

Consider the octahedral complex  $\text{Cr}[(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$

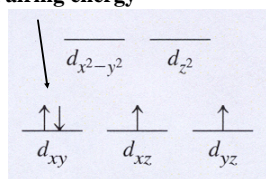
**Cr(II) or  $\text{Cr}^{2+}$**

**Cr  $[\text{Ar}] 4s^1 3d^5$        $\text{Cr}^{2+} [\text{Ar}] 3d^4$**

The periodic table shows the element Chromium (Cr) in the 4th period, 6th group. The configuration  $\text{Cr}^{2+} [\text{Ar}] 3d^4$  is noted above the table.

**Octahedral complex with 4 d electrons**

Pairing energy

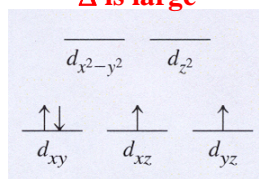


**$\Delta$  is large**

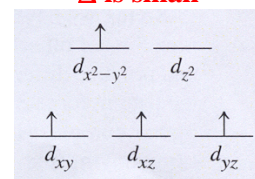
Typically, lower energy attained by pairing e- before populating higher E.

**Octahedral complex with 4 d electrons**

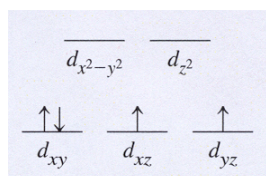
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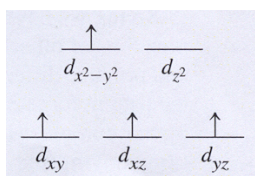
**$\Delta$  is small**



**Cr $[(\text{en})_3]^{2+}$**   
**Octahedral complex with 4 d electrons**



**Low Spin**

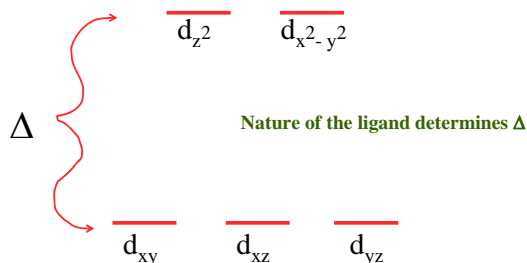


**High Spin**

**Which one?**

**Crystal field splitting can result in high spin or low spin complexes, depending on the ligands**

## Crystal Field Splitting Energy



## Spectrochemical Series

**Strong Field**  
Large  $\Delta$

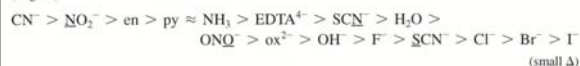
Ligands arranged in order of decreasing magnitude of the splitting of energies of d orbitals in coordination compounds

**Weak Field**  
Small  $\Delta$

## Spectrochemical Series

**Strong Field**  
Large  $\Delta$

*Strong field*  
(large  $\Delta$ )

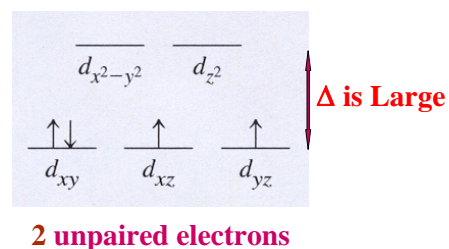


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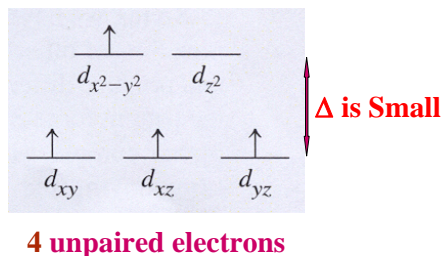
*Weak field*

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**Strong-field ligands** produce a **Large Crystal Field Splitting**, resulting in **Low Spin** complexes



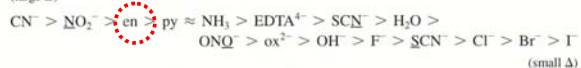
**Weak-field ligands** produce a **Small Crystal Field splitting**, resulting in **High Spin** complexes



## Spectrochemical Series

**Strong Field**

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(large  $\Delta$ )



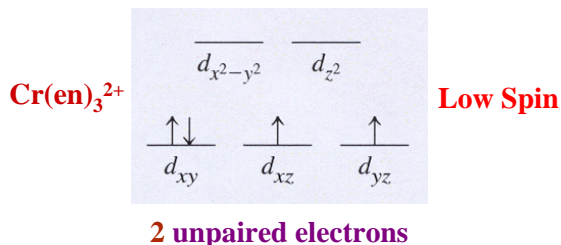
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**Weak Field**

