

Spectroluminescence measurements of stability constants of $\text{Ca}_n\text{UO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3^{(4-2n)-}$ complexes in NaClO_4 medium and investigation of interaction effects.

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Supporting Information

This supporting information contains four Tables: the liquid junction potentials measured for NaClO_4 solutions of different ionic strengths ($0.01\text{ m} \leq I_m \leq 3.5\text{ m}$) using the reconditioned electrode; experimental samples information – pH value, calculated Ringböm coefficients α , $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$) and deduced F_0 ; information for samples in Fig. 4; Decay-times of $\text{Ca}_n\text{UO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3^{(4-2n)-}$ determined at each I_m ; and two Figures: the slope analysis results of $I_m = 3.5\text{ m}$; the predominance plot of the 3.5 m experiment.

Table S1. Potential values E_{mes} read on pH-meter for NaClO_4 solutions of $I_m = 0.01$ to 3.5 m at $\text{pH} = 2$ using the reconditioned electrode of 3.5 m NaClO_4 reference solution: liquid junction potentials ΔE_{mes} calculated to estimate the potential differences between the solutions of a specific $I_m \geq 0.1$ m and of $I_m = 0.01$ m ; ΔE_{mes} then used in the four-point calibration with commercial buffer solution of pH 1.64, 4.01, 6.87, 9.18, assumed as diluted solutions of $I_m \approx 0.01$ m ; the uncertainties of ± 0.05 pH in text included this non-significant experimental bias.

Solution	Conversion factor (from molarity M to molality m)	I_m (mol kg_w^{-1})	E_{mes} (mV)	$\Delta E_{\text{mes}} = E_{\text{mes}} - E_{\text{mes}}$ ($I_m = 0.01$ m)
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 2.99 M	1.1678	3.50	172.2	31.3
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 2.49 M	1.1361	2.84	168	27.1
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 2.19 M	1.1196	2.46	165.5	24.6
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 1.99 M	1.1062	2.21	163.6	22.7
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 1.49 M	1.0780	1.62	158.9	18
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 0.99 M	1.0515	1.05	155.1	14.2
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 0.49 M	1.0265	0.51	150.2	9.3
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 0.19 M	1.0098	0.20	146.6	5.7
HCl 0.01 M + NaClO_4 0.09 M	1.0075	0.10	144.5	3.6
HCl 0.01 M	1.0000	0.01	140.9	0
For the solution of $I_m < 0.1$ M, the conversion factor taken as 1. The factor values for $I_m \geq 0.1$ M taken from Guillaumont et al. ¹				

Table S2. Experimental samples information – pH value, calculated Ringböm coefficients α , $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$) and deduced F_0 ; the sample solutions giving the slope of 1 are set in *italics* and those giving the slope of 2 are in **bold italics** (c.f. Fig. 2 of the main text).

