

# CEE 680: Water Chemistry

Lecture #28

Coordination Chemistry: Hydrolysis and Simple Complexes

(Stumm & Morgan, Chapt.6: pg.281-289)

Benjamin; Chapter 8.1-8.6

# Stability Constants

- Martell & Smith, 1977:  
*Critical Stability Constants*
  - Vol. 1: Amino Acids
  - Vol. 2: Amines
  - Vol. 3: Other Organic Ligands
  - Vol. 4: Inorganic Complexes
  - Vol. 5: Supplement

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$		$\text{HO}_2\text{CCO}_2\text{H}$				
Metal ion	Equilibrium	<u>Ethanediioic acid (oxalic acid)</u>			$\Delta H$	$\Delta S$
		Log K 25°, 0.1	Log K 25°, 1.0	Log K 25°, 0	25°, 0	25°, 0
$\text{H}^+$	HL/H.L	3.82 ± 0.04	3.55 ± 0.02	4.266 ± 0.001	1.60 ± 0.06	25.1
	$\text{H}_2\text{L}/\text{HL}\cdot\text{H}$	3.55 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.05		3.80 <sup>e</sup>	0.52 <sup>c</sup>	18.0 <sup>c</sup>
$\text{K}^+$	ML/M.L				-0.8 <sup>n</sup>	
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>	4.08 <sup>h</sup>	3.55			
$\text{Be}^{2+}$	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^2$	5.38 <sup>h</sup>	5.40			
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>	2.76 <sup>h</sup>			3.43 <sup>n</sup>	
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^2$	4.24				
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>			1.66	3.00 <sup>n</sup>	
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^2$			2.69		
	MHL/M.HL	1.38			1.84	
$\text{Sr}^{2+}$	$\text{M}(\text{HL})_2/\text{M.}(\text{HL})^2$	1.8				
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>			1.25	2.54 <sup>n</sup>	
$\text{Ba}^{2+}$	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^2$			1.90		
	ML/M.HL	1.11			1.57	
$\text{Sc}^{3+}$	$\text{M}(\text{HL})_2/\text{M.}(\text{HL})^2$	1.7				
	ML/M.L				2.31 <sup>n</sup>	
$\text{Y}^{3+}$	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>	8.74 <sup>r</sup>	6.86 <sup>j</sup>			
	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^3$		11.31 <sup>j</sup>			
$\text{La}^{3+}$	$\text{ML}_3/\text{M.L}^4$		14.32 <sup>j</sup>			
	$\text{ML}_4/\text{M.L}^4$		16.70 <sup>j</sup>			
$\text{Ce}^{3+}$	MHL/M.HL	7.36 <sup>r</sup>				
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>	5.46				
$\text{Pm}^{3+}$	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^3$	9.29				
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>			4.3		
$\text{Eu}^{3+}$	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^3$	4.71	7.83	7.9		
	$\text{ML}_3/\text{M.L}^4$			10.3		
$\text{Gd}^{3+}$	$\text{ML}_4/\text{M.L}^4$	4.90	8.26	4.49 <sup>j</sup>	6.52	
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>			7.91 <sup>j</sup>	10.48	
	ML <sub>2</sub> /M.L <sub>3</sub>			10.30 <sup>j</sup>	11.30	
	ML <sub>3</sub> /M.L <sub>4</sub>			11.75 <sup>j</sup>		
	ML <sub>4</sub> /M.L <sub>4</sub>					
	ML/M.L	5.18	8.78			
	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^3$					
	ML/M.L <sub>2</sub>	5.36	9.04	5.04 <sup>j</sup> -0.3		
	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^3$			8.70 <sup>j</sup> ±0.0		
	$\text{ML}_3/\text{M.L}^4$			11.45 <sup>j</sup> -0.2		
	$\text{ML}_4/\text{M.L}^4$			13.09 <sup>j</sup>		
	ML/M.L				7.01	

<sup>b</sup> 25°, 0.5; <sup>c</sup> 25°, 1.0; <sup>e</sup> 25°, 3.0; <sup>h</sup> 20°, 0.1; <sup>j</sup> 20°, 1.0; <sup>n</sup> 18°, 0; <sup>r</sup> 25°, 0.05

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		3.55 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.05			3.80 <sup>e</sup>	0.52 <sup>c</sup>
$\text{K}^+$	$\text{H}_2\text{L}/\text{HL}, \text{H}$	1.04 $\pm$ 0.10	1.04 $\pm$ 0.04		1.252	0.9 $\pm$ 0.1
		1.02 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.03			1.26 <sup>e</sup>	
$\text{Be}^{2+}$	$\text{ML}/\text{M.L}$				-0.8 <sup>n</sup>	
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	$\text{ML}_2/\text{M.L}^3$		11.31 <sup>j</sup>			
	$\text{ML}_3/\text{M.L}^4$		14.32 <sup>j</sup>			
	$\text{ML}_4/\text{M.L}$		16.70 <sup>j</sup>			

# Sources: Stumm & Morgan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.

Table A6.1. (Continued)

	OH	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{F}^-$	$\text{NH}_3$
$\text{Al}^{3+}$	$\text{AlL}$	9.0					
	$\text{AlL}_2$	18.7					$\text{AlL}$ 7.0
	$\text{AlL}_3$	27.0					$\text{AlL}_2$ 12.6
	$\text{AlL}_4$	33.0					$\text{AlL}_3$ 16.7
	$\text{Al}_2\text{L}_4$	42.1					$\text{AlL}_4$ 19.1
	$\text{AlL}_3\cdot\text{s}$	33.5					
$\text{Fe}^{3+}$	$\text{FeL}$	11.8		$\text{FeL}$	4.0	$\text{FeL}$	1.5
	$\text{FeL}_2$	22.3		$\text{FeL}_2$	5.4	$\text{FeL}_2$	2.1
	$\text{FeL}_3$	34.4					
	$\text{Fe}_2\text{L}_2$	25.0					
	$\text{FeL}_3\cdot\text{s}$	42.7					
	$\text{FeL}_3\cdot\text{s}$	38.8					
$\text{Mn}^{2+}$	$\text{MnL}$	3.4	$\text{MnHL}$	12.1	$\text{MnL}$	2.3	$\text{MnL}$
	$\text{MnL}_2$	5.8	$\text{MnL}\cdot\text{s}$	10.4			
	$\text{MnL}_3$	7.2					
	$\text{MnL}_4$	7.7					
	$\text{MnL}_2\cdot\text{s}$	12.8					
$\text{Fe}^{2+}$	$\text{FeL}$	4.5	$\text{FeL}\cdot\text{s}$	10.7	$\text{FeL}$	2.2	
	$\text{FeL}_2$	7.4					
	$\text{FeL}_3$	11.0					
	$\text{FeL}_2\cdot\text{s}$	15.1					
$\text{Co}^{2+}$	$\text{CoL}$	4.3	$\text{CoL}\cdot\text{s}$	10.0	$\text{CoL}$	2.4	$\text{CoL}$
	$\text{CoL}_2$	9.2					
	$\text{CoL}_3$	10.5					
	$\text{CoL}_2\cdot\text{s}$	15.7					
$\text{Ni}^{2+}$	$\text{NiL}$	4.1	$\text{NiL}\cdot\text{s}$	6.9	$\text{NiL}$	2.3	$\text{NiL}$
	$\text{NiL}_2$	9.0					
	$\text{NiL}_3$	12.0					
	$\text{NiL}_2\cdot\text{s}$	17.2					

