Introduction of coordination chemistry : Coordination of complexes compound

Coordination complexes are molecules that possess a metal center that is bound to ligands (atoms, ions, or molecules that donate electrons to the metal). These complexes can be neutral or charged. When the complex is charged, it is stabilized by neighboring counter-ions. Some methods of verifying the presence of complex ions include studying its chemical behavior. This can be achieved by observing the compounds' color, solubility, absorption spectrum, magnetic properties, etc. The properties of complex compounds are separate from the properties of the individual atoms. By forming coordination compounds, the properties of both the metal and the ligand are altered.

Metal-ligand bonds are typically thought of Lewis acid-base interactions. The metal atom acts as an electron pair acceptor (Lewis acid), while the ligands act as electron pair donors (Lewis base). The nature of the bond between metal and ligand is stronger than intermolecular forces because they form directional bonds between the metal ion and the ligand, but are weaker than covalent bonds and ionic bonds

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The name coordination compound comes from the coordinate covalent bond, which historically was considered to form by donation of a pair of electrons from one atom to another. Because these compounds are usually formed by donation of electron pairs of ligands to metals, the name is appropriate.

Although the history of bonding and interpretation of reactions of coordination compounds really begins with Alfred Werner (1866-1919), coordination compounds were known earlier. Many coordination compounds have been used as pigments since antiquity. Examples still use include Prussian blue KFe[Fe(CN)6] and aureolin K3[Co(NO2)6].6H2O, yellow.

Coordination compound, any of a class of substances with chemical structures in which a central metal atom is surrounded by nonmetal atoms or groups of atoms, called ligands, joined to it by chemical bonds. Coordination compounds include such substances as vitamin B12, hemoglobin, and chlorophyll, dyes and pigments, and catalysts used in preparing organic substances.

• The earliest known coordination compound is the bright red alizarin dye, it is a calcium aluminum chelate complex of hydroxyanthraquinone.

• Another example of a coordination compound is the substance Prussian blue, with formula KFe[Fe(CN)6]

• The branch of chemistry which deals with the study of coordination compounds or metal complexes or complex salts is called coordination chemistry.

• Nearly 75 % research activities in inorganic chemistry are related with synthesis and applications of coordination compounds.

• These are having very vast applications in medicines, separations, Purification of metals and catalysis





Alizarin dye



Coordinate bond :

A coordinate bond (also called a dative covalent bond) is a covalent bond (a shared pair of electrons) in which both electrons come from the same atom.

- It is pointing from by an arrow () pointing from donor to acceptor. NH4+, NH3-BF3.
- The atom which donates a pair of electrons is known as donor, while the atom which accept the pair of electrons is called acceptor.
- Coordinate bond is also known as coionic or semipolar bond .
- To form coordinate bond donor atom must possess at least one lone pair of electrons.
- Acceptor atom must have an empty orbital in the valence shell.
- There should be appreciable overlap between filled and empty orbitals of donor and acceptor atom. Formation of NH4+
- In ammonia molecule nitrogen is a center atom with sp3 hybridization

• Three sp3 hybrid orbitals of nitrogen with unpaired electrons overlap with half filled s orbital of hydrogen. The forth sp3 orbital with lone pair of electrons overlap with empty orbital of the H+ to form NH4+





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Formation of NH3-BF3

• When ammonia is treated with boron trifluoride an adduct is formed. In BF3 boron is the central atom .

• Boron is sp2 hybridized with one empty 'p' orbital

- In ammonia nitrogen is sp3 hybridized with lone pair of electrons in one of the sp3 hybrid orbital.
- The filled orbital of ammonia overlap with empty orbital of boron trifluoride to form NH3-BF3 adduct.



Complex ion

Complex ion is a positively or negatively charged species which contains a central metallic atom and a suitable number of ligands surrounding the central metallic atom. The central metallic atom may be in zero, positive or negative oxidation state. The ligands may be either neutral molecules or anions (generally) or combination of the neutral molecules and anions. Examples of complex ions are [Co3+(NH3)6]3+,[Ni0(CN)4]4-, $[Fe2+(CN)6]^{4-}$, $[Co-(CO)4]^-$, $[Co3+(NH3)5Cl]^{2+}$.

Neutral complex

A complex which has no charge on it is called neutral complex. It is a non electrolyte, dose not undergo ionization and hence dose not give any ions in aqueous solution. Examples of neutral complexes are $[Co^{3+}(NH3)_3Cl_3]0$, $[Ni^0(CO)_4]0$, $[Pt^{2+}(NH3)_2Cl_2]0$, $[Ni^{2+}(dmg)_2]0$. Ligands or coordinating groups and central metallic atom

The neutral molecules or ions (usually anions) which are attached with the central ion in complex compounds are called ligands or coordinating groups. For example in the complex ion, [Fe(CN)6]3- the six CN- ions which are attached with the central Fe3+ ion act as ligands. In Lewis sense, in most of the complex compounds the ligands act as Lewis bases (electron pair donors) and the central metal ion acts as a Lewis acid (electron pair acceptor), i.e. in most of the complex compounds the ligands donate one or more electron pairs to the central metal ion.