**en is a Strong Field ligand**

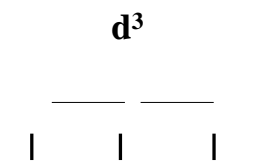
**Strong-field ligands produce a large crystal field splitting, resulting in low spin complexes**



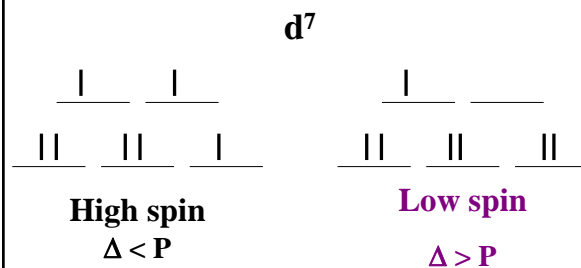
Distinction between **high-spin** and **low-spin** octahedral complexes can only be made for  **$d^4$  to  $d^7$  Electron Configurations**

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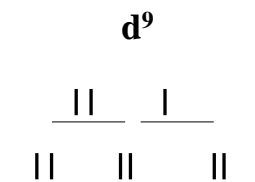
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How many unpaired electrons does  $[\text{Re}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{Cl}_2$  have?

**Is it a Low Spin or High Spin Complex?**

## Coordination Compounds

Determine the Shape

Determine Oxidation State of the metal

Determine Number of d electrons

Determine if Ligand is Weak field or Strong field

Draw energy level diagram

How many unpaired electrons does  $[\text{Re}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{Cl}_2$  have?



Octahedral Complex

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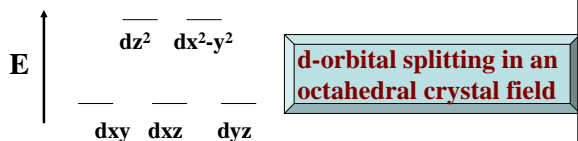
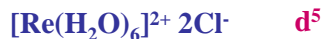
Oxidation State?

$$\text{Oxidation State} = 2 - (6 \times 0) = 2+$$

$\text{Re}^{2+}$  or Rhenium(II)



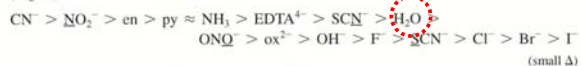
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Strong field

(large  $\Delta$ )

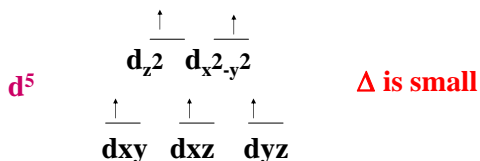


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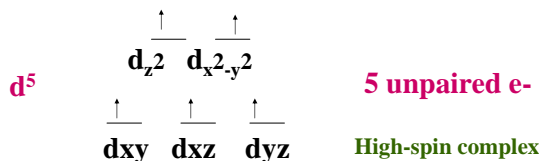
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$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is a weak field ligand

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[Re(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> have?



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## MAGNETIC PROPERTIES

Why [CoF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> is paramagnetic

and [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> is diamagnetic

Octahedral  
Co<sup>3+</sup>

Co [Ar] 4s<sup>2</sup>3d<sup>7</sup>

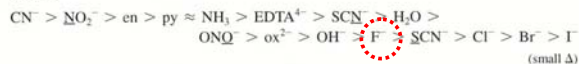
Co<sup>3+</sup> [Ar] 3d<sup>6</sup>

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1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A										
1	2																
H	He																
1.00794	4.00260																
Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne										
6.941	9.01218	10.811	12.011	14.0067	15.9994	18.9984	20.1797										
Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar										
22.989769	24.3040	26.981538	28.0855	30.973762	32.06	35.453	39.948										
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
39.0983	40.078	44.955912	47.88	50.9415	51.9961	54.938045	55.845	58.933195	58.6934	63.546	65.39	69.723	72.61	74.921595	78.96	79.904	83.80
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
85.4678	87.62	88.90584	91.224	92.90638	95.94	98.90625	101.07	102.9055	106.42	107.8682	112.411	114.818	118.710	121.757	127.459	126.904	131.29
Cs	Ba	*La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
132.90545	137.327	138.90471	178.49	180.94788	183.84	186.207	190.23	193.22	195.08	196.967	200.59	204.38	207.2	208.980	209	210	222
Fr	Ra	*Ac	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt									
(223)	(226)	(227)	(261)	(262)	(263)	(265)	(266)	(267)	(268)	(269)	(271)	(272)	(273)	(274)	(275)	(276)	(277)
*Lanthanide series																	
*Actinide series																	

## Spectrochemical Series

Strong Field

Strong field  
(large  $\Delta$ )



Underlining indicates the donor atom.

