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# Lecture Overview

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- Review bonding in Co compounds with Crystal Field Theory
- Describe reactions in the lab
- Practical aspects of FTIR Spectroscopy
- Modeling hydration kinetics in Co complexes
- Resources for researching/writing reports (Erja Kajosallo)

# Approaches to Laboratory Learning

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Be wary of the Cookbook Approach

Be wary of “He Said, She Said”

Be wary of Ego

Learning “the hard way” is sometimes the  
best way

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# Introduction to Coordination Chemistry

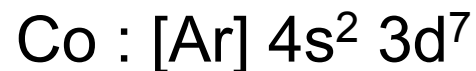
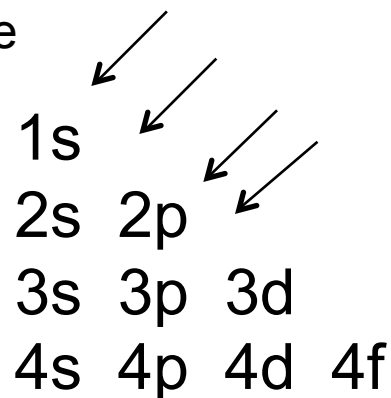
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Alfred Werner – Nobel Prize in 1913

Bioinorganic chemistry – currently hot research area

Co is a Group 9 element

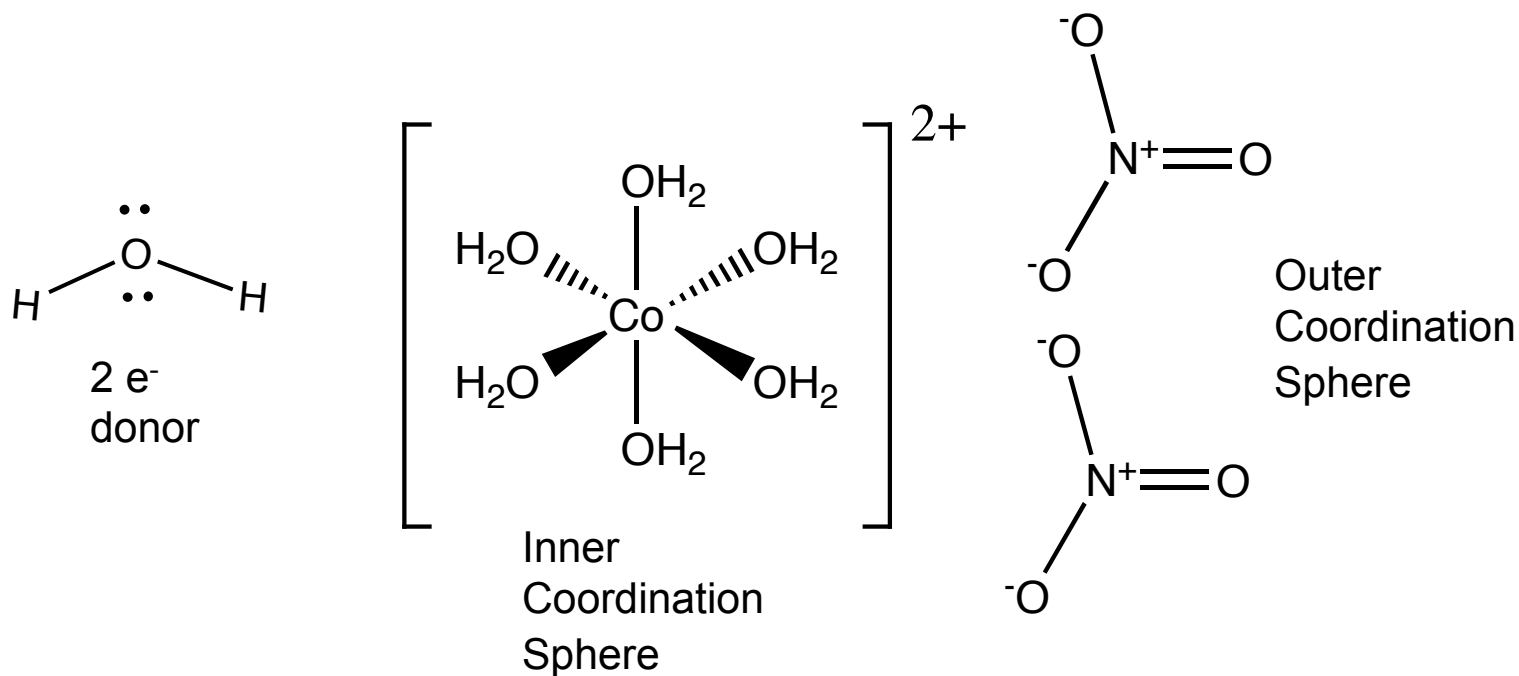
Aufbau Principle



# Cobalt Complexes

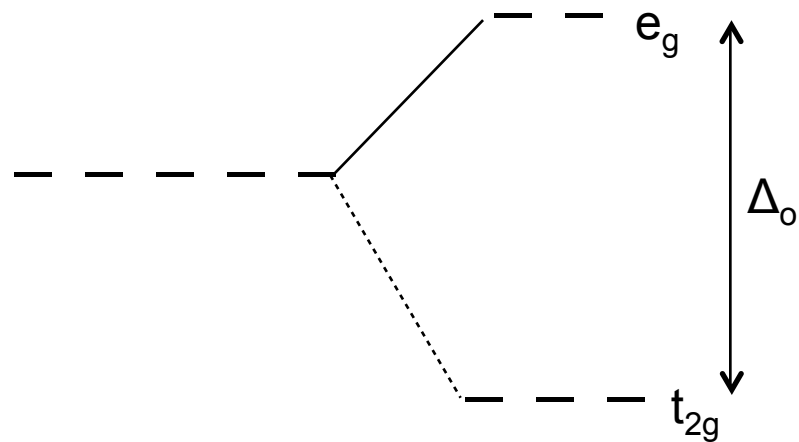
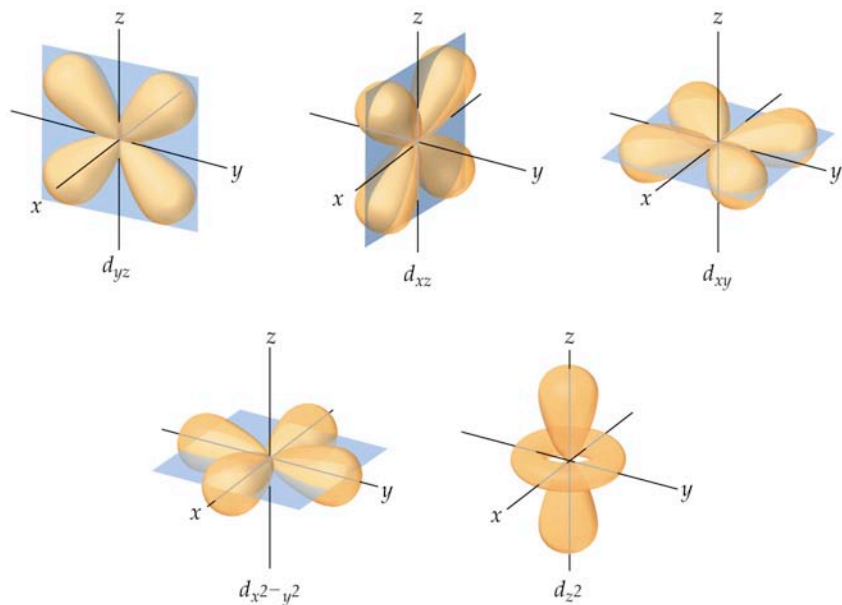
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## Cobalt(II) nitrate hexahydrate

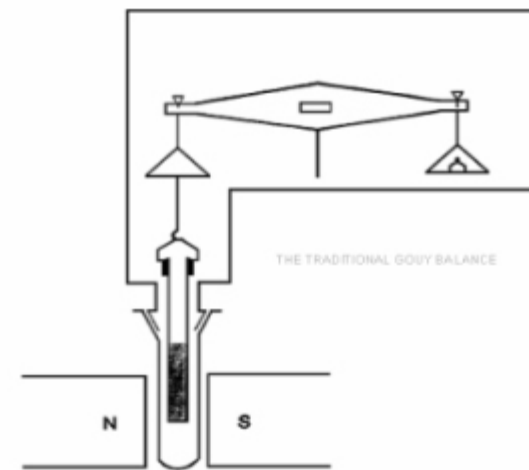
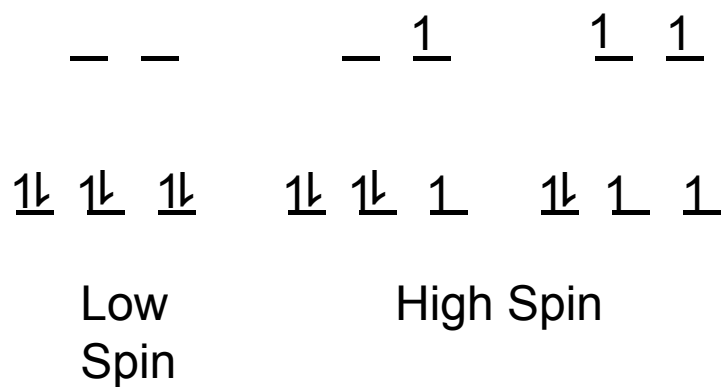


How could you determine if this is correct?

# d Orbitals in Cobalt Complexes (Crystal Field Theory)

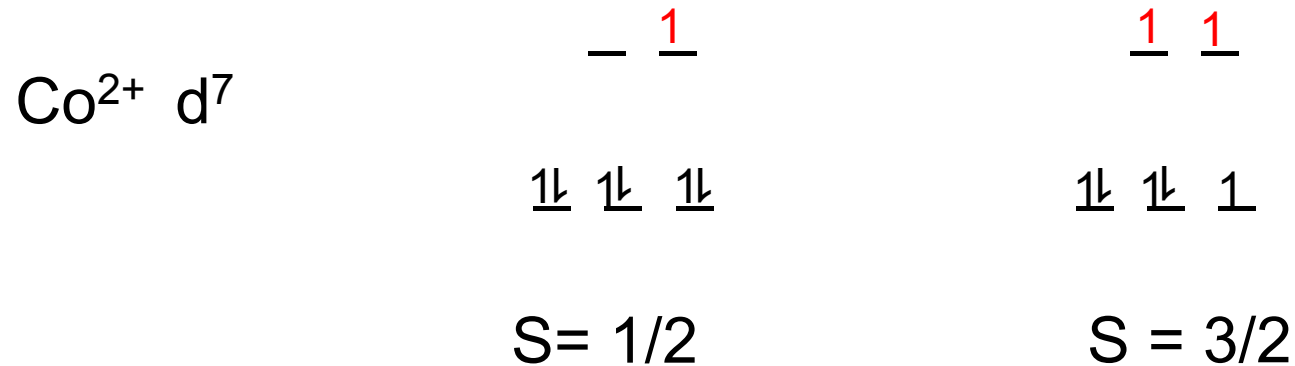


Co<sup>3+</sup> d<sup>6</sup>



# Reactivity of Cobalt Complexes

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Co<sup>2+</sup> => more reactive “labile”

Co<sup>3+</sup> => less reactive “non labile”

We take advantage of this in the lab!



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