

Coordination Chemistry III: Tanabe-Sugano Diagrams and Charge Transfer

Chapter 11

extra material (to finish Chapter 11)

Symmetry Labels for Configurations

Free ion terms split into states in the ligand field, according to symmetry:

TABLE 11.6 Splitting of Free-Ion Terms in Octahedral Symmetry

Term	Irreducible Representations
<i>S</i>	A_{1g}
<i>P</i>	T_{1g}
<i>D</i>	$E_g + T_{2g}$
<i>F</i>	$A_{2g} + T_{1g} + T_{2g}$
<i>G</i>	$A_{1g} + E_g + T_{1g} + T_{2g}$
<i>H</i>	$E_g + 2T_{1g} + T_{2g}$
<i>I</i>	$A_{1g} + A_{2g} + E_g + T_{1g} + 2T_{2g}$

The state labels also indicate the degeneracy of the electron configuration:

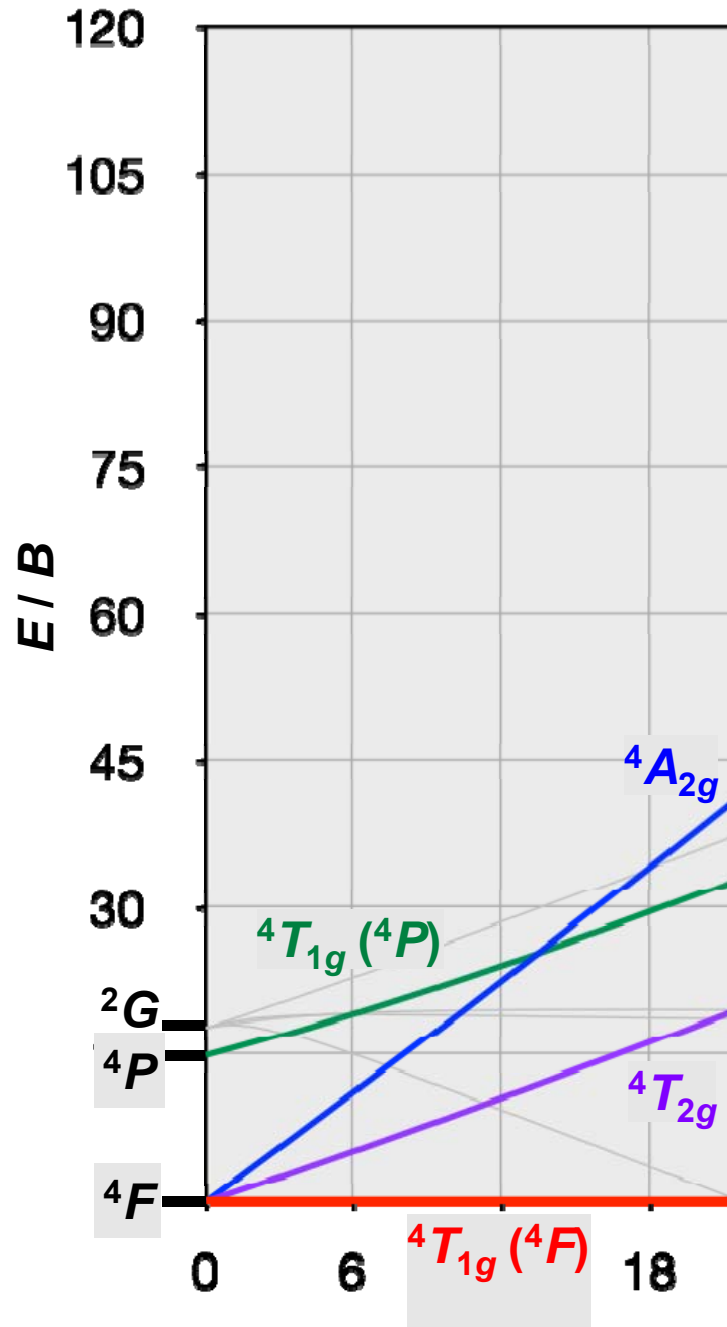
		Examples
<i>T</i>	Designates a triply degenerate asymmetrically occupied state.	
<i>E</i>	Designates a doubly degenerate asymmetrically occupied state.	
<i>A</i> or <i>B</i>	Designate a nondegenerate state. Each set of levels in an <i>A</i> or <i>B</i> state is symmetrically occupied.	

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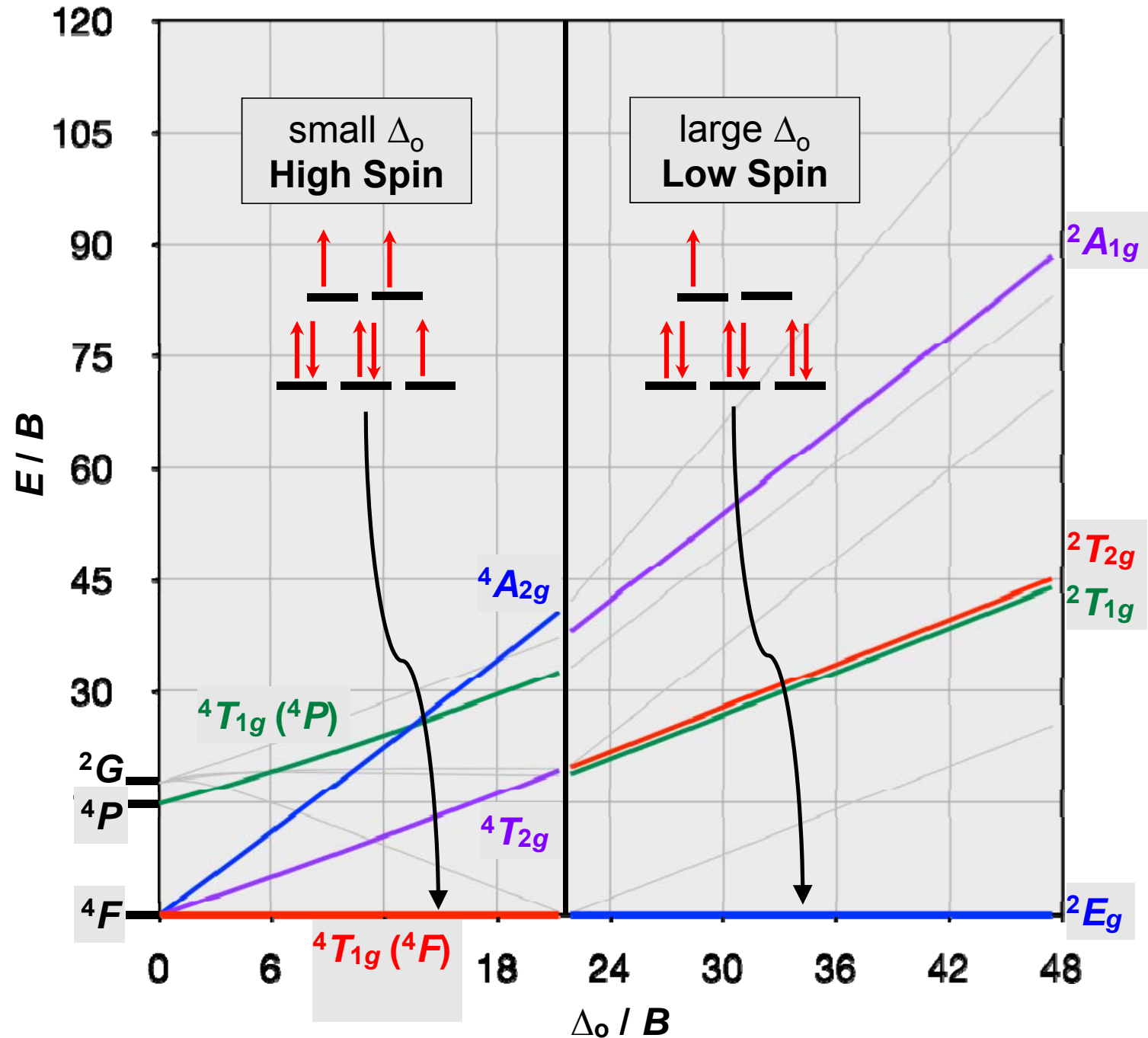


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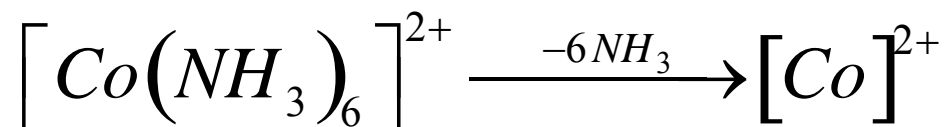
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Sample Problem, $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$

$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ has $\Delta_o = 10,100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $B = 920 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. How many electronic absorptions do you expect for the complex and at what energies?

