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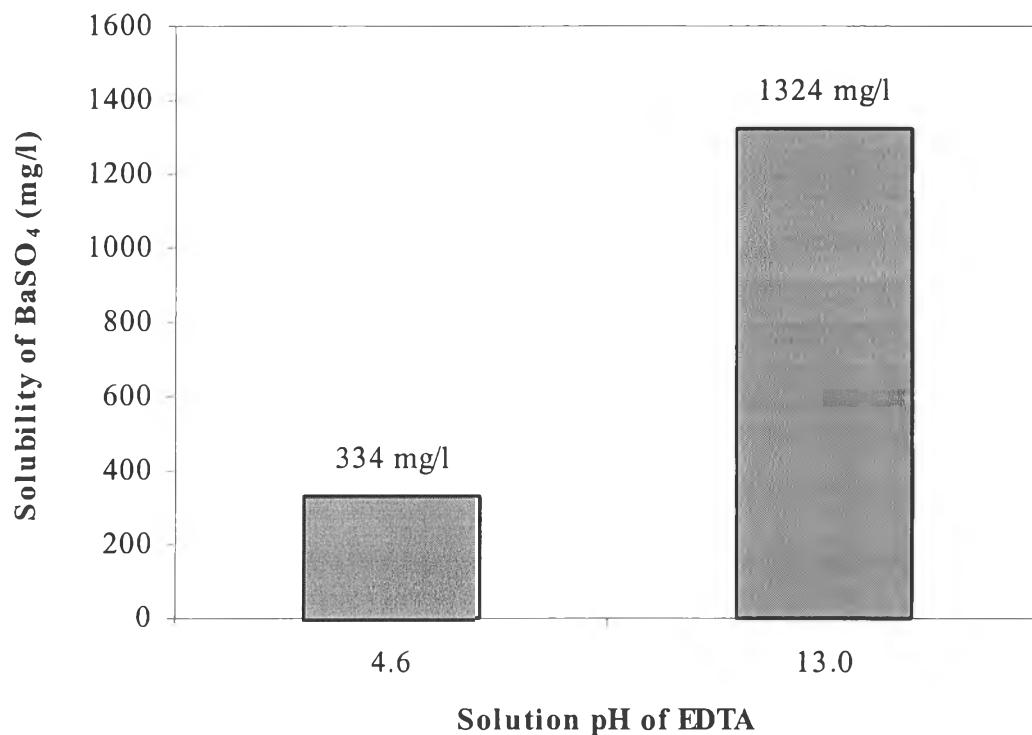
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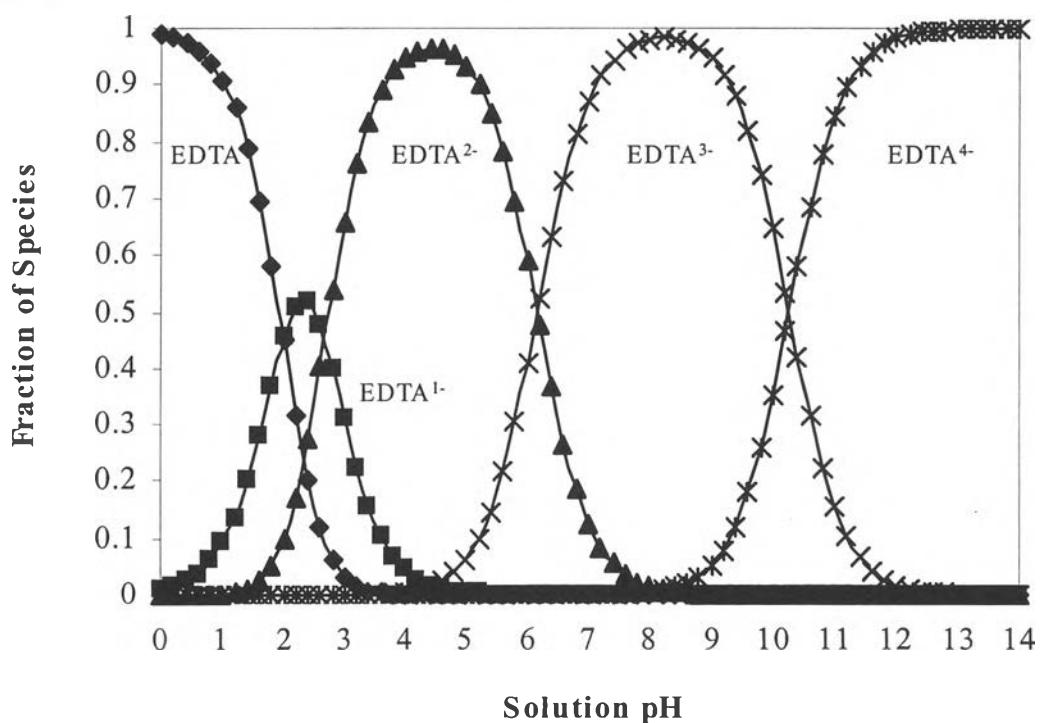
## APPENDICES

