Chemistry of Coordination Compounds

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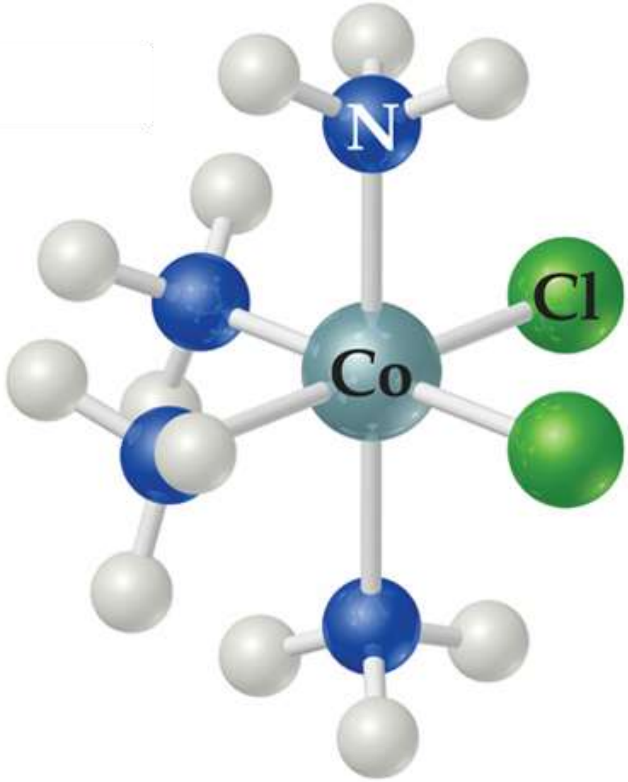
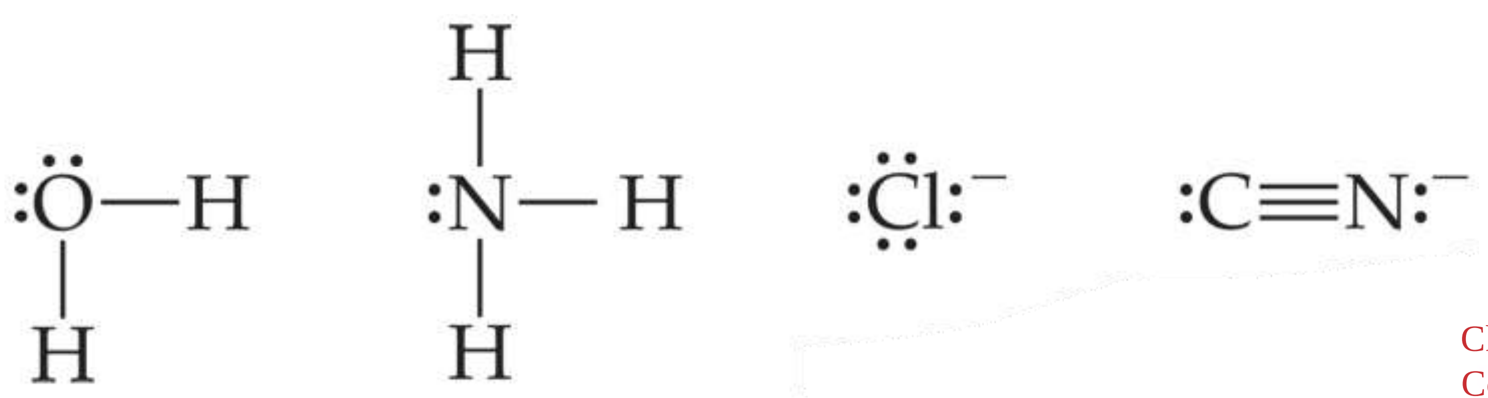
Complexes



- A central metal atom bonded to a group of molecules or ions is a metal complex.
- If it's charged, it's a complex ion.
- Compounds containing complexes are coordination compounds.

Complexes

- The molecules or ions coordinating to the metal are the **ligands**.
- They are usually anions or polar molecules.
- The must have lone pairs to interact with metal



A chemical mystery:

Same metal, same ligands, different number of ions when dissolved

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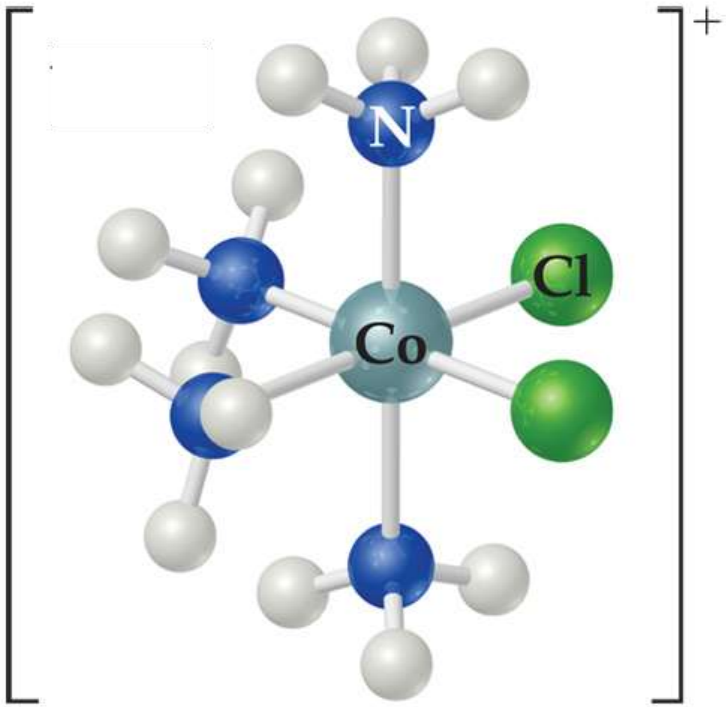
- **Many coordination compounds are brightly colored, but again, same metal, same ligands, different colors.**

Werner's Theory



Co(III) oxidation state

Coordination # is 6

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

Werner's Theory

- The central metal and the ligands directly bonded to it make up the coordination sphere of the complex.
- In $CoCl_3 \cdot 6\ NH_3$, all six of the ligands are NH_3 and the 3 chloride ions are outside the coordination sphere.

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Werner's Theory

Werner proposed putting all molecules and ions within the sphere in brackets and those "free" anions (that dissociate from the complex ion when dissolved in water) outside the brackets.

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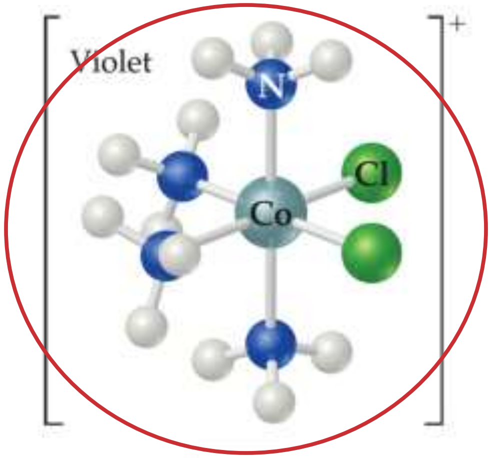
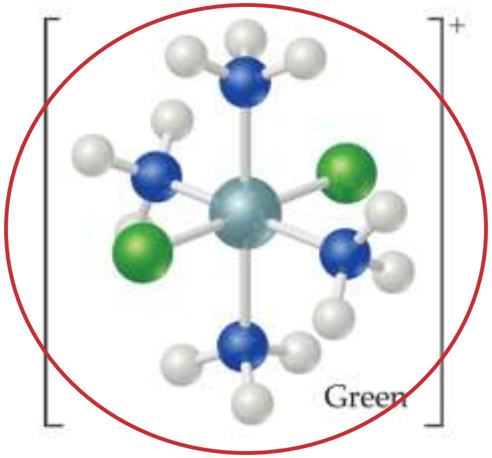
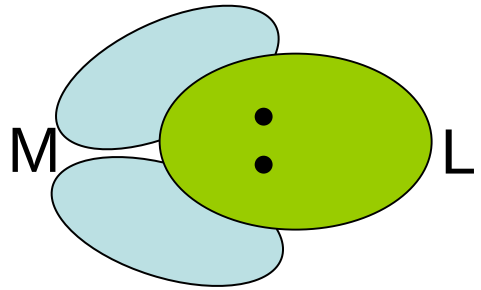




- This approach correctly predicts there would be two forms of $CoCl_3 \cdot 4\ NH_3$.
  - The formula would be written $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]Cl$.
  - One of the two forms has the two chlorines next to each other.
  - The other has the chlorines opposite each other.

What is Coordination?

- **When an orbital from a ligand with lone pairs in it overlaps with an empty orbital from a metal**

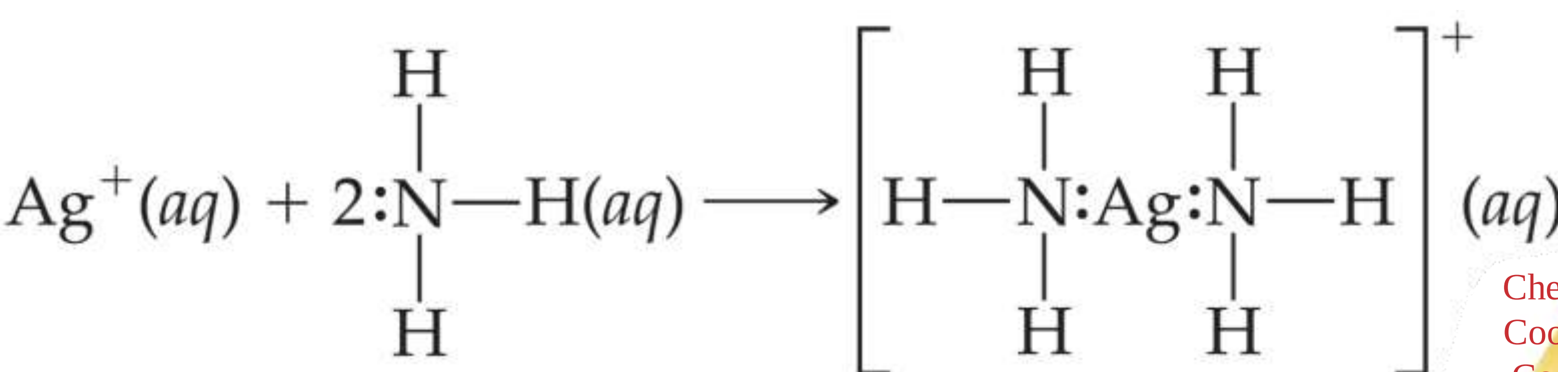


Sometimes called a coordinate covalent bond

So ligands *must* have lone pairs of electrons.

Metal-Ligand Bond

- This bond is formed between a Lewis acid and a Lewis base.
  - The ligands (Lewis bases) have nonbonding electrons.
  - The metal (Lewis acid) has empty orbitals.



Metal-Ligand Bond

The metal’s coordination ligands and geometry can greatly alter its properties, such as color, or ease of oxidation.

Oxidation Numbers

$$+2 + 4(0) = +2$$

$$[Cu(NH_3)_4]^{2+}$$

Knowing the charge on a complex ion and the charge on each ligand, one can determine the oxidation number for the metal.

Oxidation Numbers

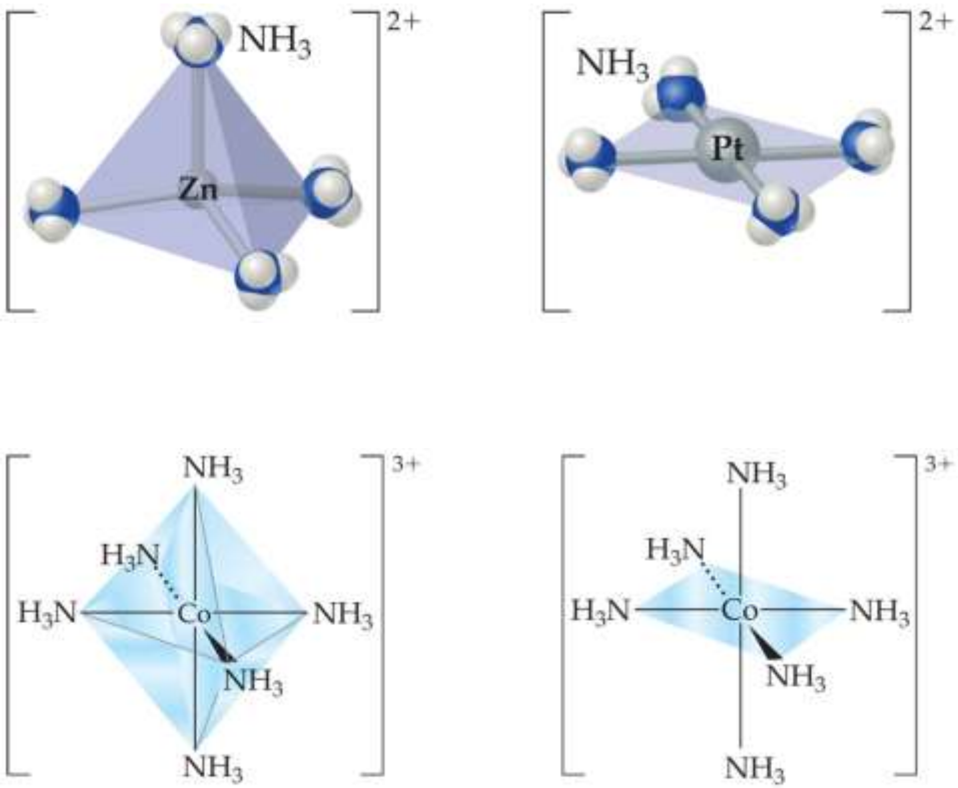
Or, knowing the oxidation number on the metal and the charges on the ligands, one can calculate the charge on the complex ion.

Example: $Cr(III)(H_2O)_4Cl_2$

$$+3 + 4(0) + 2(-1) = +1$$

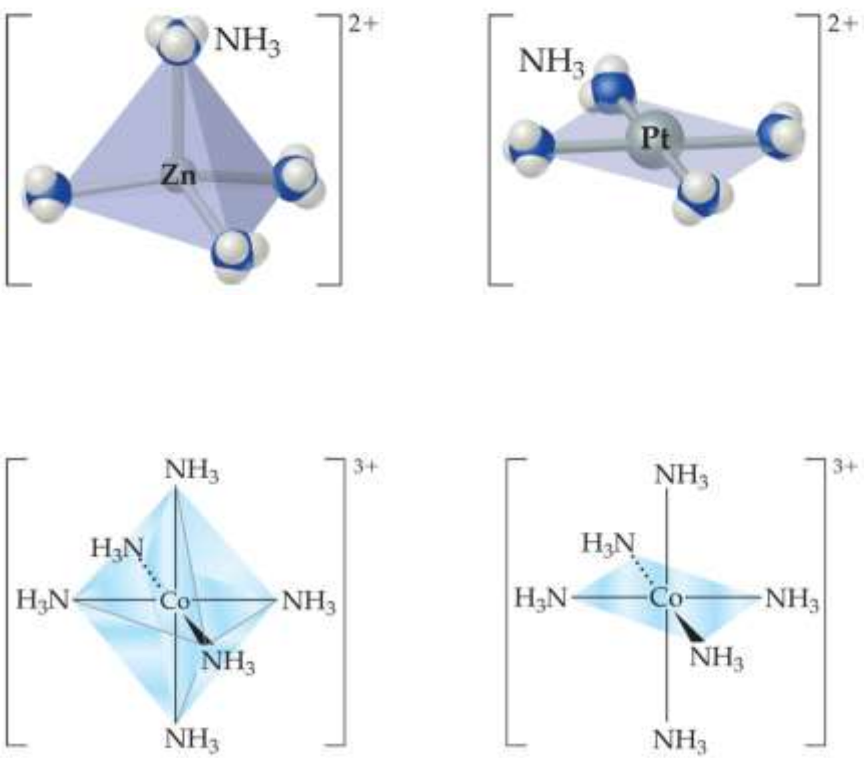
$$Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2$$

Coordination Number



- The atom that supplies the lone pairs of electrons for the metal-ligand bond is the donor atom.
- The number of these atoms is the coordination number.

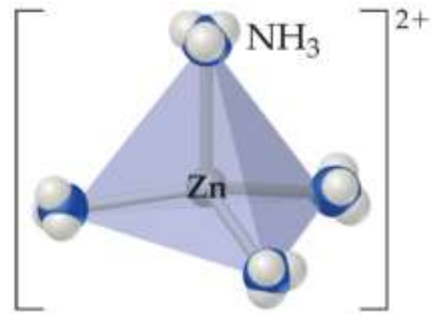
Coordination Number



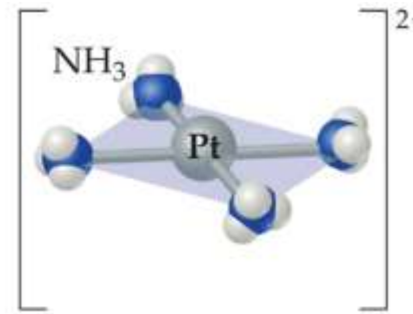
- Some metals, such as chromium(III) and cobalt(III), consistently have the same coordination number (6 in the case of these two metals).
- The most commonly encountered numbers are 4 and 6.

Geometries

- There are two common geometries for metals with a coordination number of four:
  - ➢ Tetrahedral
  - ➢ Square planar



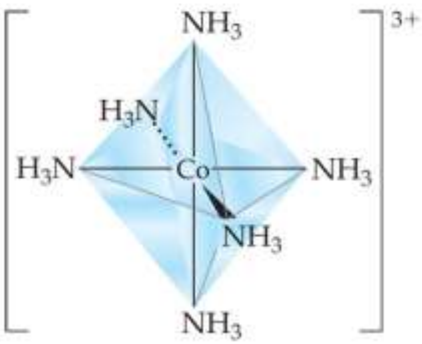
Tetrahedral

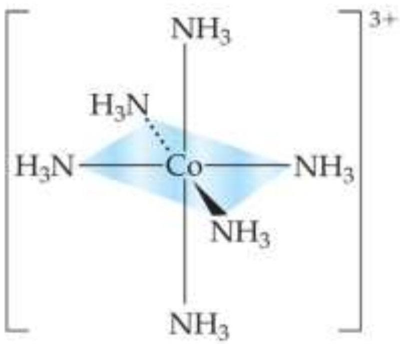


Square planar

Why square planar? We'll get to that

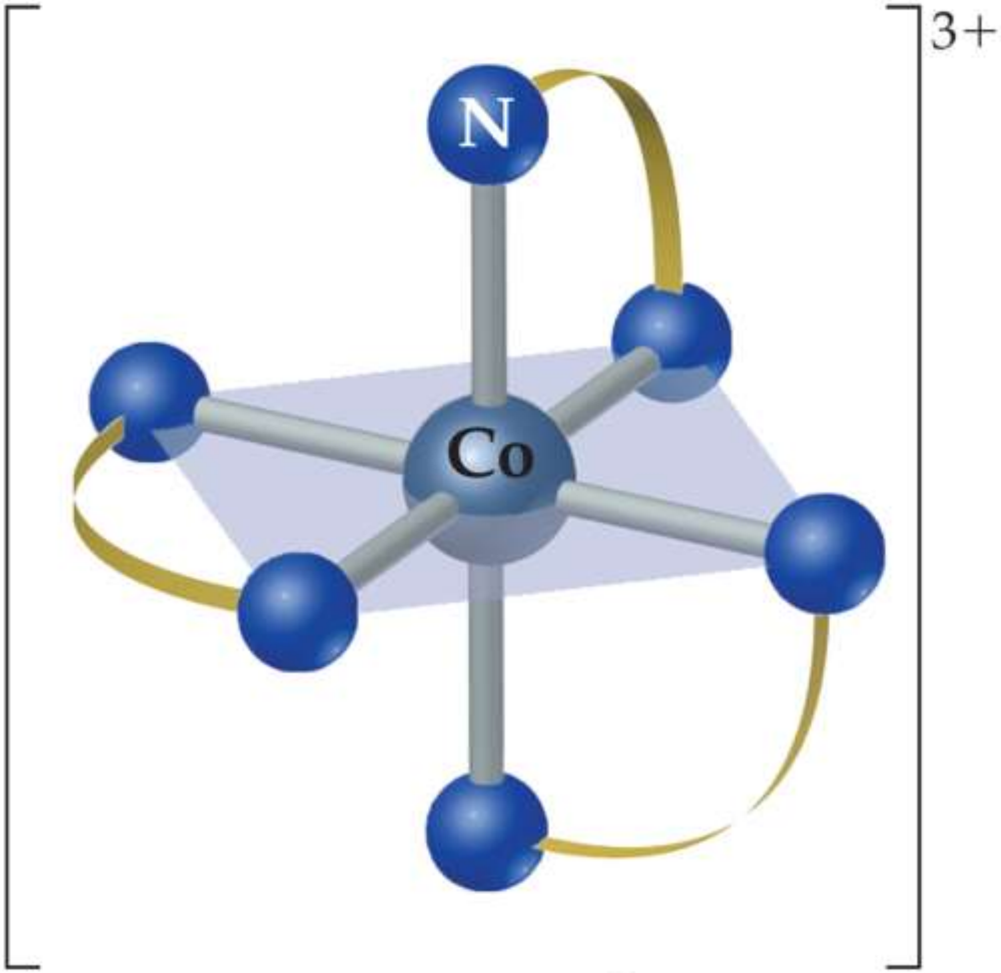
Geometries





By far the most-encountered geometry, when the coordination number is six, is octahedral.

