

# **Metal complexes of aminophosphonates in solution**

## **- stability constants and speciation**

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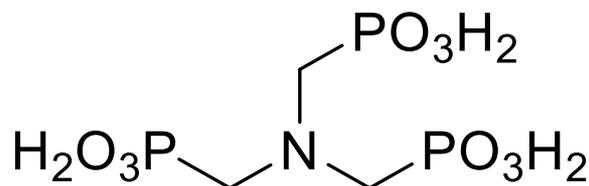


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# Aminophosphonates

- Never present in solution in the „common“ form



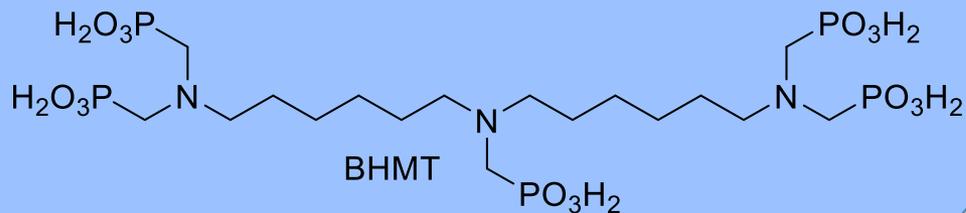
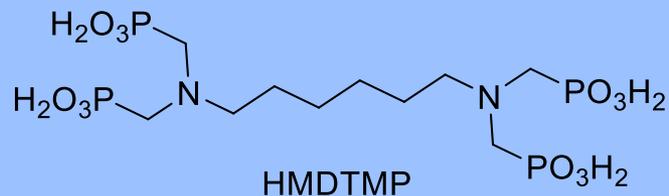
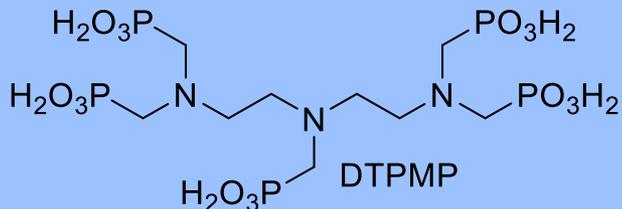
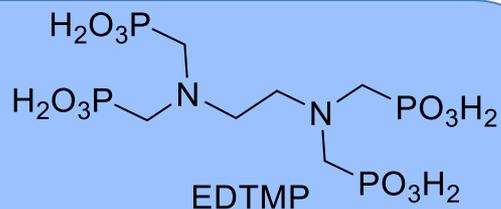
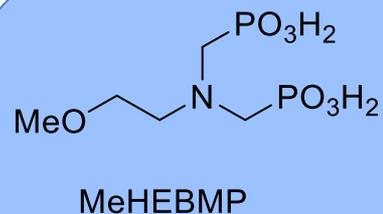
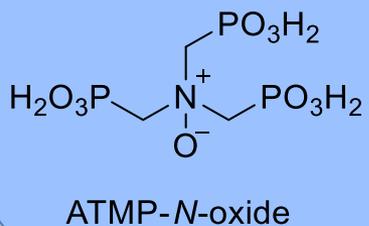
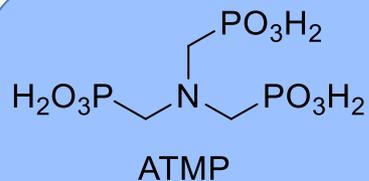
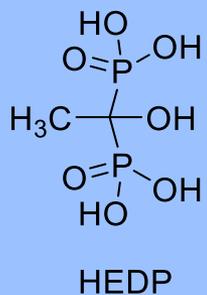
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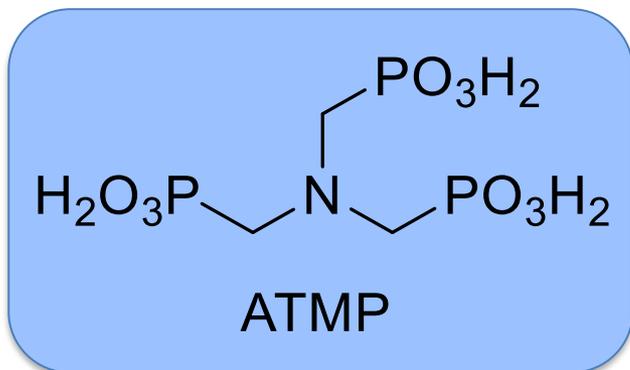
- Amine protonation, phosphonate dissociation
- Binding to metal ions
- Different charge, hydrophilicity, solubility, biodistribution etc.



