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## Non-Aqueous Electrolyte Solutions in Chemistry and Modern Technology

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In this paper a brief survey is given of the properties of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions and their applications in chemistry and technology without going into the details of theory. Specific solvent-solute interactions and the role of the solvent beyond its function as a homogenous isotropic medium are stressed. Taking into account Parker's statement<sup>1)</sup> "*Scientists nowadays are under increasing pressure to consider the relevance of their research, and rightly so*" we have included examples showing the increasing industrial interest in non-aqueous electrolyte solutions.

The concepts and results are arranged in two parts. Part A concerns the fundamentals of thermodynamics, transport processes, spectroscopy and chemical kinetics of non-aqueous solutions and some applications in these fields. Part B describes their use in various technologies such as high-energy batteries, non-emissive electro-optic displays, photoelectrochemical cells, electrodeposition, electrolytic capacitors, electro-organic synthesis, metallurgic processes and others.

Four Appendices are added. Appendix A gives a survey on the most important non-aqueous solvents, their physical properties and correlation parameters, and the commonly used abbreviations. Appendices B and C show the mathematical background of the general chemical model. The symbols and abbreviations of the text are listed and explained in Appendix D.





## Part A

# Fundamentals of Chemistry and Physical Chemistry of Non-Aqueous Electrolyte Solutions

## I Introduction

The systematic investigation of non-aqueous solutions is guided by the progress of our knowledge on solute-solute and solute-solvent interactions. By combination with chemical models of the solution, valuable results can be obtained which assist the understanding of the properties of these solutions.

For *Dilute Electrolyte Solutions* consistent and reliable equations are based on the modern conception of electrochemistry which takes into account both long and short-range forces between the solute and solvent particles in the framework of the McMillan-Mayer-Friedman approaches to theory<sup>2)</sup>. Solution chemists usually think of short-range interactions in terms of ion-pair formation. A chemical model of electrolyte solutions as developed and used in our laboratory<sup>3,4)</sup> is the basis of the fundamentals given in part A of this survey. It allows the use of the classical association concept initially introduced by Bjerrum<sup>5)</sup> after some refinements concerning the spatial extension and structure of ion pairs and the mean-force potentials. Classical thermodynamics and transport phenomena are unable to distinguish between ion pairs and undissociated electrolyte molecules, both proving their presence in the solutions as neutral particles in equilibrium with the 'free' ions. However, in favourable cases ion pairs may be detected separately from undissociated electrolyte molecules by spectroscopic methods. The ions in an ion pair retain their individual ionic characters and are linked only by Coulombic and short-range forces, including H-bonding.

Modern developments of the statistical-mechanical theory of solutions provide valuable results, but no satisfactory answer can yet be found to fundamental questions such as the effect of ions on the permittivity of the solvent or on the structures in solution<sup>2)</sup>. Computer simulations may be helpful in understanding how some fundamental properties of the solutions are derived from fundamental laws. However, the actual limitation to a set of a few hundred particles in a box of about 20 Å of length, a time scale of the order of picoseconds, and pair potentials based on classical mechanics usually prevent the deduction of useful relationships for the properties of real electrolyte solutions.

The treatment of *Electrolyte Solutions from Moderate to Saturated Concentrations* either rationalizes the effects from ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions in terms of the parameters characterizing the behaviour of electrolytes in dilute solutions or uses correlation methods based on empirical interaction scales<sup>6-21)</sup>. Examples of both procedures will be given.

## II Classification of Solvents and Electrolytes

Any attempt to set up a complete theory which takes into account all types of interaction energy between the ions and molecules of an electrolyte solution with the aim of determining the properties of the solution by means of statistical thermodynamic methods must be unsuccessful as a result of insuperable mathematical difficulties. The approaches to the problem which have been used were outlined in Section I.

Two aspects determine the role of the solvent: its bulk properties and its electron donor or acceptor abilities. The Debye-Hückel theory<sup>22)</sup> which is valid at infinitely low concentrations, recognizes solvents only by their bulk properties, *i.e.* relative permittivity  $\epsilon$ , viscosity  $\eta$ , and density  $\rho$ . However, the Debye-Hückel range of validity is often experimentally unattainable (Ref.<sup>4)</sup>, cf. also Figs. 4 and 6). The importance of bulk properties decreases with increasing electrolyte concentration.

Donor and acceptor properties are the main factors which govern processes on the molecular scale, *i.e.* solvation and association. Theoretical and semiphenomenological approaches use molecular properties, dipole and quadrupole moments, polarizability etc., or mean-force potentials for taking these effects into consideration. Applied solution chemistry takes account of them with the help of the empirical scales previously mentioned<sup>6-21)</sup>.

Various attempts have been made to classify solvents, e.g. according to bulk and molecular properties<sup>20)</sup>, empirical solvent parameter scales<sup>6-21)</sup>, hydrogen-bonding ability<sup>23,24)</sup>, and miscibility<sup>25)</sup>. In table I solvents are divided into classes on the basis of their acid-base properties<sup>26-29)</sup> which can be used as a general chemical measure of their ability to interact with other species. Detailed information on these and other solvents, their symbols, fusion and boiling points ( $\theta_f$  and  $\theta_b$ ), bulk properties ( $\epsilon$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\rho$ ), and currently-used correlation parameters DN (donor number),  $E_T$ -value, and AN (acceptor number) is given in Appendix A-1.

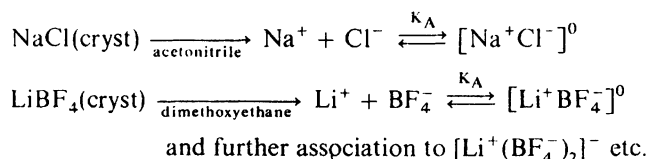
**Table I** Classification of organic solvents (for detailed information see: Appendix A-1)

Solvent class	Examples
1. amphiprotic hydroxylic	methanol (MeOH); ethanol (EtOH); 1-propanol (PrOH); diethylene glycol (DEG); glycerol;
2. amphiprotic protogenic	acetic acid
3. protophilic H-bond donor	formamide (FA); N-methylformamide (NMF); diaminoethane;
4. aprotic protophilic	dimethylformamide (DMF); 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP); hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPT); dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO)
5. aprotic protophobic	acetonitrile (AN); sulfolane (TMS); propylene carbonate (PC); $\gamma$ -butyrolactone ( $\gamma$ -BL); acetic anhydride
6. low permittivity - electron donor	diethyl ether (DEE); tetrahydrofuran (THF); diglyme (DG); 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME); 1,4-dioxane
7. inert	dichloromethane; tetrachloroethylene, benzene, cyclohexane

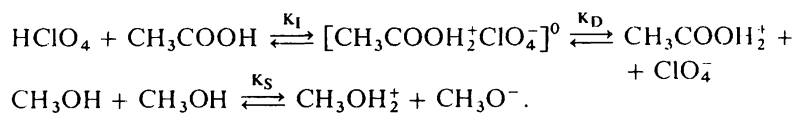
The symbols quoted there, e.g. MeOH, THF, DME etc., are used in this text. No classification is universally applicable. Overlapping of the solvent classes is inevitable and some specific solute-solvent interactions evade classification. Specific interactions, however, are often sought in connexion with technological problems and have led to a search for appropriate solvent mixtures which are gaining importance in many fields of applied research. In spite of all its limitations, the classification of solvents is useful for rationalizing the choice of appropriate solvents and solvent mixtures for particular investigations.

Electrolytes can be classified in two categories, ionophores<sup>30)</sup> (true electrolytes<sup>31)</sup> and ionogenes<sup>30)</sup> (potential electrolytes<sup>31)</sup>). Ionophores are substances which, in the pure state, already exist as ionic crystals, e.g. alkali metal halides. Ionogenes, such as carboxylic acids, form ions only by chemical reactions with solvent molecules. Amphiprotic solvents themselves behave as ionogenes in producing their lyonium ions (anions) and lyate ions (cations) by autoprotolysis reactions. Ionophores are initially completely dissociated in solution and their ions are solvated. However, almost all solvents allow ion-association to ion pairs and higher ion aggregates, both with and without inclusion of solvent molecules, to occur. When electrically neutral these species cannot transport current. The following examples are given for illustration:

(a) ionophores:



(b) ionogenes:



These association and dissociation reactions do not usually proceed to completion. Both processes are described by the thermodynamic equilibrium constants  $K_A$  (association constant) or  $K_D$  (dissociation constant). The dissolution of perchloric acid in glacial acetic acid<sup>32-34)</sup> shows the typical ionisation equilibrium (equilibrium constant,  $K_1$ ) preceding the dissociation process in the case of ionogenes. The overall constant  $K$  is given by

$$K = \frac{K_1 K_D}{1 + K_1} \quad (1)$$

For strong acids and bases, where  $K_1 \gg 1$ , equation (1) reduces to  $K = K_D$ , whereas for weak ones, where  $K_1 \ll 1$ ,  $K = K_1 K_D$ . The sequence of basicities can change with changing solvent; the  $K_1$ -values are more significant for the discussion of ionogenes than are the  $K$ -values. Ionisation constants, however, will not be discussed in this article. It is sufficient to note that the dissolution of acids or bases

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in amphiprotic solvents is generally followed by a protolysis reaction (partial neutralisation) as a consequence of the following equilibria:



where SH represents the amphiprotic solvent, AH the acid and B the base. When these equilibria are shifted markedly towards ionisation, a levelling effect<sup>35)</sup> occurs which almost completely replaces the acids or bases with the lyate or lyonium ions of the solvent, irrespective of the initial strong acid or base. A typical example of this is the behaviour of the mineral acids in water.

The series of simultaneous equilibria including  $K_I$ ,  $K_D$  (or  $K_A$ ) and the autoprotolysis constant  $K_S$  limits the quantitative discussion of electrolyte solutions to simple cases. However, the appropriate choice of such cases will give valuable insight into the properties of electrolyte solutions, especially those of ionophores where the ionisation step need not be considered.

Finally, a classification of the individual ions is only possible in a rough and incomplete way. Monoatomic cations can be arranged according to the number of electrons and are referred to as "d<sup>n</sup>-cations" (e.g. alkali metal cations then are d<sup>0</sup>-cations). Cations such as  $[\text{R}_4\text{N}]^+$ ,  $[\text{R}_4\text{P}]^+$ , or  $[\text{R}_3\text{S}]^+$  have their charges shielded by alkyl or aryl groups. They are almost non-polarizable and are referred to as inert cations. Cations of type  $[\text{R}_{4-n}\text{H}_n\text{N}]^+$  or  $[(\text{ROH})_4\text{N}]^+$  are protic cations, capable of forming H-bonds with anions or solvent molecules. The distinction between "hard" and "soft" cations has no significant relevance here, but for anions it is useful. A detailed discussion of the properties of electrolyte solutions as a function of ion classes and solvents is given in Ref.<sup>36)</sup>

It should be mentioned that experimental investigations, especially in dilute non-aqueous solutions, require highly purified solvents and solutes. Impurities can change the properties of the solution drastically. A water content of 20 ppm is equivalent to the total amount of solute in a  $10^{-3}$  molar solution. For checking the purity of solvents UV cut-off, conductivity, chromatography as well as thermal and electrochemical methods are recommended<sup>37-41)</sup>. The control of the purity of electrolytes is more difficult; for details see Refs.<sup>37-42)</sup>

### III Thermodynamics of Electrolyte Solutions

The thermodynamic properties of an electrolyte solution can be derived from the chemical potentials  $\mu_i$  of its components which are given by the relationships<sup>43)</sup>, cf. also<sup>36)</sup>

$$\mu_s(p, T) = \mu_s^*(p, T) + RT \ln x_s f_s \quad (3a)$$

$$\mu_s^*(p, T) = \lim_{x_s \rightarrow 1} \mu_s(p, T); \quad \lim_{x_s \rightarrow 1} f_s = 1 \quad (3b, c)$$

for the solvent S, and

$$\mu_i(p, T) = \mu_i^{\infty(c)}(p, T) + v_i RT \ln c_{\pm}^{(i)} y_{\pm}^{(i)}; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots \quad (4a)$$

$$\mu_i^{\infty(c)}(p, T) = \lim_{x_s \rightarrow 1} [\mu_i(p, T) - v_i RT \ln c_{\pm}^{(i)}]; \quad \lim_{x_s \rightarrow 1} y_{\pm}^{(i)} = 1 \quad (4b, c)$$

for the electrolyte components  $Y_i = (X_1^{z_1})_{v_1} (X_2^{z_2})_{v_2} (X_3^{z_3})_{v_3} \dots$  which dissociate into their ions  $X_m^{z_m}$  according to the scheme  $Y_i \rightarrow \sum_m v_m^i X_m^{z_m}$ .

In these equations,  $x_s$  and  $c_{\pm}^{(i)}$  are the mole fraction of the solvent, S, and the mean concentrations [mol/dm<sup>3</sup> of solution] of the electrolytes,  $Y_i$ ;  $f_s$  and  $y_{\pm}^{(i)}$  are the appropriate activity coefficients

$$c_{\pm}^{(i)} = \prod_m c_m^{v_m^i/v_i}; \quad y_{\pm}^{(i)} = \prod_m y_m^{v_m^i/v_i}; \quad v_i = \sum_m v_m^i. \quad (4d, e, f)$$

Eqs. (4a) are replaced by an equivalent set of equations

$$\mu_i(p, T) = \mu_i^{\infty(m)} + v_i RT \ln m_{\pm}^{(i)} \gamma_{\pm}^{(i)}; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots \quad (5)$$

if mean molalities,  $m_{\pm}^{(i)}$  [mol/kg of solvent] are chosen as the concentration scale with  $\gamma_{\pm}^{(i)}$  as the appropriate activity coefficients. Eqs. (4b-f) then must be appropriately changed. Conversion formulae for the reference chemical potentials, concentration scales and activity coefficients are given in Refs. <sup>31,36,43,44</sup>.

The relationships 3 and 4, or 3 and 5, respectively, form a complete set of equations on which a general discussion of the thermodynamic properties of the electrolyte solution can be based.

As only some fundamental ideas can be illustrated in this article, the following discussion is restricted to solutions of a solvent S and a symmetrical electrolyte  $Y = C^{z_+} A^{z_-}$  yielding  $z_+$ -valent cations  $C^{z_+}$  and  $z_-$ -valent anions  $A^{z_-}$ . The chemical potential of the solute is then given by the relationships

$$\mu_Y(p, T) = \mu_Y^{\infty(c)}(p, T) + 2 RT \ln c_{\pm} y_{\pm} \quad (6a)$$

$$c_{\pm} = [c_+ c_-]^{1/2} = c_Y = c; \quad y_{\pm} = [y_+ y_-]^{1/2} \quad (6b, c)$$

or by a similar set of equations derived from eq. (5).

Eq. (6a) is valid for both completely and partially dissociated (or associated) electrolytes if the activity coefficient is written as follows

$$y_{\pm} = \alpha y'_{\pm} \quad (7)$$

with  $\alpha$  as the degree of dissociation and  $y'_{\pm}$  as the activity coefficient of the dissociated part (free ions) of the electrolyte component of the solution <sup>4,36,44</sup>. For completely dissociated electrolytes  $\alpha$  is equal to 1. The ion pairs of ionophoric electrolytes and the molecules of ionogenic electrolytes are in equilibrium with the free ions. The

equilibrium condition yields the equilibrium constant as an association ( $K_A$ ) or dissociation ( $K_D$ ) constant

$$K_A = K_D^{-1} = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha^2 c_Y \gamma_{\pm}^2} \quad (8)$$

The solution process of  $n_Y$  mol of electrolyte Y in  $n_S$  mol of solvent S is accompanied by a change in Gibbs energy

$$\Delta_{\text{sol}}G = n_S(\mu_s - \mu_s^*) + n_Y(\mu_Y - \mu_Y^*) \quad (9)$$

Analogous equations are obtained for every other extensive thermodynamic property Z, i.e.

$$\Delta_{\text{sol}}Z = n_S(Z_s - Z_s^*) + n_Y(Z_Y - Z_Y^*) \quad (10)$$

where  $Z_i$  and  $Z_i^*$  are the partial molar quantities of the solvent or the electrolyte in the solution ( $Z_i$ ) and in the pure phase ( $Z_i^*$ ). Another useful formulation of  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}Z$  is based on the definition of apparent molar quantities  $\Phi_Z$  of the solute

$$Z = n_S Z_s^* + n_Y \Phi_Z \quad (11)$$

yielding the relationship

$$\frac{\Delta_{\text{sol}}Z}{n_Y} = \Delta_{\text{sol}}Z_Y^\infty + (\Phi_Z - \Phi_Z^\infty); \quad \Delta_{\text{sol}}Z_Y^\infty = Z_Y^\infty - Z_Y^* \quad (12a, b)$$

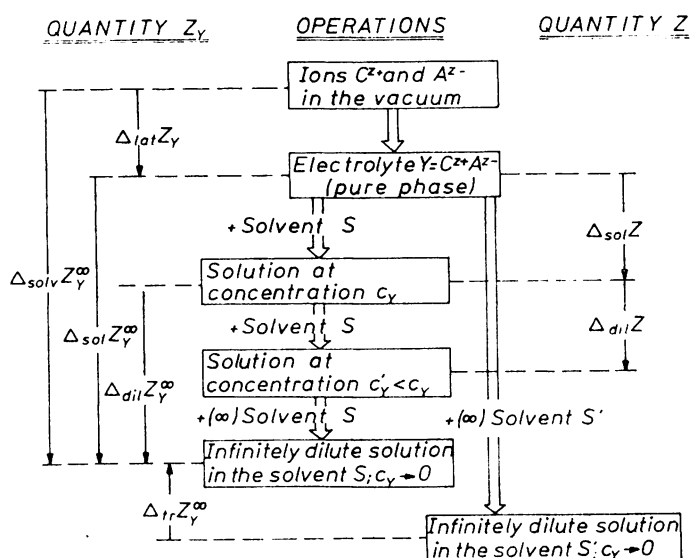


Fig. 1. Operations on electrolyte solutions at constant pressure and temperature and their appropriate translation into thermodynamic quantities:

$$\Delta Z = Z_{\text{fin.}} - Z_{\text{init.}}$$

lat: lattice; solv: solvation; sol: solution; dil: dilution; tr: transfer from solvent S' to solvent S. Z = V (volume); S (entropy); C<sub>p</sub> (heat capacity); H (enthalpy); G (Gibbs energy)

if the thermodynamic relation  $\Phi_Z^\infty = Z_Y^\infty$  is taken into account. The molar quantity  $\Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_Y^\infty$  corresponds to the transfer of 1 mol electrolyte compound from its pure state to infinite dilution in the solvent S.

Figure 1 summarizes the operations and notions used in solution chemistry.

## IV Short and Long-Range Forces in Dilute Electrolyte Solutions

### 4.1 Distribution Functions and Mean-Force Potentials

The statistical theory of electrolyte solutions is built up around the distribution functions of the ions, cf. <sup>30,44-49</sup>). Electrolytes in solution give ions of the types  $X_1^{z_1}, X_2^{z_2}, \dots$  in the analytical concentrations  $N_1, N_2, \dots$  ions/cm<sup>3</sup>. The distribution of the ions in the solution depends on the forces acting between all the particles, ions and solvent molecules. External forces are also involved in the description of transport properties.

