

(31) Today

9.5 Coordination Number and Structures

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Chap 10

VSEPR cannot explain all shapes

factors in determining shape

VSEPR considerations

pairs of e^- 's repel + try to have the largest bond angles possible between them ... but uneven e^- distribution in d orbitals can be a problem

occupancy of d orbitals

d^0, d^5, d^{10} have roughly spherical e^- distribution so VSEPR rules can help us predict these structures $d^8 \dots$ no so much

steric interference

↪ consider the volume of the ligand. Large ligands take up a lot of space + can influence the shape.

crystal packing effects

in solids, the effects of crystal packing can also complicate our ability to predict shapes.

1, 2, and 3 Coordinate Compounds

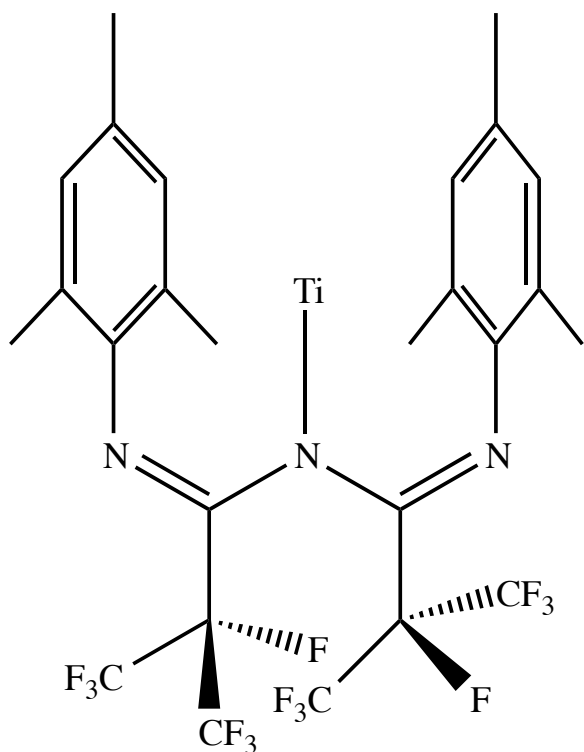
Section 9.4.1

One Coordinate metals complexes are rare.

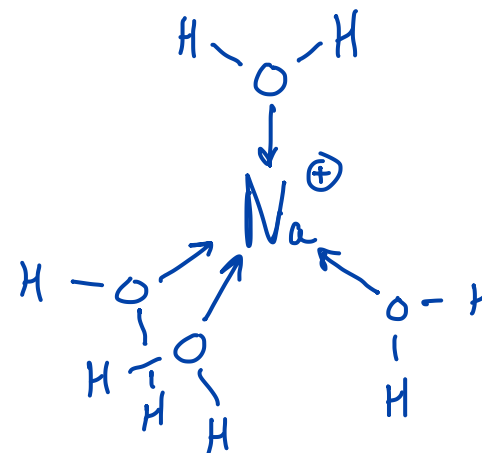


Bulky ligands are needed to keep metals from forming bonds with each other.

Solvents often coordinate to the metal and increase the coordination number



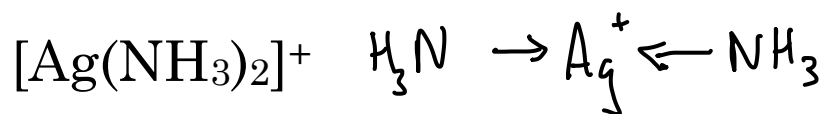
typically very large ligands that block access to the metal are required



even when simple salts dissolve in H₂O, the H₂O molecules coordinate to the metal

In solution, 4 to 6 water molecules are likely to be coordinated to the sodium ion.

