

Coordination Chemistry

Main-group
Elements

Transition
Metals

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<div>Transition elements: partly filed d or f shells</div>																		H	He
Li	Be																		
Na	Mg											B	C	N	O	F	Ne		
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar		
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr		
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe		
Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf	Ha	106	107	108	109				Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn		

Transition elements: partly filled d or f shells

Lanthanides

Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr

Actinides

Tm complex: Variable valence

Sc			+3				
Ti	+1	+2	+3	+4			
V	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5		
Cr	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+6	
Mn	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+6	+7
Fe	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+6	
Co	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5		
Ni	+1	+2	+3	+4			
Cu	+1	+2	+3				
Zn		+2					

Cu is the only element which affords Cu^{I} compounds without π -acceptor ligands

Complexes: Have **metal** ion (can be zero oxidation state) bonded to number of **ligands**.

Complex contains central metal ion bonded to one or more molecules or anions

Lewis acid = metal = center of coordination

Transition metals can act as Lewis acid

Lewis base = ligand = molecules/ions covalently bonded to metal in complex

The term ligand (ligare [Latin], to bind) was first used by Alfred Stock in 1916 in relation to silicon chemistry. The first use of the term in a British journal was by H. Irving and R.J.P. Williams in *Nature*, 1948, 162, 746.

For a fascinating review on 'ligand' in chemistry - *Polyhedron*, 2, 1983, 1-7.

Ligand: Lewis base – contain at least one nonbonding pair of electrons



Lewis acid

Lewis base

Complex ion

◆ Coordination compound

▲ Compound that contains 1 or more complexes

▲ Example



- **Ligands**

- **classified according to the number of donor atoms**

- **Examples**

- **monodentate = 1**

- **bidentate = 2**

- **tetradentate = 4**

- **hexadentate = 6**

- **polydentate = 2 or more donor atoms**

chelating agents



monodentate, bidentate, tridentate etc. where the concept of teeth (dent) is introduced, hence the idea of bite angle etc.

Table 22.4 Some Common Ligands
MONODENTATE

Formula ^a	Name as Ligand ^b	Formula ^a	Name as Ligand ^b	Formula ^a	Name as Ligand ^b
Neutral Molecules					
NH ₃	Ammine	NO	Nitrosyl	H ₂ O	Aqua
CH ₃ NH ₂	Methylamine	CO	Carbonyl	C ₅ H ₅ N	Pyridine
Anions					
F ⁻	Fluoro	OH ⁻	Hydroxo	NCS ⁻	Thiocyanato- <i>N</i>
Cl ⁻	Chloro	NO ₂ ⁻	Nitrito- <i>N</i>	SCN ⁻	Thiocyanato- <i>S</i>
Br ⁻	Bromo	ONO ⁻	Nitrito- <i>O</i>	OSO ₃ ²⁻	Sulfato
I ⁻	Iodo	CN ⁻	Cyano	SSO ₃ ²⁻	Thiosulfato

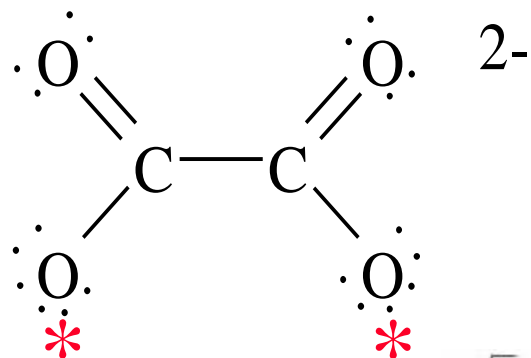
POLYDENTATE

Name of Ligand ^b	Abbreviation	Formula ^a
Ethylenediamine	en	H ₂ NCH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂
Oxalato	ox	[O ₂ C ₂ O ₄] ²⁻
Ethylenediaminetetraacetato	EDTA	[(OOCCH ₂) ₂ NCH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₂ COO) ₂] ⁴⁻

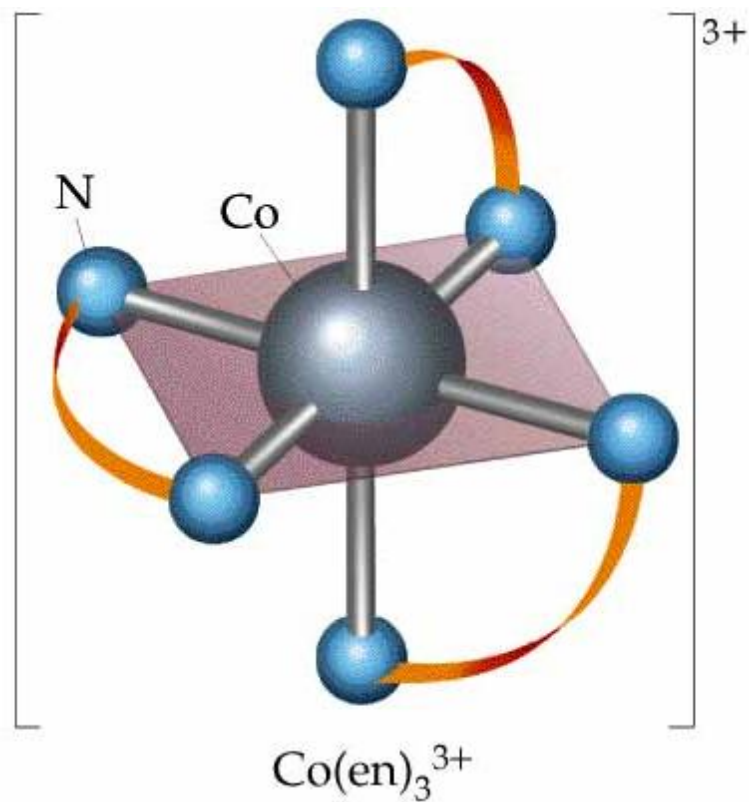
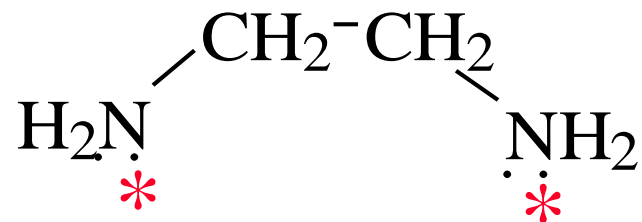
^a Donor atoms are shown in red.

