

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

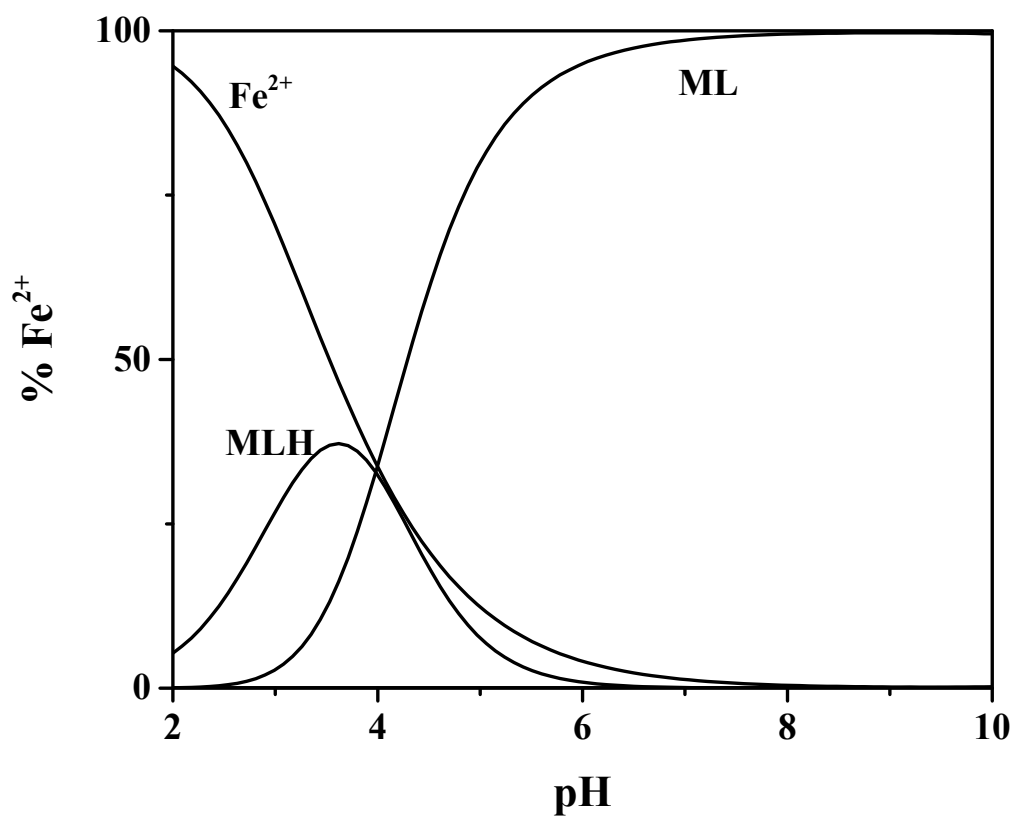


Figure S1. Distribution diagram of $M_pL_qH_r$ species as a function of pH in the $Fe^{2+}/8\text{-HQA}$ system, in $KCl_{(aq)}$ at $I = 0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ and at $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$. $c_{8\text{-HQA}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{Fe^{2+}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$.

