Influence of Solvents on the Oxidation Kinetics of Aldehydic Group Compounds by Diethylammonium Chloro-chromate

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ABSTRACT

The redox studies of some compounds containing aldehydic functional groups by diethylammonium chloro-chromate (DEACC) in dimethylsulfoxide leading a product forming to acid of corresponding order. Reactions are found to be in unit order with oxidant while a fractional order (less than unity) was found w. r. t. reductants. The redox reactions are influenced with acid, the acid dependence is governed by this equation: \( k_{\text{obs}} = a + b[H^+] \). When isomeric form of aldehyde, that is Me-CDO is oxidised with the same oxidant it was observed a considerable K. I. E. (Deuterium effect; \( k_H/k_D = 0.569 \) at 298 K). The reaction of Acetaldehyde was done in various non aqueous medium, soluble or miscible in DMSO. The effect of solvent is studied fitting our data in the solvent model of Taft’s and Swain’s applied for this purpose. Rate constants are correlating very well with already reported Taft’s values of \( s^* \); further the reaction constants are negative in nature. Suitable mechanism involving are proposed with transfer of hydride ion.

Keywords: Aliphatic aldehydes, Correlation-analysis, DEACC, Oxidation-kinetics, Reaction mechanism.

INTRODUCTION

Various dichromates and halochromates have been used time to time as a slow, week and very specific oxidizing agents in the field of imitative organic chemistry. Diethylammoniumchlorochromate (DEACC) is also the similar type of compound which is already in use as oxidant for the study of alcohols. Our group is usually do the oxidation kinetics and is interested to know the mechanism of these redox reactions by complexed chromium compounds and many studies on halochromates and dichromates, including DEACC have already emanated from our this particular laboratory dedicated to the kinetic studies. Not many reactions on the oxidation studies by DEACC are available in therelated literature. As per the experience of our previous work on the subject, we are going to report in the present MS the oxidation kinetics mechanistic studies of some aliphatic aldehydes by DEACC as oxidant and in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) as solvent. We have also described the mechanism of this reaction.
The following are the salient points to be undertaken by us are as follows: (a) Determination of some kinetic parameter to appraise the rate laws of the reaction, (b) study of effects of the structures on rate and correlation analysis (c) to suggest a very suitable and fit reaction mechanism for this redox reaction.

EXPERIMENTAL

MATERIAL AND METHODS

DEACC is synthesised and analysed by the method already reported in the literature. And the purity of this reported & synthesised is also checked by an previously established iodometric determination method. HCHO solutions are also synthesised by warming para-formaldehyde, and fumes are passed into dimethylsulphoxide. Chromotropic acid method is applied for the determination of formaldehyde in dimethylsulphoxide. All the other aldehydes so used are purchased from the market and are used as received. Para toluene sulfonic acid was in use to provide the acidity. Isomeric acetaldehyde (deuteriated MeCDO) is procured as commercial product from Sigma Chemicals. Various other solvents used in the present studies are also purified by usual methods of their purification available in the literature.

Products analyses

To find out the product so formed in the end of the reaction is performed in our kinetic reaction conditions the experiments are done with 0.01 mol acetaldehyde and 0.01 mith dimethyasulfoxide, both are dissolved in 100 mL DMSO and this reaction mixture is left for 24 h to complete the reaction. Than some sodium hydroxide was added to make the solution alkaline in nature. After that reaction mixture is filtered and the filtrate is dried in pressure. Residue so obtained is acidified with some drops of perchloric acid and than an extraction is done with 50 mL of 5% C₂H₅-O-C₂H₅. The extract so obtained from ether made moisture free over MgSO₄ & is reacted with a deci mL of thionylchloride. Solvent so used is evaporated. 7 mL of Dehydrated methyl alcohol is poured and hydrochloric acid so present is taken out under a flow of moist free air. The remains deposits are going to dissolve in 200 mL of diethyl ether, and amount of ester is found out by the method of Hall and Schaefer. Various experiments showed 1:1 stoichiometry. Iodometric titrations are done to determine the oxidation number of Cr in reactions mixtures remains at last after completion of reaction. It was found 3.90±0.15.

Kinetics-measurement

To obtain the Pseudo first order reactions conditions the ratio of oxidant over reductant was kept with a higher (x10 or more) of the [reductant] over [oxidant]. Solvent sued in the reactions is DMSO, if changed is mentioned also. Reactions are performed in round bottom flask darkened to avoid any type of photo-chemical reaction. Reactions are performed at a desired temperature which was kept constant also and are followed for 4 half lives. The reactions are monitored by recording the decrease in [reductant] at a lambda max of three hundred and eighty nano-meter (380nm). The unit order rate-constant, $k$, is determined by a linearly least square graphs of log [reductant] over time-recorded. To check reproducibility on the rate constant reactions runs are repeated. $k_2$ is calculated by dividing the $k$ observed by the concentration of reductant. $k_2 = k_{obs}/[aldehyde]$.

