

Different Kinetic Behavior of Zinc(II), Cadmium(II), and Lead(II) Porphyrins in the Ligand-Substitution Reaction with Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid

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Kinetics and mechanism of the ligand-substitution reaction of Zn-, Cd-, and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ (H₂tpps⁴⁻=5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrin) with ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) have been studied at 25 °C and *I*=0.1 mol dm⁻³ (NaNO₃). The rate equation for the decrease of M(tpps)⁴⁻ is expressed as $-d[M(tpps)^{4-}]/dt = (k_1[edta^{4-}] + k_2[Hedta^{3-}] + k_3k_4[H]^2(k_{-3} + k_4[H^+])^{-1})[M(tpps)^{4-}]$, where M=Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, and Pb²⁺, and edta⁴⁻ denotes the fully deprotonated form of EDTA, respectively. The values of *k*₁ were found to be 0 for all of the metalloporphyrins studied, and *k*₂=0 mol⁻¹dm³s⁻¹; *k*₃*k*₄(*k*₋₃)⁻¹=8.7±0.2 mol⁻²dm⁶s⁻¹ for Zn(tpps)⁴⁻, *k*₂=4.1±0.2 mol⁻¹dm³s⁻¹; *k*₃*k*₄(*k*₋₃)⁻¹=(8.3±0.4)×10¹² mol⁻²dm⁶s⁻¹ for Cd(tpps)⁴⁻ and *k*₂=2.0±0.1 mol⁻¹dm³s⁻¹; *k*₃(5.4±0.1)×10⁷ mol⁻¹dm³s⁻¹; *k*₃*k*₄(*k*₋₃)⁻¹=2.0±0.1 mol⁻²dm⁶s⁻¹ for Pb(tpps)⁴⁻, respectively. Hedta³⁻ directly attacks Cd- or Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ to form its metal complex, whereas Hedta³⁻ can not bind Zn(tpps)⁴⁻. Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ dissociates to aquazinc(II) by proton attack, then the aquazinc(II) reacts with Hedta³⁻. Therefore, the ligand-substitution reaction of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ with EDTA is so slow that the reaction can be negligible compared with those of Cd- and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ in an alkaline solution. The reaction mechanism of the ligand substitution reaction and the different reactivities of the metalloporphyrins in it are discussed in detail.

Since zinc(II), cadmium(II), and lead(II) have filled d shell, they, especially zinc(II) and cadmium(II), are very similar in their chemical properties. For example, the formation constants of their metal complexes with ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) are 10^{16.44}, 10^{16.36}, and 10^{17.88, 1}. Therefore it is difficult to determine these metal ions separately. However, the chemical properties of metalloporphyrins are different considerably. Formation constant of the metalloporphyrin of 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrin (H₂tpps⁴⁻) with zinc(II) is about 10⁹ times larger than that of cadmium(II) or lead(II),^{2,3} and the acid-dissociation rate of Cd(tpps)⁴⁻ is 10¹² times as fast as that of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻. These large differences have been applied to the determination of zinc(II) in a large amount of cadmium(II) or lead(II) using the acid-dissociation reaction of their metalloporphyrins or the ligand-substitution reaction with EDTA.^{3–5}

It has been believed that metalloporphyrins are very stable and they are hard to be replaced with EDTA.^{6–8} In addition, only a few papers concerning the formation constants of metalloporphyrins have been published.^{2,9–11} Because of the slow reaction rate of metalloporphyrin formation, it will take a few months or years to reach the equilibrium at room temperature except for some metalloporphyrins of such as mercury(II), cadmium(II), and lead(II). For that reason, it is ambiguous whether thermodynamically or kinetically metalloporphyrins are not replaced with EDTA. We have succeeded in determining the formation constant of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ using a catalytic effect of mercury(II) on the formation rate of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻.² Comparing the formation constant of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ with that of Zn(edta)²⁻, we have noticed that the conditional formation constant of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ is comparable to that of Zn(edta)²⁻ at a neutral pH and

that Zn(tpps⁴⁻) should be replaced with EDTA thermodynamically in large excess of EDTA.

The present study was undertaken to clarify the reaction mechanism on the replacement of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ with EDTA and to get the detailed information on the large differences in the reactivities of Zn-, Cd- and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ which have been applied to the determination of zinc(II) in the presence of a large amount of cadmium(II) or lead(II).

