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ABSTRACT

Experimental solubilities of U^{4+} and UO_2^{2+} that are reported in the literature have been collected. Data on oxides, hydroxides and carbonates have been selected for this work. They include results both at 25°C and at higher temperatures.

The literature data have been compared with calculated uranium solubilities obtained with the EQ3/6 geochemical modelling programs and an uranium thermodynamic data base selected for the Swedish nuclear waste management program.

This verification/validation exercise has shown that more experimental data is needed to determine the chemical composition of anionic uranyl hydroxo complexes as well as their equilibrium constants of formation. There is also a need for more solubility data on well characterised alkaline or alkaline-earth uranates.

For the uranyl carbonate system, the calculated results agree reasonably well with the experimental literature values, which span over a wide range of pH, $[CO_3^{2}]_T$, $CO_2(g)$ -pressure, and T.

The experimental solubility of UO₂(s) agrees also well with the EQ3/6 calculations for pH>6. However, in more acidic solutions the experimental solubilities are higher than the calculated values. This is due to the formation of polynuclear hydroxo complexes of uranium(IV), which are not well characterised, and are not included in the thermodynamic data base used in this study.

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INTRODUCTION

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This document reports a comparison beteen experimental uranium solubilities found in the literature, and the results of calculations obtained with a combination of a geochemical computer program (EQ3/6) and the thermodynamic data base given in the Appendices. An extract of this work has been presented elsewhere (Bruno and Puigdomenech, 1988).

The calculation of equilibrium radionuclide solubilities is of importance for nuclear waste disposal programs. This interest is due to,

- equilibrium models are used to gain understanding of the chemical behaviour of radionuclides under many different geological environments.
- in a situation of low groundwater flow within a repository, the source term might be limited by the solubility of the radionuclides at the pre-vailing physicochemical conditions (T, P, pH, Eh, etc).
- calculated solubility limits under different chemical conditions might be used to design a repository that through its engineered barriers keeps the lowest possible radionuclide concentrations in the waters that eventually might intrude into it.
- chemical equilibrium models can be used to estimate the prevailing geochemical processes affecting the mobility of naturally occurring radionuclides in candidate vault sites. Such an understanding will influence the selection of a repository site.

Because of these reasons, calculations of uranium(IV) oxide* solubility under several conditions have been reported in the literature (e.g., Goodwin, 1982; Kertes and

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UO₂ is the main component in spent nuclear fuel.

Guillaumont, 1985; Bruton and Shaw, 1987). Another line of research has been to obtain reliable experimental data on radionuclide solubility under several chemical conditions (e.g., Forsyth et al, 1986; Parks and Pohl, 1988).

Agreement between model solubilities and experimental results is necessary in order to have any confidence in the long time predictions of the chemical behaviour of radionuclides in a geological environment. Therefore some comparison between model calculations and laboratory data have been reported (e.g., Kertes and Guillaumont, 1985; Pryke and Rees, 1986; and in the validation of WATEQ4 by Krupka et al, 1983).

The development of workable thermodynamic data bases for safety assessment within the Swedish nuclear waste management program has created a need for similar validation exercises.

1.1 A URANIUM DATA BASE FOR THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR WASTE PROGRAM

The modelling efforts by the different research groups involved in the Swedish program for disposal of spent nuclear fuel, have been made by using different sets of chemical equilibrium constants (compare e.g., Allard, 1983; with Grenthe et al, 1983). This reflected only minor discrepancies in the choice of equilibrium constants within the different reseach institutions. Nevertheless, we expect that future calculations for safety analysis will be more coordinated and will involve a unique set of thermodynamic data. The final goal is to adopt the recommendations arisen from the NEA-TDB data selection groups. In the meantime, there is a need for workable databases, hence, a selection of a thermodynamic data base has to be made for the chemical elements of radiological interest in the Swedish nuclear waste program.

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This is a bookkeeping exercise, and a practical solution has been to use an existing data base as a starting material. The EQ3/6 data base has been selected. The choice is based in the following facts:

- the data base contains information on the most important minerals and aqueous species involved in systems with natural waters (about 630 minerals, 660 aqueous species, and 10 gaseous species)
- it also contains data on some of the radionuclides of interest (Th, U, Np, Eu, Pu, Am, Ru, Ra)
- the data base contains both a file with thermodynamic quantities (standard gibbs free energies of formation, standard enthalpies of formation, standard entropies, heat capacities, etc) and a file with equilibrium constants as a function of temperature (log K (T) for T=0 to 300°C, and p=1.013 bar (~ 1 atm) up to 100°C and steam/H₂O(1) equilibrium pressure at T>100°C)
- the EQ3/6 code package contains a computer program (MCRT) to calculate equilibrium constants of reaction as a function of temperature using thermodynamic quantities as starting material
- the EQ3/6 code package contains programs to maintain the large files involved in the data base
- the structure of the files that make up the data base includes the possibility to contain literature references, comments, quality description, etc

The main disadvantage with the EQ3/6 data base is that the computer programs that are used to maintain the files that constitute the data base are not documented. It is judged, however, that the advantages compensate for the disadvantage.

