

Chemistry 5, Part III: Coordination chemistry

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Prerequisites:

Molecular inorganic chemistry notions:

VSEPR, acid-base and redox reactions, electronic configuration, periodic table of the elements, atomic orbitals, covalent bond (Lewis model), ionic bond
basic visible, NMR and IR spectroscopies

Main objectives:

- 1) Determine the geometry of a coordination complex, know how to represent them and establish their reactivity .
- 2) Write down the reaction mechanisms of organometallic chemistry, observing the writing conventions.
- 3) Predict and explain the optical and magnetic properties of a complex using crystal field or ligand field theory.

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Menu:

- Complexes of d-block metals
- Recognise the coordination site(s) of a ligand from a Lewis structure
- Establish the interaction diagram between a d-block orbital and a σ -donor ligand orbital.
- Electron counting
- Recognise a π -donor or π -acceptor ligand from a Lewis structure or its frontier orbitals.
- optical and magnetic properties of a complex.
- Catalytic activity of complexes; catalytic cycles:
 - Recognise the nature of a step in a catalytic cycle,
 - Identify the orbital interactions between a metal and an alkene, dihydrogen and carbon monoxide.

Coordination complexes

Chemical formula :

ML_p with M **metal** (oxidation number = 0) or **metal ion** at the center of the structure
= Lewis Acid

L **ligand**, = molecule with a lone pair of electrons ('doublet non liant'), or a double bond (ex: C=C) or H_2
= Lewis base

Lewis Base:

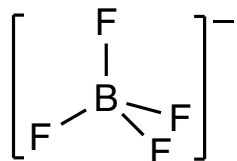
A substance that can **supply** a pair of electrons to create a covalent bond, electron donor

Lewis Acid:

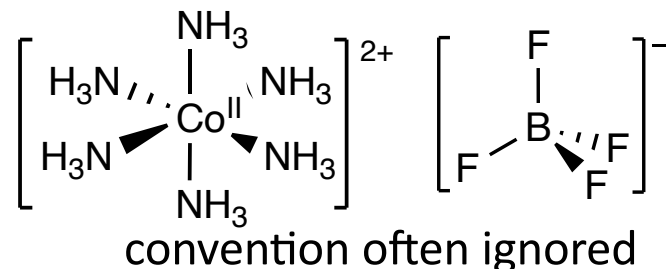
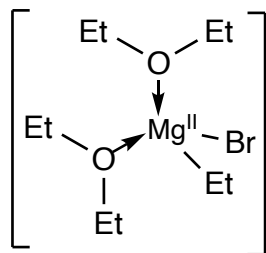
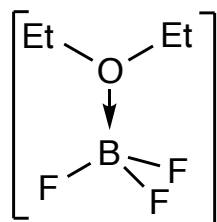
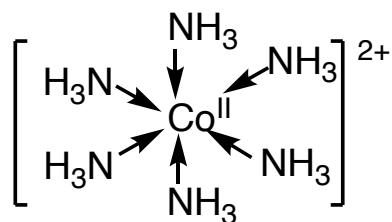
A substance that can **receive** a pair of electrons from a base ('possède une lacune électronique')
Electron acceptor

In a complex: Housecroft p237

- A **line** denotes the interaction between an **anionic** ligand and the acceptor



- An **arrow** shows the donation of an electron pair from a **neutral** ligand to an acceptor



Nomenclature of coordination complexes

Major rules: Missler Ed 1 p340

1. The cation comes first, then the anion (the same for simple salts).
It is the **reverse in French!**
2. The complex (coordination sphere) is enclosed in square brackets, the counter ions placed after.
the ligands are named before the metal; in the formula the metal is written first.

Ex: diamminesilver(I)chloride $[\text{Ag}^{\text{I}}(\text{NH}_3)_2]\text{Cl}$ sodium chloride : NaCl
Chlorure de diammineargent(I) chlorure de sodium

3. The oxidation number is put in parentheses as a Roman numeral after the metal name complex. It can be written as superscript at the left of the symbol of the metal in the formula.

4. If the complex is negative, add the suffix -ate.
If no specified counter-ion, begin by ion.

Ex: hexachloroplatinate(IV) $[\text{PtCl}_6]^{2-}$ ion hexachloroplatinate(IV)

Nomenclature of coordination complexes

Major rules: Missler Ed 1 p340

- Ligands are named in alphabetical order (regardless of their charge). The name of the ligand is considered, not the prefix.
- Anionic ligands are given an $-o$ suffix.
Neutral ligands retain their names, coordinated water is called *aqua*.
ammine (with 2 m) is used to distinguish NH_3 from alkyl amines.
In the formula, begin by anionic ligand and the coordinated atom.
- The number of ligands of one kind is given by simple prefixes di-, tri-, tetra-.... If the ligand name includes these prefixes or is complicated, prefixes bis, tris, tetrakis... are used.
Ex: **aquachlorobis**(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) $[\text{CoCl}(\text{en})_2(\text{OH}_2)]^{2+}$
ion aquachlorobis(éthylènediamine)cobalt(III)
- Add prefixes *cis-* or *trans-*; *mer-* or *fac-* to distinguish geometrical isomers; $\Delta-$ or $\Lambda-$ for optical stereoisomers.
- Use the prefix $\mu-$ for bridging ligands.

Stability constants of coordination complexes

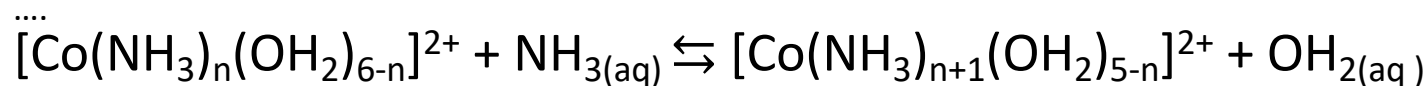
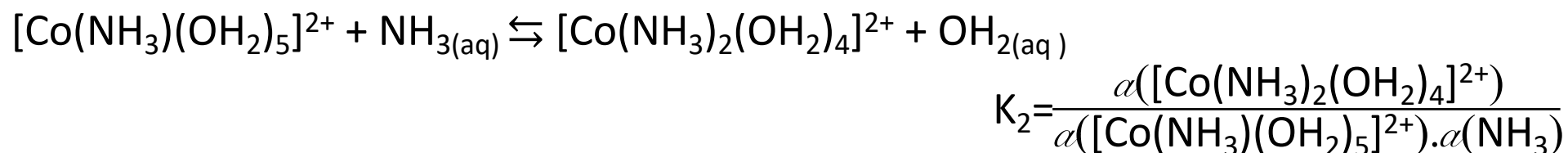
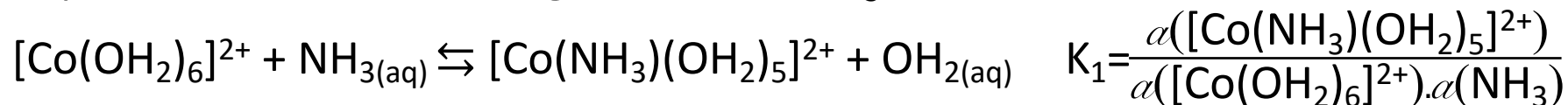
Stepwise stability constants: K_n Housecroft p239

(‘constantes partielles de formation’)

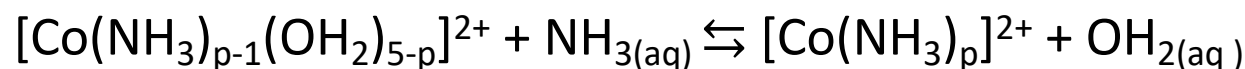
In aqueous solution, metal ions are hydrated:



In presence of a (neutral) ligand (for ex. NH_3):



$$K_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha([\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_{n+1}(\text{OH}_2)_{5-n}]^{2+})}{\alpha([\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_n(\text{OH}_2)_{6-n}]^{2+}) \cdot \alpha(\text{NH}_3)}$$

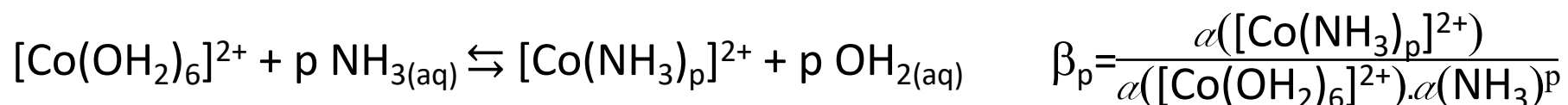


$$K_p = \frac{\alpha([\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_p]^{2+})}{\alpha([\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_{p-1}(\text{OH}_2)_{5-p}]^{2+}) \cdot \alpha(\text{NH}_3)}$$

Stability constants of coordination complex, denticity

Overall stability constants: β_p Housecroft p241

(‘constante globale de formation’)



$$\beta_p = \prod_{n=1}^p K_n$$

Denticity: Housecroft p242 (or 183) (‘denticité’)

Number of donor atoms through which a ligand coordinates to a metal ion

| | Name of ligand | Abbreviation (if any) | Denticity | Structure with donor atoms marked in red |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| Monodentate ligands (‘monodente’) | Water | | Monodentate | |
| | Ammonia | | Monodentate | |
| | Tetrahydrofuran | THF | Monodentate | |
| | Pyridine | py | Monodentate | |

Denticity, examples of ligands

Denticity: Housecroft p242 (or 183) ('denticité')

Monodentate ligands

| Name of ligand | Abbreviation (if any) | Denticity | Structure with donor atoms marked in red |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| Dimethylsulfoxide | DMSO | Monodentate | |

Bidentate ligands ('bidente')

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| 1,2-Ethanediamine [‡] | ethylenediamine | en | Didentate | |
| Acetylacetonate ion | [acac] ⁻ | | Didentate | |
| 2,2'-Bipyridine | | bpy or bipy | Didentate | |
| 1,10-Phenanthroline | | phen | Didentate | |

tridentate ligands ('tridente')

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|--|
| 1,4,7-Triazaheptane [‡] | diethylenetriamine | dien | Tridentate | |
| 1,4,7,10-Tetraazadecane [‡] | triethylenetetramine | trien | Tetradentate | |

hexadentate ('hexadente')

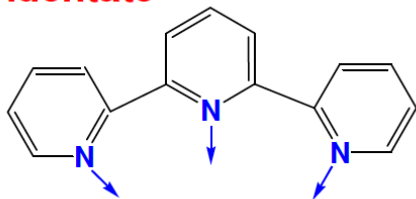
| | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--|-------------|--|
| <i>N,N,N',N'</i> -Ethylenediaminetetraacetate ion [*] | [EDTA] ⁴⁻ | | Hexadentate | |
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Denticity, examples of ligands

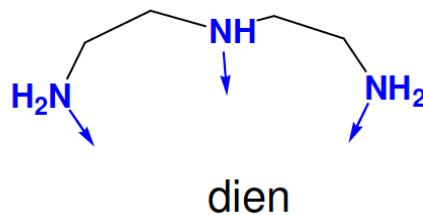
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tridentate
ligands

Tridentate

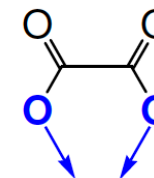


2,2',6',2''- Terpyridine (terpy)



dien

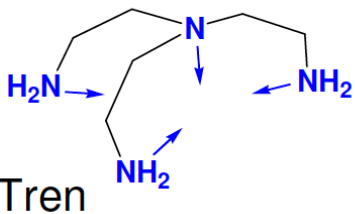
bidentate
ligand



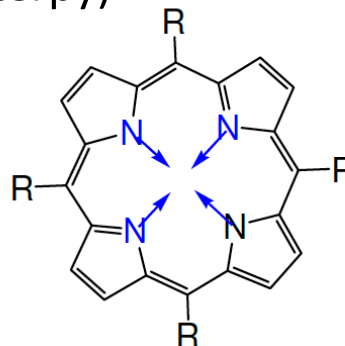
Oxalato (ox)

tetradentate
ligands

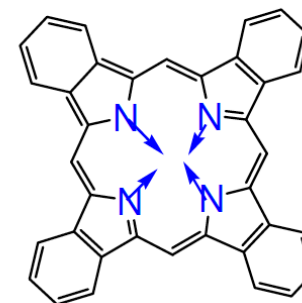
Tétradentate



Tris(2-aminoethyl)amine (tren)



Porphyrin

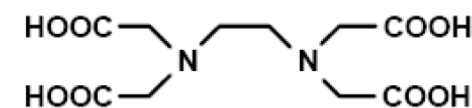
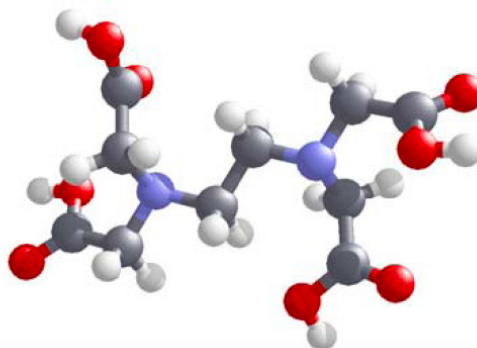


Phthalocyanin

hexadentate
ligands

Hexadentate

EDTA

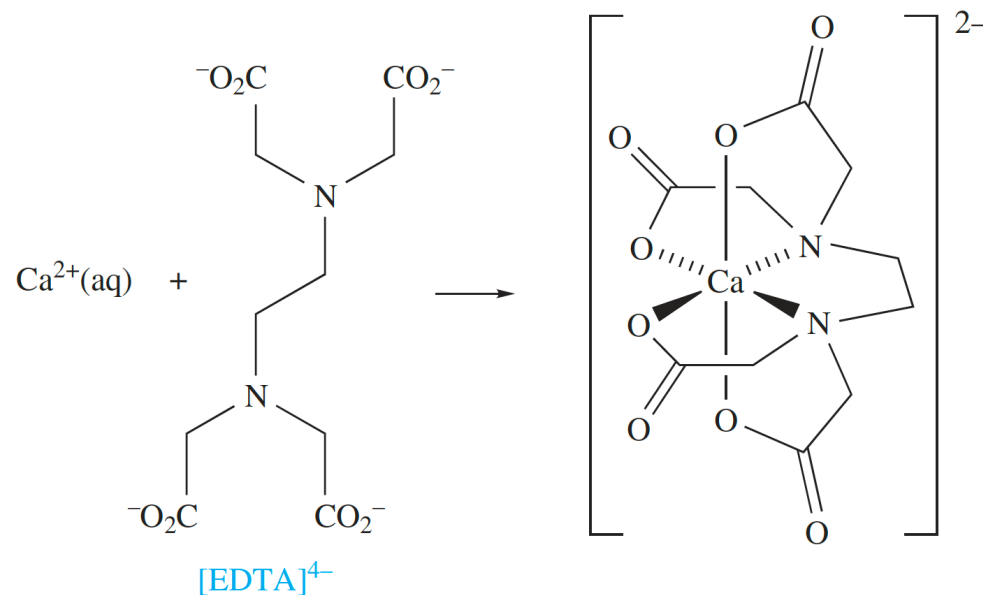


Chelate effect

Coordination of a polydentate ligand to an ion leads to the formation of a **chelate ring**. Housecroft p242 (or 183)

5 such rings can be seen in $[\text{Ca}(\text{EDTA})]^{2-}$

Chelate is derived from the Greek for a crab's claw ('pince').

