The Pressure Effect on Conductances of KCl in Ethanol-Water Mixtures at 25 °C

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The molar conductances of KCl in 5, 10, 15, 20, and 30 mol% ethanol-water mixtures were measured in the dilute concentration range of $(2-8)\times10^{-4}$ M (1 M=1 mol dm⁻³) at 25 °C up to 1500 kgf cm⁻² (1 kgf cm⁻²=0.9807× 10^5 Pa). The Fuoss-Onsager conductance equation for unassociated electrolytes was used to determine the limiting molar conductance, Λ° , of KCl in 5 and 10 mol% of ethanol. In 15, 20, and 30 mol% of ethanol, where the ionic association takes place, the Shedlovsky equation was employed to obtain Λ° and the association constant K_A of KCl. The limiting ionic molar conductances of the K⁺ and Cl⁻ ions were determined by combining Λ° with the limiting transference number for KCl. The Walden products of both K⁺ and Cl⁻ ions decrease with an increase in the pressure in 5 mol% of ethanol, but in 15 mol% of ethanol and above they increase with an increase in the pressure. These facts indicate that the breaking effect of these ions appears prominently in about 5 mol% of ethanol.

Studies of the electrolytic conductance in binary solvent systems of alcohols and water are of interest because such systems are useful in elucidating not only the effect of a change in the dielectric constant on the association of electrolytes into ion pairs, but also the influence of the solvent structure on the limiting ionic conductances.

In previous papers,^{1,2)} we reported the pressure and temperature effects on the transference numbers for KCl in ethanol-water mixtures. Here we wish to present data on the electrolytic conductances of KCl in the same solvent systems at high pressures at 25 °C, and to discuss the variation in the ionic Walden products with the ethanol content and the pressure.

Experimental

Chemicals and Solutions. The chemicals used were the same as those described in the previous paper.¹⁾ All the solutions of potassium chloride KCl were prepared by weight. A proper quantity of the stock solution (2×10⁻³ M KCl aqueous solution) was weighed into a dry weighing bottle of about 150 cm³ and then diluted gravimetrically with conductivity water and ethanol in order to yield the desired composition of the solvent and concentration of the solution. The concentrations of the solutions in M were determined by assuming that the densities of dilute KCl solutions were equal to that of the solvent.

Apparatus. The high-pressure system for the conductance measurement is illustrated in Fig. 1. Pressure generated by means of a hand pump was measured to ±3 kgf cm⁻² by means of a calibrated Bourdon gauge (Nagano Keiki Seisakusho, Ltd.). The temperature of the oil bath in which a pressure vessel was immersed was kept constant at (25±0.03) °C. The conductance cell installed in the pressure vessel was made by modifying a hypodermic syringe (capacity, 10 cm³); the oil pressure was transmitted to the solution through a glass piston of the syringe.

Unplatinized electrodes were used for all the measurements, since the resistances of solutions decreased monotonously with the time when lightly platinized electrodes were employed. In order to eliminate electrode polarization errors caused by using unplatinized electrodes, the resis-

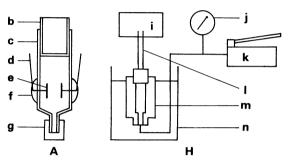


Fig. 1. High-pressure system for the conductance measurement.

A: Conductance cell of a syringe type, b: glass piston, c: glass cylinder, d: platinum lead, e: platinum electrode, f: Araldite, g: Teflon cap; H: pressure-generating system, i: conductance bridge, j: Bourdon-type pressure gauge, k: hand pump, l: leading wire, m: high-pressure vessel, n: oil bath.

tances of solutions were measured at 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, and 5 kHz by means of a sine wave oscillator (Model 361B), a conductance bridge (Model 362B), and a standard resistor (Model 363B) manufactured by Fuso Seisakusho, Ltd. The measured resistances were found to be linear functions of the reciprocal of the frequency, f, except for 0.2 kHz, and to increase with a decrease in the frequency, as is typical of electrode polarization. The extrapolated value at 1/f=0 was assumed to be the correct value. The cell constants at atmospheric pressure, as determined by this method from the conductances of 5×10^{-4} , 1×10^{-3} , and 1×10^{-2} M KCl aqueous solutions,³⁾ agreed within $\pm0.03\%$, which indicates that electrode polarization errors are eliminated. The cell constant thus determined was $0.3860\,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$, and it was assumed to be invariant with the pressure.