The uranium data base, which is validated in this report, is essentially that of Lemire and Tremaine (1980), with the changes introduced by Lemire (1988), and some minor modifications made by us (c.f Section 3). The uranium species included in the original database and not listed either in Section 3 or in the appendices (chloride, fluoride, phosphate and nitrate complexes, etc) were left unmodified. It is intended at this time, that the data base, henceforth called in this report the SKBU1 data base, shall be used by the groups involved in the Swedish nuclear waste program as a primary data source whenever a need for thermodynamic data arises.

The solubility data that is found in the literature for the system $UO_2-H_2O-H_2(g)-CO_2(g)$ can be classified into three groups:

- solubility of U(IV) oxide/hydroxide as a function of pH, [HClO₄], [OH⁻]_{tot} and T
- solubility of U(VI) hydroxides as a function of pH, [HClO₄], [NaOH], [CO₃²⁻]_{tot} and T
- solubility of rutherfordine (UO₂CO₃(c)) as a function of p_{CO2}, pH, [CO₃²⁻]_{tot} and T

It seems that the solubility of oxides with other oxidation degrees $(U_4O_9 \text{ and } U_3O_8)$ has not been reported, except for the study of Gayer et al (1964) that reports the solubility of U_3O_8 in water. That study is however useless for our purposes because Gayer et al (1964) do not specify either the redox potential of the equilibrium aqueous solution, or the redox composition of the initial aqueous solution (partial presure of $O_2(g)$ and/or $H_2(g)$, concentration of residual oxygen, etc). Without a knowledge of the redox conditions, the solubility of U_3O_8 cannot be calculated.

We will give in this section a short introduction to the literature references used by us in this work. A further discussion of the accuracy, etc, is given later on in Sections 2.4, 4 and 5.

2.1 SOLUBILITIES OF U^{IV} OXIDE/HYDROXIDE

The solubility of uranium(IV) oxide and hydroxide depends on the crystallinity and particle size of the solid (Parks and Pohl, 1988; Bruno, 1988).

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Therefore, in the SKBU1 data base we have included three oxides of U(IV): $UO_2(am)$, $UO_2(fuel)$ and uraninite, in order of decreasing solubility.

The data for $UO_2(am)$ should reflect the properties of a hydrous and X-ray amorphous solid that is obtained by precipitation in alkaline aqueous solutions. In contrast, uraninite corresponds to well crystallized $UO_2(c)$, while $UO_2(fuel)$ is intended to be used for an intermediate solid (particle size 1-5 μ m), which corresponds to the average particle size of UO_2 in spent fuel.

The measurements of the solubility of U(IV) oxides are complicated by oxidation of U(IV) to U(VI) hydroxo and carbonato complexes which is caused by the residual oxygen and carbonate that might be present in the initial solutions and by the residual oxygen present in the surface of the UO_2 solid phase.

The experimental difficulties and the varying solubility with particle size and crystallinity, is reflected in Figure 2.1, where some literature data from several authors and for ~25°C are shown. The difference between the highest and lowest reported solubility in Figure 2.1, is a factor of then thousand.



Figure 2.1 Experimental Solubility of Uranium(IV) oxides/hydroxides at about 25°C in alkaline aqueous solutions.

For the verification and validation of the UO₂(am) thermodynamic data, we have selected the data at 25°C by Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978), Bruno et al (1987), Gayer and Leider (1957) and Galkin and Stepanov (1961).

The selected solubility data for uraninite (UO₂(c)), is that of Parks and Pohl (1988), Redkin and Omelyanenko (1987), Nguyen-Trung (1985), Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978) and Tremaine et al (1981). The data covers the temperature range between 20 and 300°C and the pH range between 2 and 10.

2.2 SOLUBILITIES OF URANYL HYDROXIDES

The solid phase stable at 25°C is schoepite $(UO_2(OH)_2 \cdot H_2O)$ while $UO_2(OH)_2(C)$ is the stable form above ~60°C (Robins, 1966).

The measurements of the solubility of U(VI) hydroxides are complicated by the possible contamination with $CO_2(g)$ from the air, and by the formation of alkali uranates (at pH>10 at 25°C).

For the validation at 25°C, we have used the data of Gayer and Leider (1955), Miller(1958), Nikitin et al (1972), Silva and Yee (1981), Babko and Kodenskaya (1960) and Krupka et al (1985).

The data covers the pH range 3 to 12. Krupka et al (1985) is the only source of data above pH=10, because they used tetramethylammonium hydroxide as titrant to prevent the formation of insoluble uranates.

The different sets of solubility data for uranium(VI)hydroxide do not give a unique dependence of $[U(VI)]_{tot}$ versus pH (c.f. Figures 2-2 and 5.1). The data by Krupka et al (1985) shows a comparatively large spread, probably due to some shortcomings in the experimental technique used by Krupka et al (1985). All the solubility data at 25°C for U(VI) hydroxide used in this report, excluding, for the sake of clearness, the data of Krupka et al (1985) are shown in Figure 2.2.



Figure 2.2 Some of the experimental literature data for the solubility of U(VI) hydroxide as a function of pH at 25°C.

Data presented by Brush (1980) (also reported in Holland and Brush (1978)) have been used for the validation of the U(VI) data base at 90°C. The data selected from Brush (1980), include experimental points without added NaCl and where the final solid was α -UO₂(OH)₂.

Data at temperatures higher than 25°C (other than Brush, 1980), have been obtained by Miller (1958) and Nikitin et al (1972). The data obtained by the various authors show some spread (up to a factor of 100 in the uranium concentration, c.f. Figure 5.6), the solubilities of Miller (1958) being the highest.