Experimental

Reagents. 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrine (TPPS) was synthesized and its sodium salt (Na₄H₂tpps) was purified by a previous method.¹² The purity was checked by thin-layer chromatography and ¹H NMR. Solutions of zinc(II), cadmium(II), and lead(II) were prepared from their nitrates, and the concentrations in these stock solutions were determined by EDTA titration using Xylenol Orange or Eriochrome Black T as indicators. The ionic strength of the sample solutions was held constant (0.1 mol dm⁻³) with sodium nitrate. Sodium acetate (1×10⁻² mol dm⁻³) or sodium borate (1×10⁻² mol dm⁻³) containing nitric acid or sodium hydroxide was used as buffer solution. All reagents were of analytical reagent grade and all solutions were prepared in water deionized and then distilled from alkaline permanganate. The solutions of the metalloporphyrins were prepared just before the kinetic measurements in volumetric flasks covered with aluminum foil to shield from light. The formation of the metalloporphyrins was confirmed spectrophotometrically.

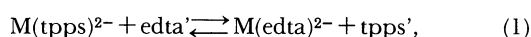
Measurement. The ligand-substitution reaction of M(tpps)⁴⁻ (M=Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, and Pb²⁺) with EDTA was studied in a pH range 3–4.5 for Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ and 8.0–9.3 for Cd- and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ at the concentrations of EDTA (1.0×10⁻³–5.0×10⁻² mol dm⁻³), metal ions (Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, Pb²⁺; each at 4.0×10⁻⁶–1.0×10⁻⁴ mol dm⁻³) and H₂tpps⁴⁻ (1.0×10⁻⁶–2.0×10⁻⁶ mol dm⁻³). The reaction was started by mixing a

M(tpps)⁴⁻ solution with an EDTA solution using a sample mixing device (Union Giken, MX7). The change in absorbance at Soret bands of the metalloporphyrins (421 nm for Zn(tpps)⁴⁻, 430 nm for Cd(tpps)⁴⁻, and 465 nm for Pb(tpps)⁴⁻) was monitored as a function of time on a Hitachi 323 spectrophotometer. The kinetic studies for the acid-dissociation rate of Zn-, Cd-, and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ were carried out in a pH range of 1.2–2.0 for Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ and that of 4.5–5.5 (acetate buffer, 10⁻² mol dm⁻³) for Cd(tpps)⁴⁻ and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻, respectively. The change in absorbance at Soret band of the metalloporphyrins was followed by a Uniongiken RA401 stopped-flow spectrophotometer at 25 °C.

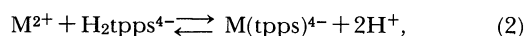
The pH values were determined by a Radiometer Ion 85 Ion Analyzer with a combined electrode (GK2401C). A 1.000×10⁻² mol dm⁻³ nitric acid solution containing 0.09 mol dm⁻³ sodium nitrate was employed as a standard hydrogen ion concentration (−log[H⁺]=2.000). From pH meter readings in various hydrogen ion concentrations at 0.1 mol dm⁻³ ionic strength (HNO₃–NaNO₃), the pH meter and electrode system was calibrated in terms of −log[H⁺].

Results

Ligand-Substitution Reaction of Zn-, Cd-, and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ with EDTA. The reaction of M(tpps)⁴⁻ (M=Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, and Pb²⁺) with EDTA was studied in large excess of EDTA at pH 3–4.5 for the reaction of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ and at pH 8–9.3 for that of Cd- and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻. Under the present experimental conditions, the porphyrin is in its protonated and free base forms: H₄tpps²⁻, H₃tpps³⁻, and H₂tpps⁴⁻, since the protonation constants for [H₃tpps³⁻][H⁺]⁻¹[H₂tpps⁴⁻]⁻¹ and for [H₄tpps²⁻][H⁺]⁻¹[H₃tpps³⁻]⁻¹ are 10^{4.99} and 10^{4.76}, respectively.²⁾ Furthermore, the chemical species of EDTA are in the forms of H₃edta⁻, H₂edta²⁻, Hedta³⁻, and edta⁴⁻. Thus the reaction of M(tpps)²⁻ with EDTA is written as



where edta' and tpps' are all chemical species of EDTA and TPPS not bound to metal ions, respectively. The equilibrium of metalloporphyrin formation is generally given by



with the equilibrium constant defined by

$$K_{\text{MP}} = \frac{[\text{M(tpps)}^{4-}][\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{M}^{2+}][\text{H}_2\text{tpps}^{4-}]}, \quad (3)$$

