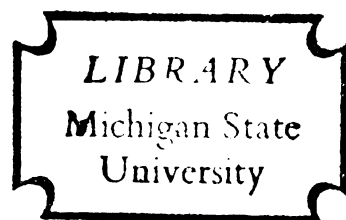




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# ABSTRACT

The kinetics of the oxidation of tin (II) by cerium (IV) in aqueous sulfate media was studied in the temperature range 0°C. to 25°C. Three reaction paths were found corresponding to 1) low sulfate and tin (IV) ion concentrations 2) high sulfate and tin (IV) ion concentrations and 3) colloidal tin (IV) present in solution. The first is independent of ionic strength and obeys second-order kinetics with an activation energy of 7.59 k.cal. and an activation entropy of -12.9 e.u. The reacting species of tin (II) was postulated to be the complex,  $\text{SnSO}_4$ . The second is dependent upon the ionic strength and obeys second-order kinetics. The reacting species of tin (II) was postulated to be  $\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_2$  and/or  $[\text{SnSn}(\text{SO}_4)_4]^{2+}$ . The third, catalyzed by colloidal tin (IV), obeys first-order kinetics and could not be correlated with the experimental variables. For both second-order rates, the mechanism of oxidation of tin (II) to tin (IV) occurs in a stepwise manner. The identity of the intermediate can not be established by the kinetic data and might be tin (III) in the form of a sulfate or sulfatocerate (III) complex or tin (II) in the form of a tin (II) sulfate-cerate (IV) complex. For the first-order rate a similar intermediate probably does not exist.

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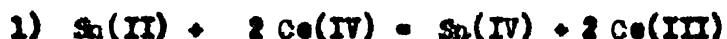
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## INTRODUCTION

Chemical reactions occurring in solution are perhaps the largest class of reaction with which a chemist is concerned; elucidation of the mechanisms involved is one of the biggest problems. In this work, a study of the reaction



in sulfuric acid medium was made. Of special interest was the mechanism whereby tin (II) was oxidized to tin (IV). Kinetics, the study of reaction rates, is one of the tools available for discerning mechanisms. There are drawbacks, certainly, for when the rate of a reaction is followed by measuring changes in physical or chemical properties of the solution as a reactant disappears or as a product appears, a gross effect is obtained. Similarly, when the properties of the solution are varied with temperature, added salts, or changes in the concentration of the major solute, the gross effect upon the reaction is measured. In many instances these over-all effects reveal a great deal about the species present in aqueous solutions of ionic substances, particularly in solutions of high ionic strength. An equation describing the rate process may be treated mathematically and the results interpreted on the basis of existing theories of rate processes and of properties of ionic species occurring in solution. Thus this kinetics study was undertaken to discern something of the properties of various tin species present in aqueous sulfate media.



## THEORETICAL AND HISTORICAL CONSIDERATIONS

## Theoretical

The rate of disappearance,  $-\frac{dA}{dt}$ , of a particular species, A, in a chemical reaction may be said to be zero, first or second order in A depending upon whether the rate is independent of the concentration of A, proportional to (A) or proportional to (A)<sup>2</sup>. The second-order case could result from a bimolecular reaction between two molecules of A, for which the rate would be

$$2) \quad -\frac{dA}{dt} = k_2(A)^2.$$

The term "second-order" is also applied to bimolecular reactions between the species A and B obeying the rate expression

$$3) \quad -\frac{dA}{dt} = k(A)(B).$$

Expression 3) is said to be first order in A, first order in B and second order over-all (the over-all order is the sum of the individual orders).  $k_2$  and  $k$  are second-order specific-rate constants. On the basis of transition state theory (1), the assumption is made that A and B form and are in equilibrium with an interaction complex which possesses a minimum of stability, with respect to reactants and products. If this critical configuration or activated complex,  $C^\ddagger$ , must be attained before products can be formed, and the activated complex can be considered to be at the top of an energy barrier, the rate of the reaction should be equal to the product of the concentration of  $C^\ddagger$  and

the frequency with which  $C^\ddagger$  crosses the energy barrier and falls into the energy well of products. These considerations lead to

$$4) \quad -\frac{dA}{dt} = K (C^\ddagger) \left( \frac{k_B T}{h} \right)$$

where  $K$ , the transmission coefficient, allows for the possibility that  $C^\ddagger$  may decompose into the original reactants.  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $T$ , the absolute temperature and  $h$  is Planck's constant.

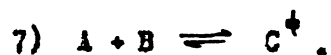
Equating 3) and 4) and solving for the specific rate constant,

$$5) \quad k = K \left( \frac{k_B T}{h} \right) \frac{(C^\ddagger)}{(A)(B)}$$

which may be equated to

$$6) \quad k = K \left( \frac{k_B T}{h} \right) K^\ddagger$$

where  $K^\ddagger$  is the equilibrium constant for the equilibrium



The implications of 5) and 6) are manifold. If  $K^\ddagger$  may be considered analogous to a thermodynamic equilibrium constant, quantities may be defined that are analogous to the functions used in connection with ordinary equilibrium constants. Thus, by definition,

$$8) \quad \Delta F^\ddagger = -RT \ln K^\ddagger$$

$$9) \quad \Delta H^\ddagger = RT^2 \frac{d \ln K^\ddagger}{dT}$$

and

$$10) \quad \Delta S^\ddagger = \frac{\Delta H^\ddagger - \Delta F^\ddagger}{T}$$

where  $\Delta F^\ddagger$  is the free energy of activation,  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  the enthalpy of activation,  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  the entropy of activation and  $R$  the gas constant. Substituting 6) into 9), it is found, for reactions in solution, that

$$11) \quad \Delta H^\ddagger = RT^2 \left[ \frac{d \ln k}{dT} \right] - RT .$$

The first term on the right is designated as the Arrhenius, or empirical, activation energy,  $E_a$ . If units of  $k$  are arbitrarily selected as cc./mole sec.,  $\Delta F^\ddagger$ ,  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  and thus  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  may be evaluated from the experimental data and compared with standard values.  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  is viewed as an indication of the probability of activated complex formation. If it is positive, the transition state is easily reached and the reaction proceeds faster than normal; if negative, the species involved may require a special orientation or a particular rotational-vibrational energy relationship and, thus, formation of the activated complex is less probable.

Returning to equation 5), it will be noticed that in fairly concentrated solutions, the value for  $k$  will not be a constant for a given temperature value because it is dependent upon the concentrations of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C^\ddagger$  and not the activities of these species. By activity of a substance is meant its effective concentration in the solution, that is, at concentration,  $c$ , it does not affect the properties of the solution (for example, the vapor pressure) to the extent of concentration  $c$  but rather to the extent of  $a$  where  $a$ , the activity, is equal to  $c f$ , or

the product of the true volume formality and the formal activity coefficient. Rearranging 5) then,

$$12) \quad k = K \frac{k_B T}{h} \frac{a_C^\ddagger}{a_A \cdot a_B} \cdot \frac{f_A \cdot f_B}{f_C}$$

making a change in standard state such that  $a^\circ = \beta a$ ,<sup>\*</sup> and taking logarithms,

$$13) \quad \ln k = \ln \left[ K \frac{k_B T}{h} \frac{a_C^\ddagger}{a_A \cdot a_B} \right] + \ln \left[ \frac{\beta_A \cdot \beta_B}{\beta_C^\ddagger} \right] + \ln \left[ \frac{f_A \cdot f_B}{f_C^\ddagger} \right].$$

For a given temperature, the first term, designated  $\ln k_0$ , will be constant. Changes in  $\ln k$  with variations in dielectric constant of the medium will be reflected by changes in  $\ln \left[ \frac{\beta_A \cdot \beta_B}{\beta_C^\ddagger} \right]$ ; changes in  $\ln k$  with variations in ionic strength<sup>\*\*</sup> will be reflected by changes in  $\ln \frac{f_A \cdot f_B}{f_C^\ddagger}$ . Therefore the rigor with which the data can be analyzed depends upon existing theories of activity coefficients and dielectric effects of the medium (2).

Tin (II) is slowly oxidized by various oxidizing agents in aqueous acid media whose dielectric constants are unknown. Activity coefficients of the species involved can be approximated only after estimation of the nature of these species. Because of the limitations of the tin (II)-cerium (IV)-sulfuric acid system, only a qualitative summary of the

<sup>\*</sup> For a solute, based upon the usual standard state,  $\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} a \approx 1$ ; however, in order that reaction rates may be independent of solvent effects, another standard state is chosen such that  $a \beta = a^\circ$ , the concentration of solute vapor above the solution, where  $\frac{a^\circ}{\text{pressure of solute}} \approx 1$ .

<sup>\*\*</sup>  $u = 1/2 \sum_{\text{all}} n_i v_i$ , where  $n_i$  is the weight formality of the ionic substance,  $i$ , with charge,  $v_i$ .

effect of alteration of dielectric constant or ionic strength upon the activity coefficients as predicted by extended Debye-Huckel theory is presented in Table I.

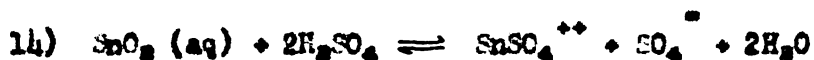
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VARIATION IN  $\ln k^*$  WITH CHANGING DIELECTRIC CONSTANT AND IONIC STRENGTH IN FAIRLY CONCENTRATED SOLUTIONS (1)

Species	Effect of Increasing	
	Dielectric Constant	Ionic Strength
Two dipolar molecules forming a polar product	increase	an increase, dependent upon the 1st power of the ionic strength
Two ions:		
a. same sign	increase	increase dependent upon root and/or first power of ionic strength
b. opposite sign	decrease	may decrease, have no effect or increase depending upon ion charges and electrostatic effects
Ion and neutral molecule	may increase, have no effect or decrease depending upon whether the ion is highly charged or the molecule is highly polar	an increase dependent upon the 1st power of the ionic strength.

\* Theoretical expressions for  $\ln (\beta^{\pm})_1$  are found in Table XV.

### Historical

Few studies have been made of the properties of tin (II) and tin (IV) in aqueous sulfuric acid. In general, experimental work on tin (II) in this medium has been performed to shed light on one of the commercial applications of tin, electroplating, in which it is desirable to stabilize the species as tin (II) with various organic complexing agents and to adjust the properties of the plating baths to obtain high-quality tin plate (3). The potential of the  $\text{Sn}^0\text{-Sn}^{++}$  electrode has been measured as a function of the concentrations of tin (II) and sulfuric acid at  $18^\circ\text{C}$ . (4) and physical properties of the aqueous tin (II)-sulfuric acid system have been measured (5,6,7,8). Measurement of the  $\text{Sn}^{+3}\text{-Sn}^{+4}$  potential has not been possible (9). Phase studies of the  $\text{SnO-SO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  system were made at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . and  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . by Denham and King (10); the solid phases isolated corresponded to  $\text{SnSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{SnO} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{SnSO}_4 \cdot \text{SnO}$  and  $\text{SnSO}_4$ . Recently, complexing of tin (IV) in sulfuric acid has been examined (11), and hydrolysis of the species involved has been studied (12). The data indicate that the total solubility of the tin (IV) species is  $9.08 \times 10^{-4}$  wt. f. at  $30^\circ\text{C}$ . and  $7.72 \times 10^{-4}$  wt. f. at  $18^\circ\text{C}$ . in 0.9605 wt. f. sulfuric acid, and that the following equilibrium exists:



for which the thermodynamic constants are  $K_{30^\circ\text{C}} = 5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $K_{18^\circ\text{C}} = 2.8 \times 10^{-3}$ . Further complexing of tin (IV) appears to occur in solutions with higher acid concentrations.

Far more experimental work has been done in the aqueous tin (II)-tin (IV)-hydrochloric acid system. Not only have the potentials of the electrode  $\text{Sn}^0\text{-Sn}^{++}$  and the system  $\text{Sn}^{+2}\text{-Sn}^{+4}$  been studied (4,13), but the kinetics of exchange reactions and oxidation-reduction reactions have been examined. In the study of the radioactive exchange of tin (II) and tin (IV) (14), an interaction complex corresponding to  $\text{Sn}_2\text{Cl}_{10}^{-4}$  was detected spectrophotometrically, and a mechanism formulated assuming electron transfer to occur in the complex. Although the rate increased with increasing hydrochloric acid concentration, the exact dependence was not determined. In absolute alcohol, and in the absence of hydrochloric acid, exchange took place between the neutral salts,  $\text{SnCl}_2$  and  $\text{SnCl}_4$  (16). No spectral data were reported.

Interactions between tin (II) and the platinum metals in hydrochloric acid have not been fully determined but are of interest. Platinum (II), palladium (II) and rhodium (II) apparently react with tin (II) to give highly colored products (16). Data obtained in the Pt (II)-Sn(II) system (other systems have not been studied quantitatively) indicate that the products are  $[\text{PtSn}_2\text{Cl}_6]^{+4}$  and Sn(IV). Kinetics of the reduction of uranium (VI) by tin (II) has been studied (17). A small concentration of an interaction complex in which the ratio, U (VI) : Sn (II), is 1:1 was observed spectrophotometrically. The reaction rate is proportional to the first powers of U (VI) and Sn (II), increasing with increasing hydrochloric acid concentration, but is essentially constant as  $[\text{H}^+]$  is varied at constant  $[\text{Cl}^-]$ , and vice versa.

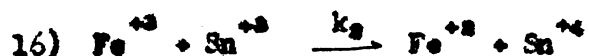
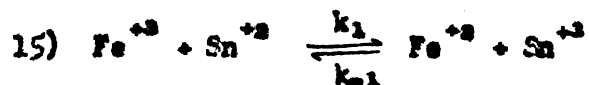
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\* Pt (0), Sn (II).



No mechanism has been proposed. Chlorate ion has been found to oxidize tin (II) at a measurable rate, proportional to the first powers of chlorate and tin (II); above 20°C. in the presence of hydrochloric acid, chlorate apparently oxidizes chloride ion (18).

The reaction between iron (III) and tin (II) has been examined by several authors. Data obtained by Noyes (19) indicate that the reaction does not obey second or third-order kinetics except in the presence of excess reaction products in which case third-order kinetics are obeyed. In all instances, the rate is a function of the hydrochloric acid concentration. One treatment of these and subsequent data (20) has been offered by Weiss (21). Assuming the following reactions are involved, and disregarding for the moment possible complexing of the various iron and tin species by chloride, then



and assuming the steady state approximation,  $\frac{d\text{Sn}^{+3}}{dt} = 0$ , then the rate becomes

$$17) \quad \frac{-d(\text{Fe}^{+3})}{dt} = \frac{2k_1k_2(\text{Fe}^{+3})^2(\text{Sn}^{+2})}{k_{-1}(\text{Fe}^{+2}) + k_2(\text{Fe}^{+3})}$$

On the basis of the hydrolytic tendencies of  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$ , Weiss assumed 1) in acid solutions,  $k_2(\text{Fe}^{+2}) > k_{-1}(\text{Fe}^{+3})$ , thus a second-order rate constant,  $k_1$ , would be expected and 2) in neutral salt solutions, or in the presence of excess  $\text{Fe}^{+2}$ ,  $k_{-1}(\text{Fe}^{+3}) > k_2(\text{Fe}^{+2})$ , thus a third-order rate

constant,  $k_p$ , would be expected. In general, it has been found that reaction rates increase in the presence of activated complexes containing hydroxyl ions (22). In the above reaction, however, the rate in the presence of hydrochloric acid is much faster than the rate in neutral salt solutions. In spite of the validity of these assumptions,  $k_1$  and  $k_p$ , if divided by the square of the total chloride concentration, do not vary appreciably. More recent work in which complexing of iron and tin is considered (23) indicates that in acid concentrations from 0.04 to 0.48 M,  $k_1$  appears to be proportional to at least the cube of the actual chloride concentration. Thus the activated complex seems to require at least three more chloride ions than are contributed by the complexed iron (III) and tin (II). Available data on the complexity constants for tin (II) and iron (III) (23,24) indicate that there probably is considerable competition for chloride by reactants, intermediates and products. The over-all mechanism is still a matter of interpretation (23,25,26).

In perchloric acid solutions where, theoretically, complexing of tin (II) and iron (III) would be at a minimum, the reaction proceeds much more slowly (25). Hydrolysis becomes a major problem (21,27). The rate appears to be proportional to the first powers of tin (II) and iron (III).

## PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS OF MATERIALS

In the study of the reaction of cerium (IV) and tin (II), fairly strongly acid media were used to attain a minimum of complications brought about by hydrolysis of the species involved. Throughout this experimental work, the sulfuric acid used was DuPont C.P. reagent grade and the 70% perchloric acid was Mallinkrodt analytical reagent grade. Aqueous solutions of these acids were standardized with carbonate-free solutions of Merck reagent sodium hydroxide which, in turn, had been standardized with Merck primary standard potassium acid phthalate. For these determinations, phenolphthalein served as indicator. (See Appendix I for analytical results.)

Preparation of tin (II) solutions in sulfuric acid was similar to that of Noyes and Teabe (28) in which the displacement reaction



was utilized. It was found that in sulfuric acid concentrations of 2 v. f. to 6 v. f. and in the presence of excess metallic tin, the above reaction was favored. If the mixture were kept just below the boiling point for one to two hours, the reaction proceeded to completion without complication. Hydrolysis occurred as the mixture was heated if the sulfuric acid concentration was less than 2 v. f.; on the other hand, hydrogen was rapidly displaced from the acid by metallic tin as the mixture was heated if the sulfuric acid concentration was greater than

6 v. f. The latter situation made regulation of not only the acidity but also the tin (II) content of the solution rather difficult. Dilute tin (II) solutions are easily decomposed by oxygen, therefore, all preparations were carried out in an atmosphere of nitrogen. A schematic diagram of the system in which the quantity of dissolved oxygen was minimised in the reagents, tin (II) solutions were prepared, purified and stored is given in Figure I. Commercial, water-pumped nitrogen was bubbled through a pyrogallol tower, F, in order to reduce further the oxygen content of the gas. To prepare the pyrogallol solution, 15 gms. of pyrogallol acid, Merck N.F., were added to 250 ml. of water made alkaline by the addition of sodium hydroxide pellets; in general, a freshly prepared pyrogallol solution was used for every tin (II) solution prepared. A second tower, G, contained either distilled water which was used for dilution purposes or 5 v. f. sulfuric acid which was used to maintain a particular vapor pressure of water in the nitrogen bubbling through the reaction mixture. The latter procedure was followed when it was necessary to minimize the net loss or gain of water in the reaction mixture over the course of the preparation of tin (II). In the reaction vessel, I, were placed calculated volumes of a solution of Mallinkrodt reagent grade copper sulfate and a solution of about 5 v. f. sulfuric acid. (For specific details concerning various tin (II) sulfate solutions prepared see Appendix I, Table XIX). Nitrogen was bubbled through the solution for about six hours, after which an excess of C.P. Baker's Analysed 30-mesh tin was added through glass tubing inserted into the condenser, H. The reaction mixture was heated and kept just below the boiling point until flecks of finely

