Molecular Orbitals in Inorganic Chemistry

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Feedback!

- best parts of the course
- worst parts of the course
- what extra resources??
- what could I revise in L8?

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socrative quiz!

Lecture 7 Outline

- revision: ligands
- MO theory for a single π-donor ligand
- the spectrochemical series and crystal field theory
- MO theory for a single π*-acceptor ligand
- Summary of Δ_{oct} for different ligand types

Revision: Ligands

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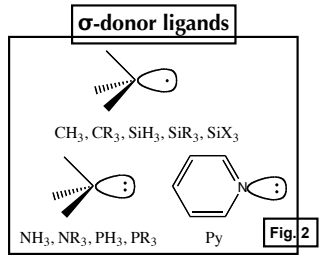

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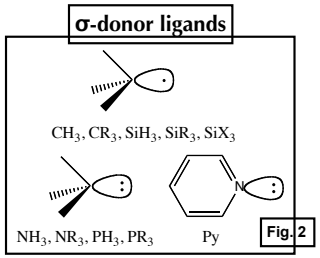

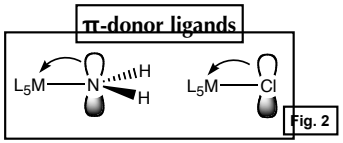

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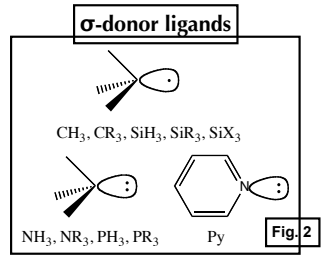
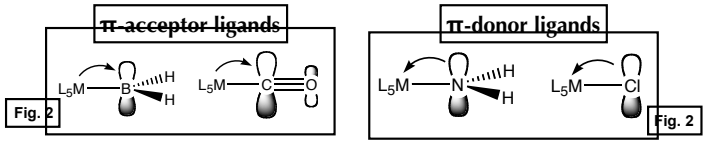
Revision: Ligands

- **3 key types of ligand**
- **σ-donor ligands**
  - ligands with an available lone pair
- **π-donor ligands**
  - ligands which have additional filled π orbitals
- **π-acceptor ligands**
  - ligands which have additional empty π orbitals





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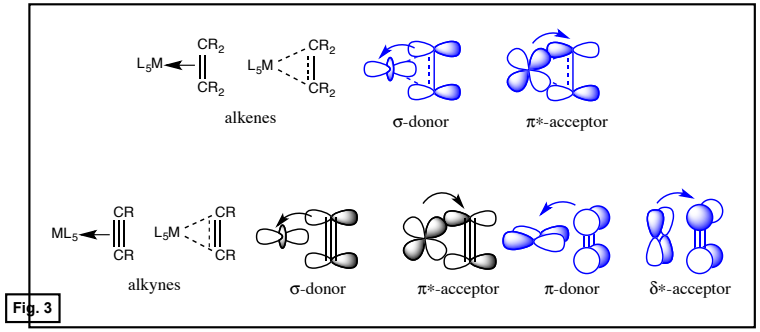
Metal-Ligand Interactions

- **Dewar-Chatt-Duncanson bonding**
  - alkenes, alkynes => double or triple bond



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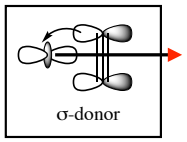
π- and δ- symmetry



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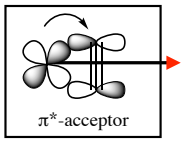
no phase change => σ



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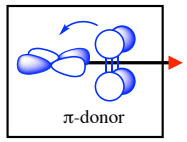

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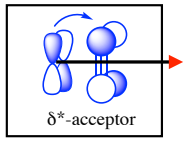

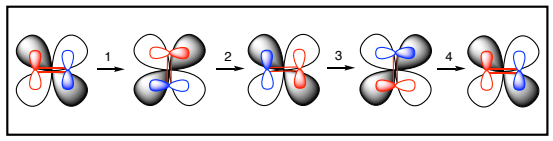

rotate about "bond"
4 phase changes => δ

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In-Class Activity

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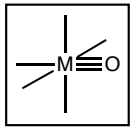

- hint: consider the pAOs on the oxygen atom
- what kind of ligand is O^{2-}?