The solubility of schoepite in Na₂CO₃ solutions at 25°C that has been reported by Babko and Kodenskaya (1960) has also been used (c.f. Figure 5.4).

2.3 SOLUBILITY OF URANYL CARBONATE (RUTHERFORDINE)

The solubility of rutherfordine $(UO_2CO_3(c))$ has been investigated both as function of Na_2CO_3 -concentration (Blake et al 1956), and as a function of pH at constant P_{CO2} (Sergeyeva et al 1972; Grenthe et al 1984). All data from these references, except that of Grenthe et al (1984) at 3.0 M NaClO₄, have been used in this study. The data at 3.0 M NaClO₄ of Grenthe et al (1984) were not selected because the method for activity factor corrections used in the EQ3/6 calculations fails at such high ionic strengths.

The data of Sergeyeva et al (1972) include the only available solubilities of rutherfordine at temperatures higher than 25°C.

2.4 THE pH VALUES AT HIGH TEMPERATURE

As it will be mentioned in section 4, in this report we try to compare calculated results in the molal scale (mols/1000 g H_2O) with experimental data that sometimes must be converted from molar (mols per litre) to molal units before the comparison.

For measured pH-values in dilute solutions at low temperature (~25°C), we have assumed that the correction from molar to molal units is negligible. In concentrated aqueous solutions at ~25°C we have converted the pH values from molar to molal units as discussed in section 4.

At higher temperatures a correction should also be made. This is because the density of aqueous solutions changes with temperature (for example, the density of water is $0.997 \text{ (g/cm}^3)$ at 25°C and 0.96 at 100°C), and because protolitic equilibria in aqueous solutions are temperature dependent (e.g., a 10^{-6} m HCl solution has pH=6.0 at 25°C and pH=5.55 at 300°C). Furthermore, a pH measuring equipment calibrated at ~25°C will give erroneous results when used at other temperatures because of the temperature dependence of the Nerst equation.

The following references report uranium solubilities versus pH at temperatures higher than 25°C: Miller (1958), Nikitin et al (1972), Sergeyeva et al (1972), Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978), Brush (1980), Nguyen-Trung (1985), and Parks and Pohl (1988).

Some of the experimental pH-values were measured at the temperature of the experiment (Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov 1978; Brush 1980; and the values at 50°C of Sergeyeva et al 1972 and Nikitin et al 1972). On the other hand, Nguyen-Trung (1985) reports pH values measured at 20°C. In some cases, however, it is not clear whether the pH values refer to high or low temperature measurements, and we assume that room temperature pH for quenched solutions is reported (Miller 1958; Sergeyeva et al 1972 at T>50°C).

Parks and Pohl (1988) give high temperature pH values of their experiments as calculated with EQ3NR from the low temperature pH and composition of their solutions.

Similarly, we have calculated (with the EQ3NR program) the high temperature pH for the lithium hydroxide solutions in the experiments of Tremaine et al (1981) and the values (that were used in Figures 5.14 to 5.16) varied from pH=12.45 at 25°C to pH=9.66 at 300°C.

Summarizing, we note that:

- the pH values at 90°C of Brush (1980) in Figure 5.5 were measured at 90°C by Brush (1980)
- the pH values at 50°C of Sergeyeva et al (1972) in Figure 5.10 were measured at 50°C by Sergeyeva et al (1972)
- the pH values att 100°C of Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978) in Figure 5.14 were measured at 100°C

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- the pH values at 100 and 200°C in Figures 5.14 and 5.15 for the solubilities of Parks and Pohl (1988) and Tremaine et al (1981) were calculated with the EQ3NR program by Parks and Pohl (1988) and us, respectively
- the pH values at 25°C in Figure 5.12 for the solubilities of UO₂(am) in NaOH solutions reported by Gayer and Leider (1957) and Galkin and Stepanov (1961), were also calculated by us with the EQ3NR program

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THE THERMODYNAMIC DATA BASE: SKBU1

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The SKBU1 thermodynamic data base consists of:

- the uranium data included in the EQ3/6 thermodynamic data base where the following aqueous species have been withdrawn:

U(OH)₅ (UO₂)₂(CO₃)(OH)₃ U₆(OH)₁₅

- the data listed in the Appendices. These data were replaced or added to the MDAS and DATAO files of the EQ3/6 package

The data listed in the Appendices originate mainly from Lemire and Tremaine (1980). The modifications introduced by Lemire (1988) have also been included (except for the data on $U(OH)_5$) as well as the following changes:

a - ΔG_f° for U^{4+} , UO_2^{++} and UO_2^{2+} was taken from the NEA-OCDE compilation (Grenthe et al 1988). We give here a comparison between the free energies of formation used by us and the data selected by Lemire and Tremaine (1980):

NEA-TDB Grenthe et al 1988a 🏾 Lemire & Tremaine 1980

U ⁴⁺	-126.65	k cal/mol	-126.89 k cal/mol
vo2 ⁺	-229.59	*1	-231.50 "
υ0 ²²⁺	-227.67	11	-227.70 "

