $[\text{Re}(\text{phenanthroimidazol})(\text{CO})_3\text{Br}]$  for OLEDs?

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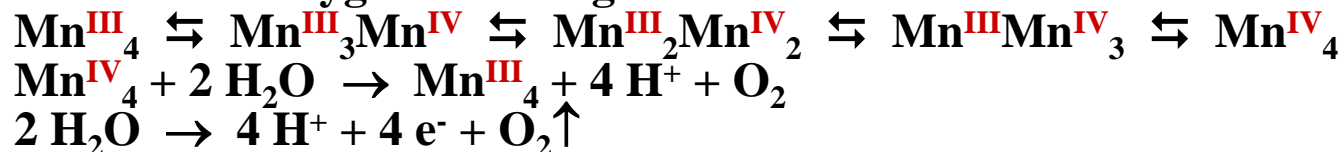
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### Biological aspects

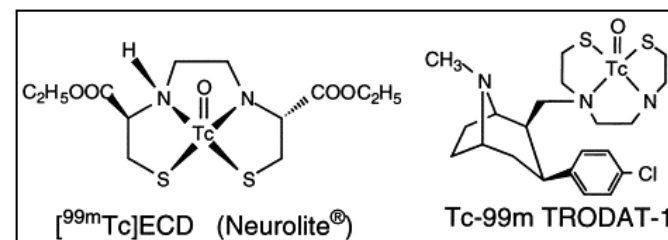
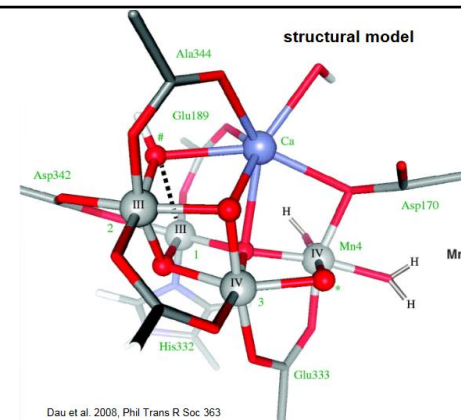
#### Manganese

- Manganese is the key element in the photo reaction of photosynthesis, viz. it is responsible for the cleavage of water in the oxygen-releasing cluster:



(→ presentations)

- Arginase: nitrogen-containing metabolite → synthesis of urea  $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{CO}-\text{NH}_2$
- Superoxide dismutase: cleavage of the superoxide radical  $\text{O}_2^-$   
 $4 \text{O}_2^- + 4 \text{H}^+ \rightarrow 3 \text{O}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 Mn, besides Zn, Cu, Fe, and Se, is a cofactor for enzymes, acting as antioxidants



Technetium and Rhenium are of no biological importance, but  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ -complexes als  $\beta$ -Strahler in der „Single Photon Emission Computer Tomographie (SPECT)“ verwendet

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## The Iron Group

8. Sub group or group 8, 9 and 10  $\Rightarrow$  8, 9 or 10 valence electrons

Iron	Cobalt	Nickel	$\Rightarrow$ Iron group	<i>ignoble</i>
Ruthenium	Rhodium	Palladium	$\Rightarrow$ light platinum metals	<i>noble</i>
Osmium	Iridium	Platinum	$\Rightarrow$ heavier platinum metals	<i>noble</i>

- Iron, Cobalt, and Nickel experience similar densities, boiling points, melting points, and are all ferromagnetic
- Osmium (22.59 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) and Iridium (22.56 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) are the two elements with the highest density!

### Properties of the elements of the Iron group

Element	Iron	Cobalt	Nickel
Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	7.87	8.90	8.90
T <sub>m</sub> [° C]	1536	1499	1455
T <sub>b</sub> [° C]	2860	2900	2880
Oxidation state	+II, +III	+II, +III	+II, +III
r(M <sup>2+</sup> ) [pm]	78(h.s.), 61(l.s.)	74(h.s.), 65(l.s.)	69
r(M <sup>3+</sup> ) [pm]	64(h.s.), 55(l.s.)	61(h.s.), 54(l.s.)	60(h.s.), 56(l.s.)



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## The Iron Group

### Blast-Furnace-Process

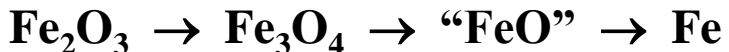
“Continuous process“

1000 – 1500 t of Iron as well as slurry per day

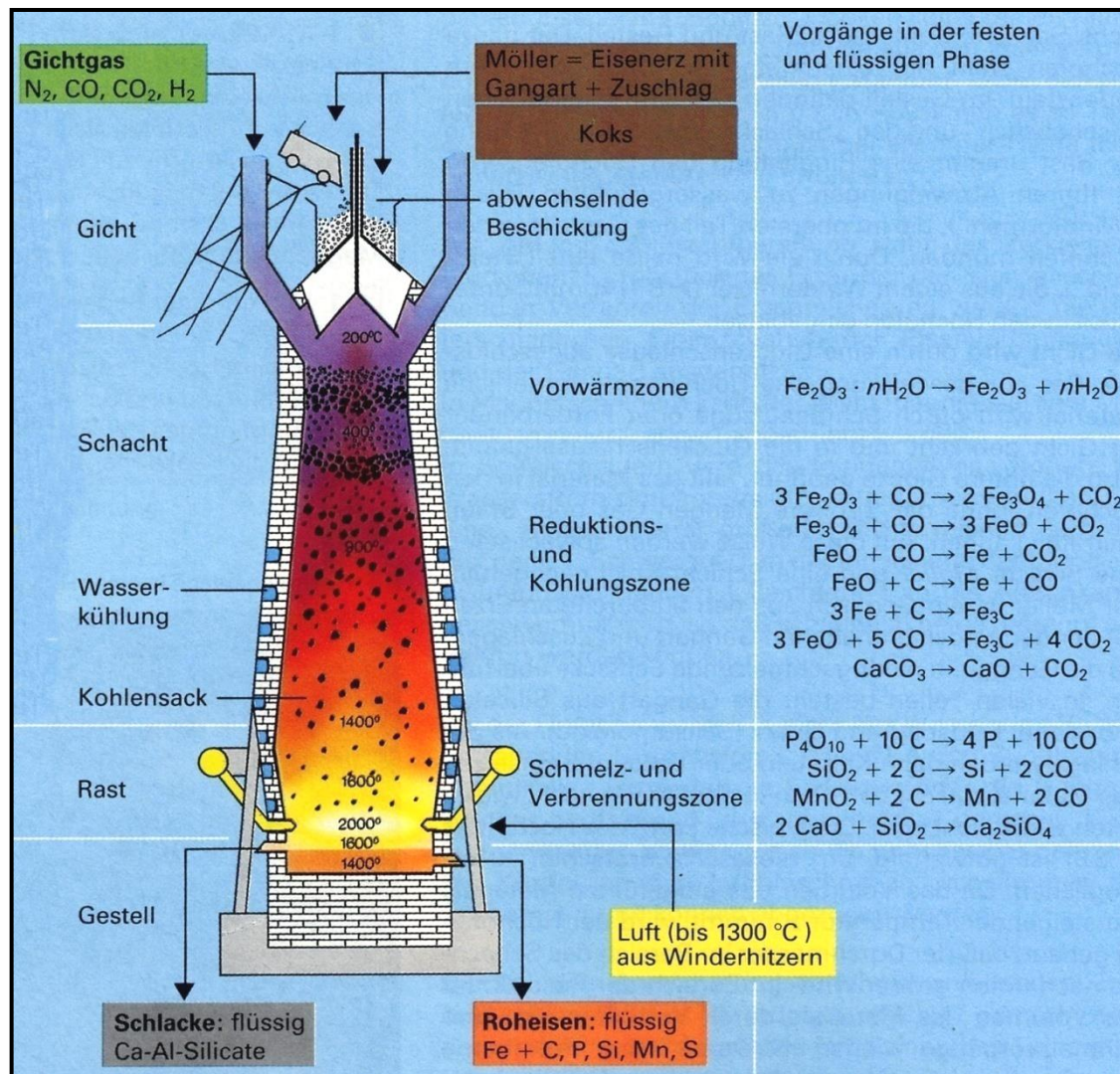
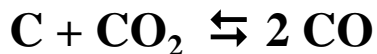
Iron: Fe + C, P, Si, Mn, S

Slurry: Ca-Al-silicates

### Reduction with CO



### Boudouard-equilibrium



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## The Iron Group

### Non-stoichiometric compounds

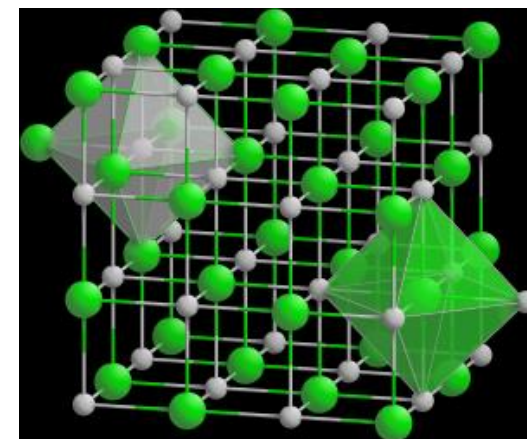
Iron(II)-oxide does not exist as FeO but  $\text{Fe}_x\text{O}$  ( $x = 0.833 < 0.957$ )

### Explanation

FeO crystallises in a NaCl-like structure, where part of the Fe-ions exhibit the trivalent oxidation state