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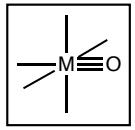

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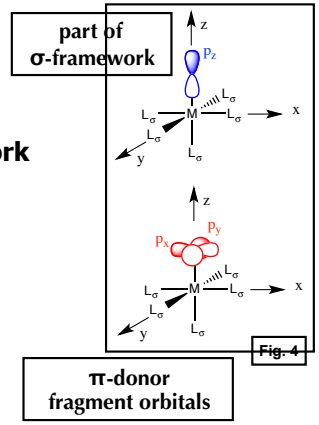
Method: π-Ligands

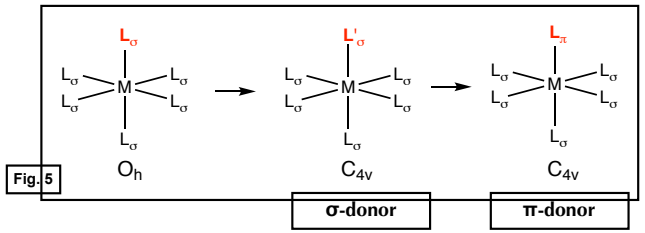
- consider 6 ligands
  - 1 is π-donor =>L'
  - 5 are σ-donor ligands =>L
- ALL ligands contribute to σ-framework
- L' contributes additional π-orbitals



Method: π-Ligands

- first: work out reduced symmetry

descent in symmetry O_h -> C_{4v}



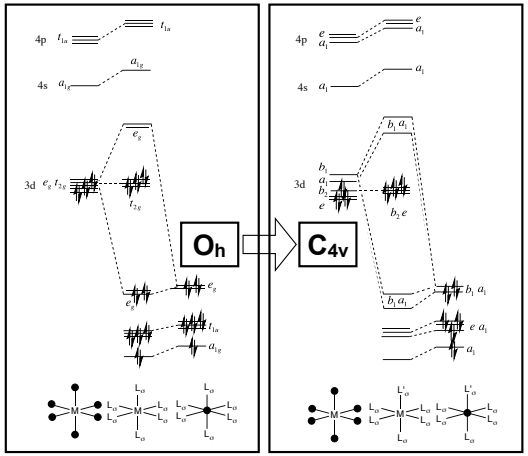
covered in L6!

Method: from last lecture

- start with the octahedral TM diagram
- for σ-framework
- work out the reduced symmetry labels
  - for the metal
  - for the ligands

we did this last lecture!

Energy Diagrams



Reduce Symmetry

- C_{4v} diagram for σ-ligands

colour the L′ orbitals in your notes BLUE

the remaining orbitals are the L ligands orbitals

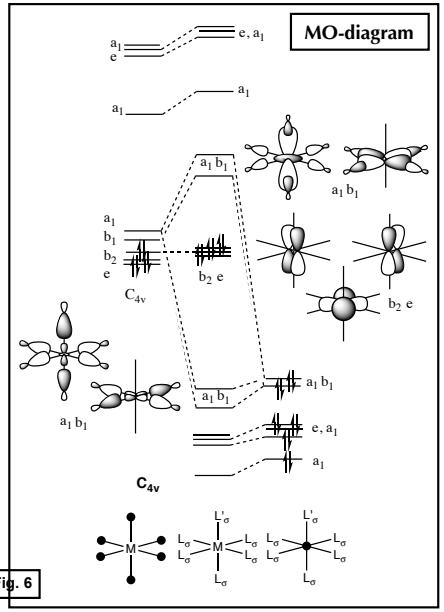
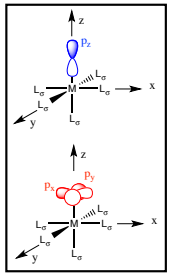