The differences between the two sets of data may be translated, for example, into the U^{4+}/UO_2^{2+} redox potentials for the reaction:

$$UO_2^{2+} + 4H^+ + 2e^- = U^{4+} + 2H_2^{0}$$

Using the ΔG_f° for water in the EQ3/6 data base (-56.686 k cal/mol), we obtain the following values for E° (= 59.16 $\cdot (\frac{1}{2} \log K_{eq})$):

	NEA-TDB Grenthe et al 1988a	Lemire & Tremaine 1980
u ⁴⁺ /uo ₂ 2+	267.8 mV	272.4 mV

The differences between the two data sets are not large (4.6 mV), and may be compared with values of E° reported by Bruno et al (1985): 260±3 and 248±3 mV (depending on the equations used for activity coefficient corrections).

b - $\triangle G_{f}^{\circ}$ for $UO_{2}(am)$ and $UO_{2}(fuel)$ have been calculated from the equilibrium constants K_{s0} for the reaction

$$UO_2(s) + 4H^+ = U^{4+} + 2H_2O$$

 $\rm K_{SO}$ was obtained by combining values of $\rm K_{S4}$ and $\rm K_4.$ The value of $\rm K_{S4}$ for the reactions

$$UO_{2}(s) + 2H_{2}O = U(OH)_{4}(aq)$$

have been determined by Bruno et al (1987) and (1988) for $UO_2(am)$ and $UO_2(fuel)$ respectively (we have assumed that the value of K_{s4} , which involves

only electrically neutral species, is independent on the concentration of the ionic media). The value of K_A for the reaction

$$U^{4+} + 4H_2O = U(OH)_4(aq) + 4H^+$$

is given by Lemire (1988). As previously mentioned, UO_2 (fuel) corresponds to a uranium (IV) oxide with a particle size in the range of 1 to 5 μ m.

c - ΔG_f° for the U(IV) hydrolysis complexes (U(OH) $_n^{4-n}$) has been calculated from the equilibrium constants for the reactions

$$U^{4+} + n H_2 O = U(OH)_n^{4-n} + n H^4$$

The equilibrium constants were obtained as follows:

- $U(OH)^{3+}$: the experimental value (log K₁=-0.51+0.03) reported by Grenthe et al (1988b)
- $U(OH)_4$: the value reported by Lemire (1988) is log K_4 =-5.28
- $U(OH)_2^{2+}$ and $U(OH)_3^+$: estimated by interpolation between the equilibrium constants for $U(OH)_3^{3+}$ and $U(OH)_4$

A plot of the equilibrium constants versus T is shown in Figure 3.1.

d - S° for U(OH)₄(aq) has been estimated with the "dquant" approximation (Helgeson, 1969, eqn. 16) for the reaction

$$U^{4+} + 4H_{2}O = U(OH)_{4}(aq) + 4 H^{+}$$

in a procedure similar to that used by Lemire (1988). The "dquant" equation has been used because the MCRT program (of the EQ3/6 package) uses this equation when the aqueous complex formed is electrically neutral. The calculated equilibrium constant versus T is shown in Figure 3.1. This procedure differs from the one used by Lemire (1988) who assumed a value of zero for the increment in heat capacity for the reaction

$$UO_2(c) + 2H_2O = U(OH)_4(aq)$$





Figure 3.1 The equilibrium constants for U(IV) hydroxide complexes (calculated by the MCRT program of the EQ3/6 package) versus temperature. The experimental value reported by Grenthe et al (1988b) is also shown for comparison.

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Similarly, the value of S° for the neutral species $UO_2CO_3(aq)$ which is reported as 0 ± 15 cal/mol K by Lemire and Tremaine (1980), was changed to ±20 cal/mol K. The resulting values for the mononuclear carbonate complexing constants as a function of temperature are shown in Figure 3.2, together with the experimental values of Pirozhkov and Nikolaeva (1976).



Figure 3.2 The equilibrium constants for mononuclear uranyl carbonato complexes (calculated by the MCRT program of the EQ3/6 package) versus temperature. The experimental values of Pirozhkov and Nikolaeva (1976) are also shown for comparison.

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f - ΔG_{f}° for $(UO_{2})_{3}(OH)_{7}^{-}$ was changed from -1034.9 k cal/mol (Lemire, 1988) to -1035.6 k cal/mol, which gives an equilibrium constant of -32.40 (at 25°C) for the following reaction

$$3 \text{ uo}_2^{2+} + 7 \text{ H}_2^{0} = (\text{uo}_2)_3(\text{OH})_7^{-}$$

This value results in somewhat lower calculated solubilities for U(VI) hydroxides at pH>8, which are in better agreement with recent available experimental evidence (Bruno and Sandino 1988).

g - ΔG_{f}° for $(UO_{2})_{3}(CO_{3})_{6}^{6-}$ corresponds to an equilibrium constant for the reaction

$$3UO_2^{2+} + 6CO_3^{2-} = (UO_2)_3(CO_3)_6^{6-}$$

equal to +53.36 at 25°. This is in agreement with the value of 53.4 ± 0.8 reported by Grenthe et al (1984).

METHODS OF CALCULATION

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The EQ3/6 code package (versions: EQ2NR: 3245R90, EQ6: 3245R79) has been used both to calculate uranium solubilities in aqueous solutions as well as to calculate the equilibrium constants (given in Appendix B) from the thermodynamic data for uranium (given in Appendix A). The EQ3/6 code package is described in Wolery (1979) and (1983), Wolery et al (1984), Delany and Wolery (1984), Bourcier (1985) and Delany et al (1986).