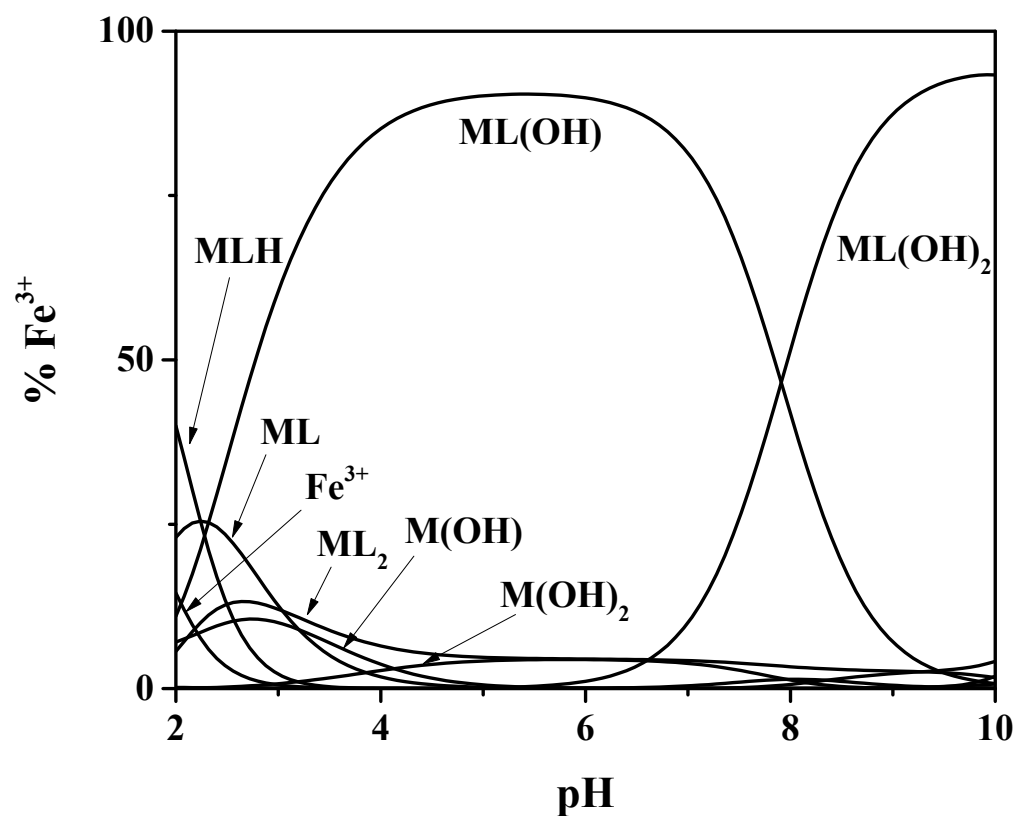


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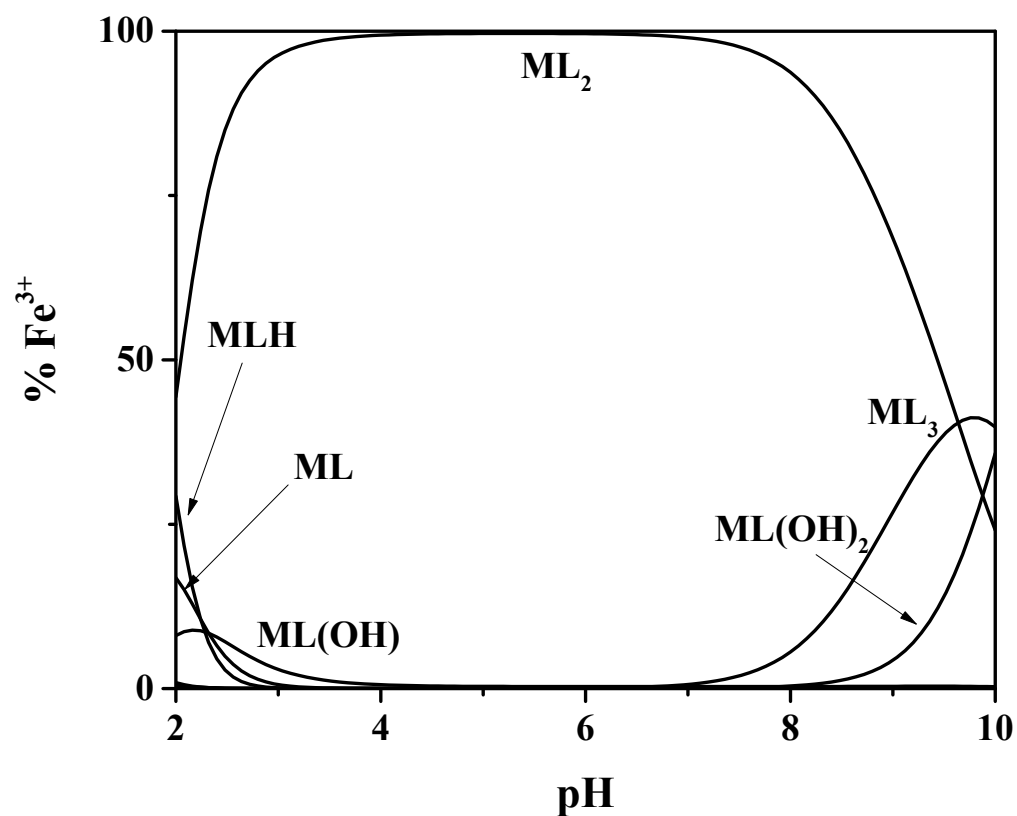