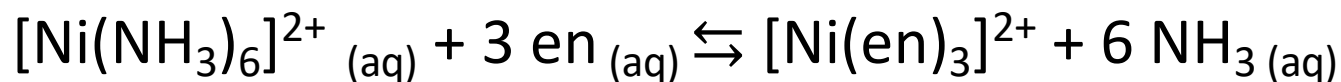


Chelate effect: Housecroft p241

('effet chélate')

For a given metal ion:

Polydentate ligands form more stable complexes than monodentate ones



$$\Delta_r G^\circ = \Delta_r H^\circ - T \Delta_r S^\circ$$

$$\log K = 9.27$$

$$\Delta_r G^\circ = -52.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

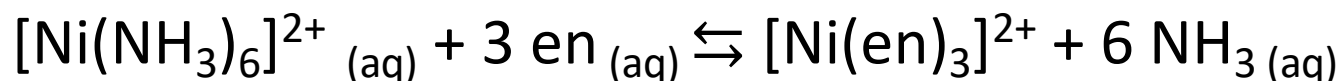
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$$\Delta_r H^\circ = -16.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_r S^\circ = +161 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \quad T \Delta_r S^\circ = +36.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Thus, both the negative $\Delta_r H^\circ$ and positive $T \Delta_r S^\circ$ terms contribute to the overall <0 value of $\Delta_r G^\circ$.

Enthalpic term:

- electrostatic repulsion \searrow from 2 NH_3 to en;

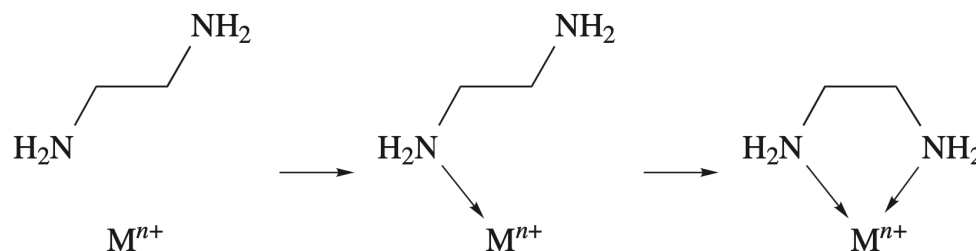
- * desolvation effects : more H bonds formed with NH_3 compared to en;

- * an inductive effect of the alkyl bridges which \nearrow the donor strength of en versus NH_3 .

Entropic term:

- * 4 reactants and 7 products: the number of species in solution \nearrow : $\Delta_r S^\circ > 0$

- * high probability of M^{n+} to attach to the 2nd N because the ligand is already anchored to M^{n+} .

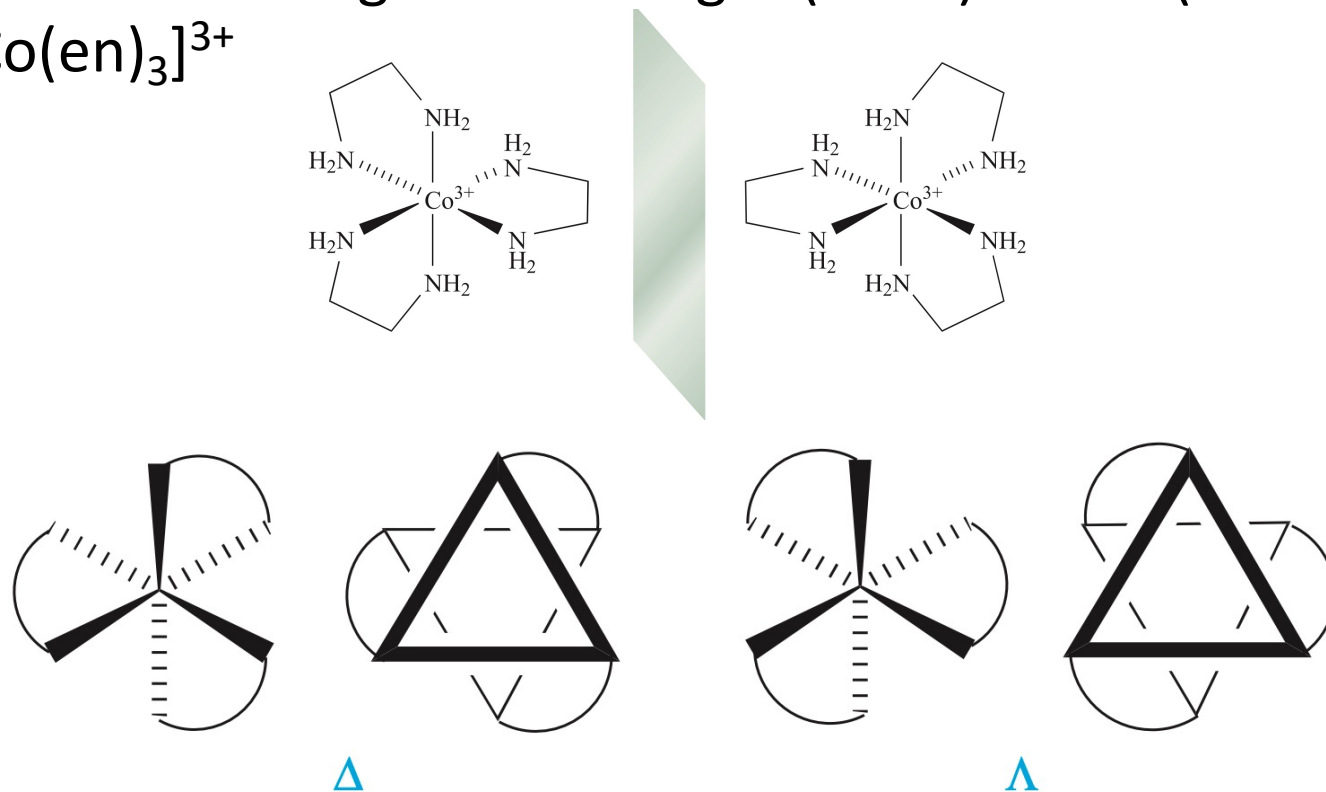


Optical isomers with bidentate ligands

Optical isomers = enantiomers: Housecroft p551-2

Octahedron complexes containing 2 or 3 bidentate ligands exist as enantiomers distinguished using Δ (delta) and Λ (lambda) prefixes.

Ex: $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$



Octahedron viewed down a three-fold axis, and the chelates then define either a right- (Δ) or left-handed helix (Λ).

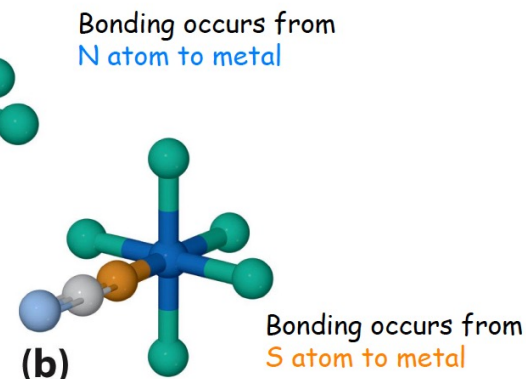
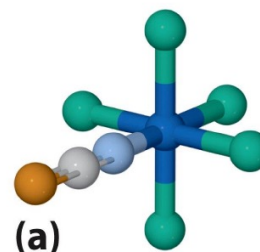
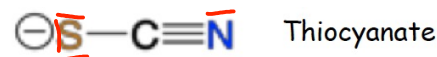
Starting from a donor atom at the front and going to the other at the back on the same ligand, if you turn right, it is Δ , otherwise Λ .

Ambidentate, bridging ligands, hapticity

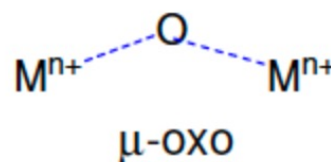
Ambidentate ligands: ('ambidente') Huheey pA73 + V. Bulach

Can bind by one or the other end

- SCN^- : thiocyanate or κS -thiocyanate
- NCS^- : isothiocyanate or κN -thiocyanate
- OCN^- : cyanate or κO -cyanate
- NCO^- : isocyanate or κN -cyanate



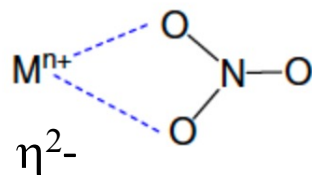
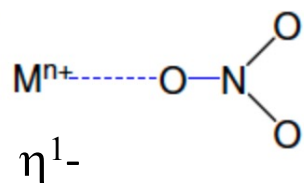
Bridging ligands ('pontant')



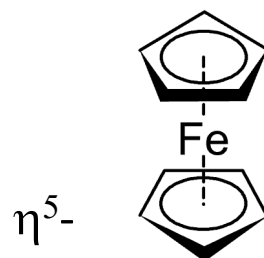
Hapticity: ('hapticité') <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hapticity>

= coordination of a ligand to a metal center *via* an uninterrupted and contiguous series of atoms.

Ex: Nitrate



cyclopentadienyl in ferrocene $[\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-Cp})_2]$



Coordination number and geometry

Coordination number (or ligancy): ('coordinance') of a central metal (ion) is the number of neighbours (atoms, molecules, ions) bound to it. ^{Wikipedia}

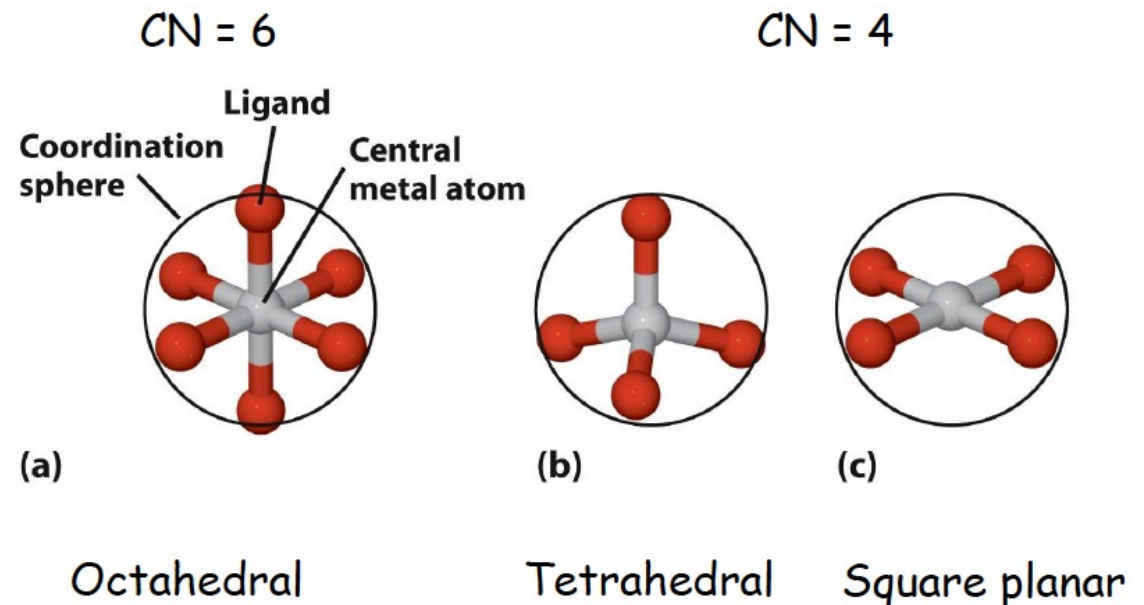
Geometry: depends on the coordination number (CN). Most often, if CN = 6 octahedral geometry

If CN = 4 tetrahedral
or square planar geometry
(especially if d^8 metal ion)

CN Arrangement of donor atoms around metal centre

- 2 Linear
- 3 Trigonal planar
- 4 Tetrahedral; square planar
- 5 Trigonal bipyramidal; square-based pyramidal
- 6 Octahedral
- 7 Pentagonal bipyramidal

- 8 Dodecahedral;
square antiprismatic; hexagonal bipyramidal
- 9 Tricapped trigonal prismatic



Electron counting ('décompte d'électrons') for a complex consists of formally assigning a number of valence electrons to individual atoms in a molecule. of neighbours (atoms, molecules, ions) bound to it.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electron_counting

Aids in predicting redox reactivity and catalytic cycles.

2 methods:

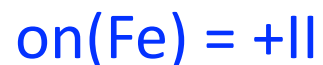
A. Ionic counting: ('modèle ionique')

1 Write the dissociation equilibrium of the complex (reverse of formation)

The more electronegative atom (the ligand) gains electron from the broken coordination bonds.



2. Deduce the oxidation number (on) by applying the electroneutrality rule.



3. Determine the electronic configuration of the obtained metal ion: d^n .

Mind that external electrons are first removed (4s before 3d). $n = \text{nb}(e^-M) - \text{on}$



4. Each donor atom donates 2 electrons (a lone pair). Assume L donors.

Then, the total number of electrons (ten) of the complex is



Electron counting ('décompte d'électrons') for a complex

B. Neutral counting: ('modèle covalent')

1. Dissociate the complex assuming each bond is equally split into neutral fragments: one e^- /bond is given to the metal, and one to the donor atom.



If the ligand becomes a radical, it is called a X ligand. Cl^\bullet 1 X ligand

Such ligand are the ones that are anionic when dissociating according to the ionic method.

If the ligand is neutral (with closed-shell configuration, no unpaired electron),

it is called a L ligand. **Bipy** counts as 2 L Ligands

2. The complex, charged q, can then be written: $[\text{ML}_l\text{X}_x]^q$, here $[\text{ML}_4\text{X}_2]^0$

Then, the total number of electrons (ten) of the complex is

$$\text{ten} = n_{\text{COL}}(\text{M}) + 2.l + 1.x - q$$

$$\text{ten} = 8 + 2 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 - 0 = 18 \text{ electrons}$$

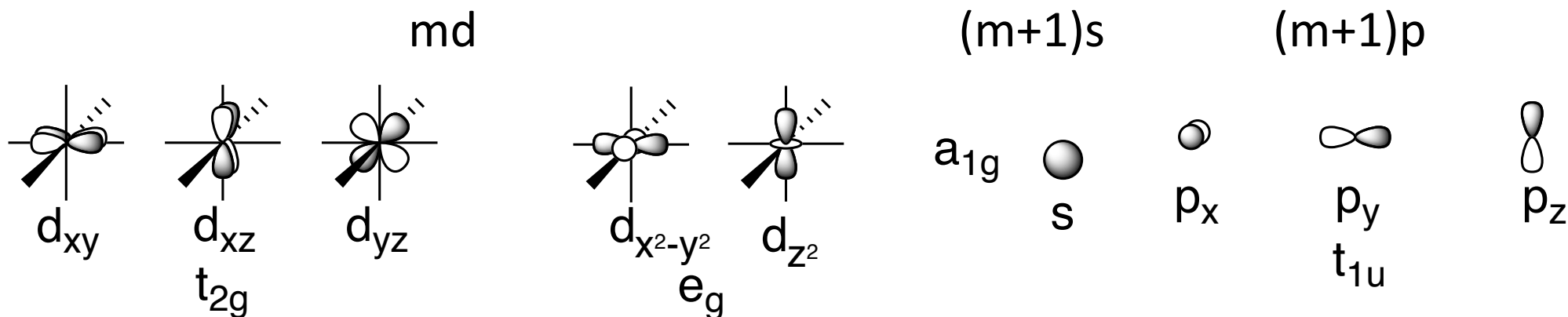
3. Deduce the oxidation number (on): $\text{on}(\text{Ru}) = x + q = 2 + 0 = +\text{II}$

4. Deduce the electronic configuration of the obtained metal ion: d^n .

$$n = n_{\text{COL}}(\text{M}) - \text{on} \qquad n = 8 - 2 = 6 \qquad d^6$$

Orbitals and type of interaction/ligands

Valence orbitals of d block metal:



The coordination bond is a **covalent** bond, with a partial ionic character.