⇒ Charge compensation

1. By cation vacancies (Schottky-defects)
2. By additional oxide anions on interstitials (Frenkel-defects)



Metals with a tendency for a change of valence form non-stoichiometric compounds

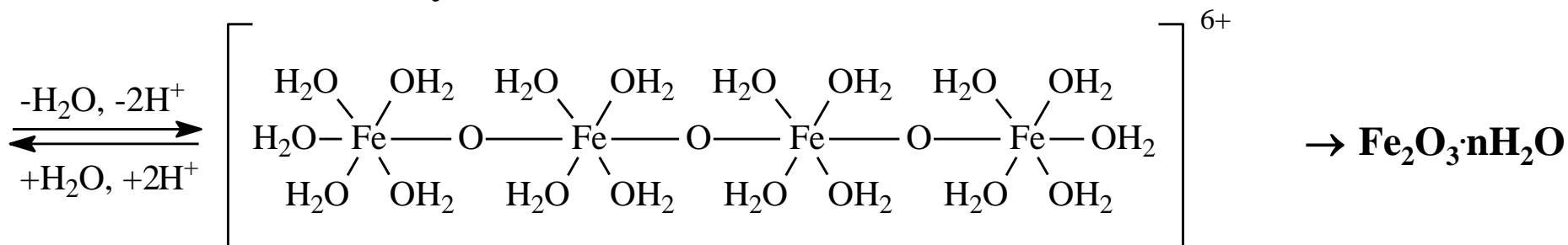
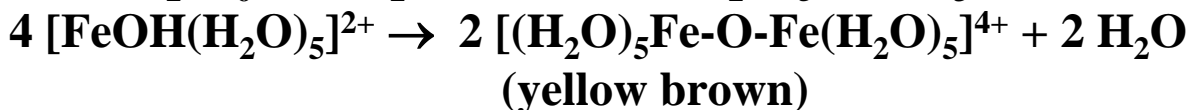
- $\text{MnO}$              $\text{Mn}_x\text{O}$     ( $x = 0.848 < 1.000$ )
- $\text{CoO}$              $\text{Co}_x\text{O}$     ( $x = 0.988 < 1.000$ )
- $\text{NiO}$              $\text{Ni}_x\text{O}$     ( $x = 0.999 < 1.000$ )
- $\text{Ce}_2\text{O}_3$          $\text{CeO}_x$     ( $x = 1.50 < 1.52$ )
- $\text{TiO}_2$            $\text{TiO}_x$     ( $x = 1.998 < 2.000$ )

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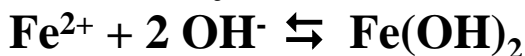
## The Iron Group

### Iron(II) and Iron(III) compounds

#### Acid-base chemistry



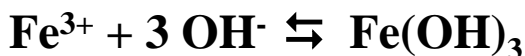
#### Iron(II)-hydroxide



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$$K_L = c(\text{Fe}^{3+}) \cdot c^2(\text{OH}^-) = 2 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ mol}^3/\text{l}^3$$

#### Iron(III)-hydroxide



$$K_L = c(\text{Fe}^{3+}) \cdot c^3(\text{OH}^-) = 5 \cdot 10^{-38} \text{ mol}^4/\text{l}^4$$



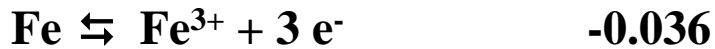
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### Iron(II) and Iron(III) compounds

#### Redox chemistry

Redox reaction  $E^0$  [V] for pH = 0



⇒ Strongly depends on pH, since the hydroxides are insoluble in neutral and alkaline environment

Using the solubility products of  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$  and  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$ , the redox potential can be calculated by means of the Nernst equation:

$$E(\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}) = E^0(\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}) + 0.059/n \cdot \lg(c(\text{Fe}^{3+})/c(\text{Fe}^{2+}))$$

$$\Rightarrow E(\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}) = +0.77 \text{ V} + 0.059 \cdot \lg(5 \cdot 10^{-38}/2 \cdot 10^{-15}) \text{ V} = -0.56 \text{ V} \quad \text{for } c(\text{OH}^-) = 1 \text{ mol/l (pH 14)}$$

Due to the considerable difference in the solubility products of  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$  and  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$ , the system  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$  becomes a strong reducing agent in alkaline milieu!

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## The Iron Group

### Iron(II) and Iron(III) compounds

#### Complex chemistry

- Mainly octahedral and high-spin with the exception of CN<sup>-</sup>, phen- or bipy-ligands
- Stability of the oxidation states depends on the electronic properties of the ligands
  - $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-} \rightleftharpoons [\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-} + e^-$        $E^0 = +0.36 \text{ V}$       l.s.      negative charge!
  - $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} \rightleftharpoons [\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} + e^-$        $E^0 = +0.77 \text{ V}$       h.s.
  - $[\text{Fe}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+} \rightleftharpoons [\text{Fe}(\text{bpy})_3]^{3+} + e^-$        $E^0 = +0.96 \text{ V}$       l.s.
  - $[\text{Fe}(\text{phen})_3]^{2+} \rightleftharpoons [\text{Fe}(\text{phen})_3]^{3+} + e^-$        $E^0 = +1.12 \text{ V}$       l.s.      for pH = 0
- Fe(III)-ions  $\Rightarrow$  high affinity to Oxygen-donor ligands  
 $[\text{Fe}(\text{PO}_4)_3]^{6-}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]^{3-}$   
Fe(II)-ions  $\Rightarrow$  high affinity to Nitrogen-donor ligands  
 $[\text{Fe}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$
- $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  Potassiumhexacyanoferrate(II)      yellow prussiate of potash  
 $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  Potassiumhexacyanoferrate(III)      red prussiate of potash  
Name: Formerly obtained through heating of blood (Fe-, C-, and N-containing) with  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  and subsequent leaching of the resulting salts with water

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## The Iron Group

### Iron(II) and Iron(III) compounds

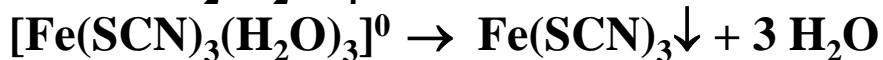
#### Detection reaction

- $\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{yellow prussiate of potash} \rightarrow \text{Prussian blue}$   
 $\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{red prussiate of potash} \rightarrow \text{Prussian blue}$

Prussian blue =  $\text{Fe}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_3 \cdot 14\text{H}_2\text{O}$

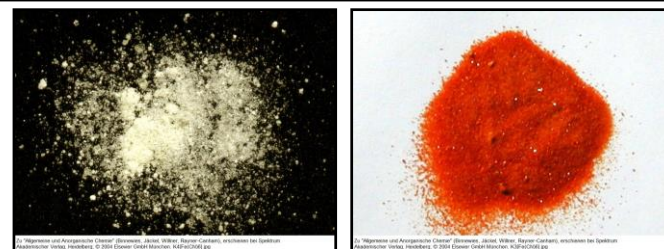
$\Rightarrow$  Charge-transfer complex (inter-valence band)

- $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} + \text{SCN}^- \rightarrow \text{blood red complexes}$

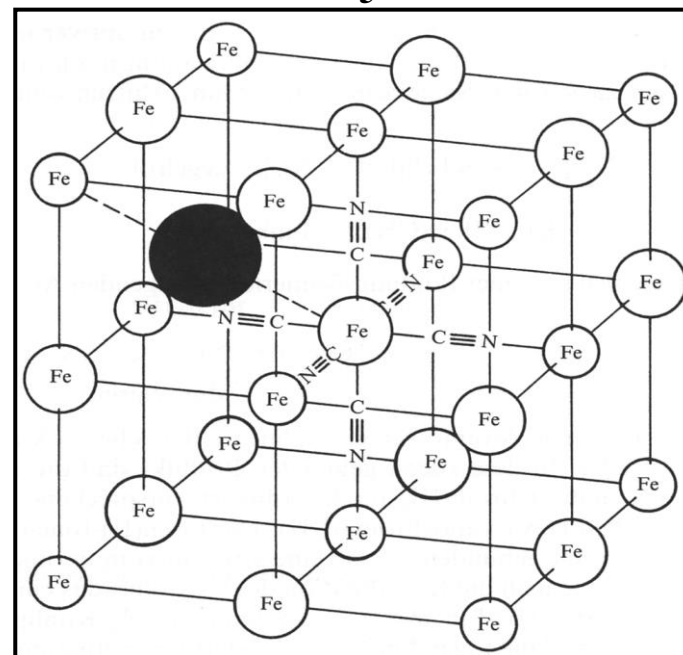


- $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} + \text{NO} \rightarrow [\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{NO}]^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$   
(Ring proof)

$\text{NO}, \text{NO}^+$  oder  $\text{NO}^-$ ?



Structural motif  $(\text{NC})_5\text{Fe}-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}-\text{Fe}(\text{NC})_5$



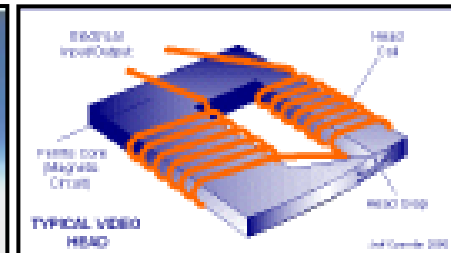
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## The Iron Group

### Ferrites

#### Magneto ceramic materials

⇒ Binary and ternary iron oxides



### Soft ferrites

- Are easily and efficiently magnetised by an external magnetic field
- Magnets in writing and reading heads in audio and video recorders, hard drives etc.
- Electrical isolators, ferrimagnetic compounds with low saturation magnetisation in combination with low anisotropy in terms of the crystal structure
- $MFe_2O_4$  (spinel) with  $M = Zn^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Co^{2+}, Mg^{2+}$
- Typical composition: Fe-Mn-Zn-oxide with 70% Fe, 25% Mn, and 5% Zn

### Hard ferrites

- Maintain their magnetic properties after the initial magnetisation
- Permanent magnets in electric motors, speaker, generators, etc.
- $MFe_{12}O_{19}$  with  $M = Sr^{2+}, Ba^{2+}$

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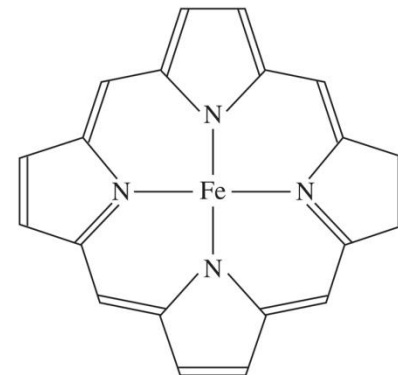
## The Iron Group

