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ELECTROCHEMICAL STUDIES ON ION PAIRS FORMATION OF TRIMETHYLSULFONIUM HALIDES IN N, N-DIMETHYLFORMAMIDE AT VARIOUS TEMPERATURES

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ABSTRACT

The conductance data of trimethylsulfonium halides (bromide and iodide) in N, N-dimethylformamide at various temperatures (25, 30, 35 and 40°C) are presented. The results were construed by applying the Fuoss-Onsager equation to obtain the parameters: equivalent conductance at in finite dilution (Λ_0), the distance of closest approach (a°) and association constant (K_A). A fter calculation of the electrostatic Stokes' radii (R⁺ and R), their sum is likened to a^o value. The thermodynamic functions $(\Delta H^{\circ}, \Delta G^{\circ}, \Delta S^{\circ})$ and the activation energy (ΔE_s) were determined; Negative values of Gibbs free energy change ΔG^o for trimethylsulfonium halides (Bromide and Iodide) indicate that the association process is preferable than the dissociation process. The positive value of (ΔH°) points to that the association process is endothermic. Entropy change (ΔS°) values were positive which means that the solvation of ion-pair decreases emulated to that of the free ion.

Key words: Trimethy Isulfonium halides, limiting equivalent conductance (Λ_o), ion association, activation energy and thermodynam is functions.

INTRODUCTION

The study of electrolyte solutions in N, N-dimethylformamide of interest in organic electrolyte batteries, photoelectrochemical cells, electrodeposition, wet electrolyte capacitors or electroorganic synth esis (Barthel, 1983). A systematic investigation o f the temperature d ependence o f the transport properties in this system has been lacking. The measurement of the electrical conductance of a non-aqueous electrolyte solution provides valuable information about its transport properties. Values of the equivalent or molar conductance of electrolyte at infinite dilution and ionic association constant can be obtained from conductance data as a function o f concentration by using the appropriate equation. Several equations and approaches are available for the analysis of conductance d ata, depending on the precision required. The selection of an equation for the determination of Λ_0 and K_A is open to debate. We used the Fuoss-Onsager conductance equation. N, N-dimethyl formamide (DMF) is a versatile solvent for organic and inorganic substances. It is used as a solvent in peptide coupling for pharmaceuticals, in production of acrylic fibers and plastics, in the development and production of pesticides and in manufacture of adhesive, synthetic leathers, fibers, films and surface coatings (Chadwick, 2006). Also it is widely used as a solvent for electrochemical reactions, especially reductions (Juilliard, 1977). The aim of the present work is to determine trimethylsul fonium halides (bromide and iodide) conductance values that measured in N, N-dimethylformamide at various temperatures (25, 30, 35 and 40°C). The nature of the ion-ion and ion-solvent interaction for trimethylsulfonium halides were discussed by evaluating the limiting equivalent

conductance (Λ_0) , the association constant (K_A) and (a°) which expresses the solvation. The effect of t emperature mutation on the association constant has been studied. Thus, the thermodynamic functions $(ΔH^o, ΔG^o, ΔS^o)$ and activation energy (ΔEs) were obtained.

Experimental: All salts were highly purified reagent grade and used without further purification. where trimethylsulfonium bromide ($Me₃$ S.Br) and trimethylsulfonium iodide (Me₃S.I) are Analar analytical reagent "BDH".

The specific conductance ೫**°** for N, N-dimethylformamide "BDH" at different temperatures $(25, 30, 35, 40)$ was found to be $(1.05 - 1.72 \times 10^6)$ ohm⁻¹cm⁻¹. All solutions were prepared by weight. Salts were weighed on a microbalance which reads to \pm 0.1 mg. Dilution into the cell was executed by dropping the solvent via weighing pipette. The experimental values of conductance were m easured by Conductivity Bridge instrument model: Crison GLP31+ (Conductivity Measurement error $\leq 0.5\%$ and the reproducibility: $\pm 0.1\%$) and a cell with bright platinum electrodes has a cell constant for dilute solutions $(K=0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1})$. The temperature is kept constant to within ± 0.1 °C using a water ultra thermostat. The dielectric constants $(D25^{\circ}) = 36.70$, $(D30^{\circ}) = 35.88$, $(D35^{\circ}) = 34.95$, $(D40^\circ) = 34.015$, respectively. In all calculations, the used solvent constants were taken as stated (Safonova, 2001), i.e., densities $(d25^{\circ}) = 0.9443$ g.cm⁻³, $(d30^{\circ}) = 0.9397$ g.cm⁻³, $(d35^{\circ}) = 0.9350 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$, $(d40^{\circ}) = 0.9304 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$, respectively, the viscosities (η25°) = 0.8000 ×10⁻² P, (η30°) = 0.7535 ×10⁻²