Results

The physical properties of the various solvent mixtures, the density, ρ ,⁴⁾ the viscosity, η ,^{4,5)} and the dielectric constant, ε ,⁶⁾ at high pressures and at 25 °C used in the data analysis are from the literature; they are summarized in Table 1, where the ρ ,⁷⁾ η ,⁸⁾ and ε ⁹⁾ values of water are also included. Table 2 shows the

Table 1. Properties of ethanol-water mixtures at high pressures at 25 °C

P/kgf cm ⁻²	$\rho/\mathrm{gcm^{-3}}$	ε	η/cΡ
	Wat	er	
1	0.9970	78.5	0.8937
500	1.0181	80.2	0.8865
1000	1.0372	81.9	0.8897
1500	1.0546	83.5	0.9034
	5 mol% of	ethanol	
l	0.9772	71.7	1.426
500	0.9951	73.3	1.396
1000	1.0133	74.9	1.386
1500	1.0300	76.2	1.392
	10 mol% of	ethanol	
1	0.9626	66.1	1.973
500	0.9816	67.8	1.996
1000	0.9991	69.3	2.035
1500	1.0142	70.7	2.065
	15 mol% of	ethanol	
1	0.9486	60.6	2.310
500	0.9687	62.3	2.460
1000	0.9863	63.8	2.585
1500	1.0025	65.2	2.683
	20 mol% of	ethanol	
1	0.9336	55.8	2.453
500	0.9539	57.5	2.663
1000	0.9717	59.1	2.880
1500	0.9877	60.5	3.080
	30 mol% of	ethanol	
1	0.9043	47.7	2.467
500	0.9232	49.4	2.800
1000	0.9418	50.8	3.157
1500	0.9590	52.2	3.510

molar conductances, Λ , of KCl in ethanol-water mixtures at 25 °C as a function of the pressure, P. The molar conductances were reproducible within $\pm 0.1\%$.

The limiting molar conductances, Λ° , of KCl in 5 and 10 mol% of ethanol were obtained by analyzing the conductance data with the aid of the Fuoss-Onsager conductance equation for unassociated electrolytes:^{10,11)}

$$\Lambda = \Lambda^{\circ} - Sc^{1/2} + Ec \log c + Jc, \tag{1}$$

where c is the molar concentration (M) and where S, E, and J are the parameters in Eq. 1; S is the Onsager limiting slope, the form of E is $(E_1 \Lambda^\circ - 2E_2)$, in which both E_1 and E_2 depend only upon solvent properties, and J is a function of the ion-size parameter, a. However, in 15 mol% of ethanol and above, the data analysis obtained by the use of Eq. 1 gives a very low value of a, which means that KCl is slightly associated in these mixtures. Thus, the Shedlovsky equation: a

$$1/\Lambda S(z) = 1/\Lambda^{\circ} + K_{\bullet} c \Lambda S(z) f_{+}^{2}/\Lambda^{\circ 2}, \tag{2}$$

where:

$$S(z) = \{z/2 + [1 + (z/2)^2]^{1/2}\}^2, \tag{3}$$

$$z = [8.204 \times 10^{5} \Lambda^{\circ} / (\varepsilon T)^{3/2} + 82.50 / \eta (\varepsilon T)^{1/2}] \times (\varepsilon \Lambda / \Lambda^{\circ 3})^{1/2}, \tag{4}$$

Table 2. Molar conductances Λ/S cm² mol $^{-1}$ of KCl in compressed ethanol—water mixtures at various concentrations at 25° C

