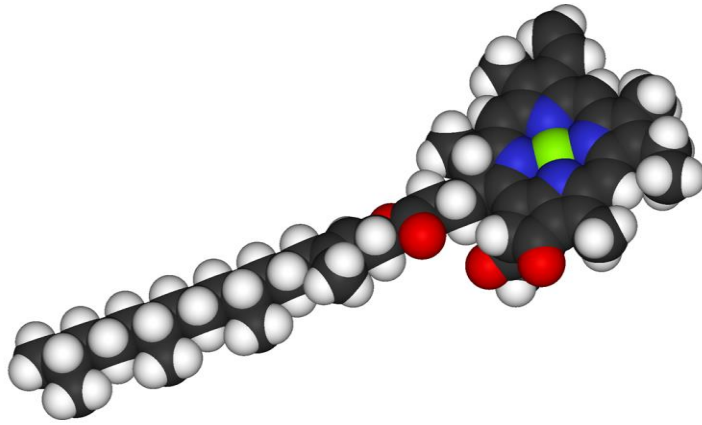
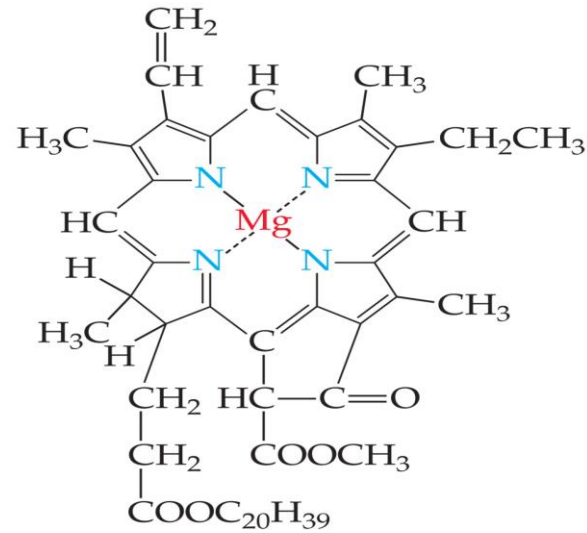


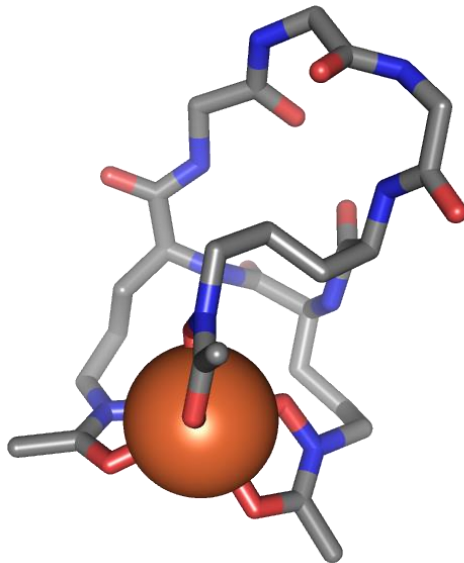
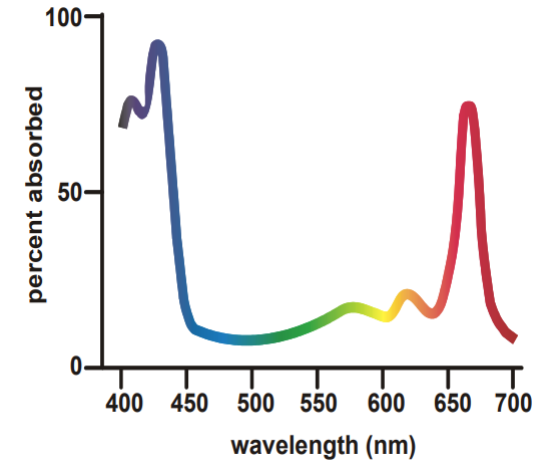
# Chelates are Important in Biochemistry!



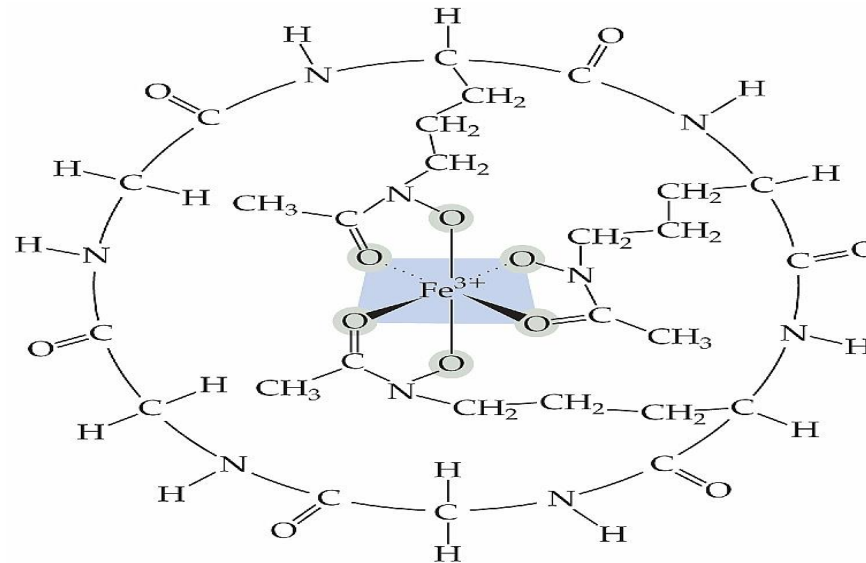
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*Chlorophyll a*