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P and (η 35°) = 0.7070 ×10⁻² P, (η 40°) = 0.6680 ×10⁻² P, respectively.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Conductance of trimethylsulfonium halides (bromide and iodide) in N, N -dimethylformamide at various temperatures: The measured equivalent conductance data are shown in Tables (1-2). By plotting the extrapolation of Λ against $C^{1/2}$, an approximate value of Λ_0 was obtained. More precise values of Λ _o were resulted from the following Fuoss-Kraus-Shedlovsky (F.K.S) equation:

$$
\frac{1}{\Lambda S_{(z)}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\circ}} + \frac{(C\Lambda S_{(z)}f^2)}{K_D \Lambda_{\circ}^2},
$$
\n(1)

Where K_D is the dissociation constant and $S_{(z)}$ is a function of z called Shedlovsky' s function that was tabulated by Daggett. The z value could be determined from the expression:

$$
z = \alpha (C\Lambda)^{1/2} / \Lambda_0^{3/2}, \qquad (2)
$$

Where α is the limiting tangent (Onsager slope). The plot of $1/\Lambda S_{(z)}$ versus $(C\Lambda S_{(z)}\hat{f})$ gives $1/\Lambda_0$ as the intercept and $1/K_D\Lambda_o^{(2)}$ as the slope. More accurate values of Λ_o , $J_{(a)}^{\text{a}}$ a^o and KA were obtained from Fuoss-Onsager equation (Fuoss, 1957). The starting Λ_0 value was resulted from Fuoss-Kraus-Shedlovsky equation by the assist of specific computer program that was programmed on an IBM-PC. The desired accuracies in these calculations are \pm 0.02 for Λ o; \pm 2 for (J less than 200), \pm 5 for (J with values range from 200 to 1000) and \pm 10 for (J more than 1000).

The standard deviation σ_{Λ} was calculated using the equation (Brown, 1982):

$$
\sigma_{\Lambda} = \frac{\{\sum (\Lambda \text{ calculated} - \Lambda \text{ observed})^2\}^{1/2}}{(N-3)^{1/2}}
$$
\n(3)

where N is the number of experimental points.

Figures (1-2) displays the variation of J with a° for trimethylsulfonium halides (bromide and iodide) in N, Ndimethylformamide at 25, 30, 35 and 40°C. Through the knowledge o f the average value of J, T he average value of a° could be calculated by interpolation. T his J value was obtained from the computer reading, where J is being a function of a° and has the following equation (Fuoss, 1957):

$$
J = \sigma_1 \Lambda_+ + \sigma_2 \tag{4}
$$

Where σ_1 and σ_2 are the functions of J. The derived constants are represented in Tables (3-4) and it is observed that Λ_0 , K_A , a^o for trimethylsulfonium bromide and trimethylsulfonium iodide increase with increasing the temperatures in N, Ndimethylformamide. The values of $Λ$ _o increase with increasing the size of the anion, in the order $\{\Lambda_{0}$ trimethylsulfonium

iodide $> \Lambda_0$ trimethylsulfonium bromide}, according to ionic equivalent conductance o f anions in N, N-dimethyl formamide at different temperatures. The values of K_A increases with increasing the size of the anion, in the order ${K_A}$ trimethylsulfonium iodide > K_A trimethylsulfonium bromide}, according to the electrostatic theory. K_A increase with increasing the temperatures for the two salts; this was explained on the basis that, ionic mobility decrease as the dielectric constant of the medium decrease and hence the chance to form ion-pairs increases (Robinson, 1959; EI-Hammamy, 2010; El-Hammamy, 1984).

In the light of the U term, the association constant (K_A) is evaluated from the equation as follows (Accascina, 1967)**:**

$$
\ln K_{A} = \ln (4\pi Na^{3/3}/3000) + (e^{2}/a^{2}DkT) + U, \qquad (5)
$$

where,

$$
U = \Delta S / k - E_s / kT,
$$
\n(6)

ΔS / k is the entropy/Boltzmann constant ratio which refers to the possibility of surrounding the free ions by the solvent molecules and Es/kT Gilkerson (Gilkerson, 1956) is an energy relationship where the E_s parameter is the variance between the interaction energies of the solvent-ion and solvent-ion pairs. As shown in Tables (5-6) the U term (which denotes the change in the internal energy) increases slightly with increasing the temperature which means ion–dipole term for trimethylsulfonium halides (bromide and iodide) are less predominant than the entropy term. Ultimately, the solventseparated ion pair model could be utilized (Evans, 1969) in which a multiple-stages association was proposed as shown in scheme:

Where $y =$ number of escaping solvent molecules from solvation.

