

Supplementary Information

"Kinetics and Mechanisms of Bromine Chloride Reactions with Bromite and Chlorite Ions"

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Table S1. Stoichiometry of the HOBr/BrO₂⁻ and BrCl/BrO₂⁻ Reactions ^a

[Cl ⁻], mM	[BrO ₃ ⁻]/[BrO ₂ ⁻]
0.0	0.97(6)
19.1	1.01(2)

^a Conditions: [HOBr]_T = 1.52 mM, [BrO₂⁻] = 0.54 mM, p[H⁺] = 6.9, [PO₄]_T = 20 mM, 25.0 °C, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 100 mA current, and 9.0 mM Na₂CO₃. Errors represent the standard deviation of measurements from three identical solutions.

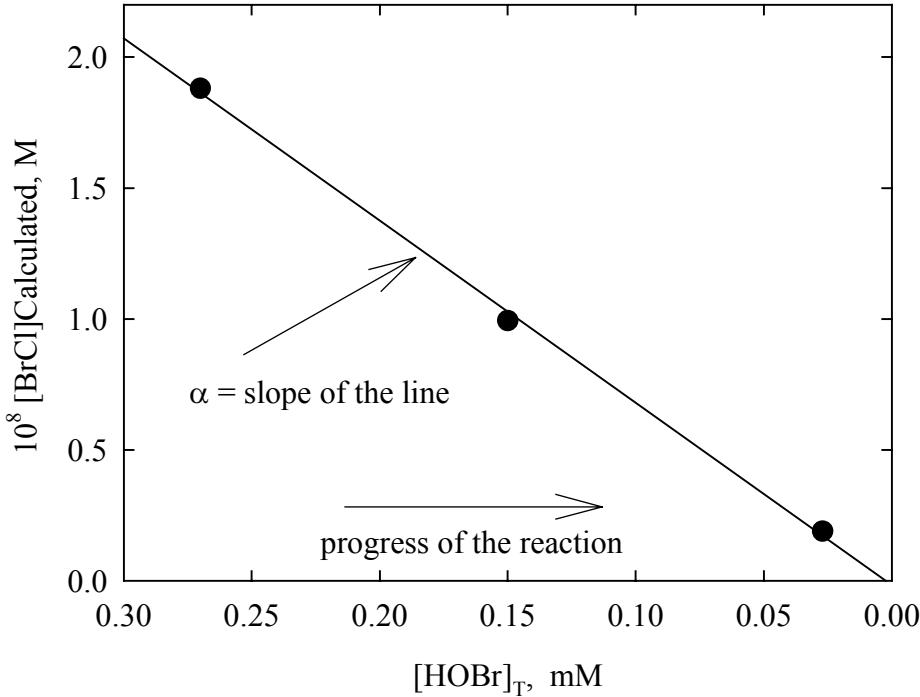


Figure S1. The ratio $[\text{BrCl}]/[\text{HOBr}]_T = \alpha$ is nearly constant during the $\text{BrCl}/\text{ClO}_2^-$ reaction if the Br^- formed is taken into account with all the involved equilibria from Table 1. HOBr is consumed during the reaction and the Br^- formed affects the BrCl concentration. The data points are at 10%, 50%, and 90% of the reaction. Conditions: $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 0.3 \text{ mM}$, $p[\text{H}^+] = 6.04$, and $[\text{Cl}^-] = 0.01 \text{ M}$. The plot is presented in a descending order in HOBr concentration to reflect the loss of HOBr during the course of the reaction.