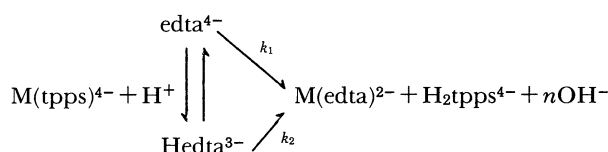
and the values of K_{MP} have been found to be 10^{-0.43}, 10^{-9.94}, 10^{-9.97} for Zn-, Cd-, and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻, respectively at 25 °C and $I=0.1$ mol dm⁻³.^{2,3)} Moreover, the formation constants of M(edta)²⁻ are respectively 10^{16.44}, 10^{16.36}, and 10^{17.88} for M=Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, and Pb²⁺, while the stepwise protonation constants of edta⁴⁻ are 10^{10.17}, 10^{6.18}, and 10^{2.68}.¹⁾ Thus the equilibrium constants of Eq. 1 are calculated to be 10^{2.39} at pH 4 for Zn(tpps)⁴⁻, 10^{8.13} at pH 8 for Cd(tpps)⁴⁻, and 10^{8.16} at pH 8 for Pb(tpps)⁴⁻, respectively. The metalloporphyrins,

therefore, are completely replaced with EDTA and the reverse reaction of Eq. 1 can be neglected in large excess of EDTA compared with that of TPPS.

Thus, the pseudo-first-order kinetics was observed for the reaction of Eq. 1:

$$-d[\text{M(tpps)}^{4-}]/dt = k_0[\text{M(tpps)}^{4-}], \quad (4)$$

where k_0 denotes the conditional rate constant containing concentrations of edta', hydrogen ion, and metal ion. The k_0 values for the reactions of Cd- and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ increased with the edta' (Fig. 1), and this result shows that the reaction is first-order in edta'. In contrast, the k_0 values for the reaction of Zn(tpps)⁴⁻ were independent of edta' even at its concentration of 0.05 mol dm⁻³ (Fig. 2). Figure 3 shows the dependence of rate constant on hydrogen ion concentration for the reaction of Cd- and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ with EDTA. The k_0 values increased with hydrogen ion concentrations and reached a plateau at pH 8, where main chemical species of EDTA is in the form of Hedta³⁻. Thus the reaction mechanism to account for the kinetic data is shown in Scheme 1:



Scheme 1.

This leads to the rate equation of Eq. 5

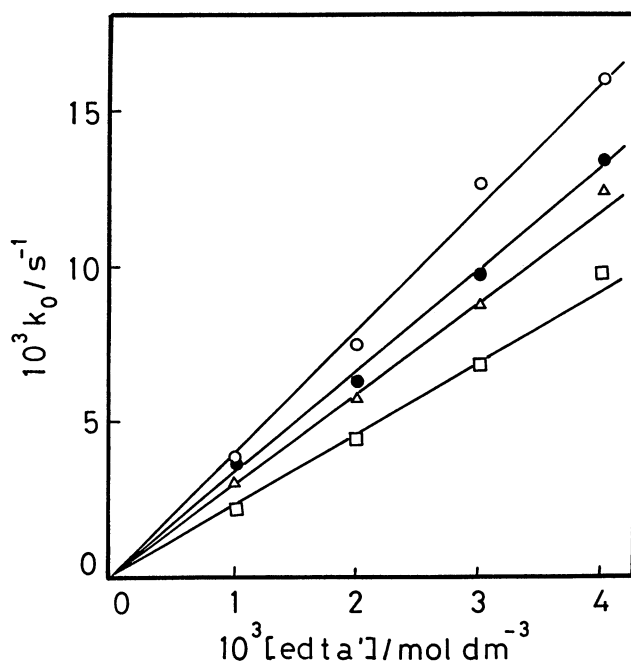


Fig. 1. Dependence of rate constants on the concentrations of edta' for the reaction of Cd(tpps)⁴⁻ with EDTA in pH 8.01 (○), 8.48 (●), 8.69 (△), and 9.09 (□) at 25 °C and $I=0.1$ mol dm⁻³ (NaNO₃).

