

Complexometric Titration

Part 1

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Introduction

Review the following definitions:

Complex

Ligand: types

Chelate: Multidentate ligand

Coordination number

$[\text{CuCl}_4]^{-2}$ tetrachlorocuprate(II) ion

$[\text{Cu}(\text{en})_2]^{+2}$ bisethylenediaminecopper(II) ion

$[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO})_2]$ Bisglycinocopper(II)

Introduction

Titration based on complex formation called **complexometric titrations**.

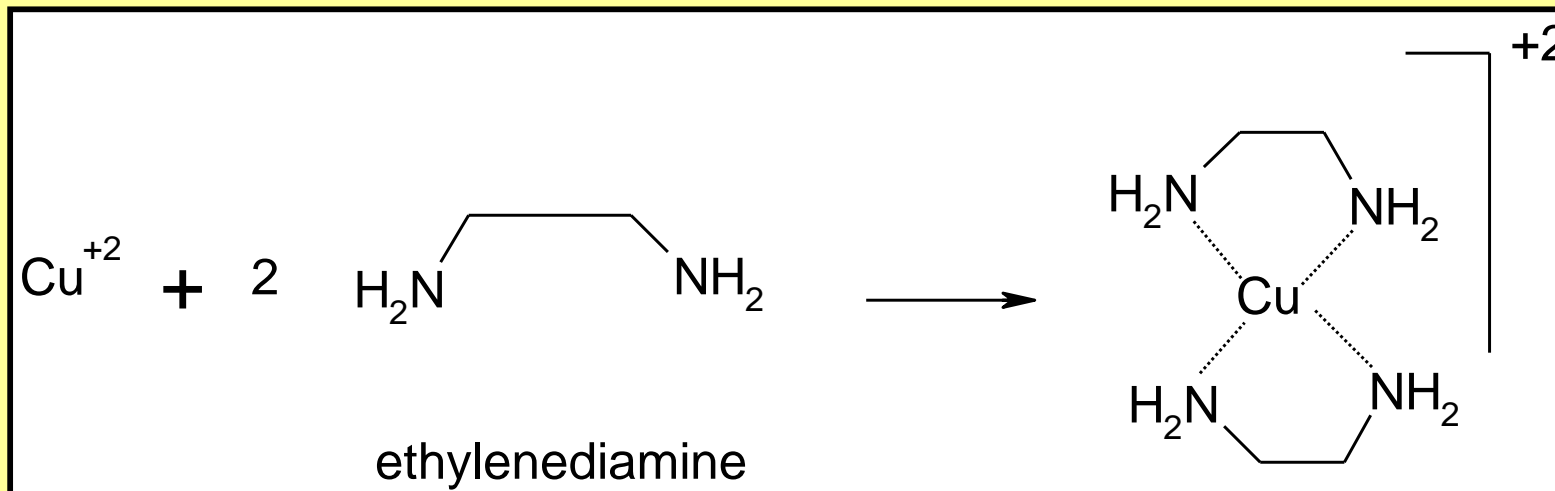
Analytical applications based on a particular class of coordination compounds called **chelates**.

A **chelate** is produced when a metal ion coordinates with two or more donor groups of a single ligand to form a five- or six-membered heterocyclic ring.

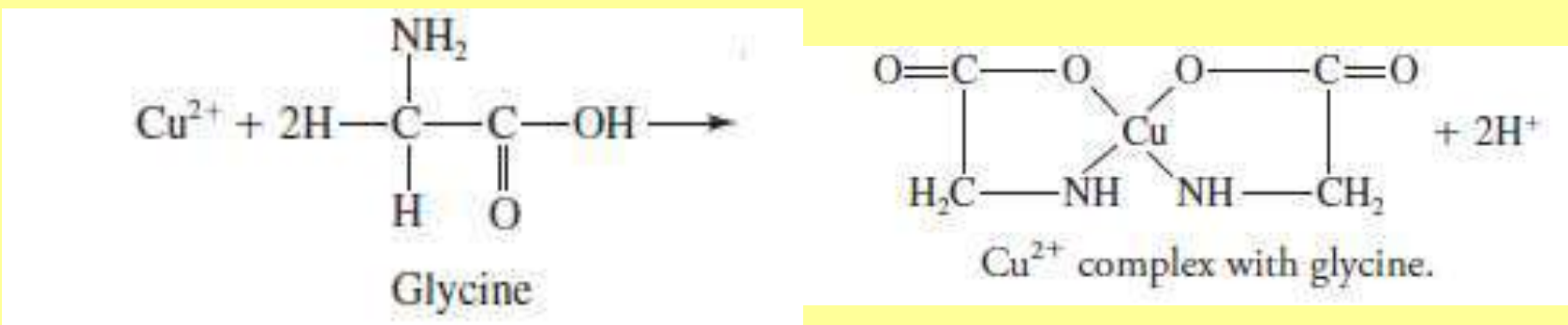
A ligand that has a single donor group, such as ammonia, is called **unidentate** (single-toothed), whereas glycine, which is called **bidentate**.

Tridentate, tetradentate, pentadentate, and hexadentate chelating agents are also known.

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Organic complexing agents

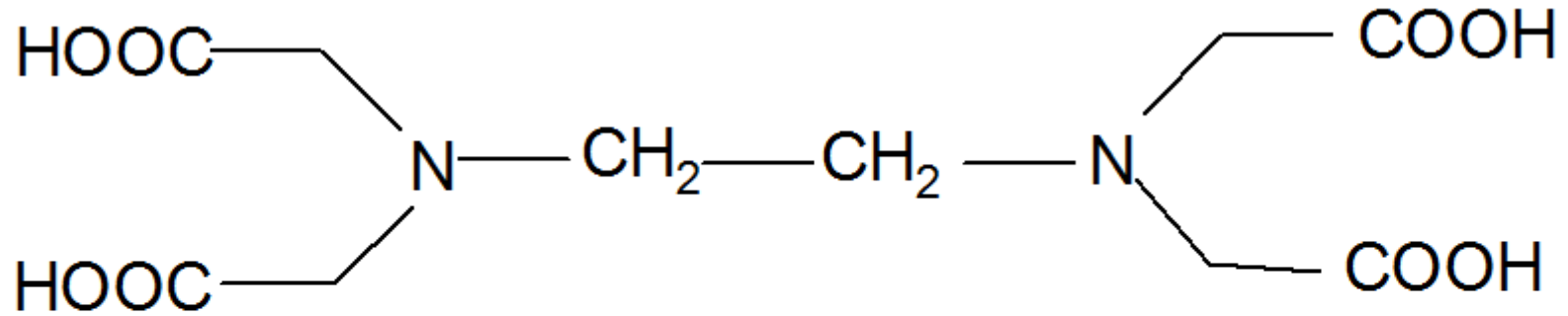
Tertiary amines that also contain carboxylic acid groups form remarkably stable chelates with many metal ions.

Gerold chwarzenbach, a Swiss chemist, first recognized their potential as analytical reagents in 1945. Since his original work, investigators throughout the world have described applications of these compounds to the volumetric determination of most of the metals in the periodic table.

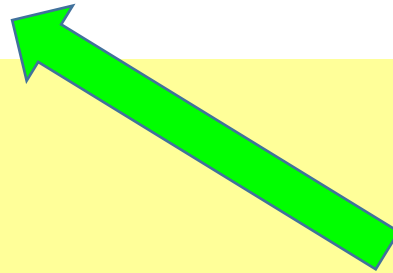


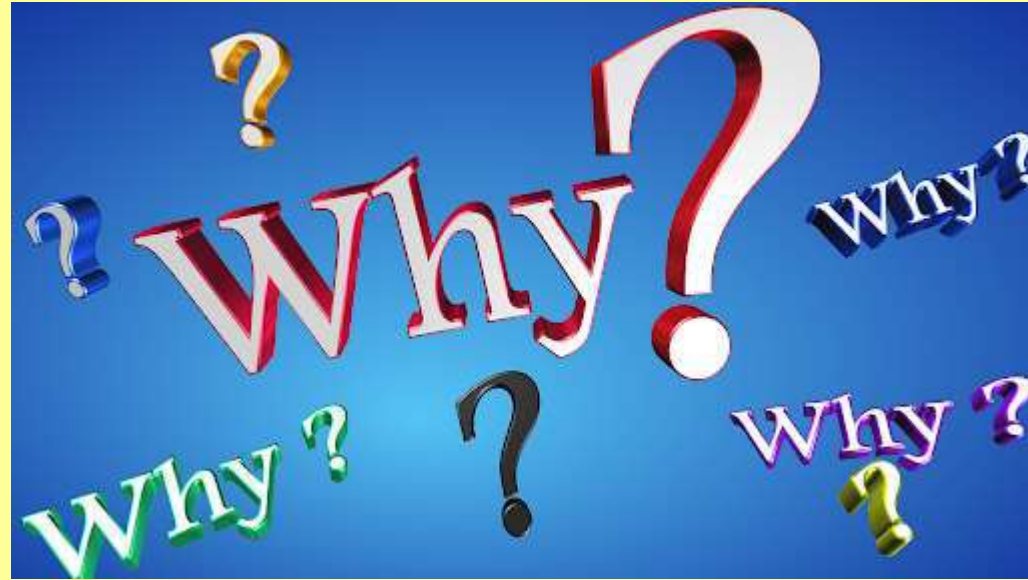
Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid (EDTA)

(EDTA)



H₄Y



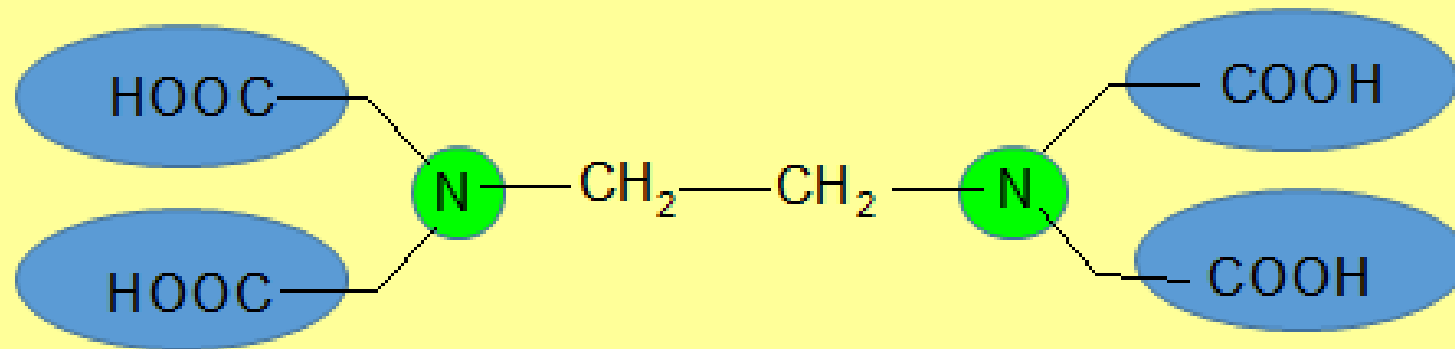


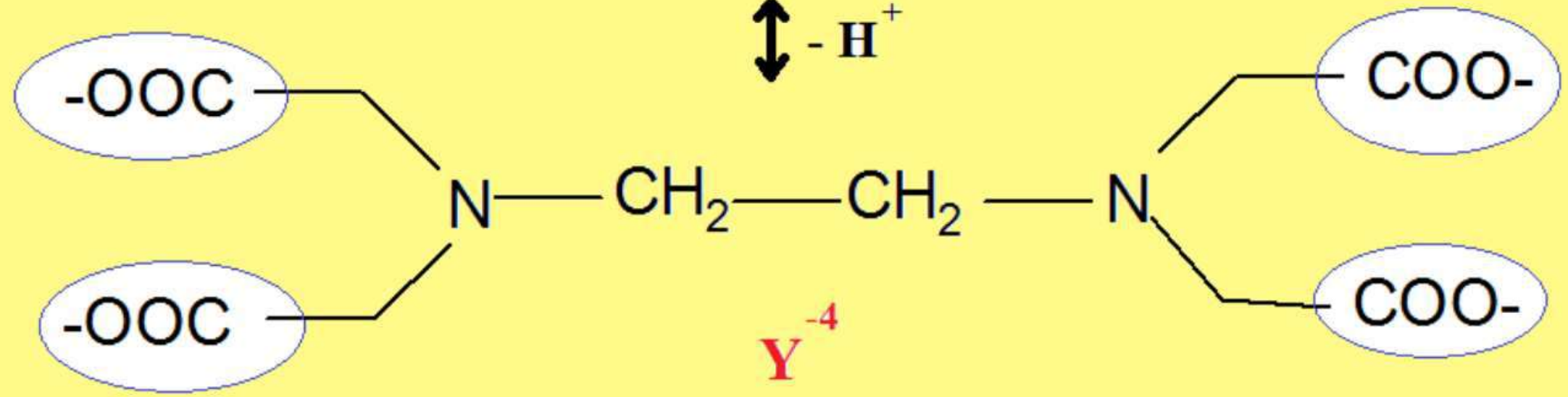
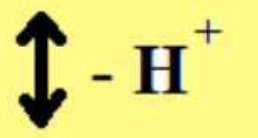
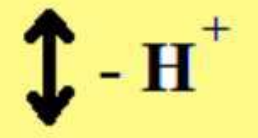
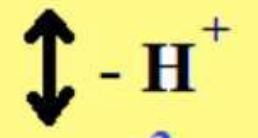
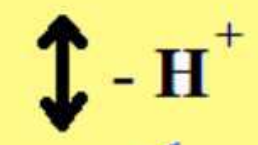
**Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid
(EDTA)???????????**

Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid (EDTA)



H₄Y





EDTA is Hexadendate ligand

**EDTA forms very stable chelate
with ions. High K_f**

**The complexation occurs in one
step**

**M-EDTA complexes are water
soluble**

**The stoichiometry for all metal
ions is 1:1 irrespective of the charge**

Standard solution preparation



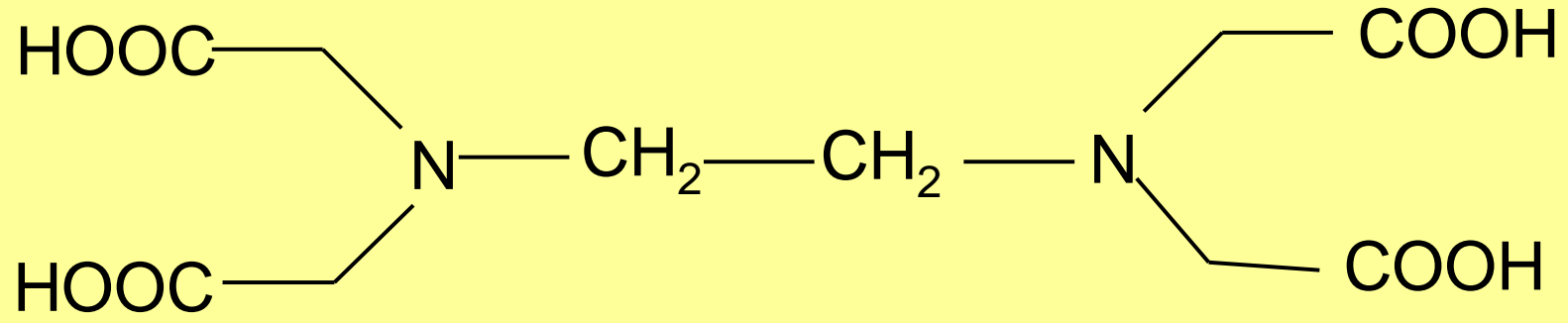
Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid (EDTA)

- ❑ EDTA is the most widely used complexometric titrant.
- ❑ EDTA is a hexadentate ligand.
- ❑ It should be simplify as H_4Y .
- ❑ Solution of EDTA are particularly valuable as **titrant** because the EDTA combines with metal ions in a 1:1 ratio regardless of the charge on the cation (+1, +2, +3, +4).

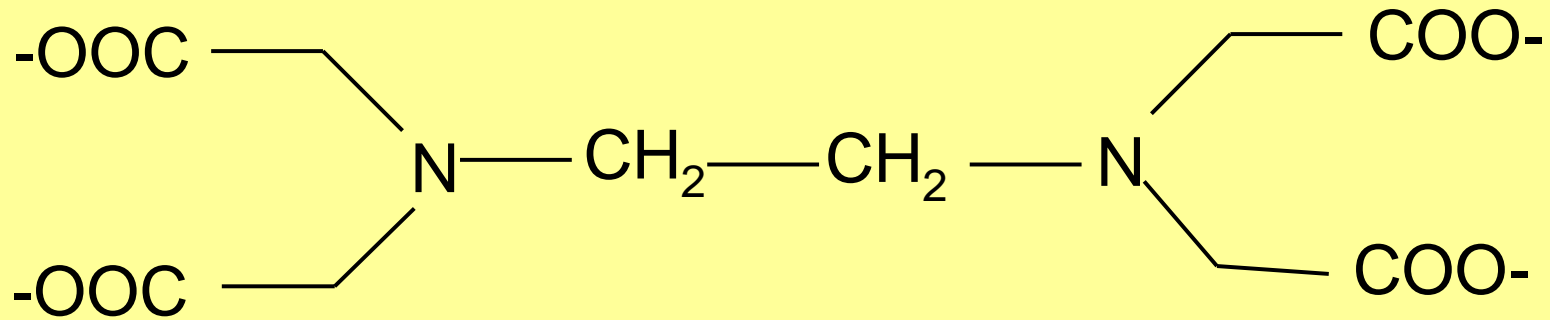
Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid (EDTA)

- Standard EDTA solutions: $\text{Na}_2\text{H}_2\text{Y} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.
- EDTA has acidic character. It loses 4 protons stepwise with dissociation constants $K_1=1.02 \cdot 10^{-2}$, $K_2 = 2.14 \cdot 10^{-3}$, $K_3 = 6.92 \cdot 10^{-7}$, $K_4 = 5.5 \cdot 10^{-11}$.
- Y^{4-} is predominant at pH higher than 10.

(EDTA)



H₄Y

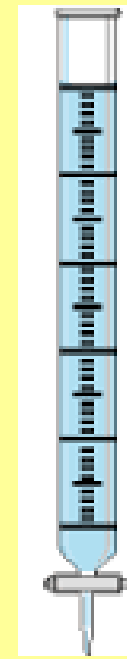


Y⁻⁴



PH > 10

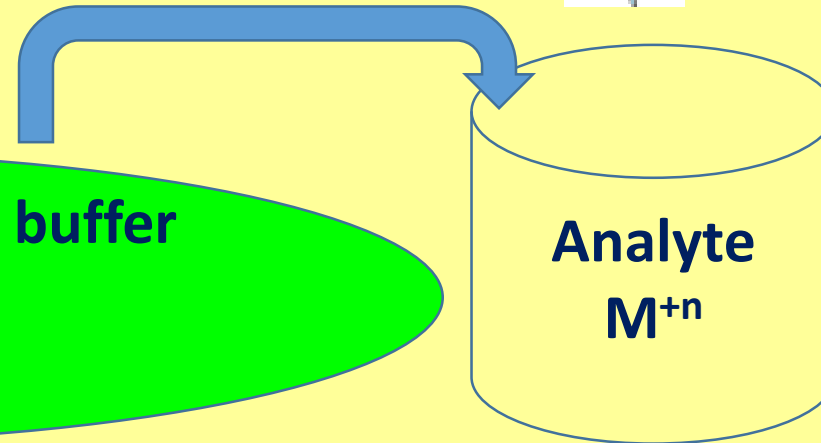
EDTA-titration



Titrant
 H_2Y^{-2}

pH Adjustment: NH_3/NH_4^+ buffer
(pH: 8-10)
Indicator

Analyte
 M^{+n}



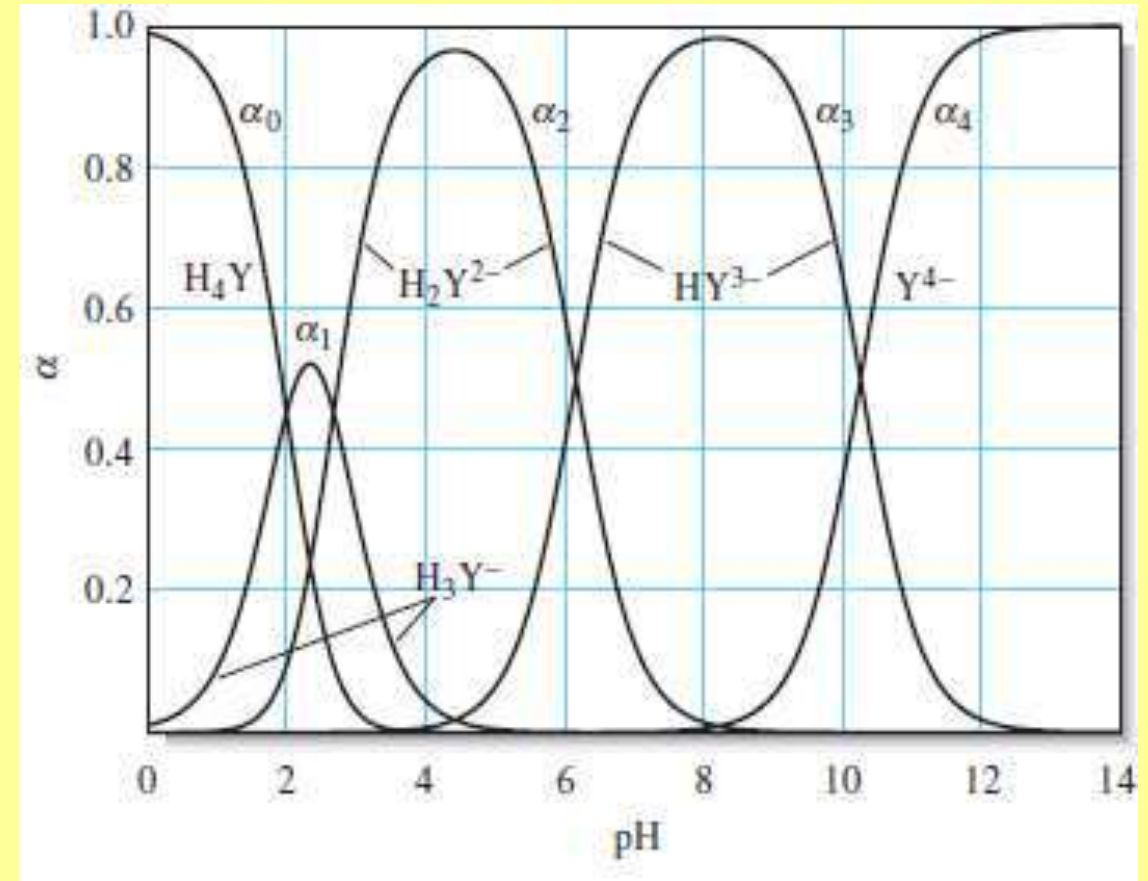
Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid (EDTA)

Composition of EDTA solutions as a function of pH.

H₄Y is only a major component in very acidic solutions (pH < 3).

pH range 3-10 H₂Y²⁻ and HY³⁻ are predominant.