 M^{n+}

Central metal ion(Lewis acid or electron pair acceptor) x L Ligand (Lewis

base or electron pair donor) [ML_x]ⁿ⁺ Complex compound

In a ligand the atom which actually donates the electron pair to the central metal ion is called donor or coordinating atom. The ligands are attached with the central metal ion through their donor atom (or atoms).

The metallic atom with which the ligands are attached through coordinating bonds is called central metallic atom. This metallic atom may be in zero, positive or negative oxidation state

Coordination sphere and ionization sphere

While writing the structural formula of a given complex compound the central metal atom and the ligands attached with it are always written in a square bracket, []. This square bracket is called coordination (or inner) sphere. The portion outside the coordination sphere is called ionization (or outer) sphere. Thus in [Co(NH3)5Cl]Cl2, the square bracket which contains the central metal ion (Co3+ ion) and the ligands (five NH3 molecules and one Cl- ion) is coordination sphere and the portion that contains two Cl- ions is ionization sphere. The species written in ionization sphere are ionizable and hence can be precipitated by means of a suitable precipitating agent while those given

in the coordination sphere (i.e. metallic atom and ligands) are non ionizable and hence cannot be precipitated.

Double salts	Complex salts
• These are made up of two or more simple salts	• These are made by the combination of simple salt with electron rich ligands
• They exist in crystalline state, in aqueous state dissociate completely into ions.	• They exist in solid state as well as in aqueous state.
Nature of bonding is ionic, weak Vander Walls forces	• Usually nature of bonding is ionic, covalent and coordinate
Complex ion absent	Complex ion present
The Properties of double salts are same as those of its constituents compounds.	• The properties of coordination compounds are different from its constituent.
• In double salts metals show their normal valence.	• In complex salts metals satisfy two types of valencies, primary and secondary valencies.
• Double salt loses its identity in solution	Complex salt retains its identity in solution
• E.x. Mohars salt, Potash alum (NH ₄) ₂ Fe(SO ₄) ₂ 6H ₂ O and is known as ammonium iron (II) sulphate. It consists of two primary cations called ammonium cation and ferrous cation. It is a double salt of ammonium sulfate and ferrous sulphat KAl(SO ₄) ₂ ·12H ₂ O Potash alum	• E.x. Potassium ferrocyanide K ₄ [Fe(CN) ₆]·3H ₂ O., Tetra ammine copper(II) sulphate , [Cu(NH3)4(H2O)n]SO4 Potassium hexacyanidoferrate(II) $4 \kappa^{\star} \left[N = C_{\mu} + C_{\mu}$
$K_2SO_4 + Al_2(SO_4)_3 + 24H_2O \rightarrow 2KAl(SO_4)_2 \cdot 12H_2O$	

Application of the formation of metal complexes 1- Used as anti-cancer compounds (carboplatin and cisplatin).

- 2- Formation of chelates in analytical chemistry. Examples are:
- a- Gravimetric estimation and identification of Ni2+ ions by dimethyl glyoxime.
- b- Separation of Co2+ ion from Ni2+ ion by nitroso naphthol solution.
- c- Estimation of Mg2+ ion and Ca2+ ion by EDTA.
- 3- Formation of chelates in softening water and estimation of hardness of water.
- 4- Formation of chelates in removing poisonous metals from the body.
- 5- Separation of ions by solvent extraction method.
- 6- Role of metal chelates in living system (hemoglobin, chlorophyll in plants).

Carboplatin

Cis-Platin



General Characteristics of Transition Metals (d- Block Elements)

The position of d- block elements

*d-block elements lie between s-and p- block elements

**d-block elements are present in 4th period (21Sc to 30Zn = 10 elements), 5th period (39Y to 48Cd = 10 elements), 6th period (57La, 72Hf to 80Hg = 10 elements) and 7th (incomplete)

period which contains 8 elements 89Ac, 104Ku to 110Uun.

***d-block elements are present in (3 - 12 groups).

Terminology in coordination chemistry

• When a ligand can bind through two donor atoms as in H2NCH2CH2NH2 (ethane-1,2-diamine) or C2O4 2– (oxalate), the ligand is said to be bidentate. Polydentate ligands are those that can bind to the metal ion through several donor atoms. Examples are N(CH2CH2NH2)3 and Ethylenediaminetetraacetate ion (EDTA4–). EDTA is an important hexadentate ligand that can bind to a central metal ion through two nitrogen and four oxygen atoms.

