

Enthalpies of Dilution and Relative Apparent Molar Enthalpies of Aqueous Cobalt and Nickel Perchlorates

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Enthalpies of dilution at 298.15K for cobalt and nickel perchlorates and for the mixture $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 0.0693\text{HClO}_4$ were measured directly by solution calorimetry. Values of ϕ_L , the relative apparent molar enthalpy, were obtained over the range 0.0015–4*m*. For the mixture $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 0.0693\text{HClO}_4$, values of ϕ_L can be represented to within 3 cal mol⁻¹ up to 0.5*m* and to 11 cal mol⁻¹ at 1.1*m* by additivity of ϕ_L values for the components $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ and HClO_4 at the ionic strength of the mixture. Values of ϕ_L for $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot x\text{HClO}_4$, where $x = 0.00469, 0.0105, 0.0325, \text{ and } 0.110$, were also obtained at 298.15K from 1.5 to 4*m*.

This study is part of a continuing series on the relative apparent molar enthalpies, ϕ_L , of perchlorate salts. Shchukarev et al. (14) measured the enthalpies of solution for $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$ and $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$ to form solutions from 0.06*m* to near saturation, with stated uncertainties of ± 40 cal mol⁻¹. Latysheva and Karavan (8, 9) reported enthalpies of solution and of dilution of the saturated solution of nickel perchlorate at 25°, 35°, and 45°C with somewhat higher precision. Their results form a curve of ϕ_L against $m^{1/2}$ which agrees closely, after adjusting reference points, with that found in this work. The results reported by Shchukarev et al. (14) do not agree within the stated uncertainties. The values of ϕ_L obtained in our work allow calculation of the standard enthalpies of solution of $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$ and $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$ from the published work (8, 14, 19).

Another part of this study concerns the influence of small amounts of excess HClO_4 in the nickel perchlorate solution upon the relative apparent molar enthalpies per mole of nickel salt. The results reveal that for $\text{H}^+/\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ratios of 0.11 and lower, the effects below 1.1*m* are small and fairly predictable, but at 1.8*m* and above, the excess acid causes appreciable increases in ϕ_L .

Experimental

Materials and analyses. $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (G. F. Smith Chemical Co.) was dissolved in twice distilled water, and the solution was brought to saturation by evaporation of water from the warmed solution (80°C), aided by a stream of $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$ across the surface. The solution was cooled to 25°C, and enough water added to dissolve all of the solid. The acidity of the stock solution was adjusted until a portion, diluted 1:100 with twice distilled water, had a pH of 5.5.

A solution of $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ (Mallinckrodt AR) was treated with a slight excess of Na_2CO_3 (Mallinckrodt AR), and the resulting precipitate was washed and digested, with mechanical stirring for extended periods, followed by decantation of the wash water, until the solid was free of sodium and nitrate ions. Most of the solid was then dissolved with 60% perchloric acid, and the solution was filtered and concentrated to near saturation by evaporation of solvent, as for the cobalt perchlorate. Adjustment of the acidity resulted in a pH of 3.5–3.7 for portions diluted

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1:100 with twice distilled water. This was more acidic than desired, but a set of dilution measurements was made with this solution. The pattern of ϕ_L values so obtained raised questions concerning the degree of perturbation possibly produced by excess HClO_4 in the solution, so further analyses of the solution were made to confirm the $\text{Ni}(\text{II})$ molality and to determine the $\text{H}^+/\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ratio in the solution. The perchloric acid content was determined by titration with a dilute (ca. 0.008*m*) NaOH solution. Gran's method (3) was used to locate the equivalence point. The composition of this solution was $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 0.0693\text{HClO}_4$, somewhat higher than the pH measurements indicated.

Another nickel perchlorate solution was prepared by dissolving Matheson, Coleman nickel carbonate (AR) in perchloric acid solution. Excess nickel carbonate was removed by filtration. The solution was warmed to 100–110°C and concentrated by evaporation of solvent, as for the previous preparation. Portions of this stock solution, diluted 1:100 with twice distilled water, had a pH of 7. A second solution prepared in the same way, with the same pH behavior, was used to prepare mixtures, $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot x\text{HClO}_4$, where $x = 0.00469, 0.0105, 0.0325, \text{ and } 0.110$, from measured amounts of standard stock solution and standard perchloric acid, to be used in dilutions to explore the effects of excess acid in the solution.

The presence of a slight amount of excess HClO_4 in the salt solutions, at the level used for the cobalt perchlorate solution, was considered prudent to guard against thermal effects from hydrolysis (1, 15). Although the cobalt and nickel salts undergo only weak hydrolysis (15), the enthalpy of hydrolysis may run from 7 to 10 kcal mol⁻¹ (1), so even a small degree of hydrolysis should be avoided. To this end, a solution of $1 \times 10^{-4}\text{m}$ HClO_4 in twice distilled water was used as diluent. Dilution corrections for this amount of acid were considered negligible.

