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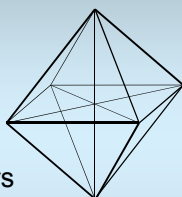
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Coordination number 6

Octahedral geometry

- Cobalt(III) ion in centre
- Donor atoms (N, Cl) in corners



Very common geometry in coordination compounds

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Coordination numbers


number	geometry	example
2	Linear	$\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2^+$
3	Trigonal planar	$\text{Cu}(\text{CN})_3^-$
4	Tetrahedral	MCl_4^{n-}
	Square planar	PtCl_4^{2-}
5	Trigonal bipyramide	CuCl_5^{3-}
	Square pyramidal	$\text{W}(\text{V})\text{Cl}_4\text{O}^-$

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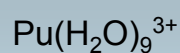
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6	Octahedral Trigonal prismatic(rare)	$\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{3+}$ $\text{W}(\text{CH}_3)_6$
7	Capped or Pentagonal bipyramide	rare
8	 Square antiprism dodecahedron	$\text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}(\text{aq})$ $\text{Y}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8^{3+}$
9	Tricapped prismatic	ReH_9^- $\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_9^{3+}$

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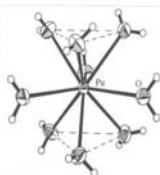


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High-Yield Synthesis and Single-Crystal X-ray Structure of a Plutonium(III) Aquo Complex: $[\text{Pu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_9(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_3]$

The aquo complex of $\text{Pu}(\text{III})$ is 9-coordinate with an ideal tricapped trigonal-prismatic geometry. The cation was crystallized as the triflate salt in quantitative yield from dissolution of Pu metal in triflic acid. Structural comparisons with analogous lanthanide aquo complexes are presented.



- (remember: aqua!) Naming important !

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Names and formula

- Cationic part first, anionic part next, water of crystallisation etc. last

- From name to formula $[\text{M}L^1_xL^2_yL^3_z\dots]$

Ligands alphabetic anionic, neutral, cationic

- From formula to name $L^1_xL^2_yL^3_z\dots M$

Ligands strictly alphabetic (x,y,z as prefixes)

M-ate if $[\dots]^{n-}$

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Special ligand names

Name	Formula	Ligand name as ligand
water	H ₂ O	aqua
ammonia	NH ₃	ammine
(methyl)amine	(CH ₃)NH ₂	(methyl)amine
nitrogenmonoxide	NO	nytrosyl
carbonmonoxide	CO	carbonyl
dinitrogen	N ₂	dinitrogen
dioxygen	O ₂	dioxygen

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Formula

- *cis*-Tetraaquadichlorochromium(III) chloride
- Potassium pentachloronitrosate(IV)
- *mer*-trihydridotris(triphenylphosphin)ruthenium(III)
- Pentaamminechlorocobalt(III) nitrate
- Potassium trioxalatocobaltate(III)
- Bis(1,2-ethandiamine)diodocobalt(III) perchlorate
- Dichlorobis(1,2-ethandiamine)cobalt(III) tetrafluoroborate
- Pentaamminedinitrogenruthenium(II) chloride
- Sodium pentacyanonitrosylferrate(II) dihydrate
- Pentaamminecobalt(III)- μ -cyanopentacyanocobaltate(III)

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Names

- [PtCl₂(NH₃)₂]
- [RhCl(NH₃)₅]Cl₂
- [Co(NH₃)₆]SO₄
- [Co(NH₃)₄(H₂O)₂](BF₄)₃
- Na₃[Fe(CN)₆] · 2H₂O,
- [Ni(CO)₄],
- [Co(CH₃COO)BrCl(NH₃)₂],
- [Pt(py)₄] [PtCl₄],
- Na₂[PdCl₆],
- (NEt₄)₃[AlF₆],
- [Pt(acac)₂ClNH₃]Cl

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Isomerism** OBS fig 19.11

Structural isomerism

(what is bound to what)

Hydration
Ionisation
Linkage
Coordination

Stereoisomerism

(spatial arrangement)

Geometrical or
diastereoisomeric
Optical or
enantiomeric

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Structural isomerism

Examples

- Ionisation $\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{SO}_4\text{Br}$
- Hydration $\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\text{Cl}_3$
- Coordination $\text{CoCr}(\text{NH}_3)_6(\text{CN})_6$
- Linkage $\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}_2$

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Stereoisomerism** OBS fig 19.11

- Geometrical isomerism
 - cis-trans
 - fac-mer
 - (tetrahedral-square planar)
 - E - Z
- Optical isomerism
 - enantiomers
 - Diastereomers (obs: from organic chemistry)

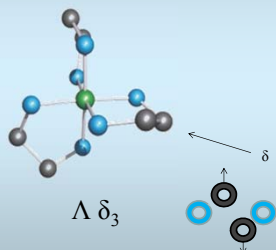
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Descriptors for chiral cases

- (+) - (-)
- d - l
- D - L
- R - S
- Δ - Λ
- δ - λ



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Problems

- Draw sketches of the 10 possible octahedral MA_nB_{6-n}
- Draw sketches of the more than 10 possible prismatic MA_nB_{6-n}
- Draw sketches of possible octahedral complexes with 4 different monodentate ligands

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Problems

- Draw the two different geometrical arrangements of an octahedral $M(A-B)_3$. Optical isomerism?
- Draw the different geometrical arrangements of an octahedral $M(A-B)_2X_2$. Optical isomerism?

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