### Bioinorganic chemistry of Iron

Iron takes part in the transportation of Oxygen and in a number electron transfer reactions

#### Haem-proteins (Iron-porphyrin-complexes)

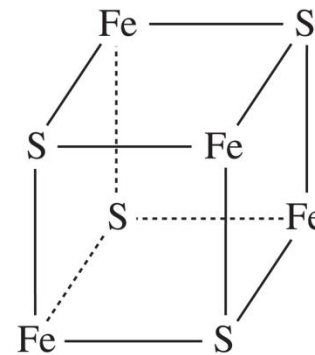
		$E^0$ [V]
• Haemoglobin	$O_2$ transport	0.17
• Myoglobin	$O_2$ storage	0.05
• Cytochromes (a,b,c)	Electron transfer	0.04 – 0.40
• Oxygenases	Oxygenation	
• Oxidases	$O_2$ reduction to $O_2^-$ , $O_2^{2-}$ , $O^{2-}$	
• Peroxidases	Oxidation with $H_2O_2$	
• Katalases	$H_2O_2$ disproportionation to $H_2O$ and $O_2$	



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#### Non-Haem-proteins (Iron-Sulphur-cluster)

		$E^0$ [V]
• Rubridoxines	Electron transfer	-0.06
• Ferredoxines	Electron transfer	-0.42
• Nitrogenases	$N_2$ reduction to $NH_3$	
• Transferrines	Transport of Iron	
• Ferritines	Storage of Iron	



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## The Iron Group

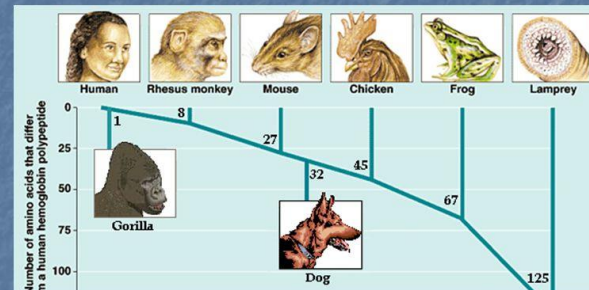
### Bioinorganic chemistry of Iron

The adult human accommodates 4 g of Fe, 75% thereof being bound by erythrocytes in haemoglobin

Oxygen transportation chain → respiratory chain

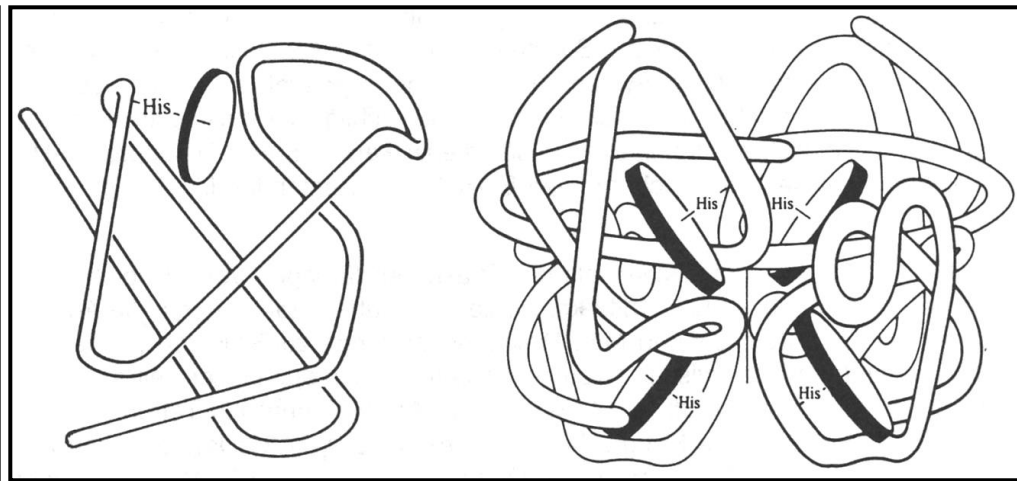
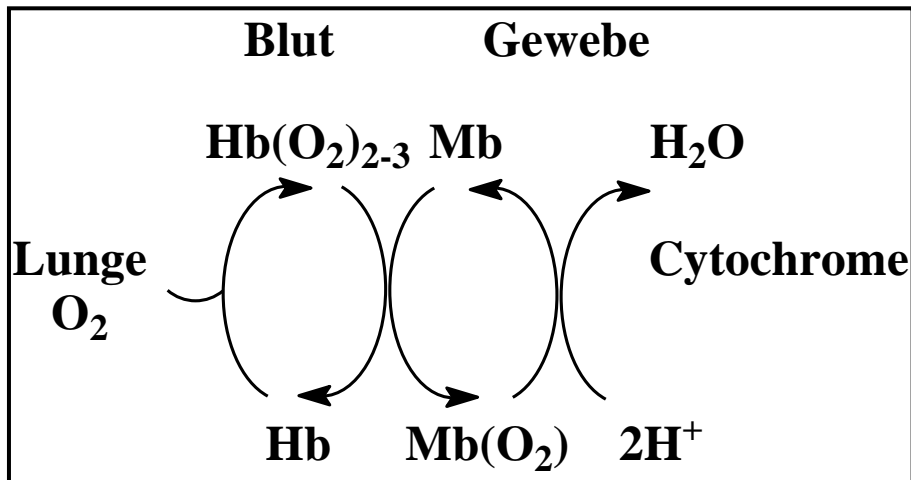
### Molecular biology

This graph shows how many of the 287 amino acids in human hemoglobin differ when compared to the hemoglobin of other organisms.



The average mutation rate for a given gene in all creatures is about  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  mutations per gene per generation (or one mutation / gene / million generations on average).

### Structure of myoglobin (Mb) & haemoglobin (Hb)



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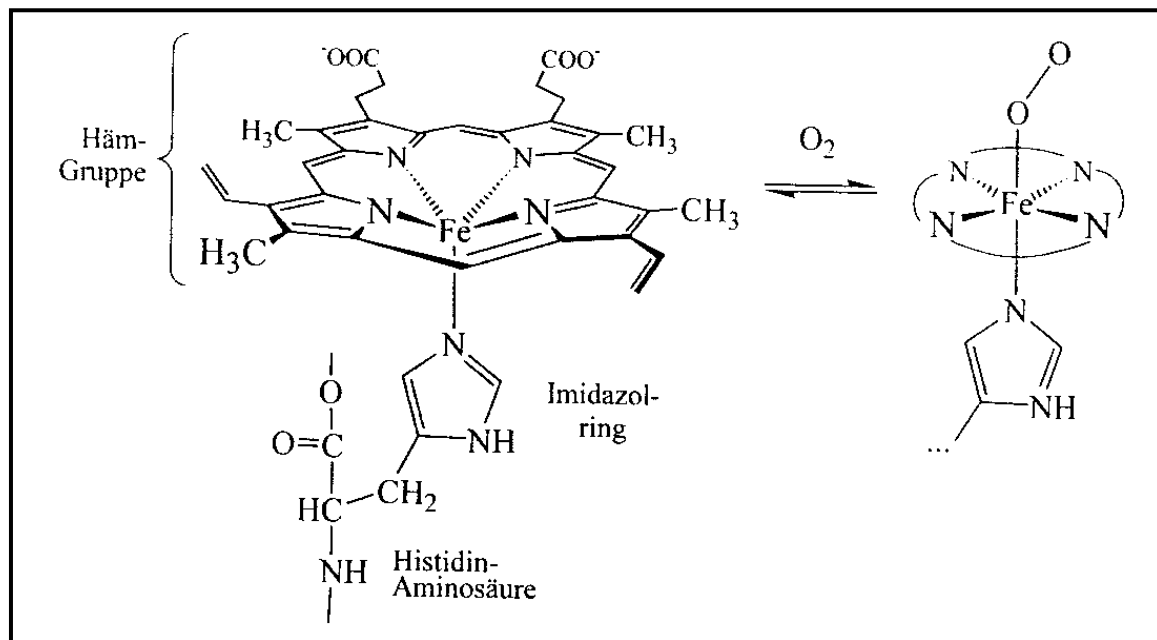
### Function and structure of heme

#### Oxyhaemoglobin

$\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , [Ar]3d<sup>6</sup> l.s., diamagnetic  
 $r = 75 \text{ pm} \Rightarrow$  in-plane structure

#### Deoxyhaemoglobin

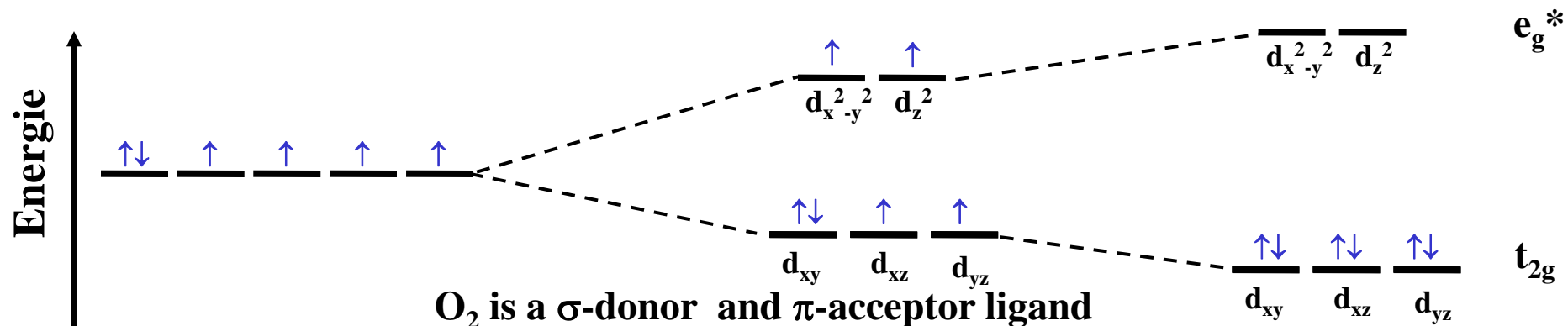
$\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , [Ar]3d<sup>6</sup> h.s., paramagnetic  
 $r = 92 \text{ pm} \Rightarrow$  out-of-plane structure



