

Supplementary material

Oxidation of Cr^{III} aminocarboxylate complexes by hydrous manganese oxide: products and time course behaviour

Richard F. Carbonaro^{A,B,D} and Alan T. Stone^C

^ADepartment of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY 10471, USA.

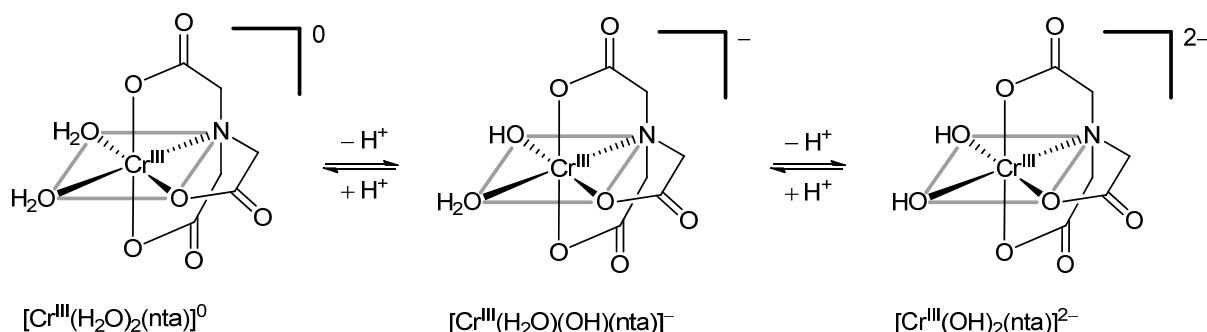
^BMutch Associates, LLC, Ramsey, NJ 07446, USA.

^CDepartment of Geography and Environmental Engineering, G.W.C. Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218, USA.

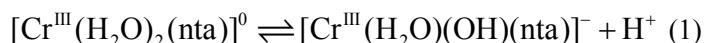
^DCorresponding author. Email: richard.carbonaro@manhattan.edu

Background on speciation of Cr^{III}-NTA and Cr^{III}-IDA

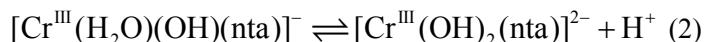
The 1 : 1 Cr^{III} complex with NTA undergoes rapid protonation/deprotonation reactions in aqueous solution^[1-3]:



The predominant form of the 1 : 1 complex between Cr^{III} and NTA in moderately acidic solution is $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{nta})]^0$. Upon raising the pH, one coordinated water molecule deprotonates to from $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{OH})(\text{nta})]^-$ ($\text{p}K_{\text{a}1} = 5.87$; 25°C , $I = 0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$).^[3]



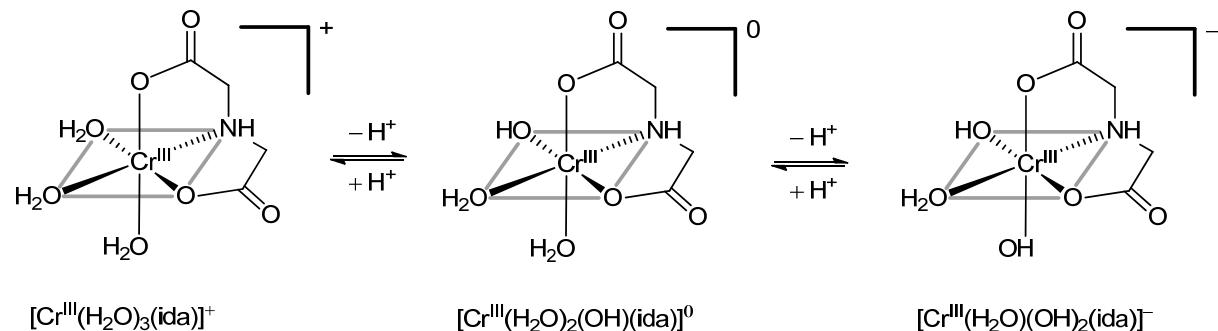
As the pH is increased further, the second aquo ligand deprotonates to from $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})_2(\text{nta})]^-$ ($\text{p}K_{\text{a}2} = 8.74$; 25°C , $I = 0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$).^[3]