Polydentate Ligands

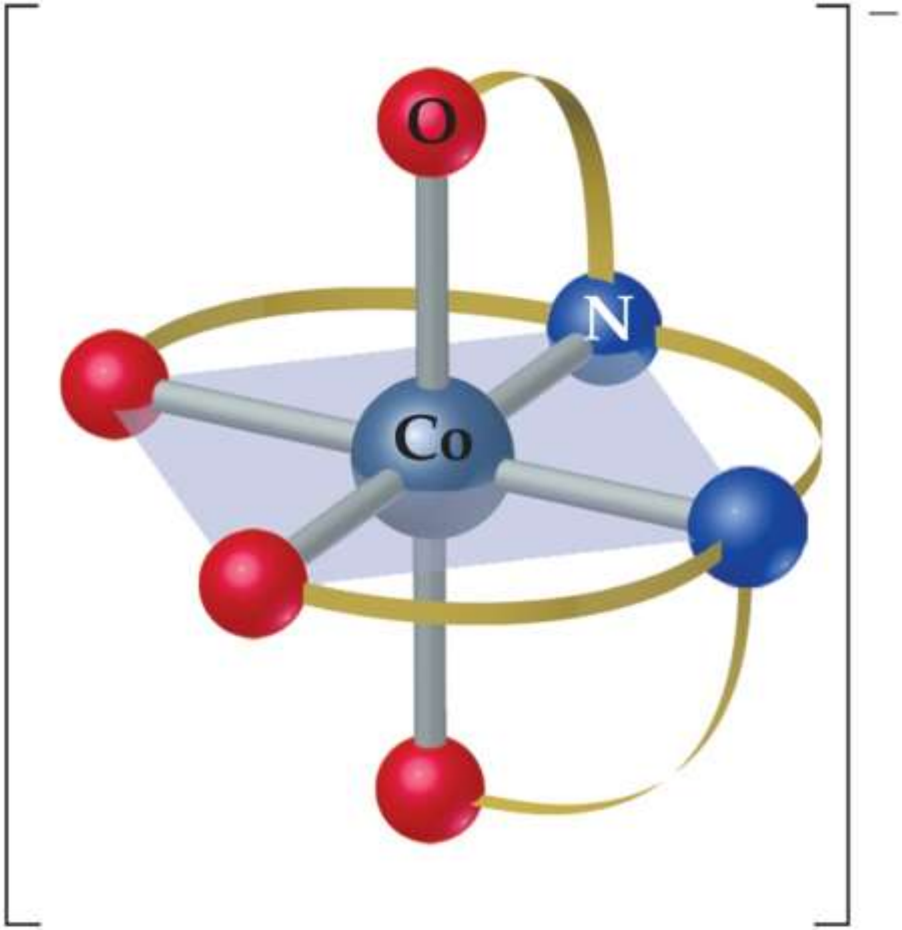


$[Co(en)_3]^{3+}$

- Some ligands have two or more donor atoms.
- These are called **polydentate ligands** or **chelating agents**.
- In ethylenediamine, $NH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, represented here as en, each N is a donor atom.
- Therefore, en is **bidentate**.

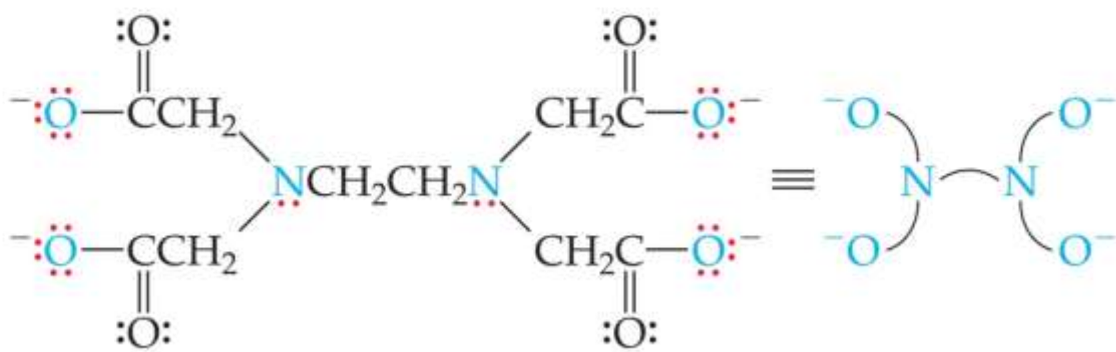
Polydentate Ligands

Ethylenediaminetetraacetate, mercifully abbreviated EDTA, has six donor atoms.



$CoEDTA^-$

Wraps around the central atom like an octopus



$[EDTA]^{4-}$

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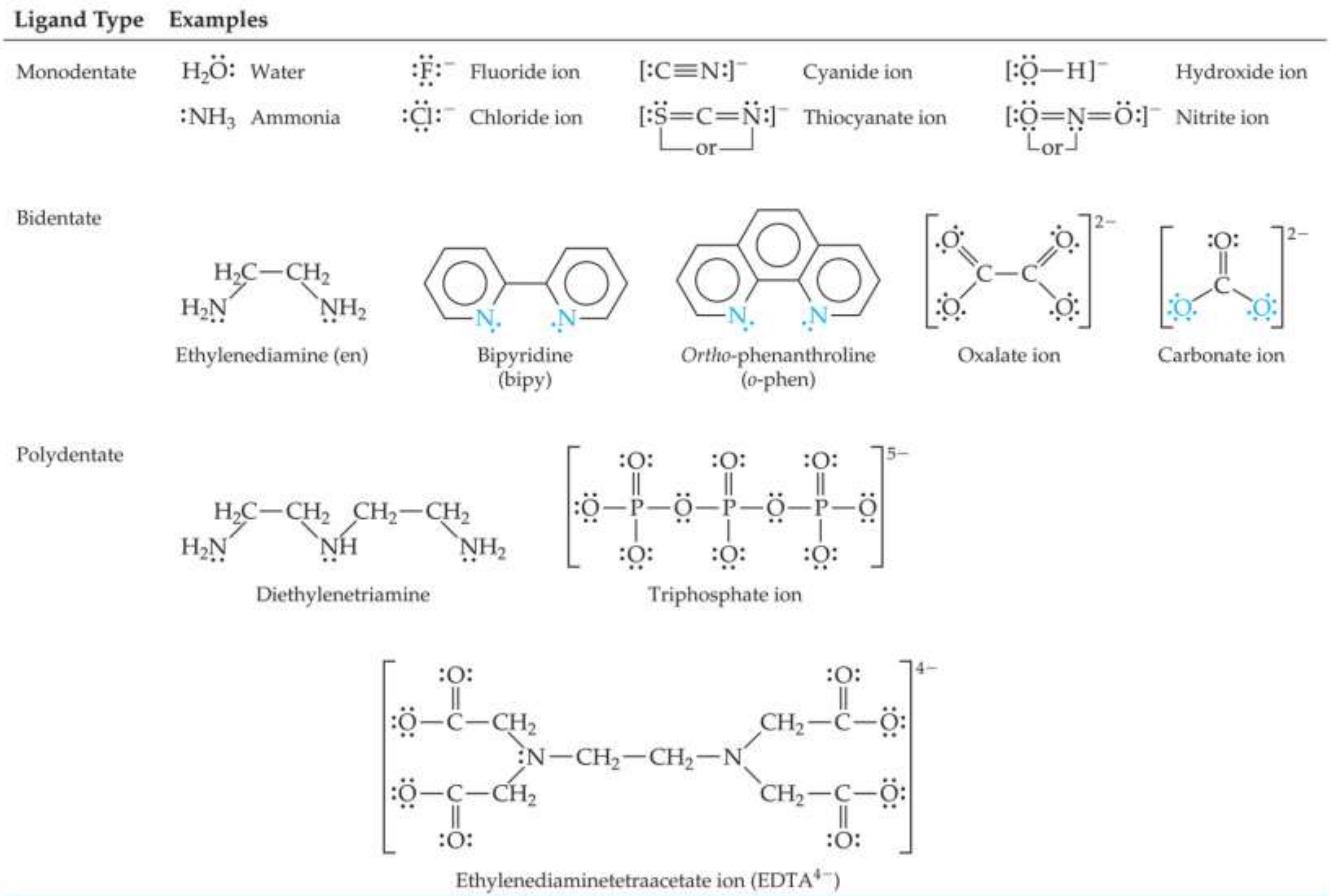
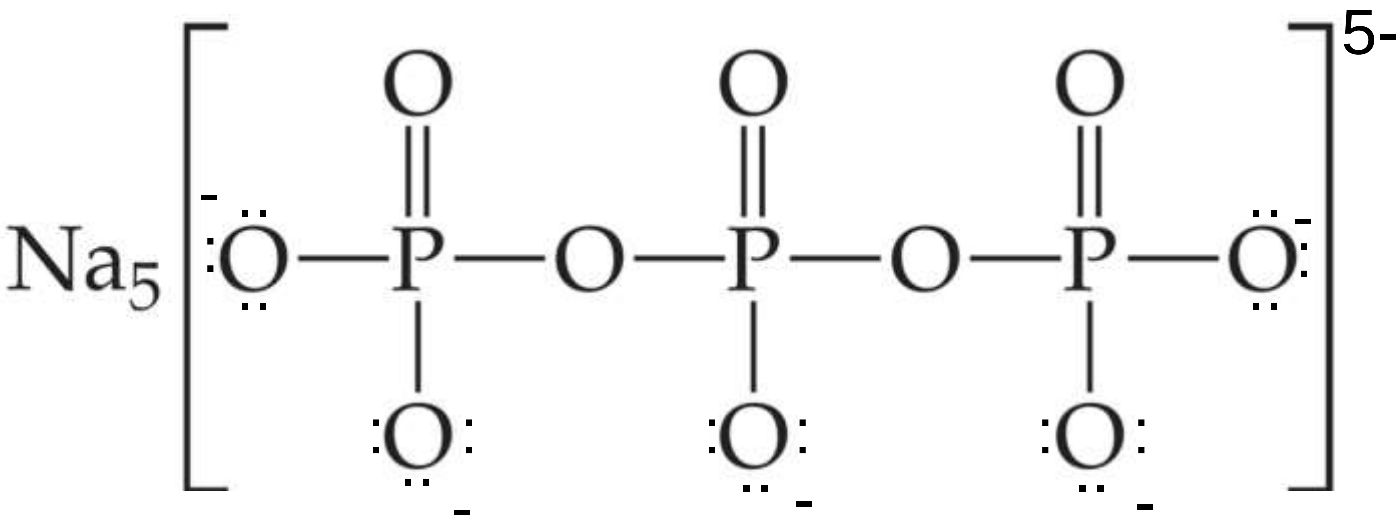
Polydentate Ligands



Chelating agents generally form more stable complexes than do monodentate ligands.

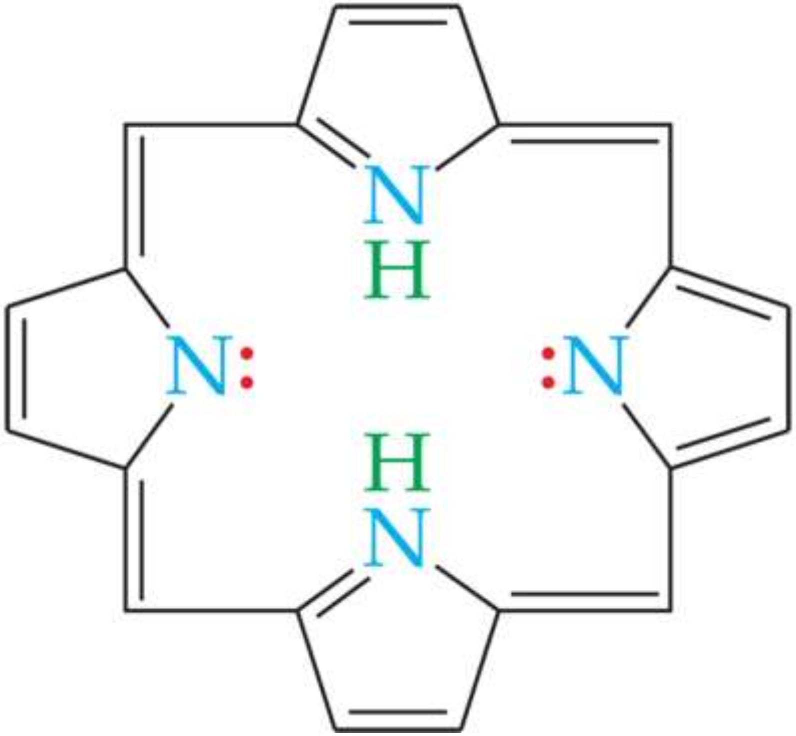
Chelating Agents



- Bind to metal ions removing them from solution.
- Phosphates are used to tie up Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} in hard water to prevent them from interfering with detergents.

Chelating Agents

- Porphyrins are complexes containing a form of the porphine molecule shown at right.
- Important biomolecules like heme and chlorophyll are porphyrins.



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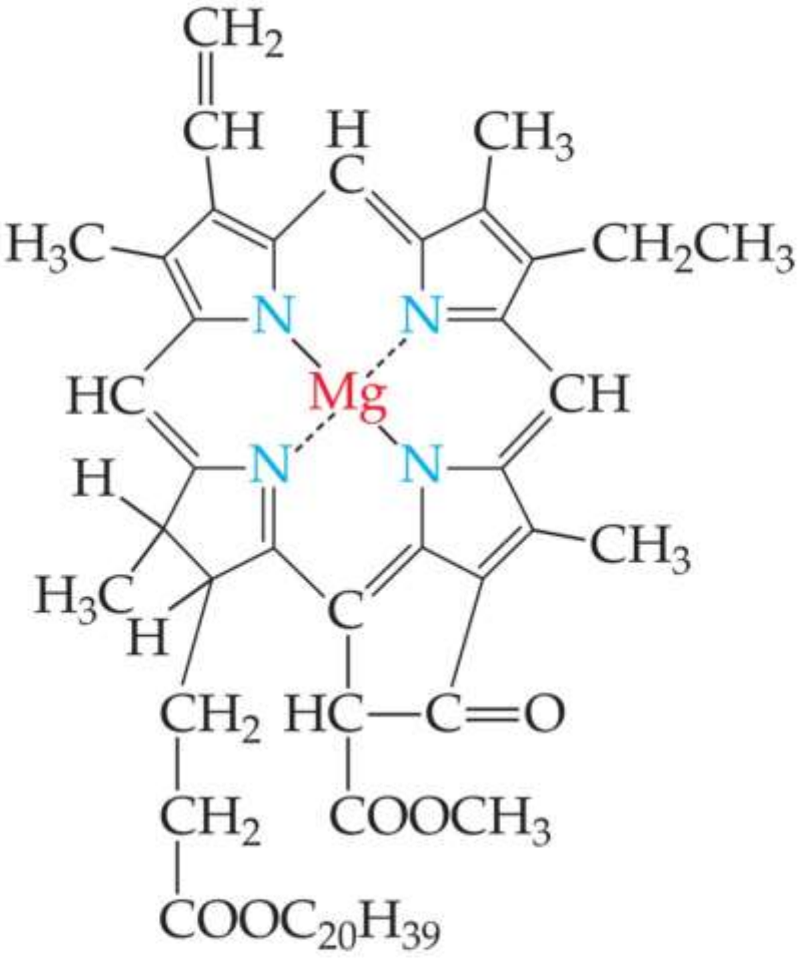


Porphines (like chlorophyll *a*) are tetradentate ligands.

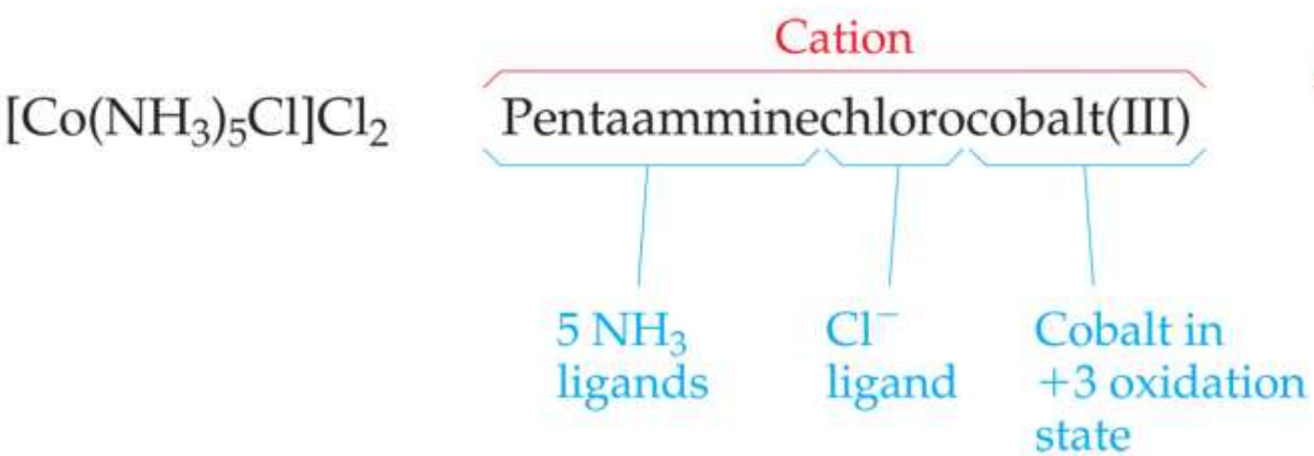
Nomenclature of Coordination Compounds

Ligand	Name in Complexes	Ligand	Name in Complexes
Azide, N_3^-	Azido	Oxalate, $C_2O_4^{2-}$	Oxalato
Bromide, Br^-	Bromo	Oxide, O^{2-}	Oxo
Chloride, Cl^-	Chloro	Ammonia, NH_3	Ammine
Cyanide, CN^-	Cyano	Carbon monoxide, CO	Carbonyl
Fluoride, F^-	Fluoro	Ethylenediamine, en	Ethylenediamine
Hydroxide, OH^-	Hydroxo	Pyridine, C_5H_5N	Pyridine
Carbonate, CO_3^{2-}	Carbonato	Water, H_2O	Aqua

- The basic protocol in coordination nomenclature is to name the ligands attached to the metal as prefixes before the metal name.
- Some common ligands and their names are listed above.

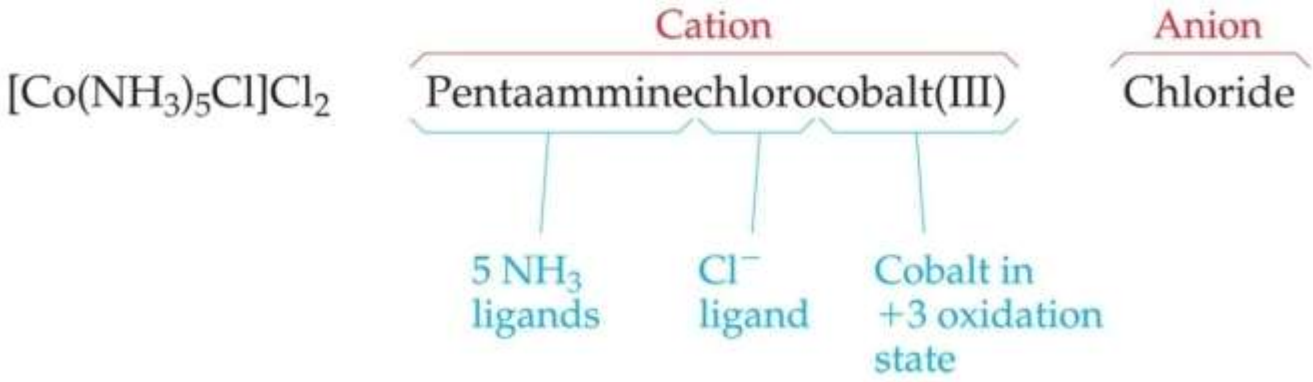
Nomenclature of Coordination Compounds

- As always the name of the **cation** appears first; the **anion** is named last.
- Ligands are listed alphabetically before the metal. Prefixes denoting the number of a particular ligand are ignored when alphabetizing.



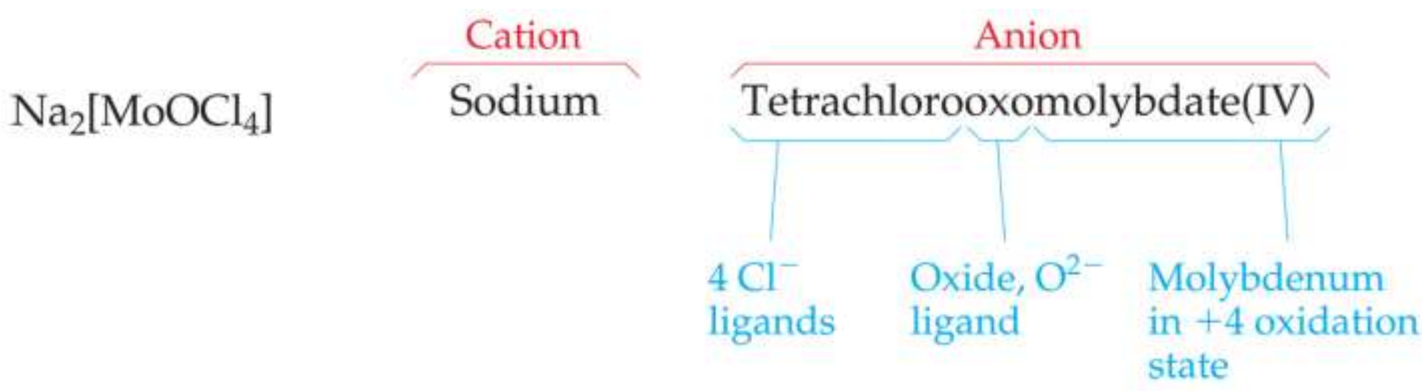
Nomenclature of Coordination Compounds

- The names of anionic ligands end in “o”; the endings of the names of neutral ligands are not changed.
- Prefixes tell the number of a type of ligand in the complex. If the name of the ligand itself has such a prefix, alternatives like *bis*-, *tris*-, etc., are used.