Fig. 6

π-Donor Ligand

- Cl is an example π-donor ligand
- p_z part σ-donor framework
  - coloured blue on diagram
  - a_1-symmetry under C_{4v}

colour the L′ σ-energy levels in your notes BLUE



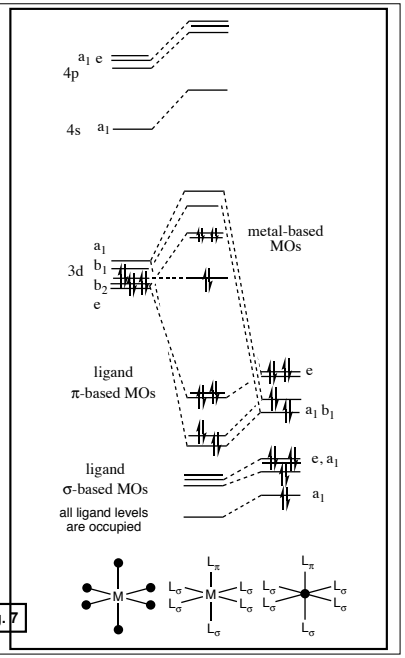
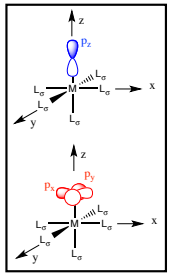


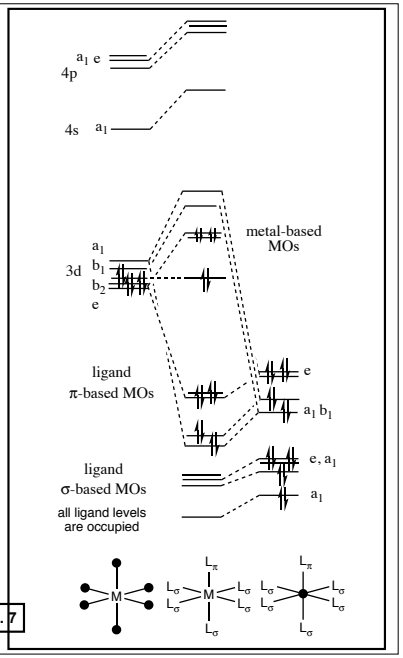
Fig. 7

π-Donor Ligand

- Cl is an example π-donor ligand
- (p_x,p_y) degenerate π-donor FOs
  - we simply add the extra π-donor FOs
  - e-symmetry under C_{4v}

colour the L′ π-energy levels in your notes RED





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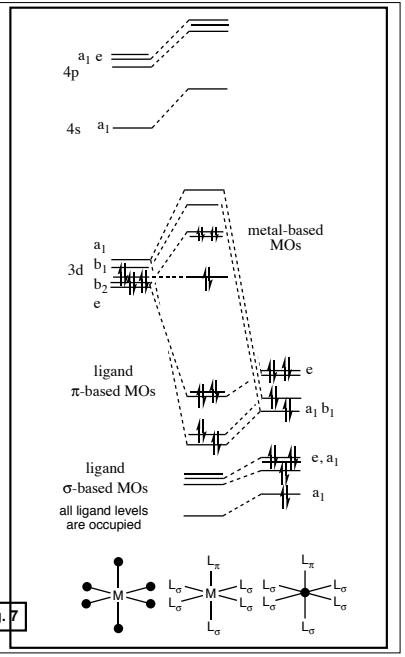
π-Donor Ligand

- **where to position the FOs?**
  - Cl is electronegative FOs lie below TM orbitals
  - pAOs non-bonding -> slightly above σ-donor FOs
- **(p_x,p_y,p_z) degenerate in Cl**
  - p_z effects σ-donor framework slightly
  - p_x,p_y slightly above



