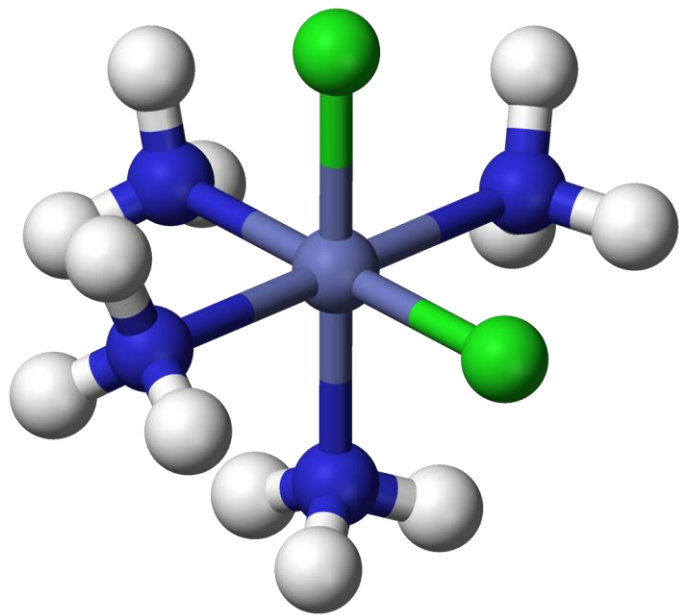


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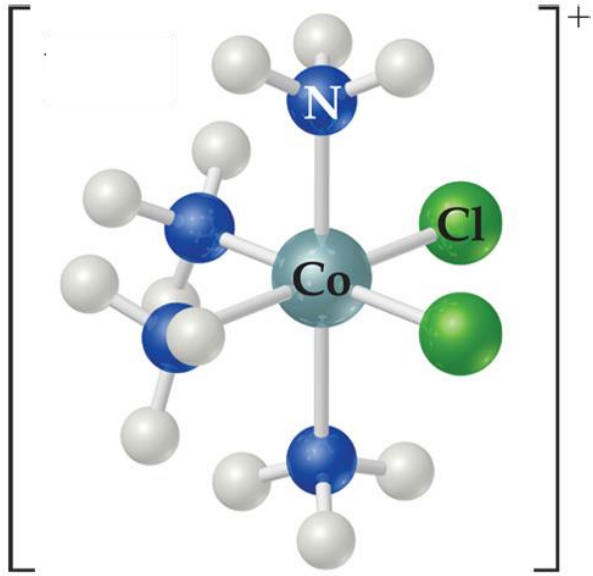
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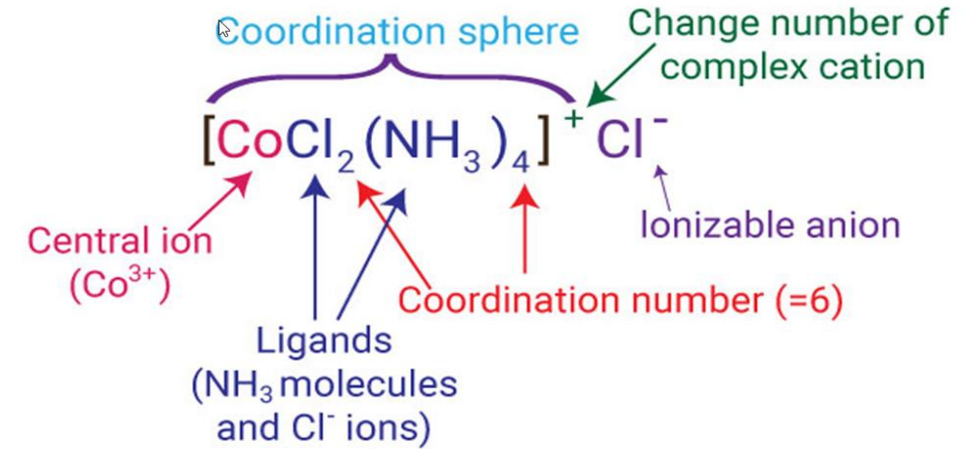
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# Werner's Theory



Co(III) oxidation state

Coordination Number is 6



- Suggested in 1893 that metal ions have **primary** and **secondary** valences.
  - Primary valence equal the metal's oxidation number-Its non directional & ionizable
  - Secondary valence is the number of atoms directly bonded to the metal (coordination number)- Its directional and non ionizable

**Q1. The primary and secondary valency of Pt in  $[\text{Pt}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]\text{Cl}_2$  are**

**a) 4,4                      b) 4,6**

**c) 6,6                      d) 4,2**

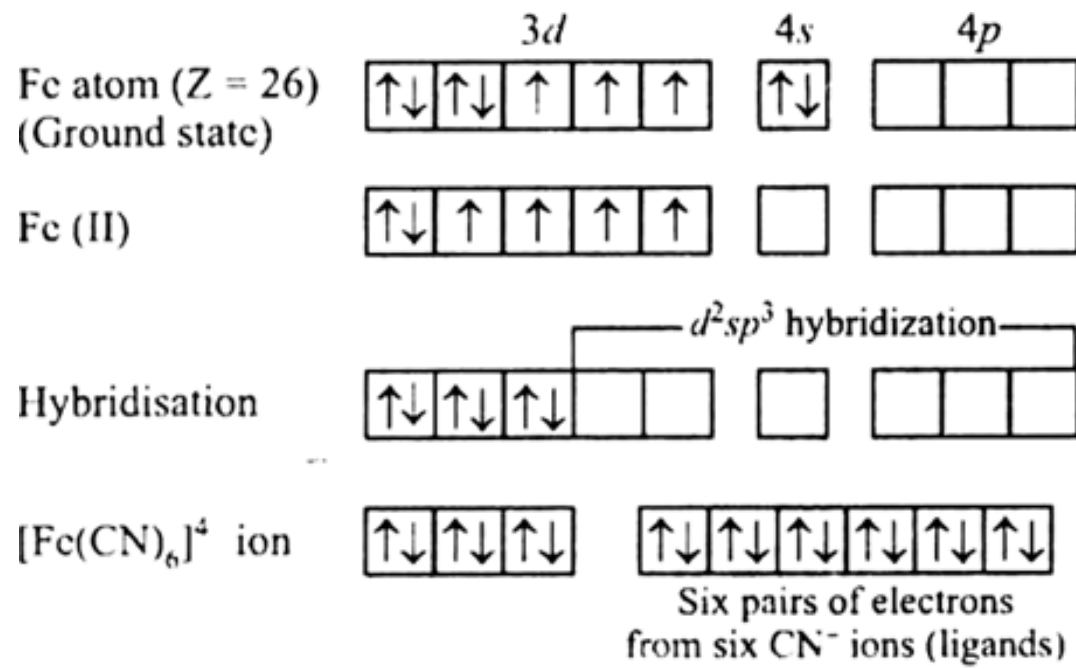
**Q2. Coordination number and oxidation state of Cr in  $\text{K}_3[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$  are respectively**

**a) 3,0                      b) 3,3**

**c) 6,3                      d) 4,2**

# Valance Bond Theory

- This model utilizes hybridization of metal valance orbitals to account for the observed structures and magnetic properties of the complexes.
- The  $(n-1)d$ ,  $ns$  and  $np$  orbitals undergo hybridization to give hybridized orbitals.
- Here an empty hybrid orbital on the metal centre accept a pair of electrons from a ligand to form a  $\sigma$ - bond.
- From VBT we get geometry, hybridization, magnetic properties etc.



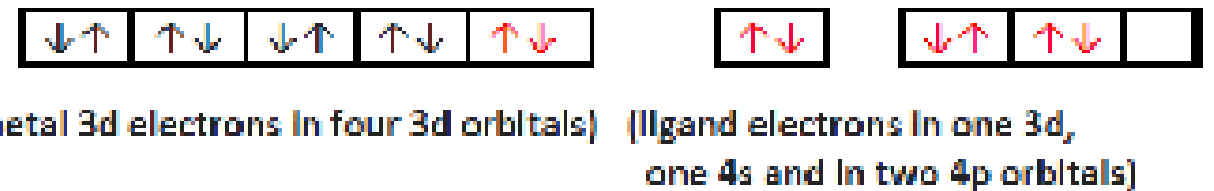
Inner Orbital Complex-  $d^2sp^3$

Outer Orbital Complex-  $sp^3d^2$

Electron distribution in  $NiCl_4^{2-}$  ( $sp^3$  hybridization)



Electron distribution in  $Ni(CN)_4^{2-}$  ( $dsp^2$  hybridization)



**Table 21.1** Hybridization schemes for the  $\sigma$ -bonding frameworks of different geometrical configurations of ligand donor atoms.

Coordination number	Arrangement of donor atoms	Orbitals hybridized	Hybrid orbital description	Example
2	Linear	$s, p_z$	$sp$	$[\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+$
3	Trigonal planar	$s, p_x, p_y$	$sp^2$	$[\text{HgI}_3]^-$
4	Tetrahedral	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z$	$sp^3$	$[\text{FeBr}_4]^{2-}$
4	Square planar	$s, p_x, p_y, d_{x^2-y^2}$	$sp^2d$	$[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$
5	Trigonal bipyramidal	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{z^2}$	$sp^3d$	$[\text{CuCl}_5]^{3-}$
5	Square-based pyramidal	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{x^2-y^2}$	$sp^3d$	$[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_5]^{3-}$
6	Octahedral	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{z^2}, d_{x^2-y^2}$	$sp^3d^2$	$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$
6	Trigonal prismatic	$s, d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{xz}, d_{z^2}, d_{x^2-y^2}$ or $s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{xz}, d_{yz}$	$sd^5$ or $sp^3d^2$	$[\text{ZrMe}_6]^{2-}$
7	Pentagonal bipyramidal	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{xy}, d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{z^2}$	$sp^3d^3$	$[\text{V}(\text{CN})_7]^{4-}$
7	Monocapped trigonal prismatic	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{z^2}$	$sp^3d^3$	$[\text{NbF}_7]^{2-}$
8	Cubic	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}, f_{xyz}$	$sp^3d^3f$	$[\text{PaF}_8]^{3-}$
8	Dodecahedral	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{z^2}, d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}$	$sp^3d^4$	$[\text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8]^{4-}$
8	Square antiprismatic	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}, d_{x^2-y^2}$	$sp^3d^4$	$[\text{TaF}_8]^{3-}$
9	Tricapped trigonal prismatic	$s, p_x, p_y, p_z, d_{xy}, d_{xz}, d_{yz}, d_{z^2}, d_{x^2-y^2}$	$sp^3d^5$	$[\text{ReH}_9]^{2-}$

- Magnetic moment is given by

$$\mu = \sqrt{n(n+2)} \text{ BM}$$

Where n is the number of unpaired electrons. Magnetic Moment is measured in Bohr Magnetons (BM)

- Presence of Unpaired electrons- **Paramagnetic**  
No Unpaired electrons- **Diamagnetic**
- **Mostly, Td Complexes are Paramagnetic & Sp complexes are Diamagnetic**
- **3d,4d,5d transition metals with d<sup>8</sup> configuration and strong field ligands are usually square-planar**



**Comparison of calculated spin-only magnetic moments with experimentally observed data for some octahedral complexes**

<b>Ion</b>	<b>Config</b>	<b><math>\mu_{so}</math> / B.M.</b>	<b><math>\mu_{obs}</math> / B.M.</b>
Ti(III)	$d^1 (t_{2g}^1)$	$\sqrt{3} = 1.73$	1.6-1.7
V(III)	$d^2 (t_{2g}^2)$	$\sqrt{8} = 2.83$	2.7-2.9
Cr(III)	$d^3 (t_{2g}^3)$	$\sqrt{15} = 3.88$	3.7-3.9
Cr(II)	$d^4$ high spin ( $t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$ )	$\sqrt{24} = 4.90$	4.7-4.9
Cr(II)	$d^4$ low spin ( $t_{2g}^4$ )	$\sqrt{8} = 2.83$	3.2-3.3
Mn(II)/ Fe(III)	$d^5$ high spin ( $t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$ )	$\sqrt{35} = 5.92$	5.6-6.1
Mn(II)/ Fe(III)	$d^5$ low spin ( $t_{2g}^5$ )	$\sqrt{3} = 1.73$	1.8-2.1
Fe(II)	$d^6$ high spin ( $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$ )	$\sqrt{24} = 4.90$	5.1-5.7
Co(III)	$d^6$ low spin ( $t_{2g}^6$ )	0	0
Co(II)	$d^7$ high spin ( $t_{2g}^5 e_g^2$ )	$\sqrt{15} = 3.88$	4.3-5.2
Co(II)	$d^7$ low spin ( $t_{2g}^6 e_g^1$ )	$\sqrt{3} = 1.73$	1.8
Ni(II)	$d^8 (t_{2g}^6 e_g^2)$	$\sqrt{8} = 2.83$	2.9-3.3
Cu(II)	$d^9 (t_{2g}^6 e_g^3)$	$\sqrt{3} = 1.73$	1.7-2.2

**Q<sub>3</sub> Among  $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$ ,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  and  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$**

- (a)  $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$  and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  are diamagnetic and  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$  is paramagnetic
- (b)  $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$  and  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$  are diamagnetic and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  is paramagnetic
- (c)  $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$  is diamagnetic and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  and  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$  are paramagnetic
- (d)  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$  and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  are diamagnetic and  $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$  is paramagnetic

**Q<sub>4</sub> Which is true for  $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_2]^{2+}$ ,  $Z(\text{Ni}) = 28$  ?**

- (a) Paramagnetism,  $\text{dsp}^2$ , square planar, CN of Ni = 2
- (b) Diamagnetism,  $\text{dsp}^2$ , square planar, CN of Ni = 4
- (c) Diamagnetism,  $\text{sp}^3$ , tetrahedral, CN of Ni = 4
- (d) Paramagnetism,  $\text{sp}^3$ , square planar, CN of Ni = 4

**Q5  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  and  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$  have similarity but not in**

- a) Magnetic moment**
- b) CN and ON**
- c) Geometry**
- d) Both a and c**

**Q6. The number of unpaired electrons present in the complexes;  
 $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$  and  $[\text{PtCl}_4]^{2-}$  respectively are:**

- A. 2 in both the cases**
- B. 0 in both**
- B. C. 0 in first and 2 in second**
- D. 2 in first and 0 in second**

# Crystal field theory

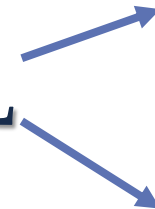
- Proposed in 1929 by Hans Bethe
- Pure Crystal field theory assumes that the only interaction between the metal ion and the ligands is an electrostatic or ionic one with the ligands being regarded as negative point charges