Free  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$

$\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in deoxyhaemoglobin

$\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in oxyhaemoglobin



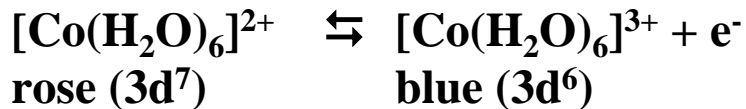
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### Cobalt(II) and Cobalt(III) compounds

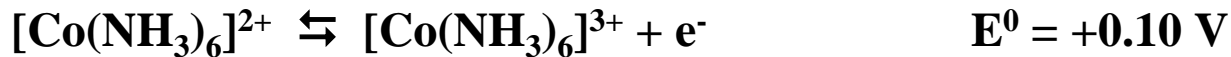
#### Redox chemistry

Redox reaction	$E^0$ [V] for pH = 0
$\text{Co} \rightleftharpoons \text{Co}^{2+} + 2 e^-$	-0.28
$\text{Co} \rightleftharpoons \text{Co}^{3+} + 3 e^-$	+0.41
$\text{Co}^{2+} \rightleftharpoons \text{Co}^{3+} + e^-$	+1.82



⇒ In contrary to Iron, divalent Cobalt is the most stable oxidation state in water

⇒ The ligands strongly influence the electrode potentials



⇒ The high ligand field stabilisation energies stabilise Co(III)-complexes, and most octahedral Co(II)-complexes are unstable against oxidation by air, which can be traced back to their redox potentials



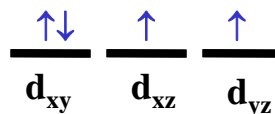
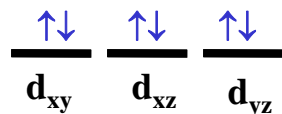
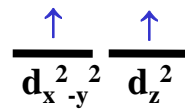
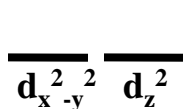
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### Cobalt(II) and Cobalt(III) compounds

#### Complex chemistry

- $\text{Co}^{3+}$  (isoelectronic to  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ) normally forms octahedral low-spin complexes, because then, high ligand field stabilisation energies (LFSE) can be reached:



LFSE

$$-24 Dq_0 + 2 \text{SPE}$$

$$-4 Dq_0$$

- Low-spin Co(III)-complexes are kinetically inert, because antibonding  $e_g^*$ -orbitals are unoccupied
- Cobalt(III) forms a great number of stable complexes with Chromium(III), which can easily be separated into geometrical and optical isomers, due to their high kinetic stability

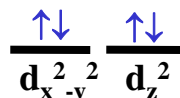
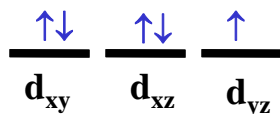
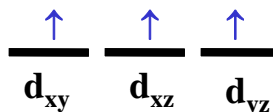
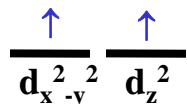
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### Cobalt(II) and Cobalt(III) compounds

#### Complex chemistry

- $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ( $3d^7$ ) are high-spin complexes and exhibit octahedral or tetrahedral coordination



LFSE                       $-8 Dq_0$                        $-8 Dq_t = -5.33 Dq_0$                        $\Rightarrow$  relative small difference

- Tetrahedral complexes are formed with monodentate ligands, such as  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{SCN}^-$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$
- Octahedral  $\text{Co(II)}$ -complexes are generally rose to red, while tetrahedral  $\text{Co(II)}$ -complexes are blue
- $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+} + 4 \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow [\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-} + 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}$   
     (rose)    (blue)

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### Bioinorganic chemistry of Cobalt

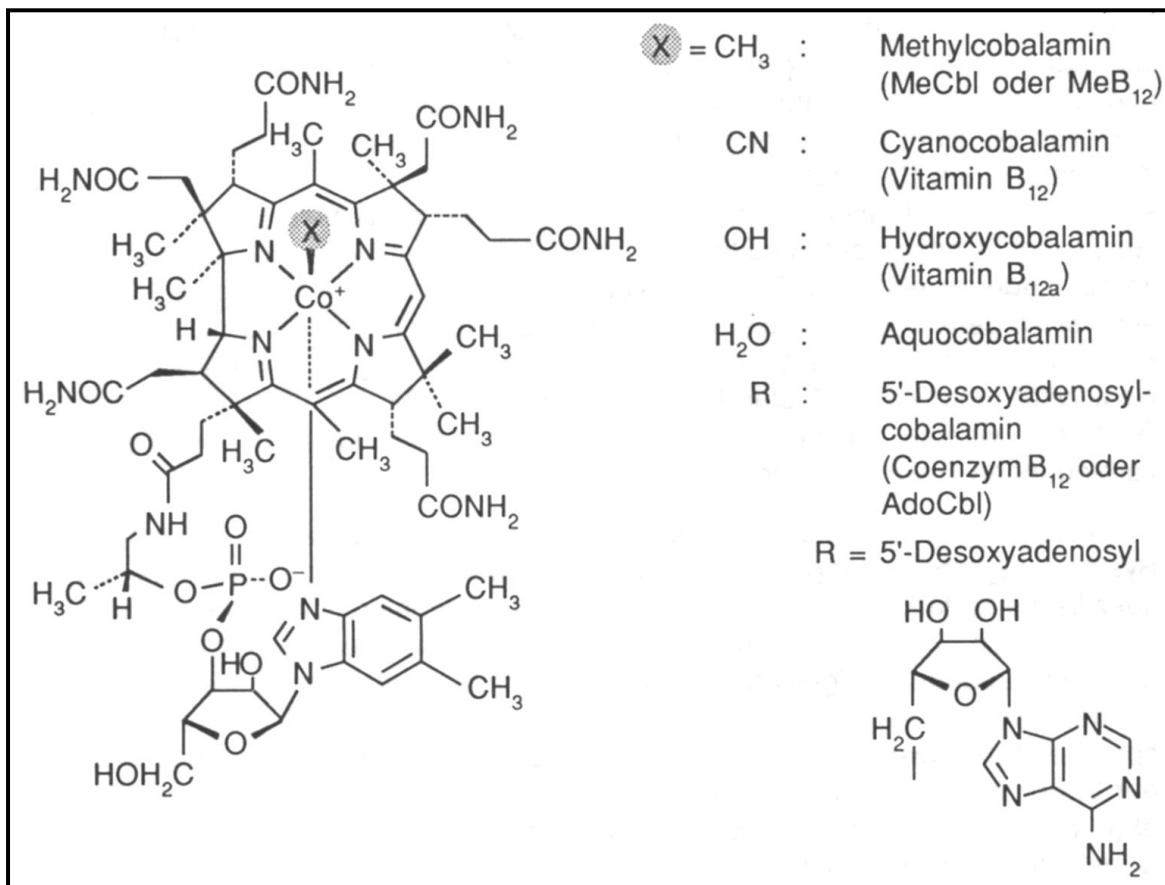
The adult human accommodates about 2.5 mg Cobalt, primarily bound in cobalamin (vitamin B<sub>12</sub>)

Alkylcobalamins participate in redox reactions, alkylations, and rearrangements.

Part of one-electron reductions or oxidations can be Co<sup>III</sup>-, Co<sup>II</sup>- and Co<sup>I</sup>-species

Methylations (even of Hg<sup>2+</sup>):

$\text{Hg}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{HgCH}_3^+ \rightarrow \text{Hg}(\text{CH}_3)_2$   
(formation of methyl mercury)



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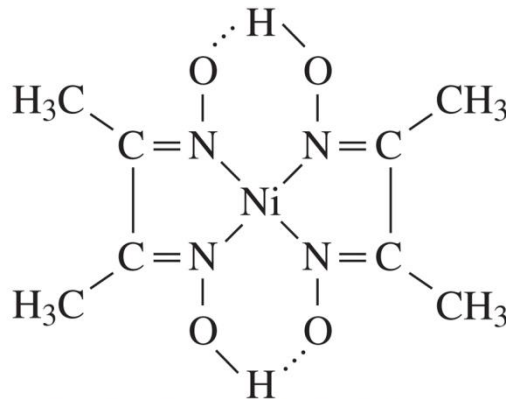
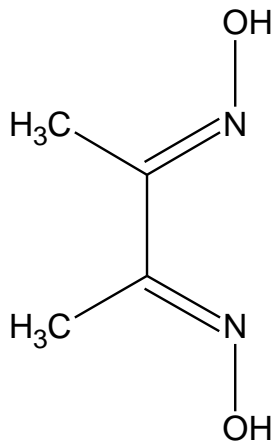
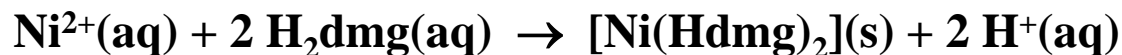
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### Nickel(II) compounds

#### Hydrolysis



#### Complexes



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### Dimethylglyoxime ( $\text{H}_2\text{dmg}$ )

### Bis(dimethylglyoximate)nickel(II)

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### Nickel(II) compounds

#### Absorption spectra (octahedral complexes)

Electron configuration of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$   $[\text{Ar}]3d^8$

Ground state  $\uparrow\downarrow \uparrow\downarrow \uparrow\downarrow \uparrow \uparrow$

