

Determination of Manganese in Tap Water by a New Extraction-photometric Method

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Abstract

The heteroligand complex of manganese with 1,10-phenantroline and o-nitrobenzozosalicylic acid have been investigated by spectrophotometric method. The condition of complexing and extraction, physical-chemical and analytical characteristics of this complex have been found. Complex formation is observed in the pH range 5-11. Extraction constant was found as 5.3×10^{12} , stability constant was found as $\lg \beta_K = 9.03 \pm 0.03$. Molar absorptivity is $\epsilon = (1.36 \pm 0.08) \times 10^4$. Beer's law is obeyed in the range of 1.0-22.5 mg/L manganese(II).

The extraction-photometric methods of manganese determination have been worked out. The influence of diverse ions on determination of manganese(II) has been studied. The proposed method was applied successfully to determine amount of manganese in tap water.

Keywords: Extraction-photometric determination; Complexing; Manganese; 1,10-Phenantroline; Chromogenic organic reagent

Introduction

Manganese is considered to be the 12th most abundant element in the biosphere. Its concentration in earth crust reaches as high as 0.098%. It is widely distributed in soil, water, sediment and biological materials. Manganese has accumulative properties. Due to this accumulating in the organism chronic manganese excess affects the central nervous system, with the symptoms resembling those of Parkinson's disease [1].

Various methods for the determination of manganese with chromogenic organic reagents have been reported. The reagents suggested for determination of manganese include: toluidine blue [2], Mordant brown 33 [3], phenoxazine [4], eosin [5].

In the literature there is data on the use of o-nitrobenzozosalicylic acid for determination of nickel, zinc, ferrous, cobalt [6-9]. But no data about determination of manganese with o-nitrobenzozosalicylic acid can be found in the literature.

The heteroligand complex of manganese(II) has been investigated with 1,10-phenantroline (Phen) from aromatic diamines and with o-nitrobenzozosalicylic acid (oNBASA) from chromogenic organic reagents and the new rapid, simple and sensitive extraction-photometric method of manganese determination with these reagents have been worked out by us.

Experimental

Instruments

Absorption measurements were collected on a SF-46 spectrophotometer or KFK-3 photoelectrocolourimeter using 1 cm cuvette. The pH-meter EV-74 is used for pH measurements.

Reagents

Stock solution of 1.52×10^{-2} M manganese(II) was prepared from $MnCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ salt with qualification "p.f.a." (Pure for analysis) and quantity of manganese standardized gravimetrically [10]. Working solution of 4.5×10^{-4} M manganese(II) was prepared by dilution of stock solution with distilled water. Solution of oNBASA with 5×10^{-3} M concentration was prepared by dissolving the required amount in water, in which pH was arrived to 12 in advance. Solution of Phen with 1×10^{-2}

M concentration was prepared by dissolving the required amount of reagent which was the production in firm "Chemapol" in 50% ethanol (by volume). Universal or borate buffer solutions or 0.1 M CH_3COOH and NaOH solutions were used for obtaining appropriate pH.

Procedure

Appropriate amount of solutions of Phen and oNBASA have been added to the definite amount of solution of manganese(II) in test-tube with stoppers or in separator funnel. Then total volume has been diluted to 10 ml by adding of buffer solution. The mixture has been shaken for 1 minute with adding of 5 ml solvent. Colored extract has been transferred to the cuvette when the phases separated and absorbance has been measured relative to the water. The analogical experiment has been carried out without manganese and absorbance of the extract of reagent has been measured also relative to the water.

Results and Discussion

Investigations show that the derivatives of salicylic acid form colored complexes with transition metals [6-9] and this can be used in developing an extraction-photometric method for the determination of these metals, also of manganese(II).

Condition of complexing and spectral characteristics

The absorption spectra of chromogenic organic reagent and complex of manganese with Phen and oNBASA obtained in the pH range 5,0-11,0 of the aqueous phase showed that Mn(II) with Phen and oNBASA forms a complex one composition. The absorption spectra of solutions of reagent and the complex show that the maximum

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absorbance takes place at pH 10 (Figure 1) and wavelength of 370 nm have been selected for the present work (Figure 2).

The influence of the concentration of Phen and oNBASA was studied. The optimal concentration of Phen and oNBASA for formation of the complex was found to be 6×10^{-4} M and 2.5×10^{-4} M, respectively.

Excess amount of Phen and oNBASA does not affect the formation and extraction of the complex. Because, in the condition of complexing the carboxyl group of the chromogenic organic reagent is ionized and charged form is preferably in the aqueous phase. The heteroligand complex of Mn(II) with Phen and oNBASA was extracted with chloroform and dichloroethane. Optimal volume of aqueous and organic phase was found to be 25-50 and 5 ml, respectively. Mn-Phen-oNBASA complex is formed immediately after adding the reagents and extraction equilibrium is achieved by shaking up 1 minute.

The sequence of reagents to be added does not affect the complex formation and extraction. The intensity of color of the complex does not change depending on time and stable during the day.

Content of complex

The stoichiometric coefficients of the complexing were established. The molar ratio Mn: Phen: oNBASA was proved by the method of straight line and crossing the lines [11]. The results for the light absorption of the extracts at 370 nm showed that the complex was formed at a ratio Mn: Phen: oNBASA=1:2:2. By the method of Nazarenko [12] was established that the complexing form of manganese are the ions Mn^{+2} . The same amount of complex two times was extracted consistently and extraction percentage was found: 98.76%.