For the calculation of chemical equilibrium in aqueous systems, the EQ3NR code is based both on the charge balance equation, and on the mass balance equations for all elements except hydrogen and oxygen, while the EQ6 code is based on mass balance equations for all elements (including oxygen and hydrogen). For the specific case of solid solubility calculations with the EQ3NR program, the alternative constraint of phase equilibrium with a mineral substitutes the mass balance equation for uranium. For calculations with a fixed partial pressure of $CO_2(g)$, this constrain will substitute the mass balance equation for carbon in the EQ3NR calculations. The redox constraint used was either oxygen or hydrogen fixed gas fugacity.

The principal unit of concentration on which thermodynamic activities, mass balances, equilibrium constants and activity coefficients are based, is molality (mols/1000 g H_2O). The activity coefficents (based on this molality scale) are calculated with the B' equation (Helgeson, 1969).

All EQ3NR and EQ6 calculations were performed for aqueous solutions electrically neutral, achieved by adjusting the concentration of either Na⁺ of ClO_4^- in the modeled solutions. This is needed to make realistic calculations of the

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activity coefficients for the aqueous species. In the case of solubility calculations in aqueous solutions containing a supporting electrolyte, the individual concentrations of the ions in the ionic media were not adjusted, and therefore, in these cases the electrical charge balance sometimes was in error by a few percent, although this does not have much influence on the value of the calculated activity coefficients in such concentrated solutions.

We have compared calculated solubilities (in mols per 1000 g H_2O) as a function of pH (= -log a_{H^+} , activity in molal scale) with experimental values, which are not always given as molalities. The difference between molar (M = mols/1) and molal (m = mols/1000 g H_2O) is not important for dilute solutions at 25°C, where uranium solubilities are low and pH is within the range 2-12. In other cases, however, a correction is necessary, as for the experimental data from the following sources:

- the solubility of uranyl carbonate in sodium carbonate solutions of Blake et al (1956) was converted from molar to molal units using the densities of the equilibrium solutions reported by Blake et al (1956).
- the solubility data of uranyl carbonate in 0.5 M NaClO₄ of Grenthe et al (1984) was converted from molar to molal scale (both log h (=log[H^+]) and log B (=log[U(VI)]_{tot})) using a density of 1.0362 g/cm³. Thus, in Figure 5.8, calculated values of -log[H^+] (instead of -log a_H+=pH) are compared with the experimental values of Grenthe et al (1984) corrected to molal units.

the results of Babko and Kodenskaya (1960) on the solubility of uranyl hydroxide in 0.2 M NH_4NO_3 were converted to molal scale using a density of 1.0034 g/cm³.

- the data of Bruno et al (1987) at 0.5 M NaClO₄ for the solubility of UO₂(am), were corrected to the molal scale using a density of 1.0362 g/cm³.

Bruno et al (1987) report solubility as a function of $-\log [H^+]$. In order to obtain approximate pH values, we have used an activity coefficient correction for H^+ :

 $-\log a_{H+} = -\log [H^+] - \log f_{H+} = -\log [H^+] + 0.10$

The correction should be approximately valid in 0.5 M NaClO_4 at pH>2 and uranium solubilities less than 0.01 mols/l. The pH values thus obtained are plotted in Figure 5.12.

The results of Silva and Yee (1981), although they were measured in 0.001 M NaClO_4 solutions, were not corrected for the missmatch of concentration units.

The data of Parks and Pohl (1988) and of Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978) on the solubility of uraninite versus pH at temperatures > 25°C is given in mols/1, as well as the solubility of uranyl hydroxide by Brush (1980) and Miller (1958). However, we have assumed that the data refers to uranium analysis made at about 25°C, and therefore, as molar uranium concentrations are practically equal to molal concentrations in diluted samples at about 25°C, and molal uranium concentration values are temperature independent, we have not made any correction on the data tabulated by either Parks and Pohl (1988), Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978), Miller (1958) or Brush (1980).

The data from the following sources are also given in molar units, but were used in this report without corrections: Galkin and Stepanov (1961), Ryan and Rai (1983), and Krupka et al (1985).

The solubilities reported by the following authors are given in molality scale, and therefore did not need any correction: Tremaine et al (1981), Gayer and Leider (1955) and (1957), Sergeyeva et al (1972), Redkin and Omelyanenko (1987), Nikitin et al (1972), and Nguyen-Trung (1985).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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The results presented in this section include calculated uranium solubilities for many ageous solutions in equilibrium with several uranium solid phases. Agreement between the results of the calculations and experimental solubilities might be taken as a validation of the SKBU1-EQ3/6 combination.

However, a distinction must be made between validation and verification calculations. A validation of a model is only possible when the experimental data used are not related to the model, i.e., when the model has been obtained independently of the experimental data used in the validation.

Unfortunately, in this case we know that some of the experimental data have been used to develop the data base. For example, the standard free energies of formation for $UO_2(am)$ and $U(OH)_4(aq)$ have been derived from the solubility data of Bruno et al (1987). Therefore, agreement between EQ3/6-SKBU1 calculated results and the experimental data of Bruno et al (1987) in Figure 5.12 will only give a proof of self consistency and show that no serious errors have been introduced in the procedure of developing the SKBU1 data base. Note, however, that in the same Figure 5.12, other solubility data is shown that may be used as a validation.