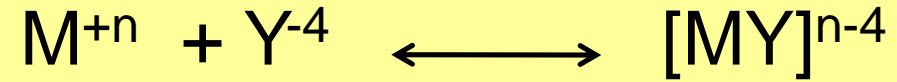
Y⁴⁻ is a significant component only in basic solutions (pH > 10)



$$c_T = [Y^{4-}] + [HY^{3-}] + [H_2Y^{2-}] + [H_3Y^{3-}] + [H_4Y]$$

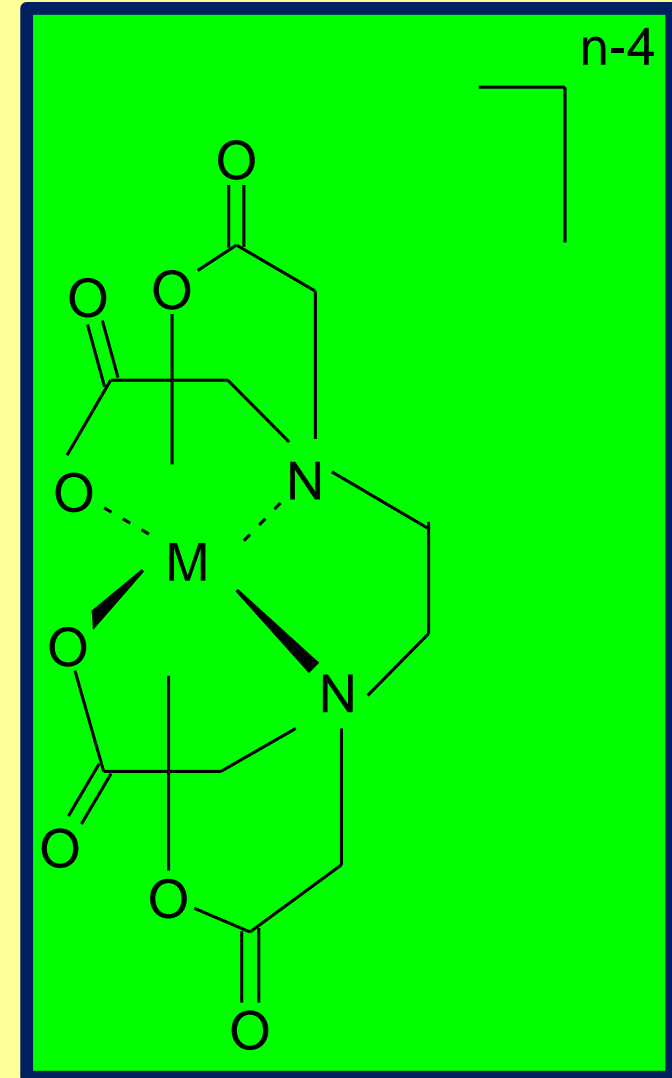
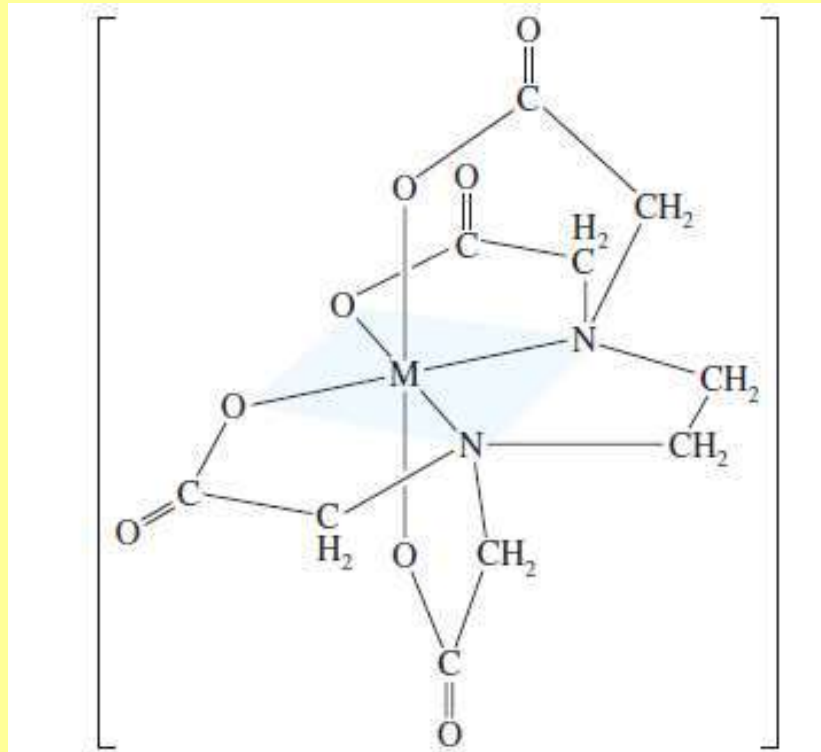
$$\alpha_4 = \frac{[Y^{4-}]}{c_T}$$

Complexes of EDTA and Metal Ions



The complexes of EDTA are soluble and are mainly colorless.

It has cis-octahedral geometry



Stability of EDTA complexes



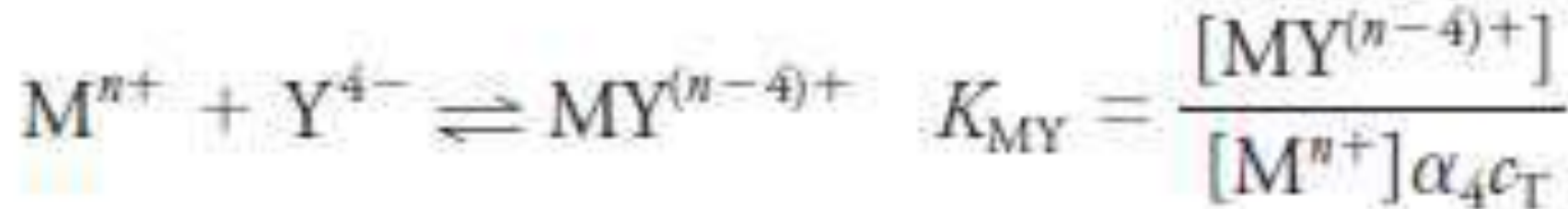
The formation constant: K_f

Formation Constants for EDTA Complexes					
Cation	K_{MY}^*	$\log K_{MY}$	Cation	K_{MY}	$\log K_{MY}$
Ag^+	2.1×10^7	7.32	Cu^{2+}	6.3×10^{18}	18.80
Mg^{2+}	4.9×10^8	8.69	Zn^{2+}	3.2×10^{16}	16.50
Ca^{2+}	5.0×10^{10}	10.70	Cd^{2+}	2.9×10^{16}	16.46
Sr^{2+}	4.3×10^8	8.63	Hg^{2+}	6.3×10^{21}	21.80
Ba^{2+}	5.8×10^7	7.76	Pb^{2+}	1.1×10^{18}	18.04
Mn^{2+}	6.2×10^{13}	13.79	Al^{3+}	1.3×10^{16}	16.13
Fe^{2+}	2.1×10^{14}	14.33	Fe^{3+}	1.3×10^{25}	25.1
Co^{2+}	2.0×10^{16}	16.31	V^{3+}	7.9×10^{25}	25.9
Ni^{2+}	4.2×10^{18}	18.62	Th^{4+}	1.6×10^{23}	23.2

Conditional formation constant

Conditional formation constants are pH dependent

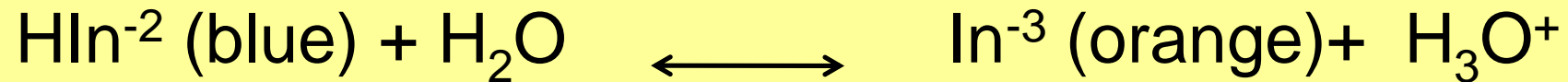
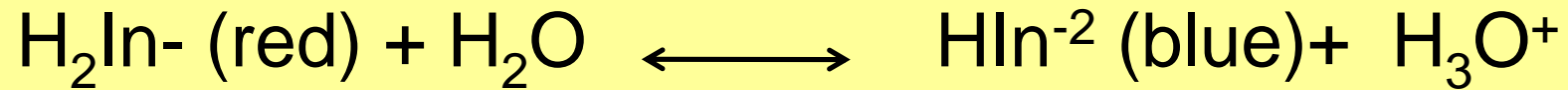
$$K'_{MY}$$



$$K'_{MY} = \alpha_4 K_{MY} = \frac{[MY^{(n-4)+}]}{[M^{n+}]c_T}$$

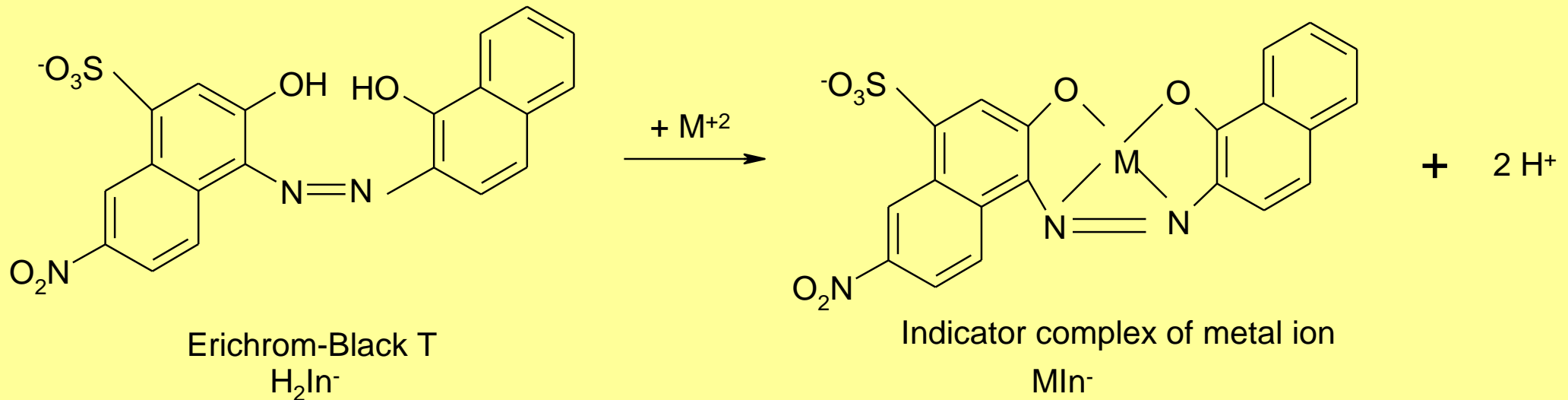
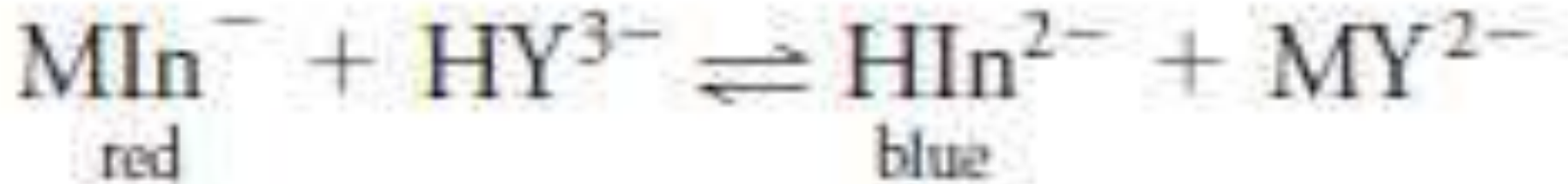
Metals-ion indicator

A typical indicator used in titration of many common metals is Erichrom-black T. This indicator contains sulfonic acid group which dissociated completely in water. The other phenolic groups are dissociated partially.



The metal ion complex of Erichrom-black T is wein red. When the indicator during the titration with EDTA becomes free (not bonded) then colour changes to blue indicating the end point.

Metals-ion indicator



Metals-ion indicator

Blocking of indicator:

Some cations like Cu^{+2} , Ni^{+2} , Co^{+2} , Cr^{+3} , Fe^{+3} and Al^{+3} are bonded very strongly to erichrom black T and don not dissociate from the indicator complex to react with the titrant EDTA-solution. These cations are saied to **block** the indicator. It inhibits a direct titration with EDTA.

Metals-ion indicator

Disadvantages of Erichrom black T:

- Unstable solution on standing
- Used in basic pH
- Complex of cation with indicator in comparison to complex with edta is very unstable that the release of cation can be before equivalence point like Ca^{+2} .
- Other metal ion indicators are murexid, calmagite, xylenol orange.