Conditions of interaction: between a metal orbital and a ligand orbital

2 orbitals interact if :

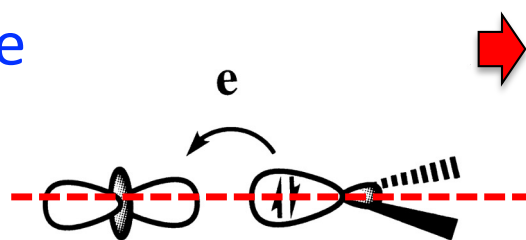
- they are close enough in energy
- they have the same symmetry (have a non-zero overlap S)

Interaction σ with σ -donor ligands ^{Jean}

Anions/molecules with a single lone pair of electrons on the donor atom

Ex: NH_3 , H^- , ethylenediamine

The ligand donates electrons to M



axial overlap with M


Every ligand is σ -donor

Type of interaction/ligands

Jean, OM dans les complexes, Emond p 435

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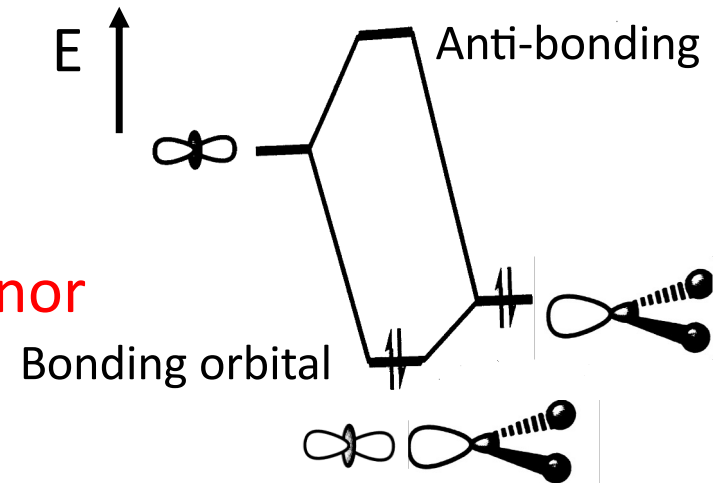
axial overlap with M

The ligand donates electrons to M

Every ligand is σ -donor


The bonding orbital is

- occupied by 2 e^- \rightarrow stability of the complex
- Is mainly developed on the ligand \rightarrow partial ionic character



Interaction π with π -donor ligands

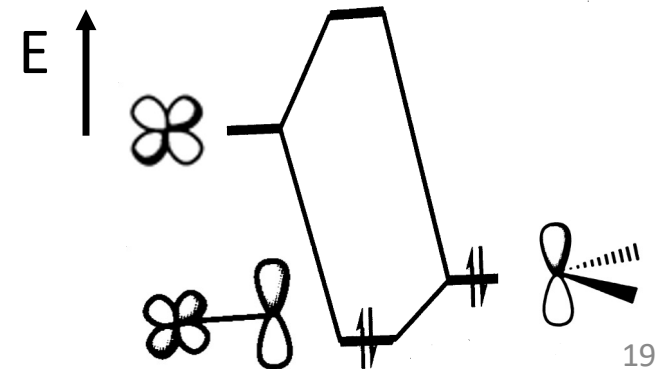
Anions/molecules with > 1 lone pair of electrons on the donor atom

Ex: OH_2 , Cl^- , OH^- ... n_p 

lateral overlap between the OM

of this 2nd lone pair and an OM d of M

\rightarrow Stabilization of high oxidation number of M



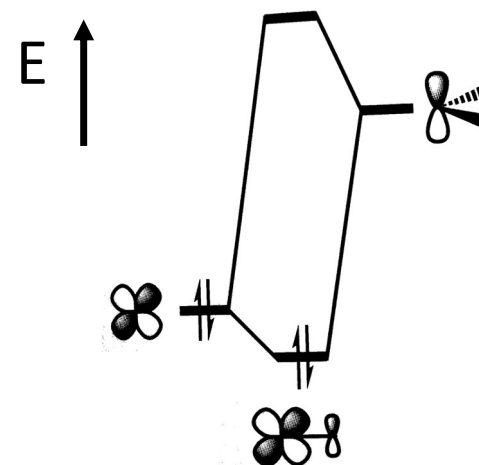
Type of interaction/ligands

Interaction π with π -acceptor ligands Jean, OM dans les complexes, Emond p 435

Anions/molecules whose donor atom is involved in a multiple bond ;
There is a vacant π^* MO likely to accept electrons from the metal, with a lateral overlap.

➔ Stabilization of low oxidation number of M

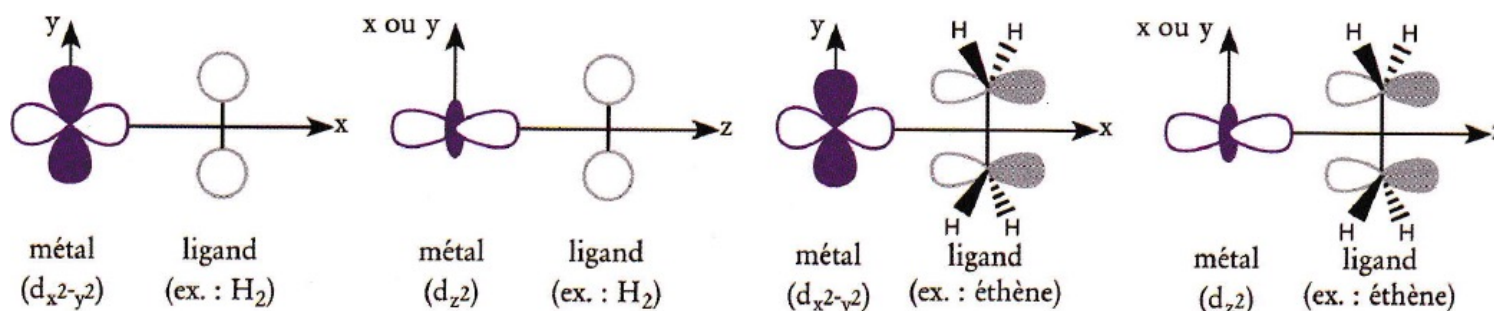
Special case of PPh_3 : lateral overlap between a d MO of M and a d-type MO based on P



Special case of « special ligands »: H_2 , alkene

σ -donor ligands with the 2 e^- coming from a bonding orbital

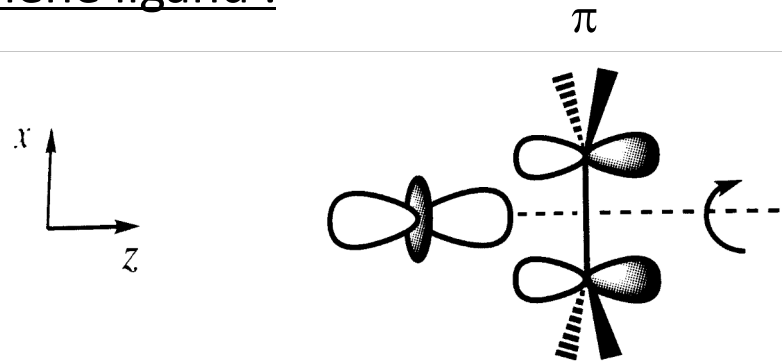
➔ weakens bond between atoms of the ligand



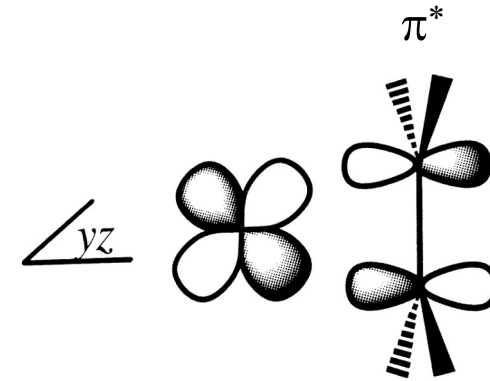
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& σ or π -acceptor ligands, σ^* or π^* MO partially filled ➔ weakens bond 20

Ethylene ligand :

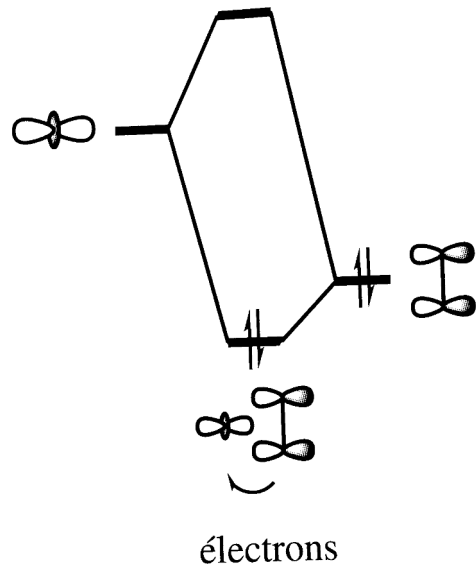


σ interaction
unchanged by rotation

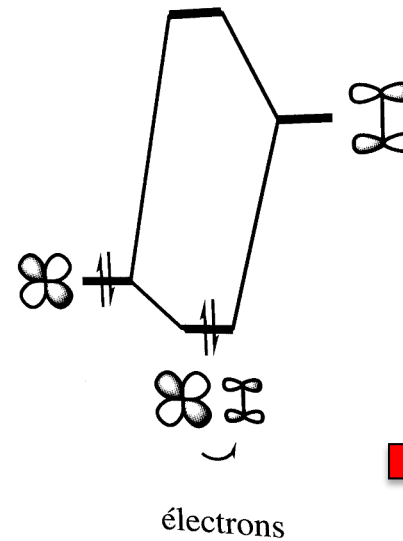


π interaction : nodal plane (yz)
rotation about z
decreases the overlap S

L ligand



σ -donation
 σ -donor ligand



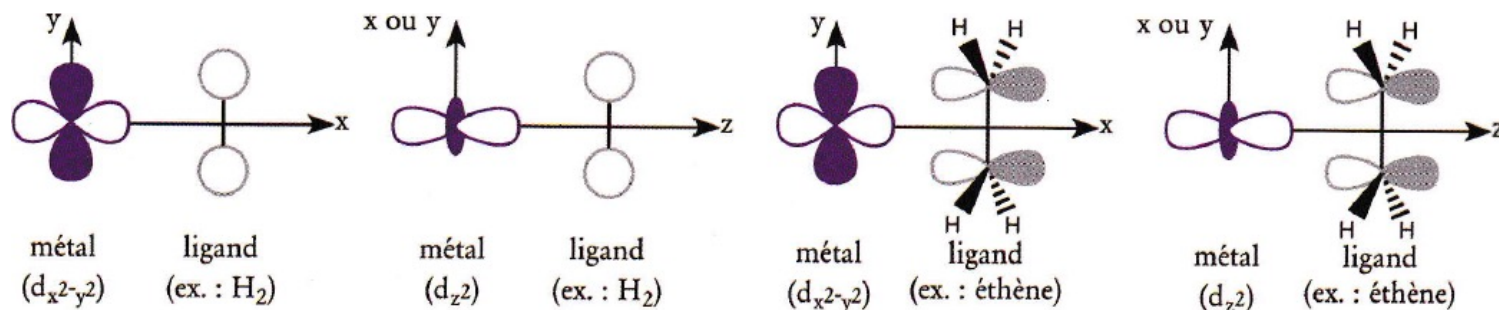
π -retrodonation
 π -acceptor ligand

AND π -acceptor
ligands,
 π^* MO partially
occupied
➔ weakens C=C bond

Type of interaction/ligands

Special case of « special ligands »: H₂, alkene

Both σ -donor ligands with the 2 e⁻ coming from a bonding orbital

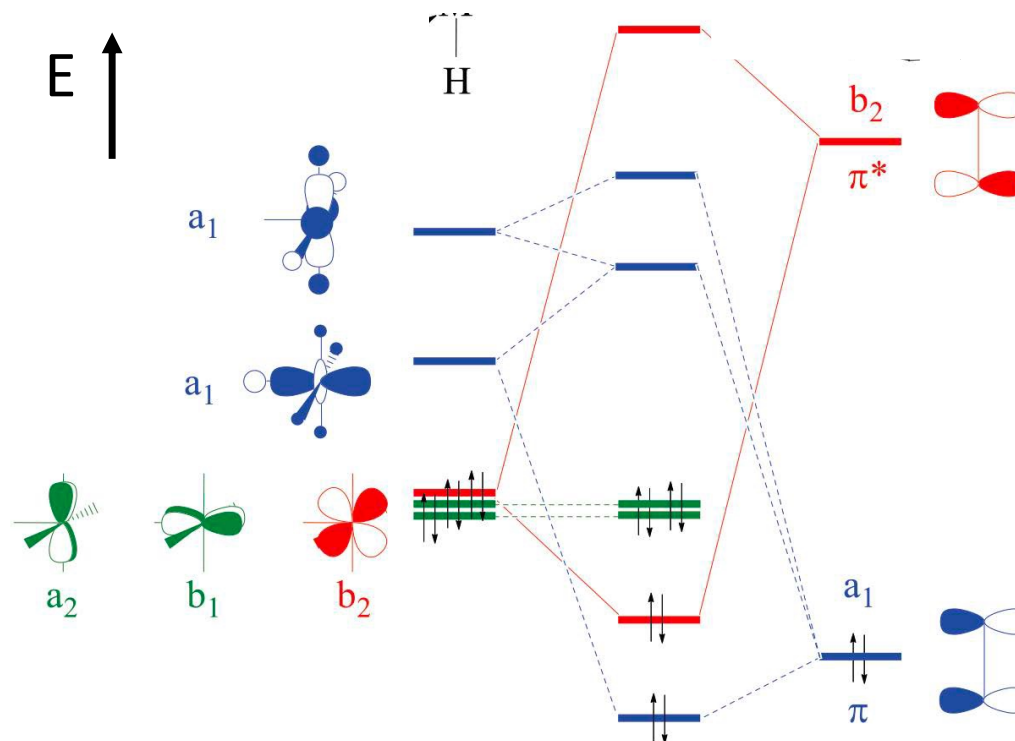


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AND π -acceptor ligands, σ^* or π^* MO partially occupied

➔ weakens H-H or C=C bond

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➔ Applications in catalysis

molecular orbital diagramm of an octaedric complex :

Conditions of interaction: between a metal AO and a ligand orbital, 2 orbitals interact if :

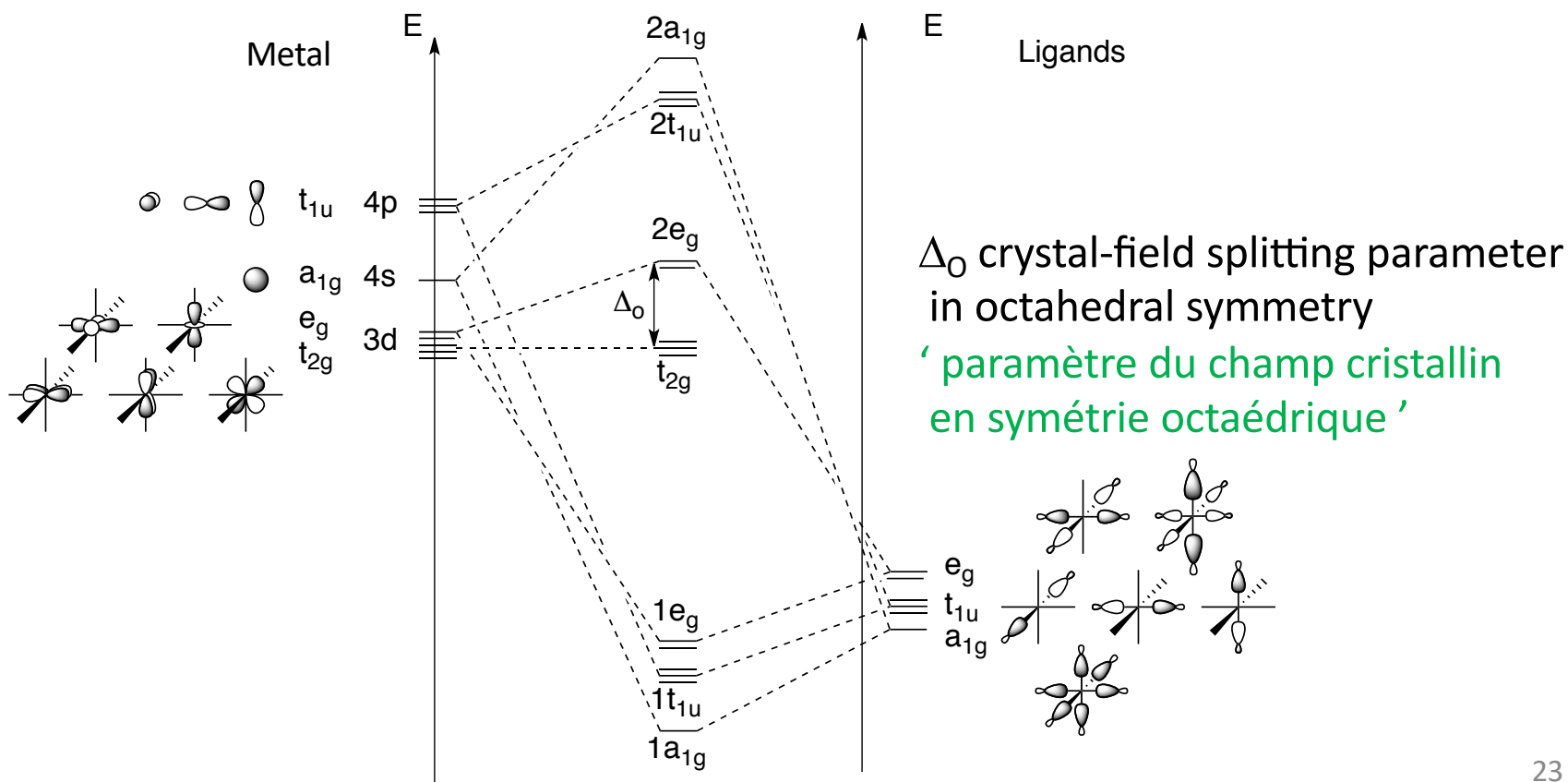
- they are close enough in energy
- they have the same symmetry (have a non-zero overlap S)

The s orbital of metal is entirely symmetric (sym/plane xy, sym/plane xz, sym/plane yz = SSS).

