# Complexation Ion-exchange Chromatography of Some Metal Ions on Papers Impregnated with Ti(IV)-Based Inorganic Ion Exchangers

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## Abstract

The chromatographic behavior of 40 metal ions is studied on titanium (IV) arsenate, titanium(IV) phosphate-, titanium (IV) molybdate-, titanium(IV) tungstate-, and titanium(IV) selenite-impregnated papers in 0.1M oxalic, citric, and tartaric acid as mobile phases. Similar studies are carried out on Whatman No. 1 papers for comparison. The ion-exchange capacity of these papers is determined, and their selectivity for different cations is discussed. The mechanism of migration is explained in terms of ion-exchange, precipitation, and adsorption. The prediction of elution sequence from  $R_F$  values is also checked. The average  $R_i$  is found to be almost linearly dependent on the charge of the metal ions. The effect of the p $K_a$  of complexing acids on average  $R_F$  values of 3d series metal ions is explained. A number of binary and ternary separations are achieved.

## Introduction

Titanium(IV) based inorganic ion-exchangers have been found to possess promising thermal and chemical stability and have been used in the column chromatography (1,2), thin-layer chromatography (3,4), and paper chromatography (5–13) of metal ions. Papers impregnated with these materials are highly selective for metal ions, and a number of metal ion separations can be achieved. However, the methods of preparation of these papers have not always been the same in the last 25 years, and their ionexchange capacity was not determined. It is therefore important that papers impregnated with various titanium(IV)-based exchangers should be prepared again, their ion-exchange capacity determined, and selectivities for metal ions studied.

In earlier studies, noncomplexing substances were generally used as a mobile phase, and in only one case was a complexing acid eluent used (14). In order to enhance the separation potential of these papers, therefore, it is desirable to combine complexation with ion-exchange. It is observed that the combined effect of these two separation mechanisms leads to much better separation possibilities. The titanium(IV)-based exchangers show high selectivity at low pH and decompose at high pH. As such, weak acids were chosen as mobile phases in order to prevent the hydrolysis of the exchange material. Appropriate complexing acids chosen for evaluation included oxalic, citric, and tartaric acid.

## Experimental

## Apparatus

Chromatography was performed on  $15 \times 3.5$ -cm Whatman (Clifton, NJ) No. 1 paper strips in  $20 \times 5$ -cm glass jars.

## Reagents

Titanium(IV) chloride (Reidal, Germany) was used. All other chemicals and solvents used were of analytical reagent grade from B.D.H. (British Drug House, London, England).

## Preparation of ion-exchange papers

Papers impregnated with titanium(IV)-based inorganic ionexchangers were prepared in the same manner as the titanium(IV) arsenate-impregnated papers reported earlier (13). In the case of titanium(IV) phosphate-impregnated papers, the ones prepared using sodium dihydrogen phosphate (NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) were chosen for chromatography.

## Ion exchange capacity

All impregnated papers were found to possess considerable ionexchange capacity. For Na<sup>+</sup> ions (Na<sup>+</sup>–H<sup>+</sup> exchange), the ionexchange capacity in mequiv-per-gram of treated papers was determined by column experiments (saturation method) (15).

## Test solutions

The test solutions were generally 0.1M in metal nitrate or chloride and were prepared as described previously (16).

#### Detectors

Conventional spot test reagents were used for detection purposes.

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## **Results and Discussion**

The conditions of preparation and the ionexchange capacity of the treated papers are given in Table I. Chromatography was performed on titanium(IV) phosphate (TiP), titanium(IV) tungstate (TiW), titanium(IV) molybdate (TiMo), titanium(IV) selenite (TiSe), and titanium(IV) arsenate(TiAs) papers in the following mobile phases:  $M_1$ , 0.1M oxalic acid;  $M_2$ , 0.1M citric acid; and  $M_3$ , 0.1M tartaric acid. The same mobile phases were used for Whatman No. 1 papers for comparison. In the case of different sets of papers impregnated with TiP and TiSe, the papers having higher ion-exchange capacity were chosen for studies. The  $R_F$  values of metal ions are summarized in Table II. In many instances, it is possible to separate metal ions. Some useful separations were actually achieved on impregnated and Whatman No. 1 papers. The saliant features of this study are described in the following sections.