### Appendix A Solubility of BaSO<sub>4</sub> Precipitates in EDTA

The solubility of BaSO<sub>4</sub> precipitates in 0.25 M EDTA solution was first investigated. The effect of pH of EDTA solution on BaSO<sub>4</sub> solubility was studied by adjusting the originally prepared EDTA solution pH of 4.6 to 13 by adding potassium hydroxide. Figure 4.1 shows the solubility of BaSO<sub>4</sub> in these two different solution pHs. The results demonstrated that when pH of EDTA solution was increased from 4.6 to 13, the remarkable increase in the solubility of BaSO<sub>4</sub> from 334 mg/l to 1324 mg/l was observed. This can be explained by using the equilibrium acid constants ( $pK_a$ ) of EDTA. The deprotonation curve of EDTA presenting the fraction of deprotonated species at different pH values is shown in Figure 4.2. It was indicated that EDTA can be completely deprotonated at pH 13, thus it can basically dissolve much more amount of BaSO<sub>4</sub> than at original condition of pH 4.6. The value of BaSO<sub>4</sub> solubility at pH 13 was adequate to be used as the condition for completely dissolving the BaSO<sub>4</sub> precipitates in order to establish the correlation between the turbidity and the amount of BaSO<sub>4</sub> precipitates.



**Figure A.1** The solubility of  $\text{BaSO}_4$  in EDTA solution at pH 4.6 and 13.0.



**Figure A.2** The deprotonation curve of EDTA and the resulting species composition as a function of solution pH.

## Appendix B Experimental Data

### 1. Experimental Data of the Critical Supersaturation Ratio

**Table B.1** The critical supersaturation ratio data for the absence of scale inhibitors.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio						Average	
	pH 4		pH 6		pH 8			
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Batch 1	Batch 2	Batch 1	Batch 2		
2	1.55E+02	1.68E+02	1.68E+02	1.41E+02	1.38E+02	1.62E+02	1.55E+02	
24	1.43E+02	1.30E+02	1.40E+02	1.34E+02	1.30E+02	1.24E+02	1.34E+02	
48	1.19E+02	1.26E+02	1.24E+02	1.26E+02	1.25E+02	1.24E+02	1.24E+02	
72	1.17E+02	1.18E+02	1.12E+02	1.00E+02	1.06E+02	1.14E+02	1.11E+02	
96	9.70E+01	1.07E+02	8.99E+01	9.85E+01	9.69E+01	1.15E+02	1.01E+02	
192	9.50E+01	9.78E+01	8.81E+01	8.96E+01	8.66E+01	9.52E+01	9.21E+01	
360	8.30E+01	7.71E+01	7.38E+01	7.31E+01	6.99E+01	7.71E+01	7.57E+01	
720	6.59E+01	6.08E+01	6.69E+01	6.01E+01	5.65E+01	5.45E+01	6.08E+01	
2250	5.54E+01	4.68E+01	5.05E+01	5.13E+01	4.89E+01	3.77E+01	4.84E+01	

**Table B.2** The critical supersaturation ratio data for ATMP  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	2.48E+03	1.62E+03	2.05E+03
24	1.73E+03	1.27E+03	1.50E+03
48	3.81E+02	8.03E+02	5.92E+02
72	5.75E+02	3.20E+02	4.48E+02
96	2.63E+02	4.83E+02	3.73E+02
192	2.86E+02	2.92E+02	2.89E+02
360	2.54E+02	3.43E+02	2.98E+02
720	2.18E+02	2.97E+02	2.57E+02
2250	2.10E+02	3.04E+02	2.57E+02

**Table B.3** The critical supersaturation ratio data for ATMP  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	3.29E+03	2.90E+03	3.09E+03
24	2.32E+03	2.02E+03	2.17E+03
48	1.96E+03	1.70E+03	1.83E+03
72	1.17E+03	1.58E+03	1.37E+03
96	9.10E+02	1.12E+03	1.02E+03
192	8.44E+02	1.11E+03	9.77E+02
360	7.75E+02	1.05E+03	9.12E+02
720	7.39E+02	1.03E+03	8.86E+02
2250	7.93E+02	1.00E+03	8.97E+02

**Table B.4** The critical supersaturation ratio data for ATMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	3.89E+03	3.31E+03	3.60E+03
24	3.49E+03	3.16E+03	3.33E+03
48	3.29E+03	2.78E+03	3.03E+03
72	3.24E+03	2.85E+03	3.05E+03
96	2.97E+03	2.58E+03	2.78E+03
192	2.44E+03	2.06E+03	2.25E+03
360	2.23E+03	1.97E+03	2.10E+03
720	2.44E+03	1.84E+03	2.14E+03
2250	2.33E+03	1.84E+03	2.08E+03

**Table B.5** The critical supersaturation ratio data for ATMP  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	4.59E+03	5.38E+03	4.99E+03
24	4.75E+03	4.26E+03	4.50E+03
48	4.29E+03	3.88E+03	4.08E+03
72	4.04E+03	3.73E+03	3.89E+03
96	3.92E+03	3.48E+03	3.70E+03
192	3.52E+03	3.12E+03	3.32E+03
360	2.95E+03	2.88E+03	2.91E+03
720	2.70E+03	2.86E+03	2.78E+03
2250	2.82E+03	2.64E+03	2.73E+03

