Chemistry and Spectroscopy of the Transition Metals

- Structure of metal complexes
- Oxidation states of metals
- Color/Spectroscopy
- Magnetic Properties
- Chelate Effects
- Electron Transfer Chemistry

Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1913



Alfred Werner

"in recognition of his work on the linkage of atoms in molecules by which he has thrown new light on earlier investigations and opened up new fields of research especially in inorganic chemistry"

Zurich University

Stereochemistry of Coordination Complexes

 $Pt (NH_3)_2 Cl_2$



(cis-platin)



Tetrahedral MA2B2

ODoes MA₂B₂ have optical isomers?





Square Planar Complexes

○[Pt(NH₃)₂Cl₂] exists as cis and trans isomers





Chemistry of Coordination Compounds

Organization metal compounds (demo samples) variable oxidation number Colored **Ounusual composition** Often contain covalent compounds bonded to the metal Output the second se Lewis acid-base adduct Coordinate covalent bonds **Ounusual magnetic properties**



The Structure of Complexes

Contain coordinate covalent bonds Our One of the second secon atom + ligands + counter ion (if needed) Called complex ion if charged -[Cu(NH₃)₄]SO₄·H₂O hydrate anion ligands central metal ion



Coordination Sphere

Nature of coordination compounds is determined by both the oxidation number of the central ion and its coordination number.

OThe coordination number is (mostly) constant for a metal with a given oxidation number.

 First coordination sphere: central metal ion and its ligands



First Coordination Sphere





First Coordination Sphere

 Coordination number is often 2 x oxidation number (many exceptions)
 Mostly predictable geometry:

 Coordination number = 2, linear
 Coordination number = 4, square planar or tetrahedral

Coordination number = 6, octahedral









Complex Ion Geometry

OT etrahedral, square planar, octahedral





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Observe Collary Normalized Consider Collary Normalized With n = 4, 5, 6







How can we have compounds with these various compositions?

Obissolve in water and add AgNO₃. Some Cl⁻ precipitates as AgCl immediately, some much more slowly. This indicates the relative number of Cl⁻ that are ionic or covalent.



n = 4

n = 5

n = 6



CoCl₃nNH₃

Composition	Color	No. Cl	Formula
		pptd	
CoCl ₃ ·6NH ₃	yellow	3	$[C0(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$
CoCl ₃ ·5NH ₃	purple	2	$[C0(NH_3)_5CI]Cl_2$
⊖CoCl ₃ ·4NH ₃	green	1	[C0(NH ₃) ₄ Cl ₂]Cl
CoCl ₃ ·4NH ₃	violet	1	[C0(NH ₃) ₄ Cl ₂]Cl

The green and violet compounds must have some further difference.

All have 6 ligands (coordination number = 6)

Inner Sphere vs Outer Sphere Coordination



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<u>Multiple Oxidation States</u>

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Organization of Periodic Chart



4f
5f



Penetration: **3s > 3p > 3d**

3d orbitals are shielded and not exposed much; Outside world won't know as much how many d e⁻ there are





Oxidation States of 4th Period Transition Elements

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

Exceptions to Filling Order



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4s

3d 1

electrons don't like to pair up in orbitals; so the highlighted atoms have lower energy.

All Metal lons Have dⁿ Configurations



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



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Differences in color are reflected in differences in electronic spectra

Absorbence





Reactions of Coordination Complexes

 $[Ni(H_2O)_6]^{2+} + 6 NH_3 \longrightarrow [Ni(NH_3)_6]^{2+} + 6 H_2O$ Ni(II) d⁸ Green Blue-violet

 $Fe(H_2O)_6^{2+} + 6 K(CN) \longrightarrow K_4[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-} + 6 H_2O Fe(II) d^6$ $Fe(H_2O)_6^{3+} + 6 K(CN) \longrightarrow K_4[Fe(CN)_6]^{3+} + 6 H_2O + 2 K^+ Fe(III) d^5$ $Cu(H_2O)_4^{2+} + 4 KCI \longrightarrow K_2[CuCl_4]^{2-} + 4 H_2O + 2 K^+ Cu(II) d^9$

Oxidation state stays the same Colors are very different





A variety of colors is observed for a given metal ion with different ligands.





Nobel Prize in Physics, 1966



Hans Bethe, Cornell

Discovery of the C/N cycle that supplies energy to brilliant stars, 1935-1938 Atomic physics and collision theory Nuclear forces acting on the nucleon Lamb shift in the H-spectrum; modern quantum electrodynamics П mesons and their production by electromagnetic radiation Crystal Field theory: 1929

Crystal Field Splitting











For many transition metal complex ions, A corresponds to wavelengths of visible light, so the complexes are colored.