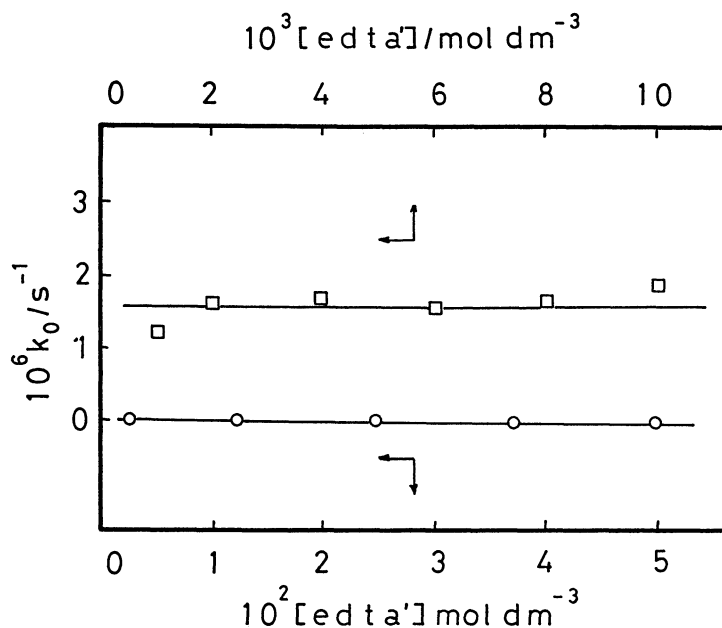


Fig. 2. Dependence of rate constants on the concentrations of edta' for the reaction of $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ with EDTA in pH 3.30 (□) and 4.50 (○) at 25°C and $I=0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaNO_3).

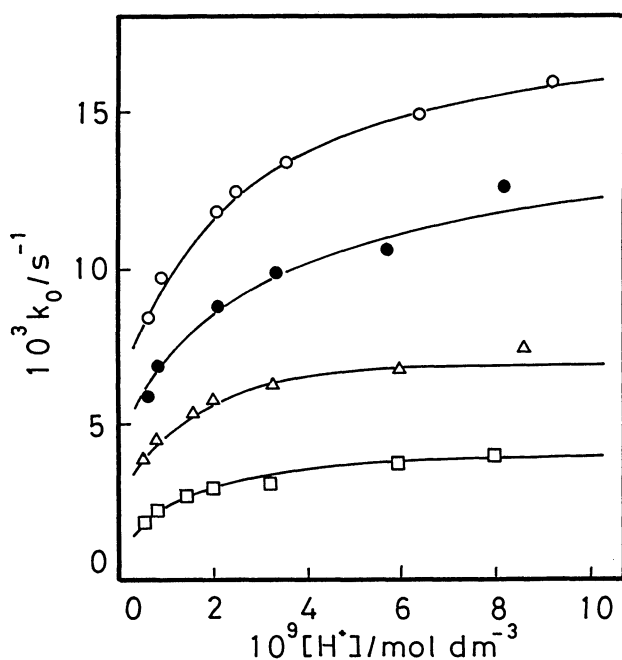


Fig. 3. Dependence of rate constants on the concentrations of hydrogen ion for the reaction of $\text{Cd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ with EDTA at 25°C and $I=0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaNO_3). $[\text{edta}']/\text{mol dm}^{-3}=1.00\times 10^{-3}$ (□), 2.00×10^{-3} (Δ), 3.00×10^{-3} (●), and 4.00×10^{-3} (○).

$$k_0 = k_1[\text{edta}^{4-}] + k_2[\text{Hedta}^{3-}] \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{(k_1 + k_2 K^H [\text{H}^+]) [\text{edta}']}{1 + K^H [\text{H}^+]}, \quad (6)$$

where $[\text{edta}'] = [\text{edta}^{4-}] + [\text{Hedta}^{3-}]$. Equation 6 is rearranged to

$$k_0(1 + K^H [\text{H}^+]) [\text{edta}']^{-1} = k_1 + k_2 K^H [\text{H}^+] \quad (7)$$

where K^H is the protonation constant of edta^{4-} : $K^H = 10^{10.17}$. The plots of the left-hand side of Eq. 7 against $[\text{H}^+]$ give straight lines with zero intercept for Cd- and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ (Fig. 4). The values were found to be $k_1 = 0 \text{ mol}^{-3} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ both for Cd- and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$, $k_2 = 4.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $\text{Cd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ and $k_2 = 2.02 \pm 0.1 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$. In Fig. 5, the k_0 values are plotted against the concentrations of cadmium(II) or lead(II). The results show that the k_0 values are independent of the concentrations of these metal ions, and suggest that the metalloporphyrins do not dissociate before the attack of EDTA to Cd- or $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$.

