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### Abstract:

This report provides an update off the Nagra/PSI Chemical Thermodynamic Data Base 01/01 (Hummel et al. 2002) with respect to selenium. Most information on compounds complexes and solid phases reported was taken from the NEA review of the „Chemical Thermodynamics of Selenium“ by Olin et al. (2005). More recent data were taken from corresponding publications (e.g. on barium selenates, Rai et al. 2014) when available, or from inhouse work (e.g. solubility of Se(0)).

The updated database will be called PSI/Nagra Chemical Thermodynamic Database 12/07. The numbering of paragraphs and equilibria in the present report was selected according to the summarising PSI database report.

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## 7 Selenium

### 7.1 Introduction

Intermediate updates of the Nagra/PSI thermodynamic database 01/01 (Hummel et al. (2002) concerning selenium had been performed mainly based on a comprehensive review of Séby et al. (2001), but was never reported as a separate TDB update report. In the meantime the OECD NEA Thermodynamic Database (TDB) project on selenium has finished (Olin et al. 2005). The present chapter provides and discusses the equilibria selected from Olin et al. (2005) for the PSI/Nagra Chemical Thermodynamic Database 12/07.

The compilation of Séby et al. (2001) and the NEA report Olin et al. (2005) list a large number of "solubility products" for metal selenates, -selenites and -selenides. However, selenates and selenites often have high solubilities and it is questionable, whether such solids will ever be solubility limiting phases in environmental systems or not. We therefore restricted our selection to solubility products for use in systems relevant to radioactive waste management. On the other hand, many metal selenides are reported to have extremely low solubility products (similar to the sulfides; the winner in this list is PtSe with a  $\log_{10}K_{so}$  of -81.4!). In database applications these low solubility products have then to be "compensated" with rather high complex formation constants for the neutral complexes, in order to describe expected/measured solute concentrations. We do not think that such data should flow into the update in their present state, particularly when reliable solubility data for neutral complexes are missing (note that exceptions were made in the report for silver- and mercury selenides).

The NEA review volumes provide tables with selected SIT coefficients for the interaction of cations with  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ , and  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , and of anions with  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ , and  $\text{K}^+$ . Since numerous ion interaction coefficients of selenium species are not known, we used an estimation method based on charge correlations by Hummel (2009) to fill the gaps. The selected ion interaction coefficients are listed in Table 7.2.

### 7.2 Elemental selenium

Based on Gaur et al. (1981), Olin et al. (2005) recommend

$$S^\circ_{\text{m}}(\text{Se, trigonal, 298.15 K}) = (42.09 \pm 0.33) \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1},$$

$$C^\circ_{\text{p,m}}(\text{Se, trigonal, 298.15 K}) = (25.09 \pm 0.30) \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}.$$

for the trigonal elemental selenium, also termed Se(cr). The unusual analytical heat capacity expression from the original source was re-evaluated to the standard form:

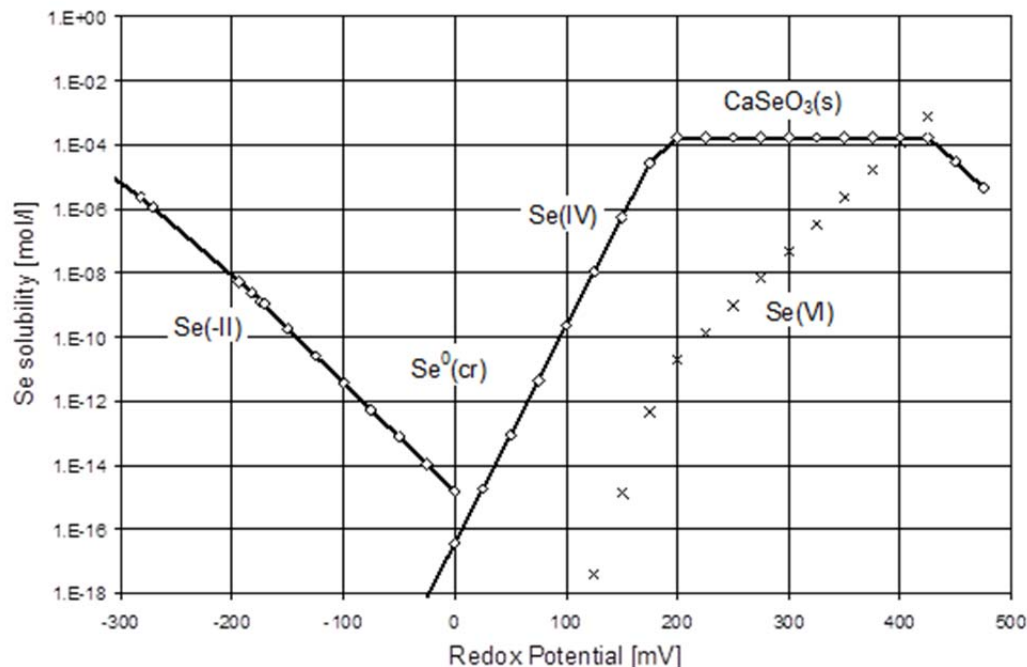
$$C^\circ_{\text{p,m}}(\text{Se, trigonal, 298.15 – 500 K}) = \\ = (24.8014 + 1.2859 \cdot 10^{-3} T + 9.9273 \cdot 10^{-6} T^2 - 0.8713 \cdot 10^{-5} T^3) \text{ J K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Note that an earlier recommendation by Grenthe et al. (1992), based on the work of Grønvold et al. (1984), provided  $(42.27 \pm 0.05) \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$  for  $S^\circ_{\text{m}}(\text{Se, trigonal, 298.15 K})$ , the molal entropy of elemental selenium.

#### 7.2.1 Solubility of elemental selenium

Earlier applications of the thermodynamic data for selenium (Berner 2002, 2002a) demonstrate a rather deep minimum of calculated selenium solubilities between the stability fields of Se(-II) and Se(IV) (Figure 7.1). Such behavior is chemically unreasonable and most likely indicates

missing solution species. A reasonable candidate for such a missing species is  $\text{Se}_x^0(\text{aq})$ . Indeed, Hummel (2013) found evidence in the literature that a few elements (metals) from the groups 11 to 16 (exhibiting a B-type character) may dissolve in aqueous solution as neutral species.



**Figure 7.1:** Solubility of Se in bentonite pore water at pH 7.3 as a function of system Eh, taken from Berner (2002). All solution parameters except Eh were kept constant.

Olin et al. (2005) debate on the formation of the polyselenides  $\text{Se}_2^{2-}$ ,  $\text{Se}_3^{2-}$ , and  $\text{Se}_4^{2-}$  in equilibrium with  $\text{Se}(\text{cr})$  and provide a model and thermodynamic data (see below). They do, however, not mention the potential formation of  $\text{Se}_8^0(\text{aq})$  in equilibrium with  $\text{Se}(\text{cr})$ .

In the chemically similar sulfur system the solubility of elemental sulfur is well established. In contact with solid sulfur  $\text{S}_8(\text{s})$  Boulegue (1978) and Kamishny Jr. (2009) measured  $\text{S}_8^0(\text{aq})$  solubilities of  $(1.9 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^{-8}$  and  $(3.01 \pm 1.04) \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  in water. With  $(2.63 \pm 0.04) \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$  Wang and Tessier (2009) reported a value between the former two solubilities. Taking the average of these values, the solubility of elemental sulfur may be estimated with a rather high precision  $((2.63 \pm 0.13) \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  of  $\text{S}_8^0(\text{aq})$ ).

For many processes the analogy among sulfur and selenium is well established. If this analogy is also applied to the solubility of selenium, one obtains

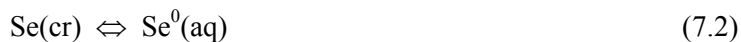


$$K_s^\circ(7.1) = (2.63 \pm 0.13) \cdot 10^{-8}$$

Solid selenium forms a modification with a (distorted) structure similar to that of rhomboedric  $\text{S}_8(\alpha)$ . The formation of  $\text{Se}_8(\text{aq})$  is not confirmed by experimental studies but may be surmised from the polyselenide model accepted by Olin et al. (2005). It should be noted that the few experimental studies justifying the polyselenide model were conducted at millimolar solutions of selenide. This means that trace concentrations of neutral  $\text{Se}_8(\text{aq})$  would disappear as undetectable within the analytical error. However, if compared to the formerly calculated minimum of about  $10^{-15} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  (Figure 7.1), trace concentrations of about  $10^{-7} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  constitute an increase of about 8 orders of magnitude in the Eh range of  $\sim 0 \text{ mV}$ . From a point of

view of applying thermodynamic data to real systems the assumption of a species  $\text{Se}_8(\text{aq})$  would consistently meet the requirements of the missing species.

However, for practical use it's suggested to establish an equilibrium of the form



with

$$K_s(7.2) = 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

The uncertainty of this value is unclear, from  $K_s(7.1)$  one would calculate  $(\pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-7}$ . The value of  $K_s(7.2)$  is in the range from  $\sim 10^{-9} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  to about  $2 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  and we propose using the upper end of this range for the solubility of elemental selenium.

From equilibrium (7.2), using  $\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Se}(\text{cr}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = 0$ , one derives

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Se}^0(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = 38.24 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

or, similarly,

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Se}_8(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (43.27 \pm 0.12) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

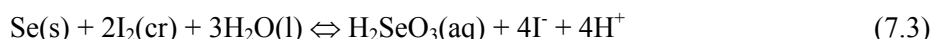
The equilibrium (7.2) (as well as the corresponding  $\Delta_f G^\circ_m$ -values) are not included in the TDB 12/07. It is, however, recommended to use equilibrium (7.2) to fill an obvious gap in the database when the calculation of selenium solubilities becomes an important task.

### 7.3 Redox equilibria in the selenium system

There are nearly no studies concerning the redox equilibria among the relevant oxidation states  $\text{Se}(\text{IV})/\text{Se}(\text{VI})$  and  $\text{Se}(\text{IV})/\text{Se}(0)$ , which seems to be a consequence of slow reaction rates. Additionally, it has been demonstrated by Runnels et al. (1987) that redox potentials measured by Pt electrodes are not affected by the ratio of  $\text{Se}(\text{IV})/\text{Se}(\text{VI})$  present in solution. Hence, one should not be astonished at the fact that Olin et al. (2005) were forced to base their evaluation on one single experimental investigation for each redox couple.

