COMPONENTS :	ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:
(1) Lithium phosphate; Li ₃ PO ₄ ; [10377-52-3]	Rosenheim, A.; Reglin, W.
(2) Water; H ₂ 0; [7732-18-5]	Z. Anorg. Chem. <u>1921</u> , 120, 103-19.
VARIABLES:	PREPARED BY:
One temperature: 25°C	J. Eysseltová and M. Salomon

EXPERIMENTAL VALUES:

The electrolytic conductances of satd Li₃PO₄ slns at 25°C were reported

experiment No.	$10^4 \kappa_{sln} / s cm^{-1}$	experiment No.	$10^4 \kappa_{sln}$ /S cm ⁻¹
1	20.1	5	9.43
2	11.5	6	9.24
3	10.8	7	9.24
4	9.51	8	9.25

The high κ_{sln} values for expts 1-3 were attributed to impurities and neglected. Based on the data from expts 4-8, the authors reported an ave $\kappa_{sln} = 9.40 \times 10^{-4} \text{S cm}^{-1}$ and $\kappa_{salt} = \kappa_{sln} - \kappa_{H_20} = 9.37 \times 10^{-4} \text{S cm}^{-1}$. The soly of Li₃PO₄ was calcd from

soly = $\frac{1000\kappa_{salt}}{3(\lambda_{Li}^{\omega} + \lambda_{PO_4}^{\omega})}$ = (7.688/3) x 10⁻³ mol dm⁻³ = 2.563 x 10⁻³ mol dm⁻³

 $\lambda^{\infty}(\text{Li}^+) = 39.7 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ and was taken from Kohlraush and Holborn (1). $\lambda^{\infty}(\frac{1}{3}\text{PO}_4^{3-}) = 82.3 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ was estimated by Bottger (2): both values correspond to 25 C. In the original calculation, the authors neglected to multiply κ_{salt} by 1000, and hence report a solubility too low by this factor. The author's calcus are also subject to rounding off errors amounting to an error of around +1% in the final value for the soly. Additional errors involve the uncertainties in the λ^{∞} values. Although these errors are significant, they are relatively minor to the error involved in neglecting the hydrolysis of the PO_3^- ion. The effect of hydrolysis on the calcu of the soly from conductivity data is discussed in detail in the critical evaluation.

AUXILIARY INFORMATION

METHOD/APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:	SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS:
The soly could not be detd by "standard" methods due to the formation of a fine colloid which could not be removed by filtration. The soly was therefore detd by the conductivity method. Equilibration was attained by shaking at 25°C for 14-21 d. Eight slns were prepared using the same solid phase, but with successive renewal of the water. Initial impurities, as implied by the high κ values of slns 1-3, were assumed to have been completely removed by this washing by the fourth experiment. The electrolytic conductivity of the water was reported to be κ_{H_20} for experiments 4-8, the authors reported an average electrolytic conductivity of $\kappa_{Sln} = 9.40 \times 10^{-4} \text{s cm}^{-1}$. However the compilers compute an average value of $\kappa_{sln} = 9.33 \times 10^{-4} \text{s cm}^{-1}$, and the electrolytic conductivity of the salt is then $\kappa_{salt} = \kappa_{sln} - \kappa_{H_20} = 9.30 \times 10^{-4} \text{s cm}^{-1}$	 Li₃PO₄·2H₂O was pptd from aq H₃PO₄ with excess LiOH. The dihydrate was washed, air dried at about 16°C and analysed with the following results: Li 13.50, 13.66 mass% found (16.67% calcd); PO₄ 62.53, 62.46 mass% found (62.58% calcd); H₂O 23.90, 23.78% found (23.72% calcd). Drying at 60°C for several days gave the hemihydrate which analysed as Li₃PO₄·½H₂O. Presumably conductivity water was used for prep of slns and washing of ppts. The compilers assume that Li₃PO₄·2H₂O was used as the starting ESTIMATED ERROR: material for all experiments. Nothing specified. The compilers assume the experimental precision to be around ± 1 x 10⁻⁶ S cm⁻¹. The std dev in κ_{salt} is 4.2 x 10⁻⁶ S cm⁻¹. REFERENCES: Kohlrausch, F.; Holborn, O. Das Leitvermögen der Elektrolyte. II Auflage, 1916, Tab. 8a. Böttger, W. Z. Phys. Chem. 1903, 46, 596.

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