Acid-Dissociation of Zn- , Cd- , and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$. Protolytic demetallation of Zn- , Cd- , and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ was studied in acidic medium. Cd- and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ easily dissociate in a dilute acid solution of pH 4–6 and $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ dissociates at lower pH than 2. The observed first-order rate constants were plotted against $[\text{H}^+]^2$. The plots for Zn- and $\text{Cd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ were straight lines, while those for $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ were proportion to $[\text{H}^+]^2$ at the low concentration of hydrogen ion but suppressed at the high concentrations of hydrogen ion. This indicates that the rate for the second-proton attack to $\text{Pb}(\text{Htpps})^{3-}$ which is formed in the first-protonation of $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ as shown in Scheme 2 becomes comparable to that for the dissociation $\text{Pb}(\text{Htpps})^{3-}$.

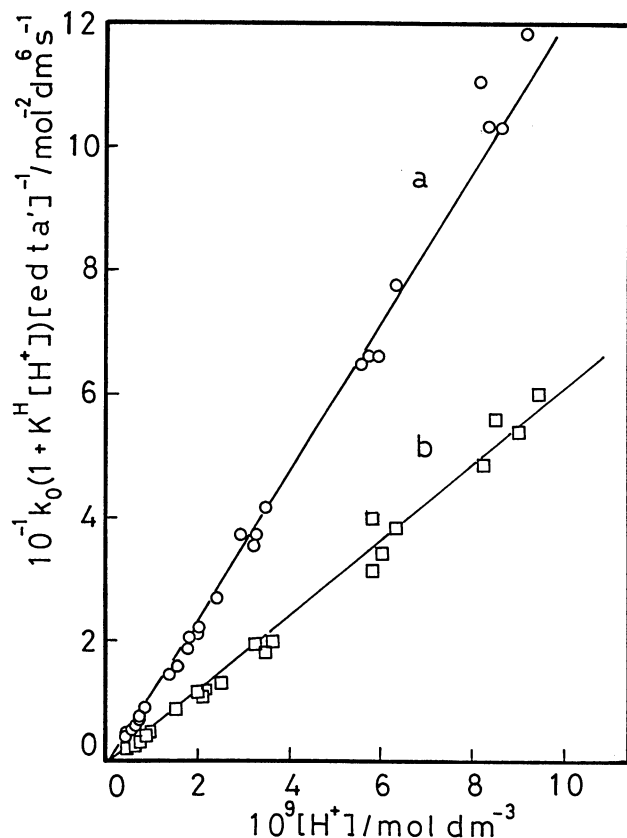
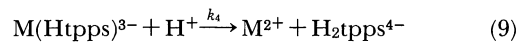
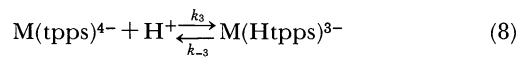


Fig. 4. Plots of $10^{-1} k_0 (1 + K^H [H^+]) / [\text{edta}']^{-1}$ vs. $[H^+]$ for the reaction of Cd(tpps)⁴⁻ (a) and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ (b) with EDTA at 25 °C and $I=0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaNO₃).



Scheme 2.

Applying the steady-state approximation for $\text{M}(\text{Htpps})^{3-}$, we have Eq. 11

$$k_0 = \frac{k_3 k_4 [\text{H}^+]^2}{k_{-3} + k_4 [\text{H}^+]}. \quad (11)$$

The equation agrees with the observed kinetic results. That is, $k_{-3} \gg k_4 [\text{H}^+]$ for Zn- and Cd(tpps)⁴⁻, and $k_{-3} \approx k_4 [\text{H}^+]$ for Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ at the high concentration of hydrogen ion. Equation 11 is rearranged to

$$[\text{H}^+]^2 k_0^{-1} = k_{-3} (k_3 k_4)^{-1} + k_3^{-1} [\text{H}^+]. \quad (12)$$

The plots of $[\text{H}^+]^2 k_0^{-1}$ vs. $[\text{H}^+]$ are shown in Fig. 6. For Cd- and Zn(tpps)⁴⁻, only $k_3 k_4 (k_{-3})^{-1}$ was found, while for Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ both k_3 and $k_3 k_4 (k_{-3})^{-1}$ were determined.