The fragment orbital of a_{1g} symmetry too, they interact and 1 bonding MO ($S > 0$) and 1 antibonding MO ($S < 0$) are obtained.

The fragment orbital of e_g symmetry (left) is antisymmetric versus the vertical plane bisecting the x and y axes, the $d_{x^2-y^2}$ orbital also interacts.

On the other hand, the antisymmetric/yz fragment orbital t_{1u} (along x) has zero overlap with the $d_{x^2-y^2}$ orbital (symmetric/yz).

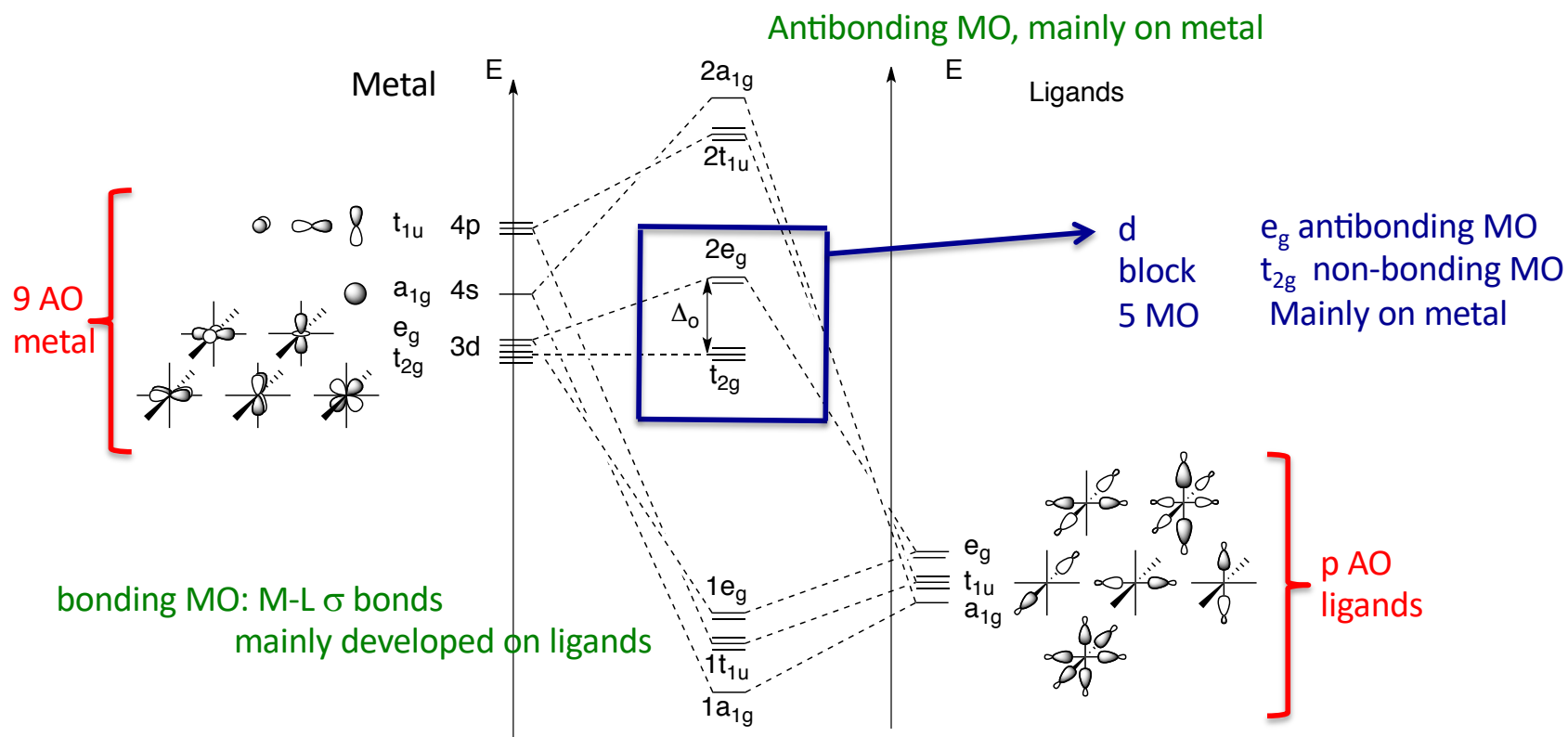


ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATION OF COMPLEXES

Electronic configuration:

The OM diagram is filled by (2 times the number of donor atoms of ligands + the number of electrons coming from the metal):

- In order of increasing energy
- Pauli's exclusion principle (2 e⁻ cannot have all their quantum numbers identical)
- Hund's rule (maximum spin **S** when filling degenerate orbitals)



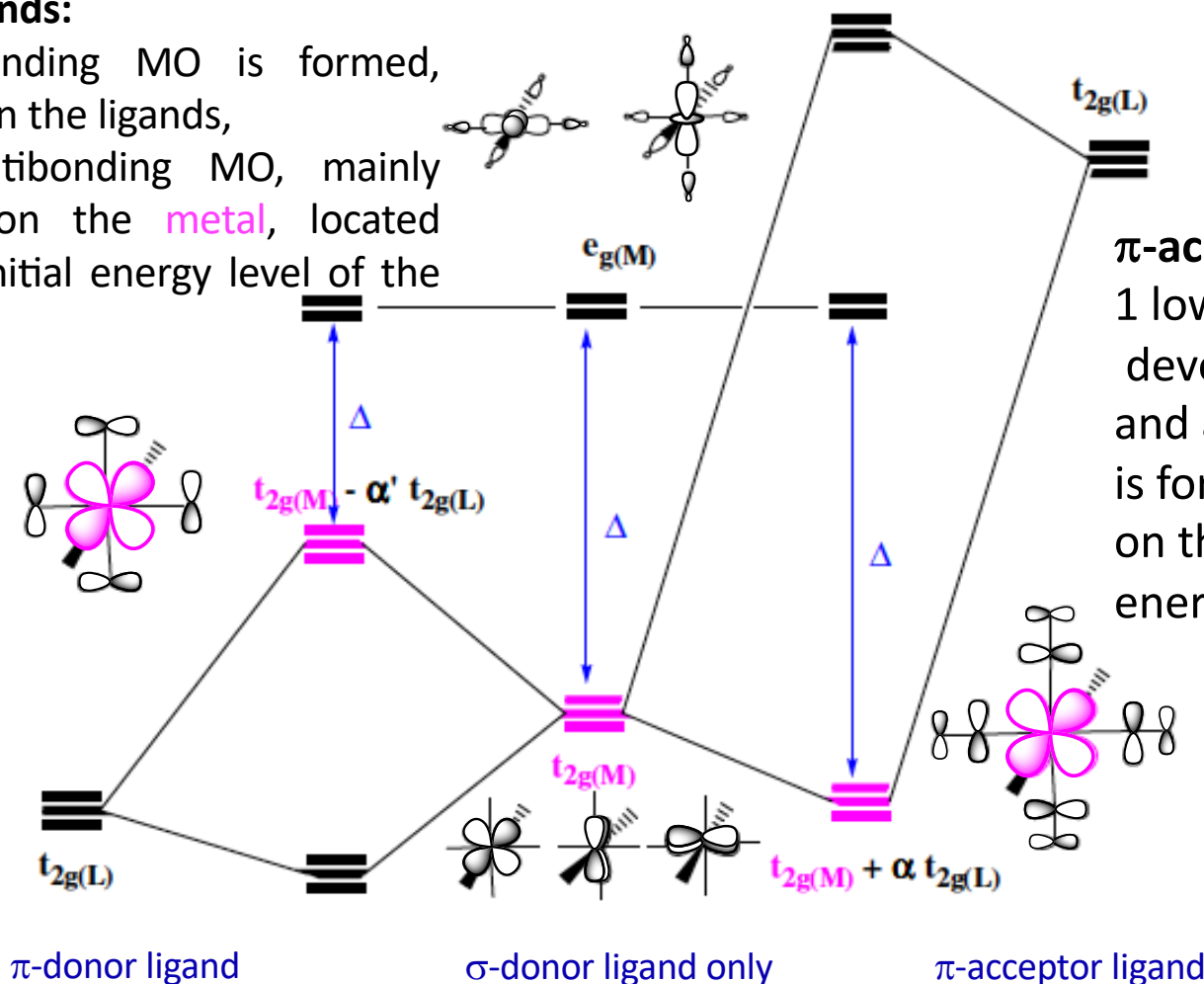
18-electron rule: A complex with 18 valence electrons is stabilised (has the configuration of the nearest rare gas, extension of the octet rule).

Influence of ligands on Δ_o

Possible **lateral overlap** between the t_{2g} MOs of the ligands and t_{2g} MOs of the metal

π -donor ligands:

1 lower binding MO is formed, developed on the ligands, and an antibonding MO, mainly developed on the **metal**, located above the initial energy level of the t_{2g} of M



π -acceptor ligands:

1 lower binding MO is formed, developed on the **metal**, and an antibonding MO is formed, mainly developed on the ligands, of higher energy than the OM π^* of the ligands.

π -donor ligand

σ -donor ligand only

π -acceptor ligand

Explains the spectrochemical series:

$$\Delta_o (\pi\text{-donor}) < \Delta_o (\sigma\text{-donor}) < \Delta_o (\pi\text{-acceptor})$$

Crystal field theory

Another way to determine electronic structure and explain bonds and properties of complexes

Disadvantage: covalency not taken into account → MO theory better
also called Ligand field theory

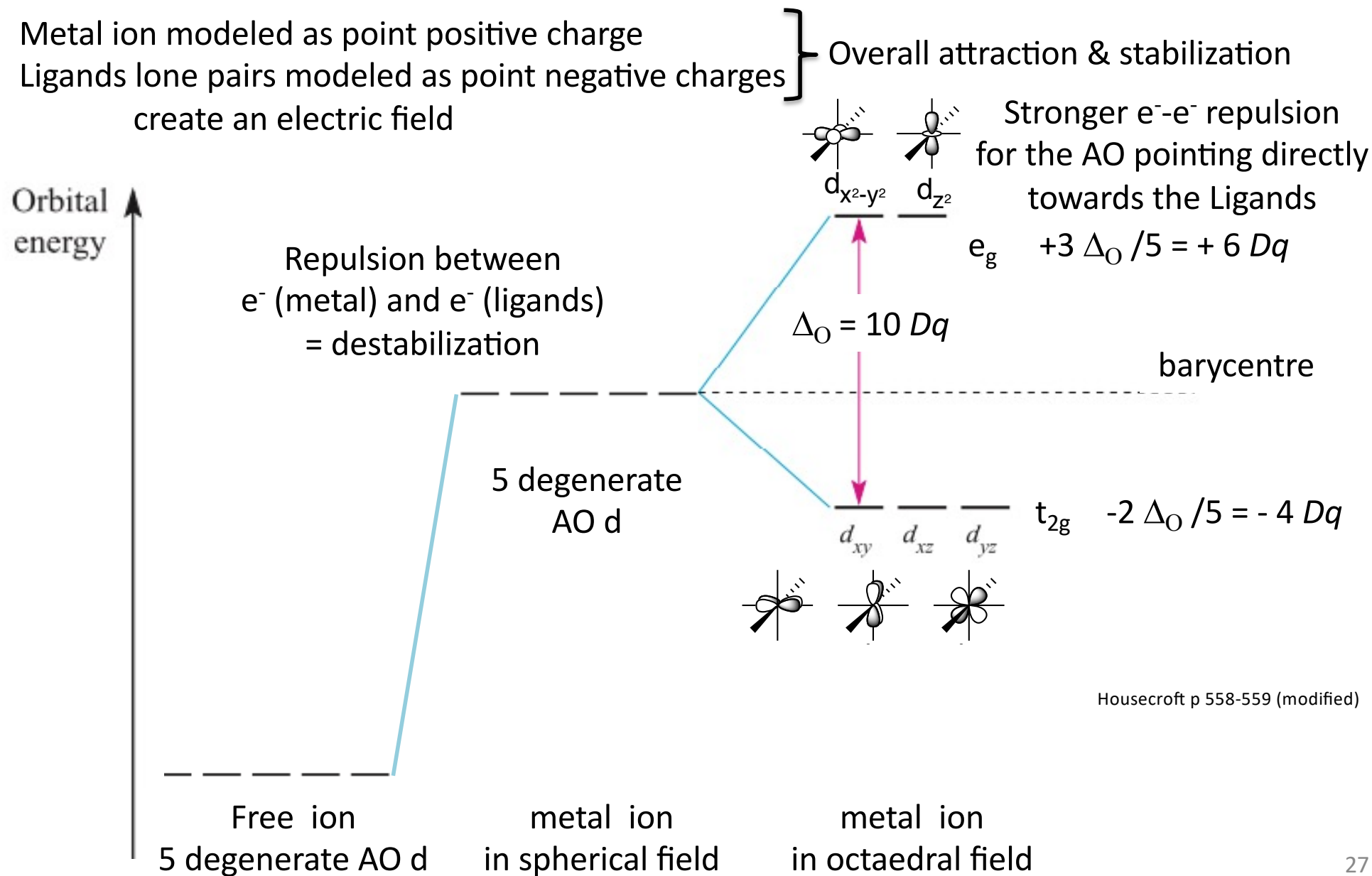
Advantages:

- Simple
- symmetry is taken into account
- explains
 - breaking of degeneracy of e^- orbital states, d OA levels
 - stability
 - optical properties (colors)
 - magnetic properties

Crystal field theory

Electrostatic model (Hans BETHE, 1929)