Some well known 2 coordinate complexes



Following VSEPR rules... 2 bonding pairs are as far away from each other as possible

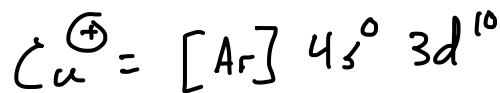


d e-'s can complicate the VSEPR interpretation

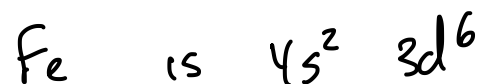
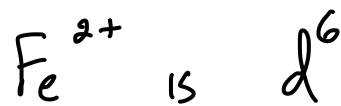
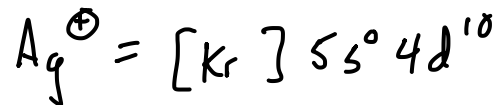
Ag⁺ and Cu⁺ are d[#]? how many e-'s are in the d orbitals



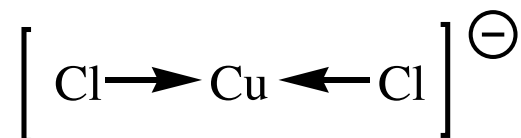
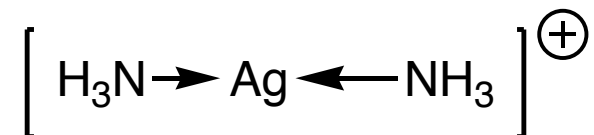
← approximately spherical distribution of e- d⁵



