

## Physico-Chemical and Ultrasonic studies of Cobalt Nitrate in Aqueous Ethanol as solvent at 303.15K

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### Abstract

Various acoustic parameters like isentropic compressibility ( $\beta_s$ ), intermolecular free length ( $L_f$ ), apparent molar volume ( $\phi$ ), apparent molar compressibility ( $\phi_k$ ), molar compressibility ( $w$ ), molar sound velocity ( $R$ ), acoustic impedance ( $z$ ) of  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  in 10%, 20%, 30% and Ethanol+water at 303.15 K have been determined from ultrasonic velocity ( $V$ ), density ( $\rho$ ) and relative viscosity ( $\eta_r$ ) of the solution. These parameters are related with the molar concentration of the solution and reflects the distortion of the structure of the solvent (i.e, Ethanol + water) when the solute is added to it.

### Introduction

Ultrasonic Velocity measurements are helpful to study the ion-solvent interactions in aqueous and non-aqueous solutions. Ultrasound has been extensively used to determine the ion solvent interactions in aqueous solution containing electrolytes. In solution of ionic solute the attraction between the solute and solvent is essentially of ion-dipole interaction depends mainly on ion size and polarity of the solvent. The strength of ion-dipole attraction is directly proportional to the size of the ion, charge and magnitude of the dipole, but inversely proportional to the distance between the ion and the dipolar

molecule. The dissolution of electrolyte in a solvent causes a volume contraction due to interaction between ions and solvent molecules and this may influence other acoustical properties of solution. In recent years, the studies of acoustical properties of aqueous mixed electrolytic solutions have been found to be useful in understanding the specific ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions in solutions. The accurate measurement of density, viscosity, apparent molar volume, Ultrasonic velocity and hence the derived parameters such as molar compressibility, apparent molar compressibility will give significant information regarding the state of affairs in a solution. The interaction helps in

better understanding of the types of solute and solvent *i.e.* whether the added solute modifies or distorts the structure of the solvent. Partial molar volumes of electrolytes provide valuable information about the ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions in ionic solutions. The addition of organic solvent to an aqueous solution of electrolyte brings about the change in ion solvation that often results in a large change in the reactivity of dissolved electrolyte. The use of Ethanol + water mixtures (10%, 20% & 30 %) has attracted much attention in recent years as solvent in the study of physico-chemical properties of electrolytic solutions. The present work reflects the ion-ion, ion-solvent and solvent-solvent interaction of  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution in 10%, 20%, and 30% Ethanol + water mixture<sup>1,2</sup>.

## Experimental

All the chemicals used in this present research work are spectroscopic reagent (SR) and analytical reagent (AR) grades of minimum assay of 99.9% obtained from E-merck, Germany and Sd Fine Chemicals, India, which are used as such without further purification. Water used in these experiments was deionized and distilled prior to making solutions. Required amount of water and Ethanol were taken to prepare the composition of binary mixtures (10%, 20% & 30%) in a clean dry conical flask with a ground stopper. The required quantity of Cobalt Nitrate for a given molarity was dissolved in binary mixture of aqueous Ethanol and similar procedure has been adopted for different molarities. For each concentration, the mass of Cobalt Nitrate can be measured using electronic digital balance having an accuracy  $\pm 0.1$  mg. (Model: SHIMADZU AX200). The density was determined using a specific gravity

bottle by relative measurement method with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.01 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . An Ostwald's Viscometer (10ml Capacity) was used for the Viscosity measurement and efflux time was determined using a digital Chronometer to within  $\pm 0.01$ s. An ultrasonic interferometer having the frequency 5MHz (MITTAL ENTERPRISES, NEW DELHI, MODEL F-81) with an overall accuracy of  $\pm 0.1\%$  has been used for ultrasonic velocity measurement. An electronically digital operated constant temperature bath (RAAGA INDUSTRIES) has been used to circulate water through the double walled measuring cell made of steel containing the experimental solution at the desired temperature. The accuracy in the temperature measurement is  $\pm 0.1\text{K}$ .