The analytical concentrations,  $N_j$ , are one-particle molecular distribution functions and do not provide any information on particle interactions. Two-particle molecular distribution functions

$$f_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = N_i N_j g_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = N_j N_i g_{ji}(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) = f_{ji}(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) \quad (13)$$

indicate the probability of finding two ions,  $X_i$  and  $X_j$ , simultaneously at points  $P_1(\vec{r}_1)$  and  $P_2(\vec{r}_2)$  in the solution, regardless of the position of the remaining ions and regardless of the velocities of all the particles, see Fig. 2. The pair-correlation

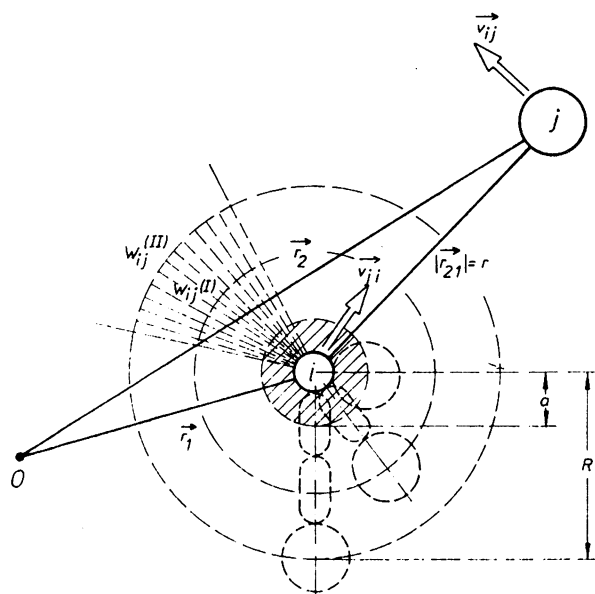


Fig. 2. The chemical model of electrolyte solutions. O: observer, i: ion  $X_i$ ; j: ion  $X_j$  in an arbitrary position,  $\vec{r}_{2i}$ , with regard to the ion  $X_i$ ; special positions (contact, separation by one or two orientated solvent molecules) are sketched with broken lines.  $r, a, R$ : distance parameters;  $W_{ij}$ : mean-force potentials;  $\vec{v}_{ij}$  and  $\vec{v}_{ji}$ : relative velocities of ions  $X_i$  and  $X_j$

functions,  $g_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$ , are related to the mean-force potentials  $W_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$  between the ions  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  by the relationship

$$W_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = -kT \ln g_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2). \quad (14)$$

In addition they can be used to determine the local concentrations  $N_{ij}$  of ions  $X_j$  at a distance  $\vec{r}_{21}$  ( $\vec{r}_{21} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$ ) from an ion  $X_i$  situated at  $\vec{r}_1$

$$N_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_{21}) = N_j g_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_{21}). \quad (15)$$

The relative velocities (see Fig. 2) of ions  $X_i$  and  $X_j$ ,  $\vec{v}_{ij}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_{21})$  and  $\vec{v}_{ji}(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_{12})$ , and the two-particle molecular distribution functions are linked by Onsager's continuity equation<sup>45)</sup>:

$$-\frac{\partial f_{ij}}{\partial t} = \text{div}_1 [f_{ij} \vec{v}_{ij}] + \text{div}_2 [f_{ji} \vec{v}_{ji}] = -\frac{\partial f_{ji}}{\partial t} \quad (16)$$

where the differential operators are applied with regard to the coordinates in  $\vec{r}_1$  and  $\vec{r}_2$ . A general treatment yielding Eq. (16) starts from Liouville's theorem and uses the BBGKY hierarchy of equations<sup>48,52)</sup>.

For basic information on electrolyte theory see Refs. 2-4, 22, 30, 36, 44-70).

## 4.2 The Basic Chemical Model of Electrolyte Solutions

In order to obtain a framework which allows the development of appropriate equations for the properties of solutions at low electrolyte concentrations, a model of the ions and their surroundings must be used which takes into account both short and long-range forces. For this purpose the space around an ion is subdivided into three regions (see Fig. 2).

- i)  $r \leq a$ ,  $a$  being the minimum distance of two oppositely-charged ions which is assumed to be the sum of effective cation and anion radii,  $a = a_+ + a_-$ .
- ii)  $a \leq r \leq R$ , within which a paired state of oppositely-charged ions, the so-called ion pair, suppresses long-range interactions with other ions in the solution. In dilute solutions the occupation of the region  $a \leq r \leq R$  by ions of the same sign or by more than two ions can usually be neglected.
- iii)  $r \geq R$ , the region of long-range ion-ion Coulombic interactions.

Table II shows the mean-force potentials for a dilute solution of the electrolyte compound  $Y = C^{z+} A^{z-}$ .

The model is a McMillan-Mayer (MM)-level Hamiltonian model. Friedman<sup>2)</sup> characterizes models of this type as follows: "With MM-models it is interesting to see whether one can get a model that economically and elegantly agrees with all of the relevant experimental data for a given system: success would mean that we can understand all of the observations in terms of solvent-averaged forces between the ions. However, it must be noted that there is no reason to expect the MM potential function to be nearly pairwise additive. There is an upper bound on the ion concentration range within which it is sensible to compare the model with data for real systems if the pairwise addition approximation is made."



**Table II** Mean-force potential  $W_{ij}(r)$  of ion-ion interaction in dilute solutions of symmetrical electrolytes

The mean-force potentials of this table are special formulae of the general charge distribution, Appendix B, for a single charge (ion).

$$\kappa^2 \text{ (SI-units)} = \frac{1000 N_A e_0^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon k T} \times \Gamma; \quad \Gamma \text{ (ional concentration)} = \sum_j (\alpha c_j) z_j^2$$

$\epsilon_0$ : permittivity of vacuum;  $k$ : Boltzmann constant;  $e_0$ : charge of proton;  $N_A$ : Avogadro number;  $W_{ij}^*$  mean-force potential of the short-range forces.

Region	Mean-force potential
$r \leq a$	$\infty$
$a \leq r \leq R$	$\frac{e_0^2 z_i z_j}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon} \times \frac{1}{r} - \frac{e_0^2 z_i z_j}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon} \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa R} + W_{ij}^*$
$r \geq R$	$\frac{e_0^2 z_i z_j}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon} \times \frac{1}{r} \times \frac{\exp[\kappa(R - r)]}{1 + \kappa R}$

A multitude of MM-level Hamiltonian models can be found for the same system. The features of our chemical model are given in Refs. <sup>3,4,72</sup>.

- i) The distance parameters  $a$  (minimum distance of two ions) and  $R$  (upper limit of the structured region around an ion) are fixed by chemical evidence.
- ix) The lower distance is fixed as a hard-core radius by the center-to-center distance of the ions where these exist (e.g. alkali halides) or else is calculated from bond lengths or van der Waals volumes (e.g. tetraalkylammonium salts). For unsymmetrical ions like  $\text{Me}_2\text{Bu}_2\text{N}^+$  or  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}^-$  the shortest possible distance is taken to be the distance of closest approach. Some ions, e.g.  $\text{Li}^+$  in water or protic solvents, require the inclusion of a functional group of the solvent molecule (here: OH) into the distance of closest approach. This leads to structures like  $\text{Li}^+(\text{ROH})\text{Cl}^-$  with  $a = a_{\text{cryst}} + d_{\text{OH}}$ .
- ib) The upper distance  $R$  is obtained by adding the length of one or more orientated solvent molecules to the distance of closest approach:  $R = a + ns$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  Values  $a$  and  $s$  are quoted in Appendix A-2.
- ii) The mean-force potentials of  $W_{ij}$  (Eq. 14) are split into two parts representing Coulombic ion-ion interaction,  $W_{ij}^{\text{el}}$ , and short-range interactions,  $W_{ij}^*$ . A further subdivision of the  $W_{ij}^*$ 's which specifies contributions from induction, dispersion and chemical forces (e.g. H-bonding) is possible. At the current stage of investigation, the contributions  $W_{ij}^{\text{el}}$  for every region are obtained from the resolution of a set of Poisson-equations and appropriate boundary conditions and the  $W_{ij}^*$  are chosen as step potentials.
- iii) Extensions
  - iiiα) A subdivision of the region  $a \leq r \leq R$  is useful when more than one shell of solvent molecules is orientated.
  - iiiβ) The introduction of local permittivities is possible.

- iii) The spherical charge symmetry can be replaced by an arbitrary charge distribution leading to angular-dependent potentials. Appendix B gives a summary of the appropriate potentials. Chemical kinetics makes use of this type of extension when kinetic salt, solvent, and substituent effects are treated for reactions between particles with complex charge distributions (see Sect. VIII).

### 4.3 The Ion-Pair Concept

Models of the electrolyte solution allow the introduction of the association concept if a critical distance around the central ion can be defined within which pair configurations of oppositely charged ions are considered as ion pairs. The link between the model and the experimentally determined thermodynamic property of the solution is an integral expression which can be subdivided in various ways

$$\int_0^{\infty} r^2 g_{ij} dr = \int_a^R r^2 \exp\left[-\frac{W_{ij}^{(I)}}{kT}\right] dr + \int_R^{\infty} r^2 \exp\left[-\frac{W_{ij}^{(II)}}{kT}\right] dr. \quad (17)$$

The choice of  $R$  is arbitrary within reasonable limits and then divides up the thermodynamic excess function,  $\mu_V^E = \nu RT \ln y_{\pm}$ , into contributions from the so-defined ion pair (degree of dissociation,  $\alpha$ ) and from the 'free' ions (activity coefficient of the free ions,  $y'_{\pm}$ ), cf. Eq. (7). Onsager characterized the situation as follows<sup>73)</sup>: "The distinction between free ions and associated pairs depends on an arbitrary convention. Bjerrum's choice is good, but we could vary it within reason. In a complete theory this would not matter; what we remove from one page of the ledger would be entered elsewhere with the same effect."

Theory alone cannot provide a criterion for the best association constant. However, the variety of solution models leads usually to more or less satisfactory association constants when all of the relevant experimental data including their dependence on temperature and pressure are considered. Once more, chemical evidence is a good criterion for the selection of the appropriate model. It will be shown in the following sections that the identification of the "critical distance of association" with the cut-off distance of the short-range forces,  $R$ , in our chemical model yields association constants which are almost independent of the experimental method of their determination.

The association concept is based on the equilibrium of 'free' ions and ion pairs in the solution



The concentration equilibrium constant of ion-pair formation,  $K_c = K_{AY_{\pm}^2}$  (see Eq. (8)), can be written<sup>4)</sup> as shown in the first equation of Fig. 3 when using the reduced partition functions  $Q_p$ ,  $Q_+$ , and  $Q_-$  of ion pairs, free cations and free anions.

As a first approximation the free cations and anions are considered as charged spheres of masses  $m_+$  and  $m_-$ . The ion pair is represented by an uncharged

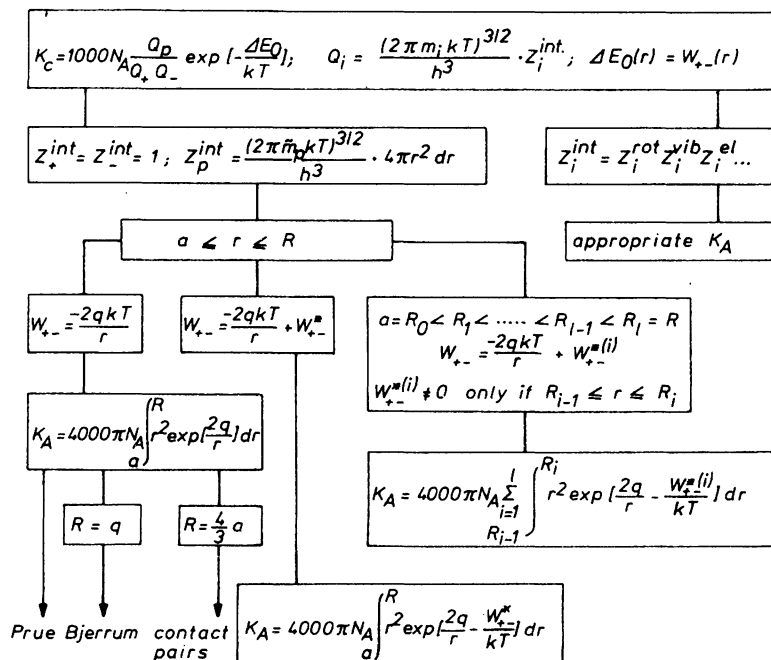


Fig. 3. The family tree of association constants

particle of reduced mass,  $\hat{m}_p$  ( $\hat{m}_p^{-1} = m_+^{-1} + m_-^{-1}$ ), in a spherical box of radius  $R$ , meaning that an ion pair is formed if two oppositely-charged ions have approached to within a distance smaller than  $R$ . The difference in energies of the reacting species,  $\Delta E_0$ , can be identified with the mean-force potential  $W_{+-}$  ( $a \leq r \leq R$ ), Table II.

Finally, cf. Fig. 3, the equation

$$K_A = 4000\pi N_A \int_a^R r^2 \exp\left[\frac{2q}{r} - \frac{W_{+-}^*}{kT}\right] dr; \quad q = \frac{e_0^2 |z_+ z_-|}{8\pi\epsilon_0 \epsilon kT} \quad (19a, b)$$

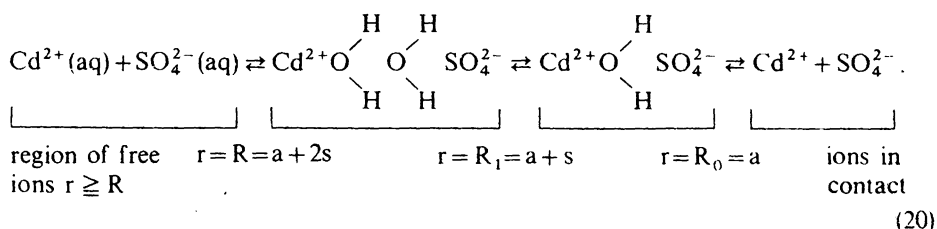
is obtained by this approximation. The activity coefficient of the dissociated part of the electrolyte,  $y_{\pm}'$ , is given by the relationship<sup>3,65)</sup>

$$y_{\pm}' = \exp\left[-\frac{\kappa q}{1 + \kappa R}\right]. \quad (19c)$$

Figure 3 shows the family tree of some association constants which can be found in the literature and indicates the presuppositions for deducing them from the initial equation. For example, Bjerrum's association constant<sup>5)</sup> and its appropriate activity coefficient are obtained from Eqs. (19) by setting  $R = q$  and  $W_{+-}^* = 0$ . As a further

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example, the subdivision of the region  $a \leq r \leq R$  into  $a < R_1 < \dots < R_{n-1} < R$  is straightforward<sup>4)</sup>. A current application is the case of stepwise ion-pair formation<sup>74-76)</sup>, e.g.



The distance parameter  $a = a_+ + a_-$  has its usual meaning,  $s$  is the length of an orientated solvent molecule.

Association constants, as determined by thermodynamic or transport process measurements, are the basis for determining the short-range forces around the ions and mean-force potentials in dilute solutions. These experiments provide distance parameters,  $R$ , as well as  $K_A$ -values and thus permit determination of short-range interaction potentials,  $W_{\pm}^*$ , via Eq. (19a), or an equivalent expression from Fig. 3<sup>3,4,72,74-81)</sup>. On the other hand, molar quantities  $\Delta G_A^* = N_A W_{\pm}^*$  can be interpreted as the non-Coulombic part of the Gibbs energy of the ion-pair formation reaction<sup>3,4,74,75)</sup>. In addition, calorimetric measurements and studies of the temperature-dependence of conductance provide enthalpies and entropies of ion-pair formation which yield valuable information. For example, alkali metal, alkaline earth and other divalent cation salts in protic solvents yield positive  $\Delta H_A^*$  and highly positive  $\Delta S_A^*$  values in contrast to tetraalkylammonium salts which show  $\Delta H_A^* < 0$  and small entropies,  $\Delta S_A^*$ <sup>4,74-77)</sup>. Ion-pair formation within the former groups of salts involves the rearrangement of the solvation shells whereas that of the latter one scarcely does at all. For more details on comprehensive series of measurements see Refs.<sup>4,77)</sup>.

## V Thermodynamic Properties of Electrolyte Solutions

### 5.1 Generalities

Properties  $E(c; p, T)$  of dilute and moderately concentrated electrolyte solutions (concentration range  $\kappa q < 0.5$ ;  $\kappa$  (Table II),  $q$  (Eq. 19b)), e.g. thermodynamic properties  $Z$ , can be represented by a set of equations<sup>72)</sup>

$$E(c; p, T) = E^\infty(p, T) + E'(\alpha c, R; p, T) \quad (21a)$$

$$K_A = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha^2 c} \frac{1}{y_1'^2}; \quad y_1' = \exp \left[ - \frac{q\kappa}{1 + \kappa R} \right] \quad (21b, c)$$

where  $E^\infty(p, T)$  is the corresponding property of the infinitely dilute solution. The other symbols have the meaning given in the preceding sections. Transport properties are controlled by a similar set of equations, see Section VI.

The chemical model allows the determination of both values of  $E^\infty(p, T)$  by a well-founded extrapolation method and values of  $R$  and  $W_{ij}^*$  independently of the special thermodynamic or transport property which is being investigated and thus provides data for other ones<sup>3,72,77,81-83</sup>. This fact can be used for computer methods which require the storing of a minimum of basic data to make these properties available. The data bank ELDAR<sup>83</sup> works on this principle. Spectroscopic or kinetic investigations do not necessarily furnish the complete set of parameters for establishing function  $E'$ , Eq. (21 a), see Sections VII and VIII.

## 5.2 Solution and Dilution Experiments

The basic equations of type Eq. (21 a) needed for solution and dilution experiments are obtained from Eqs. (12 a, b). The apparent molar quantity  $\Phi_Z$  may be split into two parts, one for the 'free' ions of the chemical model,  $\Phi_Z(\text{FI}) = \Phi_Z(r > R)$ , the other one for the ion pairs,  $\Phi_Z(\text{IP}) = \Phi_Z(a \leq r \leq R)$ . This assumption leads to the relationship

$$\Phi_Z - \Phi_Z^\infty = \Phi_Z^{\text{rel}} = [\alpha\Phi_Z(\text{FI}) + (1 - \alpha)\Phi_Z(\text{IP})] - \Phi_Z^\infty \quad (22)$$

which is introduced into Eq. (12 a) yielding the equation

$$\frac{\Delta_{\text{sol}}Z}{n_Y} = \Delta_{\text{sol}}Z_Y^\infty + \alpha\Phi_Z^{\text{rel}}(\text{FI}) + (1 - \alpha)\Delta Z_A^0 \quad (23)$$

$\Phi_Z^{\text{rel}}$  is the corresponding relative apparent molar quantity. For symmetrical electrolytes at moderate and low concentrations the quantity  $\Phi_Z^{\text{rel}}(\text{IP})$  equals  $\Delta Z_A^0 = \Phi_Z(\text{IP}) - \Phi_Z^\infty$ , *i.e.* the molar quantity for the formation of an ion pair from its cation and anion which are initially infinitely separated.