Figure S3. Distribution diagram of $M_pL_qH_r$ species as a function of pH in the $Fe^{3+}/8\text{-HQA}$ system, in $KCl_{(aq)}$ at $I = 0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ and at $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$. $c_{8\text{-HQA}} = 1.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{Fe^{3+}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, considering the ML_3 species in the model.

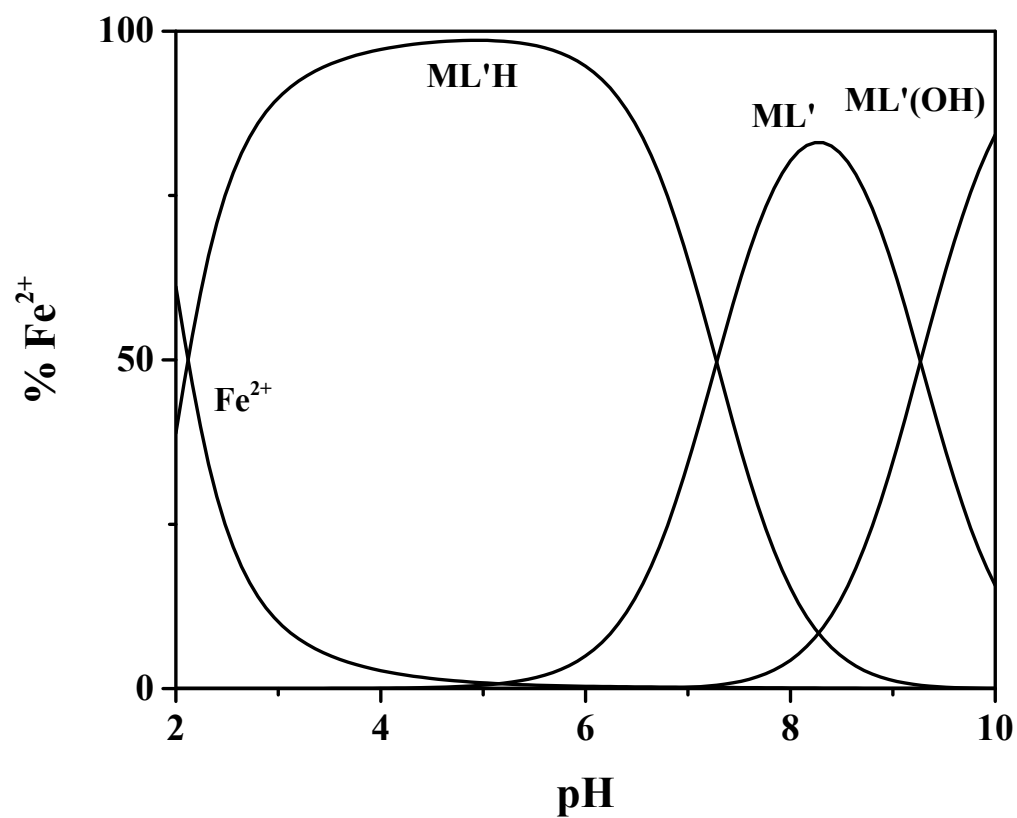


Figure S4. Distribution diagram of $M_pL'_qH_r$ species as a function of pH in the $Fe^{2+}/EDTA$ system, in $KCl_{(aq)}$ at $I = 0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ and at $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$. $c_{EDTA} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{Fe^{2+}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$.