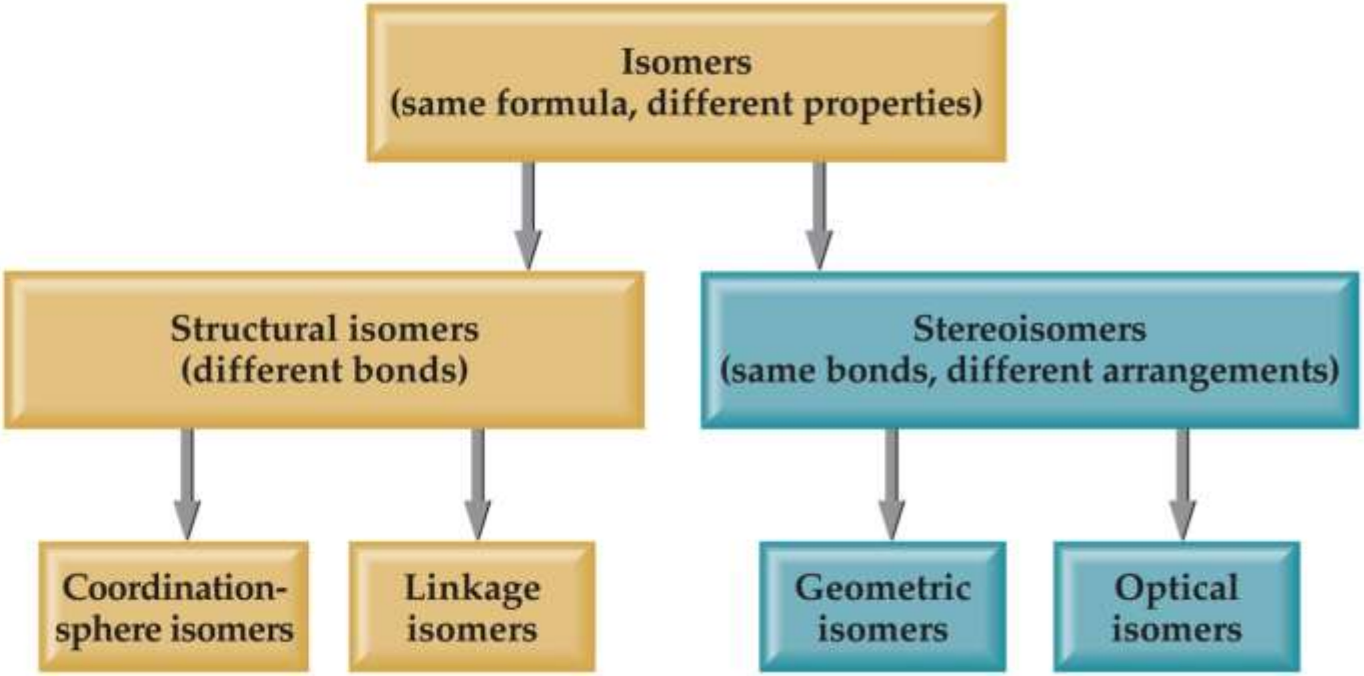


Nomenclature of Coordination Compounds

- If the complex is an anion, its ending is changed to *-ate*.
- The oxidation number of the metal is listed as a Roman numeral in parentheses immediately after the name of the metal.



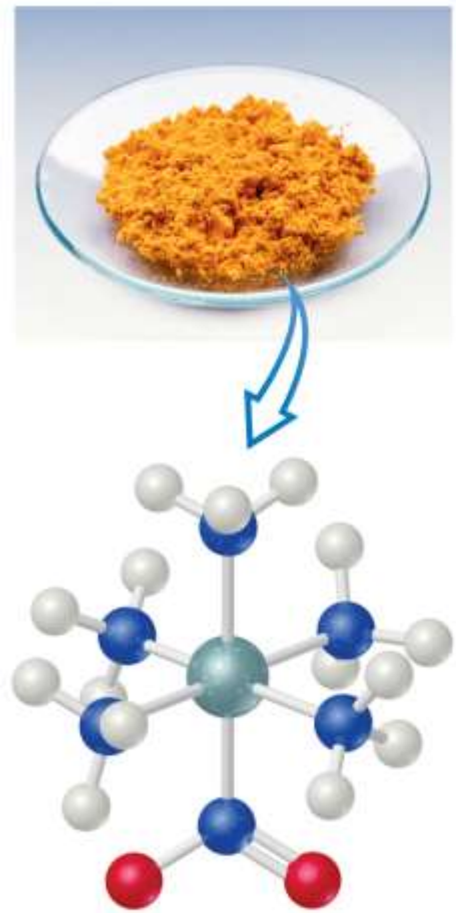
Isomers



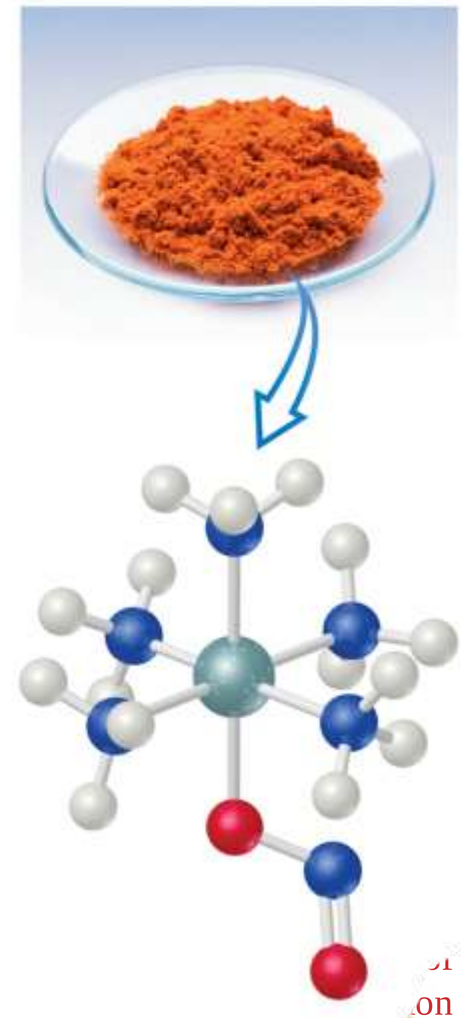
Isomers have the same molecular formula, but their atoms are arranged either in a different order (structural isomers) or spatial arrangement (stereoisomers).

Structural Isomers

If a ligand (like the NO_2 group at the bottom of the complex) can bind to the metal with one or another atom as the donor atom, linkage isomers are formed.



Nitro isomer

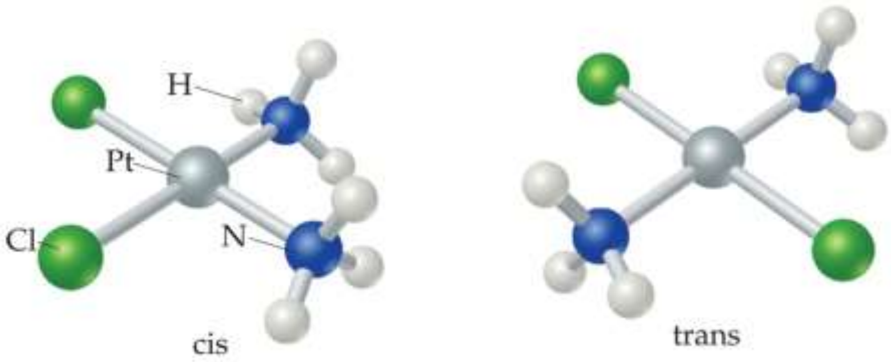


Nitrito isomer

Structural Isomers

- Some isomers differ in what ligands are bonded to the metal and what is outside the coordination sphere; these are coordination-sphere isomers.
- Three isomers of $CrCl_3(H_2O)_6$ are
  - The violet $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$,
  - The green $[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$, and
  - The (also) green $[Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl \cdot 2\ H_2O$.

Geometric isomers



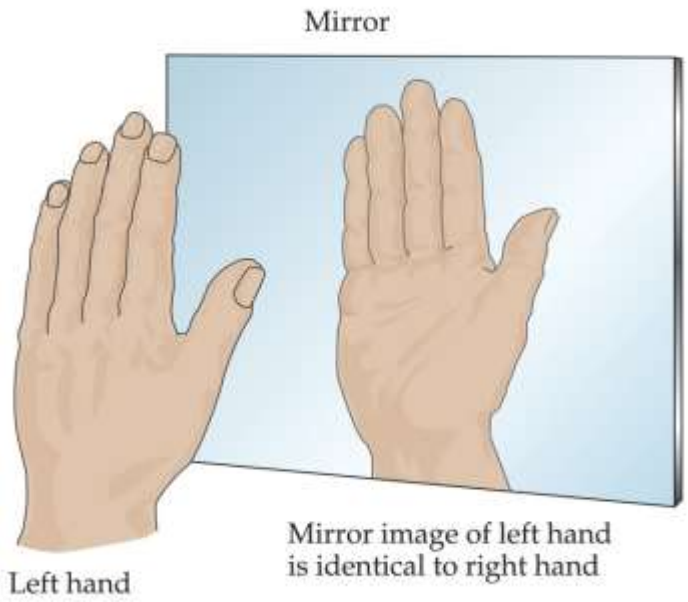
- With these geometric isomers, two chlorines and two NH_3 groups are bonded to the platinum metal, but are clearly different.

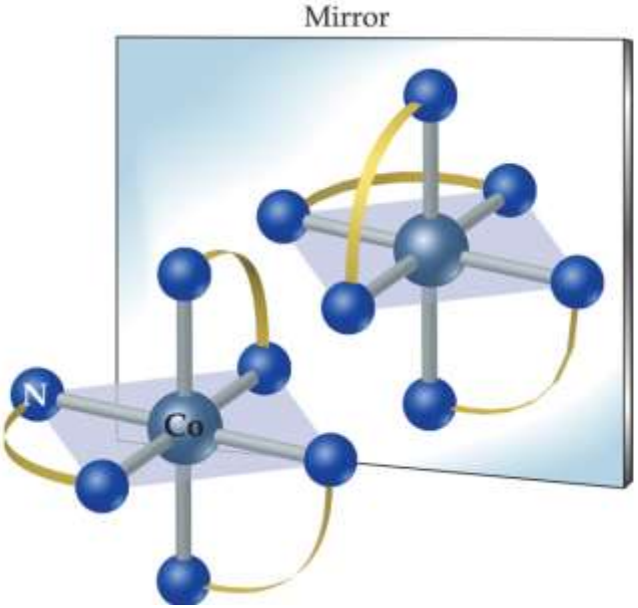
➢ *cis*-Isomers have like groups on the same side.

➢ *trans*-Isomers have like groups on opposite sides.

# of each atom the same
Bonding the same
Arrangement in space different

Stereoisomers

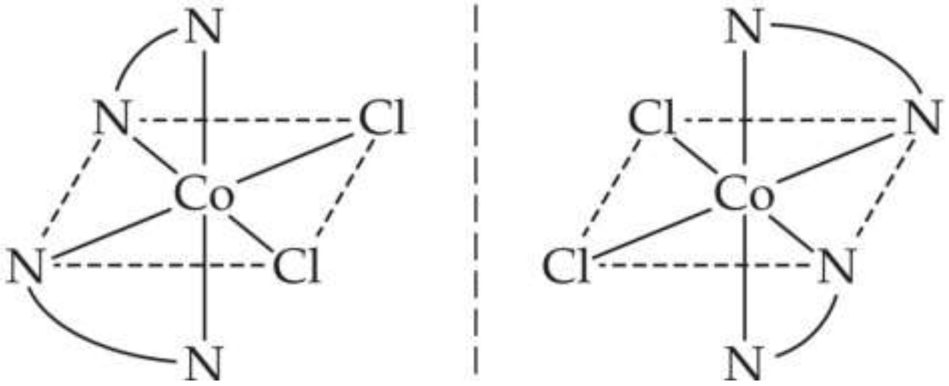




- Other stereoisomers, called optical isomers or enantiomers, are mirror images of each other.
- Just as a right hand will not fit into a left glove, two enantiomers cannot be superimposed on each other.

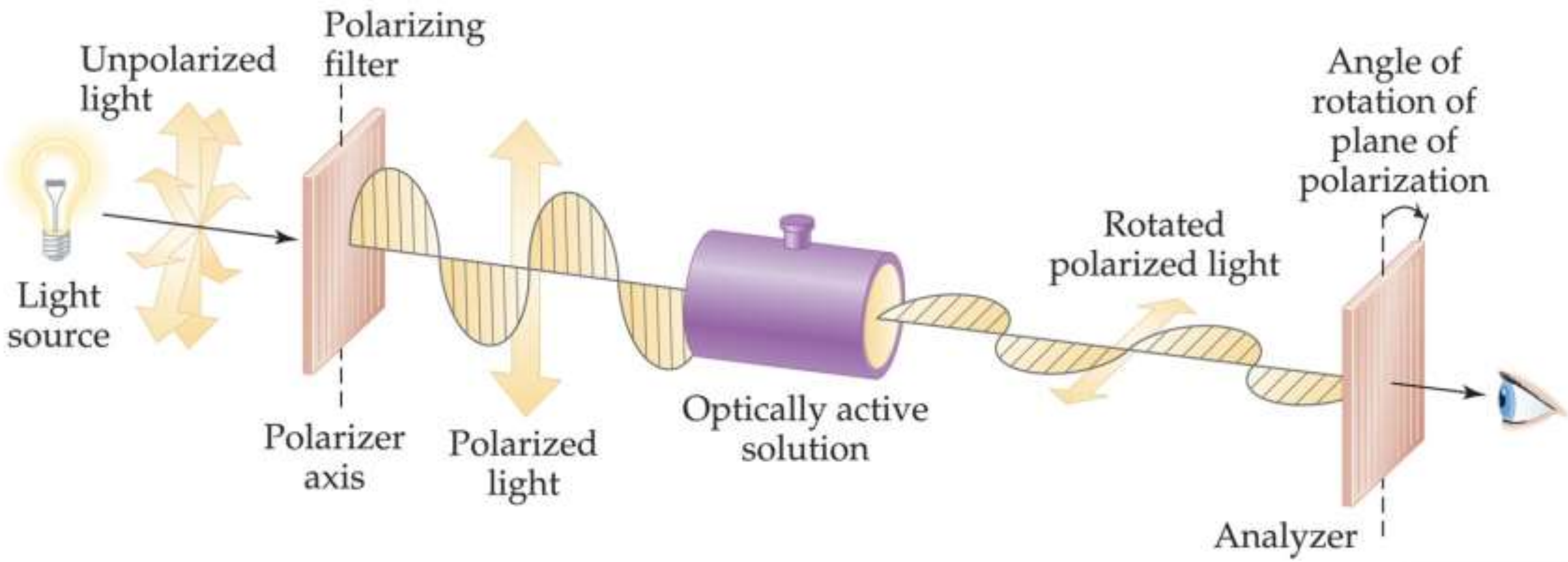
Enantiomers

A molecule or ion that exists as a pair of enantiomers is said to be chiral.



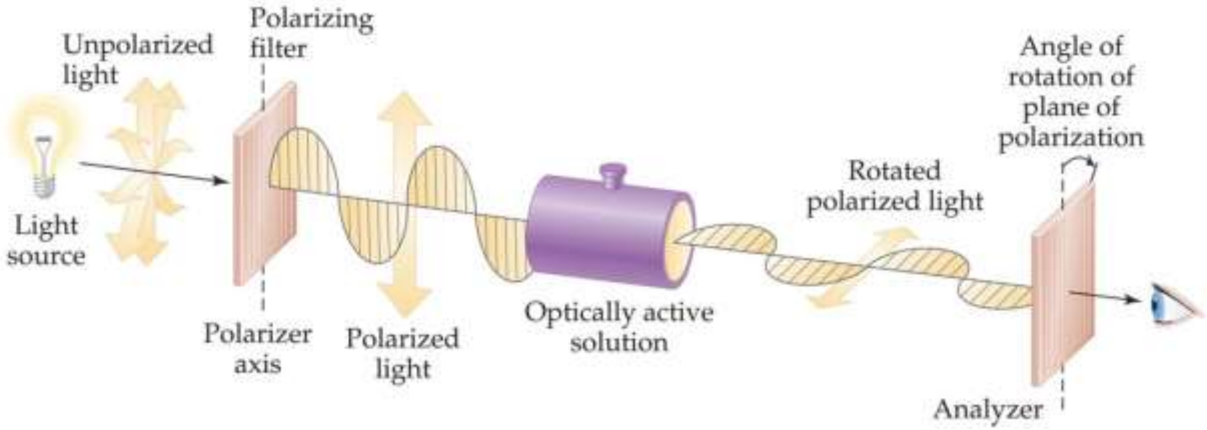
Enantiomers

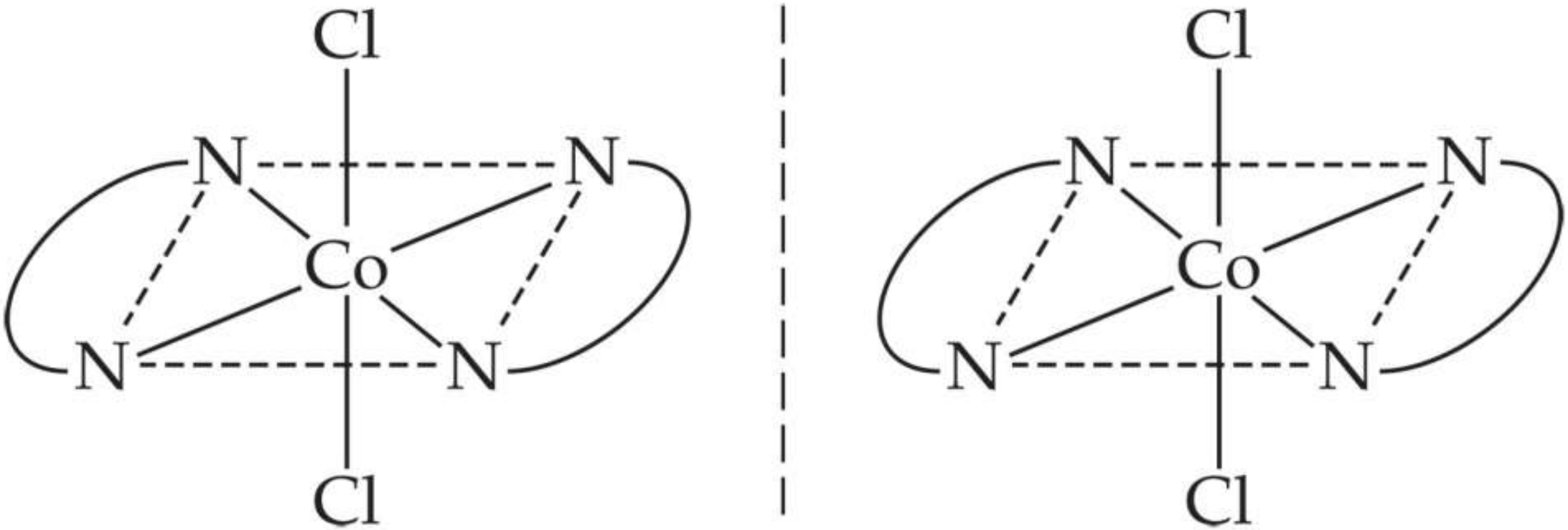
- Most of the physical properties of chiral molecules are the same, boiling point, freezing point, density, etc.
- One exception is the interaction of a chiral molecule with plane-polarized light.



Enantiomers

- If one enantiomer of a chiral compound is placed in a polarimeter and polarized light is shone through it, the plane of polarization of the light will rotate.
- If one enantiomer rotates the light 32° to the right, the other will rotate it 32° to the left.