As an example, heat of dilution experiments and the information they provide about solution properties will be discussed. A comparison of Eqs. (12 a, 22) and Fig. 1 shows that  $\Phi_H^{\text{rel}}$  (in the literature sometimes called  $\Phi_L$ ) and the measured negative heat of dilution are identical, *i.e.*

$$\Phi_H^{\text{rel}} = -\Delta_{\text{dil}}H^\infty \quad (24)$$

Hence, when diluting an electrolyte solution at molality  $m$  to a molality  $m'$  by adding an appropriate amount of solvent, the accompanying heat of process is

$$\Delta\Phi_H^{\text{rel}} = \Phi_H^{\text{rel}}(m') - \Phi_H^{\text{rel}}(m) = \alpha'\Phi_H^{\text{rel}}(\text{FI}) - \alpha\Phi_H^{\text{rel}}(\text{FI}) + (\alpha - \alpha')\Delta H_A^0 \quad (25a)$$

Using the well-known thermodynamic relationship

$$\Phi_H^{\text{rel}}(\text{FI}) = -\nu RT^2 \frac{1}{m} \int_0^m \left( \frac{\partial \ln \gamma_{\pm}}{\partial T} \right)_p dm \quad (25b)$$

and the activity coefficient of the free ions required by the chemical model,  $\gamma'_{\pm}$ , after conversion of  $y'_{\pm}$  (Eq. 7) into the molal scale, the following theoretical expression <sup>77)</sup> is obtained

$$\Phi_{\text{H}}^{\text{rel}}(\text{FI}) = -\nu RT^2 \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \ln \varepsilon}{\partial T} \right)_p + \frac{1}{T} \right] \frac{\kappa q}{1 + \kappa R} + \frac{\bar{\alpha} \kappa q}{3} \sigma(\kappa R) \right\} \quad (25c)$$

where the function  $\sigma(\kappa R)$  is given by the relationship

$$\sigma(\kappa R) = \frac{3}{(\kappa R)^3} \left[ 1 + \kappa R - \frac{1}{1 + \kappa R} - 2 \ln(1 + \kappa R) \right]. \quad (25d)$$

$\bar{\alpha}$  is the cubic expansion coefficient of the solvent; the other symbols were already defined in the preceding text.

The data analysis of dilution measurements with the set of Eqs. (25) yields the basic quantities  $K_A$  and  $R$  of the chemical model and  $\Delta H_A^0$  (heat of ion-pair formation). The entropy of ion-pair formation,  $\Delta S_A^0$ , can be calculated from  $K_A$  and  $\Delta H_A^0$  in the usual way. Table III shows examples of a simultaneous determination of  $K_A$ ,  $R_{\text{exp}}$  and  $\Delta H_A^0$ .

The association constants of table III can be compared with those from conductance measurements,  $K_A^{(\lambda)}$ , and are found to be in perfect agreement, e.g.  $K_A^{(\lambda)}(\text{MgSO}_4/\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 160 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . The agreement of the  $R_{\text{exp}}$ -values of Table III for aqueous solutions with those of the ion-pair model, Eq. (20), should be stressed as an important result. The calculated values,  $R_{\text{calc}}$ , correspond to  $R = a + 2s$  (here  $s = d_{\text{OH}}$ , dimension of OH) according to this model. The agreement of  $R_{\text{exp}}$  with Bjerrum's distance parameter  $q$ , which is often used as the upper limit of association and which depends only on the permittivity of the solvent [cf. Eq. (19b)], is less satisfactory. For aqueous solutions of 2,2-electrolytes at 25 °C  $q$  equals 1.43 nm, independent of the ionic radii.

The same situation is given for non-aqueous solutions, e.g. propanol solutions in Table III. The association constants from calorimetric and conductance measurements

**Table III** Thermodynamic quantities of ion-pair formation in water and propanol (25 °C) from measurements of heats of dilution <sup>77)</sup>

Solvent	Electrolyte	$K_A$ $\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta H_A^0$ $\text{J mol}^{-1}$	$R_{\text{exp}}$ nm	$R_{\text{calc}}/\text{nm}$		
					$a + 2d_{\text{OH}}$	$a + s$	$q$
H <sub>2</sub> O	MgSO <sub>4</sub>	161	5780	0.93	0.88		1.43
	CaSO <sub>4</sub>	192	6670	0.95	0.91		
	CdSO <sub>4</sub>	239	8390	0.96	0.91		
	NiSO <sub>4</sub>	210	5440	0.91	0.88		
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> OH	NaI	206	18930	0.97	0.88	1.01	1.37
	KI	374	19060	0.99	0.91	1.04	
	RbI	527	17550	0.95	0.93	1.06	

agree satisfactorily<sup>77</sup>). The experimentally determined distances,  $R_{\text{exp}}$ , differ distinctly from  $q$ , which equals 1.37 nm for all propanol solutions of 1,1-electrolytes at 25 °C. Two values of  $R_{\text{calc}}$  are quoted in Table III, one for the configuration  $\text{C}^+(\text{OH})(\text{OH})\text{A}^-$ , *i.e.*  $R_{\text{calc}} = a + 2d_{\text{OH}}$ , the other for  $\text{C}^+(\text{propanol})\text{A}^-$ , *i.e.*  $R_{\text{calc}} = a + s$  (cf. Appendix A-2). Both values  $R_{\text{calc}}$  are compatible with the experimental value,  $R_{\text{exp}}$ .

Comparing Table III with the results of conductance data at various temperatures shows a further important feature. The temperature-dependence of conductance data yields  $\Delta H_{\text{A}}^0$ -values *via* the relationship

$$\left(\frac{d \ln K_{\text{A}}}{dT}\right)_{\text{p}} = \frac{\Delta H_{\text{A}}^0}{RT^2} \quad (26)$$

which agree with the  $\Delta H_{\text{A}}^0$ -values from calorimetric measurements, *i.e.* from conductance measurements on solutions of NaI in propanol a value of  $\Delta H_{\text{A}}^0 = 18800 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$  is determined.

The second example concerning heat of solution measurements was chosen to stress a crucial problem in non-aqueous electrochemistry. This is the proper extrapolation to infinite dilution when association of the electrolyte occurs<sup>84-87</sup>. Figure 4 shows that the validity range of the limiting law is attained only at very low concentrations (here  $< 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ), generally inaccessible to measurements. Hence, extrapolation from measured values ( $> 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ) yields erroneous data. Reliable

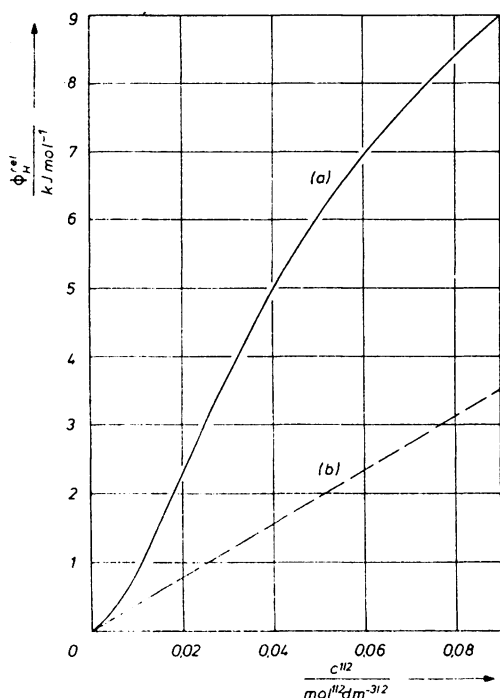


Fig. 4. Relative apparent molar enthalpy of KI in propanol (25 °C) from heat of dilution measurements. (a) measured curve; (b) limiting law; for explanation see text

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**Table IV** Heat of solution data of NaI in 1-propanol at 25 °C <sup>84)</sup>

$\frac{m \cdot 10^3}{\text{mol kg}^{-1}}$	$\frac{\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y}{\text{J mol}^{-1}}$	$\frac{\Phi_{\text{H}}^{\text{rel}}}{\text{J mol}^{-1}}$	$\frac{\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y^{\infty}}{\text{J mol}^{-1}}$
20.56	-19090	8898	-27988
21.70	-18850	9024	-27874
22.44	-18840	9103	-27943
22.64	-18780	9123	-27903
23.70	-18700	9250	-27950
Mean:			-27932

extrapolations require the use of Eq. (23) and an appropriate model. The Debye-Hückel limiting law and its empirical extensions are generally insufficient.

Table IV shows  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y$ ,  $\Phi_{\text{H}}^{\text{rel}}$  and extrapolated  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y^{\infty}$ -values as a function of molality for solutions of NaI in n-propanol <sup>84)</sup>. The  $\Phi_{\text{H}}^{\text{rel}}$ -values were determined from the dilution measurements of Table III. Taking into account that  $\Phi_{\text{H}}^{\text{rel}}$  contributes about 50% of  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y$ , it is obvious that reliable  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y^{\infty}$ -values can only be obtained from theoretically sound extrapolation methods. For comparison, Abraham et al. <sup>85)</sup> estimated a value of  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y^{\infty} = -23510 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$  from their measurements on solutions of NaI in propanol. A re-evaluation of these measurements based on the chemical model and Eq. (23) yields  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_Y^{\infty} = -27200 \pm 180 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ , in satisfactory agreement with our values in Table IV.

An example of Eq. (23) for determining molar volumes is given in Ref. <sup>81)</sup>. Comparing the results of molar volume measurements with the pressure dependence of the association constant from conductance experiments shows satisfactory agreement, *i.e.* the equation

$$\left( \frac{d \ln K_A}{dp} \right)_T = - \frac{\Delta V_A}{RT} \quad (27)$$

is fulfilled when  $K_A$ -values from pressure-dependent conductance and  $\Delta V_A$ -values from density measurements are combined.

### 5.3 EMF-Measurements

For  $\Delta G$ -measurements, emf or solubility products, the chemical potential, Eqs. (6, 7), is an appropriate form of the basic Eqs. (21). For example, the emf of the galvanic cell without liquid junction



is given by the set of equations

$$E = E^0 - \frac{2RT}{F} \ln(\alpha y_{\pm}' c) \quad (28a)$$

$$K_A = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha^2 c} \frac{1}{y_{\pm}'^2}; \quad y_{\pm}' = \exp \left[ - \frac{\kappa q}{1 + \kappa R} \right]. \quad (28b, c)$$



Emf measurements yield reliable standard potentials  $E^0$  only when data analysis uses well-founded extrapolation methods which take into account association of the electrolyte compounds<sup>88)</sup>. A knowledge of reliable standard potentials is important for electrochemistry in non-aqueous solutions, especially for solvation studies and technological investigations. A comprehensive survey of these questions is in preparation. Data analysis with the help of Eqs. (28) gives  $K_A$  and  $R$  values which are compatible with those from other methods. Table V illustrates the satisfactory agreement of activity coefficients from emf measurements,  $y_{\pm}(\text{emf})$ , and heats of dilution,  $y_{\pm}(\Phi_H^{\text{ref}})$ , both evaluated by appropriate methods.

**Table V** Activity coefficients of aqueous  $\text{CdSO}_4$  solutions at 25 °C

$10^4 c$ mol dm <sup>-3</sup>	10.0	30.0	50.0	100.0
$y_{\pm}(\Phi_H^{\text{ref}})$	0.699	0.551	0.476	0.383
$y_{\pm}(\text{emf})$	0.698	0.552	0.481	0.388

#### 5.4 Some Remarks on Thermodynamic Investigations

The possibility of determining the quantities  $K_A$ ,  $\Delta Z_A^0$  and  $R$  controlling association as well as the values of  $\mu_Y^{\infty}$  and  $\Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_Y^{\infty}$  relevant for solvation gives a convincing reason for making comprehensive measurements on the properties of dilute solutions. Temperature- and pressure-dependent data in particular are needed at the present time. The determination of thermodynamic quantities has been the object of numerous investigations. However, the examples given illustrate the difficulties in getting standard values for the thermodynamic properties of partially associated electrolytes. This may be the reason why most of the work on the thermodynamic properties of electrolyte solutions, such as measurement of the apparent molal volumes<sup>89-96)</sup>, apparent molal heat capacities<sup>89,90,97)</sup> and heats of solution<sup>98-100)</sup>, has been concerned with solutions of non-associated electrolytes. In this case the extrapolation to infinite dilution is carried out with the help of Eq. (12a) in combination with the Debye-Hückel activity coefficient or its extended forms<sup>101-104)</sup>.

The features of the chemical model are well-founded extrapolations towards  $Z_Y^{\infty}$  and related quantities on the one hand and the generation of a basic set of model parameters  $R$  and  $W_{ij}$  (via  $K_A$ ) independent of the special experimental method on the other hand. Moreover, the distance parameter  $R$  is always found to be in accordance with the dimensions of a configuration of ions and orientated adjacent solvent molecules which is compatible with general chemical evidence. As far as chemical models are McMillan-Mayer-level Hamiltonian models, they permit the use of statistical thermodynamic relationships for calculating the solvent properties in a well-founded manner.

It should be mentioned in this context that investigations on dilute solutions, from which reliable information is expected, require precise measurements down to very

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low concentrations ( $c \sim 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ). Very sensitive and precise apparatus is needed, see Refs. <sup>4, 77, 79, 81, 105-107</sup>, and purification of solvents and solutes together with the purity control of solvents, solutes and solutions are often the major part of these investigations.

### 5.5 Ion Solvation

Ion solvation is the transfer process of the separated ions of a pure electrolyte compound Y from the vacuum to the infinitely dilute solution in a solvent S. In the case of ionophoric electrolytes the solvation quantities  $\Delta_{\text{solv}} Z_Y^z$  are related to the corresponding solution quantities,  $\Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_Y^\infty$  (Eq. (12 b)), via lattice quantities,  $\Delta_{\text{lat}} Z_Y$  according to Fig. 1.

Lattice energies of many electrolytes are known <sup>108-111</sup> and in combination with the experimentally determined solution energies yield the solvation energies and related quantities  $\Delta_{\text{solv}} Z_Y^\infty$ . For tables of solution data see Refs. <sup>36, 112, 113</sup>.

Besides the solvation quantities, transfer quantities,  $\Delta_{\text{tr}} Z_Y^\infty$ , can be advantageously used, cf. Fig. 1. They give an account of the change in Z when the electrolyte Y is transferred from solvent S' to solvent S. With water as the reference solvent, S', the transfer activity coefficients,  ${}_m \gamma_Y$  <sup>114-116</sup>, are obtained from the Gibbs transfer energy,  $\Delta_{\text{tr}} G_Y^\infty$ , by the relationship

$$\Delta_{\text{tr}} G_Y^\infty = \Delta_{\text{solv}} G_Y^\infty(\text{S}) - \Delta_{\text{solv}} G_Y^\infty(\text{W}) = RT \ln {}_m \gamma_Y. \quad (29)$$

The choice of the appropriate concentration scale for standard thermodynamic functions of transfer was extensively discussed by Ben-Naim <sup>117</sup> who showed that the molarity scale has a number of advantages over the others.

Separation into ionic transfer activity coefficients for the electrolyte  $\text{C}^{z+} \text{A}^{z-}$  is executed with the help of the equation

$${}_m \gamma_Y^2 = ({}_m \gamma_+) ({}_m \gamma_-). \quad (30)$$

The interest of theory and technology in single ion solvation and transfer quantities originates in their importance for solution structure, kinetic, analytical or surface problems, *i.e.* for all problems involving the solvation shell or its rearrangement. For example, transfer proton activity coefficients  ${}_m \gamma_{\text{H}^+}$  are used for transferring the pH-scale from water to other solvents:

$$\text{pH}(\text{S}) = \text{pH}(\text{W}) + \log {}_m \gamma_{\text{H}^+}. \quad (31)$$

Further examples of technical importance are found in the field of extraction processes <sup>118</sup>, ionic equilibria and emf measurements <sup>119</sup>, and analytical applications <sup>120, 121</sup>.

The requirements of theory both for solvation and transfer data of single ions are similar. A complete theory would require the knowledge of all molecular distribution functions and mean-force potentials between the ions and the solvent molecules. As already stressed in Section II such a theory is unavailable with the present state of knowledge. In the endeavour to represent solvation by models, the

ion-solvent interactions are split into electrostatic, non-electrostatic, and chemical contributions.

Dielectric continuum models like the Born model<sup>122)</sup> and its extensions taking into account local permittivity<sup>123, 124)</sup> or introducing 'effective ionic radii'<sup>125, 126)</sup> consider the solvent as a structureless shielding continuum. More satisfactory results are obtained with the help of an electrodynamic theory of condensed media which takes into consideration the structure of polar solvents<sup>127)</sup>, but the prediction of equal free energies of hydration for cations and anions of equal size and charge is rather unrealistic. These quantities should differ by twice the ion-quadrupole interaction energy.

Ion-solvent interaction causes orientation of the neighbouring inner solvent molecules and extends with greater or less attenuation into the bulk solution<sup>128-131)</sup>. Primary, and in some cases also secondary, solvation shells are chosen as the basis of models. Solvent mixtures introduce the possibility of preferential ion solvation<sup>132-137)</sup>.

The energy content of the primary solvation shell depends on the short-range interactions of the types of ion-dipole, ion-quadrupole, ion-induced dipole, dipole-dipole and dispersion and repulsion forces<sup>138-140)</sup>. For non-aqueous electrolyte solutions, however, most of the molecular and structural data needed for the calculation of the formation energy of the primary solvation shell are unknown. In addition, calculations of solvation energies must include an estimation of the energy content of the region outside the primary solvation shell. Whereas the electrostatic part may be approximated by the Born model, using the solvated ion as a hard sphere, the non-electrostatic parts resulting from cavity formation and structure breaking in the secondary solvation shell are generally unknown. Therefore, *ab initio* calculations have not so far been very successful for non-aqueous solvation. Present information has been obtained from semi-empirical methods and/or extra-thermodynamic assumptions.

The basis of the extrapolation methods<sup>141-143)</sup> is the representation of the electrostatic contributions to ion-solvent interactions by a series expansion of type  $a_j r^{-j}$  where  $r$  is the ionic radius. For example, in a series of electrolytes with common cation and varying anions (anion radius,  $r_-$ ) a set-up

$$\Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_Y^\infty = \Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_+^\infty + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{a_j}{r_-^j} + \Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_-^\infty (\text{neutral}) \quad (32)$$

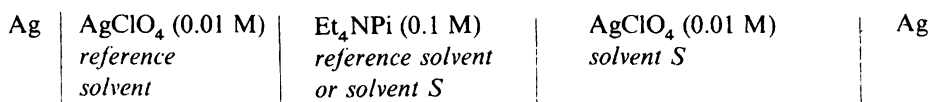
is used for determining single cation solvation quantities from the measured  $\Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_Y^\infty$  values. A variety of methods differ in the number of terms in the power series and in the corrections,  $\Delta_{\text{sol}} Z_-^\infty (\text{neutral})$ , for non-electrostatic contributions<sup>144-146)</sup>. A drawback of all extrapolation methods is the uncertainty of the extrapolation ( $r \rightarrow \infty$ ) from the very small range of ionic radii available.