• When a di- or polydentate ligand uses its two or more donor atoms to bind a single metal ion, it is said to be a chelate ligand. The number of such ligating groups is called the denticity of the ligand. Such complexes, called chelate complexes tend to be more stable than similar complexes containing unidentate ligands

• Ligand which can ligate through two different atoms is called ambidentate ligand. Examples of such ligands are the NO2 – and SCN – ions. NO2 – ion can coordinate either through nitrogen or through oxygen to a central metal atom/ion. Similarly, SCN– ion can coordinate through the Sulphur or nitrogen atom



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• Oxidation number of central atom : The oxidation number of the central atom in a complex is defined as the charge it would carry if all the ligands are removed along with the electron pairs that are shared with the central atom. The oxidation number is represented by a Roman numeral in parenthesis following the name of the coordination entity. For example, oxidation number of copper in [Cu(CN)4] 3– is +1 and it is written as Cu(I).

• Homoleptic and heteroleptic complexes : Complexes in which a metal is bound to only one kind of donor groups, e.g., [Co(NH3)6] 3+, are known as homoleptic. Complexes in which a metal is bound to more than one kind of donor groups, e.g., [Co(NH3)4Cl2] +, are known as heteroleptic.

Electronic Configuration

d-block elements are defined as those elements whose outer shells are incomplete (partially-filled).

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(4th period)

- Scandium $_{21}$ Sc $[_{18}$ Ar] 3d¹ 4s²
- Titanium $_{22}$ Ti $[_{18}$ Ar] $3d^2 4s^2$
- Vanadium $_{23}$ V [$_{18}$ Ar] 3d³ 4s²
- Chromium $_{24}Cr [_{18}Ar] 3d^5 4s^1 *$
- Manganese $_{25}$ Mn [$_{18}$ Ar] 3d⁵ 4s²Iron $_{26}$ Fe[$_{18}$ Ar] 3d⁶ 4s²Cobalt $_{27}$ Co[$_{18}$ Ar] 3d⁷ 4s²
- Nickel ${}_{28}$ Ni $[{}_{18}$ Ar] 3d⁸ 4s² Copper ${}_{29}$ Cu $[{}_{18}$ Ar] 3d¹⁰ 4s¹ *

Zinc $_{30}$ Zn $[_{18}$ Ar] $3d^{10} 4s^2$

- 2nd or 4d series
- (5th period)

Yttrium	39Y	$[_{36}$ Kr $] 4d^{1} 5s^{2}$
Zirconium	40Zr	$[_{36}$ Kr $] 4d^2 5s^2$
Niobium	41Nb	$[_{36}$ Kr $] 4d^4 5s^1 *$
Molybdenum	42M	0 [36Kr] 4d ⁵ 5s ¹ *
Technetium	₄₃ Tc	[₃₆ Kr] 4d ⁶ 5s ¹ *
Ruthenium	44Ru	$[_{36}$ Kr $] 4d^7 5s^1 *$
Rhodium	45Rh	$[_{36}$ Kr $] 4d^8 5s^1 *$
Palladium	46Pd	[₃₆ Kr] 4d ¹⁰ 5s ⁰ *
Silver	₄₇ Ag	$[_{36}$ Kr] 4d ¹⁰ 5s ¹ *
Cadmium	48Cd	$[_{36}$ Kr $] 4d^{10} 5s^{2}$

3rd or 5d series

(6th period)

- Lanthanum ${}_{57}$ La $[{}_{54}$ Xe] 4f⁰ 5d¹ 6s²
- Hafnium $_{72}$ Hf [$_{54}$ Xe] 4f¹⁴ 5d² 6s²
- $Tantalum \quad _{73}Ta \ \left[_{54}Xe \right] 4f^{14} \ 5d^3 \ 6s^2$
- Tungsten $_{74}W [_{54}Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^4 6s^2$
- Rhenium $_{75}$ Re [$_{54}$ Xe] 4f¹⁴ 5d⁵ 6s²
- Osmium $_{76}$ Os [$_{54}$ Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^{6} 6s^{2}$
- Iridium $_{77}$ Ir $[_{54}$ Xe] $4f^{14} 5d^7 6s^2$
- Platinum $_{78}Pb [_{54}Xe] 4f^{14} 5d^9 6s^1 *$
- Gold $_{79}$ Au [$_{54}$ Xe] 4f¹⁴ 5d¹⁰ 6s¹ *
- Mercury $_{80}$ Hg [$_{54}$ Xe] 4f¹⁴ 5d¹⁰ 6s²

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Physico-chemical Properties

The transition elements show several properties. Some of these properties and their trends of variation are discussed below:

1- Atomic radii

The atomic radii of d-block elements are given in (Table 1). The following trends may be observed:

*Variation of atomic radii in a given series (period)