#### 7.3.1 The $\text{Se}(\text{IV})/\text{Se}(0)$ couple

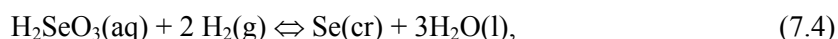
For the equilibrium



Olin et al. (2005) evaluated  $\log_{10} K^\circ((7.3), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(13.831 \pm 0.021)$ , based on data from Schott et al. (1928), activity coefficients for hydroiodic acid taken from Pearce et al. (1923) and based on corrections for side reactions including the solubility of iodine, the formation of triiodide and the dissociation of  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq})$ . Olin et al. (2005) observed that improving the equilibria for the side reactions did not significantly change the resulting constant. They further noted an inconsistency with the state of solid selenium, which was probably not in its standard state. However, based on their assessment of the experimental procedure they concluded that "*the specimen was most likely close enough to the standard state activity*". Additional re-evaluations using activity data from Harned and Robinson (1941) and using an SIT approach ( $\varepsilon(\text{H}^+, \text{ClO}_4^-) = 0.12$ ,  $\varepsilon(\text{H}^+, \text{I}^-) = 0.18 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  and  $\varepsilon(\text{H}^+, \text{ClO}_4^-) = 0.014 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ) gave similar results for  $\log_{10} K^\circ(7.3)$ . Therefore, Olin et al (2005) selected

$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.3), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(13.90 \pm 0.10).$$

For the reaction



Using the Gibbs energy of formation of  $-(51.734 \pm 0.112) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  for  $\Gamma^-$  one obtains

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ((7.4), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(286.24 \pm 0.84) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}, \text{ or}$$

$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.4), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (50.15 \pm 0.15).$$

The standard electrode potential for the redox couple  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq}) + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Se}(\text{cr}) + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$  is thus  $E^\circ(298.15 \text{ K}) = (0.742 \pm 0.002) \text{ V}$ , which agrees with the  $0.740 \text{ V}$  from Latimer (1956) and with  $(0.745 \pm 0.004) \text{ V}$  from Osman-Zade and Vagramyan (1966). Séby et al. (2001) reported an additional independent study (Nevskii et al. 1968) that seems to confirm the above results, but this last study was not considered in Olin et al. (2005).

Combining  $\Delta_f G_m^\circ((7.4), 298.15 \text{ K})$  with  $\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(237.140 \pm 0.041) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  produces

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(425.18 \pm 0.85) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### 7.3.2 The Se(VI)/Se(IV) couple

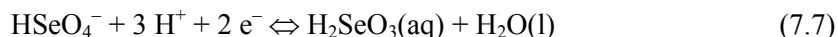
Sherill and Izard (1928) investigated the reactions



and



in 7 to 8 m HCl and 0.2 to 0.4 m HBr, respectively, and measured the equilibrium concentrations by chemical analysis. They made assumptions on the relative acidity constants of  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_4^-$ , neglected the activity of uncharged species, took mean activity coefficients (based on HCl or HBr) for monovalent ions and used the water activity from vapour pressure data (which were later on confirmed by data from Harned et al. 1936 and Åkerlöf and Teare 1937). Obviously, Olin et al. (2005) accepted the results given by Sherill and Izard (1928) as were, because the reference is not further discussed in their chapter "Appendix A: discussion of selected references". For the further evaluation, Olin et al. (2005) used  $\log_{10} K^\circ((7.5), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(9.148 \pm 0.057)$  ( $\Delta_r G_m^\circ = -52.217 \pm 0.325 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ) and  $\log_{10} K^\circ((7.6), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(0.0560 \pm 0.0256)$  ( $\Delta_r G_m^\circ = 0.320 \pm 0.146 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ), respectively. With  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ(\frac{1}{2}\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})/\text{Cl}^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(131.22 \pm 0.12) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ(\frac{1}{2}\text{Br}_2(\text{aq})/\text{Br}^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(106.30 \pm 0.53) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  (Grenthe et al. 1992) one calculates  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(210.223 \pm 0.404) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(212.920 \pm 1.070) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , respectively for reaction (7.7):



Based on more recent Raman measurements Olin et al. (2005) concluded that side reactions of the type  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-/\text{Br}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{SeO}_2\text{Cl}/\text{Br}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$  cannot be ruled out at elevated halogenide ion concentrations above about 4 M, although the resulting complexes seem to be rather weak (i.e.,  $\log_{10} K$ 's are below 1.0). Hence, Olin et al. (2005) preferred selecting the results for reaction (7.6), because this experiment was performed at substantially lower halogenide ion concentrations than experiment (7.5) conducted in high chloride medium. It was thus expected that the reaction in the bromine/bromide system is potentially less affected by side reactions. The present assessment accepts this view and adopts

$$\Delta_r G_m^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(212.920 \pm 1.070) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (37.30 \pm 0.19)$$

$$E^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.103 \pm 0.006) \text{ V}$$

Note the small difference in  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K})$  given by Olin et al. (2005) (i.e.  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ((7.7), \text{Olin et al. (2005)}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(212.85 \pm 1.00) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ), which is most likely a consequence of rounding errors: Calculating back from  $E^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.103 \pm 0.006) \text{ V}$  to  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ((7.7), 298.15 \text{ K})$  indeed produces  $-212.85 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , but it is not necessary to truncate the real value of  $E^\circ$  (1.10338 V) to three digits. Although the very small difference is only relevant for consistency reasons, it will induce similar tiny differences in the Gibbs free energies of all species including the unit "Se(VI)O<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>".

Using  $\log_{10} K^\circ(7.49) = (1.75 \pm 0.10)$  for the protonation of the selenate ion (see below) leads to

$$\Delta_r G_m^\circ(\text{HSeO}_4^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(449.4 \pm 1.4) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$$

and

$$\Delta_r G_m^\circ(\text{SeO}_4^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(439.4 \pm 1.5) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$$

### 7.3.3 The Se(0)/Se(-II) couples

Lyons and Young (1986) reported on the formal redox equilibria and on UV-visible molar absorptivity of the equilibria (7.8) to (7.10)



at the non-standard conditions (1 M KOH, 304 K). Using  $\log_{10} K_w(I=1\text{M}, 304 \text{ K}) = -13.79$  and  $\log_{10} K_1(\text{HSe}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{Se}^{2-}, I=1\text{M}, 304 \text{ K}) = 13.97$ , Olin et al. (2005) corrected these values to

$$\log_{10} K((7.8), 1\text{M KOH}, 304 \text{ K}) = -(11.97 \pm 0.10),$$

$$\log_{10} K((7.9), 1\text{M KOH}, 304 \text{ K}) = -(15.74 \pm 0.14),$$

$$\log_{10} K((7.10), 1\text{M KOH}, 304 \text{ K}) = -(17.24 \pm 0.15),$$

in good agreement with independent values reported by Licht and Forouzan (1995). The problem was now to connect these equilibria to Se(cr), i.e., to find a constant for the reaction



Based on the experimental observation of both, Lyons and Young (1986) and Licht and Forouzan (1995), that the resulting polyselenide solutions reached equilibrium with elemental Se(cr) at a ratio of  $\text{Se}(0)_{\text{tot}}/\text{Se}(-\text{II})_{\text{tot}} = (2.8 \pm 0.05)$ , Olin et al. (2005) performed a mass balance iteration with the equilibria (7.8) to (7.10) and found  $\log_{10} K((7.11), 1\text{M KOH}, 304 \text{ K}) = -(21.08 \pm 0.15)$ .

Finally, the recalculation to  $I = 0$  with the estimate  $\varepsilon(\text{Se}_n^{2-}, \text{K}^+) \approx -0.06 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  produced  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ((7.11), 298.15 \text{ K}) (\equiv \Delta_r G_m^\circ(\text{Se}^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K})) = (127.9 \pm 1.9) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , corresponding to  $\log_{10} K((7.11), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(22.4 \pm 0.3)$ . Note that the estimate  $\varepsilon(\text{Se}_n^{2-}, \text{K}^+) \approx -0.06 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  is based on the average of  $\varepsilon(\text{X}^{2-}, \text{K}^+)$  data presented in Olin et al. (2005, Table B-5). The Gibbs free energy of  $\text{Se}^{2-}$  derived in this way is in good agreement with  $\Delta_r G_m^\circ(\text{Se}^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (129.4 \pm 2.3) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  derived from the dissociation of  $\text{H}_2\text{Se}(\text{aq})$  and based on the selected data of  $\text{H}_2\text{Se}(\text{g})$  (see below). Olin et al. (2005) selected the average of the two values according to the rules of the NEA reviews, which is also accepted in this assessment.

$$\Delta_r G_m^\circ(\text{Se}^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (128.6 \pm 3.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.11), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(22.5 \pm 0.5)$$

$$E^\circ((7.11), 298.15) = -(0.666 \pm 0.010) \text{ V}$$

For the polyselenide equilibria the finally selected constants are

$$E^\circ((7.8), 298.15) = -(0.749 \pm 0.010) \text{ V}$$

$$\log_{10}K^\circ((7.8), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(12.6 \pm 0.2)$$

$$E^\circ((7.9), 298.15) = -(0.739 \pm 0.010) \text{ V}$$

$$\log_{10}K^\circ((7.9), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(16.7 \pm 0.2)$$

$$E^\circ((7.10), 298.15) = -(0.720 \pm 0.010) \text{ V}$$

$$\log_{10}K^\circ((7.10), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(18.3 \pm 0.3)$$

and the corresponding Gibbs free energies of formation are

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Se}_2^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (112.7 \pm 6.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Se}_3^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (100.6 \pm 9.2) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Se}_4^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (97.6 \pm 12.1) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

In their final Table III-2 (Olin et al. 2005, p.53) represent reactions (7.8) to (7.10) with integer numbers of stoichiometric reaction coefficients, i.e., multiples of the reactions (7.8) to (7.10) as presented above. The values for  $\log_{10}K^\circ$  and  $\Delta_f G^\circ_m$  are adjusted correctly, but the uncertainties for reactions (7.9) and (7.10) are not consistent with the uncertainties associated with the Gibbs free energies of the polymeric species. Hence, it is recommended to use



$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(7.8') = (144.53 \pm 1.90) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\log_{10}K^\circ(7.8') = -(25.32 \pm 0.33)$$



$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(7.9') = (285.21 \pm 3.86) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\log_{10}K^\circ(7.9') = -(49.97 \pm 0.68)$$



$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(7.10') = (416.82 \pm 5.79) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\log_{10}K^\circ(7.10') = -(73.02 \pm 1.01)$$

## 7.4 Selenide species and solids

### 7.4.1 Aqueous (and gaseous) selenide species

From molecular parameters in Lane et al. (1984), Olin et al. (2005) selected:

$$C^\circ_{p,m}(\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (34.7 \pm 0.1) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$S^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (219.0 \pm 0.1) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_f S^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (46.2 \pm 0.2) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

From several studies investigating the formation of  $\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}$  from  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  and elemental selenium Olin et al. (2005) selected:

$$\Delta_f H^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (29.0 \pm 2.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$$

and calculated

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (15.2 \pm 2.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

The *Henry constant* for the solubility of  $\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}$ , i.e. the equilibrium

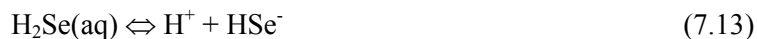


was evaluated based on two studies (McAmis and Felsing 1925, Dubeau and Sisi 1971) at a partial pressure of 1 atm  $\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}$  under the assumption that the first dissociation constant of  $\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}$  is  $10^{-(3.85 \pm 0.05)}$ . This assumption was necessary because both studies measured total dissolved selenium (i.e., the sum of  $\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}$  and  $\text{HSe}^-$ ) by precipitation with silver ( $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se(s)}$ ). Olin et al. (2005) took the average of the two studies and selected

$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.12), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1.10 \pm 0.01)$$

The enthalpy of reaction  $\Delta_r H^\circ_m((7.12), 298.15) = -(14.7 \pm 0.3) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  was selected from Dubeau and Sisi (1971) with an increased uncertainty due to the fact that Dubeau and Sisi (1971) did not consider the dissociation of  $\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}$  in their evaluation.