^b Most neutral ligands carry the unmodified name, except for aqua, ammine, carbonyl, and nitrosyl. Anion ligand names end in “o,” which requires changing the terminal *-e* to *-o* (for example, sulfate → sulfato). With many common anions, an entire *-ide* ending is changed to *-o* (for example, cyanide → cyano).

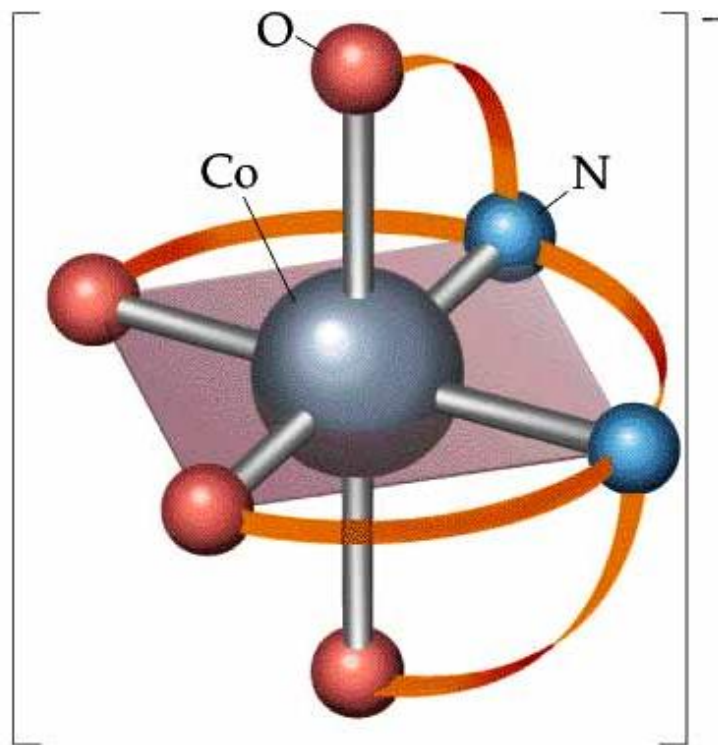
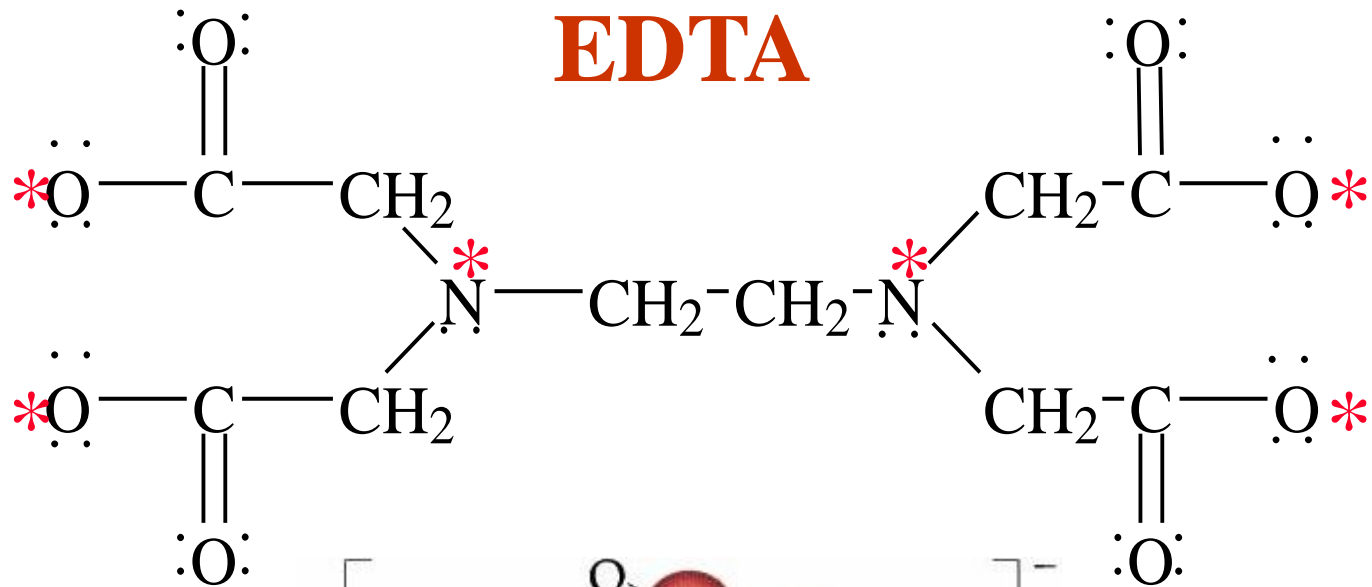
oxalate ion