Combining the rate equations both for the ligand-substitution reaction of $\text{M}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ with EDTA (Eq. 5) and the acid-dissociation reaction of $\text{M}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ (Eq. 11), we have Eq. 13 for the the rate of the decrease of $\text{M}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$

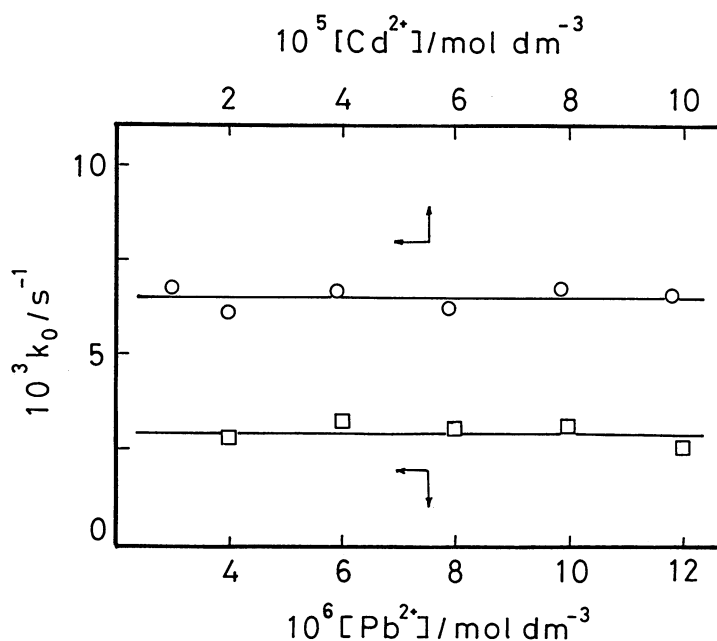


Fig. 5. Dependence of rate constants on the concentrations of cadmium(II) (O) and lead(II) (□) for the reaction of Cd- and Pb(tpps)⁴⁻ with EDTA at 25 °C and $I=0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaNO₃). Concentrations of edta' (mol dm⁻³) and pH are 2.00×10^{-3} and 8.26 for Cd(tpps)⁴⁻, and 4.00×10^{-3} and 8.69 for Pb(tpps)⁴⁻, respectively.

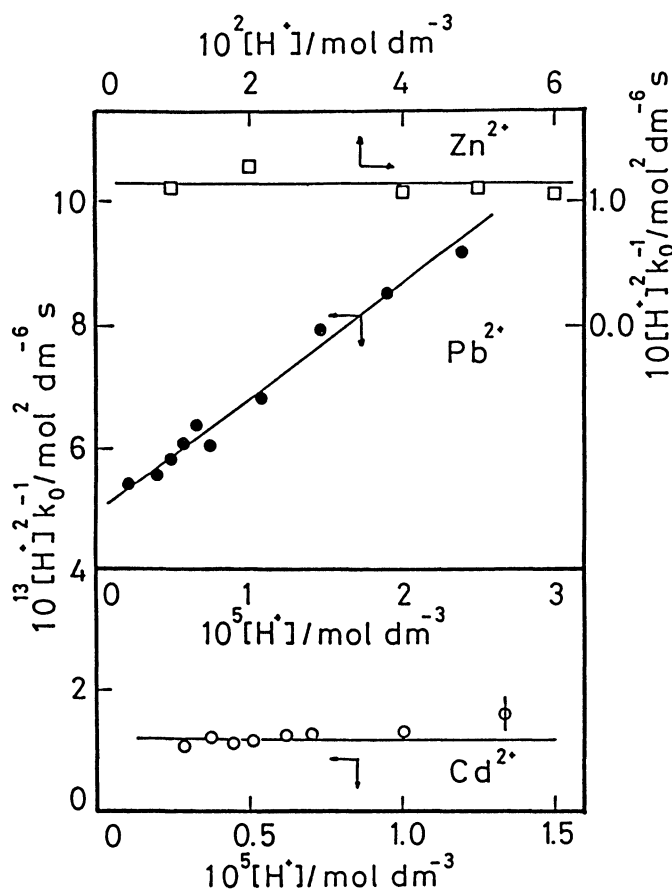


Fig. 6. Plots of $[H^+]^2(k_0)^{-1}/\text{mol}^2 \text{dm}^{-6} \text{s}$ vs. $[H^+]$ for the acid-dissociation of $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ (\square), $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ (\bullet), and $\text{Cd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ (\circ) at 25°C and $I=0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaNO_3).