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• From Morel & Hering, 1993

# Sources: Stumm & Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.

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2 TABLE 5.1 (*continued*)

	Symbol for Equilibrium Constants	log K at 25°C	I
$\alpha\text{-Al(OH)}_3(\text{s}) + 3\text{H}^+ = \text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	* $K_{s0}$	8.5	0
$\text{Al(OH)}_3(\text{amorph}) + 3\text{H}^+ = \text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	* $K_{s0}$	10.8	0
$\text{CuO}(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}^+ = \text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	* $K_{s0}$	7.65	0
$\text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{OH}^- = \text{CuOH}^+$	$K_1$	6.0 (18°C)	0
$\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- = \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	$K_2$	12.8	1
$2\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- = \text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2^{2+}$	$K_{2,2}$	17.0 (18°C)	0
$\text{Cu}^{2+} + 3\text{OH}^- = \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_3^-$	$K_3$	15.2	0
$\text{Cu}^{2+} + 4\text{OH}^- = \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_4^{2-}$	$K_4$	16.1	0
$\text{Zn}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{ZnOH}^+ + \text{H}^+$	* $K_1$	- 8.96	0
$\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{H}^+$	* $\beta_2$	- 16.9	0
$\text{Zn}^{2+} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_3^- + 3\text{H}^+$	* $\beta_3$	- 28.4	0
$\text{Zn}^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Zn}(\text{OH})_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+$	* $\beta_4$	- 41.2	0
$\text{ZnO} + 2\text{H}^+ = \text{Zn}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	* $K_{s0}$	11.14	0
$\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2(\text{amorph}) + 2\text{H}^+ = \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	* $K_{s0}$	12.45	0
$\text{Cd}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{CdOH}^+ + \text{H}^+$	* $K_1$	- 10.1	0
$\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}^+$	* $\beta_2$	- 20.4	0
$\text{Cd}^{2+} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Cd}(\text{OH})_3^- + 3\text{H}^+$	* $\beta_3$	< - 33.3	0
$\text{Cd}^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Cd}(\text{OH})_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+$	* $\beta_4$	- 47.4	0

# Reconciling the constants: Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>

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- $\text{AlL}_3 \text{ s} \quad 10^{33.5}$

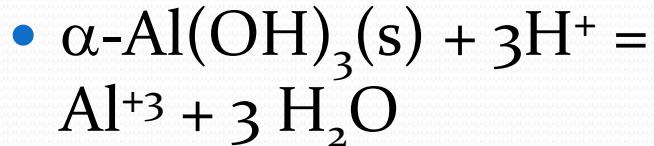
$$\frac{\text{AlL}_3(\text{s})}{\text{Al} \bullet L^3} = 10^{33.5}$$

$$10^{-33.5} = [\text{Al}^{+3}][\text{OH}^-]^3 = [\text{Al}^{+3}] K_w^3 / [\text{H}^+]^3$$

$$[\text{Al}^{+3}] = 10^{-33.5} (10^{-14})^3 [\text{H}^+]^3$$

$$\log[\text{Al}^{+3}] = 8.5 - 3pH$$

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- $*K_{\text{so}} \quad 8.5$

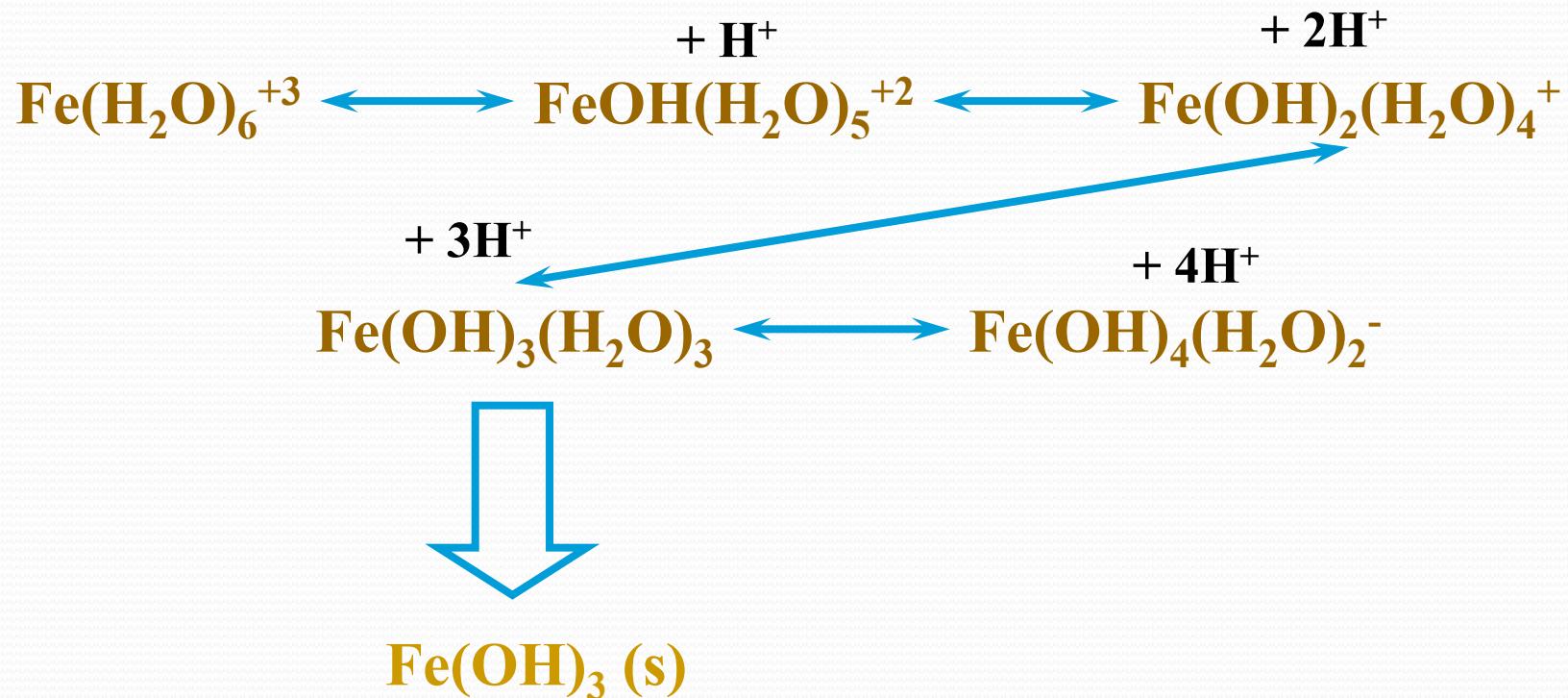
$$10^{8.5} = \frac{[\text{Al}^{+3}]}{[\text{H}^+]^3}$$

