## Coordination Compounds

- Coordinationcompounds containcoordinatecovalent bonds formed between metalions with groups of anions or polar molecules.
- A central metal atombonded to a group of molecules or ions is a metal complex.
- The molecules or ions coordinating to the metal are the ligands.
- Metalion - Lewis acid
- Bonded groups - Lewis base
- Ligand must have lone pairs to interact with metal
- Theliganddonatesalone pairofelectronstoanempty orbital of the metal ion to form a coordinate covalent bond


## Ligands

## Ligand Type Examples



Polydentate




Ethylenediaminetetraacetate ion (EDTA ${ }^{4-}$ )

## Werner's Theory



Suggestedthat metal ions have primary andsecondary valences.
$>$ Primary valence equal the metal's oxidation number
$>$ Secondary valence is the number of atoms directly bonded to the metal (coordination number) and placed those molecules and ions within the sphere in brackets
> "free" anions (that dissociate from the complex ion) outside the bracket

Many coordination compounds are having same metal, same ligands
Compound 1: $\quad \mathrm{CoCl}_{3} \cdot 6 \mathrm{NH}_{3}=\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right.\right.$ ) $](\mathrm{Cb})$ $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$is notin coordination sphere 3 free $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ions, $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}$

## Orange colour



Compound2:
$\mathrm{CoCl}_{3} \cdot 5 \mathrm{NH}_{3}=\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{5}\right)_{5} \mathrm{Cl}\right]\left(\mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$ 2 free Cl - ions, $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{5} \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{2+}$

Purple colour


Compound 3: $\quad \mathrm{CoCl}_{3} \cdot 4 \mathrm{NH}_{3}=\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right](\mathrm{Cl})$ 1 free $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ion, $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]^{1+}$

## Green Colour



Compound4: $\quad \mathrm{CoCl}_{3} \cdot 3 \mathrm{NH}_{3}=\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{3}\right]$ No free $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ions


## Effective atomic number (EAN) Rule :

The sum of the electrons on the central atom (Lewis acid) including those donated from the ligands (Lewis base) should be equal to the number of elctrons on a noble gas element found in the same period in which the metal is situated.

Let us take the case $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}$
Oxidationstate of Co in $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}=+3$
No. of electrons in Cobalt $=27$
$\therefore$ No. of electrons in Co(III) of the complex $=27-3=24$
Number of electrons donated by six $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ligands $=6 \times 2=12$
$\therefore \mathrm{EANofCo}(\mathrm{III})$ in $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}=24+12=36$ Noble gas $(\mathrm{Kr})$,
$\therefore\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{6}\right]^{3+}$ follows the EAN rule


## Drawbacks:

1. The donation of electron pairs to central metal ion produce an improper accumulation of negative charge on this ion. Such condition is not fair.
2. Some complexes i.e., $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II}), \mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{II})$ are not follow the EANrule, even then they are stable
3. Metals are electro positive in nature, then how they many accept electrons from ligands-not explained?

## Valence BondTheory

1. Valence Bond Theory predicts Atomic orbitals undergo
hybridization and form new hybrid orbitals
2. Then, hybrid orbitals (filled ligand orbitals) overlap with vacantorbitals of metal and form chemical bond


Hybridization \& geometry of the Complex

| CN | Geometry | Hybridorbitals | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Linear | sp | $\left[\mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]^{+}$ |
| 4 | Tetrahedral | $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$ | $\left[\mathrm{CoCl}_{4}\right]^{2-}$ |
| 4 | Squareplaner | dsp 3 | $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{CN})_{4}\right]^{2-}$ |
| 6 | Octahedral | $\mathrm{d}^{2} \mathrm{sp}^{3} \mathrm{orsp}^{3} \mathrm{~d}^{2}$ | $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ |



 ligand 'CO'
$d^{2} s p^{3}$ hybridization $=$ octahedral geometry

## Drawbacks-VBT

1. Why in some complexes the electrons must be rearranged against Hund's Rule?-not explained
2. Existenceof inner andouterorbitals-notexplained
3. In some complexes, transfer of electron from lower energy level to higher energy level taken place, even in absence of energy supplier ex: $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{NH} 3)_{4}\right]^{2+}$