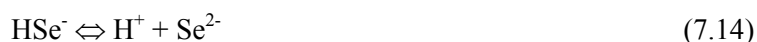
The first hydrolysis



was evaluated from two conductometric (Bruner-Krakau 1913, de Hlasko 1923) and one potentiometric study (Hagisawa 1941). However, the evaluation of the two conductance measurements depended on the "assumption" of a solubility value for  $\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}$  at  $p_{\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}} = 1$  atm and were re-evaluated by Olin et al. (2005) using the value for the *Henry constant* as given above. There is, however, some feedback from the assumption made for evaluating  $\log_{10} K^\circ(7.12)$  to the hydrolysis reaction (7.13) and vice versa, but this is not further investigated here. The re-evaluated results from the two conductometric studies compared sufficiently well with the potentiometric study by Hagisawa (1941), and Olin et al. (2005) selected the average:

$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.13), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(3.85 \pm 0.05).$$

For the second hydrolysis reaction



Olin et al. (2005) in principle accepted  $\log_{10} K^\circ((7.14), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(15.05 \pm 0.20)$  as "*by far the most reliable value of  $\log_{10} K^\circ(7.14)$* ". This value can be traced back to UV-spectrometric studies in concentrated KOH solutions by Lyons and Young (1986) and Levy and Myers (1990), where hydroxide concentrations were systematically varied. From the constants (7.13), (7.14) and from the selected value of  $\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(g)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (15.2 \pm 2.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  (see above), Olin et al. (2005) selected

$$\Delta_f H^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (14.3 \pm 2.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta_f S^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(24.1 \pm 9.5) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (21.5 \pm 2.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{HSe}^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (43.5 \pm 2.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

From  $\Delta_f S^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(24.1 \pm 9.5) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , the present work calculates

$$S^\circ_m(\text{H}_2\text{Se(aq)}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (148.7 \pm 9.5) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$



Note that the corresponding value for  $\Delta_f G^\circ(\text{Se}^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K})$  of  $(129.4 \pm 2.3) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  was not selected. Instead, Olin et al. (2005) selected the mean of this value and that independently evaluated from the redox studies in the poly-selenide systems (i.e.,  $(127.9 \pm 1.9) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  see above) to obtain

$$\Delta_f G^\circ(\text{Se}^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (128.6 \pm 3.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

This selected Gibbs free energy of formation for  $\text{Se}^{2-}$  in turn corresponds to

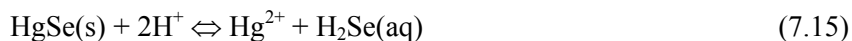
$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.14), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(14.91 \pm 0.20).$$

The present review prefers selecting this somewhat larger  $\log_{10} K^\circ(7.14)$ , because this value is consistent with the selected  $\Delta_f G^\circ(\text{Se}^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K})$  and with the free energies of the species as given above.

## 7.4.2 Solid selenide species

### Mercury selenides

Mercury is not included in the TDB update but is one of the cases where low solubility products seem to be compensated with moderate to strong complex formation, finally leading to noticeable concentrations of neutral complexes in solution. That is why the section of mercury selenide solubility/complex formation is added here anyway.



Olin et al. (2005) combined solubility measurements according to reaction (7.15) from Mehra (1968), performed below pH 3 ( $\log_{10} K^\circ((7.15), 1 \text{ M NaClO}_4, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(41.65 \pm 04.5)$ ), with various high temperature measurements on  $\text{HgSe(s}, \alpha)$  to obtain a selected free energy of formation of

$$\Delta_f G^\circ(\text{HgSe}, \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(51.2 \pm 4.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$$

and a standard enthalpy of formation of

$$\Delta_f H^\circ(\text{HgSe}, \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(57.0 \pm 4.1) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$$

based on

$$\Delta S^\circ(\text{HgSe}, \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (98.5 \pm 3.0) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Olin et al. (2005) did not explicitly select an equilibrium constant for reaction (7.15), but they recalculated  $\log_{10} K^\circ_{s,0}(\text{HgSe}, \text{s}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(60.7 \pm 0.5)$ , obviously using  $\epsilon(\text{Hg}^{2+}, \text{ClO}_4^-) = 0.34 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ . This value is sufficiently close to the value which is obtained from the selected  $\Delta_f G^\circ(\text{HgSe}, \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K})$  and the present assessment decides to neglect a potential inconsistency in the nature of the solid (i.e., between  $\text{HgSe(s)}$  and  $\text{HgSe}(\alpha)$ ). Hence,

$$\log_{10} K^\circ_{s,0}(\text{HgSe}, \text{s}, 298.15 \text{ K}) \approx \log_{10} K^\circ_{s,0}(\text{HgSe}, \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(60.35 \pm 0.70).$$

Mehra and Gübeli (1971) interpreted their solubility measurements with the formation of the complexes  $\text{Hg(HSe)(OH)(aq)}$  (pH 0 to 3),  $\text{Hg(HSe)}_2(\text{OH})^-$  (pH 4 to 5.5) and  $\text{Hg(HSe)}_2(\text{OH})_2^{2-}$  (pH > 7). Olin et al. (2005) preferred a different notation without the OH<sup>-</sup>-ion. Using  $\Delta\epsilon = 0.04 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  they recalculated for reaction



$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.16), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(12.8 \pm 0.6),$$

which corresponds to

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{HgSe}_2^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(65.3 \pm 5.6) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

For the solubility of the neutral species



Olin et al. (2005) provide the constant  $\log_{10} K((7.17), 1 \text{ M NaClO}_4, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.84 \pm 0.44)$ , but they claim that this constant is "*most likely too large due to the rather simple method used for the separation of the solid from the aqueous phase. It is tentatively included due to its potential importance in connection with the mobility of mercury from repositories*".

Since no charge is involved, reaction (7.17) is not subject to ionic strength corrections in the presently valid implementation of the SIT framework. Hence, and following the arguments of Olin et al. (2005), in the present assessment the constant (7.17) is selected with a somewhat increased uncertainty (as in the case of reaction (7.16)):

$$\log_{10} K^\circ((7.17), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.8 \pm 0.6),$$

Note that  $\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Hg}^{2+}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(164.667 \pm 0.313) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  should be used for all calculations involving the  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ -cation.

### Silver selenides

A similar problem as in the case of mercury is observed in the case of silver: Several high temperature data are available for  $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se(s}, \alpha)$ , but there are only two relevant studies that performed solubility measurements with not further specified solids termed  $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se(s)}$ . The solubility product is very low, but noticeable concentrations of neutral complexes may exist in aqueous solution. Since silver may be of some relevance in radioactive waste systems it was decided to report available data (as well as a recommendation for practical use) anyway. From the Mehra (1968) and Mehra and Gübeli (1971) data measured in different pH ranges, Olin et al. (2005) finally "accepted" for the reaction



$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Ag}_2\text{Se, s}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(46.3 \pm 4.1) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  or  $\log_{10} K^\circ_{s,0}((7.18), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(57.65 \pm 0.50)$ , based on  $\varepsilon(\text{H}^+, \text{ClO}_4^-) = (0.14 \pm 0.02) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  and  $\varepsilon(\text{Ag}^+, \text{ClO}_4^-) = (0.00 \pm 0.01) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ . However, they also selected

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Ag}_2\text{Se, } \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(46.9 \pm 1.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_f H^\circ_m(\text{Ag}_2\text{Se, } \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(40.1 \pm 1.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$S^\circ_m(\text{Ag}_2\text{Se, } \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (149.9 \pm 0.5) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

which, by neglecting a certain inconsistency in the nature of the solid and by associating a somewhat increased uncertainty, gives the solubility product recommended by this assessment:

$$\log_{10} K^\circ_{s,0}(\text{Ag}_2\text{Se, s}, 298.15 \text{ K}) \approx \log_{10} K^\circ_{s,0}(\text{Ag}_2\text{Se, } \alpha, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(57.8 \pm 0.6).$$

Note that this solubility product is consistent with both, the free energy of formation of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se(s}, \alpha)$  and the measured solubility of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se(s)}$ . Note further that  $\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Ag}^+, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(77.096 \pm 0.156) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  should be used for applications involving equilibrium (7.18).

Olin et al. (2005) discussed the formation of aqueous silver (I) selenide complexes based on the measurements of Mehra and Gübeli (1971). These authors found "*constant dissolved*" silver selenide concentrations in the range  $6 \cdot 10^{-8}$  to  $8 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  at  $\text{pH} > 10$ , independent of the total Se(-II) concentration in the test solution. Mehra and Gübeli (1971) interpreted their finding with a species having the formula  $\text{Ag}_2(\text{HSe})(\text{OH})(\text{aq})$ , which is formally equivalent to  $\text{Ag}_2\text{Se(aq)}$ .

Olin et al. (2005) did not accept Mehra and Gübeli's (1971) interpretation and did not select the proposed species. From the data of Mehra (1968) Olin et al. (2005) re-evaluated the equilibrium



and obtained  $\log_{10}K^\circ(7.19, 1 \text{ M NaClO}_4, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.66 \pm 0.48)$ . Combining the equilibria (7.18) and (7.19) and neglecting the fact that equilibrium (7.19) is valid in 1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub> formally leads to a formation constant for the equilibrium  $2\text{Ag}^+ + \text{Se}^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ag}_2\text{Se(aq)}$  (7.19a) of  $\log_{10}K(7.19a, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (50.14 \pm 0.77)$ . By using equilibrium (7.14) one further may calculate  $\log_{10}K(7.19b, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (35.1 \pm 0.8)$  for the equilibrium  $2\text{Ag}^+ + \text{HSe}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Ag}_2\text{Se(aq)} + \text{H}^+$  (7.19b). The formal constant (7.19b) is very high and means that the dissociation of Ag<sub>2</sub>Se(aq) into Ag<sup>+</sup> and HSe<sup>-</sup> actually does not take place. At pH = 8 and measured Ag<sub>2</sub>Se(aq) concentrations of  $\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  the free HSe<sup>-</sup> concentration is calculated to be less than  $\sim 1 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ . The present evaluation does not recommend using the equilibria (7.18), (7.19a), and (7.19b) as selected data, but for practical use and for estimating silver/selenium solubilities it is recommended to use equilibrium (7.19).

### Manganese selenides

From experimental data of Mehra and Gübeli (1970) and Mehra (1968) using radioactively labelled Mn Olin et al. (2005) calculated

$$\log_{10}K(7.20, 1 \text{ M NaClO}_4, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(0.52 \pm 0.70)$$

for the equilibrium



This corresponds to

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{MnSe, s}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(190.8 \pm 6.8) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

when using  $\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{Mn}^{2+}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -228.1 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  from Wagman et al. (1982). From equilibria (7.20, using  $\Delta \varepsilon = 0.25 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ) and (7.14) Olin et al. (2005) evaluated  $\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}(\text{MnSe, s}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(16.0 \pm 0.8)$ . The solubility of MnSe(s) is not included in the TDB 20/07, but for estimates/scoping calculations, particularly at elevated pH,  $\log_{10}K(7.20)$  may be used to estimate maximum HSe<sup>-</sup> concentrations in the presence of manganese.

Olin et al. (2005) do not provide/select data for any other metal selenide solids related to aqueous solutions.