**M<sup>+</sup>**

**L**

**Point Charge**

**Point Dipole**



- In CFT we consider two main interaction

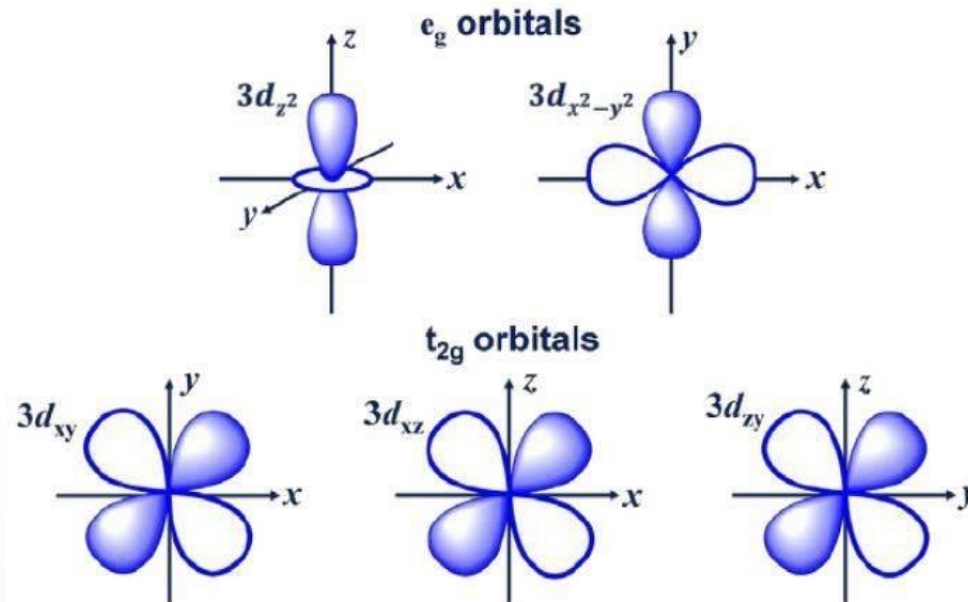
1) Attractive interaction- Bonding Interaction

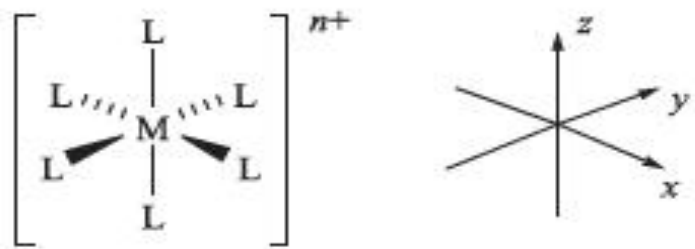
2) Repulsive interaction – Cause of Crystal field splitting

Splitting of d-orbitals and its consequences are considered as the backbone of CFT

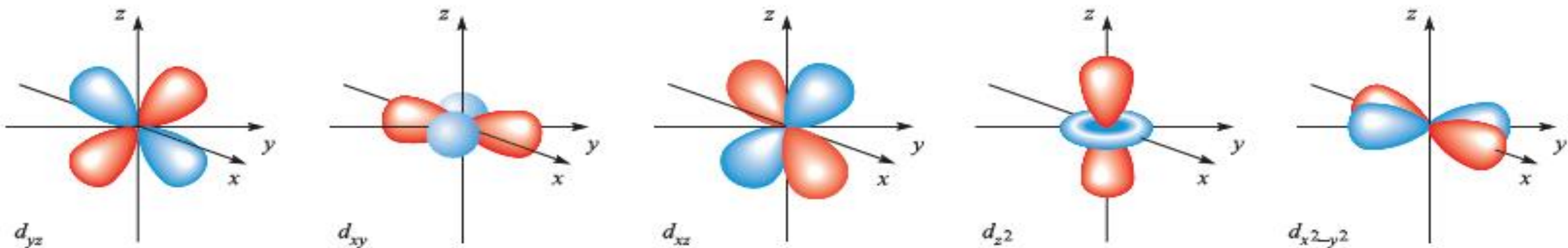
# Shape of d-orbitals

- The five d orbitals are not identical and the orbitals may be divided into two set.
  - Orbitals along the axis –  $d_{z^2}$ ,  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  –  $e_g$  or  $d\gamma$
  - Orbitals in between the axis-  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{xz}$ ,  $d_{yz}$  –  $t_{2g}$  or  $d\epsilon$

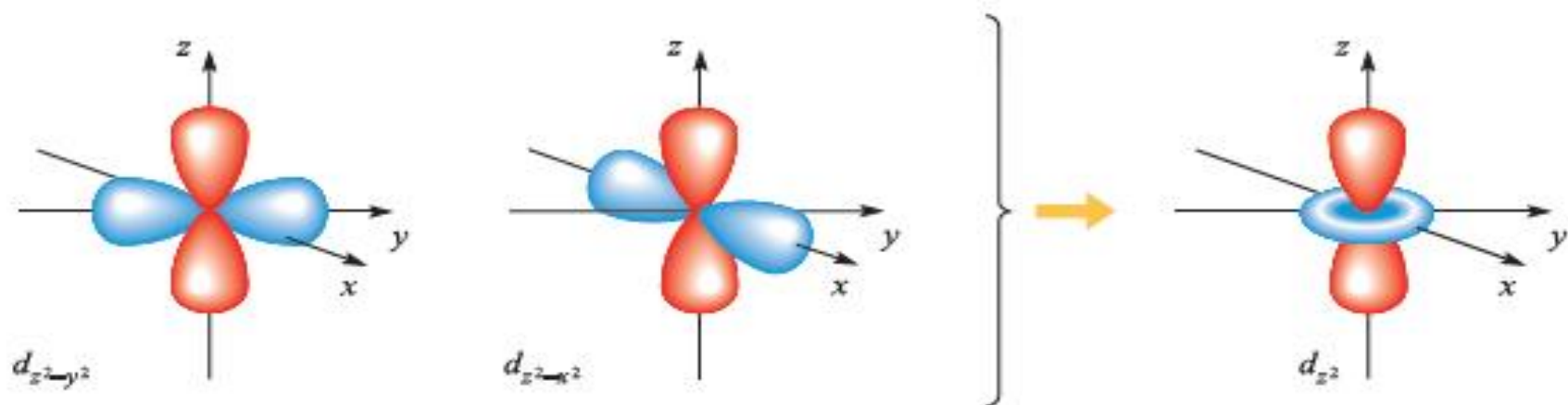




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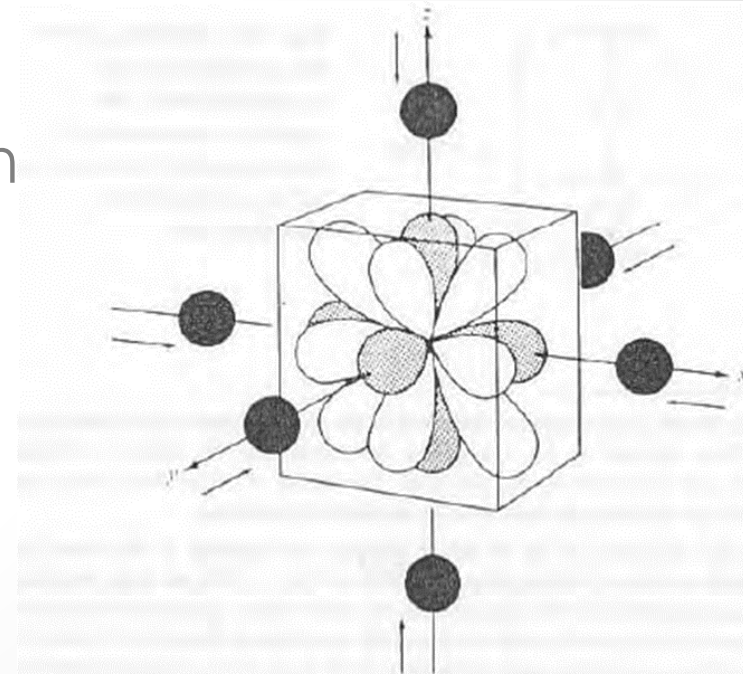
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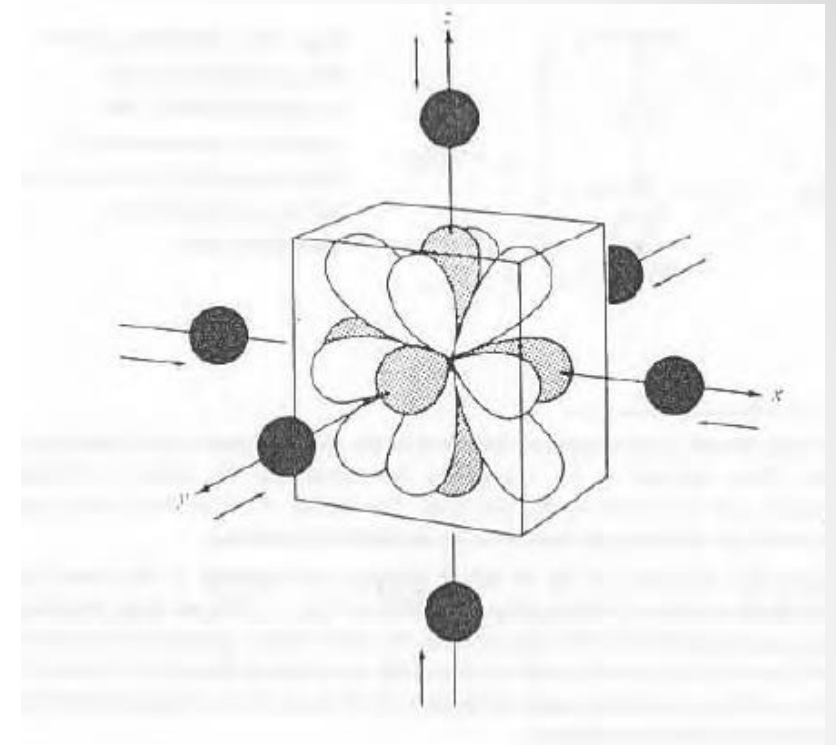
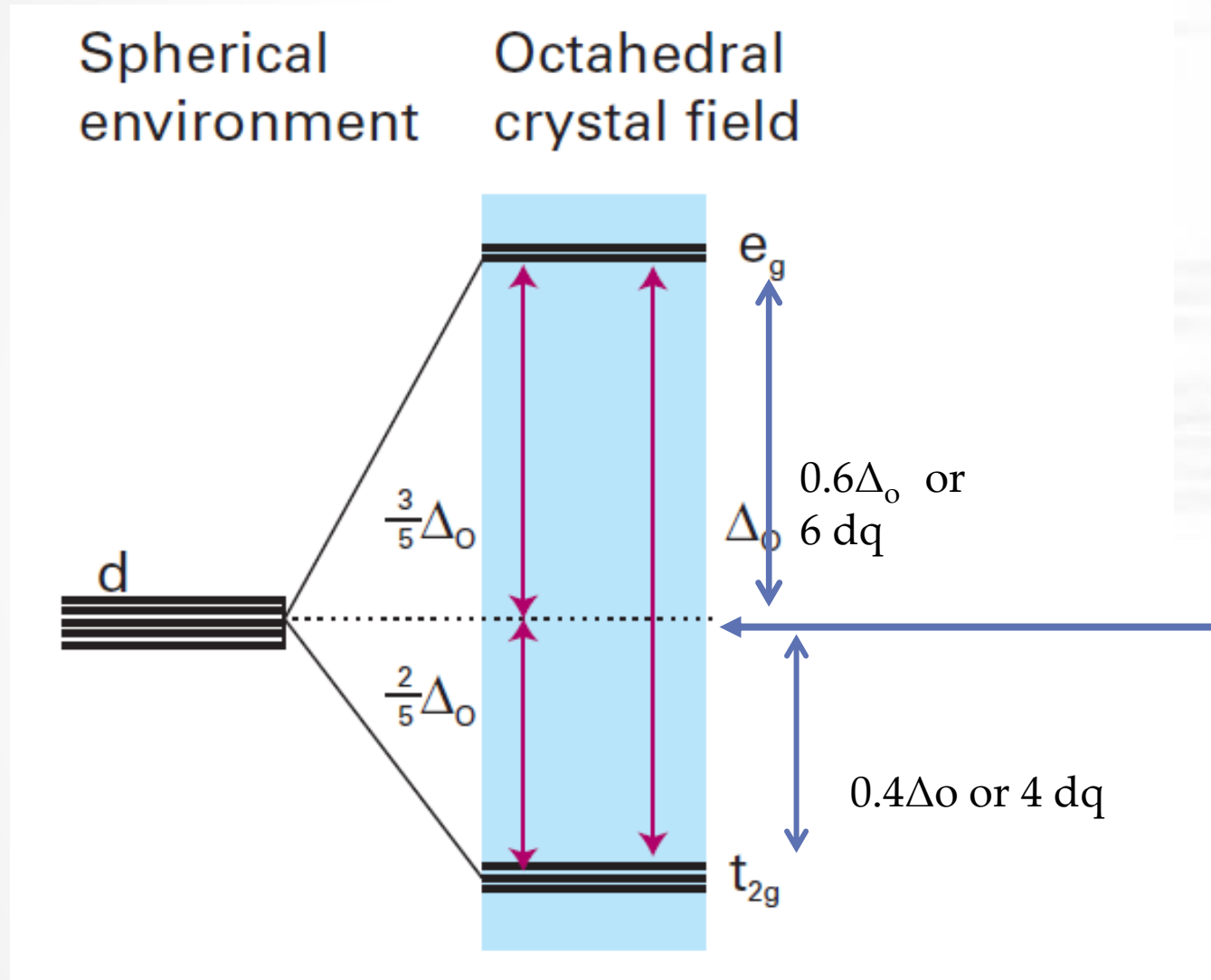
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# Octahedral symmetry

- In an Oh complex, six ligands are symmetrically positioned along the axes of cartesian coordinate system with the metal ion at the origin.
- Here not all the orbitals will be affected to the same extent.
- The orbitals lying along the axis will be strongly repelled than the orbitals with lobes directed between the axis
- Under the influence of an octahedral field the d orbitals split into two groups of different energy with eg set at a higher energy than the t2g set