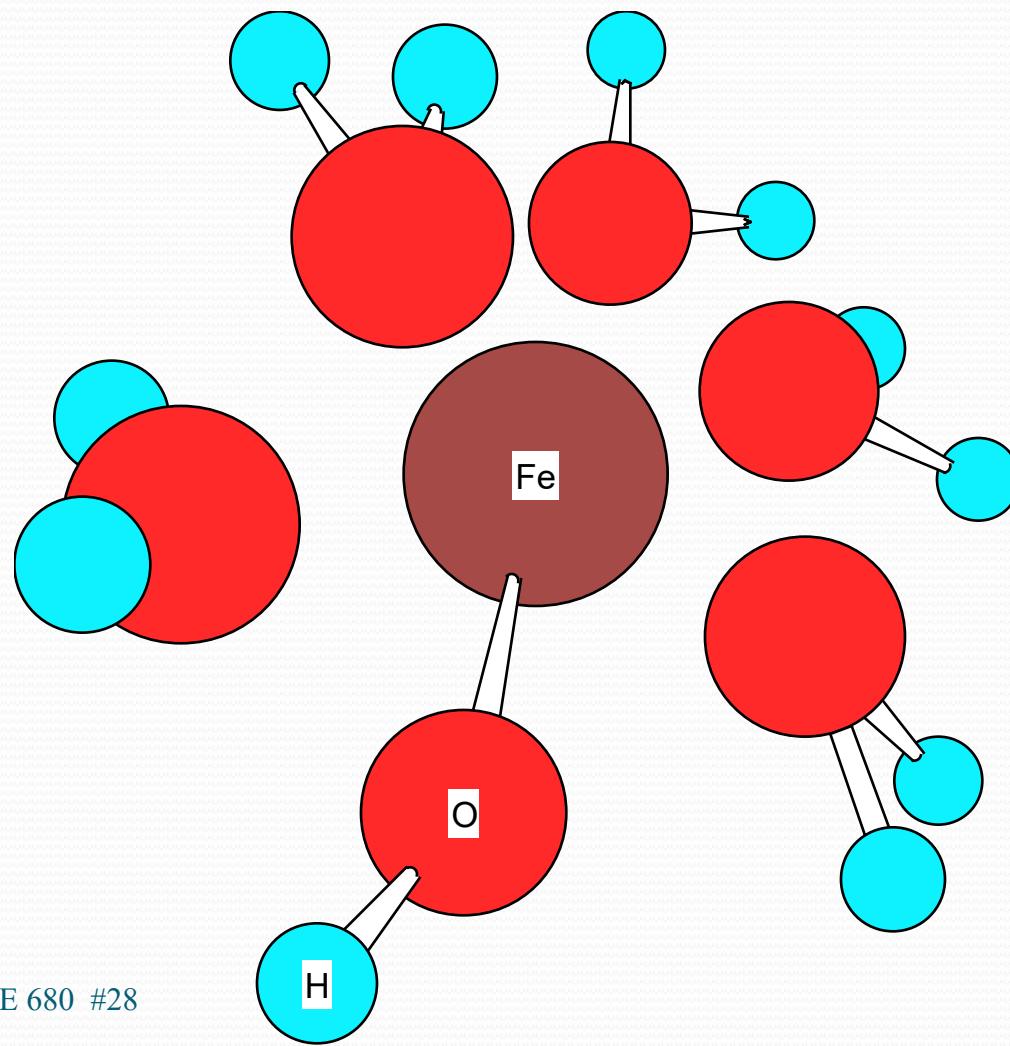
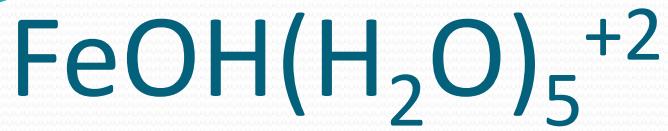
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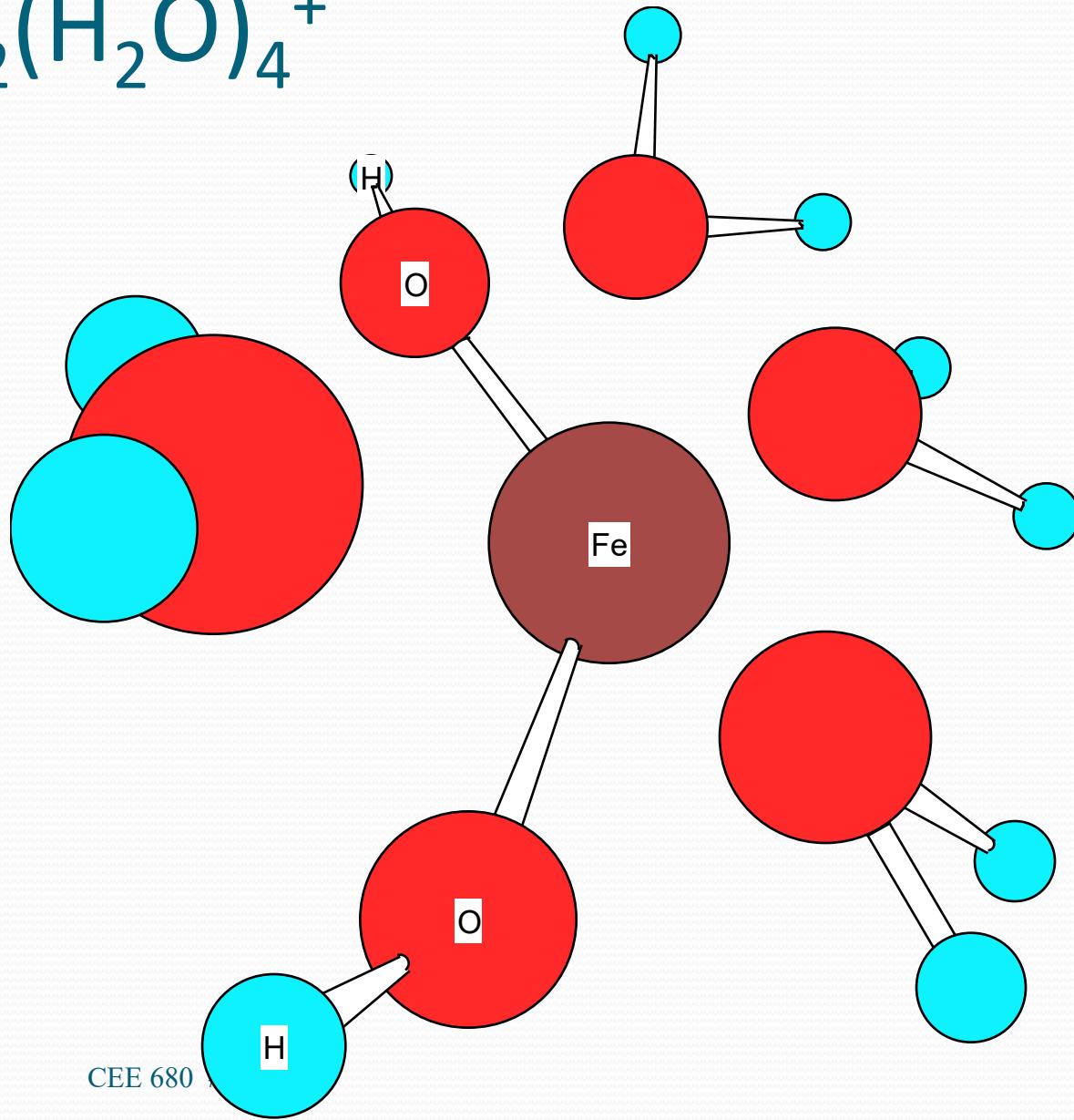
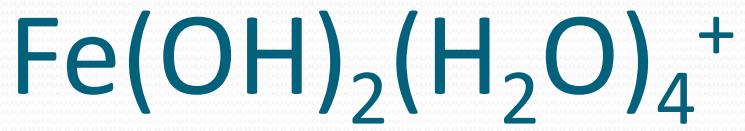
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# Metal Hydrolysis

