

# 1. Stability of complexes

• Octahedral complexes are more stable & favourable than Tetrahedral complexes. It is because:-

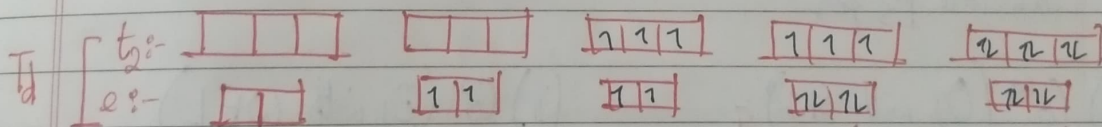
- (i) In  $O_h$  complexes, there are 6 bond energy terms involved, while in  $T_d$  complexes, there are 4 bond energy terms
- (ii) Larger CFSE is associated with  $O_h$  complexes than  $T_d$  complexes

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

• Tetrahedral complexes are favoured:-

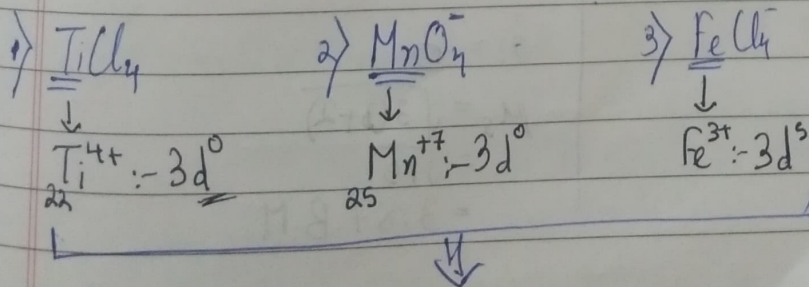
- (i) When there are large & bulky ligands which could cause overcrowding in  $O_h$  complexes.
- (ii) When there is attainment of regular/symmetric configuration

Eg:-  $d^0$ ,  $d^2$ ,  $d^5$ ,  $d^7$ ,  $d^{10}$



These orbitals ~~are~~  $t_2$  &  $e$  are either half / fully filled making them stable.

Example of Complexes:-



Stable configurations

(iii) When there is a weak field ligands, the loss of CFSE is insignificant  
In these cases,  $T_d$  complexes are favoured

(iv) When the CMA/ion is in lower oxidation state, the ligand is weak  $\therefore T_d$  complexes are favoured [Magnitude of  $\Delta_t$  is less]

## Magnetism

Spin only magnetic moment  $\mu_s = \sqrt{n(n+2)} \text{ B.M.} \rightarrow \text{Bohr Magneton}$   
 $n \rightarrow \text{no. of unpaired } e^-$

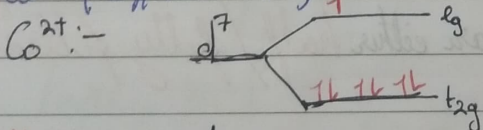
For  $n=0$ ,  $\mu_s = \sqrt{0(0+2)} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Diamagnetic}$   
 For  $n \neq 0$ ,  $\mu_s \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Paramagnetic}$

• Diamagnetic:-  
 1) Has paired  $e^-$   
 2) No net spin  $\therefore$  Repelled by magnetic field

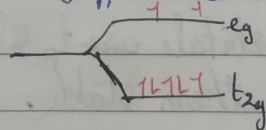
• Paramagnetic:-  
 1) Has unpaired  $e^-$   
 2) Net spin  $\therefore$  Attracted to magnetic field

Q. Calculate  $\mu_s$  for:-

(i)  $\text{Co}^{2+} (\text{Oh with SFL})$



(ii)  $\text{Co}^{2+} (\text{Oh with WFL})$



\* SFL  $\rightarrow$  favours  $e^-$  pairing

WFL  $\rightarrow$  does not favour  $e^-$  pairing

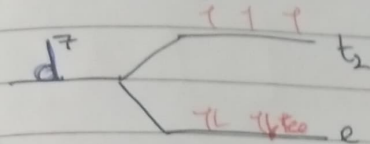
$$n = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_s &= \sqrt{1(1+2)} \\ &= \sqrt{3} \\ &= 1.73 \text{ B.M.} \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_s &= \sqrt{3(3+2)} \\ &= \sqrt{15} \\ &= 3.87 \text{ B.M.} \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ( $T_d$  complex  $\rightarrow$  All  $T_d$  complexes' ligands treated as WFL)



$$n = 3$$

$$\mu_s = \sqrt{3(3+2)} = \sqrt{15}$$

$$= 3.87 \text{ B.M.}$$