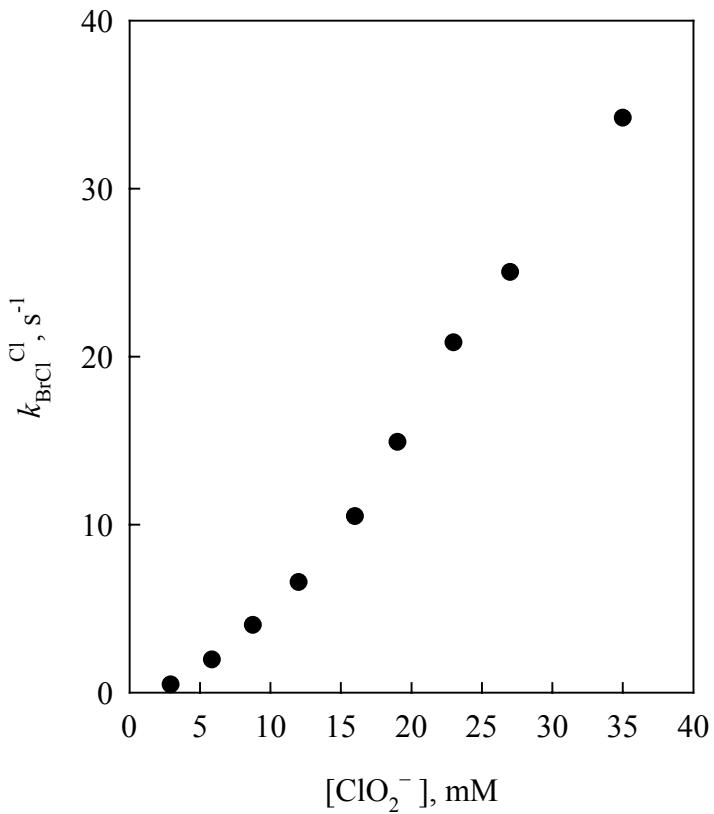


Figure S2. Dependence of $k_{\text{BrCl}}^{\text{Cl}}$ on chlorite ion concentration for the $\text{BrCl}/\text{ClO}_2^-$ reaction. Conditions: 37.6 mM Cl^- , $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 0.305 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{PO}_4]_T = 5.0 \text{ mM}$, $p[\text{H}^+] = 6.01$, 25.0 °C, and $\mu = 1.0 \text{ M}$.

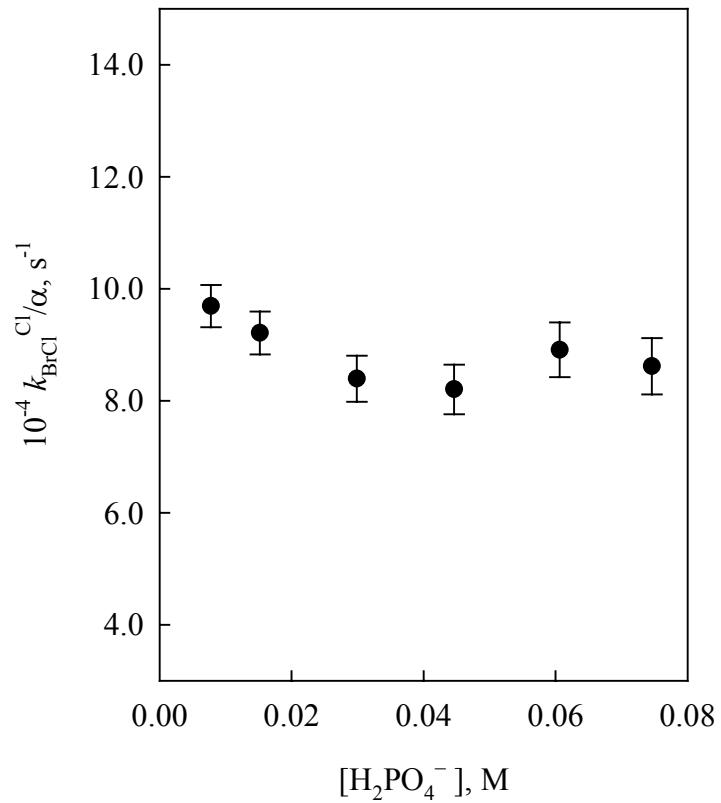


Figure S3. Lack of a buffer effect for the $\text{BrCl}/\text{ClO}_2^-$ reaction after accounting for the α term. 25.0 mM ClO_2^- , $\text{p[H}^+\text{]} = 5.75$, 19.1 mM Cl^- , $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 0.169$ mM, 25.0 °C, $\mu = 1.0$ M, and $\lambda = 359$ nm.