**Table B.6** The critical supersaturation ratio data for ATMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	1.35E+04	1.31E+04	1.33E+04
24	1.15E+04	1.10E+04	1.12E+04
48	1.14E+04	1.09E+04	1.11E+04
72	1.09E+04	1.13E+04	1.11E+04
96	1.00E+04	9.66E+03	9.85E+03
192	8.22E+03	7.93E+03	8.07E+03
360	8.14E+03	7.53E+03	7.83E+03
720	7.86E+03	7.50E+03	7.68E+03
2250	7.79E+03	7.61E+03	7.70E+03

**Table B.7** The critical supersaturation ratio data for ATMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 4.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	1.79E+03	1.60E+03	1.70E+03
24	7.89E+02	1.20E+03	9.97E+02
48	7.92E+02	4.45E+02	6.18E+02
72	7.50E+02	3.41E+02	5.45E+02
96	4.74E+02	2.91E+02	3.83E+02
192	4.13E+02	2.56E+02	3.34E+02
360	4.06E+02	2.37E+02	3.21E+02
720	4.35E+02	2.21E+02	3.28E+02
2250	4.20E+02	2.13E+02	3.17E+02

**Table B.8** The critical supersaturation ratio data for ATMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 8.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	6.63E+03	5.81E+03	6.22E+03
24	5.67E+03	5.14E+03	5.41E+03
48	4.73E+03	4.50E+03	4.61E+03
72	4.68E+03	4.13E+03	4.40E+03
96	4.57E+03	3.89E+03	4.23E+03
192	4.21E+03	3.71E+03	3.96E+03
360	4.15E+03	3.74E+03	3.95E+03
720	4.07E+03	3.71E+03	3.89E+03
2250	4.03E+03	3.79E+03	3.91E+03

**Table B.9** The critical supersaturation ratio data for DTPMP  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	8.21E+03	8.78E+03	8.50E+03
24	6.95E+03	7.50E+03	7.23E+03
48	6.41E+03	6.92E+03	6.66E+03
72	6.34E+03	7.36E+03	6.85E+03
96	5.97E+03	6.83E+03	6.40E+03
192	5.53E+03	6.38E+03	5.95E+03
360	5.13E+03	5.63E+03	5.38E+03
720	4.85E+03	5.54E+03	5.20E+03
2250	4.69E+03	5.61E+03	5.15E+03

**Table B.10** The critical supersaturation ratio data for DTPMP  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	9.84E+03	1.09E+04	1.04E+04
24	8.58E+03	9.38E+03	8.98E+03
48	7.86E+03	9.00E+03	8.43E+03
72	7.66E+03	8.27E+03	7.96E+03
96	7.54E+03	7.72E+03	7.63E+03
192	6.94E+03	7.33E+03	7.14E+03
360	6.65E+03	6.21E+03	6.43E+03
720	6.55E+03	6.92E+03	6.74E+03
2250	6.36E+03	6.73E+03	6.54E+03

**Table B.11** The critical supersaturation ratio data for DTPMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	1.23E+04	1.33E+04	1.28E+04
24	1.17E+04	1.28E+04	1.23E+04
48	1.05E+04	1.17E+04	1.11E+04
72	9.90E+03	1.06E+04	1.02E+04
96	9.41E+03	1.02E+04	9.81E+03
192	8.52E+03	9.48E+03	9.00E+03
360	8.21E+03	9.17E+03	8.69E+03
720	8.46E+03	8.66E+03	8.56E+03
2250	8.10E+03	9.18E+03	8.64E+03

**Table B.12** The critical supersaturation ratio data for DTPMP  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	1.44E+04	1.56E+04	1.50E+04
24	1.38E+04	1.43E+04	1.41E+04
48	1.36E+04	1.42E+04	1.39E+04
72	1.31E+04	1.34E+04	1.33E+04
96	1.23E+04	1.29E+04	1.26E+04
192	1.15E+04	1.24E+04	1.20E+04
360	1.09E+04	1.18E+04	1.14E+04
720	1.01E+04	1.07E+04	1.04E+04
2250	9.91E+03	1.02E+04	1.01E+04

**Table B.13** The critical supersaturation ratio data for DTPMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	3.10E+04	3.34E+04	3.22E+04
24	3.03E+04	3.20E+04	3.11E+04
48	2.85E+04	3.11E+04	2.98E+04
72	2.80E+04	3.00E+04	2.90E+04
96	2.67E+04	2.86E+04	2.76E+04
192	2.43E+04	2.78E+04	2.60E+04
360	2.33E+04	2.60E+04	2.46E+04
720	2.39E+04	2.46E+04	2.42E+04
2250	2.27E+04	2.40E+04	2.34E+04