To solve this problem we first need to determine the d -electron count for the $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$ complex.



So we have cobalt(II). Since cobalt is in the ninth column of the Periodic Table, it must be a d^7 complex so we can use the d^7 Tanabe-Sugano diagram from the last slide.

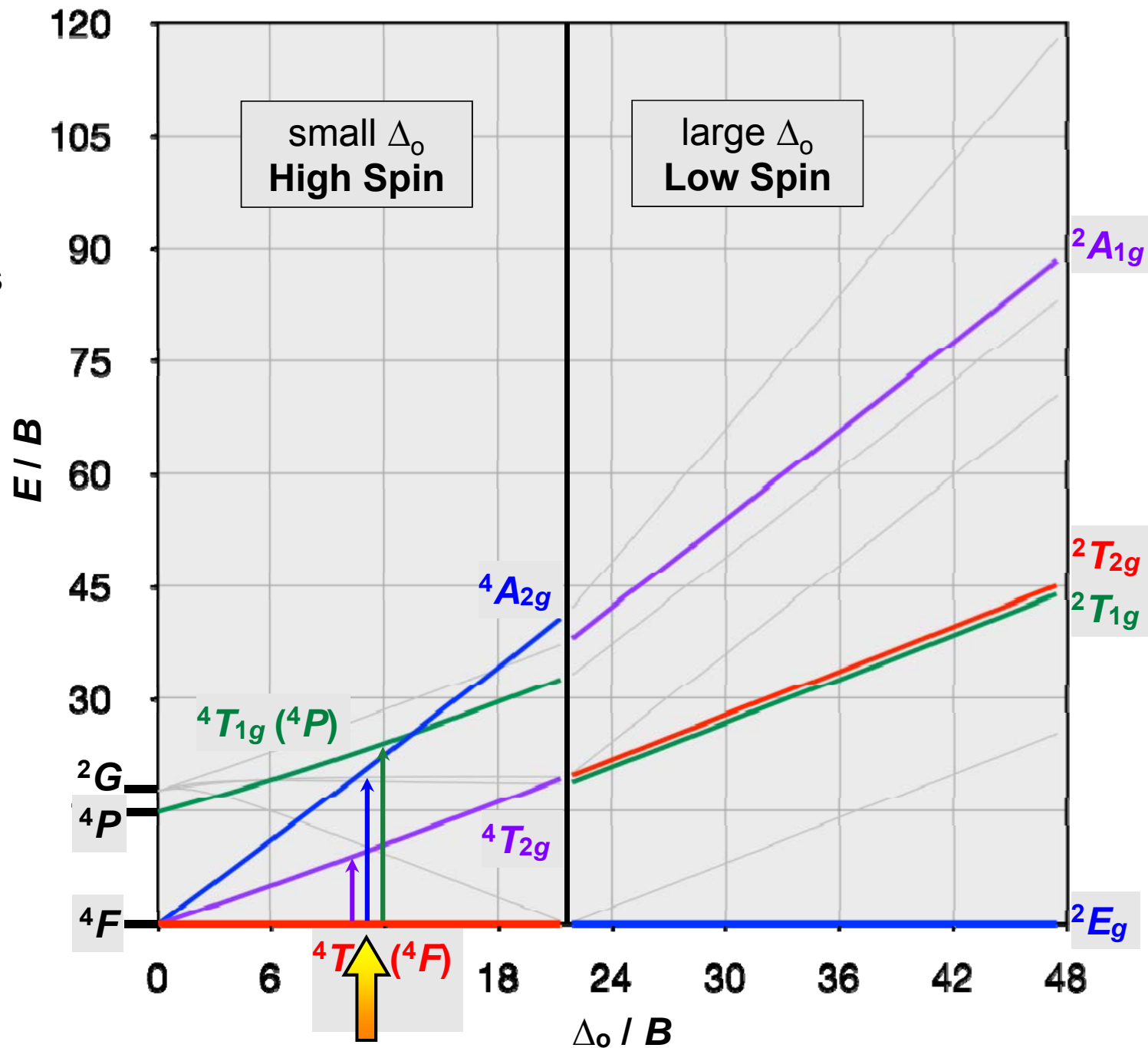
Next we need to find Δ_o/B :

$$\frac{\Delta_o}{B} = \frac{10,100 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}}{920 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}} \cong 11$$

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with $\Delta_o/B \cong 11$

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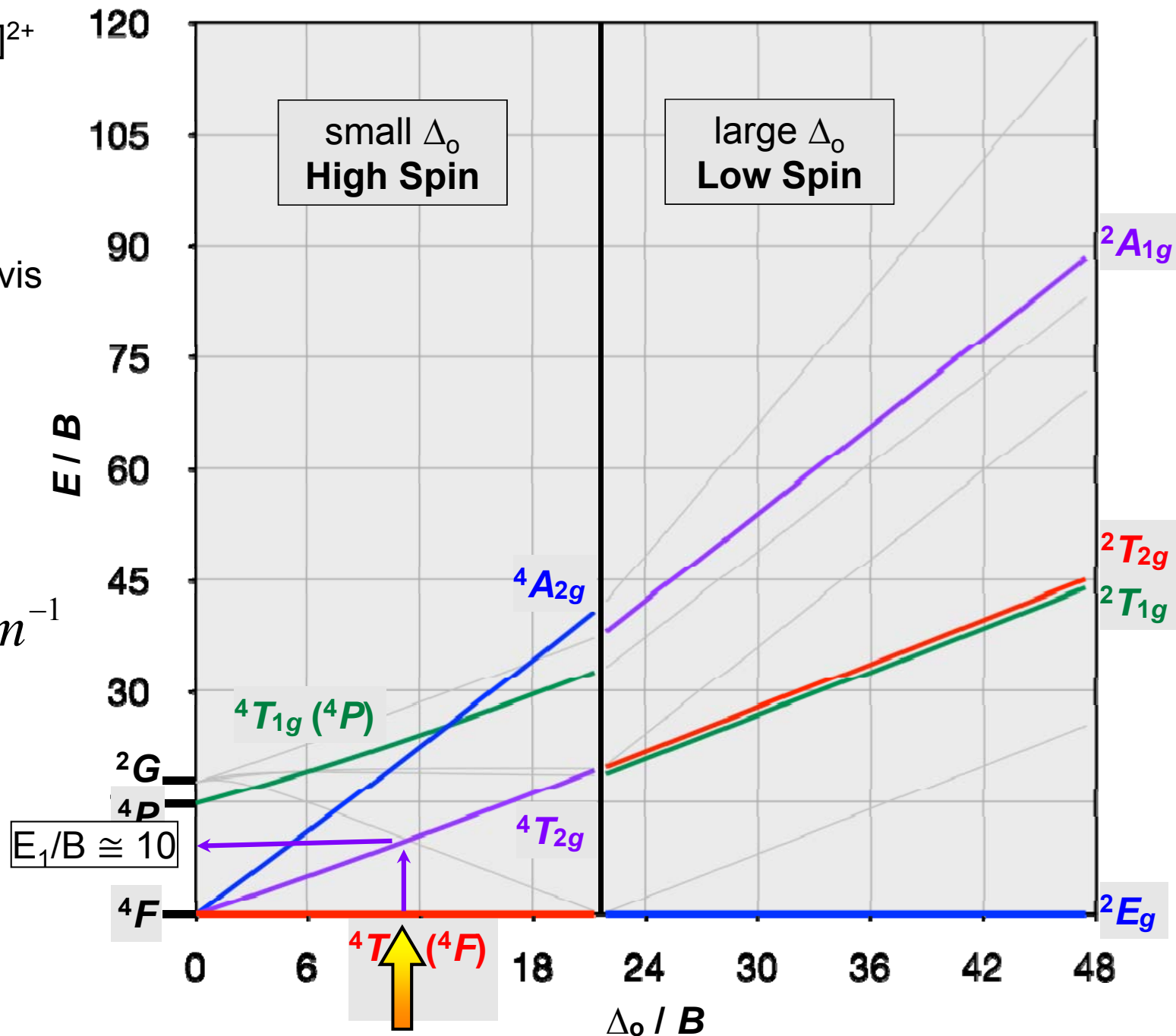
We have $d^7 [\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{2+}$
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$$E_1 \cong 10B$$

$$= 10 \times 920 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$= 9200 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$$