d⁰

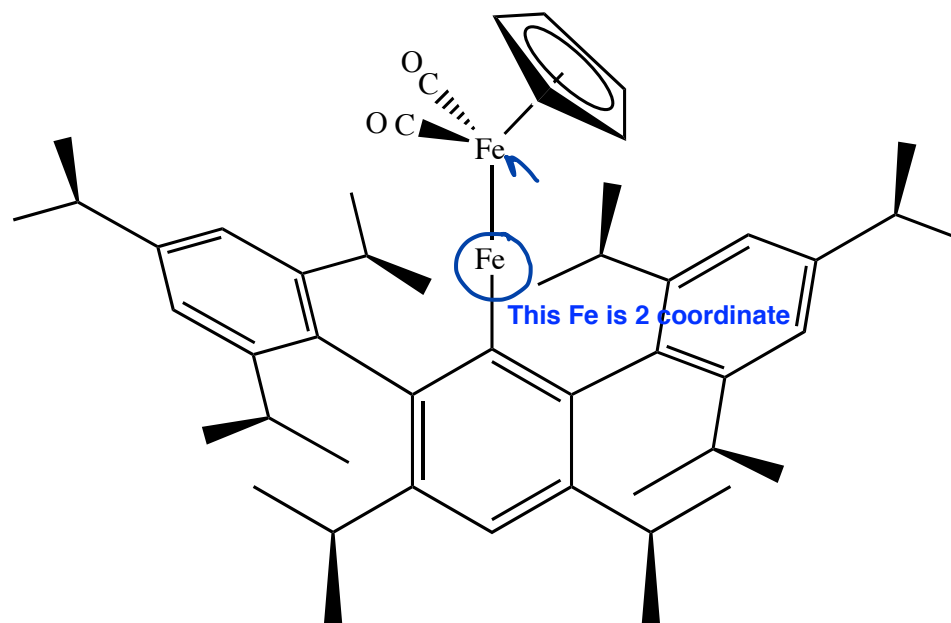


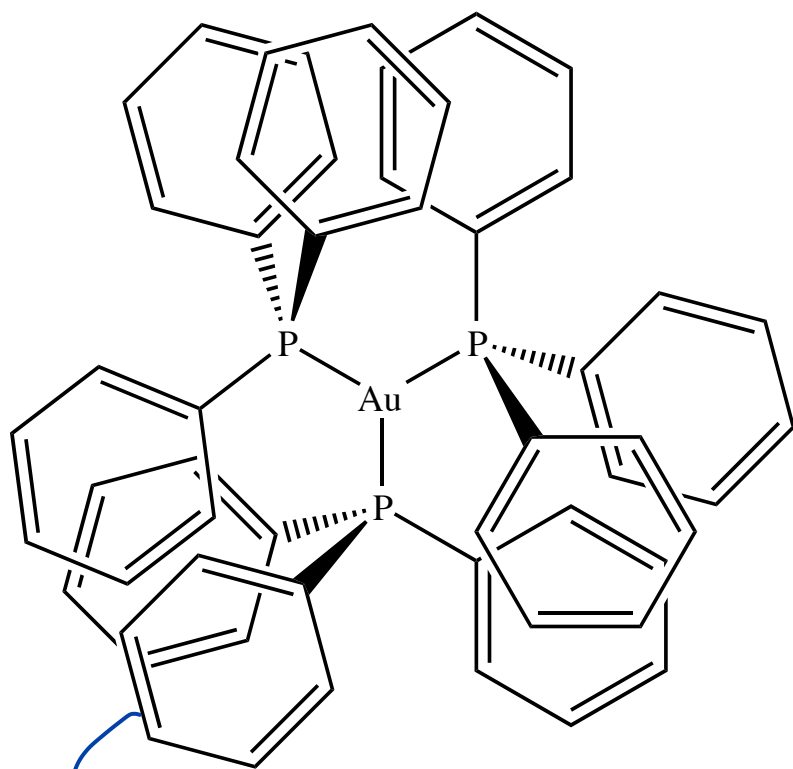
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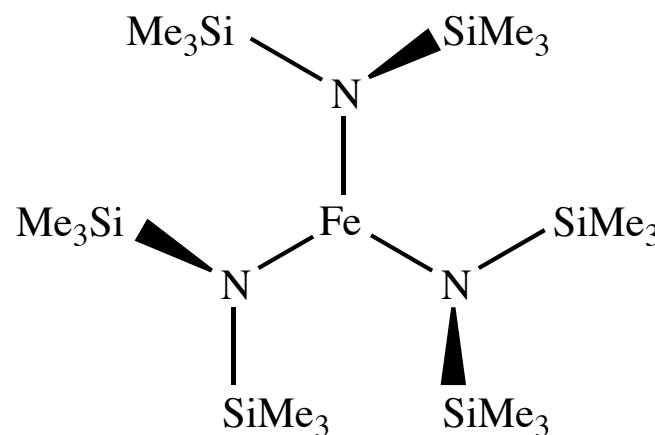
and then there's

the technique of using a
great ligand to prevent
multiple ligands from
coordinating





triphenyl phosphine



hexamethyl disilylamine

large ligands prevent more than 3 ligands from binding in these cases

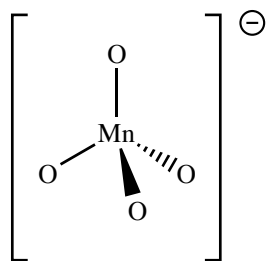
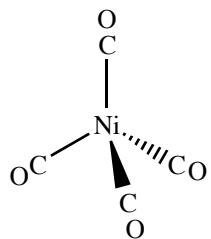
4 Coordinate Compounds

