

είδική ταχύτης άντιδράσεως αύξανεται σημαντικώς μετά τής έλαττώσεως τής διηλεκτρικής σταθερᾶς τοῦ διαλύτου, καὶ έλαττούται μετά τής αύξήσεως τής ιοντικής ίσχύος, κατὰ τρόπον ύποδηλούντα ὅτι ἡ ρυθμίζουσα τὴν ταχύτητα άντιδρασις λαμβάνει χώραν μεταξύ μονοσθενῶν ιόντων άντιθέτου φορτίου.

Εἰς μηχανισμὸς άντιδράσεως ἐν συναρτήσει μετά τῶν ὡς δινῶ πειραματικῶν δεδομένων θεωρεῖται ὡς πιθανός. Ὁ μηχανισμὸς οὗτος δόηγει εἰς τὴν ἐπιτυχῆ πρόβλεψιν ὅτι ὑδατικὰ διαλύματα τοῦ διφαινυλο-ὑδροξυβορανίου δύνανται νὰ σταθεροποιηθοῦν διὰ τῆς προσθήκης ίσχυροῦ δέξεος.

Προσδιωρίσθησαν αἱ σταθεραὶ τῆς πρωτολυτικῆς διαστάσεως τοῦ διφαινυλοβορικοῦ δέξεος, δίδουσαι τὴν μετά τῆς θερμοκρασίας μεταβάλλομέ-

$$\text{ηην συνάρτησιν: } \text{pK}_a = 1.85 + \frac{1293}{T}, \text{ ἐκ τῆς δ-}$$

ποίας ἐλήφθησαν αἱ θερμοδυναμικαὶ συναρτήσεις τῆς πρωτολύσεως. Ἡ μεταβολὴ τῆς ἐντροπίας κατὰ τὴν πρωτόλυσιν δεικνύει ὅτι ίσχυρὰ ἐπίδρασις τῶν μορίων τοῦ ὑδατος ἀσκεῖται ἐπὶ τοῦ δέξεος πρὸ τῆς πρωτολύσεως.

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## The precision of the quantitative determination of hyponitrous acid by the precipitation method.

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The concentration of H<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, is determined by precipitation with AgNO<sub>3</sub> in a 100ml volumetric flask in weakly acid solution, and back titration of Ag<sup>+</sup> in the half of the filtrate. The mean, standard, and 90% - chance deviations of the method are found to be 2.15, 2.80, and 4.5 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mole/l respectively.

Three methods are available for the quantitative determination of hyponitrites in aqueous solution: precipitation as Ag<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, (1), oxidation by KMnO<sub>4</sub>, (2) and the spectrophotometric method (3). They have been used for determination of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> in alkaline solution.

Hyponitrous acid itself, in acid solution, has recently been the subject of a systematic kinetic investigation (4) by the authors. During this work the precipitation method was standardized as follows:

A sample (20-25ml) of the solution of H<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, is transferred to a 100 ml volumetric flask. Then an excess of a standard solution of AgNO<sub>3</sub> (20-25 ml, 0.1 N) is added and the mixture is, without undue delay, neutralized with 0.1 N NaOH up to the appearance of a brown precipitate (Ag<sub>2</sub>O). The latter is redissolved with a few mls of 0.1 N CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, and, finally, 5-10 ml of an acetate buffer solution (0.1 M CH<sub>3</sub>COOH

and 0.1 M CH<sub>3</sub>COONa) are added and the volume is brought to 100 ml. Thus a pH of about 4.5-5 is established, at which silver hyponitrite is practically insoluble (5) whereas silver oxide and carbonate are soluble.

The solution is next filtered through a dry hard filter paper into a dry conical flask. The first 1/3 - 1/4 of the filtrate is discarded. In 50 ml of the rest of the filtrate the excess of Ag<sup>+</sup> is titrated with 0.1N KSCN, after the addition of 10 ml 6N HNO<sub>3</sub> and 2 ml of a saturated solution of ferri-ammonium sulfate.

The results are not influenced by the order of mixing the solutions of H<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, and AgNO<sub>3</sub>. The same results are also found if the solution of H<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, is first added dropwise to an excess of NaOH, and precipitation follows. But slow neutralization of H<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, up to pink phenolphthaleine prior to the addition of AgNO<sub>3</sub>, as frequently recommended by early investigators

(6), should be avoided, because hyponitrites, as it has recently been shown (4,7), are much more unstable in neutral than in acid solution.

The precision of the method, as estimated below, is based on 37 sets of measurements each of which consisted of about 9 determinations. The concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , varied in the range 0.005 - 0.060 mole/l.

Within each set of measurements the probable value of the concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , was estimated by a least square method (8a), and the difference from the actually determined value was computed. The absolute value of this difference is referred to as  $\Delta$ .