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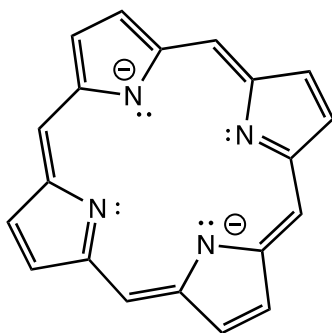
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LRS Stability

# Poll Question

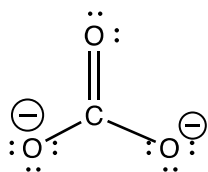
Which of the following molecules is NOT a chelating agent?

i. porphyrin



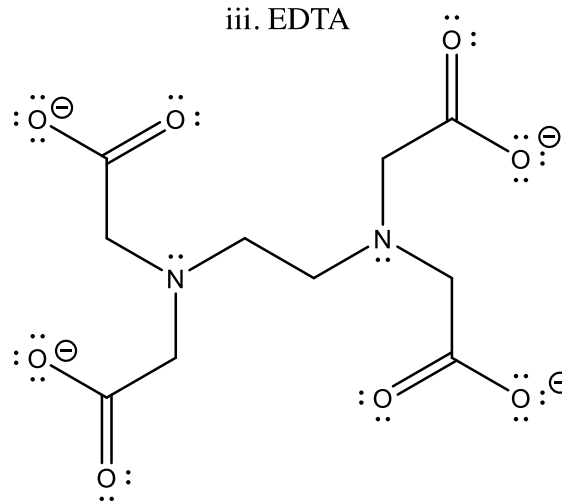
A

ii. carbonate



B

iii. EDTA



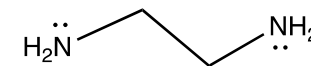
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iv. cyanide



D

v. ethylenediamine



E

# Next Week Glance

**Due Today:**

**Optional HW 7.5**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3/27	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31
HW 8 Metal Complex Rxns		Discussion 8	HW 8.5 Optional	

**Read the wikibook chapter 5.4**

Read Miessler 14.1 – 14.3

Bonus Reading if you are **really interested** in ligand substitution:

Pages: 104-112 in *The Organometallic Chemistry of the Transition Metals* by Robert Crabtree

# ***Inorganic Materials: Ligand Substitution Reactions***

***Wikibook Chapter 5.11***

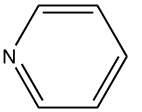
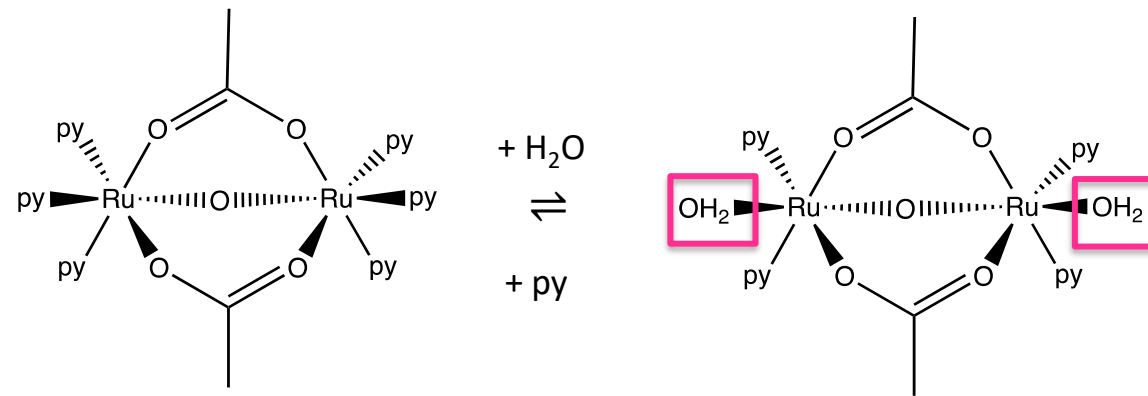
***Miessler 12.2.1, 12.7, 14.1.1, 14.2***

***Shriver 4.11***

## **Lesson Goals:**

- Describe the difference between thermodynamic and kinetic effects on ligand exchange
- Explain how CFSE affects ligand substitution rates
- Give examples of metals that tend to form labile complexes
- Give examples of metals that tend to form substitutionally inert complexes
- Draw the mechanism and predict the intermediates, transition states, and products for associative, dissociative and interchange mechanisms
- Explain the trans effect and its implications for ligand substitution reactions
- Give examples of strongly and weakly trans-directing ligands

# Ligand Substitution Reactions Govern the Synthesis, Stereochemistry, and Catalytic Chemistry of Complexes



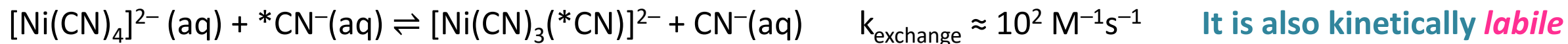
py = pyridine

- Mechanisms are intimately related to reaction kinetics
- Mechanisms are inferred from experiments that:
  - ❖ examine the concentration dependence of the incoming and outgoing ligands on the reaction rate
  - ❖ detect intermediates
  - ❖ determine the stereochemistry of the reactants and products

# Kinetics Describes **Speed**, while Thermodynamics Describes **Stability**



Product is thermodynamically **stable**

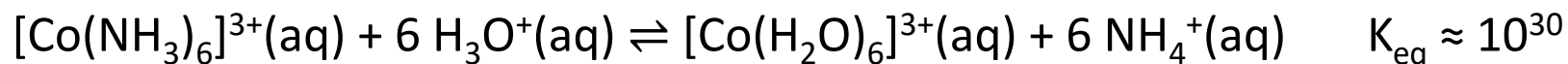


Complexes are classified as **labile** when the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) of ligand substitution is relatively low.