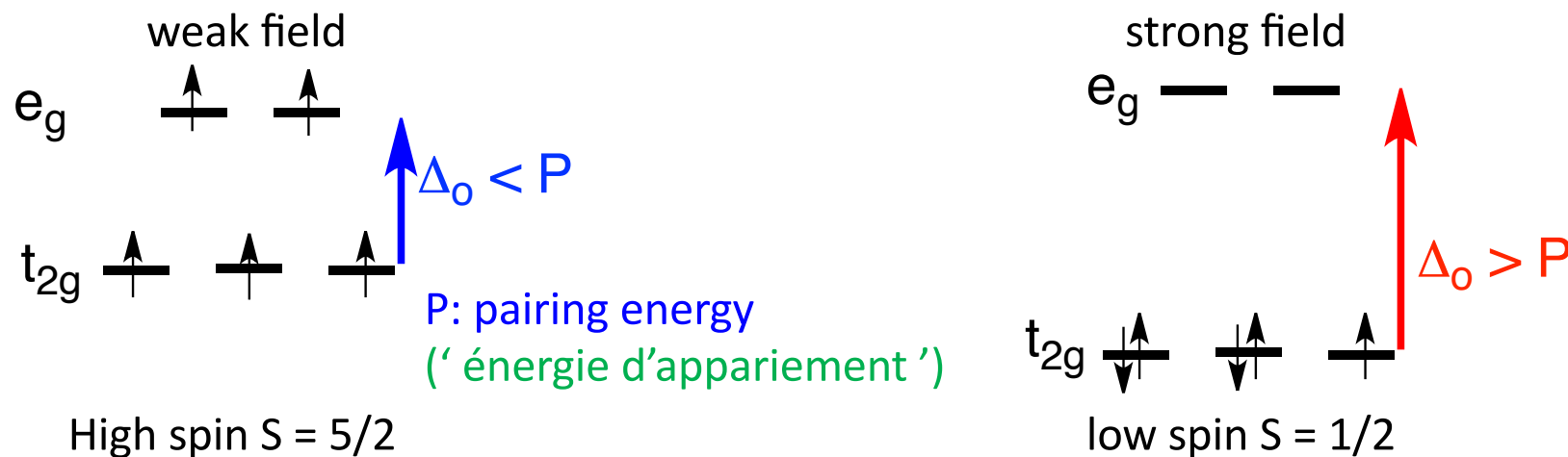
- Metal ion modeled as point positive charge
- Ligands lone pairs modeled as point negative charges create an electric field



Crystal field theory

Electronic configuration:

The d block is filled by the number of valence e^- from the metal only, Pauli & Hund's rules
 For a d^1 to d^3 metal ion and d^8 to d^{10} , the filling of the energy diagram is obvious.
 For a d^4 to d^7 metal ion, however, 2 options (ex : d^5)



Factors influencing Δ_o :

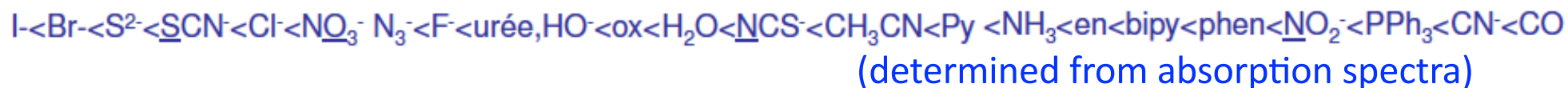
Jørgensen's relation $\Delta_o = f \cdot g$

Nature of metal: g parameter

- $\Delta_o \nearrow$ - if the oxidation number of the metal \nearrow
- size of d orbital \nearrow (overlap $S \nearrow$) : $\Delta_o (3d) < \Delta_o (4d) < \Delta_o (5d)$



Nature of ligand: f parameter spectrochemical series ('*série spectrochimique*')



Coordination number and geometry

Crystal field theory

Schriver Atkins p 228)

Ligand-field splitting parameters Δ_o of octaedral ML_6 complexes (cm^{-1})

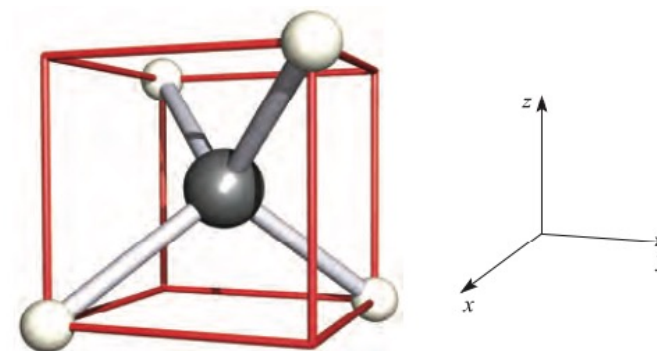
| | Ions | Ligands | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | Cl^- | H_2O | NH_3 | en | CN^- |
| d³ | Cr³⁺ | 13700 | 17400 | 21500 | 21900 | 26600 |
| d⁵ | Mn²⁺ | 7500 | 8500 | | 10100 | 30000 |
| | Fe³⁺ | 11000 | 14300 | | | (35000) |
| d⁶ | Fe²⁺ | | 10400 | | 10100 | 30000 |
| | Co³⁺ | | (20700) | (22900) | (23200) | (35000) |
| | Rh³⁺ | (20400) | (27000) | (34000) | (34600) | (45500) |
| d⁸ | Ni²⁺ | 7500 | 8500 | 10800 | 11500 | |

(values in parentheses are for low-spin complexes)

Crystal field theory

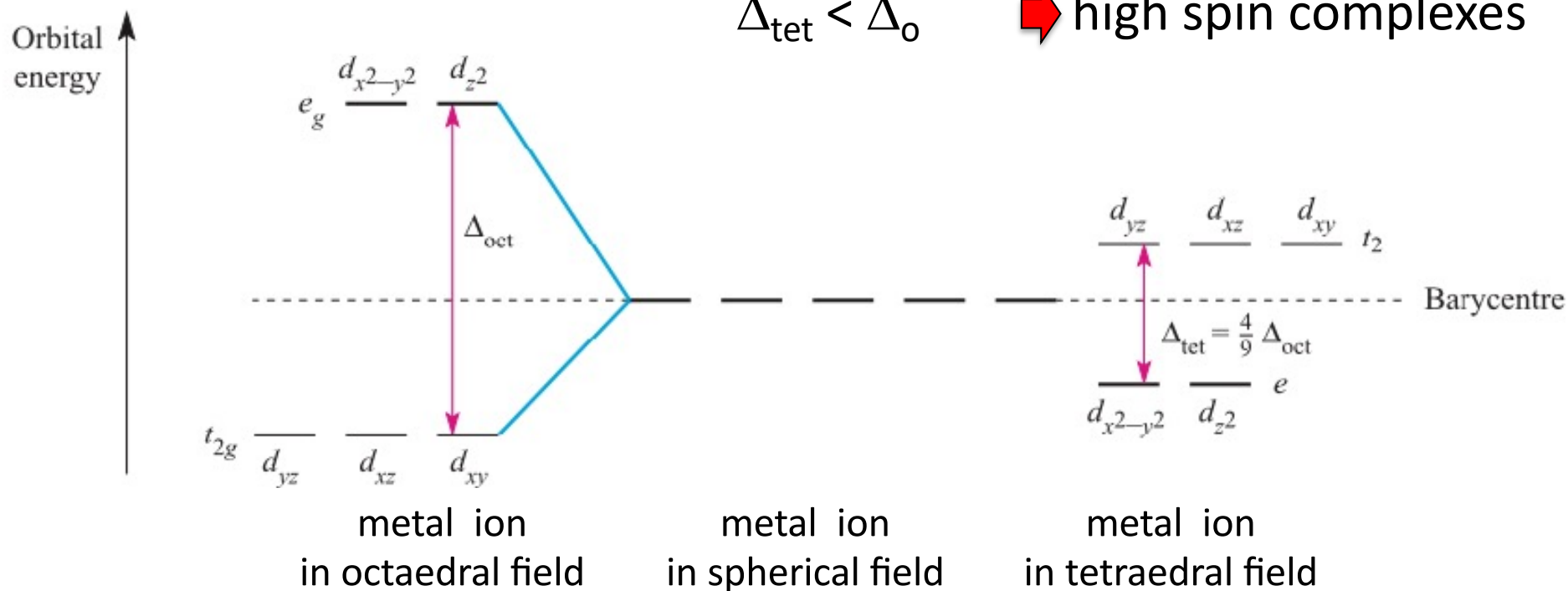
Housecroft p 562-563

In other geometries:



No ligand on the axes : weakest e⁻ - e⁻ interaction

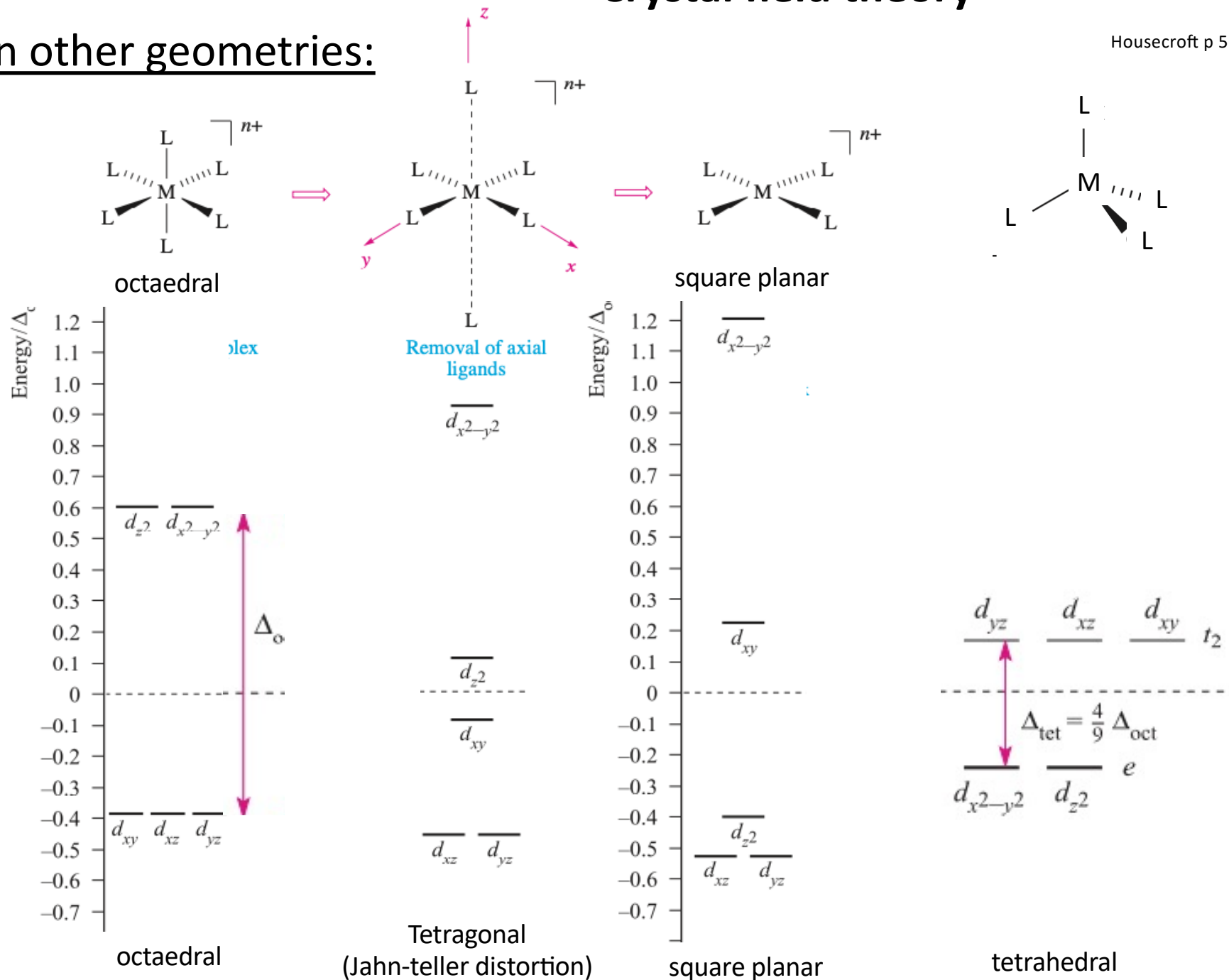
$\Delta_{\text{tet}} < \Delta_{\text{o}}$ ➔ high spin complexes



Crystal field theory

Housecroft p 562-563

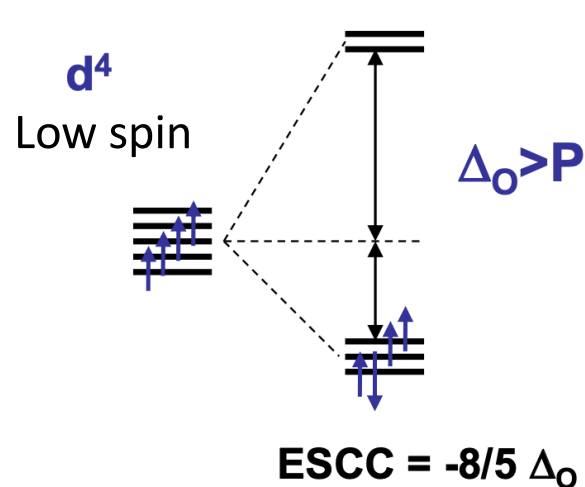
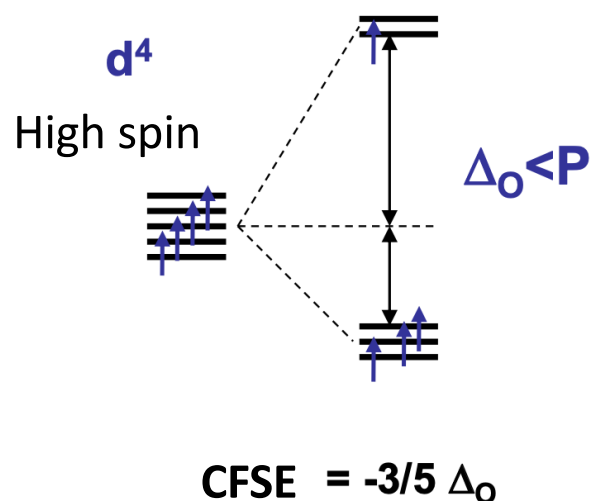
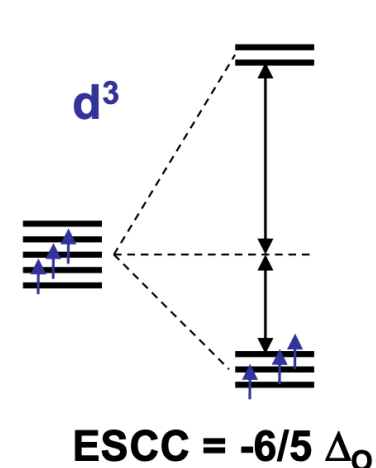
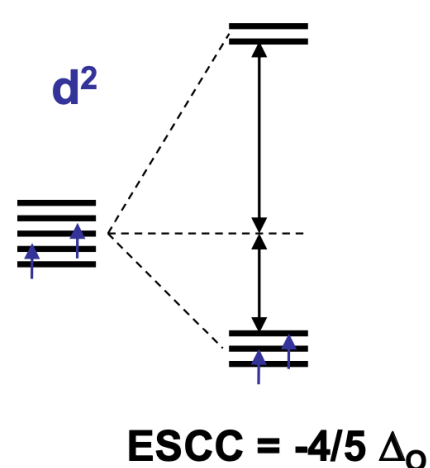
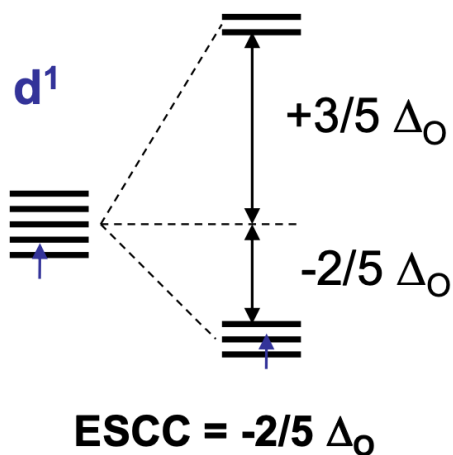
In other geometries:



Crystal field theory

Crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE): in octahedral geometry

For a d^n configuration, the CFSE is the difference in energy between the d electrons in an octahedral crystal field and in a spherical crystal field.

