

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Background

Chemical Engineers are required to have skills in terms of analyzing metal content (Ca, Ba, Sr, Cu, Zn, Cd, Bi, Al, Sc, Hg, Ni, Co, Mg), hardness (expressed as  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3$ ) and/or CaO content in the sample, either a liquid or a solid sample. Ultimate analysis of metals in the sample, or the water hardness conditions, are generally required to know the specifications of the materials to be processed in the unit production. One of the ways to analyze the parameters mentioned above is by using complexometric analysis methods. There are many laboratories in various types of industries that use complexometric analysis methods to measure the parameters mentioned above such as the cement industry, steel industry and industry which uses steam, bottled water industry, and so on. For example, analysis standards for water hardness can refer to Standar Nasional Indonesia (SNI) Number 3554: 2015.

Complexometric analysis is a volumetric titration analysis which involves the formation of complexes or complex ions which are soluble but barely dissociated. Standard solutions that can be used include EDTA (Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetate), DCYTA (Diamino Cyclohexane Tetraacetic Acid), EGTA (Ethylene Glycol Tetraacetic Acid), NTA (Nitrilo Triacetate), and Trien. Complexometric analysis which will be done in this practicum use the standard solution of EDTA (Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetate). To find out the end point of the titration in the complexometry analysis using EDTA, indicator is required. One of them is EBT (Eriochrom Black T). The end point of the titration is indicated by the change in color of the sample from burgundy to blue. As a titrant using salt  $\text{Na}_2\text{EDTA}$ . If the sample contains Ca, Mg, or Fe metal, there will be a substitution between heavy metals with sodium ions in the  $\text{Na}_2\text{EDTA}$  titrant. From the results of the substitution or the needs of EDTA, the metal content in the sample can be determined. In this practicum, students use complexometric analysis to analyze the hardness of various water samples and analyze the CaO content of samples such as limestone or other materials.

**1.2. Experiment Objectives**

1. Analyzing temporary hardness, fixed hardness, and total hardness in a liquid sample.
2. Analyzing the CaO content in solid samples such as limestone rocks or other rocks.

**1.3. Experiment Benefits**

1. Participant understand and have the skills to analyze temporary hardness, fixed hardness, and total hardness in a liquid sample.
2. Participant understand and have the skills to analyze the CaO content in rocks.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### **2.1. Definition of Complexometry**

Complexometry is a type of quantitative chemical analysis which involves the formation of complex compounds or complex ions that are soluble but barely dissociated (Maulizar dkk., 2022). The standard solution used includes EDTA (Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetate), DCYTA (Diamino Cyclohexane Tetraacetic Acid), EGTA (Ethylene Glycol Tetraacetic Acid), NTA (Nitrilo Triacetate), Trien and indicators used is a methallochromic indicator, in the form of an organic compound that can produce intense color when forming complex metal compounds. These indicators include EBT, Murexide, Metalphthalein, Pyridylazo Naphthol, Pyrocatechol Violet, Xylenol Orange, Calcon and Calgamite. Complex compound is formed from a metal ion reaction with a cation, an anion, or neutral molecule. The metal ion in a complex molecule is called the central atom while the ion or the group attached to the central atom is called a ligand. The number of bonds formed by the central metal atom is called the metal coordination number. Reactions that form this complex may be referred to as a Lewis acid-base reaction, with the ligand acting as a base that donates a pair of electrons to the cation which act as the acid (Day & Underwood, 1992). The indicator can also react with  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  forming a colored compounds, similar to metal-indicator complexes. Therefore in this case, it is very important to control the pH to prevent competition between metal ions with  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ .

#### **2.2. EDTA (Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetate) Standard Solution**

EDTA is a ligand that can potentially coordinate with metal ion with the support of both nitrogen and four free acetate groups often abbreviated as  $\text{H}_2\text{Y}^{2-}$  (Migisya, 2020). EDTA is a chelate-forming penetration solution that can be used for chemical analysis of various metals. Metal ion titration with chelating formation is called chelometric titration.  $\text{Na}_2\text{EDTA}$  is used as titrant in this complexometric titration.