Having this in mind, lets proceed to the examination of the results obtained in our calculations.

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A comparison between experimental and calculated solubility for schoepite and $UO_2(OH)_2(c)$ is shown in Figure 5.1. The theoretical solubility curve for $Na_2U_2O_7(c)$ has also been plotted to indicate the pH range where alkali uranates might be expected to be the stable solid phase.



Figure 5.1 The solubility at 25°C of $UO_2(OH)_2(c)$, schoepite and $Na_2U_2O_7(c)$ as a function of pH.

The agreement between calculated and experimental solubilities is rather good. Only some of the data by Krupka et al (1985) deviate from the general trend. The spread of the data from Krupka et al (1985) difficults a more sensitive analysis of the solubilities in the pH range 6 to 12. Previously recommended values of the equilibrium constant β_{37} for the equilibrium

$$3UO_2^{2+} + 7H_2O = (UO_2)_3(OH)_7^{-} + 7H^{+}$$

gave calculated values for $[UO_2^{2^+}]_T$ that were too large in the alkaline pH range, because $(UO_2)_3(OH)_7^-$ appears to be the dominating complex in this pH range. Recent data by Bruno and Sandino (1988) give a preliminary value of log β_{37}^- -32.1±0.1. As mentioned in Section 3e, we have used a value of log β_{37}^- -32.4.

The data given by Gayer and Leider (1955) are shown in Figures 5.2 and 5.3. In perchloric acid solutions the agreement between the model and the experiments is satisfactory. At high concentrations the model deviates from reality probably because the B'-equation for activity coefficients fails, as expected.



Figure 5.2 The solubility at 25°C of $UO_2(OH)_2(c)$ and schoepite as a function of perchloric acid concentration.

In sodium hydroxide solutions, the presence of alkali uranates is expected. Gayer and Leider (1955) state "the solid phase from basic samples contained sodium". The conclusion extracted from Figure 5.3 is that further studies on the solubility of well characterised alkali uranates are needed.



Figure 5.3 The solubility at 25°C of UO₂(OH)₂(c), schoepite and Na₂U₂O₇(c) as a function of sodium hydroxide con centration.

The solubility of schoepite in carbonate solutions at 25°C is reported in Babko and Kodenskaya (1960). The results are shown in Fig 5.4 together with the calculated curves. Except for two experimental points at $[CO_3^{2^-}]_T < 0.01$ and $pH \cong 7.3$, the agreement is quite satisfactory (the disagreement is less than a factor of about two in the uranyl concentrations).



Figure 5.4 The solubility at 25°C of schoepite and as a function of carbonate concentration in 0.2 M NH_4NO_3 .

The data of Brush (1980) have been used in order to test the thermodynamic data at high temperature. The $[U(VI)]_T$ versus pH at 90°C is compared with the EQ3NR results in Figure 5.5. The agreement between the experimental and calculated solubility of UO₂(OH)₂(c) (the stable phase at T>60°C) is good up to pH=6. The model concentrations appear to be too large in the alkaline range. The thermodynamic data for UO₂(OH)₂(c) is rather well stablished, and the disagreement is probably a consequence of erroneous values for the standard entropies of anionic UO₂²⁺ hydroxide complexes (UO₂(OH)₄²⁻ and (UO₂)₃(OH)₇⁻).

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Figure 5.5 The solubility at 90°C of UO₂(OH)₂(c) as a function of pH.

In Figure 5.6 we show an overall comparison of calculated solubilities of schoepite and UO2(OH)2(c) in water with experimental values as a function of temperature in the pH range 7 to 8 (except for the values at 155 and 215°C of Miller (1958), that have pH=6 and 5 respectively, however, the pH values reported by Miller (1958) were probably measured at low temperature). The phase transition from schoepite to UO2(OH)2(c) is reflected in the results of the calculations. The solubilities of Nikitin et al (1972) and Brush (1980) appear to follow the same curve, while the values of Miller (1958) are about a factor of ten higher, which might be due to lower pH-values for the solutions investigated by Miller (1958). The EQ3NR calculations are in satisfactory agreement with the solubilities of Nikitin et al (1972) and Brush (1980). The EQ3NR calculations show that the dominant species responsible for the uranium solubilities in neutral solutions are UO₂(OH)₂(aq), (UO₂)₃(OH)₅⁺ and $(UO_2)_3(OH)_7$.



Figure 5.6 The calculated solubility of schoepite and UO₂(OH)₂(c) in water as a function of T, compared with experimental values in the pH range 7 to 8.

5.2 THE SOLUBILITY OF RUTHERFORDINE (UO₂CO₃(c))

The uranyl solubilities of rutherfordine at 25°C have been measured at constant partial presure of $CO_2(g)$ by Sergeyeva et al (1972) and Grenthe et al (1984). The agreement is fair (c.f. Figure 5.7) for the experiments in diluted solutions of Sergeyeva et al (1972) at $p_{CO2} = 1$ atm. The agreement between EQ3NR calculations and the data of Grenthe et al (1984) at 0.5 NaClO₄ and $P_{CO2}=9.97$ and 0.098 atm is also rather good, as shown in Figure 5.8. The equilibrium constants for the formation of uranyl cabonato complexes and the solubility product of rutherfordine at infinite dilution that are included in the SKBU1 data base were obtained by Grenthe et al (1984) using the "SIT"-equations. Therefore, the slight disagreement (sometimes by a factor of three, as shown in Figure 5.8) is probably a result

of the difference in the activity factor correction method used in the EQ3/6 calculations as compared with the correction method used by Grenthe et al (1984) to obtain the thermodynamic data.