ethylenediamine



EDTA

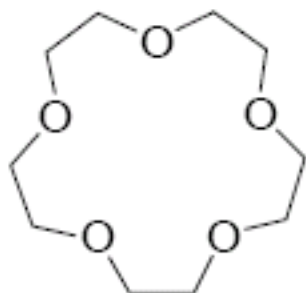


CoEDTA^-

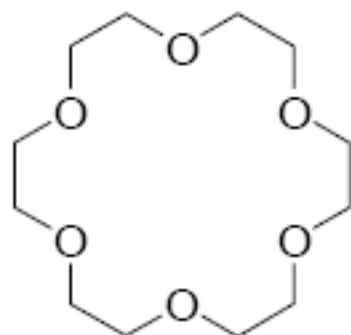
Macrocyclic Ligands

Large ring compounds most commonly containing O, N and/or S atoms

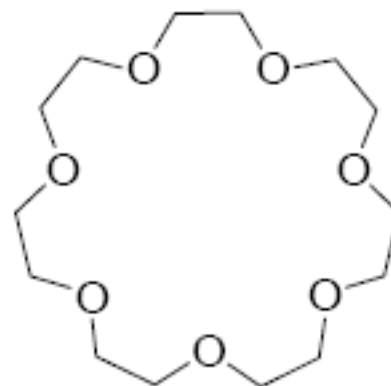
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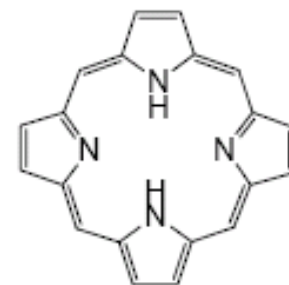
15-crown-5



18-crown-6

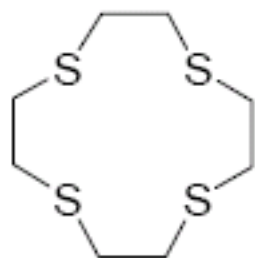


21-crown-7

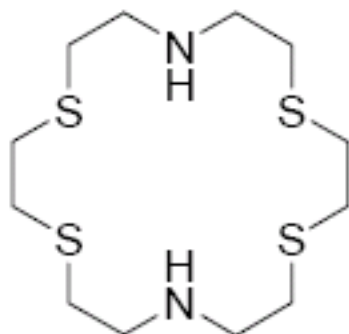


porphyrin

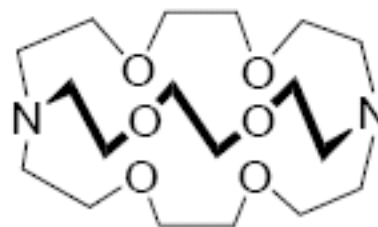
thia-crown ether:



aza-thia-crown:



cryptand:

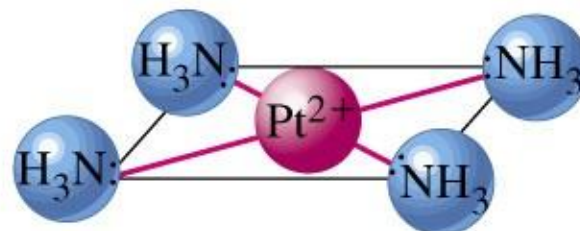


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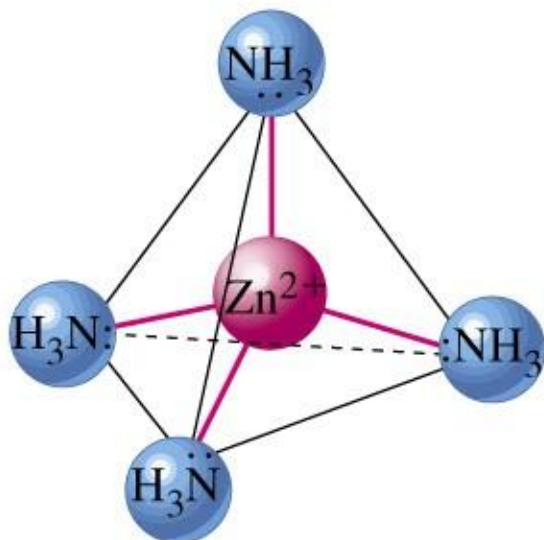
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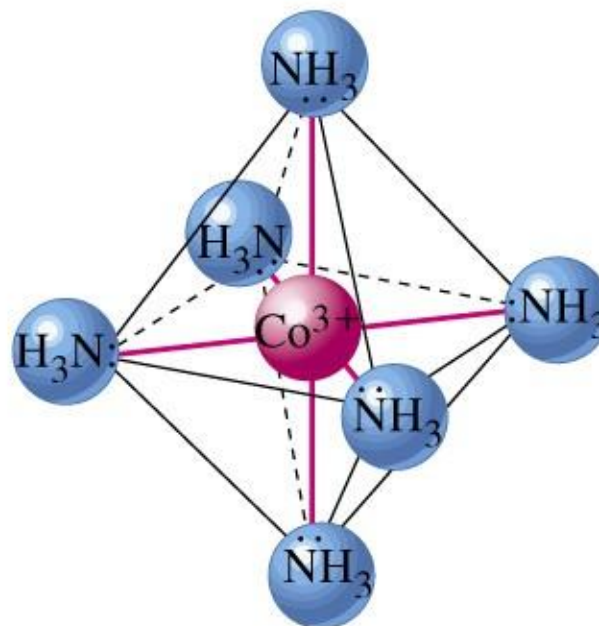
Linear



Square planar



Tetrahedral



Octahedral

Coordination Equilibria & Chelate effect



$$K_f = [\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5(\text{NCS})]^{2+} / [\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{3+} [\text{NCS}^-]$$

Equilibrium constant $K_f \Rightarrow$ formation constant



Coordination Equilibria and Chelate effect

- $K_1, K_2, \dots \Rightarrow$ Stepwise formation constant.
- To calculate concentration of the final product, use **overall formation constant β_n** :

- $$\beta_n = [ML_n]/[M][L]^n$$
- $$= K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3 \times \dots \times K_n$$

Kinetic stability

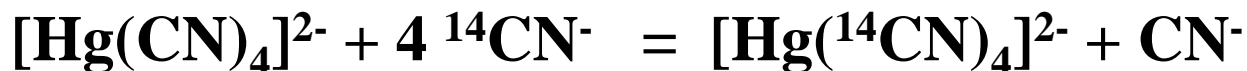
Inert and labile complexes

The term inert and labile are relative

“A good rule of thumb is that those complexes that react completely within 1 min at 25° should be considered labile and those that take longer should be considered inert.”