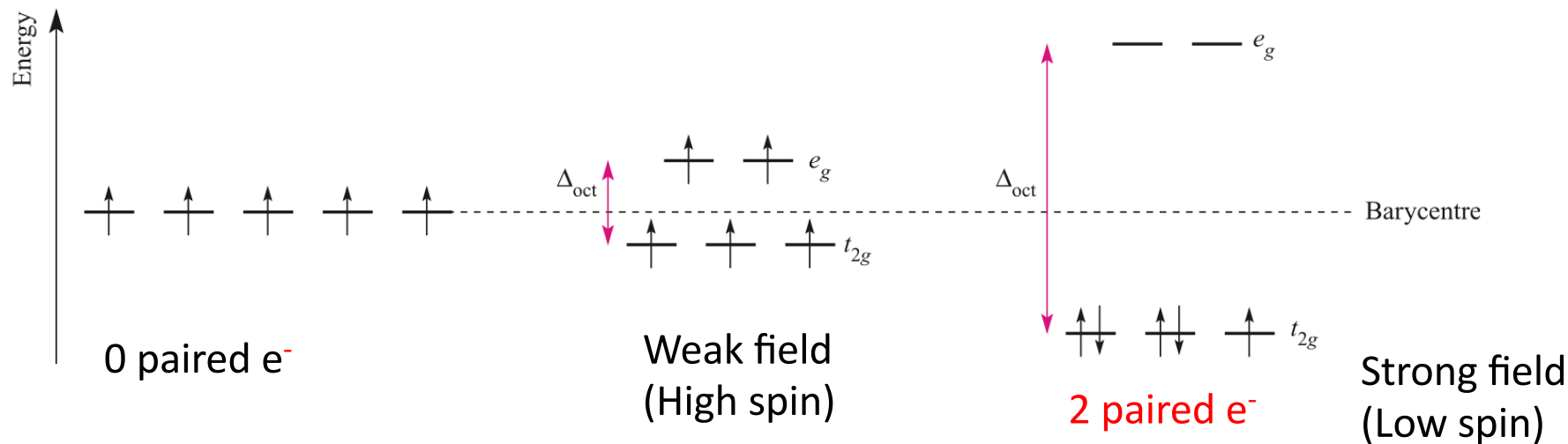


Crystal field theory

Crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE): in octahedral geometry

| 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 | | |

$$E_{\text{tot}} = \text{CFSE} + p.P$$



Magnetic properties

Housecroft p 570+ V. Bulach ch2 P 20

Paramagnetic species: has unpaired electrons, total spin $S \neq 0$

attracted by a magnetic field

Diamagnetic species: has no unpaired electron, total spin $S = 0$

repelled by a magnetic field

magnetic moment μ_{SO} : (spin-only) $\mu(\text{spin-only}) = 2\sqrt{S(S+1)}$

μ_{eff} obtained experimentally by measuring the molar magnetic susceptibility, χ_m
expressed in Bohr magnetons (μ_B)

| Metal ion | d^n configuration | S | $\mu_{\text{eff}}(\text{spin-only}) / \mu_B$ | Observed values of μ_{eff} / μ_B |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|--|---|
| Sc ³⁺ , Ti ⁴⁺ | d^0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ti ³⁺ | d^1 | $1/2$ | 1.73 | 1.7–1.8 |
| V ³⁺ | d^2 | 1 | 2.83 | 2.8–3.1 |
| V ²⁺ , Cr ³⁺ | d^3 | $3/2$ | 3.87 | 3.7–3.9 |
| Cr ²⁺ , Mn ³⁺ | d^4 | 2 | 4.90 | 4.8–4.9 |
| Mn ²⁺ , Fe ³⁺ | d^5 | $5/2$ | 5.92 | 5.7–6.0 |
| Fe ²⁺ , Co ³⁺ | d^6 | 2 | 4.90 | 5.0–5.6 |
| Co ²⁺ | d^7 | $3/2$ | 3.87 | 4.3–5.2 |
| Ni ²⁺ | d^8 | 1 | 2.83 | 2.9–3.9 |
| Cu ²⁺ | d^9 | $1/2$ | 1.73 | 1.9–2.1 |
| Zn ²⁺ | d^{10} | 0 | 0 | 0 |

OPTICAL PROPERTIES

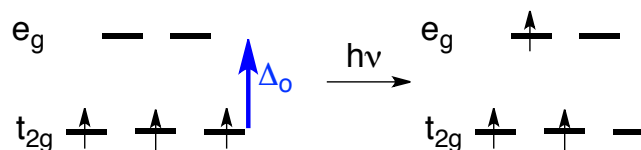
Colors :

selection rules

- Spin rule: $\Delta S = 0$ (unless there is spin-orbit coupling, if heavy atom present)
- Laporte rule: The parity of the arithmetic sum $\sum_i \ell_i$ changes.
transitions between levels from the same electronic configuration are prohibited.
- Symmetry rule: only $g \rightarrow u$ and $u \rightarrow g$ transitions are allowed

d-d transition

prohibited by the selection rules,
not very intense

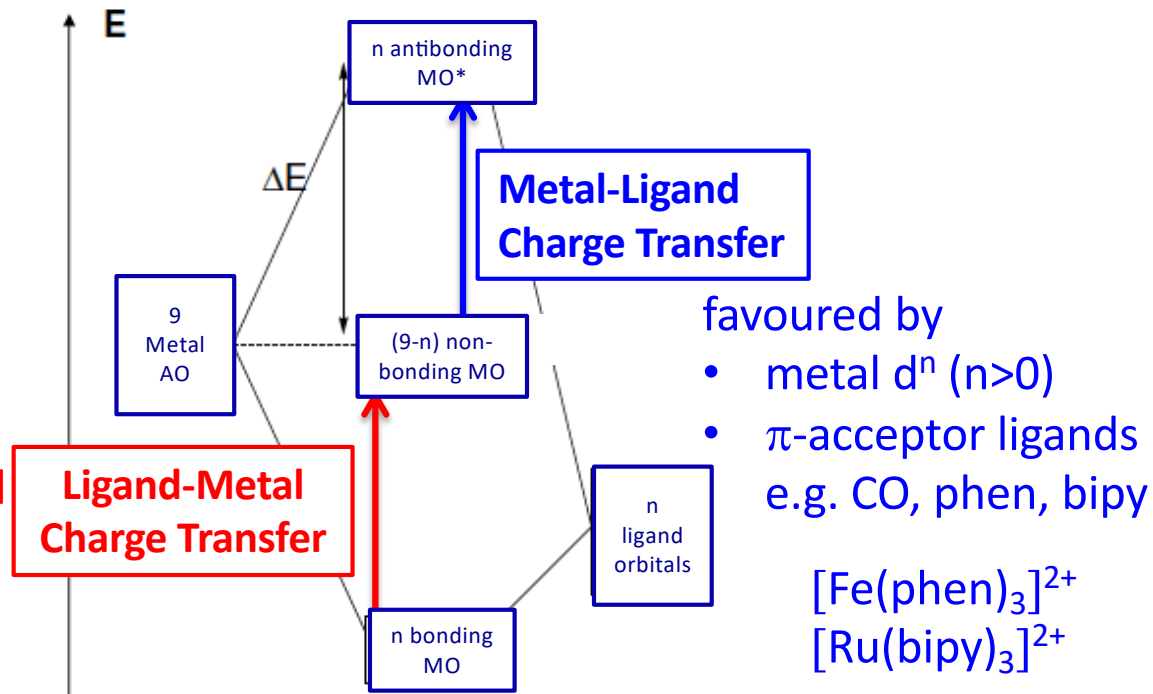


Charge Transfer

authorised by the selection rules,
very intense

favoured by
high oxidation number of the metal

- π -donneurs ligands e.g. O^{2-}
 $[MnO_4]^-$, $[CrO_4]^{2-}$, Ce^{4+}

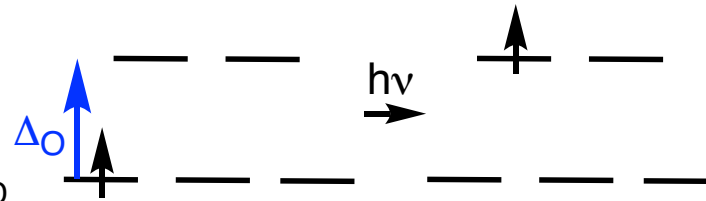


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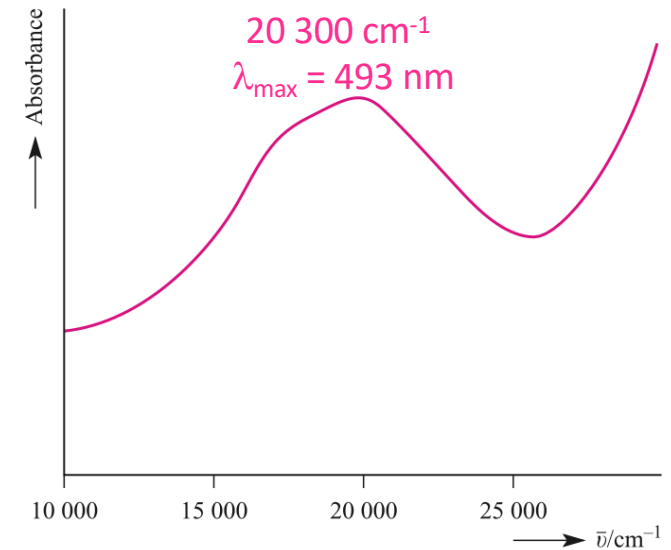
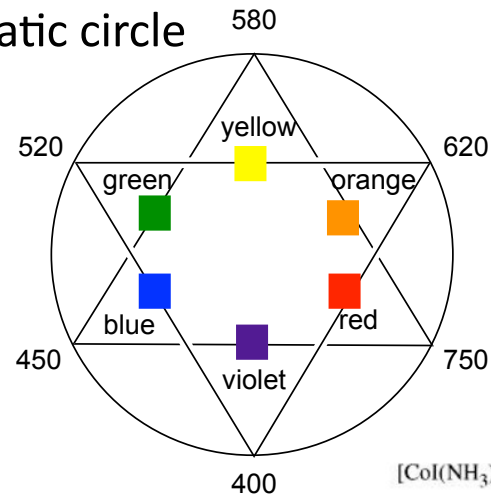
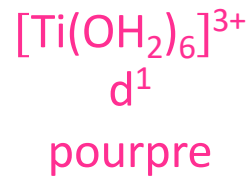
d-d transition

Absorbed energy $h\nu$ proportional to Δ_o



Housecroft p 559

If **only one band** in the visible region:
color can be deduced from the chromatic circle



Depends on Δ_o :

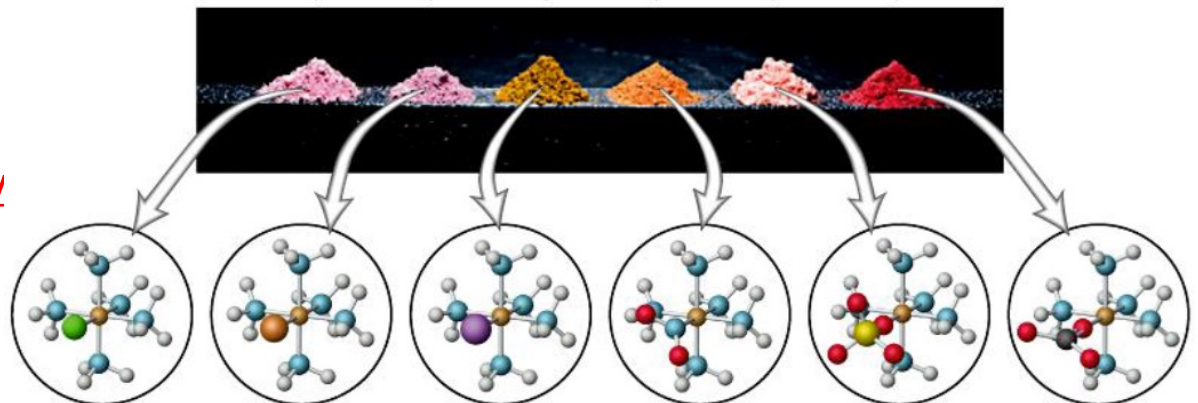
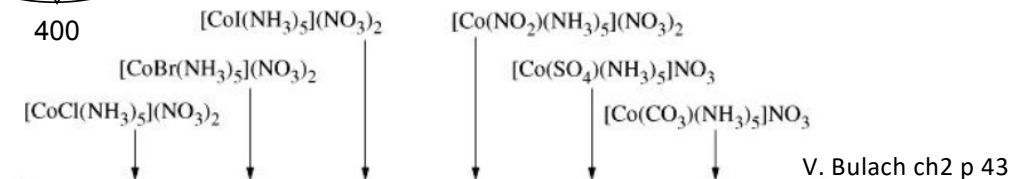
- Nature of metal:

$\Delta_o \nearrow$ - if oxidation number \nearrow
- if size of d orbital \nearrow

- Nature of ligand:

- Coordination number and geometry

The **spectrochemical series** is deduced from UV-visible spectra



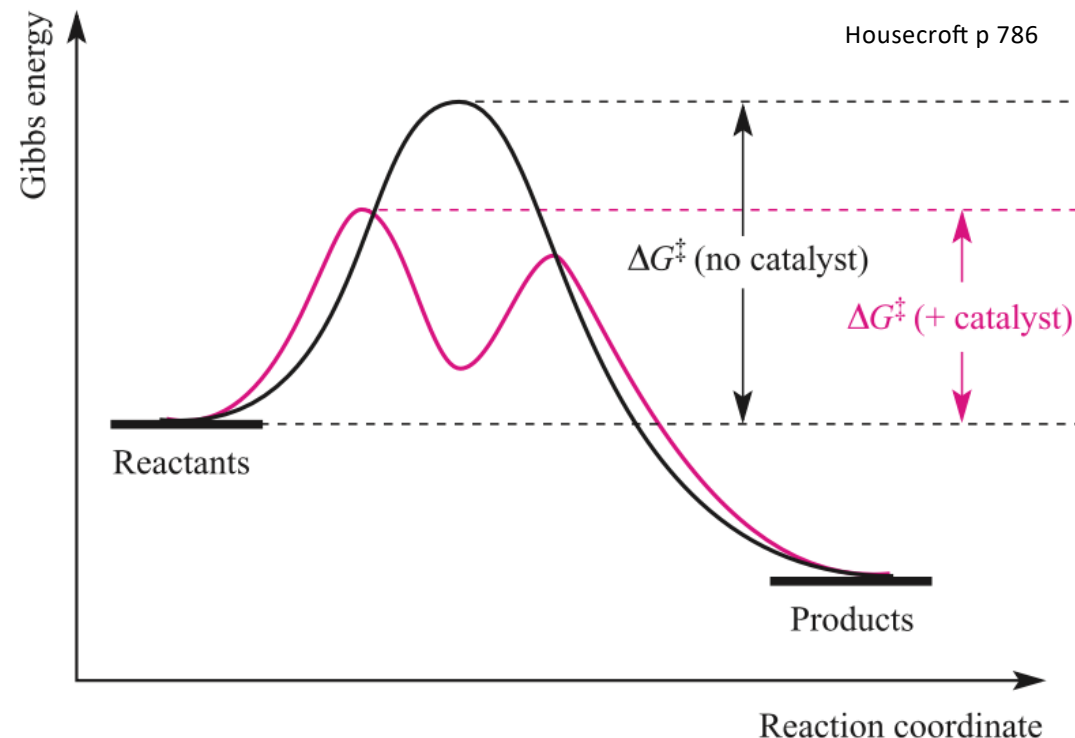
CATALYTIC PROPERTIES OF COMPLEXES

Principle of catalysis:

A catalyst:

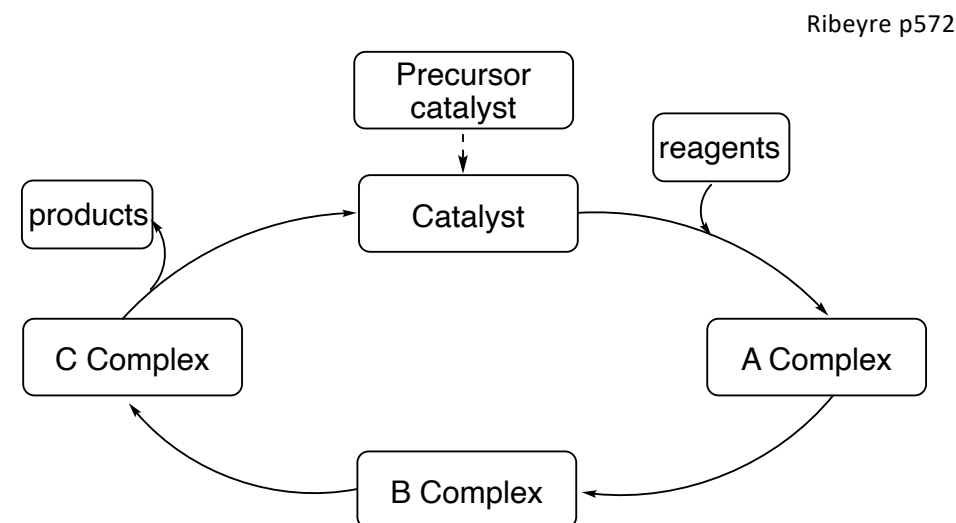
- ↗ the rate of reaction by lowering the activation energy
 - Does not appear in any of the products of that reaction;
 - Is not consumed by the reaction is regenerated
- Only a small amount is necessary.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catalysis>



Catalytic cycle:

Series of stoichiometric reactions (often reversible) that form a closed loop



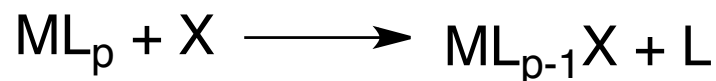
HOMOGENEOUS CATALYSIS BY METAL COMPLEXES

Catalytic steps:

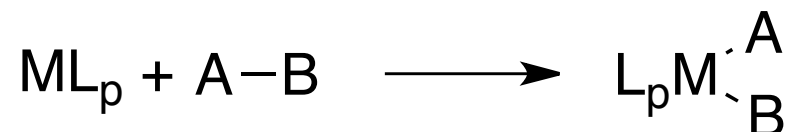
Ligand Coordination/ Ligand Dissociation (' Coordination/décoordination ')



Ligands exchange (' Echange de ligands ')

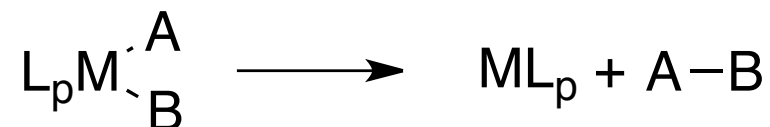


Oxidative addition (' Addition oxydante ')



oxidation number (metal) $\nearrow + 2$, Coordination Number $\nearrow + 2$, number of electrons (ten) $\nearrow + 2$

Reductive elimination (' Elimination reductrice ') (reverse of oxidative addition)



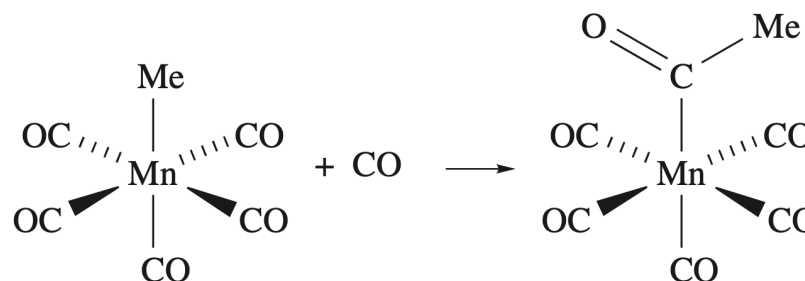
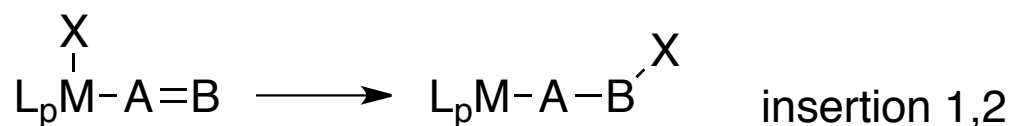
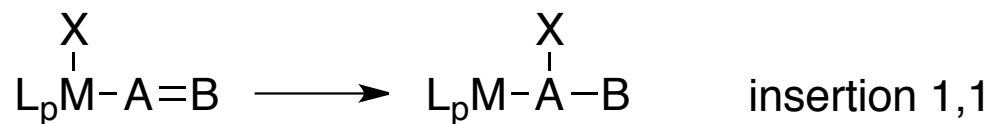
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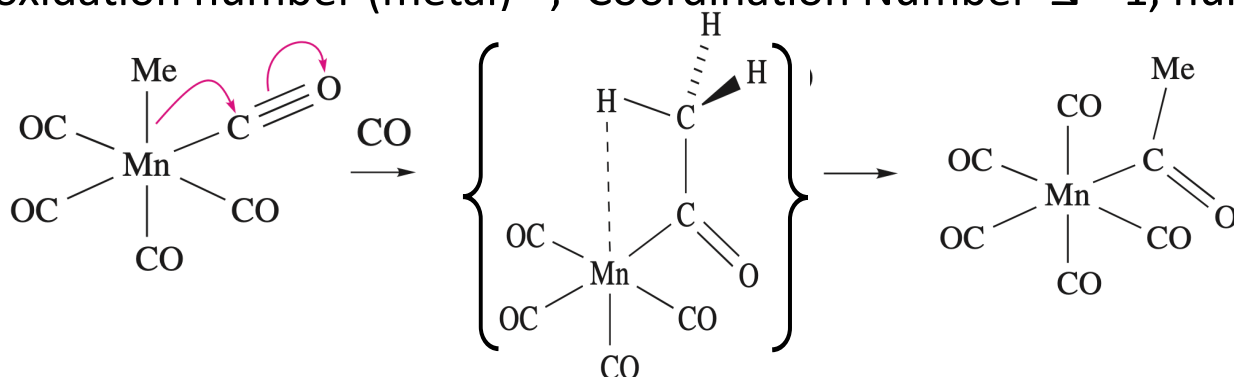
Catalytic steps:

Housecroft p 720

Insertion need 2 ligands in cis ('insertion')



oxidation number (metal) =, Coordination Number $\searrow - 1$, number of electrons (ten) $\searrow - 2$



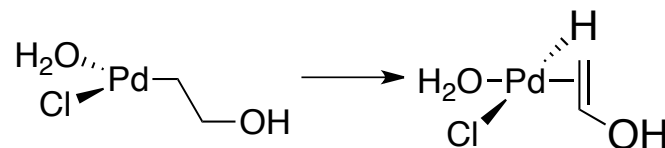
agostic M-H-C interaction is a 3-centre 2-e⁻ interaction between a metal centre, M, and a C-H bond in a ligand attached to M

α - or β -Elimination ('Désinsertion (extrusion, élimination)') (reverse of insertion)



oxidation number (metal) =, Coordination Number $\nearrow + 1$, number of electrons (ten) $\nearrow + 2$

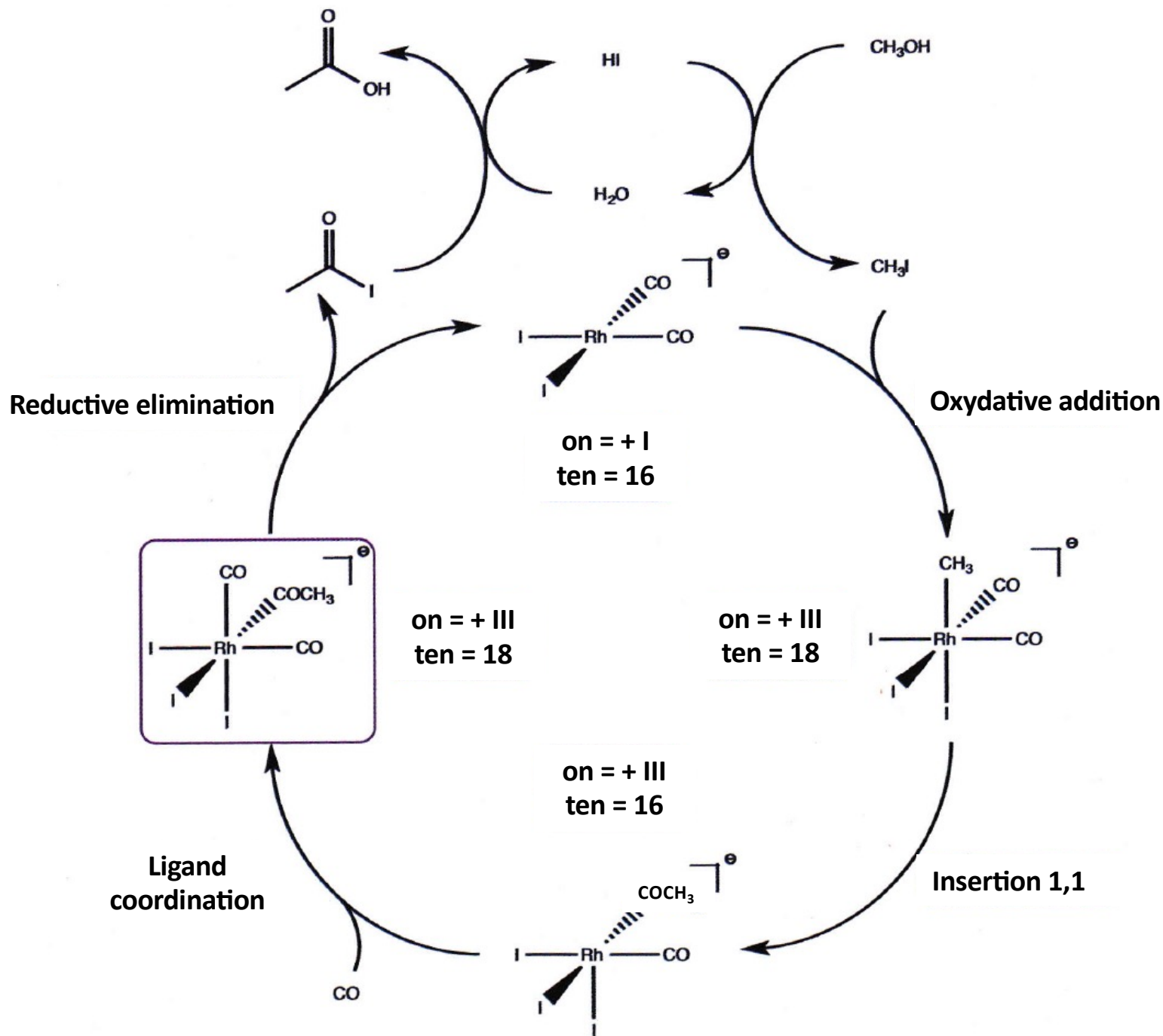
Ex : Wacker process (alkene oxidation)



HOMOGENEOUS CATALYSIS BY METAL COMPLEXES

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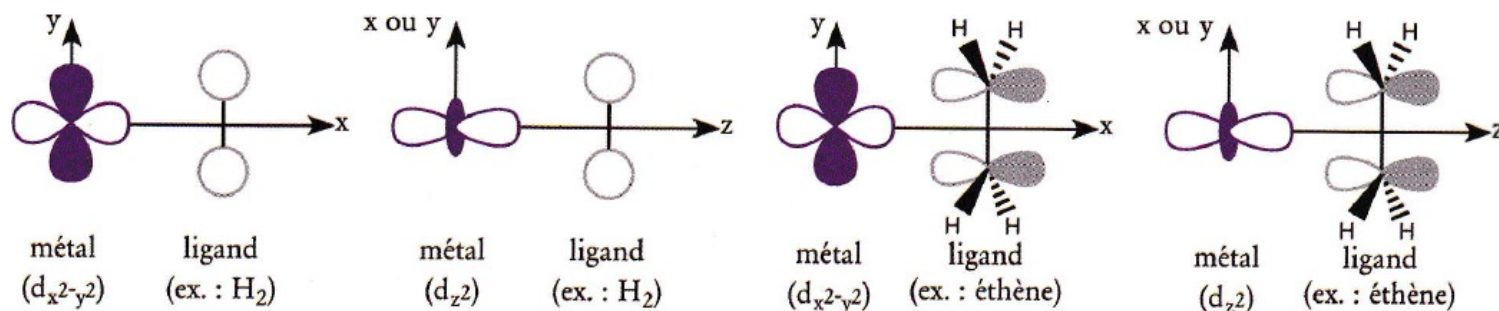
Mosanto process



Type of interaction/ligands

Special case of « special ligands »: H₂, alkene

Both σ -donor ligands with the 2 e⁻ coming from a bonding orbital

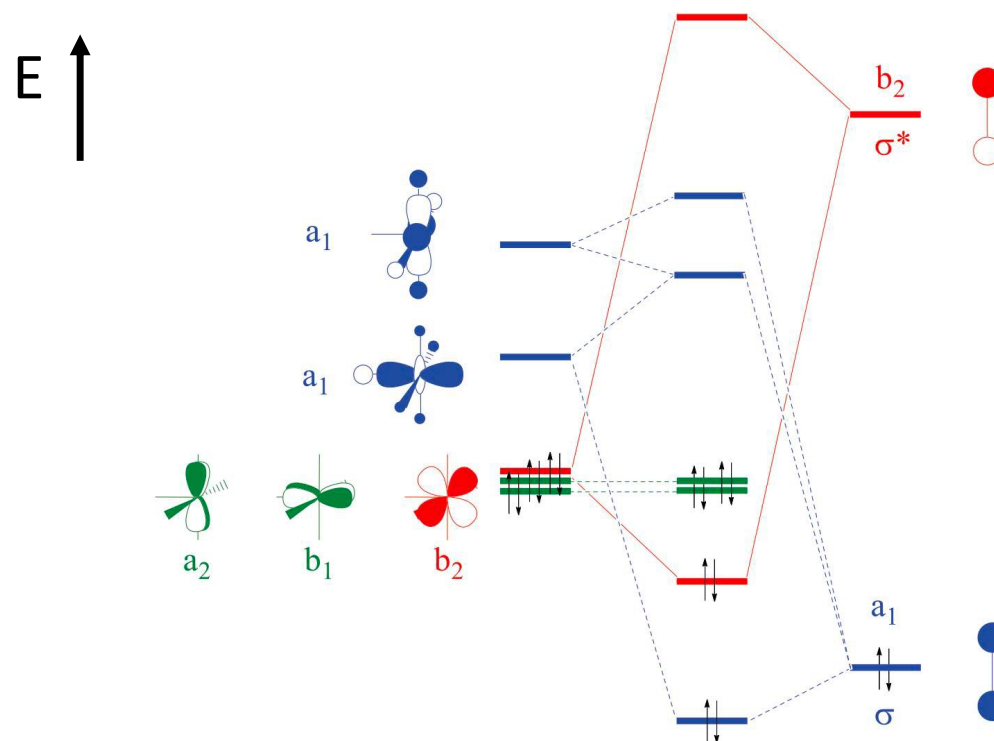


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AND π -acceptor ligands, σ^* or π^* MO partially occupied

➔ weakens H-H or C=C bond

Volatron, F. Chaquin, P., *BUP* 2018, 112, 1051



Type of interaction/ligands

Jean, OM dans les complexes, Emond p 435

Interaction σ with σ -donor ligands

Anions/molecules with a single lone pair of electrons on the donor atom

(n_σ ) Ex: NH_3 , H^- , ethylenediamine...