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EDTA Titration Curves

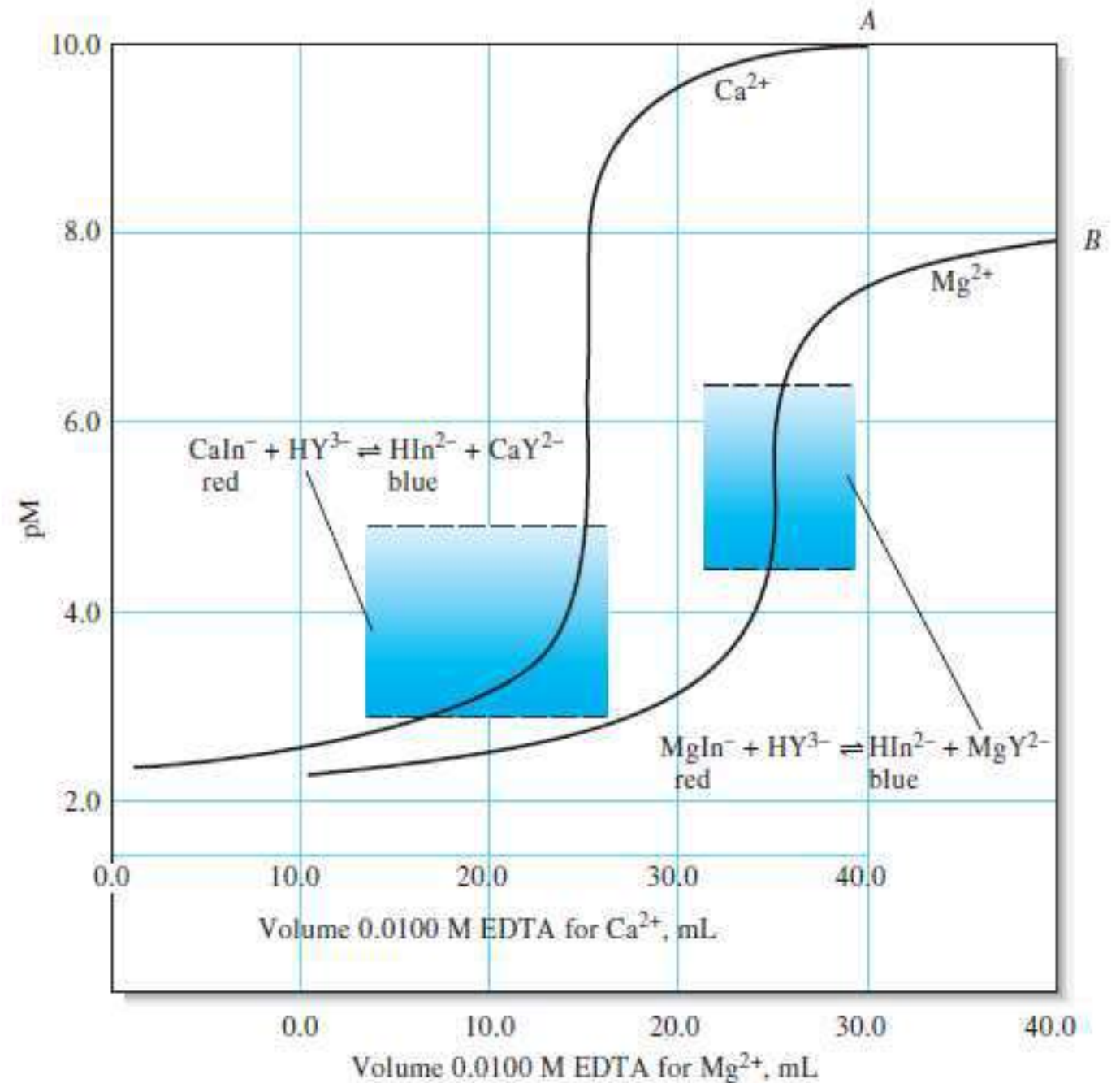
EDTA titration curves

for 50.0 mL of 0.005 M

Ca^{2+} ($K'_{\text{CaY}} = 1.75 \times 10^{10}$)

Mg^{2+} ($K'_{\text{MgY}} = 1.72 \times 10^8$) at pH

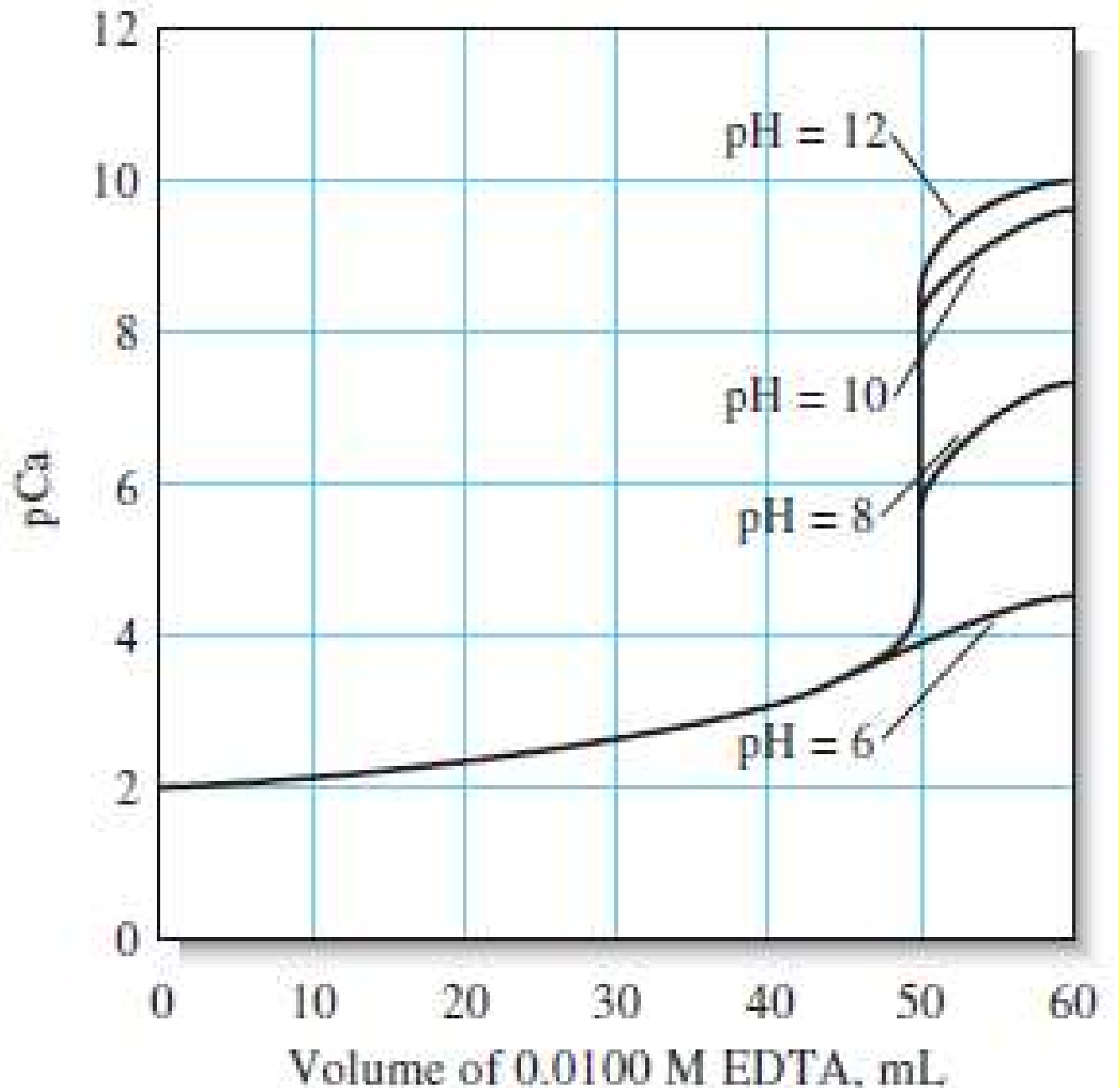
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EDTA Titration Curves

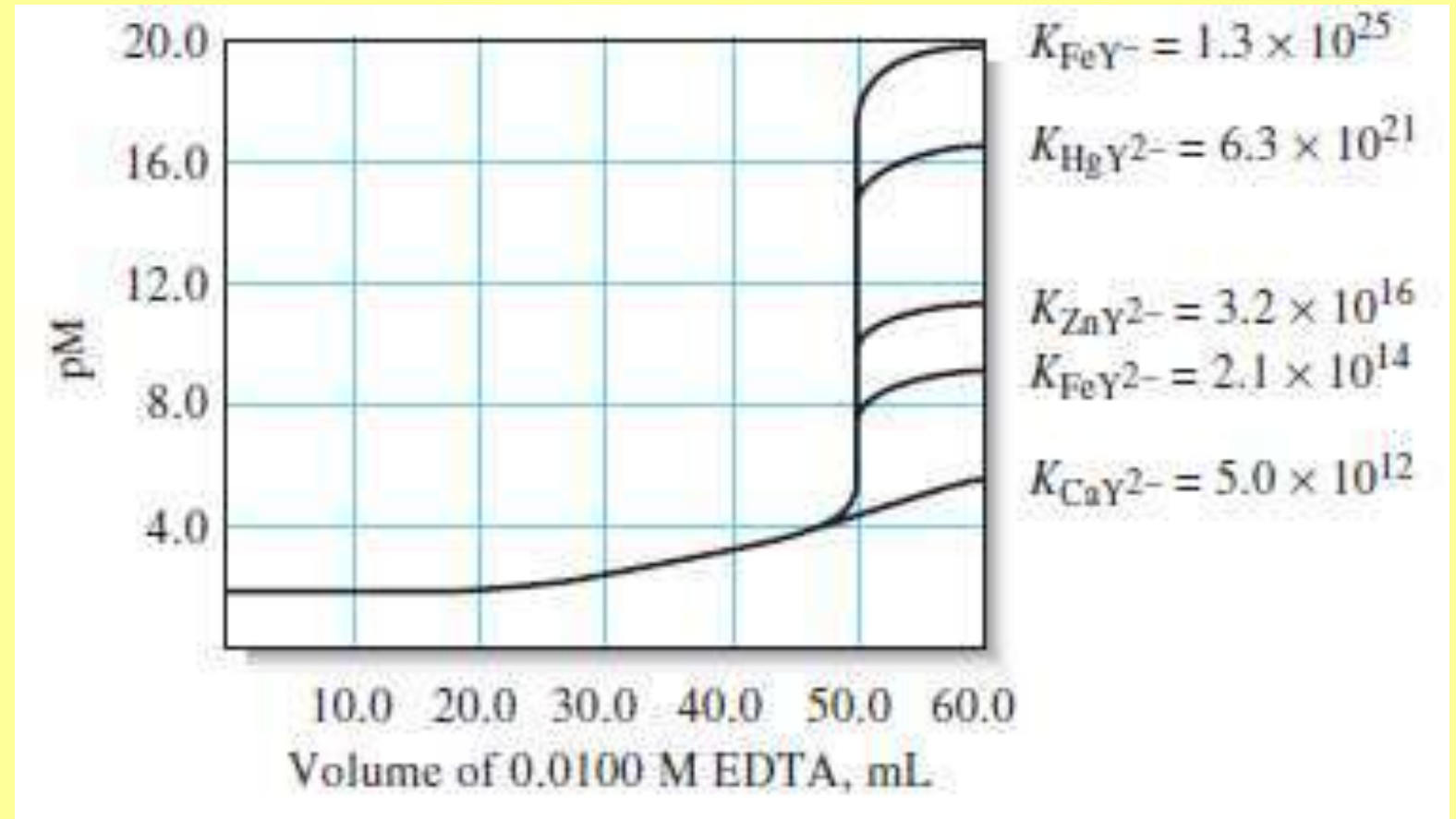
Influence of pH on the titration of 0.01M Ca^{+2} with 0.01 M EDTA.

Note that the end point becomes less sharp as the pH decreases because the complex-formation reaction is less complete under these circumstances.