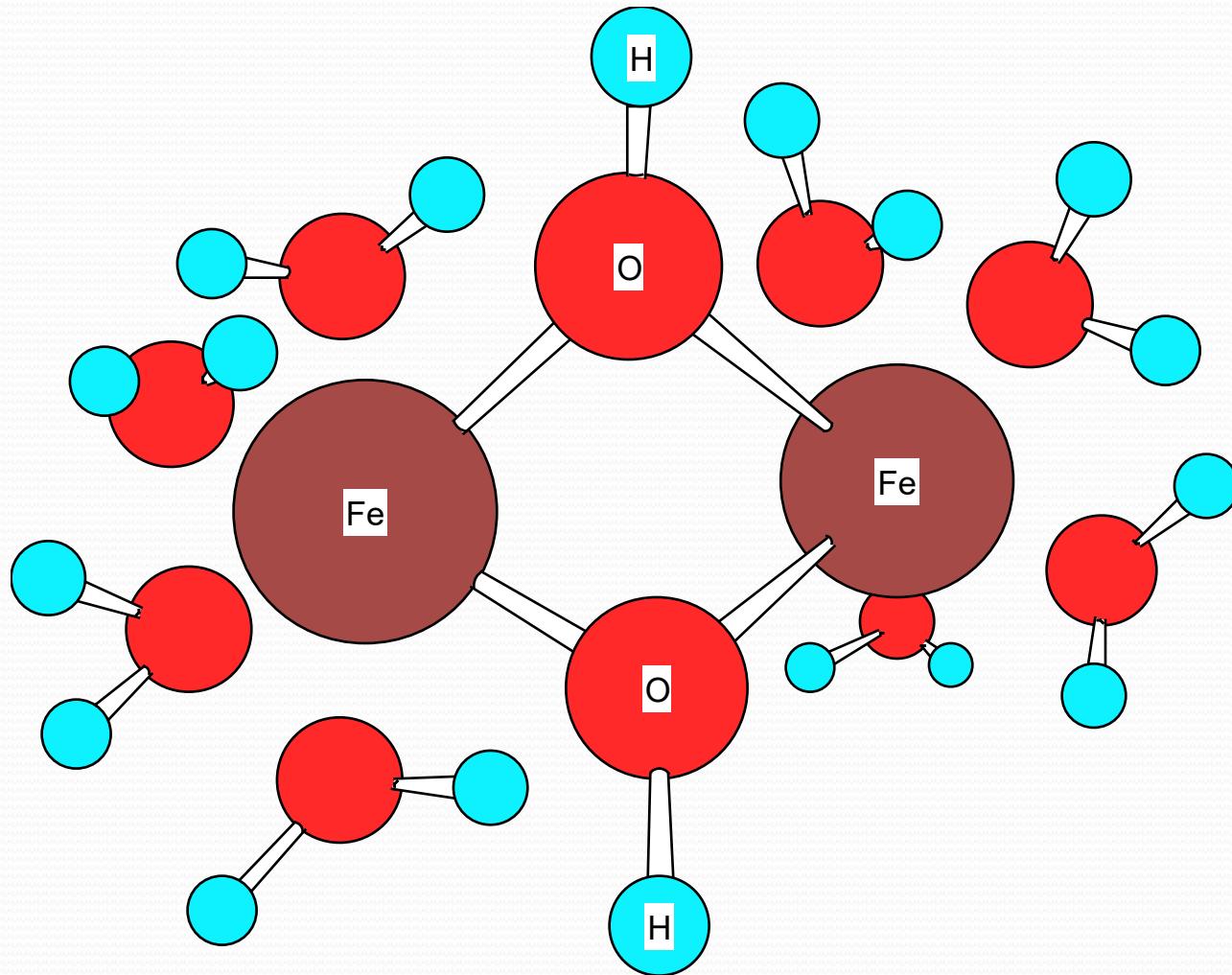
- Case for iron







# Dimer



# Metals and acidity

- Metals increase the acidity of water
- Greater as:
  - Metal charge increases
  - Metal radius decreases
- As acidity increases, the predominant species progresses down the list
  - Aquo ion
  - Hydroxo complex
  - Hydroxy-oxo complex
  - Oxo complex