## Table I. Composition and Ion-Exchange Capacity of Titanium(IV)-Based Ion-Exchange Papers

Paper impregnated with	Concentration Titanium(IV) chloride	of reagents (M) Sodium salt of anion	Ion-exchange capacity of impregnated papers (mequiv/g)				
1. Titanium(IV) molybdate	0.25	0.25	0.33				
2a. Titanium(IV) phosphate*	0.50	0.50	0.34				
2b. Titanium(IV) phosphate <sup>+</sup>	0.50	0.50	0.10				
3. Titanium(IV) arsenate	0.25	0.25	0.30				
4. Titanium(IV) tungstate	0.25	0.25	0.35				
5a. Titanium(IV) selenite	0.10	0.20	0.10				
5b. Titanium(IV) selenite	0.05	0.05	0.05				
5c. Titanium(IV) selenite	0.50	0.50	0.38				
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* Using NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> .							

<sup>+</sup> Using Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.

## Effect of impregnation

In order to study the effect of impregnation,  $R_{\rm i}$  values ( $R_{\rm F}$  on Whatman No. 1 paper –  $R_{\rm F}$ 

on impregnated paper) for all metal ions were calculated. For metals with  $R_i > 0.6$ , the following conclusions can be drawn.

First, on TiW-impregnated papers,  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Ba^{2+}$ , and  $Rb^+$  in 0.IM oxalic acid;  $Bi^{3+}$ ,  $UO^{2+}$ ,  $VO^{2+}$ ,  $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $La^{3+}$ ,  $Pr^{3+}$ , and  $Al^{3+}$  in 0.1M citric acid; and  $K^+$ ,  $Ni^{2+}$ , and  $Se^{4+}$  in 0.1M tartaric acid media show a higher degree of adsorption.

Second, with TiAs-impregnated papers,  $Fe^{3+}$ ,  $UO^{2+}_{2}$ ,  $VO^{2+}_{2}$ ,  $VO^{2+}_{2}$ , and  $Co^{2+}$  in 0.1M tartaric acid;  $Bi^{3+}$  and  $Al^{3+}$  in 0.1M citric acid; and  $Pd^{2+}$ ,  $Tl^{2+}$ ,  $Zn^{2+}$ , and  $Mo^{6+}$  in 0.1M oxalic acid media are selectively adsorbed.

Third,  $Sm^{3+}$ ,  $CU^{2+}$ , and  $Nd^{3+}$  in 0.1M oxalic acid;  $Sb^{3+}$ ,  $Bi^{3+}$ ,  $Cd^{2+}$ , and  $Sn^{4+}$  in 0.1M citric acid; and  $Fe^{3+}$ ,  $UO^{2+}$ ,  $VO^{2+}$ ,  $Fe^{2+}$ , and  $Cr^{3+}$  in 0.1M tartaric acid media are selectively adsorbed on TiMo-impregnated papers.

Fourth, TiP-impregnated papers in 0.1M citric acid are highly

selective for  $Co^{2+}$  and  $Mo^{6+}$ . The same is true on TiSe-impregnated papers for  $Hg^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$ , and  $Sr^{2+}$ due to higher adsorption on these papers.

## **Precipitation effect**

The metal ions that have zero or very low  $R_{\rm F}$  values are because of (*a*) precipitation, (*b*) strong adsorption due to high charge, and (*c*) complex formation.

Upon mixing a solution of metal ion with sodium tungstate solution followed by 0.1M citric acid, a precipitate was obtained for Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, Bi<sup>3+</sup>, UO<sup>2+</sup><sub>2</sub>, Zr<sup>4+</sup>, and La<sup>3+</sup>. For these metal ions, the zero or very low  $R_{\rm F}$  values on TiW papers in 0.1M citric acid media are therefore due to a precipitation mechanism. In order to simulate conditions on other impregnated papers in different mobile phases, a solution of corresponding sodium salt of the anionic part of the exchanger was added to the





metal ion solution followed by the addition of the mobile phase used. Various metal ions were precipitated under these conditions (Table III).