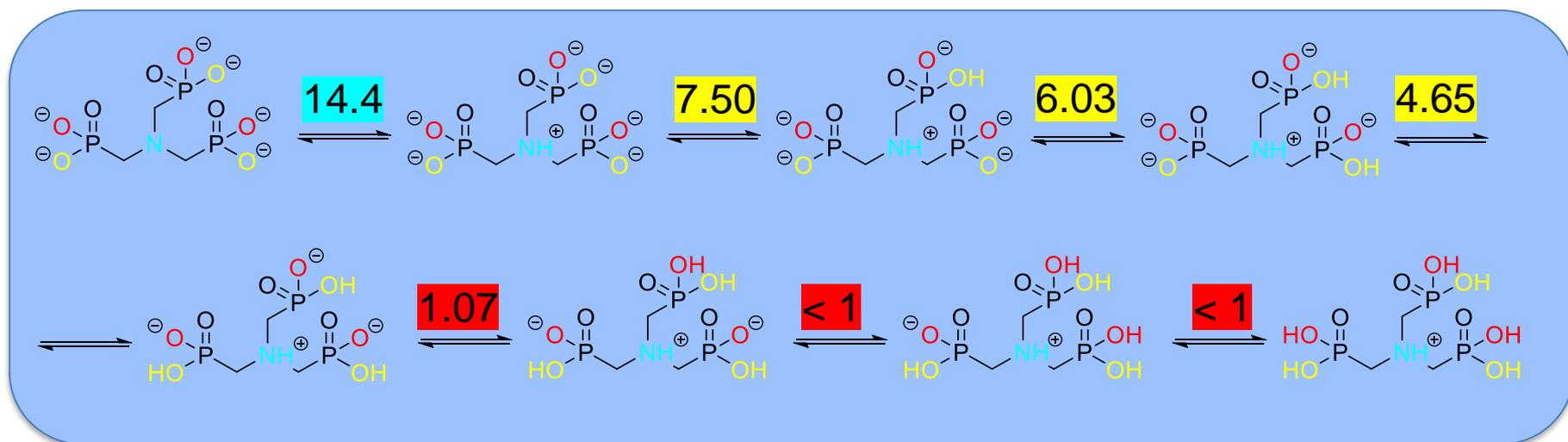
# Aminophosphonates



# Ligand protonation

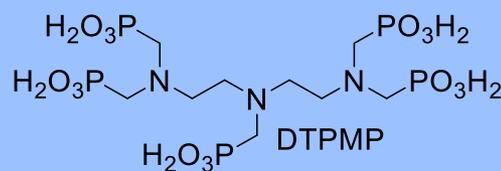
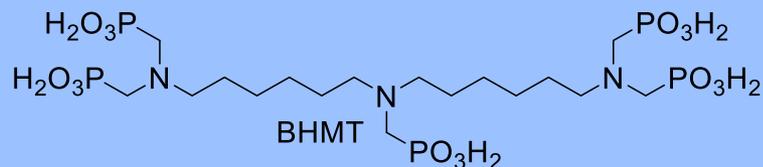
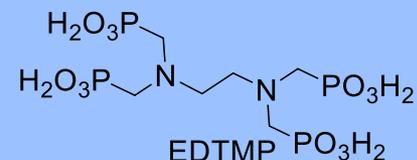
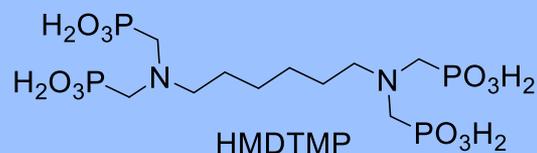


| Species          | $pK_a$ |                                       |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| HL               | 14.4   | amine protonation                     |
| H <sub>2</sub> L | 7.50   | } phosphonate<br>– first protonation  |
| H <sub>3</sub> L | 6.03   |                                       |
| H <sub>4</sub> L | 4.65   | } phosphonate<br>– second protonation |
| H <sub>5</sub> L | 1.07   |                                       |