Complexes are classified as **labile** if the reaction  $t_{1/2}$  is less than one minute

CFSE (LFSE) affects  $E_a$ , so it also affects rate

**Reactant is thermodynamically unstable**



Forward direction is spontaneous, but reactant is kinetically **inert**; high CFSE

Complexes are classified as **inert** when they react more slowly. However, they **DO NOT** resist LS, there is just a high  $E_a$

Complexes are classified as **inert** if the reaction  $t_{1/2}$  is greater than one minute

# General Trends in Lability and Inertness

Complexes are classified as **inert** when the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) of ligand substitution is relatively high.  
(Slow Reactions)

energetic cost of breaking symmetry is high

**Hard Lewis acids;**  
strong metal-oxygen bonds

Complexes are classified as **labile** when the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) of ligand substitution is relatively low.  
(Fast Reactions)

energetic cost of breaking  $O_h$  symmetry is low

Slow Reactions (Inert)	Moderate Rate	Fast Reactions (Labile)
$d^3$ , low-spin $d^4$ , $d^5$ , and $d^6$		$d^1$ , $d^2$ , high-spin $d^4$ , $d^5$ , and $d^6$
Strong-field $d^8$ (square planar)	Weak-field $d^8$	$d^7$ , $d^9$ , $d^{10}$

**TABLE 12.1** Rate Constants for Water Exchange in  $[M(H_2O)_6]^{n+}$

Complex	$k(s^{-1})$ (298 K)	Electronic Configuration*
$[Ti(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	$1.8 \times 10^5$	$t_{2g}^1$
$[V(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	$5.0 \times 10^2$	$t_{2g}^2$
$[V(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	$8.7 \times 10^1$	$t_{2g}^3$
$[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$t_{2g}^3$
$[Cr(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	$> 10^8$	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^1$
$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{3+}$	$1.6 \times 10^2$	$t_{2g}^3 e_g^2$
$[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	$4.4 \times 10^6$	$t_{2g}^4 e_g^2$
$[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	$3.2 \times 10^6$	$t_{2g}^5 e_g^2$
$[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	$3.2 \times 10^4$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^2$
$[Cu(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	$4.4 \times 10^9$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^3$
$[Zn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$	$> 10^7$	$t_{2g}^6 e_g^4$

$d^3$ ; slower rate; inert  
 $d^3$ ; slower rate; inert

$d^2$ ; faster rate; labile

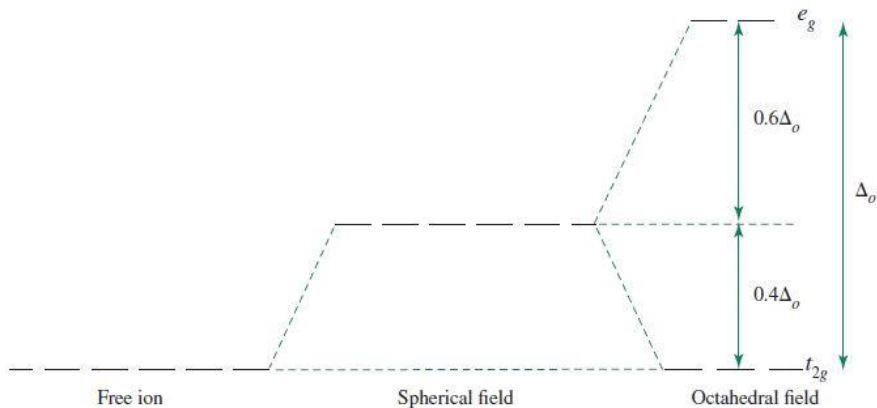
$d^4$  high spin; faster rate; labile

complexes with **NO** electrons in the  $e_g$  orbitals and at least one electron in EACH  $t_{2g}$  orbital tend to be inert, higher  $E_a$

complexes with electrons in the  $e_g$  orbitals tend to be labile, lower  $E_a$

# The effects to exchange rate can be explained with CFSE

Quick Refresher!



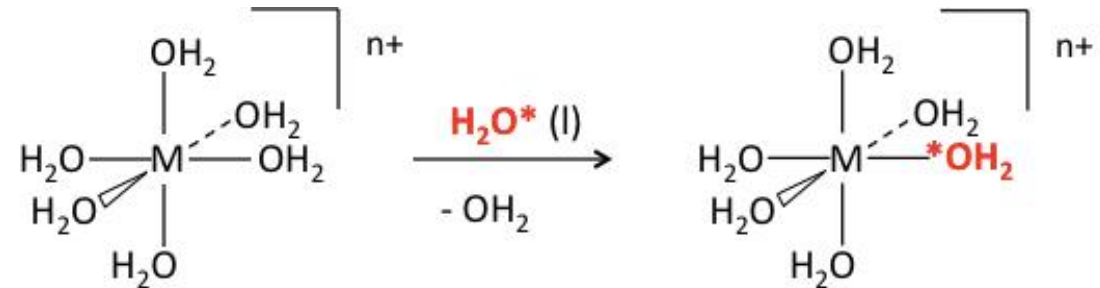
$$\text{CFSE} = (t_{2g} e^-)(0.4\Delta_o) - (e_g e^-)(0.6\Delta_o)$$

