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TECHNETIUM: NEW TRENDS IN INVESTIGATION AND APPLICATION

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The challenges of Technetium Thermodynamics - NEA_TDB



**Rard J.A. and the
delegates IST2005**

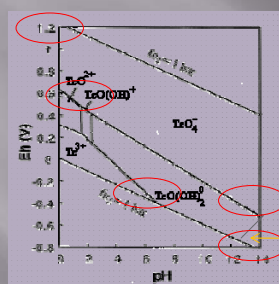


- At IST1993 a draft project on Tc Thermodynamics project was first presented.
- 12 years ago an excellent review of NEA-TDB summed up the chemical thermodynamics of Tc : Rard J.A., Rand M.H., Anderegg G., Warner H., Chemical thermodynamic of technetium. Eds. Sandino Amalia M., Osthols E. NEA (1999) Elsevier Publ. Amsterdam. - **Axes for studies**
- Time passed being characterized with the controversy of nuclear industry present and future status, drastic for Tc-99 originating mostly as the uranium fission product.
- **The definite stop in nuclear development would fix Tc further accumulation but now is clearly not the case and we appreciate the authors who were continuing efforts in Tc focused sciences.**

Recent steps

- In Port Elizabeth at the ISTR-2008 we **reexamined the gaps in Tc thermodynamics** data, having seen that most of the problems lightened by Joe Rard remained .
- **All the gaps should be closed** - we know - so indeed one may see : among the gaps named 3 years ago - some are thoroughly studied and important answers were obtained: Tc(VII) in strong acids - closed thanks to our collaboration with F. Poineau and his colleagues from **UNLV**
- **Chemical medium for stabilisation and Instrumental and methodology breakthroughs**

Eh-pH Pourbaix diagram for Tc

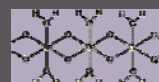


- The solubility of Tc(IV) remains independent of pH until around 13.5, when a small increase can be seen which continues to increase linearly with pH.
- Modelling suggests that this increase occurs as the species $\text{TcO}(\text{OH})_3^-$ is formed. The formation constant was estimated with data from this study and was found to be $\log K_2 = -21.6 \pm 0.3$.
- **Authors:** Peter Warwick | S. Aldridge | Nick Evans | Sarah Vines - Rad. Acta 2007

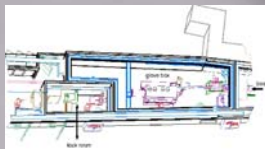
E. Breynaert, D. Dom, J. Vancluysen, A. Maes 2007-8

Tc-O			Tc-Tc		
C.N.	R	σ^2	C.N.	R	σ^2
6	2.03	0.006	1.5	2.56	0.005

$\text{Tc}(\text{OH})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$
and



Tc speciation in solutions & melts by XAFS



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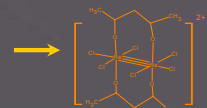
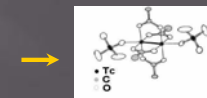
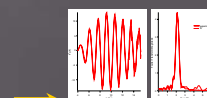


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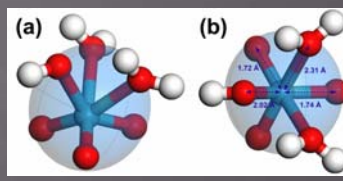
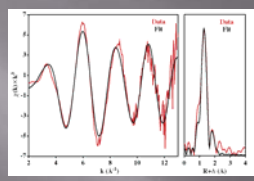
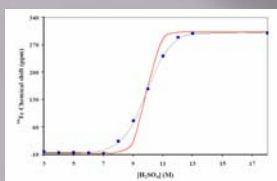
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- TcO_4^- is highly environmental migrating species
- Radiolyse in presence of organic components lead to the reduction of Tc(VII) to Tc(V, IV, III)
- In chloride melts Tc could be examined (German, Simonoff, Reich, 2000, Grenoble)
- Acetate complexes Tc(V, IV, III) exist but the data are scattered and the structure not systematically studied (the one presented at IST1993 by Prof. Grigoriev)
- Acetate complexes of Tc(III) could co-exist with Tc(VII)
- Re acetates structure by XAFS to be present at ISTR2011 by Murzin and co-workers).



Ga-DTPA – PET A.Maruk

Tc(VII) in strong acids



The speciation of Tc(VII) in 12 M sulfuric acid was studied last year by NMR, UV-vis and XAFS spectroscopy, experimental results were supported by DFT calculation and were in agreement with the formation of $\text{TcO}_3\text{OH}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$.