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π-Donor Ligand

- **new π-donor orbitals:**
  - form a bonding/antibonding pair
- **interaction**
  - π-orbitals higher energy
  - smaller Δε leads to better interaction with metal dAOs
  - BUT overlap d-π is not as good as d-σ
  - overall interaction is slightly less

colour the L' orbitals in your notes BLUE/RED

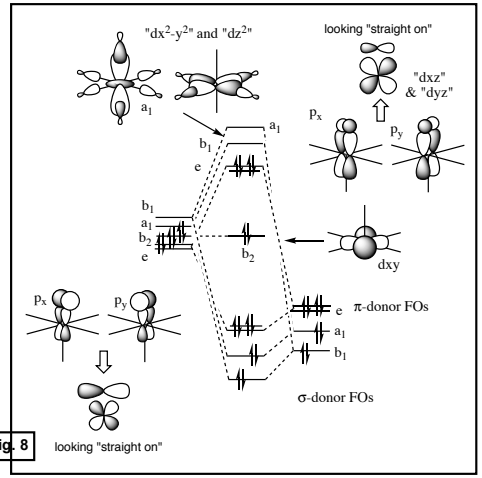

Fig. 8

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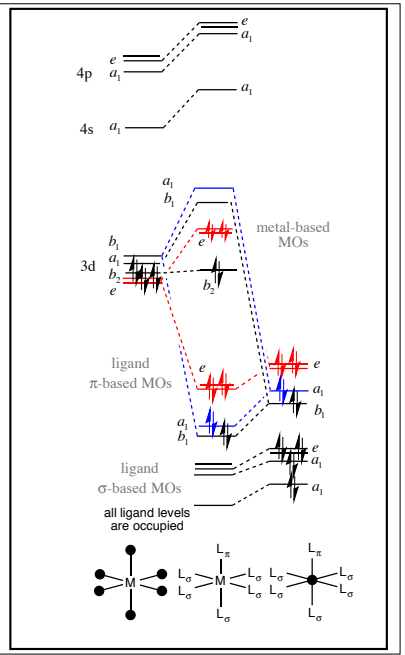
π-Donor Ligand

- **I have simplified the diagram!**
  - dAOs are degenerate (slightly spread to show different symmetries)
  - left off some of the interaction lines (high energy metal orbitals, low energy ligand orbitals)

answers to common questions

- left off some of the electrons! (occupied ligand levels)



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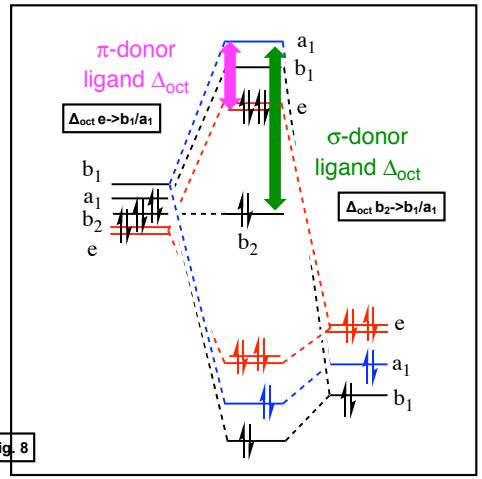
What about Δ_{oct}?

- **Δ_{oct}**
  - less well defined!
  - often refer to "old" symmetry labels
  - e and b_2 are "t_{2g}"
  - a_1 and b_1 are "e_g"
  - Δ_{oct} of σ-donor ligands (green)
  - Δ_{oct} of π-donor ligand (pink)
- **π-donor ligand reduces Δ_{oct} because of destabilisation of "e" orbitals due to an antibonding interaction with π-FOs**

Important!