Hence, the association constant K_A is specified by the expression:

$$
K_A = K \sum \frac{[C_{\text{ion-pairs}}]}{[C_{\text{(Timethyfsulfonium)}^+}][C_{X \text{ (solven0n}]}} = K_1(1 + K_2)
$$
(7)

From the conductance measurements, K_A value is gained and since $K_1 = 4 \pi N a^{\circ 3} e^{b}$ /3000 where $b = e^2 / a^{\circ} \text{DTk}$ so K_2 value could be obtained. It is clearly noticed from Tables (5-6), $K₂$ values rises with the increase in temperature which is an

indication that the desolvated paradigm (Phase II) is more desired than the solvated paradigm (Phase I) for the ion-pair.

Radii of ions: The electrostatic radii R^+ and R^- are given by **Stokes' equation**:

$$
R^{\pm} = 0.8194 \times 10^{-8} / \lambda_{\circ}^{\pm} \eta_{\circ} , \qquad (8)
$$

where η_0 is the viscosity of pure solvent and λ_0^+ or λ_0^- are obtained from the intercept of the straight line, resulting from the plots of Walden product Λ_0 η_0 versus the reciprocal of the molecular weight as previously discussed (El-Hammamy, 1984). From the data in Tables (7-8), it could be noticed that; in case of N, N-dimethylformamide at 25, 30, 35 and 40**^o** C, the values of a^o were greater than electrostatic radii $(R^+ + R^-)$ obtained from stokes equation . This was due to the solvation of ions.

Thermodynamic studies of trimethylsulfonium halides (bromide and iodide) in N, N-dimethylformamide from conductance measurements: Any rising in thermal energy affects the rotational, vibrational and transl ational energy of molecules which causes greater frequency and as a result, overstated ionic mobility. As seen in T ables (9-10), Λ values increase upon the increase in temperature in an indication of higher mobility of the ions or lower solvation (Dash, 2006). On increasing the temperature also, the association constant K_A values increase which is explicated by diminution the dielectric constant of the medium when the temperature increases (Coetzee, 1976). Svante Arrhenius (Arrhenius, 1889) combined the activation energy concepts and the Boltzmann distribution law into one equation:

$$
\Lambda o = Ae^{-\langle \Delta Es/RT \rangle} \text{ or } \log \Lambda o = \log A - (\Delta Es / 2.303RT), \tag{9}
$$

Where R is the ideal gas constant, A is the Arrhenius, preexponential, collision or frequency factor, ΔE_S is the Arrhenius activation energy (J/mol) and T is the temperature (absolute, Kelvin).

By plotting a graph between log Λ_0 and $1/T$, as displayed in Figures (3, 4), straight lines are obtained with slope (- Δ ES/2.303R) from which Δ E_S value is computed and recorded as seen in Tables (9,10). As shown, the activation energy (ΔEs) has a positive value whi ch points to the high mobility of ions in the solution and thus high Λ_0 values. The change in Gibbs free energy ΔG° upon the process of association is obtained from equation (Coetzee, 1976):

$$
\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K_A \quad , \tag{10}
$$

As observed in Tables (9,10), values of ΔG° are negative for trimethylsulfonium halides (bromide and iodide) in N, Ndimethylformamide which is associated with a reaction that happens spontaneously; this means that the association process was chosen as favorite process better than dissociation in the solvent system studied. With increasing the temperature, an increase in negative values of ΔG° was observed because of releasing solvent molecules from the solvation shell into the bulk solvent. The association between ions becomes more strength at high temperature where the permittivity of the solvent decreases (Kalugin, 2009). As resulted in Tables (9,10), the enthalpy change or heat of association (ΔH^o) has been calculated where $(-\Delta H^0/2.303R)$ is the slope obtained from plotting a graph of log KA versus 1/T as shown in Figures $(5, 6)$. By applying the Van't Hoffs isochore expression:

$$
d \ln K A/dT = \Delta H^0 / RT^2 \quad , \tag{11}
$$

Then,

2.303 log
$$
KA = -(\Delta H^{\circ}/R)(1/T) + \Delta S^{\circ}/R
$$

or

$$
\log KA = (\Delta H^{\circ}/2.303R)(1/T) + \Delta S^{\circ}/2.303R , \qquad (12)
$$

 ΔH° positive values for trimethylsul fonium halides (bromide and iodide) in N, N-dimethylformamide refer to endothermic (endergonic) association process because the enthalpy of the products is higher than the enthalpy of the reactants of the system (Petrucci, 2007).