**Inert** complexes

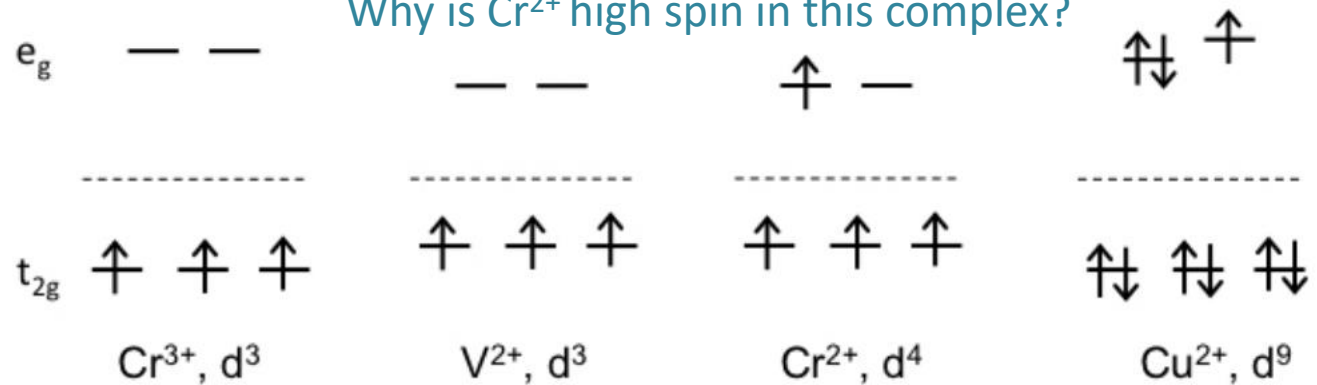
tend to have a  
**high CFSE**; higher  $E_a$ ; Slow

**Labile** complexes

tend to have a  
**low CFSE**; lower  $E_a$ ; Fast



Why is  $\text{Cr}^{2+}$  high spin in this complex?



Exchange Rate $k$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^8$	$1 \times 10^8$
CFSE	$1.2 \Delta_o$	$1.2 \Delta_o$	$0.6 \Delta_o$	$0.6 \Delta_o$
Classification	<b>inert</b>	<b>inert</b>	<b>labile</b>	<b>labile</b>



# Types of LS

## Dissociative Exchange

Intermediate with a **lower coordination number**

Mechanism labeled **D**

## Interchange Exchange

Detection of intermediates not possible

Mechanism labeled **I**

## Associative Exchange

Intermediate with a **higher coordination number**

Mechanism labeled **A**

## Dissociative Interchange

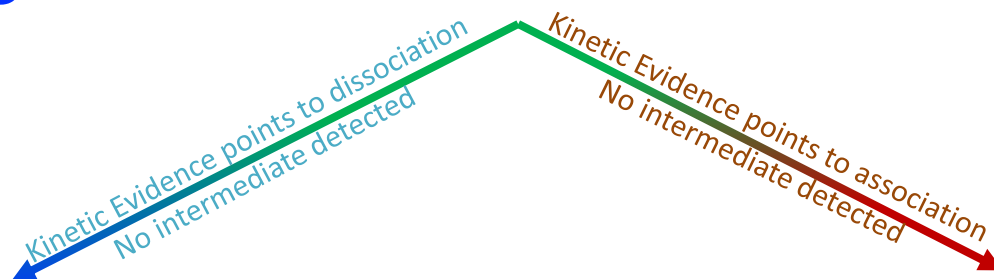
Ligand assistance is small;  
Reaction primarily dissociative

Mechanism labeled **I<sub>D</sub>**

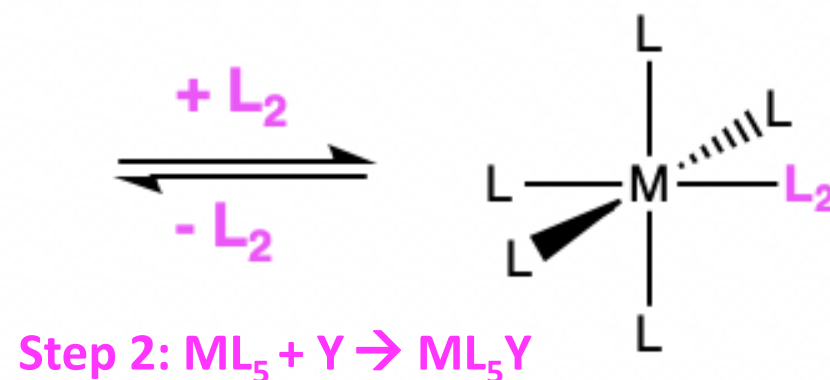
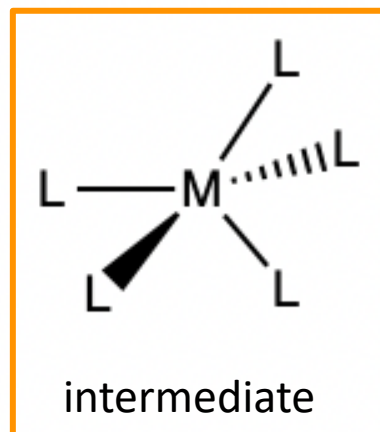
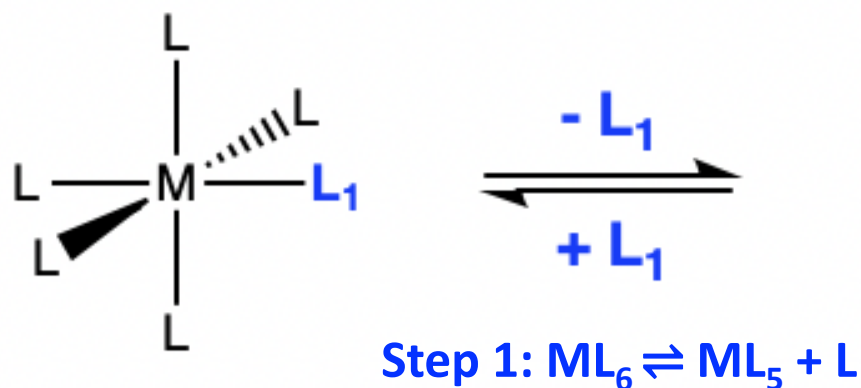
## Associative Interchange