The mean value of  $\Delta$  was  $2.15 \times 10^{-4}$  mole/l and the largest  $9.8 \times 10^{-4}$  mole/l. The standard deviation ( $s = [\sum \Delta^2/n]^{1/2}$ ) is  $s = 2.80 \times 10^{-4}$  mole/l.

The number of analyses whose  $\Delta$  fell within a certain range is shown in Table I. The distri-

Table I.— Distribution of the deviations

$a < \Delta \times 10^4 < b$	$n$	$a < \Delta \times 10^4 < b$	$n$
$a$	$b$	$a$	$b$
0.00 — 0.50	47	5.00 — 5.50	3
0.50 — 1.00	56	5.50 — 6.00	3
1.00 — 1.50	56	6.00 — 6.50	4
1.50 — 2.00	25	6.50 — 7.00	2
2.00 — 2.50	31	7.00 — 7.50	4
2.50 — 3.00	31	7.50 — 8.00	0
3.00 — 3.50	25	8.00 — 8.50	2
3.50 — 4.00	21	8.50 — 9.00	0
4.00 — 4.50	17	9.00 — 9.50	1
4.50 — 5.00	9	9.50 — 10.00	2
Total $n = 339$			

$\Delta$  in mole/l,  $n$ =number of determinations

bution of  $\Delta$  is very nearly as expected theoretically (8b). This is better shown in Fig. 1, in which the curve is theoretical (for the present value of  $s$ ) and the points express the results of Table I summed up successively and divided by 3.39.

The percent number of determinations whose  $\Delta$  is less than 1s, 2s, and 3s is 68.7, 94.7, and 98.5%, respectively, as compared to the theoretically expected (8b) values 68.27, 95.45, and 99.73%.

There is a 90% chance for the error to be less than  $4.5 \times 10^{-4}$ , i.e., about 1%, for moderately concentrated solutions of  $\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ .

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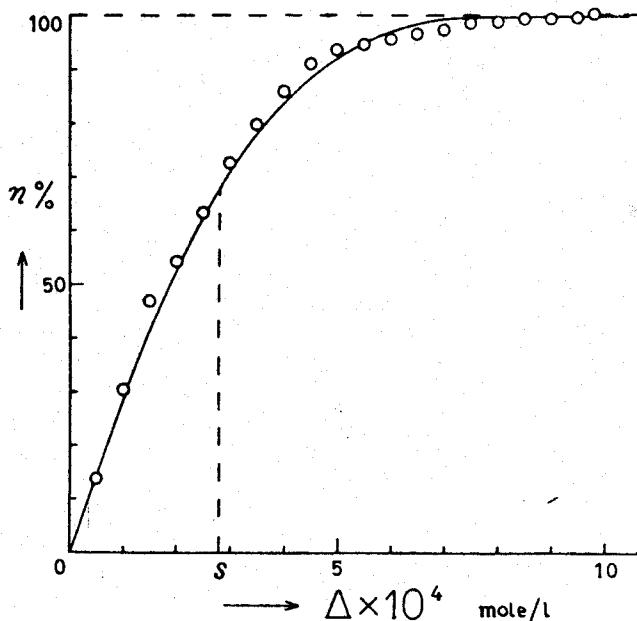


Fig. 1. Percent number of determinations having  $\Delta$  less than the value shown on the abscissa.

### ΠΕΡΙΛΗΨΙΣ

Η άκριβεια του ποσοτικού προσδιορισμού του υπονιτρώδους δείξος διά της μεθόδου της κατακρημνίσεως.

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Τὸ ὑπονιτρῶδες δὲν εἰς ἀσθενῶς δξινον διάλυμα προσδιορίζεται διὰ κατακρημνίσεως διά 0.1N  $\text{AgNO}_3$ , ἐντὸς δγκομετρικῆς φιόλης τῶν 100 ml, προσθήκης δξικοῦ ρυθμιστικοῦ καί, μετὰ διηθησιν, δπισθογκομετρήσεως τῆς περισσείας τῶν  $\text{Ag}^+$  εἰς τὸ ημισυ τοῦ διηθήματος. Η άκριβεια τῆς μεθόδου ύπολογίζεται ἐκ τῶν ἀποτελεσμάτων 339 προσδιορισμῶν. Η μεγίστη σημειωθείσα ἀπόκλισις ήτο  $9.8 \times 10^{-4}$  mole/l καί, ἀντιστοίχως, ή μέση 2.15 καὶ ἡ πρότυπος (standard deviation) 2.80. Τὸ σφάλμα ἔχει πιθανότητα 90%, νὰ μὴ ὑπερβαίνῃ τὴν τιμὴν  $4.5 \times 10^{-4}$  mole/l, ἥτοι, διὰ μετρίως ἀραιὰ διαλύματα  $\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , τὸ σφάλμα τῆς μεθόδου δὲν ὑπερβαίνει τὸ 1%.

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