For all those metal ions, zero or very low  $R_{\rm F}$  values are due to a precipitation mechanism. In contrast, for metal ions having zero or very low  $R_{\rm F}$  values on What man No. 1 papers, no precipitate was obtained upon the addition of metal ion solution with the mobile phase used (Table III). Thus, the zero or very low  $R_{\rm F}$  values of metal ions on Whatman No. 1 papers in these mobile phases is probably due to interaction with the paper matrix, as in the case of Ag<sup>+</sup> and Hg<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup><sup>+</sup>.

## Prediction of elution sequence

The chromatographic behavior of metal ions on ion-exchange columns and on impregnated papers using the same exchangers is quite interesting. The  $R_{\rm F}$  values of metal ions are related to their distribution coefficients (*Kd*) on titanium(IV)-based exchangers. For higher distribution coefficients, lower  $R_{\rm F}$  values were observed. This behavior is expected, because when *Kd* is higher, the ion is more strongly held by the ion-exchanger and less easily allowed to move further, giving a lower  $R_{\rm F}$  value. This trend was confirmed by determining the  $R_{\rm F}$  values of some common metal ions on all the impregnated papers in demineral-

Table II. <i>R</i> <sub>F</sub> Values of Metal Ions on Titanium(IV)-Based Ion-Exchange Papers in Complex-Forming Acid Mobile Phases																		
Cation	n Titanium(IV) arsenate		Titanium(IV) phosphate			Titanium(IV) molybdate		Titanium(IV) tungstate			Titanium(IV) selenite			Whatman No. 1				
	M	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3	M1	M2	M3
Ag+	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.10	0.04	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.95
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	0.46	0.23	0.17	0.68	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.40	0.49	0.07	0.37	0.34	0.10	T*	0.06	0.95	0.95	0.93
Sb <sup>3+</sup>	0.14	0.18	0.29	0.06	0.00	0.04	Т	0.18	0.11	0.04	0.04	0.05	ND <sup>+</sup>	ND	ND	0.86	0.89	0.97
Bi <sup>3+</sup>	0.13	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.11	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.80	Т
Td 2+	0.38	0.80	0.74	0.70	0.00	0.00	Т	0.62	0.35	0,48	0.29	0.70	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.89	0.90	0.90
Cd 2+	0.24	0.06	0.12	0.21	0.06	0.08	0.65	0.15	0.79	0.38	0.43	0.65	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.93	0.87	0.95
Hg <sup>2+</sup>	0.79	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.74	0.70	0.43	0.75	0.64	0.73	0.38	0.67	0.35	0.73	0.68	0.84	0.79	0.75
$Hg_2^{2+}$	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tl+	0.32	0.71	0.67	0.78	0.02	0.00	0.87	0.69	0.48	0.30	0.39	0.57	0.12	Т	0.09	0.90	0.85	0.87
Sn <sup>4+</sup>	0.07	0.12	0.12	ND	0.21	0.22	Т	0.06	0.37	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.77	0.77	0.79
Sn 2+	0.29	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.20	0.15	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.86	0.85
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.14	0.05	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.70	0.00	0.41	0.06	0.10	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.92	0.95	0.95
$UO_{2}^{2+}$	ND	0.11	0.07	ND	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.38	0.00	ND	0.00	0.50	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.97	0.93	0.94
