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DEFINITION OF ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

Abbreviation or Acronym	Definition
A	pH correction factor
Cit ³ -	citrate anion, conjugate base of citric acid, C ₆ H ₅ O ₇ ³⁻
DI	de-ionized
DDI	deoxygenated de-ionized
EBSD	Electron backscatter diffraction
EDS	Energy dispersive system
EDTA ⁴⁻	ethylenediaminetetraacetate anion, C ₁₀ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₈ ⁴⁻
ES&H	Environmental Safety and Health
Fe(II)	ferrous iron
IC	Ion Chromatography
ICP-AES	Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy
m	molal (mol/kg H ₂ O)
M	molar (mol/L)
N_2	nitrogen gas
Ox ²⁻	oxalate anion, C ₂ O ₄ ²⁻ , conjugate base of oxalic acid
QA	quality assurance
SEM	Scanning electron microscope
SNL	Sandia National Laboratories
SNL/CPG	Sandia National Laboratories Carlsbad Programs Group
TP	Test Plan
WIPP	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
XRD	X-ray diffractometer

1 INTRODUCTION

Experimental studies at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) suggest that borate could potentially complex with Nd(III), an analog to Am(III). Therefore, a comprehensive thermodynamic model involving borate is needed to accurately describe the contributions of borate to the solubility of Am(III) in the WIPP brines, as the WIPP brines, both GWB and ERDA-6, contain significant concentrations of borate.

The purpose of this report is to summarize experimental data obtained to date under Test Plan TP 10-01, "Experimental Study of Thermodynamic Parameters of Borate in WIPP Relevant Brines at Sandia National Laboratories Carlsbad Facility" (Xiong, 2010). The data provided in this summary report addresses the solubility of WIPP-relevant solids and the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the aqueous species associated with those solids. Test Plan TP 10-01 supports the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's (WIPP's) geochemical model used to predict the solubilities of actinide species present in the repository.

In Test Plan TP 10-01, the solubility constants for boracite and hydroboracite, the formation constants for $FeB(OH)_4^+$ and $PbB_4O_7(aq)$, and the Pitzer interaction parameters for the species shown in Table 1-1 were identified for investigation in the initial phase of the test plan. The test plan allows for additional investigations as warranted by examining the results from the initial test phase.

All of the experimental set-ups have been initiated under this test plan. This report documents the experimental set-up and methods used first and foremost. Some of the measurements obtained so far under TP 10-01 are also reported in this report. In this report, experimental data concerning solubility of sodium tetraborate in NaCl, MgCl₂ and mixtures of NaCl and MgCl₂ are reported. The rest of the measurements obtained under TP10-01 will be reported in a series of subsequent documents.

Table 1-1 Ion-pairs identified for investigation in Test Plan TP 10-01a.

- 1. PbB(OH)₄⁺—Cl⁻ 2. PbB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²⁻
- 3. $Pb[B(OH)_4]_3^- Na^+$
- 4. Pb[B(OH)₄]₃—Mg²⁺
 5. MgB(OH)₄+—SO₄²⁻
 6. CaB(OH)₄+—SO₄²⁻

- 7. $NaB(OH)_4(aq) Na^+/C1^-$
- 8. NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻
 9. NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺—Na⁺
- 10. $PbB_4O_7(aq)$ — Na^+/Cl^-
- 11. $PbB_4O_7(aq)$ — Mg^{2+}/Cl^-
- 12. $PbB_4O_7(aq)-Mg^{2+}-Na^+$

^a Based on Table 5 of TP 10-01 (Xiong., 2010)

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

All supporting solutions were prepared from reagent grade chemicals from Fisher Scientific or its associated vendors, and DI water.

2.1 Solid Materials

Solids of interest were either purchased or synthesized. Solutions for synthesis were prepared using appropriate reagent grade commercial salts. Solid starting materials will be analyzed with the Bruker D8 X-ray diffractometer (XRD) and the JEOL JSM 5900LV scanning electron microscope (SEM) with a ThermoNORAN Vantage electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) and energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS).

2.2 Ion and Anion Concentration Measurements

Hydrogen ion concentrations (pcH) will be determined with pH readings measured with a Ross pH electrode with correction factors, *A*'s (Roselle, 2011). Concentrations of anions such as chloride will be determined by using the DIONEX 3000 ion chromatograph (IC).

2.3 Total Boron, Iron, Lead, and Sodium Concentrations

Elemental concentrations of interest will be determined by using the Perkin Elmer Optima DV 3300 inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometer (ICP-AES). Specifically, ICP-AES has been used to measure the total boron, total iron, total lead, and total sodium concentrations.

3 RESULTS

The following sections describe the preparation and results to date for determination of solubility and formation constants of the borate species and for ion-pairs listed in Table 1-1 in the order therein. For those experiments in which there are experimental results to be reported, each section has two types of tables; one to describe the experimental set-ups and the other to tabulate results to date. For the experiments in which experimental results are not reported at this time, tables of the first type are presented.