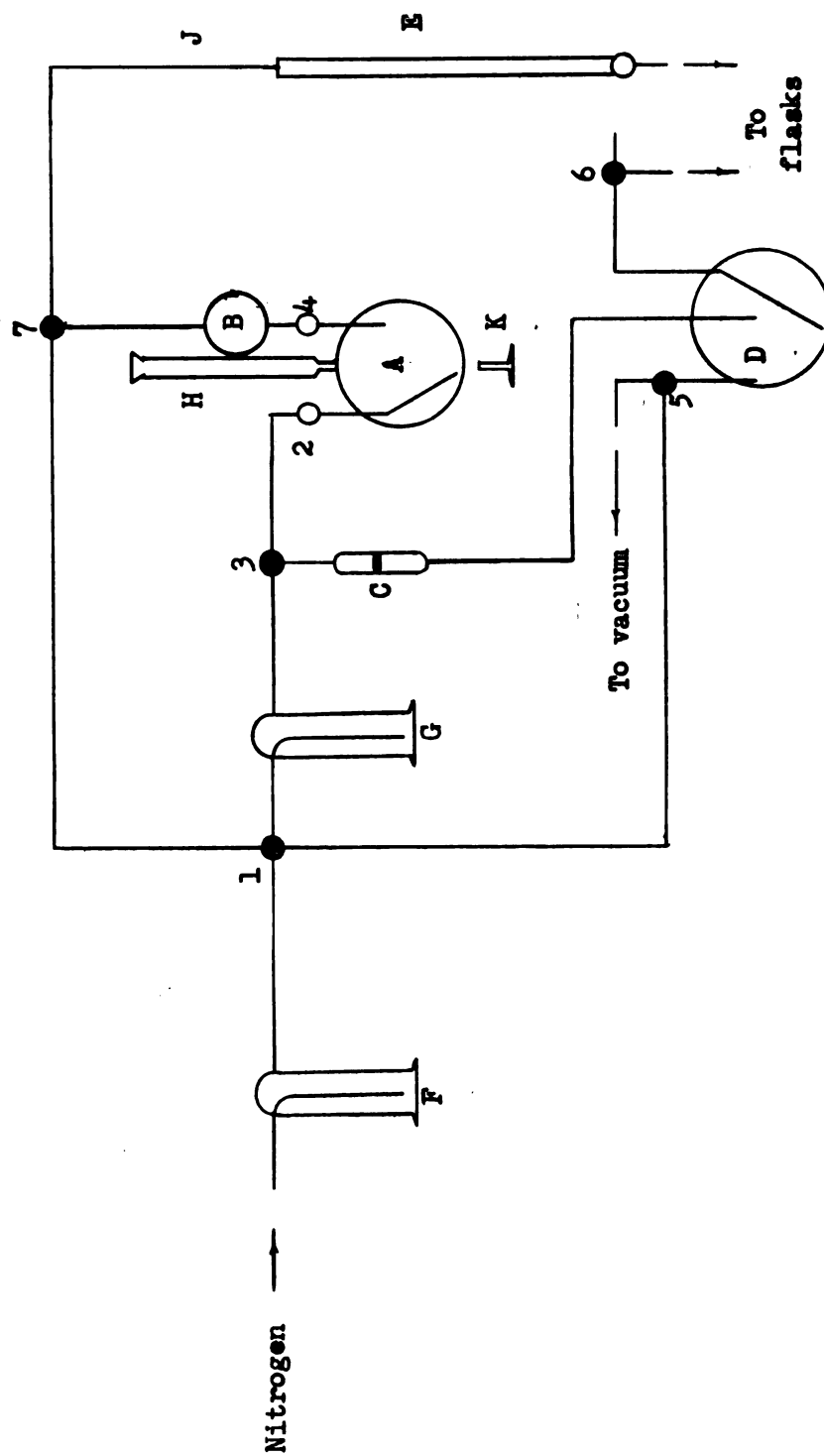


Figure I. Glass apparatus for preparation of tin(II) solutions: A, reaction vessel; B, reservoir; C, sintered-glass disc; D, storage vessel; E, burette; F, pyrogallol tower; H, condenser; J, nitrogen tube for burette; ●, three-way stopcocks; ○, two-way stopcocks and K, microburner.

divided copper, floating on the surface of the solution, were noted. An ice bath was used to reduce the temperature of the mixture before an appropriate dilution. For this purpose, distilled water through which nitrogen had been bubbled was available either in the tower, G, or the reservoir, B. For some experiments, an aqueous solution of lithium sulfate through which nitrogen had been bubbled was available in the reservoir, B. Excess nitrogen pressure was utilized in transferring the various solutions from B or G to the reaction vessel, A, and in subsequent mixing. Transfer of the tin (II) solution from the reaction vessel, A, to the storage vessel, D, was accomplished by sealing the condenser, H, evacuating D and adjusting stopcocks 2 through 6 in the proper manner. As the solution passed through the sintered glass disc (medium), C, the solids, copper and tin, were retained. Usually after complete transfer of the tin (II) solution into storage vessel, D, the pressure in D was less than atmospheric pressure. Atmospheric pressure was attained by bubbling nitrogen into D. In addition, excess nitrogen pressure was used to force the solution into ground-glass-stoppered flasks which could be placed into various thermostatic baths for equilibration. For some experiments, exact dilutions of the tin (II) solution were necessary. These were effected in the following manner: burette, E, was flushed with nitrogen for one-half hour; a tube from vessel, D, was connected to the tip; a steady flow of nitrogen was maintained in the burette by tube J, inserted in the top, and the nitrogen pressure in D was raised to force the tin(II) solution into the burette. Once sufficient solution had been forced

into the burette, the tube from D was disconnected and the solution transferred from burette to nitrogen-filled flask in a standard manner.

Any analyses of the acid content of the tin (II) solutions must necessarily consider the amount of tin (II) or tin (IV) hydroxide that would be formed during the neutralization of the acid with a solution of standard base. However, concentrations of tin as prepared for this kinetics study were  $10^{-3}$  -  $10^{-4}$  v. l., thus it was found that the acid titer of a freshly prepared tin (II) solution was essentially equal to that of a solution through which air had been passed for one hour to assure complete oxidation of tin (II) to tin (IV). (For acidities of tin (II) solutions see Appendix I, Table XI.)

Total tin concentrations were evaluated by measuring the absorption of a dispersion of tin (II) toluene 3-4 dithiolate at 540 m $\mu$  (29). Thioglycollic acid, Eastman Organic Chemicals' practical grade, was used to reduce the tin species in solution to tin (II); a small quantity of Santomerse 30X, a Monsanto Chemical Company surfactant, was the dispersing agent; toluene 3-4 dithiol, a product of Eastern Chemical Company, was the specific reagent with which tin forms a strawberry-colored compound. (For details of this procedure and for analyses of tin (II) solutions see Appendix I.)

For a few experiments it was desirable to obtain tin (IV) sulfate and tin (IV) oxide. These were prepared by reaction of tin metal (30 mesh) with concentrated sulfuric acid at 190°C. (30). Subsequent fuming of the solution almost to dryness served to coagulate any colloidal sulfides that appeared and these were not dissolved (as tin (IV)



sulfate was) on further addition of hot, concentrated sulfuric acid and hence separated from the tin (IV) sulfate by filtration through sintered glass. Fusing almost to dryness and re-solution were repeated twice to obtain tin (IV) sulfate as a white, hygroscopic solid with no reducing power as indicated by lack of reaction with a solution of potassium permanganate. To obtain a sample of tin (IV) oxide, a small amount of tin (IV) sulfate in a Vycor<sup>\*</sup> crucible was placed in a muffle furnace at 500°C. for twelve hours. After cooling, the oxide was white, insoluble in dilute acid and not hygroscopic.

Lithium sulfate was utilized to maintain constant ionic strength of sulfuric acid-tin solutions while the concentrations of  $H^+$ ,  $HSO_4^-$  and  $SO_4^{2-}$  were changed. Mallinckrodt analytical reagent lithium sulfate monohydrate was dissolved in distilled water, the solution filtered and evaporated to recover the monohydrate. Subsequently the salt was dried at 110°C. for two hours and then at 175°C. for 48 hours in order to prepare it in the soft, white anhydrous form.

It has been found that the quality of cerium (IV) sulfate as an oxidizing agent and the stability of its solutions depend greatly upon the purity of the reagents used in its preparation. DuPont sulfuric acid has been found to be fairly satisfactory in this respect (31,32). As for any particular sample of cerium salt, if the salt is thorium-free, one of the better methods of further purification is the preparation and recrystallization of ammonium hexanitrate cerate (IV) (32). Since the reagent grade salt was readily available from the G. Fredrick Smith Chemical Company, a sample of this was dissolved in

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distilled water, filtered and to the resulting solution were added 1) DuPont reagent nitric acid such that the final ratio of acid to water was 1:1 and 2) Baker's Analyzed ammonium nitrate such that the reagent was 15% in excess of that required by the cerium in solution. Evaporation until the solution was a deep red and subsequent cooling produced the orange ammonium hexanitrate cerate (IV) which was filtered, then dried at  $83^{\circ}\text{C}$ . for eight hours. Subjecting this recrystallized salt to tests for impurities, it was found that 1) 5.6 gms. contained 1.8 - 2.0 mgs. of iron or that a solution of  $10^{-4}$  v. f.  $\text{Ce(IV)}$  would contain about  $2 \times 10^{-7}$  v. f.  $\text{Fe(II)}$  and 2) essentially no thorium was indicated, which was satisfactory for the purposes of this kinetics study. (See Appendix I for tests performed.) To the recrystallized ammonium hexanitrate cerate (IV) was added as little distilled water as possible in order to dissolve it and then this solution was poured into a 1:1 aqueous ammonium hydroxide solution. The light yellow precipitate of hydrated cerium (IV) hydroxide settled, was filtered, washed with distilled water to remove ammonium nitrate and dried for 30 hours at  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Under these conditions,  $\text{Ce(OH)}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was formed.

In order to prepare a standard cerium (IV) sulfate solution, to 20.4878 gms. of the hydrated oxide were added 65 ml. of concentrated sulfuric acid and, after solution was complete, distilled water was added until the total volume of the solution was one liter. All cerium (IV) sulfate solutions used in the kinetics study were obtained by suitable dilutions of this standard solution which was fairly stable over a period of two years. (See Appendix I for data pertaining to standard cerium solutions, i.e., acidity, total cerium and cerium (IV).)

Cerium (III) sulfate solutions were obtained by bubbling sulfur dioxide through an appropriate cerium (IV) sulfate solution. Reduction of cerium (IV) occurred within 10 to 20 minutes but it was necessary to bubble nitrogen through the solution for one to two hours before the odor of sulfur dioxide was no longer detectable.

The reddish, yellow color of cerium (IV) solutions and the concentration of cerium in the standard solution ( $\sim 0.06$  v. f.) were sufficient to make the determination of the sulfuric acid concentration somewhat difficult by obscuring the color of the phenolphthalein end point and consuming hydroxide by precipitation of the metal hydroxide. To obviate this difficulty, before titration with sodium hydroxide solution, excess Merck reagent, sodium oxalate was added to the solutions of cerium in order to reduce cerium (IV) to cerium (III) and precipitate the rather insoluble cerium (III) oxalate (33).

Several methods of analysis of cerium (IV) in the standard solutions were attempted and found somewhat unsatisfactory before the following method was selected (34). In the presence of a phosphoric acid-sulfuric acid buffer solution, cerium (IV) may be titrated with iron (II) using sodium diphenylamine sulfonate as indicator. Iron (II) solutions in turn must be standardized with a primary standard, potassium dichromate, in the presence of the same buffer solution and with the same indicator as is used in the Fe(II)-Ce(IV) titration. Merck reagent ferrous ammonium sulfate hexahydrate was used for the solutions of iron (II); Mallinkrodt analytical reagent potassium dichromate and a solution of sodium diphenylamine sulfonate obtained from Dr. E. Leininger were used.

Analyses for total cerium in the standard solutions gave some difficulty. The method of Willard and Young (35,36), in which ammonium persulfate in the presence of catalytic quantities of silver ion is used to oxidize cerium (III) to cerium (IV), gave erratic results. It was found that oxidation with sodium bismuthate was most successful and the results indicated that the cerium (III) content of the standard solutions was fairly small (34).

## EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

In general, chemical reactions may be divided into two categories: fast reactions, for which rates must be measured in a matter of micro- or milliseconds, and moderate reactions which permit rate measurements over a period of minutes, hours or even days. In sulfuric or sulfuric-perchloric acid media, the reaction of cerium (IV) and tin (II) is somewhat between the two extremes in that it does not occur in a matter of milliseconds or hours, but in a matter of minutes. Even though a reaction occurring in minutes would not require as elaborate equipment as one occurring in milliseconds, special techniques were nevertheless required to follow the course of the reaction. It was found that the response of the Beckman Model DU Spectrophotometer was fast enough to permit rapid measurements of the absorbancy of a tin (II)-cerium (IV) solution. (Absorbancy =  $\log I/I_0$ , where  $I_0$  is the light intensity entering the solution and  $I$ , the intensity after it has traversed the solution. It is assumed that the effect of a silica cell and the solvent present can be cancelled by setting the absorbancy of a matched reference cell plus solvent to be zero.) It was found that the absorbancy of one constituent was measurable with little interference from either reactants or products in solution. Furthermore it was possible to regulate the temperature of the cell housing in which the absorption cells, containing cerium (IV) tin (II) solutions, were placed for absorbancy measurements.

In sulfuric and perchloric acid solutions, an absorption peak of cerium (IV) occurs at 315 mμ, (36,37). The molar extinction coefficient,  $\epsilon_4$ , of the cerium (IV) is  $5.58 \times 10^3$  (cf. 36), that is, in a one-cm. silica cell, in 0.05 v. f. to 3 v. f. sulfuric acid, the absorbancy of a  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  v. f. cerium (IV) solution is 0.558.  $\epsilon_4$  is not affected by a mixture of sulfuric and perchloric acids in which the ratio  $\text{HClO}_4$ :  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is 2:1; it decreases, however, to  $1.27 \times 10^3$  in a 2 v. f. perchloric acid solution in which  $(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4)/(\text{Ce(IV)}) = 9.489$ . Cerium (III) sulfate is also found to absorb in this region (Figure II) but the molar extinction coefficient,  $\epsilon_3$ , is about  $2.7 \times 10^3$  so that the contribution of cerium (III) to the absorbancy of the solution is negligible in most instances. (For details of corrections applied, see Section V.) Tin (II), tin (IV) and mixtures of tin (II) and tin (IV) do not absorb in this region, see Figure IV. Since  $\epsilon_4$  is essentially insensitive to variations in concentration of sulfuric acid, one standardization was made in 1 v. f. sulfuric acid at 25°C. (Figure V) and used throughout the course of this work. At some cerium (IV) concentrations,  $\epsilon_4$  is not constant; the dotted line in Figure V indicates the absorbancy that would be observed if  $\epsilon_4$  were constant at all cerium (IV) concentrations. It was assumed that  $\epsilon_4$  did not change with temperature so that the values obtained from the standardization were used over a temperature range of 0°C. to 25°C. (Calibration data are available in Appendix I, Table XVII.)

Solutions were equilibrated in two separate thermostatic baths, one of which was maintained at 0°C., 5°C., 10°C., or 15°C.  $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ .

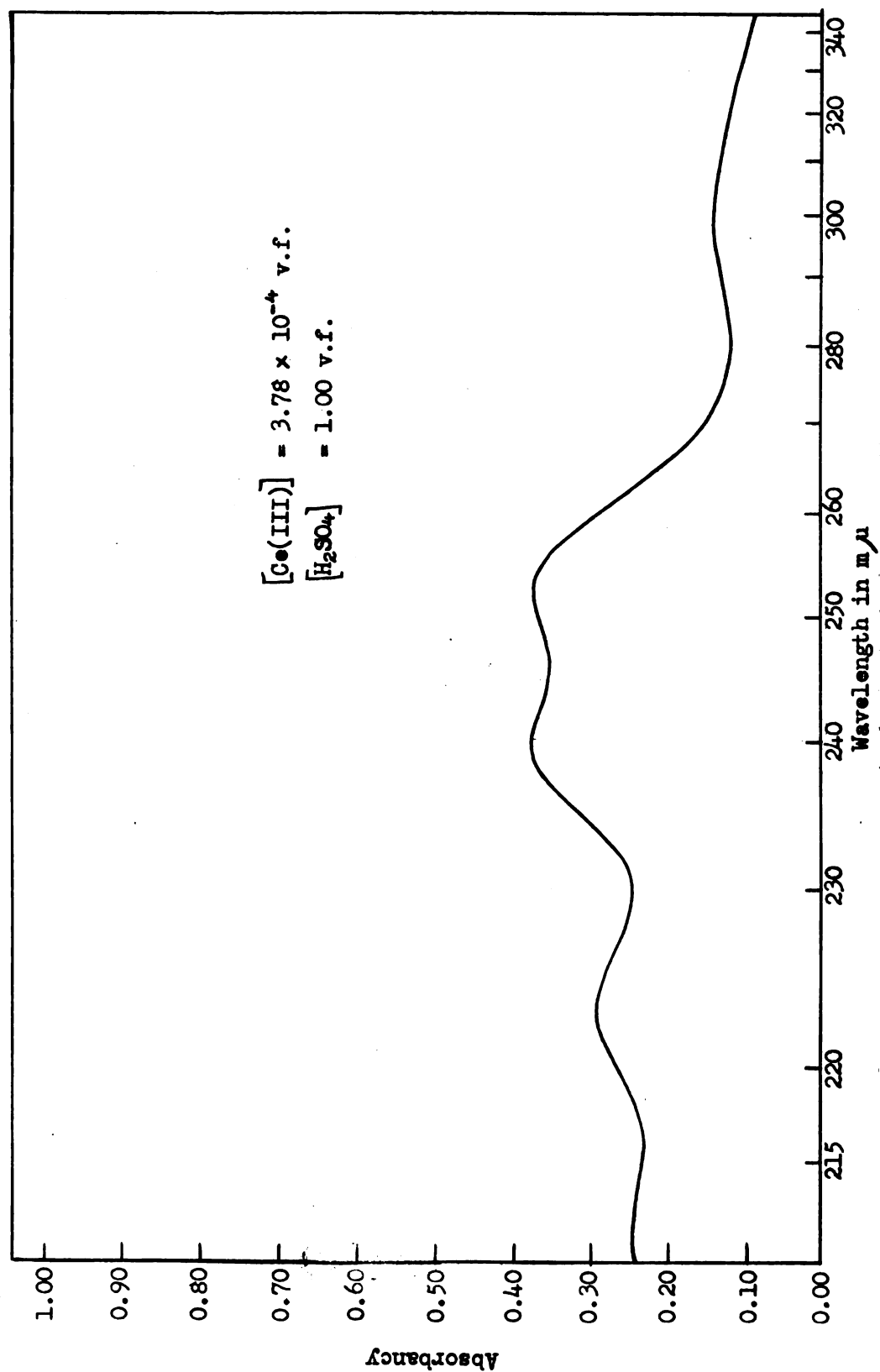


Figure II. Ultra-violet spectrum of cerium(III) sulfate.



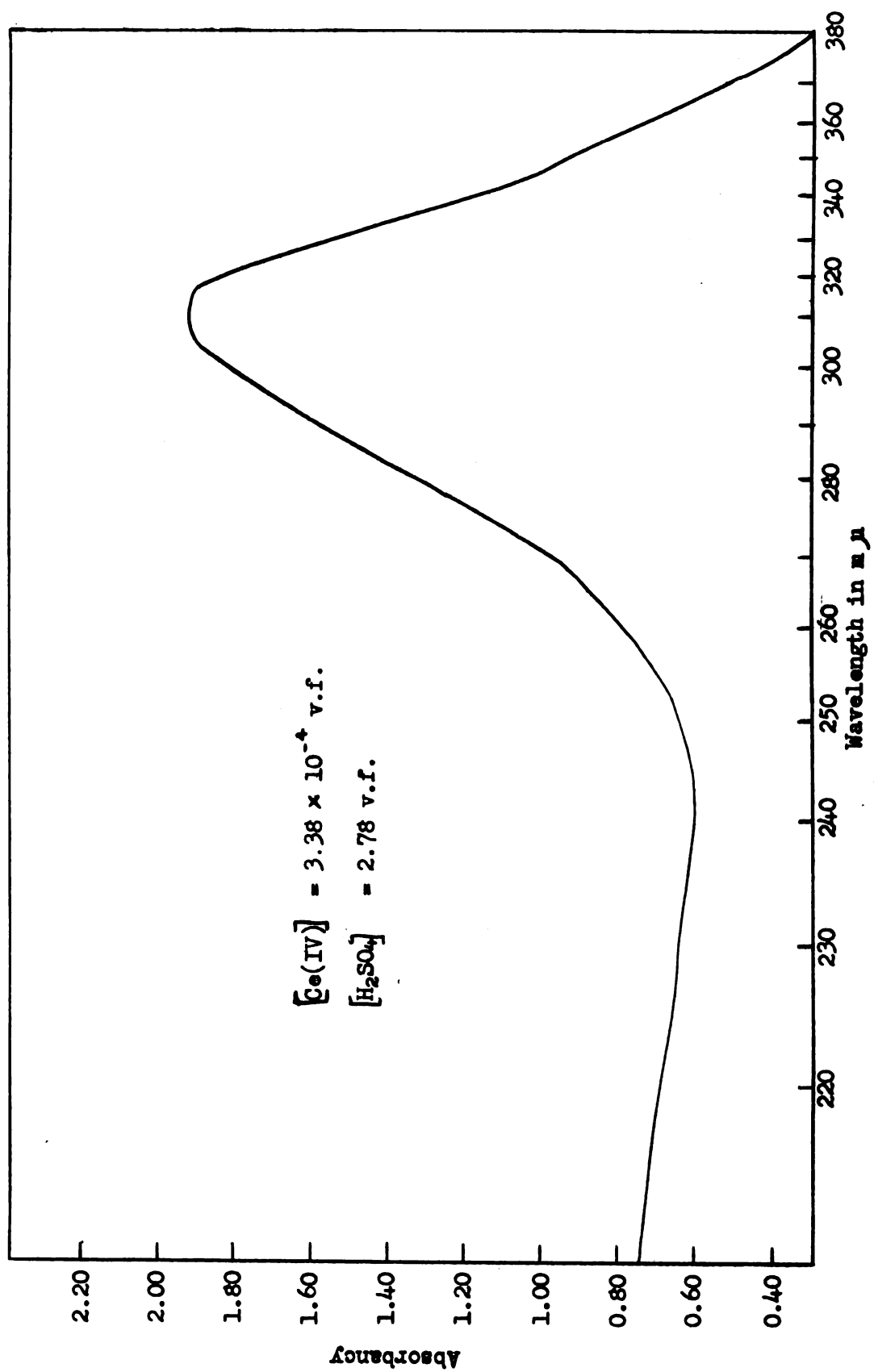


Figure III. Ultra-violet spectrum of cerium(IV) sulfate.