D/leaf am=2	$c^{\mathrm{a})}/10^{-4}\mathrm{M}$					
P/kgf cm ⁻²	2.000	3.000	4.000	5.000	6.000	8.000
			5 mol% o	f ethanol		
l	102.3_{7}	102.1_{5}	101.9_{5}	101.75	101.5_{8}	101.41
500	102.6_{5}	102.5_{5}	102.2_{5}	102.1_{3}	101.9_{0}	101.73
1000	102.3_{8}	102.2_{5}	102.0_{5}	101.9_{0}	101.7_{3}	101.5_{1}
1500	101.6_{3}	101.5_{5}	101.3_{5}	101.2_{0}	100.9_{7}	100.7_{3}
			10 mol% d	of ethanol		
1	76.7_{7}	76.5_{8}	76.4_2	76.3_{1}	76.1_{7}	75.9_{7}
500	75.3_{8}	75.1_{8}	75.0_{5}	74.8_{6}	74.7_{7}	74.6_{2}
1000	74.1_{7}	73.9_{8}	73.8_{5}	73.7_{0}	73.5_{5}	73.4_{5}
1500	72.9_{3}	72.7_{8}	72.7_{1}	72.5_{5}	72.3_{7}	72.2_{4}
			15 mol% (of ethanol		
1	64.4_{0}	64.1_{0}	63.8_{0}	63.6_{0}	63.4_{0}	63.15
500	61.2_{0}	60.9_{0}	60.7_{0}	60.5_{0}	60.3_{0}	60.0_{5}
1000	58.5_{0}	58.3_{0}	58.1_{0}	57.9_{0}	57.7_{0}	57.4 ₈
1500	56.10	55.8_{0}	55.6_{0}	55.4_{5}	55.3_{0}	55.10
	-	-	20 mol% o	of ethanol		
1	57.0_{0}	56.6_{0}	56.3_{5}	56.1_{5}	55.9_{0}	55.7 ₀
500	52.9_{0}	52.6_{0}	52.4_{0}	52.2_{0}	52.0_{0}	51.75
1000	49.50	49.2_{0}	49.0_{0}	48.8_{0}	48.6_{5}	48.45
1500	46.4_{0}	46.20	46.0_{0}	45.85	45.70	45.50
			30 mol%	of ethanol	-	_
1	49.1_{0}	48.8_{0}	48.5_{5}	48.3_{0}	48.0_{5}	47.8_{0}
500	44.70	44.40	44.2_{0}	44.0_{0}	43.8_{0}	43.58
1000	40.70	40.4_{0}	40.2_{0}	40.0_{5}	39.9_{0}	39.70
1500	37.0_{5}	36.80	36.60	36.50	36.35	36.20

a) Concentrations at atmospheric pressure.

Table 3. Values of Λ°/S cm² mol⁻¹, t_{+}° , λ_{\pm}°/S cm² mol⁻¹, $\mathring{a}/\mathring{A}$, and $K_{A}/$ mol⁻¹ dm³ in ethanol–water mixtures as a function of the pressure at 25°C

P/kgf cm ⁻²	1°	t+°	λ ₊ °	λ_°	å	K_A
			Water			
l	149.9_{1}	0.490_{6}	73.5_{5}	76.3_{6}	1.5	
500	151.7_{7}	0.486_{6}	73.8_{5}	$\mathbf{77.9_2}$	1.8	
1000	152.2_{2}	0.481_{8}	73.3_{4}	78.8_{8}	2.6	
1500	151.4_{2}	0.479_{5}	72.6_{1}	78.8_{1}	5.8	
		5 m	ol% of ethano	l		
1	103.3_{2}	0.502_{4}	51.9_{1}	51.4_{1}	11	
500	103.6_{5}	0.498_{4}	51.6_{6}	51.9_{9}	$l_{\cdot 1}$	
1000	103.3_{5}	0.495_{3}	51.19	52.1_{6}	3.2	
1500	102.6_{5}	0.492_{2}	50.5_{2}	52.13	$l_{.1}$	
		10 n	nol% of ethano	l		
1	77.5_{2}	0.505_{7}	39.2_{0}	38.3_{2}	1.2	
500	76.1_{0}	0.503_{2}	38.2_{9}	37.8_{1}	1.2	
1000	74.8_{7}	0.501_{9}	37.5_{8}	37.2_{9}	1.3	
1500	73.6_{5}	0.500_{1}	36.8_{3}	36.8_{2}	1.2	
		15 n	nol% of ethano	1		
1	65.2_{4}	0.504_{9}	32.9_{4}	32.3_{0}		$18{2}$
500	61.9_{8}	0.503_2	31.19	30.7_{9}		16.5
1000	59.2_{6}	0.502_{2}	29.7_{6}	29.5_{0}		15.0
1500	56.7_{5}	0.501_{3}	28.4_{5}	28.3_{0}		13.9
		20 n	nol% of ethano	l		
1	57.8_{1}	0.500_{4}	28.9_{3}	28.88		22.4
500	53.6_{7}	0.499_{2}	26.7_{9}	26.8_{8}		20.4
1000	50.1_{7}	0.498_{5}	25.0_{1}	25.1_{6}		19.2
1500	47.0_{4}	0.498_{0}	23.4_{3}	23.6_{1}		16.3
		30 n	nol% of ethano	1		
1	50.0_{4}	0.486_{6}	24.3_{5}	25.6_{9}		26.8
500	45.4_{8}	0.487_{7}	22.1_{8}	23.3_{0}		$23{1}$
1000	41.3_{5}	0.488_{3}	20.19	21.1_{6}		22.2
1500	37.6_{2}	0.489_{6}	18.4_{2}	19.2_{0}		18.4