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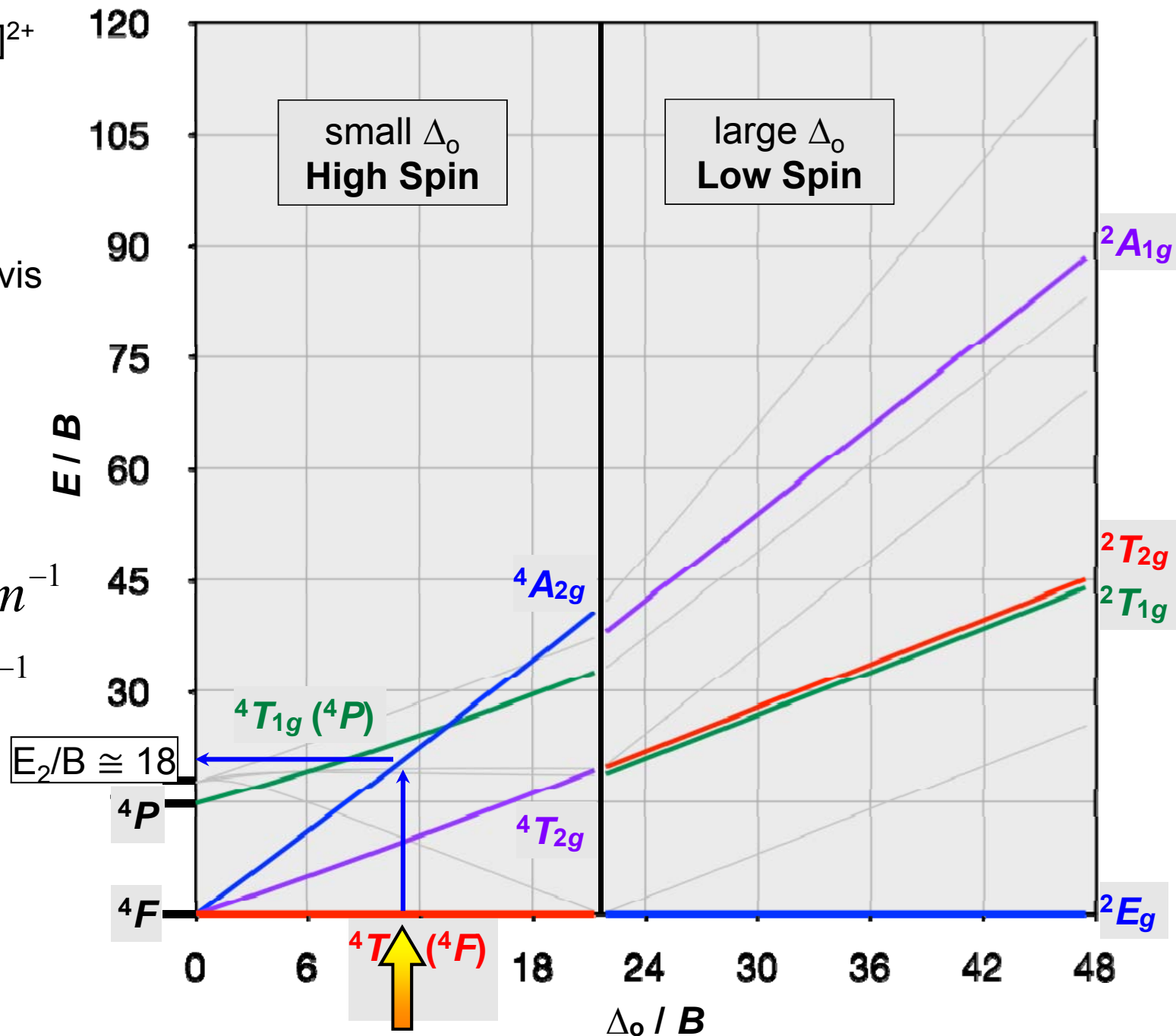
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$$E_1 \cong 18B$$

$$= 18 \times 920 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$= 16,500 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$$



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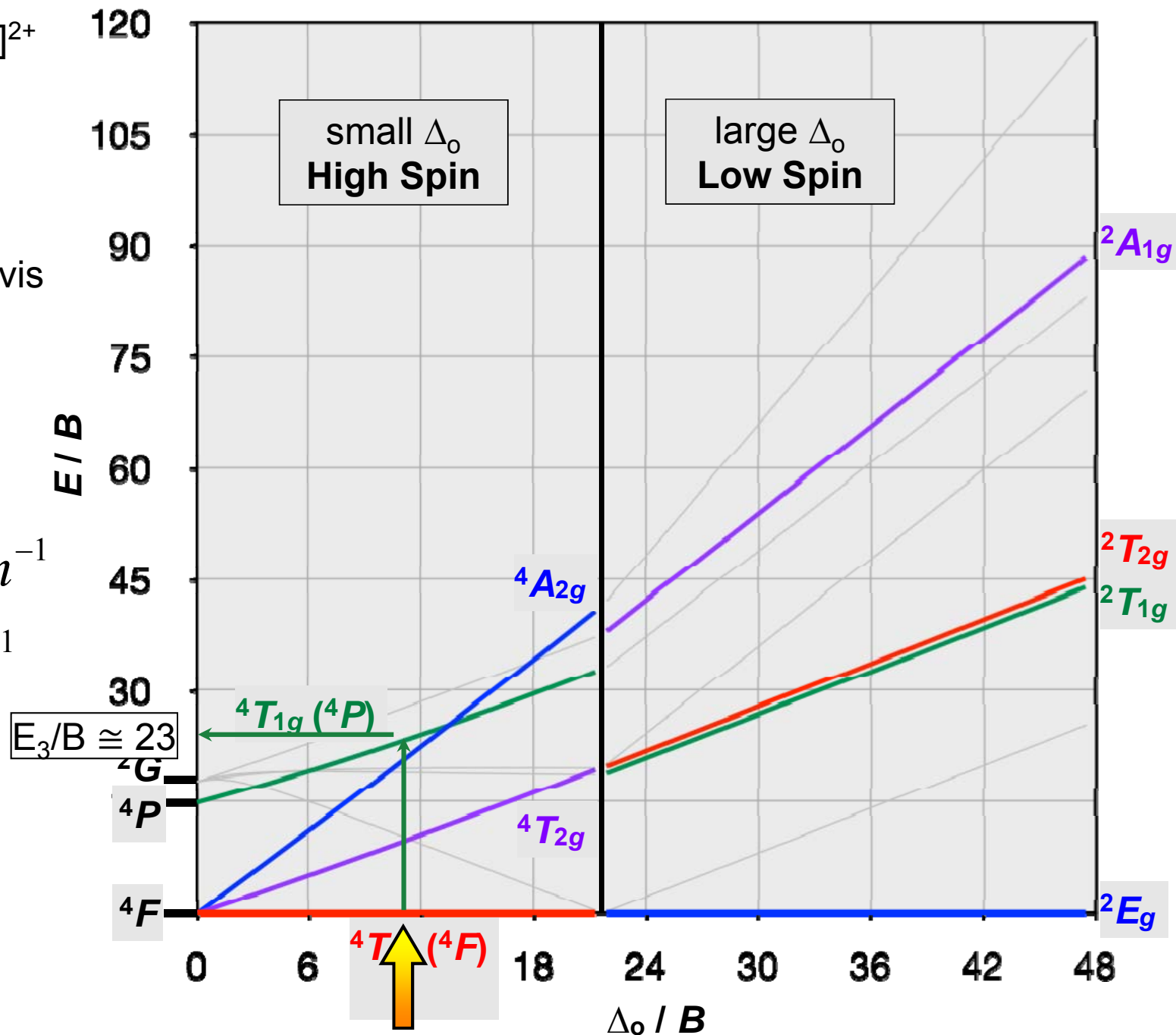
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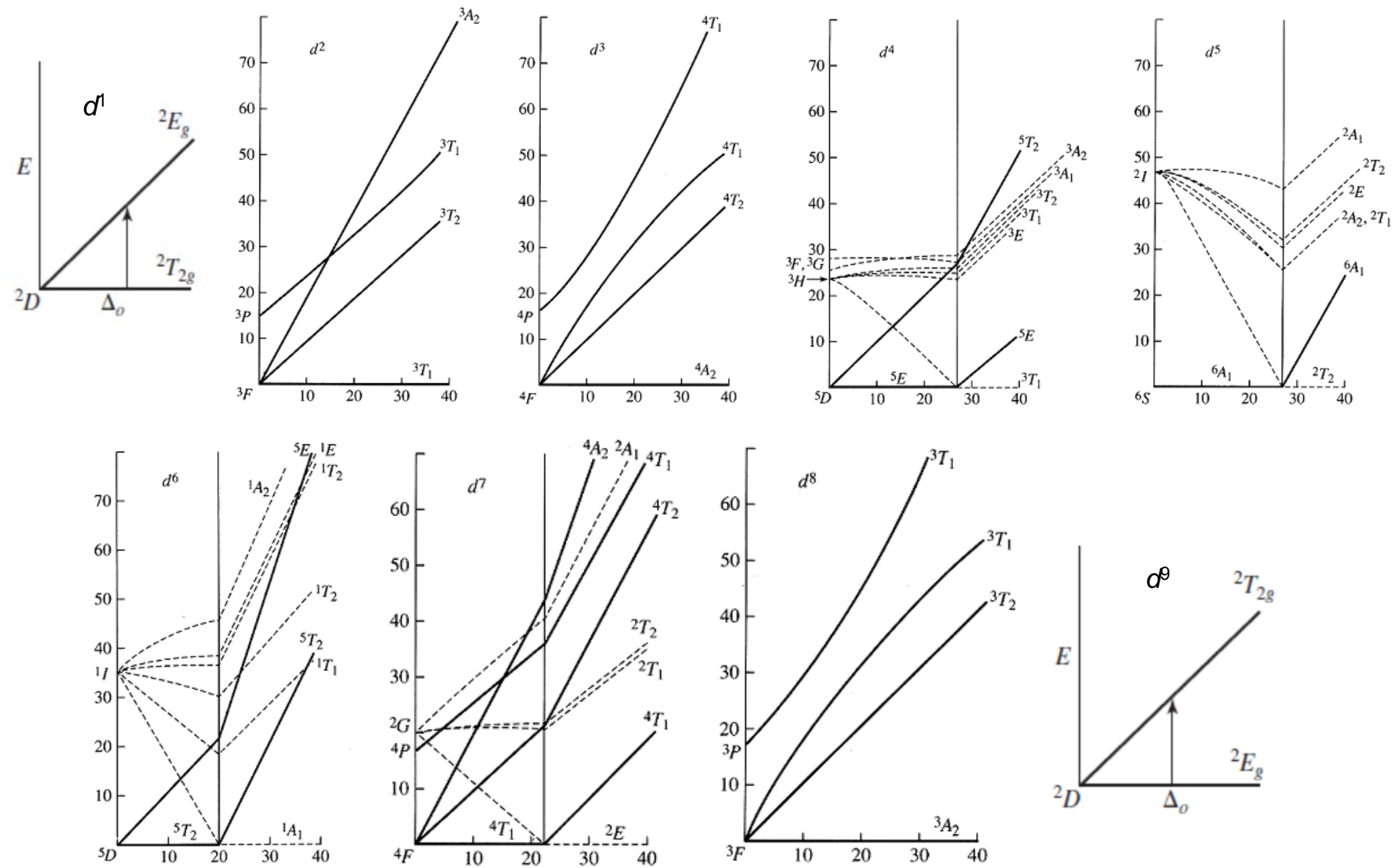
$$E_3 \cong 23B$$