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By the method of Komar [11] was found molar absorptivity is $\epsilon = (1.36 \pm 0.08) \times 10^4$. Beer's law is obeyed in the range of 1.0-22.5 mkq manganese(II).

Effect of diverse ions

In order to assess the usefulness of the proposed method the influence of strange ions on the extraction-photometric determination of manganese was studied. The tolerance of the method of foreign

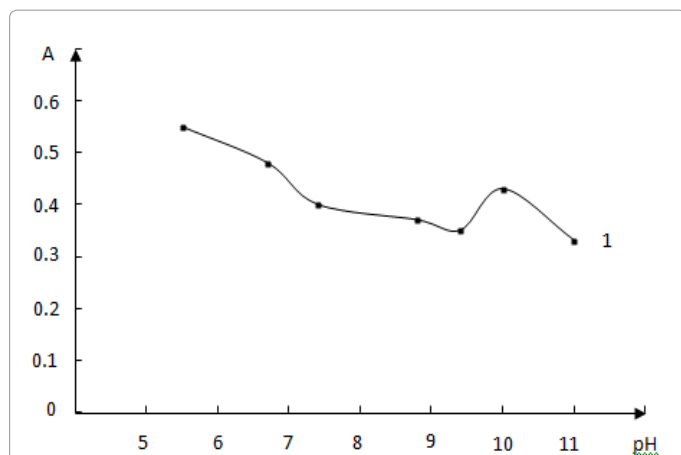


Figure 1: The influence of pH of the aqueous phase in the formation and extraction of the complex of manganese (II) with Phen and oNBASA, ($C_{Mn} = 2.23 \times 10^{-5}$ M, $C_{Phen} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ M, $C_{oNBASA} = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ M, KFK-3, $\lambda = 400$ nm).

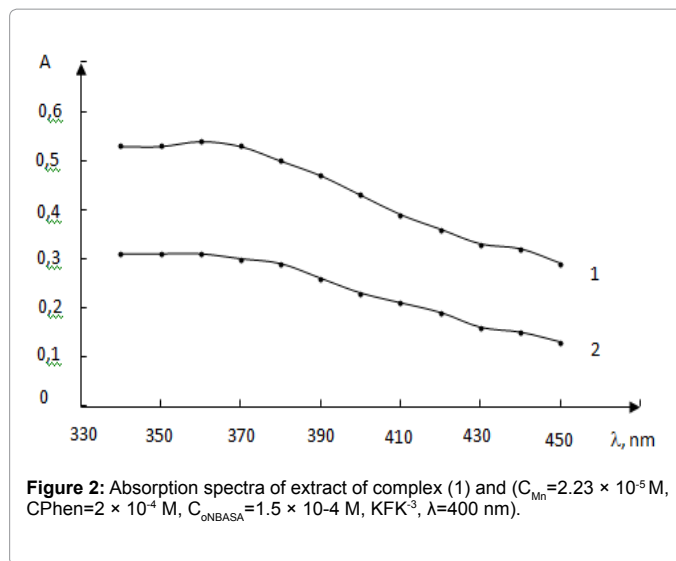


Figure 2: Absorption spectra of extract of complex (1) and ($C_{Mn} = 2.23 \times 10^{-5}$ M, $C_{Phen} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ M, $C_{oNBASA} = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ M, KFK-3, $\lambda = 400$ nm).

ions was investigated with solutions containing 10 mkq Mn(II) per 25 ml and various amounts of foreign ions. Mn(II) was determined as $Mn(Phen)_2(oNBASA)_2$ under the optimum conditions as described in the experimental procedure. The determination of manganese was possible in the presence of Li(I), Na(I), K(I), Ca(II), Sr(II), Ba(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Al(III), Ti(IV), Zn(II), V(V), Cr(III), Mo(VI), Ni(II), Pb(II), As(V), Mg(II), Bi(III), In(III), Ge(IV). But Co(II), Zn(II), Cu(II), Fe(III), Ag(I) ions were influenced on the extraction-photometric determination of manganese(II).

Determination of manganese(II) in tap water

Water sample was taken in the flask 2 l and was evaporated to dryness. Dry residue was dissolved in a buffer solution with pH 10 and by filtering was transferred to a 50 ml flask. Aliquot part was transferred to the separator funnel or test-tube. 2 ml buffer solution with appropriate pH, 0.6 ml Phen and 0.5 ml oNBASA was added. Then was diluted by the same buffer solution to 10 ml and was extracted with chloroform for 1 minute. Absorbance was measured in SF-46 in the cuvette of 1 cm when the phases separated. Amount of manganese was determined from the calibration graph. Amount of manganese have been determined in tap water by the proposed method: 0.018 ± 0.009 mkq/ml.

Conclusions

At the first time the heteroligand complex of manganese(II) has been investigated with 1,10-phenanthroline (Phen) and o-nitrobenzylazosalicylic acid (oNBASA) from chromogenic organic reagents. The new rapid, simple and sensitive extraction-photometric method of manganese determination with these reagents have been worked out and applied to determination of manganese(II) in tap water by us.

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