VO 2+	0.40	0.31	0.11	0.78	0.08	0.04	0.82	0.46	0.03	0.57	0.29	0.46	0.30	0.08	0.07	0.93	0.93	0.97
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.28	0.10	0.13	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.70	0.16	0.16	0.10	0.14	0.16	0.06	0.06	0.93	0.93	0.97
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	0.08	0.18	0.40	Т	0.10	0.06	0.45	0.50	0.48	0.53	0.08	0.70	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.96	0.90	0.94
Cr <sup>3+</sup>	0.16	0.07	0.05	Т	0.08	0.10	0.36	0.50	0.15	0.04	0.10	0.87	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.98	0.87	0.90
Mn <sup>2+</sup>	ND	0.30	0.26	0.74	0.74	0.69	0.45	0.30	0.55	0.40	0.59	0.68	0.22	0.17	0.07	0.85	0.95	0.90
Ca 2+	0.76	0.50	0.66	0.72	0.70	0.78	0.51	0.70	0.64	0.41	0.46	0.68	0.11	0.22	0.20	0.94	0.80	0.90
Zr 4+	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.90	Т
Th <sup>4+</sup>	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.84	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.89	0.90	0.89
Ce <sup>4+</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.02	0.08	0.48	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.89	0.90	0.95
Ce 3+	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.04	Т	0.12	0.55	0.54	Т	0.13	0.16	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.91	0.90	0.95
La <sup>3+</sup>	0.40	0.10	0.12	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.34	0.00	0.15	0.05	0.09	0.10	0.97	0.94	0.95
Sm <sup>3+</sup>	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.05	0.15	Т	0.04	0.70	0.22	0.29	0.28	0.35	0.09	0.17	0.12	0.95	0.92	0.95
Pr <sup>3+</sup>	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.02	0.12	0.11	0.30	0.80	0.34	0.30	0.24	0.83	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.92	0.90	0.93
Nd 3+	0.22	0.13	0.29	0.08	Т	0.15	0.16	0.79	0.40	0.36	0.37	0.81	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.94	0.89	0.97
Al <sup>3+</sup>	0.39	0.13	0.11	0.45	ND	ND	0.64	0.53	0.46	0.15	0.35	0.82	0.10	0.48	0.40	0.96	0.93	0.92
Ba <sup>3+</sup>	0.68	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.04	0.19	0.08	0.00	0.05	0.28	0.40	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.92	0.90	0.91
Sr 2+	0.74	0.67	0.67	0.69	0.72	0.72	0.63	0.54	0.36	0.68	0.41	0.59	0.00	0.21	0.30	0.95	0.97	0.95
K+	0.25	0.42	0.31	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.50	0.65	0.65	0.35	0.57	0.08	ND	0.79	0.25	0.91	0.84	0.92
Rb+	0.20	0.22	0.17	0.24	0.11	0.14	0.47	0.04	0.05	0.17	0.29	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.90	0.91	0.92
Cs+	0.30	0.43	0.27	0.22	0.34	0.09	0.10	0.00	0.41	0.10	0.10	0.10	ND	0.32	0.34	0.95	0.95	0.95
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	0.16	0.24	0.15	0.56	0.13	0.14	0.43	0.64	0.50	0.28	0.36	0.56	0.22	0.11	0.03	0.97	0.93	0.95
Co <sup>2+</sup>	0.46	0.20	0.12	0.48	0.20	0.14	0.65	0.68	0.60	0.26	0.36	0.45	0.15	0.08	0.00	0.96	0.94	0.92
Mo <sup>6+</sup>	0.51	0.80	0.71	0.69	0.78	0.75	ND	ND	ND	0.52	ND	0.47	ND	ND	ND	0.93	0.96	0.93
Se <sup>4+</sup>	0.25	0.43	0.38	0.40	Т	0.23	0.31	0.06	0.00	0.64	0.12	0.08	ND	ND	ND	0.92	0.94	0.95
W <sup>6+</sup>	0.12	0.76	0.29	0.61	0.81	0.70	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.85	0.90	0.80
Ru <sup>3+</sup>	0.00	0.71	0.89	0.50	0.04	0.72	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.18	0.84	0.00	ND	ND	ND	0.90	0.85	0.92