3.1 Experimental determination of solubility constants of boracite and hydroboracite

A literature review regarding solubility constants of boracite and hydroboracite indicate that reliable data for them are not available in the published literature. Anovitz and Hemingway (2002) gave a value of –6178.4 kJ mol⁻¹ for Gibbs free energy of formation of boracite. However, they derive this value from the unpublished data. The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the solubility constants of Mg₃B₇O₁₃Cl (boracite) and CaMgB₆O₈(OH)₆•3H₂O (hydroboracite) (Task 1 TP 10-01). These two chemicals are not commercially available. We have tried to synthesize them. XRD patterns indicate that there are significant amounts of boric acid remaining in the final products. A new synthesis recipe with LiBO₂ has been located. We are working to synthesize them with the new recipe. In addition, experiments concerning boracite and hydroboracite from supersaturation have been initiated. After sufficient time, solid samples will be sampled for analysis of XRD patterns.

Table 3-1. Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of solubility constants of boracite and hydroboracite.

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Set-up ID	$Mg_2B_2O_{12}Cl(g)$	MgCl ₂ (m)	Reference



3.2 Experimental Determination of the formation constant of FeB(OH)₄⁺

The formation constant of FeB(OH)₄⁺ is not available in the literature. Iron could be one of the ions that complexes strongly with borate and therefore competes with the actinides for complexation with borate. The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the formation constant of FeB(OH)₄⁺ (Task 2 TP 10-01).

The experimental set-up for determination of the formation constant of FeB(OH)₄⁺ is listed in Table 3–2. In Table 3-2, the experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown. The solid phase, Fe₂Cl(OH)₃, was synthesized. Brines were prepared from DI water, reagent grade H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved iron concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as boron) are to be determined.

Table 3-2 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of formation constant of FeB(OH)₄⁺

Set-up ID	Fe ₂ Cl(OH) ₃ (g)	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
FeB(OH) ₄ -0.01B-1	1.516	0.01	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 53
FeB(OH) ₄ -0.02B-1	1.501	0.02	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 53
FeB(OH) ₄ -0.03B-1	1.533	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 53
$FeB(OH)_4$ -0.01B-2	1.518	0.01	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 53
FeB(OH) ₄ -0.02B-2	1.506	0.02	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 53
FeB(OH) ₄ -0.03B-2	1.518	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 53

3.3 Experimental Determination of the formation constant of PbB₄O₇(aq)

The formation constant of PbB₄O₇(aq) is not available in the literature. In light of borate concentrations in GWB (0.178 m) (or 0.0445 m if it is expressed as B₄O₇²⁻) and ERDA-6 (0.0704 m) (or 0.0176 m if it is expressed as B₄O₇²⁻) (Xiong, 2008) at which tetraborate species are expected to be significant, PbB₄O₇(aq) could be an important species. The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the formation constant of PbB₄O₇(aq) (Task 3 TP 10-01).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-3. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Supporting solutions were prepared from DI water, reagent grade NaClO₄ (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved lead and boron concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sodium) are to be determined.

Table 3-3. Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of the formation constant of PbB₄O₇(aq).

Set-up ID	PbO (g)	NaClO ₄ (m)	Total B Concentration (m)	Reference
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.1ClO ₄ -1	2.0003	0.10	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.2ClO ₄ -1	2.0006	0.20	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.3ClO ₄ -1	2.0001	0.30	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.4ClO ₄ -1	2.0004	0.40	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.45ClO ₄ -1	2.0003	0.45	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.1ClO ₄ -2	2.0000	0.10	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.2ClO ₄ -2	2.0003	0.20	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.3ClO ₄ -2	2.0001	0.30	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.4ClO ₄ -2	2.0008	0.40	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.45ClO ₄ -2	2.0009	0.45	N/A	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 20
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.1B ₄ O ₇ -1	2.0006	N/A	0.13	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.2B ₄ O ₇ -1	2.0011	N/A	0.27	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
$PbB_4O_7-0.3B_4O_7-1$	2.0001	N/A	0.40	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.4B ₄ O ₇ -1	2.0004	N/A	0.53	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.45B ₄ O ₇ -1	2.0015	N/A	0.60	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.1B ₄ O ₇ -2	2.0001	N/A	0.13	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.2B ₄ O ₇ -2	2.0012	N/A	0.27	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.3B ₄ O ₇ -2	2.0004	N/A	0.40	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.4B ₄ O ₇ -2	2.0008	N/A	0.53	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21
PbB ₄ O ₇ -0.45B ₄ O ₇ -2	2.0003	N/A	0.60	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 21

3.4 Experimental Determination of Pitzer Interaction Parameters Relevant to the WIPP Brines

As identified in Table 1-1, there are several Pitzer interaction parameters important to the WIPP brines, which are not in the current WIPP thermodynamic database. These interaction parameters are important for accurate prediction of actinide solubilities in the WIPP brines, which will directly support the future actinide solubility calculations for PA. In these experiments, experimental efforts are focused on determination of the Pitzer interaction parameters between PbB(OH)₄⁺ and Cl⁻, and between PbB(OH)₄⁺ and SO₄²⁻. The results for PbB(OH)₄⁺ will be used as analogs for interaction parameters of FeB(OH)₄⁺ with Cl⁻ and SO₄²⁻. The formation constant of FeB(OH)₄⁺ will be determined independently as mentioned before. The usage of interaction parameters of PbB(OH)₄⁺ as analogs for FeB(OH)₄⁺ is because both lead(II) and iron(II) are chemically similar, and PbB(OH)₄⁺ and FeB(OH)₄⁺ have the same

charge. Therefore, the interaction parameters of PbB(OH)₄⁺ will be good analogs for FeB(OH)₄⁺. The objective of these experiments is to determine the Pitzer interaction parameters for the species interactions shown in Table 1-1 (Task 4 TP 10-01).