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Spectrochemical Series

reminder

- **Crystal field theory**
  - ligands modelled by six negative point charges
  - equidistant along x, y and z axes
  - repel electrons in the dAOs
  - destabilisation of dAOs with lobes directed along the axes, ie dz^2 dx^2-y^2
  - stabilisation of the dAOs with lobes directed between the axes, ie dxy dxz dyz
- **Δ_{oct} measures splitting of e_g and t_{2g}**

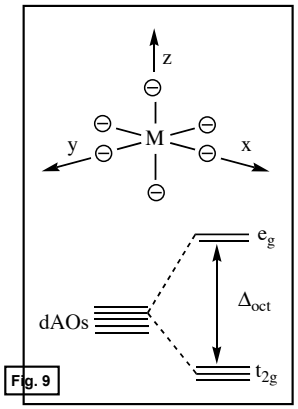

Fig. 9

Spectrochemical Series

- **O^{2-}**
  - has a large charge => should generate a large Δ_{oct}
  - colour of emeralds and rubies is due to Cr^{3+} in the octahedral field of six O^{2-} in the solid state

Fig. 10

Emerald: Cr^{3+} in the octahedral sites of Beryl $Be_3Al_2Si_6O_{18}$

Ruby: Cr^{3+} replaces Al^{3+} in Al_2O_3

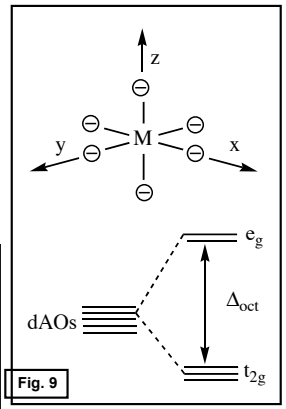

Fig. 9

Images from http://www.gemstone.org/gem-by-gem/english/

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There is a miss-match between experiment and crystal field theory!

USE MO theory

π-Acceptor Ligand

- CO common TM ligand
  - you will study many CO complexes in your "TM and Organometallic Chemistry" course
- ligand orbitals come from the MO diagram of CO
  - has σ-donor orbitals (blue)
  - has π-bonding orbitals (black)
  - has π-antibonding orbitals (red)

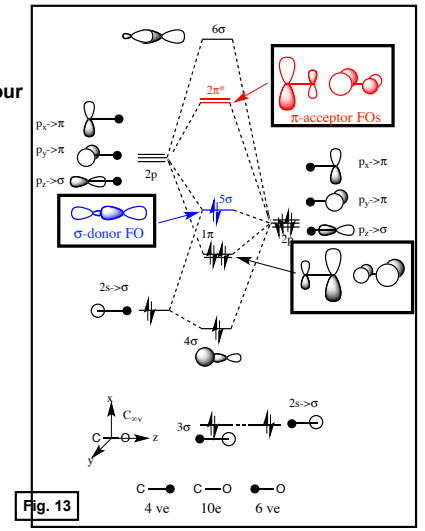

Fig. 13

π-Acceptor Ligand

- orbitals from MO diagram of CO
- σ-donor orbitals

σ-bonding orbitals

contribute to σ-frame work

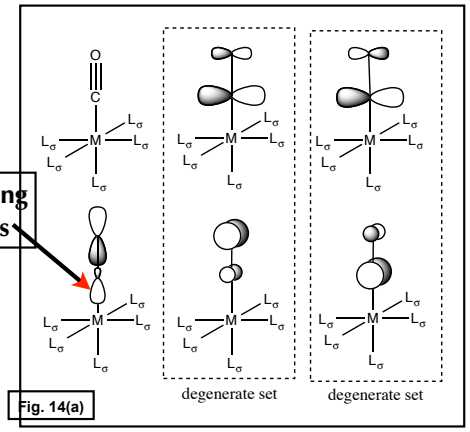

Fig. 14(a)