Reference ions<sup>147)</sup>, reference ion/molecule pairs<sup>148-150)</sup>, and reference electrolytes<sup>91, 136, 150-156)</sup>, are the basis of further methods. The assumption that the rubidium ion would have a constant potential in all solvents as a consequence of its low electrical field and polarizability<sup>147)</sup>, *i.e.*  $\gamma_{\text{Rb}^+} = 1$ , as well as similar hypotheses involving large transition state anions<sup>149)</sup> are only of historical interest. More realistic are the determinations of solvation quantities based on the assumption that

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large ions and their corresponding uncharged molecules, like the ion/molecule pair ferrocinium/ferrocene<sup>148)</sup> or similar ones<sup>149,150)</sup>, show equal solvation in each solvent. The disadvantage of the reference ion and reference ion/molecule methods, both of which neglect the electrostatic contributions of the ionic species, is assumed to be overcome<sup>151)</sup> by the reference electrolyte method proposing the partition of measured electrolyte solvation quantities equally between its ions. The criteria for reference electrolytes are the same as for reference ion/molecule pairs. The difference in the short-range electrostatic ion-molecule interactions is neglected if the cation and the anion of the reference electrolyte are structural analogues of equal size, e.g.  $(\text{Ph}_4\text{As})^+(\text{BPh}_4)^-$ <sup>151)</sup> or  $(i\text{-Am}_3\text{BuN})^+(\text{BPh}_4)^-$ <sup>150)</sup>. Reference electrolytes were widely used to determine transfer activity coefficients and solvation enthalpies<sup>111,112,131,150,153)</sup> and partial molar volumes<sup>91,154)</sup> of single ions. Criticisms of the reference electrolyte method are based on spectroscopic investigations<sup>157)</sup> and calculations<sup>158)</sup> using the scaled-particle theory<sup>159)</sup>. Kim et al.<sup>155,156)</sup> propose an unequal partition of the standard free energy of transfer between  $(\text{Ph}_4\text{As})^+$  and  $(\text{BPh}_4)^-$  as the result of a comprehensive investigation. However, the consequences of these corrections for the equipartition principle are still a matter of debate. In a recent review Marcus<sup>119)</sup> gives a critical evaluation of the  $(\text{Ph}_4\text{As})^+(\text{BPh}_4)^-$  problem.

A rapid experimental method to determine transfer activity coefficients uses galvanic cells with transference but negligible liquid-junction potentials<sup>149,160-162)</sup>, e.g. the cell



where the reference solvent is either acetonitrile or methanol and the bridge electrolyte tetraethylammonium picrate dissolved in the weaker solvating solvent for the  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions. The results from the application of this method differ by about one unit in  $\log_m \gamma_\gamma$  from those obtained by the reference electrolyte assumption which Popovych<sup>114)</sup> considers to be the more reliable one.

All these methods do not satisfactorily take into account such specific interactions like H-bonding of small anions with protic solvents<sup>163)</sup> or those of  $\text{Cu}^+$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Au}^+$  with some dipolar aprotic solvents, as well as the structural contributions of strongly structured solvents, e.g. water, alcohols, amides, to the solvation energy. This drawback of actual solvation theory is one of the reasons motivating practical chemists to restrict themselves to qualitative classification<sup>164,165)</sup> according to solvent scales or classes, cf. also Section 8.3.

## 5.6 Concentrated Solutions

Information in the field of thermodynamic properties of concentrated non-aqueous electrolyte solutions is rather poor at present, in spite of increasing technological interest. No reliable theory is available. Aqueous solutions have been better investigated. Pitzer et al.<sup>166-171)</sup>, and Cruz and Renon<sup>172-174)</sup> extended the Debye-Hückel concept and obtained empirical equations for the osmotic coefficient and

ionic activity coefficients from Gibbs excess enthalpy which in Pitzer's theory is presented as a sum of cationic and anionic contributions with an unlimited number<sup>174)</sup> of adjustable parameters. The Cruz-Renon extension contains a Debye-McAulay term to correct for the change of dielectric constant of the solvent due to the presence of ions in the solution and a term taking into account short-range forces. Both theories are of great help for practising engineers in the prediction of solubility data, treatment of vapour-liquid equilibria, and further technical problems<sup>174)</sup>.

## 5.7 Water at Extreme External Conditions

Application of high pressures and temperatures changes the bulk properties of a solvent to a considerable extent. There is a continuous transition of these properties going through the critical point<sup>175)</sup>. As emphasized by Franck<sup>176)</sup>, under extreme conditions water substance loses its typical properties and behaves as a high polar "non-aqueous, water-like" solvent. The consequences for electrolyte solutions are considerable changes in the ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions. Thus it is not surprising that 1,1-electrolytes form ion pairs in aqueous solutions at high temperatures, e.g. aqueous NaCl solutions with densities below  $0.75 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  exhibit ion-pairing, increasing with decreasing density<sup>177)</sup>. For further information on this technically important solvent and its "non-aqueous" electrolyte solutions, including conductance and dielectric properties see Refs.<sup>178-188)</sup>.

## VI Transport Properties

### 6.1 Dilute Solutions

Transport equations of electrolyte and single ion conductance, self- and mutual-diffusion, and transference numbers can be obtained either from Onsager's continuity equation or from Onsager's fundamental equations of irreversible processes. Many publications deal with this matter, especially with electrolyte conductance. For monographs, review articles, surveys of results and recent contributions in this field see Refs.<sup>30, 36, 44, 46, 47, 52, 53, 67, 69, 76, 82, 175, 189-200)</sup>. Recent extensions of conductance theory concern electrolyte mixtures of any type<sup>201-204)</sup>. A discussion of former papers is given in Refs.<sup>36, 76, 189-191)</sup>.

Electrolyte conductance,  $\Lambda$ , and transference numbers,  $t_i$ , are required for a proper understanding of the transport of charge by ions in electrolyte solutions.

Conductance equations for completely dissociated electrolytes are obtained in the form

$$\Lambda = \Lambda^{\infty} - \Lambda' - \Lambda^c \quad (33)$$

with  $\Lambda^{\infty}$  as the limiting electrolyte conductance at infinite dilution, a concentration-dependent relaxation term,  $\Lambda'$ , and a concentration-dependent electrophoretic term,

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$\Lambda^\infty$ , both of which are due to effects inhibiting the conductance as the electrolyte concentration increases. Alternatively, series expansions

$$\Lambda = \Lambda^\infty - Sc^{1/2} + Ec \log c + J_1c + J_2c^{3/2} + \dots \quad (34)$$

in which the coefficients  $S$ ,  $E$ ,  $J_1$ , and  $J_2$  contain contributions due both to the relaxation and electrophoretic effects can be used. Summarizing tables of the coefficients as obtained from various theories are given in Refs.<sup>36,191</sup>. Eq. (34) contains the well-known square-root law

$$\Lambda = \Lambda^\infty - S\sqrt{c} \quad (35)$$

as the limiting law. The limiting law has been the object of various empirical extensions (see<sup>44,47,191</sup>) since Onsager derived it as the first exact and statistically well-founded conductance equation<sup>45,205</sup>.

Only the free ions in the solution are supposed to transport charges in the applied external field. For associating electrolytes Eq. (34) is transformed into the set of equations

$$\Lambda = \alpha[\Lambda^\infty - S(\alpha c)^{1/2} + E(\alpha c) \log(\alpha c) + J_1(\alpha c) + J_2(\alpha c)^{3/2} + \dots] \quad (36a)$$

$$K_A = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha^2 c} \times \frac{1}{y_\pm'^2}; \quad y_\pm' = \exp\left[-\frac{\alpha q}{1 + \alpha R}\right] \quad (36b, c)$$

which is of the type of Eqs. (21). Then the introduction of the chemical model as the base for electrolyte conductance is straightforward<sup>4,74-76</sup>. Discussion and comparison of conductance equations of electrolytes and single ions and their use for determining transport and structure parameters of a multitude of solutions can be found in recent surveys<sup>4,67,75,76,189-192,194</sup>. Fig. 6 shows the generally observed dependence on concentration of equivalent conductance of partially associated electrolytes. The validity range ( $< 10^{-5}$  M) of Onsager's limiting law, Eq. (35), is indicated. The deviations from the limiting law are caused both by the complete transport equation of type (36) (here from Ref.<sup>195</sup>) and by association.

Conductance measurements on dilute solutions are of special interest for electrolyte theory. These measurements can be carried out at high precision for almost all electrolytes in almost all solvents at various temperatures and pressures and thus provide an efficient method for determining the basic data of electrolyte solutions, *i.e.*  $\Lambda^\infty$ ,  $K_A$  and  $R$ , under various conditions. Values of  $K_A$  and  $R$  are found to be compatible with the values obtained from thermodynamic methods. The enthalpies and volumes of ion-pair formation,  $\Delta H_A^0$  and  $\Delta V_A$ , as determined from temperature- and pressure-dependence of conductance, are compatible with the corresponding relative apparent molar quantities,  $\Phi_{II}^{rel}(IP)$  and  $\Phi_V^{rel}(IP)$ , from thermodynamic measurements, cf. Section 5.2.;  $R$ -values are found to be almost independent of temperature.

Transference numbers,  $t_i$ , and single ion conductances,  $\Lambda_i = t_i \Lambda$ , deduced from them are of theoretical and technical interest. Several attempts have been made to replace the experimentally difficult and time-consuming measurement of transference numbers

by methods based on empirical assumptions, such as splitting the equivalent conductance  $\Lambda$  of standard electrolytes into equal contributions from cation and anion (cf. Sect. 5.5.), e.g.  $(\text{Bu}_4\text{N})^+(\text{BPh}_4)^-$ <sup>206,207</sup> or  $(i\text{-Am}_4\text{N})^+(i\text{-Am}_4\text{B})^-$ <sup>208</sup>, or calculating the ionic conductance in one solvent from that in another by the help of Walden's rule<sup>209</sup>). The temperature-dependence of transference numbers was also calculated on the basis of rules of this type<sup>210</sup>.

Electrolyte theory relates transport numbers to the chemical model through the following set of equations<sup>82,194</sup>

$$\frac{t_i - 0.5}{t_i^\infty - 0.5} = \Lambda^\infty \left[ \Lambda^\infty - \frac{1}{\Xi} \frac{e_0^2 N_A}{3\pi\eta} \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa R} \right]^{-1} + B(\alpha c) \quad (37a)$$

$$K_A = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha^2 c} \times \frac{1}{y_\pm^{1/2}}; \quad y_\pm = \exp \left[ -\frac{\kappa q}{1 + \kappa R} \right] \quad (37b, c)$$

where  $e_0$  is the charge of proton,  $N_A$  Avogadro's number,  $\eta$  the viscosity of the solvent and  $\Xi$  a conversion factor ( $\Xi = 1$  for SI units). The other symbols have their usual meaning.

Among the experimental methods for determining transference numbers, the moving boundary method (cf. <sup>82,190,194,211</sup>) allows their determination with a precision close to that of conductances. Figure 5 gives an example<sup>82</sup>.

Figure 5 shows transference numbers decreasing with increasing concentration and decreasing temperature when  $t_+^\infty < 0.5$  and increasing when  $t_+^\infty > 0.5$ , in accordance with theory. The possibility of reversing the sign of temperature- and concentration-

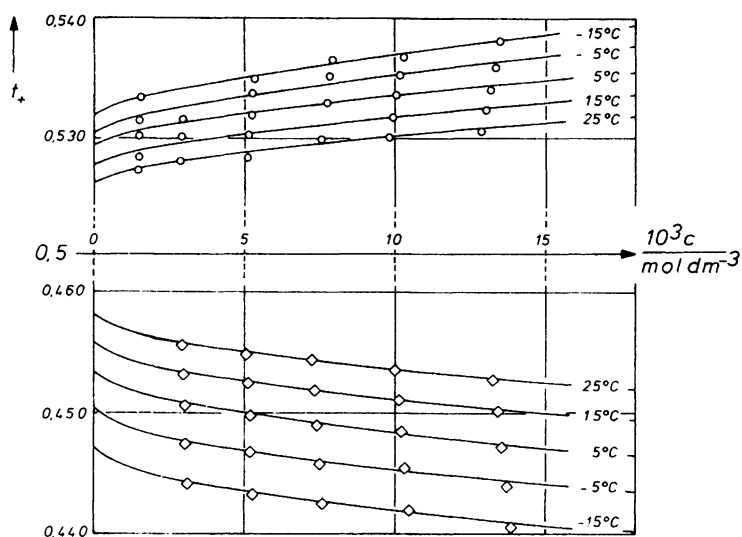


Fig. 5. Temperature- and concentration-dependence of cationic transference numbers of methanol solutions of  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSCN}$  ( $\circ$ ) and  $\text{KSCN}$  ( $\diamond$ )<sup>82</sup>. The full lines are computer plots according to the set of Eqs. (37)

dependence by the choice of appropriate electrolytes can be used in battery research when battery electrolytes with a high mobility of the active ion at low temperature are sought as well as in other technological applications which require specific charge transport properties, cf. Part B.

Table VI shows the limiting anion conductances determined from the measurements underlying Fig. 5. Extrapolations were made by taking into account the association of the electrolyte compounds KSCN and Me<sub>4</sub>NSCN in methanol *via* Eqs. (37). As a result, the theoretical requirement of equal limiting anion conductances  $\lambda_{\text{SCN}^-}^\infty$  is fulfilled within the limits of experimental error.

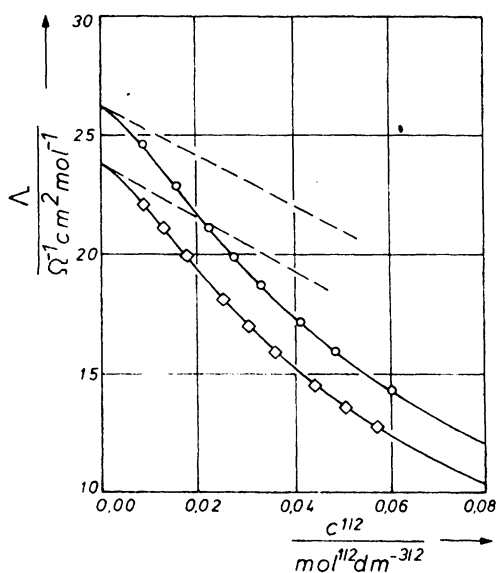
For further information on transport phenomena in dilute solutions reference should be made to the recent literature; the literature up to 1975 is quoted in Refs. <sup>36, 55, 113</sup>.

The current state of knowledge in the field of dilute electrolyte solutions is illustrated by Fig. 6 <sup>72</sup>.

The conductance functions for Pr<sub>4</sub>NI and *i*-Am<sub>4</sub>NI in propanol, Fig. 6, are computer plots which were calculated entirely without use of conductance data for

**Table VI** Single anion conductance from independent measurements of transference numbers in KSCN and Me<sub>4</sub>NSCN in methanol <sup>82)</sup>

Temp. °C	$\lambda_{\text{SCN}^-}^{\text{a}}$ / [S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ] from KSCN	$\lambda_{\text{SCN}^-}^{\text{c}}$ / [S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ] from Me <sub>4</sub> NSCN
-15	33.65	33.61
- 5	39.84	39.82
+ 5	46.57	46.60
+15	53.93	53.97
+25	61.87	61.95



**Fig. 6.** Conductance of propanol solutions of Pr<sub>4</sub>NI (○) and *i*-Am<sub>4</sub>NI (◇) at 25 °C <sup>72)</sup>. The full lines are calculated with the help of Eqs. (36) using  $\lambda_{\text{SCN}^-}^\infty$ -values from transference numbers, and  $K_A$  and  $R$  values from calorimetric measurements. Values (○) and (◇) from conductance measurements were added for comparison. The broken lines represent the Onsager limiting law of conductance



the electrolyte solutions investigated. Calculation was based on the set of Eqs. (36). Association constants,  $K_A$ , and distance parameters,  $R$ , were determined from calorimetric measurements on solutions of  $\text{Pr}_4\text{NI}$  and  $i\text{-Am}_4\text{NI}$  in propanol<sup>77)</sup>;  $\Lambda^\infty$ -values were obtained via transport numbers  $t_i^\infty$  of  $\text{KSCN}$ <sup>82)</sup> and single-ion limiting conductances  $\lambda_i^\infty$  based on these. The measured points of independent conductance measurements are added to prove the validity of the method. Agreement is better than 0.1 %.

## 6.2 Concentrated Solutions

Theoretically well-founded equations for transport data of highly concentrated electrolyte solutions are not available at present. Three classes of transport equations can be found in the literature<sup>76)</sup>; molten salt approaches, empirical extensions of equations for dilute solutions, and empirical equations for fitting measured data.

The temperature-dependence of transport properties  $W(T)$ , of glassforming liquids and of fused salts<sup>212)</sup> can be interpreted with the help of a modified Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann equation

$$W(T) = AT^{-1/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{B}{T - T_0} \right] \quad (38)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants for a given transport property, conductance, diffusion or fluidity. The theoretical significance of the ideal<sup>213)</sup> or theoretical<sup>214)</sup> glass transition temperature  $T_0$  is given in Refs. <sup>215)</sup> and <sup>216)</sup>. Application of Eq. (38) to experimental results usually yields temperatures  $T_0$  which are lower than the glass transition points  $T_g$  determined by thermal methods. Thermal methods, e.g. DSC or DTA, yield values of  $T_0$  which depend on the cooling rate<sup>217, 218)</sup> and which cannot be attributed to internally equilibrated liquids. Angell<sup>213)</sup> transformed Eq. (38) into a relationship for the isothermal concentration-dependence of transport properties predicting a maximum of specific conductance at each temperature, e.g. for aqueous  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solutions<sup>213, 218)</sup>. Bruno and Della Monica<sup>219, 220)</sup> have applied Angell's model to non-aqueous solutions. Further information can be found in comprehensive reviews<sup>175, 221-224)</sup>.

Extensions of the conductance equations for dilute solutions using empirical correction factors, e.g. viscosity functions<sup>225, 226)</sup>, can be found in the literature. However, although viscosity is the most important parameter influencing the conductance<sup>227)</sup>, equations of this type are doubtful. The mean-force potentials of dilute solutions are based on approximations which cannot really be corrected for by viscosity functions. A noteworthy extension is given in Ref. <sup>228)</sup>.

Comprehensive experimental data which provide an insight into the competitive effects of solvent viscosity, ion-ion, and ion-solvent interactions are only available at present for a few non-aqueous systems. A survey is given in Refs. <sup>76, 229, 230)</sup>.

Fig. 7 shows the typical concentration-dependence of the specific conductance,  $\kappa[\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}]$ , of  $\text{LiClO}_4$  at various temperatures in propylene carbonate<sup>232)</sup> and propylene carbonate-dimethoxyethane mixtures<sup>227)</sup>.