# Ligand protonation

| Species          | ATMP | HMDTMP | BHMT  | EDTMP | DTPMP |
|------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| HL               | 14.4 | 13.8   | 14.1  | 14.34 | 14.2  |
| H <sub>2</sub> L | 7.50 | 12.8   | 13.8  | 10.24 | 13.2  |
| H <sub>3</sub> L | 6.03 | 7.11   | 12.16 | 7.93  | 9.70  |
| H <sub>4</sub> L | 4.65 | 6.28   | 7.11  | 6.51  | 8.26  |
| H <sub>5</sub> L | 1.07 | 5.40   | 6.35  | 5.02  | 7.15  |
| H <sub>6</sub> L | -    | 4.64   | 5.80  | 2.71  | 6.34  |
| H <sub>7</sub> L | -    | 1.12   | 5.13  | -     | 5.46  |
| H <sub>8</sub> L | -    | -      | 4.58  | -     | 4.24  |
| H <sub>9</sub> L | -    | -      | 1.19  | -     | 2.00  |



# Complexes

- Divalent metal ions –  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{\text{II}}$
- Monovalent metal ions –  $\text{Na}^{\text{I}}$ ,  $\text{K}^{\text{I}}$
- Trivalent metal ion –  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$
  
- Challenging systems
- Various ligand to metal ratios
- Many protonation states
- Formation of mixed hydroxidocomplexes
- Solubility changing with pH



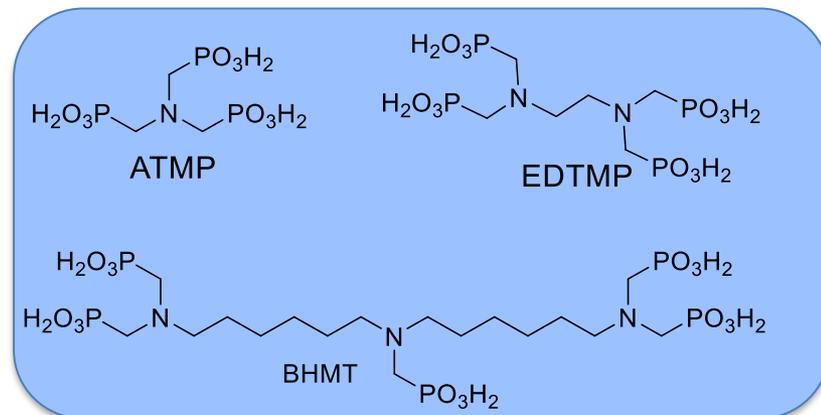
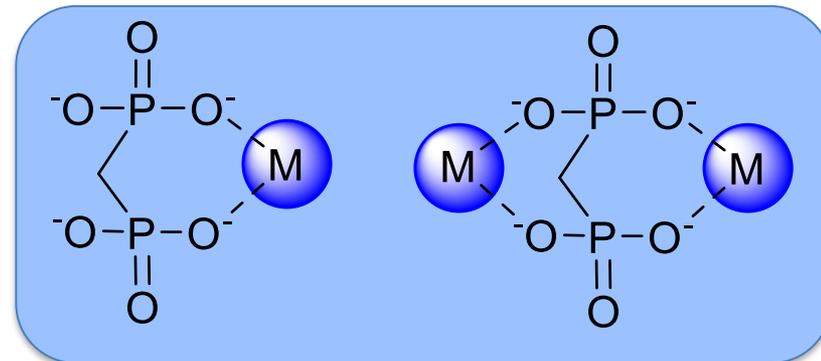
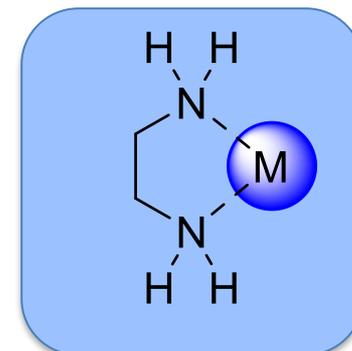
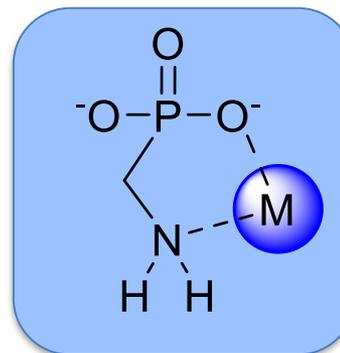
# Coordination modes

## Acidic region

- Only phosphonates coordinated
- Highly protonated complexes
- Low stability
- Often polymeric and insoluble