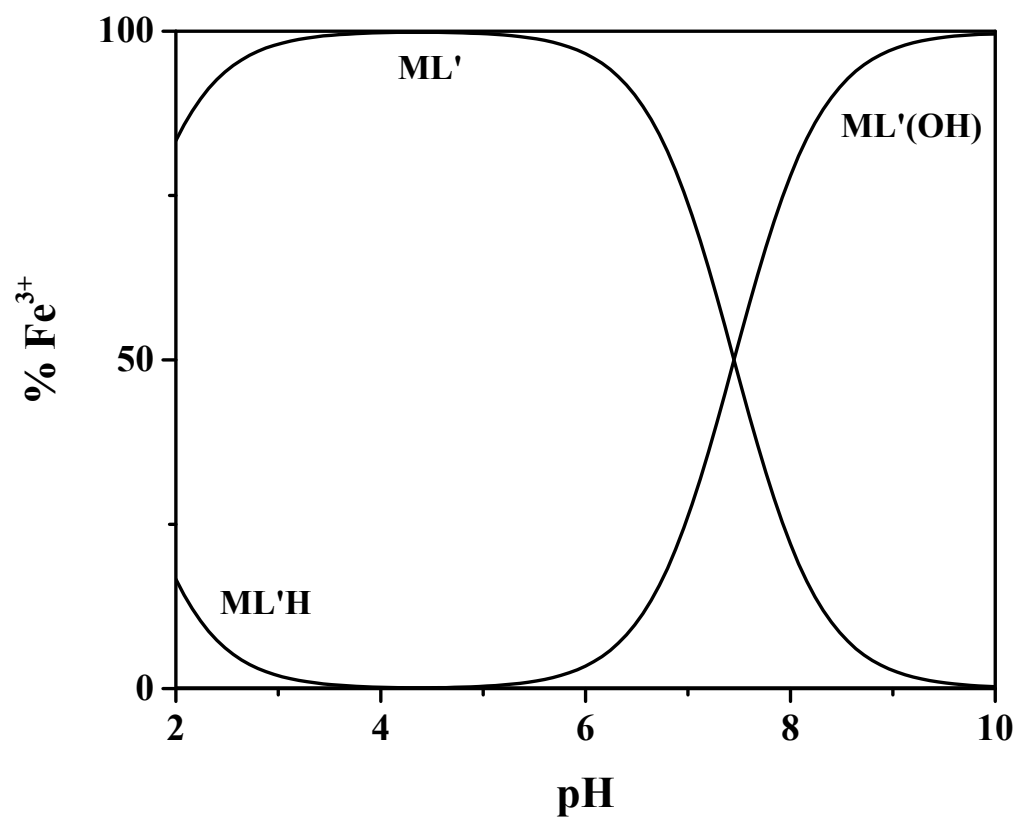


Figure S5. Distribution diagram of $M_pL'_qH_r$ species as a function of pH in the $Fe^{3+}/EDTA$ system, in $KCl_{(aq)}$ at $I = 0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ and at $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$. $c_{EDTA} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{Fe^{3+}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$.