Note that a third $\text{p}K_{\text{a}}$ has been reported at 11.81 (25°C , $I = 0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$),^[3] but this species is important to the Cr^{III}-NTA mole balance outside the pH range of the experiments with HMO. These protonation/deprotonation reactions are very rapid since Cr^{III} ligand exchange is not involved. However,

dissociation of the Cr^{III}-NTA complex is quite slow as a result of substitution-inert Cr^{III}. Thus, capillary electrophoresis analysis of solutions containing $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{nta})]^0$, $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{OH})(\text{nta})]^-$, and $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})_2(\text{nta})]^{2-}$ yield a single sharp peak,^[4] which we refer to as ‘Cr^{III}-NTA.’

Similar reactions exist for the 1 : 1 complex between Cr^{III} and IDA^[5]:



The predominant form of the 1 : 1 complex of Cr^{III} and IDA in moderately acidic solution is $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{id}\text{a})]^+$. As the pH of solutions containing $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{id}\text{a})]^+$ is increased, one coordinated water molecule deprotonates to form $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{OH})(\text{id}\text{a})]^0$. Increasing the pH further results in deprotonation of a second coordinated water molecule to form $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{OH})_2(\text{id}\text{a})]^-$. The exact values for $\text{p}K_{\text{a}1}$ and $\text{p}K_{\text{a}2}$ for these reactions are not known. On the basis of electrophoretic measurements, $\text{p}K_{\text{a}1}$ and $\text{p}K_{\text{a}2}$ were respectively estimated to be ~6 and 8.^[4] CE analysis of solutions containing $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{id}\text{a})]^+$, $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{OH})(\text{id}\text{a})]^0$ and $[\text{Cr}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{OH})_2(\text{id}\text{a})]^-$ yield one sharp peak,^[4] which we refer to as ‘Cr^{III}-IDA’.

Supplementary Cr^{III} alum oxidation results

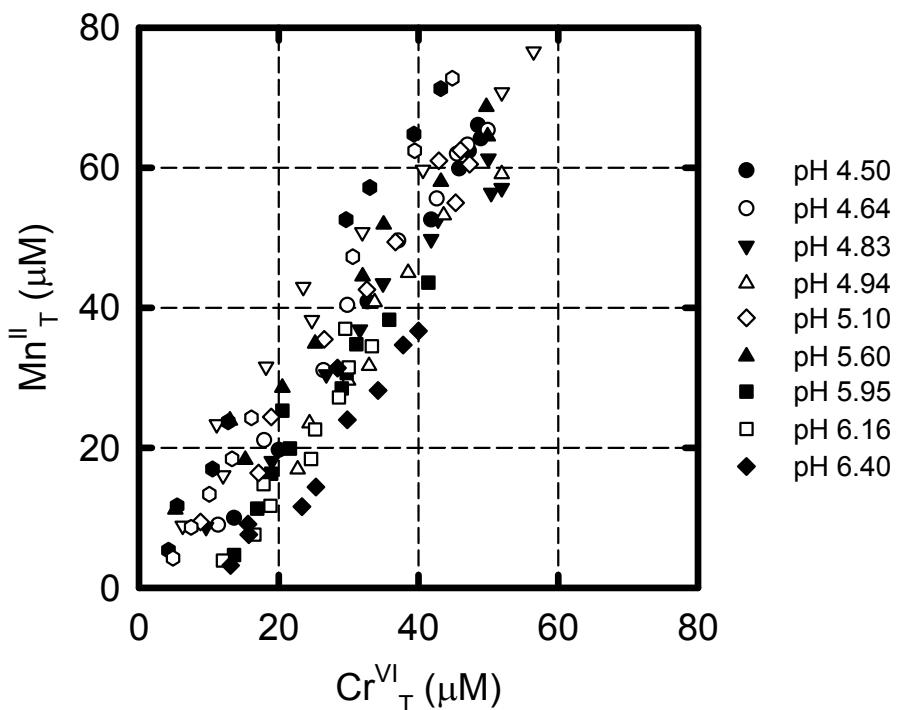


Fig. S1. Mn^{II}T v. Cr^{VI}T for all Cr^{III} alum oxidation experiments performed at an HMO loading of 0.5 mM. All experiments employed 10 mM acetate or MES buffer and 10 mM NaCl.