F. Poineau, Ph. Weck, K. German, A. Maruk, G. Kirakosyan, W. Lukens, D. Rego, A. Sattelberger, K. Czerwinski, Dalton Trans. 2010

The speciation of Tc(VII) in HClO_4 is being reported at this Symposium and supports the TcO_4^- conversion to new Tc(VII) species in strong acids

Tc oxides & hydroxides

	Tc Oxide	Parameters for inner electrons (Tc3d _{3,2,5,7})	
		E(Tc)	Half-width
1	Tc ₂ O ₅	256,6	1,8
2	Tc ₂ O ₅ *nH ₂ O	256,0	1,7
3	TcO ₂	255,2	1,8
4	TcO ₂ *1.6H ₂ O	255,4	2
5	Tc ₂ O ₃	-	-
6	Tc ₄ O ₅ *14H ₂ O	255,9	1,8
7	Tc ₄ O ₅	255,0 (0,4) 253,6 (0,4) (I1:I2=1:1,3)	3,5

Tc₂O₅- decomposition of Tc₂O₅*nH₂O at 100°C
 Tc₂O₅*nH₂O – gamma in NaOH + i-BuOH
 Tc₄O₅*14H₂O hydrolysis of K₃Tc₂Cl₈
 Tc₄O₅- thermolysis of Tc₄O₅*14H₂O
 © Mazzi, 1974 - Tc₂O₃
 Inorganica Chimica Acta, Volume 9, 1974, Pages 263-268 G. A. Mazzocchin, F. Magno, U. Mazzi, R. Portanova

Possible fractional reduction of polymers
 Haefner - Sattelberger [Mo₃O₄(DMF)₉]⁴⁺

Preparation and Characterization of Phosphine Complexes of Technetium Possessing a Metal-Metal Bond Order of 3.5.
 F. A. Cotton, S.C. Haefner and A. P. Sattelberger *Inorg. Chem.* 1996, 35, 1831.

Study of Tc(IV) uptake with FeOOH under reducing conditions

- Reducing agent: 0.02M FeSO₄, T = 60°C, time = 3 h
- Precipitate : FeOOH/Fe₂O₃/Tc_{reduced}

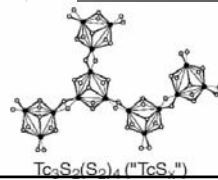
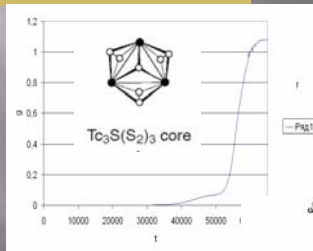
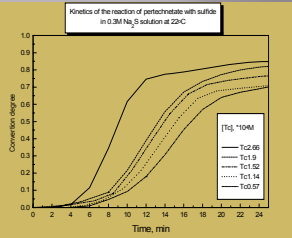
Precipitation test:		Leaching test (t=18°C, d = days):				
NaOH M	Tc in solid phase, %	Leaching agent:	Leaching yield Tc, %			
			1 d	10 d	29 d	105d
0.6	97	0.1M NaOH	1.0	9.8	14.9	24
2.0	88.0	1M NaOH	2.9	16.5	40.2	58
4.0	90	2M NaOH	0.8	2	3	8.2

Though Tc adsorbed better on iron hydroxide from 0.5–2.0 M NaOH relative to 3.0–4.0 M NaOH, the precipitates formed at lower NaOH concentration were more easily leached by the NaOH leachant,

The precipitate should be examined by XAFS

Tc leaching with H₂O₂ was 20 % and with Na₂S₂O₈ was 70–100% in 100 days

Tc(VII) + S²⁻



□ Induction period of the reaction of pertechnetate with Na₂S varies from 4 to 100 minutes depending on the concentration of reagents, pH and T

□ Reaction of Tc(VII) with Na₂S is completed within 1 to 10 hours depending on the concentration of reagents, pH and T