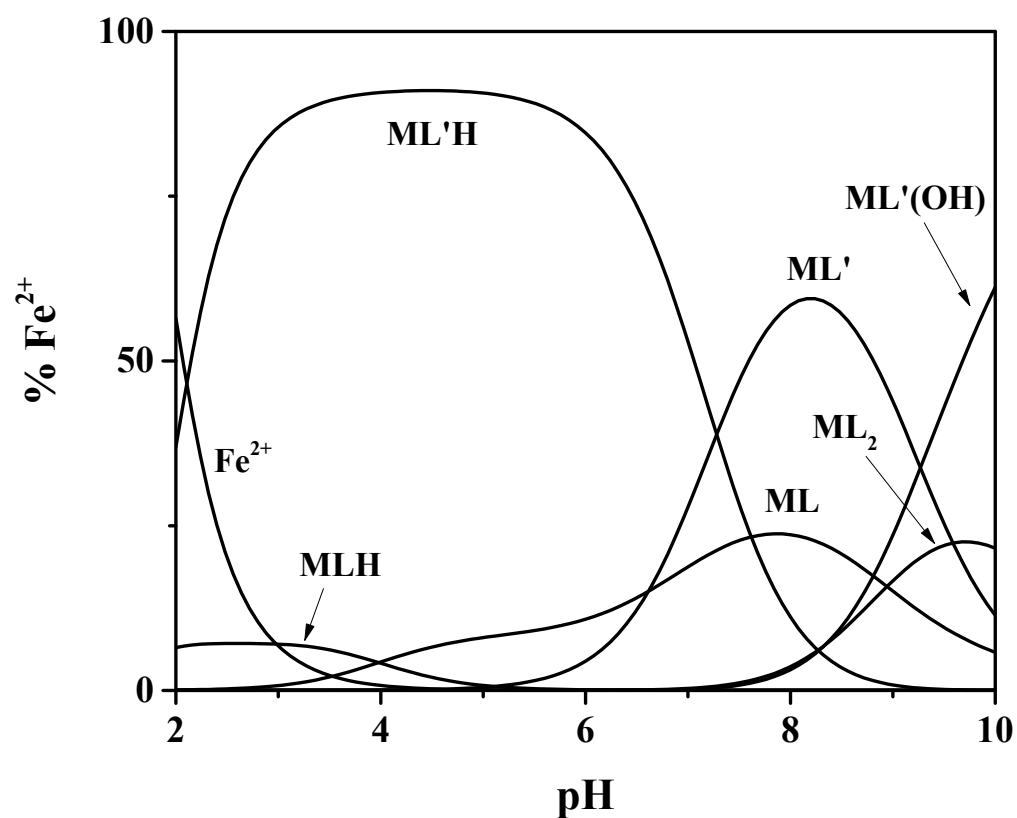


Figure S6. Distribution diagram of $M_pL_qL'_qH_r$ species as a function of pH in the $Fe^{2+}/8\text{-HQA}/EDTA$ system, in $KCl_{(aq)}$ at $I = 0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ and at $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$. $c_{8\text{-HQA}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{EDTA} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{Fe^{2+}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$. $L \equiv 8\text{-HQA}$, $L' \equiv EDTA$.