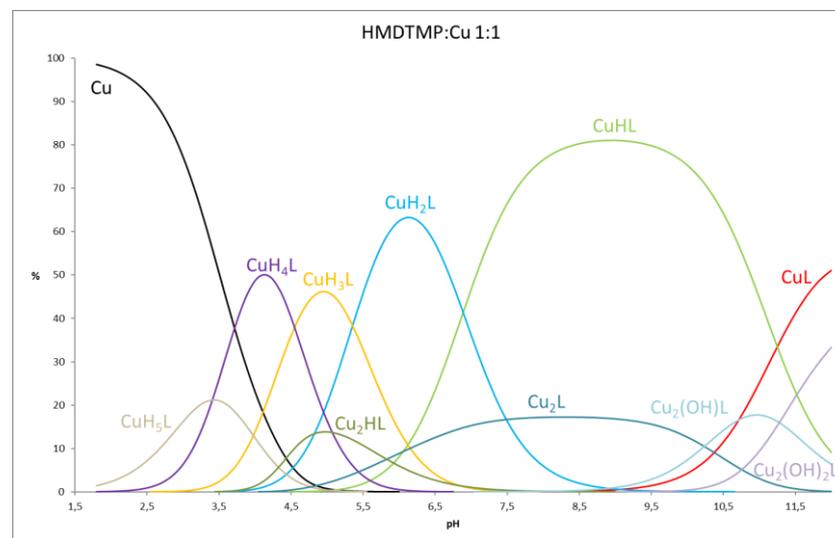
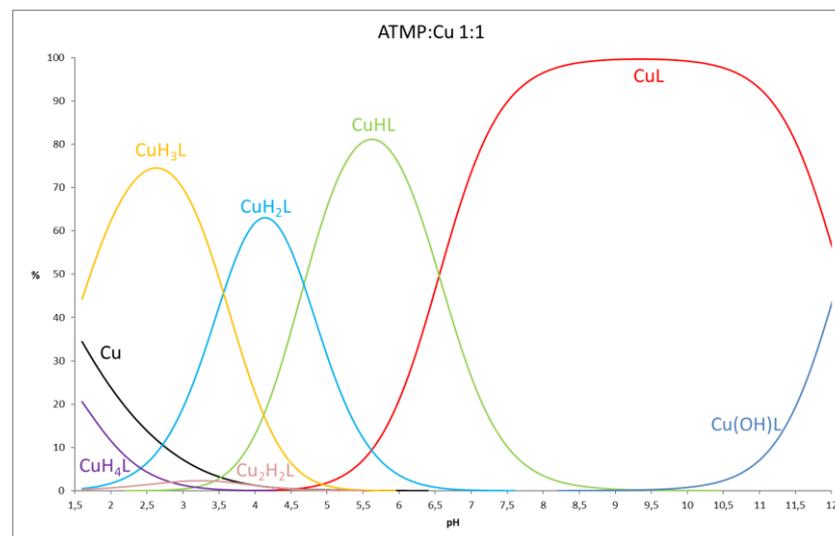
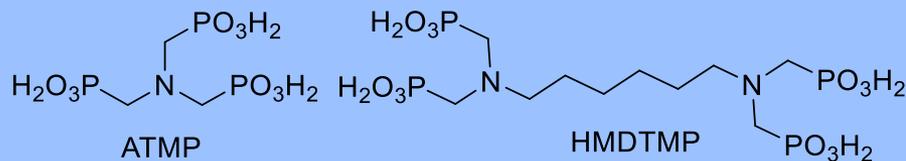
## Neutral and alkaline region

- Amines and phosphonates coordinated
- High stability
- Formation of chelates



# Stability and speciation of complexes

| Cu <sup>II</sup>                       | ATMP  |                 | HMDTMP |                 |
|--|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
|  | logβ  | pK <sub>a</sub> | logβ   | pK <sub>a</sub> |
| [M(L)]                                 | 19.26 |                 | 18.23  |                 |
| [M(HL)]                                | 25.82 | 6.56            | 29.09  | 10.86           |
| [M(H <sub>2</sub> L)]                  | 30.50 | 4.68            | 35.75  | 6.66            |
| [M(H <sub>3</sub> L)]                  | 34.06 | 3.56            | 41.06  | 5.31            |
| [M(H <sub>4</sub> L)]                  | 35.33 | 1.27            | 45.53  | 4.47            |
| [M(H <sub>5</sub> L)]                  | -     |                 | 49.03  | 3.50            |
| [M(L)(OH)]                             | 7.14  | 12.12           | -      |                 |
| [M <sub>2</sub> (L)]                   | -     |                 | 29.17  |                 |
| [M <sub>2</sub> (HL)]                  | -     |                 | 34.83  |                 |
| [M <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> L)]    | 32.79 |                 | -      |                 |
| [M <sub>2</sub> (L)(OH)]               | -     |                 | 19.06  |                 |
| [M <sub>2</sub> (L)(OH) <sub>2</sub> ] | -     |                 | 7.95   |                 |

