

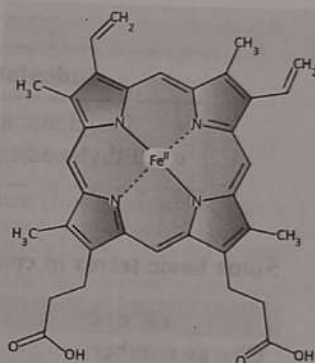
# Coordination Compounds

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### Haemoglobin

Haemoglobin is the iron-containing oxygen-transport metalloprotein in the red blood cells of vertebrates as well as the tissues of some invertebrates. Haemoglobin in the blood carries oxygen from the respiratory organs (lungs or gills) to the rest of the body (i.e. the tissues). A heme group consists of an iron (Fe) ion (charged atom) held in a heterocyclic ring, known as a porphyrin which consists of

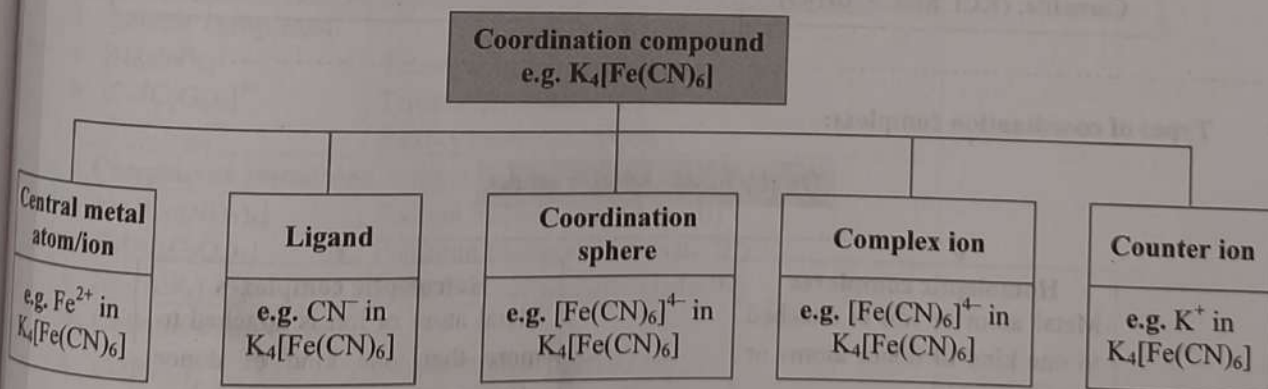


four pyrrole molecules cyclically linked together (by methine bridges) with the iron ion bound in the center. The iron ion, which is the site of oxygen binding, coordinates with the four nitrogens in the center of the ring, which all lie in one plane. The iron ion may be either in the  $Fe^{2+}$  or in the  $Fe^{3+}$  state, but ferrihaemoglobin ( $Fe^{3+}$ ) cannot bind oxygen. In binding, oxygen temporarily and reversibly oxidizes  $Fe^{2+}$  to  $Fe^{3+}$  while oxygen temporarily turns into superoxide, thus iron must exist in the +2 oxidation state to bind oxygen.



