

## Supplementary Information

### **Binding and removal of octahedral, tetrahedral, square planar and linear anions in water by means of activated carbon functionalized with a pyrimidine-based anion receptor**

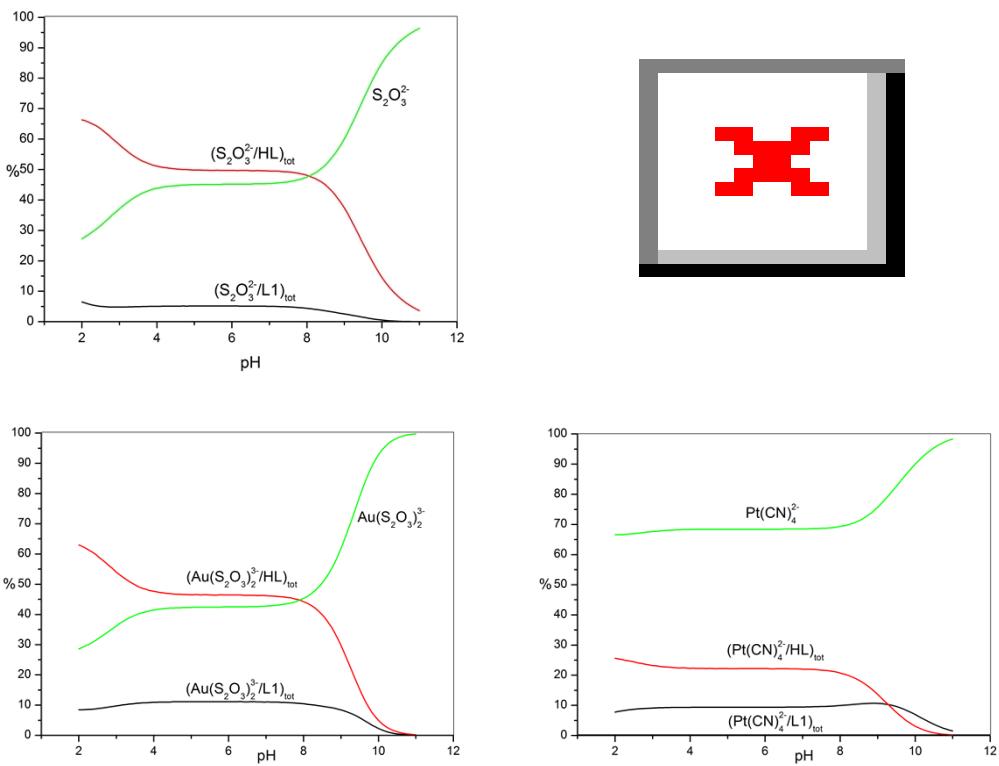
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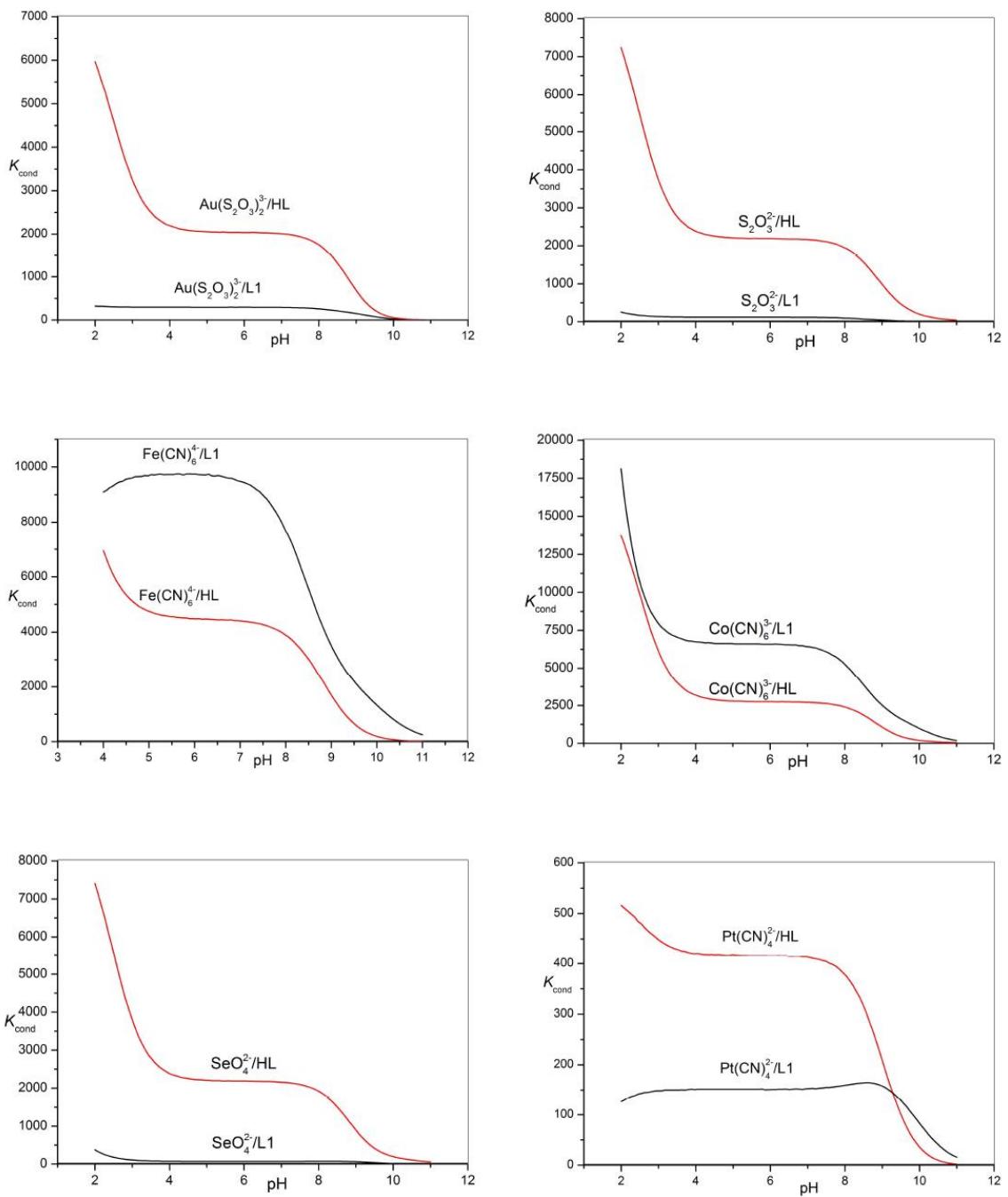
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**Figure S1.** Selectivity diagrams calculated for the systems  $\text{HL/L1/S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ ,  $\text{HL/L1/Co}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$ ,  $\text{HL/L1/Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)^{3-}_2$  and  $\text{HL/L1/Pt}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$ , showing the percentage of anion bound to each ligand as a function of pH. All reagents  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M.



