

Complexation and precipitation reactions

1. Evaluation of the complexation reaction based on the change in colour. Complexes and acidity.

- 1.1.** Add a few drops of Fe^{3+} solution ions to a test tube containing several drops of NH_4SCN . Then add a few drops of NH_4F solution. Discoloration of the solution indicates the complexation of Fe^{3+} ions by fluorides. Then add cautiously of the solution of concentrated H_2SO_4 , until the solution becomes red again. It indicates the presence of the Fe^{3+} complex in the thiocyanate solution.
- 1.2.** Add a few drops of 2 M NH_3 solution to the solution containing Cu^{2+} ions. The dark blue colour of the solution indicates the presence of the copper-ammonia complex. Then carefully add 2 M HCl dropwise and observing the color change of the solution.
- 1.3.** Add a few drops of 2 M NH_3 solution to the solution containing Ni^{2+} ions. The blue colour of the solution indicates the presence of the nickel-ammonia complex. Then carefully add 2 M HCl dropwise and observing the colour change of the solution.

Compilation of the results:

- ✓ Write complexation reactions and fill in the table below.

No.	Me^{n+}	Complex formula	Colour
1			
2			
3			

2. Sensitivity of the complexation reaction

First step. Prepare a series of Fe^{3+} solutions at concentrations of 10^{-1} , 10^{-2} , 10^{-3} , 10^{-4} , 10^{-5} and 10^{-6} mol/dm³ using successive dilutions method. Prepare 8 cm³ of each solution. Then add 1 cm³ of NH_4SCN solution and 1 cm³ of concentrated HCl to each test tube and shake thoroughly (iron standard solutions were obtained).

Second step. Add 1 cm³ of NH_4SCN solution and 1 cm³ of concentrated HCl to 8 cm³ of tap water.

Compilation of the results:

- ✓ Based on the observation of the colour of iron standard solutions obtained and the colour of tap water answer the question: how much iron (μg) is in a glass of tea (250 cm³)?

3. Precipitation reactions

- 3.1.** Add approximately 1 cm³ of AgNO_3 into five test tubes. Then:
- Add a few drops of HCl to the first test tube.
 - Add a few drops of NaOH to the second test tube.
 - Add a few drops of KBr to the third test tube.
 - Add a few drops of KI to the fourth test tube.
 - Add a few drops of K_2CrO_4 to the fifth test tube.

Note the colors of the precipitates.

3.2. Add approximately 1 cm³ of Pb(NO₃)₂ into the test tube and then add a few drops of KI. A yellow precipitate of PbI₂ will form. Add water and heat the mixture - the precipitate will dissolve. Cool the test tube with the lead iodide in a beaker of cold water. After cooling down, PbI₂ was again released as gold plates or gold glitter.

3.3. Amphotericity and precipitation reactions. Add a few drops of Al³⁺ ion solution to the test tube. Then add dropwise a solution of 0.1 M NaOH. Then divide precipitate into two test tubes. In first test tube dissolve the precipitate by adding further portions of 0.1 M NaOH, in second test tube dissolve the precipitate by adding 2 M HCl.

Optional repeat the experiment for the following cations: Zn²⁺, Pb²⁺.

Compilation of the results:

- ✓ Write precipitation reactions,
- ✓ describe the phenomena occurring during the experiments in point 3.3.

4. The scope of the material

- Structure of the coordination compounds,
- role of ligands and metal ions in the formation of complexes,
- nomenclature of chemical complexes,
- solubility equilibrium and solubility (K_s and s),
- salt effect, common ion effect,
- amphotericity and precipitation reactions.

5. Literature

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