

Evaluation of protonation constants of binary complexes of diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid as ligands

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Abstract: Potentiometric studies have been carried out on H_3ML and H_2ML complexes where 'M' represents Mn(II), Zn(II), Pb(II), Hg(II), La(III), Ce(III), Pr(III) and Nd(III) and 'L' represents diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid (DTPA) using Bjerrum-Calvin pH- titration technique. The Protonation constants of these complexes in solution (aqueous) have been determined at an ionic strength $\mu = 0.1M$ KNO_3 and temperatures 20°C and 40°C. The values of overall changes in free energy (ΔG), enthalpy (ΔH) and entropy (ΔS) accompanying complex formation have also been evaluated.

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Introduction

In present study the evaluation of protonation constants of Mn(II), Zn(II), Pb(II), Hg(II), La(III), Ce(III), Pr(III) and Nd(III) metal complexes with DTPA have been done by using potentiometric method. These M-DTPA complexes may be used as ligands for the formation of homonuclear or hetero nuclear dimetallic complexes^{1,2}.

Experimental

Materials and Method

Solutions of Mn(II), Zn(II), Pb(II), Hg(II), La(II), Ce(III), Pr(III) and Nu(III) metal ions were prepared and standardised by EDTA titrations³. A 0.1M solution of diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid (DTPA) was prepared by dissolving it into two equivalent of alkali (NaOH) which was prepared in double distilled water and had earlier been standardised against oxalic acid solution

Solutions of carbonate free sodium hydroxide (E-Merck) and perchloric acid (A.R.) were standardised potentiometrically⁴. Metal : DTPA molar ratio was kept 2:1.

The values of protonation constants, ΔG , ΔH and ΔS have been evaluated by using the method described elsewhere⁵.

Results and Discussion

The logarithmic values of β_1, β_2 and β_3 for metal-DTPA complexes have been determined by graphical method as referred by Rossotti and Rossotti⁶. The logarithmic values of β_1, β_2 and β_3 obtained are 7.7, 12.4, 15.6 for $H_3Mn(II)$ DTPA; 8.9, 13.5, 16.0 for $H_3Zn(II)$ DTPA; 9.3, 13.2, 16.2 for $H_3Pb(II)$ DTPA and 5.7, 9.4, 12.1 for $H_3Hg(II)$ DTPA; respectively and β_1, β_2 values 2.8, 5.1 for $H_2La(III)$ DTPA; 2.5, 4.7 for $H_2Ce(III)$ DTPA; 2.3, 4.4 for $H_2Pr(III)$ DTPA and 2.3, 4.6 for $H_2Nd(III)$ DTPA complexes respectively at 20°C. (relative error ± 0.1).

On the comparison of the values of K_1^H, K_2^H and K_3^H for simple DTPA (H_3L^{2-}) and complexed H_3ML ligand, it is very clear that the proton dissociation becomes more facile in the metal-DTPA complexes than simple ligand DTPA. However, due to formation of coordinate bonds between the metal and the various coordination sites of the ligand the complexed DTPA does not remain as flexible as uncomplexed DTPA. This leads to decrease in the values of protonation constants of $H_3M(II)$ DTPA or $H_2M(III)$ DTPA as compared to H_3L^{2-} . Due to the

factors discussed above the stability of the $H_3M(II)$ DTPA or $H_2M(III)$ DTPA complex affects the values of protonation constant to great extent. So far as the effect of metal ions is concerned K_1^H decreases for the M-DTPA complexes in the order:

$Pb > Zn > Mn > Hg > La > Ce > Pr > Nd$. The values of ΔG , ΔH and ΔS have also been evaluated at only one ionic strength. They qualitatively reflect the change in the respective thermodynamic parameters and are given in Table 1.

Table -1
The values of ΔG , ΔH and ΔS for $H_3M(II)$ DTPA and $H_2M(III)$ DTPA complexes

System	ΔG (kJ mol ⁻¹)	ΔH (kJ mol ⁻¹)	ΔS (JK ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹)
$H_3Mn(II)$ DTPA	-43.8 (-46.8)	+2.5	+158.6 (+157.5)
$H_3Zn(II)$ DTPA	-49.7 (-52.9)	+4.3	+185.5 (+183.6)
$H_3Pb(II)$ DTPA	-51.7 (-53.7)	+19.2	+242.3 (+233.6)
$H_3Hg(II)$ DTPA	-32.1 (-33.1)	+13.1	+154.2 (+148.2)
$H_2La(III)$ DTPA	-15.3 (-15.9)	+6.3	+72.8 (+70.1)
$H_2Ce(III)$ DTPA	-14.7 (-15.7)	+1.9	+56.7 (+56.1)
$H_2Pr(III)$ DTPA	-13.3 (-14.1)	+1.4	+54.3 (+53.2)
$H_2Nd(III)$ DTPA	-13.2 (-13.6)	+7.1	+68.8 (+65.6)

Values given in bracket are at 40°C.

Relative error ± 0.20

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