$$= 23 \times 920 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$$

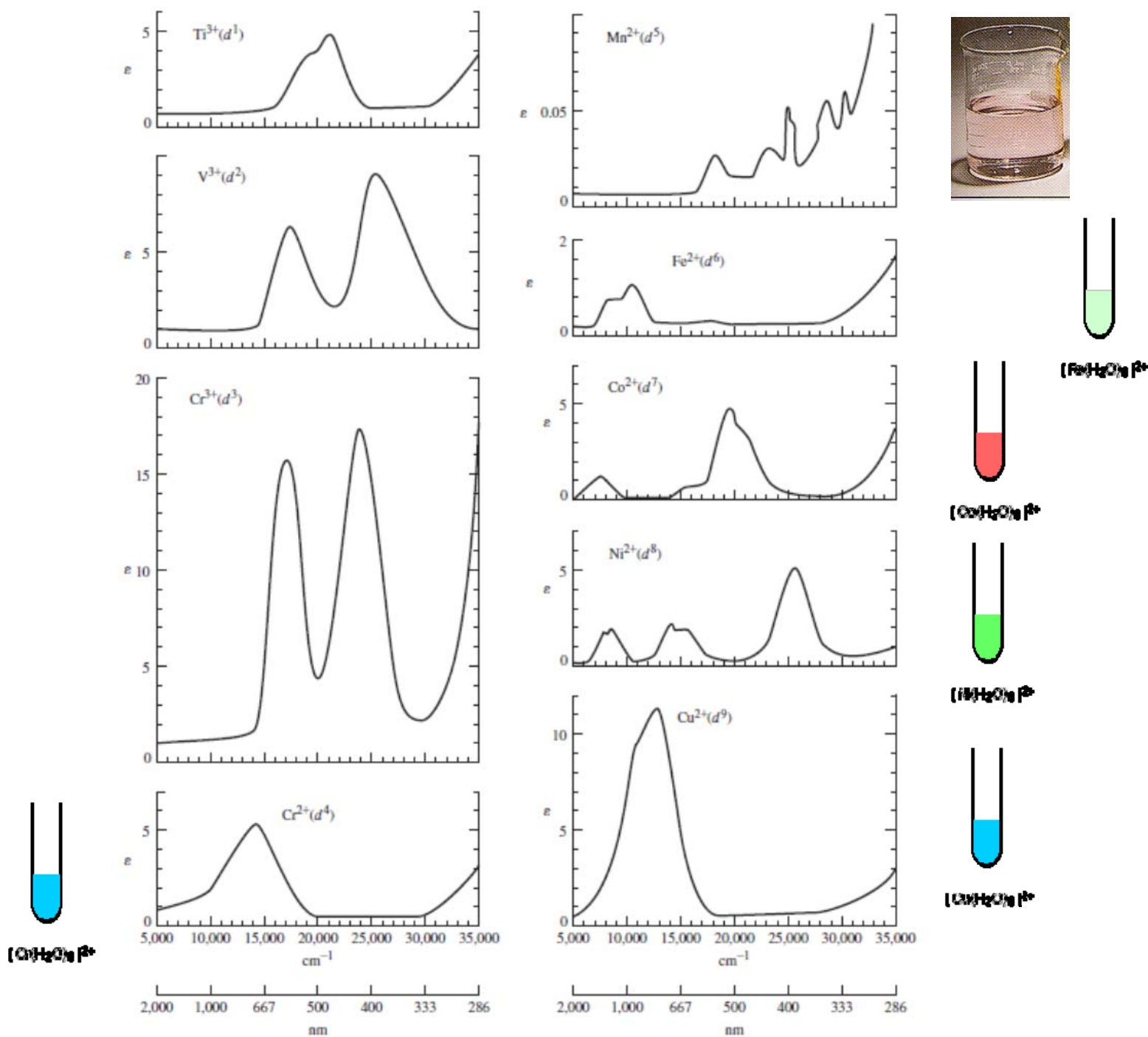
$$= 21,200 \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$$



