## isostructural reaction

A ligand exchange reaction, where the structural type of the metal complex remains the same.

$$ML_n + X \longrightarrow ML_{n-1}X + L + \Delta E$$

Although these types of reactions are not necessarily isodesmic reactions, a substantial degree of error cancellation for the calculated energy,  $\Delta E$ , is achieved because the coordination sphere of the metal atom M is conserved.

## Source:

PAC, 1999, 71, 1919 (Glossary of terms used in theoretical organic chemistry) on page 1948