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Midterm 2

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**Midterm: 1h : 15min**

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Points	10	10	5	5	5	5	10	10	60
Remarks									

Please keep your work covered and keep your eyes on your own paper! Cheating or any appearance of cheating will result in an F in the course and possible expulsion from the University.

A periodic table, point group chart is given at the end of the exam. You may rip these 2 pages off of the exam and use them to cover your work.

Please write the exam using a pen, you can use colorful pen however avoid red pens.

Traditional calculators and molecular models are allowed.

Please provide detailed explanation for your answers.

1) (10 points)

a) What type of isomerism can arise with ambident ligands? Give an example.

Linkage isomer,  $\text{NCS}^-$

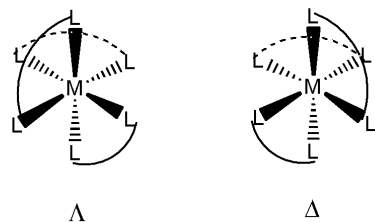
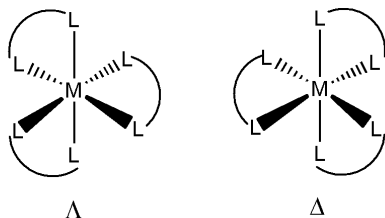
b) Explain the meaning of the terms monodentate, bidentate and tetradentate.

**Monodentate** ligands are Lewis bases that donate a single pair ("mono") of electrons to a metal atom.

**Bidentate** ligands are Lewis bases that donate two pairs ("bi") of electrons to a metal atom. Bidentate ligands are often referred to as **chelating ligands**

**Tetradentate** Describing a chelating ligand that has four groups that attach to a metal ion.

c) Draw both  $\Lambda$  and  $\Delta$  isomers of the  $[\text{Ru}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$  cation.

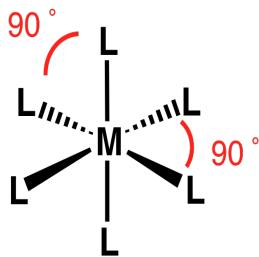


3-D arrangement is important.

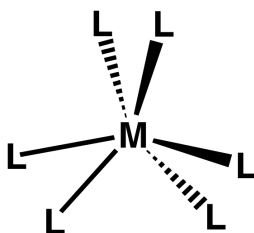
d) The two compounds  $[\text{RuBr}(\text{NH}_3)_5]\text{Cl}$  and  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{NH}_3)_5]\text{Br}$  are what type of isomers?

Ionization Isomerism

e) Sketch the two structures that describe most six coordinate complexes. Which one of these is rare?



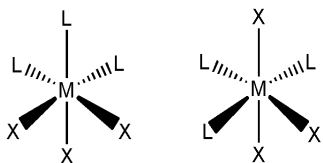
Common octahedral:



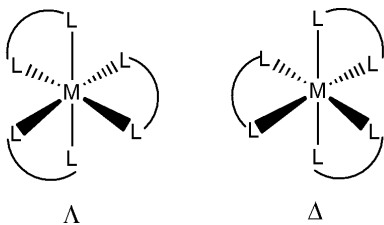
Rare: Trigonal prism:

2) (10 points) For which of the following octahedral complexes are isomers possible? Draw all the isomers cleanly.  $[\text{FeCl}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Ir}(\text{Cl})_3(\text{NH}_3)_3]$ ,  $[\text{Ru}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{Co}(\text{Cl})_2(\text{en})(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+$ ,  $[\text{W}(\text{CO})_4(\text{py})_2]$

$[\text{Ir}(\text{Cl})_3(\text{NH}_3)_3]$ :  $[\text{ML}_3\text{X}_3]$ : "fac" and "mer" isomers:

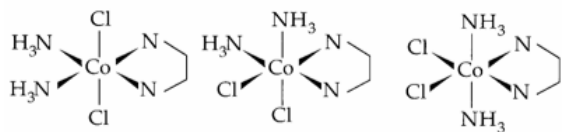


$[\text{Ru}(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$ : optical isomers :

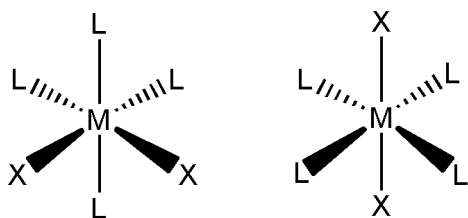


$[\text{Co}(\text{Cl})_2(\text{en})(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+$ :

There are three isomers. In one, the two Cl- ligands are *trans* to one another. In the other two, the two Cl ligands are *cis* to one another. The three isomers are shown below (the 1+ charge for each of these three isomers is not shown).