The cobalt and nickel perchlorate stock solutions were analyzed by titration with EDTA with murexide as indicator, by use of established procedures (21). The molality of the $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ was $(4.0615 \pm 0.006)\text{m}$ (mean and standard deviation for five determinations), and that of the $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 0.0693\text{HClO}_4$ was $(3.773 \pm 0.002)\text{m}$ (three determinations). The neutral $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ solutions were (4.011 ± 0.006) and $(4.120 \pm 0.004)\text{m}$ for triplicate determinations. From each stock solution, other solutions were prepared by dilution on a mass basis to facilitate the calorimetric operations.

The molalities were confirmed by analysis of stock solutions and some of the final calorimetric solutions, with a different EDTA solution, after the calorimetric work was completed. The EDTA was standardized as recommended by Weicher (21), both by preparation as a primary standard and by confirmatory titration of primary standard calcium carbonate (99.9+%) with murexide as indicator. The two procedures agreed within $\pm 0.2\%$. Based upon the precision of analyses, purity of standard substances, and residual errors from indicator behavior at the equivalence point, the overall uncertainty in the molality of the $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ solution was judged to be $\pm 0.3\%$. For the

nickel analyses, the indicator behavior is more critically dependent upon buffer control in the solution during titration, and although we estimate the overall uncertainty to be $\pm 0.3\%$ for these also, this may be an underestimate.

Stock solutions of NaOH and HClO₄ were prepared from AR grade materials and twice distilled water with usual precautions against carbonates and CO₂. They were intercompared and standardized against primary standard potassium hydrogen phthalate (99.993%) with electrometric determination of the equivalence points.

All of the above analyses and subsequent manipulations of solutions in the calorimetric operations were car-

ried out on a mass basis. All weights were appropriately reduced to mass by use of reported densities (10) or from densities measured as needed.

Calorimetric equipment and procedures. The basic configuration of the calorimeter has been described elsewhere (16-19). Temperatures were measured with a Hewlett-Packard HP-M40-2801A quartz thermometer, operated at a resolution of 10^{-5} K with minimum time between readings. The temperature scale was checked against a calibrated platinum resistance thermometer with a G-1 Mueller bridge.

The thermostat was controlled to ± 0.0005 K by a thermistor bridge and a Leeds and Northrup 9834-2 null detector, followed by a Series 60 CAT control unit and a magnetic amplifier. Performance checks on the calorimeter by measuring the enthalpy of solution of TRIS in 0.1M HCl, following procedures and conditions recommended by the Standards Committee of the U.S. Calorimetry Conference, gave $\Delta H = -(7104 \pm 6)$ cal mol⁻¹, in close agreement with other values for the test reactions (4, 6, 7, 17).

The calorimeter used was normally charged with a measured mass, approximately 1 kg, of twice distilled water to which 1 cm³ of 0.1M HClO₄ was added to suppress effects of hydrolysis in dilute solutions. Enthalpy contributions from this amount of HClO₄ were judged to be negligible. Dilution measurements followed one of two procedures. The first is a pulse-titration procedure, described elsewhere (16, 19), in which portions of a stock solution are delivered into the calorimeter from a calibrated buret through capillary plastic tubing and a platinum capillary in the lid of the calorimeter. This procedure gives relative enthalpies for a series of solutions in the range 0.0015-0.25m, all referred to a common stock solution. The other procedure involves a series of single batch dilutions with the concentrated salt solutions dispensed from 10-cm³ cylindrical glass ampuls mounted in the calorimeter. The filling tube on the ampul was sealed with a Teflon plug and an outer paraffin seal. The ampuls are mounted in a carriage within the calorimeter with a breaking device to rupture the ends of the cylinder at the selected time. Batch-type operations were used to cover the range 0.25-4.12m.

For the pulse-titration procedure, electrical calibrations were run on the initial and final calorimeter solutions for a series. Previous studies showed that the electrical energy equivalents were linear with respect to the mass of solution added to the calorimeter, so the energy equivalents for intermediate points in the titration series were obtainable by interpolation. For the batch mode of operation, electrical calibrations were carried out on the final state of the system, and dilutions were initiated within ± 0.04 K of the desired reference temperature, 298.15K. All enthalpies of reaction reported in this paper are calculated for the isothermal dilution process at that reference temperature.

Dickinson's method (2, 5) was used to evaluate the corrected temperature changes for the pulse-titration procedure and for batch operations when the temperature change was less than 0.00250K. For larger changes, integration of the temperature-time curves was employed (2). The latter method could be used for the smaller temperature changes in the batch procedure, provided the temperature curves were screened for anomalous points as in the Dickinson procedure. Normally, the two procedures agreed to $\pm 2 \times 10^{-5}$ K or better.