- We need to have partially filled d orbitals to have any electronic transitions that can give color.
- OTI(III) is violet and Ti(IV) is colorless.





Spectrochemical Series



Spectrochemical Series of Ligands

Strong-field ligands	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	CN⁻, CO
	NO_2^-
	en
1	NH3
	H ₂ O
þ	ox
	OH-
	F ⁻
	SCN⁻, Cl
	Br ⁻
	I_
Winds Gald Kanada	

٠	Ligands can be arranged in a
	spectrochemical series accor-
	ding to the magnitude of the Δ_{O}
	they produce, as shown at left.

• H₂O and other ligands below the horizontal line are called **weak-field ligands**.

• NH₃ and others above the line are called **strong-field ligands**.

- Weak-field ligands give smaller Δ_0 's than strong-field ligands do.
 - Hence the complex absorbs longer wavelength light.

Weak-field ligands
Aqueous Solutions of Cobalt(III) Complexes with Different Ligands



- Weak-field ligands (left) absorb low-energy red wavelengths and thus appear green.
- Strong-field ligands (right) absorb high-energy violet light and thus have colors near orange and yellow.

Colors of Minerals/Gemstones



beryllium aluminum silicate $Be_2Al_2Si_6O_{18}$

Cr(III) in Al₂O₃

Cr(III) in Be₂Al₂Si₆O₁₈

Yellow beryl

(Heliodor) is colored by the presence of F3+ ions. Beryl includes emerald , aquamarine, and lesser known varieties: goshenite (colorless), morganite (pink), Heliodor (yellow), and bixbite (red).

Red ruby. The name ruby comes from the Latin "Rubrum" meaning red. The ruby is in the Corundum group, along with the sapphire. The brightest red and thus most valuable rubies are usually from Burma. Violet

Green emerald. The mineral is transparent emerald, the green variety of Beryl on calcite matrix. 2.5 x 2.5 cm. Coscuez, Boyacá, Colombia



Spectrochemical Series



$\Delta_{o}: \quad Mn^{2+} < Ni^{2+} < Rh^{3+} < Co^{2+} < Fe^{2+} < Fe^{3+} < Cr^{3+} \\ < Co^{3+} < Ir^{3+} < Pt^{4+}$

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Magnetism

- Many transition metal complexes are paramagnetic (i.e. they have unpaired electrons).
- OThere are some interesting observations. Consider a d⁶ metal ion:
- [Co(NH₃)₆]³⁺ has no unpaired electrons, but [CoF₆]³ has four unpaired electrons per ion.
 We need to develop a bonding theory to account for both color and magnetism in transition metal complexes.



Low Spin and High Spin Complexes



 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^1





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^2





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^3





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^4





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^5





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^6





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^7





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^8





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

 d^9





 $I^- < Br^- < Cl^- < F^- < OH^- < H_2O^- < NH_3^- < CN^- < CO^-$

d¹⁰







Tetrahedral MA2B2

Crystal Field Theory For Tetrahedral Complexes



Crystal Field Splitting

Tetrahedral Complexes



 $\Delta_t = -4/9 \Delta_o$



Crystal Field Splitting







Crystal Field Splitting

Tetrahedral Complexes



 $\Delta_t = -4/9 \Delta_o$

No low spin tetrahedral complexes

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Ligand Field Stabilization Energy High Spin Octahedral Complexes $\underline{z^2}$ $\underline{x^2}$ - y^2 $3/5 \Delta_0$ Non-spherical symmetry Extra electron density yz xy XZ d d^n H_2O d^1, d^6 2/5 H_2 H_2O d^2, d^7 4/5M d^{3}, d^{8} 6/5 H_2O H_2 d^4, d^9 3/5 d^0, d^5, d^{10} ()



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Binding Constants for Multiple Ligands

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Cd ²⁺	$+ \mathrm{NH}_3 \longrightarrow [\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{NH}_3)]^{2+}$	10 ^{2.05}
$[Cd(NH_3)]^{2+}$	$+ \mathrm{NH}_3 \overline{\qquad} [\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{NH}_3)_2]^{2+}$	10 ^{2.10}
$[Cd(NH_3)_2]^{2+}$	$+ \mathrm{NH}_3 \longrightarrow [\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{NH}_3)_3]^{2+}$	101.44
$[Cd(NH_3)_3]^{2+}$	$+ \mathrm{NH}_3 \longleftarrow [\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$	10 ^{0.93}
Cd ²⁺	$+4 \text{ NH}_3 \longrightarrow [Cd(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$	107.12

Decrease mostly statistical: as ligand count increases more changes to lose L as opposed to gaining L

Chelate Effect





Chelating Ligands

One very important chelating agent is ethylenediaminetetraacetate (EDTA4-). EDTA is used **Oto tie up Ca²⁺ in bathroom cleaners, shower** sprays to prevent blood clots to remove heavy metals from the body when poisoned to solubilize iron in plant fertilizer Oto remove the iron taste from mayonnaise (arising from its preparation in iron vats)



[Co(EDTA)]



Chelate Effect

Useful chelating ligands: en, sepulchrate, edta,



Hemoglobin





Metals and Chelates in Living Systems

OThe heme unit in hemoglobin involves a rigid chelating ligand. H₂O or O₂ or CO can be the 6th ligand.