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π-bonding orbitals

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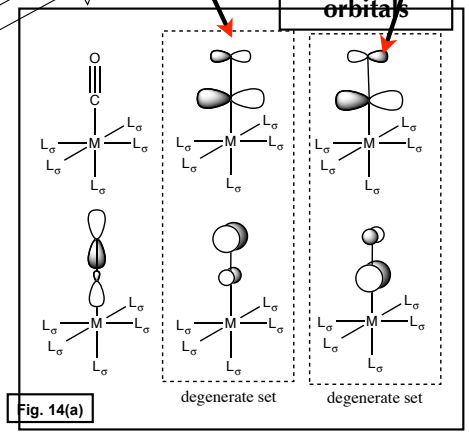

Fig. 14(a)

Symmetry Labels

- **π-orbitals**
  - are the p_x and p_y orbitals
  - have the same symmetry as the axes
  - e symmetry label
- **π*-orbitals**
  - more difficult to determine
  - find the representation of the orbitals
  - use a matrix for the degenerate components
  - has e symmetry

C_{4v}	E	$2C_4$	C_2	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$
$\Gamma(p_\pi^*)$	2	0	-2	0	0

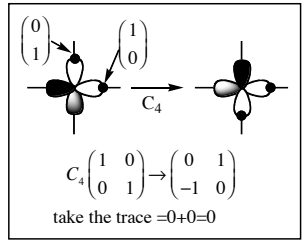

Fig. 14(b)

Energy Diagram

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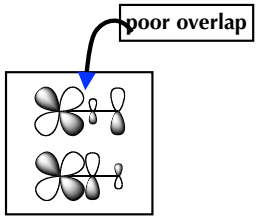

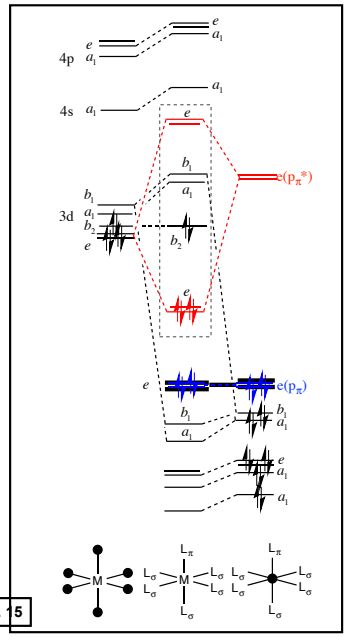

Fig. 15

Energy Diagram

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- **add π-FOs (blue)**
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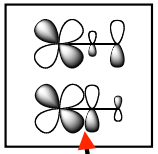
- **add π*-FOs (red)**
  - π-acceptor FOs lie above the dAOs
  - strongly interact with e-dAOs forming a bonding/antibonding pair
    - close in energy
    - good overlap
    - still π-type interaction
    - strong splitting



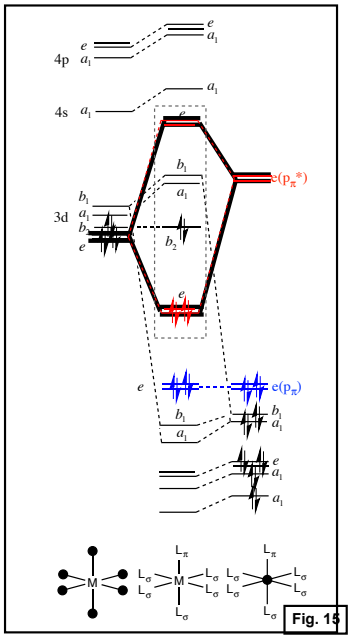


Fig. 15

The Important MOs

- **focus in on π*-dAO interactions**
- **dAO dominated MO is now the lower bonding MO**

Important!