## 7.5 Selenite species and solids

### 7.5.1 Aqueous selenious acid

Olin et al. (2005) discussed a series of studies proposing the formation of several polymeric species of the type  $\text{H}_x(\text{SeO}_3)_2^y$  with variable charge, but based on converse studies not indicating the polymers, they did not accept the formation of polymeric species in their assessment. Note, however, that Walrafen (1962) confirmed the presence of polymers by Raman spectroscopy in extremely concentrated aqueous solutions of H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>.

For the protonation constants



they accepted studies from Kawassiadis et al. (1967), Sekine et al. (1969), Salomaa et al. (1969), Vesala and Koskinen (1975), Fowless and Stranks (1977), Ozeki et al. (1988), and Dasgupta and Nara (1990) and found

$$\log_{10}K^{\circ}_1((7.21), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (8.36 \pm 0.23)$$

$$\log_{10}K^{\circ}_{2,1}((7.22), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.64 \pm 0.14).$$

With  $\Delta_f G^{\circ}_m(\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(425.18 \pm 0.85) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  (see above) the formation constants (7.21) and (7.22) yield

$$\Delta_f G^{\circ}_m(\text{HSeO}_3^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(410.1 \pm 1.7) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

$$\Delta_f G^{\circ}_m(\text{SeO}_3^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(362.39 \pm 1.76) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Using the above selected protolysis constants, Olin et al. (2005) calculated the enthalpy change of the dissolution of  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{cr})$  from measurements of Selivanova and Pakhorukov (1961) to finally obtain

$$\Delta_f H^{\circ}_m(\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(505.32 \pm 0.65) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

and, consequently,

$$\Delta_f H^{\circ}_m(\text{HSeO}_3^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(512.3 \pm 1.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta_f H^{\circ}_m(\text{SeO}_3^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(507.2 \pm 1.1) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$S^{\circ}_m(\text{SeO}_3^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (5.2 \pm 7.1) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Corresponding entropies of formation can be calculated from  $\Delta_f G^{\circ}_m = \Delta_f H^{\circ}_m - T\Delta_f S^{\circ}_m$  to yield  $\Delta_f S^{\circ}_m(\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(268.79 \pm 3.59) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta_f S^{\circ}_m(\text{HSeO}_3^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(342.78 \pm 6.62) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta_f S^{\circ}_m(\text{SeO}_3^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(485.66 \pm 7.08) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ . The molal entropies  $S^{\circ}_m(i, 298.15 \text{ K})$  should then be calculated from consistent elemental entropies according to  $\Delta_f S^{\circ}_m(i, 298.15 \text{ K}) = S^{\circ}_m(i, 298.15 \text{ K}) - \sum S^{\circ}(\text{element}, 298.15 \text{ K}) + Z/2 \cdot S^{\circ}(\text{H}_2)$  (where  $Z = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ). From Cox et al. (1989) the present work used  $S^{\circ}_m(\text{O}_2(\text{g}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (205.152 \pm 0.005) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , and  $S^{\circ}_m(\text{H}_2(\text{g}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (130.68 \pm 0.003) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ .

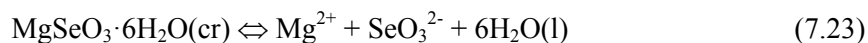
It is interesting to note that Olin et al. (2005) did not consider the evaluation of Séby et al. (2001) based on poly selenite equilibria from Barcza and Sillén (1971), nor did they consider these data.

### 7.5.2 Solid selenite species

Solid selenite species are known for many aqueous cations, but the present work primarily concentrates on elements relevant for geochemical radioactive waste systems and on elements included in the PSI/Nagra TDB. Therefore, only a subset of selenite solids is discussed here.

#### Magnesium selenites

A number of studies measured the solubility product of solids denoted with  $\text{MgSeO}_3(\text{s})$ . Olin et al. (2005) assume that the various determinations pertain to the hexahydrate and formulate the equilibrium as



Based on the measurements of Savenko (1995) (which was considered by Olin et al. 2005 to be the most reliable determination), neglecting hydrolysis of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and using the equilibria (7.21, 7.22) Olin et al. (2005) estimated

$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.23), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(5.82 \pm 0.25),$$

the uncertainty estimated by Olin et al. (2005).

From enthalpy changes in reactions between  $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{cr})$ , magnesium sulfate solutions and  $\text{MgSeO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr})$  performed by Leshchinskaya and Selivanova (1966) Olin et al. (2005) derived

$$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}(\text{MgSeO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2707.21 \pm 1.30) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

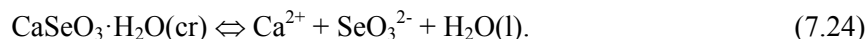
and, consequently,

$$\Delta_f G_m^{\circ}(\text{MgSeO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2273.83 \pm 2.60) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$S_m^{\circ}(\text{MgSeO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (328.5 \pm 9.8) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### Calcium selenites

From studies in the system  $\text{CaSeO}_3\text{-SeO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  (Dumm and Brown 1997, Ebert and Havlicek 1981) Olin et al. (2005) concluded that the solid phase studied in solubility experiments has the composition  $\text{CaSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and wrote the equilibrium



Due to shortcomings in the paper of Sharmasarkar et al. (1996) Olin et al. (2005) gave no weight to that evaluation but considered the work of Savenko (1995) to be the most “satisfactory”. They selected

$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.24), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(6.40 \pm 0.25).$$

From calorimetric measurements of Leshchinskaya and Selivanova (1963) and in good agreement with Wagman et al. (1982) Olin et al. (2005) adopted

$$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}(\text{CaSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1324.83 \pm 2.81) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

and, consequently,

$$\Delta_f G_m^{\circ}(\text{CaSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1188.90 \pm 2.50) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$S_m^{\circ}(\text{CaSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (168.8 \pm 12.6) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Note that the above values of  $\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}(\text{CaSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K})$  and  $S_m^{\circ}(\text{CaSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K})$  are not selected values but considered as “*best values currently available*”. Particularly, the value for  $S_m^{\circ}$  is considered to be “*somewhat too large*” in the opinion of Olin et al. (2005) and the authors recommend performing additional measurements with better control of the solid phase composition.

### Strontium selenites

From chemical analyses performed by Selivanova and Leshchinskaya (1963) and Leshchinskaya et al. (1965) Olin et al. (2005) concluded that the solid phase in aqueous solubility studies is best represented by  $\text{SrSeO}_3(\text{cr})$ , in contrast to the composition

$\text{SrSeO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr})$  reported by Ebert and Havlicek (1982). Olin et al. (2005) adopt the equilibrium



and evaluated

$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.25), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(6.30 \pm 0.50)$$

from experimental data measured by Chukhlantsev (1956). From enthalpy changes during the formation of  $\text{SrSeO}_3(\text{cr})$  in aqueous  $\text{SrCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_3$  mixtures investigated by Selivanova and Leshchinskaya (1963) Olin et al. (2005) evaluated

$$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}(\text{SrSeO}_3, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1051.9 \pm 2.7) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Wagman et al. (1982) reported  $-1047.7 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  for this  $\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}$ -value. The difference could be ascribed to changes in the strontium data made by Grenthe et al. (1992). Consequently, Olin et al. (2005) calculated

$$\Delta_f G_m^{\circ}(\text{SrSeO}_3, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(962.2 \pm 3.40) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$S_m^{\circ}(\text{SrSeO}_3, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (104.7 \pm 14.6) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### Barium selenites

From the phase diagram of the system  $\text{BaSeO}_3$ - $\text{SeO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at 298.15 K Neall and McCrosky (1938) concluded  $\text{BaSeO}_3$  and  $\text{BaSe}_2\text{O}_5$  to be the solids formed.

Ripan and Vericeanu (1968) studied the solubility of  $\text{BaSeO}_3(\text{s})$  in pure water at 291 K and found a mean solubility value of  $7.92 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ . For the equilibrium



Olin et al. (2005) evaluated  $\log_{10}K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.26), 291 \text{ K}) = -(6.43 \pm 0.10)$ . Leshchinskaya et al. (1965) prepared crystalline barium selenite and measured the solubility at 298.15, leading to  $\log_{10}K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.26), 291 \text{ K}) = -6.58$  at  $I = 0$  (no uncertainties, only one single experiment). From these experiments Olin et al. (2005) selected

$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.26), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(6.50 \pm 0.25).$$

Leshchinskaya et al. (1963) measured the enthalpy change of the the reaction between equimolar quantities of  $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr})$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq})$  with the formation of crystalline  $\text{BaSeO}_3$ . From these data Olin et al. (2005) calculated

$$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}(\text{BaSeO}_3, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1036.7 \pm 2.9) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

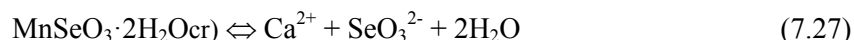
Wagman et al. (1982) reported  $-1040.6 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  for this  $\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}$ -value. As in the case of strontium, the difference could partly be ascribed to changes in the barium data made by Grenthe et al. (1992). Consequently, Olin et al. (2005) calculated

$$\Delta_f G_m^{\circ}(\text{BaSeO}_3, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(957.2 \pm 3.40) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$S_m^{\circ}(\text{BaSeO}_3, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (145.6 \pm 15.0) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### Manganese selenites

A phase diagram for the system  $\text{MnSeO}_3\text{-SeO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  does not seem to exist. There is actually only one experimental study that was accepted by Olin et al. (2005). Chukhlantsev and Tomashevsky (1957) precipitated amorphous  $\text{MnSeO}_3$  and aged the mixture for a long time to obtain a crystalline product. No X-ray diffraction was performed but chemical analysis confirmed the 1:1 ratio between Mn(II) and Se(IV). Based on an independent preparative study by Leshchinskaya and Selivanova (1966a) Olin et al. (2005) concluded that the composition of the solid was  $\text{MnSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



From the data of Chukhlantsev and Tomashevsky (1957) at 293.15 K Olin et al. (2005) evaluated  $\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.27), 293.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.64 \pm 0.08)$ . From the more recent study of Sharmasarkar et al. (1996) they obtained  $\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.27), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -7.11$ , but as in the case of calcium they gave no weight to this determination. Olin et al. (2005) selected

$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.27), 293.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.6 \pm 1.0),$$

and, recalculated from Leshchinskaya and Selivanova (1966a)

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{MnSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1280.7 \pm 2.6) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Consequently,

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{MnSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1108.2 \pm 7.7) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$S_m^\circ(\text{SrSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (269.3 \pm 24.1) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### Iron selenites

Complexes and solids of iron was not subject of the present TDB update. Iron is foreseen to be updated later on, when the next issue from the NEA review series on iron is completed. Note that volume 13a of this series (Lemire et al. 2013) does not yet include selenium complexes and solids. However, an exception was made for aqueous complexes with iron(III). Rai et al. (1995) studied the solubility of  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SeO}_3) \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr})$  (the stable phase in aqueous solution at  $\text{pH} < 4$ ). Note that above this pH-value the selenite starts transforming into another phase of not yet known composition. Rai et al. (1995) used two equilibria (the solubility constant and the 1:1 complex) to explain measured data. From this work Olin et al. (2005) selected the solubility constant and the formation constant

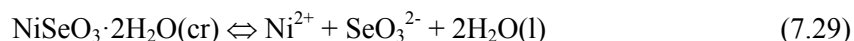


$$\log_{10}\beta_1^\circ((7.28), 296 \text{ K}) = (11.15 \pm 0.11)$$

The present review adopts equilibrium 7.28, the solubility constant (see equilibrium 7.31) is noted below.