## Results and Discussion

The experimental data of density ( $\rho$ ) relative viscosity ( $\eta_r$ ) and apparent molar volume ( $\Phi$ ) for the solute in different concentration of the solvent at 303.15 K are noted in Table 1. The viscosity A and B coefficients were calculated from the Jones-Dole equation.  $\eta_r = 1 + A\sqrt{c} + Bc$

Where  $\eta_r = (\eta/\eta_0)$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\eta_0$  are the viscosities of the solution and solvent respectively and  $c$  is the molar concentration of the solute. A is determined by the ionic attraction theory of Falkenhagen-Vernon and therefore also called Falkenhagen coefficient, B or Jones-Dole coefficient is an empirical constant determined by ion-solvent interactions. The Values of A and B are recorded in Table 2. From the result it is clear that the <sup>2</sup>relative viscosity ( $\eta_r$ ) increases with the increase in volume percentage of Ethanol. Such characteristic indicates the more

extent of H-bonding of Ethanol with H<sub>2</sub>O with the increase in volume percentage of Ethanol. With the increase in concentration of the solute

the relative viscosity increases which is in good agreement with Widedmann and Coworkers<sup>3</sup>.

Table 1. Physical properties of Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> of different concentration in 10%, 20% and 30% Ethanol + water at 303.15K

| Concentration                 | $\eta_r$ | $\rho$ | $\phi$<br>gm ml <sup>-1</sup> | cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>i) 10% Ethanol+water</b>   |          |        |                               |                                   |
|                               | 0.1000   | 1.0773 | 1.0069                        | 109.8196                          |
|                               | 0.0750   | 1.0591 | 1.0014                        | 109.4552                          |
|                               | 0.0500   | 1.0406 | 0.9958                        | 109.0230                          |
|                               | 0.0250   | 1.0216 | 0.9902                        | 108.4598                          |
|                               | 0.0100   | 1.0097 | 0.9868                        | 107.9600                          |
|                               | 0.0075   | 1.0076 | 0.9863                        | 107.8448                          |
|                               | 0.0050   | 1.0055 | 0.9857                        | 107.7081                          |
|                               | 0.0025   | 1.0032 | 0.9851                        | 107.5300                          |
|                               | 0.0010   | 1.0016 | 0.9848                        | 107.3720                          |
| <b>ii) 20% Ethanol+water</b>  |          |        |                               |                                   |
|                               | 0.1000   | 1.0816 | 0.9960                        | 113.6828                          |
|                               | 0.0750   | 1.0623 | 0.9905                        | 113.3100                          |
|                               | 0.0500   | 1.0427 | 0.9850                        | 112.8677                          |
|                               | 0.0250   | 1.0227 | 0.9795                        | 112.2914                          |
|                               | 0.0100   | 1.0102 | 0.9761                        | 111.7800                          |
|                               | 0.0075   | 1.0080 | 0.9756                        | 111.6621                          |
|                               | 0.0050   | 1.0070 | 0.9751                        | 111.5223                          |
|                               | 0.0025   | 1.0033 | 0.9745                        | 111.3400                          |
|                               | 0.0010   | 1.0017 | 0.9741                        | 111.1783                          |
| <b>iii) 30% Ethanol+water</b> |          |        |                               |                                   |
|                               | 0.1000   | 1.0849 | 0.9805                        | 115.7725                          |
|                               | 0.0750   | 1.0647 | 0.9750                        | 115.3743                          |
|                               | 0.0500   | 1.0444 | 0.9696                        | 114.9019                          |
|                               | 0.0250   | 1.0236 | 0.9640                        | 114.2863                          |
|                               | 0.0100   | 1.0106 | 0.9607                        | 113.7400                          |
|                               | 0.0075   | 1.0083 | 0.9602                        | 113.6141                          |
|                               | 0.0050   | 1.0059 | 0.9596                        | 113.4647                          |
|                               | 0.0025   | 1.0034 | 0.9590                        | 113.2700                          |
|                               | 0.0010   | 1.0017 | 0.9587                        | 113.0973                          |

Table 2. limiting apparent molar volume ( $\phi$ ), limiting slope ( $S_v$ ), A&B for  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  in 10%, 20%, 30% Ethanol + water at 303.15 k

| Parameter   | 10%      | 20%      | 30%      |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| $\phi_0$ ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$ )                | 107.1341 | 110.9431 | 112.8232 |
| $S_v$ ( $\text{cm}^{9/2} \text{mol}^{-3/2}$ )             | 0.881    | 0.894    | 0.907    |
| $A \times 10^{-2}$ ( $\text{mol}^{1/2} \text{lt}^{1/2}$ ) | 3.01     | 3.03     | 3.06     |
| $B$ ( $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{lt}$ )                       | 0.42     | 0.47     | 0.56     |