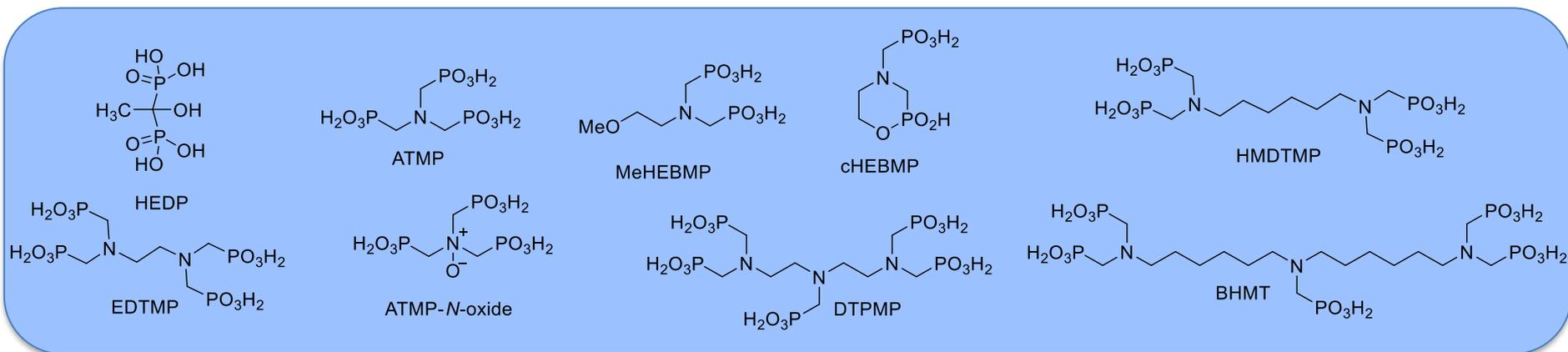


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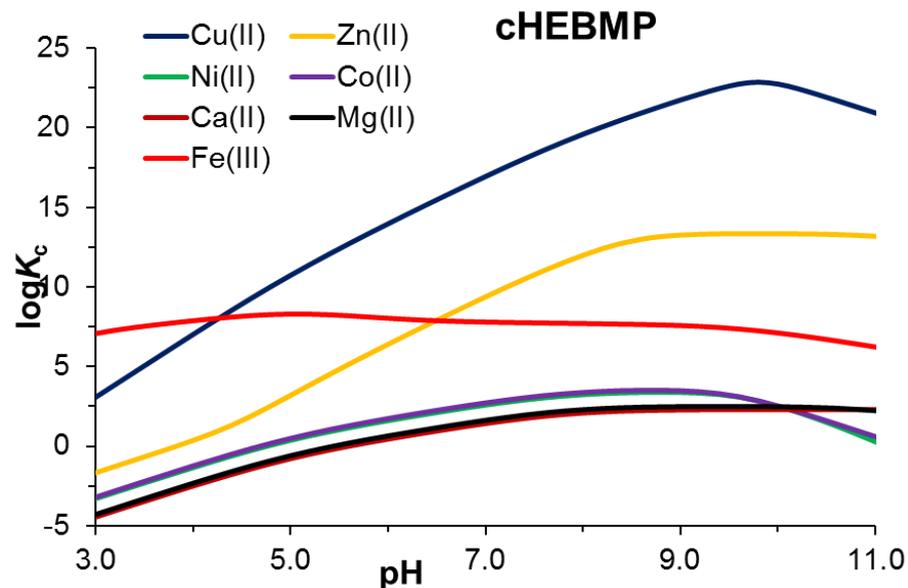
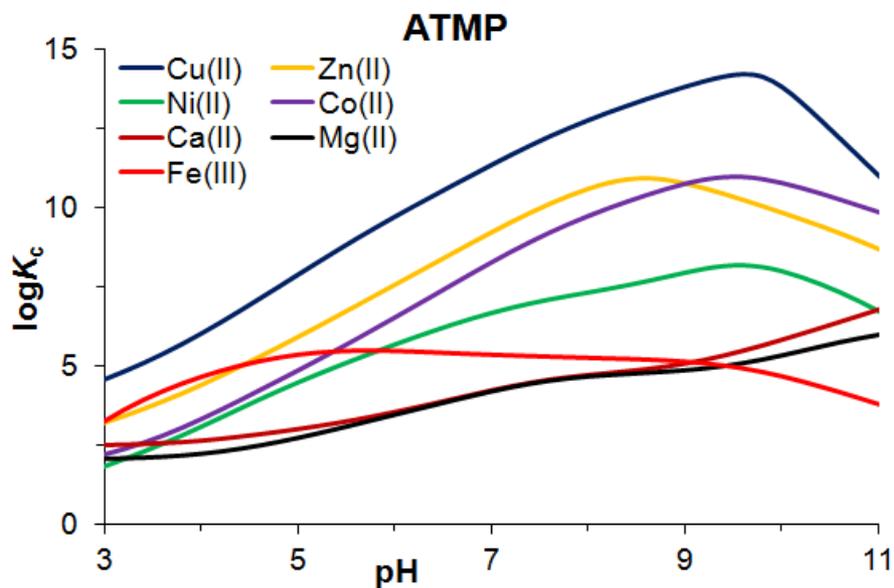
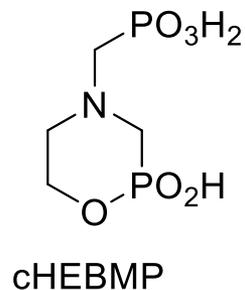
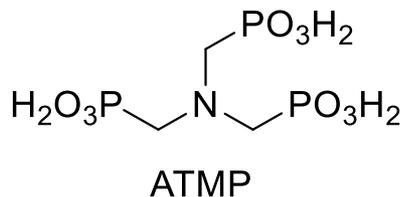
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| logK<br>[M(L)] | Cu <sup>II</sup> | Zn <sup>II</sup> | Ni <sup>II</sup> | Co <sup>II</sup> | Ca <sup>II</sup> | Mg <sup>II</sup> | Fe <sup>III</sup> | Na <sup>I</sup> | K <sup>I</sup> |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                | 19.26            | 17.19            | 13.34            | 16.25            | 10.20            | 9.66             | 22.4              | 4.74            | < 2            |

|                  | ATMP  | HMDTMP | BHMT  | DTPMP | HEBP  | EDTMP | ATMPO | MeHEBMP | cHEBMP |
|------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| Cu <sup>II</sup> | 19.26 | 18.23  | 19.30 | 26.76 | 12.49 | 23.96 | 14.24 | 15.38   | 7.69   |
| Zn <sup>II</sup> | 17.19 | -      | 16.19 | 20.68 | 11.56 | 20.83 | 16.35 | 10.99   | 5.13   |