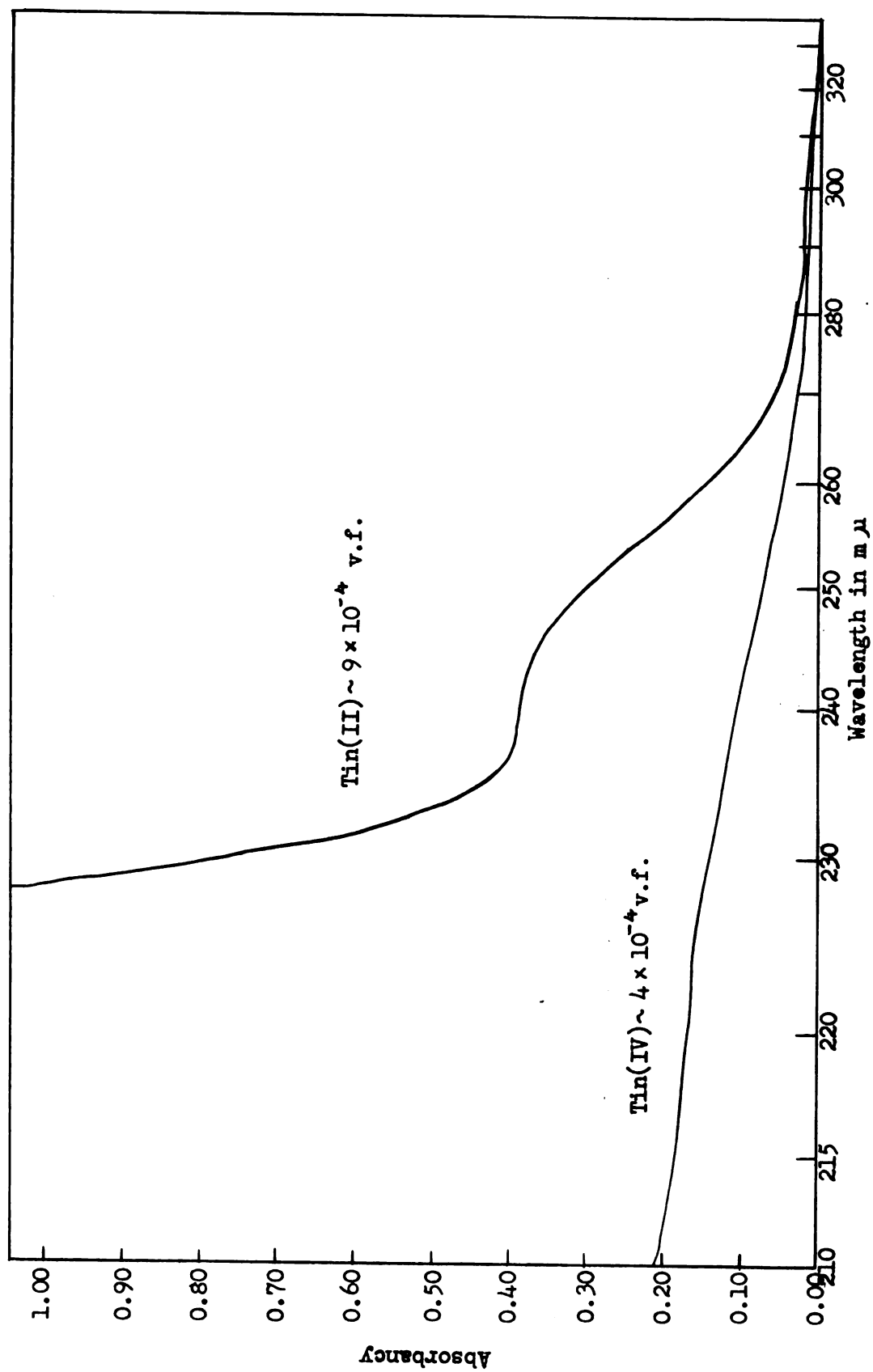


Figure IV. Ultra-violet spectra of tin(II) and tin(IV) sulfate, in 1 v.f. sulfuric acid.

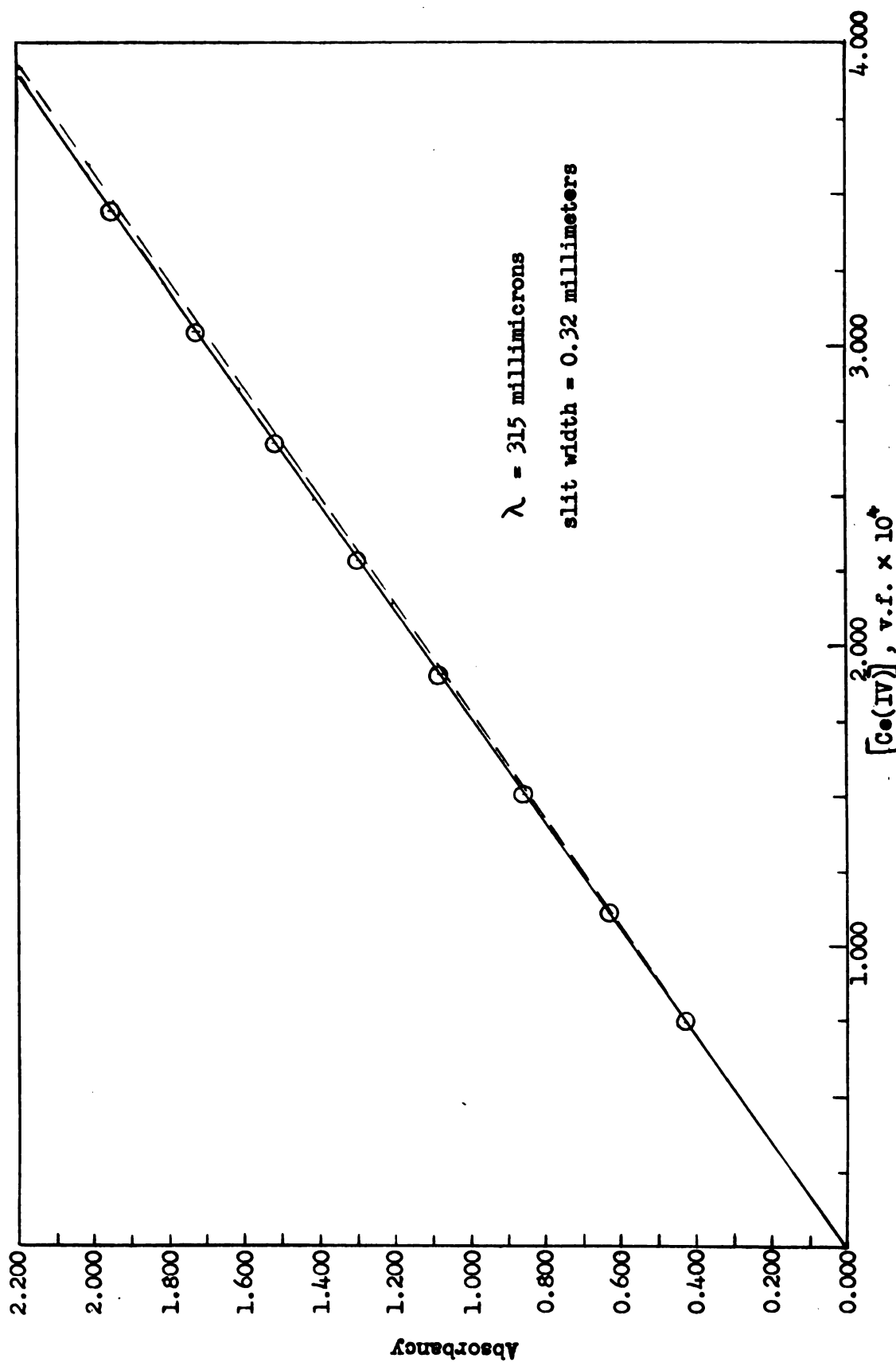


Figure V. Standardization of cerium(IV) sulfate in 1 v.f. sulfuric acid.

All reactions were carried out in the 1 cm. silica cells which have a volume of about four ml. To attain a particular temperature in the Beckman cell compartment, it was possible to circulate through a set of thermospacers\* a 1:1 glycerin-water mixture from the lower temperature bath or water from the higher temperature bath. Tap water (about 18°C.) was circulated through the housing of the hydrogen lamp (light energy source for cerium (IV) absorption measurements). Under these conditions, the cell compartment was regulated at lower temperatures to within  $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$ . (room temperature 20°C. to 25°C.) and to within  $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ . (room temperature 25°C. to 37°C.). When controlled by the higher temperature bath, the temperature variation in the cell compartment was  $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$ . over the entire range of room temperatures.

The essentials of the experimental procedure were as follows: into a particular volume of a cerium (IV) solution in a spectrophotometric cell was forced rapidly by means of a pipette, a particular volume of a tin (II) solution. The total volume of the resulting solution was 3 or 4 ml. In the case of 1 v. f. to 1.4 v. f. lithium sulfate and/or 2 v. f. to 3 v. f. sulfuric acid at 0°C., the viscosity of the solution was appreciable and some additional stirring with a glass rod was necessary to assure good mixing. Zero time for the reaction was taken to be the time at which pipetting began. By presetting the transmission dial of the spectrophotometer at various absorbancies and aligning the electric timer\*\* with the dial, it was possible to observe the

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\* Beckman attachment #2021.

\*\* Precision Scientific Company, Time-It.

time at which the reacting solution possesses a particular absorbancy to within  $\pm 1$  sec. The reaction was followed closely for about 5 minutes; after 50 minutes it was found that the reaction had proceeded to completion and final measurements were made at that time. Thus, when cerium (IV) was stoichiometrically in excess, the final absorbancy was taken to correspond to the excess cerium (IV) value after tin (II) had been completely oxidized to tin (IV). (If cerium (III) concentrations were appreciable, this value was corrected accordingly.) When tin (II) was in excess, weights of the initial cerium (IV) solution and the solution of cerium (IV) plus tin (II) were obtained. To this solution was added enough cerium (IV) such that the original excess tin (II) was oxidized to tin (IV) and an excess of cerium (IV) remained. After 50 minutes, the absorbancy of the solution was measured and the weight recorded. Knowing the absorbancy of the original cerium (IV) solution, and the densities of both the cerium (IV) and tin (II) solutions, in conjunction with the above data, the concentrations of cerium (IV) and tin (II) in the original solution may be obtained. (Sample calculations will be found in the following section.)

## ANALYSIS OF DATA

## Evaluation of Spectrophotometric Data

The original data (Appendix II) consist of absorbancies of various solutions as a function of time. Plots of these uncorrected values versus time indicated solutions in which there was poor mixing or instances of erratic performance on the part of the spectrophotometer and, on this basis, these data were discarded. The remaining data were corrected for any absorbancies contributed by the absorption cells themselves and then, from these values, concentrations of cerium (IV) were obtained as a function of time. In order to determine the cerium (IV) concentration of a solution containing cerium (III) and (IV) from spectrophotometric data obtained at 315 mμ, it is necessary to make a suitable correction for the amount of cerium (III) present. The measured absorbancy,  $A$ , of a solution is equal to  $\sum_{\text{all}} \epsilon_i c_i d$ , where  $\epsilon_i$  is the molar extinction coefficient of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  absorbing species whose concentration is  $c_i$  and  $d$  is the length of the path of light going through the solution. Hence, for a solution in which cerium (III) and IV) can be considered the only absorbing species, the absorbancy at a particular time,  $t$ , is

$$13) \quad A_t = \epsilon_4 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_t d + \epsilon_3 [\text{Ce(III)}]_t d .$$

$\epsilon_4$  and  $\epsilon_3$  are the molar extinction coefficients of cerium (IV) and (III) respectively.

In the reaction between tin (II) and cerium (IV) it is possible to determine the initial concentration of cerium (IV) in the following manner: 1) if cerium (III) is absent at the beginning of a reaction, the absorbancy observed in the first 20 to 30 seconds is essentially that of cerium (IV); a good graphical estimate of the initial cerium (IV) concentration,  $[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$ , is made by plotting  $\log [\text{Ce(IV)}]_t$  versus time and extrapolating to  $t = 0$ ; and 2) if a known amount of cerium (III) is present in the reaction mixture, the corresponding absorbancy is subtracted from the observed absorbancy and the resulting values are treated as in the case of cerium (III) = 0. Cerium (III) and (IV) concentrations at time,  $t$ , may be related to the initial concentrations at  $t = 0$  by setting

$$19) \quad [\text{Ce(IV)}]_t = [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 - X$$

and

$$20) \quad [\text{Ce(III)}]_t = [\text{Ce(III)}]_0 + X,$$

where  $X = \text{f.wts./l. of cerium (IV) that have reacted}$ . Substituting these expressions into 18) and letting  $d$  equal 1 cm.,

$$21) \quad A_t = \epsilon_4 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 + \epsilon_3 [\text{Ce(III)}]_0 - (\epsilon_4 - \epsilon_3) X$$

and, solving for  $X$ ,

$$22) \quad X = \frac{\epsilon_4 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 + \epsilon_3 [\text{Ce(III)}]_0 - A_t}{\epsilon_4 - \epsilon_3}.$$

Further substitution of this expression into 19) and rearrangement yield

$$23) \quad [\text{Ce(IV)}]_t = \frac{A_t - \epsilon_3 \{[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 + [\text{Ce(III)}]_0\}}{\epsilon_4 - \epsilon_3} .$$

If  $\epsilon_4 = 5.58 \times 10^3 \text{ l./f.wt.-cm.}$  and  $\epsilon_3 = 0.27 \times 10^3 \text{ l./f.wt.-cm.}$ ,

then 23) becomes

$$24) \quad [\text{Ce(IV)}]_t = (1.883 \times 10^{-4}) A_t - 0.0508 \{[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 + [\text{Ce(III)}]_0\} .$$

This expression was used in connection with all reactions in which  $[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 > 2 [\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ . The quantity of tin (II) present under these conditions is determinable if the cerium (IV) concentration at  $t = \infty$  is known. From equation 19) at  $t = \infty$ ,

$$25) \quad [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{t=\infty} = [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 - X_{\infty} ,$$

and from the relations

$$26) \quad 2 [\text{Sn(II)}]_t = 2 [\text{Sn(II)}]_0 - X$$

and

$$27) \quad 2 [\text{Sn(II)}]_t = X_{\infty} + [\text{Ce(IV)}]_t - [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 ,$$

the concentration of tin (II) at time,  $t$ , is

$$28) \quad [\text{Sn(II)}]_t = \frac{[\text{Ce(IV)}]_t - [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{t=\infty}}{2} .$$

In this work,  $t = \infty$  is 50 minutes.

Whenever  $2 [\text{Sn(II)}]_0 > [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$ , absorbancy measurements at 315 mμ indicate the cerium species present but do not establish the



quantity of tin (II) present. Since the absorbancies of tin (II), tin (IV), cerium (III) and cerium (IV) overlap in the region 200 to 260 mμ, additional measurements at these wavelengths were not practical (Figures II, III, and IV). Thus a chemical method was chosen to determine  $[\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ . Suppose that, originally 2 ml. of cerium (IV) (containing  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  meq. Ce(IV)) was added to 1 ml. of tin (II) (containing  $2.7 \times 10^{-4}$  meq. Sn (II)) to form a reaction mixture of 3 ml. After sufficient reaction, an additional milliliter of cerium (IV) was added and, at  $(t_4)_\infty$ , the absorbancy of the 4-ml.-volume was measured. Let  $[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$  equal the cerium (IV) present initially in the 3-ml.-volume and let  $[\text{Ce(IV)}]_4 = \frac{2}{3} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$  equal the concentration of cerium species in the 4-ml.-volume. If the initial concentration of cerium (III) is zero, then from equation 22), in the 4-ml.-volume,

$$29) \quad X_4 = \frac{\epsilon_4 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_4 - (A_4)}{\epsilon_4 - \epsilon_3} \quad .$$

Since  $X_3$  in the 3-ml.-volume is  $4/3 (X_4)$ , then

$$30) \quad X_3 = \frac{3}{2} \left\{ \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_4 - \epsilon_3} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 \right\} = \frac{4 (A_4)_\infty}{3 (\epsilon_4 - \epsilon_3)} \quad .$$

If the extinction coefficients are evaluated as before, 30) becomes

$$31) \quad X_3 = 1.5762 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 - (2.511 \times 10^{-4}) (A_4)_\infty \quad ,$$

where  $X_3$  is equal to twice the concentration of tin (II) present in the original 3-ml.-volume,  $2 [\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ . Using equations 19) and 26),

the concentration of tin (II) in the reaction mixture at time,  $t$ , is

$$32) \quad [\text{Sn(II)}]_t = \frac{2[\text{Sn(II)}]_0 - [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 + [\text{Ce(IV)}]_t}{2}.$$

If the total tin concentration of the reaction mixture is known, the concentration of tin (IV) may be obtained by difference.

### Kinetic Treatment

Once concentrations of cerium (III) and (IV) and tin (II) and (IV) are determined, kinetic treatment of the data is fairly straight forward. It was found that, depending upon the experimental conditions, the reaction obeys either a second-order rate law or a rate law first order in tin (II) but independent of the concentration of cerium (IV). In the event that a second-order rate is observed, if the initial concentrations of cerium (IV) and tin (II) are  $a$  and  $b$  respectively and, at time  $t$ , the concentrations are  $(a-x)$  and  $(b-\frac{x}{2})$ , then the decrease in cerium (IV) with time,  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ , is found to be (38)

$$33) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = k^1 (a-x) \left( \frac{2b-x}{2} \right) = k (a-x) (2b-x).$$

The second-order rate constant is  $k$  in units of  $l./\text{mole sec.}$  When  $a \neq 2b$ , integration of 33) and evaluation of the integration constant at  $t = 0$ , yield the rate equation

$$34) \quad kt = \frac{\ln}{(a-2b)} \left[ \frac{2b(a-x)}{a(2b-x)} \right].$$

If the rate first-order in tin (II) is observed, i.e. the rate no longer depends upon the cerium (IV) concentration, then the decrease

in cerium (IV) with time is found to be

$$35) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = k_1' \left( \frac{2b-x}{2} \right) = k_1 (2b-x),$$

where  $k_1$  is the first-order rate constant with units of  $\text{sec.}^{-1}$ . The integrated rate equation is

$$36) \quad \ln \left[ \frac{2b}{2b-x} \right] = k_1 t.$$

Values of  $k$  were graphically determined by plotting  $\log \left[ \frac{a-x}{2b-x} \right] = \log \left[ \frac{[\text{Ce(IV)}]}{2[\text{Sn(II)}]} \right]_t$  versus time. However, a better pictorial representation of the data is obtained if  $\frac{1}{[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0 - 2[\text{Sn(II)}]_0} \left\{ \log \left[ \frac{[\text{Ce(IV)}]}{2[\text{Sn(II)}]} \right]_t \right\}$  is shown as a function of time as is done in Figures VI to VII; the slope is equal to  $\frac{k}{2.303}$ . Where the first-order rate applies,  $\log [\text{Sn(II)}]_t$  is plotted versus time (Figure IX); the slope is equal to  $k_1$ .