Weak field

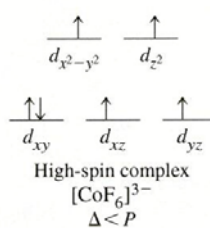
Weak Field

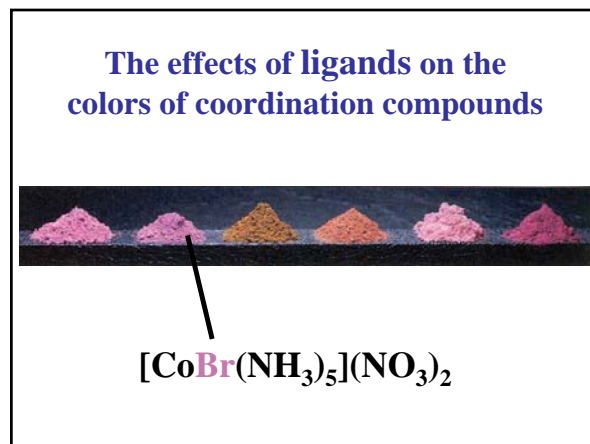
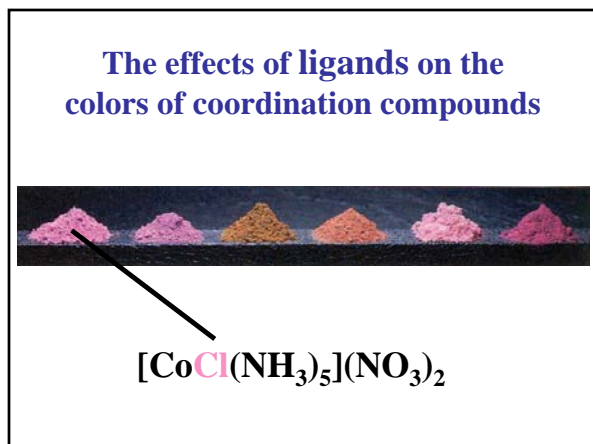
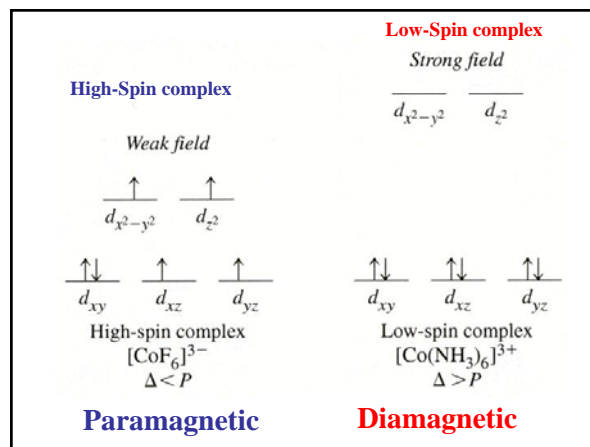
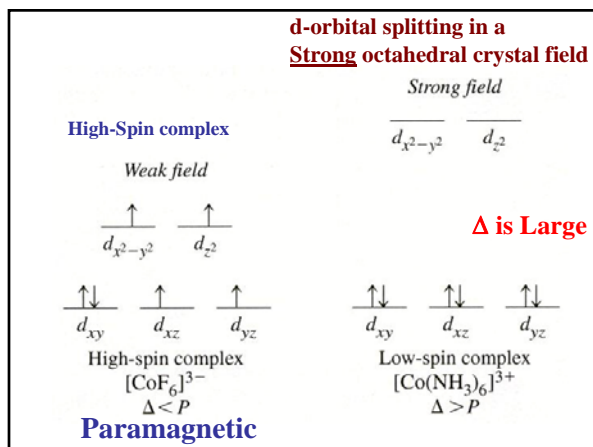
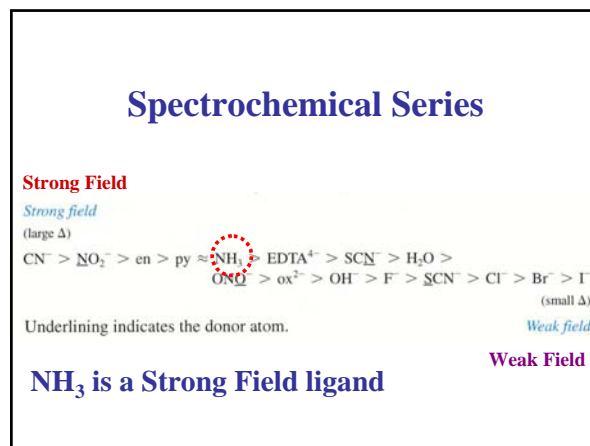
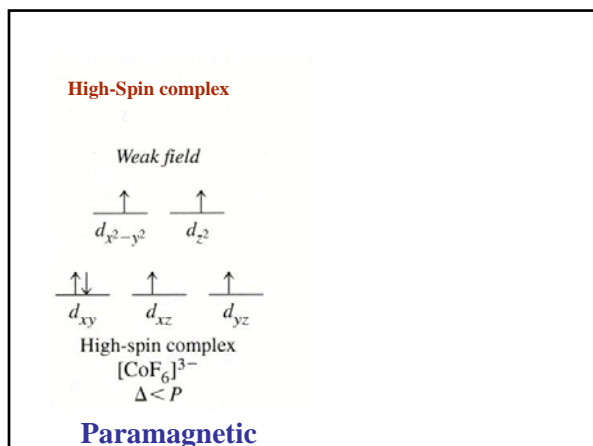
F<sup>-</sup> is a Weak Field ligand