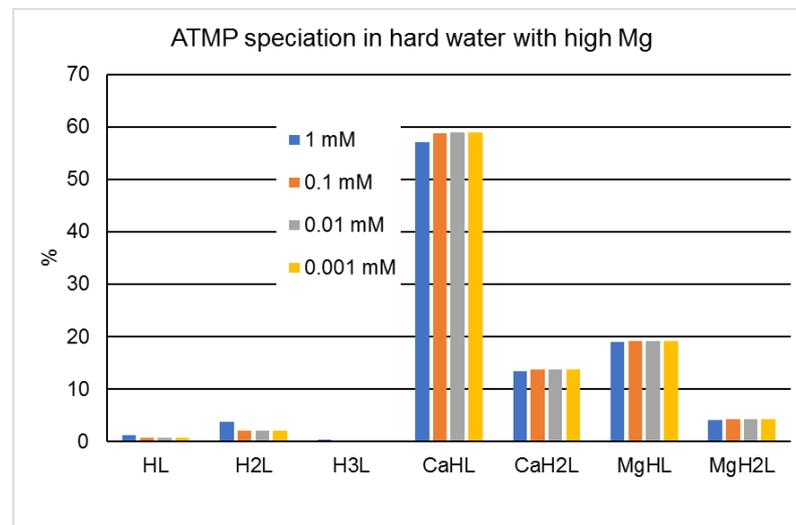
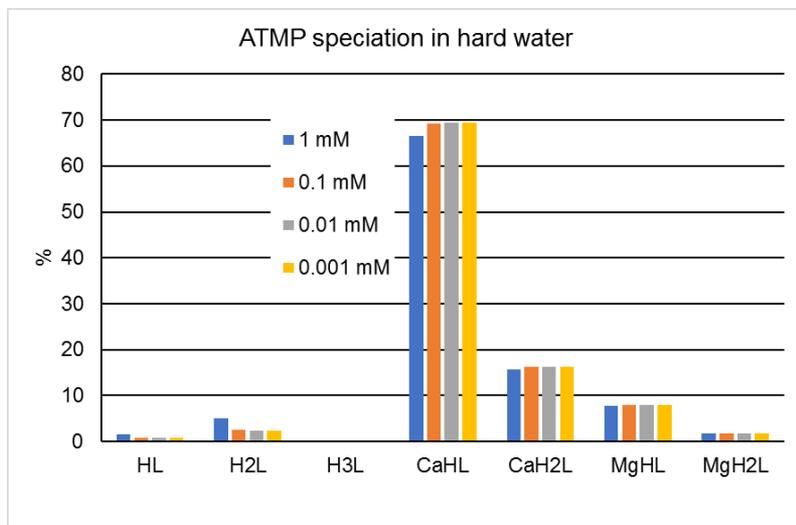
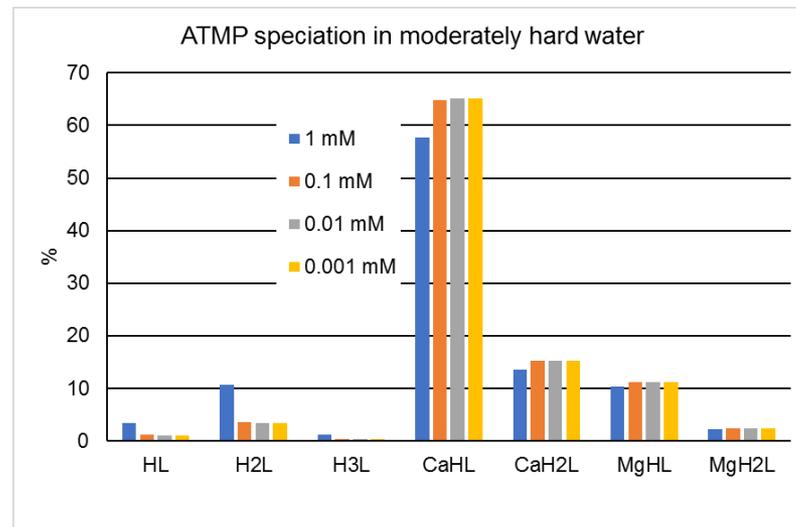
# Conditional stability