Table S1. Rate constants for Cr^{VI}T production in suspensions containing 50 μM Cr^{III} alum and HMO

Cr^{III} alum stock solutions were prepared from KCr^{III}(SO₄)₂·12H₂O(s). Loading ([HMO]₀) expressed as moles of added manganese per litre of suspension. Surface area loading (HMO₀) calculated using the nitrogen Brunauer, Emmett and Teller (BET) surface area determination. k_{obs} calculated using Eqn 10 (see text). k'_{obs} is k_{obs} divided by the surface area loading

pH	[HMO] ₀ (mM)	HMO ₀ (m ² L ⁻¹)	k _{obs} (min ⁻¹)	k' _{obs} (L m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	Cr ^{VI} T,max (μM)
4.50	0.50	13	0.69	8.8 × 10 ⁻⁴	49.4
4.64	0.50	13	0.56	7.1 × 10 ⁻⁴	49.9
4.83	0.50	13	0.57	7.3 × 10 ⁻⁴	51.9
4.94	0.50	13	0.65	8.3 × 10 ⁻⁴	51.9
5.10	0.50	13	0.48	6.1 × 10 ⁻⁴	47.3
5.60	0.50	13	0.33	4.2 × 10 ⁻⁴	49.9
5.95	0.50	13	—	—	41.4
6.16	0.50	13	—	—	33.3
6.40	0.50	13	—	—	40.0
6.62	0.50	13	—	—	37.0

Table S2. Summary of all Cr^{III}-IDA and Cr^{III}-NTA oxidation experiments

	HMO (mM)	Buffer	pH	Added at start of experiment	Figure(s)
[Cr^{III}-NTA]₀ (μM)					
54	0.5	10 mM HAc	4.66	—	5a, 14a
54	1.0	10 mM HAc	4.66	—	5b, 14a
54	5.0	10 mM HAc	4.71	—	5c, 14b
54	5.0	10 mM HAc	4.76	—	6a, 6b
54	5.0	10 mM HAc	5.23	—	6a, 6b, 7a, 14b
54	5.0	10 mM MES	6.16	—	6a, 6b
54	5.0	10 mM MES	6.53	—	6a, 6b, 7b
54	5.0	10 mM MOPS	7.00	—	6a, 6b, 8a-d
54	5.0	10 mM MOPS	7.25	—	6a, 6b, 7c, 9a-c
54	5.0	10 mM EPPS	7.77	—	6a, 6b
54	5.0	10 mM CHES	8.48	—	6a, 6b
54	5.0	10 mM CHES	9.31	—	6a, 6b, 7d
54	5.0	10 mM HAc	4.46	—	14b
54	5.0	10 mM MOPS	7.06	50 μM MnCl ₂	15a-d
54	5.0	10 mM MOPS	7.05	100 μM MnCl ₂	15a-d, S2
54	5.0	10 mM MOPS	7.04	200 μM MnCl ₂	15a-d
54	5.0	10 mM MOPS	7.06	100 μM ZnCl ₂	S3a-b
[Cr^{III}-IDA]₀ (μM)					
50	0.15	10 mM HAc	4.67	—	11a
50	0.30	10 mM HAc	4.69	—	13a
50	0.5	10 mM HAc	4.65	—	11b, 13d
50	1.0	10 mM HAc	4.65	—	11c, 12b, 13e, 16a-d, S2a-f
50	5.0	10 mM HAc	4.73	—	11d
50	5.0	10 mM HAc	4.17		Not shown
50	1.0	10 mM HAc	4.32	—	12a
50	1.0	10 mM HAc	5.17	—	12c, 13f
50	1.0	10 mM MES	5.77	—	12d
50	1.0	10 mM MES	6.23		Not shown
50	1.0	10 mM HAc	4.67	50 μM MnCl ₂	16a-d
50	1.0	10 mM HAc	4.69	100 μM MnCl ₂	16a-d
50	1.0	10 mM HAc	4.70	50 μM ZnCl ₂	S2a-f
50	1.0	10 mM HAc	4.70	100 μM ZnCl ₂	S2a-f