Metals and Chelates in Living Systems

Chlorophyll,
involved in
photosynthesis, is
a complex ion of
magnesium(II)
ion.





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Ionic Radii and Charge Densities for the Alkali Metal Cations

lon	lonic radius/Å	Charge Density/C Å ⁻³
Li^+	0.66	12.1×10^{-20}
Na^+	0.95	4.46×10^{-20}
K^+	1.33	1.62×10^{-20}
Rb^+	1.48	1.18x10 ⁻²⁰
Cs^+	1.69	0.79x10 ⁻²⁰

So how do we get ligands to preferentially bind Na⁺ or K⁺ vs Li⁺?



1987 Nobel Prize in Chemistry







Donald Cram

Charles J. Pedersen

Jean-Marie Lehn

"for their development and use of molecules with structure-specific interactions of high selectivity"

Chelate Effect

Useful chelates: crown ethers (host/guest chemistry)



Fits Cs⁺ nicely (used to separate Cs in radioactive waste)

Crown Ethers



Fits Na⁺ and K⁺ nicely

15-crown 5

 $(C_{10}H_{20}O_5)$

Crown Ethers



Crown Ethers

Useful chelates: crown ethers (host/guest chemistry)



Also used to "bring along" pertechnetate anion into non-aqueous solvents

Biological Host-Guest Complexes





Transports K⁺ through lipid membranes



K⁺ complex of valinomycin.

K⁺-Valinomycin Complex





Top View

Side View



Enniatin B and its potassium ion complex



A stereoisomer of enniatin B and its rubidium ion complex (coordinated NCS- also shown)



Beauvericin hydrate and the "triple decker" complex formed between barium picrate and beauvericin (Bv-Ba-(pic)₃-Ba-Bv)







Spatial structure of the Ag⁺ complex of monensin. Note the two head to tail hydrogen bonds (full narrow lines) in the lower part of the figure. Uncomplexed monensin in a similar orientation as for the Ag⁺ complex. A water molecule (W) occupies the central cavity. Arrows mark the direction of the H-bonds from donor to acceptor.



Na(monensin)Br

Biological Ionophores

	Li+	Na⁺	K+	Rb⁺	Cs⁺
<u>Valinomycin</u>	<0.7	0.67	4.90	5.26	4.42
<u>Monactin</u>	<0.3	2.60	4.38	4.38	3.30
<u>Enniatin B</u>	1.28	2.42	2.92	2.74	2.34
<u>Nigericin</u>	-	4.7	5.6	5.0	-
<u>Monensin</u>	3.6	6.5	5.0	4.3	3.6

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Nobel Prizes in Chemistry

(and "nice guys finish first")

1983



Henry Taube

"for his work on the mechanisms of electron transfer reactions, especially in metal complexes"



Rudy Marcus

"for his contributions to the theory of electron transfer reactions in chemical systems"

"Nuclei do all the work, then the electrons move"

1992

Simplest chemical reaction, yet enormous rate differences

$$[\text{Co} (\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+} + e^- \longleftarrow [\text{Co} (\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$$

 $k = 10^{-6} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$$[\operatorname{Ru}(\operatorname{NH}_3)_6]^{3+} + e^{-} \longrightarrow [\operatorname{Ru}(\operatorname{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$$

 $k = 10^4 M^{-1} s^{-1}$















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The Nature of the Chemical Bond in Chem 1a

- Atomic Structure
- Explain Atomic Line Spectra, Galaxies, etc.
- Shapes of Orbitals in Atoms for Bonding
- Ionization Energies and Trends in Chemical Reactivity (e.g., Li⁺ vs Li)
- Which Molecules are Likely to Exist and Their Shapes and Reactivities (Ozone, Glo. Warm.)
- Covalent Bonding Properties of Organic Molecules
- Special Properties of Resonance Stabilization
- Directionality of Covalent Chemical Bonds
- Bonding in Solids
- Bonding of the Transition Metals (Optical and Magnetic Properties, Electron Transfer Reactions)