### Nickel selenites

Ebert et al. (1982) established the phase diagram in the system  $\text{NiSeO}_3\text{-SeO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  at 298.15 K and found the solid phases  $\text{NiSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Ni}(\text{HeSO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3$ . From the chemical analysis of Chukhlantsev and Tomashevsky (1957) (no X-ray data but 1:1 ratio between Ni(II) and Se(IV)) Olin et al. (2005) assumed the solid phase to be  $\text{NiSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



Chukhlantsev (1956), Chukhlantsev and Tomashevsky (1957) and Ripan and Vericeanu (1968) measured the solubility of  $\text{NiSeO}_3$  at 293 and 291 K (about  $2.25 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ). Olin et al. (2005) argued that under these conditions Ni(II) is partly hydrolysed and re-evaluated the experimental data accordingly. Their rather large associated uncertainty reflects the variance from the solubility measurements:

$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.29), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(5.80 \pm 1.0).$$

The enthalpy  $\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}(\text{NiSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K})$  was derived from measurements of Selivanova et al. (1963) and Olin et al. (2005) selected

$$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}(\text{NiSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1109.33 \pm 2.83) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Wagman et al. (1982) provide  $-1134.32 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  for the same entity. However, Olin et al. (2005) do not further discuss this large difference but just say that they do not accept the Wagman et al. (1981) - value. They refer to their “Appendix A”, but this cross reference seems to be rather empty. Nevertheless, Olin et al. (2005) selected:

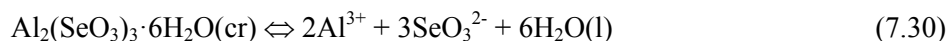
$$\Delta_f G_m^{\circ}(\text{NiSeO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(915.56 \pm 6.02) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$S_m^{\circ}(\text{SrSeO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (169.3 \pm 22.3) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

The PSI/Nagra Chemical Thermodynamic Database 12/07 is compiled in Thoenen (2012) and selected relevant data for elements not considered in this update are provided in Thoenen (2012a). Olin et al. (2005) list a variety of selenite solid solubilities for elements that were not subject of the PSI/Nagra database update. However, some of these equilibria may be useful for specific purposes and/or may be relevant for a subsequent database update. These selenite equilibria are assembled in the following subsection, following the atomic number of elements. An indication is given of whether Olin et al. (2005) have “noted” or “selected” the equilibrium.

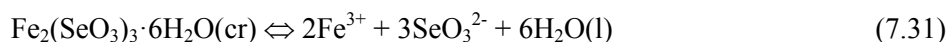
### Other selenite equilibria

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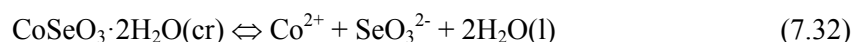
$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.30), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -3.11 \quad (\text{noted})$$

Iron:



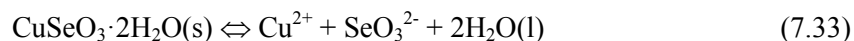
$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.31), 296 \text{ K}) = -(41.58 \pm 0.11) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Cobalt:



$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.32), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.9 \pm 0.4) \quad (\text{selected})$$

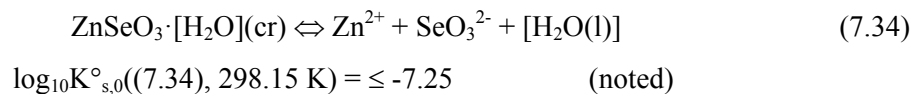
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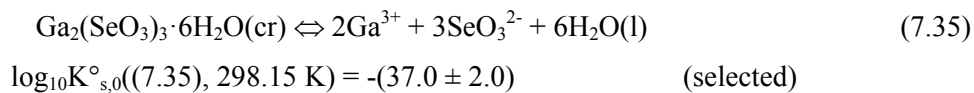
$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^{\circ}((7.33), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(9.5 \pm 1.5) \quad (\text{noted})$$



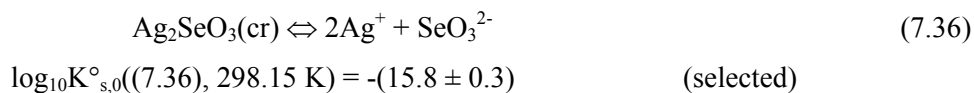
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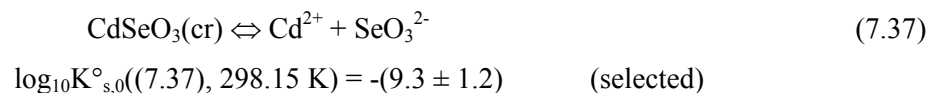
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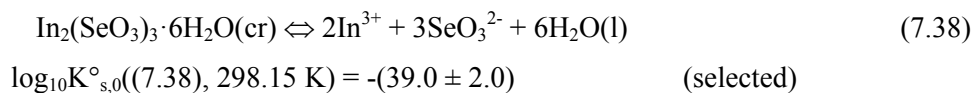
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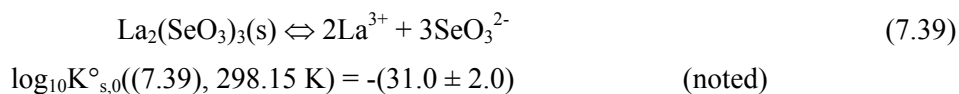
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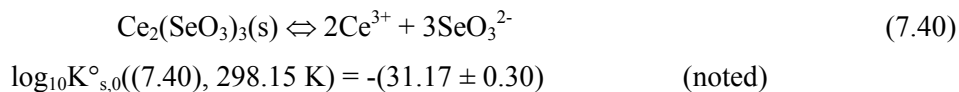
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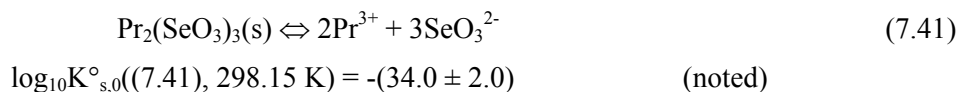
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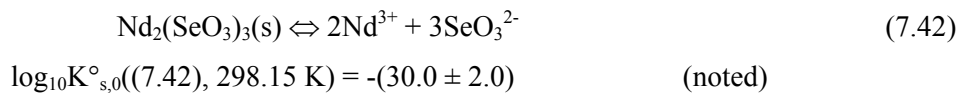
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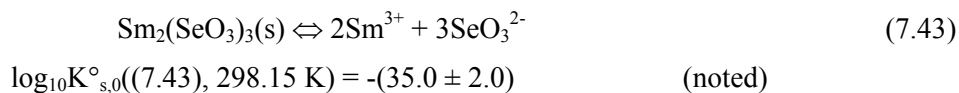
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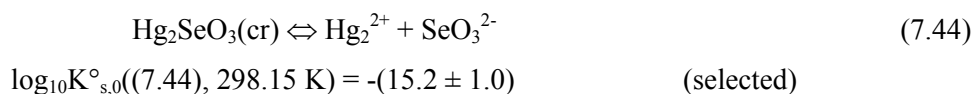
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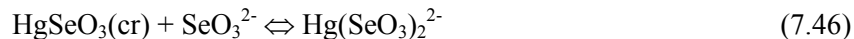
Mercury(I):



Mercury(II):



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.45), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(15.98 \pm 0.30) \quad (\text{noted})$$



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.46), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1.35 \pm 0.15) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Lead:



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.47), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(12.5 \pm 1.0) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Uranium:



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.48), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(12.5 \pm 1.0) \quad (\text{noted})$$

## 7.6 Selenate species and solids

### 7.6.1 Aqueous selenic acid

Selenic acid  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_4$  is a strong acid, comparable with sulfuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). The species  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_4(\text{aq})$  needs not being considered below total aqueous concentrations of 11 to 12 mol·L<sup>-1</sup>. Hence, only the equilibrium



is relevant in aqueous solution. Several authors (Nair 1964, Covington and Dobson 1965, Ghosh and Nair 1970, Baes and Mesmer 1976) found  $\log_{10}K$ -values in the narrow range 1.66 to 1.78, depending on the estimates for the activity coefficients. Olin et al. (2005) based their selected value of

$$\log_{10}K^\circ((7.49), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.75 \pm 0.10).$$

solely on the work of Nair (1964 and Ghosh and Nair (1970). This value differs slightly from the value selected by Grenthe et al. (1992)  $\log_{10}K^\circ((7.49), 298.15 \text{ K}, \text{Grenthe et al. 1992}) = (1.80 \pm 0.14)$ . For the SIT calculation Olin et al. (2005) introduced the approximations  $\varepsilon(\text{H}^+, \text{HSeO}_4^-) = \varepsilon(\text{H}^+, \text{Cl}^-) = 0.12 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{HSeO}_4^-) = \varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{HSO}_4^-) = -(0.01 \pm 0.02) \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , and  $\varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{SeO}_4^{2-}) = \varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{SO}_4^{2-}) = -(0.12 \pm 0.06) \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  and took the numerical values from Grenthe et al. (1992).

From nine experiments between 273 and 318 K of Nair (1964), Olin et al. (2005) evaluated  $\Delta_r H^\circ_m((7.49), 298.15 \text{ K}) = 24.2 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  using  $\log_{10}K^\circ_1(7.49, T) = a + bT^{-1} + C \ln T$  and Ghosh and Nair (1970) obtained  $\Delta_r H^\circ_m((7.49), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (24.0 \pm 1.5) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  from seven experiments between 273 and 318 K. From an analogous investigation of the protonation of the sulfate ion Nair and Nancollas (1958) obtained  $\Delta_r H^\circ_m$  of  $23.4 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , similar to the value of  $22.4 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  selected by Cox et al. (1989). For  $\Delta_r H^\circ_m((7.49), 298.15 \text{ K})$  Wagman et al. (1982) indicate a value of only  $17.5 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  based on measurements of Thomsen (1882). It is not fully obvious why Olin et al. (2005) gave the high weight to the measurements of Thomsen (1882), but they finally selected the mean of Ghosh and Nair (1970) and Thomsen (1882) to obtain

$$\Delta_r H^\circ_m((7.49), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (20.80 \pm 3.20) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Olin et al. (2005) finally recommended

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{HSeO}_4^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(449.5 \pm 1.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{HSeO}_4^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(582.7 \pm 4.7) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$S_m^\circ(\text{HSeO}_4^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (136.2 \pm 16.4) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

and,

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{SeO}_4^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(439.5 \pm 1.4) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{SeO}_4^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(603.5 \pm 3.5) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

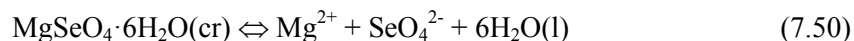
$$S_m^\circ(\text{SeO}_4^{2-}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (33.0 \pm 12.7) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

## 7.6.2 Solid and aqueous selenate species

Like in the case of selenite species this section starts with equilibria that were considered to be subject of the database update 12/07. Many other equilibria, also assessed by Olin et al. (2005), will be summarized under the heading “other selenite equilibria”.