and:

$$-\ln f_{\pm}^{2} = 3.649 \times 10^{6} [c \Lambda S(z) / \Lambda^{\circ}]^{1/2} / (\varepsilon T)^{3/2}$$
 (5)

was employed to obtain Λ° and the association constant, K_A , from Λ in 15 mol% of ethanol and above; here, f_{\pm} and T are the mean activity coefficient by the Debye-Hückel limiting law and the absolute temperature respectively. The values of Λ° , \mathring{a} , and K_{A} thus obtained are listed in Table 3, together with those of Λ° and \mathring{a} in water, which were obtained by recalculating the data in Ref. 13 with the aid of Eq. 1. The present values of Λ° at atmospheric pressure are in good agreement with the more accurate ones14) within ±0.2%. No high-pressure data are available for comparison in these systems, however. As is shown in Table 3, Λ° decreases with an increase in the ethanol content at each pressure and with an increase in the pressure in each solvent except for 5 mol% of ethanol, where the Λ° -vs.-pressure curve has a slight maximum, as in the case of water.

The limiting ionic molar conductances, λ_i° , of the K^+ and Cl^- ions listed in Table 3 were determined by combining Λ° with the limiting cation-transference number, t_+° , for KCl as follows:

$$\lambda_{+}^{\circ} = \Lambda^{\circ} t_{+}^{\circ}, \tag{6}$$

$$\lambda_{-}^{\circ} = \Lambda^{\circ} - \lambda_{+}^{\circ}. \tag{7}$$

The limiting cation-transference numbers shown in Table 3 were obtained using the Kay-Dye equation: 15)

$$t_{+}^{\circ} = t_{+} + [(0.5 - t_{+})/\Lambda^{\circ}] \Delta \Lambda_{e},$$
 (8)

where t+ is the cation-transference number at the molar concentration c and where $\Delta \Lambda_e$ is the electrophoretic contribution to conductance, expressed by the Fuoss-Onsager conductance equation:¹⁰⁾

$$\Delta \Lambda_{\rm e} = \beta c^{1/2}/(1 + \kappa' \mathring{a}), \tag{9}$$

$$\beta = 82.50/\eta (\varepsilon T)^{1/2},\tag{10}$$

$$\kappa' = 50.3c^{1/2}/(\varepsilon T)^{1/2},$$
 (11)

where \mathring{a} is the ion-size parameter in \mathring{A} . The values of η and ε are given in Table 1, Λ° is determined in this work, and the value of t_{+} in 0.02 M KCl solution is taken from Ref. 1; the value of \mathring{a} taken from Ref. 16, *i.e.*, 3.08 \mathring{A} , is assumed to be independent of the solvent composition and the pressure. It should be noted that the ionic association has no direct effect on the transference number, since it is the ratio of the conductance of the ion to that of the salt, and that the value of t_{+}° is little affected by the use of a nominal

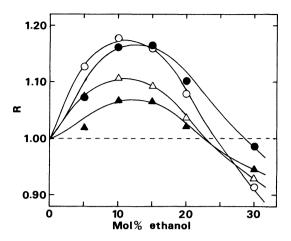


Fig. 2. Ionic Walden products normalized to their values in water as a function of mol% of ethanol.
O: 1 atm, ●: 1500 kgf cm⁻² for the K+ ion, and Δ: 1 atm, ▲: 1500 kgf cm⁻² for the Cl⁻ ion.