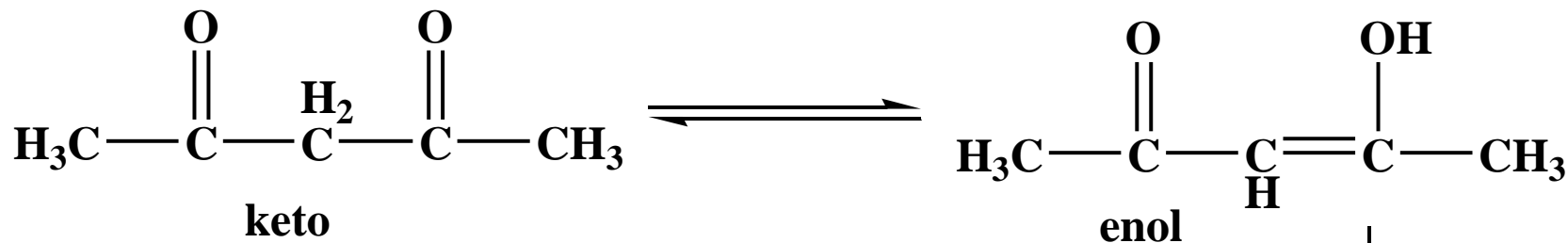
Thermodynamically stable complexes can be labile or inert

$[\text{Hg}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$ $K_f = 10^{42}$ thermodynamically stable

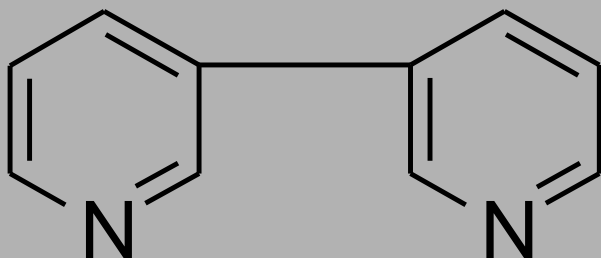
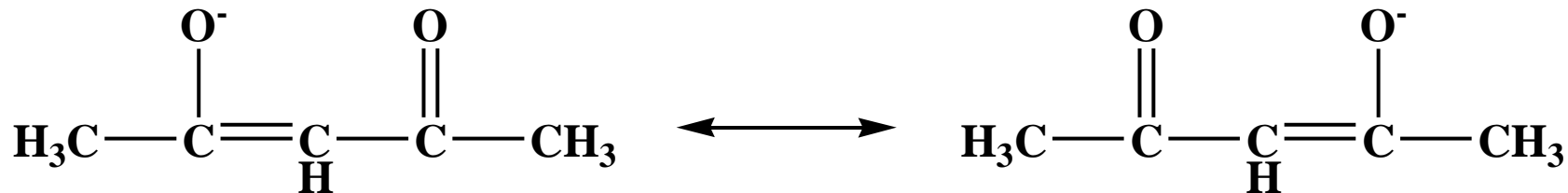


Very fast reaction

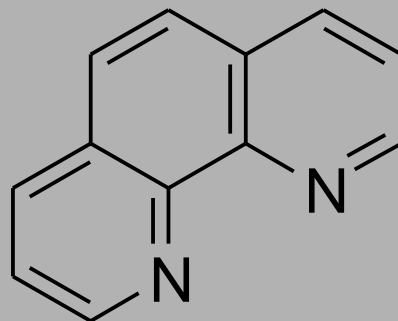
Labile



actetylacetone



2,2'-bipyridine (bipy)



1.10 - phenanthroline (phen)

Stepwise formation constant of complexes of M^{2+} generally increases steadily from Mn^{2+} to Cu^{2+} - Irving-William series



Radius

Electrostatic effect

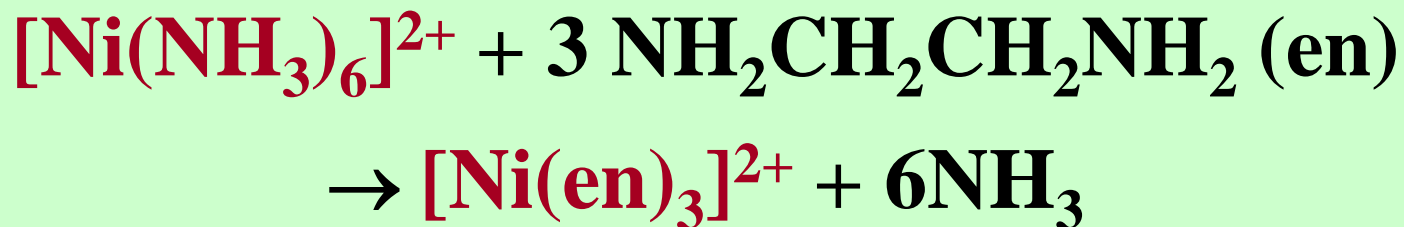
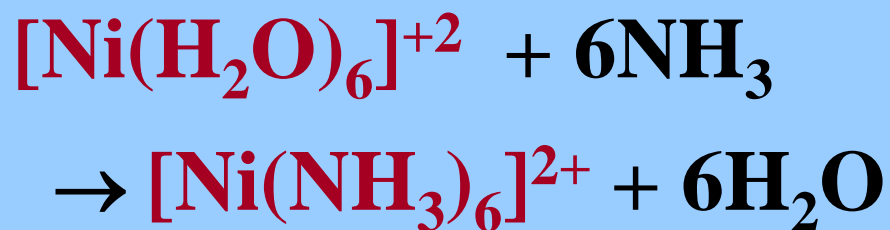
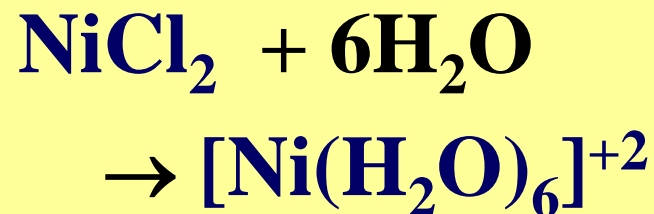
$$0.91 > 0.83 > .82 > 0.78 > 0.69 \text{ \AA}$$