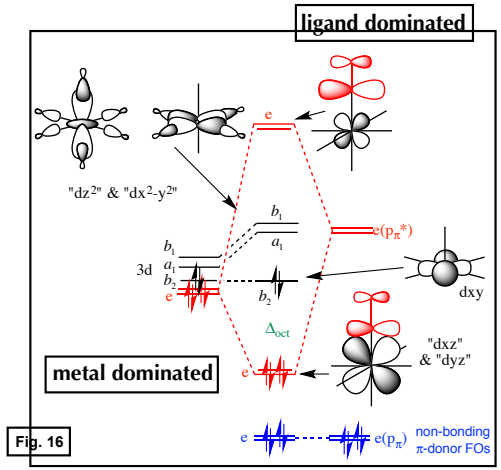


Fig. 16

What about Δ_{oct}?

- **Δ_{oct} π-acceptor ligand**
  - less well defined!
  - Δ_{oct} of σ-donor ligands (green)
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- **π-acceptor ligand increases Δ_{oct} because of stabilisation of e MOs due to a bonding interaction with π*-FOs**

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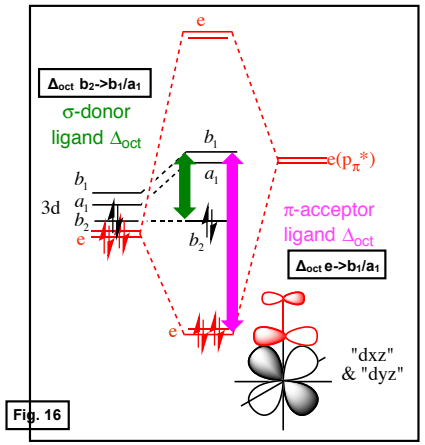

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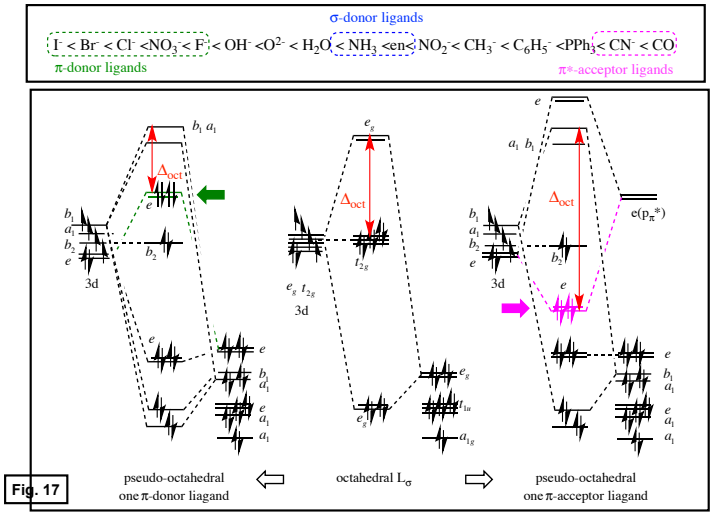
Summary for Δ_{oct}



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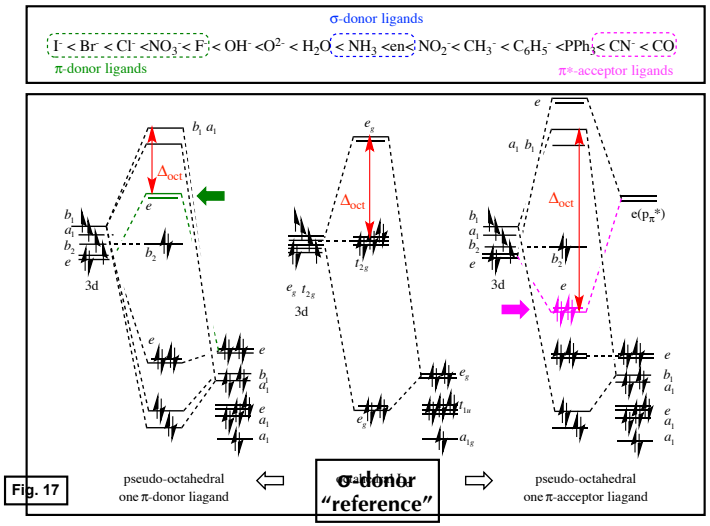