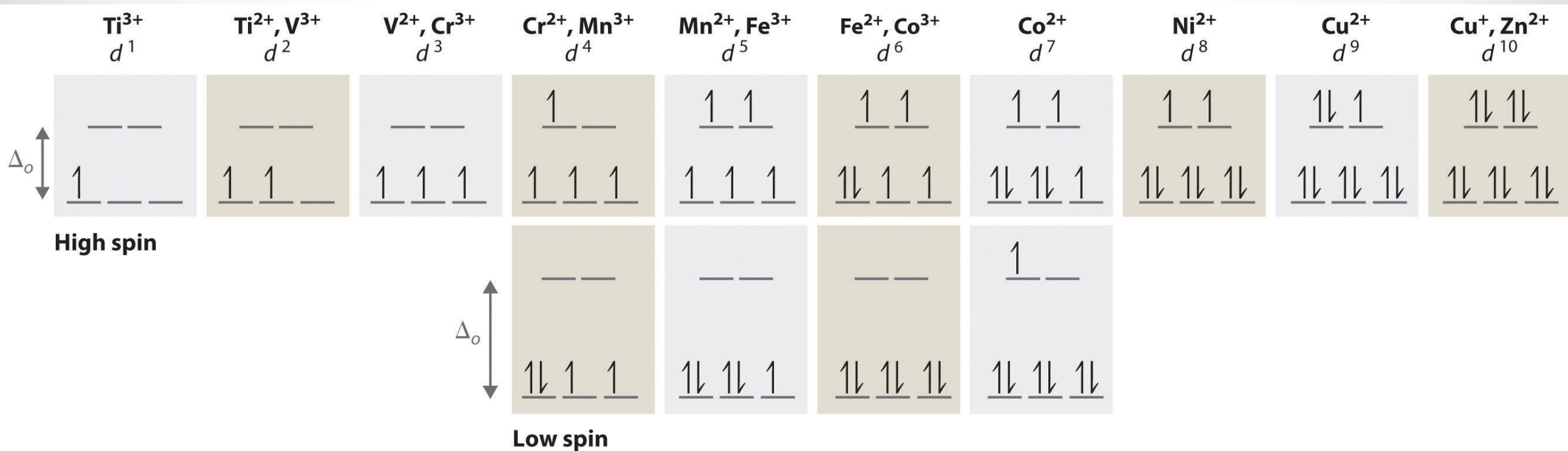




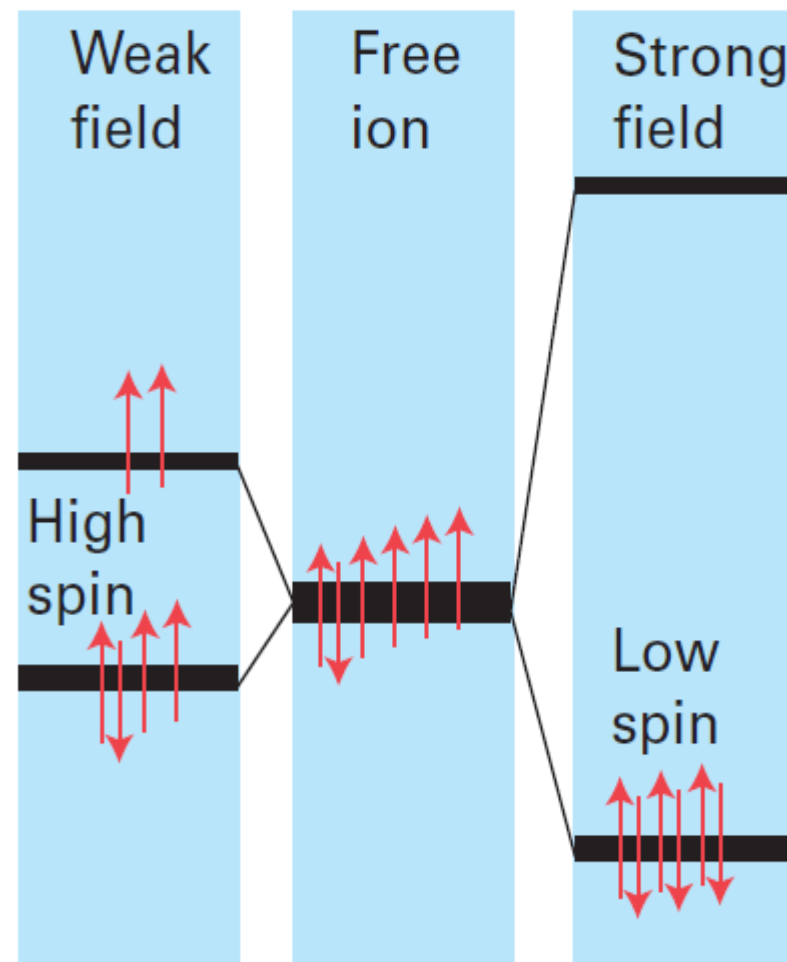
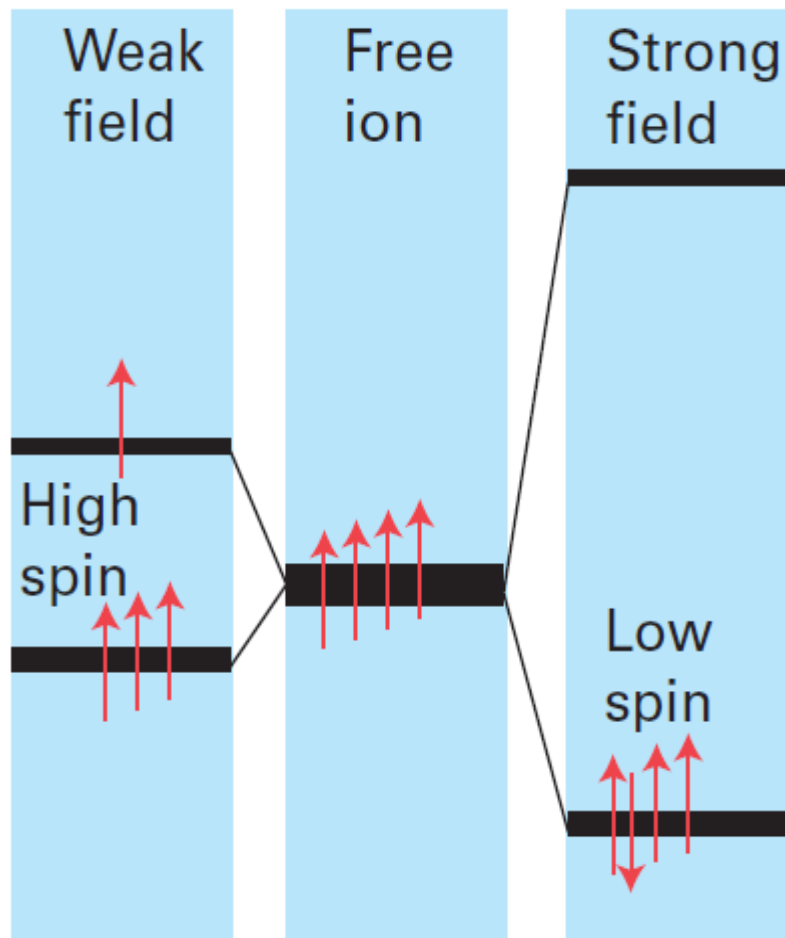


**Centre of gravity or  
Bary centre**

# Crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE)



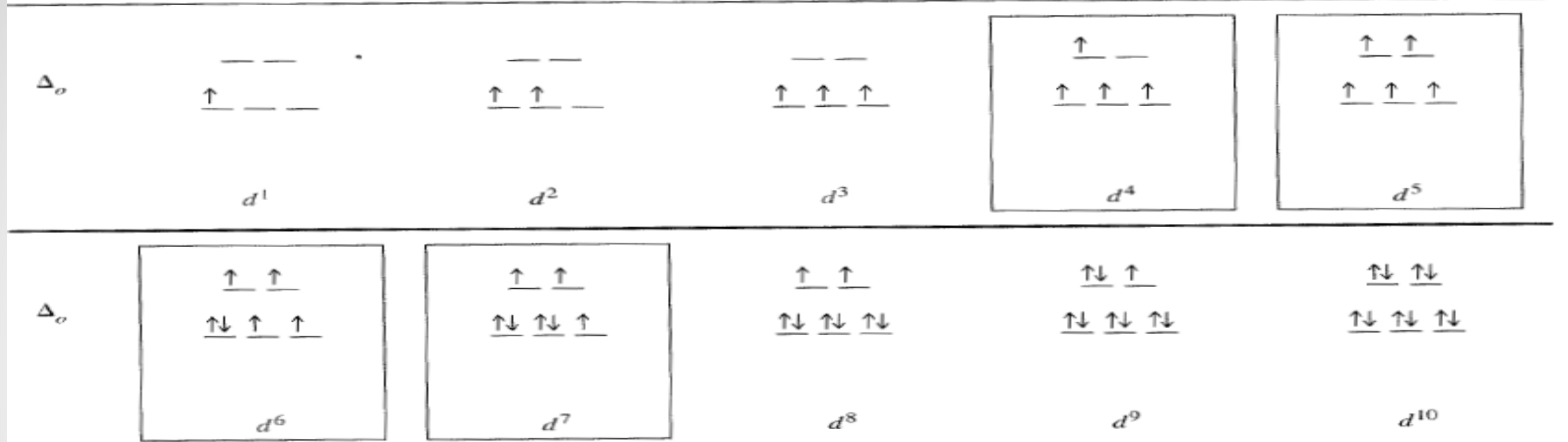
Consider a  $d^1$  case



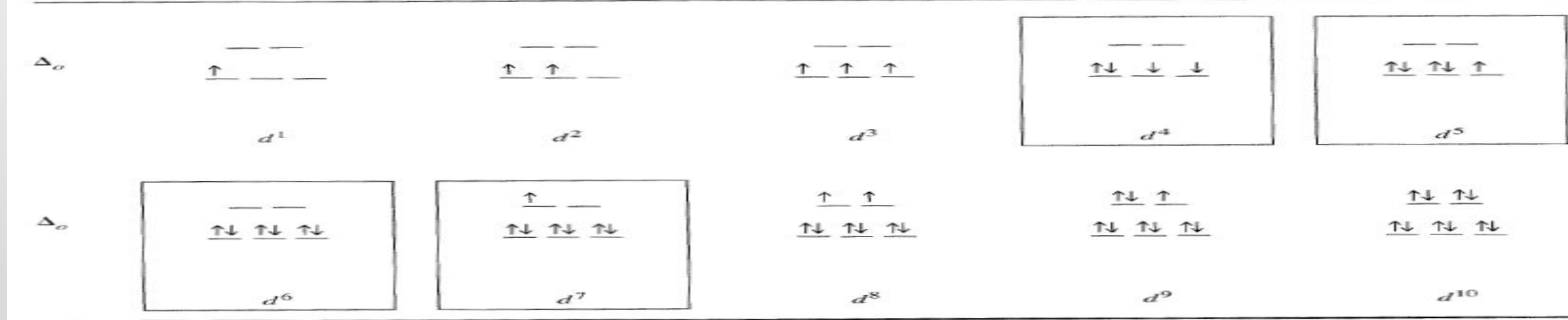
Strong ligand field = large  $\Delta$  = low spin

Weak ligand field = small  $\Delta$  = high spin

*Complex with Weak Field Ligands (High Spin)*



*Complex with Strong Field Ligands (Low Spin)*

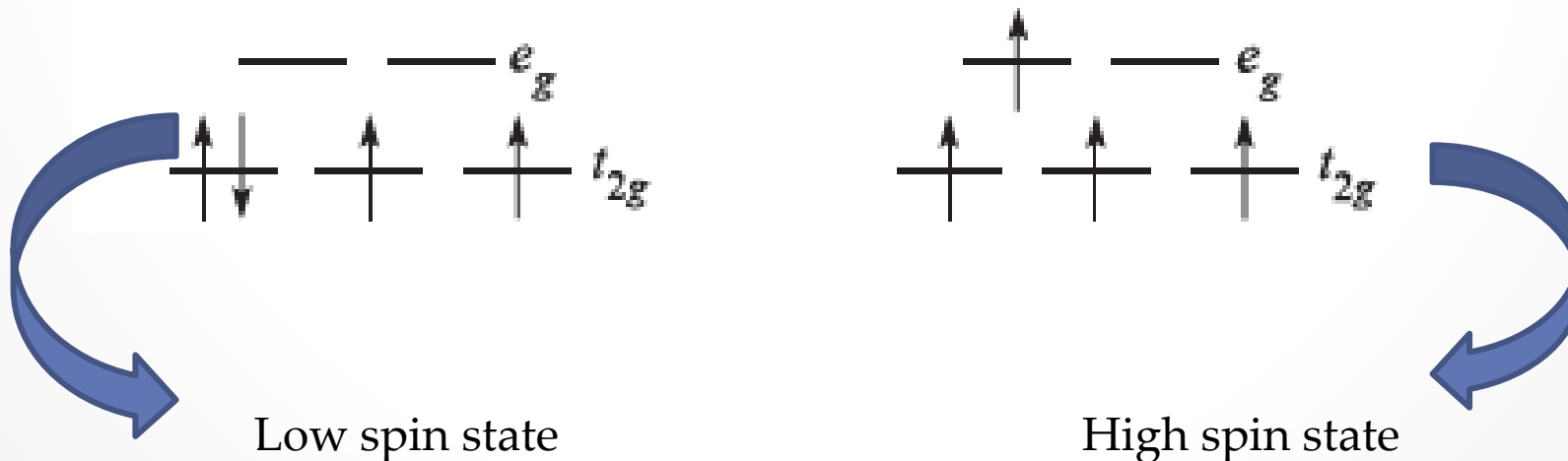


For high-spin:  $\Delta_{\text{oct}} < P$

For low-spin:  $\Delta_{\text{oct}} > P$

Two terms contribute to the electron-pairing energy,  $P$ , which is the energy required to transform two electrons with parallel spin in different degenerate orbitals into spin-paired electrons in the same orbital:

- the loss in the exchange energy which occurs upon pairing the electrons;
- the coulombic repulsion between the spin-paired electrons.



$d^n$	High-spin = weak field		Low-spin = strong field	
	Electronic configuration	CFSE	Electronic configuration	CFSE
$d^1$	$t_{2g}^1 e_g^0$	$-0.4\Delta_{\text{oct}}$		
$d^2$	$t_{2g}^2 e_g^0$	$-0.8\Delta_{\text{oct}}$		
$d^3$	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^0$	$-1.2\Delta_{\text{oct}}$		
$d^4$	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$	$-0.6\Delta_{\text{oct}}$	$t_{2g}^4 e_g^0$	$-1.6\Delta_{\text{oct}} + P$
$d^5$	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$	0	$t_{2g}^5 e_g^0$	$-2.0\Delta_{\text{oct}} + 2P$
$d^6$	$t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$	$-0.4\Delta_{\text{oct}}$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^0$	$-2.4\Delta_{\text{oct}} + 2P$
$d^7$	$t_{2g}^5 e_g^2$	$-0.8\Delta_{\text{oct}}$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^1$	$-1.8\Delta_{\text{oct}} + P$
$d^8$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^2$	$-1.2\Delta_{\text{oct}}$		
$d^9$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^3$	$-0.6\Delta_{\text{oct}}$		
$d^{10}$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^4$	0		