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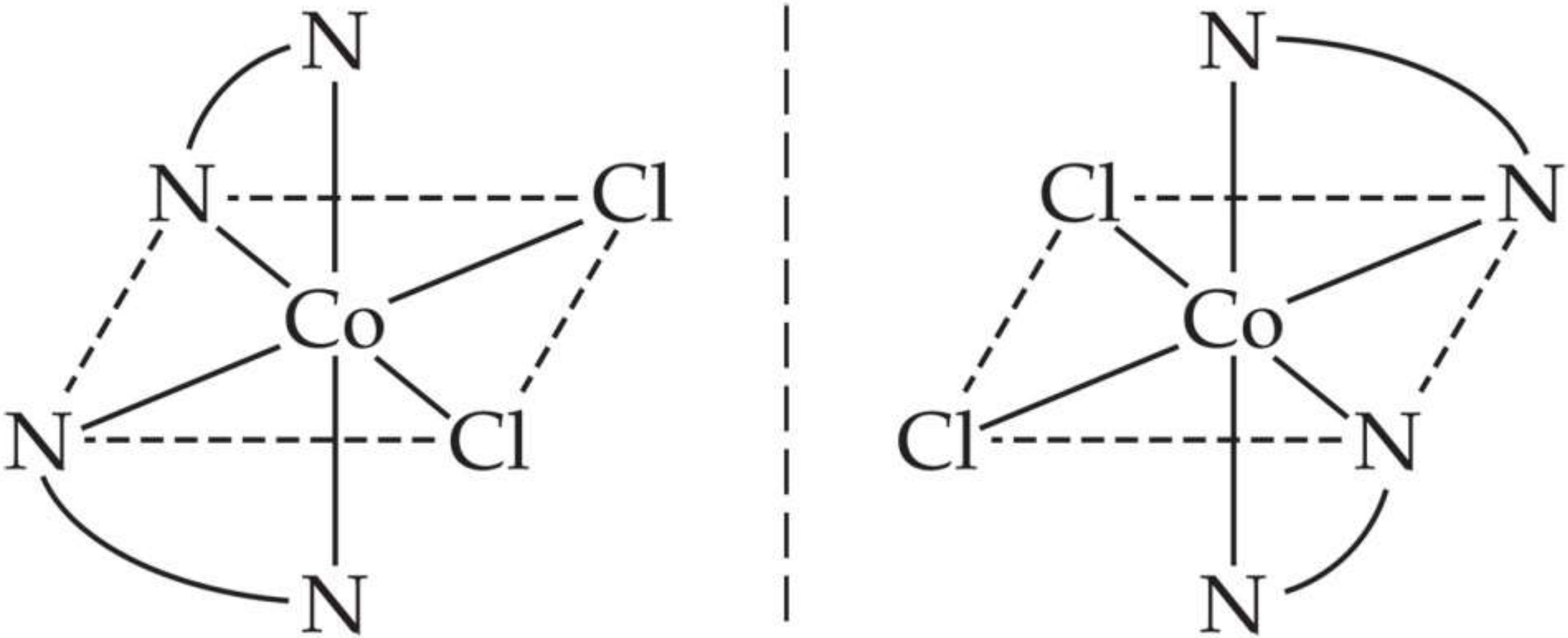
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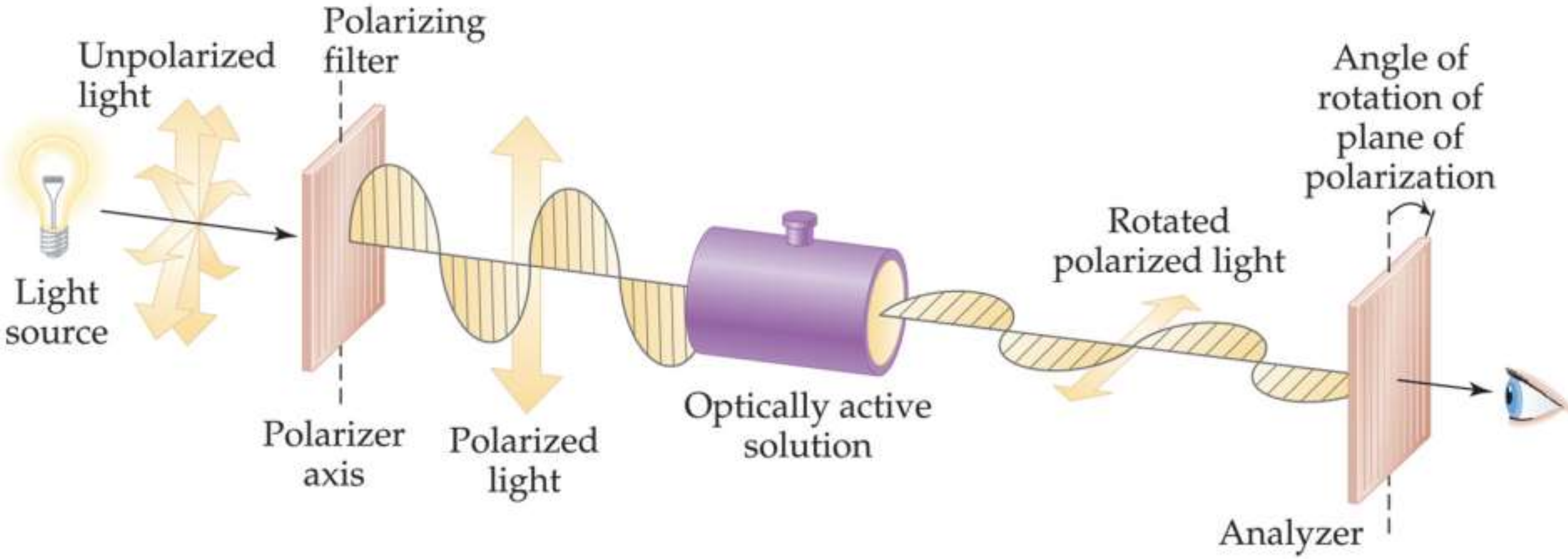
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Explaining the properties of transition metal coordination complexes

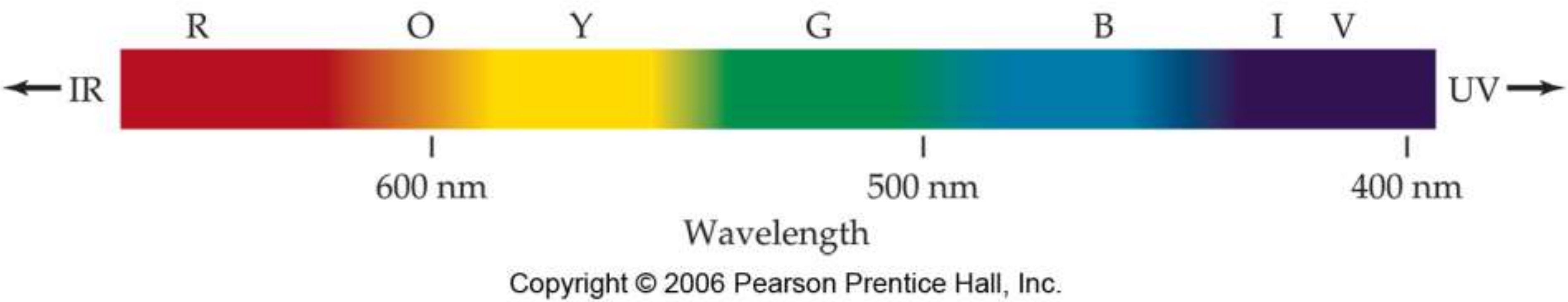
1. Magnetism
2. color

Metal complexes and color

The ligands of a metal complex effect its color

Addition of NH_3 ligand to $Cu(H_2O)_4$ changes its color

Why does anything have color?



Light of different frequencies give different colors

We learned that elements can *emit* light of different frequency or color.

But these coordination complexes are not emitting light

They absorb light.

How does that give color?

Light can bounce off an object or get absorbed by object

No light absorbed, all reflected get white color
All light absorbed, none reflected get Black color
What if only one color is absorbed?

Complimentary color wheel

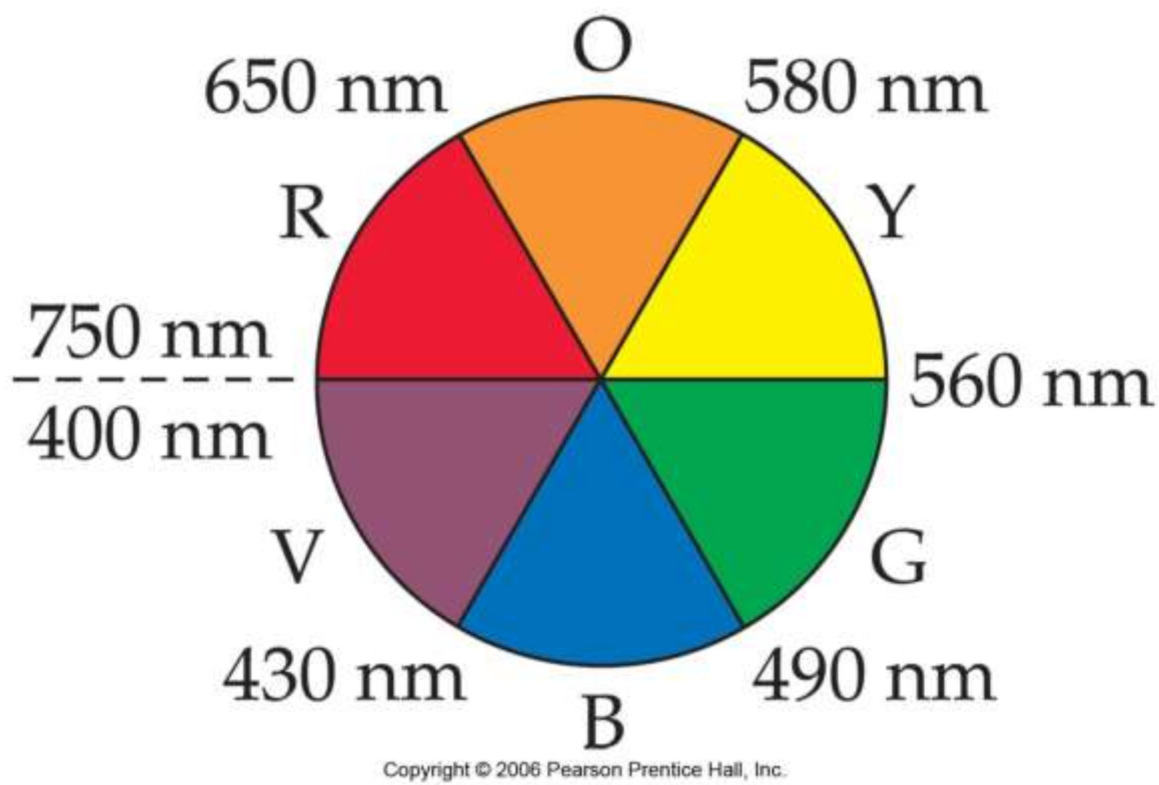
If one color absorbed, the color opposite is perceived.

Absorb **Orange**

See **Blue**

Absorb **Red**

See **Green**



$[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$
Absorbs in green yellow.
Looks purple.

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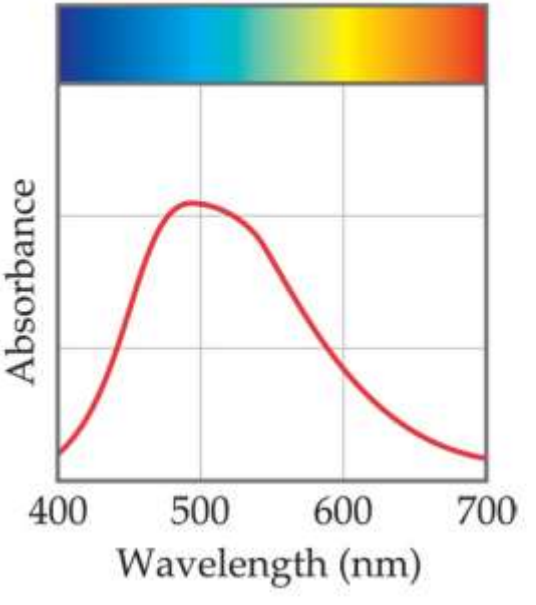
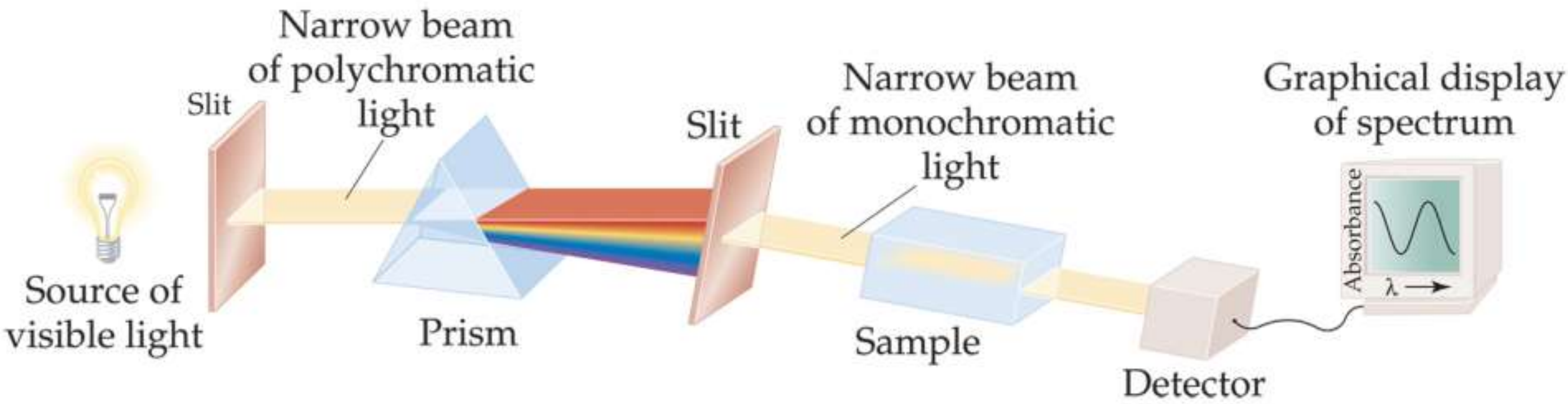


(b)

A precise measurement of the absorption spectrum of Compounds is critical



Metal complexes and color

But why do different ligands on same metal give Different colors?
Why do different ligands change absorption?

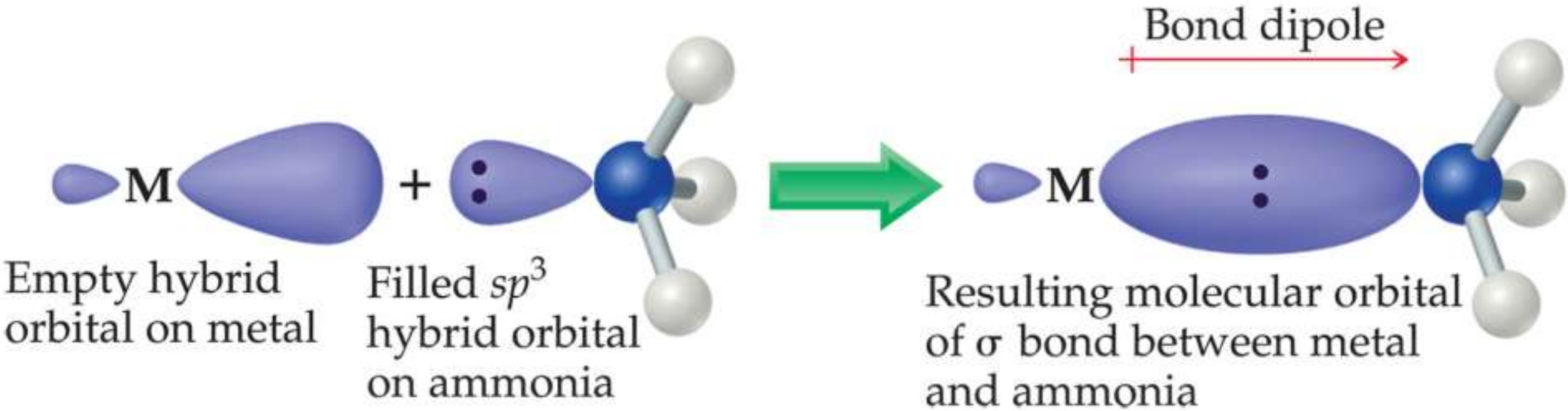
Addition of NH_3 ligand to $Cu(H_2O)_4$ changes its color

Model of ligand/metal bonding.

Electron pair comes from ligand

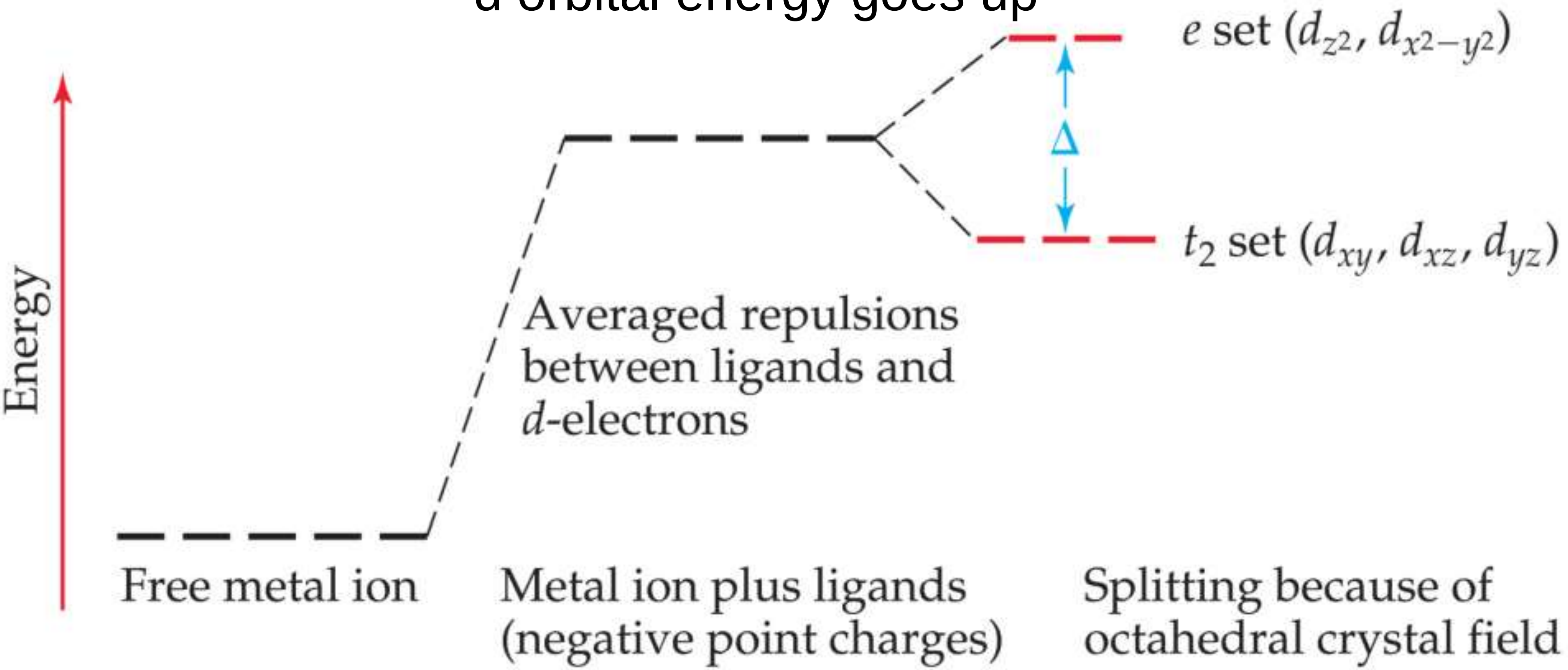
Bond very polarized.

Assumption: interaction pure electrostatic.



Now, think of point charges being attracted to metal nucleus
Positive charge. What about electrons in d orbitals?