Incoming ligand forms bond to central atom before departure of other ligand via bond weakening

Mechanism labeled **I<sub>A</sub>**



# Dissociative Exchange Mechanism, $D$



Electronic and Steric Influence:

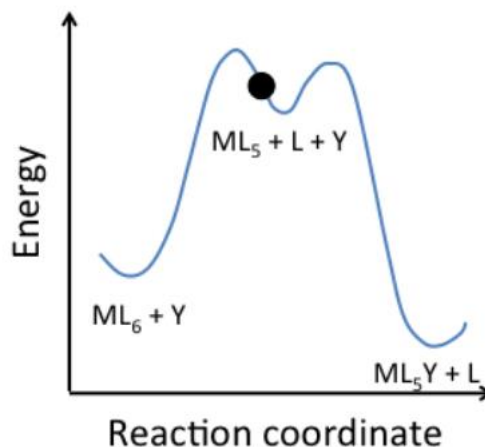
If the transition states are comparable E:

$$Rate = \frac{k_1 k_2 [Y] [ML_n]}{k_{-1} [L] + k_2 [Y]}$$

If the first step is rate determining and first transition state is highest E, the reaction is independent of  $[Y]$  ( $[Y] \gg [L]$ ) and it is first order:

*Saturation Kinetics*

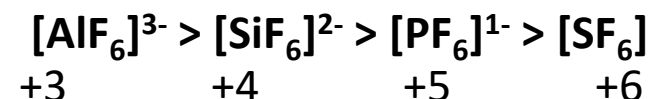
$$Rate = k_1 [ML_n]$$



$\Delta S_{rxn}$  is always positive

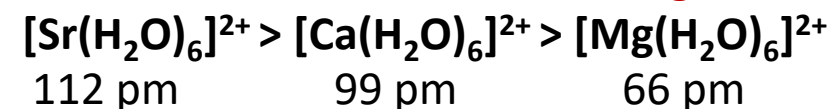
## 1. Oxidation State

Higher OX State; Slower Exchange



## 2. Ionic Radius

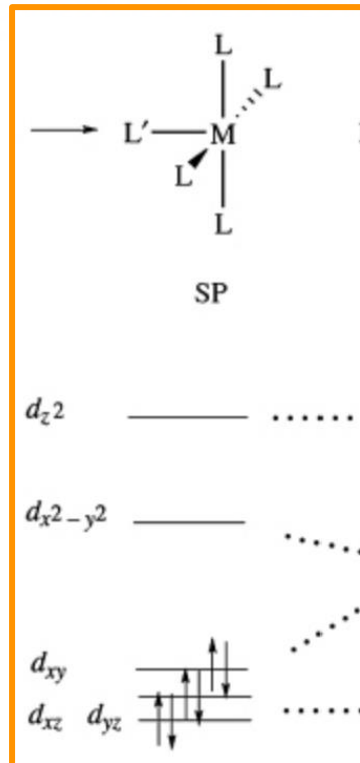
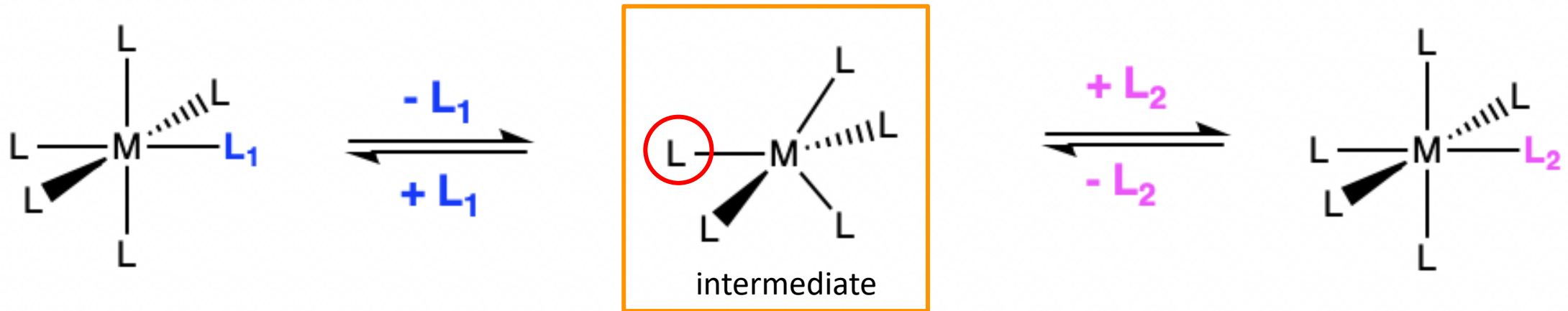
Smaller ion; Slower Exchange



