

Thermodynamic Investigation of NaClO₃ Solubility in the Mixed Solvent Medium and the Related Ion – Pair Formation at Different Temperatures

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Abstract: Using the evaporating method, the solubility of sodium chlorate was determined in the various mixed solvents (water + ethanol + propanol) at various temperatures. The results showed that the solubility of NaClO₃ decreases with increasing the mass percent of ethanol and propanol. On the other hand, the solubility of NaClO₃ increases with increasing the temperature. In addition, the equilibrium constant of ion pair formation, K_{IP}, for the reaction

$\text{Na}^+_{(\text{aq})} + \text{ClO}_3^-_{(\text{aq})} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+\text{ClO}_3^-_{(\text{ion pair})}$ was estimated upon Fuoss contact ion pair model and then, the values of ion-pair concentrations were determined by using the extended Debye-Hückel model and iteration calculations in various mixed solvents and various temperatures. Finally the value of thermodynamic solubility product constant, K_{sp(th)}, and the values of ΔH° , ΔS° and ΔG° of ion-pair formation were estimated in the mixed solvent media.

Keywords: Mixed solvent, The extended Debye-Hückel model, Ion- pair, Thermodynamic function.

INTRODUCTION

As we know, ion association has an important role in chemical, biological and agricultural systems like colloids, proteins, soils, corrosion and lithium batteries. So, the ion association has been investigated widely experimentally and theoretically [1-14]. When two ions of opposite charges approach enough each others an ion-pair species may be formed due to the coulombic attraction. Ion triplet and ion cluster also may be formed in the concentrated ionic solutions under the appropriate conditions. The formation of ion-pair, ion-triplet and ... is due to the balance between the electrostatic interaction of involved ions and their thermal agitation. So, increasing the electrolyte concentration or decreasing the dielectric constant and the variation of temperature affect the extend of ion association and the results can be used in controlling corrosion, or improving electrolysis process and other applications [15-31]. Fuoss and Kerres [18, 19] predicted the ion pair, and ion triplet formation by conductivity measurements. Bjerrum [15], Moller and Guggenheim [16, 17] concluded that ion pair formation is important and the Debye-Hückel model isn't sufficient rigorous to explain the behavior of ions in the electrolytic solutions. In general, we refer to the Debye-Hückel theory, when we want to evaluate the approximate behavior of ions in the dilute electrolytic solutions. The final results of the theory can be summarized as follows:

$$\log \gamma_{\pm} = AZ_+Z_- \sqrt{I_m} \quad (1)$$

for dilute solutions, and

$$\log \gamma_{\pm} = \frac{Az_+z_- \sqrt{I_m}}{1 + aB \sqrt{I_m}} \quad (2)$$

for fairly dilute solutions. B and A are constants that depend on the dielectric constant, D and temperature, T

$$B = \sqrt{(2000F^2 / \epsilon_c DRT)}, A = N_A B e^2 / 8\pi \epsilon_c DRT \ln(10) \quad (3)$$

where, N_A is Avogadro constant, F is Faraday constant, R is universal gas constant.

One of the basic assumptions of Debye-Hückel theory is that, the electrolyte is completely dissociated at all concentrations without any ion-pair, ion-triplet or ion-cluster formation. Neglecting the ion-pair formation or other ion associations is an important shortcoming of the Debye-Hückel theory. Bjerrum [15], Guggenheim [16, 17] and Fuoss [18, 19, 32] have pointed out the existence of ion-association phenomenon in electrolytic solutions. Indeed, in the solution of a strong electrolyte, such as BA (an ionic compound), a fraction of ions participate in ion-association phenomenon, for example, the following equilibrium takes place in the electrolytic solution in order to form B⁺A⁻ ion pair



where IP refers to the B⁺A⁻ ion –pair. The constant of this ion-pair formation is written as:

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Table 1: Solubilities, s, of NaClO₃ in the Mixed Solvent (Propanol 10%, ethanol 30%, Water 60%) at Various Temperatures

t ^o C	Sample 1 g/in10 mL	Sample 2 g/in10 mL	Sample 3 g/in10 mL	Sample 4 g/in10 mL	Average g/in10 mL	s/(molL ⁻¹)
0	1.375	1.371	1.373	1.374	1.373±0.002	1.29
10	1.790	1.722	1.790	1.826	1.78±0.02	1.67
25	3.080	2.796	3.190	2.890	3.0±0.15	2.8
30	3.301	3.350	3.189	3.206	3.26±0.06	3.0

*g in10 mL denotes the amount of NaClO₃ in grams per10mL of saturated solution at given temperature.