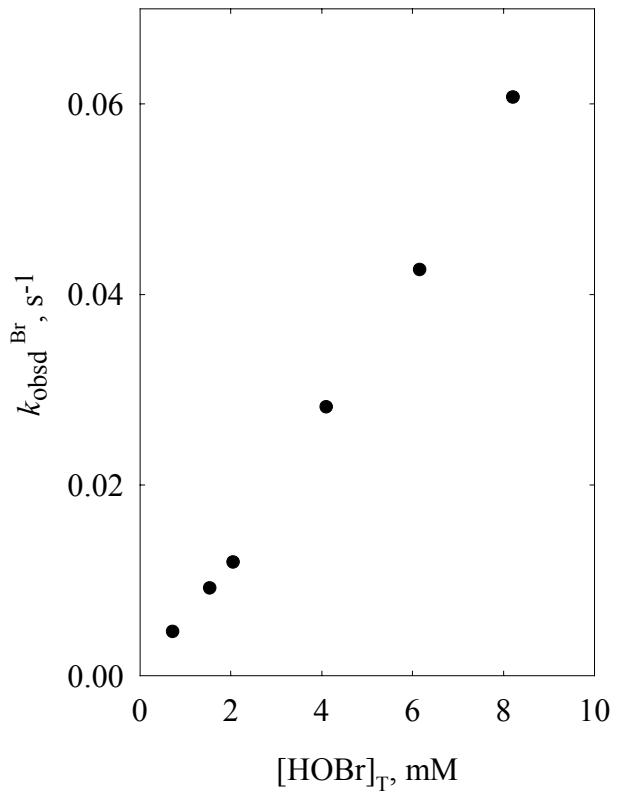


Figure S4. Effect of increasing $[\text{HOBr}]_T$ on the $\text{BrO}_2^-/\text{HOBr}$ reaction. $[\text{BrO}_2^-] = 70 \mu\text{M}$, $p[\text{H}^+] = 5.91$, $[\text{PO}_4]_T = 80 \text{ mM}$, 25.0°C , $\mu = 1.0 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda = 240 \text{ nm}$.

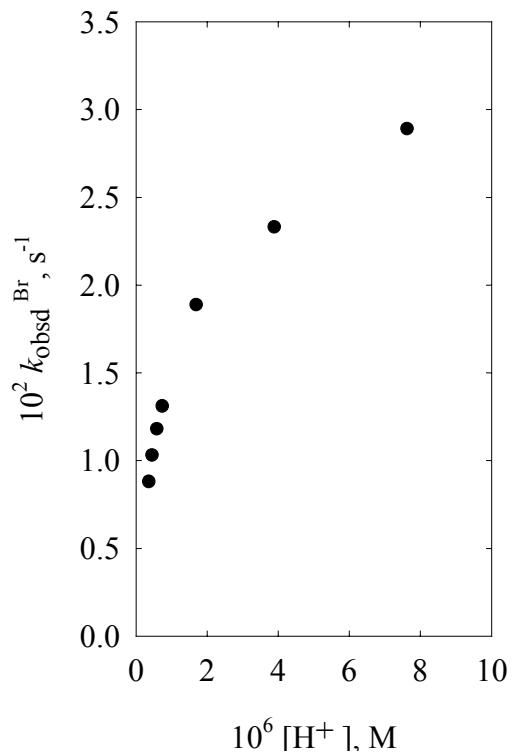


Figure S5. Dependence of $\text{BrO}_2^-/\text{HOBr}$ reaction on proton concentration. $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 2.87 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{BrO}_2^-] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{PO}_4^{3-}] = 80 \text{ mM}$, 25.0°C , $\mu = 1.0 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda = 245 \text{ nm}$.