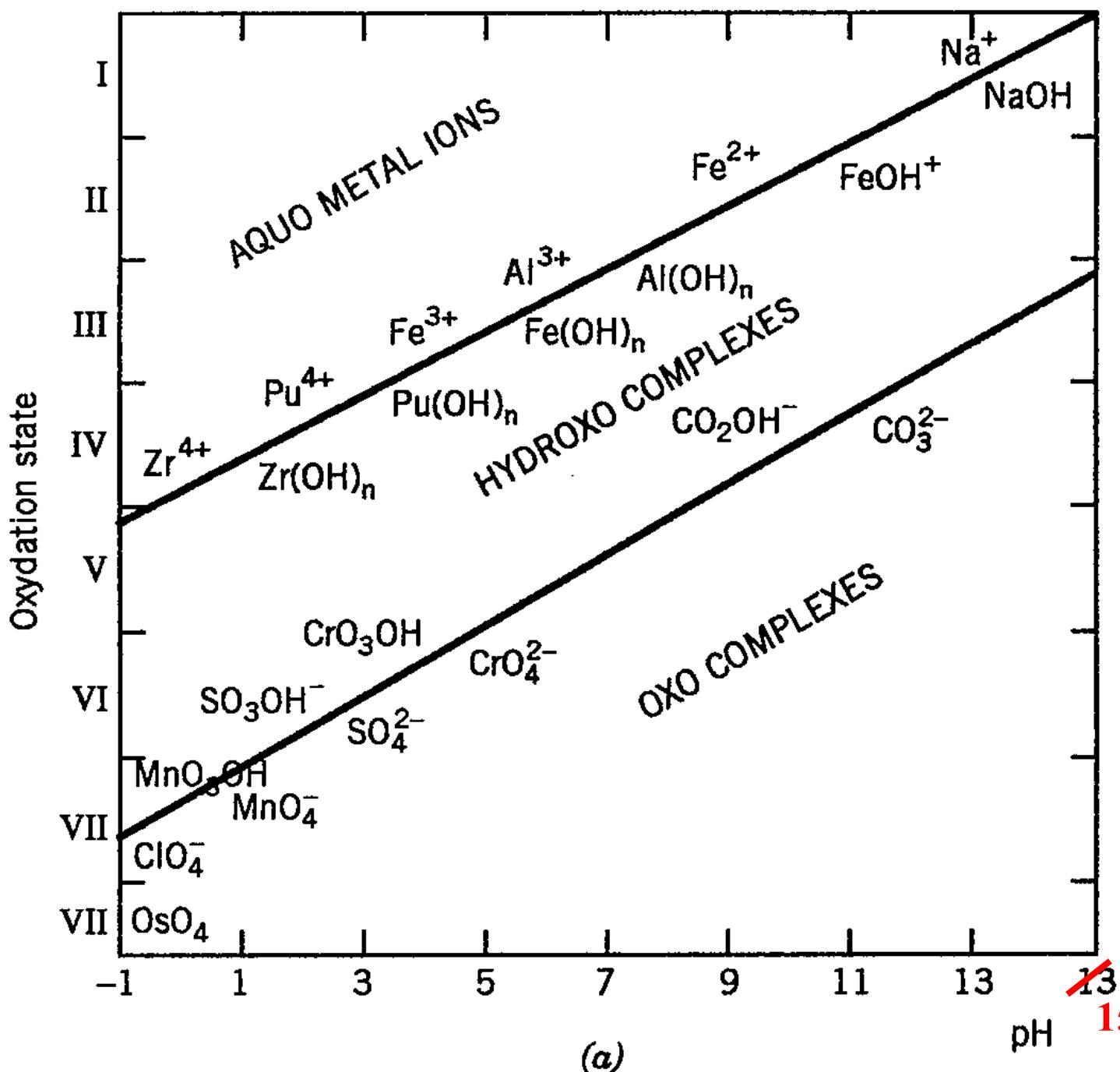


Fig 6.4a  
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(a)

pH

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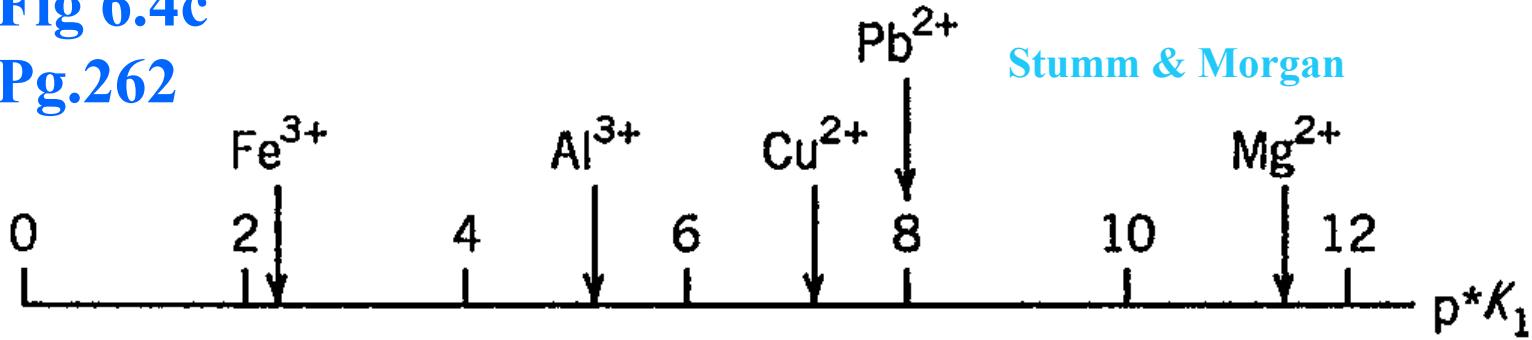
# \* $K_1$

$$^*K_1 = \frac{[Zn(OH)^+] [H^+]}{[Zn^{+2}]}$$

- A measure of the extent/strength of hydrolysis
  - The first hydrolysis constant  $pK_1$  of an aqua metal ion is dependent on the ionic charge and radius of the metal ion. The  $pK_1$  values of the aqua metal ions, studied here at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  follow, the order:
    - $\text{Pb} (7.8) \sim \text{Cu} (8.0) < \text{Zn} (8.96) < \text{Co} (9.85) < \text{Ni} (9.86) < \text{Ag} (11.1)$

Barauh et al., 2014 [J. Geochem]

Fig 6.4c  
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As  $\text{pK}_1$  goes up strength of OH complex goes down