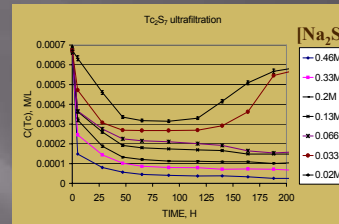
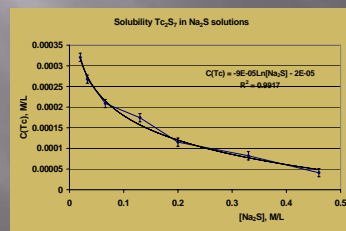
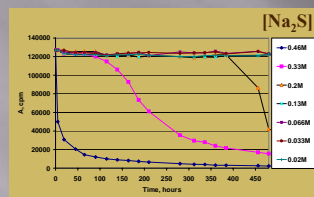
□ Reaction is fast if compared to slow Tc₂S₇ (TcS_{3,33}) sedimentation (under most conditions) - colloid formation

□ D. Shuh, W. Lukens, C. Burns, Final report on Project Number: EMSP-73778, 2004

Reviewed : ISTR2011- July 5 by German K. E., Peretruxhin V. F, Tsivadze A.Yu.

Separation of Tc₂S₇ colloides from Na₂S solution by Microfilterfuge (RAININ Instr. Co) with ultrafiltration membranes - 30000 NMWL

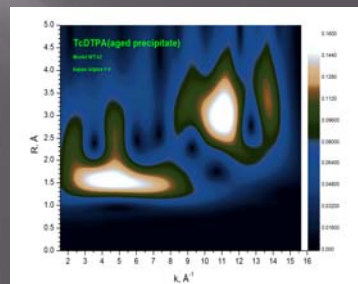
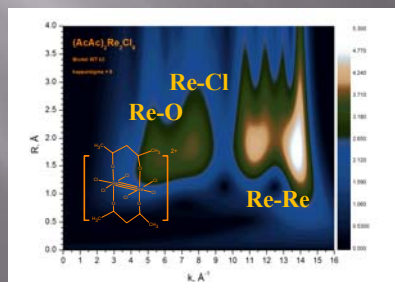
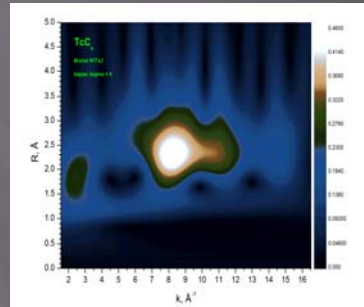
Sedimentation of colloides Tc₂S₇



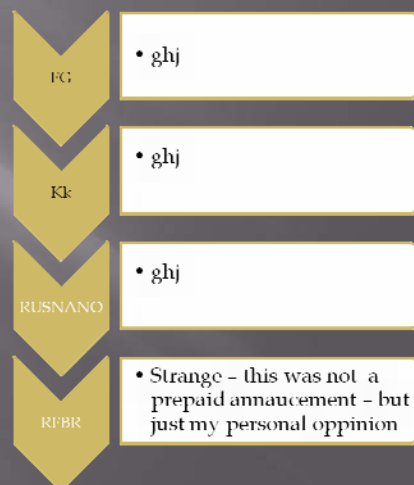
□ Formation of colloides Tc₂S₇ is completed in 50 hours under these conditions

□ [Tc] in the solutions at times from 50 to 150 hours corresponds to true solubility of Tc₂S₇

New Wavelet based structure analyses of X-ray amorphous complexes and solutions (Re polynuclear Te-DTPA and Te&Re nanoparticles (Zubavichus -plen.lect. Murzin - oral pres., ISTR2011 - Nanosession - July7)

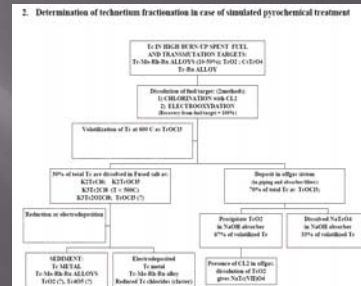
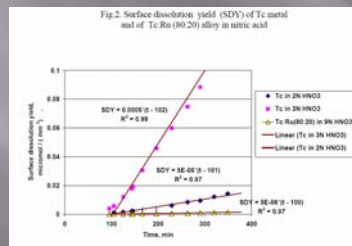


Nanoscale DTA and DSC measurements (Mettler-Toledo)



Transmutation target : Tc/Ru recovery

- Tc-Ru acidic and pyrochemical solubilization problem



N. Schroeder approach : homogeneous transmutation

Applications

- RICS : 1 barrel of Tc is capable to guarantee 1W thermal (0.5 W electr.) during 100000 years
- Medicine – Back to Tc from PET , but at the new resolution abilities and new diseases to be treated
- Some about 50 g of pure Ru-100 have been obtained by Tc transmutation