**Table B.14** The critical supersaturation ratio data for DTPMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 4.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	1.04E+04	1.10E+04	1.07E+04
24	9.66E+03	1.05E+04	1.01E+04
48	9.08E+03	9.91E+03	9.49E+03
72	8.65E+03	9.40E+03	9.03E+03
96	7.66E+03	8.42E+03	8.04E+03
192	7.04E+03	7.54E+03	7.29E+03
360	6.50E+03	7.14E+03	6.82E+03
720	6.49E+03	7.01E+03	6.75E+03
2250	6.39E+03	7.30E+03	6.84E+03

**Table B.15** The critical supersaturation ratio data for DTPMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 8.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	1.45E+04	1.48E+04	1.47E+04
24	1.40E+04	1.46E+04	1.43E+04
48	1.30E+04	1.36E+04	1.33E+04
72	1.27E+04	1.32E+04	1.30E+04
96	1.22E+04	1.28E+04	1.25E+04
192	1.13E+04	1.23E+04	1.18E+04
360	1.01E+04	1.07E+04	1.04E+04
720	9.95E+03	1.09E+04	1.04E+04
2250	9.84E+03	1.07E+04	1.03E+04

**Table B.16** The critical supersaturation ratio data for PPCA  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	1.66E+04	1.85E+04	1.76E+04
24	1.44E+04	1.64E+04	1.54E+04
48	1.38E+04	1.57E+04	1.47E+04
72	1.29E+04	1.50E+04	1.40E+04
96	1.20E+04	1.42E+04	1.31E+04
192	1.04E+04	1.36E+04	1.20E+04
360	1.06E+04	1.28E+04	1.17E+04
720	9.79E+03	1.26E+04	1.12E+04
2250	9.66E+03	1.20E+04	1.08E+04

**Table B.17** The critical supersaturation ratio data for PPCA  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	2.28E+04	2.40E+04	2.34E+04
24	1.86E+04	2.09E+04	1.98E+04
48	1.80E+04	1.93E+04	1.86E+04
72	1.66E+04	1.81E+04	1.73E+04
96	1.57E+04	1.70E+04	1.63E+04
192	1.44E+04	1.59E+04	1.52E+04
360	1.28E+04	1.44E+04	1.36E+04
720	1.28E+04	1.39E+04	1.34E+04
2250	1.25E+04	1.43E+04	1.34E+04

**Table B.18** The critical supersaturation ratio data for PPCA  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	2.74E+04	2.81E+04	2.77E+04
24	2.50E+04	2.51E+04	2.50E+04
48	2.26E+04	2.50E+04	2.38E+04
72	2.17E+04	2.35E+04	2.26E+04
96	2.20E+04	2.33E+04	2.27E+04
192	2.09E+04	2.13E+04	2.11E+04
360	1.90E+04	2.06E+04	1.98E+04
720	1.83E+04	1.93E+04	1.88E+04
2250	1.78E+04	1.95E+04	1.87E+04

**Table B.19** The critical supersaturation ratio data for PPCA  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	3.17E+04	3.27E+04	3.22E+04
24	2.88E+04	3.10E+04	2.99E+04
48	2.81E+04	2.91E+04	2.86E+04
72	2.56E+04	2.84E+04	2.70E+04
96	2.44E+04	2.57E+04	2.51E+04
192	2.34E+04	2.51E+04	2.43E+04
360	2.29E+04	2.42E+04	2.35E+04
720	2.19E+04	2.41E+04	2.30E+04
2250	2.15E+04	2.34E+04	2.25E+04

**Table B.20** The critical supersaturation ratio data for PPCA  $7.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	8.09E+04	7.09E+04	7.59E+04
24	7.09E+04	6.32E+04	6.71E+04
48	6.26E+04	5.85E+04	6.05E+04
72	6.20E+04	5.57E+04	5.89E+04
96	6.00E+04	5.28E+04	5.64E+04
192	5.55E+04	4.79E+04	5.17E+04
360	4.96E+04	4.30E+04	4.63E+04
720	4.77E+04	4.23E+04	4.50E+04
2250	4.68E+04	4.43E+04	4.55E+04

**Table B.21** The critical supersaturation ratio data for PPCA  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 4.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	2.16E+04	2.07E+04	2.11E+04
24	1.99E+04	1.78E+04	1.88E+04
48	1.95E+04	1.64E+04	1.80E+04
72	1.75E+04	1.57E+04	1.66E+04
96	1.65E+04	1.53E+04	1.59E+04
192	1.54E+04	1.41E+04	1.47E+04
360	1.35E+04	1.20E+04	1.28E+04
720	1.31E+04	1.16E+04	1.24E+04
2250	1.35E+04	9.70E+03	1.16E+04

**Table B.22** The critical supersaturation ratio data for PPCA  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 8.

