

Coordination compounds

On Tip Notes

- The compounds like $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ which does not give all the ions on dissolving in water are called coordinate or complex compound. They are different from double salt.
- According to Werner theory there are two types of valencies which are primary (oxidation state) and secondary (coordination number).
- The metal ions which accept electrons is central metal ion and donors are ligands.
- Ligands can be categorized as
 - Monodentate and polydentate
 - (b) Positive, negative and neutral
 - Ambidentate
- Coordination entity: It constitutes a central metal atom/ion bonded to a fixed number of ligands with coordinate bonds.
- Primary valency: Normally, it is ionizable valency and satisfied by anions only.
- Secondary valency: Non-ionizable valency, satisfied by ligands only. The types of isomerism
 - which comes under structural isomerism shown by these compounds are
 - Ionisation isomerism
 - Linkage isomerism
 - Hydration isomerism
 - Coordination isomerism
 - Stereo isomerism shown by complex ions are
 - Geometrical isomerism
 - Optical isomerism
- Valence Bond Theory (VBT): According to this theory, the metal atom/ion can use $(n - 1)d$, ns , np , nd orbitals for hybridisation, under the influence of ligands, to yield a set of equivalent orbitals, in
 - definite geometry. Valence bond theory (V.B.T) explains the following properties of complex compounds.
 - Outer or inner orbital complex
 - Diamagnetism or paramagnetism
 - Hybridization, d^2sp^3 , sp^3d , sp^3d^2 etc.
 - Magnetic moment
 - The limitations of V.B.T. were overcome by C.F.T.
- Crystal Field Theory (CFT): CFT is an electrostatic model which describes electronic structure of
 - metal ion in ionic crystals.
 - CFSE (A): Difference between energies of e_g orbitals and t_{2g} orbitals is called crystal field stabilization energy.

- The quantitative estimation of strength of ligand w.r.t. different metal ion is judged by Crystal
- Field Theory (C.F.T.). This supports the loss of degeneration of orbitals in d-subshell into between
- the central metal ion and ligands are electrostatic.
- Spectrochemical series: Series in which ligands are arranged in order of increasing
- In general the strength of ligand is
- $\text{Br} < \text{SCN}^- < \text{Cl}^- < \text{S}^{2-} < \text{F}^- < \text{OH}^- < \text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-} < \text{H}_2\text{O} < \text{en} < \text{CN}^- < \text{CO}$.
- Kinetic stability of a complex The compounds in which metal is directly attached to the carbon atom is called organometallic compound. e.g.,
- CH_3MgBr (σ bonded)
- Ferrocene (π bonded)
- Ni(CO)_4 (σ and π bonded)
- Carbonyl compounds are also included in this category.
- Metal carbonyls: Complexes form by most of transition metals with carbon monoxide through
- both σ - and π -bonds, to form homoleptic carbonyls.
- Synergic bonding: Bonding between metal and ligand due to donation of electron pair from ligand
- to metal atom/ion and acceptance of electron pair from d-orbital of metal to ligand.
- The ligands like CO, NO^+ etc can accept electron pairs from central metal ion and form synergic bonding and these ligands are called π -acid ligands.