For the elements from Sc to Mn the atomic radii decrease. This decrease is because of the gradual increase in nuclear charge with the increase in atomic number. The increased nuclear charge makes the atom to shrink in size and hence the size of the atom decreases. However, since the electrons added to 3d orbitals screen the 4s electron(s), the attraction between the nucleus and the 4s electron(s) decreases, i.e. due to the screening effect

caused by 3d electrons the magnitude of nuclear charge decreases and consequently the atomic radii for the elements from Fe to Cu remain almost unchanged. Towards the end of each series, there is an increase in electron-electron repulsion between the electrons being added to 3d orbitals. This increase in repulsion becomes greater than that of the attraction between the nucleus and the 4s electron(s). Because of the greater magnitude of electron-electron repulsion, the electron cloud of Zn expands and hence its size also becomes greater than of Cu.

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	(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1st series	Sc ₂₁ 162		Ti 147	V 134	Cr 127	Mn 126	Fe 126	Co 125	Ni 124	Cu 128	Zn ₃₀ 138
2nd series	Y ₃₉ 180		Zr 160	Nb 146	Mo 139	Тс 136	Ru 134	Rh 134	Pd 137	Ag 144	Cd ₄₈ 154
3rd series	La ₅₇ 187	$\begin{array}{c} Ce_{58} - Lu_{71} \\ 165 156 \end{array}$	Hf ₇₂ 158	Ta 146	W 139	Re 137	Os 135	Ir 136	Pt 138	Au 144	Hg ₈₀ 15.
		↑ 14 lanthanides									

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Common oxidation states:

Sc=+3,,Ti=+2,+3,+4, V=+2,+3,+4,5

Cr: +2, +3, +6,

Mn: +2, +3, +4, +6, +7,

Fe: +2, +3, +4,+5, +6, Co: +2, +3,

Ni: +2, +4 Pd= +2, Pt +2,+4

Zn: +2, , Cd: +2, Pb: +2, +4.

Cu: +1, +2, Ag: +1, Au =+1, +3

The common oxidation states for the given transition metals and other elements are as follows:

				3+	2+	1+	0					Sc	سكانديوم	21
			4+	3+	2+	1+	0	1-	2-			Ti	التيتانيوم	22
		5+	4+	3+	2+	1+	0	1-		3-		V	الفاناديوم	23
	6+	5+	4+	3+	2+	1+	0	1-	2-		4-	Cr	الكروم	24
7+	6+	5+	4+	3+	2+	1+	0	1-	2-	3-		Mn	المنغنيز	25
7+	6+	5+	4+	3+	2+	1+	0	1-	2-		4-	Fe	حديد	26
		5+	4+	3+	2+	1+	0	1-		3-		Со	كوبالت	27
			4+	3+	2+	1+	0	1-	2-			Ni	نيكل	28
			4+	3+	2+	1+	0		2-			Cu	النحاس	29
					2+	1+	0		2-			Zn	زنك	30

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These oxidation states are the most stable and commonly observed in various compounds and chemical reactions. The transition metals, in particular, exhibit a wide range of oxidation states due to the involvement of their d orbitals in bonding. The specific oxidation states listed are a result of the electronic configurations of these elements and their chemical properties.

Element Name and Symbol	Atomic Number	Common Oxidation States	1	Electron Configuration
Scandium (Sc)	21	+3	Sc: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ¹	Sc: [Ar] $\frac{1}{4s}$ 1 $3d$
Titanium (Ti)	22	+4	Ti: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ²	Ti: [Ar] $\frac{1}{4s}$ 1 1 $3d$
Vanadium (V)	23	+2, +3, +4, +5	V: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ³	V: [Ar] $1/4s$ 1 1 1
Chromium (Cr)	24	+2, +3, +6	Cr: [Ar] 4s ¹ 3d ⁵	$Cr: [Ar] \stackrel{1}{\underset{4_{s}}{1}} \stackrel{1}{\underset{3_{d}}{1}} \stackrel{1}{\underset{3_{d}}{1}} \stackrel{1}{\underset{3_{d}}{1}} \stackrel{1}{\underset{3_{d}}{1}}$
Manganese (Mn)	25	+2, +3, +4, +6, +7	Mn: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ⁵	$Mn: [Ar] \xrightarrow{1}_{4s} 1 1 1 1 1$
Iron (Fe)	26	+2, +3	Fe: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ⁶	$Fe: [Ar] \xrightarrow{1}_{4s} \xrightarrow{1}_{3d}$
Cobalt (Co)	27	+2,+3	Co: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ⁷	Co: [Ar] 1_{4s} 1_{4s} 1_{3d}
Nickel (Ni)	28	+2	Ni: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ⁸	Ni: [Ar] 1_{4s} 1_{4s} 1_{3d}
Copper (Cu)	29	+1,+2	Cu: [Ar] 4s ¹ 3d ¹⁰	Cu: [Ar] 1_{4s} $1 1 1 1 1 1$
Zinc (Zn)	30	+2	Zn: [Ar] 4s ² 3d ¹⁰	$Zn: [Ar] \xrightarrow{1}_{4s} \xrightarrow{1}_{3d} \xrightarrow{1}_{3d}$