Lacking a reliable theory, an empirical equation<sup>231)</sup> was used to reproduce the

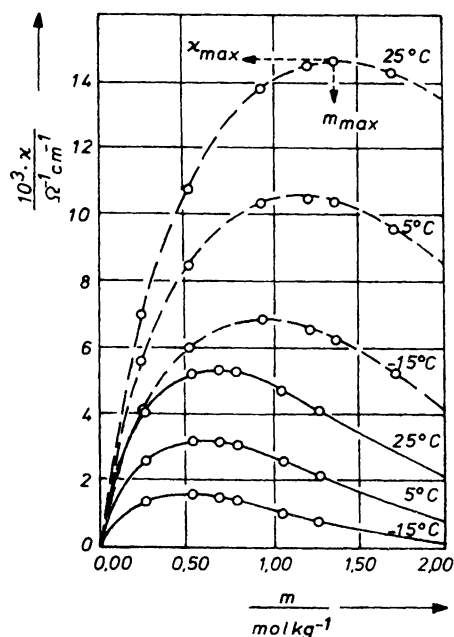


Fig. 7. Specific conductance of  $\text{LiClO}_4$  solutions in propylene carbonate (full lines) and propylene carbonate - dimethoxyethane (42 weight % of PC) mixtures (broken lines) at various temperatures

conductance data. The concentration,  $m_{\text{max}}$ , at maximum conductance,  $\kappa_{\text{max}}$ , decreases with decreasing temperature, *i.e.* with increasing viscosity of the solvent. A decrease of viscosity at constant temperature resulting from a change in solvent composition produces an increase in  $m_{\text{max}}$ , also proving that viscosity is the most important factor determining the conductance. It is of technical interest that the specific conductance of solutions in polar solvents, here PC, can be considerably increased by the addition of suitable solvents with low permittivity, here DME. Ion-ion and specific ion-solvent interactions, *e.g.* association and solvation, are second-order effects<sup>227)</sup>.

Investigations on various salts in these solvents show that competition between ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions with increasing salt concentration leads to comparable states of the different solutions at their respective maximum conductance<sup>227, 232)</sup>, *i.e.* the maximum specific conductance for every solution is obtained when the conductance-determining effects have established a critical energy barrier which depends almost exclusively on solvent and temperature and not on the solute. As an important consequence, in spite of large ion-ion association constants, the maximum specific conductance can be found at unexpectedly high  $\kappa_{\text{max}}$ -values in solvents of low permittivity<sup>227, 230)</sup>. This feature can be used advantageously for technical applications.

### 6.3 Ion Aggregates and their Role in Conductance

Many 1,1-electrolytes show association to aggregates higher than ion pairs in pure solvents of classes 6 and 7 of Table I and in their mixtures of low permittivity, also in mixtures with solvents of other classes, *e.g.* PC,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , ROH. The dependence of the

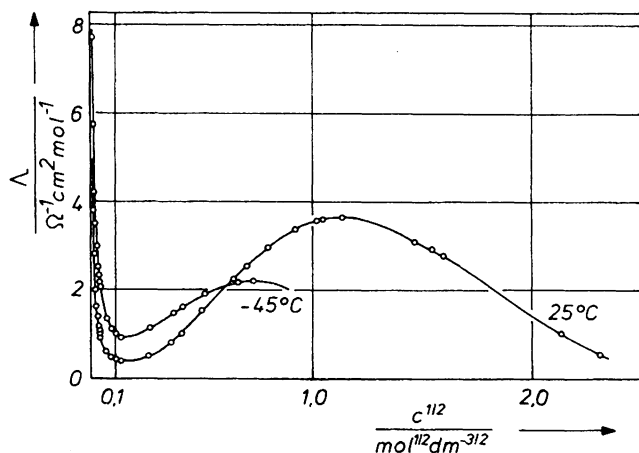


Fig. 8. Equivalent conductance of  $\text{LiBF}_4$  in dimethoxyethane solutions at  $+25^\circ\text{C}$  and  $-45^\circ\text{C}$  <sup>233)</sup>

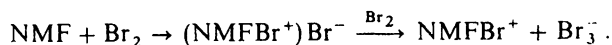
electrolyte conductance of these solutions upon the concentration and temperature is a suitable probe for this effect. Fig. 8 shows a minimum of equivalent conductance followed by a maximum for DME solutions of  $\text{LiBF}_4$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  as a typical proof for the coexistence of free ions, ion pairs, triple ions and possibly higher aggregates in the solution <sup>233)</sup>. The use of appropriate conductance equations <sup>30, 234)</sup> for data analysis yields the equilibrium constants  $K_A$  (ion pairs) and  $K_T$  (triple ions).

The ion-pair constant  $K_A$  increases strongly with increasing temperature whereas the triple ion constant  $K_T$  decreases slightly. Taking into consideration the resulting change in the charge density and the weakly temperature-dependent viscosity of the solvent (cf. Fig. 18), the observed inversions of the temperature coefficient of equivalent conductance in the range of low and moderate concentrations can be predicted without the need for further assumptions <sup>233)</sup>.

The range of high concentrations of such solutions, especially of those with solvents of class 7, shows examples of an increase of conductance up to five orders of magnitude which cannot be explained by the usual transport equations. On the basis of conductance <sup>235, 236)</sup>, viscosity <sup>235)</sup>, transference numbers <sup>237)</sup> and cryoscopic <sup>238)</sup> measurements Gileadi et al. considered a "hopping mechanism" <sup>235, 236)</sup> quite similar to the Grothuss mechanism for the proton in aqueous solutions



which predicts an increase of conductance with increasing number  $n$ , *i.e.* with increasing ion aggregation in the solution. The role of both cluster formation and the "hopping mechanism" for solutions of low dielectric constant is also illustrated by the system  $\text{NMF}/\text{Br}_2$  <sup>239)</sup> in which dissociation occurs according to



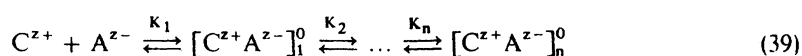
Ion aggregates of quite another type must be considered for polyvalent ions in non-aqueous solvents, even in protic solvents (class 1), e.g.  $\text{CdCl}_2$  in methanol <sup>240)</sup>. The concentration-dependence of equivalent conductance down to  $10^{-5}$  M solutions as well as the temperature-dependence require this electrolyte to be treated as a 1,1-electrolyte,  $\text{CdCl}^+\text{Cl}^-$ , forming ion pairs of type  $[\text{CdCl}^+(\text{ROH})\text{Cl}^-]$ .

## VII Spectroscopic and Relaxation Methods

### 7.1 Introduction

The information on the structure of electrolyte solutions provided by thermodynamic and transport properties on the one hand and by spectroscopic, relaxation and kinetic investigations on the other, complement one another with regard to the chemical model. Thermodynamic and transport properties provide the distance parameter  $R$ , the overall association constant  $K_A$ , and the activity coefficient  $y_{\pm}$  linked to it. No direct information can be achieved on the structure of the region  $a \leq r \leq R$  and possible regions  $a \leq R_1 \leq R_2 \dots \leq R$ . This problem, however, can be solved by modern spectroscopic and relaxation methods.

An appropriate subdivision of the region  $a \leq r \leq R$  (cf. Sect. 4.2.) within the framework of an equilibrium concept is accompanied by the assumption of a suite of equilibria<sup>74, 75)</sup>



Equation (20) gives an example. Every "ion pair"  $[C^{z+}A^{z-}]_i^0$  differs as a chemical species by its energy content from its neighbours in the suite as a consequence of the distance-dependent interaction forces between the ions. Individual equilibrium constants are given by the relationships

$$K_1 = \frac{a_1}{a_+ a_-}; \quad K_i = \frac{a_i}{a_{i-1}} \quad (i = 1 \dots n) \quad (40)$$

$a_+$  and  $a_-$  being the activities of the free ions and  $a_i$  those of the ion pairs.

Actually the link between spectroscopic, on the one hand, and thermodynamic or transport process results on the other, is not yet completely established. The concentration ranges of the methods differ greatly. Spectroscopy requires moderately or highly concentrated solutions with the exception of a few methods which have recently been developed for the low concentration range. Hence, the use of activity coefficients  $y'_{\pm}$  of dilute solutions is doubtful. The overall association constant

$$K_A = K_1 + K_1 K_2 + K_1 K_2 K_3 + \dots + \prod_{i=1}^n K_i \quad (41)$$

considers exclusively free ions and ion pairs  $[C^+A^-]_i^0$ . Only in dilute solutions the activities of the ion pairs can be set equal to their concentrations.

The overall constant of the chemical model (see Fig. 3)

$$K_A = 4000\pi N_A \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{R_{i-1}}^{R_i} r^2 \exp \left[ \frac{2q}{r} - \frac{W_{+-}^{*(i)}}{kT} \right] dr \quad (42)$$

when compared with Eq. (41) enables the partial association constants to be expressed in terms of  $R_i$  and  $W_{+-}^{(i)}$ <sup>3)</sup>. Hence, distance parameters  $R_i$  and ion-pair configurations  $[C^+A^-]_i^0$  from spectroscopic evidence as well as information on ion-ion and ion-solvent interaction in moderately and highly concentrated solutions are actually the crucial contributions to electrochemistry.

*Relaxation* methods can provide information on some of the equilibria of Eq. (39) or all of them, depending on the frequency range of the method used, and can then establish a criterion for an appropriate subdivision of the region  $a \leq r \leq R$ .

*Diffraction* methods yield direct information on the pair-correlation functions,  $g_{ij}(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_{21})$ , cf. Section 4.1.

*Absorption* methods give evidence on ion pairs but do not necessarily yield the overall association constants required by the thermodynamic excess functions. However, they furnish essential contributions to the elucidation of solvent-solvent and ion-solvent interactions and are the basis for most of the semi-empirical interaction scales usually applied.

## 7.2 Diffraction Methods

X-ray and neutron scattering experiments yield direct information on the atomic pair-correlation functions,  $g_{ij}(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_{12})$ , by the help of the scattering cross-section  $d\sigma/d\Omega$ <sup>241, 242)</sup> or the reduced intensity  $I$ <sup>243)</sup> both of which depend on the scattering angle  $\theta$ , which is expressed as the scattering vector  $k = [4\pi \sin(\theta/2)]/\lambda$ .  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the incident radiation. The intensity of the radiation scattered by each atom  $i$  depends on its scattering factor  $f_i$ .

X-rays are scattered at the inner electrons of an atom. The scattering factor (also called form factor) decreases with increasing  $k$  and increases linearly with the atomic number. The positions and interactions of light particles like hydrogen atoms or protons cannot be determined directly. Thermal neutrons, in contrast, are scattered on the spherical atomic nuclei and therefore the scattering factor (in this case also called coherent scattering length) is independent of angle but shows marked, un-systematic dependence on the atomic mass for all nuclei. The elimination of systematic errors due to absorption, polarisation, sample geometry, Compton scattering, multiple scattering at many atoms, incoherent and inelastic scattering, is a difficult but necessary task.

The mean cross-section is a function of the total structure factor  $F_T(k)$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = N \times [F_T(k) + \sum c_i f_i^2], \quad (43a)$$

which itself is expressed by the partial structure factors  $S_{ij}(k)$

$$F_T(k) = \sum_i \sum_j N c_i c_j f_i f_j [S_{ij}(k) - 1] \quad (43b)$$

with

$$S_{ij}(k) = a + \frac{4N}{kV} \int_0^\infty (g_{ij}(r) - 1) \times r \times \sin(kr) dr; \quad \sum c_i = 1 \quad (43c, d)$$

$N$  is the total number of all particles  $i$  with concentration  $c_i$  in the volume  $V$ .

The total structure factor  $F_T(k)$  contains the simultaneous information on all correlation functions of adjacent atoms, intermolecular as well as intramolecular. As a consequence, reports in the literature have been limited to solvents with few atoms, e.g.  $H_2O$ . Furthermore, the measured signal is very insensitive towards changes in solvent structure so that only highly concentrated solutions can be examined. The important results obtained from diffraction methods are the  $M^{Z+} \dots OH_2$  distances, the tilt angles between the  $M^{Z+} \dots O$  axis and the plane of the water molecule and hydration numbers<sup>241, 242</sup>. The configuration of  $CdI_{4-n} \cdot S_n$  complexes ( $S = H_2O$  or dimethylsulfoxide) were investigated recently<sup>243</sup>.

The extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) in the high energy vicinity of the K-edge (in some cases also L-edge) of atoms<sup>244, 245</sup>, e.g. Cu, Ni, Fe, Br, results from the backscattering of the excited photo-electron at the electron shells of the nearest neighbored atoms. The distance-dependent interference between the outgoing and the back-scattered wave function of the photo-electron changes the interaction between the incident X-ray radiation and the excited photo-electron and causes the fine structure of the transmitted radiation. The selectivity of the absorption edge, the dependence of the shape of the fine structure on the atomic number of the backscattering atom, the absence of multiple scattering, and the ability to measure the phase and amplitude of the back-scattered radiation allow a rather simple and straightforward interpretation of EXAFS<sup>244</sup>. Data analysis *via* Fourier transformation provides very exact ion-solvent and ion-ion distances in moderately concentrated as well as in dilute solutions. The main advantage, but also the main experimental difficulty, is the need for continuous synchrotron radiation with high energy flux.

Until now most of the investigations have been made on aqueous solutions, e.g.  $CuBr_2$ <sup>246, 247</sup>,  $NiCl_2$ <sup>248</sup>,  $Ni(NO_3)_2$ <sup>249</sup>. The chemical behaviour of these metal

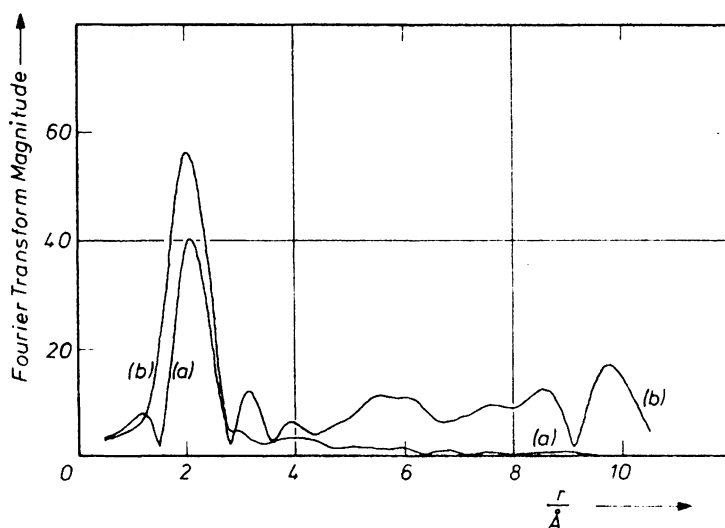


Fig. 9. Fourier transform EXAFS of  $Ni(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6 H_2O$  (a) solid salt; (b) 0.1 M aqueous solution (with kind permission of the authors<sup>249</sup>)

cations in forming stable metal-solvent complexes is clearly shown by the investigations on  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  for which the distances and the coordination number are the same in 0.1 M aqueous solutions and in  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  crystals<sup>249)</sup> as shown in Fig. 9.

Investigations on moderately concentrated solutions (0.1 M) of  $\text{NiCl}_2$ <sup>248)</sup> reveal outer-sphere complexes; the existence of  $\text{CuBr}_4^{2-}$ <sup>246)</sup> or  $\text{NiCl}_4^{2-}$ <sup>248)</sup> could not be verified by this method. An example in non-aqueous solution, LiBr in diethyl ether, has recently been published<sup>250, 251)</sup>.

The consistency and the accuracy of the data for intermolecular distances and coordination numbers are the main features of these three methods. Their wide application, however, is prevented by the very expensive and time-consuming nature of the experiments.

### 7.3 Absorption Spectroscopy

In contrast to diffraction methods, yielding the position variables and quantities related to them, absorption spectroscopy also furnishes information about the population density of energy levels via Beer's law.

Electronic spectroscopy (180–750 nm) of organic compounds with mesomeric systems, e.g.  $\text{CH}_3\text{—CO—CH}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ <sup>252)</sup>, or appropriate inorganic metal complexes, e.g.  $\text{CoCl}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_n$ <sup>253)</sup>, shows marked solvent effects from  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ ,  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ ,  $d \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions or charge-transfer absorptions. Organic ions without mesomeric systems, simple inorganic ions and most of the solvents in Table I are generally unsuited for investigations in this frequency range. Halogen ions are an exception to this rule. They show  $p \rightarrow s$  and  $p \rightarrow d$  transitions in the UV-range which are shifted to lower energies for the higher homologues thus making iodide the most convenient ion for such measurements<sup>254)</sup>. The absorption bands, which are strongly solvent-dependent, represent charge transfer to solvent (CTTS) spectra.

Investigations on carbanions with delocalized electrons are an interesting field of application<sup>255, 256)</sup>. Their spectra in solvents of low permittivity suggest equilibria between tight and solvent-separated ion pairs and higher aggregates. For example, ion pairs formed from the alkali salts of isomeric vinyl pyridine carbanions<sup>257)</sup> show the marked influence of the solvent and the structure of the anion as a consequence of charge delocalization in the isomeric pyridine rings. The properties of such carbanion-cation pairs, which serve as catalysts in non-radical polymerization, determine to a large extent the stereospecificity of the chain growth and the stereoregularity of the polymer<sup>258)</sup>.

UV and VIS spectroscopy provide a handy and efficient tool for the generation of semi-empirical scales of solute-solute and solute-solvent interaction parameters which are currently used for correlations. Table VII gives a survey.

Excited states of ketones (compound I) and positive solvatochromic dyes, e.g. diethylamino *p*-nitrobenzene (compound II of table VII) or related compounds are more strongly solvated by polar solvents when compared with apolar ones. The shift of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of substituted *p*-nitrophenoles<sup>260)</sup> as well as the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of ketones<sup>259)</sup> are used as empirical polarity scales,  $\pi^*$ <sup>260)</sup> and  $\Phi$ <sup>259)</sup>, of a solvent. The energy shifts of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of substituted pyridinium-*N*-phenolate betaines (compound III) and the charge-transfer absorption

**Table VII** Selected compounds for UV/VIS-solvent parameters

No	Compound	Solvent parameter	References
I	$\text{CH}_3\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}\text{CH}_3$	$\Phi$	[259]
II	$(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{N}^+\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2^-$	$\pi^*$	[260]
III	$\text{H}_5\text{C}_6\text{N}^+(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{O}^-$	$E_T$	[8]
IV	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}^+\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}^-$	Z	[6]
V	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}=\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$	$\Delta E$	[261]

of the pyridinium iodide complex (compound IV) are the basis of the  $E_T$ <sup>8)</sup> and Z<sup>6)</sup> scales. All these polarity scales represent the ability of solvents to solvate negative charges. An attempt was also made to classify the nucleophilic behaviour of solvents by the shift of the absorption band of N-retinylidene-methyl-n-butylammonium iodide<sup>261)</sup> (compound V).

Molecular vibrations in solvent molecules and multiatomic ions, as investigated by IR and Raman spectroscopy<sup>262)</sup>, are sensitive to changes in the surroundings of the molecule or ion. The measurable effects are band shifts, removal of degeneracy, variation of band intensity and shape, and the occurrence and disappearance of bands. The resolution of the bands which are often overlapping requires highly developed computer-aided techniques<sup>263-268)</sup>. The measured effects are not very sensitive to concentration; so far only concentrated solutions, 0.1 M to saturation, have been studied. The use of Fourier-transform IR spectrometers and multiplexing techniques<sup>269-271)</sup> will surely permit the use of lower concentrations and improve the accuracy of data.

IR and Raman-active intramolecular motions of ions or solvent molecules, giving evidence of solute-solute interactions, have been reported for many electrolytes in appropriate solvents, e.g. acetonitrile<sup>272-280)</sup>, dimethylsulfoxide<sup>272, 281-283)</sup>, liquid ammonia<sup>284-289)</sup>, methanol<sup>290)</sup>, formamide<sup>291, 292)</sup>.