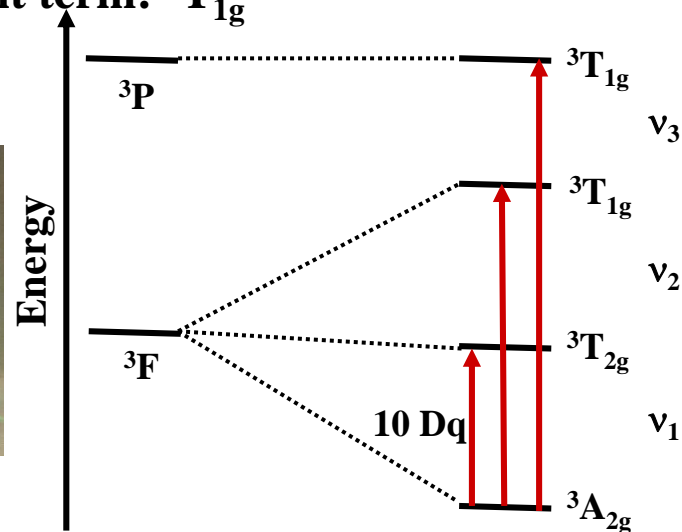
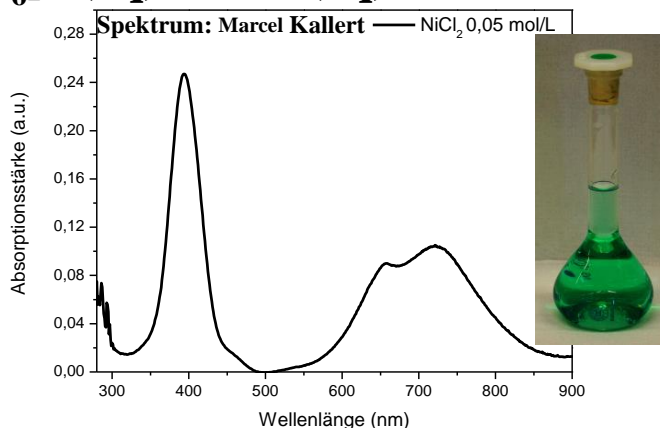
1. excited state  $\uparrow\downarrow \uparrow\downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow\downarrow$

Free ion  $S = \Sigma s = 1, L = |\Sigma l| = 3$  (F)  $\rightarrow {}^3F$

$S = \Sigma s = 1, L = |\Sigma l| = 1$  (P)  $\rightarrow {}^3P$

Coordinated ion split terms:  ${}^3A_{2g}, {}^3T_{2g}, {}^3T_{1g}$

Split term:  ${}^3T_{1g}$



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### Nickel(II) compounds

Typical for Nickel(II) are octahedral, square-planar and tetrahedral complexes

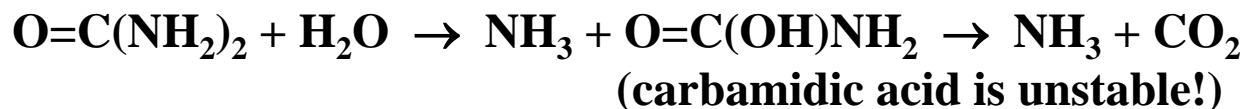
Octahedral	Square-planar	Tetrahedral
<p>H<sub>2</sub>O NH<sub>3</sub> Ethylenediamine</p>	<p>Strong ligands, e.g. CN<sup>-</sup> or ligands which force a square-planar arrangement, such as Hdmg</p>	<p>Cl<sup>-</sup> Br<sup>-</sup> I<sup>-</sup></p>
<p>Green, blue to violet paramagnetic</p>	<p>Yellow, red diamagnetic</p>	<p>Blue paramagnetic</p>
<p>Diagram showing the d-orbital configuration for an octahedral complex. The orbitals are split into two sets of three. The higher energy set consists of two orbitals, each with one electron (↑). The lower energy set consists of three orbitals, each with a pair of electrons (↑↓).</p>	<p>Diagram showing the d-orbital configuration for a square-planar complex. The orbitals are split into two sets of two. The higher energy set consists of two orbitals, each with a pair of electrons (↑↓). The lower energy set consists of two orbitals, each with a pair of electrons (↑↓).</p>	<p>Diagram showing the d-orbital configuration for a tetrahedral complex. The orbitals are split into two sets of two. The higher energy set consists of two orbitals, each with a pair of electrons (↑↓). The lower energy set consists of two orbitals, each with one electron (↑).</p>

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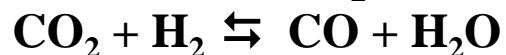
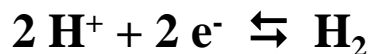
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### Bioinorganic chemistry of Nickel(II)

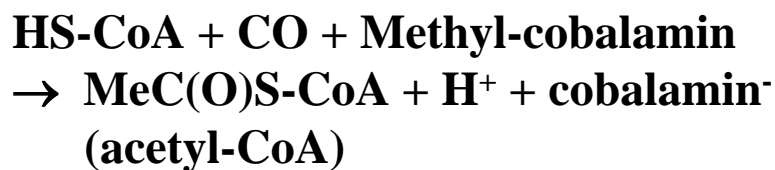
a) Ureasases: catalyse the decomposition of urea



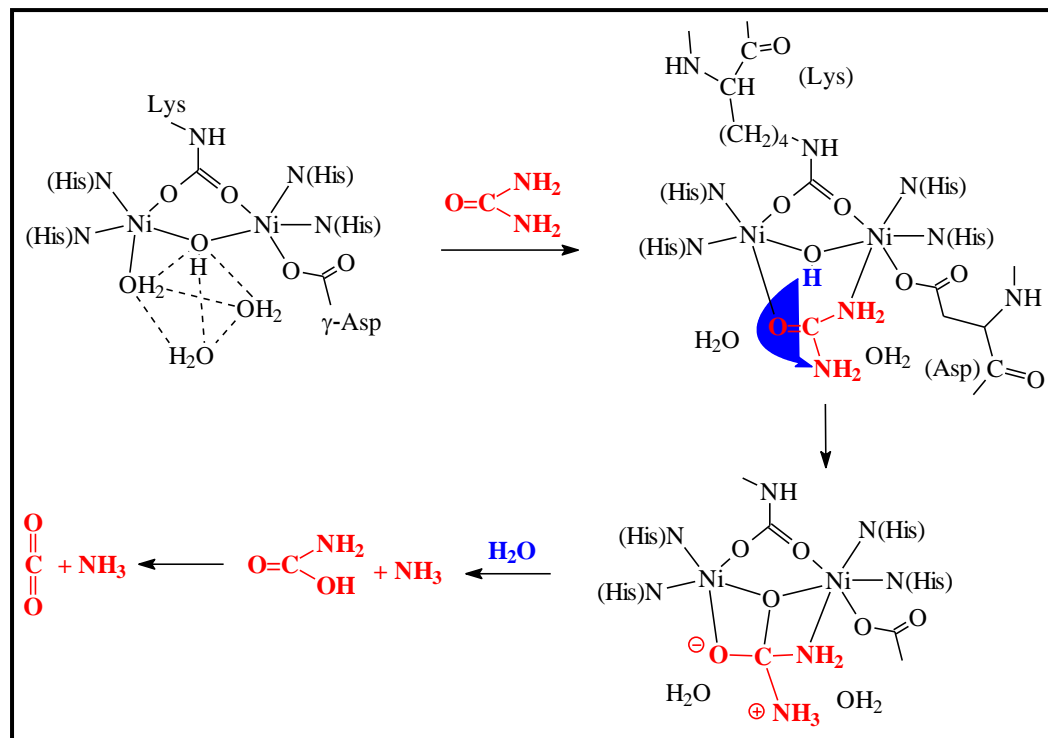
b) Hydrogenases



c) Acetyl-CoA-synthetases



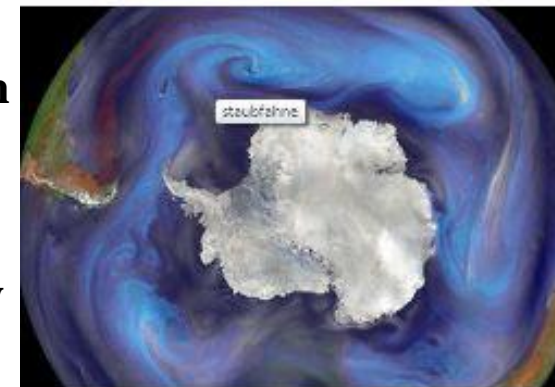
$\Rightarrow$  Acetyl-CoA = educt for acetylations in biochemistry



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## The Iron-Platinum Group: Summary

- Fe, Co, and Ni are the only metals, which are ferromagnetic at room temperature
- These metals and their compounds, respectively are essential in biochemistry, mechanical and electrical engineering
- Fe fertilises marine phytoplankton and is thus a CO<sub>2</sub> sink with a strong impact on global climate → induced ice ages
- The noble metals Ru, Rh, Pd and Pt as well as their oxides play an important role in heterogeneous catalysis



Iron group	Cobalt group	Nickel group
„FeO“ antiferromagnetic Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ferrimagnetic γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ferromagnetic α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> antiferromagnetic	CoO antiferromagnetic Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> antiferromagnetic Co <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> CoO <sub>2</sub>	NiO antiferromagnetic Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> NiO <sub>2</sub>
RuO <sub>2</sub> RuO <sub>4</sub>	Rh <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> RhO <sub>2</sub>	PdO PdO <sub>2</sub>
OsO <sub>2</sub> OsO <sub>4</sub>	Ir <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> IrO <sub>2</sub>	PtO PtO <sub>2</sub>



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## Occurrence and Production

About 200 minerals known. Important are

- Allanite  $(\text{Ce,Ca,Y})_2(\text{Al,Fe})_3(\text{SiO}_4)_3(\text{OH})$
- Bastnaesite  $(\text{La,Ce Ln})(\text{OH,F})\text{CO}_3$
- Euxenite  $(\text{Y,Ca,Ce,U,Th})(\text{Nb,Ta,Ti})_2\text{O}_6$
- Fergusonite  $\text{YNbO}_4$
- Kolbeckite  $\text{ScPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Loparite  $(\text{Ln,Na,Ca})_2(\text{Ti,Nb})_2\text{O}_6$
- Monazite  $(\text{La,Ce,Th,Ln})\text{PO}_4$
- Xenotime  $(\text{Y,Ln})\text{PO}_4$