The data obtained have been found to agree with the <sup>4</sup>Masson's equation as the plot of  $\phi$  vs  $c^{1/2}$  is linear  $\phi = \phi_0 + s_v c^{1/2}$

The values of the limiting apparent molar volume  $\phi_0$  obtained from the extrapolation of the above plot to zero concentration. The limiting slope  $s_v$  is a constant dependent on charge and salt type and can be related ion-ion interaction. The values of  $\phi_0$  and  $s_v$  are listed in Table-2. The limiting slope ( $s_v$ ) is positive suggesting ion-ion interaction. This increases with the increase in non-aqueous solvent. The increase in  $\phi_0$  with increase in Ethanol content may be attributed to low surface.

Table 3. Variation of U,  $\beta_s$ , W, R, Z, L and  $\phi_k$  with concentration of  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  in 10%, 20% and 30% Ethanol + water at 303.15K

| Conc. Mole $\text{dm}^{-3}$ | U m/sec | $\beta_s \times 10^{-11} \text{cm}^2 \text{dyne}^{-1}$ | $W \times 10^5$ | $R \times 10^2$ CGS unit | $Z \times 10^{-4} \text{cm}^2 \text{dyne}^{-1}$ | $L_r$  | $\phi_k \times 10^{-14}$ CGS unit |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|-----------------|--------------------------|---|--------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>10% Ethanol + water</b>  |         |  |                 |                          |   |        |                                   |
| 0.1000                      | 1558.3  | 4.0900   | 5.1790          | 127.0404                 | 15.6902   | 4.0375 | -1.3997                           |
| 0.0750                      | 1557.6  | 4.1160   | 5.2027          | 127.7199                 | 15.5978   | 4.0503 | -1.4016                           |
| 0.0500                      | 1556.5  | 4.1450   | 5.2267          | 128.4079                 | 15.4996   | 4.0645 | -1.5003                           |
| 0.0250                      | 1555.3  | 4.1749   | 5.2509          | 129.1009                 | 15.4006   | 4.0792 | -1.9693                           |
| 0.0100                      | 1553.5  | 4.1990   | 5.2646          | 129.4957                 | 15.3299   | 4.0909 | -3.3328                           |
| 0.0075                      | 1553.0  | 4.2039   | 5.2664          | 129.5475                 | 15.3172   | 4.0933 | -3.5583                           |
| 0.0050                      | 1551.5  | 4.2146   | 5.2677          | 129.5846                 | 15.2931   | 4.0985 | -4.0064                           |
| 0.0025                      | 1550.5  | 4.2226   | 5.2695          | 129.6356                 | 15.2740   | 4.1024 | -5.3438                           |
| 0.0010                      | 1550.0  | 4.2266   | 5.2704          | 129.6612                 | 15.2644   | 4.1043 | -7.3946                           |
| 0.0000                      | 1549.0  | 4.2329   | 5.2703          | 129.6596                 | 15.2515   | 4.1074 | ....                              |