Table 2: Solubilities of NaClO₃ in the Mixed Solvent (Propanol 30%, Ethanol 40%, Water 30%) at Various Temperatures

t ^o C	Sample 1 g/in10 mL	Sample 2 g/in10 mL	Sample 3 g/in10 mL	sample 4 g/in10 mL	Average g/in10 mL	s/(molL ⁻¹)
0	0.027	0.028	0.027	0.030	0.028±0.01	0.026
10	0.0725	0.0724	0.0724	0.0722	0.0724±0.01	0.068
25	0.15	0.2	0.2	0.15	0.18±0.02	0.168
30	0.446	0.431	0.433	0.504	0.45±0.02	0.430

*g in10 mL denotes the amount of NaClO₃ in grams per 10mL of saturated solution at given temperature.

$$K_{IP} = \frac{a_{IP}}{a_+ a_-} = \frac{[IP]\gamma_{IP}}{[B][A]\gamma_{\pm}^2} \quad (5)$$

If θ is the fraction of ion pairs, then we have

$$K_{IP} = K_{IP} = \left(\frac{\theta}{(1-\theta)^2 [BA]_0} \right) \frac{\gamma_{IP}}{\gamma_{\pm}^2} \quad (6)$$

Once, having the value of θ , then it may calculate γ_{IP} and γ_{\pm} from the modified Debye-Huckel formula as follow:

$$\log \gamma_{\pm} = \frac{AZ_+ Z_- \sqrt{(1-\theta)I_m}}{1 + Ba\sqrt{(1-\theta)I_m}} \quad (7)$$

and ultimately calculate the value of K_{IP} (eq.6).

On the other hand, the Fuoss model of contact ion-pair formation is a suitable approach for estimating the constant, K_{IP} , for the equilibrium (4) [32]

$$K_{IP} = 2.52 \times 10^{21} e^{-1.674Z^2/DaT} \quad (8)$$

EXPERIMENTAL

NaClO₃, Ethanol and Propanol were purchased from Merck Company with high purity and were used without further purification. The solubility of NaClO₃ in the mixed solvent (propanol 10%, ethanol 30%, water 60%) and (propanol 30%, ethanol 40%, water 30%) were determined by evaporating method at various

temperatures (0,10,25,30 °C) and the results are given in Tables 1 and 2.

Estimation of Dielectric Constant of the Mixed Solvent

The dielectric constants of the mixed solvents, D were estimated by the following equation:

$$D_{(mix)} = D_w X_w + D_e X_e + D_p X_p \quad (9)$$

The results are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: The Dielectric Constants of the Mixed Solvent (Propanol+Ethanol +Water)

Composition	D _{mix}
(propanol 10%, ethanol 30%, water 60%)	67.747
(propanol 30%, ethanol 40%, water 30%)	53.545

DISCUSSION

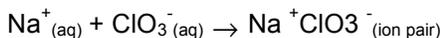
Ion-pair constants for Na⁺ ClO₃⁻ ion pair formation were estimated upon equation (8) at different temperature and the results are given in Tables 4 and 5.

Table 4: The Values of K_{IP} in the Mixed Solvents (Propanol 10%, Ethanol 30%, Water 60%) at Different Temperatures

T/K	273	283	298	303
K _{IP}	1.551	1.431	1.282	1.239

Table 5: The values of K_{IP} in the Mixed Solvents (Propanol 30%, Ethanol 40%, Water 30%) at Different Temperatures

T/K	273	283	298	303
K _{IP}	2.824	2.552	2.221	2.127



The constant of equilibrium (4) may be rewritten as follow:

$$K_{IP} = x \gamma_{IP} / (s-x)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^2 \quad (10)$$

Or

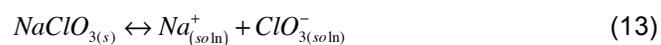
$$K_{IP} \gamma_{\pm}^2 x^2 - x(2 K_{IP} s \gamma_{\pm}^2 + \gamma_{IP}) + K_{IP} \gamma_{\pm}^2 s^2 = 0 \quad (11)$$

where x represents the molarity of ion-pair in equilibrium (4).