\* T, tailing.

<sup>+</sup> ND, not detected.



citric acid; \*, tartaric acid.

ized water. The Kd values for these metal ions are given for comparison in Table IV. In general, the sequence of Kd values is the same as that predicted from  $R_{\rm F}$  values. If it is concluded that the elution sequence can be predicted from Kd values, it follows that the  $R_{\rm F}$  values are not reliable for such a prediction for the following reasons: (a) in paper chromatography, the mobile phase ascent is too fast to achieve equilibrium, (b) some of the ions definitely interact in a different manner with the paper than with the ion-exchanger, and (c) the material obtained by precipitation from solution and the one that deposited on the paper have different composition (i.e., Ti/anion ratio). This view is supported by the earlier studies made by Qureshi et al. (1,13), who determined the composition of various titanium(IV)-based inorganic ionexchange materials obtained from solution by precipitation and those that were deposited on papers. For instance, the composition of TiAs obtained by the two methods (1,13) were found to be 1:1.8 and 1:0.32, respectively, even when the solutions of Ti(IV) chloride and sodium arsenate (used in the preparation of the ionexchange material by the two methods) were of the same concentration. Because the *Kd* values depend on the composition of the material, these are found to be different with respect to the Ti/anion ratio.

Owing to these aforementioned facts, the Alberti and Torraccals (18) view that the elution sequence can be predicted from  $R_{\rm F}$ values is not very convincing. At best, the  $R_{\rm F}$  values are a rough guide for predicting the elution sequence, especially when the difference in  $R_{\rm F}$  values for the two metal ions is considerable (i.e.,  $\Delta R_{\rm F} = 0.3).$ 

#### Chromatographic behavior of 3d series metal ions

For 3d series metal ions, the plots of average  $R_{\rm F}$  versus p $K_{\rm a}$  of complexing acids (Figure 1) are almost similar for all the impreg-

Mobile phase	Metal ion- mobile phase		Metal ion- sodium arsenate- mobile phase		Metal ion- sodium molybdate- mobile phase		Metal ion- sodium phosphate- mobile phase		Metal ion- sodium tungstate- mobile phase		Metal ion- sodium selenite- mobile phase	
	Р*	NP <sup>†</sup>	Р	NP	Р	NP	Р	NP	Р	NP	Р	NP
0.1M Citric acid	None	Ag+,Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Ag+,Th <sup>4+</sup> , Zr <sup>4</sup>	Ce <sup>4+</sup> ,Hg <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	Ag <sup>+</sup> ,Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Hg <sup>2+</sup> , Zr <sup>4+</sup> , La <sup>3+</sup>	None	Pb <sup>2+</sup> ,Bi <sup>3+</sup> , Hg <sup>2+</sup> , Zr <sup>4+</sup> , Th <sup>4+</sup> ,Ce <sup>4+</sup>	$Ag^+,Sb^{3+}, Pd^{2+}, Fe^{3+}, UO_2^{2+}$	Hg <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> ,Ag <sup>+</sup> , Bi <sup>3+</sup> , UO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> , Zr <sup>4+</sup> , Th <sup>4+</sup> , La <sup>3+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup>	Ag <sup>+</sup> ,Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Bi <sup>3+</sup> ,Sn <sup>2+</sup> , Zr <sup>4+</sup> ,Ce <sup>4+</sup> , Cr <sup>3+</sup> ,UO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	None
0.1M Oxalic acid	None	Ag+,Hg <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> , Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Ag+,Hg <sub>2</sub> +, Zr <sup>4+</sup>	Co <sup>4+</sup>	Pb²+,La³+, Hg²+	Ag+	Ag+,Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Hg <sup>2+</sup> ,La <sup>3+</sup>	Zr <sup>4+</sup> ,Th <sup>4+</sup>	Ag+,Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Hg <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	None	Ag+,Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Bi <sup>3+</sup> ,Sn <sup>2+</sup> , Zr <sup>4+</sup> ,Th <sup>4+</sup> , Ce <sup>4+</sup> ,Ba <sup>2+</sup>	Sr <sup>2+</sup>
0.1M Tartaric acid	None	Ag+,Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Ag+,Hg <sub>2</sub> +, Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Ce <sup>4+</sup> ,Zr <sup>4+</sup> , Th <sup>4+</sup>	Ag+,Zr <sup>4+</sup>	Bi <sup>3+</sup> ,Hg <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> , Fe <sup>3+</sup> ,UO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> , Th <sup>4+</sup> ,Se <sup>4+</sup>	Hg <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> , Bi <sup>3+</sup> ,Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Ag <sup>+</sup> ,Zr <sup>4+</sup>	UO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> ,Fe <sup>3+</sup> , Tl <sup>+</sup> ,Pd <sup>2+</sup> , Th <sup>4+</sup> ,Ce <sup>4+</sup> , Fe <sup>2+</sup>	None	Ag+, Hg <sub>2</sub> +	Ag+,Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Bi <sup>3+</sup> ,Sn <sup>2+</sup> , Fe <sup>3+</sup> ,Cr <sup>3+</sup> , Zr <sup>4+</sup> ,Th <sup>4+,</sup> Ce <sup>4+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>

ions that do not precip

nated papers, except for TiW. Thus, from oxalic acid to tartaric acid, the average  $R_{\rm F}$  decreases as the  $pK_{\rm a}$  increases. However, moving from tartaric acid to citric acid, the trend is reversed as the average  $R_{\rm F}$  now increases. The initial decrease in average  $R_{\rm F}$ is more pronounced on TiP papers. This is due to a lower ionization of the acid, thereby causing a lesser degree of complex formation, resulting in lower  $R_{\rm F}$ . However, the increase in average  $R_{\rm F}$  in citric acid media is probably due to the formation of more soluble citrate complexes of these metal ions.