$[W(CO)_4(py)_2]$ :  $[ML_4X_2]$ : cis and trans isomers:



3) (5 points) Assign oxidation numbers to the elements in

a) HI

H (+1); I (-1)

b) H<sub>2</sub>S

H (+1); S (-2)

c) KH

H (-1); K (+1)

d) [ReH<sub>9</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>

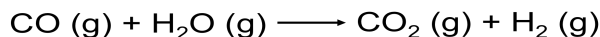
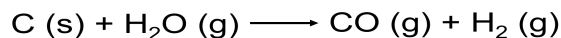
H (-1); Re (+7)

e) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

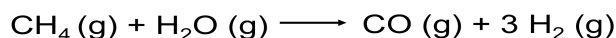
H (+1); S (6); O (-2)

- 4) This does not count for midterm 2 as we have not seen chapter on H  
(5 points) Describe three different common methods for the synthesis of H<sub>2</sub> and illustrate each one with balanced chemical equation.

**Water gas reactions:**

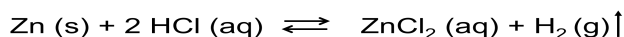


**The steam reformer process:**

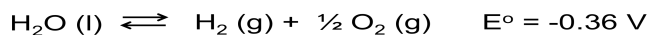


All 3 methods involve reduction of gaseous H<sub>2</sub>O (steam)

**Reduction of acid by a metal:**

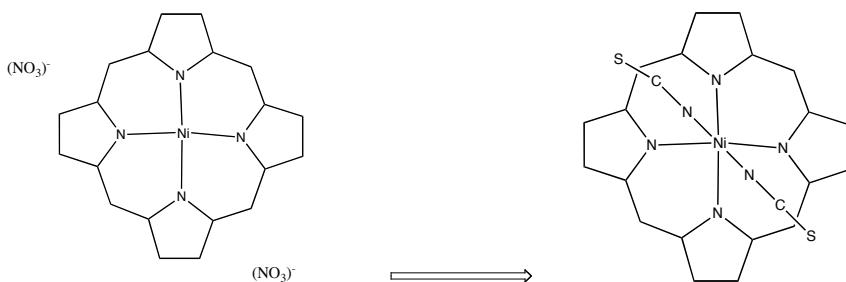


**Electrolysis of water (99.9% pure H<sub>2</sub>):**



Very expensive – only used to prepare ultra-pure H<sub>2</sub>

- 5) (5 points) A neutral macrocyclic ligand with four donor atoms produces a red diamagnetic low spin complex of Ni(II) with the two non coordinating nitrate anions (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>). When this nitrate anion is replaced by two thiocyanate anions, SCN<sup>-</sup>, the complex turns violet and is high spin. Interpret the changes in terms of structure, magnetism, energy level and explain why?



Square planar d<sup>8</sup> Ni<sup>II</sup> (diamagnetic) becomes octahedral complex upon coordination of NSC<sup>-</sup> ligands. The octahedral ligand field leads to S=2 paramagnetic Ni<sup>II</sup> (d<sup>8</sup>) complex.

6) (5 points) Determine the oxidation state ( $\omega$ ) of the metals in the following compounds and give their  $d$  electron configuration ( $d^n$ )? Are they paramagnetic or diamagnetic? (if the oxidation state or  $d^n$  configuration is wrong no partial marks will be given)

a)  $[\text{Fe}(\text{en})_2\text{Br}_2]^+$   
 $\omega(\text{Fe}) = 3, d^5 >$  paramagnetic (Octahedral splitting)

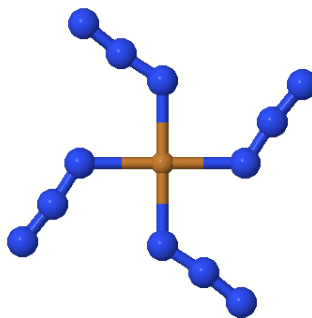
b)  $[\text{Fe}(\text{SCN})_2\text{Cl}_2]^{2-}$   
 $\omega(\text{Fe}) = 2, d^6 >$  paramagnetic (tetrahedral or square planar complex)