Table 1. Kinetic Parameters for the Reaction of Zn-, Cd-, and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ with EDTA and the Acid-Dissociation Reaction of the Metalloporphyrins at 25°C and $I=0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaNO_3)

	Zn(II)	Cd(II)	Pb(II)
k_2 $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$	0.00	4.1 ± 0.2	2.0 ± 0.1
k_3 $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$	—	—	$(5.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^7$
$k_3 k_4 (k_{-3})^{-1}$ $\text{mol}^{-2} \text{dm}^6 \text{s}^{-1}$	8.7 ± 0.2	$(8.3 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{12}$	$(2.0 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{12}$
K_{MP} mol dm^{-3}	$10^{-0.43}$	$10^{-9.94}$	$10^{-9.97}$

$$-\frac{d[\text{M}(\text{tpps})^{4-}]}{dt} = (k_1[\text{edta}^{4-}] + k_2[\text{Hedta}^{3-}] + k_3 k_4 [\text{H}^+]^2 \times (k_{-3} + k_4 [\text{H}^+])^{-1}) [\text{M}(\text{tpps})^{4-}]. \quad (13)$$

In Table 1, the kinetic and the equilibrium parameters are summarized for the ligand-substitution and the acid-dissociation reactions of Cd-, Pb-, and

$\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$, where the values of k_1 are not shown as they were 0 for all the $\text{M}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$.

Discussion

We can see the followings from Table 1. 1. $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ is hard to be replaced with EDTA, whereas Cd- and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ are easily substituted with EDTA. 2. Acid-dissociation rate of Cd- and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ is 10^{12} times faster than that of $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$. 3. The formation constant of $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ is about 10^9 times as large as those of Cd- and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$. These large differences are discussed below.

Reaction with EDTA. The rate of the ligand-substitution reaction of Cd- or $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ with EDTA increased linearly along with the concentrations of edta', while that of $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ was independent of edta'. The kinetic difference between zinc(II) and cadmium(II) or lead(II) can be ascribed to their ionic radii: 109 pm for Cd^{2+} ; 132 pm for Pb^{2+} ; 89 pm for Zn^{2+} . Large metal ions such as cadmium(II) and lead(II) can not incorporate well into porphyrin core and just sit on the porphyrin plane. Barkigia et al. called lead(II) porphyrin a "roof complex" after X-ray

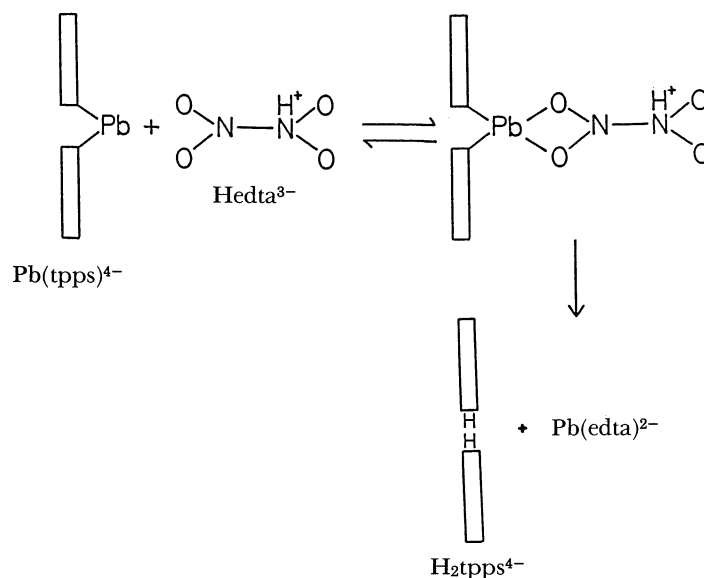


Fig. 7. Reaction mechanism for the reaction of Pb(tpps)^{4-} with EDTA. \square H-H \square denotes $\text{H}_2\text{tpps}^{4-}$.

analysis of tetrapropylporphyrinato lead(II).¹³⁾ The roof metalloporphyrin, therefore, can be bound with a segment of Hedta^{3-} : two carboxylato and nitrilo groups, and then is easily replaced with Hedta^{3-} (see Fig. 7). On the other hand, zinc(II) incorporates well into porphyrin core to form stable Zn(tpps)^{4-} .¹⁴⁻¹⁶⁾ Thus, Hedta^{3-} can not pull zinc(II) away from Zn(tpps)^{4-} by means of an axial ligation of Hedta^{3-} .