d-orbital splitting in a  
Weak octahedral crystal field

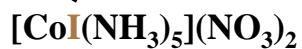
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### The effects of ligands on the colors of coordination compounds



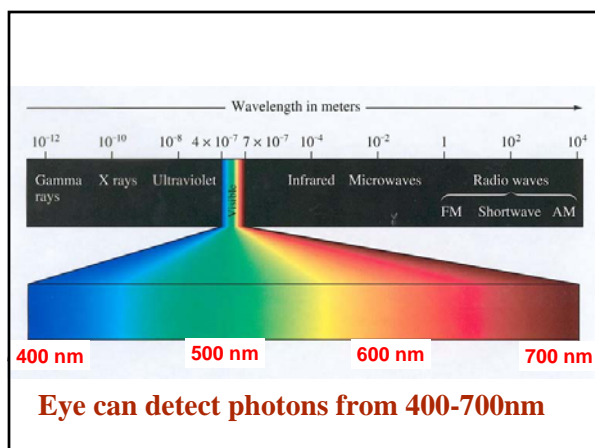
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### Visible Spectrum

(Each wavelength corresponds to a different color)

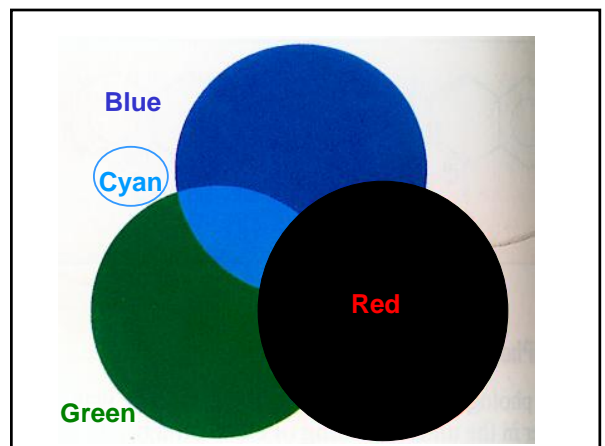
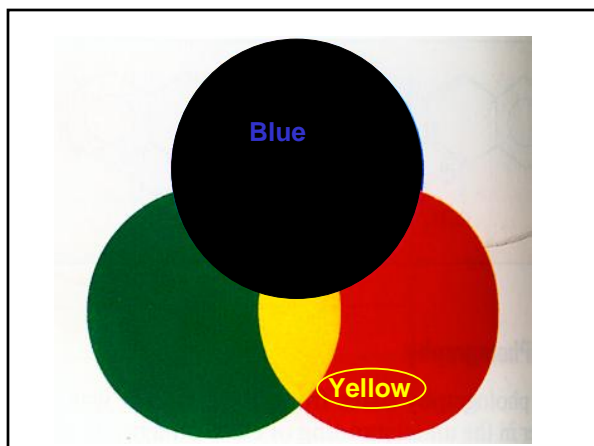
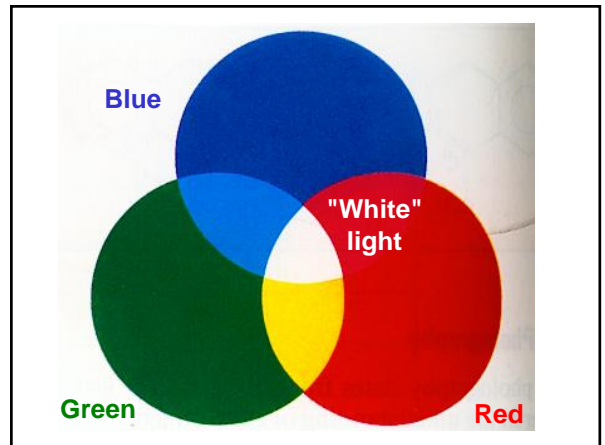
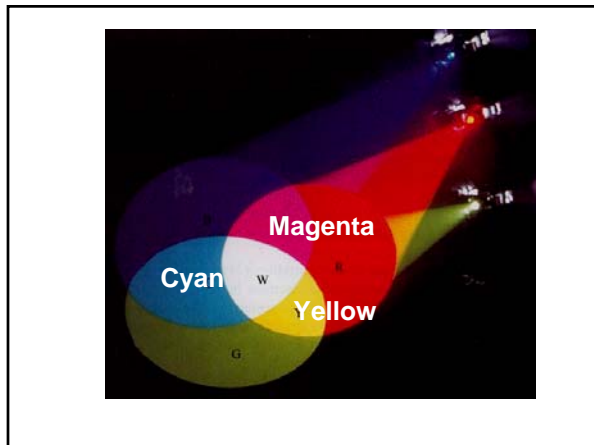
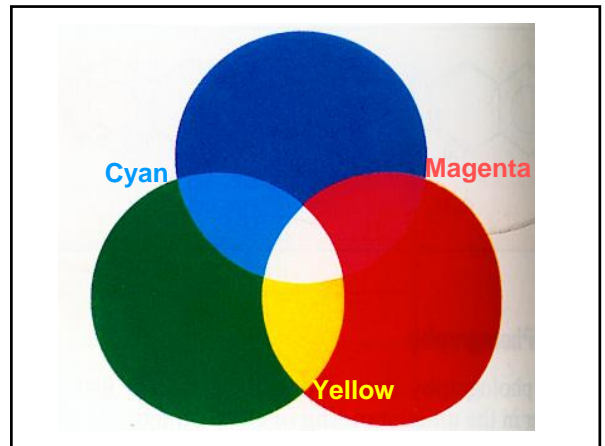
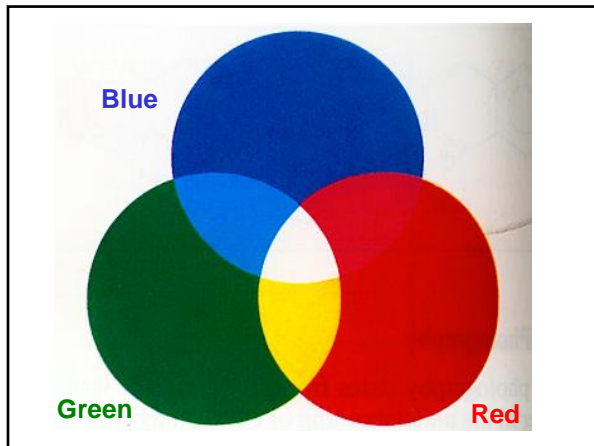