## Crystal FieldTheory

$>$ Focuses on the effect of ligands on the energies of the $d$ orbitals of metals.
> Assumptions

1. Ligands are negative point charges.
2. Metal-ligand bonding is 100 ionic:

- strong-field (low-spin): large splitting of $d$ orbitals
- weak-field (high-spin): small splitting of $d$ orbitals

3. Crystal field theory explains the bonding in complex ions purely in terms of electrostaticforces.
4. Attraction between the metal ion (atom) and the ligands
5. Repulsion between the lone pairs on the ligands and the electrons in the $d$ orbitals of the metal
6. In the absence of ligands, the $d$ orbitals are degenerate
7. In the presence of ligands, electrons in $d$ orbitals experience different levels of repulsion for the ligand lone pairs
8. As a result (Depending on the geometry) some $d$ orbitals attain higher energy and others lowerenergy

## Octahedral Complexes

- $d_{z^{2}}$ and $d_{x^{2} \subseteq y^{2}}$ orbitalshave maximumelectrondensityalong theaxis and point-chargeligands alsoapproachingcentral metalion in same direction -
- Hence,thesed-orbitalsexperiencestrongerrepulsionsand increase inenergy
- $d_{x z}, d_{y z}$,and $d_{x y} \quad$ orbitals lobes are in betweenthe axises and point charge ligands are approaching central metal ion in samedialongtheaxisTheseorbitalsexperienceless repulsions and decrease in energy
- Theorbitals $d_{x z}, d_{y z}$, and $d_{x y} \quad$ are at a lower energy in the octahedral complex than are the
$d_{z^{2}}$ and $d_{x^{2}-y^{2}} \quad$ orbitals


The ligands are between the lobes of dxy, dyz and dzx orbitals. Hence, they Interact less strongly

Now, think of point charges being attracted to metal nucleus Positive charge. What about electronsind orbitals?

$\checkmark$ Energy difference between the two sets is equal to $\square_{0}$.
$\checkmark$ The $t_{2 g}$ set is lowered by $0.4 \square_{o}$ and the $e_{g}$ set is raised by $0.6 \square_{o}$.

## Splitting of dorbitalsinan octahedralligandfield



# Weak and Strong Field Ligands 

$\underline{d^{6}-\text { Complexes }}$

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\frac{\text { Strong field }}{d_{x^{2}-y^{2}}} \frac{}{d_{z^{2}}}
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Weak field


## Limitationsof CFT

- Asaligandare assumed tobe pointcharges, it is expected that the ionic ligand shouldhavegreatersplittingeffect.Howeveractuallytheyfoundto be at lower end of the spectrochemical series.
- According to CFT metal - ligands bonding is purely electrostatic. Which is not sotrue.
- CFTtakesonlyd-orbitalsofcentralatomintoaccount. Thesandporbits are not considered forstudy.
- Though $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$in the spectrochemical series lies below $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$, yet it produces greater splittingeffect.
- CFT gave no information about $\pi$ bond formation in ligand.


## Essay Questions:

1. . Explain the Geometry and Magnetic Properties of the following Complex compounds based on valence Bond theory
a) $[\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NH} 3) 6]^{+3}$
b) $[\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN}) 6]+3$
C) $[\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN}) 6]^{3-}$
d) $[\mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NH} 3) 6]^{+3}$
e) $[\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN}) 6]^{4-}$
f) $[\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{NH} 3) 6]^{+2}$
g) $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]$
h) $[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{NH} 3) 4]^{+2}$
i) $[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{CN}) 4]^{2-}$
J) $[\mathrm{CoF} 6]^{3-}$
2. Discuss the salient features of crystal field theory. Explain the Crystal field splitting of $d$ - orbitals in Octahedral, Tetrahedral and Square planar complexes.
3. Describe the geometrical isomerism in compounds with coordination number 4 \& 6
4. Explain the different types of Structural isomerism exhibited by complexes with examples.

## Short Answer Questions:

5. Explain Werner theory of complex compounds.
6. Effective atomic number (EAN)
7. Explain High spin and Low spin complexes with examples.
8. What is a chelating? Give two examples.
9. What is meant by crystal field stabilization energy.
10..Explain the electronic absorption spectrum of $[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}) 6] 3+$ ion