Solving this equation, one can obtain the values of x at various temperatures. Once, the values of x were calculated, then calculating the concentration of free cations and free anions participating in the equilibrium $B A_{(s)} \leftrightarrow B^+_{(\text{soln})} + A^-_{(\text{soln})}$ is quite straightforward

$$[B^+]_{\text{free}} = s-x, [A^-]_{\text{free}} = s-x \quad (12)$$

Using $[B^+]_{\text{free}}$ and $[A^-]_{\text{free}}$ and estimating γ_{\pm} upon equation(2), we can calculate the values of thermodynamic solubility product, K_{sp(th)} of the following equilibrium in the considered mixed solvent and desired temperature as follow :



$$K_{\text{sp(th)}} = [B^+]_{\text{free}} [A^-]_{\text{free}} \gamma_{\pm}^2 = (s-x)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^2 \quad (14)$$

In order to calculate the value of K_{sp(th)}, we need the value of γ_{\pm} . This can be obtained upon eq. (2). The constants A and B in equation (2) respect to the mixed solvents were estimated as follow [24-33]:

$$B=0.328/(D'/D)^{1/2}, A=0.509(d'/d)^{1/2}/(D'/D)^{3/2} \quad (15)$$

where d', d, D' and D represent density of the mixed solvent and water and

dielectric constant of the mixed solvent and water respectively [24-27, 29, 33].

The results of our calculations respect to x, γ_{\pm} , K_{IP} and K_{sp(th)} are given in

Tables 6 and 7. ²

The variation of ln K_{sp(th)} vs. 1/T was plotted in Figure 1. According to the Van 't Hoff equation

$$\ln K = -\Delta H^\circ/RT + \Delta S^\circ/R \quad (16)$$

The slope of the plot is equal to $-\Delta H^\circ/R$ and the intercept is equal to $\Delta S^\circ/R$. In addition the value of ΔG° at a given temperature T, is:

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{\text{sp(th)}} \quad (17)$$

The calculated values of ΔG° , ΔH° and ΔS° of dissolution of NaClO₃ in the mixed solvents at 25 °C are summarized in Tables 8 and 9.

Table 6: The Values of x, K_{IP}, γ_{\pm} and K_{sp(th)} in the Mixed Solvent (Propanol 10%, Ethanol 30%, Water 60%) at Various Temperatures

T/K	s/molL ⁻¹	x/ molL ⁻¹	γ_{\pm}	K _{IP}	K _{sp(th)} = (s-x) ² γ_{\pm}^2
273	1.290	0.4116	0.586	1.551	0.2649
283	1.670	0.5669	0.570	1.431	0.3953
298	2.808	1.1033	0.544	1.282	0.8599
303	3.000	1.1872	0.540	1.239	0.9582

Table 7: The Values of x, K_{IP}, γ_{\pm} and K_{sp(th)} in the Mixed Solvent (Propanol 30%, Ethanol 40%, Water 30%) at Various Temperatures

T/K	s/molL ⁻¹	x/ molL ⁻¹	γ_{\pm}	K _{IP}	K _{sp(th)} = (s-x) ² γ_{\pm}^2
273	0.026	0.0011	0.794	2.824	0.0003
283	0.068	0.0052	0.720	2.552	0.0020
298	0.168	0.0215	0.674	2.221	0.0097
303	0.430	0.0842	0.574	2.127	0.0393