Testing time (h)	Critical supersaturation ratio		
	Batch 1	Batch 2	Average
2	3.44E+04	3.35E+04	3.39E+04
24	3.06E+04	3.18E+04	3.12E+04
48	2.95E+04	2.80E+04	2.87E+04
72	2.82E+04	2.77E+04	2.80E+04
96	2.83E+04	2.62E+04	2.72E+04
192	2.71E+04	2.51E+04	2.61E+04
360	2.55E+04	2.18E+04	2.37E+04
720	2.34E+04	2.26E+04	2.30E+04
2250	2.29E+04	2.28E+04	2.28E+04

## 2. Experimental Data of the Particle Size Distribution

**Table B.23** The particle size distribution data for ATMP  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0	0	0	0
1 - 2	0	0	0	0
2 - 3	0	0	0	0.5
3 - 4	0.2	0	0	0
4 - 5	71.4	2.7	10.6	1.2
5 - 6	28.4	47.9	8.9	18
6 - 7	0	54.8	65.2	56.8
7 - 8	0	0	15.3	23.5
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	4.82	6.09	6.61	6.78

**Table B.24** The particle size distribution data for ATMP  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0	0	0	0
1 - 2	0	0.5	0	0
2 - 3	0.9	0	0	0.7
3 - 4	42.7	8.9	3.2	0.7
4 - 5	53.3	27.3	15.2	18.4
5 - 6	3.1	61.5	44.7	51.1
6 - 7	0	1.8	36.9	26.2
7 - 8	0	0	0	2.9
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	4.58	5.44	5.80	5.88

**Table B.25** The particle size distribution data for ATMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0.3	0	0	0
1 - 2	0	0	0	0.9
2 - 3	2.3	0.9	1.8	1.8
3 - 4	60.6	20.7	8.3	4.2
4 - 5	36.8	54.9	63.1	47.5
5 - 6	0	23.5	25.1	35.2
6 - 7	0	0	1.7	10.4
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	3.78	4.58	4.89	4.94

**Table B.26** The particle size distribution data for ATMP  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	28.5	17.9	4.8	6.4
1 - 2	37.9	13.5	20.9	15.6
2 - 3	24.4	41.3	33.4	24.5
3 - 4	9.2	26.6	37	36.3
4 - 5	0	0.7	3.9	16.9
5 - 6	0	0	0	0.3
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.86	2.57	2.87	2.90

**Table B.27** The particle size distribution data for ATMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 4.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0	0	0	0
1 - 2	0	0	0	0
2 - 3	0	0	0	0
3 - 4	0	0.5	0	0
4 - 5	46.4	0	0.9	0
5 - 6	53.6	20.3	9.2	5.3
6 - 7	0	64.4	46.2	28.5
7 - 8	0	14.8	43.7	63.5
8 - 9	0	0	0	2.7
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	5.03	6.45	6.97	7.21

**Table B.28** The particle size distribution data for ATMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 8.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	25.4	7.4	4.9	4.8
1 - 2	18.3	19.4	15	10.7
2 - 3	54.5	42.1	28.9	24.5
3 - 4	1.8	30.6	46.8	43.7
4 - 5	0	0.5	4.4	15.9
5 - 6	0	0	0	0.4
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	2.32	2.86	3.09	3.13

**Table B.29** The particle size distribution data for DTPMP  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0	0.9	0	0
1 - 2	4.9	0	0.2	0.8
2 - 3	32.1	1.8	1.7	3.7
3 - 4	63	23.2	10.9	13.6
4 - 5	0	56.7	62.8	42
5 - 6	0	17.4	24.4	37.5
6 - 7	0	0	0	2.4
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	3.21	4.34	4.76	4.89

**Table B.30** The particle size distribution data for DTPMP  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0	0	0	0.4
1 - 2	3.8	0.9	0.3	0
2 - 3	45.7	17.5	16.7	6.3
3 - 4	47.3	43.7	29.8	22.4
4 - 5	3.2	36.2	46.1	52.8
5 - 6	0	1.2	6.3	18
6 - 7	0	0.5	0.8	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0.1
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	3.07	3.88	4.22	4.27

**Table B.31** The particle size distribution data for DTPMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0.5	3.6	6.6	0.9
1 - 2	11.3	9.9	6.6	1.7
2 - 3	74.2	20.1	13.9	18.4
3 - 4	8.9	50.5	58.5	64.8
4 - 5	5.1	15.9	14.4	11.1
5 - 6	0	0	0	3.1
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	2.48	3.17	3.45	3.46

**Table B.32** The particle size distribution data for DTPMP  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	50.8	27.1	10.6	18.8
1 - 2	23.3	43.5	57.5	53.7
2 - 3	13.9	16.2	21.3	17.1
3 - 4	6.3	9.1	4.2	3.3
4 - 5	5.7	4.1	3.8	2.9
5 - 6	0	0	2.6	4.2
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.01	1.62	1.89	1.87

**Table B.33** The particle size distribution data for DTPMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 4.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	0	0	0	0
1 - 2	2.2	0	0	0
2 - 3	21.2	0.5	0	0
3 - 4	76.6	16.8	5.9	3.7
4 - 5	0	54.8	45.7	42.4
5 - 6	0	27.9	48.1	50.4
6 - 7	0	0	0.3	3.5
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	3.36	4.58	4.92	5.09