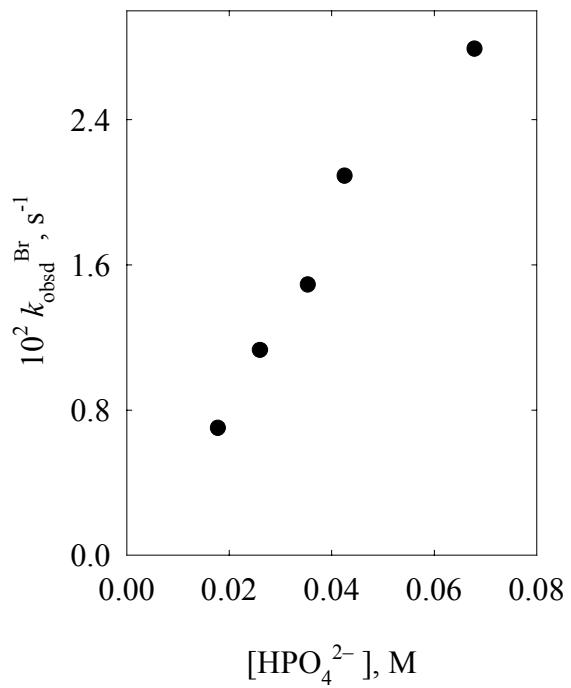


Figure S6. Dependence of $\text{BrO}_2^-/\text{HOBr}$ reaction on phosphate buffer. $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 2.78 \text{ mM}$, $p[\text{H}^+] = 5.99$, $[\text{BrO}_2^-] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$, 25.0°C , $\mu = 1.0 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda = 245 \text{ nm}$.

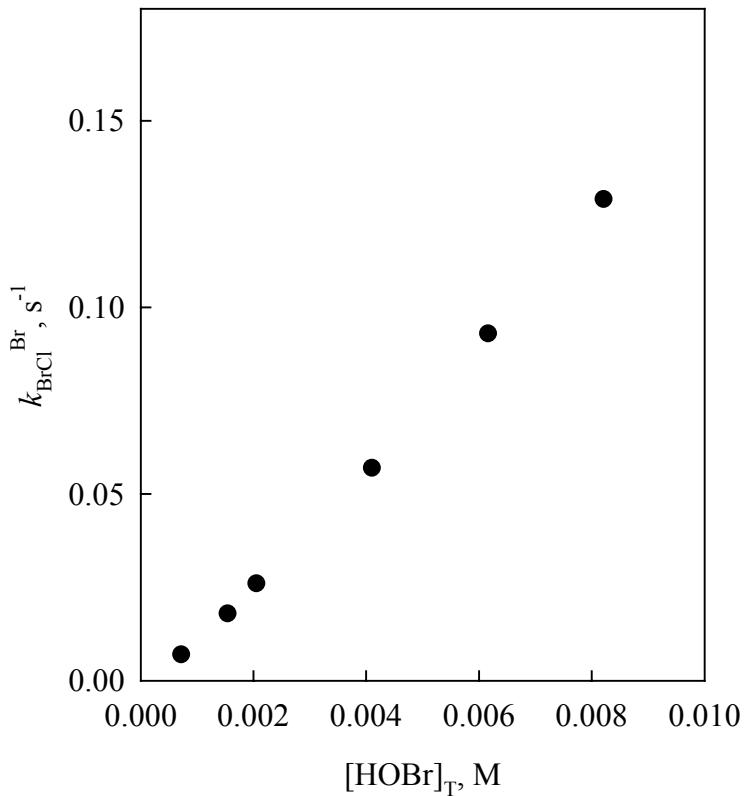


Figure S7. Dependence of the BrCl/BrO₂⁻ reaction on [HOBr]_T. Conditions: [BrO₂⁻] = 0.07 mM, p[H⁺] = 5.91, [Cl⁻] = 20 mM, [PO₄]_T = 80 mM, 25.0 °C, μ = 1.0 M, and λ = 240 nm.