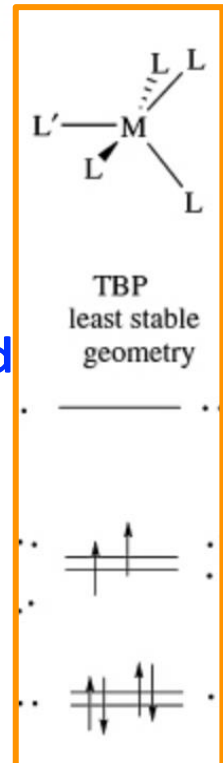
## 3. Bulkiness

Bulky ligands experience accelerated dissociation

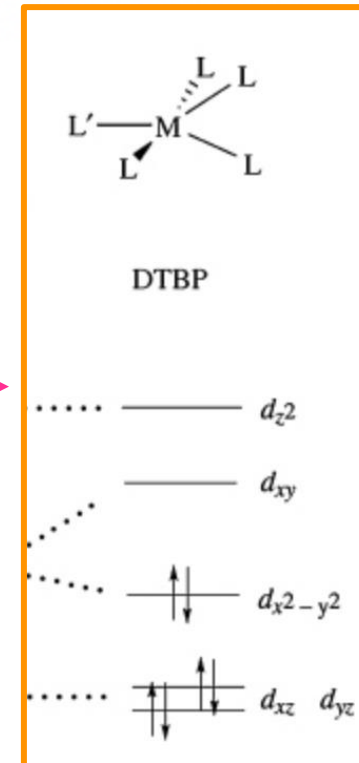
# Dissociative Exchange Mechanism, $D$



If  $L'$  is a high trans effect ligand

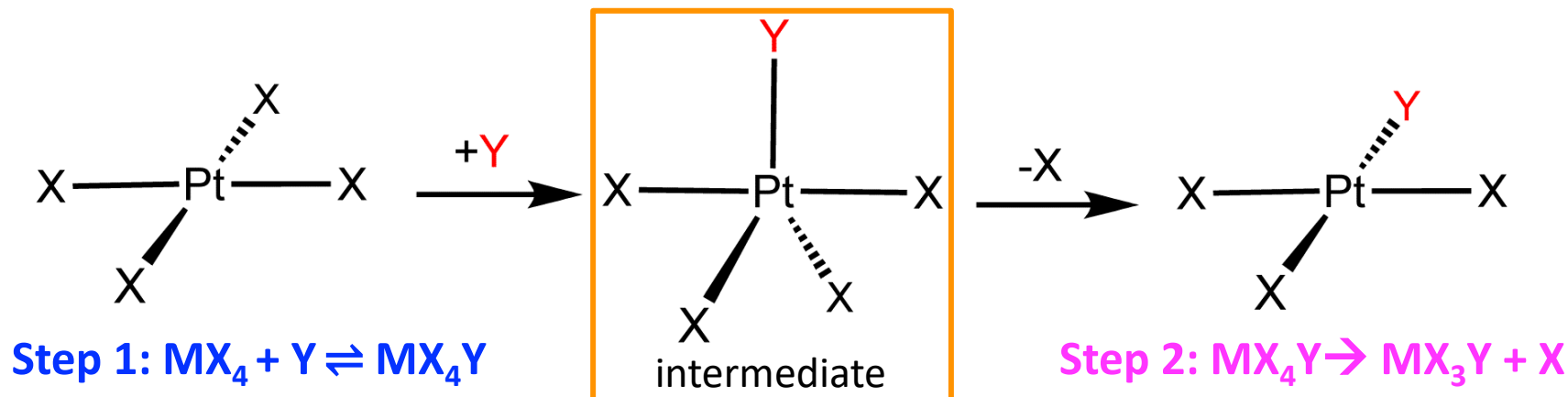


If  $L'$  is  $\pi$ -donor



# Associative Exchange Mechanism, A

- Complexes that contain a ligand that can change its bonding to the metal (bending or hapticity)
- Square planar  $d^8$  complexes



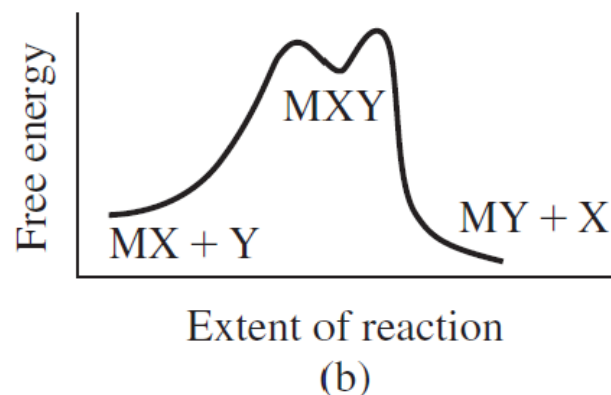
## Saturation:

1. **Unsaturated ( $\leq 16$  electron) complexes**  
 Incoming ligand bind to metal center  $\rightarrow$   
Associative Substitution

2. **Saturated (18 electron) complexes**  
 Ligand lost before incoming ligand is bound to  
 metal center  $\rightarrow$  Dissociative Substitution