Of all of these impregnated papers, the case of TiW papers is somewhat exceptional, because for them the average  $R_{\rm F}$  increases from oxalic acid to tartaric acid and then decreases from tartaric acid to citric acid.

It is interesting to compare the chromatographic behavior of these metal ions on papers impregnated with inorganic ionexchangers based on titanium(IV). In an aqueous solution of oxalic acid, the average  $R_{\rm F}$  value of these metal ions on various impregnated papers is in the following order: TiP > TiW > TiAs > TiSe. This may be due to the fact that phosphate papers are less ionized than selenite ones, resulting in low ion-exchange and causing higher  $R_{\rm F}$ . The other papers have their ionization inbetween. The  $pk_1$  values (19) of the various anionic acids are in the following order: phosphoric acid (7.21) > tungstic acid (4.2) > arsenic acid (2.22) > selenic acid (1.88). The only exception is TiMO, which gives a maximum average  $R_{\rm F}$  value, though the  $pk_1$  of molybdenic acid is 2.54.

## Effect of the charge of metal ions on R<sub>F</sub>

The plots of average  $R_i$  versus charge of metal ions are given in Figure 2. For the majority of cases, the average  $R_i$  increases with the increase in charge, which is in agreement with our earlier observation (9).

The increase in average  $R_i$  with an increase in charge for such cases is due to the fact that the ions with a higher charge are more strongly adsorbed on impregnated papers and therefore move less; the exceptions being in the case of TiP and TiSe papers in oxalic acid and citric acid media and also in the case of TiAs papers in oxalic acid media. These are due to the fact that in addition to adsorption, various other mechanisms influence the movement of metal ions on impregnated papers.

## Metal ion separations

On the basis of significant difference in  $R_{\rm F}$ , a large number of binary and ternary separations are possible. Some of the important ones actually achieved are provided here.

On TiP papers, they are as follows:  $Fe^{2+}-Fe^{3+}$  and  $Ag^+$  or  $Pb^{2+}$  with  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Hg^{2+}$ , or Tl<sup>+</sup> in 0.1M oxalic acid;  $Se^{4+}-Mo^{6+}$  and  $Cr^{3+}$  or  $UO_2^{2+}$  with  $Mo^{6+}$  in 0.1M citric acid; and  $Ag^+$ ,  $Hg^{2+}$ ,  $Pb_2^{2+}$ , or  $Pd^{2+}$  with  $Hg^{2+}$  and  $Ba^{2+}$  with  $Sr^{2+}$  or  $Ca^{2+}$  in 0.1M tartaric acid.

On TiMo papers, they are as follows:  $Cu^{2+}$  with  $Ni^{2+}$  or  $Cd^{2+}$ ,  $Hg_2^{2+}$  with  $Hg^{2+}$  or  $Pd^{2+}$ ,  $Ag^+$  or  $Cu^{2+}$  with  $Tl^+$  with  $Hg^{2+}$  or  $Bi^{3+}$  in 0.1M oxalic acid;  $Zr^{4+}$ — $Th^{4+}$ ,  $Ag^+$  or  $Bi^{3+}$  with  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Pb^{2+}$ — $UO^{2+}$  with  $Th^{4+}$  or  $Nd^{3+}$  in 0.1M citric acid; and  $Rb^+$ — $Cs^+$  in 0.1M tartaric acid.

On TiW papers, they are as follows:  $Cr^{3+}-Zn^{2+}$  in 0.1M oxalic acid;  $UO_2^{2+}-VO^{2+}$  in 0.1M citric acid; and  $Th^{4+}$  with  $UO_2^{2+}$  or  $VO^{2+}$ ,  $UO_2^{2+}-Pb^{2+}$ , and  $Cr^{3+}$  with  $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$ , or  $Mo^{6+}$  in 0.1M tartaric acid.