Section 9.4.2

tetrahedral

d^0 , d^5 ,
and d^{10}

spherical e^- density
in d shell

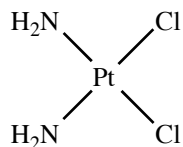


VSEPR ✓
tetrahedral

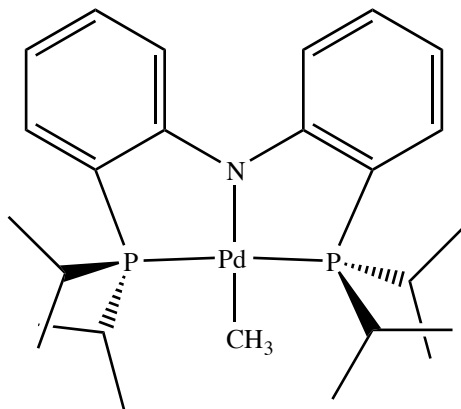
square planar

d^8

uneven e^-
distribution of
 e^- in d shell



causes $e^- - e^-$ repulsion

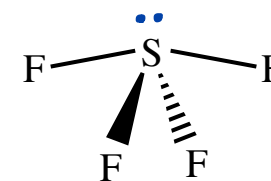


and now complexes
are square planar

see-saw

four coordinate
main group atoms
with a steric
number of 5

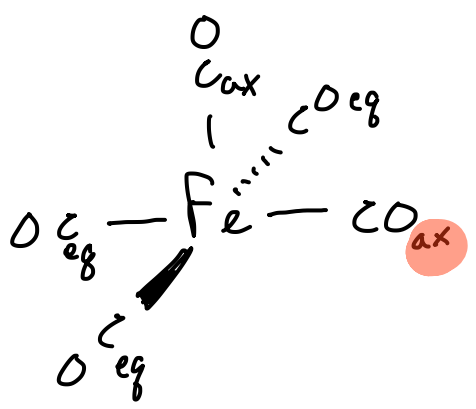
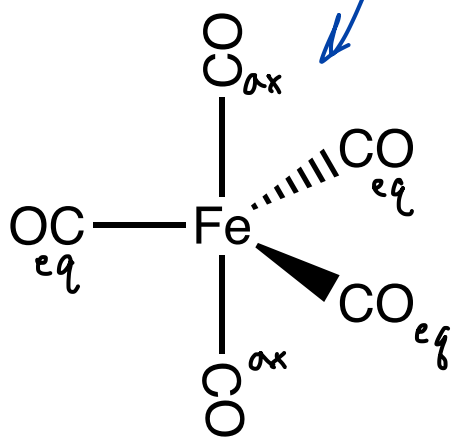
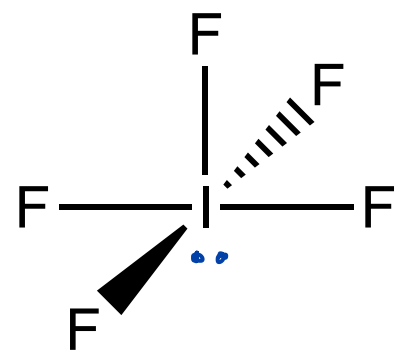
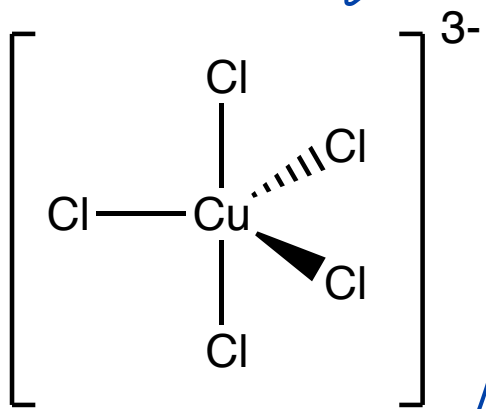
tend to follow
VSEPR rules ...



because of the
spherical distribution
of e^- 's in their
 d shell

5 Coordinate

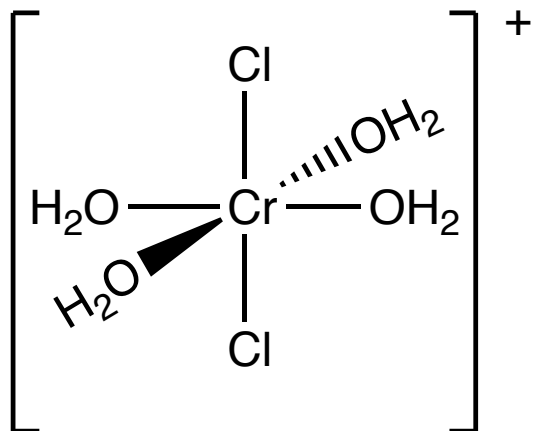
trigonal bipyramidal



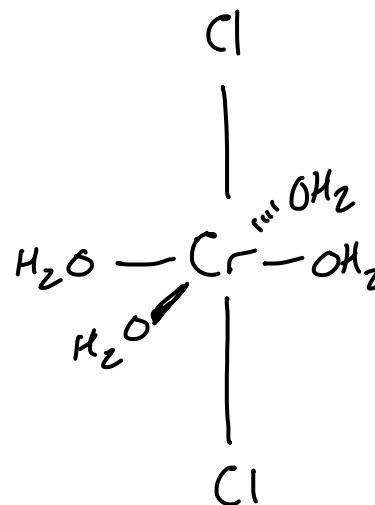
¹³C NMR

even when we "know" the shape many transition metal compounds are "fluxional"... they change their shapes... the ligands are moving

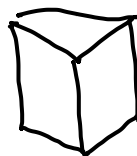
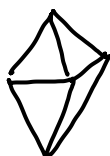
6 Coordinate



octahedral



compounds
can be
distorted



trigonal
prismatic etc

6 Coodinate

