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## Coordination Chemistry

### The rules for naming coordination compounds:

1. Order of Naming Ions In **Arabic**, the **anion** is named first, followed by the cation (as in simple salts). However, in **English**, the **cation** is named first, followed by the anion.

### 2. Naming Coordination Compounds

- ✓ Ligands are named first (in alphabetical order if they have similar charges), followed by the central metal.
- ✓ Within the coordination sphere, ligands are ordered as follows: **anionic** ligands first, then **neutral ligands**, and finally **cationic** ligands.
- ✓ Example: \*\*[CoCl(CN)(NO<sub>2</sub>)(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] → Chlorocyanonitrotriamminecobalt(III).

### 3. Ligand Naming Conventions

- **Anionic ligands** end with "-o" in English (e.g., chloro, cyano, hydroxo).
- **Neutral ligands** retain their molecular names, except:
  - Water → "aqua"
  - Ammonia → "ammine" (spelled with two \*m\*s to distinguish it from amines).
  - **Cationic ligands** end with "-ium".

### 4. Prefixes for Ligand Multiplicity

- ❖ Simple ligands use prefixes like di-, tri-, tetra- (e.g., dibromo, trinitro).
- ❖ Complex ligands (e.g., ethylenediamine, EDTA) use bis-, tris-, etc.

## 5. Oxidation State of the Central Metal

- Written as a **Roman numeral** in parentheses after the metal's name.
- Negative oxidation states include a minus sign (e.g., -I).
- Zero is written as 0.

## 6. Naming Complex Anions

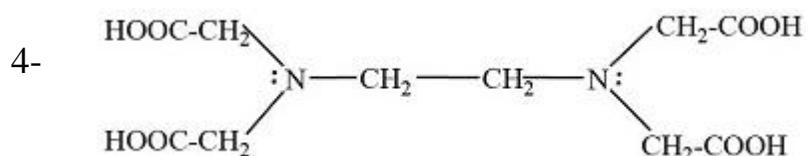
- If the complex is an anion, the metal name ends with "-ate" (often using Latin names, e.g., iron → \*ferrate\*, lead → \*plumbate\*).
- For neutral/cationic complexes, the metal name remains unchanged.

### Mondentate (Neutral ligand):

1- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (agua) 2-  $\text{NH}_3$ (ammine ) 3- $\text{CO}$ ( carbonyl) 4-  $\text{NO}$ ( nitrosyl) 5-  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$   
(pyridine) 6-  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$ (ethylamine)

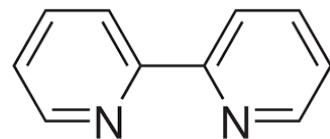
### Bidentate (Neutral ligand):

1-  $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2$  (Hydrazen) 2-  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{COCH}_3$  (Acetylacetone)  
3-  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  (ethylenediamine) (en)



ethylenediaminetetraacetato  
(EDTA)

5- C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N ( dipyridyl )



### Anionic Ligands

Chloride (Cl <sup>-</sup> )	Chloro	[CoCl(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> → Pentaamminechlorocobalt(III) ion
Cyanide (CN <sup>-</sup> )	Cyano	[Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>4-</sup> Hexacyanoferrate(II) ion
Hydroxide (OH <sup>-</sup> )	Hydroxo	[Cr(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> Pentaqua hydroxochromium(III) ion
Nitrite (NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> )	Nitro (if N- bonded)	[Co(NO <sub>2</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> Pentaamminenitrocobalt(III)
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	Sulfato	[Cu(SO <sub>4</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]      Tetraamminesulfatocuppper(II)
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	Carbonato	[Ni(CO <sub>3</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]      Tetraamminecarbonatonickel(II)
Oxalate (C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	Oxalato	[Fe(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> Tris(oxalato)ferrate(III) ion
Thiocyanate (SCN <sup>-</sup> )	Thiocyanato (S- bonded)	[Co(SCN)(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> Pentaamminethiocyanatocobalt(III)

Example Recap:

1- $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$  → Potassium hexacyanoferrate(III) (anionic complex, Latin name).

2- $Cu(NH_3)_4]SO_4$  → Tetra ammine copper(II) sulfate (cationic complex).

3-  $Co(NH_3)_5Cl]Cl_2$  → [ Chloropentaamminecobalt(III) chloride

4- $Cr(H_2O)_4Cl_2]Cl$  → [ Dichlorotetraaquochromium(III) chloride

5- $K[PtNH_3 Cl_3]$  → Potassiumtrichloroammineplatinato(II)

6-[ Pt (NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> Cl<sub>2</sub> ] → Dichlorodiammineplatinum (II)

7-[Co(en)<sub>3</sub>]Cl<sub>3</sub> → tris(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III)chloride

8- [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O]Cl<sub>3</sub> → aquapentaammine cobalt(III)chloride

9 - [Co(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]I<sub>3</sub> → HexaaguaCobalt(III)Iodide

10- $K_2 [PtCl_4]$  → PotassiumTetraChloro Palatinato(II)

11-  $K_4[Ni(CN)_6]$  → potassiumHexaCyanoNickelate(II)

12- [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>]NO<sub>3</sub> → SulfatoTetraammineCobalt(III)nitrate

13-[Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] → TriNitrotriammineCobalt(III)

14- Ca<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>] → CalciumHexaCyanoFerate(II)

15- NH<sub>4</sub>[Cr(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NCS)<sub>4</sub>] → TetrathioCyanatoDiammineChromate(III)  
Amounum

16- [Co(en)<sub>2</sub>Cl]SO<sub>4</sub> → Chlorobis( ethylenediamine ) Cobalt(III)sulphate

17- [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO<sub>2</sub>)Cl]SO<sub>4</sub> → ChloronitroTetraamminePlatin (IV)Sulphate