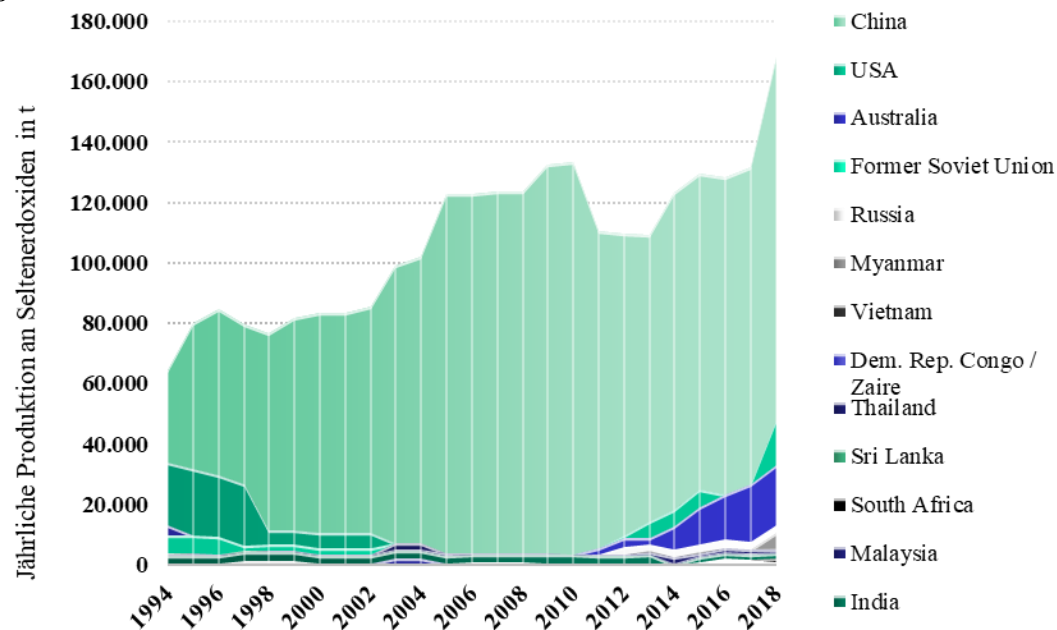
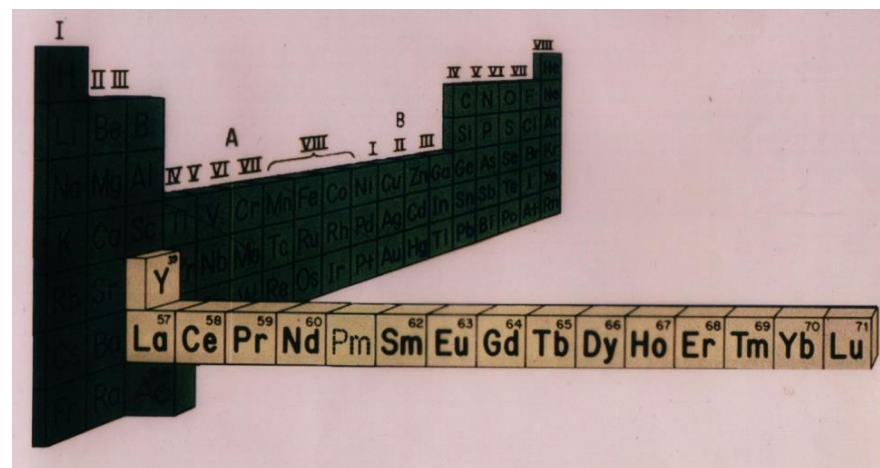
Annual production ~ 160.000 t  
reserves ~ 120.000.000 t

China dominates REE world market!

Prices 2022:

About 15 (Sm) to 2500 (Tb) \$/kg  $\text{Ln}_2\text{O}_3$

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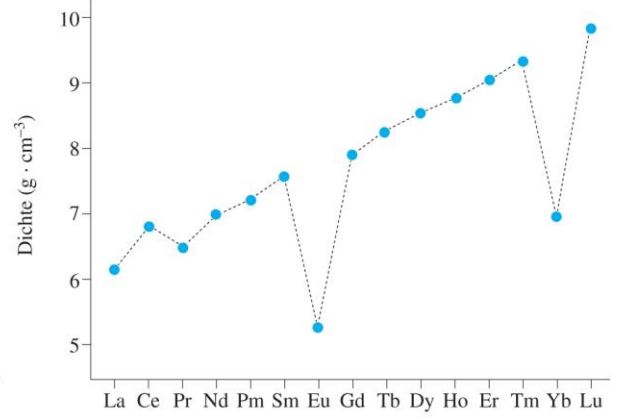
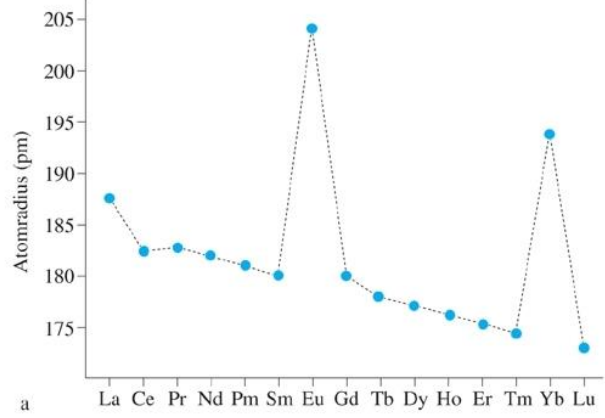
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## Physical properties

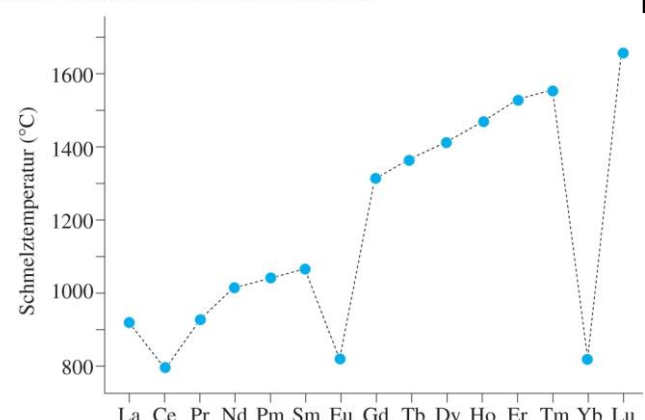
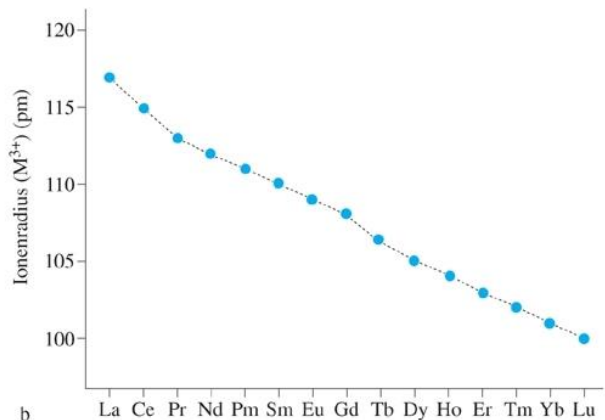
- The elements have high density (5-10 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) and thus belong to the heavy metals
- Atom and ion radii decline within the series:  
Lanthanide contraction
- Dichte sowie Schmelz- und Siedepunkte nehmen mit ansteigender Ordnungszahl zu
- Metals and some alloys are ferromagnetic:
  - Gd, Tb and Dy
  - Nd<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B and Pr<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B
  - SmCo<sub>5</sub> and Sm<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>
- Eu and Yb show strong deviation of their physical properties, since these atoms are rather large



Samples of the Rare Earth Metals (Fotograph by Julia Exeler)



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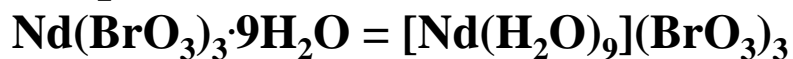
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## Chemical properties

- The metals are strong reducing agents, they react with air and water to form hydroxides
- Some alloys are the most strong magnetic materials
- The alkalinity and coordination number declines with chemical atomic number
- Stable oxidation states are +3, +2, +4, while weakly coloured ions are observed
- CFSE ~ 0 → labile complexes → macrocyclic and chelating ligands required

- Cations form in solution aqua complexes as for instance:

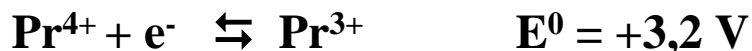
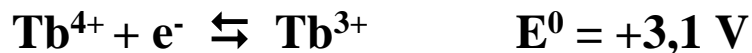


**[Eu(ttfa)<sub>3</sub>(phen)]: Red emitting optical marker**

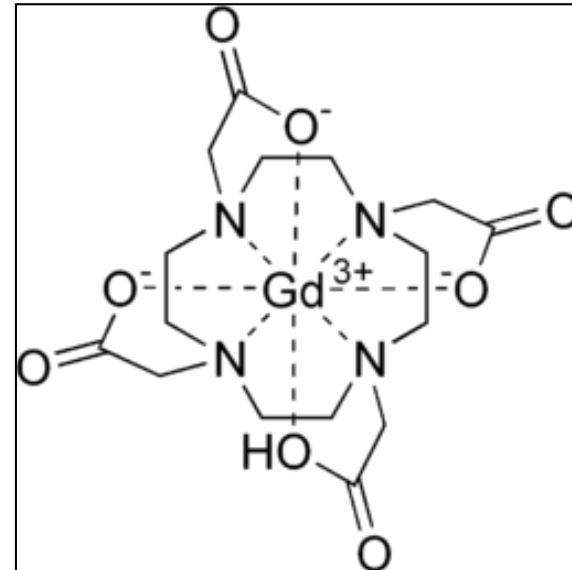
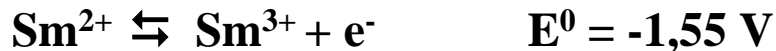
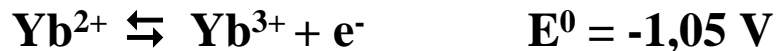
**[Gd(DOTA)]<sup>2-</sup>: MRT contrast agent**

with DOTA = 1,4,7,10-Tetraazacyclododecantetraacetate

- Ce<sup>4+</sup>, Tb<sup>4+</sup> and Pr<sup>4+</sup> are (very) strong oxidizer