# Complexation of hydroxide?

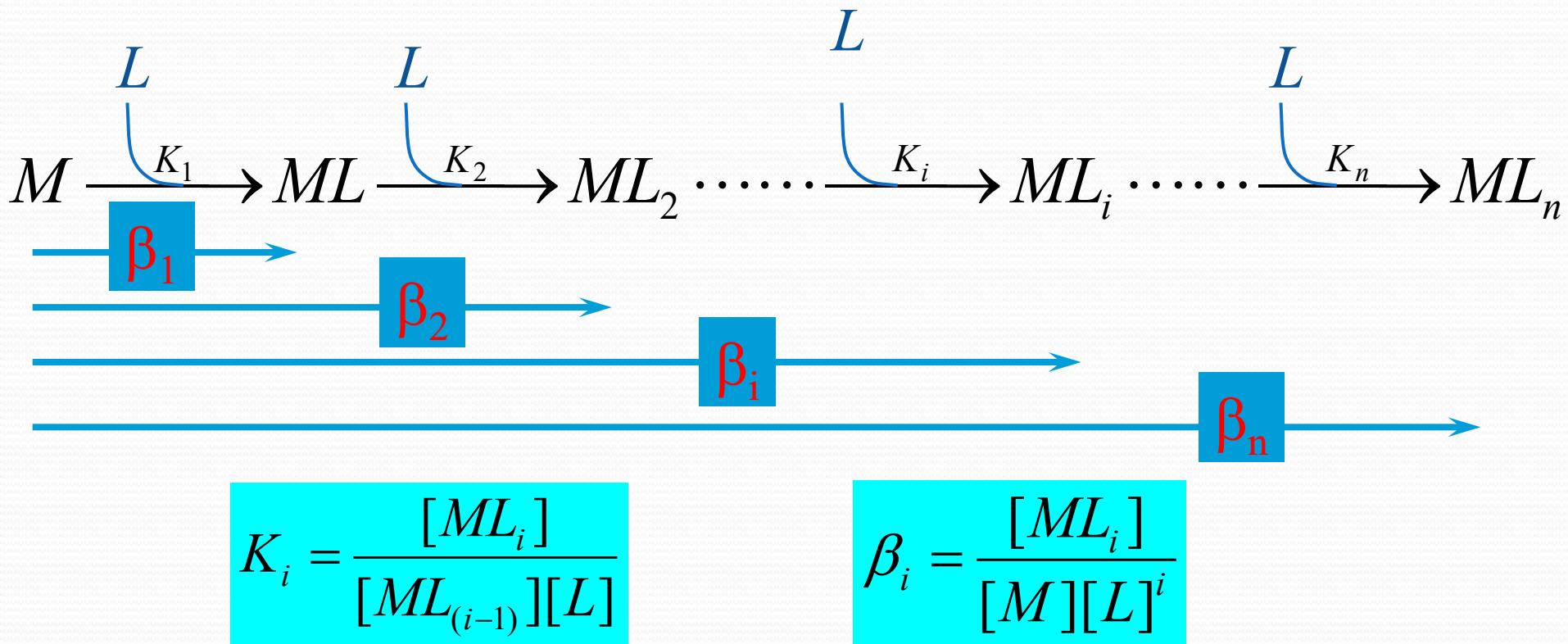
- Pb (7.8) ~ Cu (8.0) > Zn (8.96) > Co (9.85) > Ni (9.86) > Ag (11.1)

1 IA 11A		18 VIIIA 8A				
1 <b>H</b> Hydrogen 1.008	2 <b>He</b> Helium 4.003	2 <b>He</b> Helium 4.003				
3 <b>Li</b> Lithium 6.941	4 <b>Be</b> Beryllium 9.012					
11 <b>Na</b> Sodium 22.990	12 <b>Mg</b> Magnesium 24.305					
19 <b>K</b> Potassium 39.098	20 <b>Ca</b> Calcium 40.078	21 <b>Sc</b> Scandium 44.956				
37 <b>Rb</b> Rubidium 84.468	38 <b>Sr</b> Strontium 87.62	39 <b>Y</b> Yttrium 88.906				
55 <b>Cs</b> Cesium 132.905	56 <b>Ba</b> Barium 137.327	57-71 Hf Hafnium 178.49				
87 <b>Fr</b> Francium 223.020	88 <b>Ra</b> Radium 226.025	89-103 Rf Rutherfordium [261]				
		104 <b>Db</b> Dubnium [262]				
		105 <b>Sg</b> Seaborgium [266]				
		106 <b>Bh</b> Bohrium [264]				
		107 <b>Hs</b> Hassium [269]				
		108 <b>Mt</b> Meitnerium [268]				
		109 <b>Ds</b> Darmstadtium [269]				
		110 <b>Rg</b> Roentgenium [272]				
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87 <b>Fr</b> Francium 223.020	88 <b>Ra</b> Radium 226.025	10 <b>Ne</b> Neon 20.180				
		13 <b>Al</b> Aluminum 26.982				
		14 <b>Si</b> Silicon 28.086				
		15 <b>P</b> Phosphorus 30.974				
		16 <b>S</b> Sulfur 32.066				
		17 <b>Cl</b> Chlorine 35.453				
		18 <b>Ar</b> Argon 39.948				
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Alkali Metal	Alkaline Earth	Transition Metal	Basic Metal	Semimetal	Nonmetal	Halogen	Noble Gas	Lanthanide	Actinide
57 <b>La</b> Lanthanum 138.906	58 <b>Ce</b> Cerium 140.115	59 <b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 140.908	60 <b>Nd</b> Neodymium 144.24	61 <b>Pm</b> Promethium 144.913	62 <b>Sm</b> Samarium 150.36	63 <b>Eu</b> Europium 151.966	64 <b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 157.25	65 <b>Tb</b> Terbium 158.925	66 <b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 162.50
89 <b>Ac</b> Actinium 227.028	90 <b>Th</b> Thorium 232.038	91 <b>Pa</b> Protactinium 231.036	92 <b>U</b> Uranium 238.029	93 <b>Np</b> Neptunium 237.048	94 <b>Pu</b> Plutonium 244.064	95 <b>Am</b> Americium 243.061	96 <b>Cm</b> Curium 247.070	97 <b>Bk</b> Berkelium 247.070	98 <b>Cf</b> Californium 251.080
								99 <b>Es</b> Einsteinium [254]	100 <b>Fm</b> Fermium 257.095
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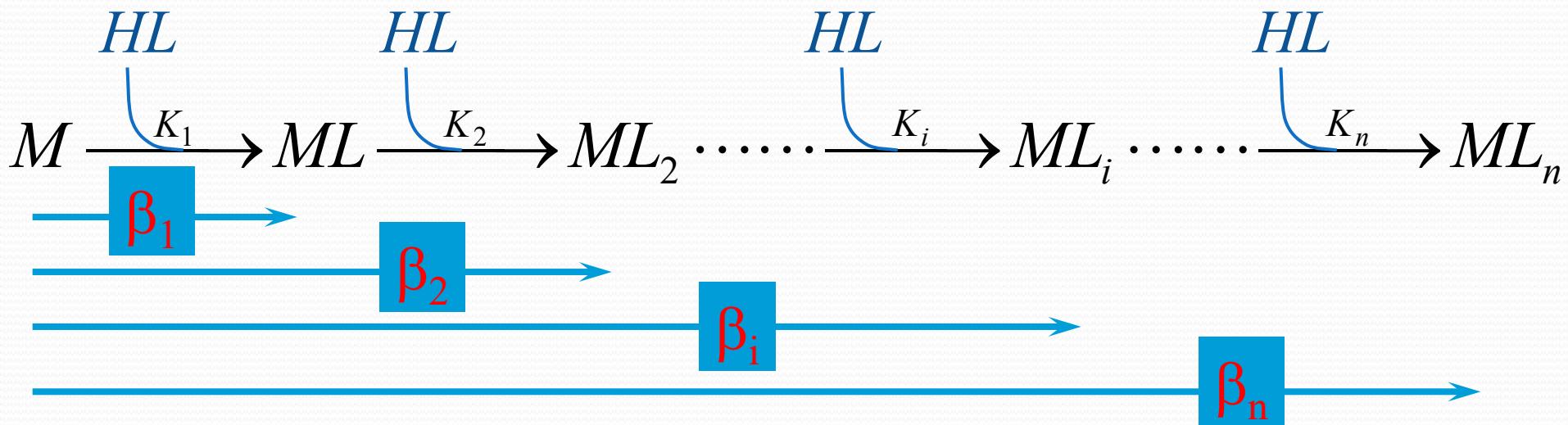
# Stability Constants