Example: $[\text{Cd}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$

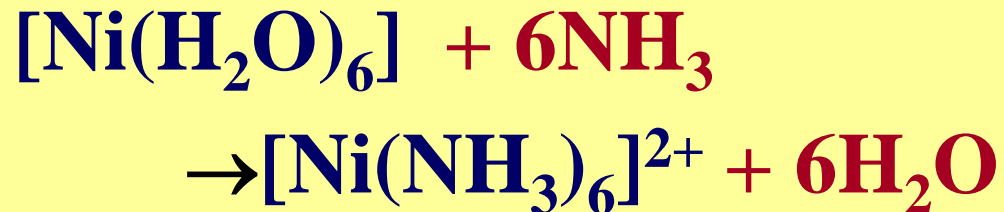


$$\begin{aligned} \beta_4 &= K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3 \times K_4 = 10^{(2.65 + 2.10 + 1.44 + 0.93)} \\ &= 10^{7.12} \end{aligned}$$

What are the implications of the following results?

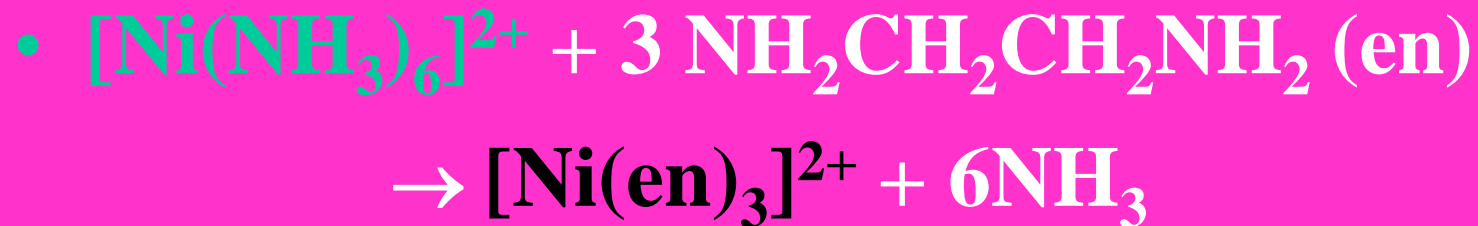


Complex Formation: Major Factors



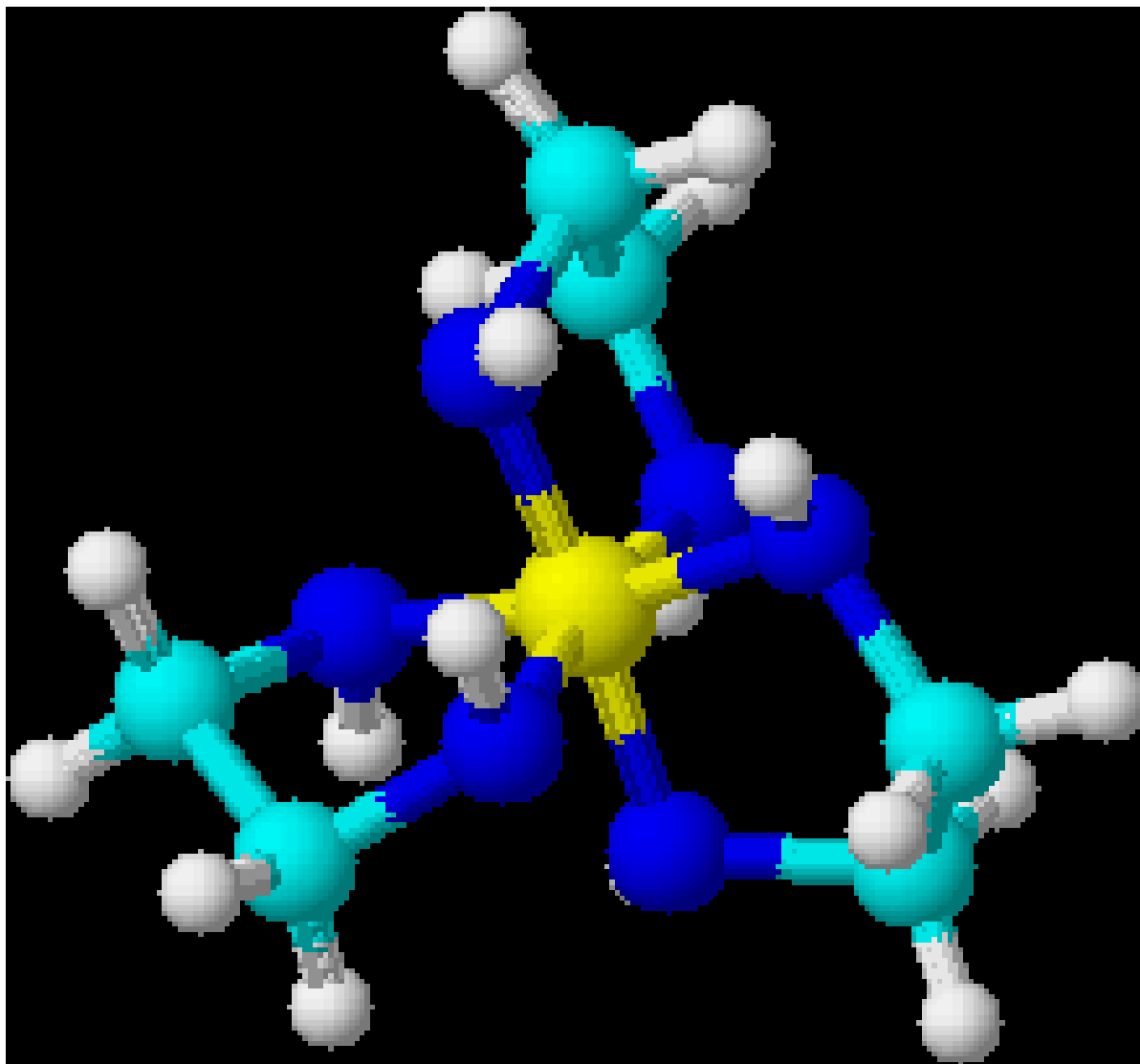
- NH_3 is a **stronger (better) ligand** than H_2O
- $\Delta_0 \text{NH}_3 > \Delta_0 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ is more stable
- $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ (ΔH -ve, $\Delta S \approx 0$)
- ΔG for the reaction is negative