### Results

At  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , the majority of experiments were performed under experimental conditions such that the oxidation of tin (II) by cerium (IV) obeyed a second-order rate law. Over a range of  $[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0/[\text{Sn(II)}]_0$  from 6.72 to 1.34, the average value of  $k$  was found to be 19.8 l./mole sec. Initial cerium (IV) concentrations were  $4.09 \times 10^{-4}$  v. f. to  $3.07 \times 10^{-4}$  v. f. and the stoichiometric sulfuric acid concentration was 1 v. f. (Table II). In the presence of  $5.8 \times 10^{-4}$  v. f. cerium (III) =  $[\text{Ce(III)}]_0$ ,  $k$  was slightly smaller, 18.3 l./mole. sec. (Table III). When tin (IV) sulfate was present to the extent that a

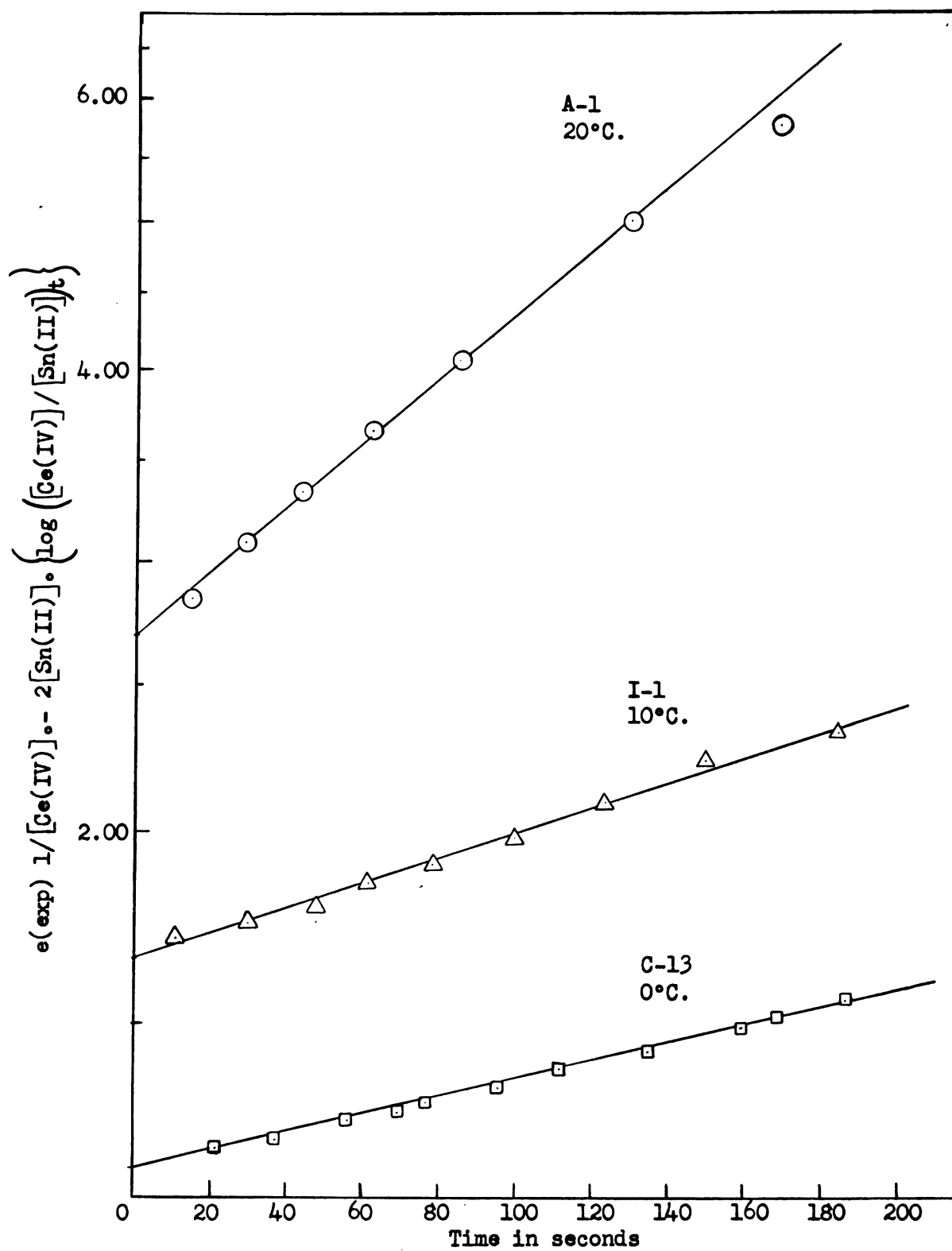


Figure VI. Kinetic treatment of second-order rates at 0°C., 10°C. and 20°C.

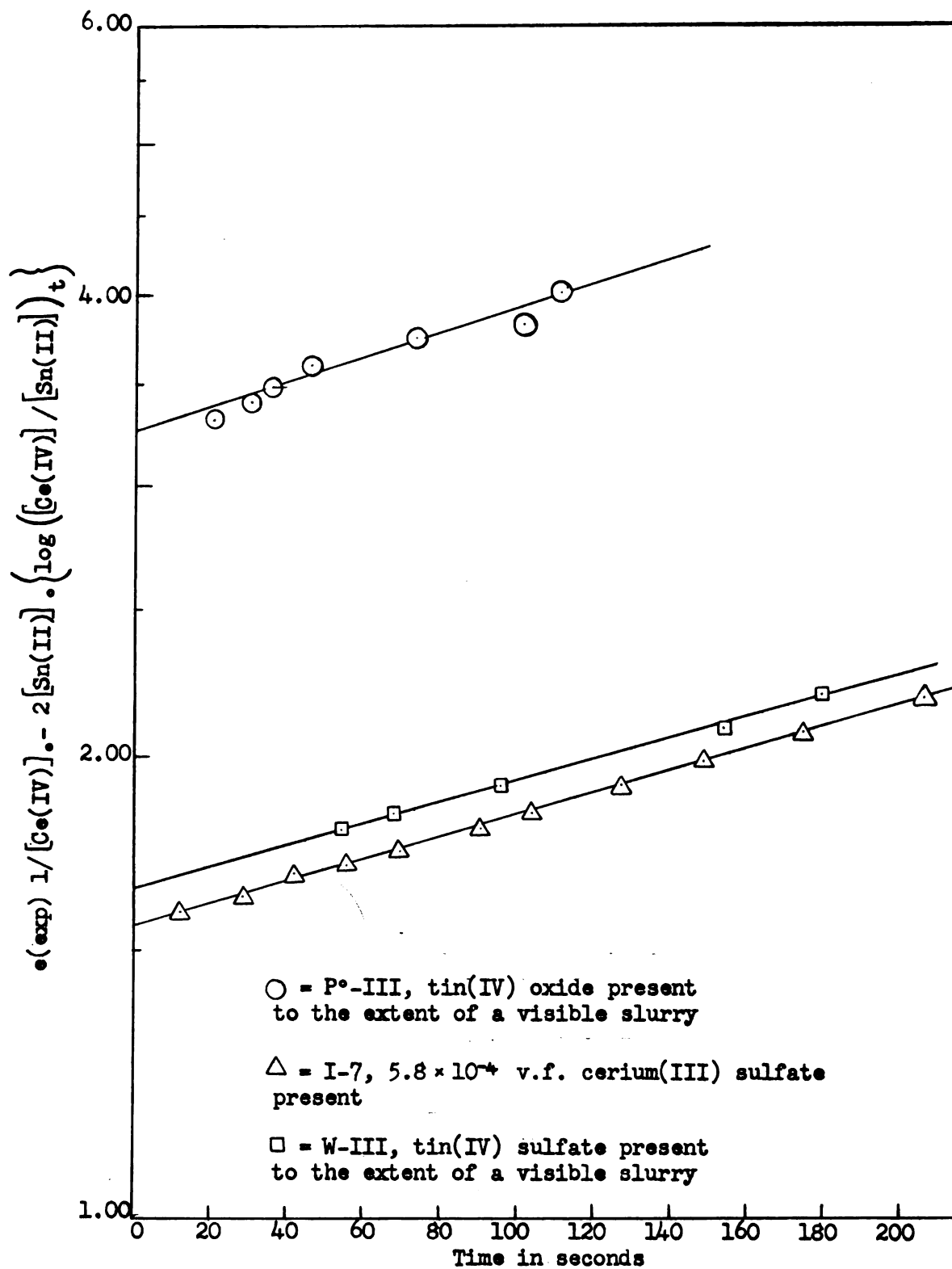


Figure VII. Kinetic treatment of second-order rates in the presence of cerium(III), tin(IV) sulfate and tin(IV) oxide.

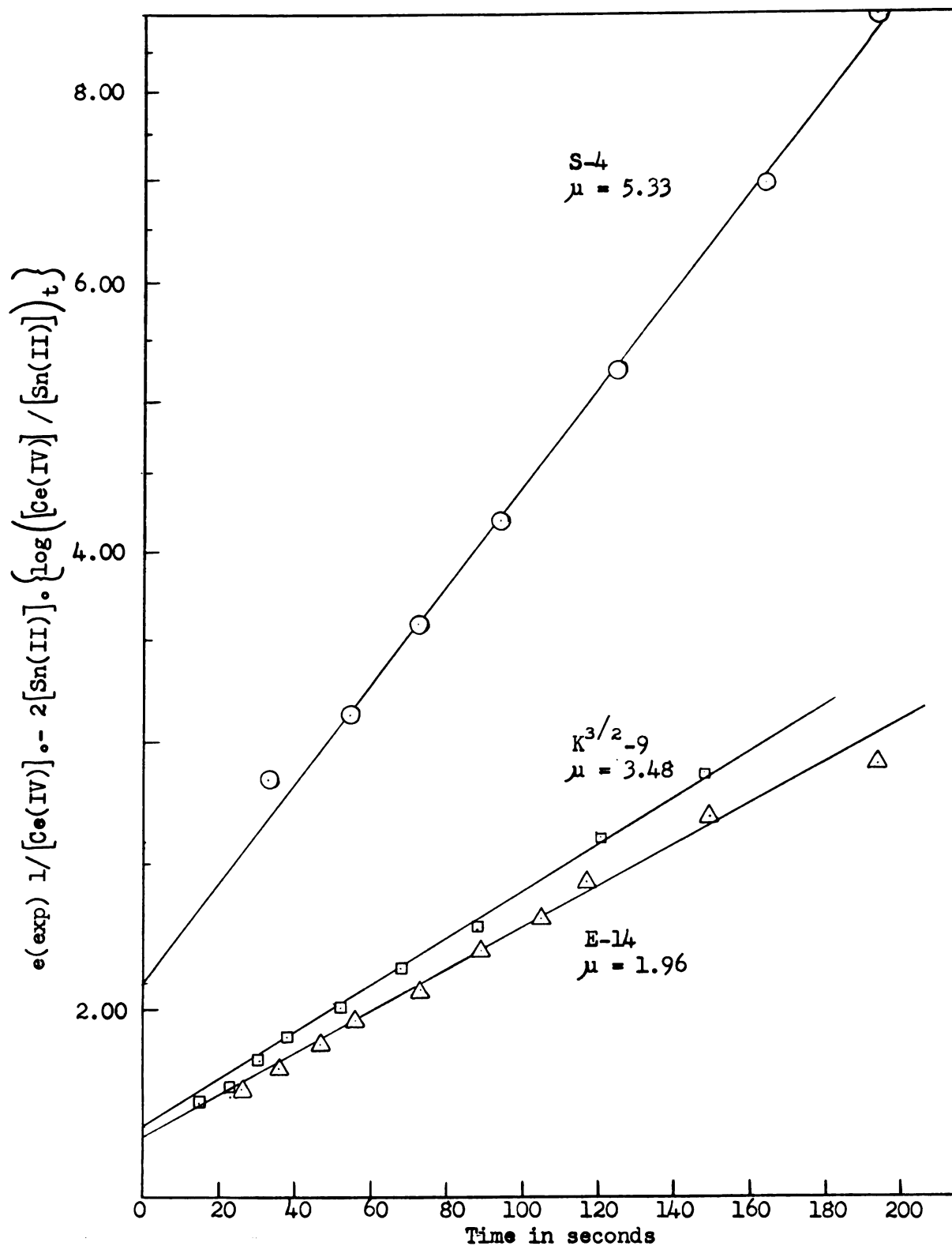


Figure VIII. Kinetic treatment of accelerated second-order rates at different ionic strengths.

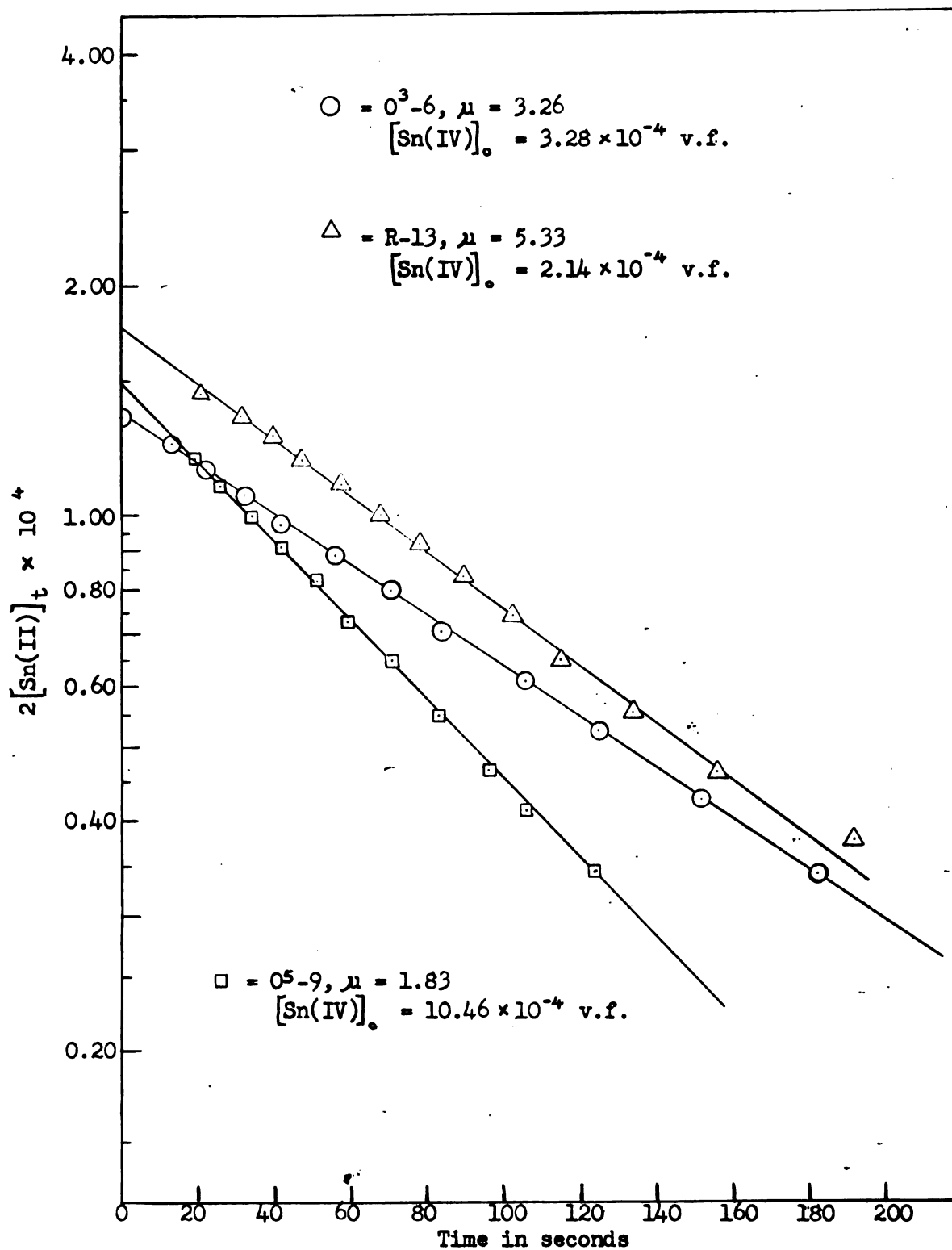


Figure IX. Kinetic treatment of rates first-order in tin(II) at different ionic strengths.

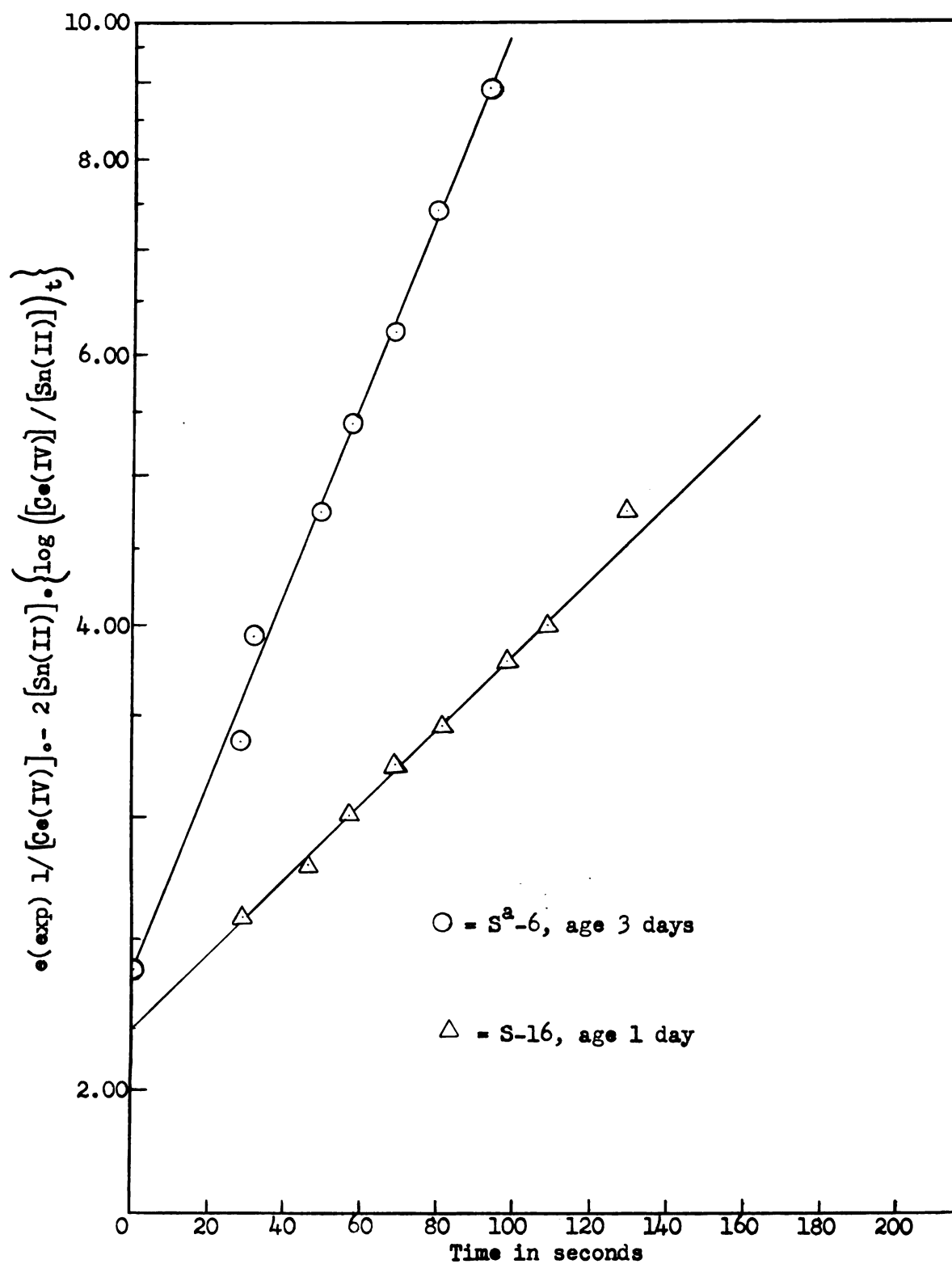


Figure X. Kinetic treatment of second-order rates accelerated by aged tin(II) solutions.





TABLE III

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF TIN (II) BY CERIUM (IV) IN THE PRESENCE OF  
CERIUM (III) AT 0°C.: SECOND-ORDER MECHANISM

Series	$[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$2[\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	k 1./mole sec.	$[\text{H}^+]$ v.f.	$[\text{HSO}_4^-]$ v. f.	$[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$ v. f.	$[\text{Ce(III)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	
I-1	2.539	1.607	14.7	2.024	1.477	0.585	0.454	5.8
2	2.533	1.759	17.1					
3	3.299	1.998	16.0					
5	2.794	1.791	16.0	Total tin = $1.268 \times 10^{-4}$ v. f.				
7	2.743	1.995	18.3					
8	2.614	1.958	22.8					
9	2.997	1.356	21.9					
10	2.718	1.688	16.0					
11	3.525	1.786	12.8					
12	2.721	1.733	15.8					
E-12*	2.870	1.993	21.3	1.96	1.455	0.562	0.447	5.8
E-13	3.428	2.324	13.0	Total tin = $1.684 \times 10^{-4}$ v. f.				
$k_{av} = 18.3 \pm 3.0$								

\* See also Table IX for accelerated second order rates.