### Magnesium selenates

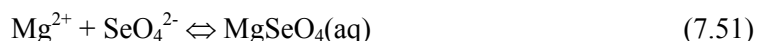
Phase diagrams of the type  $\text{MgSeO}_4\text{-(M(I),M(II)SeO}_4\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  were investigated by at least ten different authors over the last seventy years. Isopiestic data from Ojkova and Staneva (1989) at 298.15 K have independently been evaluated by Kumov and Batyeva (1990) and Christov (1997). For the equilibrium



selected

$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^\circ((7.50), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.133 \pm 0.044).$$

Parker et al. (1997) cited the value of the equilibrium constant



$$\log_{10} \beta^\circ((7.51), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.2 \pm 0.2)$$

based on a “thesis by Quinn” that was not available to Olin et al. (2005). This value was selected by Olin et al. (2005) since it is consistent with the corresponding sulfate complex. The present update accepts the selection but puts the value into “supplemental data”.

From Selivanova et al. (1961) Olin et al. (2005) evaluated and selected (in agreement with Wagman et al. 1982)

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{MgSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2781.4 \pm 2.4) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

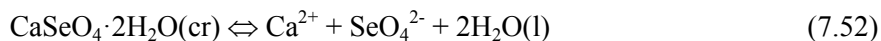
and, consequently,

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{MgSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2324.20 \pm 2.00) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$S_m^\circ(\text{MgSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (351.1 \pm 10.5) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### Calcium selenates

From solubility data of Meyer and Aulich (1928) and Welton and King (1939) Olin et al. (2005) selected the mean solubility  $m(\text{CaSeO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr}), \text{aq sat}, 298.15) = (0.380 \pm 0.025) \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ , and from this value the solubility product



$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^\circ((7.52), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2.68 \pm 0.25).$$

Olin et al. (2005) based the extrapolation of  $\log_{10} K(7.52)$  to  $I = 0$  on the mean activity coefficient of  $\text{MgSO}_4$ ,  $\gamma_{\pm} = 0.12$ , and on only moderate variations of mean activity coefficients observed by Ojkova and Staneva (1989) for aqueous selenates.

Parker et al. (1997) investigated the equilibrium



with

$$\log_{10} \beta_1^\circ((7.53), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.00 \pm 0.10).$$

Olin et al. (2005) accepted and selected this value based on the fact that the similarly determined value for the sulfate complex agreed with literature data. From Selivanova and Shneider (1959) Olin et al. (2005) evaluated and selected

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{CaSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1709.0 \pm 2.6) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

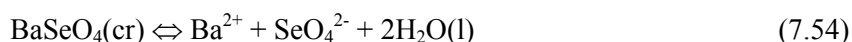
and, consequently

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{CaSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1481.9 \pm 2.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$S_m^\circ(\text{CaSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (198.8 \pm 11.7) \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### Barium selenates

For the equilibrium



Olin et al. (2005) selected  $\log_{10} K_{s,0}^\circ(298.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.56 \pm 0.10)$  for this equilibrium, based on data from Selivanova and Shneider (1958). However, very recently Rai et al. (2014) in a very careful study investigated the solubility of  $\text{BaSO}_4(\text{cr})$  from under- and oversaturation in  $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_4$  solutions from 0.04 up to 4.1  $\text{mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ . The solids formed were investigated by XRD to be  $\text{BaSeO}_4(\text{cr})$  and  $\beta\text{-Na}_2\text{SeO}_4$  (above 1.0  $\text{mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_4$ ). Rai et al. (2014) used both, a Pitzer- as well as a SIT-model to evaluate the experimental data and obtained

$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^\circ((7.54), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(7.25 \pm 0.11)$$

for the SIT model. This study prefers using the Rai et al. (2014) value, based on the very careful and comprehensive thermodynamic analysis provided in the paper. This preference is further corroborated by the fact that Rai et al.'s (2014) model is also capable to describe independent solubility data of  $\text{BaSeO}_4(\text{cr})$  in a wide range from pH 1.4 to 13.8 described by Hata et al. (2004).

Consequently,

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{BaSeO}_4, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1038.54 \pm 0.64) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

compared to  $-(1040.3 \pm 3.0) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  provided by Olin et al. (2005).

The model of Rai et al. (2014) requires the species  $\text{Ba}(\text{SeO}_4)_2^{2-}$  when applying an SIT approach to the experimental data (the species is not necessary in the Pitzer-approach) above  $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_4$  concentrations of  $\sim 0.1 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ . For the equilibrium



Rai et al. (2014) provide

$$\log_{10}\beta_2((7.55), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (3.44 \pm 0.12).$$

The species  $\text{BaSeO}_4(\text{aq})$  has no region of dominance in the experiments of Rai et al. (2014) and the authors adopt a maximum value of  $\log_{10}\beta_1 < 2.15$  for the stability of  $\text{BaSeO}_4(\text{aq})$ , in accordance with the corresponding stabilities for Mg ( $\log_{10}\beta_1(298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.2 \pm 0.2)$ ) and Ca ( $\log_{10}\beta_1(298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.00 \pm 0.10)$ ).

A relevant parameter in the experiments and the modelling of Rai et al. (2014) is the SIT interaction parameter  $\varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{SeO}_4^{2-})$ . Rai et al. (2014) performed a comprehensive sensitivity analysis for this parameter, whose range must fall into the range  $0.00 > \varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{SeO}_4^{2-}) > -0.26$ , when following the arguments of the authors (the lower border has been reported by Philipini et al. (2009)). Rai et al. (2014) conclude that  $\varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{SeO}_4^{2-}) = -0.12 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  (the value provided by Olin et al. 2005, see above) best fits the experimental data.

From Selinova et al. (1959) Olin et al. (2005) adopted

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{BaSeO}_4, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1144.0 \pm 5.0) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

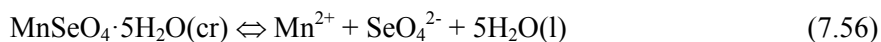
which leads to  $\Delta_f S_m^\circ = (\Delta_f G_m^\circ - \Delta_f H_m^\circ)/(-298.15) = -(353.71 \pm 16.9) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , and, consequently to the selection of

$$S_m^\circ(\text{BaSeO}_4, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (161.1 \pm 16.9) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Note that Olin et al. (2005) gave  $S_m^\circ(\text{BaSeO}_4, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (167.0 \pm 19.6) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ .

### Manganese selenates

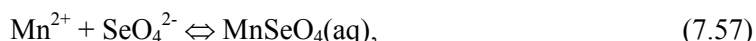
The stable selenate solid in aqueous solution is the pentahydrate  $\text{MnSeO}_4\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr})$ , which is not stable against oxidation. The solubility of the salt is high. From several references Olin et al. (2005) selected the mean solubility  $m(\text{MnSeO}_4\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr}), \text{aq sat}, 298.15) = (2.86 \pm 0.08) \text{ mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ , and from Kumov and Batyrev (1990) they adopted the equilibrium



$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.56), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2.05 \pm 0.03),$$

which was not selected by Olin et al. (2005) nor by this review due to the high resulting concentrations.

For the equilibrium

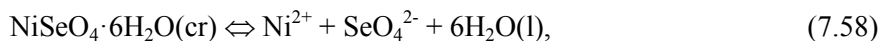


determined by Ghosh and Nair (1970) using potentiometric measurements, Olin et al. (2005) accepted and selected

$$\log_{10}\beta_1((7.57), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.43 \pm 0.05).$$

### Nickel selenates

Below 355 K  $\text{NiSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is the stable phase. From Ojkova et al. (1998) Olin et al. (2005) selected a solubility of  $m(\text{NiSeO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr}), \text{aq sat}, 298.15) = (1.92 \pm 0.05) \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ , and for the equilibrium



based on the isopiestic measurements of Ojkova and Stanev (1989) they selected

$$\log_{10} K_{s,0}^\circ((7.58), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1.381 \pm 0.045).$$

Due to very high resulting concentrations equilibrium 7.58 is not included in the update.

For the equilibrium



determined by Ghosh and Nair (1970) using potentiometric measurements at various temperatures, Olin et al. (2005) accepted and selected

$$\log_{10} \beta_1^\circ((7.59), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.67 \pm 0.05).$$

They did, however, not accept  $\Delta_f H_m^\circ((7.59) 298.15 \text{ K}) = (14.7 \pm 1.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ , which may be used as an indication.

### Uranium selenates

With  $m(\text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr}), \text{aq sat}, 298.15) = 5.31 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  the solubility of uranium selenate is very high. The solubility product  $\text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr}) \rightleftharpoons \text{UO}_2^{2+} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$ ,  $\log_{10} K_{s,0}^\circ(298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2.25 \pm 0.04)$ , reported by Kumov and Batyrev (1990) was not accepted by Olin et al. (2005), but is noted here if for specific reasons there is a need to assess the solubility of  $\text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4$ .

For the enthalpy of formation Olin et al. (2005) adopted and selected the value from Grenthe et al. (1992):

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4, \text{cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1539.3 \pm 3.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

but no standard enthalpy of formation was available for  $\text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{cr})$ .

From spectrophotometric/potentiometric studies of in 3 M  $\text{Na}^+(\text{ClO}_4^-)$ ,  $\text{SeO}_4^{2-}$  solutions at  $(298.2 \pm 0.5) \text{ K}$  by Lubal and Havel (1997) and from a voltammetric study of the same system at  $(296 \pm 2) \text{ K}$  by Djogic et al. (1999) Olin et al. (2005) concluded a convincing evidence for the existence of the aqueous species  $\text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{UO}_2(\text{SeO}_4)_2^{2-}$ .

From these studies and by using  $\varepsilon(\text{UO}_2^{2+}, \text{SeO}_4^{2-}) = -(0.34 \pm 0.07) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  Olin et al. (2005) derived and selected a mean of

$$\log_{10} \beta_1^\circ((7.60), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.74 \pm 0.25)$$

for the equilibrium



and,

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4, \text{aq}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1407.7 \pm 2.7) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

For the equilibrium



Olin et al. (2005) derived

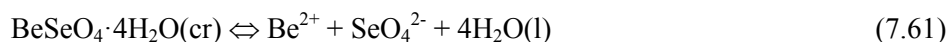
$$\log_{10}\beta_2(7.60a) = (3.10 \pm 0.50),$$

but did not select the value because they ascertained a lack of supporting data in the long extrapolation procedure. From Lubal and Havel (1997) they indicate that  $\log_{10}\beta_2$  does not exceed 3.4. The present update accepts equilibrium 7.60a as supplemental data.

Olin et al. (2005) list a variety of selenate solid solubilities (and complexes) for elements that are not contained in the PSI/Nagra TDB 12/07. However, some of these equilibria may be useful for specific purposes and/or may be relevant for a subsequent database update. These selenate equilibria are assembled in the following subsection, following the atomic number of elements. An indication is given of whether Olin et al. (2005) have “noted” or “selected” the equilibrium.