3.4.1 PbB(OH)₄⁺—Cl⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "PbB(OH)₄+—Cl⁻" (Item 1, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-4. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Brines were prepared from DI water, reagent grade NaCl (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved lead and boron concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as chloride) are to be determined.

Table 3-4. Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of PbB(OH)₄⁺—Cl⁻ Interactions.

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Set-up ID	PbO (g)	NaCl (m)	$H_3BO_3(m)$	Reference
PbB(OH) ₄ -0.01Cl-1	2.0019	0.010	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -0.1Cl-1	2.0023	0.10	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.0Cl-1	2.0045	1.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -2.0Cl-1	2.0017	2.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -3.0Cl-1	2.0013	3.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -4.0Cl-1	2.0018	4.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -5.0Cl-1	1.9999	5.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -0.01Cl-2	2.0065	0.010	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -0.1Cl-2	2.0047	0.10	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.0Cl-2	2.0020	1.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -2.0Cl-2	2.0092	2.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -3.0Cl-2	2.0021	3.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -4.0Cl-2	2.0040	4.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8
PbB(OH) ₄ -5.0Cl-2	2.0006	5.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 8

3.4.2 PbB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "PbB(OH)₄+ $-SO_4^{2-}$ " (Item 2, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-5. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Brines were prepared from DI water, Na₂SO₄ (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Pb concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sulfate, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-5 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of PbB(OH)₄⁺-SO₄²⁻ Interactions.

Set-up ID	PbO (g)	Na ₂ SO ₄ (m)	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
PbB(OH) ₄ -0.01SO ₄ -1	1.9955	0.010	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
$PbB(OH)_{4}-0.1SO_{4}-1$	2.0033	0.10	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
$PbB(OH)_{4}-0.5SO_{4}-1$	1.9988	0.50	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.0SO ₄ -1	2.0038	1.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.5SO ₄ -1	2.0046	1.5	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.8SO ₄ -1	2.0069	1.8	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
$PbB(OH)_{4}-0.01SO_{4}-2$	2.0013	0.010	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
$PbB(OH)_{4}-0.1SO_{4}-2$	2.0034	0.10	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
$PbB(OH)_{4}-0.5SO_{4}-2$	2.0081	0.50	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.0SO ₄ -2	2.0087	1.0	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.5SO ₄ -2	2.0010	1.5	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9
PbB(OH) ₄ -1.8SO ₄ -2	2.0072	1.8	0.0010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 9

3.4.3 Pb[B(OH)₄]₃⁻—Na⁺ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "Pb[B(OH)₄]₃—Na⁺" (Item 3, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-6. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Brines were prepared from DI water, NaCl (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Pb concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sulfate, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-6 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of Pb[B(OH)₄]₃⁻—Na⁺ Interactions.

Set-up ID	PbO (g)	NaCl (m)	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
PbB3-0.01Na-1	2.0129	0.010	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-0.1Na-1	2.0045	0.10	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-1.0Na-1	2.0303	1.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-2.0Na-1	2.0117	2.1	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-3.0Na-1	2.0057	3.2	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-4.0Na-1	2.0029	4.4	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-5.0Na-1	2.0130	5.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-0.01Na-2	2.0365	0.010	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-0.1Na-2	2.0372	0.10	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-1.0Na-2	2.0133	1.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-2.0Na-2	2.0130	2.1	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-3.0Na-2	2.0043	3.2	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-4.0Na-2	2.0047	4.4	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10
PbB3-5.0Na-2	2.0114	5.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 10

3.4.4 Pb[B(OH)₄]₃—Mg²⁺ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "Pb[B(OH)₄]₃—Mg²⁺" (Item 4, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-7. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Brines were prepared from DI water, MgCl₂•6H₂O (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Pb concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as chloride, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-7 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of Pb[B(OH)₄]₃—Mg²⁺ Interactions.

Set-up ID	PbO (g)	MgCl ₂ (m)	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
PbB3-0.01Mg-1	2.0011	0.010	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-0.1Mg-1	2.0123	0.10	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-1.0Mg-1	2.0156	1.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-1.5Mg-1	2.0027	1.5	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-2.0Mg-1	2.0009	2.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-2.5Mg-1	2.0117	2.5	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-0.01Mg-2	2.0198	0.010	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-0.1Mg-2	2.0160	0.10	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-1.0Mg-2	2.0221	1.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-1.5Mg-2	2.0153	1.5	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-2.0Mg-2	2.0118	2.0	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11
PbB3-2.5Mg-2	2.0096	2.5	0.03	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 11

3.4.5 MgB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "MgB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²-" (Item 5, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-8. The solid phase, Mg(OH)₂(cr), was purchased from Fisher Scientific. Brines were prepared from DI water, Na₂SO₄ (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher). Notice that the boron concentrations listed in TP10-01 for this set of experiments were not final concentrations. To be provident, lower boron concentrations were used to avoid MgB(OH)₄⁺ to become a dominant species.

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Pb concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sulfate, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-8 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of MgB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²⁻ Interactions.