Dependence of rate constant on pH for the reaction with EDTA indicates that Hedta^{3-} is more reactive than edta^{4-} . Similar results were also observed for the reaction of $\text{Gd}^{\text{III}}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ with EDTA.¹⁷⁾ A proton-transfer pathway might contribute to the dissociation of metalloporphyrin as in the case of the ligand-substitution reaction of metal-peptide complexes.¹⁸⁻²⁰⁾ First, the carboxylato and the nitrilo

groups of Hedta^{3-} coordinate to lead(II) or cadmium(II), then the proton bound to the other nitrilo nitrogen of Hedta^{3-} transfers to the pyrrole nitrogen of the porphyrin. Binding of the proton to the pyrrole nitrogen makes the demetallation of Cd- or Pb(tpps)^{4-} easier (vide infra).

Proton-Assisted Demetallation. The metalloporphyrins of Cd-, Pb-, and Zn(tpps)^{4-} were demetallated in acidic solution. The rate for the acid dissociation of Cd(tpps)^{4-} , is only four times as fast as that for Pb(tpps)^{4-} , while the dissociation rate for Zn(tpps)^{4-} is about 10^{12} times slower than those for Cd(tpps)^{4-} and Pb(tpps)^{4-} . The large kinetic difference also results from the ionic radii as described before. In the case of the demetallation of Pb(tpps)^{4-} , the present kinetic data clearly indicate that hydrogen ion attacks the

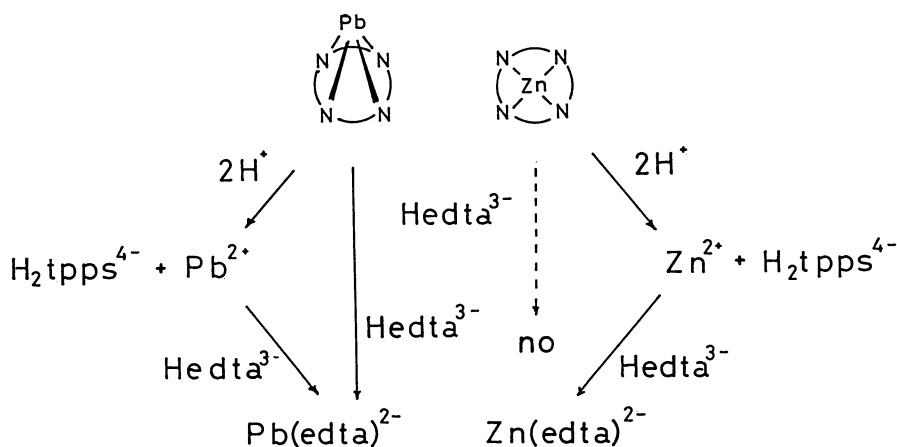


Fig. 8. Summary of the reaction pathways for the reaction of Pb- and Zn(tpps)^{4-} with EDTA. Cd(tpps)^{4-} goes through the same reaction pathway as Pb(tpps)^{4-} .

porphyrin core step by step to bind the pyrrole nitrogens. The first step is the formation of $\text{Pb}(\text{Htpps})^{3-}$ through the protonation, and the second step is the dissociation of the metalloporphyrin after the formation of the diprotonated metalloporphyrin: $\text{Pb}(\text{H}_2\text{tpps})^{2-}$.

Proposed reaction mechanism is shown in Fig. 8. Hedta^{3-} directly attacks Pb- or $\text{Cd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ to form its metal complex. On the other hand, Hedta^{3-} can not bind $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$. Therefore, $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ dissociates to aquazinc(II) and the free-base porphyrin after the proton attack, then the aquazinc(II) reacts with Hedta^{3-} to form $\text{Zn}(\text{edta})^{2-}$. Pb- and $\text{Cd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ also dissociate to their aqua ions in an acidic medium. The rate-determining step for Pb- and $\text{Cd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ is the Hedta^{3-} attack at pH 8–9.3, which shifts to the proton attack at pH 4–6.

Present paper clearly shows the different behavior of Zn- , Cd- , and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ in their reaction mechanism and rate constants. $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ is replaced with EDTA although the reaction is very slow compared with Cd- and $\text{Pd}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$, and the rate-determining step for $\text{Zn}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ is the proton attack. The differences in the kinetic behavior of Zn- , Cd- , and $\text{Pb}(\text{tpps})^{4-}$ also strongly support the experimental results in the previous analytical methods for the determination of zinc(II) in large excess of cadmium(II) and lead(II) using the ligand substitution reaction with EDTA or the acid-dissociation rate of these metalloporphyrins.

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