I_m ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	0.10				0.51			
Sample	pH value	α	$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	F_0 (counts)	pH value	α	$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	F_0 (counts)
1	9.00	1.00	0	1.49E+08	9.00	1.00	0	2.48E+08
2	8.45	1.02	5.03E-05	1.75E+08	8.13	1.02	3.44E-04	2.10E+08
3	8.41	1.03	9.51E-05	1.55E+08	7.95	1.09	8.46E-04	1.95E+08
4	8.33	1.06	1.35E-04	1.44E+08	7.90	1.17	1.06E-03	1.95E+08
5	8.25	1.12	1.58E-04	2.23E+08	7.87	1.24	1.24E-03	2.10E+08
6	8.21	1.17	2.49E-04	1.48E+08	7.84	1.27	1.59E-03	2.05E+08
7	8.17	1.19	2.88E-04	1.41E+08	7.81	1.38	2.00E-03	2.23E+08
8	8.13	1.29	4.36E-04	1.76E+08	7.78	1.54	2.39E-03	2.24E+08
9	8.09	1.45	5.06E-04	1.61E+08	7.75	1.73	2.99E-03	2.40E+08
10	8.01	2.03	7.77E-04	1.77E+08	7.72	2.00	3.86E-03	2.36E+08
11	7.91	3.69	1.13E-03	2.03E+08	7.69	2.36	4.45E-03	2.58E+08
12	7.87	4.84	1.94E-03	1.92E+08	7.66	2.83	5.20E-03	2.72E+08
13	7.80	8.04	3.08E-03	1.98E+08	7.64	3.21	7.61E-03	2.79E+08
14	7.73	13.67	5.05E-03	2.06E+08	7.60	4.21	9.97E-03	2.97E+08
15	7.68	20.17	6.27E-03	2.27E+08	7.56	5.59	1.27E-02	3.06E+08
16	7.62	32.36	8.69E-03	2.33E+08	7.52	7.54	1.56E-02	3.41E+08
17	7.56	52.16	1.00E-02	2.30E+08	7.48	10.22	1.69E-02	3.63E+08
18	7.48	98.99	1.26E-02	2.35E+08	7.44	13.97	2.20E-02	3.60E+08
19	7.46	116.8	1.34E-02	2.40E+08				
I_m ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	1.05				1.62			
Sample	pH value	α	$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	F_0 (counts)	pH value	α	$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	F_0 (counts)
1	9.00	1.00	0	2.27E+08	9.00	1.00	0	5.45E+08
2	8.13	1.01	8.81E-04	1.71E+08	7.95	1.04	5.53E-04	4.01E+08
3	7.95	1.04	1.46E-03	1.55E+08	7.80	1.09	1.59E-03	3.91E+08
4	7.80	1.08	1.94E-03	1.54E+08	7.78	1.12	2.97E-03	3.75E+08
5	7.78	1.11	2.16E-03	1.73E+08	7.72	1.22	4.15E-03	3.71E+08
6	7.72	1.20	2.70E-03	1.69E+08	7.68	1.36	4.61E-03	4.19E+08
7	7.68	1.32	3.45E-03	1.70E+08	7.64	1.56	5.58E-03	4.00E+08
8	7.64	1.51	4.32E-03	2.33E+08	7.60	1.88	6.65E-03	4.22E+08
9	7.60	1.80	5.57E-03	2.15E+08	7.56	2.33	8.82E-03	4.42E+08
10	7.56	2.22	7.77E-03	2.35E+08	7.52	2.97	1.31E-02	4.68E+08
11	7.52	2.81	1.14E-02	2.24E+08	7.48	3.86	1.64E-02	5.07E+08
12	7.48	3.64	1.33E-02	2.57E+08	7.45	4.79	2.25E-02	5.05E+08
13	7.45	4.50	1.64E-02	2.60E+08	7.40	6.95	2.83E-02	5.61E+08
14	7.40	6.52	2.18E-02	2.80E+08	7.34	11.08	3.45E-02	6.18E+08
15	7.34	10.36	2.53E-02	3.53E+08	7.32	15.00	3.73E-02	6.13E+08
I_m ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	2.21				2.46			
Sample	pH value	α	$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	F_0 (counts)	pH value	α	$[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	F_0 (counts)
1	9.06	1.00	0	3.02E+08	8.80	1.00	0	4.77E+08
2	7.85	1.02	3.72E-03	2.81E+08	8.13	1.00	2.45E-03	4.61E+08
3	7.82	1.05	7.07E-03	3.14E+08	7.95	1.01	3.93E-03	4.34E+08
4	7.79	1.05	7.80E-03	3.37E+08	7.80	1.02	4.99E-03	4.30E+08
5	7.73	1.07	8.77E-03	3.53E+08	7.58	1.17	6.20E-03	3.96E+08
6	7.68	1.11	9.67E-03	3.98E+08	7.54	1.28	7.74E-03	3.91E+08
7	7.62	1.19	1.16E-02	4.40E+08	7.50	1.45	9.51E-03	4.47E+08
8	7.58	1.24	1.51E-02	4.42E+08	7.46	1.69	1.13E-02	4.17E+08
9	7.50	1.60	1.68E-02	4.28E+08	7.42	2.06	1.27E-02	4.06E+08
10	7.48	1.75	2.11E-02	4.16E+08	7.38	2.60	1.72E-02	4.65E+08
11	7.42	2.38	2.89E-02	4.41E+08	7.34	3.34	2.01E-02	5.22E+08
12	7.35	3.71	3.27E-02	4.59E+08	7.30	4.42	2.63E-02	5.52E+08
13	7.30	5.29	4.24E-02	5.05E+08	7.27	5.50	3.46E-02	5.75E+08
14	7.22	9.62	5.54E-02	5.56E+08	7.22	7.97	4.13E-02	6.82E+08
					7.18	10.85	5.01E-02	7.59E+08

Table S2 (continued).

I_m (mol·kg _w ⁻¹)	3.50							
Sample	pH value	α	[Ca ²⁺] (mol·kg _w ⁻¹)	F ₀ (counts)				
1	8.94	1.00	0.00001	1.28E+08				
2	8.30	1.01	0.00097	2.39E+08				
3	8.10	1.03	0.00306	3.87E+08				
4	7.90	1.03	0.00719	1.92E+08				
5	7.70	1.06	0.01769	2.28E+08				
6	7.60	1.11	0.02156	1.86E+08				
7	7.50	1.29	0.02623	2.04E+08				
8	7.44	1.49	0.03109	2.08E+08				
9	7.39	1.85	0.04189	2.18E+08				
10	7.33	2.58	0.05419	2.27E+08				
11	7.29	3.33	0.06825	2.07E+08				
12	7.27	3.84	0.09060	2.48E+08				
13	7.25	4.44	0.14429	2.79E+08				
14	7.22	5.56	0.21003	3.31E+08				
15	7.20	6.51	0.25634	3.57E+08				
16	7.17	8.23	0.32939	3.88E+08				
17	7.16	9.00	0.39816	4.09E+08				
18	7.15	9.85	0.50482	4.05E+08				

Table S3. Information for samples in Fig. 4 of the main text.