- Addition of a Ligand



# Stability Constants

- Addition of protonated Ligands

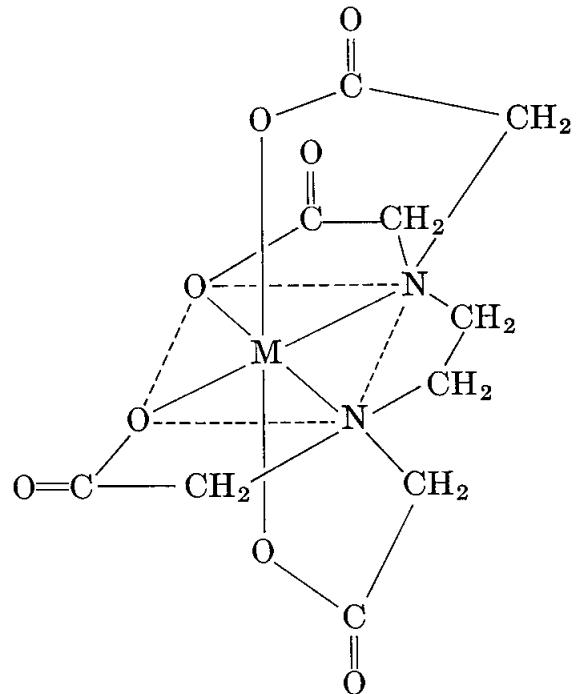
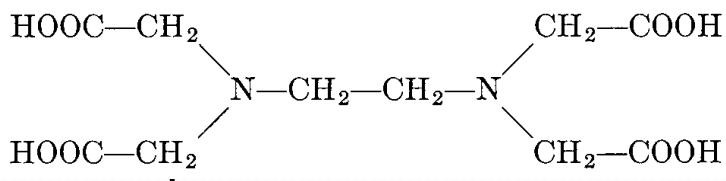


$$K_i = \frac{[ML_i][H^+]}{[ML_{(i-1)}][HL]}$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{[ML_i][H^+]^i}{[M][HL]^i}$$

# EDTA

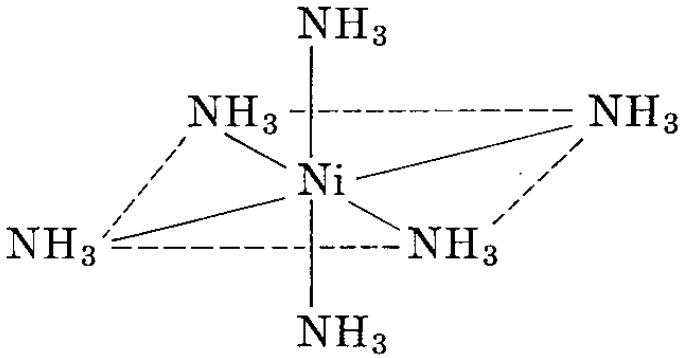
- Hexadentate Ligand
  - Ethylenediamine Tetraacetic Acid
    - Free form
  - Interest to Env. Eng.
    - Used in pollutant analysis
    - Model for NOM
    - Used for controlling scale
      - Huang et al., 2000 [JED 126:10:919]



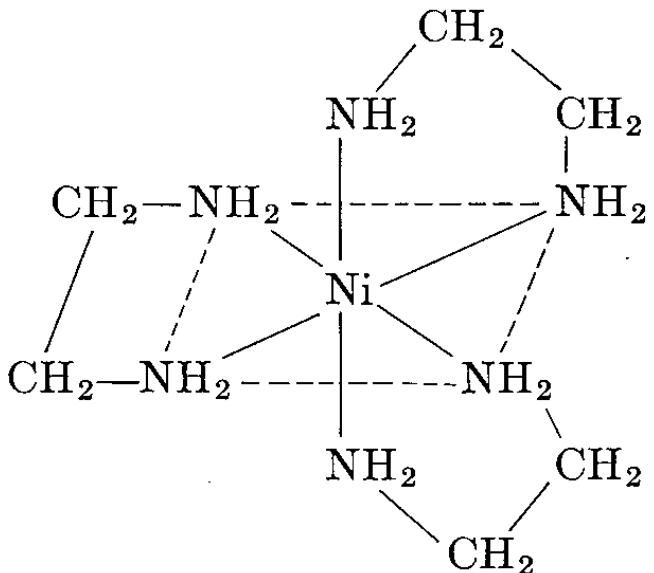
From: Butler, 1964

- Ni-hexammine
- Tris(ethylene) diamine nickel (II)