# Speciation in model systems – river water

## ATMP

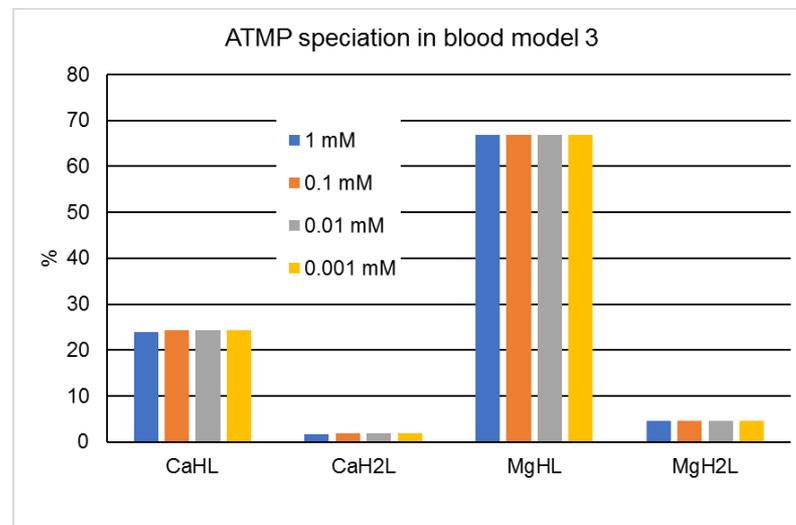
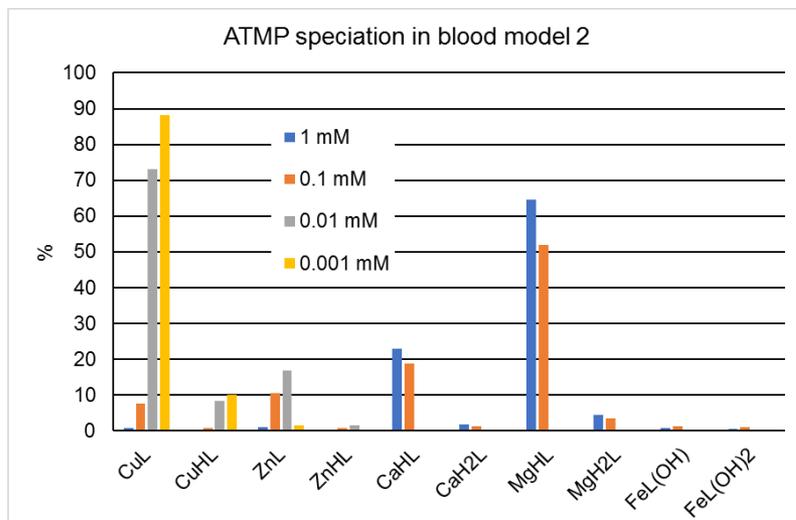
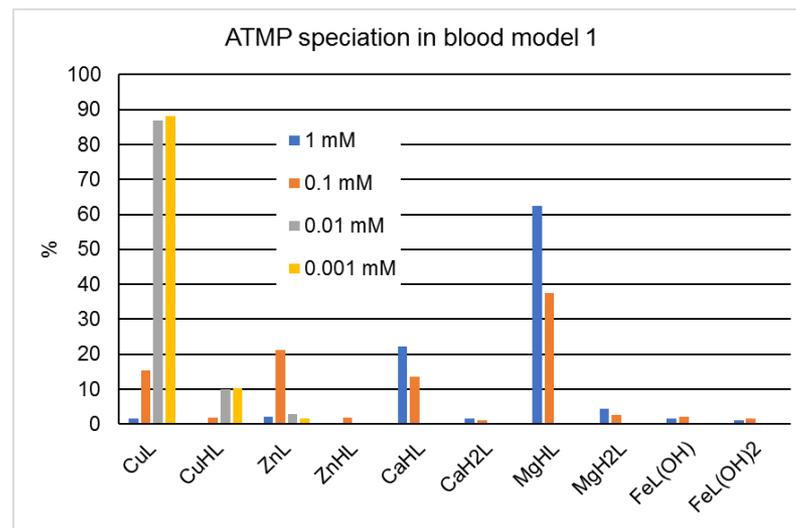
| Concentration [M] | Moderately hard water | Hard water           | Hard water with high Mg |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Ca <sup>II</sup>  | $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  | $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$    |
| Mg <sup>II</sup>  | $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$  | $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$ | $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$    |
| Na <sup>I</sup>   | $2.6 \times 10^{-4}$  | $2.6 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.6 \times 10^{-4}$    |
| K <sup>I</sup>    | $7.0 \times 10^{-5}$  | $7.0 \times 10^{-5}$ | $7.0 \times 10^{-5}$    |
| pH                | 7                     | 7                    | 7                       |



# Speciation in model systems – blood

## ATMP

| Concentration [M] | Model 1              | Model 2              | Model 3              |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cu <sup>II</sup>  | $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ | $8.5 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0                    |
| Zn <sup>II</sup>  | $2.3 \times 10^{-5}$ | $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ | 0                    |
| Ca <sup>II</sup>  | $8.5 \times 10^{-4}$ | $8.5 \times 10^{-4}$ | $8.5 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| Mg <sup>II</sup>  | $2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| Fe <sup>III</sup> | $4.1 \times 10^{-5}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-5}$ | 0                    |
| Na <sup>I</sup>   | $1.4 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.4 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.4 \times 10^{-1}$ |
| K <sup>I</sup>    | $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$ | $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$ | $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| pH                | 7.5                  | 7.5                  | 7.5                  |



# Conclusion

## Aminophosphonates

- Strong complexing agents
- Zwitterions in the free form
- Quantitative binding of divalent and trivalent transition metal ions
- Complexes with alkaline earth metal ions dominant in natural water and body fluids
- Complexes with alkaline metal ions formed only in strongly alkaline solutions
- Precise speciation impossible due to limited solubility, sorption on solid materials, slow kinetics of natural processes and uncertain availability of metal ions in natural systems



# Group of Coordination and Bioinorganic Chemistry

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- Determination of protonation and stability constants
- Formation and dissociation kinetics of complexes
- Synthesis of polydentate ligands

### Applications of polydentate ligands (mainly macrocyclic)

- Radiodiagnosis
- Radiotherapy
- Magnetic resonance imaging



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