metal to ligand charge transfer (MLCT) transition

An electronic transition of a metal complex that corresponds to excitation populating an electronic state in which considerable electron transfer from the metal to a ligand has occurred.

See also: ligand to metal charge transfer transition

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