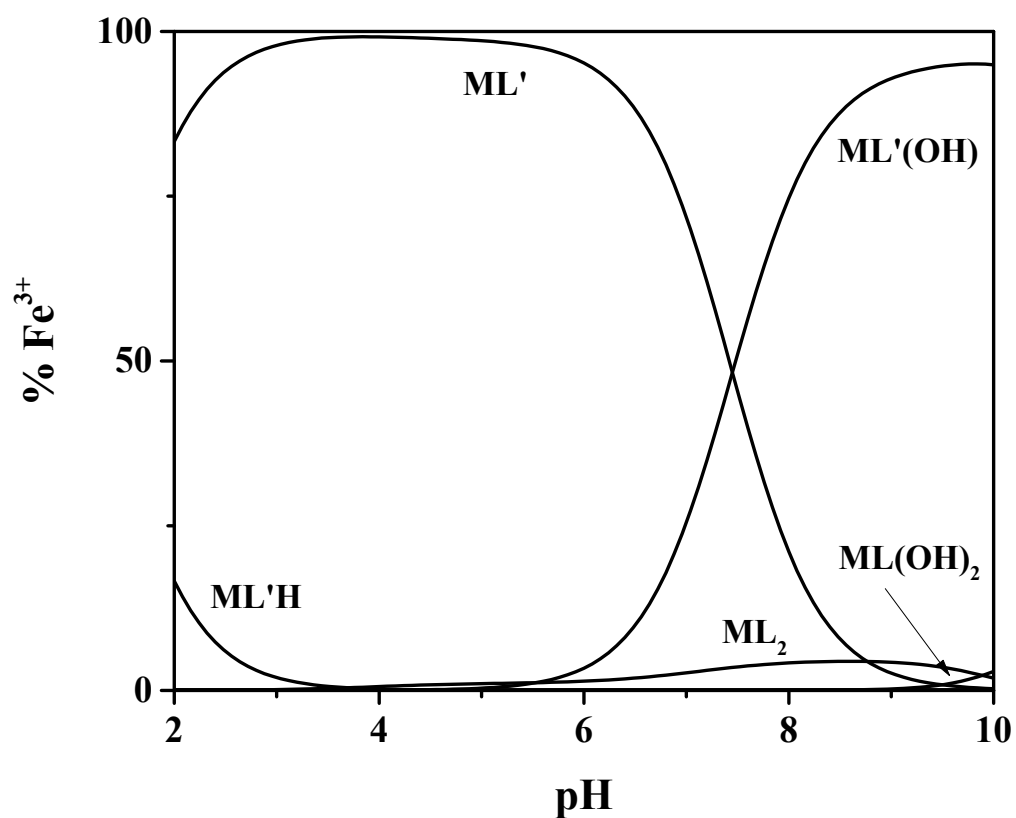


Figure S7. Distribution diagram of $M_pL_qL'_rH_r$ species as a function of pH in the $Fe^{3+}/8\text{-HQA}/EDTA$ system, in $KCl_{(aq)}$ at $I = 0.2 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ and at $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$. $c_{8\text{-HQA}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{EDTA} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$, $c_{Fe^{3+}} = 0.5 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$. $L \equiv 8\text{-HQA}$, $L' \equiv EDTA$.