Both IR and NMR data indicate that in methanol solutions solvation of both cations and anions occurs by primary solvent molecules which are strongly hydrogen-bonded to those in the bulk solvent<sup>290)</sup>. This result has been confirmed and extended to other protic solvents through microwave investigations on alkali metal halides and salts of divalent cations in methanol, ethanol and formamide<sup>293, 294)</sup>. Alkali salt ion pairs in protic solvents show cation-anion distances, as found by calori-



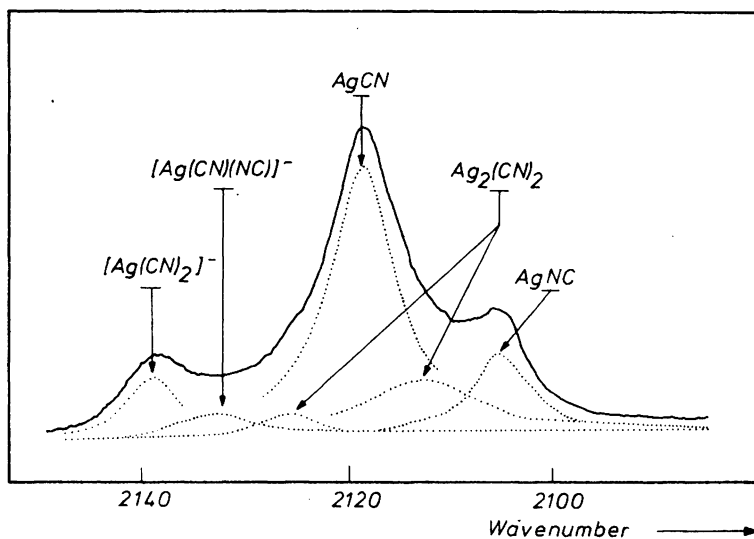


Fig. 10. Raman spectrum of silver cyanide in liquid ammonia and its decomposition into component bands. (with kind permission of the authors<sup>289)</sup>)

metric and conductance measurements, which require the inclusion of solvent molecules, and are in agreement with the spectroscopic evidence.

In his comprehensive investigation on Raman spectra of liquid ammonia solutions<sup>288, 289)</sup> Gill found multicomponent bands of multiatomic anions. The system  $AgCN/NH_3$ , Fig. 10, is given as an example. The positions and variations of relative intensities of component bands with changing cation, concentration and temperature indicate that a range of discrete ion pairs and higher aggregates coexist in equilibrium.

Association constants of electrolytes in organic solvents obtained from Raman and IR measurements are known, e.g. for  $NaI$  and  $KI$  in  $AN$ <sup>275)</sup>,  $AgNO_3$  in  $AN$ <sup>279)</sup>,  $LiSCN$  in polar solvents and ethers<sup>282, 295, 296)</sup>,  $NaCo(CO)_4$  in polar aprotic solvents<sup>297, 298)</sup> and  $(C_4H_9)_4NCl$  in benzene<sup>299)</sup>. The equilibrium concentrations of ions and ion pairs, needed for the calculation of association constants, are determined by integrating the appropriate bands and comparing the areas with reference areas which are related to known concentrations. This procedure furnishes 'apparent association constants' sometimes referred to without characterising them as such<sup>275)</sup>. The drawbacks of this method of calculation are the uncertainty in the area determination and the lack of reliable activity coefficients in concentrated solutions.

The approximations of the theory for dilute electrolyte solutions cannot be used without ambiguity. In particular the assumption cannot be maintained that the activity coefficient of the uncharged ion pairs equals one. Irish<sup>300)</sup> suggested a way to account for the activity coefficient of the ion pair by assuming its behaviour to be similar to that of a structured dipole molecule, e.g. glycine. The quantitative comparison of the spectroscopically-determined association constants with those determined by conductivity, which is seldom found in the literature, also suffers from

the fact that in vibrational spectroscopy only short-range interactions can be observed. As a consequence of the last statement Janz et al. pointed out<sup>279)</sup> that in acetonitrile  $\text{AgNO}_3$  forms only contact ion pairs; they draw the conclusion from the rather satisfactory agreement between  $K_A(\text{Raman})$  and  $K_A(\Lambda)$ .

The influence of cation-complexing agents like crown ethers<sup>281)</sup>, cryptands<sup>283, 298)</sup> or biological macrocyclic systems<sup>301)</sup> on the structure of ion pairs is very marked and can easily be seen in vibrational spectroscopy.

Most spectroscopic investigations have been made with polyvalent electrolytes which show marked association and solvation effects but for which almost no reliable information exists from conductance measurements.

#### 7.4 NMR and Related Methods

Nuclear magnetic resonance is a sensitive probe of the immediate chemical environment of ions in solution<sup>302, 303)</sup>. The use of the Fourier transform technique combined with high resolution spectrometers permits measurements on nuclei with spins  $I \geq 1/2$  down to  $10^{-3}$  M solutions<sup>304)</sup>. Besides the classical nuclei with  $I = 1/2$  ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $^{205}\text{Tl}$  etc.) there exist NMR-active isotopes with  $I \geq 1$  of almost all elements of the periodic system<sup>305)</sup> ( $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}$ ,  $^{23}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{25}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{39}\text{K}$ ,  $^{43}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{81}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Cs}$  etc.). For nuclei with  $I = 1/2$  the position and the multiplicity of the chemical shift,  $\delta$ , is due to spin-spin and spin-lattice coupling and to magnetic shielding. Nuclear spins of  $I \geq 1$  yield electrical quadrupole moments which interact with the electrical field gradient resulting from the charge distribution of the adjacent molecules. In this case an electrical field of non-spherical symmetry is required but this is caused even by thermal fluctuations. Magnetic dipoles give sharp signals but quadrupoles show band broadening.

The maximum value of the chemical shift increases with increasing atomic number. A 2000-fold augmentation of  $\delta$  is observed when going from  $^1\text{H}$  to  $^{205}\text{Tl}$ , making thallium salts very sensitive probes for NMR investigations<sup>306, 307)</sup>.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectroscopy is used mainly for investigation on hydrogen-bonding systems in aqueous and alcoholic solutions<sup>290, 300)</sup>. The interaction between acceptor and hydroxyl group was examined in systems which are highly diluted with an inert solvent<sup>308)</sup>. The chemical shift of  $^{31}\text{P}$  of  $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{PO}$  is the basis of the acceptor numbers, AN<sup>11)</sup>.

Popov's comprehensive multinuclear NMR studies of alkali ions in non-aqueous solvents<sup>304, 309-316)</sup>, encompassing concentration-dependence of chemical shifts, ion-pair formation, influence of the solvent and correlation with donor numbers, and the role of macrocyclic polyethers and cryptands, are evidence of the powerful tool provided by NMR methods for the investigation of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions.

With respect to the exchange-time of ionic processes, the frequency of the NMR signal is generally low. Consequently, only a population-averaged resonance signal indicates the equilibrium between free ions and ion pairs. The concentration-dependent chemical shift can be expressed by

$$\delta_{\text{obs}} = x'_{\text{F-I}} \delta_{\text{F-I}} + x'_{\text{IP}} \delta_{\text{IP}} \quad (44a)$$

The mole fractions of free ions,  $x'_{\text{FI}}$ , and ion pairs,  $x'_{\text{IP}}$ , are linked as usual to the association constant,  $K_A$  <sup>311</sup>),

$$K_A = \frac{c - c'_{\text{FI}}}{(c'_{\text{FI}})^2 \cdot y_{\pm}^2}; \quad x'_{\text{FI}} = \frac{c'_{\text{FI}}}{c}. \quad (44 \text{ b, c})$$

$\delta_{\text{FI}}$  can be obtained by extrapolation to infinite dilution,  $K_A$  and  $\delta_{\text{IP}}$  by nonlinear least-squares fitting <sup>311</sup>). The attempt <sup>280, 317</sup>) to correlate association constants from NMR measurements with those deduced from electrical conductance is not very meaningful because the two methods look at different populations of the ionic surroundings.

Macrocyclic complexing agents produce chemical shifts of the complexed cations, which are independent of the solvent. The occurrence of distinct signals demonstrates the stability of such complexes <sup>318</sup>).

The determination of spin-lattice relaxation <sup>319-321</sup>) gives the possibility of investigating dynamic properties of the electrolyte and the solvent in the solution. Attempts have been made to measure diffusion coefficients <sup>322</sup>) and transport numbers <sup>323</sup>).

## 7.5 ESR-Spectroscopy

ESR-spectroscopy of radical anions and cations uses the coupling of electron and nuclear spin as the probe for ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions. Information is obtained from analyzing band shifts and band broadening and determining *g*-values in various solvents <sup>324</sup>).

## 7.6 Relaxation Methods

The frequency range of microwave (MW) and far infrared (FIR) investigations extends between  $5 \cdot 10^8$  and  $10^{13}$  Hz ( $0.01$  to  $200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Different names are used as a consequence of different measuring techniques <sup>294</sup>) but all methods study the response of the solution to changing electromagnetic fields.

The microwave response both of polar solvents and electrolyte solutions is usually represented with the help of its frequency-dependent complex relative permittivity,  $\epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon'(\omega) + j\epsilon''(\omega)$ , cf. Ref. <sup>325</sup>). The characteristic parameters of such investigations are the relaxation times or relaxation time distributions of molecular processes and the extrapolated 'real' permittivities of zero ( $\epsilon_0$ ) and infinite ( $\epsilon_\infty$ ) frequencies of one or more relaxation regions.

Figure 11 shows a representation of  $\epsilon''(\omega) = f(\epsilon'(\omega))$ , called an Argand diagram, for  $0.48 \text{ M NaClO}_4$  in a PC-DME mixture (20 weight % PC). Data analysis of the precedingly determined frequency-dependent permittivities of the solvent mixture without  $\text{NaClO}_4$  yielded two relaxation regions, one attributable to DME (relaxation time  $\tau = 4.7 \text{ ps}$ ) the other to PC (relaxation time  $\tau = 22 \text{ ps}$ ). The shifts of solvent relaxation times with reference to those of the two pure solvents,  $\tau(\text{DME}) = 3.6 \text{ ps}$  and  $\tau(\text{PC}) = 39 \text{ ps}$ , is correlated to the change in viscosity. Addition of the

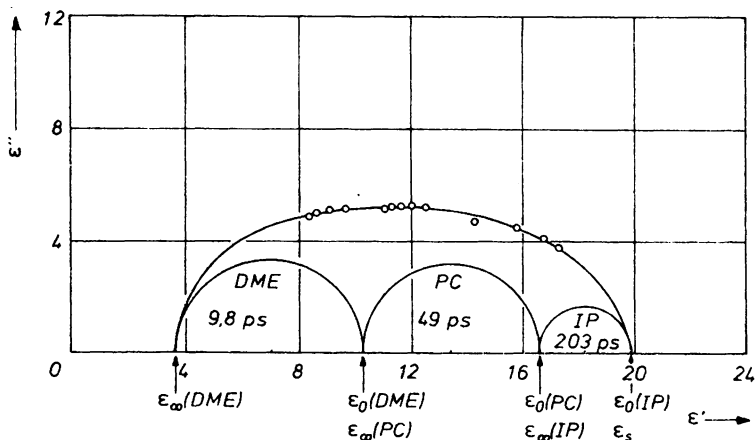


Fig. 11. Argand diagram  $\epsilon''$  vs.  $\epsilon'$  of a 0.48 M  $\text{NaClO}_4$  solution in propylene carbonate-dimethoxyethane (20 weight % of PC) at 25 °C (upper curve with measured points)<sup>326</sup>. Data analysis yields three relaxation times and appropriate Debye circles

electrolyte, Fig. 11, yields a third relaxation region (relaxation time  $\tau(\text{IP}) = 203$  ps) due to ion-pair movements and shifting of the solvent relaxation times to higher values,  $\tau(\text{DME}) = 9.8$  ps and  $\tau(\text{PC}) = 49$  ps<sup>326</sup>. The static permittivity of the solution,  $\epsilon_0$  increases with increasing salt concentration<sup>326</sup>.

Separate relaxation regions attributable to ion pairs<sup>294, 326, 327</sup> and higher aggregates<sup>328</sup> cannot be observed in all solvents. Free ions contribute to  $\epsilon''(\omega)$  through their conductances. A survey is given in Ref.<sup>36</sup>. As a rule, 1,1-electrolytes in protic solvents or solvents of high permittivity cannot be identified by separate regions. They yield decreasing  $\epsilon_0$ -values (static permittivity of the solution)<sup>293, 329, 330</sup> with increasing electrolyte concentration which depend specifically on the ions, e.g.  $\text{Li} > \text{Na} > \text{K} > \text{Rb} > \text{Cs}$  in water and alcohol solutions. Figure 12 gives a survey on  $\text{LiNO}_3$  solutions in various solvents<sup>293</sup>.

Both broadening and shifting of the relaxation time distribution of these solutions are also ion-specific<sup>329-331</sup>. E.g. in methanol as solvent  $\text{NaClO}_4$  shifts relaxation times to higher,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4$  to lower frequencies indicating 'structure making' or 'breaking' by the added salt<sup>331</sup>, cf. Fig. 13.

The FIR response ( $0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) of polar dielectrics is related to inertial effects and the libration of dipoles<sup>294</sup>. Ions in polar media contribute in a complex manner. Information is provided by Lambert-Beer's law related to the complex relative permittivity containing the conductance contribution to  $\epsilon''$  when electrolyte solutions are investigated. The rotational motion of polar molecules gives rise to a broad-band absorption with a maximum in the FIR region<sup>332</sup>. Models proposing the libration of each molecule in the cage of its neighbours are used to explain the excess absorption observed<sup>294, 332, 333</sup>. Ions in the solution interact specifically. For alkali salts a typical cation-band (about  $400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $110 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Cs}^+$ ) is observed arising from cation-solvent vibrations<sup>334-336</sup>. The non-visible contribution of the anion mass excludes ion-pair vibrations, in contrast to tetraalkylammonium

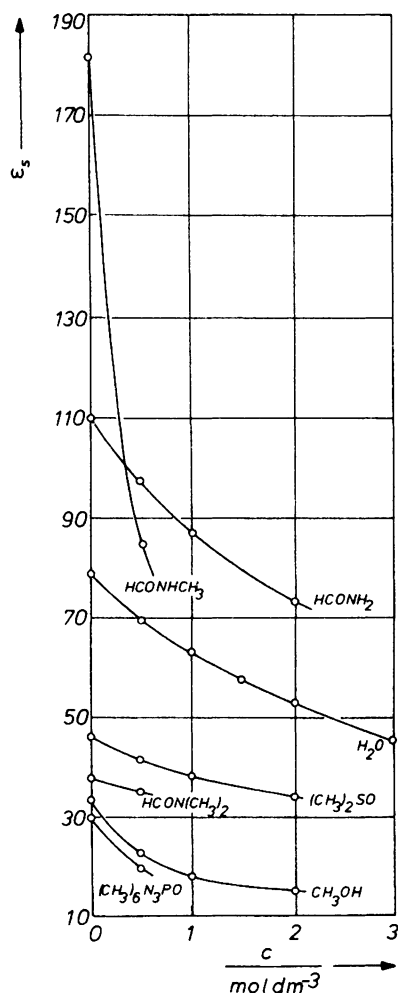


Fig. 12. Decrease of permittivity of various solvents by addition of  $\text{LiNO}_3$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  <sup>293)</sup>

salts in solvents of low permittivity where a broad, strong and asymmetrical absorption band, e.g. at  $80\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$ , is attributed to the libration of ion-pair dipoles <sup>294)</sup>. Lestrade, Badiali and Cachet have stressed the compatibility of FIR results and the chemical model <sup>294)</sup>.

The region of radiowaves and still lower frequencies provides information on the relaxation of the ion cloud <sup>337-339)</sup> in electrolyte solutions.

In connexion with dielectric and other spectroscopic relaxation methods, e.g. NMR, the group of ultrasonic relaxation, temperature- and pressure-jump methods <sup>51, 340-342)</sup> must be mentioned. These yield information on the processes in electrolyte solution and confirm the basic chemical model of free ions and ion pairs in the solution <sup>342)</sup>.

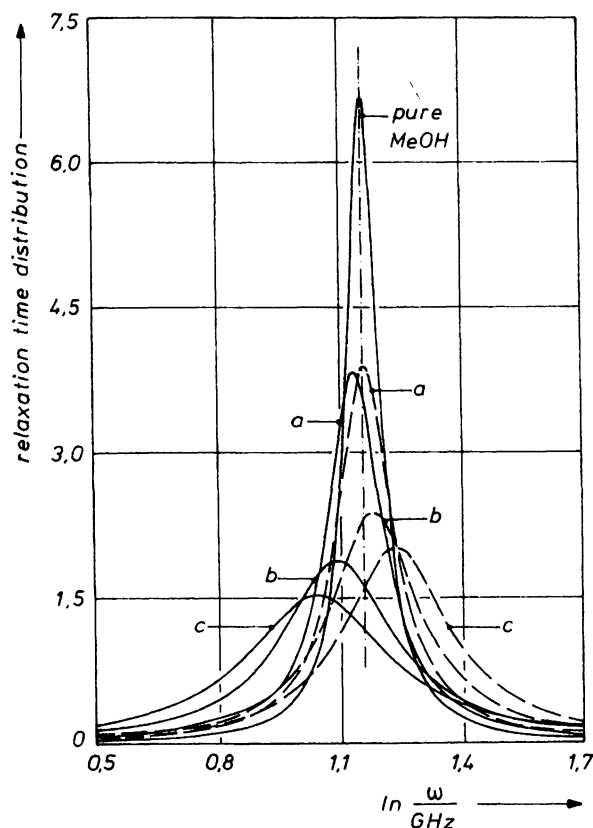


Fig. 13. Structure making and breaking effects in methanol solutions (25 °C) by tetrabutylammonium (full lines) and sodium (broken lines) iodide at concentrations 0.064 M (a); 0.250 M (b); and 0.535 M (c). This figure shows the shift and broadening of relaxation time distributions. For further details reference is made to Ref. <sup>329)</sup>

## VIII Chemical Reactions in Organic Solvents

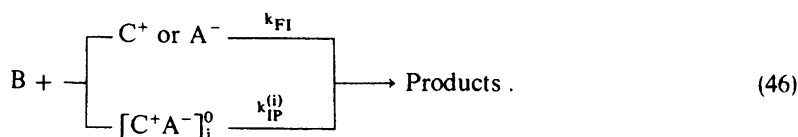
The rate constants of chemical reactions <sup>343)</sup>, the yield <sup>344)</sup> and the selectivity <sup>345)</sup> of a reaction, as well as the conditions for refining or recycling <sup>346)</sup> of products can be optimized by the choice of appropriate solvents. Discussion in this section is restricted to reaction mechanisms involving electrolytes or single ions. The role of electrolyte solutions in primary and secondary kinetic salt effects is not considered. For this problem see Refs. <sup>78, 347-349)</sup>

### 8.1 Ions and Ion Pairs in Chemical Reactions

The ions and ion pairs of an electrolyte compound  $Y = C^+A^-$ , which is involved in a chemical reaction yielding an overall rate constant  $k_{obs}$



may react by different reaction paths to yield the same reaction products<sup>350-357</sup>, e.g.