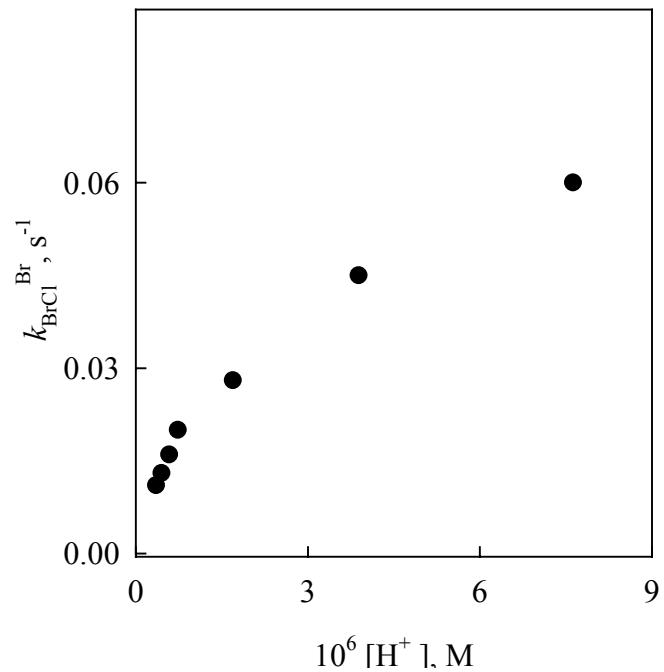


Figure S8. Acid effect on the $\text{BrCl}/\text{BrO}_2^-$ reaction before introducing the α term. Conditions: $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 2.87 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Cl}^-] = 15.3 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{BrO}_2^-] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{PO}_4]_T = 80 \text{ mM}$, 25.0°C , $\mu = 1.0 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda = 245 \text{ nm}$.

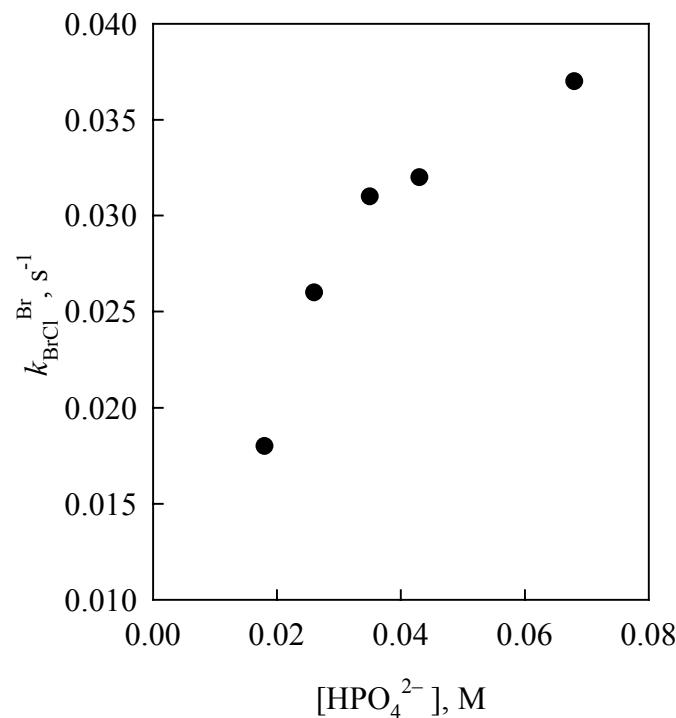


Figure S9. The rate of the $\text{BrCl}/\text{BrO}_2^-$ reaction is accelerated by the basic form of phosphate buffer, before accounting for the α term: $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 2.78 \text{ mM}$, $p[\text{H}^+] = 5.99$, $[\text{Cl}^-] = 15.3 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{BrO}_2^-] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$, 25.0°C , $\mu = 1.0 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda = 245 \text{ nm}$.