- The Crystal field stabilization energy of low spin  $d^7$  oh complex is

a)  $-\frac{4}{5} \Delta_o + 2P$

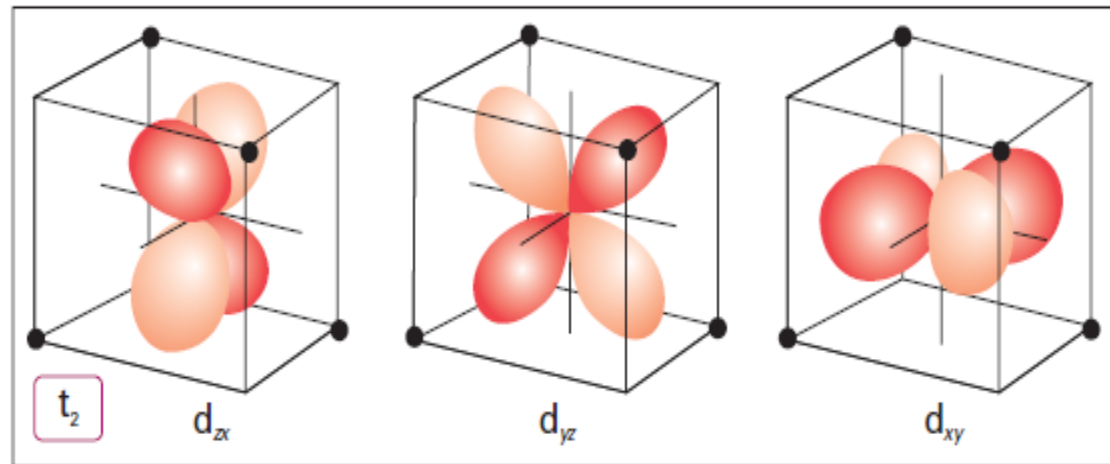
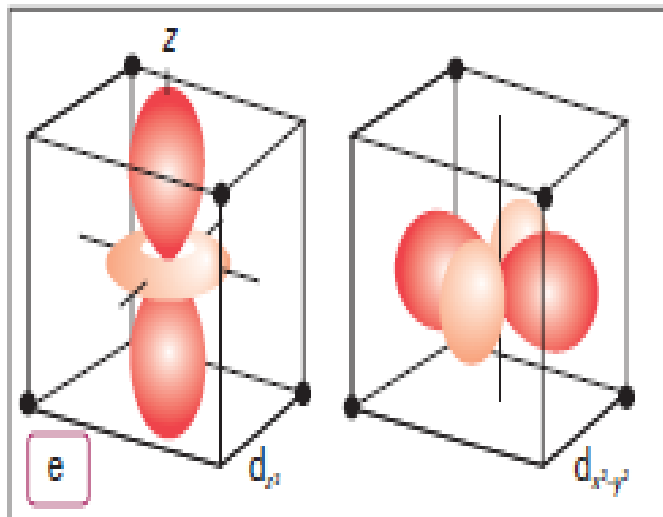
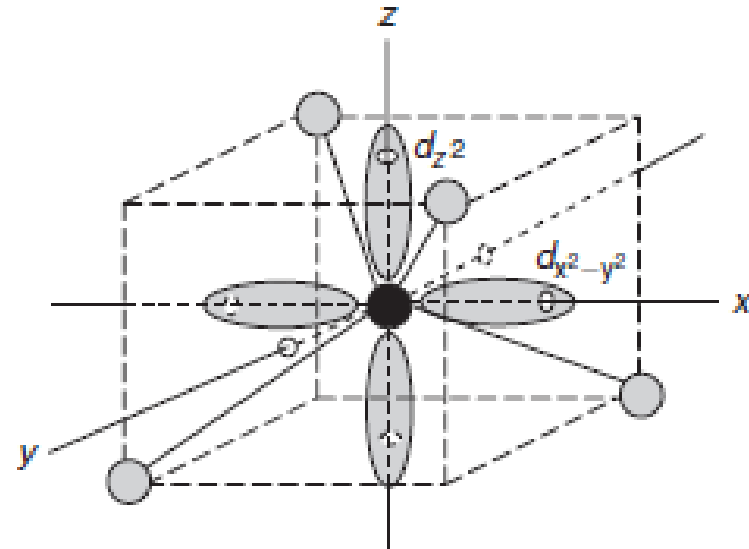
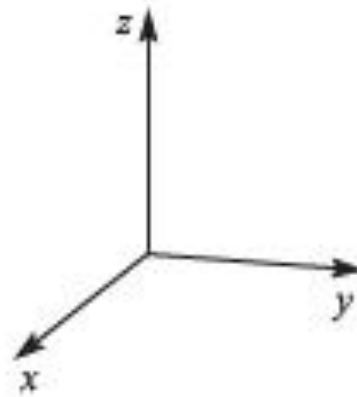
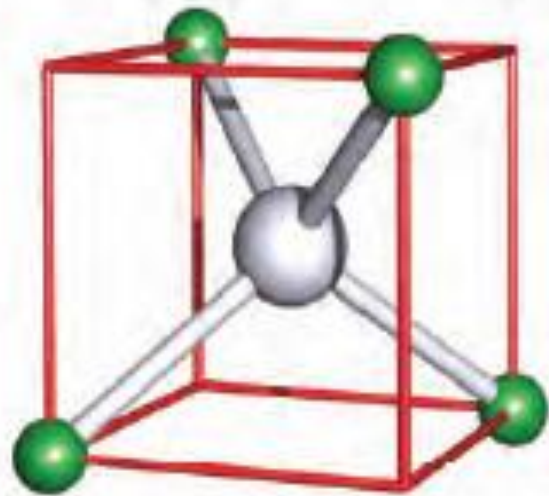
b)  $-\frac{4}{5} \Delta_o + P$

c)  $-\frac{9}{5} \Delta_o + P$

d)  $-\frac{9}{5} \Delta_o + 2P$

The number of unpaired electrons in  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  low spin Oh complex is

# Tetrahedral field





A regular tetrahedron is related *to a cube*. *One atom is at the centre of the cube*, and four of the eight corners of the cube are occupied by ligands

The directions *x, y and z point to the centres of the faces of the cube*. The *eg orbitals point along x, y and z (that is to .the centres of the faces)*. The *t<sub>2</sub>g orbitals point between x, y and z (that is towards the centres of the edges of the cube)* The direction of approach of the ligands does not coincide exactly with either the *eg* or the *t<sub>2</sub>g* orbitals.

The angle between an *eg orbital, the central metal and the ligand* is half the tetrahedral angle =  **$109^{\circ}28' / 2 = 54^{\circ}44'$** .

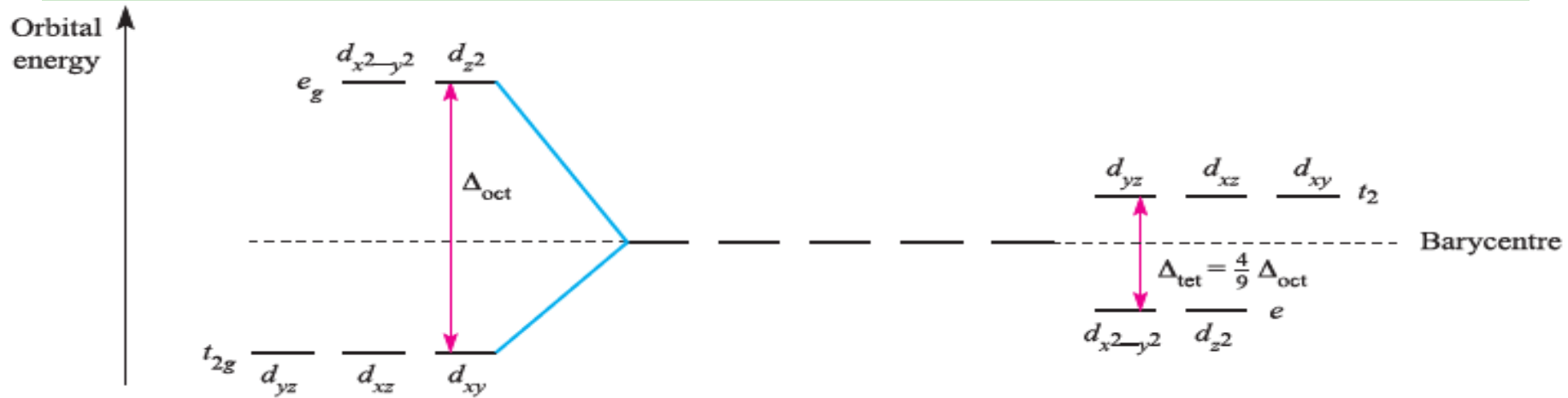
*The angle between a t<sub>2</sub>g orbital, the central metal and the ligand* is  **$35^{\circ}16'$** .

Thus the *t<sub>2</sub>g orbitals* are nearer to the direction of the ligands than the *eg orbitals*.

The approach of the ligands raises the energy of both sets of orbitals.

The energy of the *t<sub>2</sub>g orbitals* is raised most because they are closest to the ligands. This crystal field splitting is the opposite way round to that in octahedral complexes

## Tetrahedral complexes are almost invariably high-spin.



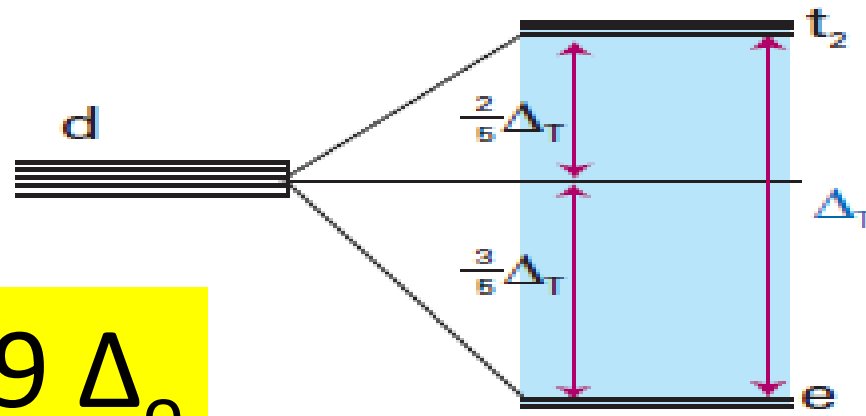
The magnitude of the crystal field splitting  $\Delta_t$  in tetrahedral complexes is considerably less than in octahedral fields. There are two reasons for this:

1. There are only four ligands instead of six, so the ligand field is only two thirds the size: hence the ligand field splitting is also two thirds the size.
2. The direction of the orbitals does not coincide with the direction of the ligands. This reduces the crystal field splitting by roughly a further two thirds.

Thus the tetrahedral crystal field splitting  $\Delta_t$  is roughly  $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{9}$  of the octahedral crystal field splitting  $\Delta_o$ . Strong field ligands cause a bigger energy difference between  $t_{2g}$  and  $e_g$  than weak field ligands. However, the tetrahedral splitting  $\Delta_t$  is always much smaller than the octahedral splitting  $\Delta_o$ . Thus it is never energetically favourable to pair electrons, and **all tetrahedral complexes are high-spin.**

Spherical  
environment

Tetrahedral  
crystal field



$$\Delta_t = \frac{4}{9} \Delta_o$$

$d^n$	Configuration	$N$	LFSE/ $\Delta_t$
$d^0$		0	0
$d^1$	$e^1$	1	0.6
$d^2$	$e^2$	2	1.2
$d^3$	$e^2 t_2^1$	3	0.8
$d^4$	$e^2 t_2^2$	4	0.4
$d^5$	$e^2 t_2^3$	5	0
$d^6$	$e^3 t_2^3$	4	0.6
$d^7$	$e^4 t_2^3$	3	1.2
$d^8$	$e^4 t_2^2$	2	0.8
$d^9$	$e^4 t_2^1$	1	0.4
$d^{10}$	$e^4 t_2^2$	0	0

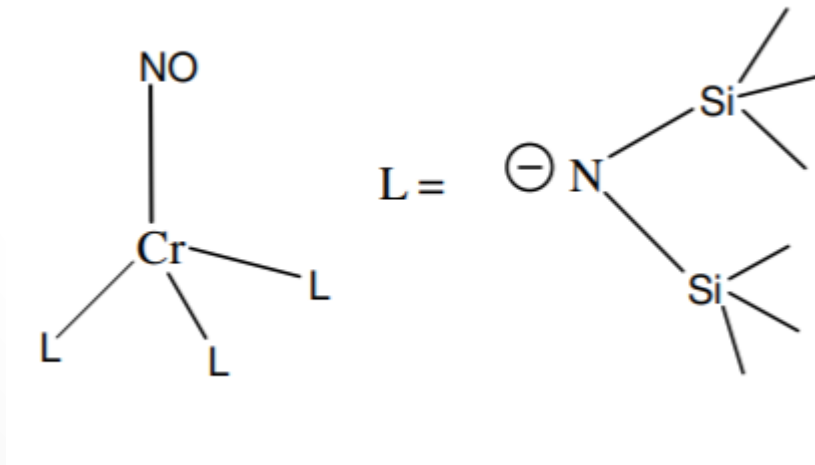
\* $N$  is the number of unpaired electrons.

When to expect Tetrahedral geometry?

Ligands are large, less ligand-ligand repulsion metal ions with zero CFSE ( $d0$  ,  $d5$  ,  $d10$ ) or small CFSE ( $d2$  and  $d7$  ).

Examples:  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  - ( $d0$  ),  $\text{FeCl}_4^-$  - ( $d5$  , h.s.),  $\text{CoCl}_4^{2-}$  - ( $d7$  , h.s.),  $\text{ZnCl}_4^{2-}$  - ( $d10$ )

Having fewer number of ligands (four) and they are not aligned along the orbital axis, the CFSE in most cases are too small to overcome the spin pairing energy, therefore, tetrahedral low-spin complexes are rare. A rare example is  $\text{Cr}[\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2]_3[\text{NO}]$ .



Number of $d$ electrons	Arrangement of electrons		Spin only magnetic moment $\mu(\text{D})$	Tetrahedral CFSE $\Delta_t$	Tetrahedral CFSE scaled for comparison with octahedral values, assuming $\Delta_t = \frac{4}{9}\Delta_o$	Octahedral CFSE $\Delta_o$	
	$e_g$	$t_{2g}$				Weak field	Strong field
$d^1$			1.73	-0.6	-0.27	-0.4	-0.4
$d^2$			2.83	-1.2	-0.53	-0.8	-0.8
$d^3$			3.87	$-1.2 + 0.4 = -0.8$	-0.36	-1.2	-1.2
$d^4$			4.90	$-1.2 + 0.8 = -0.4$	-0.18	-0.6	-1.6
$d^5$			5.92	$-1.2 + 1.2 = 0.0$	0.00	0.0	-2.0
$d^6$			4.90	$-1.8 + 1.2 = -0.6$	-0.27	-0.4	-2.4
$d_7$			3.87	$-2.4 + 1.2 = -1.2$	-0.53	-0.8	-1.8
$d^8$			2.83	$-2.4 + 1.6 = -0.8$	-0.36	-1.2	-1.2
$d^9$			1.73	$-2.4 + 2.0 = -0.4$	-0.18	-0.6	-0.6
$d^{10}$			0.00	$-2.4 + 2.4 = 0.0$	0.00	0.0	0.0

# A reminder about symmetry labels

The two sets of d orbitals in an octahedral field are labelled  $e_g$  and  $t_{2g}$ . In a tetrahedral field the labels become  $e$  and  $t_2$ . The symbols  $t$  and  $e$  refer to the degeneracy of the level:

- **a triply degenerate level is labelled  $t$ ;**
- **a doubly degenerate level is labelled  $e$ .**

The subscript  **$g$  means gerade** and the subscript  **$u$  means ungerade**.

- Gerade and ungerade designate the behaviour of the wavefunction under the operation of inversion, and denote the parity (even or odd) of an orbital. The  $u$  and  $g$  labels are applicable only if the system possesses a centre of symmetry (centre of inversion) and thus are used for the octahedral field, but not for the tetrahedral one.