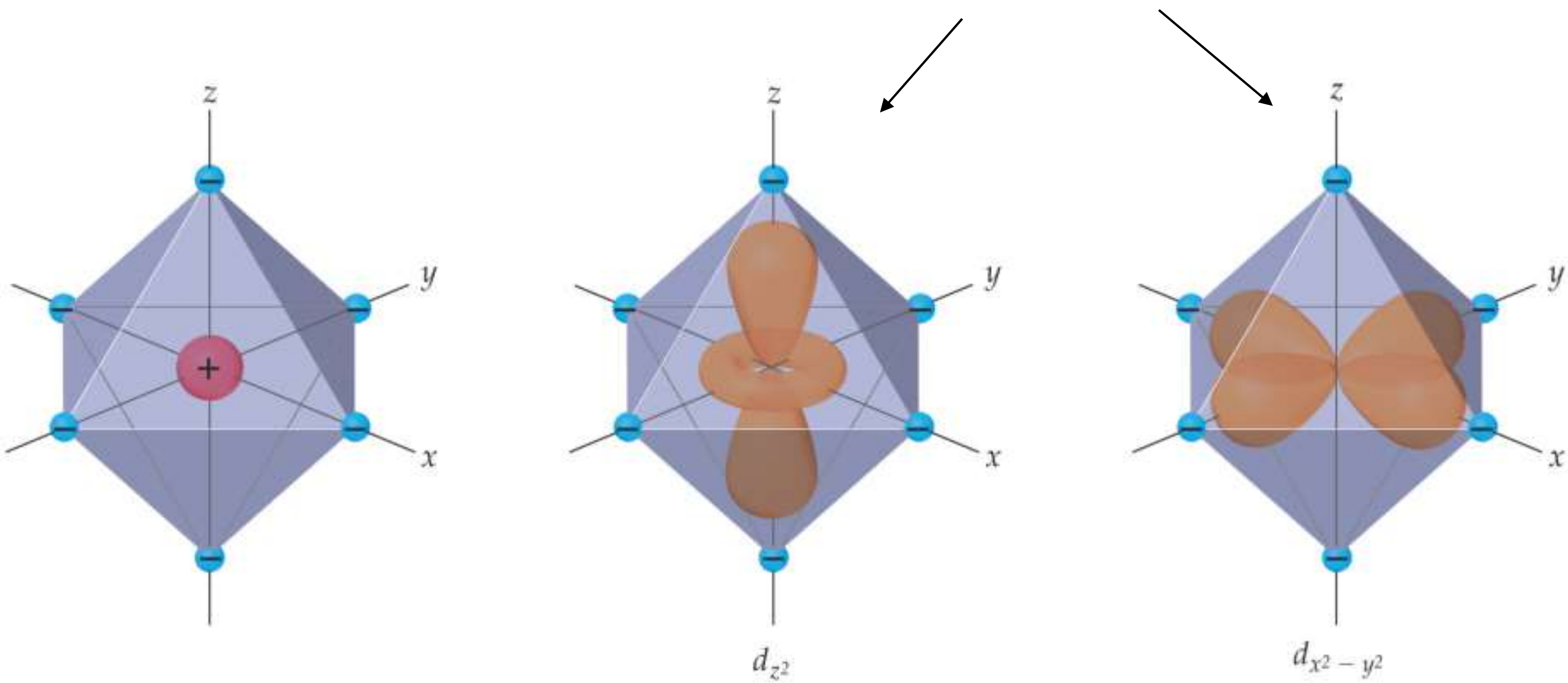
Ligand negative charge
Is repelled by d electrons,
d orbital energy goes up



Ligands will interact with some d orbitals more than others

Depends on relative orientation of orbital and ligand

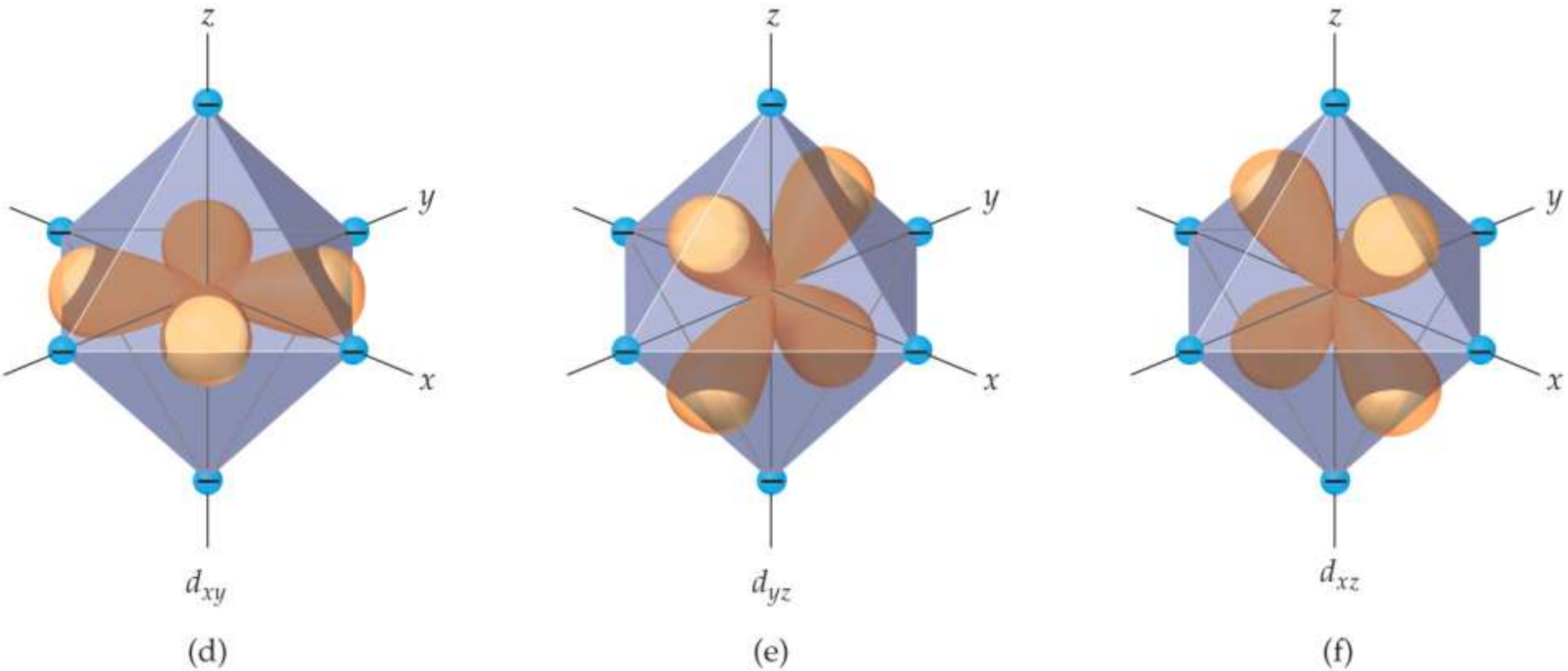
Ligands point right at lobes



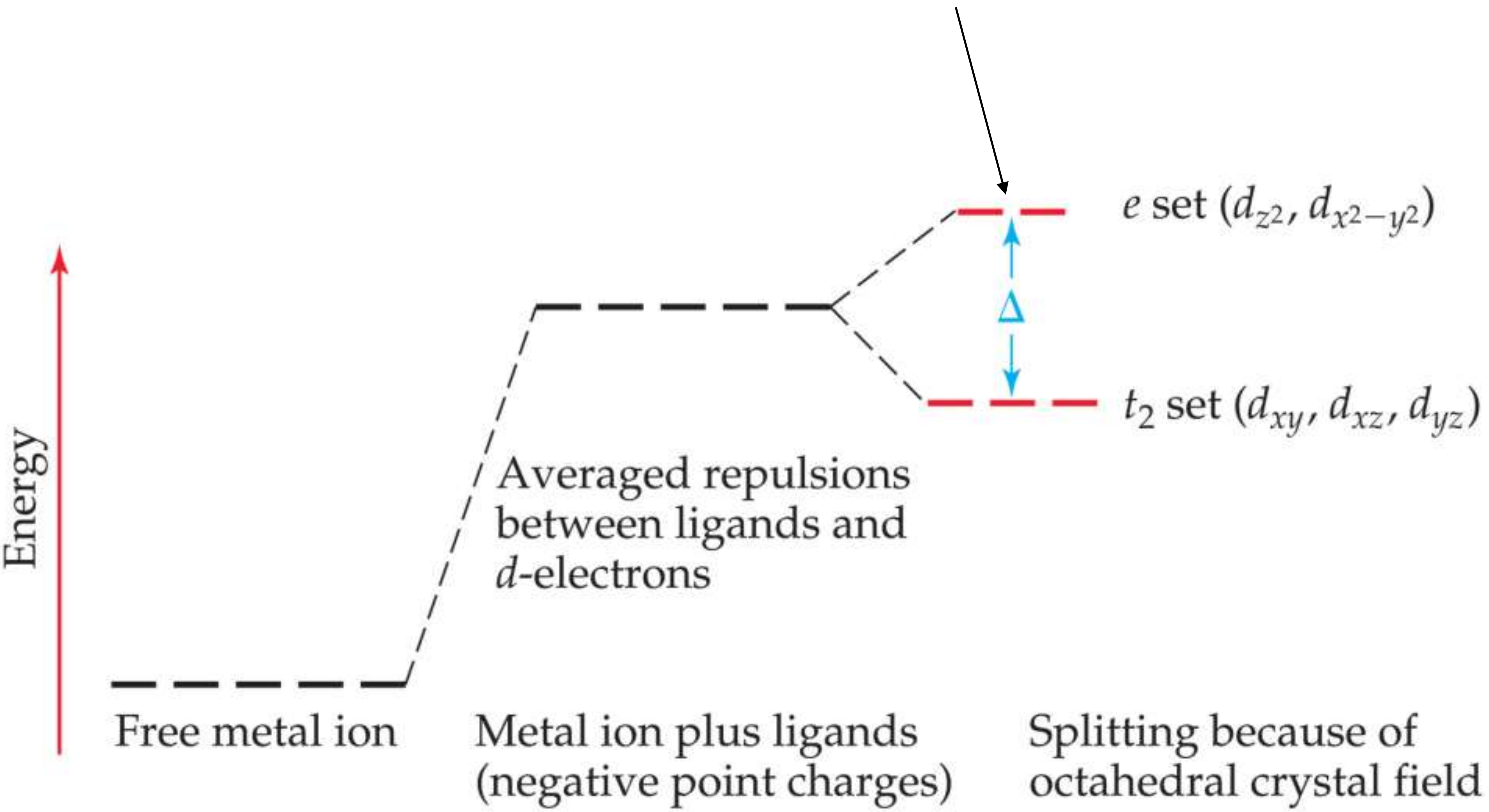
(a) (b) (c)

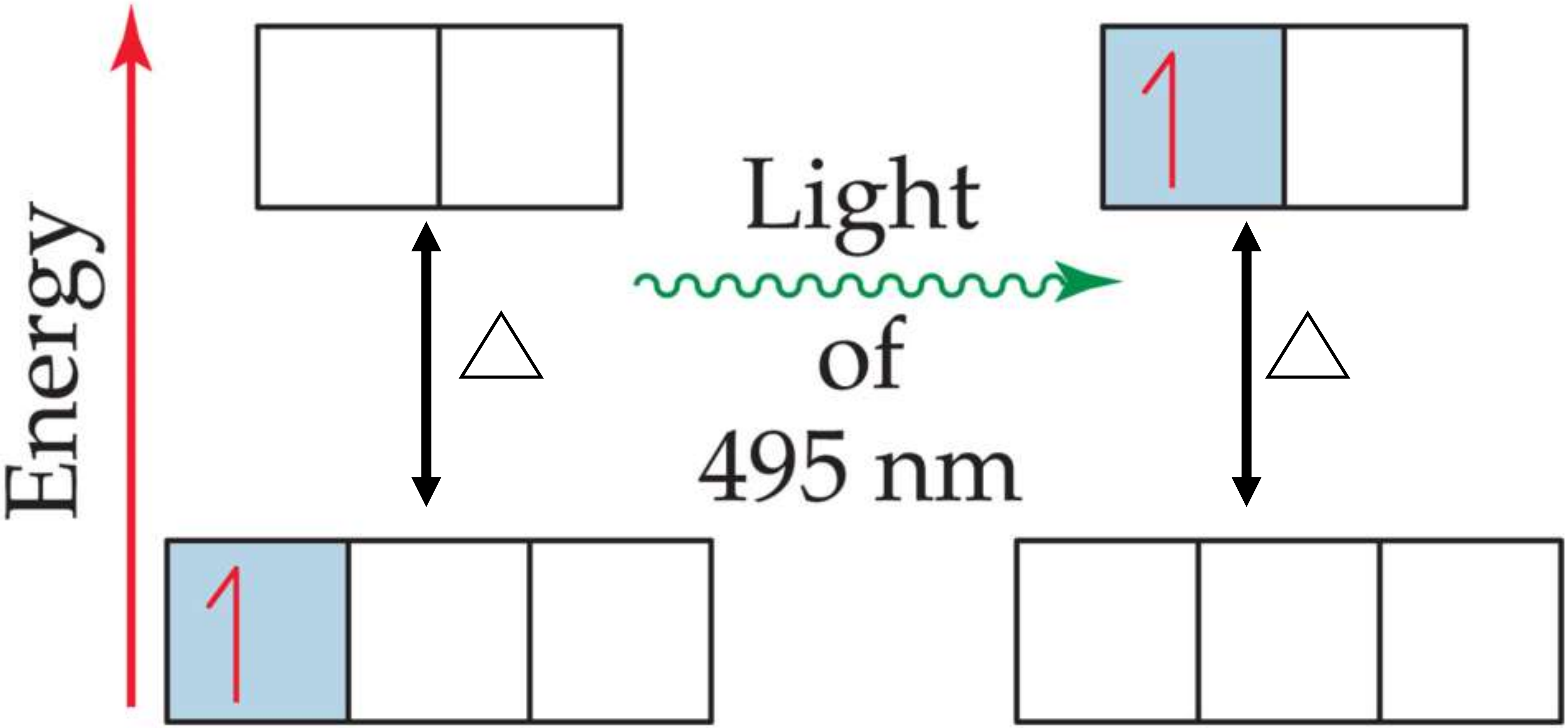
In these orbitals, the ligands are between the lobes

Interact less strongly



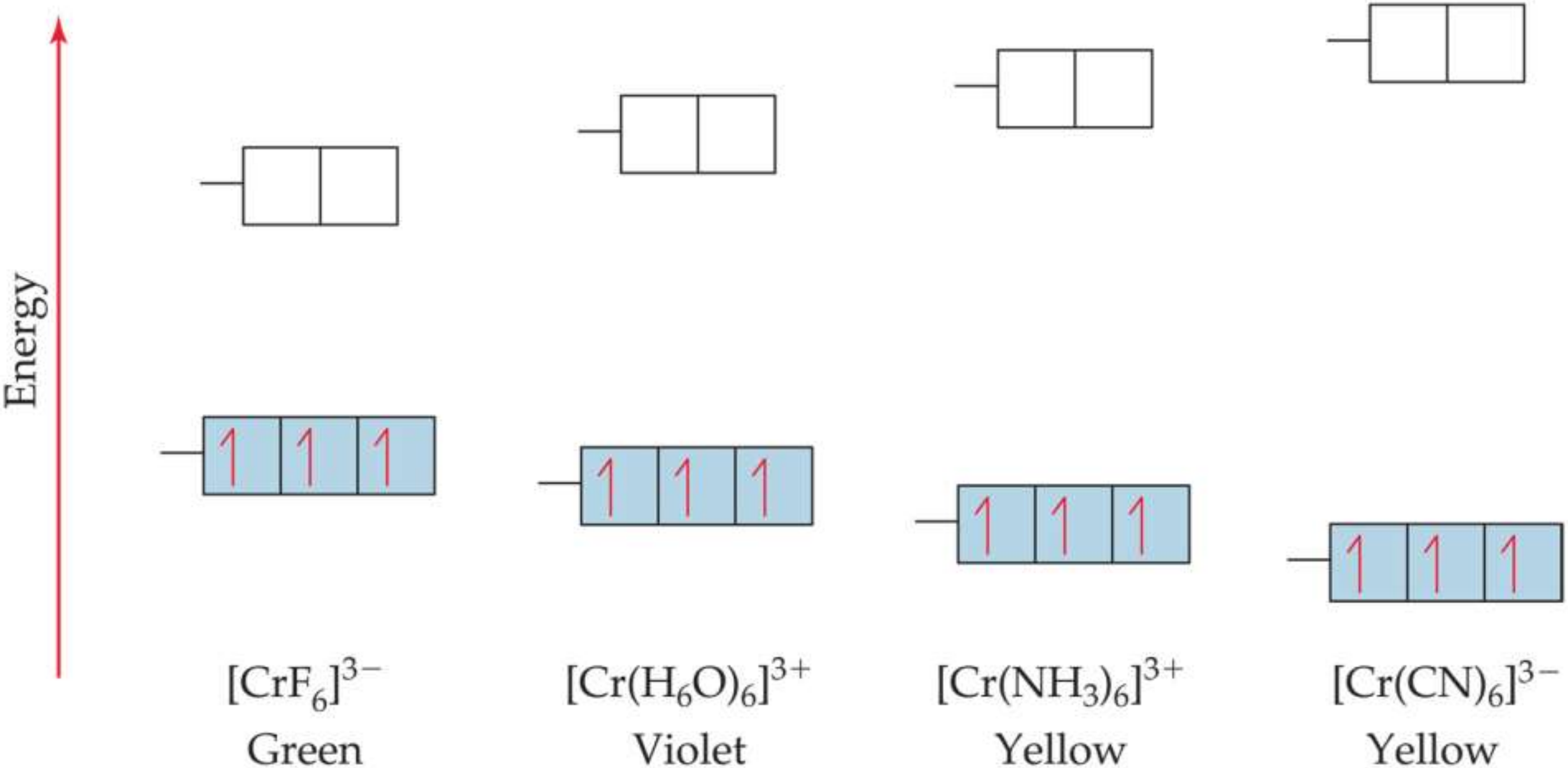
Splitting due to ligand/orbirtal orientation.





△ = 495 nm

Different ligands interact more or less, change E spacing Of D orbitals.