The ion pairs  $[C^+A^-]_i^0$  are those which were introduced through Eq. (39),  $k_{FI}$  and  $k_{IP}^{(i)}$  are the appropriate individual rate constants. Then the overall rate constant is given by the relationship

$$k_{obs} = \frac{k_{FI}c'_{FI} + \sum_{i=1}^n k_{IP}^{(i)}c'_{IP}^{(i)}}{c_Y}; \quad c_Y = c'_{FI} + \sum_{i=1}^n c'_{IP}^{(i)} \quad (47)$$

and is strongly dependent upon the electrolyte concentration,  $c_Y$ . A simple case is given when data analysis can be executed with the help of an empirical set-up of equations of type of Eqs. (21)

$$k_{obs} = \alpha k_{FI} + (1 - \alpha) k_{IP} \quad (48a)$$

$$K_A = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha^2 c} \frac{1}{y_{\pm}^2}; \quad y_{\pm} = \exp \left[ - \frac{\kappa q}{1 + \kappa R} \right]. \quad (48b, c)$$

Figure 14 shows an example in which  $k_{FI}$  and  $k_{IP}$  are obtained from linear functions of the type  $k_{obs}/(1 - \alpha)$  vs.  $\alpha/(1 - \alpha)$ .

Values of  $K_A$  from conductance measurements can often be used for calculating the degree of dissociation. Significant deviations, however, may also occur in this case, especially in mixed solvents, indicating that not all the pair configurations which are counted as ion pairs by the thermodynamic overall association constant,  $K_A$ , are reacting species<sup>177</sup>.

Depending on the reaction mechanism various cases are observed, e.g.

- (i)  $k_{FI} > k_{IP}$  for the solvolysis of alkyl halides in ethanol<sup>350,353</sup>.
- (ii)  $k_{FI} < k_{IP}$  cf. Fig. 14<sup>354</sup>.
- (iii)  $k_{IP} \sim 0$  for the reaction of alkali phenoxides with methyl iodide in alcoholic solutions<sup>352</sup>.
- (iv)  $k_{FI} \sim 0$  for cyclic condensation reactions (Dieckmann condensation)<sup>351</sup>.

## 8.2 Kinetic Solvent Effects

Comparison of reaction rates  $k^s$  in a solvent S and  $k^o$  in a reference solvent (index o) yields

$$\ln \frac{k^s}{k^o} = - \frac{1}{RT} [\Delta G_c^{*s} - \Delta G_c^{*o}] \quad (49)$$

or related relationships, e.g. Ref.<sup>358,359</sup>.

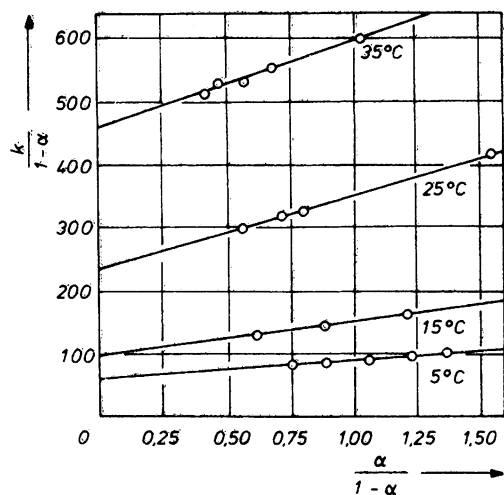
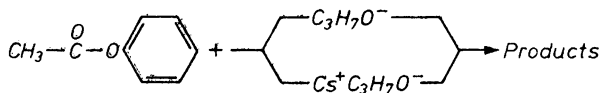


Fig. 14. Reactivity of ions and ion pairs in the reesterification reaction



at various temperatures in propanol as the solvent<sup>354</sup>). Data analysis was executed with the help of Eqs. (23). Association constants of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{OCs}/\text{PrOH}$  were determined by conductance measurements.

Temperature (°C)	5	15	25	35
$k_{\text{FI}}/(\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})$	0.52	0.88	1.78	2.47
$k_{\text{IP}}/(\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})$	1.07	2.12	4.0	7.68

The energies  $\Delta G^\ddagger$  based on the particle densities of the reacting species represent the maximum reversible work to build the activated complex  $\text{X}^\ddagger$ , from the initial products in the reference solvent and in the solvent S, respectively. Eq. (49) is obtained from the theory of absolute reaction rates by assuming that the reaction mechanism is not affected by transferring the reaction from one solvent into the other. Change in the reaction mechanism is reported when the transfer is followed by a change of the charge distribution of the activated complex, e.g.<sup>360</sup>).

Studies of substitution, addition-elimination, elimination, and addition reactions involving ions or charge-bearing activated complexes are the usual means of investigation of solvent effects. Table VIII gives a survey of these reactions.

Generally valid equations for a quantitative discussion of solvent effects cannot normally be obtained. The use of models in kinetic investigations is based on presumptive evidence. Experimental rate constants or activation energies are compared with the prediction of possible configurations of the activated complex. For this purpose models containing detailed charge distributions for calculating activation energies,  $\Delta G^\ddagger$ , and their dependence on solvent parameters are available from the



**Table VIII** Appropriate classes of reactions for the investigation of solvent effects.

 $Y^{z_Y}$ : nucleophile of charge  $-1 \leq z_Y \leq 0$ 
 $E^{z_E}$ : electrophile of charge  $0 \leq z_E \leq +1$ 

R: general organic group; X: leaving group;

L: nucleophilic ligand;

Transition state formulae are in brackets

Reaction and reaction type	Examples and References
<b>I. Substitution</b> I.1. $R-X \rightarrow [R^{\delta+} \cdots X^{\delta-}] \rightarrow \text{Products}$ $S_N1$	$(CH_3)_3CCl \rightarrow (CH_3)_3COH$ [361] $(C_2H_5)_3S^+Br^- \rightarrow (C_2H_5)_2S + C_2H_5Br$ [362]
I.2. $Y^{z_Y} + R-X \rightarrow [Y \cdots R \cdots X]^{z_Y} \rightarrow \text{Products}$ $S_N2$	Menshutkin reaction [363][364] $RX + CN^- \rightarrow RCN + X^-$ [365] $(CH_3)_3N + (CH_3)_3S^+ \rightarrow (CH_3)_4N^+ + (CH_3)_2S$ [366] $(CH_3)_3S^+ + OH^- \rightarrow (CH_3)_2S + CH_3OH$ [367] $L + [MeS_n] \rightarrow [LMeS_{n-1}] + S$ [368]
<b>II. Addition - Elimination</b> $Y^{z_Y} + R-C(=\overset{R}{Z})-X \rightarrow [Y \cdots C(=\overset{R}{Z}) \cdots X]^{z_Y} \rightarrow \text{Products}$ $A_{Ac}2$ $B_{Ac}2$	acid ester solvolysis [369] neutral ester solvolysis [370] alkaline ester solvolysis [371]
<b>III. Elimination</b> III.1. $H-C-C-X \rightarrow [H-C-C \cdots X] \rightarrow \text{Products}$ $E_1$ $\beta$ -Eliminations [372]	
III.2. $Y^{z_Y} + H-C-C-X \rightarrow [Y \cdots H-C-C \cdots X]^{z_Y} \rightarrow \text{Products}$ $E_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-Br} + C_2H_5OH \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{-CH=CH}_2$ [373]
<b>IV. Addition</b> $E^{z_E} + C=C \rightarrow [C-C]^{z_E} \rightarrow \text{Products}$	$C=C + Br_2 \rightarrow \begin{matrix}   &   \\ -C & -C- \\   &   \\ Br & Br \end{matrix}$ [374][375]

literature<sup>78, 376-280</sup>). Appendices B and C contain the fundamentals of the extended chemical model (see Sect. IV) for these calculations.

The Gibbs energy of activation,  $\Delta G^\ddagger$ , can be related to the mean-force potential of the pair distribution function  $W_{ij}$  of the reactants which is written for this purpose in the following form

$$W_{ij} = [e_0 z_j \psi_i(P) + \mu_j \nabla \psi_i(P) + \theta_j \nabla \nabla \psi_i(P)] + W^*(P) \quad (50)$$

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where  $e_0 z_j$ ,  $\mu_j$  and  $\theta_j$  are the charge, dipole moment and quadrupole tensor of particle  $j$ ,  $\Psi_i(P) = \psi_i(r, \theta, \varphi)$  the potential of the electric field of particle  $i$  at point  $P$ , and  $W^*$  a possible specific contribution from solvent-particle interactions.

Only a few simple examples of applications will be given. For ion-ion reactions the solvent effect, Eq. (49), is controlled by the relationship

$$\ln \frac{k^s}{k^0} = \frac{e_0^2 z_i z_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 kT} \frac{1}{r_0} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon^0} - \frac{1}{\epsilon^s} \right] + \frac{W^{*0} - W^{*s}}{kT} \quad (51)$$

and for ion-dipole molecule reactions by

$$\ln \frac{k^s}{k^0} = \frac{e_0 z_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 kT} \frac{6(\epsilon^s - \epsilon^0)}{(2\epsilon^0 + 1)(2\epsilon^s + 1)} \frac{\mu_i}{r_0^2} \cos \vartheta_0 + \frac{W^{*0} - W^{*s}}{kT} \quad (52)$$

Both equations are obtained from the general equations, appendix B when the reacting ions are represented as single charges and the reacting dipole-molecules as point-dipoles in the spheres of radius  $a$ . Quantities  $r_0$  (Eq. (51)) and  $r_0, \vartheta_0$  (Eq. (52)) are the coordinates of particle  $j$  which characterize the configuration of the activated complex in the coordinate system of particle  $i$ .

By careful selection of a series of solvents or solvent mixtures the term due to specific interactions,  $W^{*0} - W^{*s}$ , may be eliminated and then the well-known equations of the literature<sup>376-380)</sup> are obtained. At an early stage of the research on solvent effects, Hughes and Ingold<sup>381)</sup> established useful qualitative rules for nucleophilic substitution and addition-elimination reactions based on the permittivity of the solvent. Examples of changing the permittivity in the vicinity of reactants as a consequence of hydrophobic and hydrophilic interactions were given recently<sup>382)</sup>. The important variation of the rate constant for the addition reaction of halogen to olefines<sup>374,375)</sup> in polar solvents is a further example of interest. A good conformity between the chemical model and the experiment is obtained when an interaction of a halide cation and a non-polar but polarizable molecule (olefine) can be assumed<sup>376)</sup>. The basic equations for calculating interactions between ions and polarizable molecules are given in Appendix C. The discussion of solvent effects in the framework of these models has been limited to series of solvents with similar structures or to solvent mixtures where one of the solvent components changes the permittivity of the bulk solvent but is inert in the solvation of the reactants and the activated complex.

The suppression of the interaction term,  $W^{*0} - W^{*s}$ , means the neglect of changing specific solvation when changing the solvent. The influence of solvents belonging to different solvent classes (Table I) which change the rate constant of some reactions by many powers of ten, reveals the contribution of short-range, specific solvation predominating the Coulombic interactions.

Medium activity coefficients, cf. Section 5.5, can be used to discuss these effects. Fig. 15 provides a summary of the changes in solvation energy of ions and neutral molecules of various types in solvents which are representative for the solvent classes of Table I. The energy scale,  $RT \ln_{MeOH} \gamma_s$ , with methanol as the reference solvent is taken from Ref. <sup>359)</sup>. The non-measurable medium activity coefficient of the activated complex can be estimated from similar stable molecules or ions.

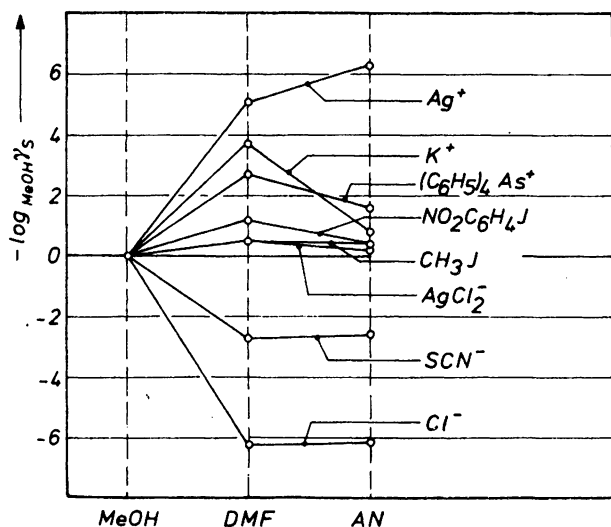


Fig. 15. Solvent activity coefficients for various ions and molecules with respect to MeOH as the reference solvent

In a comprehensive investigation Parker<sup>359</sup> tested the consistency of the model calculation through the conformity between the estimated values and the experimental values from kinetic measurements. The extra-thermodynamic, equi-partition assumption, e.g. using  $(\text{AsPh}_4)^+$   $(\text{BPh}_4)^-$  as the reference electrolyte, was adopted for all particles, thus vanishing in the final equations.

Table IX shows six examples of reactions in almost isodielectric solvents. The increase of up to six orders of magnitude in the rate constant of the reactions 1) to 3) is the result of drastically decreasing anion solvation and weakly increasing solvation of the activated complex in the dipolar aprotic solvents with a minimum effect for the soft anion,  $\text{SCN}^-$ , which is better solvated in AN or DMSO than hard anions. The stronger solvation of the polar activated complex in dipolar aprotic solvents and

Table IX Solvent effect in  $(k^s/k^0)$  in isodielectric solvents.  $k^0$ : rate constant in methanol as the reference solvent

solvent	MeOH	DMF	AN
permittivity (25 °C)	32.7	36.7	35.9
solvent class (Table I)	1	4	5
Reaction	log $(k^s/k^0)$		
1) $\text{CH}_3\text{I} + \text{Cl}^-$	0	5.9	4.6
2) $\text{CH}_3\text{I} + \text{SCN}^-$	0	2.2	1.4
3) $p\text{-NO}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{I} + \text{N}_3^-$	0	4.5	3.9
4) $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{S}^+ + \text{N}_3^-$	0	3.1	3.7
5) $n\text{-BuCl} + \text{Pyridine}$	0	-0.2	—
6) $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{S}^+ + (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}$	0	0.8 (DMA)	—

competition between decreasing anion and increasing cation ion-solvent interactions are observed in reaction 4). Reactions between molecules forming an uncharged activated complex, reaction 5), or reactions in which the charged species are a cation and an activated complex of equal charge, reaction 6), are only weakly affected by the transfer from polar protic to aprotic solvents. The solvation of the reactants in reaction 5) increases in DMF and AN, rendering the reaction slower in aprotic media. For further discussion of specific solvent effects see Refs. <sup>383, 384</sup>.

It is not possible to transfer hydroxyl ions into dry aprotic dipolar solvents. Therefore the alkaline hydrolysis of esters, which is one of the most investigated second-order model reactions in water and aqueous mixtures, is unsuited for the investigation of specific solvent effects despite many efforts <sup>385-388</sup>.

Most inorganic reactions of solvolysis and nucleophilic substitution of transition metal complexes are rather insensitive towards a change from protic to aprotic dipolar solvents <sup>368</sup>). Since the maximum coordination number of the complexes cannot be exceeded, in most cases the rate-determining step is a dissociation leaving a transition state with a positive charge almost one unit higher than the initial complex and an anion or, in few cases, a molecule. Thus the decreasing solvation of anions by dipolar solvents is counteracted by the increasing solvation of the cationic transition state.

The solvent effect on proton-transfer reactions is determined by two effects <sup>389</sup>). In cases of slow proton transfers, which are not diffusion-controlled, e.g. reactions between carbon acids and weak bases <sup>390</sup>), the solvent effect is determined by hydrogen-bonding and formation of ion pairs whereas the viscosity of the solvent prevails in very fast diffusion-controlled reactions.

### 8.3 The Use of Correlation Functions

The tight link between kinetic solvent effects and the theory of solvation, suggests the correlation of kinetic data with parameters quoted in Section II when quantitative information from the theory of solvation is not available.

Nucleophilic effects (solvation of Lewis acids) can be correlated with Gutmann's DN-values <sup>11</sup>) or with Palm's B-coefficient <sup>391</sup>). The two coefficients are positively correlated but show marked deviations for hydrogen bonding systems. Electrophilic effects (solvation of Lewis bases) are represented by the  $E_T$ -values of Dimroth and Reichardt <sup>8</sup>), Kosower's Z-scale <sup>6,7</sup>) or the AN-number of Gutmann and Mayer <sup>15</sup>). The  $E_T$  and Z parameters show a strong positive correlation which can be understood from the similar basis of both scales (cf. Sect. VII). The correlation between  $E_T$  and AN-numbers is also positive <sup>15</sup>). Inasmuch as these parameters are based on enthalpy effects the simultaneous correlation of protic and aprotic solvent properties yields usually two functions — one for protic and the other one for aprotic solvents — when entropy is the determining factor, as in hydrogen bonding systems.

The correlation of kinetic data with empirical parameters is based on the principle of Linear Free Energy Relationships (LFER) and Quantitative Analogy Models (QAM) <sup>392, 393</sup>).

In a general way, correlation functions link a measurable quantity  $Z_k$  of a system,

the  $i$ -th influence of the environment,  $\xi_{ik}$ , and the response of the system toward this influence,  $\beta_i$ , by a linear expression

$$Z_k = Z_0 + \sum_i \beta_i \xi_{ik} \quad (53)$$

which is the result of Taylor-series linearisation of the quantity  $Z_k$ .  $Z_0$  is the quantity  $Z_k$  under normalized conditions. Today this method is widely used in computer-assisted research.

Application to kinetic solvent effects consists in choosing  $\ln k_s$  as the property  $Z_k$  and the above quoted correlation parameters as the quantities  $\xi_{ik}$ .

In the simplest case Eq. (53) can be represented by a one-parameter correlation

$$\ln k^s = \alpha + \beta \xi_s, \quad (54)$$

where  $\alpha = \ln k^0$  and  $\xi_s = DN, E_T,$  or  $AN$  etc. In many cases such one-parameter correlations yield satisfactory linear functions when solvents of the same class or related classes are considered <sup>12,394-398</sup>.

Multiparameter correlations of the type

$$\ln k^s = \alpha + \sum_i \beta_i \xi_{is} \quad (55)$$

are of increasing interest because of the improved computer techniques of multiple correlation.

Koppel and Palm used an equation with four parameters <sup>391</sup>.

$$\ln k^s = \ln k^0 + eE + bB + pP + yY. \quad (56)$$

The equations of Fawcett and Krygowski <sup>399,400</sup>

$$\ln k^s = \alpha + \beta_1 E_T + \beta_2 DN \quad (57)$$

and of Mayer <sup>401</sup>)

$$\ln k^s = \alpha + \beta_1 \Delta DN + \beta_2 \Delta AN - \beta_3 \frac{\Delta[\Delta_{vap}G]}{RT} \quad (58)$$

yield good correlation encompassing many solvent classes.