Set-up ID	$Mg(OH)_2(g)$	$Na_2SO_4(m)$	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
MgB(OH) ₄ -0.01SO ₄ -1	2.0008	0.010	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -0.1SO ₄ -1	2.0004	0.10	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -0.5SO ₄ -1	2.0007	0.50	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -1.0SO ₄ -1	2.0000	1.0	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -1.5SO ₄ -1	2.0007	1.5	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -1.8SO ₄ -1	2.0008	1.8	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
$MgB(OH)_4-0.01SO_4-2$	2.0000	0.010	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -0.1SO ₄ -2	2.0003	0.10	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -0.5SO ₄ -2	2.0000	0.50	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -1.0SO ₄ -2	2.0000	1.0	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -1.5SO ₄ -2	2.0007	1.5	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13
MgB(OH) ₄ -1.8SO ₄ -2	2.0001	1.8	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 13

3.4.6 CaB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "CaB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²⁻" (Item 6, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-9. The solid phase, Ca(OH)₂ (Fisher), was purchased from Fisher Scientific. Brines were prepared from DI water, Na₂SO₄ (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher). Notice that the boron concentrations listed in TP10-01 for this set of experiments were not final concentrations. To be provident, lower boron concentrations were used to avoid MgB(OH)₄⁺ to become a dominant species.

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Ca concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sulfate, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-9 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of CaB(OH)₄⁺—SO₄²⁻ Interactions.

Set-up ID	$Ca(OH)_2(g)$	$Na_2SO_4(m)$	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
CaB(OH) ₄ -0.01SO ₄ -1	2.0006	0.010	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-0.1SO_{4}-1$	2.0007	0.10	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-0.5SO_{4}-1$	2.0000	0.50	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
CaB(OH) ₄ -1.0SO ₄ -1	2.0000	1.0	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-1.5SO_{4}-1$	2.0008	1.5	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-1.8SO_{4}-1$	2.0000	1.8	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-0.01SO_{4}-2$	2.0009	0.010	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-0.1SO_{4}-2$	2.0008	0.10	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-0.5SO_{4}-2$	2.0009	0.50	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-1.0SO_{4}-2$	2.0006	1.0	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
$CaB(OH)_{4}-1.5SO_{4}-2$	2.0003	1.5	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14
CaB(OH) ₄ -1.8SO ₄ -2	2.0007	1.8	0.001	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 14

3.4.7 NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻" (Item 7, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-10. The solid phase, Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O, was purchased from Fisher Scientific. Brines were prepared from DI water and NaCl (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved B concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sodium and chloride) are to be determined. Experimental results gathered to date are shown in Table 3-11.

Table 3-10 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions.

Set-up ID	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ •10H ₂ O (g)	NaCl(m)	Reference
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-1	5.0024+5.0009*	0.010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-1	5.0031+4.9992*	0.10	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-1	5.0005	1.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-1	5.0094	2.1	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-1	5.0073	3.2	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-1	5.0011	4.4	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-1	5.0086	5.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-2	5.0057+4.9989*	0.010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-2	5.0064+5.0007*	0.10	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-2	5.0098	1.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-2	5.0066	2.1	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-2	5.0053	3.2	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-2	5.0097	4.4	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-2	5.0092	5.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 4

^{*}Additional amounts of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O added.

Table 3-11 Measured data for the solubility of $Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$ in NaCl solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻" experiment). pH reading measurements.

Set-up ID	pH ^a (132 days)	pH ^a (278 days)	pH ^a (327 days)	pH ^a (377 days)	pH ^a (425 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-1	9.10	9.28	9.33	9.39	9.35
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-1	8.95	9.24	9.24	9.30	9.24
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-1	8.55	8.89	8.94	8.94	8.89
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-1	8.34	8.68	8.67	8.7 1	8.64
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-1	8.33	8.48	8.52	8.53	8.48
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-1	8.22	8.40	8.44	8.42	8.36
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-1	8.05	8.21	8.22	8.25	8.21
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-2	9.03	9.28	9.28	9.38	9.31
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-2	8.93	9.22	9.20	9.31	9.23
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-2	8.57	8.88	8.95	8.94	8.88
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-2	8.49	8.66	8.68	8.7 1	8.65
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-2	8.29	8.45	8.47	8.52	8.45
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-2	8.23	8.39	8.45	8.43	8.38
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-2	8.04	8.22	8.26	8.27	8.22
Reference	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 77	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 13	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 48	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 70

^a Measured with pH electrode and pH meter.

Table 3-11 (Continued) Measured data for the solubility of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O in NaCl solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻" experiment). Boron concentration measurements.