Complex Formation: Chelate Effect



- en is bidentate ligand
- forms a 5 member ring known as *chelate ring*
- the complex is known as a *chelate*

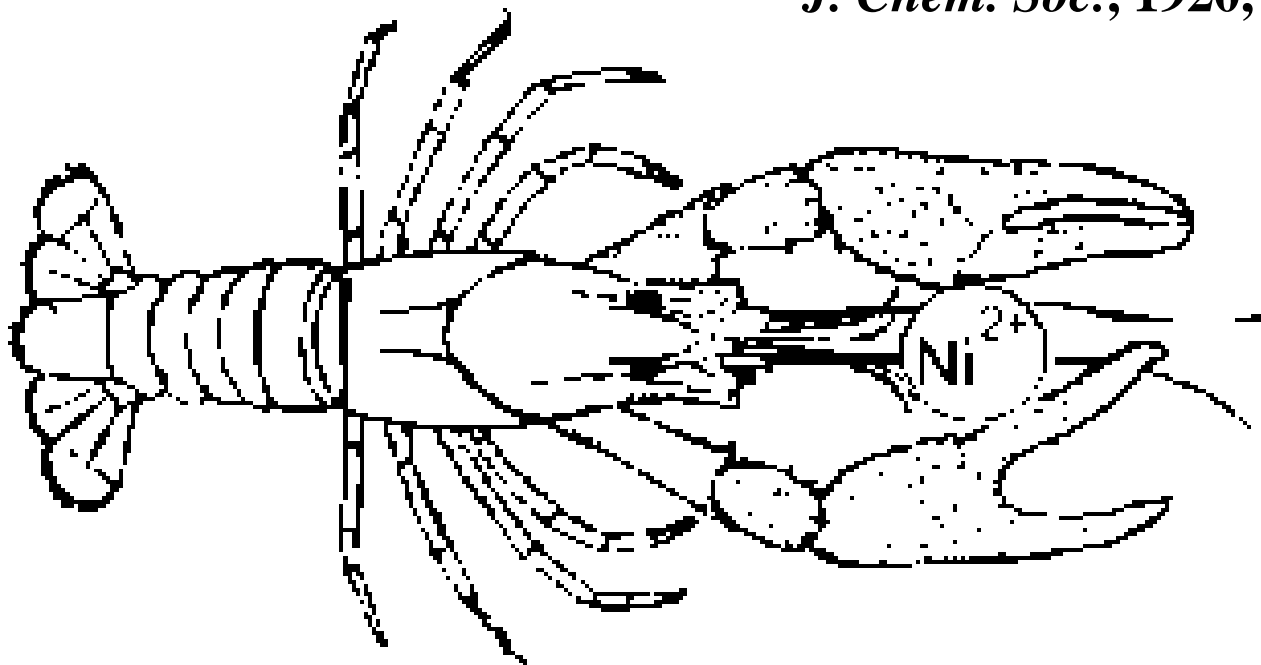
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Coordination Equilibria & Chelate effect

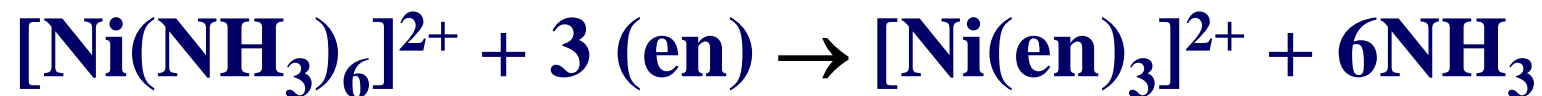
"The adjective chelate, derived from the great claw or chela (chely - Greek) of the lobster, is suggested for the groups which function as two units and fasten to the central atom so as to produce heterocyclic rings."

J. Chem. Soc., 1920, 117, 1456



The chelate effect or chelation is one of the most important ligand effects in transition metal coordination chemistry.

Complex Formation: Chelate Effect



- Formation of chelate ring \Rightarrow reaction proceeds in forward direction & the product is stable. This stability is purely kinetic in nature. This is known as **chelate effect**.
- $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$ (ΔH -ve, ΔS ++ve)

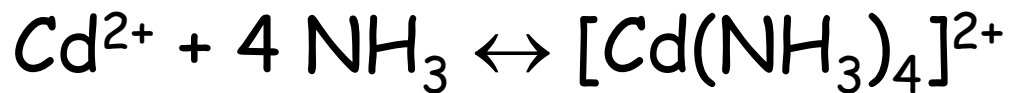
Compare the β for $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ vs. $[\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$

hexa amine: $\beta_6 = 10^9$

Tris en: $\beta_3 = 10^{18}$ (Favored product)

Examine: $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+} + 3 \text{ en} \leftrightarrow 6 \text{ NH}_3 + [\text{Ni}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$
 $\beta_3 = 10^{9.7}$

Greater number of amine molecules enhances the disorder of the product, even though the metal complex is more ordered. (larger ΔS , more negative ΔG) For this process, ΔH is small, only -12 KJ; ΔG is -67 KJ, leaving -55 kJ for $-T\Delta S$.