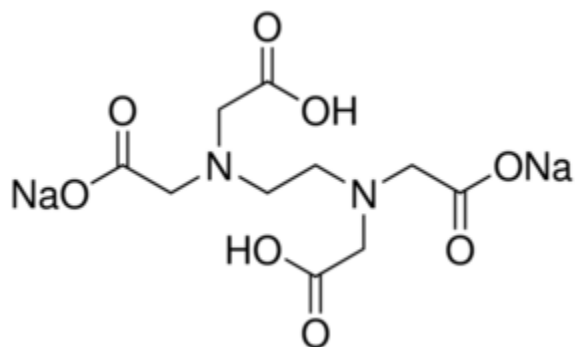


Figure 2.1 Structure of Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA

### 2.3. EBT (Eriochrom Black T)

EBT (Eriochrom Black T) is an indicator of the metal ion used in complexometric analysis with molecular structures as shown in Figure 2.2 and is often represented by the acronym H<sub>2</sub>In.

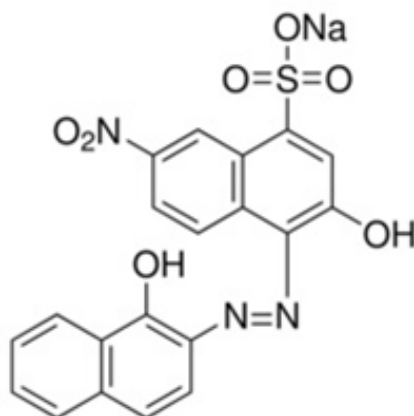
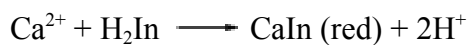


Figure 2.2 Structure of Eriochrom Black T

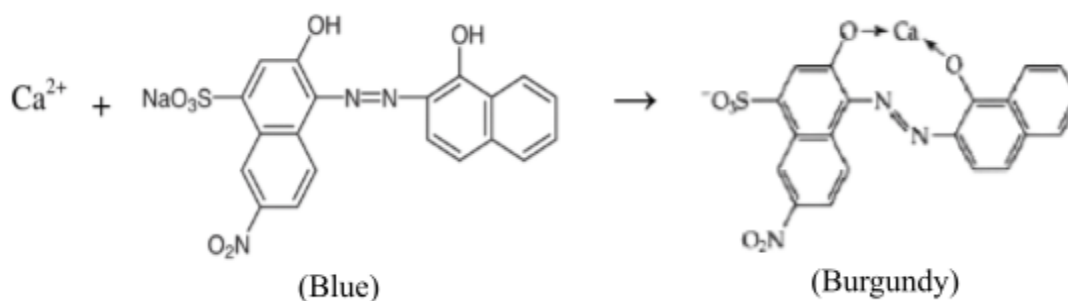
Changes in EBT at various pH:

H <sub>2</sub> In <sup>-</sup>	HIn <sup>2+</sup>	In <sup>3-</sup>	
red	blue	orange	
pH	pH	pH	>
5,3-7,3	10,5-12,5	12,5	