- Eu<sup>2+</sup>, Sm<sup>2+</sup>, Yb<sup>2+</sup> and Tm<sup>2+</sup> are strong reducing agents



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## Chemical properties – Divalent cations

- **Ln<sup>2+</sup> ions show ionic radii comparable to the heavy alkaline earth metal cations**

<b>Sm<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>122 pm</b>	<b>Ba<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>135 pm</b>
<b>Eu<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>117 pm</b>	<b>Sr<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>118 pm</b>
<b>Tm<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>103 pm</b>	<b>Ca<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>100 pm</b>
<b>Yb<sup>2+</sup></b>	<b>102 pm</b>		

Therefore, the ion charge density, alkalinity and the chemical behaviour of the lanthanides is similar to the alkaline earth cations

- **Isotypic solid state compounds**

– <b>EuF<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>SrF<sub>2</sub></b>
– <b>EuSO<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>SrSO<sub>4</sub></b>
– <b>YbF<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CaF<sub>2</sub></b>
– <b>YbI<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>CaI<sub>2</sub></b>

- **Sulphates are hardly soluble, hydroxides are well soluble!**
- **Stability against oxidation: Eu<sup>2+</sup> > Yb<sup>2+</sup> > Sm<sup>2+</sup> > Tm<sup>2+</sup> (instable in aqueous solution)**

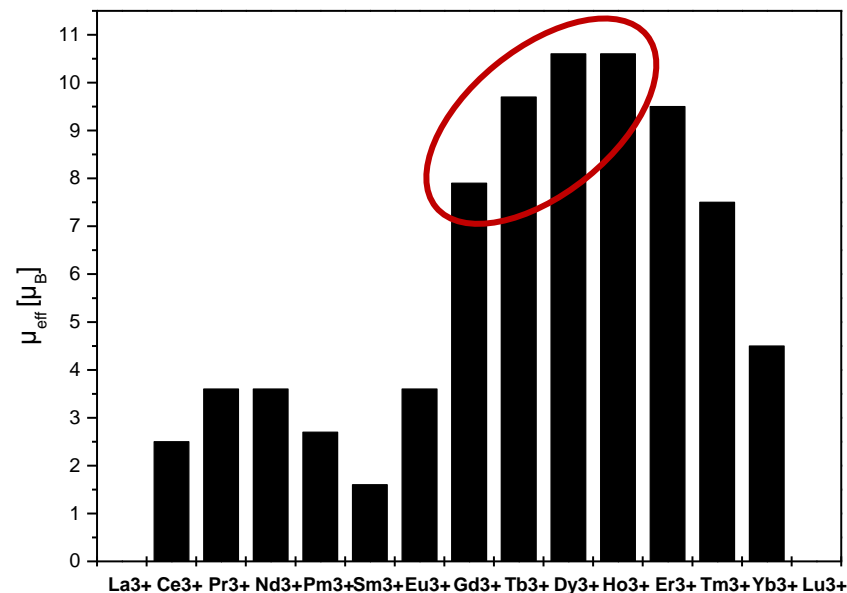


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## Magnetic properties

As cations strongly paramagnetic

- **Gd<sup>3+</sup>** ⇒ magnetic contrast agents
- **Tb<sup>3+</sup>** ⇒ Faraday rotators, e.g.  $\text{KTb}_3\text{F}_{10}$
- **Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Ho<sup>3+</sup>** ⇒ Highest magnetic moment of all element cations  $\sim 10.6 \mu_{\text{B}}$
- For comparison:  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{2+} \mu_{\text{eff}} = 5.9 \mu_{\text{B}}$



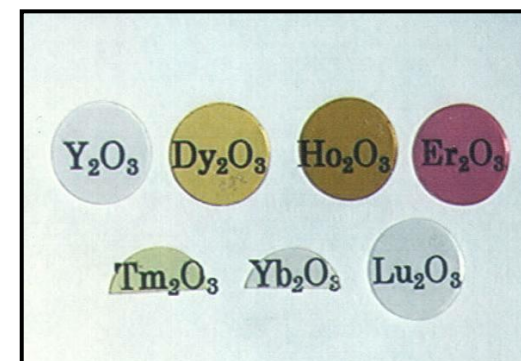
As component of ferromagnetic materials (solid state compounds)

- Garnets  $\text{Y}_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}$  „YIG“ and  $\text{Gd}_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}$  „GdIG“
- Perovskites  $\text{LnMO}_3$  (with Ln = Gd, Tb and M = Mn, Fe, Co)
- Layered perovskites  $\text{Ba}_2\text{LnMO}_6$  (with Ln = Pr-Lu and M = Nb, Ta, Sb, Bi)  
 $\text{Ln}_2\text{MlIrO}_6$  (with Ln = La, Pr, Nd, Sm-Gd and M = Mg, Ni)

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## Application areas of trivalent Ln ions

- $Y^{3+}$  Super and ion conductors, alloys, laser gain media, luminescent materials
- $La^{3+}$  High refractive glasses for lenses
- $Ce^{3+}$  Scintillators, UV-Emitter, UV filter, luminescent materials, catalysts
- $Pr^{3+}$  UV emitter, scintillators
- $Nd^{3+}$  Laser gain media, coloured glasses
- $Sm^{3+}$  Storage phosphors, afterglow pigments
- $Eu^{3+}$  Bio marker, luminescent material, light sources, displays
- $Gd^{3+}$  UV emitter, MRT and NMR contrast agents, UV-B emitter
- $Tb^{3+}$  Faraday rotators, bio marker, light sources, displays, luminescent materials
- $Dy^{3+}$  Laser gain media, optical thermometry
- $Ho^{3+}$  Laser gain media
- $Er^{3+}$  Laser gain media, NIR amplifier
- $Tm^{3+}$  Laser gain media
- $Yb^{3+}$  Laser gain media
- $Lu^{3+}$  Scintillators, luminescent materials



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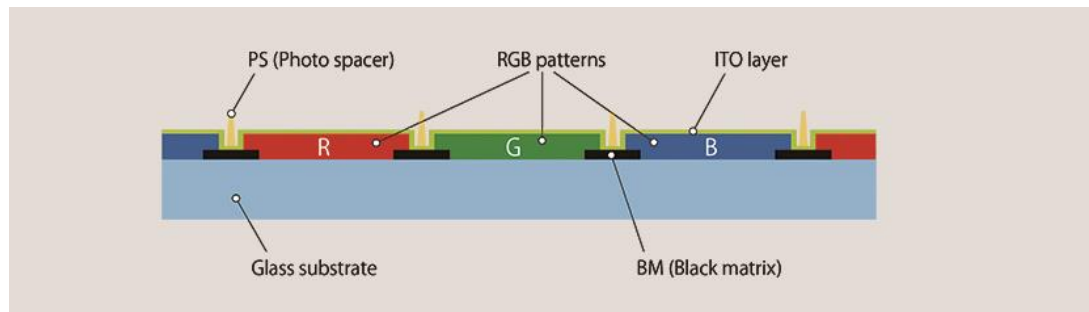
## Application areas – Optical materials

**La**      **La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**      **High refractive glasses for lenses**  
**e.g. in cameras and telescopes**

**Ce**      **Ce<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>**      **UV filter in light sources**

**Pr**      **Pr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/PrO<sub>2</sub>**      **Colour filter in safety goggles**

**Nd**      **Nd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**      **Colour filter in lamp and display glass**





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## Application areas – Lighting technology

before 1870

**Chemical  
Oxidation**

Mantles  
for gas lamps  
99%  $\text{ThO}_2$ , 1%  $\text{CeO}_2$



Flint stones with  
mixed metal oxides  
30% Fe, 70% La-Sm

since 1870

**Thermal  
Radiation**

Incandescent and  
halogen light bulbs



Glass additives  
 $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  /  $\text{Ce}_2\text{O}_3$

since 1930

**Low and high  
pressure discharges**

Na and Hg vapour  
lamps, metal halide  
discharge lamps



Electrodes:  $\text{Sc}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Y}^{3+}$

Gas fillings  
 $\text{DyI}_3$ ,  $\text{HoI}_3$ ,  $\text{TmI}_3$   
**Phosphors**

since 1990

**Electro-  
luminescence**

Inorganic LEDs,  
OLEDs and PLEDs



Ceramic lenses  
Y, La, Gd, Lu  
**Phosphors**

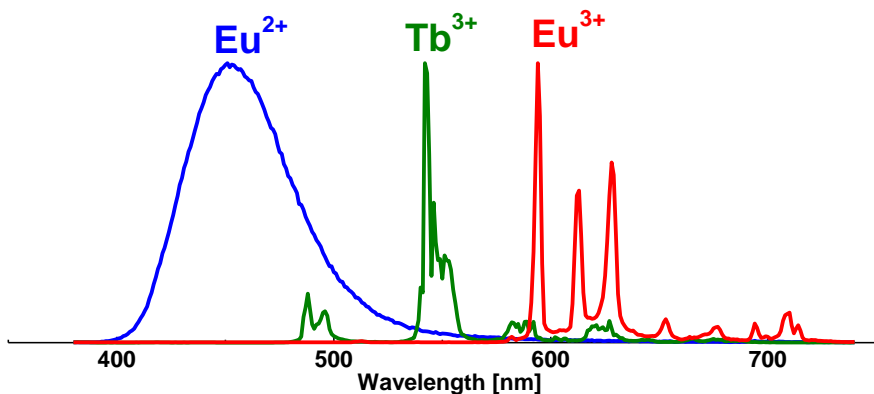
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## Application areas – Luminescence