**Q7  $[\text{CoF}_6]^{4-}$  is a**

- A. diamagnetic weak field complex**
- B. Diamagnetic strong field complex**
- C. paramagnetic weak field complex**
- D. paramagnetic strong field complex**

**Q8 For which one of the following would it not possible to distinguish high spin from low spin complexes in  $\text{Oh}$  geometry**

- A  $\text{Co(III)}$**
- B.  $\text{Fe(II)}$**
- C.  $\text{Co(II)}$**
- D.  $\text{Ni(II)}$**

**Q9 The CFSE of  $\text{Co(III)}$   $\text{Oh}$  complex in strong field is (P-paring energy)**

- A)  $-24Dq+2P$**
- B)  $-24Dq + 3P$**
- C)  $-4Dq + P$**
- D)  $-24Dq$**

**Q10 Considering the two complexes (A)  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  and (B)  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ , the right statement is**

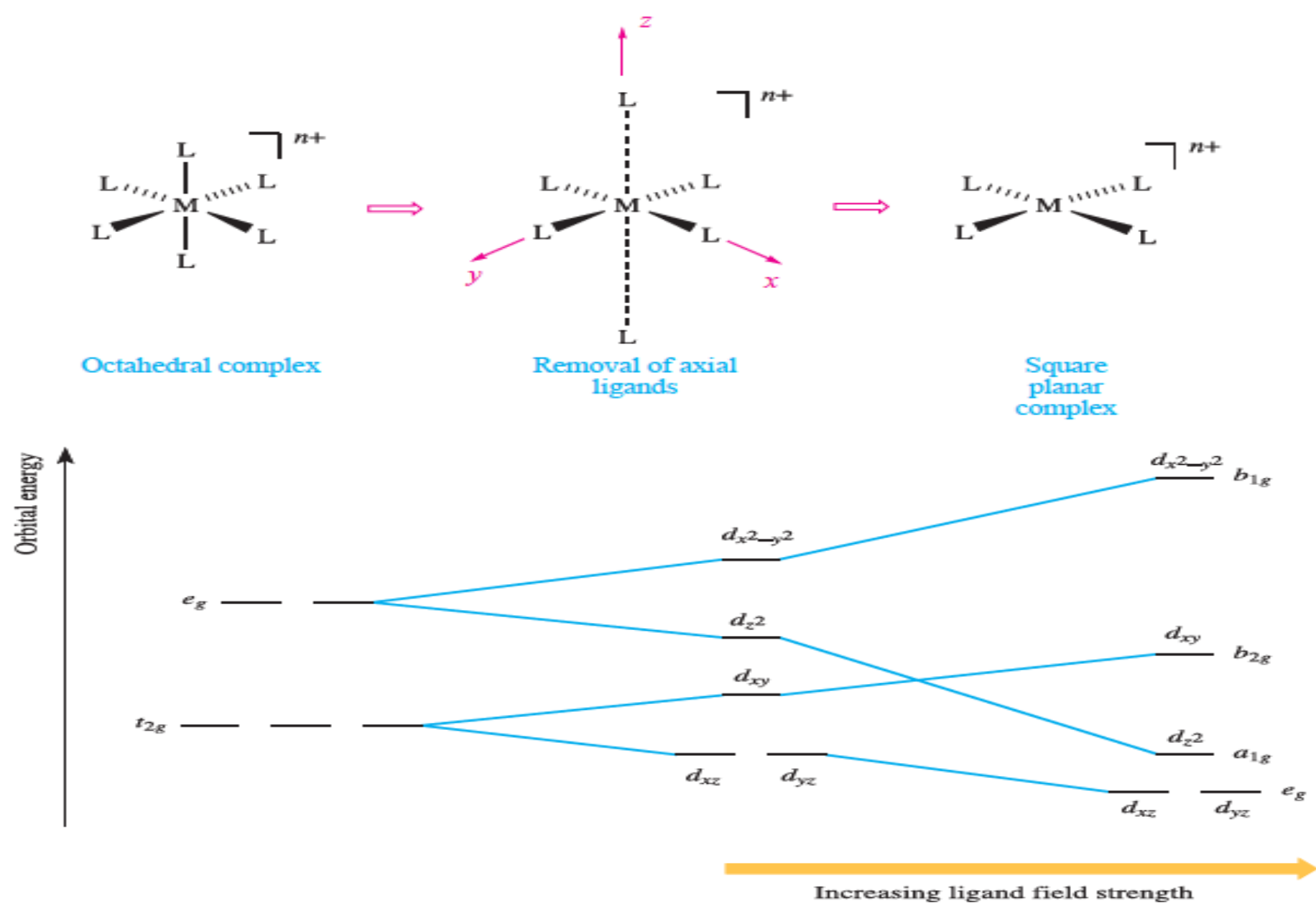
- A. Complex (A) is diamagnetic and complex (B) is paramagnetic**
- B. Complex (A) is paramagnetic and complex (B) is diamagnetic**
- C. Both are paramagnetic**
- D. Both are diamagnetic**

# Square-planar complexes

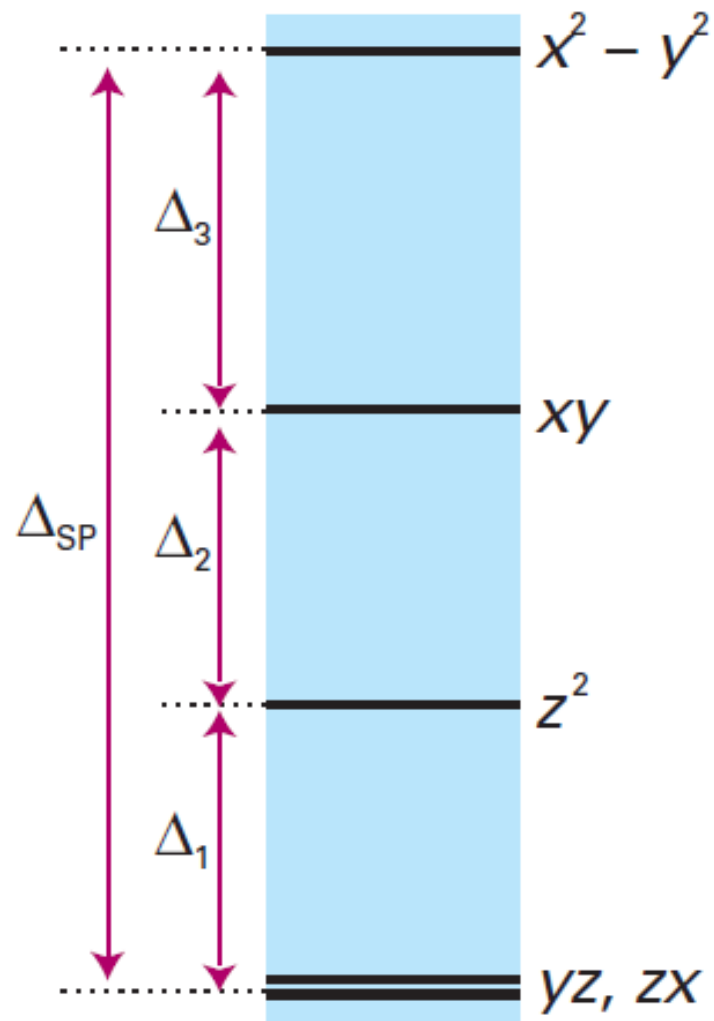
- A  $d^8$  configuration, coupled with a strong ligand field, favours the formation of square planar complexes. This tendency is enhanced with the 4d and 5d metals due to their larger size and the greater ease of electron pairing.
- A square planar arrangement of ligands can be formally derived from an octahedral array by removal of two trans ligands.
- Here the approach direction is along the XY plane
- $\Delta_{SP} = 1.3 \Delta_o$



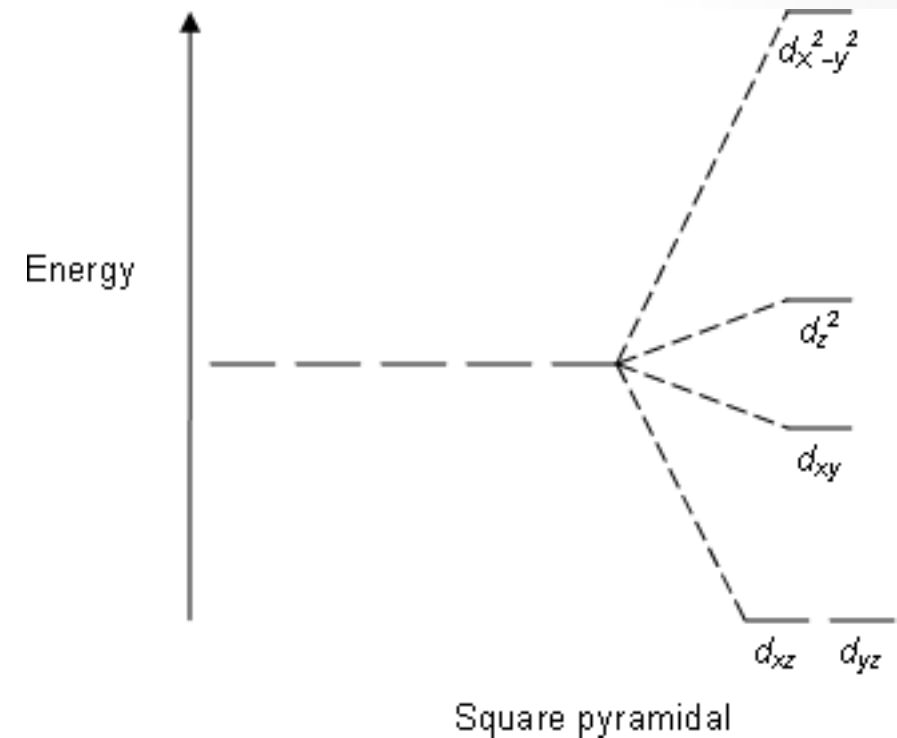
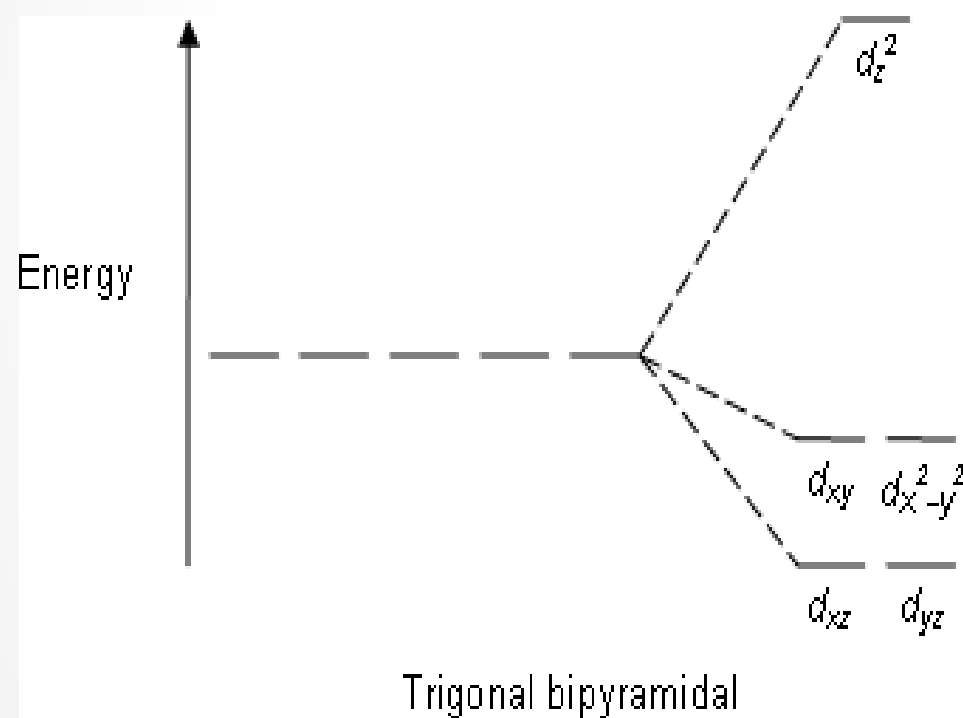
If we remove the ligands lying along the z axis, then the  $d_{z^2}$  orbital is greatly stabilized; the energies of the  $d_{yz}$  and  $d_{xz}$  orbitals are also lowered. ie. Orbits with Z components are stabilized.



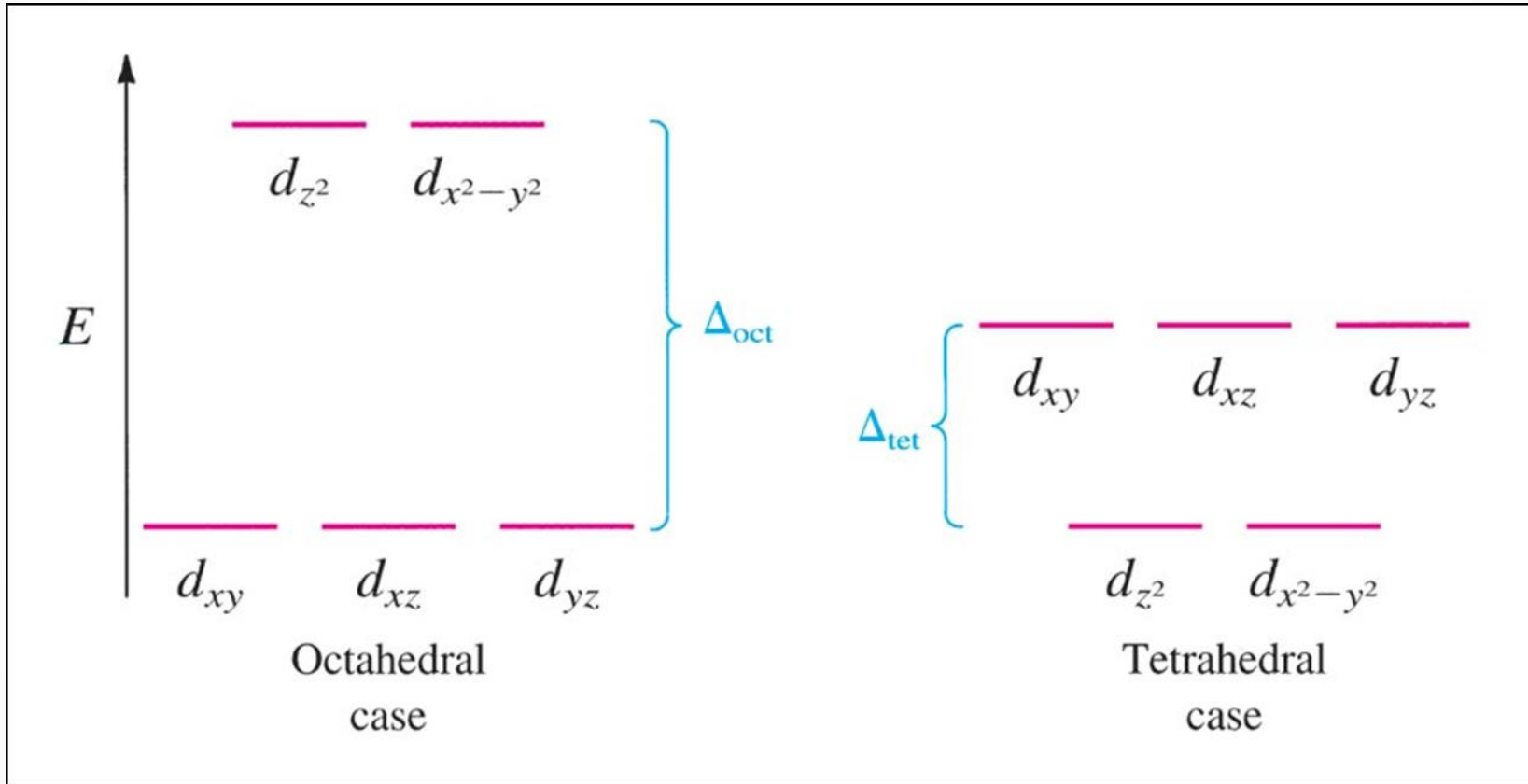
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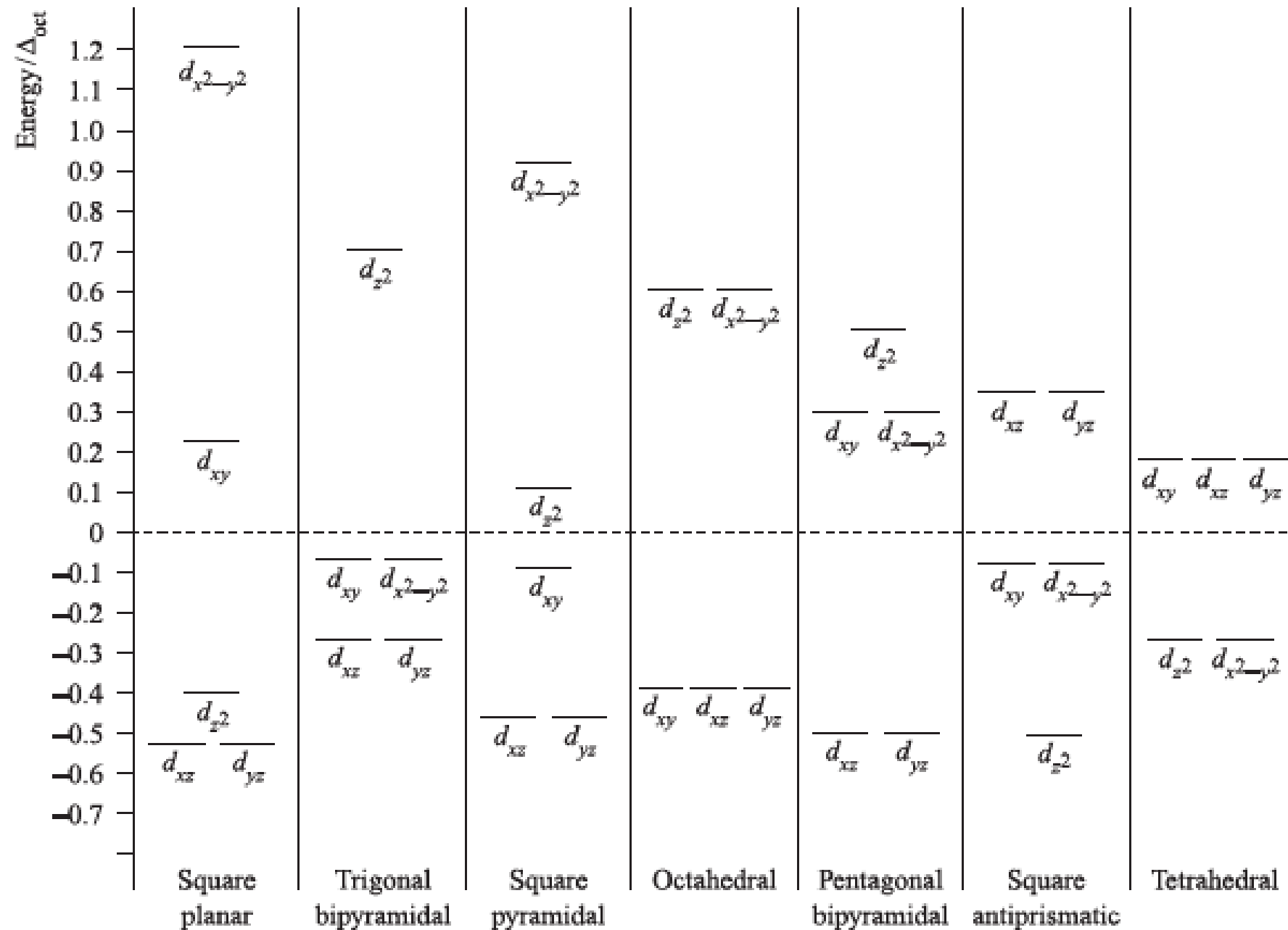