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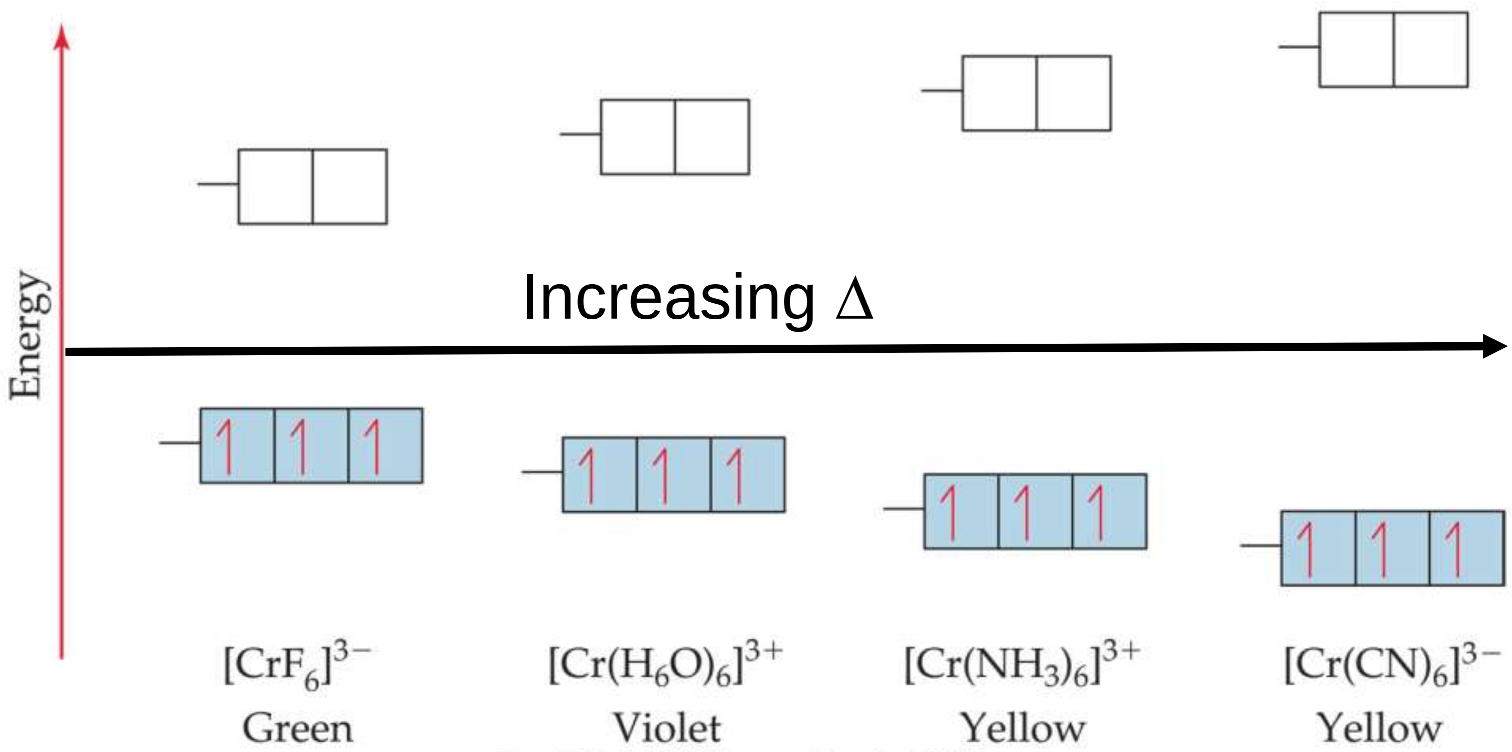
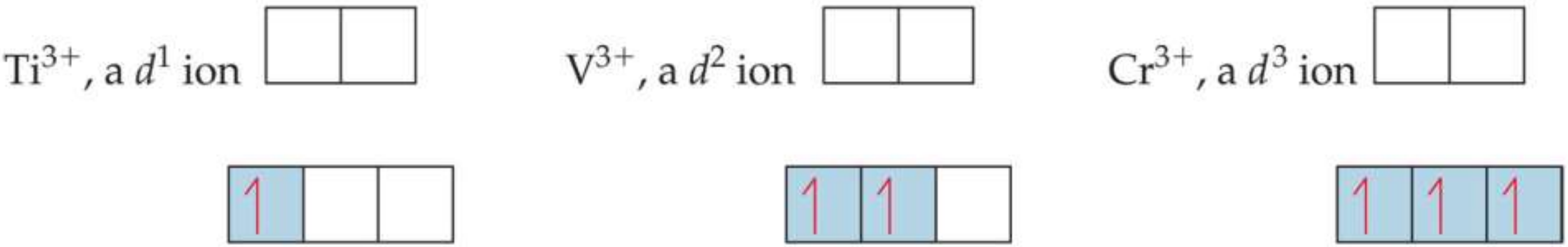
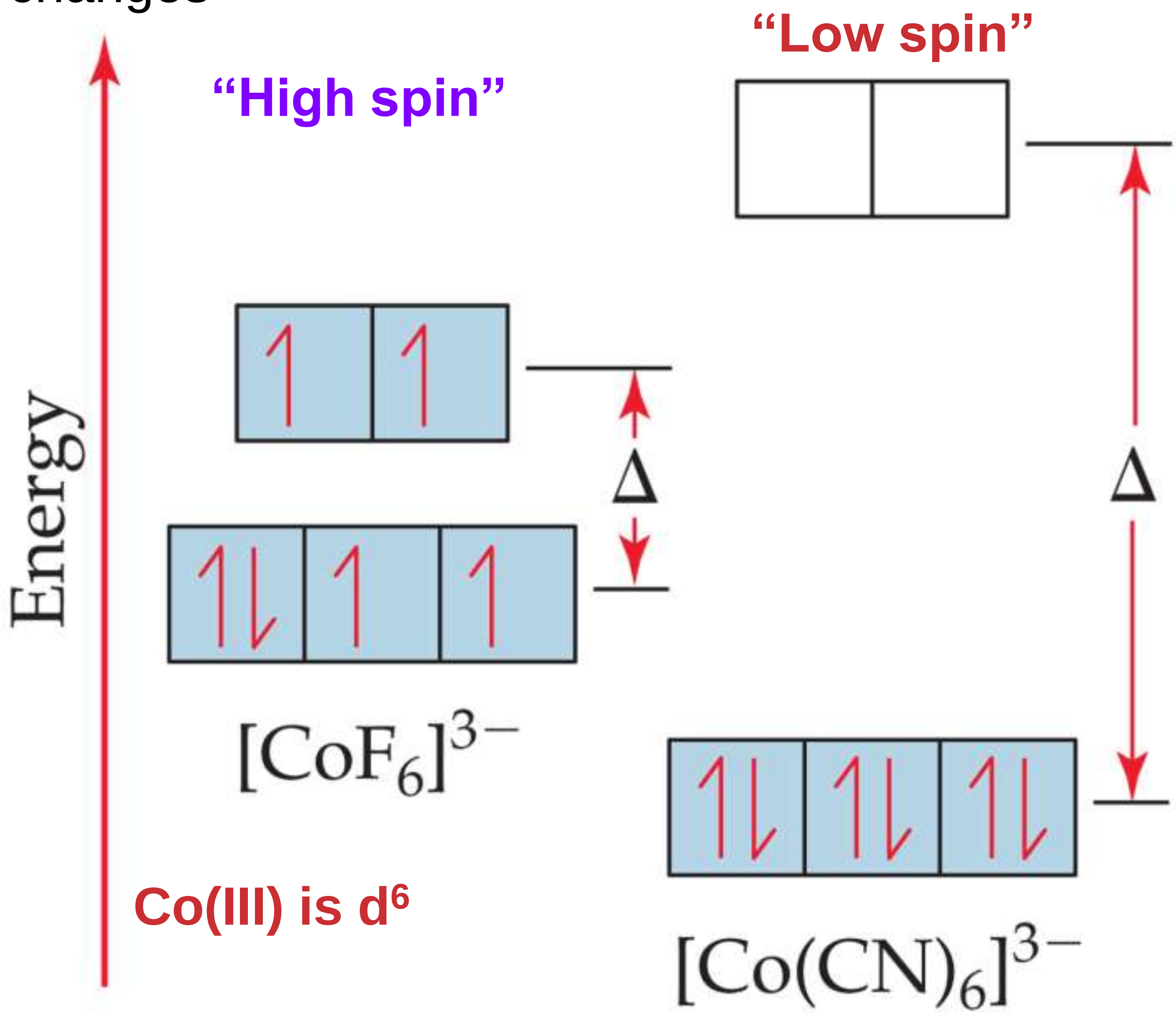
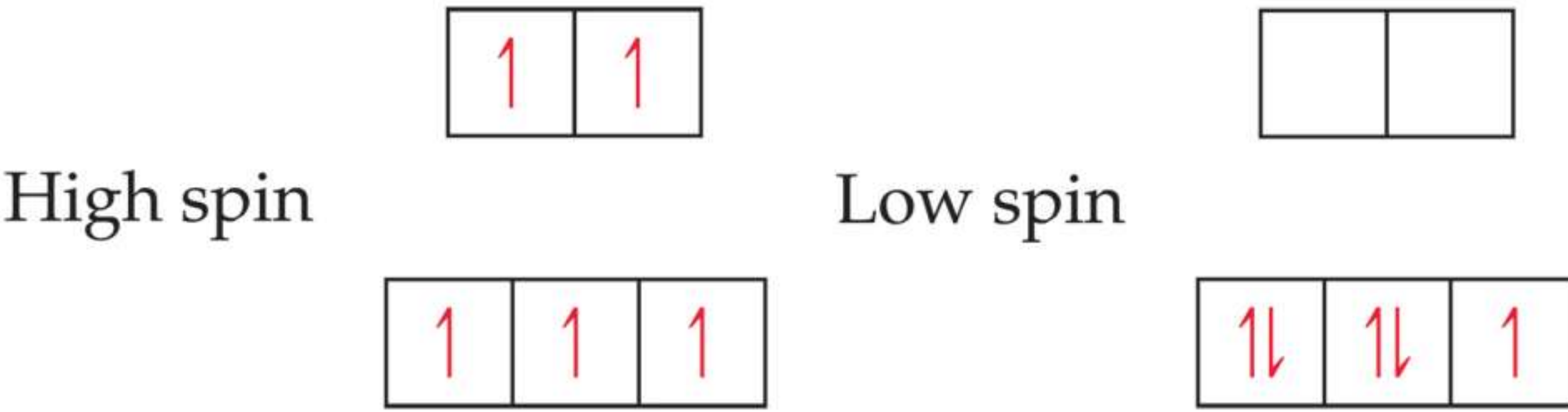


Electron configurations of some octahedral complexes



As Energy difference increases, electron configuration changes

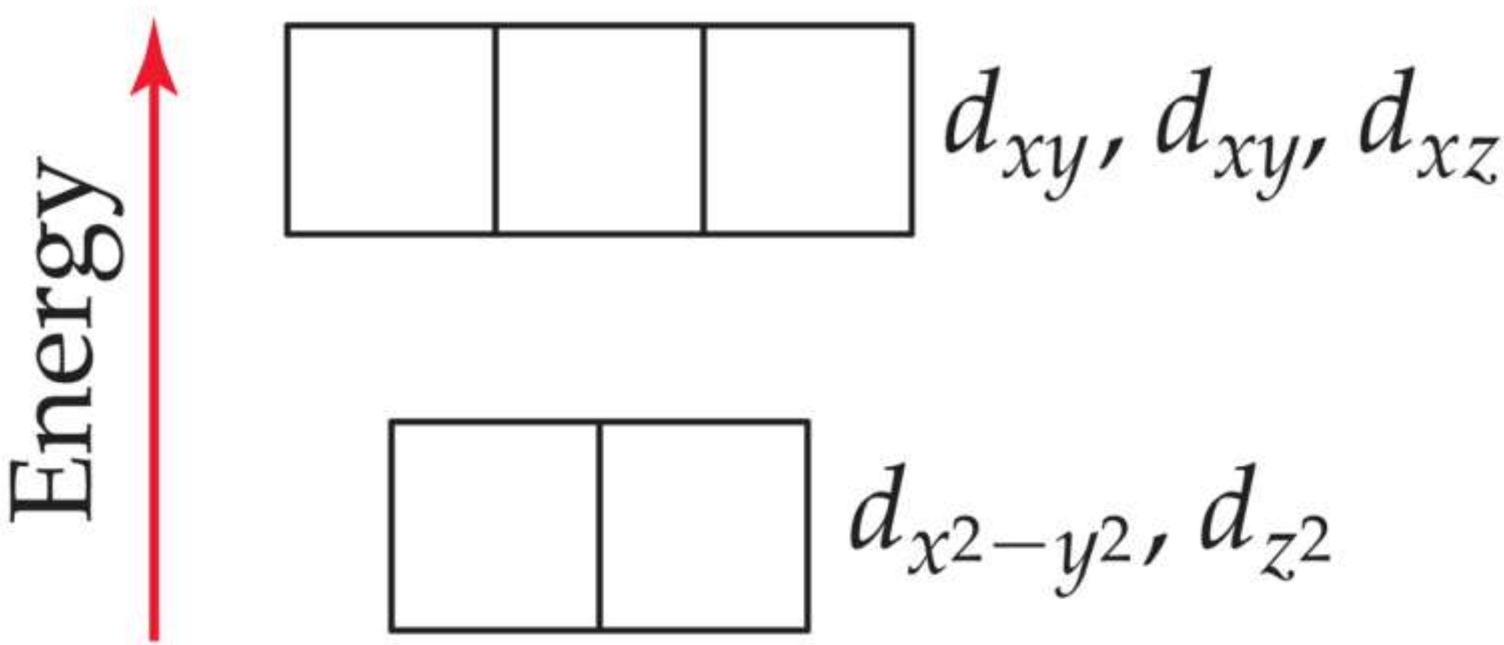



High spin
Low spin

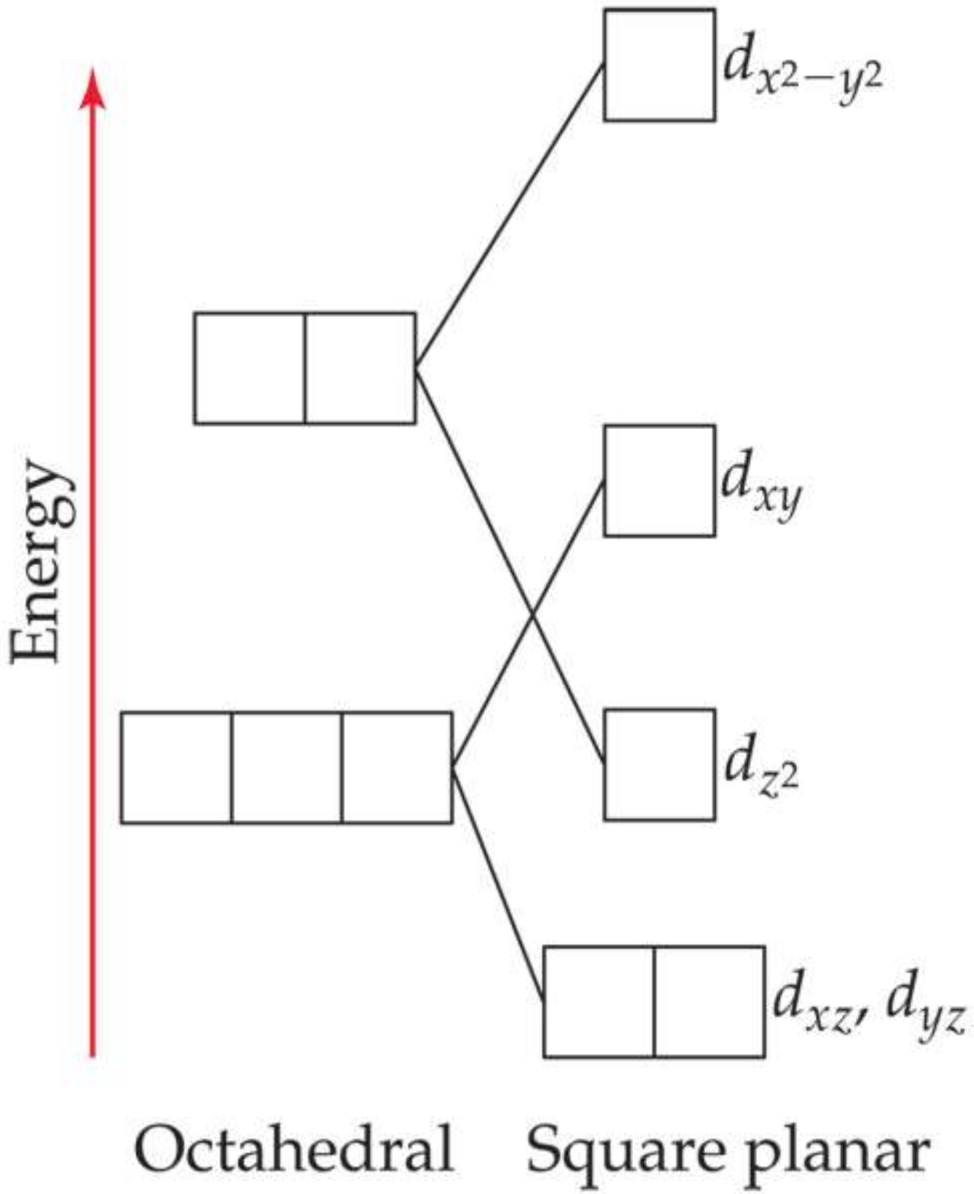
Tetrahedral Complexes

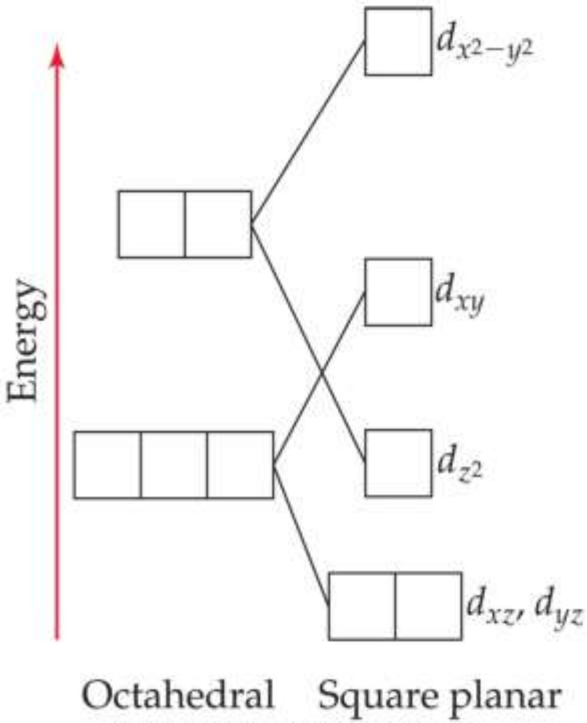
In tetrahedral complexes, orbitals are inverted.
Again because of orientation of orbitals and ligands

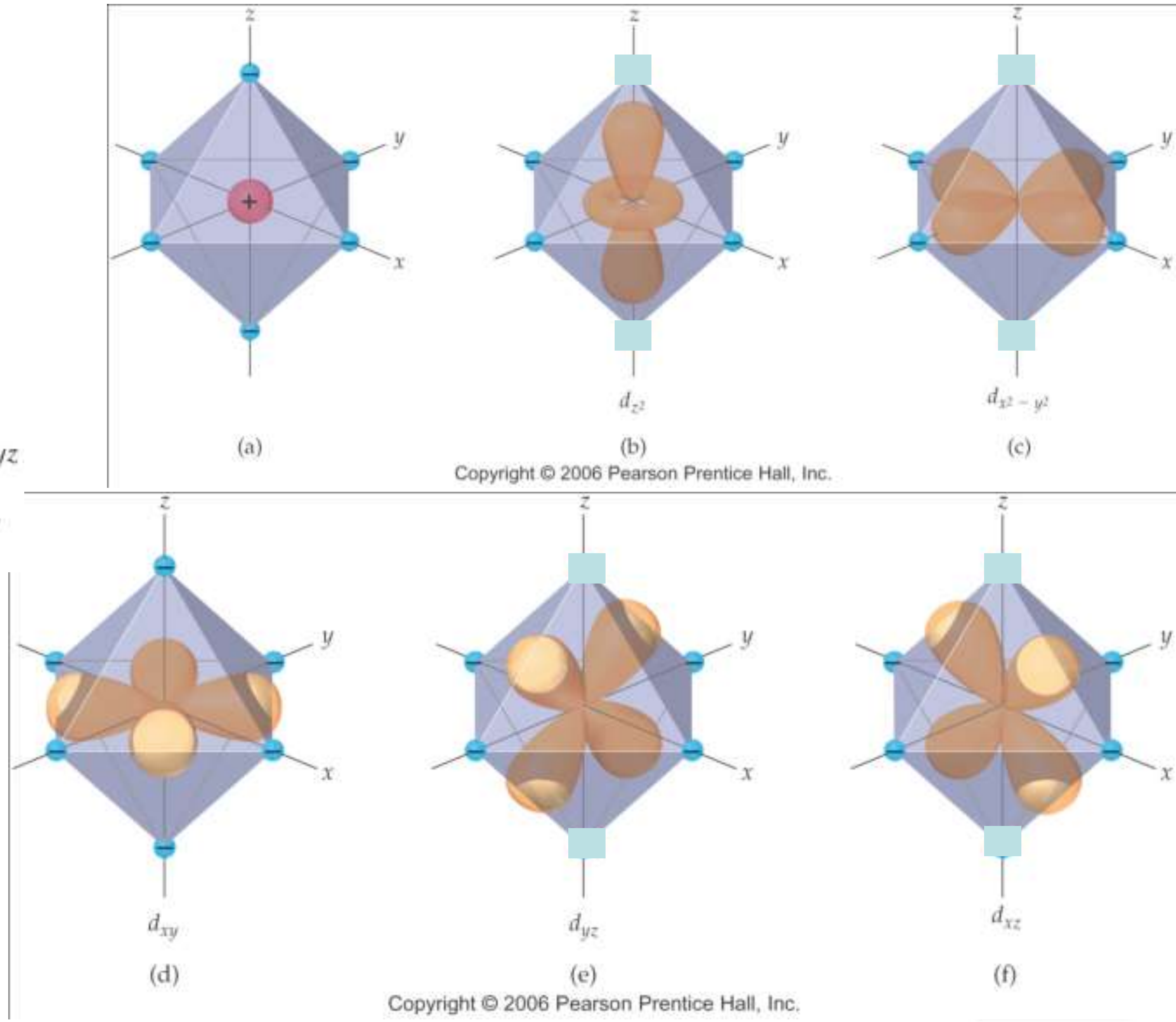
Δ is always small, always low spin (less ligands)