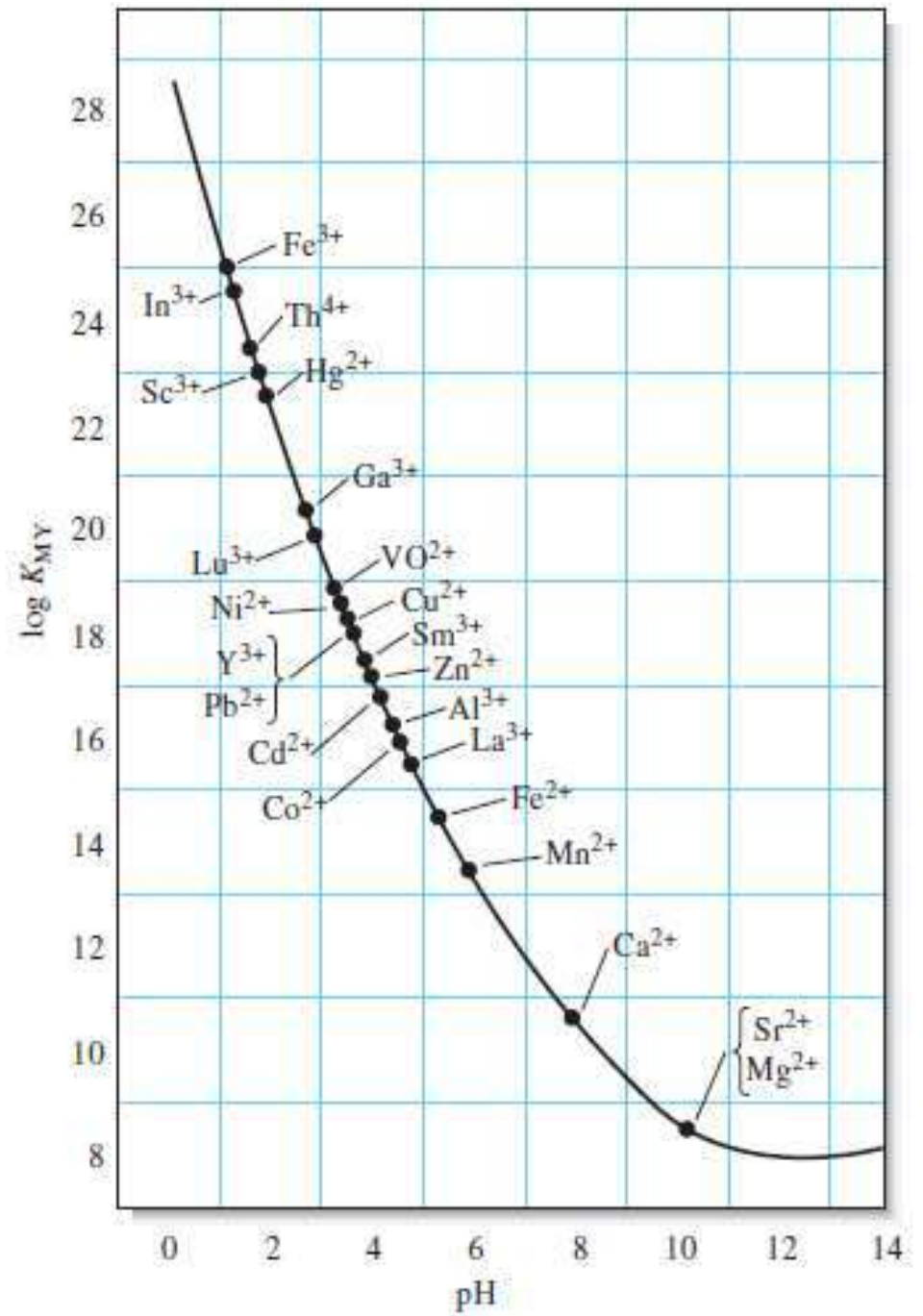
EDTA Titration Curves

Titration curves for 50.0 mL of 0.01 M solutions of various cations at pH 6.0.



EDTA Titration Curves

Minimum pH needed
for satisfactory titration
of various cations
with EDTA.



Auxiliary complexing agents

Many cations form hydrous oxide precipitates (hydroxides, oxides, or oxyhydroxides) when the pH is raised to the level required for their successful titration with EDTA.

Auxiliary complexing agents must be used in EDTA titrations to prevent precipitation of the analyte as a hydrous oxide.

For example, Ammonia buffer is added to zinc(II) for EDTA titration. The buffer adjust a pH that ensures complete reaction between cation and titrant. **In addition**, ammonia forms ammine complexes $[\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)]^{+2}$, $[\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)_2]^{+2}$, $[\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)_3]^{+2}$ and prevents formation of $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$ which has a $K_{\text{sp}} = 3.0 \times 10^{-16}$, particularly in the early stages of the titration.

Titration Methods Involving EDTA

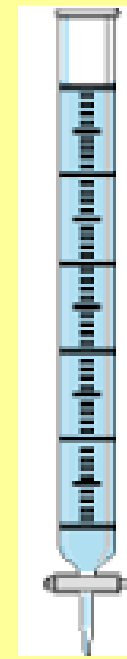
Direct titration

The solution of an analyte (cations) is buffered to a suitable pH then the indicator is added following which the titrant EDTA-standard solution is allowed to react with the analyte. To prevent the precipitation of some cations **auxiliary complexing agent** is added like NH_3 for Zn^{+2} and tartrate for Pb^{+2} .

Direct titration



End Point: Wein red color \longrightarrow blue



Titrant
 H_2Y^{-2}

pH Adjustment: NH_3/NH_4^+ buffer
(pH: 8-10)
Erichrom black T

Analyte
 M^{+n}

Titration Methods Involving EDTA

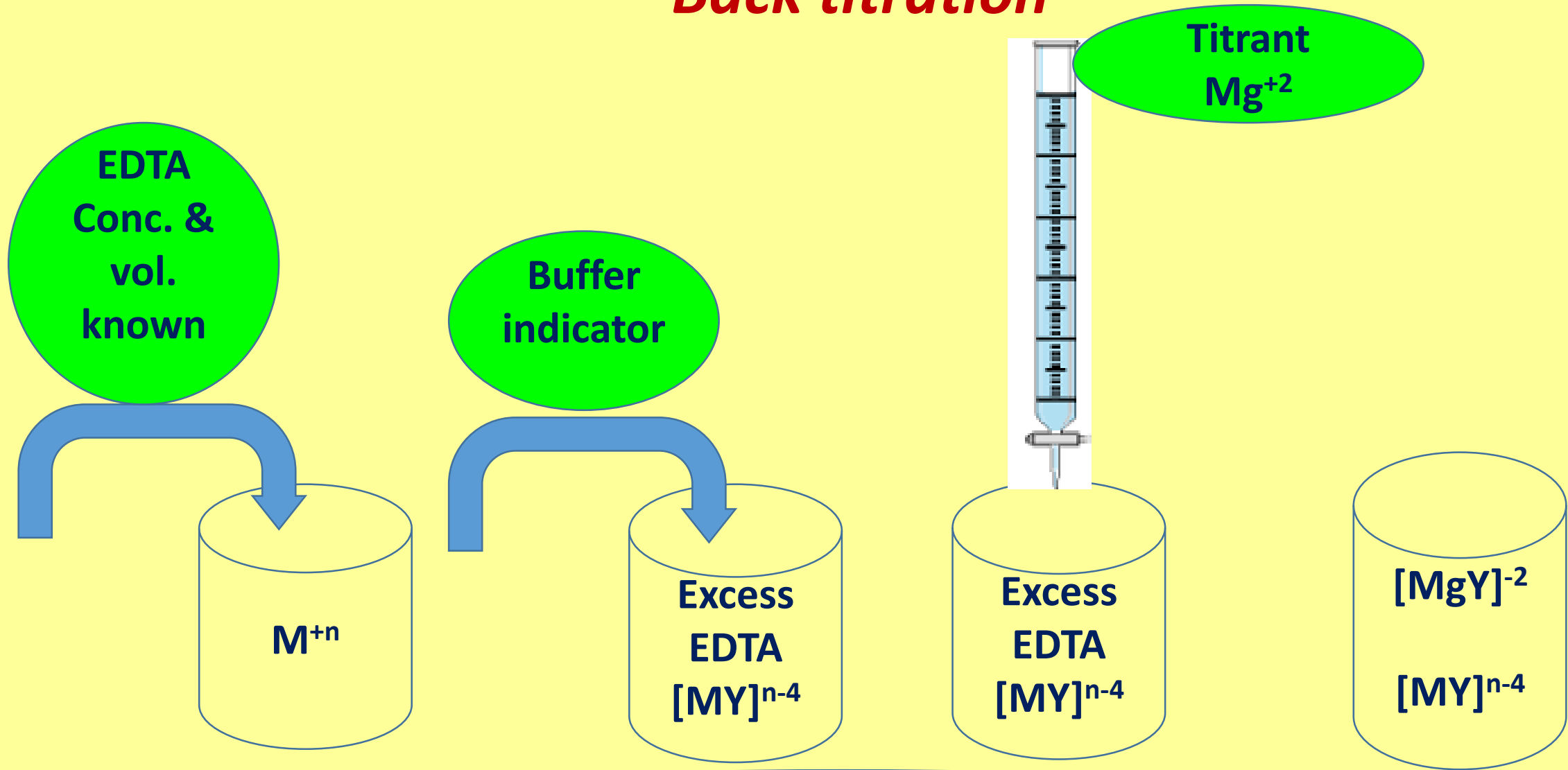
Back titration

A solution of the analyte (cation) is treated with an excess of EDTA standard solution, following which the excess EDTA is determined by a titration using Mg^{+2} solution.

Back titration is required when the reaction of analyte such as Cr(III) and Co(III) with EDTA is too slow, the analyte blocks the indicator or the analyte precipitated.

For this procedure to be successful, it is necessary that the magnesium or zinc ions form an EDTA complex that is less stable than the corresponding analyte complex.

Back titration



End point when Erichrom black T is the indicator:
Blue (Free indicator) ----- Wein red (complex of $[MgIn]^{-1}$)

Back titration



Why was the titrant Mg^{+2} ?

Is there is a possibility that Mg^{+2} reacts with EDTA in $[MY]^{n-4}$????

Hint

Remember the K_f values

Titration Methods Involving EDTA

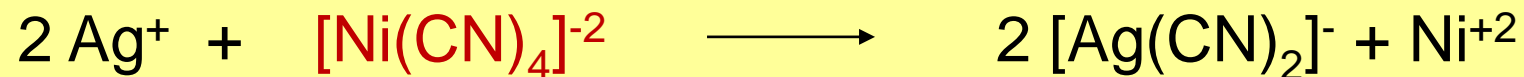
Displacement titration

The analyte solution is treated with an excess of $[\text{MgY}]^{-2}$. The analyte displaces Mg^{+2} from the complex, which is then titrated with EDTA solution.