**Table B.34** The particle size distribution data for DTPMP  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 8.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	48.4	29.2	24.3	21.5
1 - 2	12.6	35.7	29.9	43.8
2 - 3	24.9	22.3	31.7	19
3 - 4	14.1	11.6	9.4	9.2
4 - 5	0	1.2	4.7	3.9
5 - 6	0	0	0	2.6
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.13	1.57	1.71	1.74

**Table B.35** The particle size distribution data for PPCA  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	12.3	2.7	4.2	1.1
1 - 2	58.7	12.4	5.9	9.3
2 - 3	24.5	53.1	34.3	28.6
3 - 4	4.5	27.9	42	48.2
4 - 5	0	3.9	12.9	9.1
5 - 6	0	0	0.7	3.7
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.77	2.79	3.10	3.18

**Table B.36** The particle size distribution data for PPCA  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	23.3	5.8	7.7	3.1
1 - 2	45.8	22.6	16.3	19.3
2 - 3	11.7	49.2	52.9	42.8
3 - 4	16.7	18.7	17.6	28.9
4 - 5	2.5	3.7	5.5	4.6
5 - 6	0	0	0	1.3
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.65	2.37	2.59	2.63

**Table B.37** The particle size distribution data for PPCA  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	42.7	20.1	9.8	14.2
1 - 2	37.5	44.6	42.8	40.5
2 - 3	10.3	23.4	30.7	24.3
3 - 4	7.5	5.7	9	15.4
4 - 5	0.7	4.5	7.3	3.3
5 - 6	1.3	1.7	0.4	2.3
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.19	1.72	1.89	1.91

**Table B.38** The particle size distribution data for PPCA  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M and initial solution pH of 6.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	67.4	32.7	28.5	18.8
1 - 2	15.8	45.1	43.3	53.4
2 - 3	7.7	10.6	17	14.5
3 - 4	3.4	2.7	6.1	8.2
4 - 5	4.5	7.5	3	4.3
5 - 6	1.2	1.4	2.1	0.8
6 - 7	0	0	0	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	0.49	1.04	1.28	1.30

**Table B.39** The particle size distribution data for PPCA  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 4.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	13.5	3.9	5.1	4.3
1 - 2	41.5	21.5	14.8	2.1
2 - 3	18.7	14.3	23.6	18.5
3 - 4	25.2	45.8	39.3	47
4 - 5	1.1	14.2	15.8	24.6
5 - 6	0	0.3	1.4	2.9
6 - 7	0	0	0	0.6
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1.98	3.08	3.26	3.35

**Table B.40** The particle size distribution data for PPCA  $7.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and initial solution pH of 8.

Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percent by volume at different testing time			
	2 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
0 - 1	45.8	29.1	16	22.9
1 - 2	25.5	39.7	47.3	39.5
2 - 3	10.8	15.4	28.5	18.9
3 - 4	14.2	8.5	4.2	12.7
4 - 5	1.1	6.2	3.6	5.2
5 - 6	2.6	0.9	0	0.8
6 - 7	0	0.2	0.4	0
7 - 8	0	0	0	0
Mean diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	0.92	1.21	1.35	1.32

## Appendix C Calculation Method for Deprotonation Curve of Scale Inhibitors

### 1. Equilibrium Acid Constant

The equilibrium acid constant is defined in terms of the activity of product species divided by reactant species as shown below:

Consider the following reaction:



The equilibrium acid constant is expressed as:

$$K_a = \frac{a_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+} a_{\text{A}^-}}{a_{\text{HA}}} \quad (\text{C.1})$$

where 'a' denotes the activities of the hydrated species

Rearranging Eq. (C.1):

$$a_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+} = \frac{(K_a)(a_{\text{HA}})}{a_{\text{A}^-}} \quad (\text{C.2})$$

Taking the logarithms both sides of Eq. (C.2):

$$-\log a_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+} = -\log \left[ \frac{(K_a)(a_{\text{HA}})}{a_{\text{A}^-}} \right] \quad (\text{C.3})$$

Rearranging Eq. (C.3):

$$-\log a_{H_3O^+} = -\left[ \log K_a - \log \frac{a_{A^-}}{a_{HA}} \right] \quad (C.4)$$

where  $pH = -\log a_{H_3O^+}$  and  $pK_a = -\log K_a$

Therefore, Eq. (C.4) becomes:

$$pH = pK_a + \log \left[ \frac{a_{A^-}}{a_{HA}} \right] \quad (C.5)$$

or

$$pH = pK_a + \log \left[ \frac{a_{\text{basic species}}}{a_{\text{acidic species}}} \right] \quad (C.6)$$

## 2. Activity

The activity is defined as:

$$a_i = C_i f_i \quad (C.7)$$

where  $C_i$  = Molar concentration (M)

$f_i$  = Activity coefficient

Substituting Eq. (C.7) into Eq. (C.1):

$$K_a = \frac{(C_{H_3O^+} f_{H_3O^+})(C_{A^-} f_{A^-})}{(C_{HA} f_{HA})} \quad (C.8)$$