400 nm 700 nm

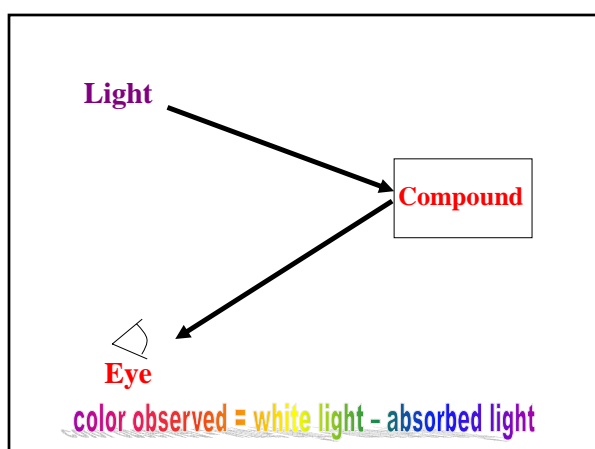
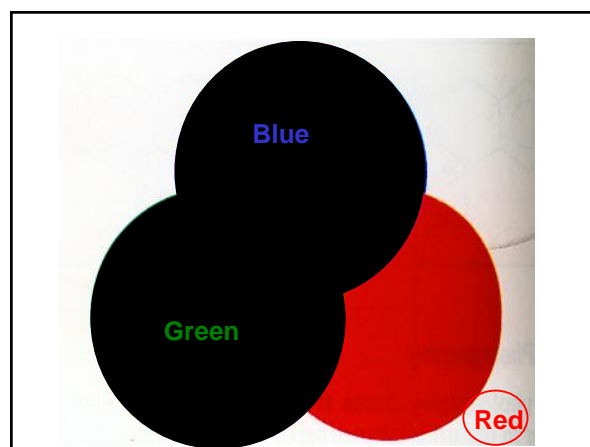
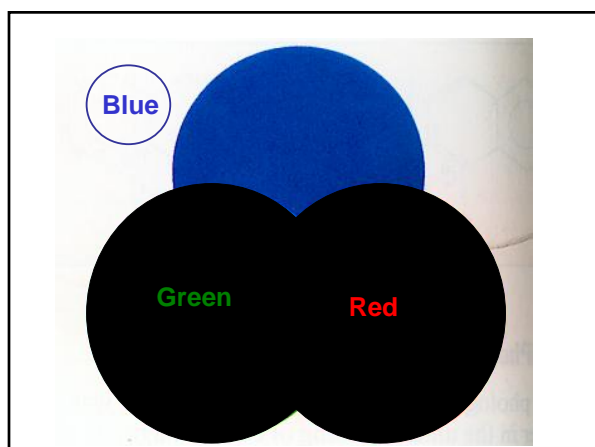
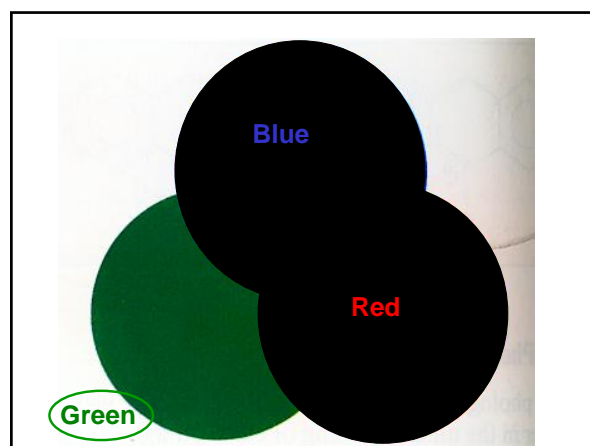
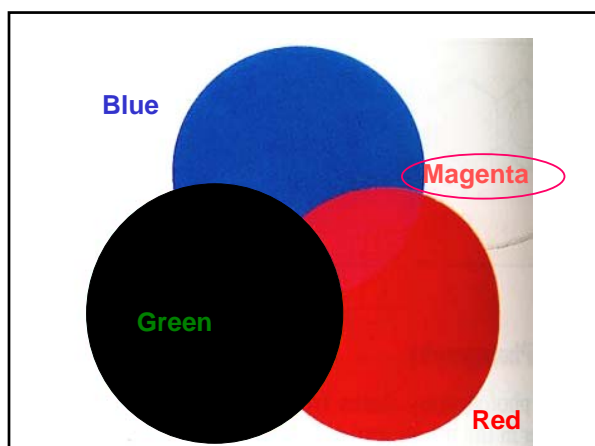
← Higher energy Shorter Wavelength Lower energy Longer Wavelength →

White = all the colors (wavelengths)