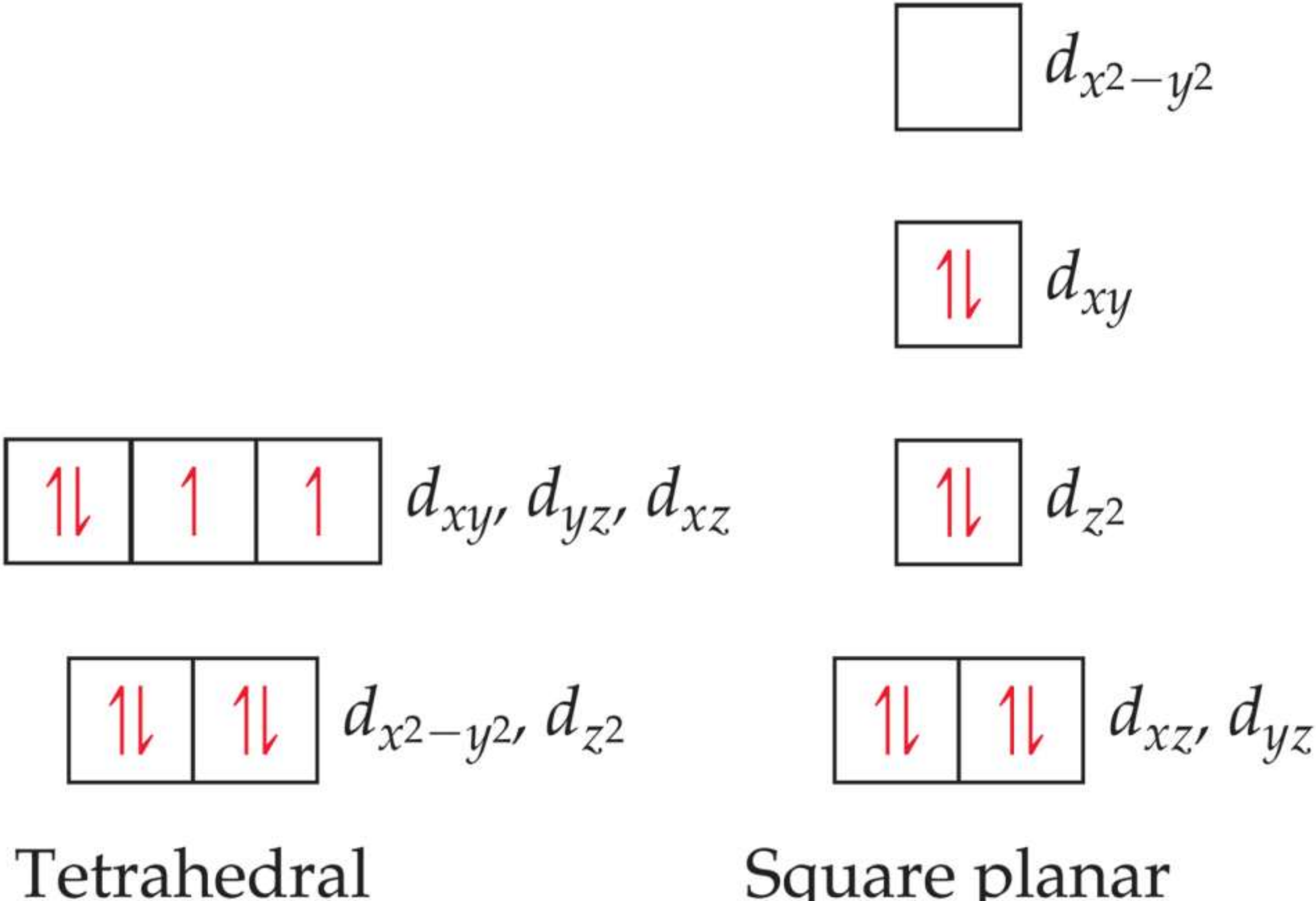


Square planar complexes are different still




Energy
$d_{x^2-y^2}$
d_{xy}
d_{z^2}
d_{xz}, d_{yz}
Octahedral
Square planar

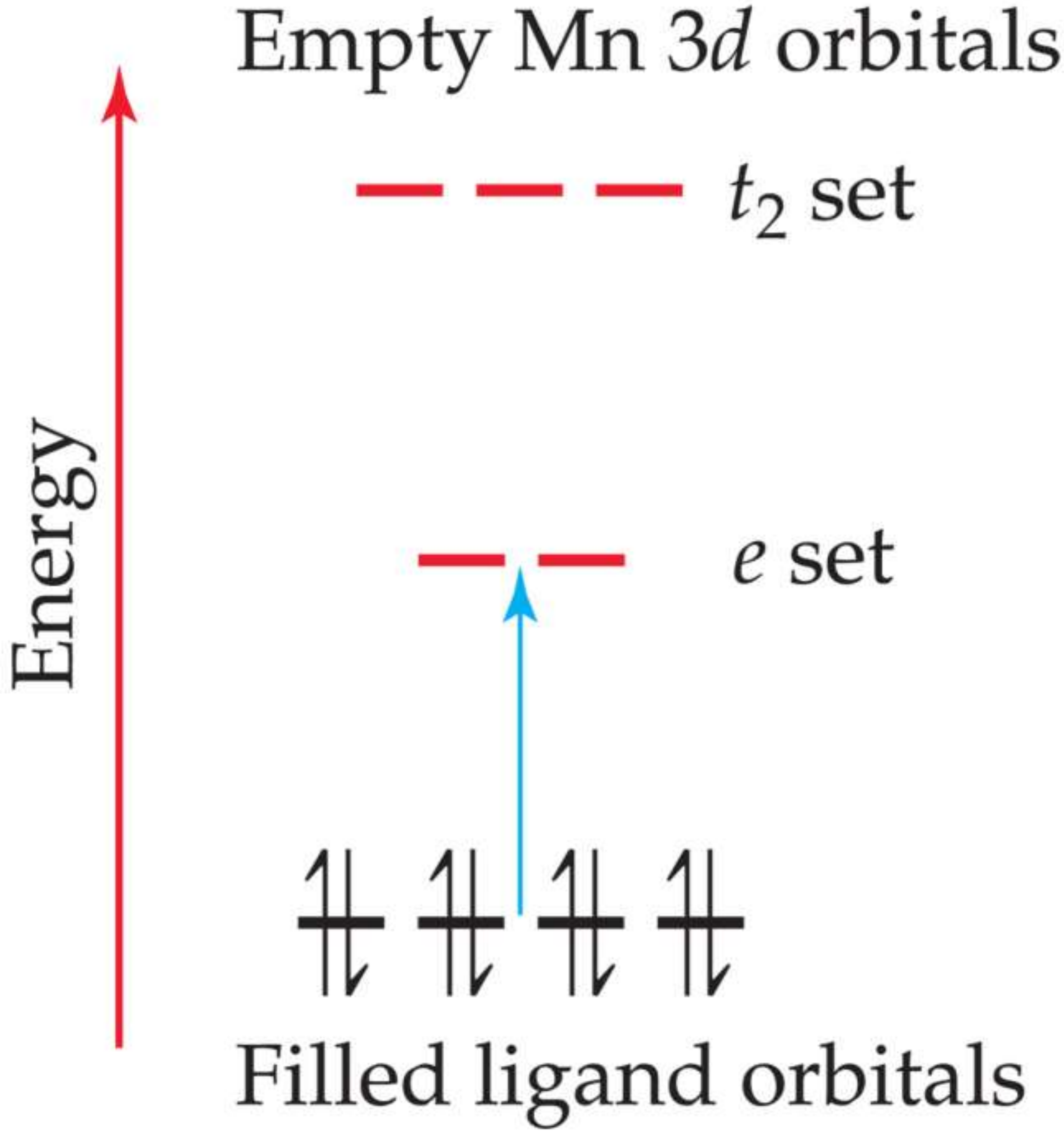

z
y
x
d_{z^2}
$d_{x^2-y^2}$
(a)
(b)
(c)
d_{xy}
d_{yz}
d_{xz}
(d)
(e)
(f)


$d_{x^2-y^2}$
d_{xy}
d_{xy}, d_{yz}, d_{xz}
d_{z^2}
$d_{x^2-y^2}, d_{z^2}$
d_{xz}, d_{yz}
Tetrahedral
Square planar

Intense color can come from “charge transfer”
Ligand electrons jump to metal orbitals

$KMnO_4$ $KCrO_4$ $KClO_4$

No d orbitals in
Cl, orbitals higher
In energy

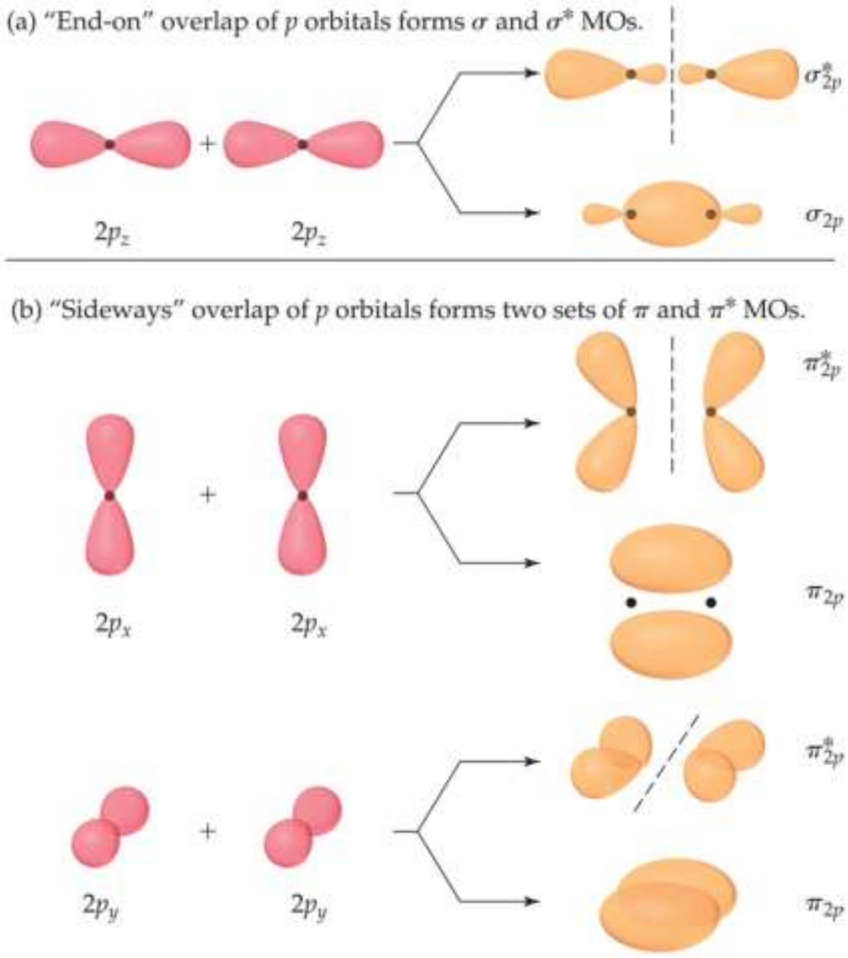

Empty Mn 3d orbitals
t_2 set
e set
Energy
Filled ligand orbitals

Exam 4, MO theory and coordination compounds
Chapter 9, end and Chapter 24.

MO theory: Rules:

- 1. The number of MO's equals the # of Atomic orbitals
- 2. The overlap of two atomic orbitals gives two molecular orbitals, 1 bonding, one antibonding
- 3. Atomic orbitals combine with other atomic orbitals of *similar energy.*
- 4. Degree of overlap matters. More overlap means bonding orbital goes *lower* in E, antibonding orbital goes *higher* in E.
- 5. Each MO gets two electrons
- 6. Orbitals of the *same energy* get filled 1 electron at a time until they are filled.

Difference between pi and sigma orbitals

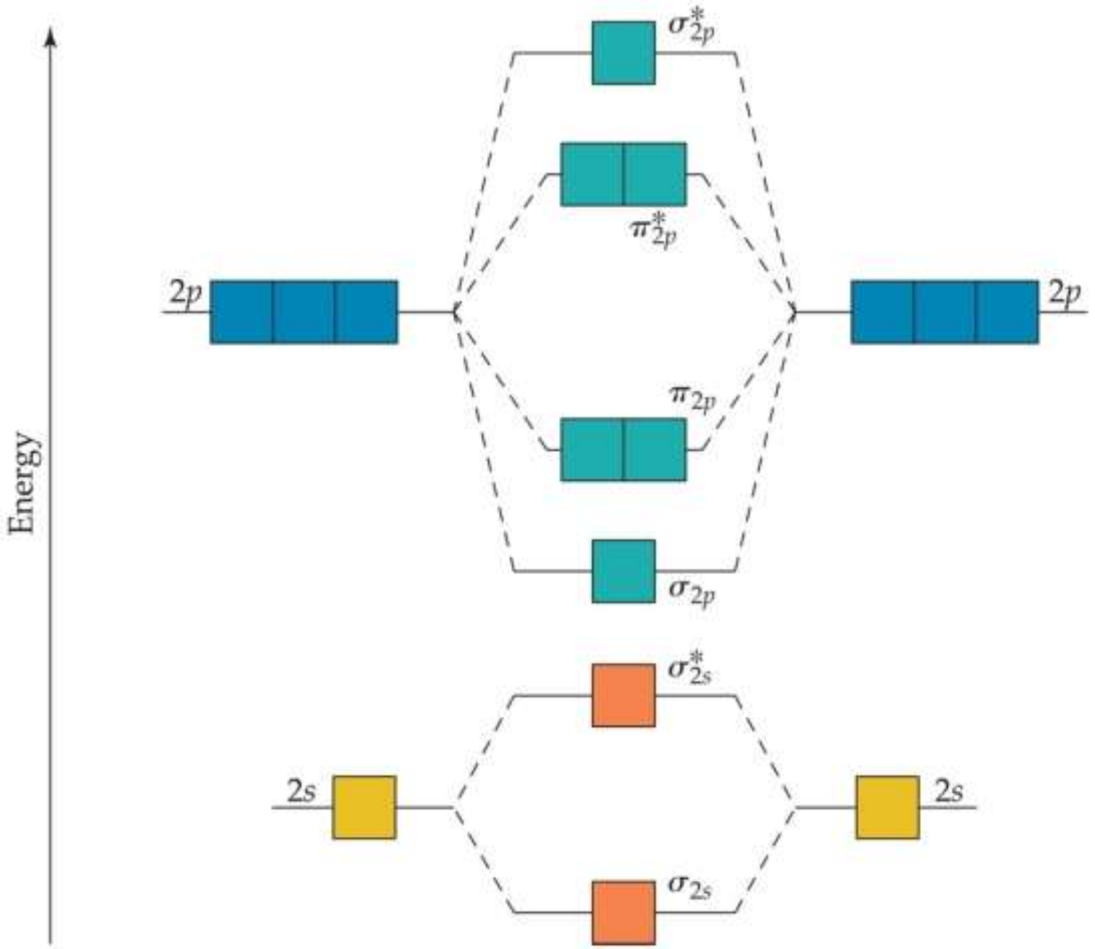


End on

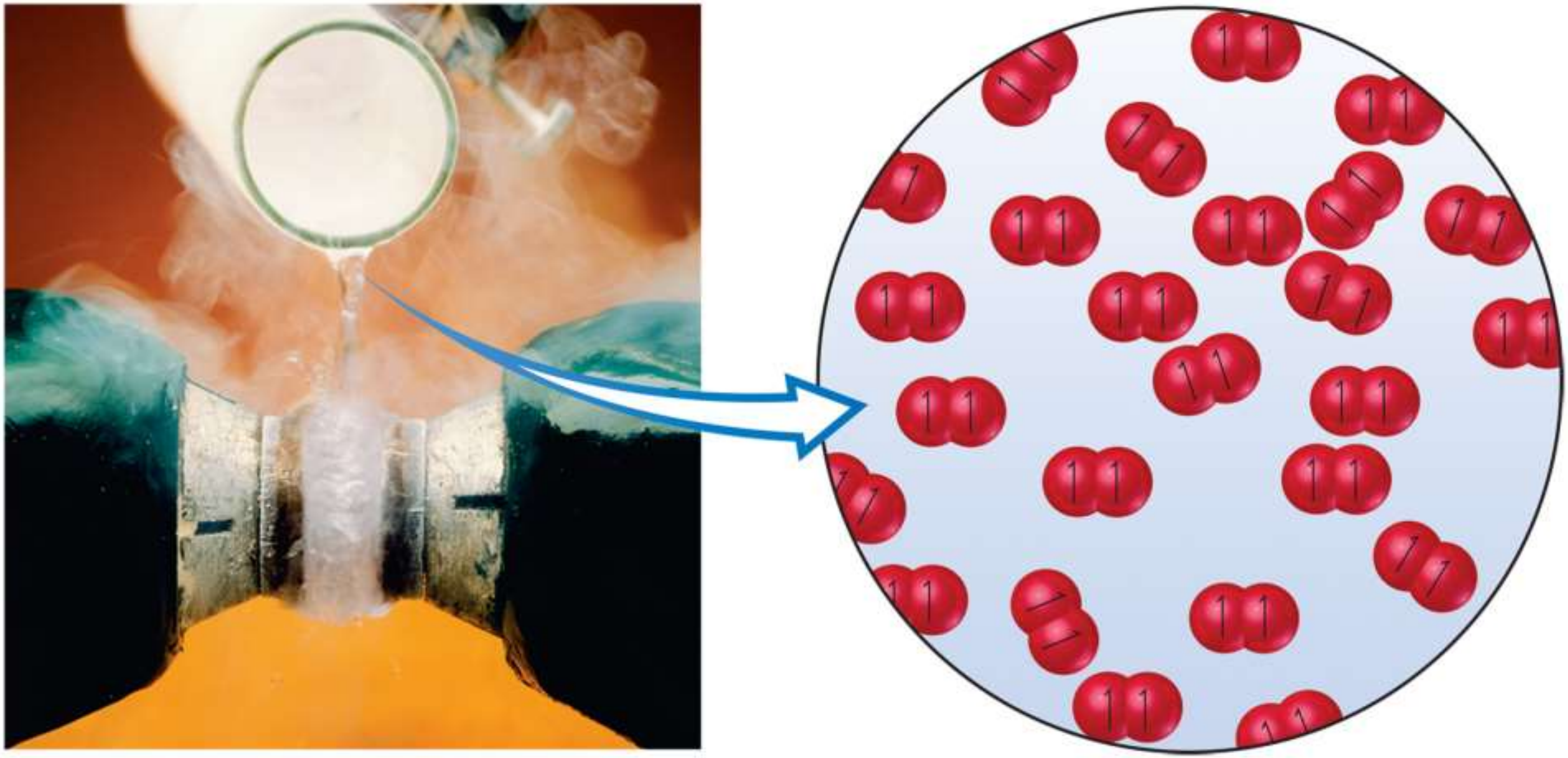
Side to side.

Chemistry of Coordination Compounds

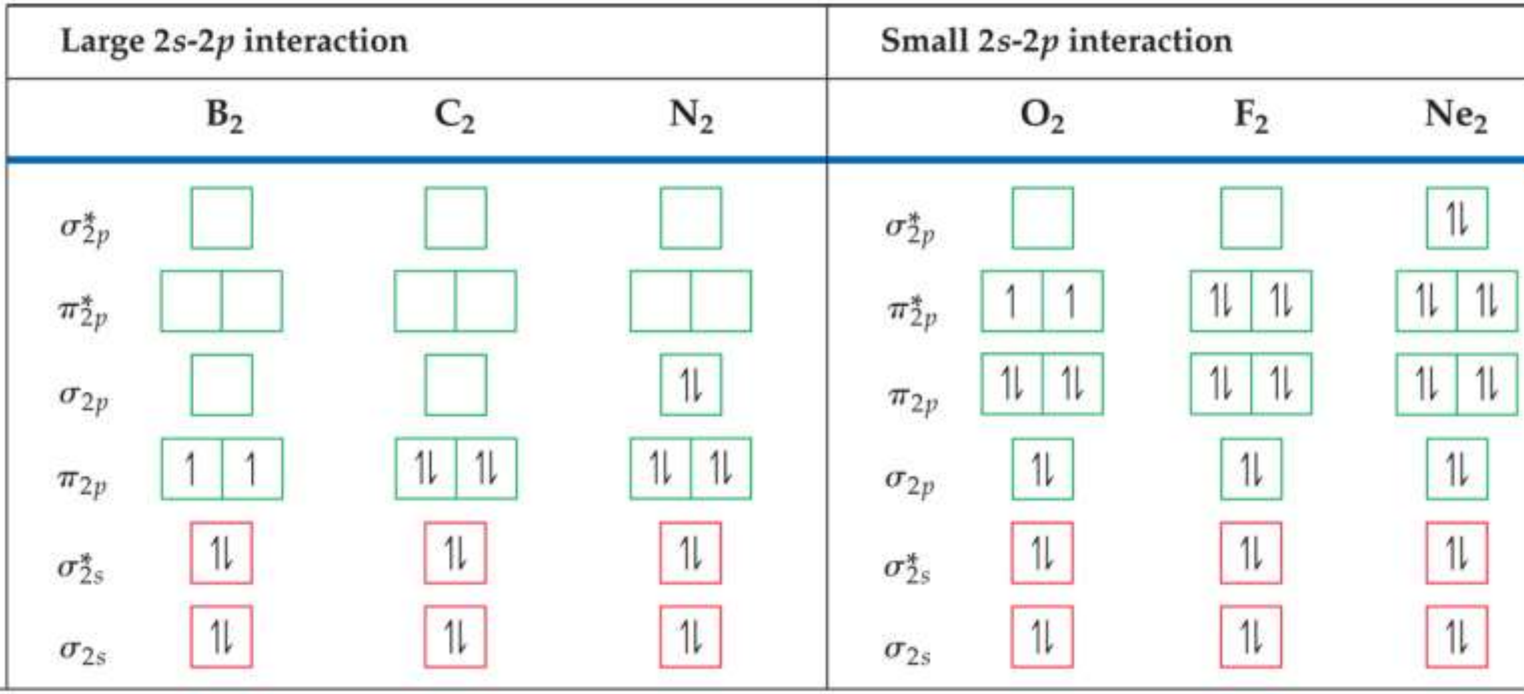
A typical MO diagram, like the one below. For 2p and 2s atomic orbital mixing.



Oxygen O_2 is Paramagnetic, why?



Show me why.



	B_2	C_2	N_2	O_2	F_2	Ne_2
Bond order	1	2	3	2	1	0
Bond enthalpy (kJ/mol)	290	620	941	495	155	—
Bond length (Å)	1.59	1.31	1.10	1.21	1.43	—
Magnetic behavior	Paramagnetic	Diamagnetic	Diamagnetic	Paramagnetic	Diamagnetic	—

Exam 4 Chapter 24.

Concentrate on the homeworks and the quiz!

Terms:

1. Coordination sphere
2. Ligand
3. Coordination compound
4. Metal complex
5. Complex ion
6. Coordination
7. Coordination number

Same ligands different properties?

Figuring oxidation number on metal

Polydentate ligands (what are they)?