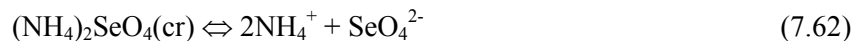
### Other selenate equilibria

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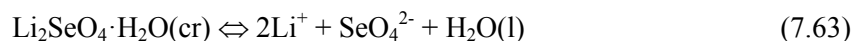
$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.61), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2.94 \pm 0.06) \quad (\text{noted})$$

Ammonium:



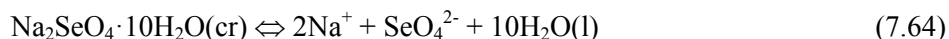
$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.62), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (0.911 \pm 0.065) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Lithium:



$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.63), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.762 \pm 0.087) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Sodium:



$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.64), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(0.681 \pm 0.087) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Potassium:



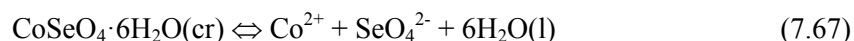
$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.65), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (0.904 \pm 0.065) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Scandium:



$$\log_{10}\beta_1((7.66), 0.5 \text{ M NaClO}_4, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.65 \pm 0.20) \quad (\text{noted})$$

Cobalt:

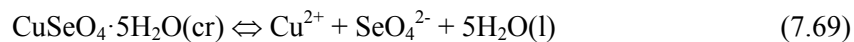


$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.67), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1.759 \pm 0.043) \quad (\text{selected})$$



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_1((7.68), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.70 \pm 0.05) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Copper:

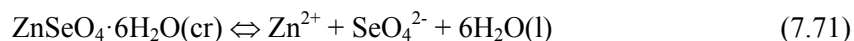


$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.69), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(2.44 \pm 0.20) \quad (\text{selected})$$



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_1((7.70), 298.15 \text{ K}) < 2.2 \quad (\text{noted})$$

Zinc:



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.71), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(1.538 \pm 0.064) \quad (\text{selected})$$



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_1((7.72), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.19 \pm 0.06) \quad (\text{selected})$$



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_2((7.73), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.76 \pm 0.12) \quad (\text{noted})$$

For the neutral complex  $\text{ZnSeO}_4(\text{aq})$  Olin et al. (2005) further selected

$$\Delta_f G^\circ_m(\text{ZnSeO}_4(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(599.0 \pm 1.5) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta_f H^\circ_m(\text{ZnSeO}_4(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(752.3 \pm 5.3) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

$$S^\circ_m(\text{ZnSeO}_4(\text{aq}), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(20.1 \pm 18.5) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Rubidium:



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.74), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (0.430 \pm 0.065) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Strontium:



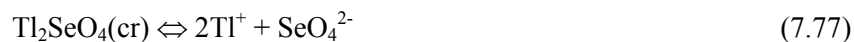
$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.75), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(4.35 \pm 0.15) \quad (\text{noted})$$

Cesium:



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.76), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (0.636 \pm 0.065) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Thallium(I):



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.77), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(3.90 \pm 0.15) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Lead:



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.78), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(6.90 \pm 0.25) \quad (\text{selected})$$



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_1((7.79), 298.15 \text{ K}) < 2.2 \quad (\text{noted})$$



## 7.7 Selenocyanate species

Due to their potential importance in radioactive waste systems the database update includes species for Ni-selenocyanate complexes. Further, specific types of radioactive wastes may include cyanide complexes (Prussian blue), leading to the formation of cyanoselenate ligands. Hence, this section first explains, how thermodynamic data for the selenocyanate ion  $\text{SeCN}^-$  is extracted from Olin et al. (2005). The selenocyanate ion  $\text{SeCN}^-$  is an ambidentate complexing agent which may coordinate to metal ions via either the nitrogen atom (to “hard” metal ions) or the selenium atom (to “soft” metal ions).

Olin et al. (2005) “partly” selected the thermodynamic values provided by Hamada (1961) (particular they disagreed with  $S_m^\circ(\text{SeCN}^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = 8.3 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  because it is inconsistent with corresponding values for  $\text{OCN}^-$  and  $\text{SCN}^-$  provided by Wagman et al. (1982)).

For the equilibrium



Olin et al. (2005) accepted

$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.80), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (3.6 \pm 0.5)$$

and derived

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{SeCN}^-, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (136.1 \pm 3.8) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

From Wunderlich and Chu (1980) and Gaur et al. (1981) Olin et al. (2005) evaluated and selected

$$\Delta_f H_m^\circ(\text{Se, monoclinic}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.4 \pm 1.10) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$S_m^\circ(\text{Se, monoclinic}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (44.97 \pm 0.40) \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

and, consequently derived

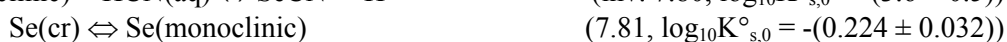
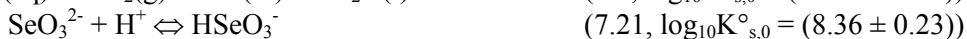
$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{Se, monoclinic}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.28 \pm 0.18) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

which, with  $\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{Se, cr}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (0.00 \pm 0.00) \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , may be reformulated as



$$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^\circ((7.81), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(0.224 \pm 0.032).$$

We express the formation of  $\text{SeCN}^-$  as a reaction in homogenous aqueous solution by an appropriate combination of the equilibria 7.4, 7.21, 7.22, 7.80, 7.81 and  $4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ :



By adding these equilibria we obtain



$$\log_{10}K^\circ((7.82), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (57.3 \pm 0.6).$$

Note that equilibrium (7.82) strongly favours the formation of  $\text{SeCN}^-$  from  $\text{SeO}_3^{2-}$  and  $\text{CN}^-$  under conditions relevant for radioactive waste systems (i.e. pH 7.5, Eh -200 mV). On the other hand,  $\text{SeCN}^-$  rapidly decomposes to Se(monoclinic) and HCN when acidified with HCl (Boughton and Keller 1966). This observation conversely supports the arguments provided in section 7.2.1 on the solubility of elemental selenium.

For SIT evaluations and based on Ciavatta (1980) Olin et al. (2005) propose to use the interaction coefficient  $\varepsilon(\text{SeCN}^-, \text{Na}^+) \approx \varepsilon(\text{SCN}^-, \text{Na}^+) = (0.05 \pm 0.01) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ , in analogy to the interaction of the thiocyanate ion  $\text{SCN}^-$  with sodium.

### Nickel selenocyanates

Kulberg (1974) and Satyanarayana et al. (1975) studied the formation of Ni-SeCN complexes. Olin et al. (2005) did not fully agree with the evaluation of Satyanarayana et al. (1975), but selected from Kulberg (1974):



$$\log_{10}\beta_1((7.83), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.77 \pm 0.06)$$

and



$$\log_{10}\beta_2((7.84), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.24 \pm 0.14).$$

Note that Kulberg (1974) did not give sufficient evidence to establish the complex  $\text{Ni}(\text{SeCN})_3^-$ . Equilibrium data were extrapolated from  $I = 1 \text{ M NaClO}_4$  to  $I = 0$  using  $\Delta\varepsilon$  values of cadmium thiocyanate complexes provided by Bahta et al. (1997).

Kulberg (1974) provided his calorimetric measurements for 1 M  $\text{NaClO}_4$  solutions. Olin et al. (2005) assumed that these data are also valid at  $I = 0$ , but accounted for this assumption by doubling the associated uncertainties. They selected

$$\Delta_r H_m^\circ((7.83), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(12.8 \pm 0.4) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_r H_m^\circ((7.84), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(25 \pm 4) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

For the Gibbs energy of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  Olin et al. (2005) used  $\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{Ni}^{2+}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(45.773 \pm 0.771) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  as taken from Gamsjäger et al. (2005) and calculated

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{NiSeCN}^+, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (80.2 \pm 3.9) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}, \text{ and,}$$

$$\Delta_f G_m^\circ(\text{Ni}(\text{SeCN})_2, \text{aq}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = (213.5 \pm 7.7) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}.$$

### Other selenocyanates equilibria

Olin et al. (2005) list a variety of cyanoselenate equilibria for elements that are not contained in the PSI/Nagra TDB. However, some of these equilibria may be useful for specific purposes and/or may be relevant for a subsequent database update. These cyanoselenate equilibria are assembled in the following subsection, following the atomic number of elements. An indication is given of whether Olin et al. (2005) have “noted” or “selected” the equilibrium.

Cobalt:



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_1((7.85), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.5 \pm 0.3) \quad (\text{noted})$$

Copper(I):

CuSeCN(s, cr) solids seems to be sparingly soluble in aqueous solution, but complexes disproportionate to Se(0) and Cu(I) cyanide complexes.

Zinc:



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_1((7.86), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.21 \pm 0.06) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Extrapolated from 1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>, using  $\Delta\epsilon = -(0.026 \pm 0.058)$



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_2((7.87), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (1.68 \pm 0.11) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Extrapolated from 1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>, using  $\Delta\epsilon = -(0.145 \pm 0.094) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ .

Silver:



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_3((7.88), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (13.85 \pm 0.30) \quad (\text{selected})$$



$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.89), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(14.0 \pm 0.5) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Cadmium:



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_1((7.90), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (2.24 \pm 0.06) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Extrapolated from 1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>, using  $\Delta\epsilon = -(0.026 \pm 0.058) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ .



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_2((7.91), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (3.34 \pm 0.12) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Extrapolated from 1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>, using  $\Delta\epsilon = -(0.145 \pm 0.094) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ .



$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_3((7.92), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (3.81 \pm 0.21) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Extrapolated from 1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>, using  $\Delta\epsilon = -(0.202 \pm 0.134) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ .



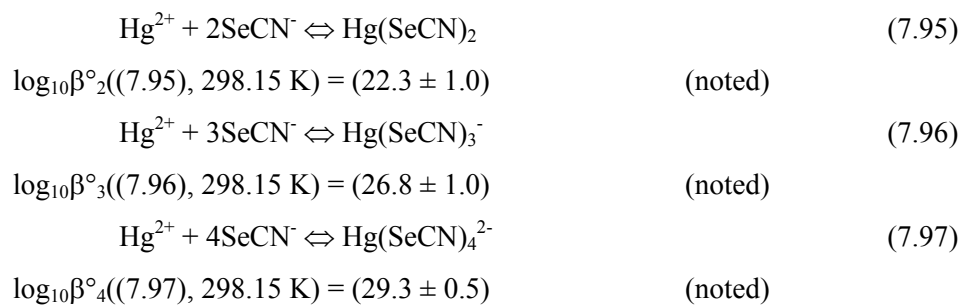
$$\log_{10}\beta^\circ_4((7.93), 298.15 \text{ K}) = (4.60 \pm 0.11) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Extrapolated from 1 M NaClO<sub>4</sub>, using  $\Delta\epsilon = -(0.173 \pm 0.099) \text{ kg} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ .

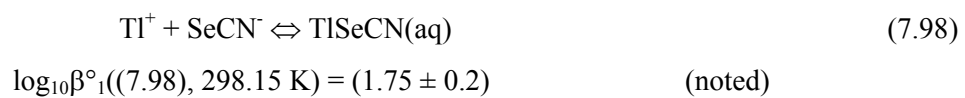


$$\log_{10}K^\circ_{s,0}((7.94), 298.15 \text{ K}) = -(5.7 \pm 0.5) \quad (\text{selected})$$

Mercury:



Thallium:



**Table 7.1:** Selected selenium data. All data included in TDB Version 12/07 are taken from Olin et al. (2005), except where marked with an asterisk (\*). Supplemental data are in italics. New or changed data with respect to TDB Version 01/01 (Hummel et al. 2002) are shaded.