Set-up ID	Boron, m ^a (132 days)	Boron, m ^a (278 days)	Boron, m ^a (327 days)	Boron, m ^a (377 days)	Boron, m ^a (425 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-1	5.15E-01	4.88E-01	4.82E-01	5.13E-01	5.14E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-1	4.35E-01	4.11E-01	4.36E-01	4.68E-01	5.31E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-1	1.79E-01	1.90E-01	2.07E-01	2.14E-01	2.21E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-1	1.57E-01	1.55E-01	1.60E-01	1.68E-01	1.71E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-1	1.39E-01	1.43E-01	1.51E-01	1.53E-01	1.61E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-1	1.65E-01	1.39E-01	1.51E-01	1.52E-01	1.58E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-1	1.45E-01	1.41E-01	1.51E-01	1.52E-01	1.59E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-2	5.09E-01	4.95E-01	5.08E-01	5.09E-01	5.32E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-2	4.17E-01	4.15E-01	4.30E-01	4.82E-01	4.58E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-2	1. 94E-0 1	9.95E-02	2.10E-01	2.31E-01	2.22E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-2	1.47E-01	1.52E-01	1.61E-01	1.71E-01	1.71E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-2	1.43E-01	1.40E-01	1.57E-01	1.49E-01	1.56E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-2	1.51E-01	1.42E-01	1.47E-01	1.46E-01	1.54E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-2	1.46E-01	1.42E-01	1.58E-01	1.49E-01	1.62E-01
Reference	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 33-34	WIPP-Borate-2, Page 37	WIPP-Borate-2, Page 85	WIPP-Borate-4, Page 39-40	WIPP-Borate-4, Page 81-82

^a measured with ICP-AES.

Table 3-11 (Continued) Measured data for the solubility of $Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$ in NaCl solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)— Na^+/Cl^- " experiment). Sodium concentration measurements.

Set-up ID	Sodium, m ^a (132 days)	Sodium, m ^a (278 days)	Sodium, m ^a (327 days)	Sodium, m ^a (377 days)	Sodium, m ^a (425 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-1	2.50E-01	2.39E-01	2.51E-01	2.57E-01	2.50E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-1	3.03E-01	2.86E-01	2.96E-01	2.96E-01	3.40E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-1	8.89E-01	9.91E-01	1.02E-00	9.20E-01	9.74E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-1	2.02E-00	2.00E-00	2.01E-00	1.83E-00	1.90E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-1	3.07E-00	2.83E-00	2.82E-00	2.55E-00	2.78E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-1	3.54E-00	3.42E-00	3.44E-00	3.09E-00	3.37E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-1	4.58E-00	4.49E-00	4.36E-00	4.17E-00	4.41E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.01-2	2.56E-01	2.39E-01	2.57E-01	2.45E-01	2.54E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-0.1-2	2.96E-01	2.83E-01	2.92E-01	3.17E-01	2.97E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-1.0-2	9.91E-01	1.02E-00	1.03E-00	1.02E-00	9.87E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-2.0-2	1.95E-00	1.95E-00	2.01E-00	1.94E-00	1.94E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-3.0-2	3.05E-00	2.71E-00	2.77E-00	2.42E-00	2.79E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-4.0-2	3.56E-00	3.28E-00	3.29E-00	3.25E-00	3.36E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -NaCl-5.0-2	4.63E-00	4.61E-00	4.57E-00	3.64E-00	4.50E-00
Reference	WIPP-Solubility-16,	WIPP-Borate-2,	WIPP-Borate-4,	WIPP-Borate-4,	WIPP-Borate-4,

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measured with ICP-AES

3.4.8 NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻" (Item 8, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-12. The solid phase, Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O, was purchased from Fisher Scientific. Brines were prepared from DI water and MgCl₂•6H₂O (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved B concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as magnesium and chloride) are to be determined. Experimental results gathered to date are shown in Table 3-13.

Table 3-12 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions.

Set-up ID	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ •10H ₂ O (g)	MgCl ₂ (m)	Reference
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -0.01Mg-1	5.0047+5.0012*	0.010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.1Mg-1$	5.0089+4.9996*	0.10	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.0Mg-1$	5.0012+5.0001*	1.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.5Mg-1$	5.0085+5.0010*	1.5	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-2.0Mg-1$	5.0008+5.0009*	2.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-2.5Mg-1$	5.0043+4.9997*	1.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7$ -0.01Mg-2	5.0099+5.0011*	0.010	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.1Mg-2$	5.0098+4.9988*	0.10	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.0Mg-2$	5.0067+4.9989*	1.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.5Mg-2$	5.0027+5.0012*	1.5	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
$Na_2B_4O_7-2.0Mg-2$	5.0028+5.0006*	2.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -2.5Mg-2	5.0032+5.0012*	1.0	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 5; WIPP-Borate-3, Page 39

^{*}Additional amounts of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O added.

Table 3-13 Measured data for the solubility of $Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$ in $MgCl_2$ solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl¬" experiment). pH reading measurements.

Set-up ID	pH ^a (135 days)	pH ^a (274 days)	pH ^a (322 days)	pH ^a (373 days)	pH ^a (421 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -0.01Mg-1	9.21	9.23	9.27	9.30	9.26
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.1Mg-1$	8.86	8.95	8.96	9.08	8.82
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -1.0Mg-1	6.94	7.02	7.02	6.90	6.80
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.5Mg-1$	7.03	7.25	7.25	7.40	7.37
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -2.0Mg-1	6.97	7.19	7.22	7.37	7.32
$Na_2B_4O_7-2.5Mg-1$	6.21	6.42	6.48	6.68	6.62
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.01Mg-2$	9.18	9.25	9.26	9.31	9.28
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.1Mg-2$	8.88	8.94	8.97	9.04	8.83
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.0Mg-2$	7.48	7.71	7.71	7.90	6.89
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.5Mg-2$	7.04	7.24	7.25	7.41	7.36
$Na_2B_4O_7$ -2.0Mg-2	6.99	7.18	7.23	7.37	7.32
$Na_2B_4O_7-2.5Mg-2$	6.21	6.40	6.47	6.69	6.62
Reference	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 80	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 13	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 48	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 73

^a Measured with pH electrode and pH meter.