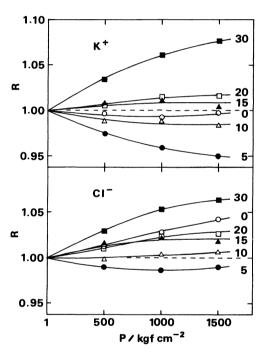


Fig. 3. Ionic Walden products normalized to their values at 1 atm as a function of the pressure. Mol% of ethanol is shown in the plot.

concentration (0.02 M) instead of a real concentration in Eqs. 9 and 11, since the ionic association is slight, the concentration of the solution is low enough, and the value of t_+ is close to 0.5 in our case.

The pressure dependence of λ_i° in the various solvent mixtures agrees qualitatively with that of the fluidity of the solvent mixtures, $1/\eta$, except in the case of 5 mol% of ethanol, where λ_+° decreases monotonously with an increase in the pressure, though $1/\eta$ has a maximum at about 900 kgf cm⁻².

Figures 2 and 3 show the variation in the ionic Walden products, $\lambda_i {}^{\circ} \eta$, with the ethanol content and the pressure respectively. The ionic Walden products

initially increase with the ethanol content up to about 10 mol% of ethanol and then decrease at each pressure studied. As is shown in Fig. 3, the pressure coefficient of the Walden product of the K⁺ ion at atmospheric pressure is negative for water, 5, and 10 mol% of ethanol, is most negative for 5 mol% of ethanol, and becomes positive for 15 mol% of ethanol and above, while that of the Cl⁻ ion is negative for only 5 mol% of ethanol.

The association constant, K_A , increases with the ethanol content and decreases with the pressure, as is shown in Table 3. This trend coincides with the change in the dielectric constant of the solvent. The volume change on the ionic association, $\Delta \overline{V}$ °, was estimated by means of the equation:¹⁷⁾

$$\Delta \overline{V}^{\circ} = -RT(\partial \ln K_{\mathbf{A}}/\partial P)_{T} - RT\beta_{s}, \tag{12}$$

where β_s is the compressibility of the solvent and R is the gas constant. The values obtained at atmospheric pressure are 3.5, 4.0, and 4.8 cm³ mol⁻¹ for 15, 20, and 30 mol% of ethanol respectively.

Discussion

It is convenient to express the ionic Walden product as a sum of terms: 18)

$$\lambda_{i}^{\circ} \eta = (\lambda_{i}^{\circ} \eta)_{CS} + (\lambda_{i}^{\circ} \eta)_{CE}, \tag{13}$$

where the charged-sphere contribution, $(\lambda_i \circ \eta)_{CS}$, is written as:

$$(1/\lambda_i^{\circ}\eta)_{CS} = (1/\lambda_i^{\circ}\eta)_{IS} + (1/\lambda_i^{\circ}\eta)_{DR}. \tag{14}$$

Here, the term IS gives the contribution to the conductance to be expected from inert spheres, while the term subscripted DR gives the contribution to the conductance resulting from charging the spheres and is identified as a solvent dipole relaxation effect. The last term, subscripted CE, is a term that contains the effects resulting from changes in the solvent in the vicinity of an ion.

If we use, as the charged-sphere contribution, the Zwanzig dielectric friction theory, 19) which is based on a continuum model for the solvent, the ionic Walden product is expressed as:

$$\lambda_{\rm i}^{\circ} \eta = eF/[A_{\rm s}\pi r_{\rm i} + A_{\rm z}\phi r_{\rm i}^{-3}], \tag{15}$$

where ϕ is given by:

$$\phi = e^2(\tau/\eta) [(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\infty})/\varepsilon (2\varepsilon + 1)], \tag{16}$$

with A_s =6 and A_z =3/8 for complete sticking, and A_s =4 and A_z =3/4 for complete slipping. Here, e, F, r, τ , and ε_{∞} are the protonic charge, the Faraday constant, the radius of an ion, the solvent dielectric relaxation time, and the infinite-frequency dielectric constant

respectively. Equation 15 predicts that the increase in ϕ will lead to a decrease in the ionic Walden product if r_i is taken to be the crystallographic radius of the ion and does not change with the solvent composition and the pressure. At atmospheric pressure, ϕ is shown to increase with the ethanol content by using the values of τ , 20 , η , and ε of water, 20 and 30 mol% of ethanol, and on the assumption that ε_{∞} is equal to that of water. 21 Therefore, the Zwanzig equation cannot explain the initial increase in the ionic Walden products with the ethanol content, as was pointed out by Kay *et al.* 22 However, the decrease in the ionic Walden products with the ethanol content in the range of (20—30) mol% of ethanol is qualitatively in agreement with the experimental results shown in Fig. 2.