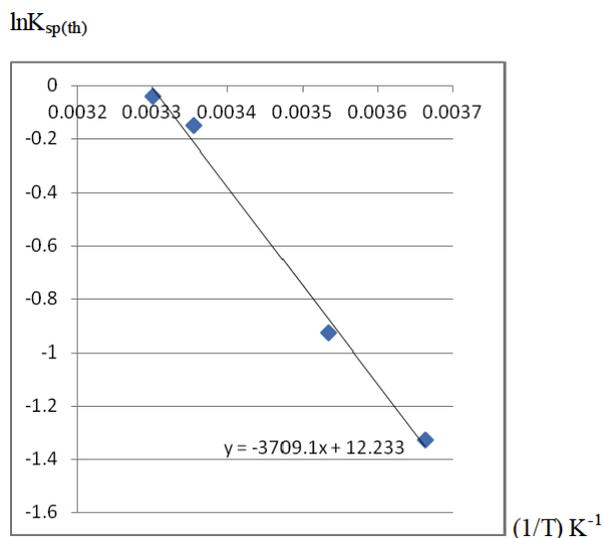


Figure 1: The plot of $\ln K_{sp(th)}$ versus $1/T$ respect to the mixed solvent (propanol 10%, ethanol 30%, water 60%).

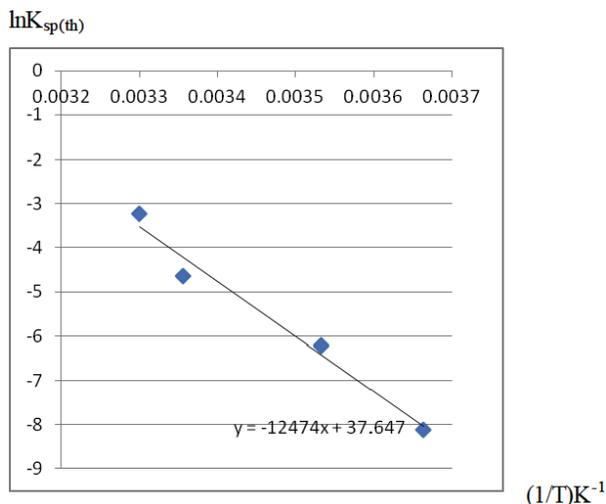


Figure 2: The plot of $\ln K_{sp(th)}$ versus $1/T$ respect to the mixed solvent (propanol 30%, ethanol 40%, water 30%).

Table 8: The Calculated Values of ΔG° , ΔH° and ΔS° Related to the Dissolving NaClO_3 in the Mixed Solvent (Propanol 10%, Ethanol 30%, Water 60%) at 298 K

$\Delta G^\circ / \text{kJmol}^{-1}$	$\Delta H^\circ / \text{kJmol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S^\circ / \text{kJmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
0.44	30.84	0.102

Table 9: The Calculated Values of ΔG° , ΔH° and ΔS° Related to the Dissolving NaClO_3 in the Mixed Solvent (Propanol 30%, Ethanol 40%, Water 30%) at 298 K

$\Delta G^\circ / \text{kJmol}^{-1}$	$\Delta H^\circ / \text{kJmol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S^\circ / \text{kJmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
11.32	103.70	0.31

CONCLUSION

The experimental results showed that the solubility of NaClO_3 in the mixed solvent (water+ethanol+propanol) increases by increasing of temperature. On the other hand, the solubility of NaClO_3 in the mixed solvent was decreased by increasing the percentages of ethanol and propanol. The formation constant of ion pair was estimated by fuoss model at various temperatures. On the basis of the estimated K_{IP} the concentration of free ions in the considered mixed solvent was calculated. Then by using the estimated values of free ion concentration and estimated γ_{\pm} , we were able to calculate the values of $K_{sp(th)}$ at various mixed solvent and at various temperatures. Finally we could evaluate the values of ΔG° , ΔH° and ΔS° relating to the dissolving of NaClO_3 in the mixed solvents. During the ion-pair formation, the number of solvated free ions decreases and this leads to an increase in entropy, so, the entropy change, ΔS° , related to ion-pair formation may be positive in spite of formation one species, IP, from two opposite ions B^+ and A^- . We expect that the formation of $\text{Na}^+\text{ClO}_3^-$ ion-pair should be more favorable at lower temperatures and lower dielectric constants (if the concentration of electrolytic solution is constant).

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