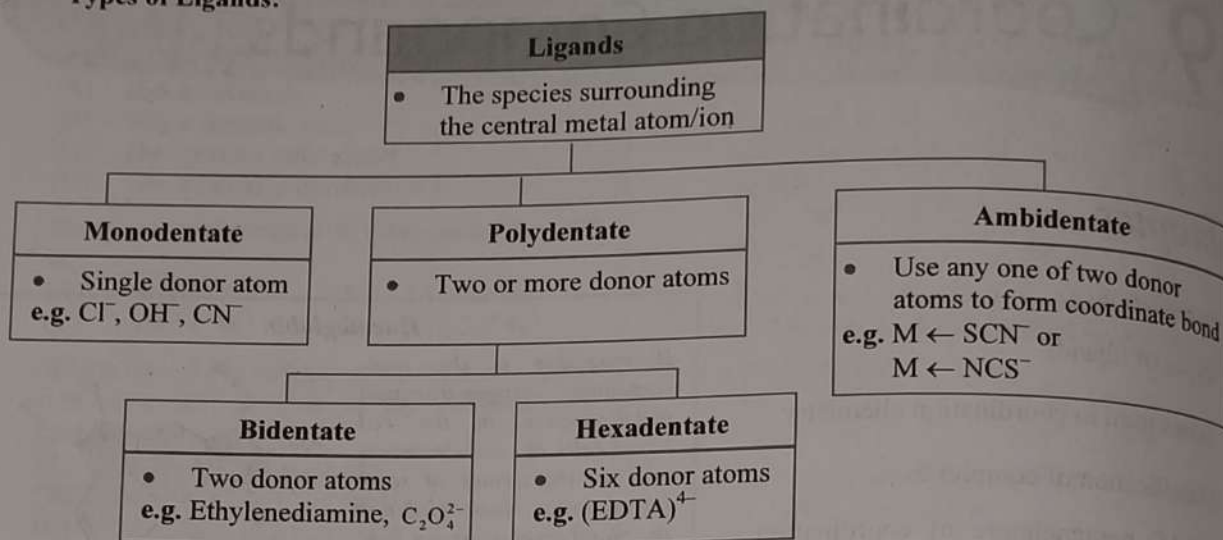
### Quick Review

#### Components of coordination compounds:



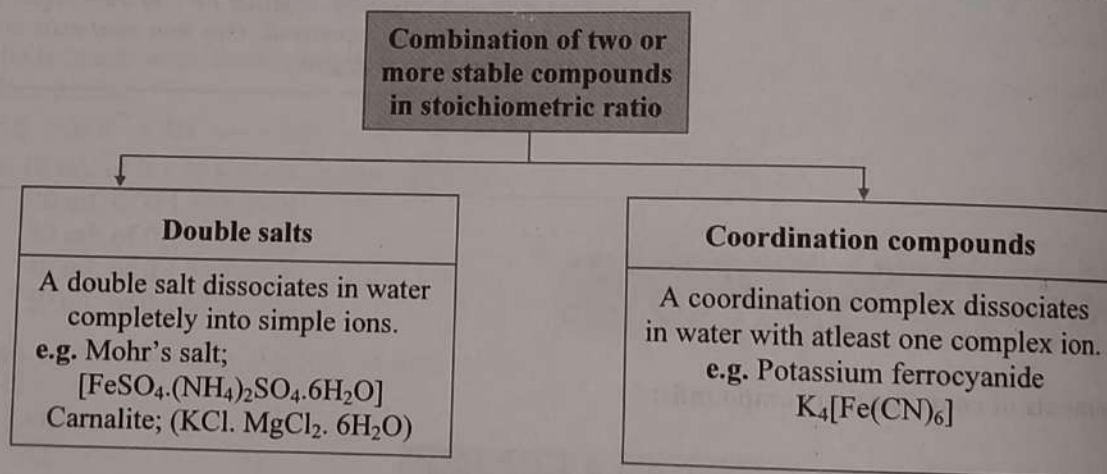


➤ **Types of Ligands:**

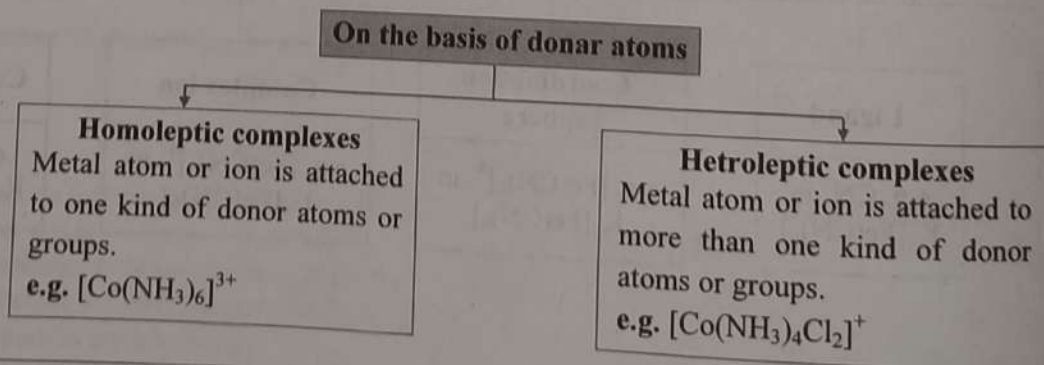


➤ **Some basic terms in coordination chemistry:**

Term	Description
Charge number	The net charge residing on the complex. e.g. $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$ has charge number -3.
Oxidation state	The charge carried by metal ion is its oxidation state. E.g. In $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ Fe has oxidation state +2.
Coordination number	The number of ligand donor atoms directly attached to central metal ion or number of electron pairs involved in the coordinate bond is called coordination number. E.g. $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2]^+$ has coordination number 6.



➤ **Types of coordination complexes:**





## On the basis of charge on complex ion

**Cationic complexes**  
A coordination compound having a positively charged coordination sphere  
e.g.  $[\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$

**Neutral complexes**  
A coordination compound having negatively charged coordination sphere  
e.g.  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$

**Anionic complexes**  
A coordination complex which does not possess cationic or anionic sphere  