Regardless of concentration;  
 Second-order kinetics

$$Rate = k[ML_nX][Y]$$

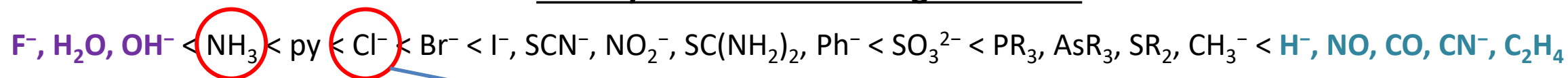


$\Delta S_{rxn}$  is negative; increase in order in transition state

# The Trans Effect Controls the Stereochemistry of Reactions

Certain ligands are **trans-directing ligands**, and labilize the ligand on the opposite side of the metal

## Chernyaev Trans-Effect Ligand Series

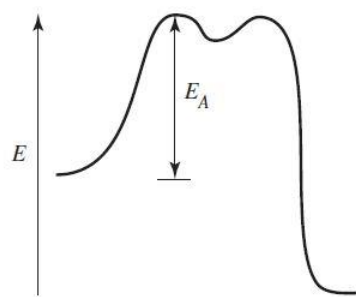


weak field ligands are  
weak trans-directing ligands

strong field ligands are  
strong trans-directing ligands

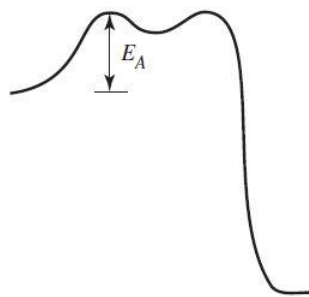
Cl<sup>-</sup> has a stronger **TRANS EFFECT** than NH<sub>3</sub>, thus the second Cl<sup>-</sup> is placed trans to the first.

Strong  $\sigma$ -donor;  
*trans influence*



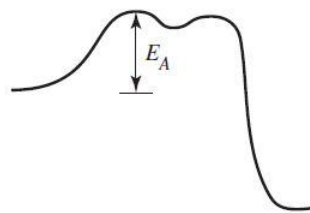
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Not strong  $\sigma$ -donor  
or  $\pi$ -acceptors;  
**Poor *trans* effect**

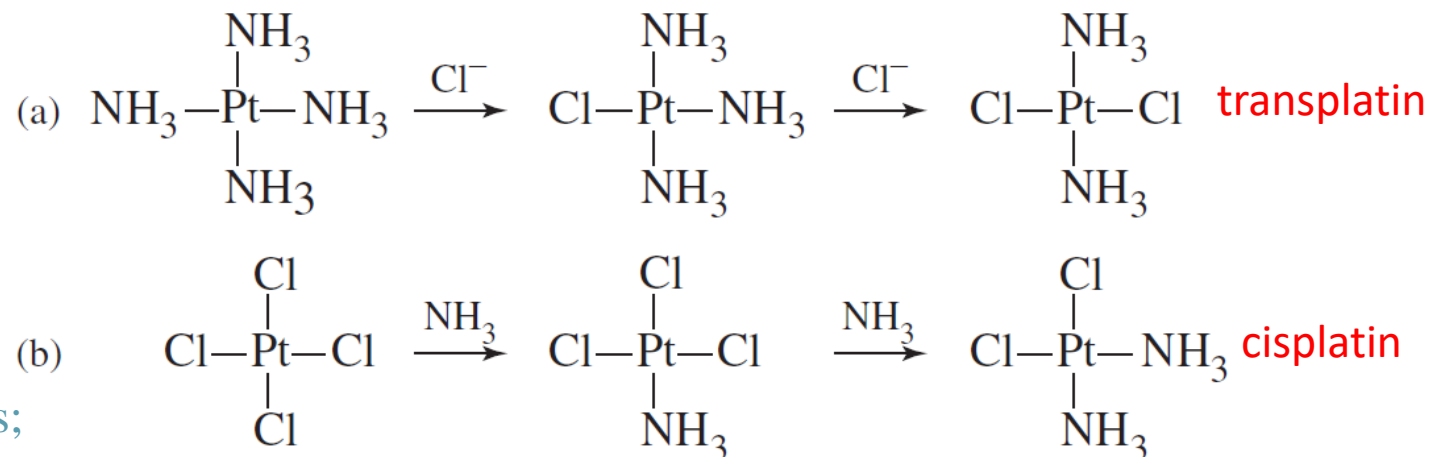


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Strong  $\pi$ -acceptors;  
*trans effect*



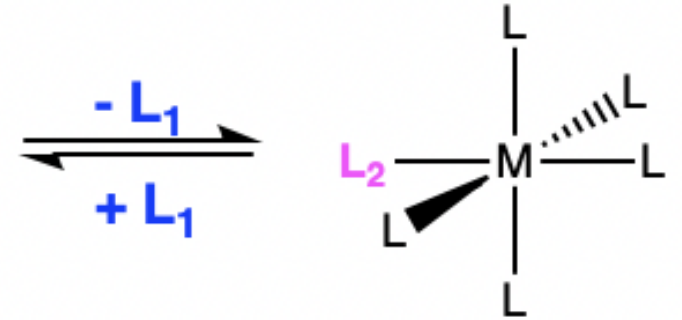
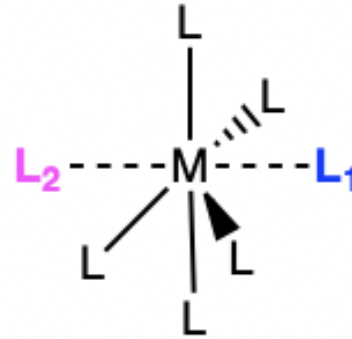
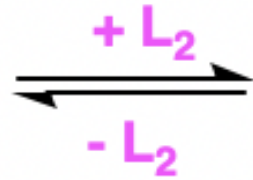
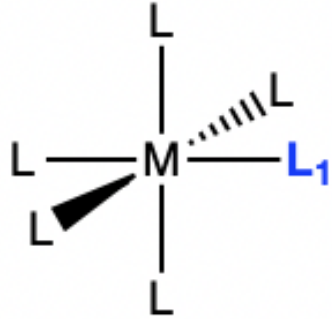
(c)