RESULT & DISCUSSION

Statistical information through experiments is collected for all the reductants aldehyde and it was observed that results are almost similar, therefore we are representing some of the sample results.

Stoichiometric determination

Aldehydes are oxidised with DEACC is leading to the carboxylic acid product, which may be shown as the following reaction.

$$R-\text{CHO} + \text{CrO}_2\text{ClO}_7^- \cdot \text{N}^+\text{H}_2\text{Et}_2 \rightarrow \text{RCOOH} + \text{CrOClO}_7^- \cdot \text{N}^+\text{H}_2\text{Et}_2$$  (1)

The present oxidant DEACC is showing two electron change in its oxidation state. This similarity has already been seen in previous observation in respect to the similar structural halo- chromates. It has been observed that pyridiniumchlorochromate (PCC) & pyridiniumfluorochromate (PFC) both are acting as two-electron change oxidizing agents and both reduce from chromium (six) to chromium (four). This was recognized by the M.S. (magnetic susceptibility), E.S.R. & I.R. experiments.

Kinetic dependence

Most of these reaction so performed
are of unit orders w. r. t. DEACC. And the unit order rate constant, $k_{\text{observed}}$ are not dependent to starting concentrations of DEACC. The reactions rate is increasing as we increase the amount of the reductant, but not in the same ratio i. e. not in a linear fashion. It can be observed by the data recorded in table one and by a figure one as a representative graph. Plots of $1/k_{\text{obs}}$ versus $1/[$reductant$]$ are linearly relation ($r > 0.990$) with a intercept on rate axis. Therefore, fractional order kinetic behaviour is seen w. r. t. aldehyde. This is leading to a postulate following overall mechanism as equation 2 & 3 and the kinetic dependence which may be represented as rate-law, equation 4.

$$K_{\text{aldehyde.} + \text{DEACC} \iff \text{(Int. Complex)}}$$

$$k_2$$

$$(\text{Int. Complex.}) \rightarrow \text{Products.}$$

Rates = $k_2K_{\text{aldehyde.}}[\text{DEACC.}] / (1 + K_{\text{aldehyde.}})$

$$10^4 [\text{DEACC.}] [\text{Aldehyde.}] 10^4 k_{\text{obs}} \text{ Mole Dm}^{-1/3} \text{ Per Second}$$

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Table 2: Rate constants & the activation parameters for oxidation of some aliphatic aldehydes—DEACC complex

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<th>Aldehyde</th>
<th>$10^4 k$ / (dm^3/mol/s)</th>
<th>$\Delta H^*$ (kJ/mol)</th>
<th>$\Delta S^*$ (kJ mol^-1 K^-1)</th>
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<td>Me</td>
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<td>Et</td>
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<td>Pr</td>
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<td>CiCH_3</td>
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<td>MeCDO</td>
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<td>54.4±0.3</td>
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Table 3: Complex Formation constants and the thermodynamic parameter of aliphatic aldehydes—DEACC complex

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<td>Et</td>
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Induced polymerization test

Aliphatic aldehyde under inert ambience created by the N_2 gas, are nor subjected to the polymerisation by acrylonitrile to reassure the free radical test an added acrylonitrile also did not affect rate of the reaction. This is an indication that reaction is not run by free radical mechanism and one electron oxidation process is not observed in this present reaction. Absence of free radical is further reconfirmed by carrying out the reaction with BHT/butylated-hydroxy toluene. The recovery of unaffected BHT also confirms that no free radical mechanism is there.

![Fig. 1. Typical kinetic run of Oxidation of Me-CHO by DEACC](image-url)
Deuterium isotope effect on oxidation

To establish the significance of break-up in aldehyde Carbon-Hydrogen bond in the step which determines the rate, oxidation of Me-CDO is taken under studies. A considerable preliminary Deuterium effect is seen in oxidizing process of Me-CDO. Results in Table 3 are given above.

Influence of hydrogen ions in reaction rate

It may be noted here that rate of the reaction is catalyzed and raised with the rise in the presence concentrations of hydrogen ion., Table 4. Influence of hydrogen ion concentrations are having the expression as $k_{\text{observed}} = a_i + b_i[H^+]$. The data for $a_i$ and $b_i$ for Me-CHO, is found to be $9.16 \pm 0.29 \times 10^{-4}$ s$^{-1}$ and $15.5 \pm 0.49 \times 10^{-4}$ mol$^{-1}$ dm$^3$ s$^{-1}$ ($r = 0.9980$).