In connection with the oxidation states exhibited by the d-block elements of 1st transition series the following points may be noted:

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1- +1 and +2 oxidation states. The oxidation states shown in bracket are unstable oxidation states. These are low oxidation states. The remaining oxidation states are stable. Out of these stable oxidation states, +1 is the lowest oxidation states for Cu while for other elements the lowest oxidation state is +2. Cr and Cu both show +2 oxidation state when one 4s and one 3d electrons are lost while the remaining elements exhibit this oxidation state (+2) when both ns electrons are involved in bonding.

2-Stabilization of unstable (low) oxidation states. It may be seen that the low oxidation states like -1, 0, +1 are unstable. These states are stabilized by forming complexes with π -acid ligands like CO, CNR (isocyanide), CN- and C6H6. Examples [Cr+1(C6H6)2]+, Na+[Co-1(CO)4], [Ni0(CNR)4]0.

3- High oxidation state. The highest (maximum) oxidation state for the first five elements (Sc to Mn) is equal to the sum of the electrons in 4s and 3d orbitals, On the other hand, the highest oxidation state for the remaining five elements (Fe to Zn) is not equal to the sum of the electrons in 4s and 3d orbitals.

The high oxidation states of many transition metals like V(V), Cr(VI), Mn(IV), Mn(VII), Fe(III), Fe(VI), Co(III), Cu(III), Ag(II), Ag(III) etc. are oxidizing (unstable). These unstable oxidation states which are high oxidation states get stabilized by forming complexes with small highly electronegative ligands like O2-, F-, Cl-, per iodate (IO6)5-, tellurate (TeO6)6-.

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4- Ionic/ covalent character of compounds of a given transition metal in various oxidation states. With the increase in the oxidation state of a given transition metal, the covalent character of its compounds increases. Thus the compounds of a given transition metal in lower oxidation states are ionic while those of the same metal in high oxidation states are covalent. Example VCl2 is ionic, VCl3 is less ionic while VCl4 is covalent. As the oxidation state of the transition metal increases, the charge density on the metal also increases. This results in the increase of the polarization of the anion charge cloud by the metal and hence covalent character increases (Fajan's Rules).

5- Acidic/basic character of the compounds of a given transition metal in various oxidation states. The increase in the covalent character also increases the acidic character of the compound. Thus the compounds of a given transition metal becomes more and more acidic as the oxidation state of the transition metal increases.

The variation of acidic, basic and amphoteric character of the oxides as shown below indicates that the oxides of a given transition metal in lower oxidation states are basic, those of the same in intermediate oxidation states are amphoteric while those of the metal in higher oxidation states are acidic.

Oxides of vanadium :	VO	V_2O_3	VO ₂	V_2O_5
Oxidation state of vanadium :	+2	+3	+4	+5
Nature of the oxides :	Basic	Basic	Ampho- teric	Acidic
Oxides of Cr :	CrO	Cr ₂ O ₃	CrO ₂	CrO ₃
Oxidation state of Cr :	+2	+3	+4	+6
Nature of the oxides :	Basic	Ampho- teric	Ampho- teric	Acidic

4- Color of transition metal complex

The transition metal complex ions and complex compounds whose central atom contains partially-filled d-orbitals are usually colored in the solid form or in solution form.

When white light which is composed of many different colors falls on a colored complex ion or complex compound of a transition metal, the ion or the compound absorbs some portion of the white light and the remaining portion of the incident light is transmitted or reflected by the complex compound or ion.

* The transition metal complex ions whose central atom contains empty (d0 configuration) or completely-filled d-orbitals (d10 configuration) are colorless. This is because of the fact that since the d-orbitals of the central metal ion donot contain any electron (empty d-orbitals) or are completely-filled (contain all the electrons in the paired state), d-d electron transition is not possible and hence no light of any color or wavelength is absorbed by such ions in the visible region. Thus the transition metal ions containing empty d-orbitals (Sc3+ and Ti4+ ions) or completely-filled d-orbital (Cu+ , Ag+, Zn2+, Cd2+ , Hg2+ etc.) are colorless.

5- Magnetic properties of transition metal ions and their complexes

When the transition metal ions or their complexes are placed in a magnetic field, they show different behavior. On the basis of this behavior these substances have been

classified as paramagnetic substances, diamagnetic substances, ferromagnetic substances, antimagnetic substances and ferrimagnetic substances.

