

# Chelates

**Chelates** or **chelate complexes** belong to complex compounds. Two or more donor atoms of the same ligand are attached to one central atom.

From Greek *χηλή* - *claw*. Ligands form "claws" in which the central atom is trapped.

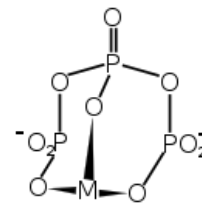
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