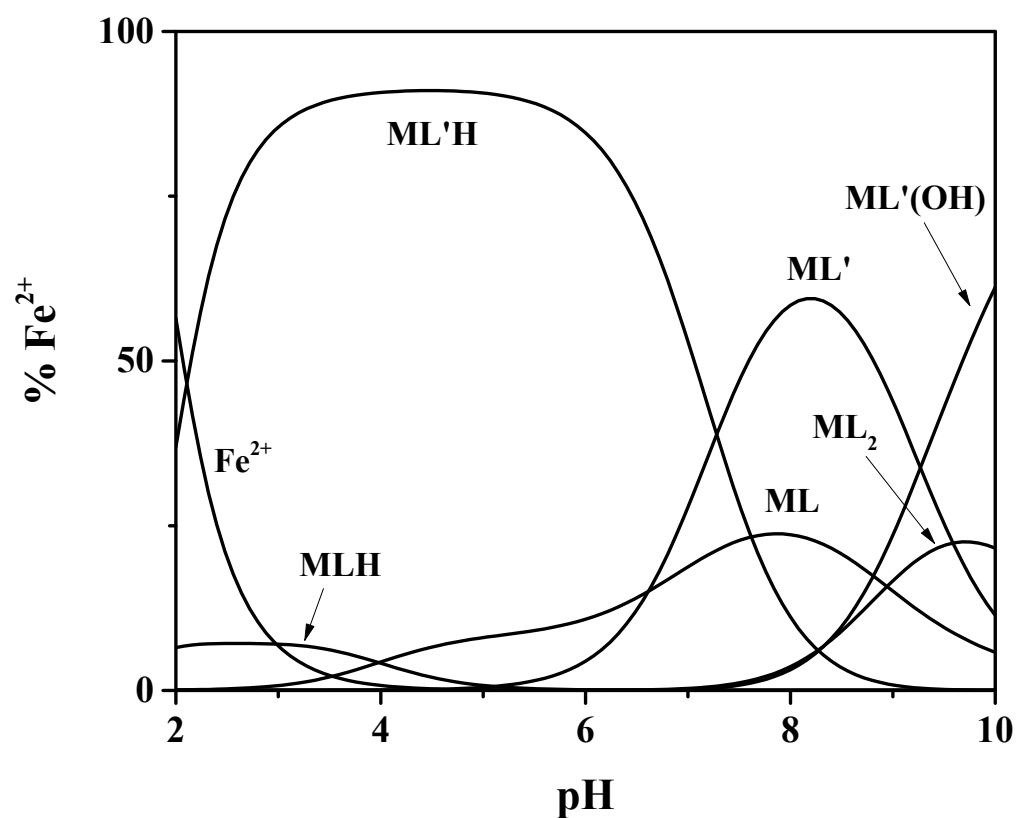


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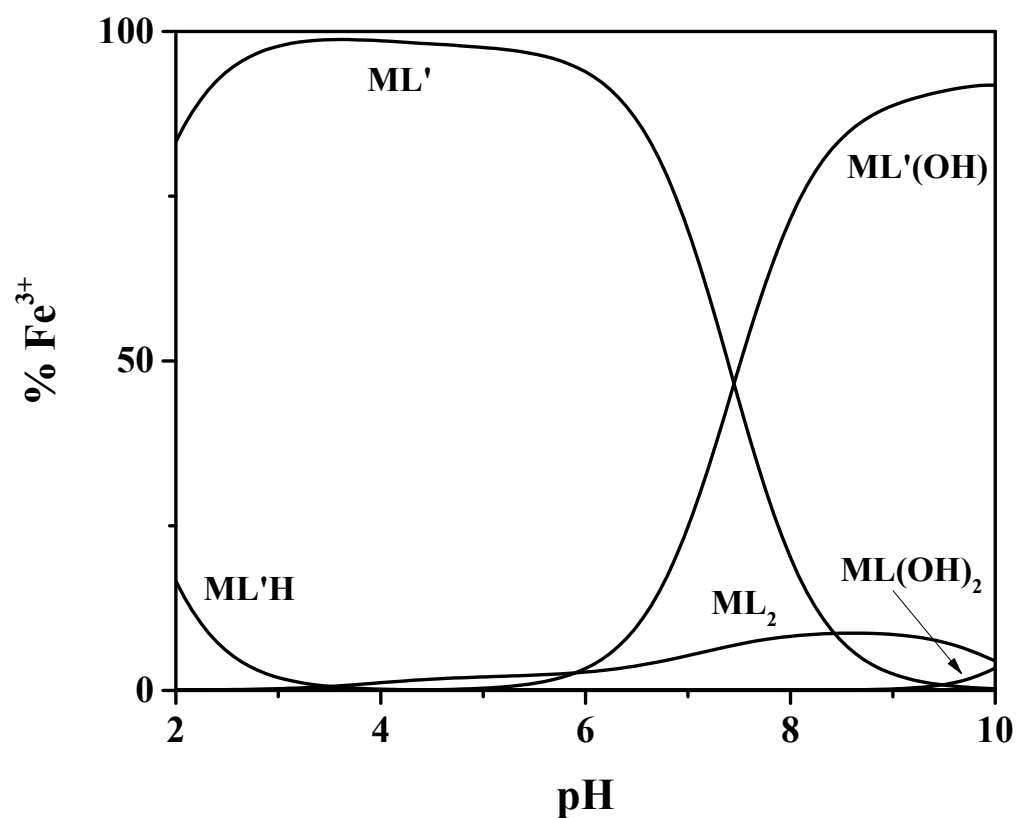


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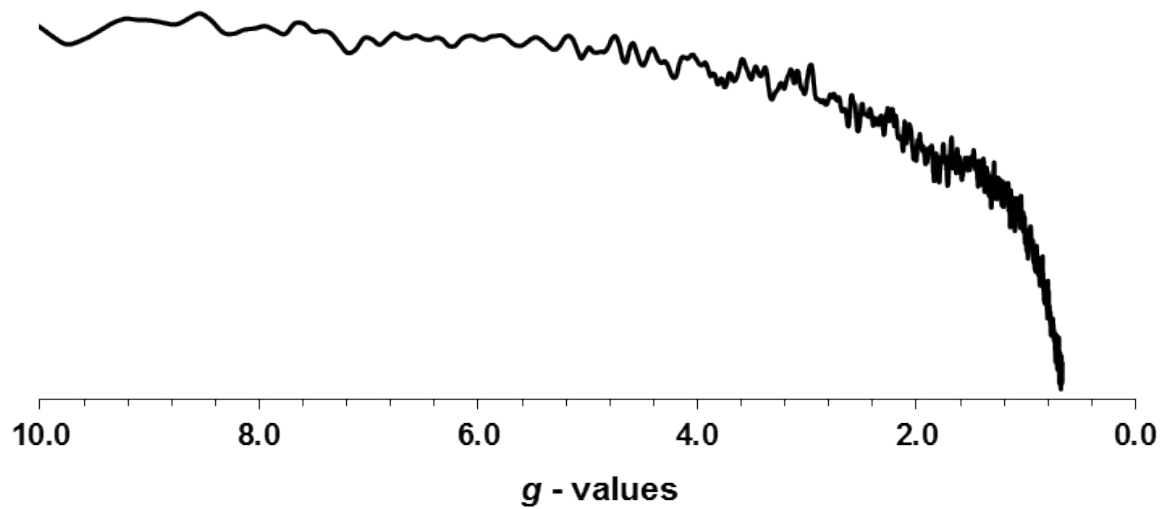