**Eu<sup>3+</sup> "Euro stars"**

**Eu<sup>2+</sup> "Afterglow stars"**

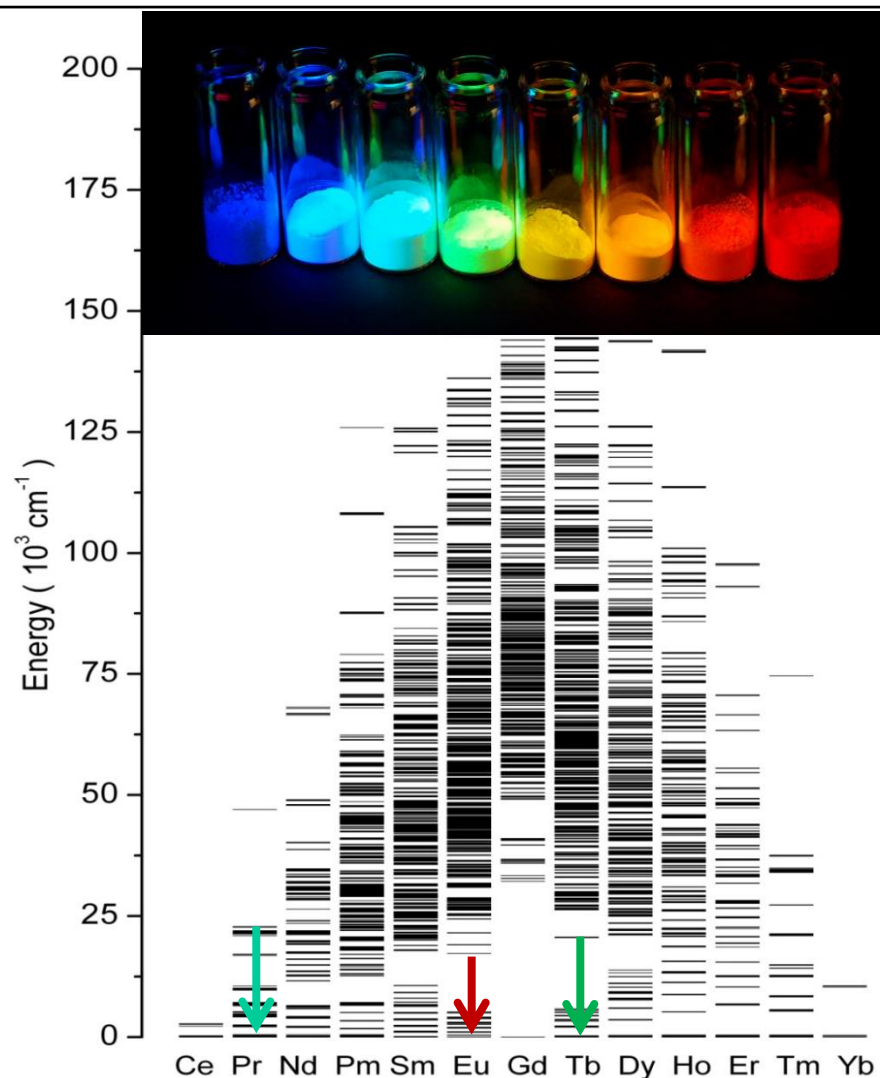


**Rare earth ions**

⇒ **Many energy levels (N)**

**and optical transitions**

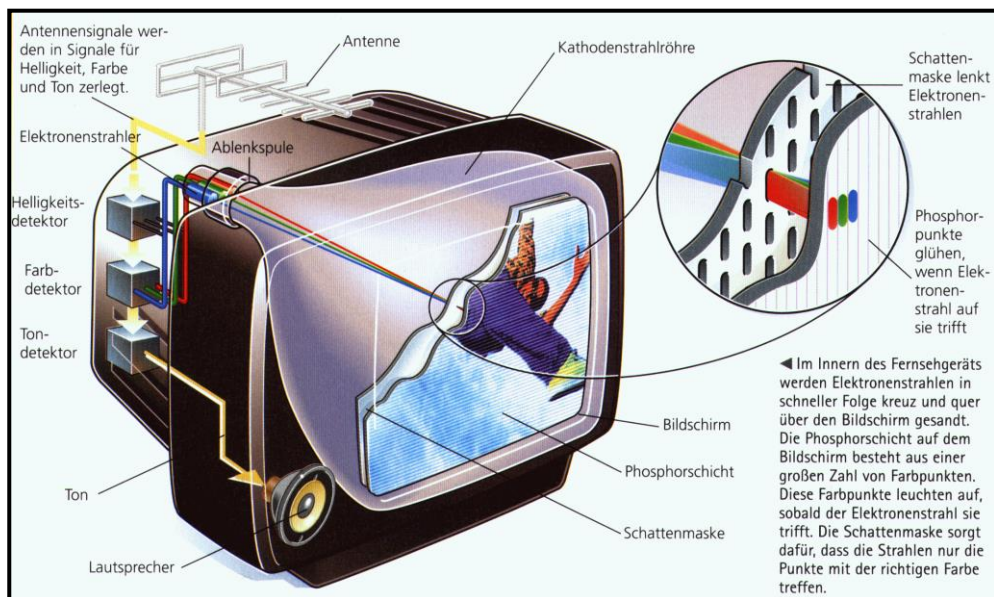
$$N = \frac{(2o)!}{e!(2o - e)!}$$



**Eu<sup>3+</sup> / Tb<sup>3+</sup>: 3003 Energy levels!**

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## Application areas – Display technology

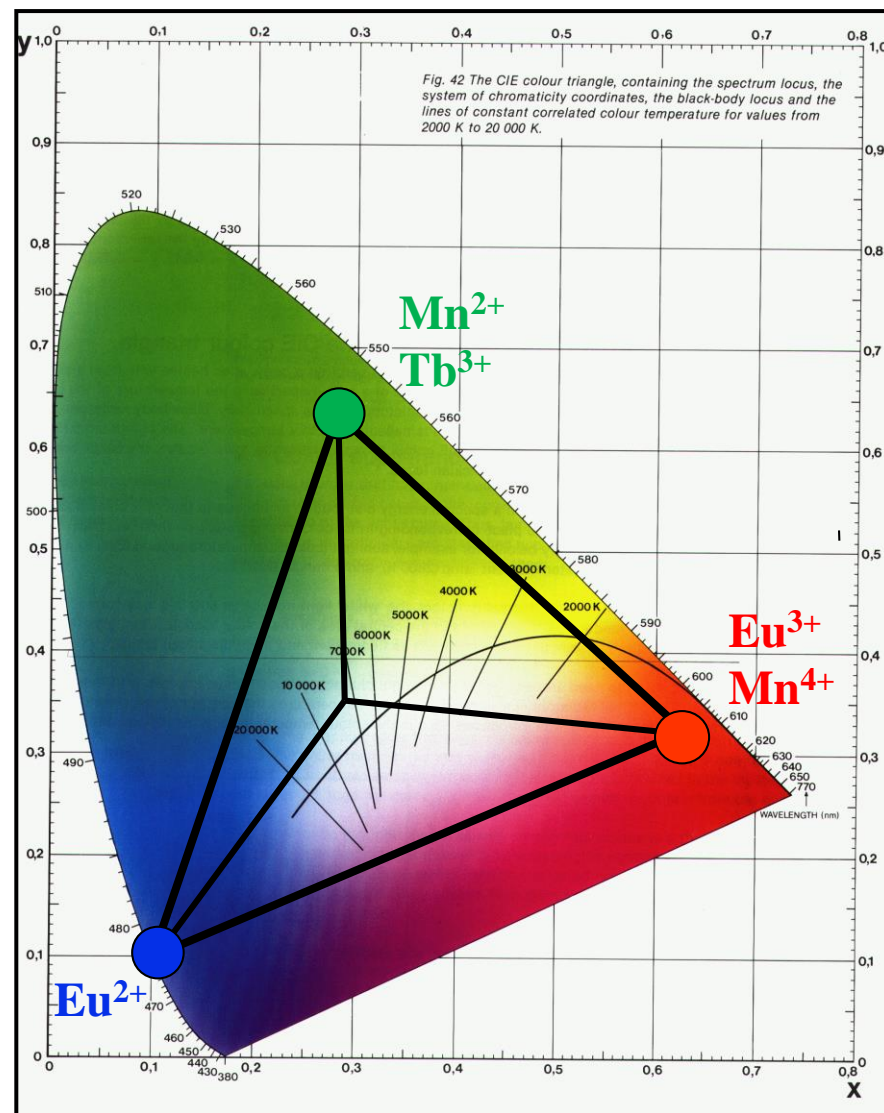


### Cathode ray tubes

- $\text{YVO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$
- $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}:\text{Eu}^{3+}$

### Plasma displays

- $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}:\text{Eu}^{2+}$
- $(\text{Y,Gd})\text{BO}_3:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{BaMgAl}_{10}\text{O}_{17}:\text{Eu}^{2+}\text{Mn}^{2+}$
- $(\text{Y,Gd})\text{BO}_3:\text{Eu}^{3+}$



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## Application areas – Electrical engineering

Hard magnets	Super conductors	Ion conductors	Thermistors
Engines, generators, loudspeaker, microphones, telephones, headphones, hearing aids magnetic couplers, sensors, suspension railways, lifting devices $\text{Nd}_2\text{Fe}_{14}\text{B}$ $\text{SmCo}_5$ $\text{Sm}_2\text{Co}_{17}$	NMR Devices  Particle accelerators  Fusion reactors  SQUIDs  $(\text{La.Ba})_2\text{CuO}_4$ $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$	Fuel cells  Lambda probes  Sensors  $\text{CeO}_2:\text{Ln}$ $\text{Ln} = \text{La, Sm, Gd, Yb}$ $\text{La}_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_9$ $\text{LaCoO}_3:\text{Sr}$ $\text{LaGaO}_3:\text{Ba}$ $\text{ZrO}_2:\text{Y}$	Temperature sensors  Inrush current limiter  Voltage stabilizers  $\text{Sm}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Tb}_2\text{O}_3$