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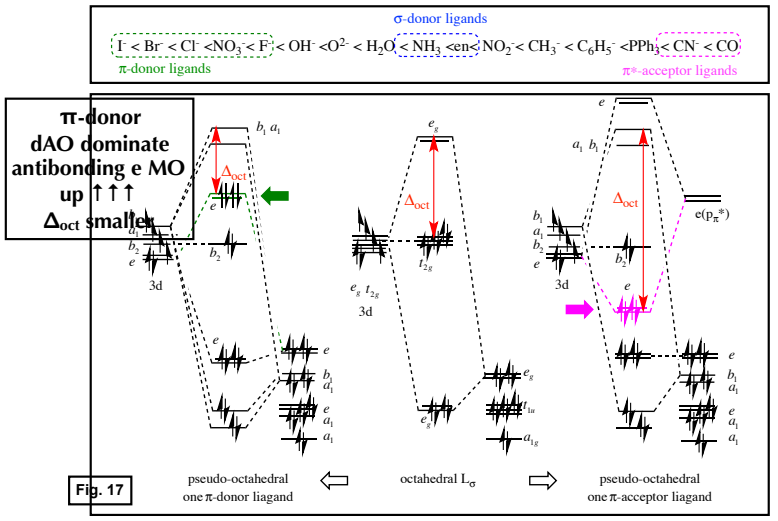

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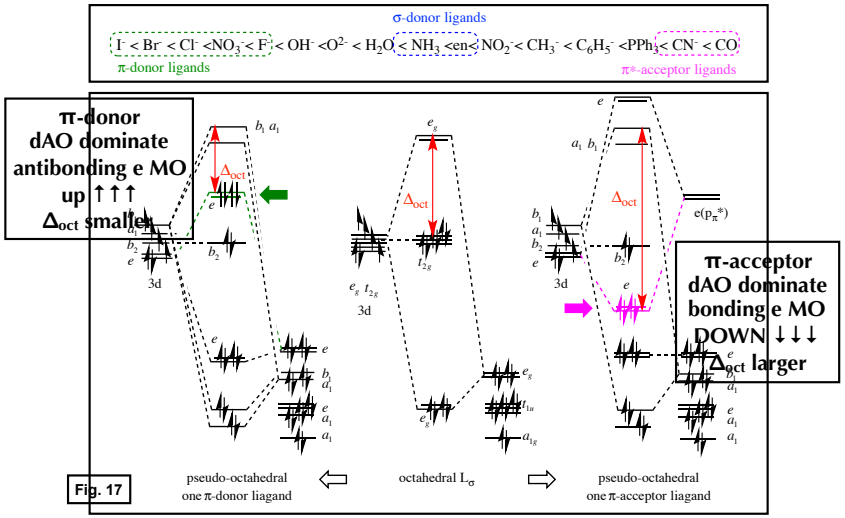

Key Points

- be able to draw energy level diagrams for octahedral and square planar complexes with π-donor and π-acceptor ligands
- be able to draw and describe the important MOs
- be able to discuss key features of these diagrams
- be able to describe crystal field theory and discuss the empirical spectrochemical series and be able to explain the contradiction between the two
- be able to discuss key properties that impact on or affect Δ_{oct} (such as energy alignment, orbital overlap, symmetry and π-ligands)
- be able to compare and contrast the size of Δ_{oct} for different types of ligands and relate this information back to the spectrochemcial series

Finally

- **See my web-site**
  - notes AND slides
  - link to panopto when it becomes available
  - optional background support for beginners
  - optional material to take you a little further
  - links to interesting people and web-sites
  - links to relevant research papers on MOs
  - model answers!!

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