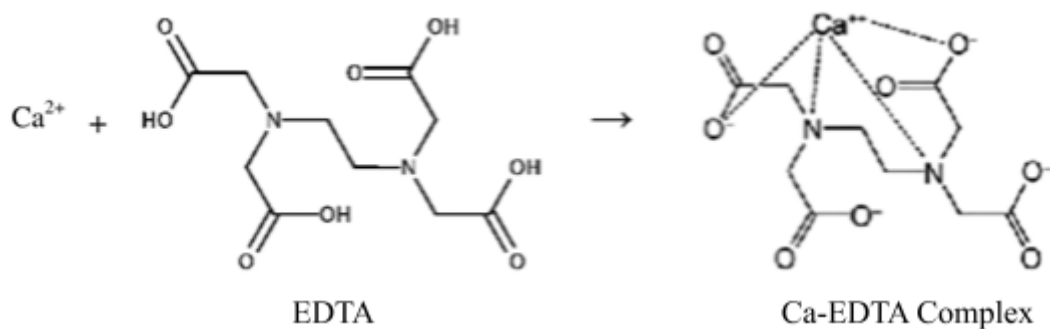
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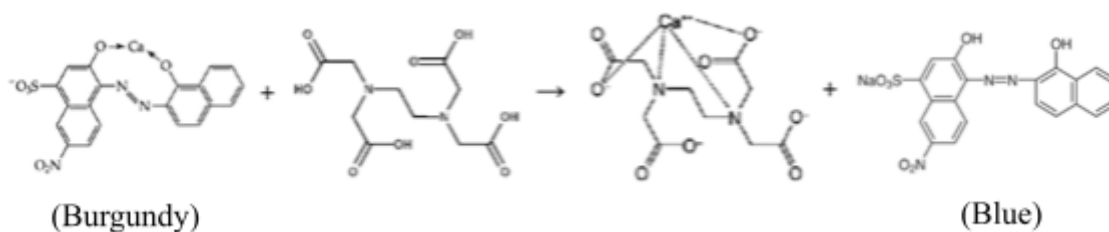
1. Sample + indicator



2. Sample + titrant



3. Sample + indicator + titrant



## 2.5. Buffer Solution and pH

A buffer solution is a mixture of a weak acid or base of the salt (Vogel, 1979). Buffer solutions can be divided into three types, namely acid buffer solutions, alkaline buffer solutions, and neutral buffer solutions. These three types of buffer solutions can be produced using different ingredients. A mixture of a solution of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  forms an acid buffer solution, a mixture of  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  forms an

alkaline buffer solution, as well as a mixture of a solution of  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  forms a neutral buffer solution. Buffer solutions have the following properties :

1. pH is considered unchanged even though the solution is diluted.
2. pH is considered unchanged even if a little acid or base is added.

The degree of acidity, the minimum pH for metal titration with EDTA are as follows :  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  (1,5);  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (2,2);  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  dan  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  (3,2);  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  (3,3);  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  (4,0);  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  (4,1);  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  (5,1);  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (7,3);  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  (10).

## 2.6. Hardness

Hard water is water that contains  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and/or  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ . Hardness can be expressed in ppm  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , ppm  $\text{HCO}_3$ , German degrees ( $^\circ\text{D}$ ), as well as French degrees ( $^\circ\text{F}$ ).

Conversion formula ppm  $\text{CaCO}_3$  to German degrees ( $^\circ\text{D}$ ):

$$1 \text{ ppm } \text{CaCO}_3 = 1/17,8 \text{ } ^\circ\text{D}$$

Conversion formula ppm  $\text{CaCO}_3$  to French degrees ( $^\circ\text{F}$ ):

$$1 \text{ ppm } \text{CaCO}_3 = 1/10 \text{ } ^\circ\text{F}$$

According to Achmad & Evana. (2018) hardness is classified into two types, namely:

1. Temporary hardness

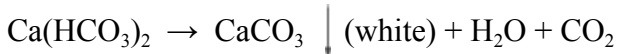
Contains Ca and Mg bicarbonate salts. Can be removed by heating.

2. Fixed hardness

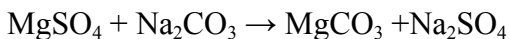
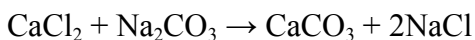
Contains  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and/or  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  in the form of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  salts. Can be removed by adding soda or zeolite.

How to soften hard water:

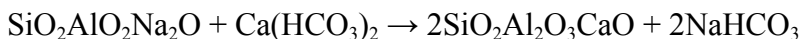
- a. Temporary hardness is removed by heating process.



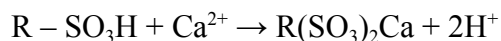
- b. Fixed hardness is removed by adding sodium salt.