c)  $[\text{IrCl}_6]^{2-}$   
 $\omega(\text{Ir}) = 4, d^5 >$  paramagnetic

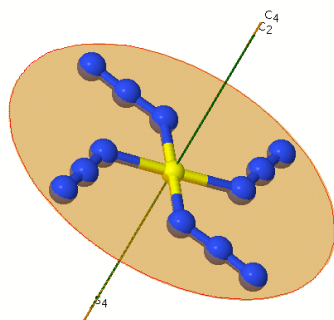
d) Potassium chromate ( $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ )  
 $2\omega(\text{K}) + \omega(\text{Cr}) + 4\omega(\text{O}) = 0$   
 $\omega(\text{Cr}) = +6$   
 $\text{Cr}^{+6} \quad d^0 >$  diamagnetic

e)  $[\text{ScF}_6]^{3-}$   
 $\omega(\text{Sc}) = +3, d^0 >$  diamagnetic

7) (10 points) The following molecule is called tetraazidocopper (II)



a) (7 points) Give **ALL** elements of symmetry for this molecule (draw them) and identify its point group.

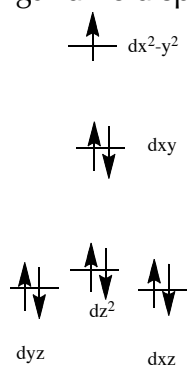


$E, 1C_4, 1C_2, 1S_4, 1\sigma_h, i$   
 Point group:  $C_{4h}$

b) (1.5 points) Give the  $d^n$  electron configuration for the metal ion and determine if the molecule is paramagnetic? or diamagnetic?

$Cu(II) > 3d^9 > \text{paramagnetic}$

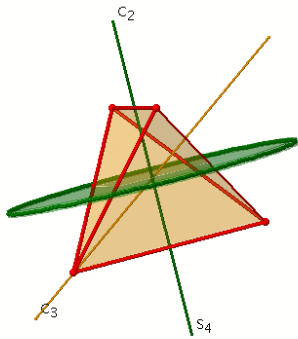
c) (1.5 points) Draw the energy level diagram with their labels based on ligand field splitting.



8) (10 points) Give all the symmetry elements for the following molecules and draw them cleanly. Identify the molecular point groups for the same compounds:

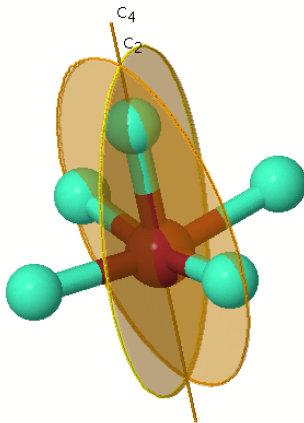
a) Tetrahedron

<http://symmetry.otterbein.edu/gallery/index.html>



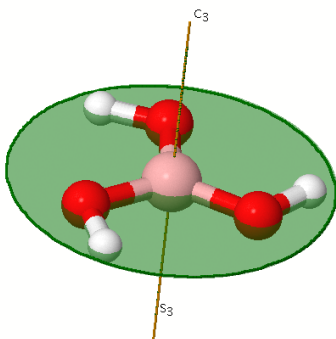
$4C_3; 3C_2; 3S_4; 6\sigma_d$ ; point group= $T_d$

b)  $\text{BrF}_5$



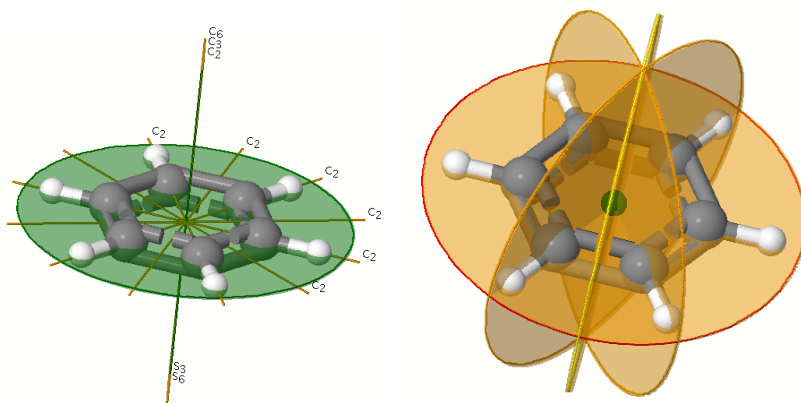
$1C_4, C_2, 2\sigma_v; 2\sigma_d$ ; point group= $C_{4v}$

c) Boric acid



$C_3, S_3, \sigma_h$  Point group:  $C_{3h}$

d) Benzene



1  $C_6$ ,  $C_3$ , 7  $C_2$ ,  $S_6$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $i$ , 1  $\sigma_h$ , 3  $\sigma_v$ , 3  $\sigma_d$  Point group:  $D_{6h}$