Here, let us consider the pressure dependence of the ionic Walden products in each solvent. The pressure dependence of ϕ is expressed as follows:

$$\frac{1}{\phi} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial P} \right)_{T} = \left[\frac{-2\varepsilon(\varepsilon - 2\varepsilon_{\infty}) + \varepsilon_{\infty}}{\varepsilon(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_{\infty})(2\varepsilon + 1)} \right] \left(\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial P} \right)_{T} + \frac{1}{\tau} \left(\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial P} \right)_{T} - \frac{1}{\eta} \left(\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial P} \right)_{T}.$$
(17)

The first term on the right-hand side of Eq. 17 is negative for all the solvent mixtures studied, because ε increases with an increase in the pressure, as is shown in Table 1, and ε_{∞} can be expected to be very small compared with ε . Although there is no available data on τ at high pressures in ethanol-water mixtures, τ is anticipated to decrease with an increase in the pressure, by analogy with the case of water.23) The decrease in the τ of water with the pressure is attributed to the bending of hydrogen bonds between water molecules caused by pressure. Therefore, the second term can also be expected to be negative. The third term, except in the cases of water and 5 mol\% of ethanol, is negative, since η increases with an increase in the pressure, as is shown in Table 1. Thus, ϕ decreases with an increase in the pressure in 10 mol% of ethanol and above. In the cases of water and 5 mol\% of ethanol, η initially decreases with an increase in the pressure. However, this contribution to $(1/\phi)(\partial\phi/\partial P)_T$ is comparable with that of the first term, and the two contributions cancel each other out; in the case of water, the contribution of the second term is about twice as large as those of the first and third terms. Therefore, ϕ decreases with the pressure even in water and 5 mol\% of ethanol. The Zwanzig equation predicts that the ionic Walden product will increase with the pressure. This prediction agrees with the experimental results in 15 mol% of ethanol and above, as is shown in Fig. 3. However, the pressure coefficients of the Walden product of the K+ ion in water, 5, and 10 mol% of ethanol and that of the Cl- ion in 5 mol% of ethanol, i.e., in the water-rich region, do not agree with the predictions of the theory.

In the water-rich region, the water structure is more strengthened than that in water by the addition of a small amount of ethanol.24) Thus, in this region the second term on the right-hand side of Eq. 13, $(\lambda_i \circ \eta)_{CE}$, must be taken into consideration. If the effective viscosity in the vicinity of an ion is less than the bulk viscosity of a solvent, the ion obtains excess mobility. An increase in the pressure will cause the water structure to weaken by bending the hydrogen bonds between water molecules. Thus, the excess mobility will decrease with an increase in the pressure. This effect brings about the decrease in the ionic Walden product with an increase in the pressure. For the K+ ion, this can be seen in water, 5, and 10 mol% of ethanol; it is most prominent in 5 mol\% of ethanol. The Cl- ion is also classified as a breaking ion. However, the Walden product in water increases with an increase in the pressure. The assumption that this is based on the contribution of the dielectric friction is curious, because the contribution of the dielectric friction to the conductance may be expected to be less for the Cl⁻ ion than for the K⁺ ion, since the crystallographic radius of a Cl- ion is larger than that of a K⁺ ion.²⁵⁾ Therefore, the specific interaction between the Cl⁻ ion and water molecules must be considered. The interaction between the Cl- ion and water molecules includes the contribution of hydrogen bonds.²⁶⁾ If the pressure weakens the hydrogen bonds, the Clion will obtain excess mobility. This effect may be gradually reduced by adding ethanol to water, thus enhancing the basicity of the solvent mixtures,²⁷⁾ and the decrease in the Walden product of the Cl- ion in 5 mol% of ethanol with the pressure may be attributed to the structure-breaking effect of the Cl⁻ ion, since the water structure is most strengthened in this region.

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