On TiAs(IV) papers, they are as follows:  $Ni^{2+}-Co^{2+}$ ,  $Ag^+$  with  $Cd^{2+}$  or  $Cu^{2+}-Hg^{2+}$  on 0.1M oxalic acid and  $UO_2^{2+}-Mo^{6+}$ ,  $Ni^{2+}-Pd^{2+}$ , and  $Zn^{2+}-Cd^{2+}$  in 0.1M tartaric acid.

On TiSe papers, they are as follows:  $Ag^+$  with  $Hg_2^{2+}$  or  $Hg^{2+}$  in 0.1M oxalic acid and  $Cs^+-K^+$  and  $Al^{3+}-Cr^{3+}$  in 0.1M citric acid.

## Conclusion

The planar chromatography of metal ions on papers impregnated with titanium(IV)-based inorganic ion exchangers led to many useful separations. The Alberti and Torraccals view for the prediction of elution sequence from  $R_F$  values was not found to be applicable. For 3d series metal ions, TiW-impregnated papers exhibit different behavior regarding the effect of  $pK_a$  of complexing acids on average  $R_F$  values. These values for various impregnated papers in oxalic acid media are in the same order as the respective  $pk_1$  values of the various anionic acids, which corresponds to these papers. An increase in the average  $R_i$  is observed with an increase in charge for the majority of metal ions.

Table 14. Companson of Ru and Ri values of some metal ions of fitalluli foll-Exchangers									
Exchangers	Kd (1,17)	R <sub>F</sub>							
Titanium(IV) arsenate	$\begin{split} Sm^{3+} &> Nd^{3+} > Pr^{3+} \ Ba^{2+} > Sr^{2+} > Cd^{2+} \ Al^{3+} > La^{3+} \\ Pb^{2+} &> Cd^{2+} > Hg^{2+} > Zn^{2+} \ Ni^{2+} > Co^{2+} > Cu^{2+} \end{split}$	$\begin{aligned} Nd^{3+} &\cong Pr^{3+} > Sm^{3+} Sr^{2+} > Cd^{2+} > Ba^{2+} La^{3+} > Al^{3+} Zn^{2+} &\cong Hg^{2+} > \\ Cd^{2+} > Pb^{2+} Cu^{2+} > Ni^{2+} &\cong Co^{2+} \end{aligned}$							
Titanium(IV) tungstate	$\begin{split} &Sr^{2+} > Ba^{2+} > Ca^{2+} Hg^{2+} > Cd^{2+} > Zn^{2+} Zr^{4+} > Th^{4+} Pb^{2+} > \\ &Ni^{2+} > Mn^{2+} > Cu^{2+} > Co^{2+} Sm^{3+} > Nd^{3+} \cong La^{3+} > Pr^{3+} \end{split}$	$\begin{split} Sr^{2+} &> Ca^{2+} \cong Ba^{2+}Zn^{2+} > Cd^{2+} > Hg^{2+}Th^{4+} > Zr^{4+}Mn^{2+} > Ni^{2+} > \\ Cu^{2+} &> Pb^{2+} \cong Co^{2+}Nd^{3+} > Pr^{3+} > La^{3+} \cong Sm^{3+} \end{split}$							
Titanium(IV) selenite	$\label{eq:cu2+} \begin{split} Cu^{2+} &\cong Pb^{2+} > Hg^{2+} \ Ba^{2+} > Sr^{2+} > Ca^{2+} \ Nd^{3+} > Pr^{3+} \cong \\ Sm^{3+} &\cong La^{3+} \end{split}$	$Hg^{2+} > Cu^{2+} \cong Pb^{2+}Ca^{2+} > Ba^{2+} > Sr^{2+}Nd^{3+} \cong Sm^{3+} \cong Pr^{3+} \cong La^{3+}$							
Titanium(IV) molybdate	$Pb^{2+} > Ba^{2+} > Sr^{2+} > Al^{3+} > Ca^{2+} > Zn^{2+}$	$Sr^{2+} > Ca^{2+} > Zn^{2+} > A ^{3+} > Ba^{2+} > Pb^{2+}$							

Table IV. Comparison of Kd and RF Values of Some Metal Ions on Titanium Ion-Exchanger

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