# Splitting in Trigonal bipyramidal and square pyramidal



# The Crystal Field Diagrams for Octahedral and Tetrahedral Complexes





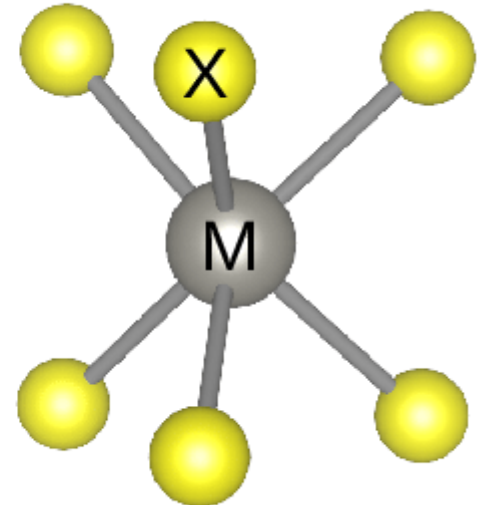
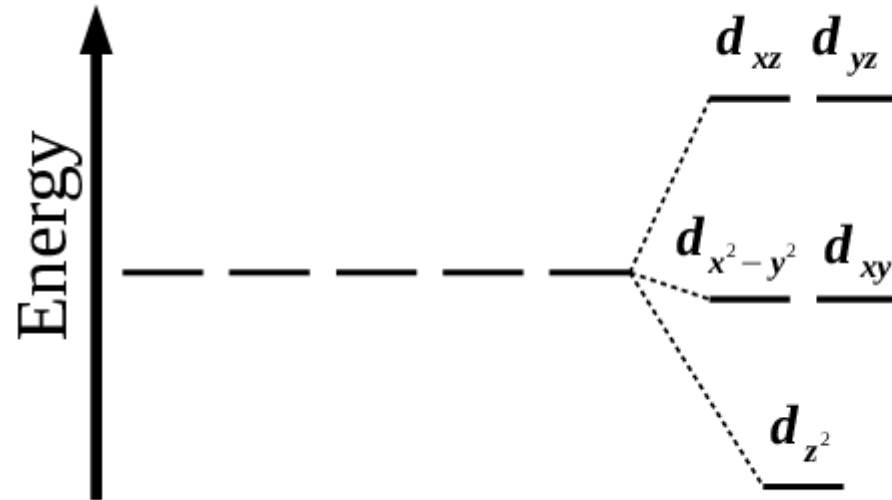
Q13 In TBP, the d orbital with higher energy is

- A)  $d_{xy}$     B)  $d_{x^2-y^2}$     C)  $d_{yz}$     D)  $d_{z^2}$

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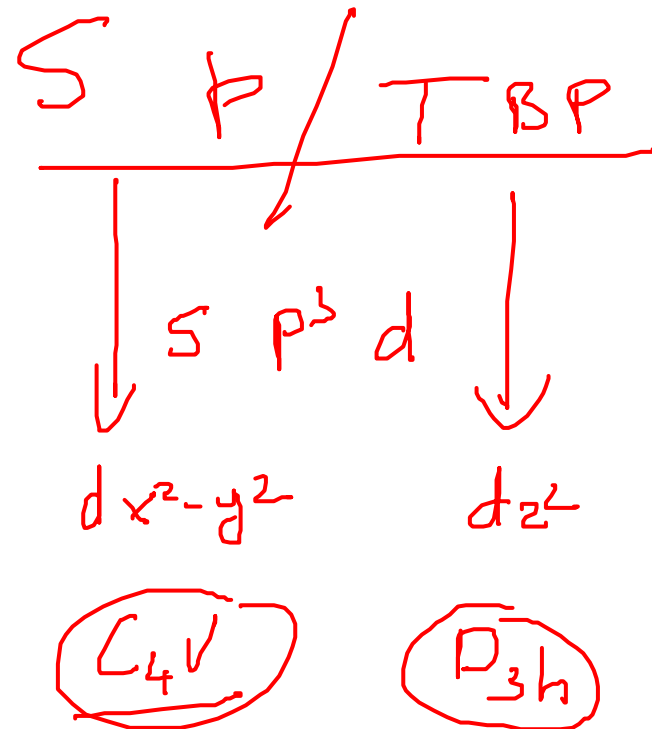
30. In trigonal prismatic ligand field, the most stabilized d orbital is

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. $d_z^2$  | 2. $d_{xy}$ |
| 3. $d_{xz}$ | 4. $d_{yz}$ |



In the solid state, the  $\text{CuCl}_5^{3-}$  ion having a  $D_{3h}$  point group has two types of bonds. These are

- (a) Three long and two short
- (b) Two long and three short
- (c) One long and four short
- (d) Four long and one short



# Factors affecting the magnitude of $\Delta$

1. Nature of the metal ion --  $3d < 4d < 5d$

Co  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$  -- 22870  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

Rh  $[\text{Rh}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$  --- 34000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

Ir  $[\text{Ir}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$  --- 41200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

2. Oxidation state of the metal ion

$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  ..... 9400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$  ..... 14000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

3. Number and geometry of the ligands

$\Delta_t \approx \frac{4}{9} \Delta_o$

$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$  — 10200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\Delta_o$ )

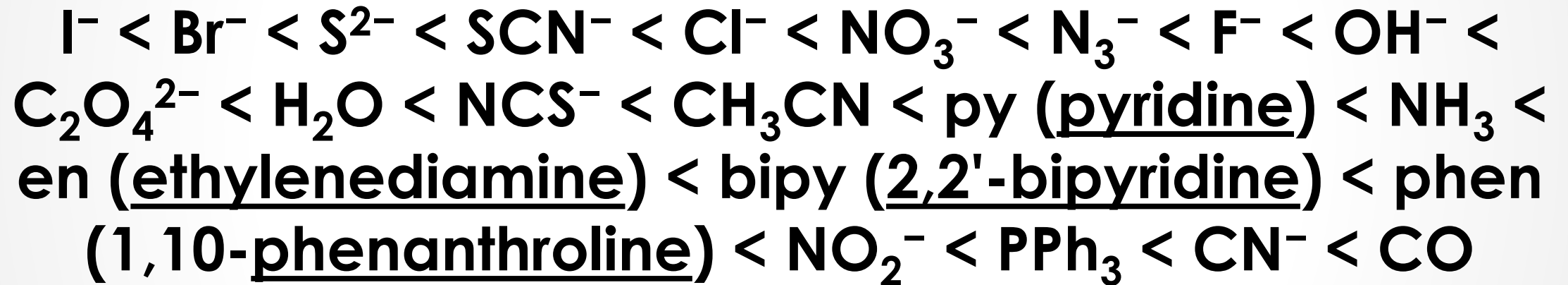
$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$  — 5900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\Delta_t$ )

4. Nature of the ligands



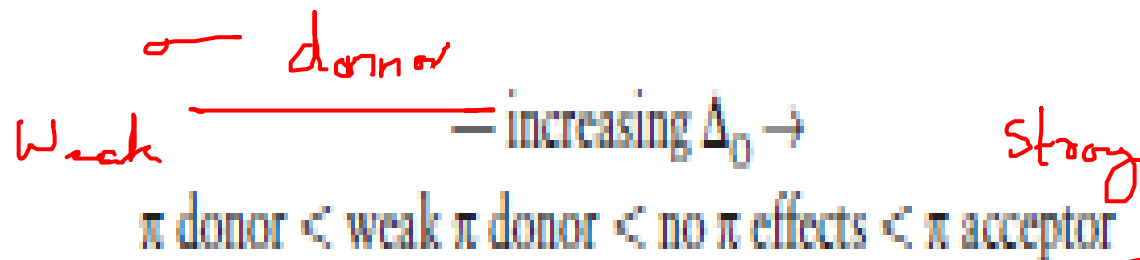
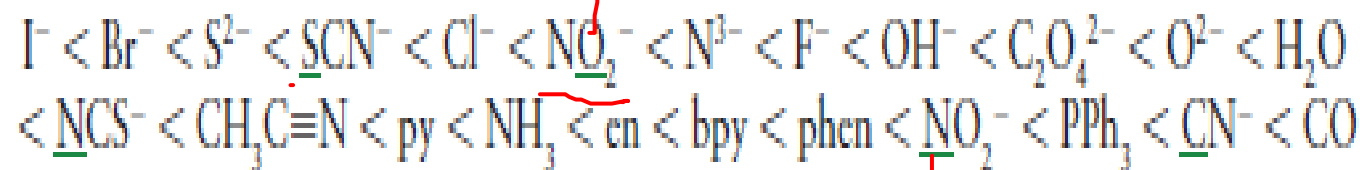
# Spectro chemical series

- It is the list of ligands in order of increasing field strength

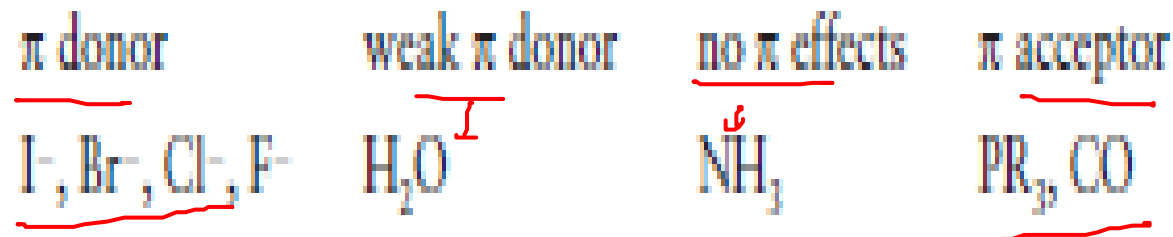




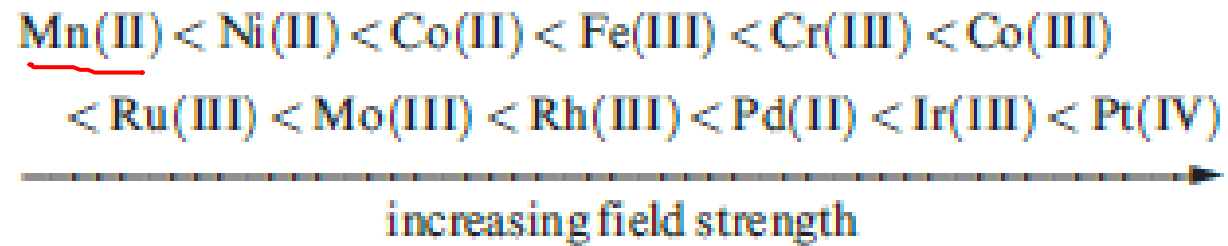
$\pi$



Representative ligands that match these classes are

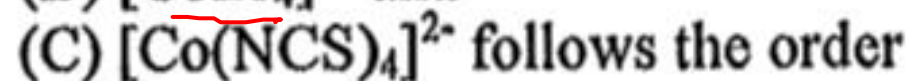
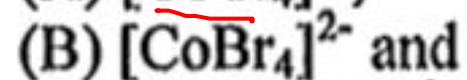
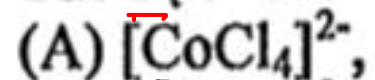


Trends in values of oct lead to the conclusion that metal ions can be placed in a spectrochemical series which is independent of the ligands:



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The  $\Delta_t$  of the following complexes

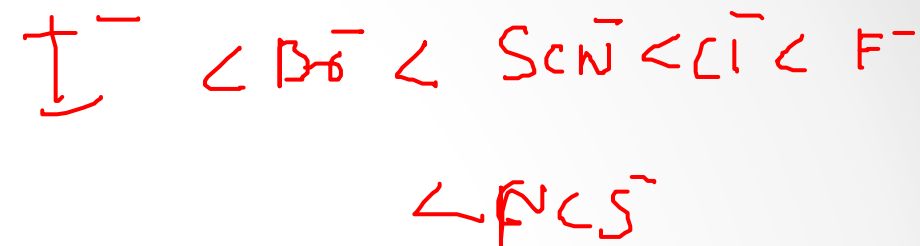


1.  $(C) > (A) > (B)$

2.  $(A) > (B) > (C)$

3.  $(B) > (A) > (C)$

4.  $(C) > (B) > (A)$



Q12

As a ligand  $\text{Cl}^-$  is:

(a) Only a  $\sigma$ -donor

(b) Only a  $\pi$ -donor

(c) Both a  $\sigma$ -donor and a  $\pi$ -donor

(d) A  $\sigma$ -donor and a  $\sigma$ -acceptor

# Applications of Crystal field theory

- It account for the magnetic and spectral properties of complexes
- Electronic spectra can be explained
- The theory predicts the most favorable geometry of a complex
- CFT account for the stability of particular oxidation state
- CFT accounts whether a crystalline material has spinels or inverse spinel structure.