All computations were performed by digital computer at the University of Nebraska Computing Center. Fore-period and after-period data were fitted by linear least

Table I. Debye-Hückel and Curve-Fitting Parameters^a

	Co(ClO ₄) ₂	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂	Ni(ClO ₄) ₂ · 0.0693HClO ₄
ϕ° , cal mol ⁻¹	-1.2	-1.4	-6.3
σ , Å	5.8	5.9	5.9
$(d \ln \sigma/dt)_p$, K ⁻¹	-5.8×10^{-5}	-1.2×10^{-4}	-9.0×10^{-5}
K_H , cal l. mol ⁻¹	-636	-528	-610
J_H , cal l. ² mol ⁻³	276	194	209
Range of fit	0-2M	0-1.5M	0-1.5
σ , cal mol ⁻¹	3.4	5.3	3.5

^a The above parameters are for the tabulated range of fit. Slightly different values with somewhat better precision of fit (σ) were obtained for the range of 0-1M, and the calculated values of ϕ_L varied by as much as σ from one range of fit to the other. The tabulated values are given to illustrate the quality of representation obtainable.

Table II. Relative Apparent Molar Enthalpies for Co(ClO₄)₂ at Experimental Molalities

<i>m</i> , mol kg ⁻¹	ϕ_L , cal mol ⁻¹		<i>m</i> , mol kg ⁻¹	ϕ_L , cal mol ⁻¹	
	Obsd	Calcd		Obsd	Calcd
Titration run 1					
0.00596	151	151	0.02766	260	258
0.01425	213	210	0.06018	319	319
0.02448	243	243	0.0907	353	353
0.03856	281	283	0.1212	375	375
0.05446	309	310	0.1496	391	390
0.07015	333	332	0.1796	406	406
0.0927	354	355	0.2011	414	413
0.1224	376	376	1.9395	906	905
0.1507	390	391			
0.1760	405	405			
1.9395	900	905			
Batch measurements					
0.002277	104	102	0.2629	427	429
0.003145	113	115	0.3547	448	446
0.003891	123	126	0.4849	465	464
0.005709	148	149	0.6691	486	487
0.006525	155	157	0.7717	504	502
0.006658	162	160	0.2011	412	413
0.007456	166	165	0.9354	531	534
0.00999	183	185	1.208	605	603
0.01124	193	193	1.447	684	685
0.01269	203	202	1.634	759	759
0.01426	208	210	1.9395	905	905
0.01474	212	213	2.207	1058	1057
0.01561	218	218	2.333	1138	1139
0.01854	229	229	2.676	1385	1385
0.01908	231	231	2.779	1463	1464
0.02024	235	235	3.121	1741	1743
0.02227	241	243	2.945	1600	1598
0.02246	243	243	3.393	1984	1984
0.02408	247	247	4.062	2627	2630
0.02437	248	248	3.422	2010	2010
0.02585	251	251	4.062	2632	2630

squares. Accuracy of the corrected temperature changes approached the resolution of the thermometer, 10^{-5} K, and accuracy in the electrical energy inputs, based on calibration and certificate factors, is $\pm 0.02\%$.

Treatment of experimental data. The enthalpy of dilution process can be represented by the equation

$$n_0X(m_0) + n_1X(m_1) = n_2X(m_2) \quad (1)$$

for each particular step in the dilution process. For this study, X refers to the substance being investigated, and m_0 is the concentration of X added to a solution containing n_1 moles of X at a concentration of m_1 to form a solution containing n_2 moles at a concentration of m_2 . In the above equation, $n_2 = n_1 + n_0$.

The enthalpy change for the above process can be written in terms of the apparent molar enthalpies, ϕ_0 , ϕ_1 , and ϕ_2 , by

$$\Delta H = n_2(\phi_2 - \phi_0) - n_1(\phi_1 - \phi_0) \quad (2)$$

and one obtains the relative apparent molar enthalpy ϕ_L by assigning the appropriate value to ϕ_0 for a particular dilution process.

The pulse titration results yield a group of values, ϕ_1 , ϕ_2 , ϕ_3 , etc., referred to a reference value ϕ_0 , and define a segment of the ϕ vs. $m^{1/2}$ curve in the region 0.0015–0.25*m*. The titration operations were run in duplicate, and the two segments were blended into a single curve by appropriate assignment of the respective ϕ_0 values. A provisional extrapolation to infinite dilution was then made from this curve segment, by use of the results from $\text{Mg}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$, $\text{Sr}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$, and $\text{Ba}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ to form model curves for guidance (20, 22), to yield provisional values of the relative apparent molal enthalpy, ϕ_L' , defined by $\phi_L' = \phi - \phi^{\circ}$ where ϕ° is the intercept at infinite dilution for the provisional curve. The rest of the curve for ϕ_L' was constructed from the data obtained by batch operations by appropriate location of ϕ_L' for the final solutions from the segment already constructed. Once a complete curve was outlined, errors for pairs of values obtained in a batch process were equally distributed between the two points to obtain a smoothed curve. Visual examination of the results in this manner is effective in searching for operational or computational errors.