Rearranging Eq. (C.8):

$$K_a = \frac{C_{H_3O^+} C_{A^-}}{C_{HA}} \cdot \frac{f_{H_3O^+} f_{A^-}}{f_{HA}} \quad (C.9)$$

$$K_a' = K_a \cdot \frac{f_{H_3O^+} f_{A^-}}{f_{HA}} \quad (C.10)$$

$$\text{where } K_a' = \frac{C_{H_3O^+} C_{A^-}}{C_{HA}}$$

Rearranging Eq. (C.10):

$$K_a' = K_a \frac{f_{HA}}{f_{H_3O^+} f_{A^-}} = f(T, f_i) \quad (C.11)$$

The Eq. (C.6) is normally used in terms of molar concentration unit (M), therefore the Eq. (C.6) is expressed as:

$$pH = pK_a' + \log \left[ \frac{C_{\text{basic species}}}{C_{\text{acidic species}}} \right] \quad (C.12)$$

In general, the equilibrium reaction of acid is shown as:



From Eq. (C.13), Eq. (C.12) becomes:

$$pH = pK_a' + \log \left[ \frac{C_{H_{n-1}A^{(x+1)-}}}{C_{H_nA^{x-}}} \right] \quad (C.14)$$

From Eq. (C.11), it is illustrated that  $K_a'$  is a function of temperature (T) and activity coefficient ( $f_i$ ), nevertheless the activity coefficient is also depended upon the ionic strength (I) as shown by the Debye-Hückel equation. The Debye-Hückel equation for dilute solution can be expressed as:

$$\log f_i = -\frac{A Z^2 I^{0.5}}{1+I^{0.5}} + 0.1 Z^2 I \quad (C.15)$$

where  $f_i$  = Activity coefficient

I = Ionic strength (M)

Z = Charge

A = a temperature-dependent constant

(at 25°C: A = 0.512)

Coupling Eq. (C.15) with Eq. (C.14), Eq. (C.14) becomes:

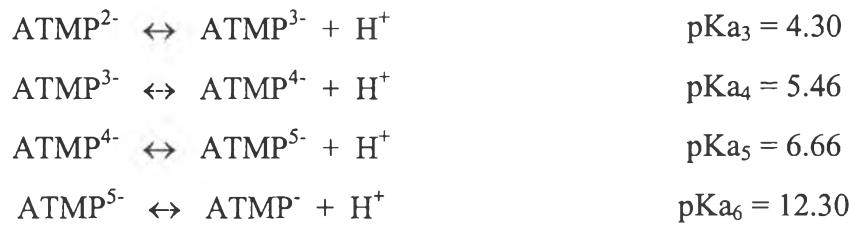
$$pH = pK_a - \frac{(2x+1)AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 0.1(2x+1)I + \log \left[ \frac{C_{Hn-1A(x+1)-}}{C_{HnAx-}} \right] \quad (C.16)$$

$$\text{where } pK_a' = pK_a - \frac{(2x+1)AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 0.1(2x+1)I \quad (C.17)$$

### 3. Calculation Method for Deprotonation Curves

For example, the Aminotri(methylene phosphonic acid) (ATMP) is a polyprotic acid which dissociates in several steps depended upon the number ionizable protons contained in the molecule as shown below:





The dissociation of ATMP can be expressed in terms of six equilibrium acid constants as shown by the following equations:

$$\text{Ka}_1 = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{ATMP}]} \quad (\text{C.18})$$

$$\text{Ka}_2 = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{2-}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{ATMP}^-]} \quad (\text{C.19})$$

$$\text{Ka}_3 = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{3-}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{ATMP}^{2-}]} \quad (\text{C.20})$$

$$\text{Ka}_4 = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{4-}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{ATMP}^{3-}]} \quad (\text{C.21})$$

$$\text{Ka}_5 = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{5-}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{ATMP}^{4-}]} \quad (\text{C.22})$$

$$\text{Ka}_6 = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{6-}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{ATMP}^{5-}]} \quad (\text{C.23})$$

The total ATMP concentration is the summation of all ATMP species:

$$\text{ATMP}_{\text{Total}} = [\text{ATMP}^{6-}] + [\text{ATMP}^{5-}] + [\text{ATMP}^{4-}] + \dots + [\text{ATMP}^-] + [\text{ATMP}] \quad (\text{C.24})$$

From the equilibrium reaction indicating the several deprotonation steps of ATMP, the concentration of each deprotonated species can be expressed as:

$$[\text{ATMP}] = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^-][\text{H}^+]}{\text{Ka}_1} \quad (\text{C.25})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^-] = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{2-}][\text{H}^+]}{\text{Ka}_2} \quad (\text{C.26})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{2-}] = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{3-}][\text{H}^+]}{\text{Ka}_3} \quad (\text{C.27})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{3-}] = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{4-}][\text{H}^+]}{\text{Ka}_4} \quad (\text{C.28})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{4-}] = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{5-}][\text{H}^+]}{\text{Ka}_5} \quad (\text{C.29})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{5-}] = \frac{[\text{ATMP}^{6-}][\text{H}^+]}{\text{Ka}_6} \quad (\text{C.30})$$