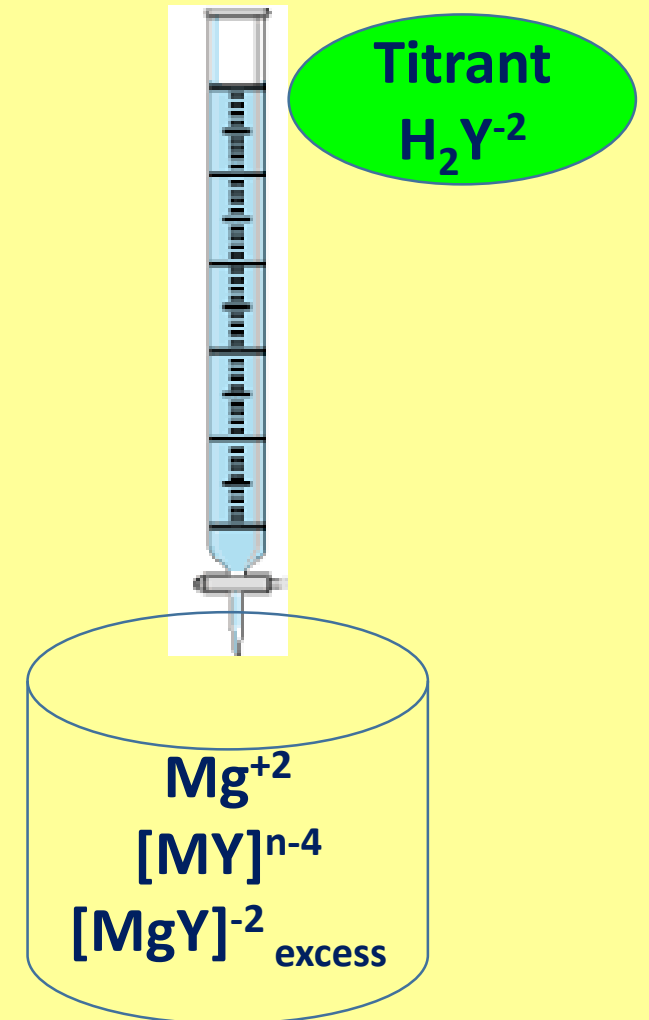
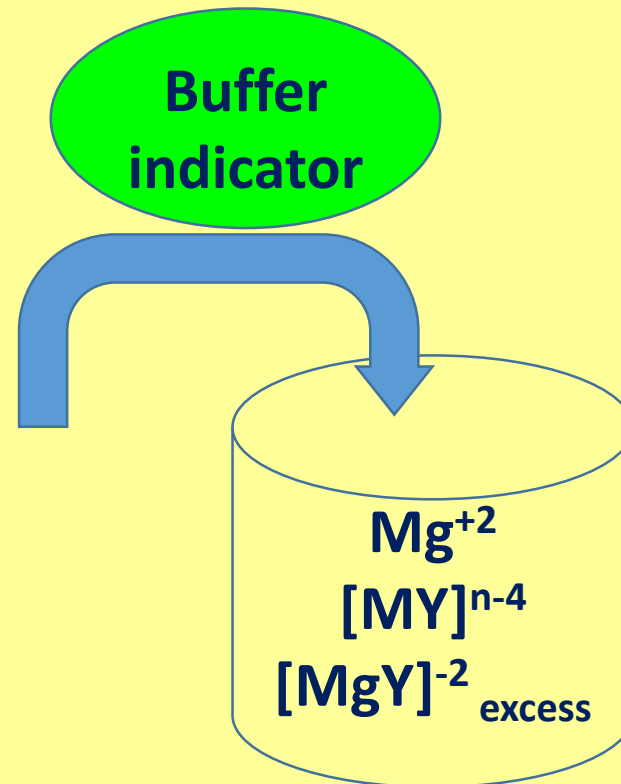
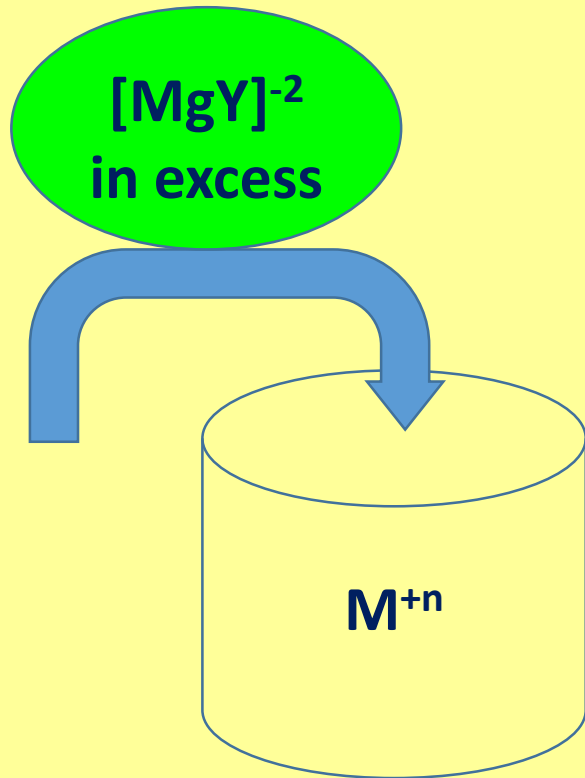


M^{+n} is like Hg^{+2} . The K_f of $[\text{HgY}]^{-2} \gg [\text{MgY}]^{-2}$

Determination of Ag^+ : To Ag^+ solution tetracyanonickelate(II) complex is added. The liberated Ni^{+2} is then titrated with EDTA.



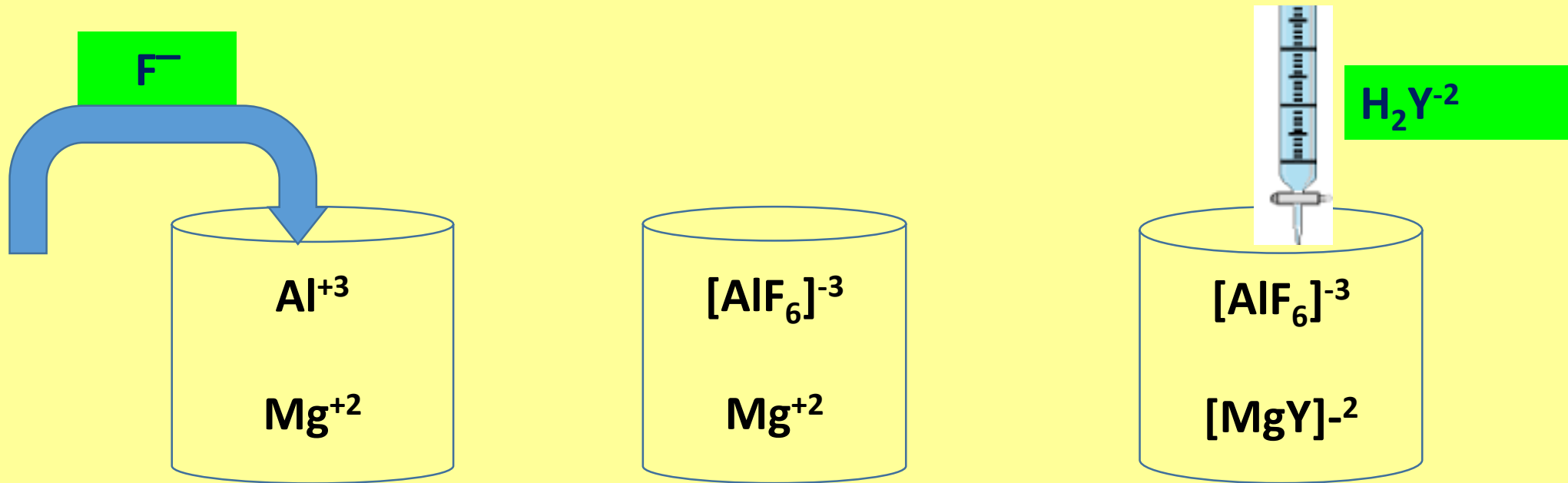
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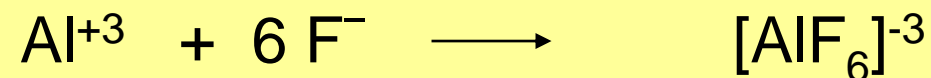
Titration Methods Involving EDTA

Masking and demasking

A masking agent is a complexing agent that reacts selectively with a component in a solution, so it is prevented to interfere with other components.



Flouride ion is a masking agent for Al³⁺, which will not interfere with EDTA titration.



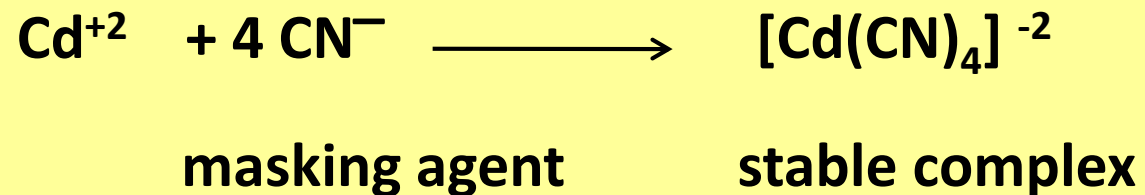
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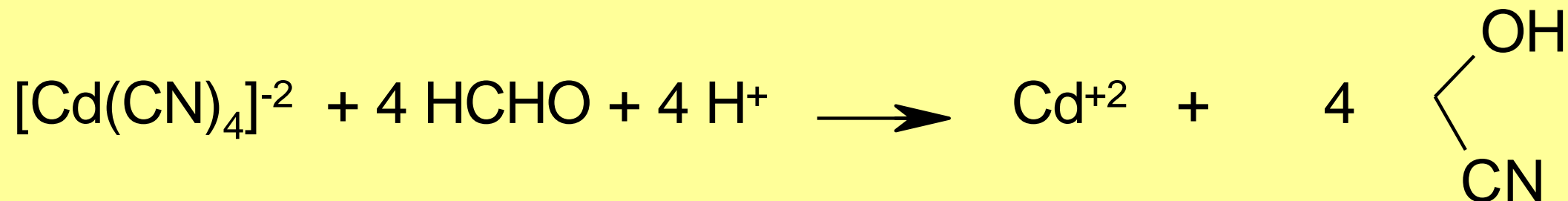
- ❑ CN^- is a masking agent for many cations like Co^{+2} , Ni^{+2} , Zn^{+2} , Pd^{+2} , Ag^+ , Fe^{+2} , Cd^{+2} but it does not with others like Mg^{+2} , Ca^{+2} , Mn^{+2} and Pb^{+2} .
- ❑ BAL (2,3-dimercapto-1-propanol) for Pb^{+2}
- ❑ Hexamethylene-tetramine for Cr^{+3} .