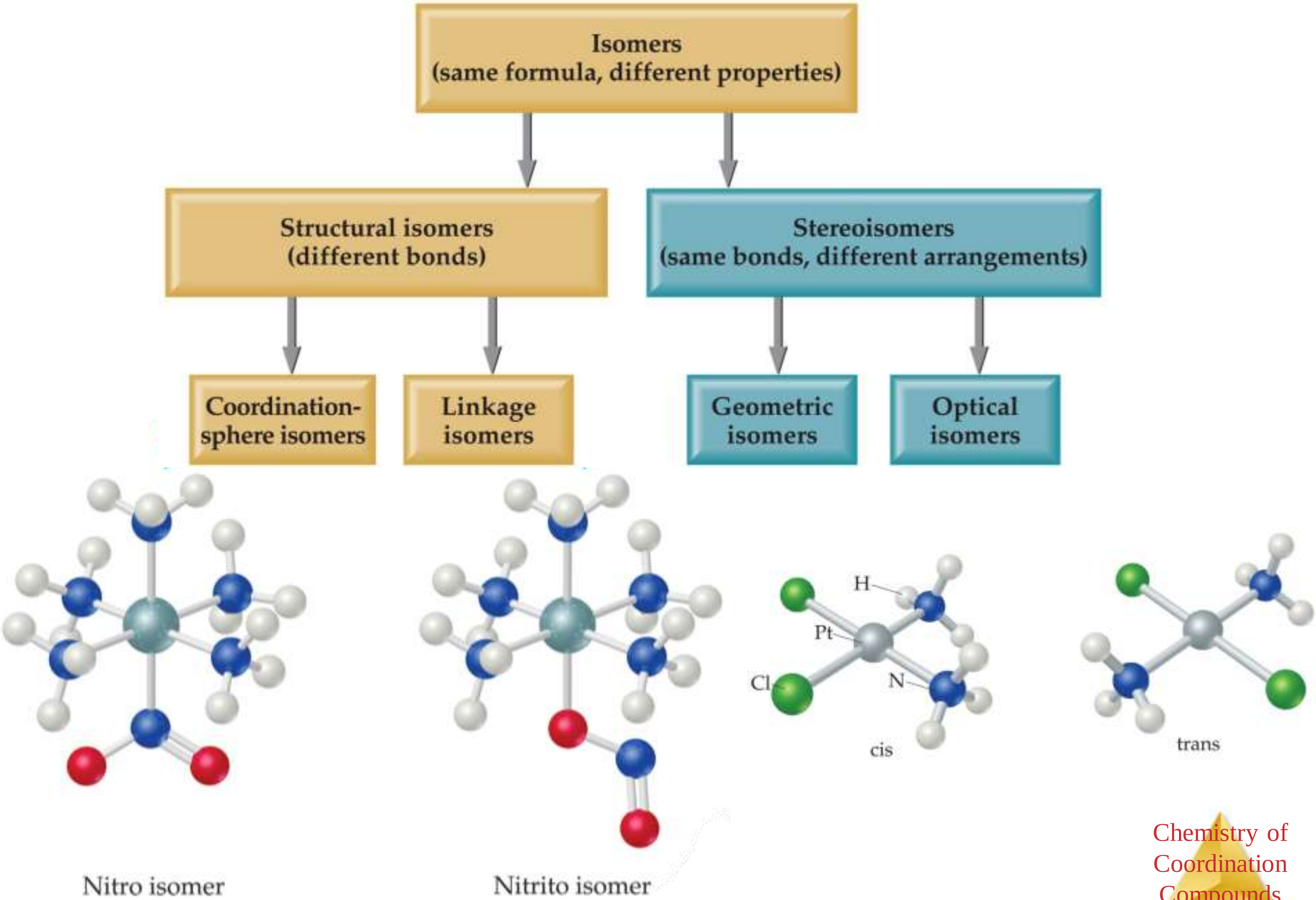
Isomers.

structural isomers (formula same, bonds differ)

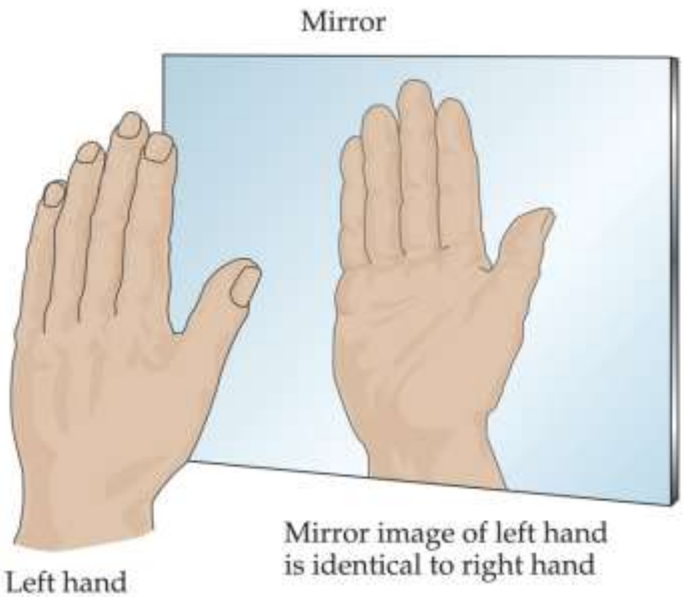
geometric isomers (formula AND bonds same, structure differs)

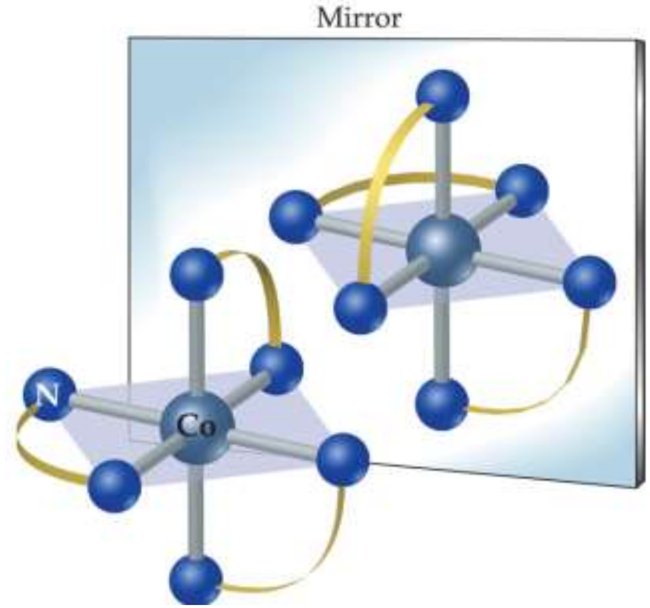
Stereoisomers:

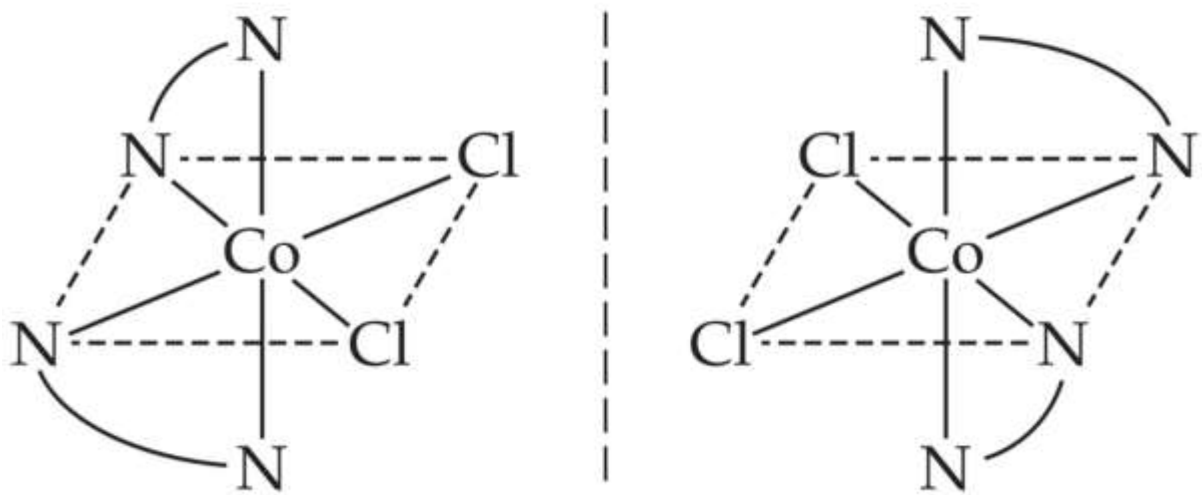
Chirality, handedness,


Isomers
(same formula, different properties)
Structural isomers
(different bonds)
Stereoisomers
(same bonds, different arrangements)
Coordination-sphere isomers
Linkage isomers
Geometric isomers
Optical isomers
H
Pt
Cl
N
cis
trans
Nitro isomer
Nitrito isomer

Stereoisomers







Explaining the properties of metal complexes

Magnetism and color

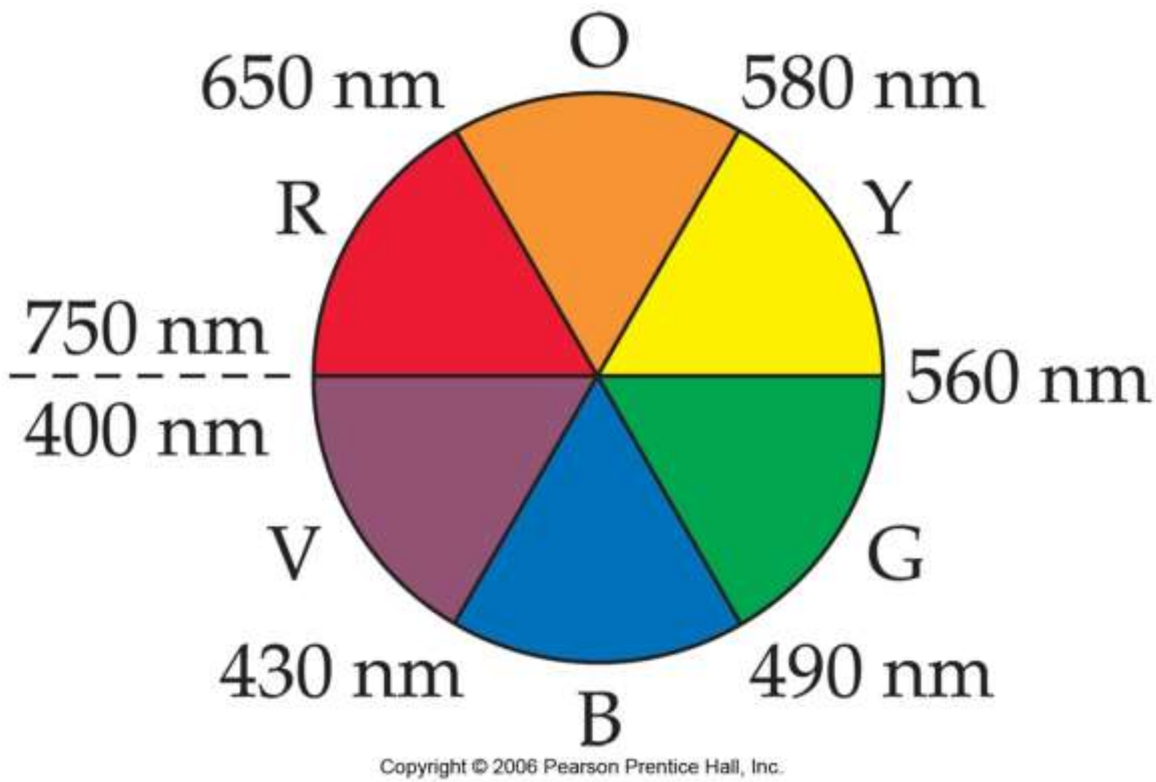
How does seeing color work?

Absorb **Orange**

See **Blue**

Absorb **Red**

See **Green**

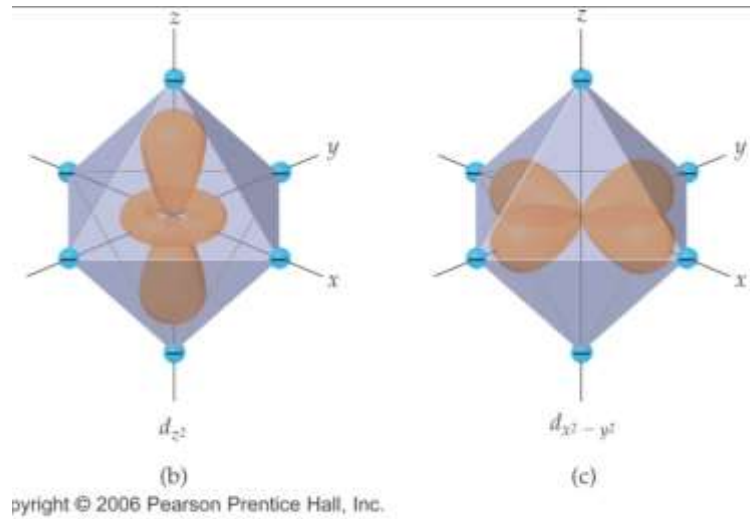


Different ligands on same metal give different colors

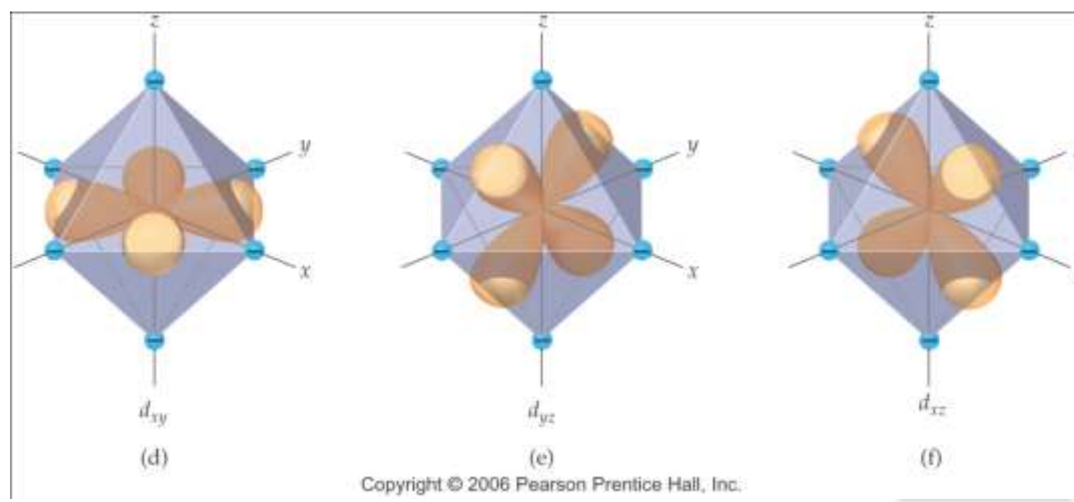
Addition of NH_3 ligand to $Cu(H_2O)_4$ changes its color

Splitting of d orbitals in an oxtahedral ligand field

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



d_{xy} d_{yz} d_{xz}



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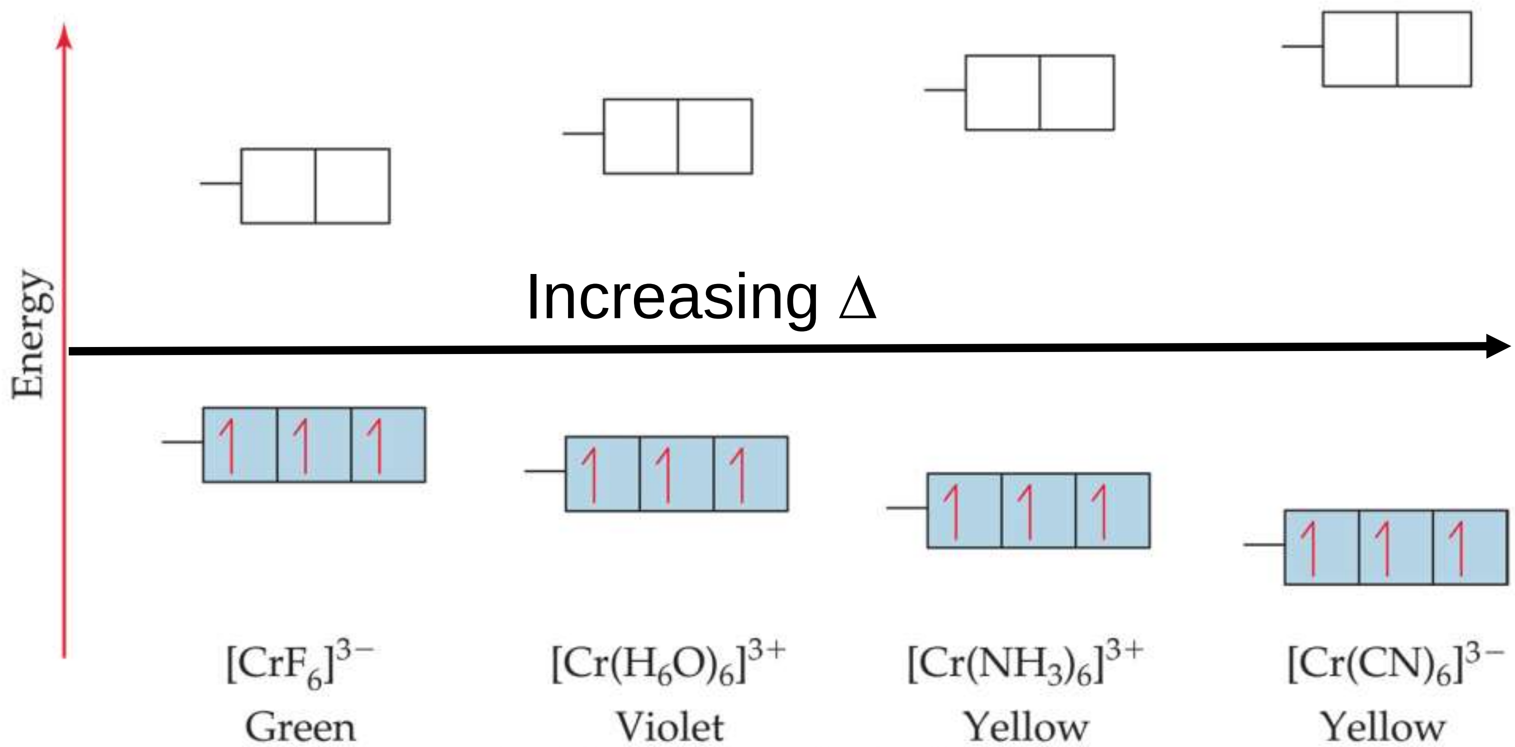
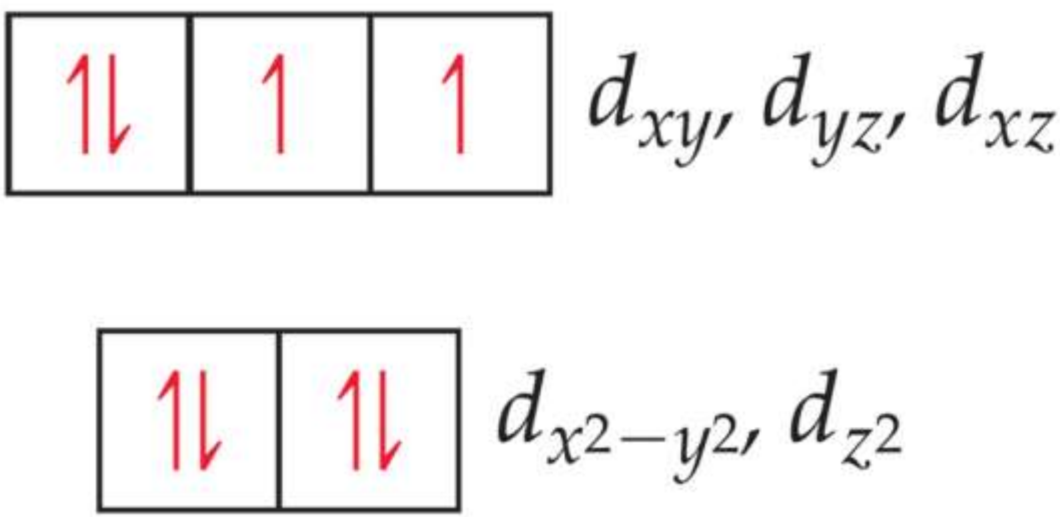
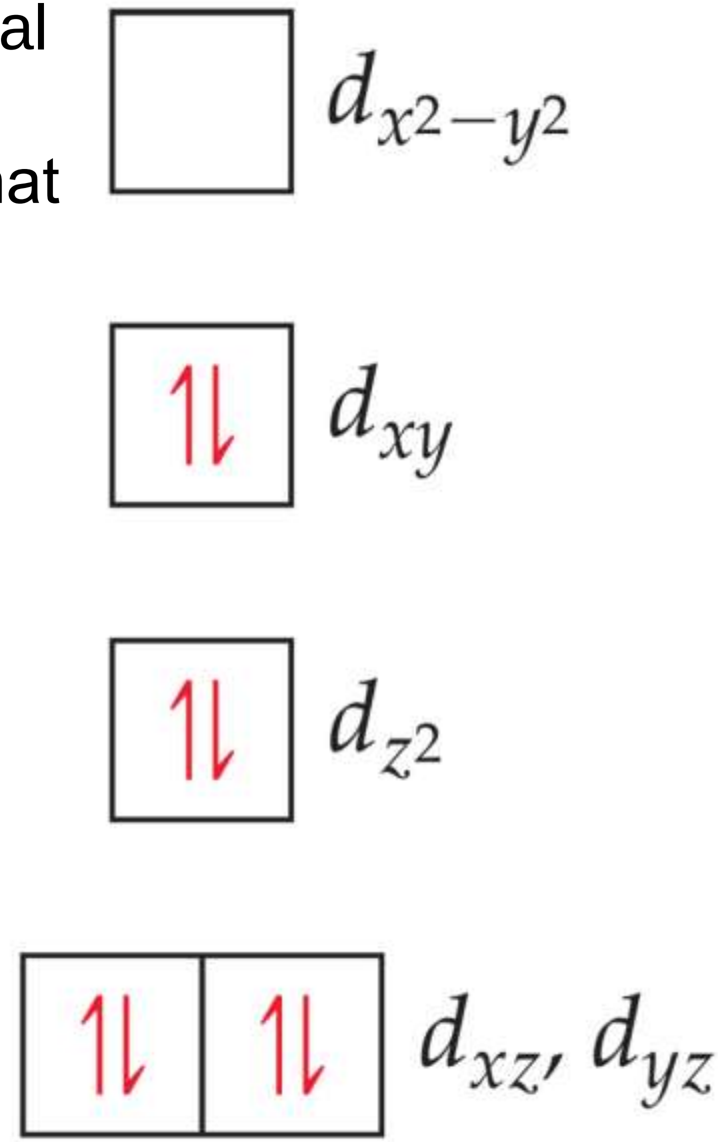


Know low spin versus high spin

There is also splitting from tetrahedral And square planar. Know they are different, don't remember exactly what they are like.



Tetrahedral



Square planar