Questions

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Lewis structure of $Si(OH)_4$

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Step #1

Number of electrons = 4x6 +4x1 +1x4 = 32.

Step #2

After 8 electrons are assigned to each oxygen, and single bonds are formed between each species all species have a full octet, (except for hydrogen which has a full valence shell consisting of two electrons)

NOTE: As silica is a period two element overfilling of the octet is possible however any additional bond formation between the oxygen and the central silicon could only increase the formal charge and so may be discounted.

Step #3

Draw structure

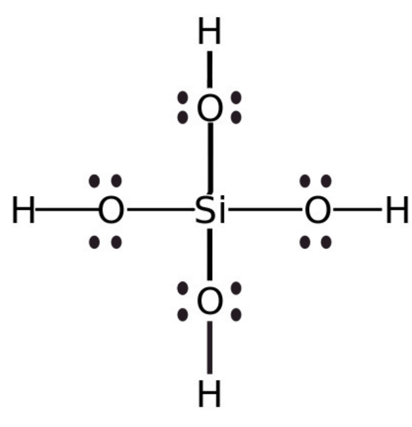

Figure 1: Silicon Hydroxide Lewis structure

Lewis structure of $Al(OH)_4^-$

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Step #1

Number of electrons = 4x6 +4x1 +1x3+1 = 32.

Step #2

After 8 electrons are assigned to each oxygen, and single bonds are formed between each species all species have a full octet, (except for hydrogen which has a full valence shell consisting of two electrons). Again overfilling by creating more bonds will only increase the formal charge.

Step #3

Draw Structure

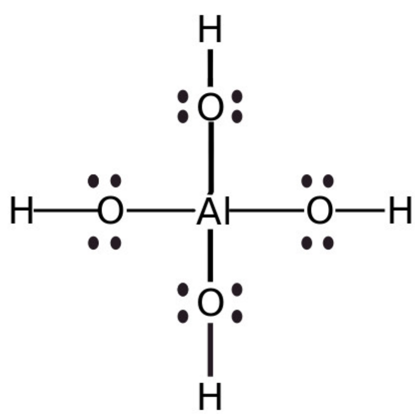

Figure 2: Aluminium Hydroxide Ion Lewis structure

Lewis Structure of $Al(OH)_3$

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Step #1

Number of electrons = 3x6 +3x1 +1x3= 32

Step #2

After 8 electrons are assigned to each oxygen, and single bonds are formed between each species all species have a full octet, (except for hydrogen which has a full valence shell consisting of two electrons). Again overfilling by creating more bonds will only increase the formal charge.

Step #3

Draw Structure

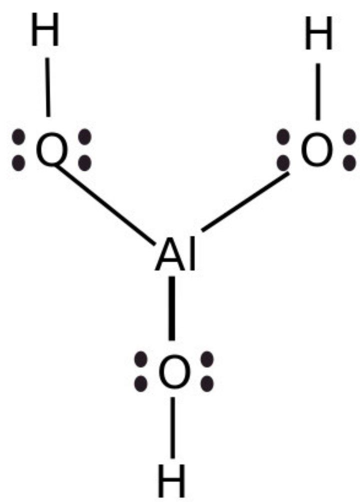

Figure 3: Aluminium Hydroxide Ion Lewis structure

Two

(i)

Step #1

Moles of EDTA added to EDTA standard

$= \frac{0.914g}{372.24g.mol^{-1}} = 2.4554 \quad x \quad 10^{-3}mol$

Step #2

Average Titrant volume $= 0.5x((4.57 - 0.04) + (5.13 - 0.10))ml = 4.78ml$

Step #3

Moles of EDTA in Titrant

$= 2.4554 \quad x \quad 10^{-3} mol \quad x \quad \frac{4.78ml}{250ml}$

$= 4.6947 \quad x \quad 10^{-5} mol$

(ii)

Step #1

At equivalence point of the titration all of the EDTA has reacted with calcium at the ratio of 1 mol EDTA: 1 mol calcium ions.

Hence If $= 4.6947 \quad x \quad 10^{-5} mol$ of calcium where added then $= 4.6947 \quad x \quad 10^{-5} mol$ of calcium ions where used up form the titrand.

Step #2

As the titrand contained only 25ml of the original calcium chloride zeolite solution, It can be interpolated that 3 $\quad x \quad 4.6947 \quad x \quad 10^{-5} mol = 1.4084 \quad x \quad 10^{-4}$ of calcium ions would have been used up from the entire solution.

(iii)

Step #1

Moles of Calcium chloride present in the original solution.