- c. Hard water that contains sulfate salts can also be removed by filtration process using zeolite stone filter so that the anion  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  in water will be absorbed in the zeolite and eventually become soft.



d. With synthetic resin



There are two kinds of resin:

- Cationic resin for cation exchange

Resin containing COOH / SO<sub>3</sub>H groups

Formula: RCOOH / R(SO<sub>3</sub>H)

- Amine resin for anion exchange

Resin contains the NH<sub>2</sub> group

Formula: R(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

e. Ion exchanger

The overall principle is the same as synthetic resins, cation resins from anions are needed to bind Ca, Mg, and chloride, carbonate, or sulfate ions. The resulting water will be free from the ions mentioned above. Water that will be softened (demineralization) is passed through the ion-exchange resin until the resin becomes saturated. The resin that has been saturated is regenerated to reactivate resin.

## 2.7. Water Quality Standards

Water quality standards are limits or levels of living things, substances, energies, or components existing or must exist or pollutant elements whose existence is tolerable inside water. Quality standards are used to determine whether a product is appropriate or not. Parameter of hardness in water can refer to Peraturan Menteri Kesehatan Republik Indonesia Nomor 32 Tahun 2017 tentang Standar Baku Mutu Kesehatan Lingkungan dan Persyaratan Kesehatan Air untuk Keperluan Higiene Sanitasi, Kolam Renang, *Solus per Aqua*, dan Pemandian Umum, which establishes environmental health quality standards for water media Sanitation Hygiene requirements for hardness (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) is a maximum of 500 mg/L. Meanwhile, the limit of drinking water hardness parameter refers to the Peraturan Menteri Kesehatan Republik Indonesia Nomor : 492/MENKES/PER/IV/2010 tentang Persyaratan Kualitas Air Minum which state that the maximum hardness (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) of drinking water is 500 mg/L.

## 2.8. Use of Complexometry in Industries

Complexometric analysis can be used in industries.

1. To determine the CaO content in limestone, gypsum, and cement.
2. To determine the levels of Co, Cu, Fe, Pb, Zn in steel.
3. To determine the metal content of Al, Ca, Mg, Zn, Pb, Cu, Co, Fe, Ni, Pb.
4. To determine the water hardness of the feed water boiler ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3$ , °D, °F)
5. Used in the drinking water industry to determine whether the water meets the requirements (heavy metal content) or not.

## 2.9. Reagent Function

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. HCl = dissolve dirt or impurities in the sample

2 KOH = make an alkaline solution (pH = 10) so that the indicator can  
works properly

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. KCN = make complexes with interfering substances because cations can  
react with EDTA

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. EDTA = standard titration solution

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. Buffer = maintain pH

6

. EBT = indicator to show the end point of titration

7 MgEDT

. A = prevent the end point of titration appear earlier in the mixture of  
Ca and Mg, thereby increasing the selectivity of CaEDTA  
complex formation

## 2.10. Physical and Chemical Properties of Materials

1. HCl



Physical Properties :

- Molecular Weight = 36,47 gram/mol
- Boiling Point = -85,5°C
- Melting Point = -111°C
- Density = 1,268 gram/ml
- Colorless
- Solubility in 100 parts of water (hot water = 82.3 parts, cold water = 56.1 part)

Chemical Properties :

- In a concentrated and heated state can reduce the chromate and produce chrome ion through reaction :



- In diluted state can precipitate mercury as Kalomel

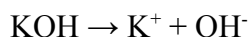
2. KOH

Physical Properties :

- Molecular Weight = 50,1 gram/mol
- Boiling Point = 1520°C
- Melting Point = 380°C
- White
- Solubility in 100 parts of water (hot water = 126 parts, cold water = 97 parts)

Chemical Properties :

- A strong base that ionized in water through reaction :



- Turn red lacmus into blue
- Absorb  $\text{CO}_2$  through reaction :



3. KCN

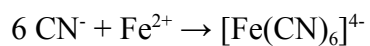
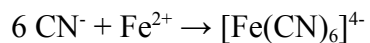
Physical Properties :