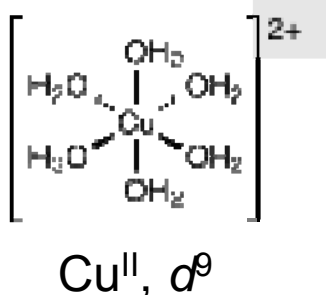
Simplified Tanabe-Sugano Diagrams



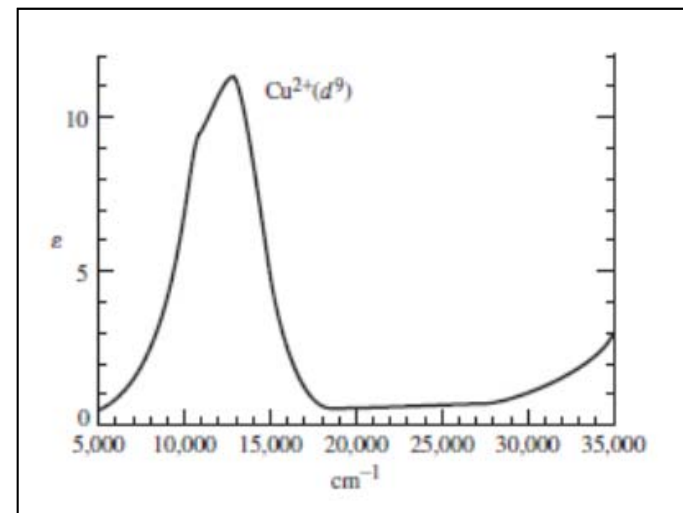
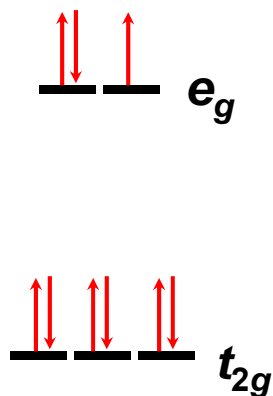
Spectra of First-Row HS $[M(H_2O)_6]^{n+}$ Complexes



Jahn-Teller Effect in Spectroscopy



Frontier MO diagram



There should only be one $d-d$ transition, why is there a split in the absorption band at 900 nm?

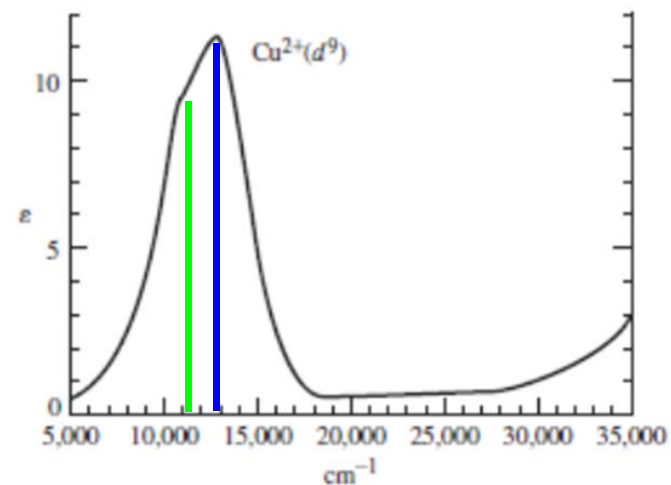
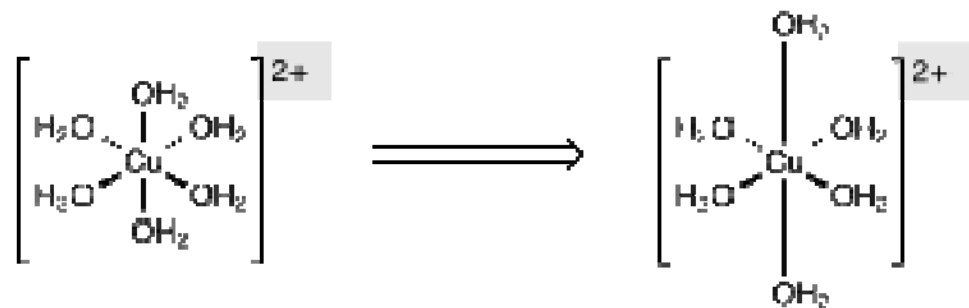
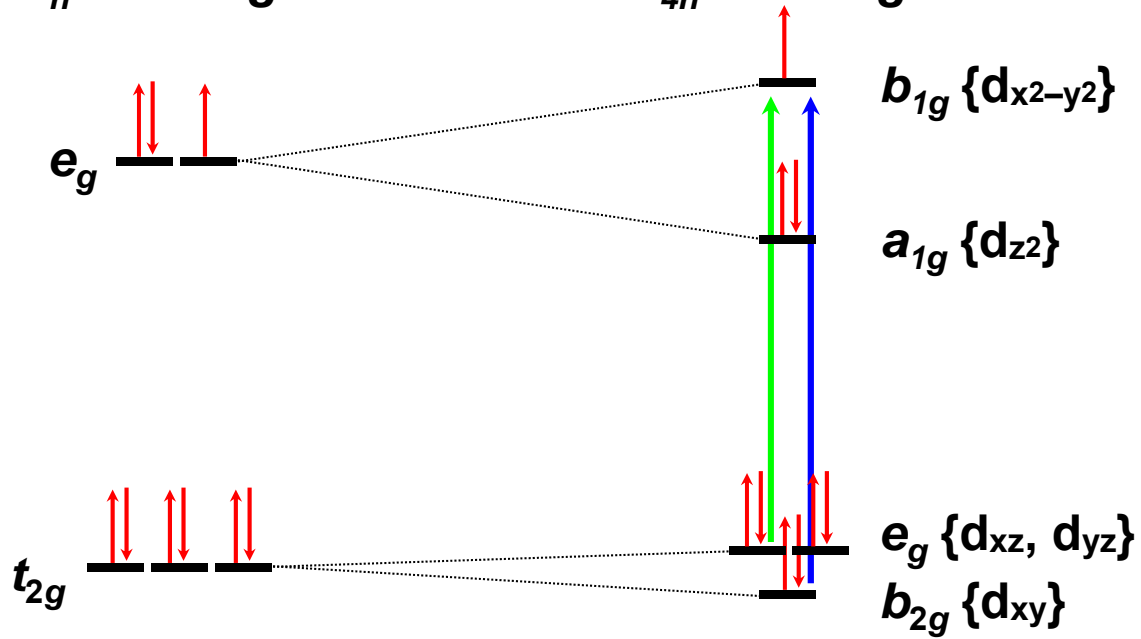
- **Jahn-Teller Theorem: complexes with unequal occupation of degenerate orbitals will distort to lower their energy**

- degenerate electronic states occur when a degenerate orbital set (t_{2g} or e_g) is partially filled with electrons (not half-filled)
- partially occupied e_g orbitals (M-L σ^*) lead to more pronounced distortions than partially-occupied t_{2g} orbitals (non-bonding)
- the most common distortion is tetragonal, but trigonal distortions are also possible

Jahn-Teller Effect in Spectroscopy

O_h MO diagram

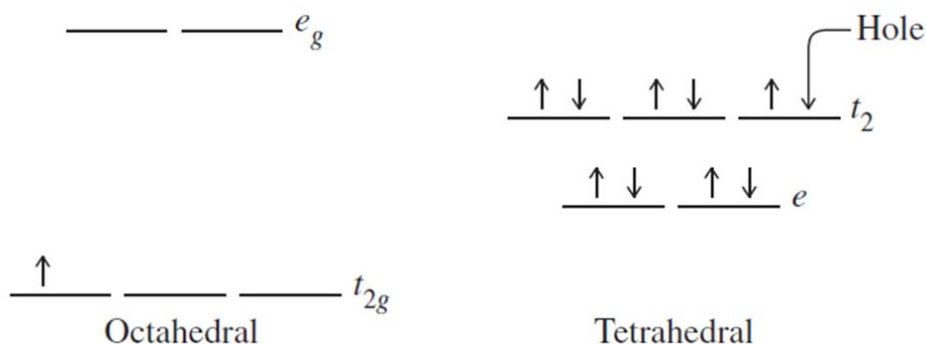
D_{4h} MO diagram



Tetrahedral Complexes

No inversion center \rightarrow Laporte selection rule does not apply \rightarrow more intense absorptions than in octahedral complexes

Hole Formalism: since the splitting of the d -orbitals is opposite in tetrahedral and octahedral complexes, tetrahedral configurations with n empty orbitals (n “holes”) have the same symmetry as d^n octahedral configurations:



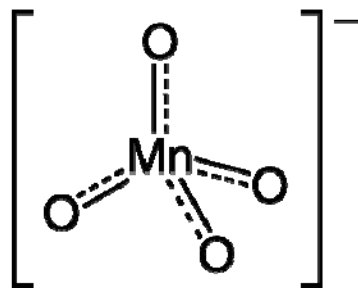
As a result, we can use octahedral d^{10-n} T-S diagrams to describe d^n tetrahedral complexes. For example, d^8 looks like d^2 octahedral, d^7 looks like d^3 , etc.