Table 3-13 (Continued) Measured data for the solubility of $Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$ in $MgCl_2$ solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻⁻" experiment). Boron concentration measurements.

Set-up ID	Boron, m ^a (135 days)	Boron, m ^a (274 days)	Boron, m ^a (322 days)	Boron, m a, b (373 days)	Boron, m a, b (421 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -0.01Mg-1	5.16E-01	5.08E-01	4.98E-01	5.95E-01	5.49E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -0.1Mg-1	4.79E-01	4.85E-01	5.01E-01	6.90E-01	4.86E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.0Mg-1$	2.44E-01	2.19E-01	2.19E-01	3.92E-01	4.05E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.5Mg-1$	4.76E-01	3.31E-01	3.06E-01	5.64E-01	2.86E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -2.0Mg-1	4.90E-01	3.70E-01	3.27E-01	3.41E-01	2.83E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-2.5Mg-1$	5.18E-01	5.16E-01	5.01E-01	7.58E-01	4.89E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.01Mg-2$	5.10E-01	5.15E-01	5.11E-01	5.84E-01	5.50E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.1Mg-2$	4.68E-01	4.62E-01	4.87E-01	6.86E-01	4.74E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -1.0Mg-2	3.02E-01	4.29E-01	4.50E-01	3.19E-01	4.40E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -1.5Mg-2	4.66E-01	3.76E-01	3.26E-01	3.54E-01	2.86E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7$ -2.0Mg-2	4.98E-01	3.68E-01	3.21E-01	3.36E-01	2.93E-01

$Na_2B_4O_7$ -2.5Mg-2	5.20E-01	5.04E-01	5.16E-01	7.96E-01	5.16E-01
D - C	WIPP-Solubility-	WIPP-Borate-2,	WIPP-Borate-2,	WIPP-Borate-4,	WIPP-Borate-4,
Reference	16, Page 16	Page 39	Page 86	Page 39	Page 81-82

^a measured with ICP-AES. ^b Sampling that was performed after additional amounts of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O were added.

Table 3-13 (Continued) Measured data for the solubility of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O in MgCl₂ solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻" experiment). Sodium concentration measurements.

Set-up ID	Sodium, m ^a	Sodium, m ^a	Sodium, m ^a	Sodium, m a, b	Sodium, m a, b
	(135 days)	(274 days)	(322 days)	(373 days)	(421 days)
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.01Mg-1$	2.47E-01	2.43E-01	2.46E-01	2.66E-01	2.45E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-0.1Mg-1$	2.58E-01	2.56E-01	2.50E-01	3.09E-01	3.32E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-1.0Mg-1$	2.70E-01	2.68E-01	2.62E-01	4.81E-01	5.07E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -1.5Mg-1	2.71E-01	2.67E-01	2.65E-01	5.28E-01	5.19E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7$ -2.0Mg-1	2.78E-01	2.70E-01	2.67E-01	5.18E-01	5.17E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7-2.5Mg-1$	2.74E-01	2.65E-01	2.68E-01	5.08E-01	5.23E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7$ -0.01Mg-2	2.49E-01	2.46E-01	2.48E-01	2.66E-01	2.55E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -0.1Mg-2	2.54E-01	2.43E-01	2.45E-01	3.16E-01	3.37E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -1.0Mg-2	2.71E-01	2.59E-01	2.56E-01	4.85E-01	5.11E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -1.5Mg-2	2.63E-01	2.60E-01	2.66E-01	5.31E-01	5.34E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -2.0Mg-2	2.76E-01	2.71E-01	2.65E-01	5.03E-01	5.32E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7$ -2.5Mg-2	2.73E-01	2.63E-01	2.72E-01	4.82E-01	5.32E-01
Reference	WIPP-Solubility-	WIPP-Borate-2,	WIPP-Borate-4,	WIPP-Borate-4,	WIPP-Borate-4,
Telefolice	14, Page 77	Page 41	Page 6	Page 37	Page 69

^a measured with ICP-AES. ^b Sampling that was performed after additional amounts of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O were added.

3.4.9 NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺—Na⁺ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion triplet "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺—Na⁺" (Item 9, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-14. The solid phase, Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O, was purchased from Fisher Scientific. Brines were prepared from DI water, NaCl (Fisher) and MgCl₂•6H₂O (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved B concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as magnesium, sodium and chloride) are to be determined. Experimental results gathered to date are shown in Table 3-15.

Table 3-14 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of NaB(OH) $_4$ (aq)—Mg $^{2+}$ —Na $^+$ Interactions.