**Figure S2.** Conditional stability constants calculated as a function of pH for the systems  $\text{HL/L1/Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2^{3-}$ ,  $\text{HL/L1/S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ ,  $\text{HL/L1/Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$ ,  $\text{HL/L1/Co}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$ , systems  $\text{HL/L1/SeO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{HL/L1/Pt}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$ .

**Table S1.** Overall equilibrium constants for the formation of anion complexes with HL determined by means of potentiometric measurements in 0.1M Me<sub>4</sub>NCl aqueous solution at 298.1 K.

	$\log \beta$
<b>Equilibria</b>	
$2H^+ + L^- + Fe(CN)_6^{4-} = [H_2L(Fe(CN)_6)]^{3-}$	23.55(6) <sup>a</sup>
$3H^+ + L^- + Fe(CN)_6^{4-} = [H_3L(Fe(CN)_6)]^{2-}$	33.04(5)
$4H^+ + L^- + Fe(CN)_6^{4-} = [H_4L(Fe(CN)_6)]^-$	36.56(7)
$5H^+ + L^- + Fe(CN)_6^{4-} = [H_5L(Fe(CN)_6)]$	39.40(6)
$2H^+ + L^- + Au(S_2O_3)_2^{3-} = [H_2L(Au(S_2O_3)_2)]^{2-}$	22.97(6)
$3H^+ + L^- + Au(S_2O_3)_2^{3-} = [H_3L(Au(S_2O_3)_2)]^-$	32.70(4)
$4H^+ + L^- + Au(S_2O_3)_2^{3-} = [H_4L(Au(S_2O_3)_2)]$	35.37(5)

<sup>a</sup> Values in parentheses are standard deviations on the last significant figures.

**Table S2.** Overall equilibrium constants for the formation of anion complexes with tren (L1) determined by means of potentiometric measurements in 0.1M Me<sub>4</sub>NCl aqueous solution at 298.1 K.

	$\log \beta$
Equilibria	
$2\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-} = [\text{H}_2\text{L1}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)]$	21.23(6) <sup>a</sup>
$3\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-} = [\text{H}_3\text{L1}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)]^+$	30.09(5)
$4\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-} = [\text{H}_4\text{L1}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)]^{2+}$	32.28(5)
$2\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} = [\text{H}_2\text{L1}(\text{SeO}_4)]$	21.20(4)
$3\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} = [\text{H}_3\text{L1}(\text{SeO}_4)]^+$	29.94(4)
$4\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} = [\text{H}_4\text{L1}(\text{SeO}_4)]^{2+}$	32.59(4)
$\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4^{2-} = [\text{HL1}(\text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4)]^-$	12.20(6)
$2\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4^{2-} = [\text{H}_2\text{L1}(\text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4)]$	21.88(5)
$3\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4^{2-} = [\text{H}_3\text{L1}(\text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4)]^+$	30.19(5)
$\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Co}(\text{CN})_6^{3-} = [\text{HL1}(\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6)]^{2-}$	13.28(7)
$2\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Co}(\text{CN})_6^{3-} = [\text{H}_2\text{L1}(\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6)]^-$	22.92(5)
$3\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Co}(\text{CN})_6^{3-} = [\text{H}_3\text{L1}(\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6)]$	31.83(5)
$4\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Co}(\text{CN})_6^{3-} = [\text{H}_4\text{L1}(\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6)]^+$	34.19(5)
$\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-} = [\text{HL1}(\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6)]^{3-}$	13.41(5)
$2\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-} = [\text{H}_2\text{L1}(\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6)]^{2-}$	23.04(6)
$3\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-} = [\text{H}_3\text{L1}(\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6)]^-$	32.00(7)
$4\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-} = [\text{H}_4\text{L1}(\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6)]$	34.78(5)
$2\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2^{3-} = [\text{H}_2\text{L1}(\text{Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2)]^-$	21.85(4)
$3\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2^{3-} = [\text{H}_3\text{L1}(\text{Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2)]$	30.48(6)
$4\text{H}^+ + \text{L1} + \text{Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2^{3-} = [\text{H}_4\text{L1}(\text{Au}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2)]^+$	31.97(5)

<sup>a</sup> Values in parentheses are standard deviations on the last significant figures.