Charge Transfer Transitions

In addition to transitions between *d*-orbitals, transitions between ligand-based orbitals and metal *d*-orbitals are possible.

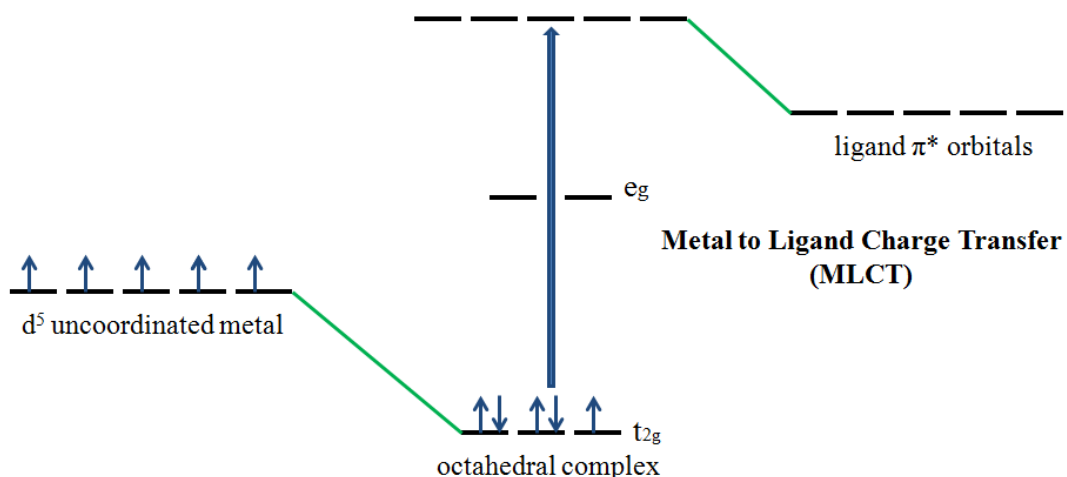
- called *charge transfer* transitions since an electron is transferred from the metal to the ligand or vice versa
- very intense transitions since they are Laporte and spin allowed ($\epsilon \sim 50,000$ compared to $<20 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for *d-d* transitions)
- energies often depends strongly on solvent (*solvatochromic*) since the charge transfer changes the dipole moment of the complex
 - this can be used to distinguish between charge transfer bands and *d-d* transitions

permanganate is intensely purple due to CT from O $2p$ to Mn^{7+} *d*-orbital



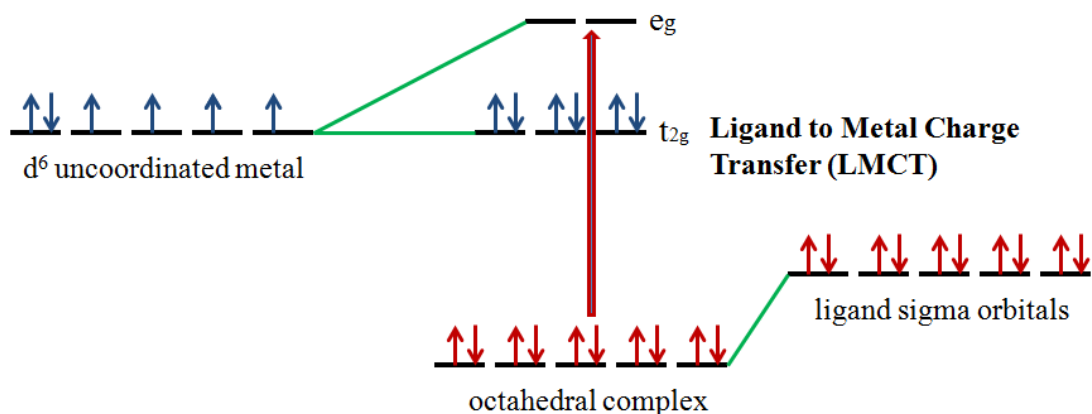
Charge Transfer Transitions

1. metal to ligand CT (MLCT)



- higher energy
- ligand reduced
- metal oxidized

2. ligand to metal CT (LMCT)

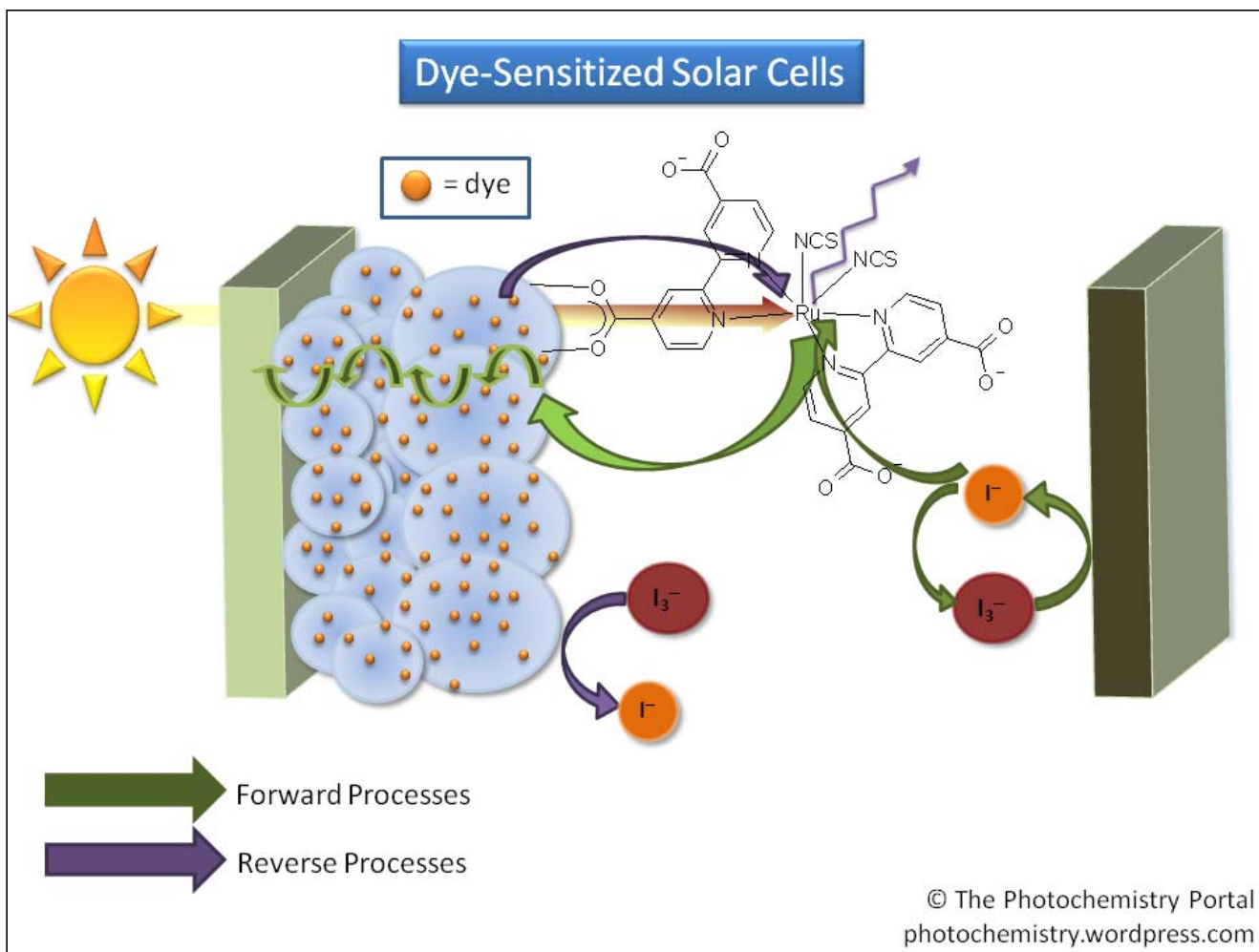
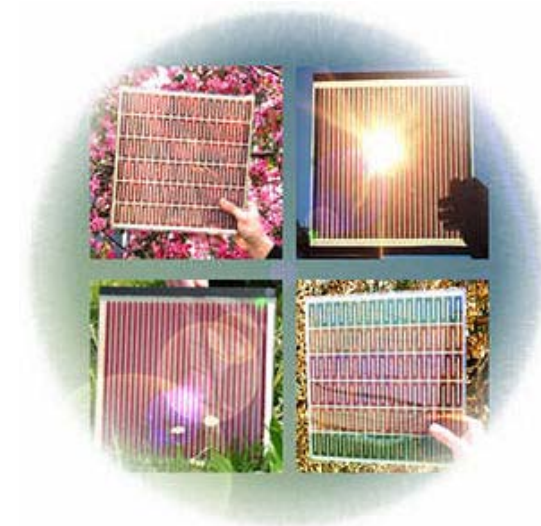


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- ligand oxidized
- metal reduced

3. intraligand CT: involves electron transfer within a ligand or between ligands; any energy.