Set-up ID	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ •10H ₂ O (g)	NaCl (m)	MgCl ₂ (m)	Reference
No D.O. McCl. A.1	5.0048+4.9990*	5.0	0.500	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
$Na_2B_4O_7$ - $MgCl_2$ -A-1				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-1	5.0018+5.0011*	3.5	0.800	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
Na ₂ D ₄ O ₇ -NigCi ₂ -D-1				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -C-1	5.0088+4.9996*	3.0	1.25	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
14a2D4O7-141gC12-C-1				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -D-1	5.0082+5.0006*	2.0	1.50	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
1402D4O7-1418C12-D-1				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -E-1	5.0055+4.9994*	1.5	1.75	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
14a2D4O7-141gC12-L-1				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -F-1	5.0083+4.9997*	0.50	2.00	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
14a ₂ D ₄ O ₇ -141gC1 ₂ -1 - 1				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -A-2	5.0091+5.0003*	5.0	0.500	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
14a2D4O7-141gC12-A-2				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-2	5.0029+5.0008*	3.5	0.800	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
14a2D4O7-141gC12-D-2				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -C-2	5.0037+4.9998*	3.0	1.25	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
Na ₂ D ₄ O ₇ -NigCl ₂ -C-2				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -D-2	5.0017+5.0009*	2.0	1.50	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
14a2D4O7-141gC12-D-2				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -E-2	5.0063+4.9991*	1.5	1.75	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
1142D4O7-111gC12-E-2				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -F-2	5.0057+5.0007*	0.50	2.00	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 6;
11a2D4O7-11gC12-F-2				WIPP-Borate-3, Page 40

^{*}Additional amounts of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O added.

Table 3-15 Measured data for the solubility of $Na_2B_4O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$ in $NaCl + MgCl_2$ solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺—Na⁺" experiment). pH reading measurements.

Set-up ID	pH ^a (273 days)	pH ^a (322 days)	pH ^a (372 days)	pH ^a (421 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -A-1	7.69	7.70	7.79	7.72
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-1	7.62	7.61	7.68	7.61
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -C-1	7.29	7.28	7.44	7.38
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -D-1	7.18	7.17	7.36	6.76
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -E-1	7.02	7.03	7.20	7.09
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -F-1	6.88	6.94	7.07	6.93
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -A-2	7.72	7.72	7.80	7.72
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-2	7.61	7.61	7.68	7.61

Reference	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 80	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 17	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 49	WIPP-Borate-3, Page 73
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -F-2	6.47	6.50	6.59	6.51
$Na_2B_4O_7$ - $MgCl_2$ -E-2	6.71	6.63	6.75	6.42
$Na_2B_4O_7$ - $MgCl_2$ - D - 2	6.69	6.69	6.71	6.49
$Na_2B_4O_7$ - $MgCl_2$ - C - 2	7.29	7.28	7.46	7.33

^a Measured with pH electrode and pH meter; ^b calculated from initial NaCl concentrations and charge-balance on B, which is determined with ICP-AES, and the formula for calculation is

$$m_{Na} = m_{NaCl} + 2 \times \frac{m_{TotalBoron}}{4}$$
; c measured with ICP-AES

Table 3-15 (Continued) Measured data for the solubility of $Na_2B_4O_7 \bullet 10H_2O$ in $NaCl + MgCl_2$ solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺—Na⁺" experiment). Boron concentration measurements.

Set-up ID	Boron, m ^c (273 days)	Boron, m ^c (322 days)	Boron, m ^c (372 days)	Boron, m ^c (421 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -A-1	3.31E-01	3.54E-01	3.74E-01	3.63E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-1	5.10E-01	5.00E-01	5.13E-01	5.41E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -C-1	5.42E-01	5.07E-01	7.22E-01	5.92E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -D-1	5.51E-01	5.05E-01	9.00E-02	3.66E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -E-1	5.34E-01	5.16E-01	8.24E-02	3.79E-01
$Na_2B_4O_7$ -MgCl ₂ -F-1	5.33E-01	4.94E-01	4.89E-01	3.14E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -A-2	3.41E-01	3.52E-01	3.64E-01	3.67E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-2	5.00E-01	4.78E-01	5,28E-01	5.44E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -C-2	5.39E-01	5.02E-01	7.10E-01	6.02E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -D-2	2.81E-01	2.82E-01	5.34E-01	4.81E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -E-2	3.36E-01	2.99E-01	5.96E-01	4.68E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -F-2	3.03E-01	2.80E-01	3.83E-01	3.07E-01
Reference	WIPP-Borate-2, Page 44	WIPP-Borate-2, Page 88	WIPP-Borate-4, Page 39-40	WIPP-Borate-6, Page 19

^a Measured with pH electrode and pH meter; ^b calculated from initial NaCl concentrations and charge-balance on B, which is determined with ICP-AES, and the formula for calculation is

$$m_{Na} = m_{NaCl} + 2 \times \frac{m_{TotalBoron}}{4}$$
; c measured with ICP-AES

Table 3-15 (Continued) Measured data for the solubility of Na₂B₄O₇•10H₂O in NaCl + MgCl₂ solutions (the "NaB(OH)₄(aq)—Mg²⁺—Na⁺" experiment). Sodium concentration measurements.