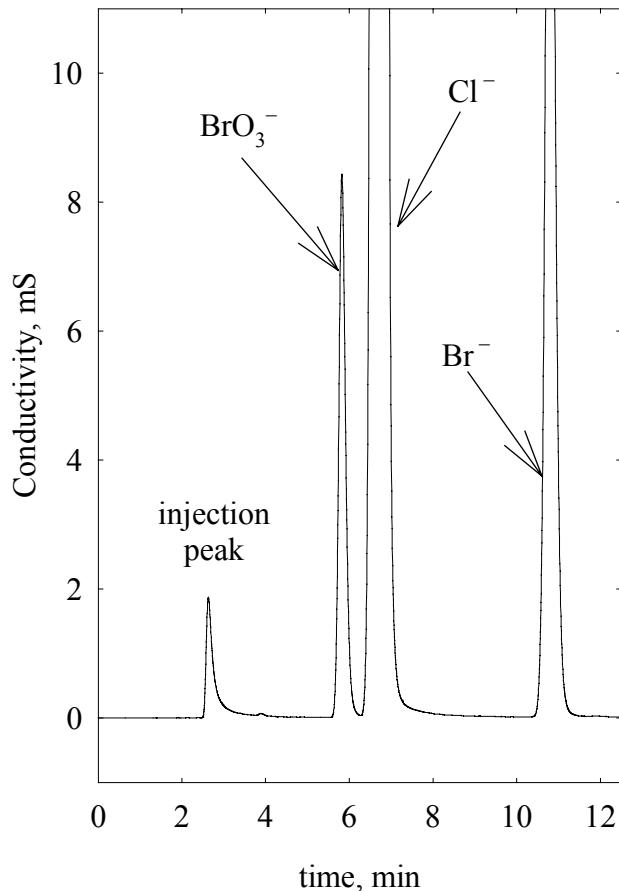


Figure S10. Ion chromatogram of the products of $\text{BrCl}/\text{BrO}_2^-$ reaction: $[\text{HOBr}]_T = 1.52 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{BrO}_2^-] = 0.54 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Cl}^-] = 19.1 \text{ mM}$, $p[\text{H}^+] = 6.9$, $[\text{PO}_4]_T = 20 \text{ mM}$, and 25.0°C . Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min , 100 mA current, and $9.0 \text{ mM Na}_2\text{CO}_3$. The $[\text{BrO}_3^-]$ equals 0.545 mM , leading to stoichiometry of $1.01(2)$ for $\text{BrO}_3^- : \text{BrO}_2^-$. A large excess of Na_2SO_3 was used to react with the residual HOBr present in the system.

Appendix S1. Equilibrium Calculations in Accord with Table 1

Solving the concentrations of twelve species using twelve equations, whether bromide is initially present or absent:

eq (1) through eq (12)

equilibrium constants:

$$K_1^{\text{BrCl}} = \frac{[\text{BrCl}_2^-]}{[\text{BrCl}][\text{Cl}^-]} \quad [\text{BrCl}_2^-] = K_1^{\text{BrCl}}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{BrCl}] \quad (1)$$

$$K_{\text{h1}} = \frac{[\text{HOBr}][\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{BrCl}]} \quad [\text{HOBr}] = \frac{K_{\text{h1}}[\text{BrCl}]}{[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]} \quad (2)$$

$$K_{\text{h2}} = \frac{[\text{HOBr}][\text{Br}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{Br}_2]} \quad [\text{Br}_2] = \frac{K_{\text{h1}}[\text{Br}^-][\text{BrCl}]}{K_{\text{h2}}[\text{Cl}^-]} \quad (3)$$

$$K_4^{\text{Br2}} = \frac{[\text{Br}_3^-]}{[\text{Br}_2][\text{Br}^-]} \quad [\text{Br}_3^-] = \frac{K_4^{\text{Br2}} K_{\text{h1}}[\text{Br}^-]^2[\text{BrCl}]}{K_{\text{h2}}[\text{Cl}^-]} \quad (4)$$

$$K_3^{\text{Br2}} = \frac{[\text{Br}_2\text{Cl}^-]}{[\text{Br}_2][\text{Cl}^-]} \quad [\text{Br}_2\text{Cl}^-] = \frac{K_3^{\text{Br2}} K_{\text{h1}}[\text{Br}^-][\text{BrCl}]}{K_{\text{h2}}} \quad (5)$$

$$K_7^{\text{HOBr}} = \frac{[\text{HOCl}][\text{Br}^-]}{[\text{HOBr}][\text{Cl}^-]} \quad [\text{HOCl}] = \frac{K_7^{\text{HOBr}} K_{\text{h1}}[\text{BrCl}]}{[\text{H}^+][\text{Br}^-]} \quad (6)$$

$$K_{\text{h3}} = \frac{[\text{HOCl}][\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{Cl}_2]} \quad [\text{Cl}_2] = \frac{K_7^{\text{HOBr}} K_{\text{h1}}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{BrCl}]}{K_{\text{h3}}[\text{Br}^-]} \quad (7)$$