Titration Methods Involving EDTA

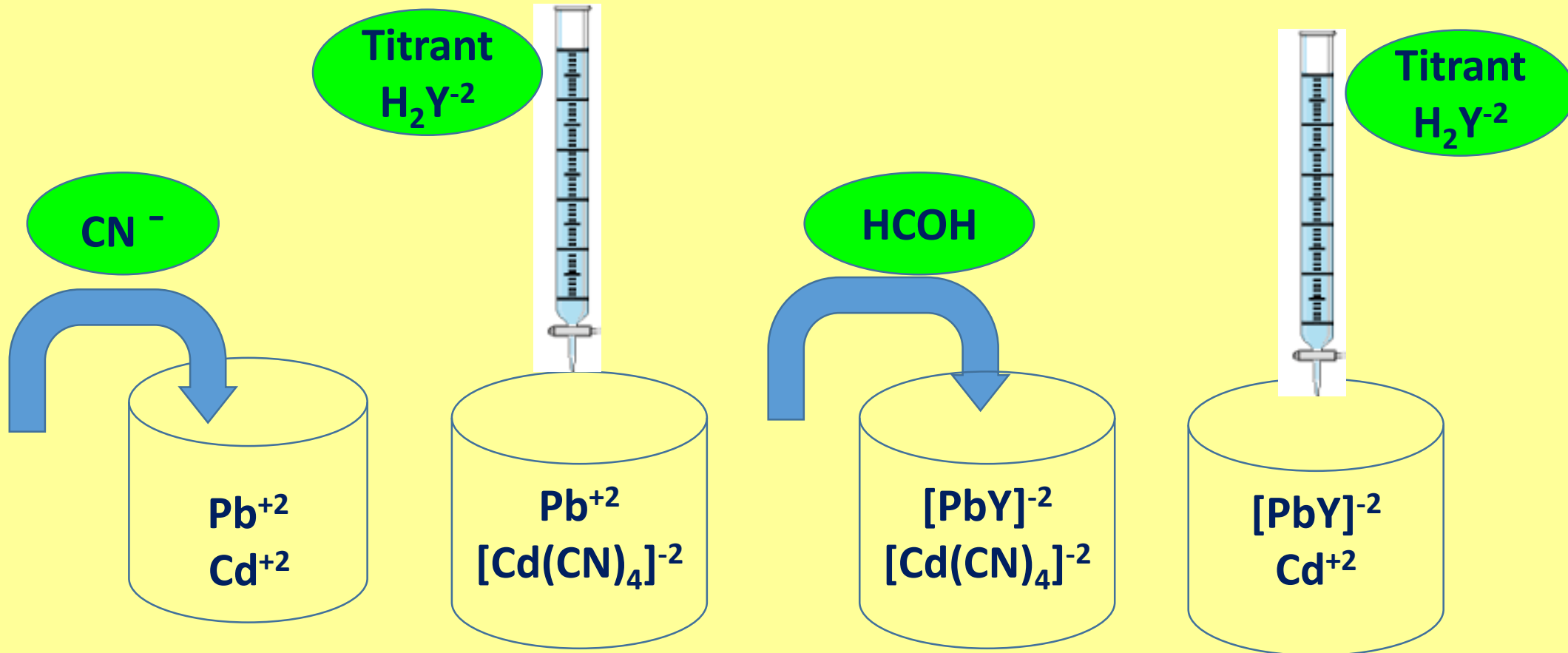
Masking and demasking



Demasking of cyanide complexes by addition of HCHO



Masking and demasking

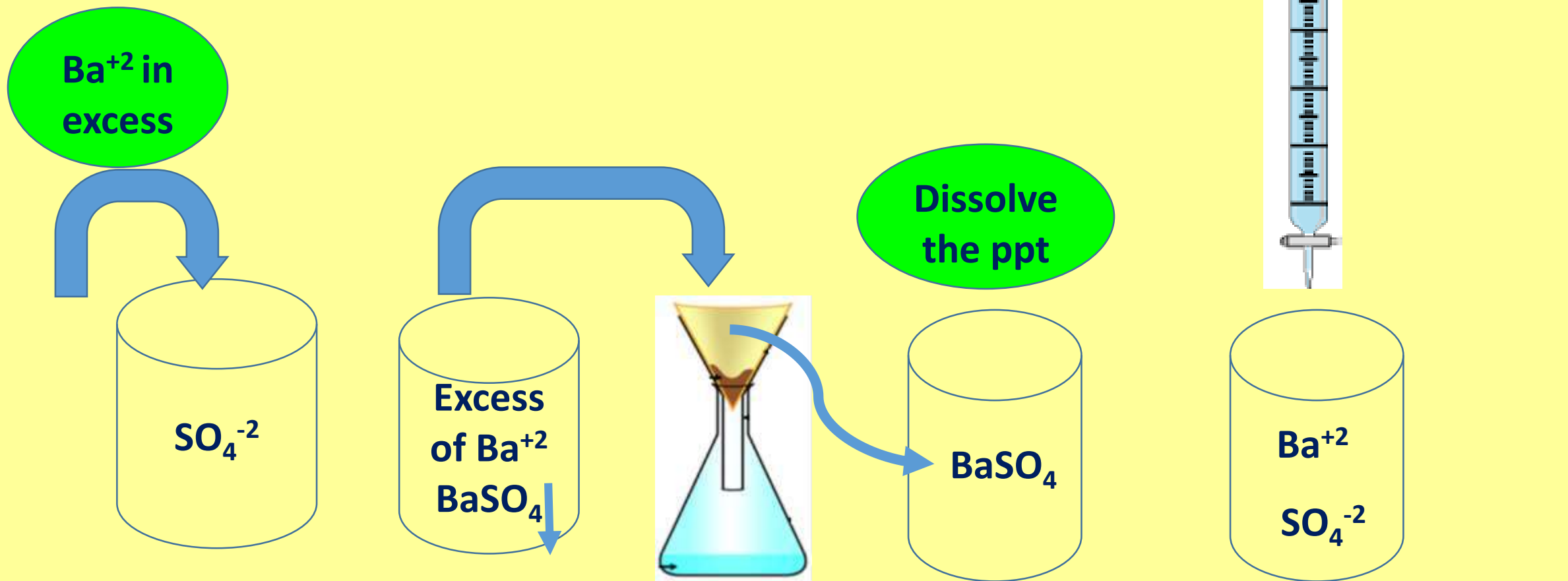


Titration Methods Involving EDTA

Compleximetric titration of anions

The anion is precipitated as a sparingly soluble salt. The resulting precipitate is separated and redissolved. The liberated metal ion is then titrated with EDTA solution. Another procedure can be performed when an excess of metal ion is added to precipitate the anion and the rest of cation is then titrated with EDTA solution.

Compleximetric titration of anions



Complexometric Titration

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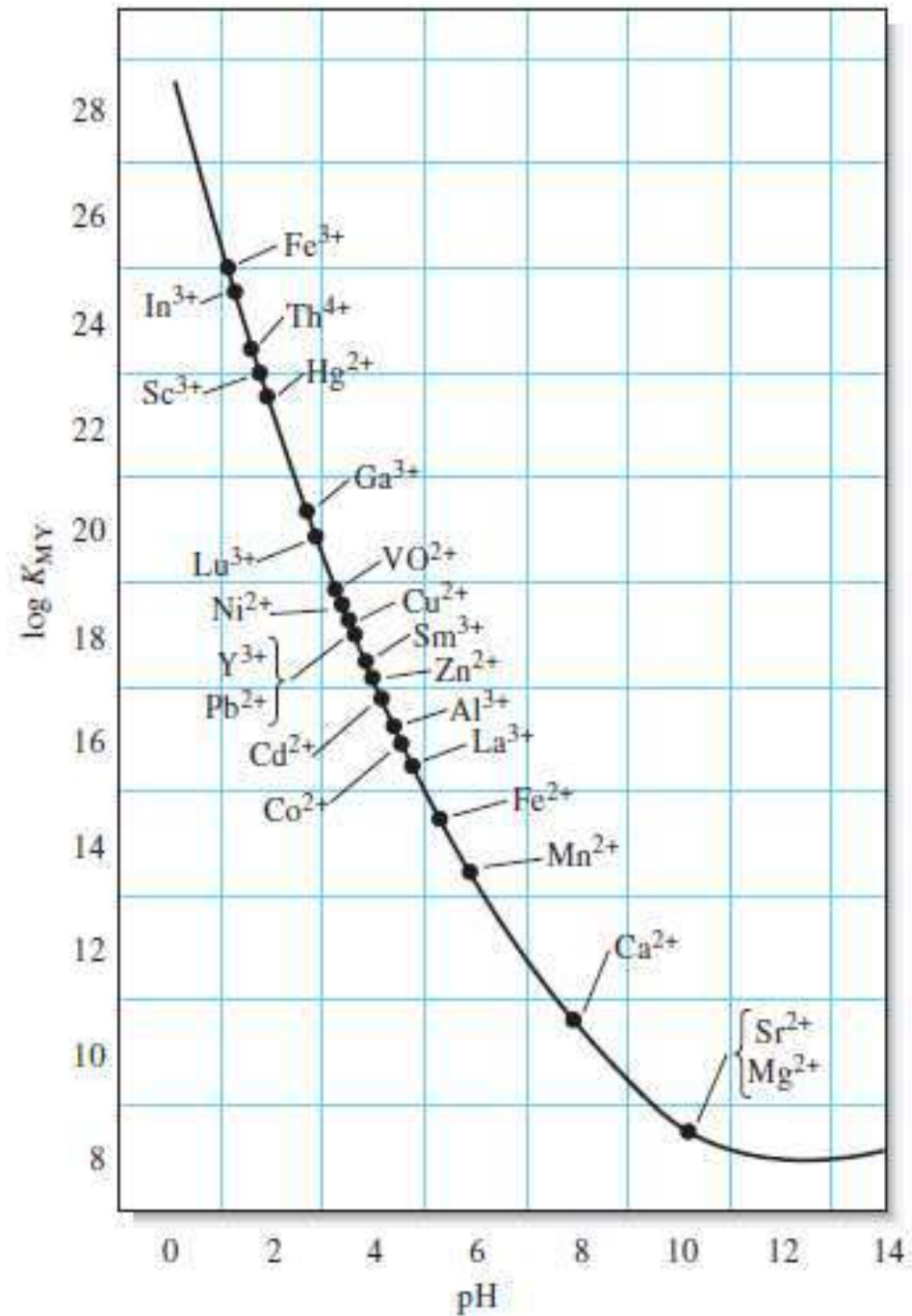
Problems

A 50.00-mL aliquot of a solution containing iron(II) and iron(III) required 10.98 mL of 0.01500 M EDTA when titrated at pH 2.0 and 23.70 mL when titrated at pH 6.0. Express the concentration of each solute in parts per million.

Solution: 184.0 ppm Fe^{+3} and 213.1 ppm Fe^{+2}

Do you remember!!!!

Minimum pH needed for satisfactory titration of various cations with EDTA.



Problems

50.00-mL (pH=2)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{No mmol EDTA} &= \text{no mmol Fe}^{+3} = 10.98 \text{ (mL)} * 0.015 \text{ (M)} = \\ &= 0.1647 \text{ (mmol)}\end{aligned}$$

50 mL (pH=6)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{No mmol EDTA} &= \text{no mmol Fe}^{+3} + \text{Fe}^{+2} = 23.7 \text{ (mL)} * 0.015 \text{ (M)} = \\ &= 0.3555 \text{ (mmol)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{No mmol Fe}^{+2} = 0.1908 \text{ (mmol)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Conc. Fe}^{+3} \text{ (ppm)} &= 0.1647 \text{ (mmol)} * 55.845 \text{ (mg/mmol)} / 0.05 \text{ (L)} \\ &= \mathbf{184.0 \text{ ppm}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Conc. Fe}^{+2} \text{ (ppm)} &= 0.1908 \text{ (mmol)} * 55.845 \text{ (mg/mmol)} / 0.05 \text{ (L)} \\ &= \mathbf{213.1 \text{ ppm}}\end{aligned}$$

Problems

A 0.32 g sample contains only lead, zinc, copper and tin was dissolved in HNO_3 . The SnO_2 precipitate was removed by filtration and the combined ions filtrate were diluted to 500 ml. A 10 ml from the solution was buffered and titrated with 37.5 ml of 0.0025 M EDTA solution. The copper in a 25 ml from the solution was masked with thiosulfate and the rest ions were titrated with 27.5 ml of the EDTA solution. Cyanide was added to mask copper and zinc in 100 ml of the solution and the rest ion was titrated with 10.5 ml of the EDTA solution. Calculate the percentage of each ion in the sample. (MW Pb = 207, Zn = 65, Cu = 63.5, Sn = 118)

Solution:

ONLY
lead, zinc,
copper and
tin

**HNO₃ for
dissolution**

Filtration



**Pb⁺²
Zn⁺²
Cu⁺²**

**10 mL:
Buffer and EDTA
titration**

**25 mL:
Cu⁺² is masked
and EDTA
titration**

**100 mL:
Cu⁺² & Zn⁺² are
masked and EDTA
titration**

Problems

10 ml

$$\begin{aligned}\text{no mmol EDTA} &= 37.5 \text{ (ml)} * 0.0025 \text{ (M)} = 0.09375 \text{ (mmol)} \\ &= \text{no mmol(Zn + Cu + Pb)} = 0.09375 \text{ (mmol)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{no mmol(Zn + Cu + Pb)} = 4.6875 \text{ (mmol)} \text{ ----- } 500 \text{ (mL)}$$

25 ml Cu is masked

$$\begin{aligned}\text{no mmol EDTA} &= 27.5 \text{ (mL)} * 0.0025 \text{ (M)} = 0.06875 \text{ (mmol)} \\ &= \text{no mmol(Zn + Pb)} = 0.06875 \text{ (mmol)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{no mmol(Zn + Pb)} = 1.375 \text{ (mmol)} \text{ ----- } 500 \text{ (mL)}$$

100 ml: Zn and Cu are masked

$$\begin{aligned}\text{no mmol EDTA} &= \text{no mmol Pb} = 10.5 \text{ (ml)} * 0.0025 \text{ (M)} \\ &= 0.02625 \text{ (mmol)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{no mmol(Pb)} = 0.13125 \text{ (mmol)} \text{ ----- } 500 \text{ (mL)}$$