Set-up ID	Na, m ^b (273 days)	Na, m ^b (322 days)	Na, m ^b (372 days)	Na, m ^b (421 days)
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -A-1	5.17E-00	5.18E-00	5.19E-00	5.18E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-1	3.76E-00	3.75E-00	3.76E-00	3.77E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -C-1	3.27E-00	3.25E-00	3.36E-00	3.30E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -D-1	2.28E-00	2.25E-00	2.04E-00	2.18E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -E-1	1.77E-00	1.76E-00	1.54E-00	1.69E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -F-1	7.67E-01	7.47E-01	7.44E-01	6.57E-01
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -A-2	5.17E-00	5.18E-00	5.18E-00	5.18E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -B-2	3.75E-00	3.74E-00	3.76E-00	3.77E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -C-2	3.27E-00	3.25E-00	3.35E-00	3.30E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -D-2	2.14E-00	2.14E-00	2.27E-00	2.24E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -E-2	1.67E-00	1.65E-00	1.80E-00	1.73E-00
Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ -MgCl ₂ -F-2	6.51E-01	6.40E-01	6.92E-01	6.54E-01
Reference	WIPP-Borate-2, Page 38	WIPP-Borate-4, Page 13	WIPP-Borate-4, Page 36	WIPP-Borate-4, Page 69

^a Measured with pH electrode and pH meter; ^b calculated from initial NaCl concentrations and chargebalance on B, which is determined with ICP-AES, and the formula for calculation is

$$m_{Na} = m_{NaCI} + 2 \times \frac{m_{TotalBoron}}{4}$$
; c measured with ICP-AES

3.4.10 PbB₄O₇(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for the ion pair "PbB₄O₇(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻" (Item 10, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-16. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Brines were prepared from DI water, NaCl (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Pb concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sodium, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-16 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of PbB₄O₇(aq)—Na⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions.

Set-up ID	PbO (g)	NaCl (m)	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
PbB ₄ (AQ)-0.01Na-1	2.0007	0.010	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-0.1Na-1	2.0001	0.10	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-1.0Na-1	2.0004	1.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-2.0Na-1	2.0001	2.1	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-3.0Na-1	2.0005	3.2	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-4.0Na-1	2.0002	4.4	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-5.0Na-1	2.0000	5.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-0.01Na-2	2.0005	0.010	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-0.1Na-2	2.0009	0.10	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-1.0Na-2	2.0012	1.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-2.0Na-2	2.0002	2.1	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-3.0Na-2	2.0000	3.2	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
$PbB_4(AQ)-4.0Na-2$	2.0012	4.4	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15
PbB ₄ (AQ)-5.0Na-2	2.0010	5.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 15

3.4.11 PbB₄O₇(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for ion pair "PbB₄O₇(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻" (Item 11, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-17. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Brines were prepared from DI water, MgCl₂•6H₂O (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher).

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Pb concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as magnesium, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-17 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of PbB₄O₇(aq)—Mg²⁺/Cl⁻ Interactions.

Set-up ID	PbO (g)	MgCl ₂ (m)	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
PbB ₄ (AQ)-0.01Mg-1	2.0004	0.010	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
$PbB_4(AQ)-0.1Mg-1$	2.0006	0.10	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
$PbB_4(AQ)-1.0Mg-1$	2.0001	1.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
PbB ₄ (AQ)-1.5Mg-1	2.0001	1.5	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
PbB ₄ (AQ)-2.0Mg-1	2.0002	2.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
PbB ₄ (AQ)-2.5Mg-1	2.0000	2.5	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
$PbB_4(AQ)-0.01Mg-2$	2.0006	0.010	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
$PbB_4(AQ)-0.1Mg-2$	2.0006	0.10	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
PbB ₄ (AQ)-1.0Mg-2	2.0000	1.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
$PbB_4(AQ)-1.5Mg-2$	2.0000	1.5	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
$PbB_4(AQ)-2.0Mg-2$	2.0009	2.0	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16
PbB ₄ (AQ)-2.5Mg-2	2.0000	2.5	0.30	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 16

3.4.12 PbB₄O₇(aq)—Mg²⁺—Na⁺ Interactions

The objective of this set of experiments is to determine the Pitzer ion-interaction parameters for ion triplet $PbB_4O_7(aq)$ — Mg^{2+} — Na^+ (Item 12, Table 1-1).

The experimental set-ups including initial brine molalities and mass of solid materials are shown below in Table 3-18. The solid phase, PbO, was purchased from MP Biomedicals. Brines were prepared from DI water, NaCl (Fisher), MgCl₂•6H₂O (Fisher), and H₃BO₃ (Fisher). In the initial set-up, H₃BO₃ was not added. After two samplings, H₃BO₃ was added. The objective of this strategy is to compare lead concentrations in the presence of H₃BO₃ with those in the absence of H₃BO₃, at similar ionic strengths.

The experimental set-ups are periodically monitored for pH and dissolved Pb concentrations. Once stable pH readings are achieved, concentrations of other dissolved components (such as sodium, magnesium, and borate) are to be determined.

Table 3-18 Preparation of experimental set-ups for investigation of $PbB_4O_7(aq)$ — Mg^{2+} — Na^+ Interactions.

Set-up ID	PbO (g)	NaCl (m)	MgCl ₂ (m)	H ₃ BO ₃ (m)	Reference
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -A-1	2.0000	5.0	0.500	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -B-1	2.0001	3.5	0.800	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -C-1	2.0009	3.0	1.25	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -D-1	2.0000	2.0	1.50	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -E-1	2.0000	1.5	1.75	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -F-1	2.0007	0.50	2.00	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -A-2	2.0012	5.0	0.500	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -B-2	2.0008	3.5	0.800	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -C-2	2.0000	3.0	1.25	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -D-2	2.0008	2.0	1.50	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -E-2	2.0007	1.5	1.75	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19
PbB ₄ (AQ)-MgCl ₂ -F-2	2.0011	0.50	2.00	0.3	WIPP-Borate-1, Page 19

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