e.g.  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4]$

## Names of common ligands in coordination compounds:

Anionic ligand	IUPAC name	Anionic ligand	IUPAC name
$\text{Br}^-$ , Bromide	Bromo	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ , Carbonate	Carbonato
$\text{Cl}^-$ , Chloride	Chloro	$\text{OH}^-$ , Hydroxide	Hydroxo
$\text{F}^-$ , Fluoride	Fluoro	$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ , Oxalate	Oxalato
$\text{I}^-$ , Iodide	Iodo	$\text{NO}_2^-$ , Nitrite	Nitro (For N - bonded ligand)
$\text{CN}^-$ , Cyanide	Cyano	$\text{ONO}^-$ , Nitrite	Nitrito (For O-bonded ligand)
$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , Sulphate	Sulphato	$\text{SCN}^-$ , Thiocyanate	Thiocyanato (For ligand donor atom S)
$\text{NO}_3^-$ , Nitro	Nitrato	$\text{NCS}^-$ , Thiocyanate	Isouthiocyanato (For ligand donor atom N)
Neutral ligand	IUPAC name	Neutral ligand	IUPAC name
$\text{NH}_3$ , Ammonia	Ammine	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , water	Aqua
$\text{CO}$ , Carbon monoxide	Carbonyl	en, Ethylene diamine	Ethylenediamine

## IUPAC names of metals in anionic complexes:

Metal	IUPAC name	Metal	IUPAC name
Aluminium, Al	Aluminate	Chromium, Cr	Chromate
Cobalt, Co	Cobaltate	Copper, Cu	Cuprate
Gold, Au	Aurate	Iron, Fe	Ferrate
Manganese, Mn	Manganate	Nickel, Ni	Nickelate
Platinum, Pt	Platinate	Zinc, Zn	Zincate