Figure 5.7 The solubility of rutherfordine $(UO_2CO_3(c))$ in dilute solutions as a function of pH at $p_{co2}=1$ atm and 25°C.

log [U(VI)]_{tot}



Figure 5.8 The solubility of rutherfordine $(UO_2CO_3(c))$ in 0.5 M NaClO₄ solutions as a function of pH at 25°C and $p_{cO2}=0.97$ and 0.098 atm.

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The experimental solubility of uranyl carbonate in Na_2CO_3 solutions at 25°C can be reproduced quite well by the EQ3NR calculations. Figure 5.9 compares the data of Blake et al (1956) with the solubilities calculated by using the SKBU1 data base. The EQ3/6 results show that the dominant uranium species in the modeled solutions is $(UO_2)_3(CO_3)_6^{6-}$.



Figure 5.9 The solubility of rutherfordine $(UO_2CO_3(c))$ as a function of $[Na_2CO_3]$ at 25°C.

The solubility of rutherfordine reported by Sergeyeva et al (1972) was also used to test the thermodynamic data base for uranium at high temperature. The agreement at 50°C (see Figure 5.10) is fairly good (as it was at 25°C) in the whole pH range. The agreement at T>50°C is shown in Figure 5.11, which shows the calculated solubility of uranyl carbonate in water at the given partial pressures of $CO_2(g)$, with the results reported by Sergeyeva et al (1972). The disagreement at T>50°C might be either an artifact on the experimental

results, or incorrect values for either the standard entropies of some aqueous complexes or for the heat capactiy function of rutherfordine.



Figure 5.10 The solubility of rutherfordine $(UO_2CO_3(c))$ in dilute solutions as a function of pH at $p_{co2}=1$ atm and 50°C.



Figure 5.11 The calculated solubility of rutherfordine (UO₂CO₃(c)) in water as a function of temperature at the given values for the partial pressure of CO₂(g) (p_{cO2}) compared with experimental results of Sergeyeva et al (1972).

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5.3 THE SOLUBILITY OF UO₂(s)

Solubility data for U⁴⁺ oxide of various degrees of crystallinity as a function of pH and T have been used to validate the SKBU1 thermodynamic set of data.

The values of $[U(IV)]_T$ versus pH at 25°C and pH<13 for $UO_2(am)$ reported by Gayer and Leider (1957), Galkin and Stepanov (1961), Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978) and Bruno et al (1987), have been compared to EQ3NR results in Figures 5.12 and 5.13. The lack of agreement at pH<6 indicates that the U(IV) solubility cannot be explained in the acid range without taking into account the formation of polynuclear complexes $(U_p(OH)_q^{4p-q})$. Nevertheless, the agreement between model and experiments is good at pH>6.



Figure 5.12 The solubility of $UO_2(am)$ (both in diluted solutions and in 0.5 M NaClO₄) as a function of pH at 25°C.

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Figure 5.13 The solubility of UO₂(am) in perchloric acid solutions at 25°C.

The solubility data for crystalline U^{4+} oxide (uraninite) has been reported by Nikolaeva and Pirozhkov (1978), Tremaine et al (1981), Nguyen-Trung (1985), Redkin and Omelyanenko (1987) and Parks and Pohl (1988). A comparison between EQ3NR results and experimental data is shown in Figures 5.14 to 5.16. The data of Tremaine et al (1981) were taken with the same solid used by Parks and Pohl (1988). However, the detection limit of the analytical method for uranium used by Tremaine et al (1981) apparently was $2 - 5 \cdot 10^{-8}$ m, which is higher than the experimental uranium concentrations found by Parks and Pohl (1988). Therefore, the data of Tremaine et al (1981) are included in Figures 5.14 to 5.16 only for qualitative comparison.

If we then disregard the values of Tremaine et al (1981), the agreement between the calculated and the experimental solubilities shown in Figures 5.14 to 5.16 is satisfactory for pH>3.



Figure 5.14 The solubility of crystalline UO₂(s) versus pH at 100°C.





Figure 5.15 The solubility of crystalline UO₂(s) versus pH at 200°C. DIV/SKBIP NPE/EA



Figure 5.16 The calculated solubility of crystalline UO₂(s) in water at 1 atm H₂(g) versus T, compared with experimental literature values (for UO₂(c) solubility either in water or in diluted solutions of pH>5).