TABLE IV

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF TIN (II) BY CERUM (IV) IN THE PRESENCE OF TIN (IV) AT 0°C.:  
SECOND-ORDER MECHANISM

Series	Tin (IV) Species Present	[Ce(IV)] <sub>0</sub> v.f. x 10 <sup>4</sup>	2[Sn(II)] <sub>0</sub> v.f. x 10 <sup>4</sup>	k 1./mole sec.	$\mu$	[H <sup>+</sup> ] v.f.	[HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] v.f.	[SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] v.f.
W-I	Sn(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> slurry*	2.742	1.672	14.0	2.577	1.915	0.656	0.581
II	Sn(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> slurry	2.844	2.196	25.8				
III	Sn(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> slurry	2.746	1.700	21.6				
P-X	Sn(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> slurry	3.044	1.310	9.7	5.34	3.705	1.308	1.167
II <sup>o</sup>	SnO <sub>2</sub> slurry	2.325	1.618	21.9				
III <sup>o</sup>	SnO <sub>2</sub> slurry	2.391	1.960	20.5				
W-1	air oxidized	1.675	.950	38.4	2.577	1.915	0.656	0.581
II	Sn(II) soln.	1.939	1.447	70.5				
II <sup>1</sup>	Sn(II) soln.	1.821	1.731	84.8				
P-1	Sn(II) soln.	2.564	2.496	33.9	5.34	3.705	1.308	1.167
II <sup>1</sup> **	Sn(II) soln.	2.246	2.205	21.8				
OS-1	Sn(II) soln.	1.806	1.464	79.5	1.831	1.370	0.512	0.419
2	Sn(II) soln.	2.279	1.804	82.7				
3	Sn(II) soln.	1.930	1.544	121.0				
4	Sn(II) soln.	1.940	1.651	94.2				
6	Sn(II) soln.	1.984	1.626	72.0				
7	Sn(II) soln.	1.693	1.384	70.6				
					Total tin = 11.27 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f.			

\* Absorbancy of slurries: W-I, 0.125; W-II, 0.128; W-III, 0.063; P-X, 0.050; P-II<sup>o</sup>, 0.034; P-III<sup>o</sup>, 0.027.

\*\* See also Table XII, for reactions of this series not following second order rate.

TABLE V

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF TM (II) BY CERIUM (IV) AT CONSTANT IONIC STRENGTH:  
SECOND-ORDER MECHANISM AT 0°C.

Series	$[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$2[\text{Sm(II)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	k 1./mole sec.	$[\text{H}^+]$ v.f.	$[\text{HSO}_4^-]$ v.f.	$[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$ v.f.	$[\text{Li}^+]$ v.f.	$k_{av}$ 1./mole sec.
P-13	3.967	3.585	16.4	3.705	1.308	1.167	0.000	18.7 $\pm$ 4.2
14	2.597	2.280	24.2	Total tin = 2.451 $\times 10^{-4}$ v.f.				
15	2.490	1.960	21.7	n = 5.33				
16	2.756	2.650	12.7	1.884	0.774	1.406	1.705	26.0 $\pm$ 5.5
U-1	2.558	2.462	15.3					
4	2.465	1.935	17.5					
5	2.480	2.000	19.2					
6	2.480	1.960	21.1					
8	2.706	2.297	36.1					
11	2.497	1.999	29.4					
12	2.622	2.192	26.4					
13	2.385	1.782	24.4					
14	2.515	1.983	34.5	Total tin = 3.270 $\times 10^{-4}$ v.f.				
16	2.443	2.193	32.9	n = 5.33				
17	2.523	1.909	25.5					
18	2.305	1.805	29.6					
V-2	1.753	1.657	22.7	2.321	0.917	1.335	1.268	23.5 $\pm$ 3.7
3	1.558	1.520	21.9					
11	1.986	1.137	16.0					
12	1.922	1.165	22.3	Total tin = 2.840 $\times 10^{-4}$ v.f.				
10	1.894	0.862	30.3	n = 5.33				
16	1.438	1.257	28.0					



TABLE VII

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF TIM (II) BY CERIUM (IV) OF VARIOUS IONIC STRENGTHS AND ACIDITIES:  
SECOND-ORDER MECHANISM AT 0°C.

Series	[Ce(IV)] <sub>0</sub> v.f. x 10 <sup>4</sup>	2[Ce(II)] <sub>0</sub> v.f. x 10 <sup>3</sup>	k l./mole sec.	μ	[H <sup>+</sup> ] v.f.	(HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ) v.f.	[SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] v.f.	[Li <sup>+</sup> ] v.f.
M <sup>1</sup> -1	3.311	1.971	22.7	2.305	0.776	0.303	0.631	0.859
3	3.362	2.108	23.6	Total tim = 3.647 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f. k <sub>av</sub> = 23.6 ± 1.5				
4	3.259	2.432	23.0					
5	3.547	2.156	21.2					
6	3.416	2.316	23.4					
7	3.407	2.198	21.1					
8	3.499	2.256	23.1	Total tim = 3.647 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f. k <sub>av</sub> = 23.6 ± 1.5				
9	3.572	2.350	23.6					
12	3.462	2.163	27.1					
15	3.566	2.215	26.3					
17	3.303	2.014	27.6					
18	3.344	2.468	20.3	Total tim = 3.647 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f. k <sub>av</sub> = 20.2 ± 1.1				
M <sup>2</sup> -2	3.673	1.874	20.3					
4	3.677	1.747	19.3					
5	3.805	1.718	21.7					
9	3.654	1.774	20.7					
10	3.644	1.429	19.4	Total tim = 3.647 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f. k <sub>av</sub> = 20.2 ± 1.1				
12	3.658	1.463	18.9					
13	3.559	1.278	19.7					
16	3.636	1.174	18.9					
18	3.739	1.372	22.4					

TABLE VIII  
SUMMARY OF SECOND-ORDER REACTION RATES OBTAINED AT 0°C.

Symbol	Number of Reactions	$\mu$	[H <sup>+</sup> ] v.f.	[HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] v.f.	[SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] v.f.	Other ions Present v.f.	k <sub>av</sub> 1./mole sec.
L	5	2.008	1.515	0.584	0.465		19.6 ± 2.4
B	12	2.005	1.488	0.580	0.453		
C	8	1.963	1.454	0.556	0.449		
O	8	1.879	1.367	0.599	0.384		18.3 ± 4.2
W	1	2.577	1.915	0.656	0.581		18.7 ± 3.7
P	4	5.33	3.705	1.308	1.167		23.5 ± 5.5
V	6	5.33	2.321	0.917	1.335		26.0 ± 6.7
U	12	5.33	1.884	0.774	1.406		
S	14	5.33	0.946	0.420	1.533		19.8
O <sub>4</sub>	1	4.057	3.516	0.568	0.418		15.4
O <sub>2</sub>	1	3.264	2.752	0.573	0.413		23.7 ± 4.3
L <sub>4</sub>	9	2.965	2.444	0.602	0.428		20.3 ± 1.4
N <sub>4</sub>	9	2.573	2.307	0.346	0.223		17.1 ± 3.1
L <sub>2</sub>	16	2.483	1.974	0.600	0.431		23.1 ± 1.5
N <sub>2</sub>	12	2.305	0.776	0.373	0.631		20.2 ± 1.1
N <sub>4</sub>	9	2.138	1.010	0.463	0.543		19.6 ± 2.1
N <sub>2</sub>	13	1.326	1.077	0.342	0.227		18.3 ± 3.0
I	10	2.024	1.477	0.585	0.454		
E	2	1.960	1.455	0.562	0.447		20.4 ± 4.6
W <sub>2</sub>	3	2.577	1.915	0.656	0.581		17.8
P <sub>2</sub>	1	5.34	3.705	1.308	1.167		21.2 ± 0.7
P <sub>4</sub>	2	5.34	3.705	1.308	1.167		no constant value
W <sub>4</sub>	3						
P <sub>4</sub>	2						
W <sub>4</sub>	3						
P <sub>4</sub>	2						
O <sub>6</sub>	6						

TABLE II

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF Tm (II) BY CERIUM (IV) AT 0°C.: ACCELERATED SECOND-ORDER RATES

Symbol	$[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$2[\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^3$	$k$ 1./mole sec.	$[\text{H}^+]$ v.f.	$[\text{HSO}_4^-]$ v.f.	$[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$ v.f.	Other ions v.f.
A							
P-4*	2.236	1.629	97.2	5.34	3.705	1.308	1.167
5	1.693	0.813	138				...
6	1.734	0.974	140	Total tin = $3.350 \times 10^{-4}$ v.f.			
O <sup>2-5</sup> *	1.664	1.447	72.4	3.264	2.752	0.573	0.413
6	1.570	1.351	66.3				$\text{ClO}_4^-$ , 1.353
7	1.567	1.388	48.0	Total tin = $3.950 \times 10^{-4}$ v.f.			
8	1.567	1.388	57.2				
9	1.440	1.262	90.9				
T-5	1.470	1.180	51.9				
E-3	2.081	1.445	33.9	5.34	2.770	1.061	1.261
11	2.501	2.067	27.0	$\text{Sn(IV)} = 1.082 \times 10^{-4}$ v.f.			
14	2.324	1.737	34.7	1.963	1.455	0.562	0.447
K <sup>3/2-2</sup>	3.315	1.135	49.3	Total tin = $2.717 \times 10^{-4}$ v.f.			
3	3.366	1.315	37.7	Total tin = $1.684 \times 10^{-4}$ v.f.			
5	3.231	1.078	32.0*				
6	3.013	1.428	56.1*				
8	3.059	1.188	53.7	3.482	1.447	0.621	0.817
9	3.344	1.122	43.7	Total tin = $2.275 \times 10^{-4}$ v.f.			
K <sup>3/4-2</sup>	3.404	1.825	$k_{av} = 46.1 \pm 5.4$				
3	3.467	1.667	41.0	2.705	1.447	0.621	0.666
6	3.210	1.466	30.3				$\text{Li}^+$ , 0.495
8	3.430	1.225	45.1	Total tin = $2.275 \times 10^{-4}$ v.f.			
9	3.435	1.324	33.0				
11	3.391	1.130	46.9				
			35.7				
			$k_{av} = 38.7 \pm 5.6$				

\* Second order rate observed for first 120 seconds of reaction, see also Table III for first order rates

K<sup>3/2</sup>, solution 5 days old; K<sup>3/4</sup>, solution 3 days old. Compare values obtained for K at 15°C., solution 1 day old, and those for K<sup>1</sup> and K<sup>2</sup>, Table VII.





TABLE XI

SUMMARY OF ACCELERATED SECOND-ORDER RATES OBTAINED AT 0°C.

Symbol	Number of Reactions	$\mu$	[H <sup>+</sup> ] v.f.	[H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ] v.f.	[SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] v.f.	Other Ions Present v.f.	k <sub>av</sub> 1./mole sec.	k <sub>av</sub> /μ <sup>1/2</sup> 1./mole sec.
K <sup>3/2</sup>	6	3.482	1.447	0.621	0.817	Li <sup>+</sup> , 1.007	46.1 ± 5.4	7.11
K <sup>3/4</sup>	6	2.705	1.447	0.621	0.666	Li <sup>+</sup> , 0.495	38.7 ± 5.6	7.51
S	14	5.33	0.946	0.420	1.533	Li <sup>+</sup> , 2.537	66.5 ± 6.7	6.65
S <sup>1</sup>	4	5.33	0.946	0.420	1.533	Li <sup>+</sup> , 2.537	138 ± 21	13.8*
P <sup>1</sup>	3	5.34	3.705	1.308	1.167	.....	116 ± 22	11.6*
O <sup>3</sup>	5	3.264	2.752	0.573	0.413	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , 1.353	66.5 ± 10.5	10.9*
T	1	5.34	2.770	1.061	1.262	Li <sup>+</sup> , 0.847	51.9	5.19
E	3	1.963	1.455	0.562	0.447	Co(III), 5.8x10 <sup>-4</sup>	31.5 ± 3.3	7.77

\* Second order rates are observed for the first 120 seconds only.

TABLE XII

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF Tm (II) BY CERDm (IV): FIRST-ORDER MECHANISM AT 0°C.

Symbol	$[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$[\text{Sm(II)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$[\text{Sm(IV)}]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$\frac{k_1}{\text{sec.} \times 10^4}$	$\mu$	$[\text{H}^+]$ v.f.	$[\text{HCO}_2^-]$ v.f.	$[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$ v.f.	Other Ions Present v.f.
S <sup>1</sup> -1	1.067	0.232	0.435	0.854	5.33	0.946	0.120	1.533	Li <sup>+</sup> , 2.537
2	1.128	0.481	0.186	0.810			age = 3 days		
6	1.223	0.502	0.165	0.868					
B-5	1.851	0.816	2.199	0.951	5.36	1.882	0.774	1.105	Li <sup>+</sup> , 0.851
9	2.045	0.893	2.122	1.12					
12	2.385	1.015	2.000	0.916					
13	1.887	0.875	2.110	1.08			age = 2 days		
14	1.685	0.678	2.337	0.912					
17	2.268	0.961	2.054	1.21					
18	1.999	0.715	2.300	1.21					
C-30	2.145	1.117	9.443	0.802	5.33	2.763	1.060	1.279	Li <sup>+</sup> , 0.845
48	1.934	0.830	9.730	1.12			age = 10 days		
T-4	1.876	0.861	0.811	0.623	5.34	2.770	1.061	1.281	Li <sup>+</sup> , 0.845
							age = 1 day		
O <sup>5</sup> -5	1.778	0.664	10.61	1.21	1.831	1.370	0.512	0.119	...
9	1.921	0.810	10.46	1.11			age = 26 days		
O <sup>3</sup> -5	1.664	0.723	3.227	0.822	3.264	2.752	0.573	0.113	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , 1.353
6	1.570	0.675	3.275	0.763					
7	1.487	0.611	3.339	0.638			age = 14 days		
8	1.567	0.694	3.256	0.560					
9	1.440	0.631	3.319	0.753					
O <sup>4</sup> -2	1.820	1.100	2.850	0.110	4.057	3.516	0.568	0.118	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , 2.112
4	1.560	1.020	2.930	0.103					
6	1.517	0.972	2.978	0.110			age = 14 days		

slurry was visible (concentration greater than  $\sim 5.9 \times 10^{-4}$  v.f.), the average value for  $k$  was 17.8 l./mole. sec. (Table IV). Similarly, in the presence of a slurry of tin (IV) oxide, the average  $k$  observed was 16.4 l./mole. sec. However, if a solution of tin (II) sulfate was aged, or exposed to air (to the extent of bubbling air through the solution for one to three hours) and then added to the reaction mixture, two successive phenomena were observed. At first, accelerated second-order rates were observed; values of  $k$  were 30, 70 and even 100 l./mole. sec. (Table IV); these rates did not approach a lower order near the end of the reaction (Figure I). Secondly, as the age of the tin (II) sulfate solution increased, the rate remained first order in tin but became no longer dependent upon the cerium (IV) concentration (Figure II). When a 26-day tin (II) solution was added to a reaction mixture in which the stoichiometric sulfuric acid concentration was 1 v.f., the average first-order rate was  $1.16 \times 10^{-3}$  sec $^{-1}$ . If the small amount of iron (III) present in the reaction mixture ( $10^{-3} \times [\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$ ) were responsible for these phenomena, the reaction rate would be noticeably increased as the concentration of iron was increased. It was found that iron concentrations up to 0.1  $[\text{Ce(IV)}]_0$  did not bring about an increase in reaction rate. Aged tin solutions were tested for the presence of copper (II) and a possible peroxo-tin (IV) complex. Less than  $3 \times 10^{-6}$  v.f. Cu (II) was found present in a given reaction mixture as indicated by the dithisone test (39). Titanium (III), iron (II) and iodide were used to test for a peroxo-tin complex. Formation of the peroxo-complex of titanium, iron (III) thiocyanide and

iodine was determined spectrophotometrically. A titanium complex was not detected; oxidation of iron (II) was negligible; iodine was formed, but not in excess of the amount that appeared from the oxidation of iodide ion by the sulfuric acid present. Thus, it was assumed that neither copper nor a peroxo-tin complex were responsible for acceleration of second-order rates and reaction rates first-order in tin (II). Throughout the course of a particular type of reaction (second-order, accelerated second-order or first-order) the order of the reaction did not change, nor was the rate accelerated with time. There was no direct correlation between the concentration of tin (IV) present initially in the reaction mixture and either the amount of acceleration of the second-order rate or the magnitude of the rate first-order in tin (II). Thus tin (IV) could not be directly related to alteration of the reaction rate. Since the reaction remained second order in the presence of tin (IV) sulfate and tin (IV) oxide slurries it is assumed that ordinary wall-catalysis did not produce these phenomena.

In order to obtain more information about the tin (II)-cerium (IV)-sulfuric acid system, a study was made of the effects of ionic strength, hydrogen, bisulfate and sulfate ion concentrations upon the reaction rates. Sulfuric acid, in its second dissociation, is a weak acid. Thus, determination of the concentration of each species is dependent upon measurement of the degree of dissociation of the bisulfate ion. The thermodynamic dissociation constant of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  is defined as

$$37) \quad K = \frac{a_{\text{H}^+} \cdot a_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}}{a_{\text{HSO}_4^-}} = \frac{c_{\text{H}^+} \cdot c_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}}{c_{\text{HSO}_4^-}} \cdot f_R \quad ,$$

where  $a$  is the activity of a particular species (see Section II),  $c$  is the concentration in f. wts./l. and  $f_R$  is the corresponding activity coefficient ratio,  $\frac{f_{H^+} \cdot f_{SO_4^{2-}}}{f_{HSO_4^-}}$ . Values of  $f_R$ , obtained from Raman spectral data by E. M. Smith (40), are available, based upon  $K_{25}^{\circ}C = 0.0104$ . If the basis is changed to the Young, Klotz and Singleterry value (41),  $K_{25}^{\circ}C = 0.0101$ , values of  $f_R$  are obtained. Two transformations are then made: 1) volume formalities,  $c$ , are converted to weight formalities,  $m$ , (42) and  $f_R$  becomes  $\gamma_R$ , the weight formality activity coefficient ratio, and 2) for  $K_{25}^{\circ}C$  is substituted  $K_{0}^{\circ}C = 0.021$  (41) with the assumption that  $\gamma_{R_{25}^{\circ}C} = \gamma_{R_{0}^{\circ}C}$ . Thus,

$$38) \quad 0.021 = \frac{m_{H^+} \cdot m_{SO_4^{2-}}}{m_{HSO_4^-}} \cdot \gamma_R = K_m \gamma_R$$

Assuming the effect of  $10^{-4}$  v.f. Ce(IV) and Sn(II) upon a sulfuric acid solution is negligible, concentrations of the sulfuric acid species may be defined as,

$$39) \quad m_{SO_4^{2-}} = x$$

$$40) \quad m_{HSO_4^-} = m_{H_2SO_4} - x$$

$$41) \quad m_{H^+} = m_{H_2SO_4} + x$$

By definition,  $\mu = 1/2 \sum_{all} m_i (z_i)^2$ , where  $m_i$  is the weight formality of species  $i$  with charge,  $z_i$ . In terms of the previous equations,

$$42) \quad \mu = m_{H_2SO_4} + 2x$$

and

$$43) \quad K_m = \frac{(\mu - x)(x)}{(m_{H_2SO_4} - x)}.$$

If  $K_m$  is known as a function of  $m_{H_2SO_4}$  (40), then  $\mu$  and  $x$  may be determined from 42) and 43). For convenient evaluation, values of  $K_m$  were plotted versus  $\mu$ ,  $m_{H_2SO_4}$  and  $m_{H^+}$  at  $0^\circ C$ . (cf. Figure XI). When volume formalities, at  $0^\circ C$ ., of  $SO_4^{--}$ ,  $HSO_4^-$  and  $H^+$  were desired, each weight formality was multiplied by the ratio,  $\left( \frac{C_{H_2SO_4}}{m_{H_2SO_4}} \right)_{0^\circ C.}$ , (42).