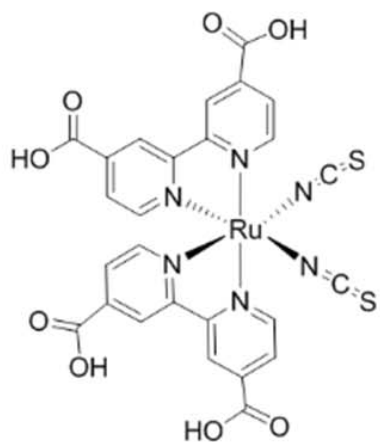
Application of CT: Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

A dye-sensitized solar cell uses an MLCT dye adsorbed on a high surface area TiO_2 nanoparticle film to absorb sunlight and produce electricity.



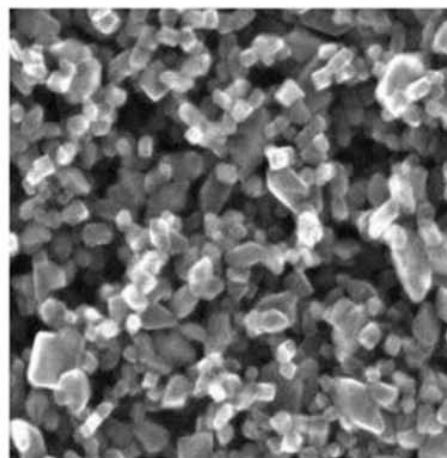
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Sensitizing Dye



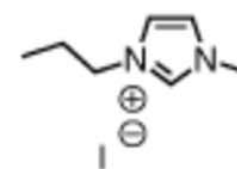
Chemical Structure of N3 Dye

Titania Nanoparticles



20 nm Titania nanoparticles

Electrolyte

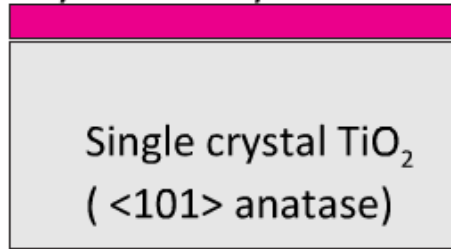


Iodide/Tri-iodide Redox Couple

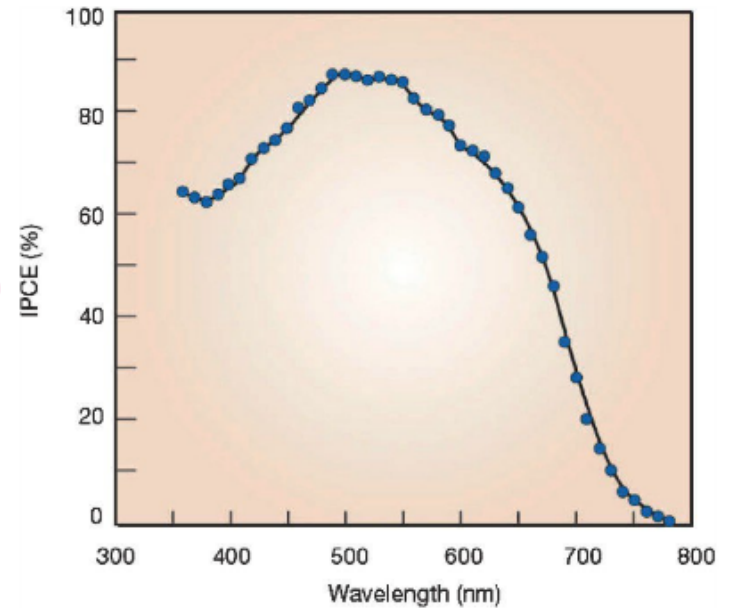
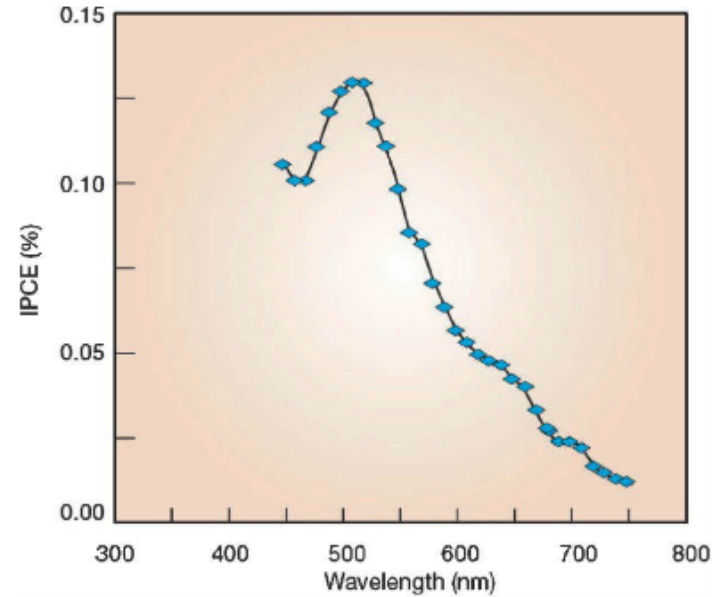
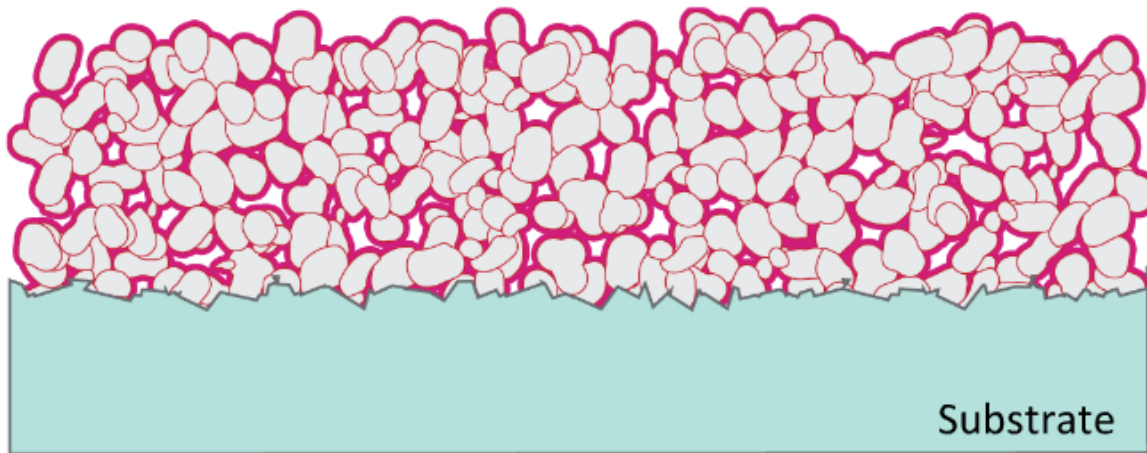
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Dye monolayer



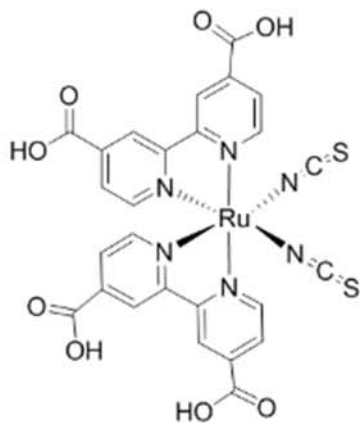
Dye Sensitized Mesoporous anatase TiO_2



O'Regan and M. Gratzel, Nature **1991**

Brian E. Hardin, Stanford.