Sample	0.1 m NaCl	0.1 m NaClO ₄	1 m NaCl	1 m NaClO ₄
pH value	7.82	7.78	7.43	7.56
[Ca ²⁺] (mol kg _w ⁻¹)	5.98E-3	5.19E-3	7.80E-2	2.80E-2

Table S4 Decay-times of $\text{Ca}_n\text{UO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3^{(4-2n)-}$ determined at each I_m .

I_m ($\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}_w^{-1}$)	τ ($\text{UO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3^{4-}$) (ns)	τ ($\text{CaUO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3^{2-}$) (ns)	τ ($\text{Ca}_2\text{UO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3(\text{aq})$) (ns)
0.10	10.62 ± 0.22	30.41 ± 1.9	51.19 ± 1.85
0.51	8.46 ± 0.17	39.79 ± 2.78	68.53 ± 4.45
1.05	9.51 ± 0.11	37.57 ± 4.77	63.02 ± 4.45
1.62	9.39 ± 0.13	35.52 ± 2.66	65.76 ± 6.35
2.21	11.21 ± 0.40	27.72 ± 1.34	47.54 ± 2.53
2.46	10.61 ± 0.12	38.6 ± 4.33	86.36 ± 10.15
Averaged τ	10.0 ± 1.0 (τ measured from $I_m = 0.1$ to 2.46 m)	34.20 ± 2.24 (τ measured from $I_m = 0.1$ to 2.21 m)	59.21 ± 4.15 (τ measured from $I_m = 0.1$ to 2.21 m)

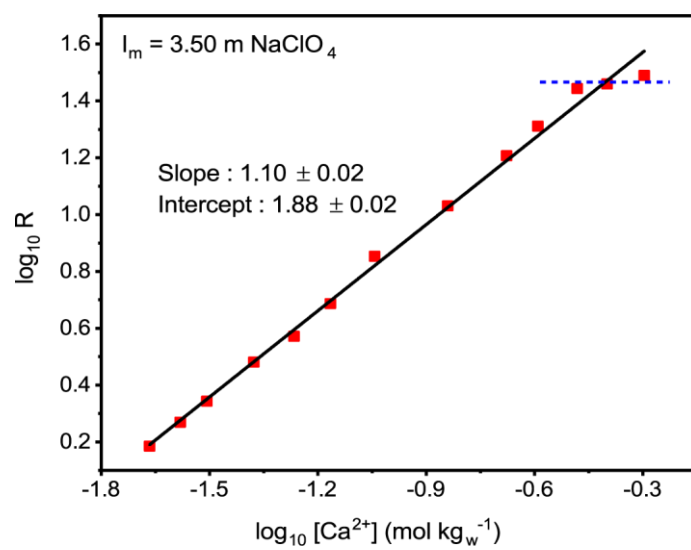


Fig. S1. Plot of logarithmic ratio R as a function of $\log_{10}[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ (mol kg_w^{-1}) at $I_m = 3.50 \text{ m}$ of NaClO_4 medium: $[\text{U}]_{\text{total}} = 50 \mu\text{mol kg}_w^{-1}$, $P(\text{CO}_2) = 10^{-3.5} \text{ atm}$.

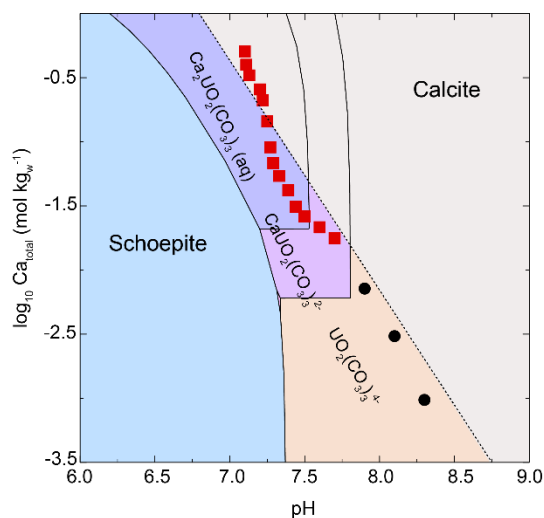


Fig. S2. Predominance plot obtained using PHREEPLOT² of Ca-UO₂-CO₃ system at [U(VI)] = 50 μm, P(CO₂) = 10^{-3.5} atm at I_m = 3.50 m NaClO₄: experimental points giving slopes of one are highlighted with red squares; the black circles represent the beginning of titration where the binary complex dominates; dotted line represent the predominance line between Ca²⁺ and calcite.

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