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Problems

$$\% \text{ Pb} = \frac{0.13125 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)} \cdot 207 \text{ (g/mol)} \cdot 100}{0.32 \text{ (g)}} = 8.49\%$$

$$\text{no mmol(Zn in 500 mL)} = 1.375 - 0.13125 = 1.24375 \text{ (mmol)}$$

$$\% \text{ Zn} = \frac{1.24375 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)} \cdot 65 \text{ (g/mol)} \cdot 100}{0.32 \text{ (g)}} = 25.26\%$$

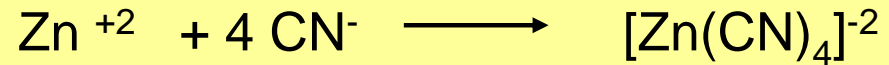
$$\text{no mmol(Cu in 500 mL)} = 4.6875 - 1.375 = 3.3125 \text{ (mmol)}$$

$$\% \text{ Cu} = \frac{3.3125 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)} \cdot 63.5 \text{ (g/mol)} \cdot 100}{0.32 \text{ (g)}} = 65.73\%$$

$$\% \text{ Sn} = 100\% - (\text{Pb} + \text{Cu} + \text{Zn}\%) = 0.52\%$$

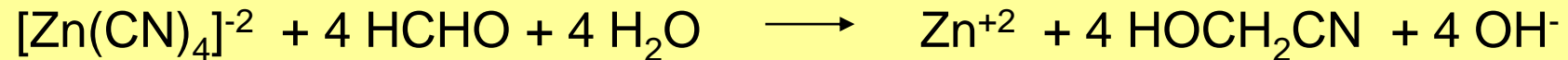
Problems

A sample containing lead, magnesium and zinc (0.4085 g) was dissolved and treated with cyanide to complex and mask zinc



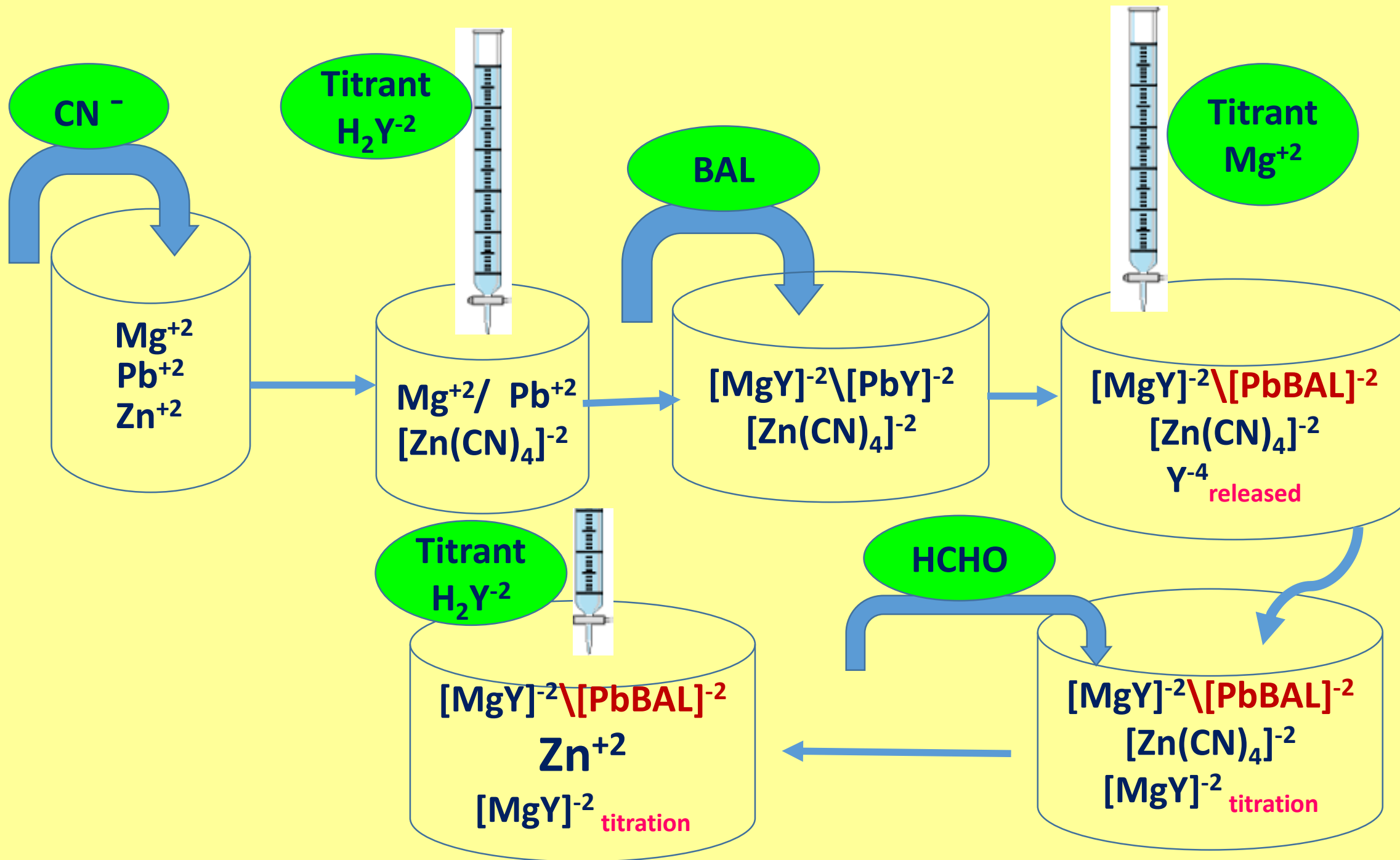
Titration of lead and magnesium required 42.22 ml of 0.02064 M EDTA.

The lead was next masked with BAL and the released EDTA was titrated with 19.35 ml of 0.007657 M magnesium solution. Finally the formaldehyde was introduced to demask zinc



which was titrated with 28.63 ml of 0.02064 M EDTA solution. Calculate the percentage of three elements in the sample.

Solution:





The 1st titration



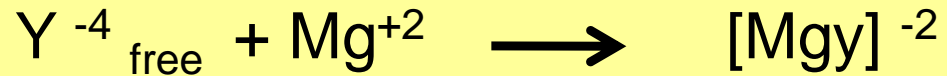
The 2^{ed} titration



The 3rd titration

Problems

$$\begin{aligned}\text{No mmol EDTA} &= \text{no mmol (Mg + Pb)} = 42.22 \text{ (mL)} * 0.02064 \text{ (M)} = \\ &= 0.8714 \text{ (mmol)}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\text{No mmol Mg}^{+2} \text{ (titrant)} &= \text{no mmol } [\text{PbY}]^{-2} = \text{no mmol Pb}^{+2} \\ &= 19.35 \text{ (mL)} * 0.007657 \text{ (M)} = 0.1482 \text{ (mmol)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{No mmol Mg (Sample)} = 0.8714 - 0.1482 = 0.7232 \text{ (mmol)}$$

$$\text{No mmol EDTA} = \text{no mmol Zn}^{+2} = 28.63 \text{ (ml)} * 0.02064 \text{ (M)} = 0.5909 \text{ (mmol)}$$

Problems

$$\% \text{ Zn} = \frac{0.5909 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)} \cdot 65 \text{ (g/mol)}}{0.4085 \text{ (g)}} \cdot 100 = 9.40\%$$

$$\% \text{ Pb} = \frac{0.1482 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)} \cdot 207 \text{ (g/mol)}}{0.4085 \text{ (g)}} \cdot 100 = 7.51\%$$

$$\% \text{ Mg} = \frac{0.7232 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (mol)} \cdot 24.305 \text{ (g/mol)}}{0.4085 \text{ (g)}} \cdot 100 = 4.30\%$$

Problems

Examples: 14-3

Feature 14-4, Table 14-3

Problems:

Chapter 14: 1(a-h), 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 (a, c), 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

To be discussed:

14-10(a,c,e), 14-7

Problems

Why is a small amount of $[\text{MgY}]^{2-}$ often added to a solution that is to be titrated for hardness with Eriochrome black T?

Hardness means determination of Ca^{2+} in water

Magnesium edetate complex is added to water the following reaction



Then adjust pH to 10 and titrate Mg^{2+} with EDTA standard solution using Eriochrome black T as indicator in this media

At pH 10 indicator color change near the equivalence point in case of Mg^{2+} thus titration end point determination is accurate

If you choose direct titration of Ca^{2+} to determine water hardness Eriochrome black T color changes before the Equivalence point due to higher K_M of $[\text{CaY}]^{2-}$ in comparison to $[\text{MgY}]^{2-}$ as been discussed before.

Problem

A 24-hr urine specimen was diluted to 2.0 L. after being buffered to pH 10, a 10.0 mL aliquot was titrated with 26.81 mL of 0.003474 M EDTA. The calcium in a second 10.0 mL aliquot was isolated as CaC_2O_4 . Redissolved in acid and titrate with 11.63 mL of EDTA solution. Assuming that 15 – 300 mg of magnesium and 50 – 400 mg calcium per day are normal. Did this specimen fall within the range?

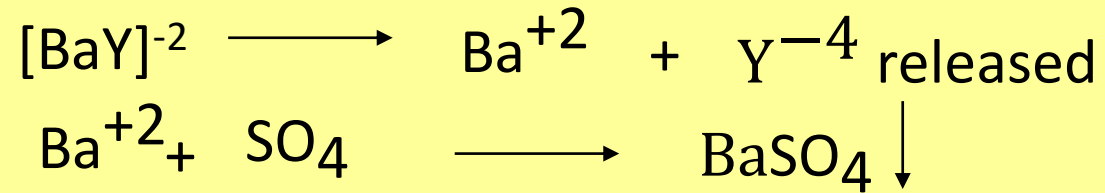
Solution

1. No. mmole EDTA = no. mmoleCa⁺² + no. mmoleMg⁺²
26.81 mL x 0.003474 M = 0.09313 mmol 10 mL
18.627 mmol 2000 mL
2. No. mmoleCa⁺² = no. mmole EDTA
11.63 mL x 0.003474 M = 0.0404 mmol 10 mL
8.08 mmol 2000 mL
3. No. mmoleMg⁺² in 2000 mL = 10.547 mmol
4. Wt of Ca⁺² in urine per day = 8.08 mmol x 40.078 = 323 mg
Wt of Mg⁺² in urine per day = 10.547 mmol x 24.305 = 256 mg

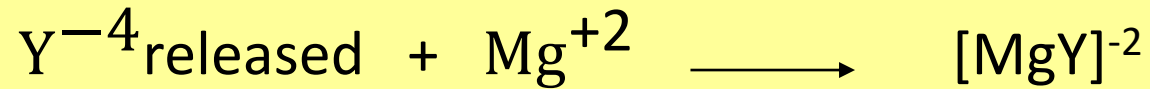
The urine specimen fall within the normal range.

Problem

The sulfate in 1.515g sample was homogeneously precipitated as BaSO_4 by adding Xss of $[\text{BaY}]^{2-}$ solution slowly increasing the acid concentration to liberate Ba^{+2} the precipitate was filtered and washed and the filtrate and washing were collected to 250 mL volumetric flask. At pH = 10 buffer, was added and the solution was diluted to the mark. A 25 mL aliquot required a 28.73 mL titration with 0.01545 M Mg^{+2} solution. Express the results of this analysis in terms of percent $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$



✓ Titrate 25 ml of filtrate and washings with Mg^{+2} standard solution



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{No. mmol Y}^{-4} \text{ released} &= \text{no. mmol Mg}^{+2} = 28.73 \text{ ml} \times 0.01545 \text{ M} \\
 &= 0.444 \text{ mmol} \dots\dots 25 \text{ ml} \\
 &4.44 \text{ mmol} \dots\dots 250 \text{ ml}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{No. mmol Y}^{-4} \text{ released} = \text{no. mmol Ba}^{+2} = \text{no. mmol SO}_4 = 4.44 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{No. mmol Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{no. mmol SO}_4 = 4.44 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\% \text{ Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} = \frac{\text{wt. Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \times 100}{\text{wt. sample}} = \frac{4.44 \times 10^{-3} \times 322}{1.525} \times 100 = 94.34\%$$