The transition metal complexes whose central atom/ion contains one or more unpaired electrons are paramagnetic while those whose central atom/ion has no unpaired electrons (all electrons are paired) behave as diamagnetic substances. The paramagnetic character increases with the increase in the number of unpaired electrons.

6- Tendency of transition metals to form complex compounds

The transition metal atoms or the cations derived from them have an ability to form complex compounds with certain molecules (CO, NO, NH3 etc.) or ions (F-, Cl-, CN- etc.) these molecules or ions are called ligands. These ligands contain one or more lone pair of electrons which they can easily donate to the transition metal or cation and thus complete the vacant orbitals of those atoms or cations through the formation of L M coordinate bonds. The tendency of transition metal atom or cation to form the complex compounds is

due to its following properties:

1- Due to the small size of the transition metal atoms or their cations and high effective nuclear charge, they have a high positive charge density on them. This high positive charge density makes the atoms or cations to attract (accept) the lone pairs from the ligands.

2- The transition metal cations or atoms have vacant d-orbitals [(n-1) d orbitals] in which they can accommodate the lone pairs of electrons donated by the ligands and thus can form L M coordinate bonds.

Terminology in coordination chemistry

• Coordination entity : A coordination entity constitutes a central metal atom or ion bonded to a fixed number of ions or molecules. For example, [CoCl3 (NH3)3] is a coordination entity in which the cobalt ion is surrounded by three ammonia molecules and three chloride ions. Other examples are [Ni(CO)4], [Pt Cl2 (NH3)2], [Fe(CN)6] 4–, [Co(NH3)6] 3+.

• Central atom/ion : In a coordination entity, the atom/ion to which a fixed number of ions/groups are bound in a

definite geometrical arrangement around it, is called the central atom or ion. For example, the central atom/ion in the coordination entities: [NiCl2 (H2O)4], [Co Cl(NH3)5] 2+ and [Fe(CN) 6] 3- are Ni2+, Co3+ and Fe3+, respectively. These central atoms/ions are also referred to as Lewis acids.

• Ligands : The ions or molecules bound to the central atom/ion in the coordination entity are called ligands. These may be simple ions such as Cl-, small molecules such as H2O or NH3, larger molecules such as H2NCH2CH2NH2 or even macromolecules, such as proteins. These are classified as

Unidentate : When a ligand is bound to a metal ion through a single donor atom, as with Cl – , H2O or NH3 , the ligand is said to be unidentate.

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• Ligand which can ligate through two different atoms is called ambidentate ligand. Examples of such ligands are the NO2 – and SCN – ions. NO2 – ion can coordinate either through nitrogen or through oxygen to a central metal atom/ion. Similarly, SCN – ion can coordinate through the Sulphur or nitrogen atom.



Coordination number : The coordination number (CN) of a metal ion in a complex can be defined as the number of ligand donor atoms to which the metal is directly bonded. For example, in the complex ions, [PtCl6]2– and [Ni(NH3)4]2+, the coordination number of Pt and Ni are 6 and 4 respectively. Similarly, in the complex ions, [Fe(C2O4)3] 3– and [Co(en)3] 3+, the coordination number of both, Fe and Co, is 6 because C2O4 2– and en (ethane- 1,2-diamine) are bidentate ligands.

It is important to note here that coordination number of the central atom/ion is determined only by the number of sigma bonds formed by the ligand with the central atom/ion. Pi bonds, if formed between the ligand and the central atom/ion, are not counted for this purpose.

Coordination sphere : The central atom/ion and the ligands attached to it are enclosed in square bracket and is collectively termed as the coordination sphere. The ionizable groups are written outside the bracket and are called counter ions. For example, in the complex K4 [Fe(CN)6], the coordination sphere is [Fe(CN)6] 4– and the counter ion is K+.

Coordination polyhedron: The spatial arrangement of the ligand atoms which are directly attached to the central atom/ion defines a coordination polyhedron about the central atom. The most common coordination polyhedra are octahedral, square planar and tetrahedral.

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For example, [Co(NH3)6] 3+ is octahedral, [Ni(CO)4] is tetrahedral and [PtCl4] 2– is square planar. Fig. below shows the shapes of different coordination polyhedra.



Oxidation number of central atom : The oxidation number of the central atom in a complex is defined as the charge it would carry if all the ligands are removed along with the electron pairs that are shared with the central atom. The oxidation number is represented by a Roman numeral in parenthesis following the name of the coordination entity. For example, oxidation number of copper in [Cu(CN)4] 3– is +1 and it is written as Cu(I).

• Homoleptic and heteroleptic complexes : Complexes in which a metal is bound to only one kind of donor groups, e.g., [Co(NH3)6] 3+, are known as homoleptic. Complexes in which a metal is bound to more than one kind of donor groups, e.g., [Co(NH3)4Cl2] +, are known as heteroleptic.