$= \frac{0.196g}{219.08g.mol^{-1}}$

$= 8.9465 \quad x \quad 10{-}4$

Step #3

Moles of Calcium ions left in the original solution

$= 8.9465 \quad x \quad 10^{-4} mol - 1.4084 \quad x \quad 10^{-4} mol$

$7.5381 x \quad 10^{-4} mol$

(iv)

Grams of Calcium chloride left in original solution. $= 7.5381 x \quad 10^{-4} mol \quad x \quad 40.08 g.mol^{-1}$
$= 3.0213 \quad x \quad 10^{-2} g$

(v)

Step #1

The amount of calcium ions taken up by the zeolite is equivalent to the amount fo calcium ions remaining in solution, as any calcium ions not bound would have been removed during the EDTA titration.

Hence there are $7.5381 \quad x \quad 10^{-4} mol$ of Calcium ions bound by the zeolite.

(vi)

Step #1

Grams of Calcium ions taken up per gram of Zeolite

$= \frac{3.0213 \quad x \quad 10^{-2} g}{0.104 g}$

$= 0.29051 (g/g)$

Three

This implies that zeolites may be very useful as detergents as they are capable of sequestering/removing relatively large quantities of dissolved ions from solution. (removing these ions will prevent them from resettling on whatever item is being cleaned, and increase the overall ability of the detergent to dissolve and remove unwanted deposits from the item being cleaned.)

Five

four acid sites are accosted with the EDTA. (one for each of the terminal carboxylic acid groups)

Six.

Yes. Sulphuric acid has the same activity of any normal acid catalyst, providing a ready source and sink for H^+ ions, facilitating the internal structural changes necessary for ester formation.

Seven

Pentyl ethanol is used:

1. as a flavourant in many foods.

2. As a solvent in paints.

Eight

Zeolite is micro-porous, that is within its 3D chemical structure there is a regular arrangement of regular sized gaps/holes/pores,through which other molecules, if sufficiently small could pass through. molecules which are too large however, (such as molecules with a diameter greater than X in the figure below) can. Such molecules suffer size exclusion, as although they may have the correct chemical properties to react with binding sites on the interior, they are physically prevented from reaching these sites, as the are too large, and so cannot bind.

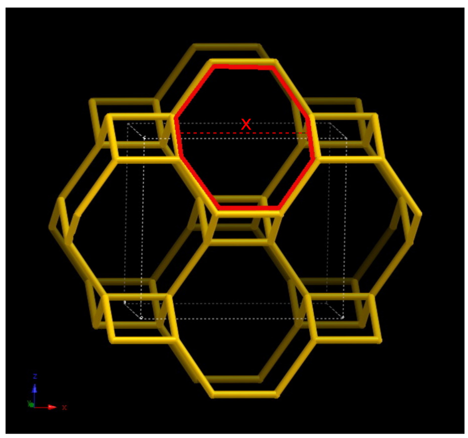

Figure 4: Zeolite Structure

Aim

Two different experiments where performed with different aims.

The aim of experiment A was to determine the Ability of Zeolite to bind Calcium ions from solution. Both to determine how effective Zeolite could be as a cleaning/filtering agent to remove calcium impurities, and to approximate how much zeolite (by mass) would be necessary to remove calcium from a contaminated solution.

The aim of experiment B was to determine Zeolite ability to act as a Acid catalyst (in esterification.)

Introduction

Zeolites Are complex three dimensional molecules formed from the condensation of $Si(OH)_{4}$ and $Ai(OH)_4^-$ monomers. The striking feature of the complexes formed are the regularly sized and evenly space pores which the macro structure contains, (See the figure below). This regular arrangement has many potentially important chemical applications. One such application is the ability of Zeolites to act as molecular sponges/ filters soaking up particles of the correct size to fit through the microspores which binding to the interior of the molecule.furthermore Zeolites can also act as effective inorganic acid catalyst, there complex macro structure providing many catalytically active sites. Such catalyst have the added advantage that, as the catalyst is solid state, removal and reuse if far simpler and less energetically expensive than a conventional acid catalyst such as sulphuric acid.

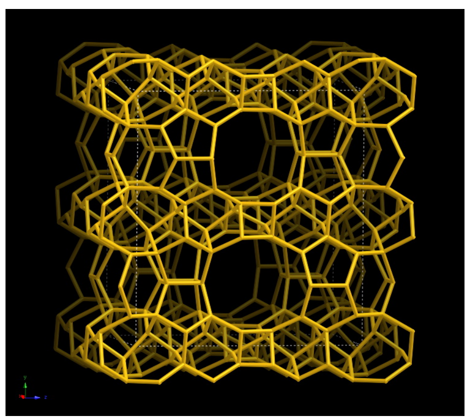

Figure 5: Zeolite Structure

Results and discussion.

Data Appendices

Experiment A.

Materials used

Materials used in preparation
Weight of hydrated Calcium Chloride used in Solution 1
Weight of EDTA disodium salt use in Solution 2
Weight of Zeolite added to Solution 1

Titration Table

Titration of solution 2, (titrant) into solution 1 (analyte)
Titration number
#1
#2