Figure S10. ESR spectra of Fe²⁺/8-HQA system 1:1 $c_L:c_M$ ratios. Experimental conditions: $T = 100$ K; pH = 7.0, $c_L = c_M = 1.0$ mmol dm⁻³.

Table S1. Experimental details on the concentrations (in mmol dm⁻³) of potentiometric titrations on the Fe/8-HQA/EDTA systems

Fe (M)	8-HQA (L)	EDTA (L')	Ratio (M:L:L')	Fe (M)	8-HQA (L)	EDTA (L')	Ratio (M:L:L')
1.5	1.5	--	1:1:0	1.5	0.8	0.8	2:1:1
1.2	1.2	--	1:1:0	1.2	0.6	0.6	2:1:1
1.0	1.0	--	1:1:0	1.0	0.5	0.5	2:1:1
1.0	1.5	--	1:1.5:0	1.5	1.5	0.8	2:2:1
0.8	1.2	--	1:1.5:0	1.2	1.2	0.6	2:2:1
0.6	1.0	--	1:1.5:0	1.0	1.0	0.5	2:2:1
0.8	1.5	--	1:2:0	1.5	0.8	1.5	2:1:2
0.6	1.2	--	1:2:0	1.2	0.6	1.2	2:1:2
0.5	1.0	--	1:2:0	1.0	0.5	1.0	2:1:2
0.5	1.5	--	1:3:0	0.8	1.5	1.5	1:2:2
0.4	1.2	--	1:3:0	0.6	1.2	1.2	1:2:2
1.5	1.5	1.5	1:1:1	0.5	1.0	1.0	1:2:2
1.2	1.2	1.2	1:1:1	0.5	1.5	0.5	1:3:1
1.0	1.0	1.0	1:1:1	0.4	1.2	0.4	1:3:1
1.0	1.5	1.0	1:1.5:1	0.5	0.5	1.5	1:1:3
0.8	1.2	0.8	1:1.5:1	0.4	0.4	1.2	1:1:3
0.6	1.0	0.6	1:1.5:1	1.5	0.5	0.5	3:1:1
1.0	1.0	1.5	1:1:1.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	3:1:1
0.8	0.8	1.2	1:1:1.5	0.5	1.5	1.0	1:3:2
0.6	0.6	1.0	1:1:1.5	0.4	1.2	0.8	1:3:2
1.5	1.0	1.0	1.5:1:1	0.5	1.0	1.5	1:2:3
1.2	0.8	0.8	1.5:1:1	0.4	0.8	1.2	1:2:3
1.0	0.6	0.6	1.5:1:1	1.5	0.5	1.0	3:1:2
0.8	1.5	0.8	1:2:1	1.2	0.4	0.8	3:1:2
0.6	1.2	0.6	1:2:1	1.5	1.0	0.5	3:2:1
0.5	1.0	0.5	1:2:1	1.2	0.8	0.4	3:2:1

0.8	0.8	1.5	1:1:2	1.0	0.5	1.5	2:1:3
0.6	0.6	1.2	1:1:2	0.8	0.4	1.2	2:1:3
0.5	0.5	1.0	1:1:2	1.0	1.5	0.5	2:3:1
				0.8	1.2	0.4	2:3:1

Table S2. Experimental details of HESI-HRMS measurements.

Time (min)	Flow (mL min ⁻¹)	MS Acquisition	Valve
0	0.1		Waste
0.5	0.1	X	Waste → MS
0.6	0.02	X	MS
4	0.02	X	MS → Waste
4.1	1		Waste
5	1		Waste
5.1	0.2		Waste
5.5			Waste → MS
5.8			MS → Waste
6	0.2		Waste