Classification of ligands

Depending on the number of sites at which one molecule of a ligand is coordinated to the central metallic atom, the ligands have been classified as mono dentate (or uni dentate) and poly dentate (or multi dentate) ligands.

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Coordination Chemistry Dr. Taghreed mohy aldin Musa 2025-2024 (a) Neutral ligands which are named as such. Anionic (negative) ligands. The names of negative ligands end in o $(C_6H_5)_3P$... Triphenyl phosphine \mathbf{F} Triethyl amine Fluoro Cl^{-} Chloro $(C_2H_5)_3N$ Br Bromo I-Iodo CH₂CN CH₃NH₂ Methyl amine Acetonitrile Hydroxylamine H-Hydro or Hydrido CH₃COO⁻ Acetato PF₃ Phosphorus trifluoride NH₂OH NH_2 Amido OH-Hydroxo Dimethylamine $(C_2H_5)_1P$ Triethyl phosphine (CH₁)₂NH N³⁻ Nitrido N_3 Azido ... Pyridine C₅H₅N or py O^{2-} Oxo HS^{-} Mercapt S^{2-} Sulphido or thio CN^{-} Cyano(c (b) Neutral ligands which are given special names, e.g. through NC⁻ Iso-cyano(coordination CH_3O^- Methox Carbonyl NO Nitrosyl CO through N-atom) NS Thiocarbonyl CS Thionitrosyl ... C₂H₅O⁻ Ethoxo NO_2^- Nitro (c NH₃ Aquo or aqua Ammine H_2O ... *** through According to latest system of nomenclature, the word "aqua" is used for H₂O molecule. ONO Nitrito (coordination SCN Thiocy Through O-atom) NCS⁻ Iso-thiocvanato

2- Poly-dentate ligands

These may be bi-dentate, tri-dentate, tetra-dentate, penta-dentate and hexa-dentate, if the number of donor atoms present in one molecule of the ligand attached with the central metallic atom is 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively. (one molecule of these ligands makes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 metal-ligand coordinated bonds respectively. Bi-dentate ligands may be neutral molecules or anions.

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3.Bridging Ligand and Bridged Complexes

Although the ligands like OH- (hydroxo), NH₂- (amido or amino), NH₂- (imido), Cl-, F-, SO₄₂-, NO₂-, CO etc. are mono-dentate ligands, they also act as bi-dentate ligands when they attached with two separate metals atoms, making a bridge between them. Such ligands are called bridging ligands and the complexes thus formed are called bridged (or polynuclear ligands or multinuclear) complexes. Each ligand makes two -bonds with two metal atoms. A bridging ligand must have at least two lone pairs of electrons which the ligand uses to get coordinated to two metal atoms. The polynuclear complex may be dinuclear, trinuclear, teranuclear etc.

2025-2024 Coordination Chemistry Dr. Taghreed mohy aldin Musa $\begin{bmatrix} (NH_3)_4 Co^{3+} \begin{pmatrix} OH \\ OH \end{pmatrix} Co^{3+} (NH_3)_4 \end{bmatrix} (SO_4)_2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} (NH_3)_4 Co^{3+} \begin{pmatrix} OH \\ OH \end{pmatrix} Co^{3+} (NH_3)_4 \end{bmatrix}^{5+} \\ \begin{bmatrix} (NH_3)_4 Co^{3+} \begin{pmatrix} OH \\ OH \end{pmatrix} Co^{3+} (NH_3)_4 \end{bmatrix}^{5+} \end{bmatrix}$

IUPAC Nomenclature of Coordination Compounds

The names of coordination compounds are derived by following the principles of additive nomenclature. □ The cation is named first in both positively and negatively charged coordination entities.

K4 [Fe(CN)6]- Potassium hexacyano ferrate (II), [Ni (NH3)6]Cl2 – Hexammine nickel (II) chloride

□ While naming complex ion always named ligands first followed by name of the metal. [Fe(CN) 6] 3- - Hexacyano ferrate (III), [Co(en)3] 3+- Trisethylenediammine cobalt (III)

□ Ligands are always named according to their alphabetical order, Names of the anionic ligands end in - o, those of neutral and cationic ligands are the same except aqua for H2O, ammine for NH3, carbonyl for CO and nitrosyl for NO. [NiCl2 (H2O)4] – Tetraqua dichloro nickel (II)

□ Prefixes mono, di, tri, etc., are used to indicate the number of the individual ligands in the coordination entity. When the names of the ligands include a numerical prefix, then the terms, bis, tris, tetrakis are used, the ligand to which they refer being placed in parentheses.

For example, [NiCl2 (PPh3)2] is named as dichloro bis(triphenylphosphine) nickel (II).

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 \Box Naming the bridging ligands: Ligands that bridge between the two coordination centers designated by Greek word μ , which is repeated before the each kind of bridging ligand.