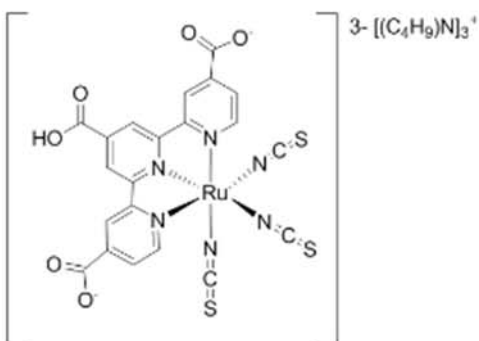
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N3

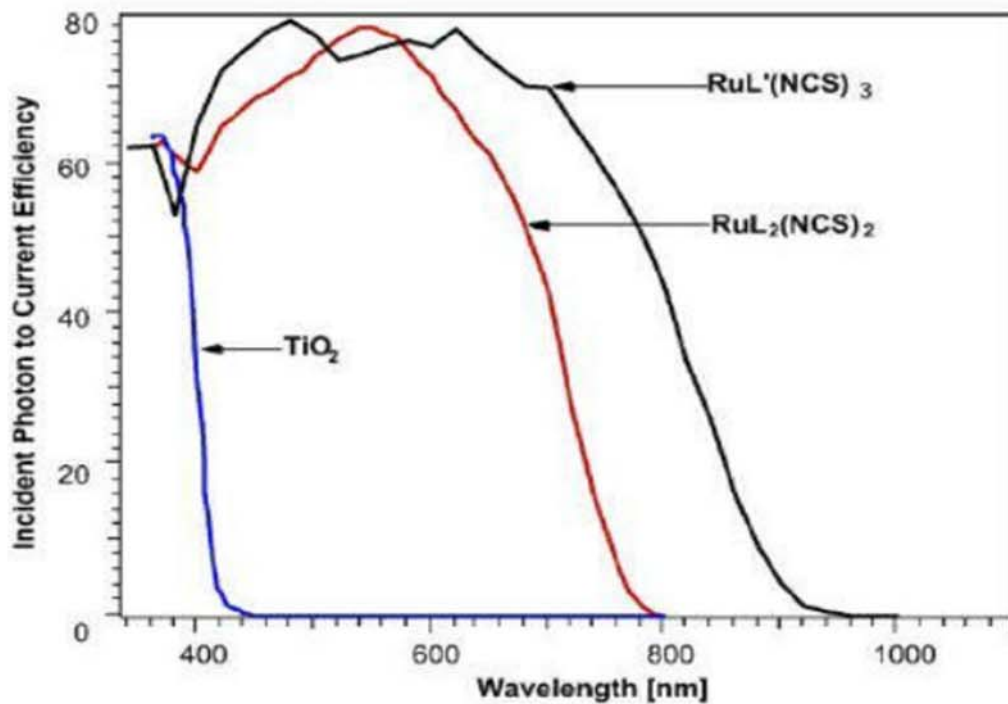
cis-Ru(SCN)₂L₂

(L = 2,2-bipyridyl-4,4-dicarboxylate)



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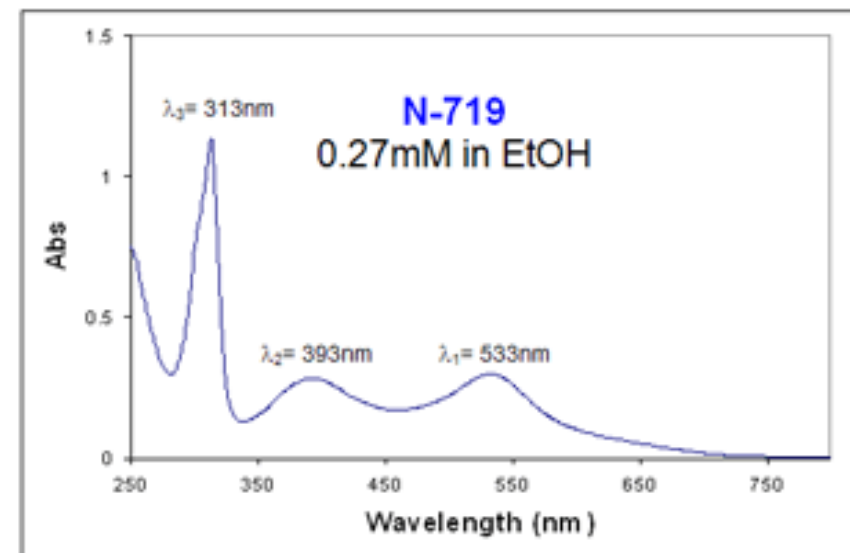
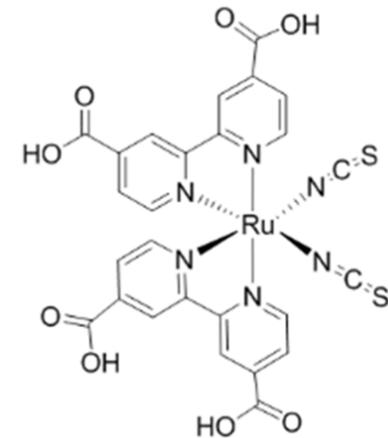
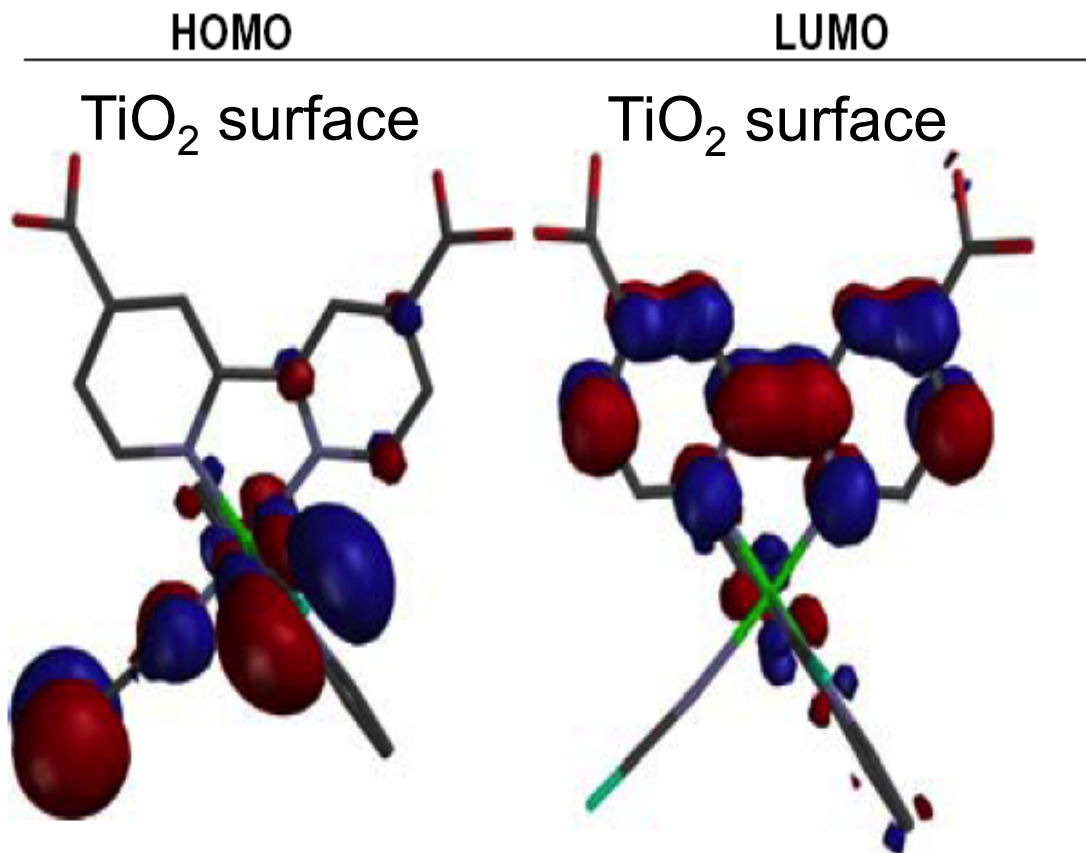
tri(cyanato)-2.22-terpyridyl-4,44-tricarboxylate)Ru(II)



L = 4,4'-COOH-2,2'-bipyridine

L' = 4,4',4''-COOH-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine

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A. Hagfeldt, M. Grätzel, *Acc. Chem. Res.* 2000, 33, 2679–27

HOMO localized on electrolyte side, far from TiO₂ surface.
LUMO localized on anchoring ligands, next to TiO₂ surface.
→ rapid electron transfer into TiO₂

Fin

**Good luck on the final, have a great break,
and see you around campus!**