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**On the $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log a_{HX}$ Relationships of Aqueous
Solutions of Acids**

O zależności $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log a_{HX}$ wodnych roztworów kwasów

Об зависимости $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log a_{HX}$ водных растворов кислот

In an attempt to elucidate the perchlorate effect in chloride and nitrate ion exchange systems [1] I have noticed parallel variations of R_M vs. $\log a_{HX}$ (for perchlorate ions) and $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log a_{HX}$ in the investigated range of concentrations of the acids. This observation could be interpreted by assuming that the differences in the behaviour of perchlorates in chloride and nitrate systems [2] are due to different activity of perchlorates relative to the activity of the ionic medium. Therefore, the mean mole numbers of water corresponding to one mole of the acid were calculated from the density and concentration of aqueous solutions of HCl, HNO₃ and HClO₄ [3, 4] for the whole ranges of their concentrations. The results are presented in Table 1.

It follows from the data that the number of moles of water per one mole of acid is:

a) within calculation error identical for HCl, HClO₄ and HNO₃ at a given molar concentration,

b) decreasing with the concentration of electrolyte approximating in the limit 4 in the case of HCl and 3 for HClO₄ and HNO₃.

Constant molar amount of water obtained for one mole of all three acids suggests that the hydration of the proton H⁺ seems to be the predominant process.

Graphical relationships of $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log a_{HX}$ (values of a_{HX} were taken from Ref. [5] presented in Fig. 1, have two characteristic

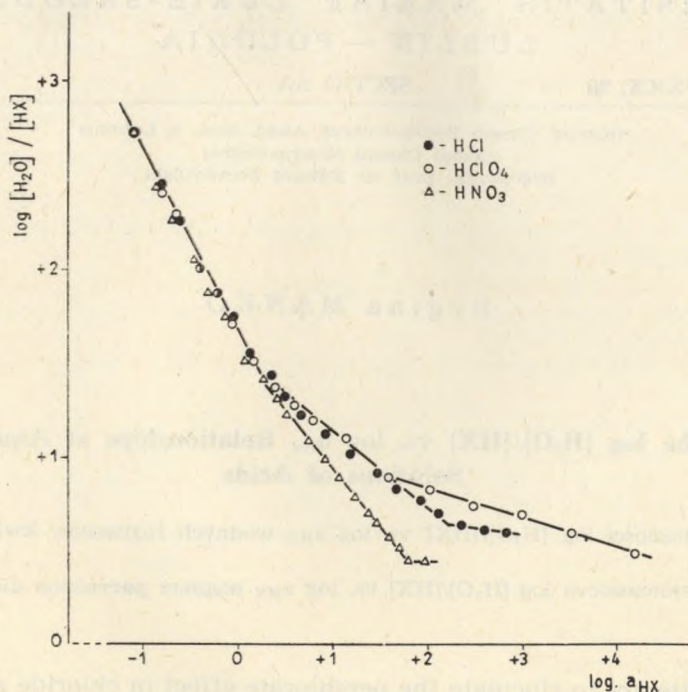


Fig. 1. Relationships between $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ (Mole/Mole) and $\log a_{HX}$ of the aqueous solution of the acids: 1 — HCl; 2 — HClO₄; 3 — HNO₃

break points: the first, at ca 2 M concentrations of HX, when the molar ratio H₂O:HX is about 25, is observed for all three acids; the second occurs at high concentrations of the acids and corresponds to H₂O:HX ratios ca. 8 in the case of HClO₄, ca 4 for HCl and ca 3 for HNO₃.

In certain concentration ranges the $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ relationships are linear; for low concentrations (lower than 2 M) the plot is common to all three acids; for higher concentrations the line of HNO₃ deviates from the common line of HCl and HClO₄ and at the highest concentrations (above 5 M) the latter acids also behave in an individual manner. These effects can be interpreted in terms of Azzan's theory [5].

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Table 1

Molarity of acids	Log α_{HX} [5]			[H ₂ O]/[HX] Mole/Mole		
	HCl	HClO ₄	HNO ₃	HCl	HNO ₃	HClO ₄
0.1	-1.096	-1.091	-1.100	—	552	554
0.2	-0.812	-0.802	-0.817	277	250	278
0.3	-0.640	-0.630	-0.651	184	181	183
0.5	-0.416	-0.403	-0.436	110	105	109
0.7	-0.259	-0.244	-0.289	78	77	78
1.0	-0.081	-0.059	-0.125	55	53	53
1.5	0.147	0.186	0.078	36	34	35
2.0	0.333	0.395	0.237	27	25	26
2.5	0.497	0.588	0.376	21	19	21
3.0	0.649	0.776	0.500	17	16	17
4.0	0.933	1.166	0.723	13	11.5	12
5.0	1.198	1.579	0.912	10	8	10
6.0	1.469	2.026	1.076	8	7	7.5
7.0	1.707	2.508	1.221	7	5.5	6.2
8.0	1.956	3.027	1.352	6	5	5.2
9.0	2.185	3.584	1.468	5	4	4.5
10.0	2.368	4.234	1.578	4.4	3	3.8
11.0	2.630	—	1.679	4.3	—	3.2
12.0	2.850	—	1.779	4.2	—	2.8
14.0	—	—	1.970	—	—	2.8

STRESZCZENIE

W zakresie niskich stężeń roztworów (niższych od 2 m) zależność $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log \alpha_{HX}$ jest liniowa i identyczna dla trzech badanych kwasów: HCl, HClO₄, HNO₃. W obszarze stężeń 2—5 m analogię wykazują roztwory HCl i HClO₄; w bardziej stężonych roztworach oba kwasy wykazują różny przebieg zależności $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log \alpha_{HX}$.

Zaobserwowane efekty odgrywają istotną rolę w procesie ekstrakcji i wymiany jonowej i mogą być wyjaśnione w oparciu o teorię Azzana.

РЕЗЮМЕ

В пределах низких концентраций растворов (ниже 2 м) зависимость $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log \alpha_{HX}$ бывает линейной и идентичной для трех исследованных кислот: HCl, HClO₄, HNO₃.

В зоне концентрации 2—5 и проявляют аналогию растворы HCl и HClO₄; в более сконцентрированных растворах обе кислоты проявляют разные зависимости $\log [H_2O]/[HX]$ vs. $\log \alpha_{HX}$.

Полученные результаты играют существенную роль в процессе экстракции и ионного обмена и могут быть объяснены при помощи теории Аззана.