For final smoothing and extrapolation, the completed curve of ϕ_L' vs. $m^{1/2}$ was fitted to the Debye-Hückel equation used by Vanderzee and Swanson (20), but with an additional term, $J_H C^2$, where J_H is an arbitrary constant and C is concentration. Fitting involved a least-squares procedure carried out by digital computer. The ion size parameter a was taken from data on the activity coefficients of $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ and $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ (11), and molalities m were converted to concentrations C by means of density values from the literature (10).

The data were fitted with four adjustable parameters: ϕ° , the intercept at infinite dilution; $(d \ln a/dT)_p$, the temperature coefficient of the ion size parameter; $0.5 K_H$, the linear concentration coefficient added by Owen and Brinkley (12); and J_H , as defined above. Table I gives the parameters, range of fit, and standard deviation σ , from the smoothed curve. The quantity ϕ° refines the extrapolation of the provisional values from graphical treatment to give relative apparent molal enthalpy $\phi_L = \phi_L' - \phi^{\circ}$ referred to the reference state of infinite dilution.

The results obtained for the mixture $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 0.0693\text{HClO}_4$ were fitted in a similar manner. For this composition, the ionic strength $I = 3.0693m$. The appropriate changes were made in the valence factors for the Debye-Hückel equation. In particular, the limiting slope is 3.49% greater than for neutral solutions. For this

amount, the intercept ϕ° for the mixture was shifted about 5 cal mol $^{-1}$ as compared to the fitting function for neutral solution applied to the mixture data.

Results and Discussion

In Tables II–V are given the experimental values of ϕ_L at operational molalities, together with values of ϕ_L based on the fitted curves up to 1.4*m* and on graphical fitting above 1.4*m*. Table VI presents selected values of ϕ_L for $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ and $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ and also for the mixture $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 0.0693\text{HClO}_4$ at selected molalities and mole ratios. The accuracy of the values is estimated to be $\pm 2\%$, with a limit of ± 30 cal mol $^{-1}$ at the higher molalities, based on consideration of random errors as revealed by the fitting procedure and by replicate runs, together with consideration of multiple contributions from analytical errors. At the higher molalities, where $d\phi_L/dm$ is large, and where the effects of analytical errors are already magnified in computing m , the displacement from a ϕ_L vs. m curve owing to error in m may be larger than the influence of analytical error on ϕ_L directly.

The primary experimental data from which the above values were derived are given in Tables VII–X (deposited with the ACS Microfilm Depository Service) and reveal the patterns of operations related to Equation 1.

The range of fit, up to 1.4*m*, for the Debye-Hückel equation (Table I), is considerably larger than that obtainable without the squared term $J_H C^2$. Constraining ϕ° to a zero value does little to change the fit, but it seems prudent to use ϕ° as an adjustable parameter to correct for graphical errors of extrapolation. The temperature coefficients have little significance at present, other than

Table III. Relative Apparent Molar Enthalpies for $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 0.0693\text{HClO}_4$ at Experimental Molalities

<i>m</i> , mol kg $^{-1}$	ϕ_L , cal mol $^{-1}$		<i>m</i> , mol kg $^{-1}$	ϕ_L , cal mol $^{-1}$	
	Obsd	Calcd		Obsd	Calcd
Titration run 1					
0.001485	77	88	0.02945	274	275
0.004433	135	139	0.05847	328	333
0.007364	169	170	0.08711	361	364
0.01309	213	209	0.1153	388	388
0.01878	244	238	0.1430	402	404
0.02702	270	268	0.1567	408	410
0.03766	294	296	0.1703	414	416
0.05295	323	325	0.1838	422	420
0.6183	471	477	0.1972	426	425
			0.2237	432	432
			0.2500	438	438
			3.773	2694	2692
Batch measurements					
0.001880	84	97	0.2500	446	438
0.003031	119	119	0.3687	451	455
0.003968	127	133	0.5661	473	473
0.005205	148	148	0.6506	480	480
0.006290	159	159	0.7695	493	491
0.007661	170	172	0.9350	517	511
0.007044	171	167	0.7884	491	493
0.008435	181	178	1.139	548	544
0.01174	205	201	1.409	599	603
0.01688	331	229	1.951	818	822
0.01698	331	229	2.234	981	979
0.01953	244	241	2.328	1036	1037
0.01918	242	239	2.936	1553	1554
0.01915	242	238	3.214	1941	1942
0.02123	251	247	2.724	1314	1339
0.02152	252	250	3.566	2428	2427
0.02392	259	257	3.773	2691	2692