Appendix S1, continued

$$K_5^{\text{Cl}_2} = \frac{[\text{Cl}_3^-]}{[\text{Cl}_2][\text{Cl}^-]} \quad [\text{Cl}_3^-] = \frac{K_5^{\text{Cl}_2} K_7^{\text{HOBr}} K_{\text{h}1} [\text{Cl}^-]^2 [\text{BrCl}]}{K_{\text{h}3} [\text{Br}^-]} \quad (8)$$

$$K_a^{\text{HOCl}} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{OCl}^-]}{[\text{HOCl}]} \quad [\text{OCl}^-] = \frac{K_a^{\text{HOCl}} K_7^{\text{HOBr}} K_{\text{h}1} [\text{BrCl}]}{[\text{H}^+]^2 [\text{Br}^-]} \quad (9)$$

$$K_a^{\text{HOBr}} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{OBr}^-]}{[\text{HOBr}]} \quad [\text{OBr}^-] = \frac{K_a^{\text{HOBr}} K_{\text{h}1} [\text{BrCl}]}{[\text{H}^+]^2 [\text{Cl}^-]} \quad (10)$$

bromine balance:

$$[\text{BrCl}]_T = [\text{BrCl}] + [\text{BrCl}_2^-] + [\text{Br}^-]_i + \Delta[\text{Br}^-] + 2[\text{Br}_2\text{Cl}^-] + 2[\text{Br}_2] + 3[\text{Br}_3^-] \\ + [\text{HOBr}] + [\text{OBr}^-] \quad (11)$$

$[\text{Br}^-]_i$ is the initial Br^- concentration while $\Delta[\text{Br}^-]$ is the change of $[\text{Br}^-]$ at equilibrium.

oxidizing power balance:

$$[\text{BrCl}]_T^{\text{ox}} = [\text{BrCl}] + [\text{BrCl}_2^-] + [\text{Br}_2\text{Cl}^-] + [\text{Br}_2] + [\text{Br}_3^-] + [\text{HOBr}] + [\text{Cl}_2] \\ + [\text{Cl}_3^-] + [\text{HOCl}] + [\text{OCl}^-] \quad (12)$$

eq(11) – eq(12):

$$[\text{Br}^-]_i = [\text{Br}_2\text{Cl}^-] + [\text{Br}^-]_i + \Delta[\text{Br}^-] + [\text{Br}_2] + 2[\text{Br}_3^-] - [\text{Cl}_2] - [\text{Cl}_3^-] \\ - [\text{HOCl}] - [\text{OCl}^-] \quad (13)$$

Appendix S1, continued

put eqs (1) through (10) into eq (13):

$$[\text{BrCl}] = \frac{n_1}{n_2 + n_3} \quad (14)$$

$$n_1 = -K_{\text{h}2}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]^2(\Delta[\text{Br}^-]^2 + \Delta[\text{Br}^-][\text{Br}^-]_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_2 = & K_3^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]^2(\Delta[\text{Br}^-]^2 + 2\Delta[\text{Br}^-][\text{Br}^-]_i + [\text{Br}^-]_i^2) \\ & + K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2(\Delta[\text{Br}^-]^2 + 2\Delta[\text{Br}^-][\text{Br}^-]_i + [\text{Br}^-]_i^2) \\ & + 2K_4^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2(\Delta[\text{Br}^-]^3 + 3\Delta[\text{Br}^-]^2[\text{Br}^-]_i + 3\Delta[\text{Br}^-][\text{Br}^-]_i^2 + [\text{Br}^-]_i^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$n_3 = -(K_7^{\text{HOBr}}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}2}[\text{Cl}^-]^2[\text{H}^+]^2 + K_5^{\text{Cl}2}K_7^{\text{HOBr}}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}2}[\text{Cl}^-]^3[\text{H}^+]^2$$