Rate $= k_2 [\text{DEACC}] [\text{Aldehydes}] + k_3 [\text{DEACC}] [\text{Aldehydes}] [\text{TsOH}]$ (5)

Effects of various solvent on reaction rate

Oxidation studies of Me-CHO are done in nine-teen various non-aqueous compounds as solvating agents. Because of nature of solvation of DEACC the selection of solvents found to be limited. The kinetics in all the solvents are found to be similar the data for rate & formation constants so collected are given in table given below.

Satisfactory correlation ($r = 0.9915$) between $\Delta H$ and $\Delta S$ of oxidation of all the aldehydes under study indicated the application of effect of compensation in the present reaction$^{16}$. The degree of isokinetic temperature so evaluated$^{17,18}$ by this plot is found to be in the tune of 965±63 K. The correlation between all the aldehydes is analysed and observed and found authentic by the Exners' principle$^{19}$. Correlation in the calculated data of enthalpy & entropy is mostly not match with investigational errors related with. Temperature, known to be isokinetic was intended from Exner's principle of log $k_i$ at lower versus log $k_i$ at higher temperatures respectively ($r = 0.9998$) is 998±37 K (Fig. 3). Linearity in the isokinetic temperature correlations indicated that compounds under study may be oxidizing as per the similar process.

### Table 4: Influence of the hydrogen ion on the reactions rates

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<th>$[H^+]$/mol dm$^{-3}$</th>
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### Table 5: Influence of Solvent over oxidation of MeCHO–DEACC complex at 298 K

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<td>Butanone</td>
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<td>Cycl-hexane</td>
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### Influence of Solvents

Influence of solvent was studied and rate constants are correlated with LSER (Equation 6) of Kamlets and his group$^{26}$. Only 18 solvents are taken into consideration of correlation because of non-availability of complete set of parameter of carbon disulphide.
In present model of reaction

\[ \pi^* \] denotes the solvent-polarity, \( \beta \) represented basicity of hydrogen bond acceptor capacity, \( \alpha \) denotes acidity of hydrogen bond donor capacity. And intercept is \( A_0 \) in the equation. It can be stated at this point that out of the eighteen solvent, twelve are having the data naught for \( \alpha \). Data of present correlation-analysis calculated with the help of equation 6, involving \( \pi^* \) & \( \beta \), and individually with \( \pi^* \) & \( \beta \) are represented in equations 7 to 10.

\[ \log k_2 = -4.18 + 1.66 (\pm 0.20) \pi^* + 0.20 (\pm 0.17) \beta + 0.04 (\pm 0.16) \alpha \]  
\( R^2 = 0.8588; \ SD = 0.19; \ n = 18; \ \psi = 0.41 \)  
\[ \log k_2 = -4.19 + 1.67 (\pm 0.19) \pi^* + 0.19 (\pm 0.15) \beta \]  
\( R^2 = 0.8582; \ SD = 0.18; \ n = 18; \ \psi = 0.40 \)  
\[ \log k_2 = -4.15 + 1.72 (\pm 0.18) \pi^* \]  
\( r^2 = 0.8437; \ SD = 0.18; \ n = 18; \ \psi = 0.41 \)  
\[ \log k_2 = -3.22 + 0.49 (\pm 0.36) \beta \]  
\( r^2 = 0.1013; \ SD = 0.44; \ n = 18; \ \psi = 0.97 \)

Where \( n \) is representing numeral of data under calculation and \( \psi \) known as Exner’s mathematical parameter\(^\text{21} \).

Triparametric equation Kamlet\(^\text{20} \) is explaining almost 86% of influence on rates of reaction process. But as per the Exner’s criterion\(^\text{21} \) correlation is not satisfactory as shown in equation 7. Where main role is contributed by solvent polarity. The single contribution of solvent polarity is found to be 84% of the data. \( \beta \) and \( \alpha \) are relatively playing a very relatively negligible role.