The increasing order of wavelength of absorption for the complex ions:

i)  $[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$ , ii)  $[\text{CrCl}_6]^{3-}$ , iii)  $[\text{Cr}(\text{OH}_2)_6]^{3+}$ , iv)  $[\text{Cr}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$ , is

(A)  $\text{iv} < \text{ii} < \text{i} < \text{iii}$       (B)  $\text{iv} < \text{iii} < \text{ii} < \text{i}$       (C)  $\text{iv} < \text{i} < \text{iii} < \text{ii}$       (D)  $\text{ii} < \text{iii} < \text{i} < \text{iv}$

# Using CFSE it is able to predict

- Enthalpy of Hydration
- Lattice Enthalpy

**Directly proportional to CFSE**

- Ionic radii
- Rate of ligand exchange

**Inversely proportional to CFSE**

Q13 Among the following Oh complexes, the one that has the highest enthalpy of hydration





# Normal Spinel & Inverse Spinel

- Spinel's are of the formula  $AB_2O_4$
- **A** can be a Group II A (2) metal or a transition metal in the **+ 2** oxidation state
- **B** is a group IIIA(3) metal or a transition metal in the **+3** oxidation state
- The oxide ions form a close packed cubic lattice with eight tetrahedral holes and four octahedral holes per  $AB_2O_4$  unit
- Normal Spinel –  $(A)_t (B_2)_o O_4$  –  $Mn_3O_4$ ,  $Co_3O_4$
- Inverse Spinel –  $(B)_t (A,B)_o O_4$  –  $Fe_3O_4$ ,  $NiAl_2O_4$
- In the Inverse spinels A(II) ions occupy octahedral holes along with one-half of the B(III) ions while the other one-half of the B(III) ions are in the tetrahedral holes

**Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is a normal spinel** since the Mn<sup>2+</sup> ion is a high spin d<sup>5</sup> system with zero LFSE. Whereas, Mn<sup>3+</sup> ion is a high spin d<sup>4</sup> system with considerable LFSE.

**In oh site CFSE B<sup>3+</sup> > CFSE A<sup>2+</sup> --- Normal Spinel**

**Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is an inverse spinel** since the Fe(III) ion is a high spin d<sup>5</sup> system with zero CFSE. Whereas the divalent Fe(II) is a high spin d<sup>6</sup> system with more CFSE.

**In oh site CFSE B<sup>3+</sup> < CFSE A<sup>2+</sup> --- Inverse Spinel**

**NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is again an inverse spinel** since the divalent Ni<sup>2+</sup> (a d<sup>8</sup> ion) has more CFSE than the trivalent Fe<sup>3+</sup> (a d<sup>5</sup> ion).

- **$\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$  is a normal spinel** since the divalent  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  is a high spin  $d^6$  ion with  $\text{CFSE} = 4 \text{ Dq}$  and the trivalent  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  is a high spin  $d^3$  ion with  $\text{CFSE} = 12 \text{ Dq}$ .
- **$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  is a normal spinel.** Even in the presence of weak field oxo ligands, the  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  is a low spin  $d^6$  ion with very high CFSE. It is due to high charge on  $\text{Co}^{3+}$ . Hence all the  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  ions occupy the octahedral sites.  
**( $\text{Co}^{3+}$  is always low spin except in fluoro complexes)**
- **$\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$  is a normal spinel** since both the divalent and trivalent ions are non transition metal ions.
- **If both di and tri valent ions are non-transition metals – Normal spinel**

<b>A<sup>II</sup></b>	<b>B<sup>III</sup></b>	<b>Structure</b>
Non transition metal or d <sup>0</sup> or d <sup>5</sup> or d <sup>10</sup> transition metal	Non transition metal	Spinel structure
Non transition metal or d <sup>0</sup> or d <sup>5</sup> or d <sup>10</sup> transition metal	A transition metal with d <sup>1</sup> or d <sup>2</sup> or d <sup>3</sup> or d <sup>4</sup> or d <sup>6</sup> or d <sup>7</sup> or d <sup>8</sup> or d <sup>9</sup> configurations	Spinel structure
A transition metal with d <sup>1</sup> or d <sup>2</sup> or d <sup>3</sup> or d <sup>4</sup> or d <sup>6</sup> or d <sup>7</sup> or d <sup>8</sup> or d <sup>9</sup> configurations	Non transition metal or transition metal with d <sup>0</sup> or d <sup>5</sup> or d <sup>10</sup> configurations	Inverse spinel
Transition metal with higher CFSE value	Transition metal with lower CFSE value	Inverse spinel

Q 14 The spinels  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{FeFe}_2\text{O}_4$  respectively are

- a) Inverse and inverse**
- b) Inverse and normal**
- c) Normal and normal**
- d) normal and inverse**

Q 15  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  are metal oxides having spinel structure. Considering their CFSEs the correct statement regarding their structure is

- a) Both have normal spinel structure**
- b) both have inverse spinel structure**
- c)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  has normal and  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  has inverse spinel structure**
- d)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  has inverse and  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  has normal spinel structure**

The complex with *inverse*-spinel structure is

- (A)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$
- (B)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$
- (C)  $\text{MgAlO}_4$
- (D)  $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4$

Q16

$\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{NiGa}_2\text{O}_4$  have normal and inverse spinel structures, respectively. The correct statement is

- (1)  $\text{Fe(II)}$  and  $\text{Ni(II)}$  occupy octahedral sites
- (2)  $\text{Fe(II)}$  and  $\text{Ni(II)}$  occupy tetrahedral and octahedral sites, respectively
- (3)  $\text{Cr(III)}$  and  $\text{Ga(III)}$  occupy only octahedral sites
- (4)  $\text{Cr(III)}$  and  $\text{Ga(III)}$  occupy tetrahedral and octahedral sites, respectively

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Q17 The correct spinel structure of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  is

- a)  $(\text{Co}^{2+})_{\text{t}} (2\text{Co}^{3+})_{\text{o}} \text{O}_4$
- b)  $(\text{Co}^{3+})_{\text{t}} (\text{Co}^{2+}\text{Co}^{3+})_{\text{o}} \text{O}_4$
- c)  $(\text{Co}^{3+}\text{Co}^{2+})_{\text{t}} (\text{Co}^{3+})_{\text{o}} \text{O}_4$
- d)  $(2\text{Co}^{3+})_{\text{t}} (\text{Co}^{2+})_{\text{o}} \text{O}_4$

# Limitations of CFT

1. It cannot explain the covalency in M-L interactions
2. In CFT only d- electrons of the metal ion are considered the other orbitals such as s,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $p_z$  are not taken into consideration.
3. It cannot explain the charge transfer transitions . Ex CFT could not explain the color of compounds like  $\text{KMnO}_4$  (  $\text{Mn}^{7+}$  has no d-electrons)
4. The theory fails to explain the behaviour of certain metals which cause large splitting while others show small splitting. For example, the theory has no explanation as to why  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is a stronger ligand as compared to  $\text{OH}^-$ .
5. It is 'silent' about the possibility of  $\pi$ -bond formation.

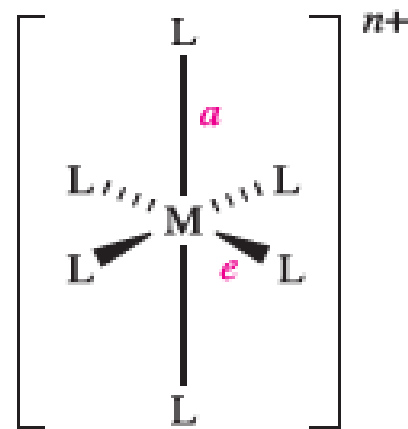
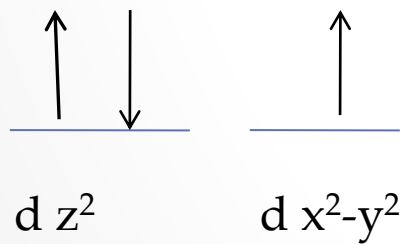


# Distortions in Octahedral Geometry Jahn-Teller Theorem

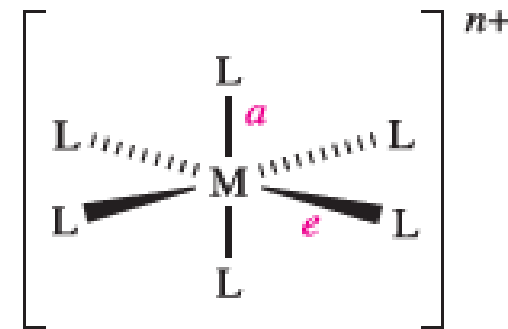
- For any non-linear molecule in an electronically degenerate state, distortion must occur to lower the symmetry, remove the degeneracy and lower the energy
- The Jahn–Teller theorem states that any non-linear molecular system in a degenerate electronic state will be unstable and will undergo distortion to form a system of lower symmetry and lower energy, thereby removing the degeneracy.
- Z-in and Z-out
- Static and dynamic distortion

- Consider a d9 system in which
  - Two electrons in  $d_{z^2}$  and one electron in  $d_{x^2-y^2}$
  - Two electron in  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  and one electron in  $d_{z^2}$  orbital

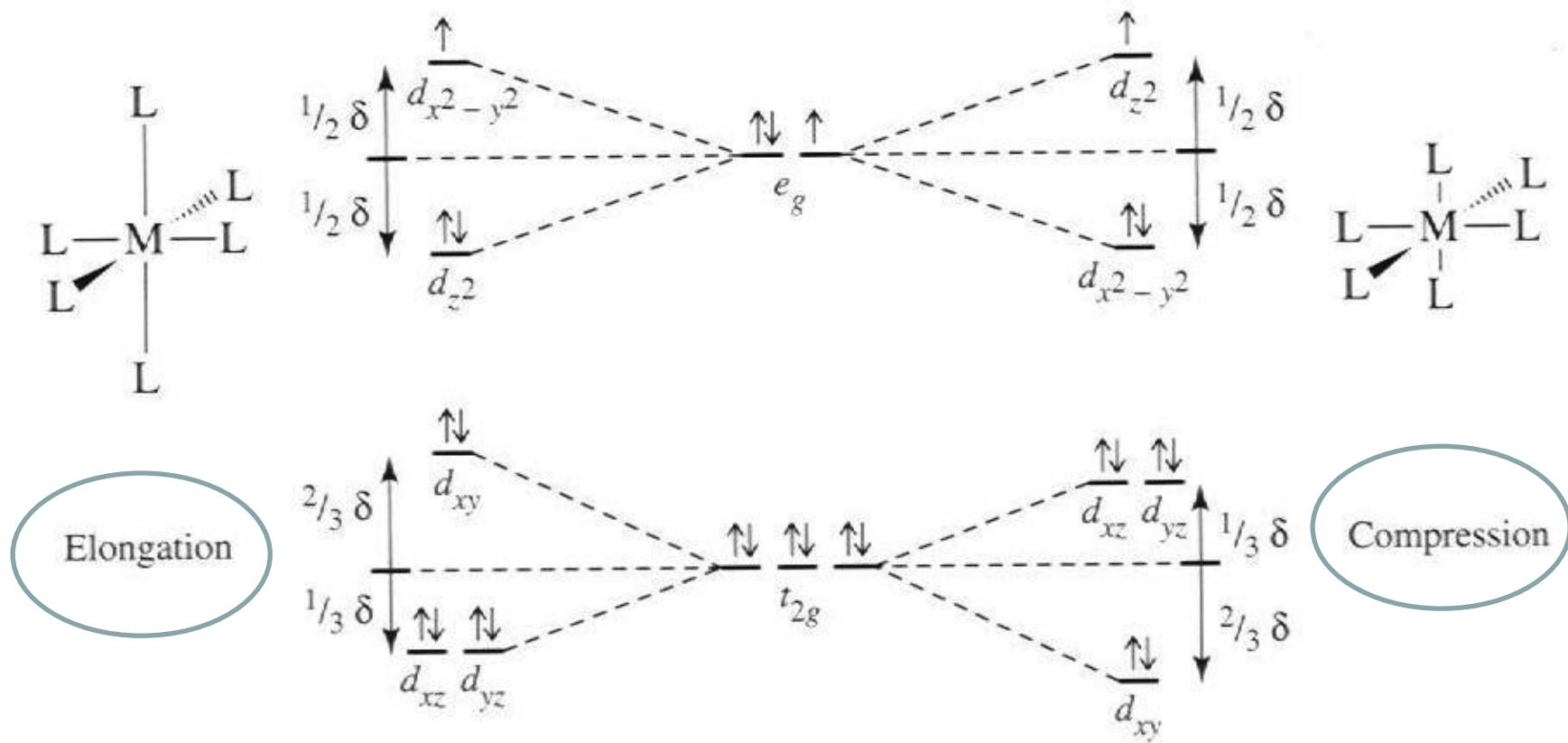
In case (1) the ligand in Z-axis is more repelled than other 4 ligands . The repulsion and distortion result in elongation of the octahedron along the z-axis. This is called tetragonal distortion ( elongation) . Here because the z-axis bond length increase it is also called Z- out distortion or 4 short bond- 2long bond distortion



Bond length  $a > e$



Bond length  $a < e$



Number of electrons	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
High-spin Jahn-Teller	w	w		s		w	w		s	
Low-spin Jahn-Teller	w	w		w	w		s		s	

w = weak Jahn-Teller effect expected ( $t_{2g}$  orbitals unevenly occupied); s = strong Jahn-Teller effect expected ( $e_g$  orbitals unevenly occupied); No entry = no Jahn-Teller effect expected.

**Static Jahn-Teller distortion:** Some molecules show tetragonal shape under all conditions i.e., in solid state and in solution state; at lower and relatively higher temperatures. This is referred to as static Jahn-Teller distortion. It is observed when the degeneracy occurs in  $e_g$  orbitals. Hence the distortion is strong and permanent.

**Dynamic Jahn-Teller distortion:** In some molecules, the distortion is not seen either due to random movements of bonds which does not allow the measurement within a time frame or else the distortion is so weak as to be negligible. However the distortion can be seen by freezing the molecule at lower temperatures. This condition is referred to as dynamic Jahn-Teller distortion.

E.g.

1) The complexes of the type  $M_2PbCu(NO_2)_6$  show dynamic Jahn-Teller distortion.