# Interchange Exchange Mechanism ( $I$ , $I_a$ , $I_d$ )

Only a transition state is formed,  
no intermediate

$I_a$  is associative,  $I_d$  is dissociative, depends on strength of bonds in transition state



If substitution is irreversible;  
Second-order kinetics

$$Rate = k_1[ML_6][X]$$

If substitution is reversible;  
Much more complicated;  
Approximated as pseudo first order

$$Rate = k_1[ML_6] - k_{-1}[ML_5X]$$

Assumes large ligand concentrations

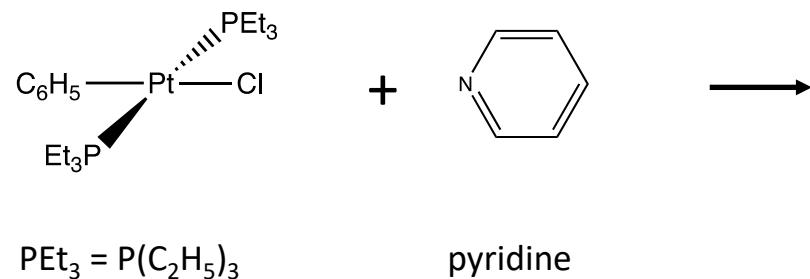
How can you tell the mechanism of the reaction?

Measure the **kinetics**; concentration dependence on incoming ligand? First or second order?

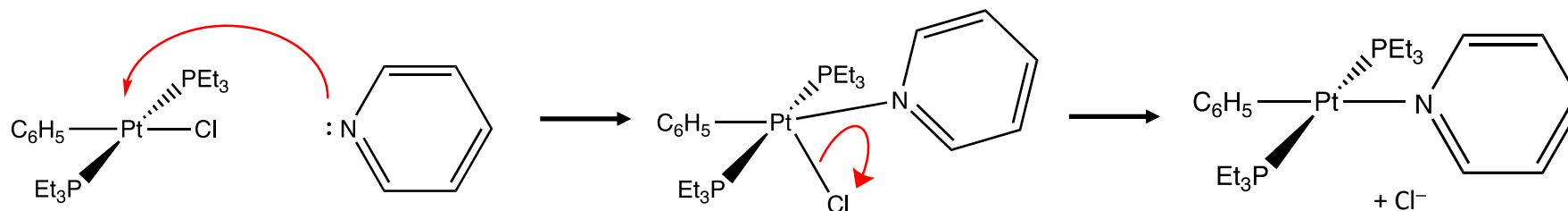
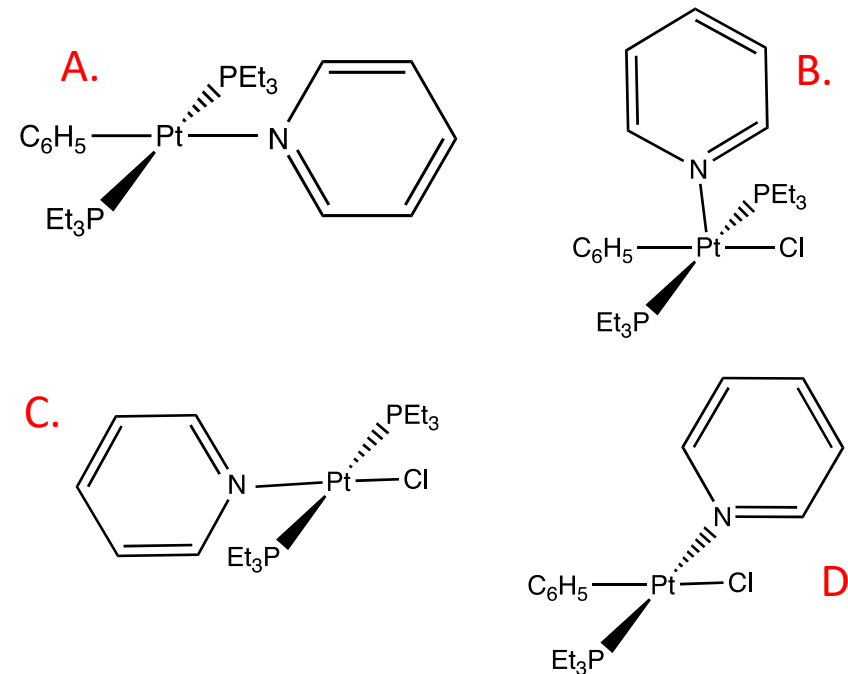
Determine the **stereochemistry** of products; is it different for different starting materials? (transplatin)

# Lecture 29 Activity – Ligand Substitution

Draw a mechanism with arrows for the following reaction, and draw the predicted product:



What product do you predict will be formed?



**E. No reaction.**