The same set of experimental data of the effect of solvents are also analysed and fitted into next model of Swain’s equation\(^\text{22} \), which is based on cation & anion solvation perception of the solvent as shown below.

\[ \log k_2 = a x A + b x B + .C. \]  

In this equation \( A \) is representing anion solvating power, \( B \) is denoting cation solvating power. And \( C \) here is represented by cut off expression. Expression (A+B) is representing polarities of solvents. Rates in various solvent are calculated in sa per the eq. 8 and singly with \( A \& B \) and with \( (A + B) \) also.

\[ \log k_2 = 0.79 (\pm 0.03) A + 1.72 (\pm 0.02) B - 4.40 \]  
\( R^2 = 0.9967; \ SD = 0.03; \ n = 19; \ \psi = 0.06 \)  
\[ \log k_2 = 0.55 (\pm 0.57) A - 3.22 \]  
\( r^2 = 0.0515; \ SD = 0.46; \ n = 19; \ \psi = 1.00 \)  
\[ \log k_2 = 1.66 (\pm 0.14) B - 4.15 \]  
\( r^2 = 0.8898; \ SD = 0.16; \ n = 19; \ \psi = 0.34 \)  
\[ \log k_2 = 1.42 \pm 0.12 (A + B) - 4.37 \]  
\( r^2 = 0.8895; \ SD = 0.16; \ n = 19; \ \psi = 0.34 \)

Oxidation rate of acetaldehyde in various solvents prove to be very good correlation in the equation (12) of Swain’s model. Here salvation capacity of positive charged ions having dominating function. Particularly, cation solvating power alone is responsible for 89% of the data obtained. Further, it is observed that correlation is highly poor with negative charged ion solvating capacity power of the solvent. Solvent polarity, \( (A + B) \) is also justifying our 88% results. It is apparent that when the \( A+B \) is explaining 88% results, we correlated the rates with relative permittivity of Solvent. Agraph of rate constant with contrary of the relative-permittivity is not found to be linear e.g. \( r=0.5299; \ SD=0.33; \psi=0.71. \)

Reactivity-Correlation analysis of aldehydes with DEACC

Oxidation rates of all the six aldehydes under study showed a very good correlation with \( \pi^* \) substituent constants of Taft\(^\text{23} \), with reaction constants being negative. Data given in Table 6. –ve polar reaction constants are the indication that low electron density carbon centre is present in slow step of the reaction mechanism.
Table 6: Dependence of temperatures on the polar reaction constants

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Mechanistic path way

Dependence on hydrogen ions so observed is suggesting that present reaction is following two mechanistic pathway, first is independent on acid effect and the other is dependent on acid. By catalytic effect of acid, DEACC is protonated and acts as a strong oxidizing agent and and electrophile also, as shown in equation 16. Both unprotonated and protonated DEACC are acting as reactive oxidizing species. Out of which protonated species proved to be more reactive.

\[
CrO_2ClO\cdotN^+H_2Et_2 + H^+ \rightleftharpoons [HOCrOClO\cdotN^+H_2Et_2] \quad (16)
\]

Protonated chromium (VI) formation are reported in previous studies also in the reaction of similar structural compounds like morpholinium chlorochromate$^{24}$ and tetraethylammonium chlorochromate$^{25}$.

It has already been established that most of the aliphatic aldehydes primarily remain in the hydrate form$^{26}$ in presence of water in the reaction medium. In so many oxidation reactions in water containing media, it is already reported to have that hydrate form of aldehyde is taking part in the reaction. But our reactions are done in non-aqueous solvents, therefore, her only free carbonyl form of aldehyde can be taken into consideration as reactive species.

We have no evidence which can prove the formation of an intermediate in this reaction but we also can not reject its formation in very small amount. Considerable amount of primary-KIE ($k_H/k_D = 5.96$ at 288K) is confirming that Carbon Hydrogen bond in aldehyde is cleaving in week speed step that is r. d. s.

Big -ve values of $-\rho^*$ and considerable kinetic isotope effect is indicating that the transition state is approaching towards a carbon having positive charge in its nature. Therefore, a hydride-ion transfer from reductant (aldehyde) to DEACC, is proposed. This particular reaction mechanism may also be supported by noteworthy involvement of positive charged ion solvating capacity of the solvent media. On the observations and results obtained, reaction mechanism given below as schemes 1 and 2.

If one compares the oxidizing process of these reductants with PFC$^{27}$, PBC$^{28}$, QFC$^{29}$ and DEACC. Oxidation by QFC, PFC and DEACC are presenting almost similar way of kinetic and mechanistic depiction.

A Michaelis menten type kinetics, w. r. t. aldehydes are observed, whereas by the PBC$^{28}$ reactions are found to first order w. r. t. reductants. Therefore, it looks that the data of complex formation constant for intermediates are very small in case of PBC. This particular behaviour of the reaction goes in favour of second order kinetics. All other parameters such as kinetic isotope effects, effect of solvents and the effect of acidity are of comparable in these systems. Workers have proposed almost equal reaction path ways to these reactions.

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