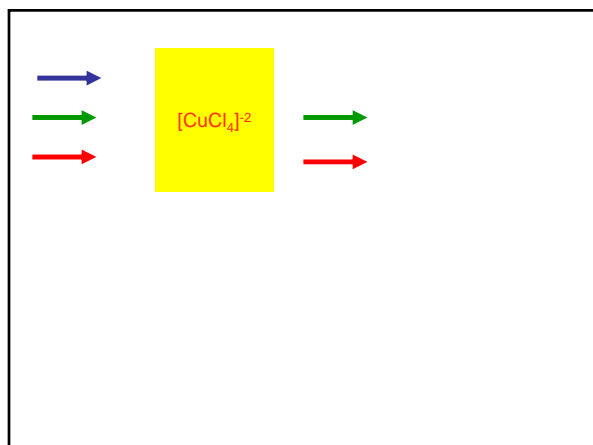
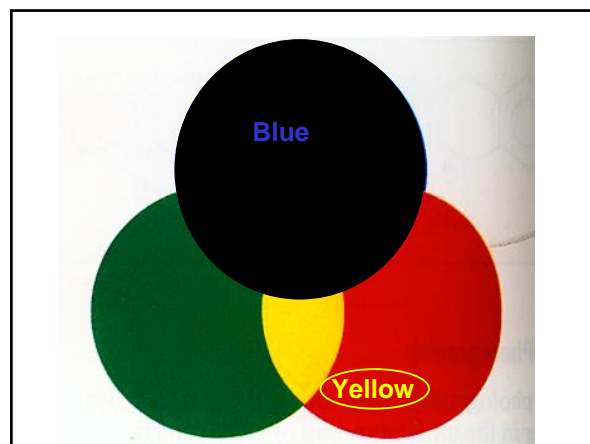
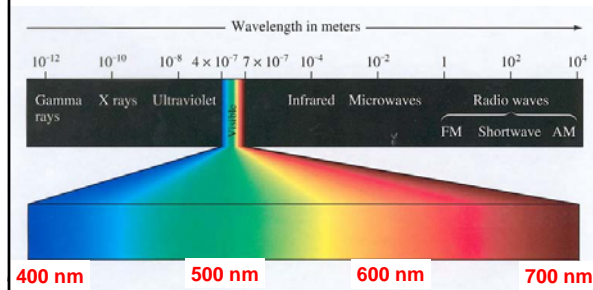




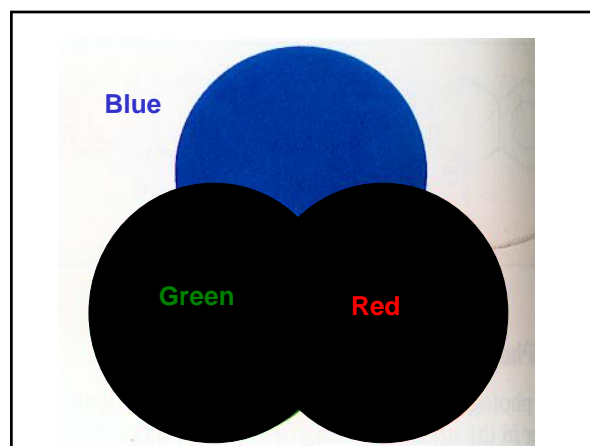
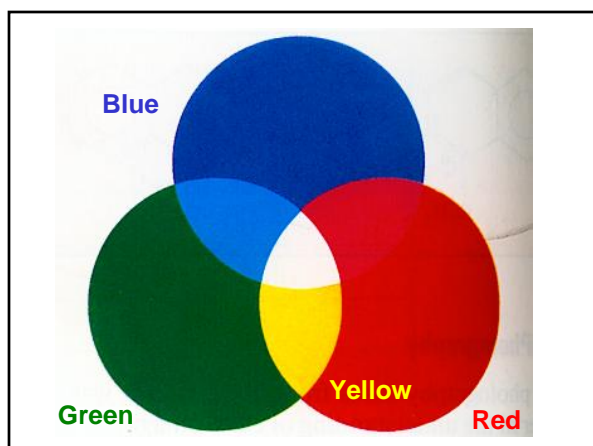
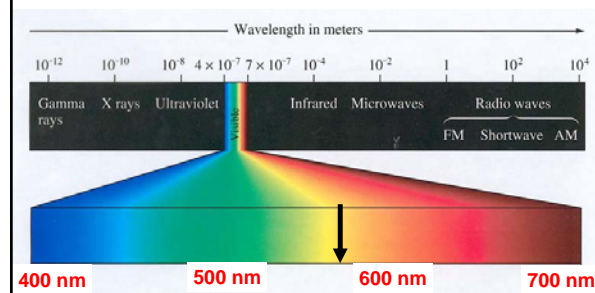


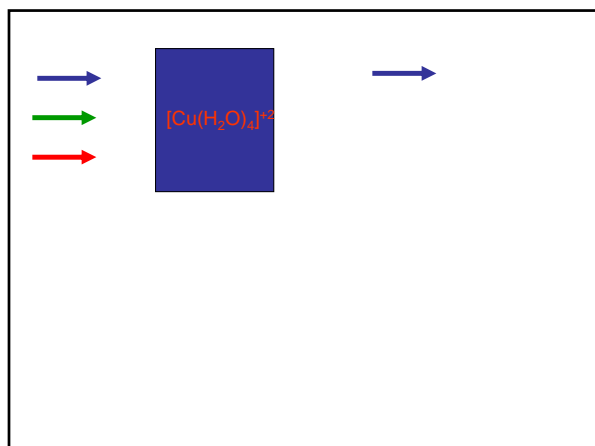
Coordination compounds are highly colored because they can absorb photons in the visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum to produce the complementary color.