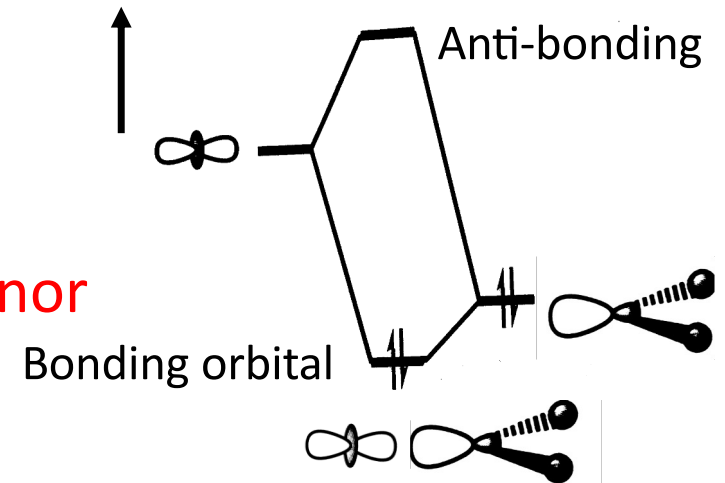
axial overlap with M

The ligand donates electrons to M

Every ligand is σ -donor

The bonding orbital is

- occupied by 2 e^- \rightarrow stability of the complex
- Is mainly developed on the ligand \rightarrow partial ionic character



Interaction π with π -donor ligands

Anions/molecules with > 1 lone pair of electrons on the donor atom

Ex: OH_2 , Cl^- , OH^- ...

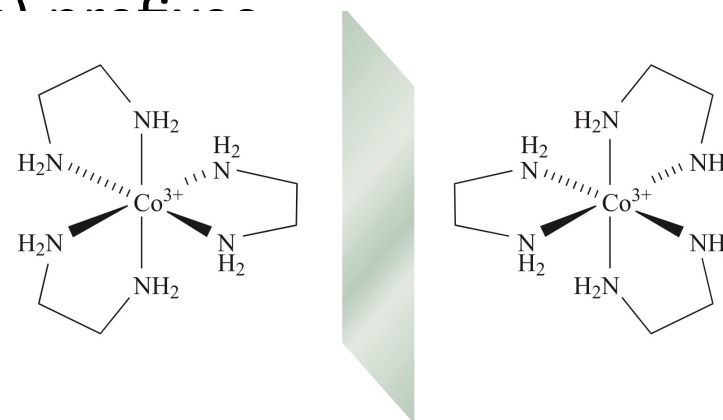
lateral overlap between the OM of this 2nd lone pair and an OM d of M

Optical isomers delta/lambda Ambidentate

Optical isomers with bidentate ligands: Housecroft p552 and

Octahedron complexes containing bidentate ligands exist as enantiomers distinguished using Δ (delta) and Λ (lambda)

Ex: $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$



The octahedron is viewed down a three-fold axis, and the chelates then define either a right- or left-handed helix. The enantiomer with right-handedness is labelled Δ , and that with left-handedness is Λ .

Coordination of a polydentate ligand to an ion leads to the formation of a

Optical isomers delta/lamba Ambidendate

Coordination of a polydentate ligand to an ion leads to the formation of a **chelate ring**. Housecroft p242 (or 183)

Ambidentates ligands ('ambidente')

Can bind by one or the other end

- SCN^- : thiocyanate or $\kappa\text{-S}$ -thiocyanate
- NCS^- : isothiocyanate or $\kappa\text{-N}$ -thiocyanate
- OCN^- : cyanate or $\kappa\text{-O}$ -cyanate
- NCO^- : isocyanate or $\kappa\text{-N}$ -cyanate

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
notation kappa, hapticité , bridging ligands

Coordination number (or ligancy): ('coordinance') of a central metal (ion) is the number of neighbours (atoms, molecules, ions) bound to it.

Geometry

PROPRIETES DES COMPLEXES

Différents types de ligands :

Ligands σ -donneurs : NH_3 , H^- , éthylènediamine H_2N  NH_2 ...

molécules possédant un seul doublet non liant (DNL) sur l'atome donneur ;
ainsi, les électrons situés dans la Haute Occupée (DNL) peuvent faire une liaison σ avec l'ion métallique (recouvrement selon un axe de révolution).

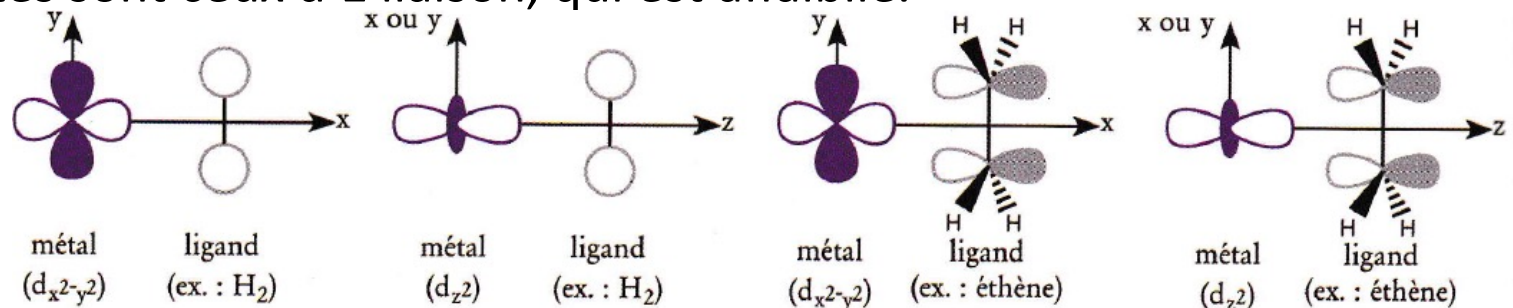
Ligands Π -donneurs : OH_2 , Cl^- , OH^- ...

molécules possédant plus d'un doublet non liant (DNL) sur l'atome donneur ;
Recouvrement latéral possible entre l'OM de ce 2^{ème} DNL et une OM d du métal

Ligands Π -accepteurs : pyridine, phénanthroline, CO , CN^- , PPh_3 ...

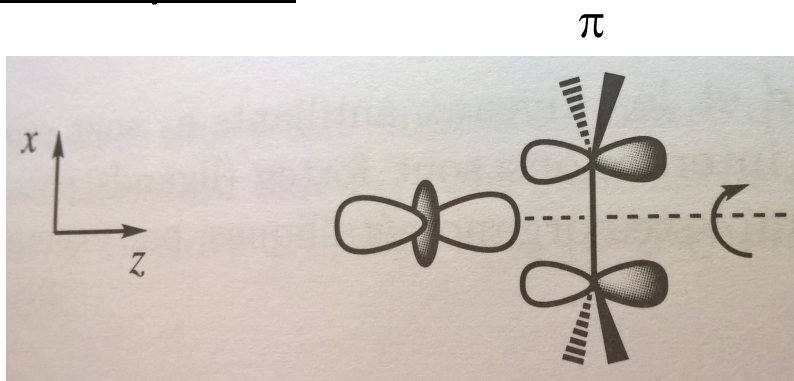
molécules dont l'atome donneur est impliqué dans une liaison multiple ;
alors il existe une OM π^* vacante susceptible d'accueillir des électrons du métal, avec un recouvrement latéral. Cas particulier PPh_3 : recouvrement latéral entre une OM d du métal et une OM de type d basée sur le P

Recouvrement avec des « ligands particuliers » : H_2 , alcène,
les 2 e^- apportés sont ceux d'1 liaison, qui est affaiblie.

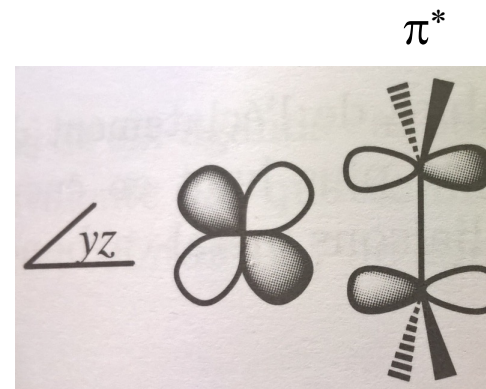


COMPLEXES π

Ligand éthylène :

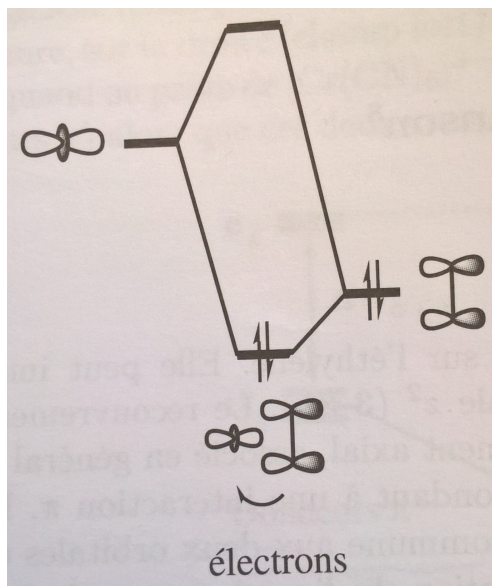


Interaction σ
Inchangé par rotation

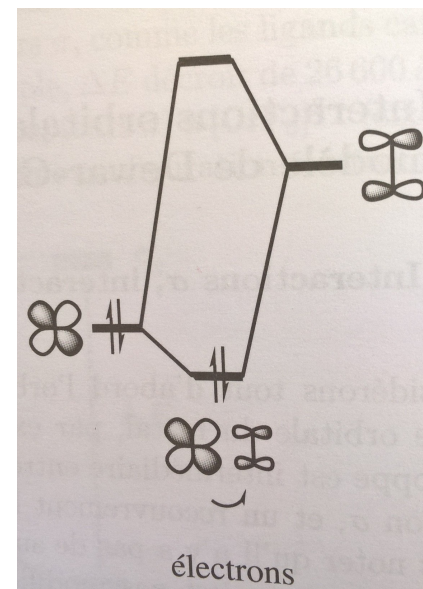


Interaction π : Plan nodal (yz)
La rotation autour de z
diminue le recouvrement S

Ligand L



Donation
Ligand σ -donneur



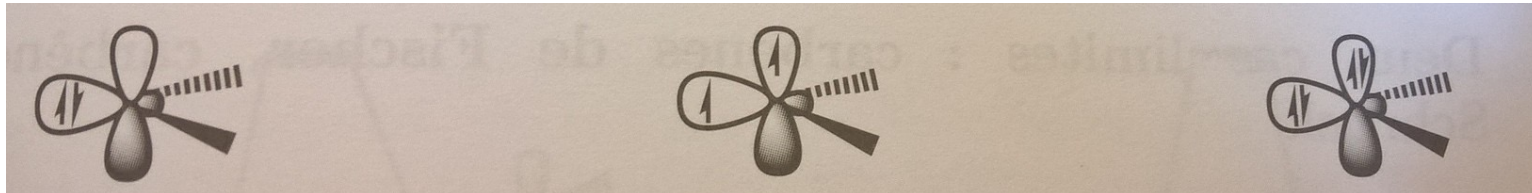
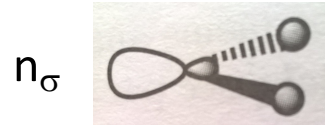
Rétrodonation
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Ligand carbonyle

Les OM dans les complexes, Yves Jean, p149

Ligand carbène : $\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{O}$

2 OM non liantes proches en énergie à remplir par 2 électrons

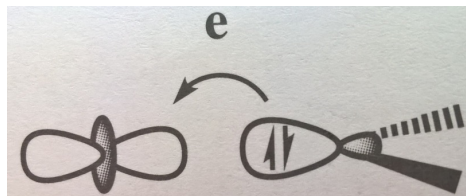


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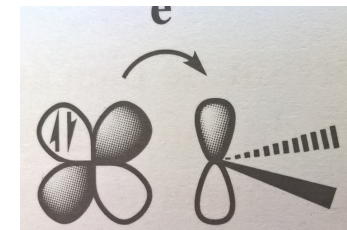
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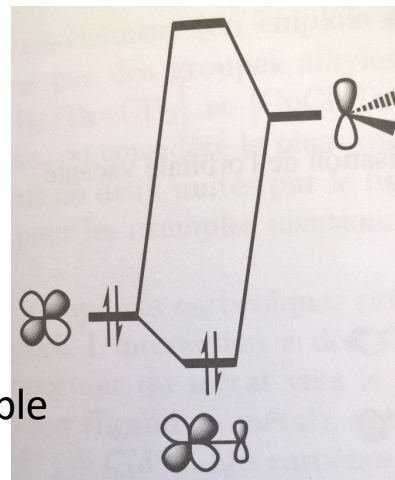
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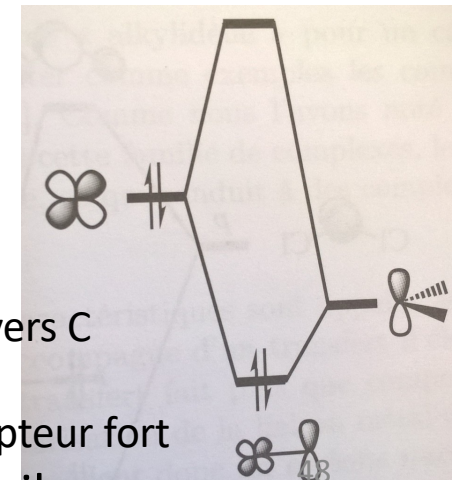
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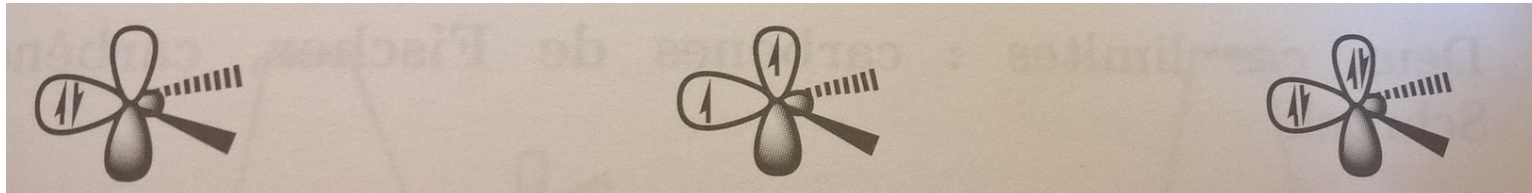
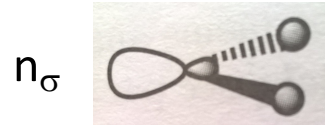
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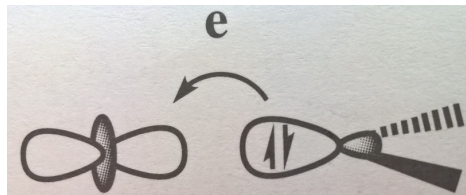


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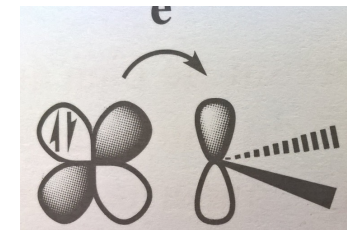
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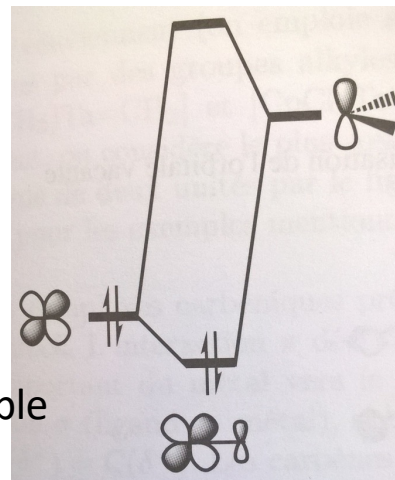
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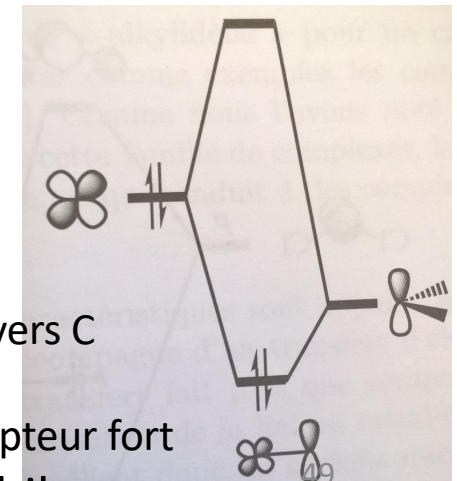
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