Here,  $M = K, Rb, Cs, Tl$ ;

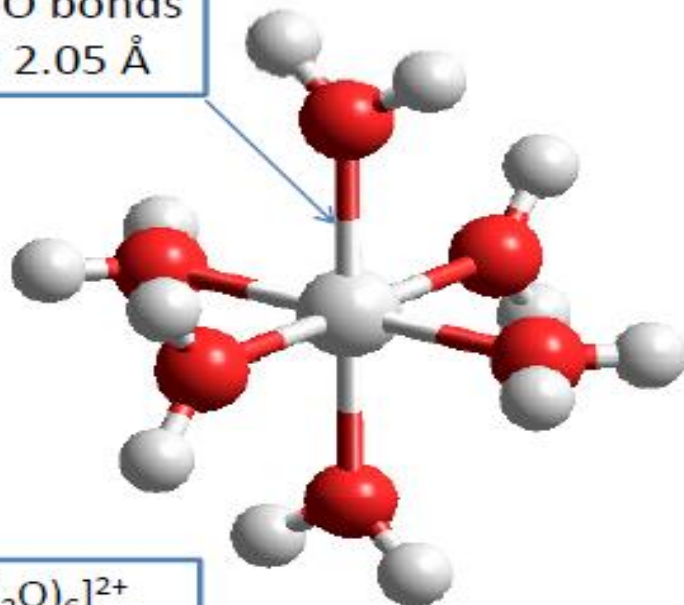
They show tetragonal symmetry at lower temperatures due to static Jahn-Teller distortion. But at higher temperatures, these molecules appear octahedral due to the dynamic Jahn-Teller effect.

2) The complex  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  shows dynamic Jahn-Teller distortion and appears octahedral. In this case, the distortion is small since the degeneracy occurs in  $t_{2g}$  orbitals. Remember  $Fe^{2+}$  in above complex is a high spin  $d^6$  system with  $t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$  configuration.

# Consequences of Jahn- Teller distortion

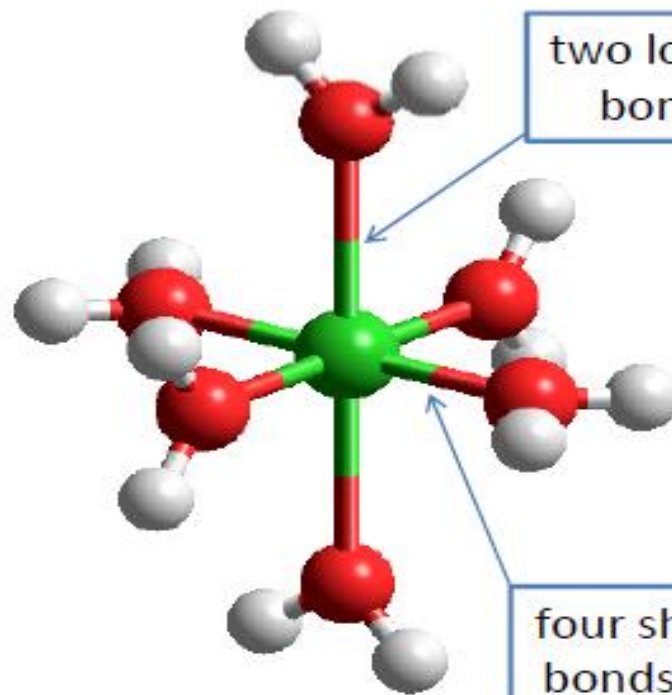
1. Six coordinated complexes are found to possess distorted Oh structure due to this effect.
2. The absorption spectra of complexes having this distortion are different from the other spectra. A shoulder appears in the presence of Jahn Teller distortion
3. Due to JTD oh point group changes to D4h point group & Oh loses its centre of symmetry
4. Even though  $[\text{Cu}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$  contains three chelate rings, it is less stable than  $[\text{Cu}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$  which contain only two chelate rings.

All six Cu-O bonds  
equal at 2.05 Å



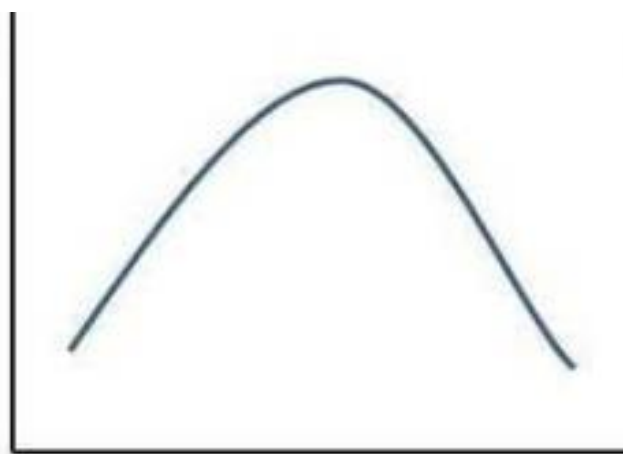
$[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$   
no J-T distortion

two long axial Cu-O  
bonds = 2.45 Å



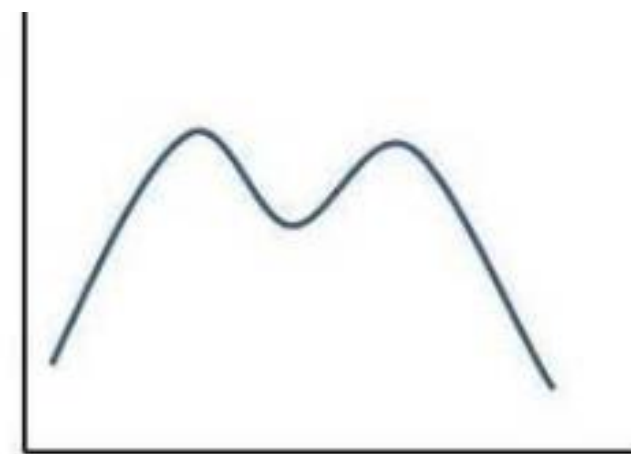
four short Cu-O  
bonds = 2.00 Å

Absorbance



Wavelength

Absorbance



Wavelength

Q 18 Jahn Teller distortion of  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  acts to

- a) **Raise symmetry**
- b) **Remove an electronic degeneracy**
- c) **Cause loss of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ligand**
- d) **Promote a d-electron to an antibonding molecular orbital**

Q19 The correct statement about the Cu-N bond distances in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$  is

- a) **All the bond distances are equal**
- b) **The axial bonds are longer than the equatorial ones**
- c) **The equatorial bonds are longer than the axial ones**
- d) **All the bond distances are unequal**

Q 20 Compounds which exhibits Jahn-Teller distortion is

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a) <b><math>[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}</math></b> | b) <b><math>[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}</math></b> |
| c) <b><math>[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}</math></b> | d) <b><math>[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}</math></b>          |



Q21 The d-d absorption band of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  is split due to

- a) Presence of Oh geometry**
- b) Static Jahn-Teller Distortion**
- c) Dynamic Jahn-Teller Distortion**
- d) Presence of TBP geometry**

Q22 The set of ions expected to show Jahn-Teller distortion in their complexes is

- a) Ti(III), Cu(II), High spin Fe(III)**
- b) Cu(I), Ni(II) High-spin Fe(III)**
- c) Cu(II), Low spin Fe(III), Ti(III)**
- d) Low-spin Fe(III), Mn(II), Cu(I)**



- Q 23 Low spin Oh complexes are maximum distorted in which of the following state?

a)  $t_2g^3 eg^0$       b)  $t_2g^3 eg^1$   
c)  $t_2g^6 eg^2$       d)  $t_2g^6 eg^4$

- Q24 Which one of the following pairs of electronic configurations of high spin transition metal ions (3d) is an Oh field undergoes a substantial JT distortion

a)  $d^3, d^9$       b)  $d^4, d^9$   
c)  $d^5, d^9$       d)  $d^6, d^9$

Q25 For the complexes

(A)  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  (B)  $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  (C)  $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$  (D)  $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$ , the ideal octahedral geometry will not be observed in  
(a) (A) and (D)      (b) (C) and (D)      (c) (B) only      (d) (D) only

Q26

The absorption spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$  in solution comprises of a maximum with a shoulder. The reason for the shoulder is

- (A) ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT)
- (B) metal-to-ligand charge transfer (MLCT)
- (C) Jahn-Teller distortion
- (D) nephelauxetic effect

Q27

Amongst the following, the complex ion that would show strong Jahn-Teller distortion is

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| (a) $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ | (b) $[\text{Ti}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+}$ |
| (c) $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ | (d) $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ |

# Evidence for covalency

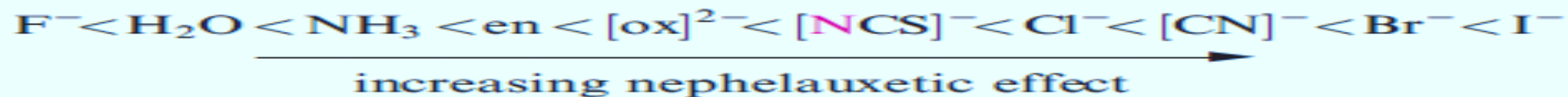
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# Nephelauxetic effect

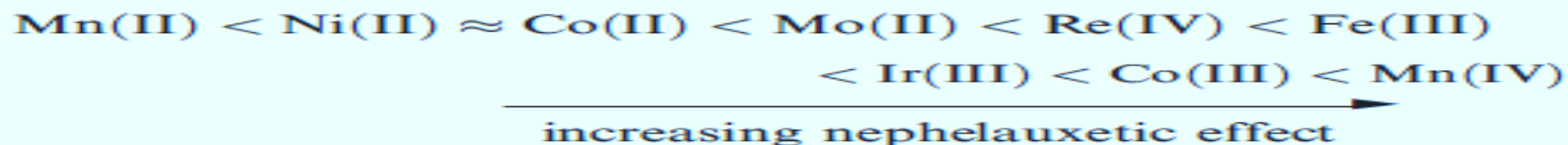
In metal complexes, there is evidence for sharing of electrons between metal and ligand. Pairing energies are lower in complexes than in gaseous  $M^{n+}$  ions, indicating that interelectronic repulsion is less in complexes and that the effective size of the metal orbitals has increased; this is the nephelauxetic effect.

Nephelauxetic means (electron) 'cloud expanding'.

For complexes with a common metal ion, it is found that the nephelauxetic effect of ligands varies according to a series independent of metal ion:



A nephelauxetic series for metal ions (independent of ligands) is as follows:



Ligand field, like crystal field, theory is confined to the role of d orbitals, but unlike the crystal field model, the ligand field approach is not a purely electrostatic model. It is a freely parameterized model, and uses oct and Racah parameters

(to which we return later) which are obtained from electronic spectroscopic (i.e. experimental) data.

- Three interaction parameters involved are Spin orbit coupling constant  $\lambda$  and the Racah parameters or Inter electronic repulsion parameters B and C.

$$\beta = B(\text{complex})/B(\text{free ion})$$

**A small value of  $\beta$  indicates a large measure of d-electron delocalization on to the ligands and hence a significant covalent character in the complex.**

$$\text{No. of microstates} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$n!$   $\longrightarrow$  No of possible electrons in the orbitals

$r!(n-r)!$   $\longleftarrow$  No of electrons

Electronic configurations	Number of microstates
d1	10
d2	45
d3	120
d4	210
d5	252
d6	210

Q28 The number of microstate for  $d^5$  configuration is

a)  $9 \times 6^2$

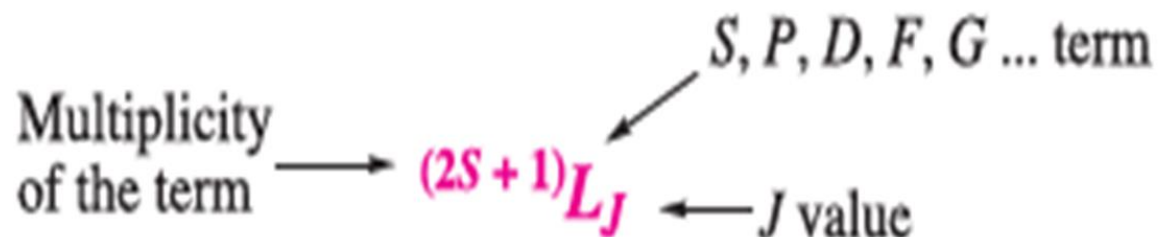
b)  $8 \times 6^3$

c)  $7 \times 6^2$

d)  $14 \times 6^2$

## Term symbols or L-S coupling

- Spin angular momentum ( $s$ ) and orbitals angular momentum ( $l$ ) interact or couple together to give a resultant angular momentum for the entire multi electron system in an atom. This resultant angular momentum and the energy of the system is represented as a term symbol.
- Term symbol is used to define the electronic configuration and the resultant angular momentum of an atom.



J- Total angular momentum qn

S- resultant spin qn

L- Resultant angular momentum qn



# *Selection rules*

*(determine intensities)*

## *Laporte rule*

*$g \rightarrow g$  forbidden (that is, d-d forbidden)  
but  $g \rightarrow u$  allowed (that is, d-p allowed)*

## *Spin rule*

*Transitions between states of different multiplicities forbidden*

*Transitions between states of same multiplicities allowed*

*These rules are relaxed by molecular vibrations, and spin-orbit coupling*



# *The Laporte selection rule*

- The only allowed transitions in a centrosymmetric molecule or ion are those accompanied by a change in parity.
- This rule implies that transitions between g(gerade) and u (ungerade) terms are permitted, but not between two g and between two u terms.
- All d-orbitals have gerade symmetry so in Oh complex d-d transition is formally forbidden. This accounts for the weak transition in oh complex.

*Laporte selection rule: There must be a change in parity:*

allowed transitions:  $g \leftrightarrow u$

forbidden transitions:  $g \leftrightarrow g$        $u \leftrightarrow u$

This leads to the selection rule:

$$\Delta l = \pm 1$$

and, thus, *allowed* transitions are  $s \rightarrow p$ ,  $p \rightarrow d$ ,  $d \rightarrow f$ ;  
*forbidden* transitions are  $s \rightarrow s$ ,  $p \rightarrow p$ ,  $d \rightarrow d$ ,  $f \rightarrow f$ ,  
 $s \rightarrow d$ ,  $p \rightarrow f$  etc.

*Spin selection rule:*  $\Delta S = 0$

Transitions may occur from singlet to singlet, or from triplet to triplet states, and so on, but a change in spin multiplicity is *forbidden*.

*Laporte selection rule:* There must be a change in parity:

allowed transitions:  $g \leftrightarrow u$

forbidden transitions:  $g \leftrightarrow g$        $u \leftrightarrow u$

This leads to the selection rule:

$$\Delta l = \pm 1$$

and, thus, *allowed* transitions are  $s \rightarrow p, p \rightarrow d, d \rightarrow f$ ;  
*forbidden* transitions are  $s \rightarrow s, p \rightarrow p, d \rightarrow d, f \rightarrow f$ ,  
 $s \rightarrow d, p \rightarrow f$  etc.

- In the first row high-spin transition metal complexes  $[\text{M}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{Cl}_2$  with d5 and d7 metal ions, the d-d transitions are

**a) spin-forbidden for both**

**b) Spin-allowed for both**

**c) Spin-forbidden for d5 and spin-allowed for d7**

**d) Spin-allowed for d5 and spin-forbidden for d7**