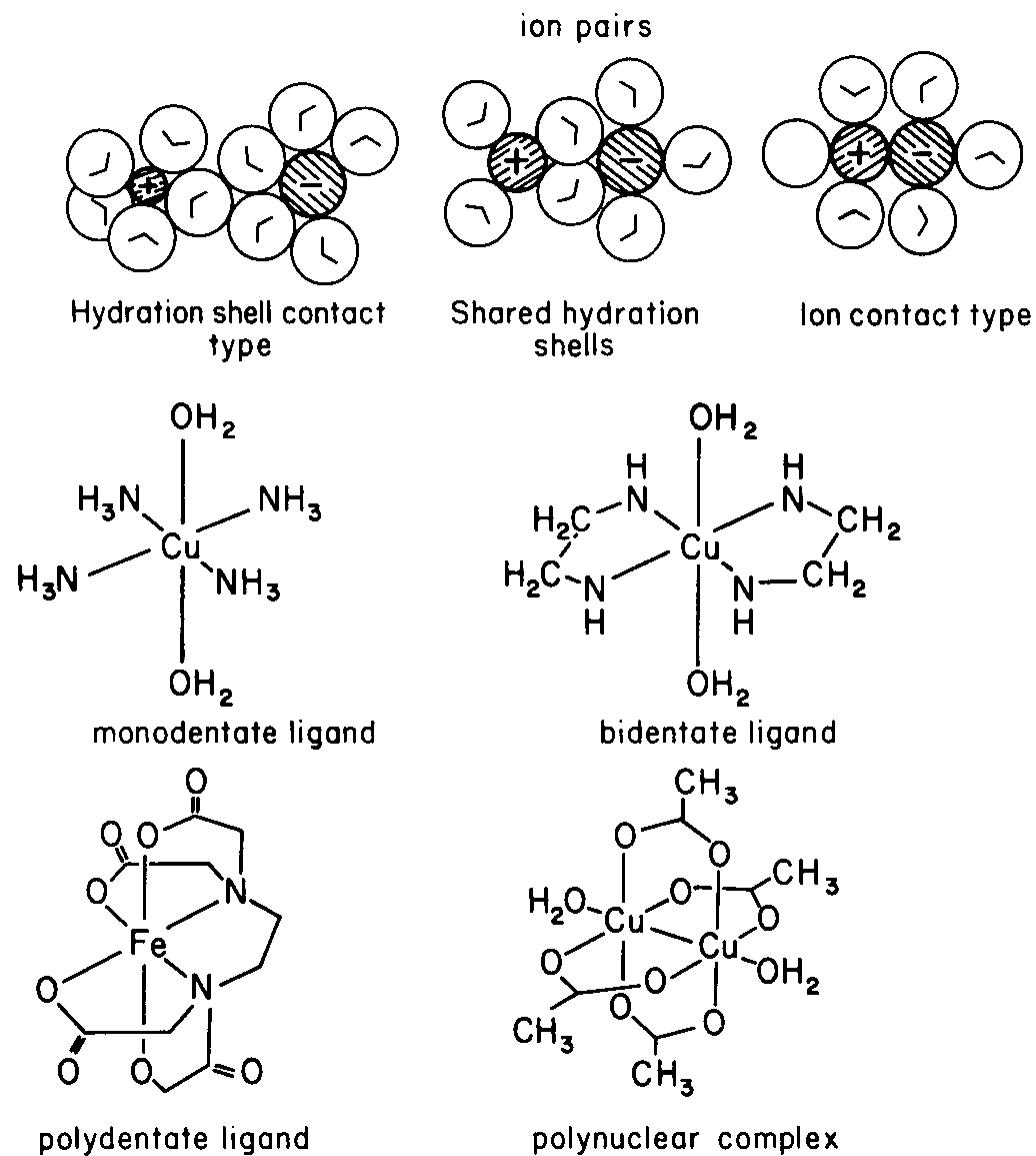
Butler, 1964; pg.374



n tris(ethylene diamine) nickel (II),



From: Morel & Hering, 1993



# Development of alpha

- Recall:

$$\beta_2 = K_1 K_2 = \frac{[\text{Zn(OH)}_2]}{[\text{Zn}^{+2}][\text{OH}^-]^2}$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{[ML_i]}{[M][L]^i}$$

- So:

$$\beta_2 = \frac{[ML_2]}{[M][L]^2}$$

$$\frac{[ML_2]}{[M]} = \beta_2 [L]^2$$

and

$$\beta_3 = \frac{[ML_3]}{[M][L]^3}$$

$$\frac{[ML_3]}{[M]} = \beta_3 [L]^3$$

Etc.

# Alpha (cont.)

- Now let's define, and alpha value

- And  $\alpha_0 \equiv \frac{[M]}{C_M} = \frac{[M]}{[M] + [ML] + [ML_2] + \dots + [ML_n]}$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_0 &\equiv \frac{[M]}{C_M} = \left( \frac{[M] + [ML] + [ML_2] + \dots + [ML_n]}{[M]} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( \frac{[M]}{[M]} + \frac{[ML]}{[M]} + \frac{[ML_2]}{[M]} + \dots + \frac{[ML_n]}{[M]} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( 1 + \beta_1[L] + \beta_2[L]^2 + \dots + \beta_n[L]^n \right)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$



$$\beta_2 = \frac{[ML_2]}{[M][L]^2}$$

$$\frac{[ML_2]}{[M]} = \beta_2[L]^2$$

# Alpha (cont.)

- Now other alpha's can be determined

$$\alpha_1 \equiv \frac{[ML]}{C_M} = \frac{[M]}{C_M} \frac{[ML]}{[M]}$$
$$= \alpha_0 \beta_1 [L]$$

- And

$$\alpha_2 \equiv \frac{[ML_2]}{C_M} = \frac{[M]}{C_M} \frac{[ML_2]}{[M]}$$
$$= \alpha_0 \beta_2 [L]^2$$

- So in general

$$\alpha_n \equiv \frac{[ML_n]}{C_M} = \alpha_0 \beta_n [L]^n$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{[ML]}{[M][L]}$$
$$\frac{[ML]}{[M]} = \boxed{\beta_1 [L]}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{[ML_2]}{[M][L]^2}$$
$$\frac{[ML_2]}{[M]} = \boxed{\beta_2 [L]^2}$$

# Summary

- In summary:

$$\alpha_0 \equiv \frac{[M]}{C_M} = \left(1 + \beta_1[L] + \beta_2[L]^2 + \cdots + \beta_n[L]^n\right)^{-1}$$

$$\alpha_n \equiv \frac{[ML_n]}{C_M} = \alpha_0 \beta_n [L]^n$$

- So if we know  $[L]$  and the  $\beta$ 's we can determine the entire speciation of the metal
- This is analogous to the  $\alpha$ 's of the acid/base systems
  - Where if you know  $[H^+]$  and the  $\alpha$ 's , you can determine the entire acid/base speciation

- To next lecture

**Fig 6.4b**  
**Pg.262**