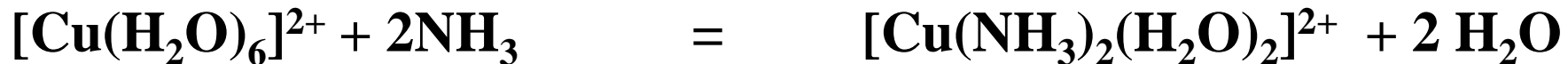
Reaction of **ammonia** and **en** with Cd^{2+}

# of ligands	$\Delta G / \text{kJmol}^{-1}$	$\Delta H / \text{kJmol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S / \text{JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\log \beta$
2 NH_3 (1 en)	-28.24 (-33.30)	-29.79 (-29.41)	-5.19 (+13.05)	4.95 (5.84)
4 NH_3 (2 en)	-42.51 (-60.67)	-53.14 (-56.48)	-35.50 (+13.75)	7.44 (10.62)

Reaction of ammonia and en with Cu^{2+}



$$\text{Log } K_1 = 10.6 \quad \Delta H = -54 \text{ kJ/mol} \quad \Delta S = 23 \text{ J/K/mol}$$

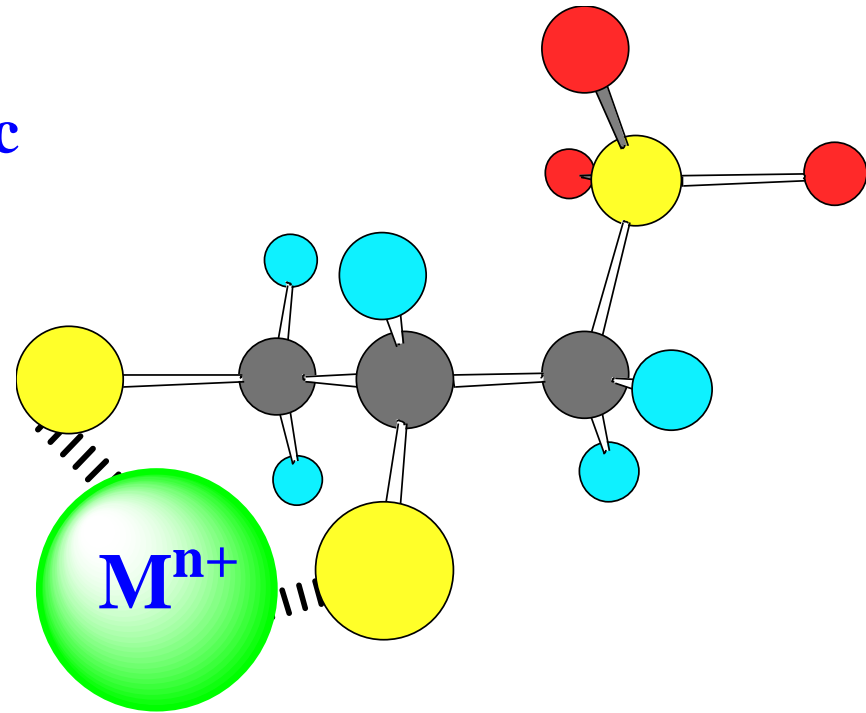


$$\text{Log } \beta_2 = 7.7 \quad \Delta H = -46 \text{ kJ/mol} \quad \Delta S = -8.4 \text{ J/K/mol}$$

Chelating agents:

- (1) Used to remove unwanted metal ions in water.**
- (2) Selective removal of Hg^{2+} and Pb^{2+} from body when poisoned.**
- (3) Prevent blood clots.**
- (4) Solubilize iron in plant fertilizer.**