$$+ K_7^{\text{HOBr}}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}2}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+] + K_a^{\text{HOCl}}K_7^{\text{HOBr}}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}2}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-])$$

put eq (14) and eq (1) through (10) into eq (11):

$$X_4\Delta[\text{Br}^-]^4 + X_3\Delta[\text{Br}^-]^3 + X_2\Delta[\text{Br}^-] + X_1\Delta[\text{Br}^-] + X_0 = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$X_4 = K_4^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2$$

$$X_3 = K_3^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]^2 + K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2 + [\text{Br}^-]_iK_4^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2$$

$$+ 2K_4^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2[\text{BrCl}]_T$$

$$X_2 = K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]^2 + K_1^{\text{BrCl}}K_{\text{h}2}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]^2 + 4[\text{Br}^-]_iK_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]^2$$

$$+ [\text{Br}^-]_iK_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2 - 3[\text{Br}^-]_i^2K_4^{\text{HOBr}}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2 + K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}2}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]$$

$$+ K_a^{\text{HOBr}}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}2}K_{\text{h}3} + K_3^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{Cl}^-][\text{H}^+]^2[\text{BrCl}]_T + K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2[\text{BrCl}]_T$$

$$+ 6[\text{Br}^-]_iK_4^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2[\text{BrCl}]_T - 3[\text{Br}^-]_iK_3^{\text{Br}2}K_{\text{h}1}K_{\text{h}3}[\text{H}^+]^2[\text{Cl}^-]$$

Appendix S1, continued

$$X_1 = K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-][H^+]^2[Br^-]_i + K_1^{BrCl}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-]^2[H^+]^2[Br^-]_i - K_3^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Cl^-][Br^-]_i$$

$$+ K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Br^-]_i^2 - 5K_4^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Br^-]_i^3 + K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[H^+][Br^-]_i$$

$$+ K_a^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Br^-]_i + 2K_3^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Cl^-][BrCl]_T[Br^-]_i$$

$$+ 2K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[BrCl]_T[Br^-]_i + 6K_4^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[BrCl]_T[Br^-]_i^2$$

$$- 2K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Cl^-][Br^-]_i^2 + K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}[Cl^-]^2[H^+]^2$$

$$+ K_5^{Cl2}K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}[Cl^-]^3[H^+]^2 + K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-][H^+]$$

$$+ K_a^{HOCl}K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-]$$

$$X_0 = K_3^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Cl^-][BrCl]_T[Br^-]_i^2 + K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[BrCl]_T[Br^-]_i^2$$

$$+ 2K_4^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[BrCl]_T[Br^-]_i^3 - K_3^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Cl^-][Br^-]_i^3$$

$$- K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Br^-]_i^3 - 2K_4^{Br2}K_{h1}K_{h3}[H^+]^2[Br^-]_i^4$$

$$- K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}[Cl^-]^2[H^+]^2[BrCl]_T - K_5^{Cl2}K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}[Cl^-]^3[H^+]^2[BrCl]_T$$

$$- K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-][H^+][BrCl]_T - K_a^{HOCl}K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-][BrCl]_T$$

$$+ K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}[Cl^-]^2[H^+]^2[Br^-]_i + K_5^{Cl2}K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}[Cl^-]^3[H^+]^2[Br^-]_i$$

$$+ K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-][H^+][Br^-]_i + K_a^{HOCl}K_7^{HOBr}K_{h1}K_{h2}K_{h3}[Cl^-][Br^-]_i$$

This 4th power equation, eq (15), of $\Delta[Br^-]$ can be solved by MathCad 8 after dividing all terms by X_4 . Then, $[BrCl]$ can be determined by eq (14). Subsequently, concentrations of all other species can be determined by eqs (1) through (10).