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The work that we have presented here has two main aspects: a literature survey of the uranium solubility data, and a verification/validation of a thermodynamic data base for uranium. This allowed us to find out areas where new experimental measurements are needed, as well as small error and mistakes in the data base. The most prominent results are the following:

- The solubility of UO₂²⁺ in acid solutions has been studied by several authors (c.f. Figure 2.2) and there is reasonable consistency between different authors in the literature. However, in alkaline solutions the situation is not as satisfactory. More research is needed on the stability of anionic uranium(VI) hydroxide complexes. Furthermore, studies on the solubility of well characterized alkaline uranates are needed to gain any confidence on the capabilities of geochemical models for uranium in alkaline environments (e.g., in a concrete repository).
- For the UO_2^{2+}/CO_3^{2-} system, the validation exercise has provided encouraging results about the capability of the EQ3/6-SKBU1 combination to predict the behaviour of uranium in quite wide ranges of pH, $[CO_3^{2-}]_T$, P_{CO2} and temperature.
- The validation of the data base for the U⁴⁺/OH⁻ system has shown that there is a disagreement between calculated and experimental solubilities in acid solutions (pH<6 at 25°C). This is probably due to lack of thermodynamic data on the stability of polynuclear uranium(IV) hydroxide complexes. In

neutral and moderately alkaline solutions, the agreement between calculated and literature solubilities is more satisfactory.

Another problem that arises in this types of geochemical calculations is the estimation of activity coefficients at moderate to high ionic strength. Extended Debye-Hückel approaches (e.g. Davies and B' eqns.) often do not work satisfactorily. There is the possibility of using the equations proposed by Pitzer within the EQ3/6 code package. This method performs properly up to very high ionic strengths. Nevertheless, the lack of appropiate interaction parameters for most of radionuclides and their complexes, difficults the use of Pitzer's method. Recently, specific interaction equations (called SIT, see for example Biederman et al 1982, and Bruno et al 1985, and references therein) have been adopted within the NEA-TDB effort for this purpose (Grenthe and Wanner, 1988). It would be highly desirable to adapt these equations in some geochemical codes.

We are working on further research in this area. For example, preliminary calculations have shown that the thermodynamic data for the UO_2^{2+}/PO_4^{3-} system in the EQ3/6 data base is erroneous. An experimental program has been started on this system, as well as a verification/validation study will be started.

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APPENDIX A

Data blocks to be used in the MDAS file of the EQ3/6 package. The MDAS file is transformed to a direct access file (MDAR) before it is used as input for the MCRT program. The MCRT program calculates equilibrium constants as a function of temperature, and writes the results in a DFILE. Appendix B contains a list of the DFILE obtained with the data blocks listed beneath.

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note also that citations in comment lines in the data blocks must be enclosed in brackets, must begin and end in the same line, and must match exactly the citation patterns given in the references section.

ionic strength corrections noted in the comments for specific species of americium, barium and radium were made using the davies equation in the form: log(gamma) = 0.51*(z**2)((sqrt(i)/(1+sqrt(i)))-(0.2*i)) where gamma is the activity coefficient, z is the charge, and i is the ionic strength. data for aqueous species= weighting factor for ph 4.5 (methyl orange) 2 simple anion (may be left blank) 3 oxyanion 4 acid oxyanion ion size= debye-huckel hydrated ion size (for activity coefficient estimation) hydration number= number of bound water molecules not explicitly shown in the assumed molecular formula (for activity coefficient estimation) temps the base point temperature (k), usually 298.15 k press= the base point pressure (bars), usually 1 bar delg0= the apparent standard partial molal gibbs energy at the base point set the conventional entropy at the base point set the internal electronic entropy; this function is zero except for some actinide and rare earth species (it is used in criss-cobble method temperature extrapolations) v0= the partial molal heat capacity at the base point; there is no current provision for using this input in the current mcrt (as of 12/16/82) cp= the partial molal heat capacity at the base point; there is no current provision for using this input in the current mcrt (as of 12/16/82) log k= log of the equilibrium constant of the given reaction at the base point delhor= enthalpy of the given reaction at the base point delhor= enthalpy of the given reaction at the base point delh0r= enthalpy of the given reaction at the base point dels0r= entropy of the given reaction at the base point data for solid/gas species=

d= fourth heat capacity coefficient e= fifth heat capacity coefficient limit= upper limit (k) of the preceding set of heat capacity parameters: no t-p data grid this is either the upper limit of use based on the range of measurement or the temperature of a phase transition delhtr= enthalpy of a phase transition, if any delstr= entropy of a phase transition, if any t-p data grid indication line, followed by t-p data grid, if any temp, press, delg0, delh0, s0, v0 number of species appearing in a reaction, if a reaction follows number of moles of a species appearing in the reaction the name of the corresponding species log k= log of the equilibrium constant of the given reaction at the base point delh0r= enthalpy of the given reaction at the base point delh0r= entropy of the given reaction at the base point delh0r= entropy of the given reaction at the base point delh0r= "supcrt" refers to the supcrt code and data base (helgeson and

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APPENDIX B

Data blocks to be used in the DATAO file of the EQ3/6 package. This data blocks were produced by the MCRT program with the thermodynamic data listed in Appendix A. The DATAO file is reformatted into the DATA1, DATA2 and DATA3 files before its equilibrium constants may be used as input for the EQ3NR and EQ6 programs.

dfile mcrt.3245R65 u+++ mcrt (quality of uo2++ data = good)
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source= mcrt.3245R65 quality= good
charge= -6.0 titr. factor= 10.0 eq/mol
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 1.000 u 15.000 o 5.000 c
4 species in reaction=
 -1.000 u(co3)5 (6-) -5.000 h+ 1.000 u++++
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 14.2269 12.1965 -9.3475 5.9097
 1.4007 -3.3301 -8.5497 -14.6916
delvr grid (0-25-60-100/150-200-250-300 c) =
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