If the system contained lithium sulfate as well as sulfuric acid, it was assumed that this salt is essentially completely ionized (43) and that the concentrations of the sulfuric acid species are

$$44) \quad m_{SO_4^{--}} = m_{Li_2SO_4} + x$$

$$40) \quad m_{HSO_4^-} = m_{H_2SO_4} - x$$

and

$$41) \quad m_{H^+} = m_{H_2SO_4} + x.$$

In this instance

$$45) \quad \mu = m_{Li_2SO_4} + m_{H_2SO_4} + 2x$$

and

$$46) \quad K_m = \frac{(m_{H_2SO_4} + x)(m_{Li_2SO_4} + x)}{(m_{H_2SO_4} - x)}.$$

assuming the addition of lithium sulfate does not alter the correspondence of  $\mu$  to  $K_m$  (Figure XI), concentrations of  $SO_4^{--}$ ,  $HSO_4^-$  and  $H^+$  may

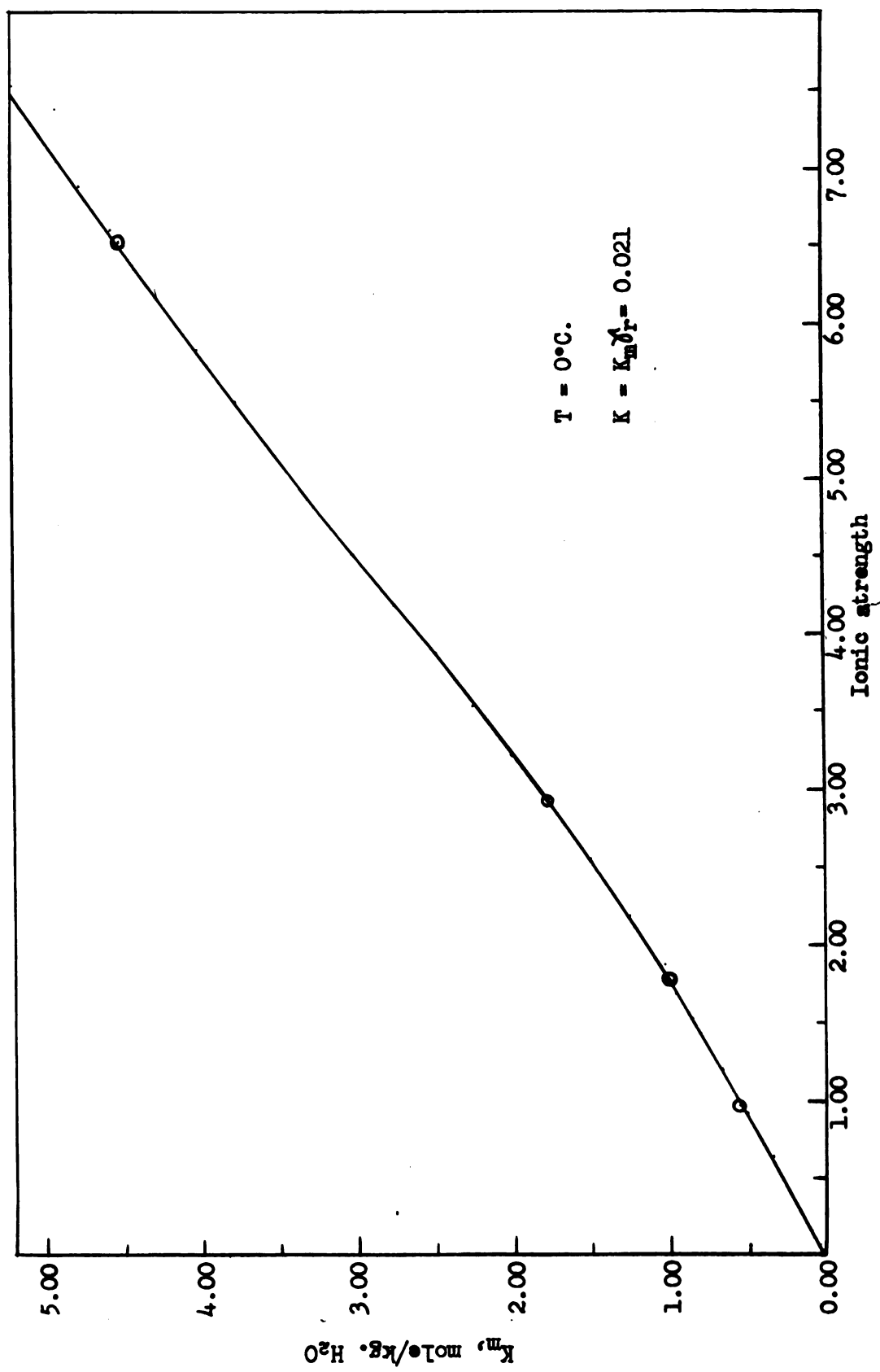


Figure XI. Concentration dissociation constant of the bisulfate ion as a function of ionic strength.



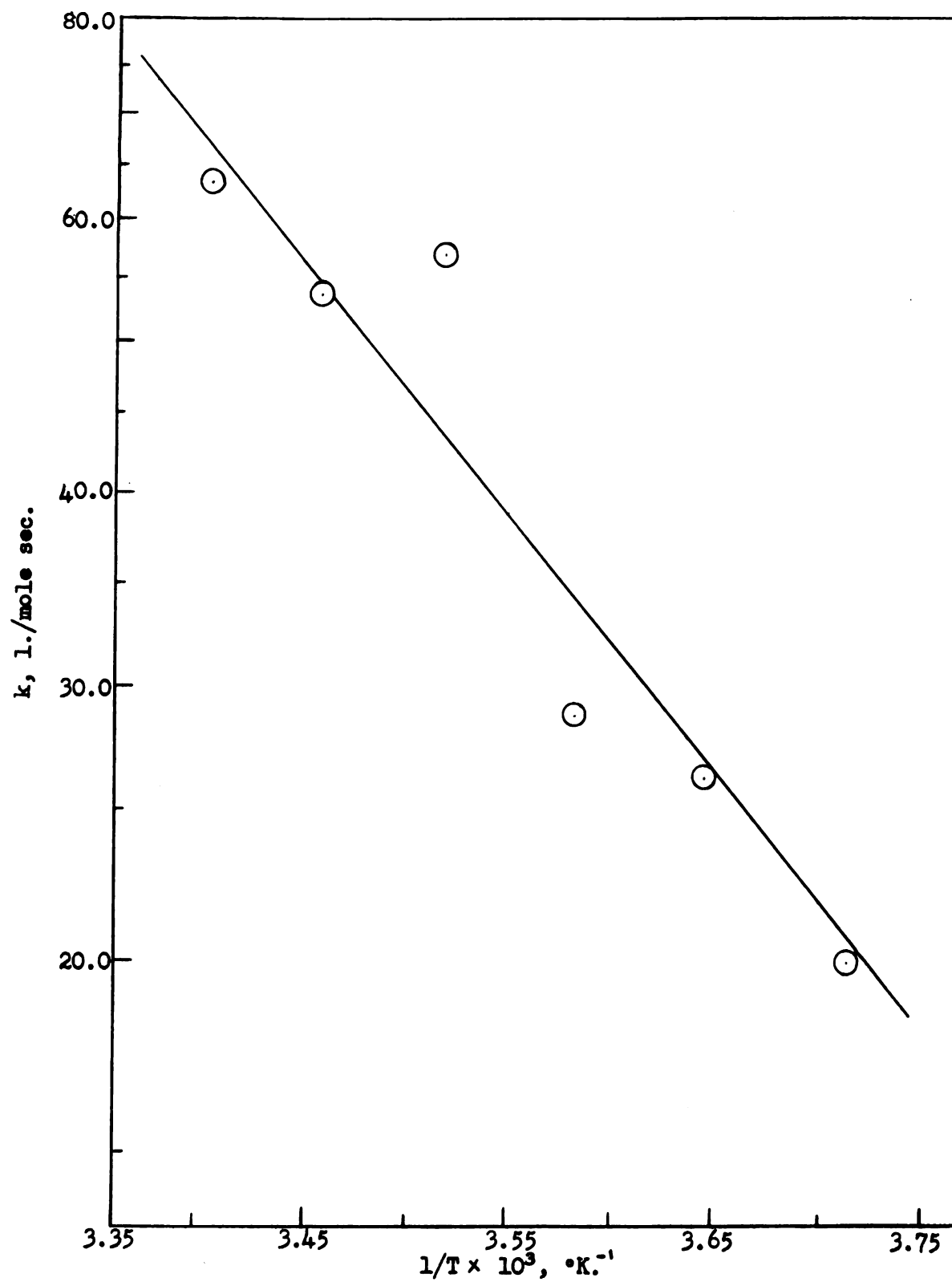


Figure XII. Arrhenius plot for the tin(II)-cerium(IV) reaction: second-order mechanism.

be estimated for particular concentrations of lithium sulfate and sulfuric acid.

Similarly, in perchloric-sulfuric acid solutions, perchloric acid is assumed completely ionized; the concentrations of the sulfuric acid species are

$$37) \quad m_{\text{SO}_4} = x,$$

$$40) \quad m_{\text{HSO}_4} = m_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} - x,$$

and

$$47) \quad m_{\text{H}^+} = m_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} + m_{\text{HClO}_4} + x.$$

Subsequently,

$$49) \quad \mu = m_{\text{HClO}_4} + m_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} + 2x$$

and

$$43) \quad K_m = \frac{(\mu - x)(x)}{(m_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} - x)}$$

If the correspondence of  $\mu$  to  $K_m$  (Figure XI) is unaffected by the presence of perchloric acid, then at various concentrations of the two acids, the concentrations of the sulfuric acid species may be calculated.

As illustrated by Tables II, V, VI, VII and the Summary of Table VIII, the second-order rate constant,  $k$ , remains constant, within experimental error, as 1) hydrogen ion is varied at constant ionic strength and 2) the ionic strength is varied as the hydrogen ion is held at a constant value. In almost every case (see Tables IX, X, XI and the

group of reactions listed at the end of Table VIII), as the age of the tin (II) solution increases, second-order rates increase and finally in very old (14 days) solutions the reaction rate becomes first order in tin (II) only (Table XII).

The accelerated second-order rates are summarized in Table XI. Experimental values were obtained for ionic strengths of 1.96 to 5.33. In order to determine the dependence of the rate constant upon ionic strength, values of  $k$  are divided by  $e^{\mu}$  for dilute solutions or  $e^{\mu(i+j\mu)}$  for concentrated solutions.\* Although the accelerated second-order rates were experimentally determined in fairly concentrated solutions, values of  $k/e^{\mu}$  differed by factors of 10 to 100. However, values of  $k/e^{\mu}$  were relatively constant and have an average value of 6.85 l./mole.sec. Those reactions obeying second-order kinetics for only about 120 seconds have an average value of  $k_{av}/e^{\mu} = 12.1$  l./mole. sec. It was not possible to correlate quantitatively the rates first-order in tin only with  $\mu$ , hydrogen, sulfate or bisulfate ion concentrations, tin (IV) concentrations or age of the solution. (See Table XII for oxidation reactions first-order in tin (II).)

Both second-order rates and rates first-order in tin (II) were studied as a function of temperature. Data obtained for the rate first-order in tin (II) could not be related to the Arrhenius equation (Section on Theoretical and Historical Considerations, page 4) (Table XIV). Thus  $E_a$  and  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  were not calculated for this

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\* The relationship between  $k$  and  $\mu$  is derivable from equations, page 5 relating  $k$  to the activity coefficients of the various species and equations for activity coefficients as presented in Table IV, with the consideration that in dilute solutions, the electrostatic coefficients,  $b_1 \approx 0$ .

TABLE XIII

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF TIN (II) BY CERIUM (IV) AT VARIOUS  
TEMPERATURES: SECOND-ORDER MECHANISM

Reaction Series	[Ce(IV)] <sub>0</sub> v.f. x 10 <sup>4</sup>	2[Sn(II)] <sub>0</sub> v.f. x 10 <sup>4</sup>	k l./mole.sec.	T °C.	k <sub>av</sub> l./mole.sec.
0-28	3.034	2.611	24.0	5	26.0 ± 1.5
33	3.011	2.626	25.1		
35	3.038	2.651	26.3		Total tin = 3.950 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f.
36	3.078	2.773	28.7		
0-38	3.245	2.934	30.8	10	28.6 ± 4.2
39	2.902	2.637	33.8		
41	3.197	3.077	36.3		
43	3.219	3.031	36.8		Total tin = 3.950 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f.
45	3.037	2.713	25.5		
I- 1	3.716	2.266	27.6		Total tin = 1.691 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f.
3	3.563	2.255	21.8		
5	3.734	2.063	26.5		
6	3.670	2.109	24.0		
7	3.741	2.089	26.5		
8	3.681	2.204	24.9*		
9	3.505	2.068	17.5*		
K- 3	3.326	2.139	58.3	15	56.3 ± 4
5	3.426	2.287	64.2*		
6	3.390	2.338	57.5		Total tin = 2.275 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f.
9	3.259	2.271	51.8		
10	3.385	2.333	62.0		
11	3.403	2.350	51.7		
12	3.422	2.320	52.0		
13	3.065	1.940	46.1*		
14	3.468	2.454	61.0		
15	3.487	2.564	64.9		
L- 1	3.961	3.047	53.3	20	53.3 ± 2.0
2	3.132	0.595	52.2		
3	3.763	3.149	46.2		
6	3.703	2.703	57.1		Total tin = 1.78 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f.
9	3.858	2.717	52.2		
10	3.999	3.076	61.9*		
11	3.654	2.420	55.5		
12	3.697	1.275	34.5*		
15	3.842	1.367	49.6		
O- 7	3.147	2.240	57.2	25	62.9 ± 10.7
8	2.906	1.845	79.1		
9	2.592	1.309	52.6		Total tin = 3.950 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> v.f.

\* Excluded from the average on statistical basis.

TABLE XIV

KINETICS OF OXIDATION OF TIN (II) BY CARBON (IV) AS A FUNCTION  
OF TEMPERATURE: FIRST-ORDER MECHANISM

Symbol	$[Co(IV)]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$[Sn(II)]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$[Sn(IV)]_0$ v.f. $\times 10^4$	$K_{st}$ $\frac{1}{sec.} \times 10^3$	$T, ^\circ C.$	Age days	$(K_1)_{17}$ $\frac{1}{sec.} \times 10^3$	$(K_1)_{17}$ $\frac{1}{T_{80.}}$
0-1	2.740	1.654	2.306	1.52	25	1	1.62 $\pm$ 0.18	2.82
2	3.222	1.885	2.075	1.97				
3	3.081	1.940	2.010	1.73				
4	2.493	1.152	2.808	1.36				
6	2.397	1.242	2.718	1.53				
26	2.297	1.067	2.893	1.71	20	2	1.91 $\pm$ 0.20	2.79
27	2.782	1.250	2.700	2.11				
46	2.576	0.950	3.000	2.26	15	4	2.05 $\pm$ 0.20	2.84
47	2.941	1.210	2.740	1.87				
48	3.196	1.400	2.550	2.62				
49	3.315	1.297	2.663	1.89				
50	2.917	1.295	2.665	1.81				
51	3.154	1.355	2.605	2.20				
52	2.979	1.260	2.690	2.07				
53	2.985	1.300	2.650	1.95				
54	2.922	1.207	2.753	1.83				
40	3.080	1.445	2.515	1.02	10	3	0.923 $\pm$ 0.074	1.33
41	3.090	1.485	2.475	0.878				
43	3.028	1.420	2.530	0.973				
44	2.981	1.370	2.580	0.820				
29	3.487	1.570	2.380	0.726	5	2	0.759 $\pm$ 0.048	0.895
30	2.960	1.322	2.638	0.683				
31	2.948	1.315	2.645	0.869				
32	3.039	1.365	2.595	0.771				
34	3.020	1.321	2.639	0.747				

reaction rate. Plotting  $\ln k$  versus  $1/T$  for the second-order case,  $E_a$  is found to be 7.59 k.cal./mole and  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  is -12.9 e.u. (Figure XII). If, according to the method of Ringden (44), the maximum analysis error per 1% spectrophotometric error is 2.31%, and time is measurable to within  $\pm 1$  sec., then for  $k = 20$ ,  $t = 500$  sec., the error in  $E_a$  may be estimated as  $\pm 0.08$  k.cal. and the error in  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  as  $\pm 0.4$  e.u.

### Discussion

To be consistent with the data obtained for the second-order reaction, the mechanism for the oxidation of tin (II) by cerium (IV) must indicate 1) relative invariance of the system with changing ionic strength, hydrogen, bisulfate and sulfate ion concentrations, 2) a negligible cerium (III) effect and 3) a relation to the quantity of tin (IV) present such that a high concentration of prepared sulfate or oxide produces no effect but an aged tin solution or a high concentration of sulfate ion accelerates the rate and then favors a change in mechanism to that of a reaction first-order in tin (II).

Because of the complexity of the sulfuric acid system for a series of experiments it is not possible to maintain all but one of the variables ( $\mu$ ,  $H^+$ ,  $HSO_4^-$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$ ) constant. Thus, the data summarized in Table VIII indicate that the system, as a whole, is relatively unaffected by these variables. For the effect of a small variation in sulfate ion concentration (the other variables are nearly constant) compare series L<sup>3</sup> with W; for decrease of hydrogen ion accompanied by an increase in sulfate ion compare series N<sup>D</sup> with N<sup>A</sup>; for a decrease

in ionic strength and hydrogen ion compare series  $H^0$  with  $H^D$  and for an increase in ionic strength, bisulfate ion and sulfate ion compare series  $V$  with  $H^D$ . In every instance, the second-order rate constant is essentially constant within experimental error.

It has been fairly well established by Hardwick and Robertson (45) that cerium (IV), in the acid media used for these experiments, is present as trisulfato cerate (IV) ion,  $Co(SO_4)_3^{3-}$ . Assuming that tin(II) is present as an ion-pair or complex,  $SnSO_4$ , the rate (if dependent upon reaction of a negatively charged complex with the neutral complex) would be moderately slow, as observed. However, the experimental conditions of ionic strengths from 1.8 to 5.4 and sulfuric acid concentrations from 1 to 3 v.f. are such that some dependence upon ionic strength would be predicted for formation of the activated complex by an ion and a neutral "molecule" (cf. Table I). At least two explanations of the relative invariance of the reaction rate with changing ionic strength can be offered. Formation of the activated complex may be represented by the schematic equilibrium,



As mentioned in the section--Theoretical and Historical Considerations--the expression

$$50) \quad \ln \frac{f_{A^{3-}} f_H}{f_{AH^{3-}}} = (b_{A^{3-}} + b_H - b_{AH^{3-}}) \quad ,$$

where

$$51) \quad b_H = \frac{1}{k_B T} \left\{ \frac{\epsilon^2 S}{D} \right\} \quad ,$$

and

$$52) \quad S = \frac{D_0 - D}{n_3} ,$$

(see Table IV for definition of terms) should reflect changes in the system with variation in ionic strength.\*  $S$  is equal to the difference in dielectric constant of the pure solvent and that of the solvent containing  $n_3$  molecules of non-electrolyte per cc. divided by  $n_3$ . The concentration of  $\text{SnSO}_4$  is small ( $n_3 = 10^{-7}$ ), however, the dielectric constant of the sulfuric acid solution is probably high and essentially unaffected by the presence of tin (II). Thus if the electrostatic terms ( $b_1^-$ ,  $b_{1M}^-$ ) for  $\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{3-}$  and the activated complex are nearly identical and  $b_n$  is very small, it is conceivable that the reaction rate would be independent of changes in ionic strength. Another phenomenon that might produce the same effect would be variation in the dielectric constant of the medium upon addition of perchloric acid or lithium sulfate which, by chance, masks any increase or decrease in the reaction rate brought about by variation in ionic strength.

Since it can be assumed that the nature of the cerium (IV) species does not change with time, acceleration of the second-order rate accompanied by dependence of the rate upon the ionic strength of the medium must be brought about by a change in tin (II) species. If  $k_{av}/e^{\sqrt{\mu}} = k_0$ , then a plot of  $[\ln k_{av} - \ln k_0]$  versus  $\mu^{1/2}$  will give an indication of the sign of the charge on the apparently ionic tin species (Figure XIII). The positive slope obtained indicates a negatively

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\*Disregarding for the moment any changes in the dielectric constant of the medium.



TABLE XV  
EQUATIONS FOR  $\ln ( \quad )$  IN FAIRLY CONCENTRATED SOLUTIONS

Dipolar molecule,  $\mu$ , in a solution containing electrolytes:

$$\ln (\beta f)_\mu = 1 \frac{\mu^2}{k_B T} \frac{1}{r_A^3} \left\{ \frac{D_0 - 1}{2D_0 - 1} \right\} - \frac{1}{k_B T} \left( \frac{\epsilon^2 S}{2D} \right) \sum_{all} \frac{n_i z_i^2}{r_i}$$

$\mu_\mu$  = dipole moment

$D_0$  = dielectric constant of pure solvent

$r_\mu$  = molecular radius

$T$  = absolute temperature

$\epsilon$  = electronic charge

$k_B$  = Boltzmann constant

$n_i$  = concentration of ion of charge,  $z_i$ , and radius,  $r_i$ .

$$S = \frac{D_0 - D}{n_B}$$

$D$  = dielectric constant of solution of solvent and  $n_B$  molecules of non-electrolyte per cc.

An ion, of radius,  $r_A$ , and charge  $z_A$

$$\ln (\beta f)_A = \frac{\epsilon^2 z_A^2}{2 k_B T r_A} \left( \frac{1}{D} - 1 \right) - \frac{\epsilon^2 z_A^2}{2 D k_B T} \left\{ \frac{K}{1 + K a_A} \right\} + \frac{\phi_A}{k_B T} + b_A \mu.$$

$a_A$  = mean distance of closest approach of ions.

$D$  = dielectric constant of the medium.