## IUPAC names of some complexes:

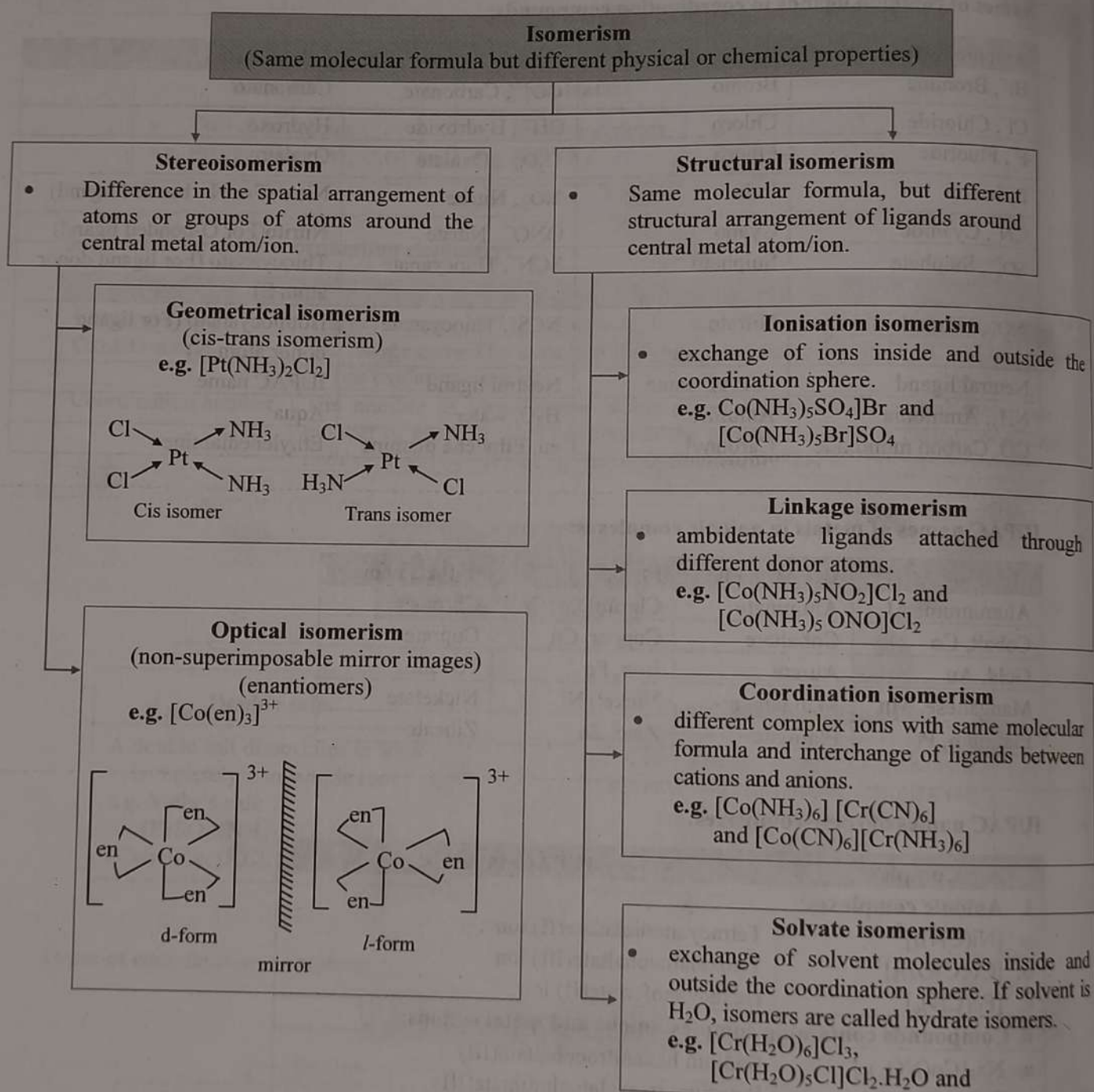
Complex	IUPAC name
<b>i. Anionic complexes:</b>	
a. $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$	Tetracyanonickelate(II) ion
b. $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]^{3-}$	Trioxalatocobaltate(III) ion
c. $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$	Hexacyanoferrate(II) ion
<b>ii. Compounds containing complex anions and metal cations:</b>	
a. $\text{Na}_3[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_2)_6]$	Sodium hexanitrocobaltate(III)
b. $\text{K}_3[\text{Al}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3]$	Potassium trioxalatoaluminate(III)
c. $\text{Na}_3[\text{AlF}_6]$	Sodium hexafluoroaluminate(III)
<b>iii. Cationic complexes:</b>	
a. $\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4^{2+}$	Tetraamminecopper(II) ion
b. $[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5(\text{NCS})]^{2+}$	Pentaaquaisouthiocyanatoiron(III) ion
c. $[\text{Pt}(\text{en})_2(\text{SCN})_2]^{2+}$	Bis(ethylenediamine)dithiocyanatoplatinum(IV)