Supplementary Cr^{III}-NTA and Cr^{III}-IDA oxidation results

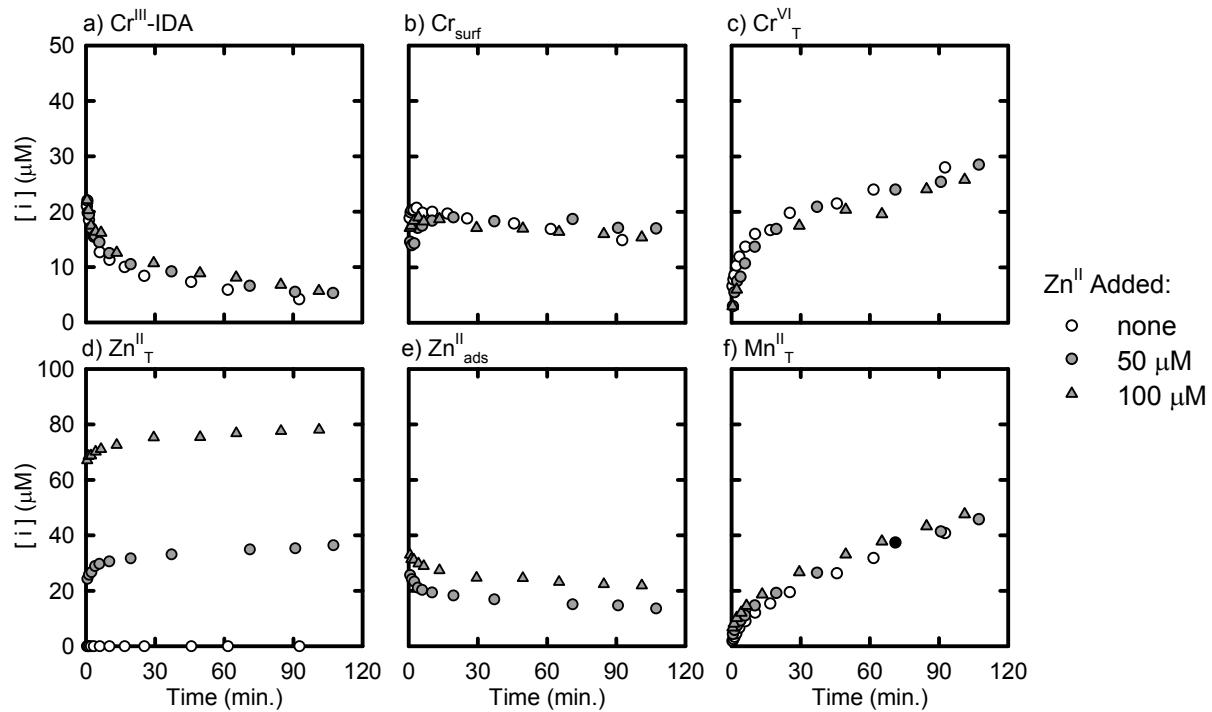


Fig. S2. Reaction of 50 μM Cr^{III}-IDA with 1.0 mM HMO at pH 4.7 where no divalent metal ion was added, and where 50 and 100 μM Zn^{II} was added before initiation of the reaction. Experiments employed 10 mM acetate to buffer pH and 10 mM NaCl.