| <b>20% Ethanol + water</b> |        |        |        |          |         |        |         |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| 0.1000                     | 1596.6 | 3.9389 | 5.2639 | 129.4742 | 15.9017 | 3.9622 | -1.3117 |
| 0.0750                     | 1596.2 | 3.9625 | 5.2886 | 130.1833 | 15.8104 | 3.9740 | -1.3619 |
| 0.0500                     | 1595.5 | 3.9881 | 5.3132 | 130.8911 | 15.7157 | 3.9869 | -1.5624 |
| 0.0250                     | 1594.7 | 4.0146 | 5.3380 | 131.6041 | 15.6201 | 4.0001 | -1.8927 |
| 0.0100                     | 1593.9 | 4.0327 | 5.3532 | 132.0396 | 15.5578 | 4.0091 | -4.0609 |
| 0.0075                     | 1593.5 | 4.0367 | 5.3552 | 132.0970 | 15.5462 | 4.0111 | -3.2458 |
| 0.0050                     | 1592.0 | 4.0464 | 5.3561 | 132.1233 | 15.5236 | 4.0159 | -3.5682 |
| 0.0025                     | 1591.0 | 4.0561 | 6.5439 | 132.1769 | 15.5043 | 4.0664 | -4.8857 |
| 0.0010                     | 1590.0 | 4.0607 | 5.3589 | 132.2035 | 15.4882 | 4.0230 | -6.4026 |
| 0.0000                     | 1588.0 | 4.0716 | 5.3576 | 132.1684 | 15.4663 | 4.0284 | ....    |
| <b>30% Ethanol + water</b> |        |        |        |          |         |        |         |
| 0.1000                     | 1604.8 | 3.9601 | 5.3430 | 131.7468 | 15.7351 | 3.9729 | -1.4412 |
| 0.0750                     | 1604.0 | 3.9865 | 5.3680 | 132.4680 | 15.6390 | 3.9860 | -1.5418 |
| 0.0500                     | 1603.0 | 4.0137 | 5.3927 | 133.1781 | 15.5427 | 3.9996 | -1.7157 |
| 0.0250                     | 1602.0 | 4.0420 | 5.4186 | 133.9238 | 15.4433 | 4.0137 | -2.2540 |
| 0.0100                     | 1601.0 | 4.0610 | 5.4336 | 134.3559 | 15.3808 | 4.0231 | -3.9615 |
| 0.0075                     | 1600.5 | 4.0656 | 5.4355 | 134.4119 | 15.3680 | 4.0254 | -4.4065 |
| 0.0050                     | 1600.0 | 4.0707 | 5.4379 | 134.4819 | 15.3536 | 4.0279 | -4.4160 |
| 0.0025                     | 1599.0 | 4.0783 | 5.4399 | 134.5380 | 15.3344 | 4.0317 | -5.6747 |
| 0.0010                     | 1598.0 | 4.0847 | 5.4404 | 134.5520 | 15.3200 | 4.0349 | -7.3815 |
| 0.0000                     | 1596.0 | 4.0957 | 5.4393 | 134.5211 | 15.2980 | 4.0403 | ....    |

The apparent molar volume ( $\phi$ ) were determined from the equations

$$\phi = \frac{M}{\rho_0} - \frac{(r - r_0)10^3}{\rho_0 \cdot c}$$

and are noted in Table 1.

Where M is the molecular wt. of the solute,  $\rho_0$  is the density of the solvent,  $\rho$  is the density of the solution, c is the molar concentration of the solution. The data obtained have been found to agree with the <sup>4</sup>Masson's equation as the plot of  $\phi$  vs  $c^{1/2}$  is linear  $\phi = \phi_0 + s_v c^{1/2}$ . The

values of the limiting apparent molar volume  $\phi_0$  obtained from the extrapolation of the above plot to zero concentration. The limiting slope  $s_v$  is a constant dependent on charge and salt type and can be related ion-ion interaction. The values of  $\phi_0$  and  $s_v$  are listed in Table 2. The limiting slope ( $s_v$ ) is positive suggesting ion-ion interaction. This increases with the increase in non-aqueous solvent. The increase in  $\phi_0$  with increase in Ethanol content may be attributed due to low surface<sup>5</sup>.

The <sup>6,7</sup>ultrasonic velocity(U), <sup>8</sup>isentropic compressibility( $\beta_s$ ), Molar compressibility (w), Molar sound velocity (R), <sup>9</sup>Acoustic impedance (Z), inter molecular free length ( $L_f$ ) and Apparent molar compressibility ( $\phi_k$ ) of  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  in 10%,20% and 30% Ethanol +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at 303.15K are recorded in the Table-3. The values of U, W, R,  $\phi_k$  increases and  $\beta_s$ , Z,  $L_f$  decreases in Ethanol content in the solvent, suggest the powerful interaction between Ethanol and water. The increase in value of U, Z,  $\phi_k$  and decrease in values of  $\beta_s$ , w, R,  $L_f$  with the increase in concentration of the solute represents the decrease in cohesive force. This decrease in co-hesive force is due to the structure breaking nature of the solute. The H-bond exists between Ethanol and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is disrupted by the solute molecule and there by formation of new bonding between solute and solvent molecules has occurred<sup>10-12</sup>.

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