From Eq. (C.16) and (C.17), all deprotonated species can be rewritten in terms of pH and pKa' as shown below:

$$[\text{ATMP}] = [\text{ATMP}^-]10^{p\text{Ka}1' - \text{pH}} \quad (\text{C.31})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^-] = [\text{ATMP}^{2-}]10^{p\text{Ka}2' - \text{pH}} \quad (\text{C.32})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{2-}] = [\text{ATMP}^{3-}]10^{p\text{Ka}3' - \text{pH}} \quad (\text{C.33})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{3-}] = [\text{ATMP}^{4-}]10^{p\text{Ka}4' - \text{pH}} \quad (\text{C.34})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{4-}] = [\text{ATMP}^{5-}]10^{p\text{Ka}5' - \text{pH}} \quad (\text{C.35})$$

$$[\text{ATMP}^{5-}] = [\text{ATMP}^{6-}]10^{p\text{Ka}6' - \text{pH}} \quad (\text{C.36})$$

where

$$p\text{Ka}'_1 = p\text{Ka}_1 - \frac{AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 0.1I \quad (\text{C.37})$$

$$p\text{Ka}'_2 = p\text{Ka}_2 - \frac{3AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 0.3I \quad (\text{C.38})$$

$$pK_a'_3 = pK_a_3 - \frac{5AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 0.5I \quad (C.39)$$

$$pK_a'_4 = pK_a_4 - \frac{7AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 0.7I \quad (C.40)$$

$$pK_a'_5 = pK_a_5 - \frac{9AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 0.9I \quad (C.41)$$

$$pK_a'_6 = pK_a_6 - \frac{11AI^{0.5}}{(1+I^{0.5})} + 1.1I \quad (C.42)$$

Substituting Eq. (C.31) – (C.36) in Eq. (C.24) and rearranging:

$$\begin{aligned} ATMP_{\text{Total}} = & [ATMP^{6-}] (1 + 10^{pK_a_6' - pH} + 10^{pK_a_6' + pK_a_5' - 2pH} + 10^{pK_a_6' + pK_a_5' + pK_a_4' - 3pH} \\ & + \dots + 10^{pK_a_6' + pK_a_5' + pK_a_4' + pK_a_3' + pK_a_2' + pK_a_1' - 6pH}) \end{aligned} \quad (C.43)$$

Defining:

$$A = (1 + 10^{pK_a_6' - pH} + 10^{pK_a_6' + pK_a_5' - 2pH} + \dots + 10^{pK_a_6' + pK_a_5' + pK_a_4' + pK_a_3' + pK_a_2' + pK_a_1' - 6pH}) \quad (C.44)$$

Substituting Eq. (C.44) in Eq. (C.43), Eq. (C.43) becomes:

$$[ATMP^{6-}] = \frac{ATMP_{\text{Total}}}{A} \quad (C.45)$$

Therefore, the fraction of all deprotonated species can be calculated from the following equations:

$$\text{Fraction of } [ATMP^{6-}] \text{ species} = \frac{[ATMP^{6-}]}{ATMP_{\text{Total}}} = \frac{1}{A} \quad (C.46)$$

$$\text{Fraction of } [\text{ATMP}^{5-}] \text{ species} = \frac{10^{\text{pKa}_6' - \text{pH}}}{A} \quad (\text{C.47})$$

$$\text{Fraction of } [\text{ATMP}^{4-}] \text{ species} = \frac{10^{\text{pKa}_6' + \text{pKa}_5' - 2\text{pH}}}{A} \quad (\text{C.48})$$

$$\text{Fraction of } [\text{ATMP}^{3-}] \text{ species} = \frac{10^{\text{pKa}_6' + \text{pKa}_5' + \text{pKa}_4' - 3\text{pH}}}{A} \quad (\text{C.49})$$

$$\text{Fraction of } [\text{ATMP}^{2-}] \text{ species} = \frac{10^{\text{pKa}_6' + \text{pKa}_5' + \text{pKa}_4' + \text{pKa}_3' - 4\text{pH}}}{A} \quad (\text{C.50})$$

$$\text{Fraction of } [\text{ATMP}^-] \text{ species} = \frac{10^{\text{pKa}_6' + \text{pKa}_5' + \text{pKa}_4' + \text{pKa}_3' + \text{pKa}_2' - 5\text{pH}}}{A} \quad (\text{C.51})$$

$$\text{Fraction of } [\text{ATMP}] \text{ species} = \frac{10^{\text{pKa}_6' + \text{pKa}_5' + \text{pKa}_4' + \text{pKa}_3' + \text{pKa}_2' + \text{pKa}_1' - 6\text{pH}}}{A} \quad (\text{C.52})$$

Substituting the values of  $\text{pKa}_1'$  to  $\text{pKa}_6'$  from Eq. (C.37) – (C.42) in Eq. (C.46) – (C.52), the fraction of all deprotonated species of ATMP is subsequently attained.

The deprotonation curves for DTPMP and EDTA can be obtained in the same manner as ATMP.

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