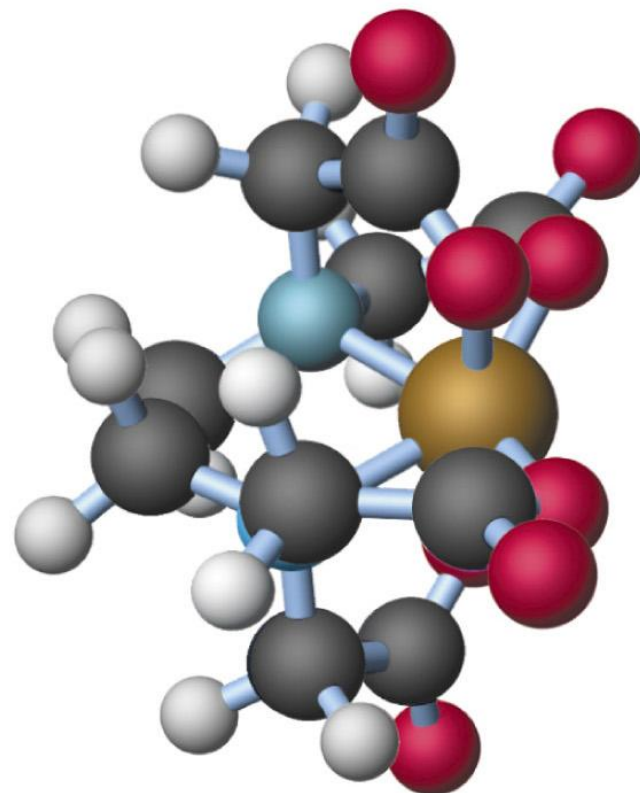
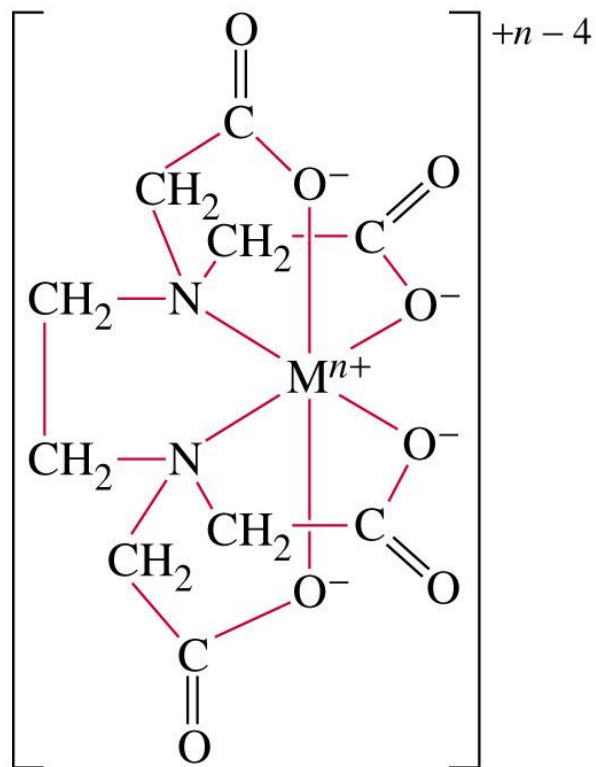
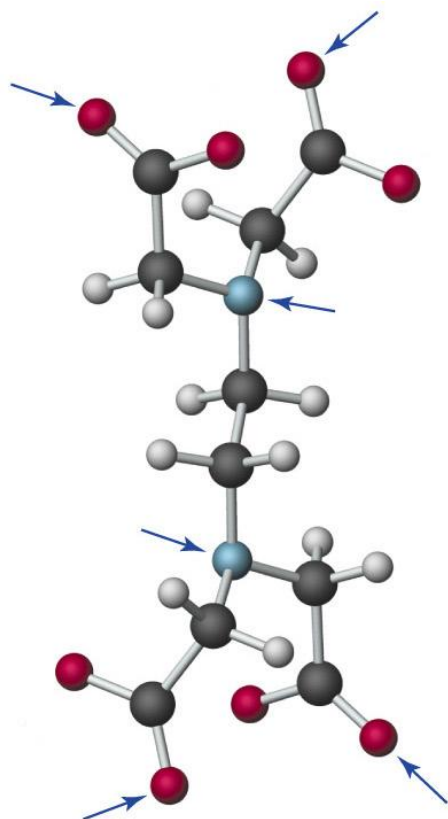
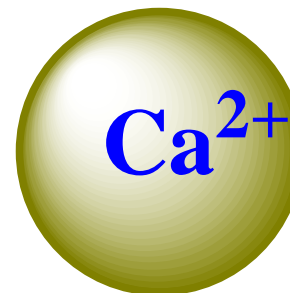
2,3-dimercapto-1-propanesulfonic acid sodium (DMPS)



DMPS is a effective chelator with two groups thiols not only especially for mercury but also for lead, tin, arsenic, silver and cadmium.

EDTA

Anticoagulant



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Factors affecting the thermodynamic stability

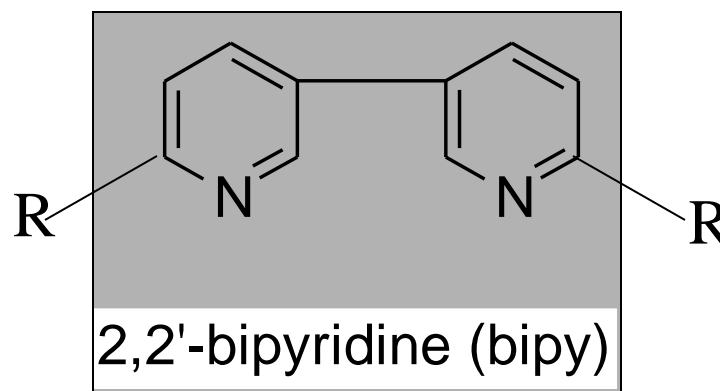
(a) Charge on the metal

Metal ion	$\log \beta$
V^{2+}	12.7
V^{3+}	25.9
Fe^{2+}	14.3
Fe^{3+}	25.1

For the formation of EDTA complex

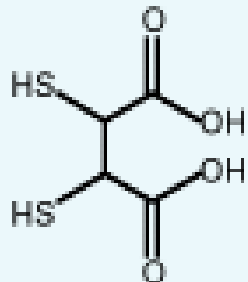
(b) Steric effect

$K (R=H) \gg K (R=Me)$



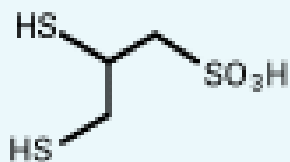
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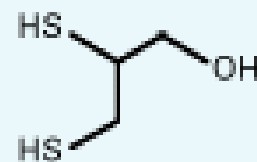


DMSA

**2,3-dimercapto-1-propanesulfonic
acid sodium**



DMPS

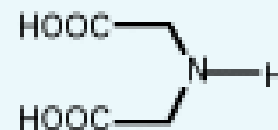


BAL

dimercaprol

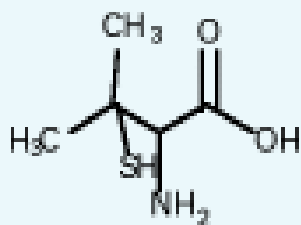


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IDA

iminodiacetic acid



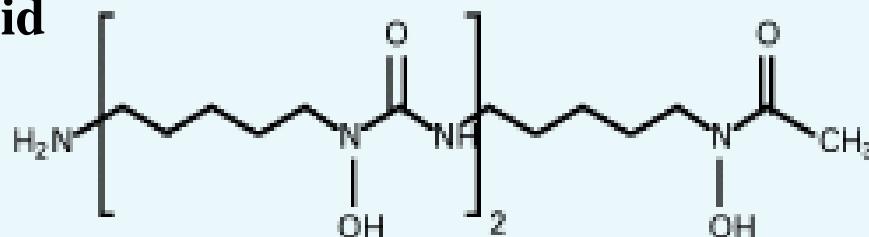
DPA



TETA

triethylenetetraatnine

dipicolinic acid



DFOA

desferrioxamine