**iv. Compounds containing complex cations and anion:**

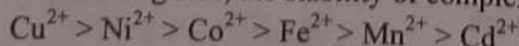
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| a. $[\text{PtBr}_2(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{Br}_2$                | Tetraamminedibromoplatinum(IV) bromide   |
| b. $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{CO}_3]\text{Cl}$           | Pentaamminecarbonatocobalt(III) chloride |
| c. $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{NH}_3)_5]\text{I}_3$ | Pentaammineaquacobalt(III) iodide        |

**v. Neutral complexes:**

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| a. $[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{NH}_3)_3]$ | Triamminetrinitrocobalt(III)        |
| b. $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$                    | Pentacarbonyliron(0)                |
| c. $[\text{Rh}(\text{NH}_3)_3(\text{SCN})_3]$  | Triamminetrithiocyanatorhodium(III) |

**➤ Isomerism in coordination compounds:****➤ Irving William order of stability:**

For same ligands, the stability of complexes formed by  $\text{M}^{2+}$  ions follows the order:





Complex	Oxidation state of metal	Outer electronic configuration of metal	Hybridisation	Geometry	No. of unpaired electrons	Magnetic property
$[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$	+2	$3d^8$	$dsp^2$	Square planar	0	Diamagnetic
$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$	+3	$3d^6$	$d^2sp^3$	Octahedral	0	Diamagnetic
$[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$	+2	$3d^8$	$sp^3$	Tetrahedral	2	Paramagnetic
$[\text{CoF}_6]^{3-}$	+3	$3d^6$	$dsp^2$	Square planar	0	Diamagnetic
$[\text{ZnCl}_4]^{2-}$	+2	$3d^{10}$	$sp^3d^2$	Octahedral	4	Paramagnetic
$[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$	+2	$3d^7$	$sp^3$	Tetrahedral	0	Diamagnetic
$[\text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$	+2	$3d^8$	$sp^3d^2$	Octahedral	3	Paramagnetic
$[\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-}$	+2	$3d^7$	$dsp^2$	Square planar	0	Diamagnetic
$[\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$	+3	$3d^3$	$sp^3$	Tetrahedral	3	Paramagnetic
$[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$	+3	$3d^7$	$d^2sp^3$	Octahedral	3	Paramagnetic
$[\text{VCl}_4]^-$	+3	$3d^2$	$sp^3d^2$	Octahedral	1	Paramagnetic
			$sp^3$	Tetrahedral	2	Paramagnetic

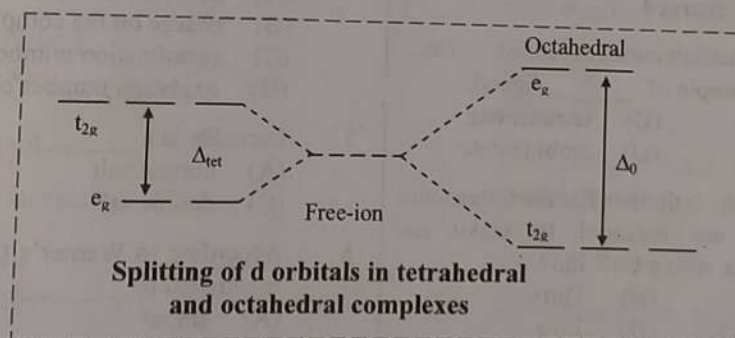
> **Spectrochemical series:** Increasing order of ligand field:  
 $\text{I}^- < \text{Br}^- < \text{Cl}^- < \text{S}^{2-} < \text{F}^- < \text{OH}^- < \text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-} < \text{H}_2\text{O} < \text{NCS}^- < \text{EDTA} < \text{NH}_3 < \text{en} < \text{CN}^- < \text{CO}$

### Types of coordination complexes

**High spin complexes**  
 Crystal field energy greater than pairing energy ( $\Delta_0 > P$ ).

**Low spin complexes**  
 Crystal field energy is less than pairing energy ( $\Delta_0 < P$ ).

> **Crystal field splitting in tetrahedral and octahedral complexes:**



### Formulae

- Effective atomic number (EAN):**  
 $\text{EAN} = Z - X + Y$   
 where,  
 $Z$  = Atomic number of metal  
 $X$  = Number of electrons lost by metal to form the ion  
 $Y$  = Number of electrons donated by ligands