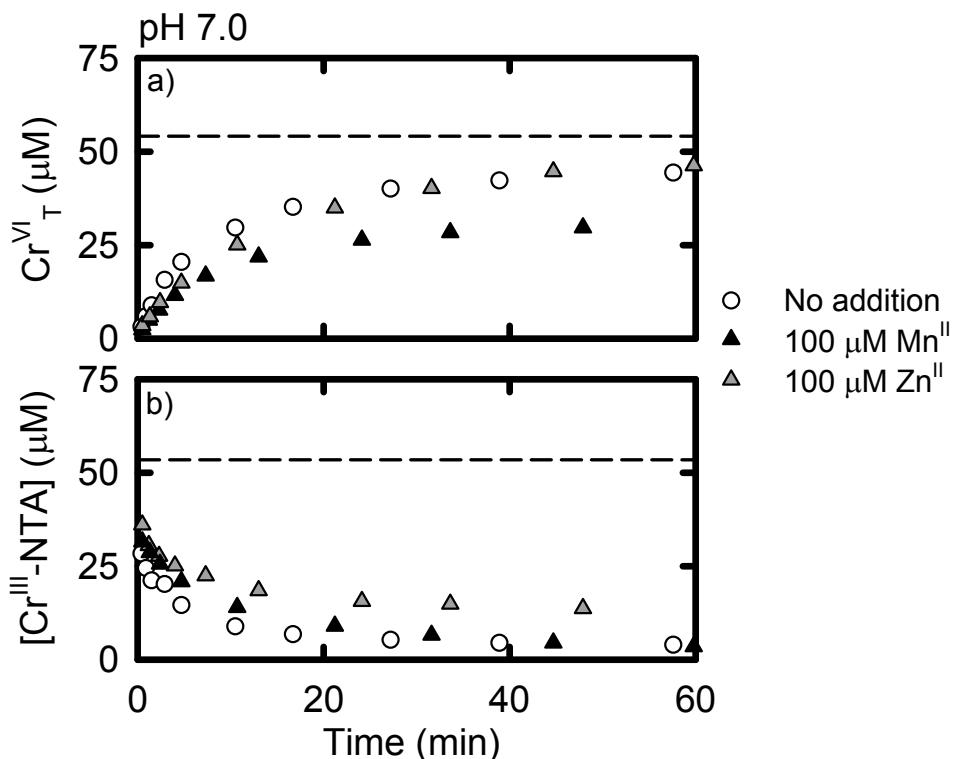


Fig. S3. Reaction of 54 μM Cr^{III}-NTA with 5.0 mM HMO at pH 7.0 where no divalent metal ion was added, and where 100 μM Zn^{II} and 100 μM Mn^{II} were added before initiation of the reaction. All experiments employed 10 mM MOPS buffer and 10 mM NaCl.

References

- [1] H. Visser, W. Purcell, S. Basson, Q. Claassen, The synthesis and crystal structures of Cs₂[Co₂(nta)₂(m-OH)₂] 4H₂O and (C₁₀H₁₀N₃)₂[CoCl₄]. *Polyhedron* **1997**, *16*, 2851. [doi:10.1016/S0277-5387\(97\)00012-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0277-5387(97)00012-0)
- [2] H. G. Visser, J. G. Leipoldy, W. Purcell, Substitution and protonation reactions of nitrilotriacetatochromium(III) ions. *Polyhedron* **1994**, *13*, 1051. [doi:10.1016/S0277-5387\(00\)83031-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0277-5387(00)83031-4)
- [3] H. M. N. H. Irving, R. H. Al-Jarrah, Complexes of chromium(III) with nitrilotriacetic acid and their extraction by solutions of aliquat-336 in dichloroethane. *Anal. Chim. Acta* **1972**, *60*, 345. [doi:10.1016/S0003-2670\(01\)95011-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0003-2670(01)95011-1)
- [4] R. F. Carbonaro, A. T. Stone, Speciation of chromium(III) and cobalt(III) (amino)carboxylate complexes using capillary electrophoresis. *Anal. Chem.* **2005**, *77*, 155. [doi:10.1021/ac048860b](https://doi.org/10.1021/ac048860b)
- [5] J. A. Weyh, R. E. Hamm, Iminodiacetato, methyliminodiacetato and 1,3-propanediaminetetraacetato complexes of chromium(III). *Inorg. Chem.* **1968**, *7*, 2431. [doi:10.1021/ic50069a049](https://doi.org/10.1021/ic50069a049)