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{e N \pi \epsilon^2}{10^8 D k_B T}} \mu \quad ; N = \text{Avogadro's number.}$$

$\phi_A$  = non-electrostatic contribution

$\mu$  = ionic strength

$b_A$  = electrostatic coefficient for high salt concentrations

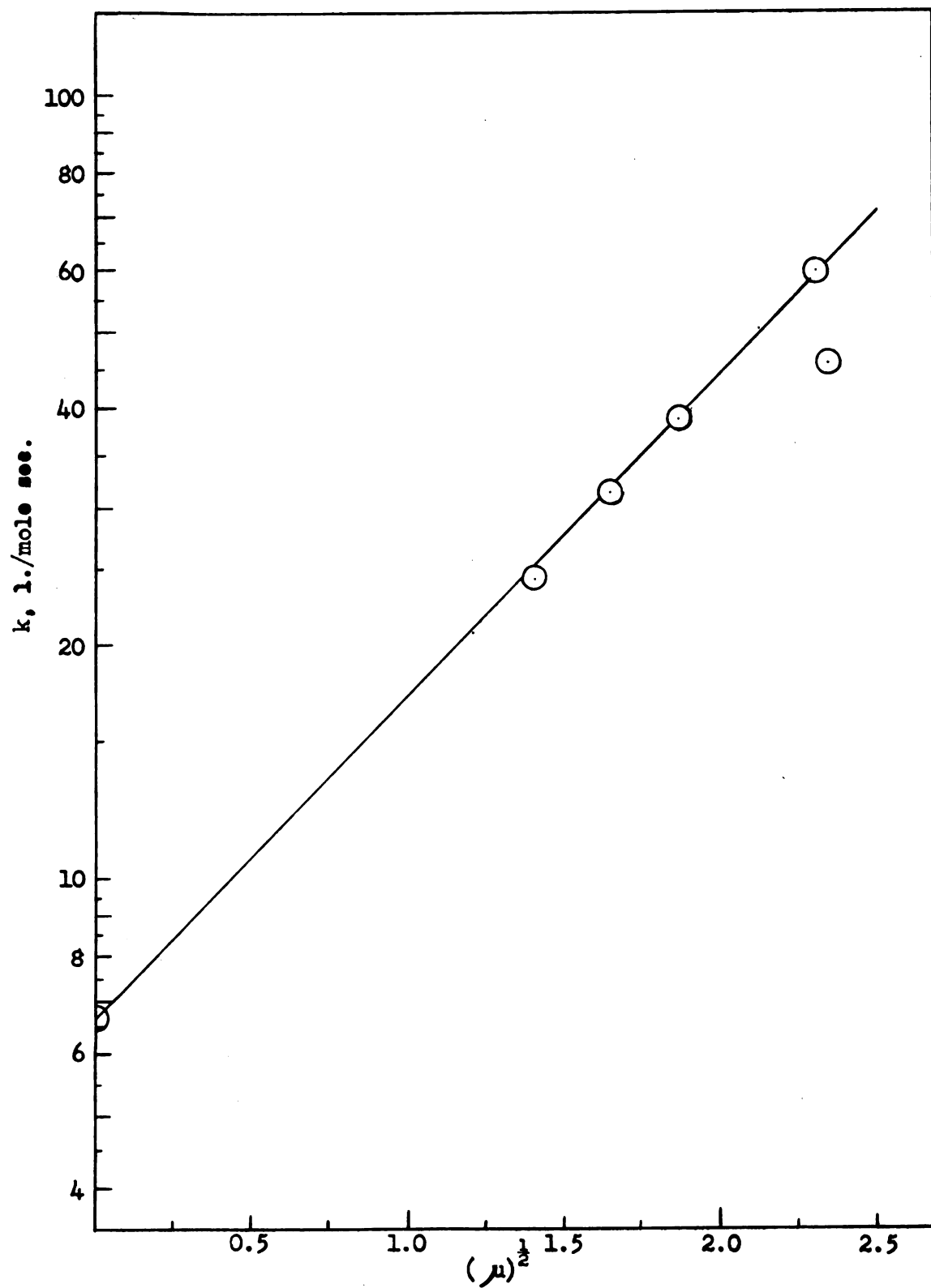
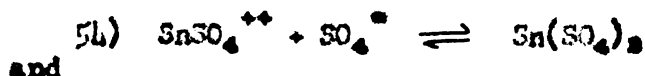


Figure XIII. Dependence of accelerated second-order rates upon the ionic strength.

charged species (cf. Table I). Accelerated second-order rates appear to be enhanced by sulfate ion concentrations greater than 1 v.f. (Series S, T, see also V, U) or the combination of moderate sulfate concentrations (0.4 to 1.0 v.f.) and high concentrations of tin (IV) (1 to 3x  $[\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ ). Thus two different ion types may produce the same kinetic effect,  $\text{Sn(SO}_4)_2^{2-}$  or  $\text{Sn}[\text{Sn(SO}_4)_4]^{2-}$ . The presence of each of these species is probably the result of some of the following equilibria:



The dependence of the reaction rate constant upon the root of the ionic strength is surprisingly well-defined.\* Apparently the electrostatic or dielectric effects are either small or the net effect produced with changing ionic strength is essentially negligible.

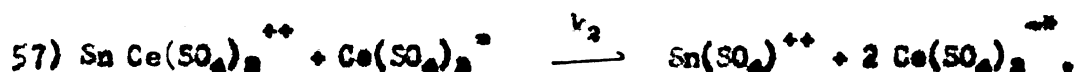
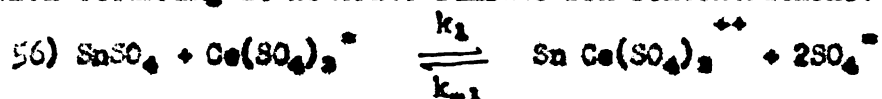
The final shift from second-order to first-order reaction brought about by ageing of tin solutions can be explained by postulating the formation of a colloidal tin (IV) species. On the basis of this assumption the reaction rate, which is dependent upon the state of the surface of the colloid, would be a function of the age of the solution, and the temperature of equilibration. The composition of the solid may be variable as well as the charges present over the surface. Under these

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\* A function of the form  $k \propto e^{\frac{A}{\sqrt{I}}} (1 + j \sqrt{I})$  would be expected on the basis of the extended theory of electrolytes.

conditions, little correlation would be expected between the rate first-order in tin (II) and the experimental variables.

Thus, the following mechanism is consistent with the second-order reaction occurring at moderate sulfate ion concentrations:



If reaction 56) is the rate determining step, and the steady state approximation is made for  $\text{Sn Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{++}$ , then

$$58) -\frac{d[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]}{dt} = k_1 [\text{SnSO}_4] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}] - k_{-1} [\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{++}] [\text{SO}_4^{--}]^2 + k_2 [\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{++}] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]$$

and

$$59) \frac{d[\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{++}]}{dt} = 0 = k_1 [\text{SnSO}_4] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}] - k_{-1} [\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{++}] [\text{SO}_4^{--}]^2 + k_2 [\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{++}] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]$$

Rearranging 59),

$$60) [\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{++}] = \frac{k_1 [\text{SnSO}_4] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]}{k_{-1} [\text{SO}_4^{--}]^2 + k_2 [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]}$$

and substituting the above expression into 48) and rearranging,

$$61) -\frac{d[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]}{dt} = \frac{2k_1k_2 [\text{SnSO}_4] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]^2}{k_{-1} [\text{SO}_4^{--}]^2 + k_2 [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^{--}]}$$

\*Cerium (III) in sulfuric acid solutions used in this study occurs as the bisulfate cerate (III) ion and probably, to some extent, as the trisulfate cerate (III) ion. For studies of cerium (III) complexes in acid solutions, see Fronaeus (47) and Newton and Arcand (46); for a study of the neutral salt solution see Spedding and Jaffe (48).

If  $k_2 [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3] \gg k_{-1} [\text{SO}_4]^{-1}$ , then (61) becomes

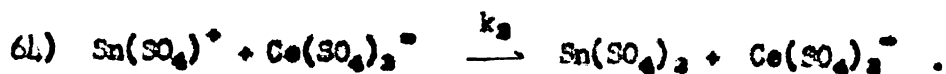
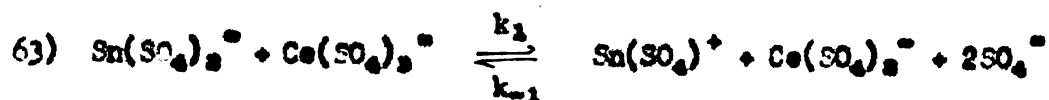
$$(62) \quad -\frac{d[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3]}{dt} = 2k_1[\text{SnSO}_4] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3] .$$

The experimental data do not clearly establish the nature of the products of reaction 56). Equally probable are  $\text{SnSO}_4^+ + \text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^- + \text{SO}_4^-$ .

In either event the intermediate tin species has been postulated as a cation in view of the experimental evidence that  $k_2$  is large and, as such, may be the rate constant for the reaction of highly reactive, oppositely charged species. Postulation of tin (III) itself as an intermediate (i.e.  $\text{SnSO}_4^+$ , as opposed to the mixed complex which may or may not contain tin (III)) does not go without precedent (see section Theoretical and Historical Considerations). However, no experimental evidence has been obtained to determine the properties of the tin intermediate other than its high reactivity. The intermediate,  $\text{SnSO}_4^+$ , or the intermediate "interaction complex"  $[\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3]^{++}$  were not detectable spectrophotometrically. The negligible effect of cerium (III) may mean that the relation  $k_2[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3] \gg k_{-1}[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3][\text{SO}_4^-]$  was not being tested (as would be the case if  $[\text{SnCe}(\text{SO}_4)_3]^{++}$  were formed) or that  $k_{-1}$  is so very small that extreme "swamping" would be necessary to indicate that cerium (III) (thus, tin (III)) is a product of reaction 56).

At sulfate ion concentrations 1 v.f. or larger and at moderate sulfate concentration in the presence of aged tin solutions, the previously given mechanism is applicable with modification of the tin (II) species present. Thus for sulfate ion concentrations larger than 1 v.f.

a mechanism in accordance with the experimental results would be,



Similarly,

$$65) \quad \frac{-d[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2^+]}{dt} = 2k_1 [\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_2^+] [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^+].$$

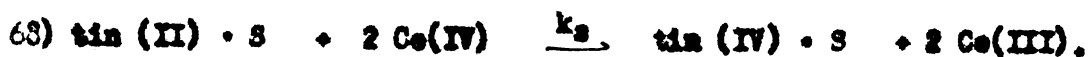
If  $\text{Sn}[\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_4]^+$  were the predominant tin (II) species, the rate would become

$$66) \quad -d[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2^+] = 2k_1 \left\{ \text{Sn}[\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_4]^+ \right\} [\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3^+].$$

A first-order rate may be derived if adsorption of the tin (II) species upon colloidal tin (IV) is assumed to be the determining step. Thus,



followed by rapid reaction with cerium (IV) on the colloid surface, S,



The rate of disappearance of cerium (IV) is then,

$$69) \quad -\frac{d[\text{Ce(IV)}]}{dt} = k_2 [\text{tin (II)} \cdot \text{S}] [\text{Ce(IV)}]^2.$$

Assuming the steady state approximation,

$$70) \quad -\frac{d[\text{tin(II)} \cdot \text{S}]}{dt} = 0 = k_1 [\text{tin (II)}] [\text{S}] - k_2 [\text{tin(II)} \cdot \text{S}] - k_2 [\text{tin(II)} \cdot \text{S}] [\text{Ce(IV)}]^2,$$

then

$$71) \quad -\frac{d[\text{Ce(IV)}]}{dt} = \frac{k_2 k_1 [\text{tin(II)}] [S] [\text{Ce(IV)}]^2}{k_{-2} + k_2 [\text{Ce(IV)}]^2} .$$

If  $k_2 [\text{Ce(IV)}]^2 \gg k_{-2}$ , then

$$72) \quad -\frac{d[\text{Ce(IV)}]}{dt} = k_1 [\text{tin(II)}] [S] ,$$

which corresponds to the experimental results.

### Final Considerations

It has been found that the oxidation of tin (II) by cerium (IV) may be described by three different reactions that occur as a result of the properties of the surrounding medium. The first, which may be termed a normal second-order reaction (first-order in tin (II) and in cerium (IV)), is generally observed in solutions in which sulfate ion concentrations are less than 1.0 v.f. If  $[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$  is 0.4 v.f. to 1.0 v.f., the initial concentration of tin (IV) must be less than twice the initial concentration of tin (II), otherwise the normal second-order rate is not observed. Constancy of this reaction rate with changing ionic strength of the medium indicates the reacting species of tin (II) is the neutral complex,  $\text{SnSO}_4$ . The second reaction observed proceeds at a faster rate but remains second order. This accelerated reaction occurs in solutions with sulfate ion concentrations from 1.0 v.f. to 1.54 v.f., in the presence of tin (IV) at least equal in concentration to  $[\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ . If the concentration of tin (IV) is equal to 3 or 4  $[\text{Sn(II)}]_0$ , accelerated second-order rates are observed in solutions with sulfate ion concentrations from 0.4 v.f. to 1.0 v.f. Conditions under which the rate is

accelerated plus the dependence of the accelerated rate upon the ionic strength indicate the reacting species of tin (II) is a negative species, such as  $\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_2^-$  or  $[\text{SnSn}(\text{SO}_4)_4]^-$ . In the presence of very old (14 day) tin (II) solutions or solutions through which air has been passed, the reaction between tin (II) and cerium (IV) no longer depends upon the cerium (IV) concentration. The rate observed could not be correlated with the reaction variables (temperature, ionic strength, sulfate, bisulfate, hydrogen or tin (IV) ion concentrations). As such, the experimental data would be explained if the reaction is assumed to take place rapidly on the surface of a colloidal tin (IV) species present in solution under these conditions.

For the two different second-order reactions that occur, the reaction rate is never greater than first order in cerium (IV) even in the presence of excess cerium (III). This implies that the rate determining step,



produces a tin intermediate (such as tin (III), a tin (II)-cerium (IV) complex or even a tin (III)-cerium (III) complex) that reacts rapidly with an additional cerium (IV) complex ion to form tin (IV) but the rate at which products form the original reactants is very slow. Thus these kinetic data establish the presence of an intermediate, but not its identity.

It would be of interest, then, to study the oxidation of tin (II) by an agent such as iron (III) or the reduction of tin (IV) by



titanium (III) in aqueous sulfate media. If reaction rates were slow enough to be easily measurable, identification of the tin intermediate might be possible. The tin (II)-cerium (IV) system may be altered sufficiently in another acid medium, such as trifluoroacetic acid, that additional information about the tin intermediate may also be obtained in this system.

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## **APPENDIX I**

### **ANALYTICAL METHODS**

Determination of Purity of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6$

A. Solubility in water

In a minimum quantity of distilled water, 0.1885 gms. of the salt were completely soluble.

B. Iron

The solution resulting from A, was reduced with 3%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and then  $\text{H}_2\text{NOH}\cdot\text{HCl}$  was added to reduce any iron present to  $\text{Fe}(\text{II})$ . Phenanthroline was added and the resulting color was visually compared with  $\text{Fe}(\text{II})$  standards. Mg.  $\text{Fe}(\text{II})$  found = 6-7.

C. Solubility in ethanol

In a minimum quantity of 95% ethanol, the salt was completely soluble.

D. Ignition test

Salt that had been dried at  $85^\circ\text{C}$ . was weighed, decomposed with a gas flame, ignited at  $950^\circ\text{C}$ . for 6 hours, and reweighed,

Weight before ignition      1.0348 gms.

Weight after ignition      0.3238 gms.; Theoretical = 0.3248.

TABLE XVI  
STANDARD CERIUM (IV) SOLUTIONS

Symbol	[Ce(IV)] v.f. $\times 10^3$	[Ce(IV)] + [Ce(III)] v.f. $\times 10^3$	Acidity v.f. $[H^+]$	Remarks
q	0.9499	0.9515	3.569	Used for spectrophotometric calibration and reaction series, A through L.
r	1.229	1.233	2.011	Used for reaction series, M through W
s	58.70	58.73	2.069	Standard solution

TABLE XVII  
SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC CALIBRATION OF CERIUM (IV) IN 1 v.f.  $H_2SO_4$   
at  $\lambda = 315 m\mu$

[Ce(IV)] v.f. $\times 10^4$	Absorbancy (with cell correction)	Ce(IV) v.f. $\times 10^4$	Absorbancy (with cell correction)
4.939	2.628	2.280	1.287
4.540	2.468	1.900	1.065
4.180	2.298	1.520	0.829
3.800	2.138	1.140	0.628
3.420	1.939	0.760	0.422
3.040	1.713	0.380	0.163
2.660	1.500		

Note: The slit width used was 0.32 mm.

TABLE XVIII

## PREPARATION OF CERIUM (IV) SOLUTIONS USED IN KINETICS STUDY

Reaction Series	Volume of Ce(IV) Standard Used (ml.)	Additional Reagents		
		H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (ml.)	HClO <sub>4</sub> (ml.)	Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
A	30 g **	...	...	...
B	30 g	...	...	...
C	27 g	...	...	...
E	40 g	...	...	...
I	40 g	...	...	...
I (10°)	30 g	...	...	...
K	30 g	...	...	...
K <sup>3/4</sup>	30 g	...	...	4.1432 gm.
K <sup>3/2</sup>	30 g	...	...	8.2364 gm.
L <sup>3</sup>	30 g	...	6.4 g ***	...
L <sup>4</sup>	30 g	...	12.5 g	...
M <sup>1</sup>	18 r	...	...	32 ml (1.003 v.f.)
M <sup>2</sup>	20 r	...	...	20 ml (1.003 v.f.)
N <sup>3</sup>	18 r	...	32 k	...
N <sup>4</sup>	18 r	...	20 k	...
O	17 r	33 o	...	...
P	10 r	18.5m, 3.4o	...	...
Q ****	12 r	14.5m, 0.3o	...	2.3184 gm.
R	16 r	26 o	...	4.7510 gm.
S	16 r	9.7 o	...	7.2190 gm.
T	12 r	14.5m + 0.3o	...	2.3194 gm.
U	16 r	26 o	...	4.7516 gm.
V	10 r	14.5m + 1.3o	...	2.3504 gm.
W	12 r	27.6 o	...	...

\* Final volume = 50 ml.

\*\* For notation, see Table XVI.

\*\*\* o = 1.001 v.f. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; g = 11.461 v.f. HClO<sub>4</sub>; k = 1.999 v.f. HClO<sub>4</sub>  
m = 5.761 v.f. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; o = 1.973 v.f. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.\*\*\*\* Final volume, Q through V, [50 ml. + volume Li<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>].



TABLE XIX  
PREPARATION OF TIN SOLUTIONS USED IN KINETIC STUDY

Symbol	Reagents			Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (gms.)	Time of		Addition after Reaction
	CuSO <sub>4</sub> ml. 0.01988 v.f.	H <sub>2</sub> O (ml.)	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (ml.)		Oxidation (hrs.)	Preheating Reaction (min.)	
A	10	100	110 of 1:1	...	10	30	780 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
B	10	100	169 of 1:1	...	10	15	781 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
C	10	65.5	54.5 of 1:1	...	7	15	370 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
E	10	382	108 of 1:1	...	1	60	...
I	7	300	100 of 1:1	...	10.8	30	593 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
K	7	300	100 of 1:1	...	3.75	15	593 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
L	7	300	100 of 1:1	...	11	15	593 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
M	8	300	101 of 1:1	...	5	60	592 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
N	8	300	101 of 1:1	...	5.5	16	592 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
O	10	300	101 of 1:1	...	1	60	592 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
P	3.0	3	213.7 p*	...	15.25	60	592 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
Q	2.2	264.2	133.6 p	18.7988	15.5	15	263.4 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
R	2.2	...	93.0 p	...	10	15	None
							300.0 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O
S	2.2	9.0	48.8 p	...	10.5	15	28.0271 gms. Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
T	2.2	4.2	133.6 p	...	11	30	340.0 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O 57.7564 gms. Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
U	2.0	4.8	93.0 p	...	11	30	260.0 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O 16.8081 gms. Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
V	2.0	4.8	93.0 p	...	11	30	300.0 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O 38.019 gms. Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
W	2.0	4.8	93.0 p	...	11	30	300.0 ml. H <sub>2</sub> O 38.023 gms. Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>

\* p = 5.798 v.f. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

26.55 ml. Tin solution, P, and 23.45 ml. H<sub>2</sub>O by burette transfer.

## Determination of Tin

### Preparation of Standards

A. Standard tin solutions:  $\alpha = 0.1344$  gms.  $\text{Sn(O)}$  were dissolved in 25 ml. concentrated HCl and diluted to 250 ml.;  $\beta = 5$  ml. plus 5 ml. concentrated HCl diluted to 100 ml. Solution  $\beta$  is stable no longer than one week.