Gibbs-Helmholtz equation was applied to estimate ΔS° values (The change of entropy) where:

$$
\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - T \Delta S^{\circ} \tag{13}
$$

For trimethylsulfonium halides (bromide and iodide) in N, Ndimethylformamide, the positive values of ΔS° reveal the disorder of ions (randomness). As obviously seen in Tables (9,10), the entropy change v alues (ΔS°) were positive because the ion-pair solvation is diminished if they are matched to that of the free ion (Pura, 2007; Yokoyama, 1991; Pura, 2003). El-Hammamy et al. have measured the conductance of sodium dimethyldithiocarbamate salt in N, N-dimethyl formamide at different temperatures (25, 30, 35 and 40° C). The results were analyzed using Fuoss-Onsager equation (Fuoss, 1959), from which the values of Λ_0 , K_A and a^o (solvation) were obtained. It was found that Λ_0 and K_A increase with increasing the temperature. Thus from the plot of $log\Lambda_0$ versus 1/T, for sodium diethyldithiocarbamate in N, N-dimethylformamide at different temperature, ΔE_S values have been evaluated. Also ∆H^o, ∆G^o and, ∆S^o have been evaluated. It was found that values of ΔG° are negative indicating that ions association process is favored over dissociation process in all solvent systems. With increasing the t emperature, the negative values of ∆G^o increase due to releasing solvent molecules from solvation shell into the bulk solvent.

The positive values of ΔH° indicate endothermic association process. Positive and high (ΔH^0) values can be attributed to the interaction between ions. ΔS° positive values are due to the randomness of ions in the solvent system studied. El-Hammamy et al. have measured the conductance of sodium diethyldithiocarbamate salt in N, N-dimethylformamide at different temperatures (25, 30, 35 and 40° C). The results were analyzed using Fuoss-Onsager equation (Fuoss, 1959), from which the values of Λ_0 , K_A and a^o (solvation) were obtained. It was reported that the increase in Λ_0 and K_A is involved with rising the temperature. ΔE_S values and thermodynamic functions have been evaluated. The negative v alue of ΔG° for the association rate constants K_A indicates that the reaction is spontaneous and ion association process is energetically favored over dissociation process. The positive values of ΔH° signalize a process or reaction in which the system absorbs energy from its surroundings (endothermic in nature). ΔS° positive values are characteristic of the disorder o fions.

| 10^4 C | $C^{1/2}$ | | |
|----------|--|--|-----------|
| | | 10^6 $\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{B}}$ | Λ |
| 6.1422 | 0.0248 | 81.15 | 132.1175 |
| 5.4865 | 0.0234 | 74.05 | 134.9655 |
| 4.9779 | 0.0223 | 68.25 | 137.1052 |
| 4.5405 | 0.0213 | 63.25 | 139.3004 |
| 4.2033 | 0.0205 | 59.25 | 140.9601 |
| 3.9023 | 0.0198 | 55.75 | 142.8619 |
| 3.6339 | 0.0191 | 52.45 | 144.3326 |
| 3.3935 | 0.0184 | 49.35 | 145.4241 |
| | Trim ethy Isulfonium Bromide at 30° C | | |
| 4.9129 | 0.0222 | 70.15 | 142.7864 |
| 4.4426 | 0.0211 | 64.55 | 145.2975 |
| 4.0627 | 0.0202 | 59.85 | 147.3145 |
| 3.7554 | 0.0194 | 56.05 | 149.2493 |
| 3.4896 | 0.0187 | 52.55 | 150.5887 |
| 3.2632 | 0.0181 | 49.65 | 152.1478 |
| 3.0549 | 0.0175 | 46.95 | 153.6831 |
| 2.8592 | 0.0169 | 44.35 | 155.1085 |
| | Trimethy Isulfonium Bromide at 35° C | | |
| 6.3630 | 0.0252 | 113.13 | 177.7933 |
| 5.7677 | 0.0240 | 103.23 | 178.9764 |
| 5.2561 | 0.0229 | 94.63 | 180.0360 |
| 4.8176 | 0.0219 | 87.23 | 181.0638 |
| 4.4539 | 0.0211 | 80.93 | 181.7020 |
| 4.1469 | 0.0204 | 75.73 | 182.6147 |
| 3.8757 | 0.0197 | 70.93 | 183.0103 |
| 3.6301 | 0.0191 | 66.73 | 183.8229 |
| | Trimethy Isulfonium Bromide at 40 C | | |
| 2.9552 | 0.0172 | 53.98 | 182.6599 |
| 2.7019 | 0.0164 | 49.68 | 183.8703 |
| 2.4853 | 0.0158 | 45.98 | 185.0026 |
| 2.2979 | 0.0152 | 42.78 | 186.1678 |
| 2.1327 | 0.0146 | 39.92 | 187.1802 |
| 2.0003 | 0.0141 | 37.58 | 187.8685 |
| 1.8771 | 0.0137 | 35.40 | 188.5803 |
| 1.7660 | 0.0133 | 33.45 | 189.4031 |
| | $*$ equiv L^{-1} | ohm ⁻¹ equiv ⁻¹ cm ² $***$ | |