- Molecular Weight = -65,11gram/mol
- Density = 1,529 gram/ml
- Melting Point = 6,345°C
- Clear

- Solubility in 100 parts of hot water = 122,2 parts
- In the form of crystalline calcite

Chemical Properties :

- Salt
- Can form complex compound with metals from transition groups



## CHAPTER III

### PRACTICUM METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1. Materials and Tools

##### 3.1.1. Materials

1. HCl
2. KOH
3. EDTA
4. EBT Indicator
5. Buffer Solution
6. Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA 0,01 N
7. MgEDTA 0,01 N

##### 3.1.2. Tools

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Stative      | 7. Dropper pipette |
| .              |                    |
| 2 Clamps       | 8. Funnel          |
| .              |                    |
| 3 Burette      | 9. Volume pipette  |
| .              |                    |
| 4 Beaker glass | 10 Stirrer         |
| .              | .                  |
| 5 Erlenmeyer   | 11 Porcelain cup   |
| .              | .                  |

6 Measuring glass                      12 Measuring flask

### 3.2. Experimental Methods

#### 3.2.1. Total Hardness Determination

1. Take 10 ml of liquid sample, adjust the pH to 10 with KOH (if pH reached 12, Mg will precipitate so EDTA only form complex with Ca).
2. Add 1 ml buffer, 1 ml KCN, and a little EBT indicator.
3. Titrate with Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA until the burgundy color turns into light blue.
4. Take a note of the required titrant volume.

$$\text{Total Hardness} = \frac{(V.N)_{\text{EDTA}} \cdot \text{EW CaCO}_3 \cdot 1000}{\text{Titrated V}}, \text{ppm CaCO}_3$$

Notes :

V                      = Volume (ml)

N                      = Normality (N)

MW                   = Molecular weight (g/mol)

ppm                   = Part per million (mg/L)

#### 3.2.2. Fixed Hardness Determination

1. Take 100 ml of liquid sample, put it in a beaker glass, boil it for 20-30 minutes.
2. Cool down the sample, then filter it using Whatmann filter paper with pore diameter < 0.5 μm.
3. Dilute the filtrate to 100 ml in the measuring flask.
4. Take 10 ml of the diluted filtrate, adjust the pH to 10 with KOH.
5. Add 1 ml buffer, 1 ml KCN, and a little EBT indicator.
6. Titrate with Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA until the burgundy color turns into light blue.
7. Take a note of the required titrant volume

$$\text{Fixed Hardness} = \frac{(V.N)_{\text{EDTA}} \cdot \text{EW CaCO}_3 \cdot 1000}{\text{Titrated V}}, \text{ppm CaCO}_3$$

$$\text{Temporary Hardness} = \text{Total Hardness} - \text{Fixed Hardness}$$

Notes:

V                      = Volume (ml)

N = Normality (N)  
MW = Molecular weight (g/mol)  
ppm = Part per million (mg/L)

### 3.2.3. Determination of CaO Content in Solid Sample

1. Put solid sample (oven dry base) in a pyrex glass beaker 250 ml, dissolve it with 10 ml HCl.
2. Steam it until dry using an electric stove.
3. Dissolve the residue with sufficient concentrated HCl, max. 25 ml.
4. Dilute with 100 ml water, heat it for 15 minutes, dilute again with water until the volume is 100 ml.
5. Transfer 5 ml of the solution to a 250 ml measuring flask. Dilute with water up to the mark.
6. Take 5 ml and put in a 100 ml measuring flask. Dilute with water up to the mark.
7. Take 10 ml of the solution that was diluted earlier, adjust the pH to 10 with KOH solution.
8. Add 1 ml buffer, 1 ml KCN, 2-3 drops MgEDTA, and a little indicator EBT.
9. Titrate with Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA until the burgundy color turns light blue.
10. Take a note of the required titrant volume.

$$\text{CaO Content} = \frac{(\text{V.N}) \text{ EDTA} \cdot \text{EW CaO} \cdot 100}{\text{Sample (mg)}} \times \text{fp\%}$$

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