Octammine µ-amido µ-nitrito N dicobalt (III) nitrate

□ Ambidentate ligands are named by placing the symbol of an element attached with metal followed by its name. e.g. NO2- - when linked through 'N' it is named as nitrito (N) while through 'O' it is named nitrito (O).

(NH4)2 [Co(NO2)(C2O4)2] - Ammonium nitrito-N bis oxalato cobaltate



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□ If the complex ion is a cation, the metal is named same as the element. For example, Co in a complex cation is called cobalt and Pt is called platinum. If the complex ion is an anion, the name of the metal ends with the suffix – ate. For example, Co in a complex anion, [Co (SCN)4]2-is called cobaltate. For some metals, the Latin names are used in the complex anions, e.g., ferrate for Fe.

□ The neutral complex molecule is named similar to that of the complex cation.

□ Oxidation state of the metal in cation, anion or neutral coordination entity is indicated by Roman numeral in parenthesis.

□ Geometrical isomers are named using the prefixes cis or trans or by a numbering system if the structure is complicated.

1,6 dichloro 4,5 (ethylene diamine) 2,3 dinitrito N platinum (IV)

□ The solvent of crystallization is named after the name of the complex, number of solvent molecules are designated by Arabic numeral.

[Cu(NH3)4]SO4. H2O – Tetrammine copper (II) sulphate-1-hydrate. nomenclature of complexes A. Name the following complex compounds or ions.

1. [Al (H2O)6] Br3 Hexaaquaaluminum (III) bromide

- 2. [Cr (NH3)6] Cl3 Hexaamminechromium (III) chloride
- 3. K3 [FeF6] Potassium hexafluoroferrate (III)
- 4. [Pt(NH3)4Br2]+2 Tetrammine dibromo palatinate(IV) ion
- 5. K3[MnF6] Potasium hexafloro manganite(III)
- 6. [Cu(PH3)4][Cu(CN)4] Tetra phosphine copper(II)-tetracyano cuprate(II)
- 7. [Pt (NH3)4Cl2] [PtCl6] Tetraamminedichloroplatinum (IV) hexachloroplatinate (IV)
- 8. [Os(en)2(C2O4)]Br Bis(ethylenediamine) oxalate osmium(III) bromide
- 9. [Co2Cl2(en)4]Cl4 Tetrakis(ethylenediamine-diµ-chloro dicobalt(III) chloride
- B. Write the formula for each of the following complex compounds or ions.
- 1. Hexaamminecobalt (III) chloride [Co (NH3)6] Cl3
- 2. Diamminetetrabromoplatinum (VI) bromide [Pt (NH3)2 Br4] Br2
- 3. Tetraaquacadmium (II) nitrate [Cd (H2O)4] (NO3)2
- 4. Diamminesilver (I) ion [Ag (NH3)2]+
- 5. Sodium tetracyanocuprate (I) Na3[Cu (CN)4]
- 6. Silver hexacyanoferrate (II) Ag4[Fe (CN)6]
- 7. Tetraammineoxalatonickel (II) [Ni (NH3)4 C2O4]
 - 8. Tris(ethylenediamine)chromium(III) chloride [Cr (en)3]Cl3

Blomstrand-Jorgensen Chain Theory

The development of a structural theory for organic compounds antedated that for coordination compounds; thus at the time people began to consider the structure of complexes, the concept of the tetravalency of carbon and the formation of carbon-carbon chains in organic compounds was already well recognized. This concept had a marked influence on the thinking of chemists of that time. No doubt it influenced Blomstrand, professor of chemistry at the University of

Comp	ounds N	lamed According to Th	neir Color	$[C_{0}(NH_{*}), C]]C_{1} \longrightarrow [C_{0}(NH_{*}), C]]^{4+} + 2C]^{2}$
Complex	Color	Nam	Present formaliation	Two Cl ⁻ ions present in ionisation sphere can be precipitated as AgCl (white ppt) by ac
CoCl ₁ -6NH, CoCl ₂ -5NH, CoCl ₂ -3NH, CoCl ₂ -4NH, CoCl ₂ -4NH, CoCl ₂ -5NH,-H,O IrCl ₂ -6NH,	Yellow Purple Green Violet Red White	Luteocobaltic chloride Purpureocobaltic chloride Prazeocobaltic chloride Violeocobaltic chloride Roseocobaltic chloride Luteoiridium chloride	Co(NH4))C4 [Co(NH4))CJQ4 rvmr-[Co(NH4))C4]C4 cir-[Co(NH4)AC4]C4 [Co(NH4)AH40]C4 [Li(NH4)]C4	AgNO ₃ solution. $2Ag^+ + 2Cl^- \longrightarrow 2AgCl\downarrow$ Cl ⁻ ion written in coordination sphere is not ionisable and can, therefore, not be precip