Table 1. Conductance of trimethylsulfonium bromide in DMF at diff erent temperatures:

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| l'emperature | (ohm equiv cm | | T/ NA | a \cdot A) | σ_{Λ} |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 25° C | 176.84 ± 0.1253 | 2667.7 | 631.47 | 6.5 | 0.1755 |
| 30° C | 185.16 ± 0.1197 | 3027.0 | 732.57 | 7.0 | 0.1489 |
| 35° C | 196.30 ± 0.3773 | 3427.1 | 811.58 | 7.5 | 0.1067 |
| 40° C | 203.95 ± 0.3580 | 3833.6 | 886.41 | 8.0 | 0.0874 |

Table 3. The characteristic parametersfor trimethylsulfonium bromide in DMF at 25, 30, 35 and 40°C derived from Fuoss–Onsager equation:

Table 4. The characteristic parameters for trimethylsulfonium iodide in DMF at 25, 30, 35 and 40°C derived from Fuoss–Onsager equation:

| l'emperature | equiv ⁻ ∴⊾ (ohm. ' cm ⁻ | | N. | a A | σ_{Λ} | |
|----------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|--|
| 25° C | 180.57 ± 0.1687 | 2923.0 | 686.96 | 7.0 | 0.1468 | |
| 30° C | 188.16 ± 0.1442 | 3257.8 | 778.09 | | 0.0817 | |
| 35° C | 197.63 ± 0.2602 | 3689.8 | 848.94 | 8.0 | 0.1164 | |
| 40° C | 207.44 ± 0.1420 | 4090.5 | 943.88 | | 0.0681 | |

Table 5. Calculated values of K₂ and U for trimethylsulfonium bromide in DMF at 25, 30, 35 and 40°C:

Table 6. Calculated values of K₂ and U for trimethyls ulfonium iodide in DMF at 25, 30, 35 and 40°C:

Table 7. Calculations of the radii of the ions for trimethylsulfonium bromide in DMF at 25, 30, 35 and 40°C:

 (1) ohm⁻¹equiv⁻¹cm² (2) ohm⁻¹equiv⁻¹cm² p

Table 8. Calculations of the radii of the ions for trimethylsulfonium iodide in DMF at 25, 30, 35 and 40°C:

(1) ohm⁻¹equiv⁻¹cm²

Table 9. Thermodynamic parameters of trimethylsulfonium bromide in DMF at different temperatures:

| m ſΚ) | $1\,10$ cm^2 (ohm equiv | г. А | ΔE_s $(kJ \text{ mol}^{-1})$ | ΔH° $(kJ \text{ mol}^{-1})$ | ΔG° $(kJ \text{ mol}^{-1})$ | ΔS° $(kJ \text{ mol}^{-1} K^1)$ |
|----------|---|---------|---|---|---|---|
| 298 | 176.84 | 63 1.47 | 7.55 | 1739 | -15.98 | 112.00 |
| 303 | 185.16 | 732.57 | | | -16.62 | 112.28 |
| 308 | 196.30 | 811.58 | | | -17.16 | 112.19 |
| 313 | 203.95 | 886.41 | | | -17.66 | 112.03 |

Table 10: Thermodynamic parameters of trimethylsulfonium iodide in DMF at different temperatures:

Figure 1: Variation of J and a^o of trimethylsulfonuim bromide in DMF at diff erent temperatures.

Figure 2: Variation of J and a^o of trimethylsulfonuim iodide in **DMF at diff erent temperatures.**

Figure 3. The variation of log Λ_0 vs. 1/T for trimethyls ulfonium **bromide in DMF at dif ferent temperatures**

Figure 5: The variation of log K_A **vs. 1/T for trimethylsulfonium bromide in DMF at diff erent temperatures**

Figure 6: The variation of log K_A **vs.** $1/T$ for trimethylsulfonium **iodide in DMF at dif ferent temperatures.**

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