A solution of  $[\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-}$  is yellow. In what region of the electromagnetic spectrum does it absorb light?

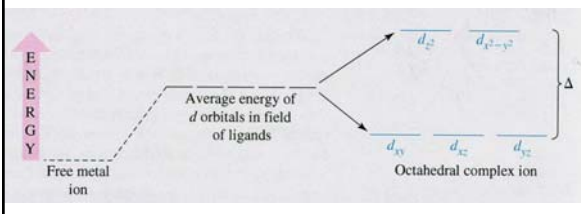


A solution of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+}$  absorbs mostly at 580 nm. What should be its color?





Coordination compounds are **highly colored** because they can **absorb photons** in the **visible region** of the electromagnetic spectrum to **produce the complementary color**.



Explain the colors of:



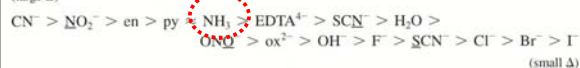
Oxidation State:  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$



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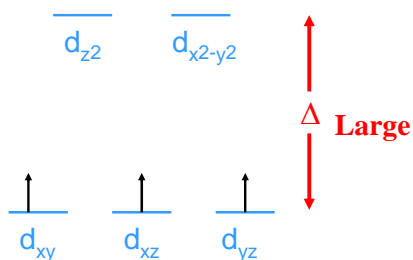
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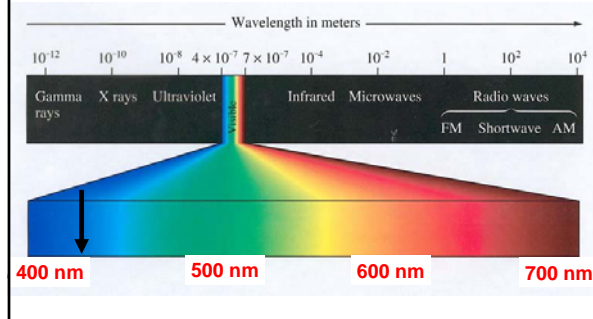
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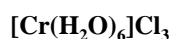
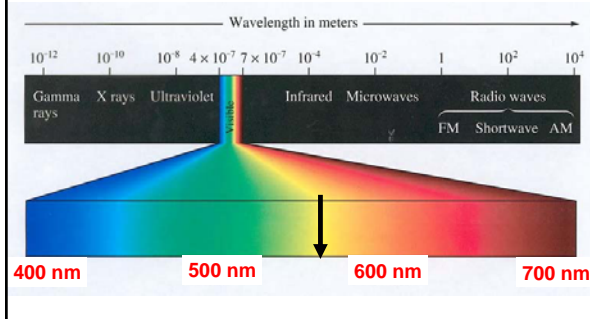
**$\text{NH}_3$  is a stronger field ligand**



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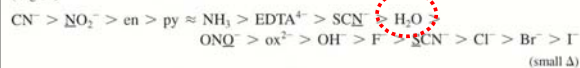


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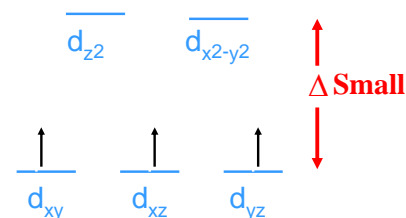
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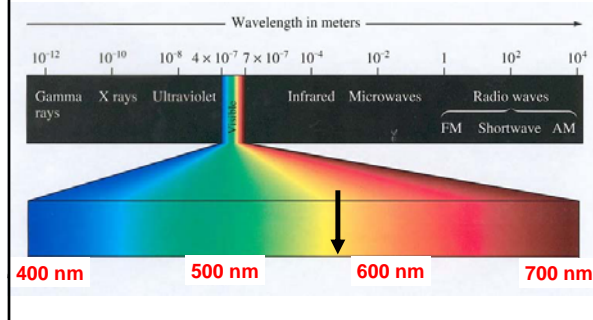
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(small  $\Delta$ )

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is a weaker field ligand



$[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{Cl}_3$  absorbs at lower frequency (higher wavelength) i.e. in the yellow.



$[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{Cl}_3$  absorbs at lower frequency (higher wavelength) i.e. in the yellow. The complementary color is violet.