B. Dithiol reagent: to approximately 0.08 gms. dithiol were added 4 drops of thioglycollic acid and then 25 ml. of 2% NaOH. If kept cold, the solution is stable for one week.

### Calibration and Determination Procedure

A known volume of the appropriate solution, 5 ml. of a 3:7  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and enough water to increase the volume to 25 ml. are added to a 50 ml. beaker. This solution is evaporated, without boiling, to light fumes of  $\text{SO}_3$ . With mixing after every addition, the following reagents are added: 10 ml.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 5 drops thioglycollic acid, 2 drops Sautomere X (30%), 1 ml. of dithiol reagent and 8 additional drops of Sautomere X. The resulting mixture is diluted to a volume of 50 ml., mixed and the absorbancy determined at 536 m $\mu$ . The absorbancy of distilled water, treated as above was taken to be 0.000.

### Analytical Results

Results are tabulated in Table XX.

TABLE XX

SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC [Sn(II) + Sn(IV)], AND ACIDITIES OF TIN SOLUTIONS

Tin Solution to 50 ml. (ml.)	Volume Diluted (ml.)	Absorbancy (corrected)	Sn(II)+Sn(IV) f.wts./l. $\times 10^4$	Acidity v.f.[H <sup>+</sup> ], 20°C.
A	5	0.365	5.344	1.615
B	5	0.765	11.19	1.882
C	5	0.803	11.97	2.139
E	5	0.568	8.152	1.586
I(10°C.)	5	0.349	5.072	1.920
I Ce(III)	5	0.349	5.072	1.920
K	2	0.176*	6.825	1.872
L	2	0.141	5.439	1.824
M	2	0.280	10.94	1.978
N	2	0.150	5.914	1.954
O	2	0.306	11.85	1.848
P <sup>1</sup>	2	0.274	10.05	2.510
Q	1	0.438	11.67	3.873
R	1	0.165	12.06	2.696
S	2	0.046	1.779	1.414
T	2	0.091	3.345	3.873
U	2	0.112	7.116	1.348
V	2	0.121	6.182	1.348
P	1	0.181	17.435	2.510
W Prepared by dilution of solution P,			9.259	1.316

\* For this and subsequent solutions,  $\alpha = 0.1055$  gm. Sn(O)/250 ml.

## **APPENDIX II**

### **ORIGINAL KINETIC DATA**



Absorbancy versus time<sup>2</sup>: Series C and I at 0°C.

A (cell)	Reaction Number											
	0-1	2	3	10	11	12	13	16	1-1	2	3	5
	+0.002	+0.003	+0.004	+0.003	+0.004	+0.002	+0.003	+0.003	-0.008	-0.007	-0.008	-0.007
1 obs.												
1.840												
1.700												
1.650												
1.600												
1.550												
1.500												
1.450												
1.400												
1.350												
1.300												
1.250												
1.200												
1.150												
1.100												
1.000												
.900												
.800												
.700												
.600												
.500												
	14	17	19	14	15	20	19	11	27	66	82	100
	20	24	23	15	18	24	24	17	66	82	100	122
	24	27	26	19	21	28	33	21	100	122	144	171
	32	31	31	22	25	36	38	25	144	171	202	254
				28	29	41	43	30	202	254	315	385
				33	34	47	49	36	315	385	455	525
				38	39	52	54	41	455	525	595	665
				44	43	58	59	47	595	665	735	805
				49	48	65	66	53	735	805	875	945
				55	54	71	72	60	875	945	1015	1085
				61	59	79	79	67	1015	1085	1155	1225
				67	65	95	94	82	1155	1225	1295	1365
				81	78	114	111	98	1295	1365	1435	1505
				97	93	137	132	119	1435	1505	1575	1645
				116	112	165	158	144	1575	1645	1715	1785
				140	137	197	187	173	1715	1785	1855	1925
				169	165	238	225	209	1855	1925	1995	2065
				204	200				1995	2065	2135	2205
	.163	.334	.290	.216	.563	.360	.212	.334	(A obs.)	in 4 ml-volume after		
									addition of 1 ml. Ce(IV).			

(A obs.) in 4 ml-volume containing

$5.8 \times 10^{-4}$  v.f. Ce(III) at  $t = 0$

<sup>2</sup> Time in seconds.



Absorbancy versus time<sup>4</sup>: Series I, E and O<sup>5</sup> at 0°C.

[illegible]



Absorbance versus time: Series R<sup>2</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and R<sup>2</sup>/<sub>8</sub> at 0°C.

A (cell)	Position Number									
	R <sup>2</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3	6	8	11	13	15	17	19	21
1.800	-0.008	0.000	-0.008	-0.007	-0.008	-0.007	-0.008	-0.007	-0.008	-0.008
1.800	10	15	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	54
1.750	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61
1.700	22	27	32	37	42	47	52	57	62	67
1.650	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73
1.600	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	74	79
1.550	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
1.500	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	81	86	91
1.450	52	57	62	67	72	77	82	87	92	97
1.400	58	63	68	73	78	83	88	93	98	103
1.350	64	69	74	79	84	89	94	99	104	109
1.300	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115
1.250	76	81	86	91	96	101	106	111	116	121
1.200	82	87	92	97	102	107	112	117	122	127
1.150	88	93	98	103	108	113	118	123	128	133
1.100	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	129	134	139
1.050	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145
1.000	106	111	116	121	126	131	136	141	146	151
0.950	112	117	122	127	132	137	142	147	152	157
0.900	118	123	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163
0.850	124	129	134	139	144	149	154	159	164	169
0.800	130	135	140	145	150	155	160	165	170	175
0.750	136	141	146	151	156	161	166	171	176	181
0.700	142	147	152	157	162	167	172	177	182	187
0.650	148	153	158	163	168	173	178	183	188	193
0.600	154	159	164	169	174	179	184	189	194	199
0.550	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195	200	205
0.500	166	171	176	181	186	191	196	201	206	211
0.450	172	177	182	187	192	197	202	207	212	217
0.400	178	183	188	193	198	203	208	213	218	223
0.350	184	189	194	199	204	209	214	219	224	229
0.300	190	195	200	205	210	215	220	225	230	235
0.250	196	201	206	211	216	221	226	231	236	241
0.200	202	207	212	217	222	227	232	237	242	247
0.150	208	213	218	223	228	233	238	243	248	253
0.100	214	219	224	229	234	239	244	249	254	259
0.050	220	225	230	235	240	245	250	255	260	265
0.000	226	231	236	241	246	251	256	261	266	271

(A obs. )∞ .930 1.052 1.007 1.271 1.154 1.290 1.245 1.182 1.232 .919 1.074 1.261

contains 0.247 v.f. L<sub>1</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

contains 0.503 v.f. L<sub>1</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

\* Time in seconds.

Deerbandy versus time\*: Series L<sup>2</sup> at 0°C.

Δ (cell)	Reaction Number												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1.800	.004	.002	.004	.004	.004	.002	.004	.002	.004	.002	.002	.004	.002
1.840			22		13		7		20				
1.880			30		20		12		34	20			
1.750			46		32		23		49	41			
1.700			62		43		37		66	55			
1.650			80		58		51		86	70			
1.600			105		76		70		110	87			
1.550			125		95		89		136	107			
1.500			154		116		113		166	129			
1.450			189		142		139		202	154			
1.400			228		171		170		245	183			
1.350			277		205		205		296	217			
1.300			334		245		247		356	255			
1.250					274		298			302			
1.200					312		358			358			
1.150					346								
1.100					383								
1.050					421								
1.000					459								
.950					497								
.900					535								
.850					573								
.800					611								
(1 obs.)	1.049	.658	1.041	.511	.938	.644	.951	.820	1.062	1.065	.850	.804	.908

\* Time in seconds.



Absorbancy versus time<sup>4</sup>: Series H<sup>1</sup> at 0°C.

A(cell)	Reaction Number																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
A obs.	- .004	- .004	+ .001	+ .001	- .004	- .004	+ .001	- .004	- .006	- .006	- .006	- .006	- .006	- .006	- .006	- .006	- .004	- .006
1.900																		9
1.800																		15
1.750																		19
1.700																		26
1.650																		32
1.600																		39
1.550																		47
1.500																		56
1.450																		66
1.400																		76
1.350																		89
1.300																		102
1.250																		116
1.200																		134
1.150																		153
1.100																		176
1.050																		204
(A obs.)	.798	.760	.528	.831	.671	.737	.752	.711	.808	.778	.770	.550						

Time in seconds

Absorbancy versus time\*: Series M<sup>3</sup> and T at 0°C.

λ (cell)	Reaction Number									
	M <sup>3</sup> -5	9	10	12	13	16	18	2	4	5
	+0.004	0.00	+0.002	0.00	+0.002	+0.002	0.00	+0.001	+0.002	+0.001
λ obs.										
2.100	23		5	6	7	7	7			
2.000	39	12	7	15	10	20	20			
1.900	59	24	28	34	24	41	38			
1.800		42	54	59	47	74	66			
1.750	73	53	68	75	60	97	84	26	48	
1.700	83	66	86	93	75	121	105	43	61	
1.650	99	79	106	113	96	154	129	54	73	
1.600	116	96	134	167	125	200	163	64	89	
1.550	136	114	165	202	163	255	204	76	108	
1.500	161	135	214	250	217		259	91	130	
1.450	191	161	267					126	154	
1.400	223	191						148	218	
1.350	267	227						174	262	
1.300								205		
.750								241		
.700										30
.650										53
.600										65
.550										70
.500										92
.450										117
.400										155
										212
(λ obs.)	1.212	1.094	1.284	1.264	1.303	1.413	1.358	1.058	1.123	.193

\* Time in seconds.

Absorbancy versus time\*: Series N<sup>C</sup> at 0°C.

A (cell)	Reaction Number																	
	1	2	3	7	8	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	18					
	+ .002	+ .003	0.00	+ .002	+ .003	+ .002	+ .003	+ .002	+ .003	0.00	+ .002	+ .003	0.00					
A obs.																		
1.880																		
1.800																		
1.750																		
1.700																		
1.650																		
1.600																		
1.550																		
1.500																		
1.450																		
1.400																		
1.350																		
1.300																		
1.250																		
1.200																		
1.150																		
1.100																		
1.000																		
(A obs.)	.659	.821	.666	.602	.803	.897	1.006	.818	.779	.763	1.118	.812	.571					

\*Time in seconds.

Absorbance versus time<sup>a</sup>: Series H<sup>2</sup> and E at 0°C.

A (cell)	Reaction Number											
	5	6	7	10	11	13	16	17	18	19	21	22
1 (obs.)	-.003	-.003	-.004	-.004	-.003	-.004	-.004	-.003	-.003	-.007	-.006	-.006
1.026												
1.000					7			14	13			
1.770				13	21	11		24				
1.750				17	36	22		35	23			
1.700		11		28	54	33	7	47	35			
1.650		18		40	76	47	13	62	48			
1.600	23	27	11	56	104	63	23	80	65			
1.550	33	37	20	75	134	81	35	103	86			
1.500	43	48	29	97	175	104	47	130	110			
1.450	54	59	39	127	211	130	63	165	141			
1.400	66	72	50	162		164	80	211	182			
1.350	79	87	62	207			102		233			
1.300	94	103	76									
1.250												
1.200	110	122	92	267								
1.150	130	144	110			207	127					
1.100	150	169	132			261	160					
1.050	175	199	158				200					
1.000	208	237	190				255					
.940	244		229									
.900												
.860												
.800												
(1 obs.)	.668	.782	.758	1.118	1.217	1.004	.969	1.166	1.163	...	...	...
(1 obs.)	in 4 ml.-volume containing $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ M. Co(III) at 0 = 0											
								.511	.450	.525		

<sup>a</sup>Time in seconds.





Absorbancy versus time\*: Series S at 0°C.

A (cell)	Reaction Number														
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
0.750															
0.700															
0.650															
0.600															
0.550															
0.500															
0.450															
0.400															
0.375															
0.350															
0.325															
0.300															
0.275															
0.250															
0.225															
0.200															
(A obs.)	.102	.238	.229	.268	.266	.237	.155	.256	.295	.387	.166	.130	.130		

\* Time in seconds.

Absorbancy versus time\*: Series S, S<sup>A</sup>, O<sup>S</sup>, O<sup>A</sup> and Q

A (cell)	Reaction Number												
	S-16	17	S <sup>A</sup> -1	2	3	6	O <sup>S</sup> -5	9	O <sup>A</sup> -2	4	6	Q-30	L-8
	-.001	-.002	-.001	-.001	+.002	+.003	+.003	-.011	-.016	-.007	-.007	-.001	0.00
A obs.	1.000												
.940													
.900													
.840													
.800													
.750													
.700													
.650													
.600													
.550													
.500													
.450													
.400													
.375													
.350													
.325													
.300													
.275													
.250													
.225													
(A obs.)	.219	.235	.330	...	...	...	.265	.190	...	...	...	.160	.197
...	...	...	...	.414	.350	.448	...	...	.265	.162	.194	(A obs.)	in 4 ml.-
												volume after addition	
												of 1 ml. Ce(IV).	

\* Time in seconds.

Absorbancy versus time\*: Series P and W at 0°C.

A (cell)	Reaction Number											
	P-13	14	15	16	P-17	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
A (slurry)	+0.007	+0.007	+0.006	+0.002	+0.006	+0.002	+0.007	+0.006	+0.006	+0.050	+0.125	+0.004
A obs.												
1.700	140											
1.650	67											
1.600	73											
1.550	81											
1.500	88											
1.450	97											
1.400	109											
1.350	122											
1.300	134											
1.250	149											
1.200	162											
1.150	173											
1.100	184											
1.050	195											
1.000	210											
.940												
.900												
.840												
.800												
.750												
.700												
(A obs.)	.316	.246	.354	.128	.480	.316	.112	.190	1.056	.770	.549	.694

\* Time in seconds.



Absorbance versus time\*: Series U and O<sup>4</sup> at 0°C.

A (cell)	Time in seconds											
	1	5	6	8	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	0-3
1.000	.004	.004	.003	.003	.003	.003	.004	.003	.004	.003	.003	.002
1.000	17	15	20	18	20	25	18	22	24	24	21	21
1.000	24	25	22	29	27	34	24	33	33	33	32	32
1.000	39	38	32	33	38	46	24	42	47	47	41	41
1.000	55	55	49	33	46	55	31	52	57	58	51	51
1.000	67	68	61	37	56	66	40	65	68	68	63	63
1.000	81	83	77	42	66	78	51	80	82	82	76	76
1.000	96	101	94	50	79	93	58	89	100	100	86	86
1.000			115	55	88	103	72	108	111	111	105	105
1.000	128	136	130	62	105	121	81	121	132	132	116	116
1.000	153	153	157	65	133	133	96	140	148	148	135	135
1.000	169	172	177	76	150	153	113	161	172	172	154	154
1.000	194	212	205	85	170	171	132	184	197	197	177	177
1.000	219	241	236	94	196	193	158	204	226	226	204	204
1.000	247	276	270	106	226	229	192	251	266	266	238	238
1.000	278	320	317	120	265	286	241	300	319	319	280	280
1.000	315			137								
1.000				161					246			
1.000				196					305			
1.000				269								

(A obs.) 120 .295 .322 .340 .292 .236 .294 .309 .354 .201 .397 .326 ...

A obs. in 4 ml. volume after addition of 1 ml. Ce (IV) .115

\*Time in seconds.

Absorbancy versus time\* at various temperatures: Series A and K

A (cell)	Reaction Number											
	20°-1-1	2	3	8	9	10	11	12	15	15°-K-3	5	6
	+.009	+.009	+.009	+.009	+.009	+.009	+.009	+.009	+.009	0.00	0.00	+.004
A obs.												
2.050									9			
2.000								11	15			
1.900						10		19	26			
1.880	12											
1.850			15									
1.800			19									
1.700				17								
1.600				21								
1.500		20		27								
1.400	27	25		36								
1.300	33	31		45								
1.225	42											
1.200	60	44										
1.125			55	57								
1.100	75	54		69								
1.025	95	67	82	73								
1.000				89								
.940				98								
.900				113								
.840	129	88	111	127								
.800	157	103	135	157								
.750	180	113	152	184								
.700	226			239								
.690	293	155	227	333								
(A obs.)	.602	.421	.553	.638	.720	.600	.763	1.387	1.431	.715	.692	.642

\* Time in seconds.

Absorbancy versus time<sup>a</sup>: Series K at 15°C.

A (cell)	Reaction Number									
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
	+.004	0.00	+.004	-.008	0.00	-.008	+.004			
A obs.										
1.800	5	5	4	7	4	6	7			7
1.700			7	13		13				9
1.600	13	14	11	18	8	16	14			14
1.500	20	20	18	24	17	22	19			19
1.400	28	29	27	33	25	29	26			26
1.300	37	40	37	43	36	38	35			35
1.200	49	53	50	58	50	50	47			47
1.150	56	61	58	66	58	57	54			54
1.100	64	71	68	76	68	66	61			61
1.050	73	81	78	88	80	76	70			70
1.000	92	98	94	105	99	89	79			79
.940	107	115	113	124	119	105	94			94
.900		130	127	139	134	118	104			104
.840	143	160	157	175	168	146	126			126
.800	163	187	182	205	198	171	143			143
.750	199	239	233	269	267	221	177			177
.700	254		317			283	212			212
(A obs.)	.603	.645	.643	.670	.678	.636	.573			

<sup>a</sup> Time in seconds.

Absorbency versus time\* at various temperatures: Series C

A (cell)	Reaction Number														
	15-17 +.002	8 +.006	9 +.001	5-28 +.002	13 +.001	15 +.006	10 +.001	9 +.006	10-18 +.001	19 +.001	8 +.006	7 +.001	6 +.006	13 +.002	15 +.001
1.200				8	9	8	10	9							
1.500				18											
1.500		10		21		13	19	11							
1.450			7		19										
1.400	21	12	19	33	31	33	29	22	18						
1.350				39	43	16									
1.300				45											
1.250				52		60	55	31	28						
1.200	39	29	39	59	57			40	39						
1.150				67		78									
1.100	54	41	60	76	71		70	52	50						
1.050			75	86			79								
1.000	73	58	116	100	98	115		74	71						
.950			154	113	109	129	107	83	80						
.900	106	81	187	122	132	138	119	89	85						
.850	140			139	132	155	126	102	96						
.800	172	122		151	142	166	141	109	103						
.750	244	156		170	157	185	150	122	113						
.700		206		189	172	204	166	135	125						
.650				213	190	228	182	149	138						
.600				244	230		201	169	156						
.550					243		224	193	175						
(A obs.)	.569	.592	.799	.308	.254	.297	.242	.260	.219	.155	.178	.254			

\*Time in seconds.



Absorbancy versus time<sup>a</sup> at various temperatures: Series 0

A (cell)	Temperature (°C)									
	5°C	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	40°C	45°C	50°C
1.700	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
1.600	15	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
1.500	22	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
1.400	33	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
1.300	45	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
1.200	59	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
1.100	75	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
1.000	110	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105
.900										
.800										
.700	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156
.600	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172	172
.500	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190
.400	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
.300	237	237	237	237	237	237	237	237	237	237
(A obs.)	.277	.252	.256	.311	.292	.190	.213	.169	.227	.296

<sup>a</sup>Time in seconds.

Absorbancy versus time\* at various temperatures: Series O

A (cell)	Reaction Number											
	250-1	2	3	4	6	150-46	47	48	49	50	51	52
	+.002	+.006	+.001	+.002	+.001	+.002	+.006	+.001	+.002	+.006	+.001	+.002
A obs.	10	6	6	5	6							
1.650						6	9	8	9		10	5
1.600						13	12	12	11	11	12	11
1.500					11	17	16	15	17	15	16	14
1.400												
1.300						23	21	19	22	19	22	21
1.250	16	15	15									
1.200						27	28	25	27	25	27	27
1.150				14		34	39	34	32	35	39	34
1.100				23		42	45	40	39	40	45	40
1.050						52	54	47	48	48	53	49
1.000						59	66	57	59	59	64	60
.900	27					67	74	63	67	72	72	66
.800	32		32			89	86	70	76	71	81	75
.750						107	103	88	88	81	94	86
.700						141	133	92	106	93	113	101
.650						248	202	113	123	113	149	127
.600								151	185	151	238	180
.550												
.500												
.450												
.400	63	64	61	112	88							
.300	72	73	68	133	101							
.200	82	82	76	214	178							
	.667	.590	.607	(A obs.)		in 4-ml. volume after addition of 1 ml. Co(IV)						
(A obs.)	...	...	...	.163	.145	.387	.369	.295	.320	.260	.326	.326

\*Time in seconds.

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