		TDB Version 01/01				TDB Version 12/07				
Name	Redox	$\Delta_f G_m^\circ$	$\Delta_f H_m^\circ$	$S_m^\circ$	$C_{p,m}^\circ$	$\Delta_f G_m^\circ$	$\Delta_f H_m^\circ$	$S_m^\circ$	$C_{p,m}^\circ$	Species
		[kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[J·K <sup>-1</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[J·K <sup>-1</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\epsilon$ [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[J·K <sup>-1</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	[J·K <sup>-1</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	
HSeO4-	VI	-	-	-	-	-449.5 ± 1.3	-582.7 ± 4.7	136.2 ± 16.4	-	HSeO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>
SeO3-2	IV	-361.60 ± 1.47	-	-	-	-362.4 ± 1.8	-507.2 ± 1.1	5.2 ± 7.1	-	SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
Se(cr)	0	0.0	0.0	42.27 ± 0.05	25.03 ± 0.05	0.0	0.0	42.09 ± 0.33	25.09 ± 0.30	Se(cr)
H2Se	-II	-	-	-	-	21.5 ± 2.0	14.3 ± 2.0	148.7 ± 9.5	-	H <sub>2</sub> Se(aq)

		TDB Version 01/01		TDB Version 12/07		
Name	Redox	$\log_{10} \beta^\circ$	$\Delta_f H_m^\circ$	$\log_{10} \beta^\circ$	$\Delta_f H_m^\circ$	Reaction
			[kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\log_{10} K^\circ$	[kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	
HSeO4-	IV/VI	-25.58	-	-26.3 ± 0.3 <sup>a</sup>	-	SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O(l) ⇌ HSeO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> + 2 e <sup>-</sup>
H2Se	IV/-II	57.39	-	57.4 ± 0.6 <sup>b</sup>	-	SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + 8 H <sup>+</sup> + 6 e <sup>-</sup> ⇌ H <sub>2</sub> Se(aq) + 3 H <sub>2</sub> O(l)

		TDB Version 01/01		TDB Version 12/07		
Name	Redox	$\log_{10}\beta^\circ$	$\Delta_r H_m^\circ$ [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\log_{10}\beta^\circ$	$\Delta_r H_m^\circ$ [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Reaction
SeO4-2	VI	-1.80 ± 0.14	-23.8 ± 5.0	-1.75 ± 0.10	-20.80 ± 3.20	$\text{HSeO}_4^- \rightleftharpoons \text{SeO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}^+$
NiSeO4	VI	-	-	2.67 ± 0.05	-	$\text{Ni}^{2+} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{NiSeO}_4(\text{aq})$
MnSeO4	VI	-	-	2.43 ± 0.05	-	$\text{Mn}^{2+} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{MnSeO}_4(\text{aq})$
UO2SeO4	VI	-	-	2.74 ± 0.25	-	$\text{UO}_2^{2+} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{UO}_2\text{SeO}_4(\text{aq})$
<i>UO2(SeO4)2-2</i>	VI	-	-	(3.10 ± 0.50) <sup>c</sup>	-	$\text{UO}_2^{2+} + 2 \text{SeO}_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{UO}_2(\text{SeO}_4)_2^{2-}$
<i>MgSeO4</i>	VI	-	-	2.2 ± 0.2	-	$\text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{MgSeO}_4(\text{aq})$
CaSeO4	VI	-	-	2.00 ± 0.10	-	$\text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{SeO}_4^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{CaSeO}_4(\text{aq})$
(HSeO3-) <sup>d</sup>	IV	8.4 ± 0.1	5.02 ± 0.50	8.36 ± 0.23	-	$\text{SeO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{HSeO}_3^-$
(H2SeO3) <sup>e</sup>	IV	2.8 ± 0.2	7.07 ± 0.5	2.64 ± 0.14	-	$\text{HSeO}_3^- + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq})$
FeSeO3+	IV	-	-	11.15 ± 0.11	-	$\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{SeO}_3^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{FeSeO}_3^+$
SeCN-	0	-	-	57.3 ± 0.6	-	$\text{HCN}(\text{aq}) + \text{SeO}_3^{2-} + 5 \text{H}^+ + 4 \text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{SeCN}^- + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$

		TDB Version 01/01		TDB Version 12/07		
Name	Redox	$\log_{10}\beta^\circ$	$\Delta_r H_m^\circ$ [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\log_{10}\beta^\circ$ $\log_{10}K^\circ$	$\Delta_r H_m^\circ$ [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	Reaction
NiSeCN+	0	-	-	$1.77 \pm 0.06$	$-12.8 \pm 0.4$	$\text{Ni}^{2+} + \text{SeCN}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{NiSeCN}^+$
Ni(SeCN)2	0	-	-	$2.24 \pm 0.14$	$-25 \pm 4$	$\text{Ni}^{2+} + 2 \text{SeCN}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Ni(SeCN)}_2(\text{aq})$
Se2-2	0 -II	-	-	$25.32 \pm 0.33$	-	$2 \text{Se}^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{Se}_2^{2-} + 2 \text{e}^-$
Se3-2	0 -II	-	-	$(49.97 \pm 0.68)^f$	-	$3 \text{Se}^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{Se}_3^{2-} + 4 \text{e}^-$
Se4-2	0 -II	-	-	$(73.02 \pm 1.01)^f$	-	$4 \text{Se}^{2-} \rightleftharpoons \text{Se}_4^{2-} + 6 \text{e}^-$
HSe-	-II	$-3.8 \pm 0.3$	-	$-3.85 \pm 0.05$	-	$\text{H}_2\text{Se}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{HSe}^- + \text{H}^+$
Se-2	-II	-	-	$(-14.91 \pm 0.20)^*$	-	$\text{HSe}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Se}^{2-} + \text{H}^+$

<sup>a</sup>  $\log_{10}K^\circ$  and reaction derived from combining equilibria 7.7, 7.21 and 7.22.

<sup>b</sup>  $\log_{10}K^\circ$  and reaction derived from combining equilibria 7.4, 7.21, 7.22, 7.11, (-714), (-713) and  $4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}_2(\text{g})$ .

<sup>c</sup> Value reported but not selected by Olin et al. (2005)

<sup>d</sup> Note that in TDB Version 01/01 the formation reaction was formulated the other way round (formation of  $\text{SeO}_3^{2-}$  in terms of  $\text{HSeO}_3^-$ )

<sup>e</sup> Note that in TDB Version 01/01 the formation reaction was formulated the other way round (formation of  $\text{HSeO}_3^-$  in terms of  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_3(\text{aq})$ )

<sup>f</sup> Note that that the uncertainty differs from that given by Olin et al. (2005)

		TDB Version 01/01		TDB Version 12/07		
Name	Redox	$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^{\circ}$	$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}$	$\log_{10}K_{s,0}^{\circ}$	$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ}$	Reaction
		$\log_{10}K^{\circ}$	[kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\log_{10}K^{\circ}$	[kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	
Se(cr)	0/IV	-61.29	-	-61.15 ± 0.31	-	Se(cr) + 3 H <sub>2</sub> O(l) ⇌ SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + 6 H <sup>+</sup> + 4 e <sup>-</sup>
BaSeO <sub>4</sub> (cr)	VI	-	-	-7.56 ± 0.10 -7.25 ± 0.11 <sup>g</sup>	-1144.0 ± 5.0 -	BaSeO <sub>4</sub> (cr) ⇌ Ba <sup>2+</sup> + SeO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
NiSeO <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O(cr)	IV	-	-	-5.80 ± 1.0	-	NiSeO <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O(cr) ⇌ Ni <sup>2+</sup> + SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O(l)
MnSeO <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O(cr)	IV	-	-	-7.6 ± 1.0	-	MnSeO <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O(cr) ⇌ Mn <sup>2+</sup> + SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O(l)
MgSeO <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O(cr)	IV	-	-	-5.82 ± 0.25	-2707.21 ± 1.30	MgSeO <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O(cr) ⇌ Mg <sup>2+</sup> + SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + 6 H <sub>2</sub> O(l)
CaSeO <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O(cr)	IV	-	-	-6.40 ± 0.25	-	CaSeO <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O(cr) ⇌ Ca <sup>2+</sup> + SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> O(l)
SrSeO <sub>3</sub> (cr)	IV	-	-	-6.30 ± 0.50	-1051.9 ± 2.7	SrSeO <sub>3</sub> (cr) ⇌ Sr <sup>2+</sup> + SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
BaSeO <sub>3</sub> (cr)	IV	-	-	-6.50 ± 0.25	-1036.7 ± 2.9	BaSeO <sub>3</sub> (cr) ⇌ Ba <sup>2+</sup> + SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> Se(g)	-II	-	-	-1.10 ± 0.01	-14.7 ± 0.3	H <sub>2</sub> Se(g) ⇌ H <sub>2</sub> Se(aq)

<sup>g</sup> This improved (and preferred) solubility product of Rai et al. (2014) was discovered not till a very late stage of the reporting process.

It should replace the value of Olin et al. (2005) in practical applications. Note that Rai et al. (2014) did not provide values for  $\Delta_f H^{\circ}$ .



**Table 7.2:** Selected SIT ion interaction coefficients  $\varepsilon_{j,k}$  [kg·mol<sup>-1</sup>] for selenium species. All data included in TDB Version 12/07 are taken from Olin et al. (2005). Own data estimates based on charge correlations (Hummel 2009) are shaded. Supplemental data are in italics.

j k →	Cl <sup>-</sup>	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Li <sup>+</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>
↓	$\varepsilon_{j,k}$	$\varepsilon_{j,k}$	$\varepsilon_{j,k}$	$\varepsilon_{j,k}$	$\varepsilon_{j,k}$	$\varepsilon_{j,k}$
H <sub>2</sub> Se	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSeO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.01 ± 0.02	-
SeO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.12 ± 0.06	-
NiSeO <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
MnSeO <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
UO <sub>2</sub> SeO <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>UO<sub>2</sub>(SeO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>-2</sup></i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	-	-0.10 ± 0.1	-
<i>MgSeO<sub>4</sub></i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
CaSeO <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
H <sub>2</sub> SeO <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
HSeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.05 ± 0.1	-
SeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.10 ± 0.1	-
FeSeO <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.05 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	-	0	0	0
SeCN <sup>-</sup>	0	0	0	-	0.05 ± 0.01	-
NiSeCN <sup>+</sup>	0.05 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	-	0	0	0
Ni(SeCN) <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Se <sub>2</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.10 ± 0.1	-0.06 <sup>a</sup>
Se <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.10 ± 0.1	-0.06 <sup>a</sup>
Se <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.10 ± 0.1	-0.06 <sup>a</sup>
HSe <sup>-</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.05 ± 0.1	-
Se <sup>-2</sup>	0	0	0	-	-0.10 ± 0.1	-

<sup>a</sup> Data given by Olin et al. (2005) in text but not in Tables B.3 of selected ion interaction coefficients.

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