Taft, Kamlet and coworkers <sup>261</sup>) separate the solvent polarity from hydrogen bond donor (HBD) and hydrogen bond acceptor (HBA) effects by the relationship

$$\ln k^s = \ln k^0 + n\pi^* + a\alpha + b\beta \quad (59)$$

$\pi^*$  is the frequency shift of  $p$ -nitrophenyl dyes, for which hydrogen bonding is excluded, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are HBD and HBA-properties of the solvent respectively. The polarity scale  $\pi^*$  is correlated with the dipole moment of the solvent, corrected with respect to the average reaction field <sup>402</sup>). The HBA-coefficient  $\beta$  is correlated with the proton affinity in the gas phase <sup>403</sup>).

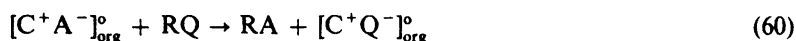
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For nonpolar solutes, e.g. n-octane, it has been shown that the Gibb's energy of solution in different solvents is linearly correlated with Hildebrand's solubility parameter  $\delta_H$ <sup>404</sup>, which takes into account the van der Waals and dispersion forces. In Eq. (58) these forces are considered by the change of the Gibbs energy of evaporation of the solvent.

A new generation of multiparameter correlations of high technological importance is presented in the comprehensive work of Dubois on the DARC system<sup>405,406</sup> and of Fredenslund and Rasmussen<sup>407,408</sup> and others on the UNIFAC method. These permit the advanced calculation of reactivity and solution properties on the basis of topological treatments of the molecules and their vicinity from a minimum of experimentally-determined supporting data. These methods form the basis of comprehensive data banks<sup>409-412</sup>.

#### 8.4 Phase-Transfer Reactions

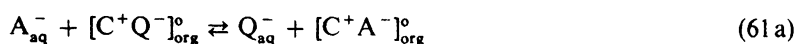
The principle of phase-transfer reactions — advantageously used for substitution, alkylation, acylation, elimination, and redox reactions of organic compounds, RQ, — is the transfer of an ion from aqueous solution into an apolar phase where the chemical reaction



takes place<sup>413-416</sup>. Two features previously shown for solvent effects are thus used, the very high reaction rate of nucleophilic reactions in aprotic solvents and the reactivity of ions and ion pairs in chemical reactions. The problems of water transfer are minimized by the choice of apolar solvents, immiscible with water and suitable lipophilic counterions of the reacting ion.

The ionic co-reactant is usually an anion  $A^-$  ( $Cl^-$ ,  $N_3^-$ ,  $OH^-$ ,  $CN^-$ ,  $NO_2^-$ ,  $F^-$ ,  $RCO_2^-$ ,  $RO^-$ ,  $BH_4^-$ ,  $MnO_4^-$ ,  $ClO_4^-$ ) which is transferred into the apolar phase (benzene, toluene, pentane,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ,  $CCl_4$ ) by the help of a 'catalytic' cation  $C^+$  ( $R_4N^+$ ,  $R_4P^+$ ,  $R_4As^+$ , metal cation complexed with crown ethers or cryptates) suitable for forming an ion pair,  $[C^+A^-]^0$ , in the apolar solvent.

The reaction, Eq. (60), is controlled by the heterogeneous equilibrium



with the equilibrium constant

$$K = \frac{[C^+A^-]_{org}^0 \times [Q^-]_{aq}}{[C^+Q^-]_{org}^0 \times [A^-]_{aq}} \quad (61 b)$$

Thus the ion-pair concentration  $[C^+A^-]_{org}^0$  can be controlled *via* the concentration of  $A^-$  in the aqueous phase. The appropriate choice of electrolyte concentration, solvent and the catalyst are the conditions for optimizing the process. Tetraalkylammonium salts are commonly used and the number of carbon atoms should be at least 16. Unsymmetrical ions with one long alkyl chain tend to form

micelles and should be avoided<sup>417</sup>). Appropriate catalysts are  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+$ , TEBA<sup>®</sup> =  $\text{N}^+(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3$ , and ALIQUAT 336<sup>®</sup> which is a mixture of trialkylammonium salts with 15 to 30 carbon atoms;  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NHSO}_4$  is very suitable because of its cheapness and the ease of recovering it from the organic phase by treatment with sulfuric acid. In the anion sequence  $\text{F}^- > \text{OH}^- > \text{HSO}_4^- > \text{Cl}^- > \text{CN}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^- > \text{ClO}_4^-$  the exchange equilibrium of the phase-transfer catalyst decreases from left to right and hence also its catalytic activity.

Phase-transfer catalysts are used to extract organic or pharmaceutical products from waste water<sup>418</sup>) and to transfer hydrophilic dyes from water into hydrophobic polymers<sup>419</sup>).

A convincing example used in organic and pharmaceutical synthesis<sup>418,420</sup>) is the alkylation of CH, OH or NH-acids by alkylating agents with NaOH under mild conditions. The potential Hoffmann degradation of the transfer-catalyst ion<sup>421</sup>) when tetraalkylammonium salts are chosen can be avoided by the use of the more expensive alkali crown complexing agents. For comparison, in non-aqueous homogenous phase reactions the alkylation takes place only with strong bases, like  $\text{NaNH}_2$ , NaOR,  $\text{LiOC}_4\text{H}_9$ , etc.

The use of chiral catalysts introduces the possibility of synthesizing stereospecific products<sup>422</sup>) with only minor formation of racemates.

## Part B

### Technical Applications and Applied Research

#### IX Introduction

A perusal of recent literature shows an increasing interest in technical applications and applied research based on non-aqueous electrolyte properties. The assortment of solvents with widely varying properties, an almost unlimited number of solvent mixtures and soluble electrolyte compounds provides flexibility in tackling a given problem. The unique properties of non-aqueous solutions can be the key in solving special technical problems.

Primary batteries (Sect. X) of high energy density, very low self-discharge (long shelf life) and good low-temperature performance make use of the large liquid range of organic solvents and of the kinetic stability of lithium metal in non-aqueous solutions. They are commercially available and have replaced conventional systems in some fields, e.g. cardiac pacemaker batteries and military applications. Good solubilities for some technically important electrolytes and many non-electrolytes, large liquid range, solution stability, enhanced stability of the solvent against oxidation and reduction are factors which recommend non-aqueous electrolyte solutions for use in the electrodeposition of metals (Sect. XIII), the production of wet capacitors (Sect. XIV), and various fields of electro-organic synthesis (Sect. XV). Flat non-emissive electrode displays (Sect. XI) and liquid junction solar cells (Sect. XII)

are further fields which are developing fast and where non-aqueous electrolyte solutions are successfully competing with solid state ionics and aqueous electrolyte solutions. Here the non-aqueous solutions may be superior to aqueous solutions because of increased corrosion resistance of the electrodes. Other built-in advantages when compared to solid state electrolytes are the better levelling properties both for temperature and concentration discontinuities and the good permanent contacts between electrodes and ionic conductors which are not interrupted by temperature and pressure changes or volume changes occurring from chemical reactions (high energy batteries, electrochromic displays, liquid junction solar cells).

Drawbacks of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions include the appreciably higher costs of the solvent and, in some cases, its toxicity or flammability. Until now some promising fields of application have been blocked because of existing alternative production units and by the technological problems of scaling up the electrochemical processes. The flexibility in the choice of appropriate electrolyte solutions is linked to an increased number of variables and may involve time-consuming optimisation

**Table X** Conductivities of several technically important ion-conducting systems

System	Temperature $\theta$ °C	Conductivity $10^4 \kappa$ $\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$	Ref.
*5.68 M HCl/H <sub>2</sub> O	+25	8490	423)
*6.80 M	-20	3529	
2.81 M LiClO <sub>4</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O	+25	1517	424)
2.84 M	0	878.4	
*3.92 M LiClO <sub>4</sub> /MeOH	+25	498.1	425)
*2.68 M	-45	123.7	
*0.66 M LiClO <sub>4</sub> /PC	+25	54.20	232)
*0.34 M	-45	2.75	
*1.39 M LiClO <sub>4</sub> /PC, DME 42 weight % of PC	+25	145.9	227)
*0.74 M LiClO <sub>4</sub> /PC, DME 28 weight % of PC	-45	33.1	
LiCl (liquid)	+637	58540	426)
LiCl/KCl (eutectic) 58.5 mol % of LiCl	+475	16150	426)
Ethylpyridinium bromide/ AlCl <sub>3</sub> , 1:2, melt	+25	84.3	427)
Li <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>3</sub> -polyethyleneoxide complex	+25	10 <sup>-4</sup>	428)
LiI (s)	+25	10 <sup>-3</sup>	429, 430)
LiI/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	+37	1	429, 431)
LiI/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	+300	50 to 100	429)
Li <sub>3</sub> N	+25	10	432)



studies. When compared to aqueous electrolyte solutions or salt melts, the non-aqueous solutions show distinctly lower conductivities, but their accessible temperature range is more favourable for many applications. Table X gives a comparison of some ionic conductors which have been used technically. The asterisk (\*) means that the concentration variables were chosen to yield the maximum conductivity of the system,  $\kappa_{\max}$ , cf. Fig. 7.

In various fields the use of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions has reached the stage of commercialisation and offers the possibility of introducing both new products and procedures. The following seven sections provide information on the current state of knowledge in some of them. Advantages of the non-aqueous electrolyte solutions are best demonstrated by quoting numerical values proving the degree of optimization. We also felt that it was necessary to demonstrate the reasons which led to the selection of particular non-aqueous electrolyte solutions by including a short description of the competing technological alternatives. Preference has been given to the most recent publications in our choice of examples. For the earlier literature, reference is generally made to monographs and reviews.

Technology considers electrochemical systems, *i.e.* heterogeneous systems with conducting liquid and solid phases, surface layers, membranes, etc. The fields of research which were discussed in the preceding eight sections concern almost exclusively the electrochemical properties of homogeneous liquid systems. Solvent structure, ion solvation, and association and their competition turn out to be the governing factors for the understanding of electrolyte solutions. In many cases an understanding of the role of the electrolyte solution in electrochemical systems also requires consideration of the neighbouring phases of the solution.

It is satisfactory to state that modern electrolyte theory can be helpful for optimizing forthcoming technologies. On the other hand, exciting new problems arise from technological investigations which then stimulate the theory to search for new approaches.

## X High-Energy Batteries

### 10.1 Background

High energy batteries<sup>229)</sup> work with distinctly higher (1.5 to 10 times)<sup>433)</sup> energy densities and higher open-circuit and working voltages than conventional systems. They may be operated even at low temperatures, e.g.  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Furthermore, they exhibit appreciably lower self-discharge rates (down to  $<1\%/a$ ) which in the case of lithium batteries are mainly due to film formation on the Li-electrode. Lithium is the most favoured anode material because of its low equivalent weight but Na<sup>434,435)</sup>, K<sup>436)</sup>, Mg<sup>229,437-439)</sup>, Al<sup>229,439-441)</sup>, and Ca<sup>438,442,820)</sup> have been considered as possible substitutes. The reasons are the natural abundance of aluminium, magnesium or calcium, their higher electronic conductivity<sup>442)</sup>, and the higher security (higher melting points) provided by these metals.

Batteries can be divided into two classes, the non-rechargeable primary and the rechargeable secondary batteries. Various types of small primary batteries have been

commercially available since the early seventies. Secondary batteries are now the object of increased research. Some success has already been gained by the invention of reversible cathode materials which, in conjunction with lithium anodes and appropriate electrolyte solutions, allow an increased number of charge-discharge cycles.

High-energy batteries with a lithium anode are classified<sup>443,444</sup> with regard to the type of their ionic conductor. This can be a fast solid  $\text{Li}^+$ -ion conductor, a fused lithium salt, a lithium-potassium-salt eutectic mixture, or a non-aqueous lithium salt solution. If inorganic solvents are used, e.g.  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{SOCl}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , the solvent itself is the depolarizer and then a solid catalytic electrode is needed, e.g. carbon. The type of ionic conductor determines the internal resistance of the cell and the working temperature range and hence the possible technical applications.

Systems which work only at elevated temperatures, e.g.  $\text{Na}/\beta\text{-alumina}/\text{S}$  or  $\text{Li}/\text{salt melt}/\text{FeS}_n$ , have a potential for traction and load-levelling purposes. The reader is referred to reviews<sup>426,434,445-451</sup>.

Solid-state cells for operation at ambient temperatures are mentioned for comparison with the wet cells. The low conductivities of fast solid ion conductors at ambient temperatures, cf.  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$  and  $\text{LiI}$  (Table X) limit their use to fields where low discharge currents can be tolerated, e.g. batteries for cardiac pacemakers.

An example is the  $\text{Li}/\text{LiI}/\text{I}_2 \cdot \text{PVP}$  ( $\text{PVP} = \text{poly-2-vinylpyridine}$ ) cell<sup>433,444,452,453</sup> which is commercially available. The cell reaction  $14 \text{Li} + \text{PVP} \cdot 8 \text{I}_2 \rightarrow 14 \text{LiI} + \text{PVP} \cdot \text{I}_2$ <sup>431</sup> entails an increase of the internal resistance during discharge (specific resistances<sup>431</sup>  $10^3 \Omega \text{ cm}$  ( $\text{PVP} \cdot 8 \text{I}_2$ );  $10^7 \Omega \text{ cm}$  ( $\text{PVP} \cdot \text{I}_2$ )). Typical characteristics are: open-circuit voltage<sup>453</sup>: 2.8 V; energy density<sup>453</sup>: 200 W h/kg or  $0.7 \text{ W h/cm}^3$ ; self-discharge<sup>431,453</sup>  $< 10\%$  in 10 years; capacity<sup>431</sup>: 2 A h; current drain<sup>431</sup>: 25  $\mu\text{A}$ . About 500,000 cells<sup>452</sup> (Cardiac Pacemakers Inc.; Catalyst Research Corp.; Medtronic Inc.; Wilson Greatbach Ltd) were implanted in the period 1972-80. A

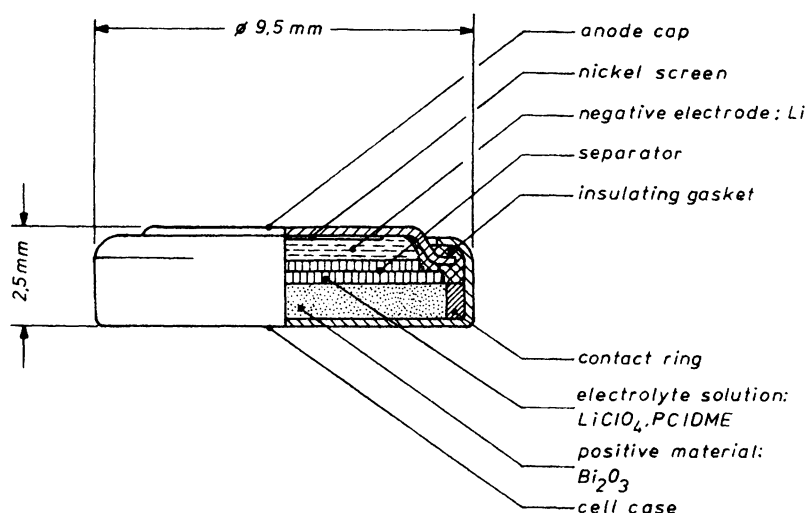


Fig. 16. Structure of a  $\text{Li}/\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$  cell (VARTA) (with kind permission of VARTA)

promising new solid state-cell<sup>428)</sup> uses  $\text{LiO}_2\text{C}_2\text{F}_3$  in polyethylene oxide with a  $\text{Li}_x\text{TiS}_2$  intercalation electrode (cf. also Sect. 10.5.2.). For further information see Refs. 431.454-456).

Lithium batteries with non-aqueous solutions are also available<sup>443,444,453,457)</sup> commercially. Energy density, 300 W h/kg<sup>444)</sup> or 0.35 to 0.5 W h/cm<sup>3</sup><sup>458)</sup>, and self-discharge, <2% per year<sup>443,444)</sup> are comparable to those of commercial solid-state cells. The  $\text{Li}/\text{LiClO}_4(\text{PC})/\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4$  cell has found extensive use in pacemakers, more than 350,000 being manufactured up to 1980<sup>452)</sup>. A diagram of a battery with a non-aqueous electrolyte solution is given in Fig. 16. Further information is given in Section 10.4.

Solid-state and wet lithium cells have replaced<sup>453)</sup> the conventional Rubin-Mallory zinc/mercury pacemaker battery using aqueous NaOH solutions. Both types of lithium cell exhibit higher energy densities than conventional cells, e.g. Zn/HgO with 100 W h/kg<sup>444)</sup> or 0.35 W h/cm<sup>3</sup><sup>457)</sup> or Zn/MnO<sub>2</sub> with 0.1 to 0.2 W h/cm<sup>3</sup><sup>458)</sup>, and a far longer shelf-life, e.g. a lead-acid battery exhibits a self-discharge rate of 1% per day<sup>444)</sup>, the Zn/MnO<sub>2</sub>-cell of 20% per year<sup>444)</sup>.

## 10.2 Non-Aqueous Electrolyte Solutions in Lithium Batteries

The requirements concerning non-aqueous battery electrolyte solutions are high specific conductance of the solution ( $>5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$ ) and high mobility of the active ion over a large temperature range ( $-50^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+50^\circ\text{C}$ ), sufficiently high solubility of the electrolyte compound ( $>0.3 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) at all temperatures, compatibility both with the lithium anode and the positive material (cathode) and, in the case of rechargeable batteries, stability over a sufficiently large voltage range.

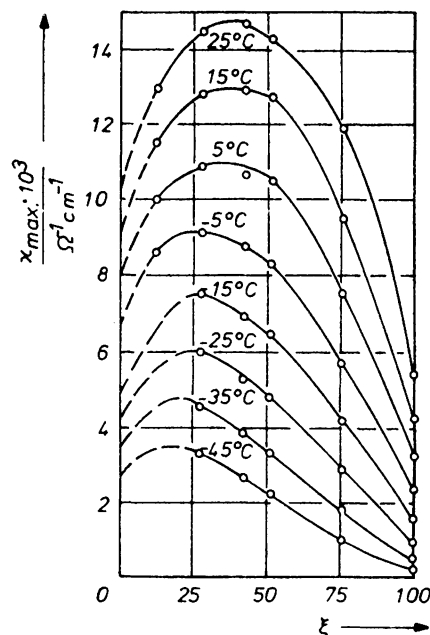


Fig. 17. Plot of maximum specific conductance of non-aqueous  $\text{LiClO}_4$  solutions ( $x_{\text{max}}$ ) vs. solvent composition ( $\xi$ ) of the mixed solvent propylene carbonate-dimethoxyethane at temperatures ( $-45^\circ\text{C} \leq \theta \leq +25^\circ\text{C}$ )<sup>227)</sup>

Hence the optimum solvent for a battery would be a solvent of low viscosity, high permittivity, and low vapour pressure fulfilling all compatibility and stability conditions. Solvents of classes 6 or 7 in Appendix A-1, have low viscosities accompanied, however, by low permittivities and high vapour pressures, whereas those of classes 4 and 5 have high permittivities and low vapour pressures, but large temperature coefficients of viscosity yielding low conductances at low temperatures, cf. DME (class 6) and PC (class 5) in Figs. 17 and 18. Solvents of the other classes are unsuitable with regard to the stability and compatibility conditions. Solvent mixtures can improve both the solubility of the electrolyte and the conductivity of the solution and may reduce the temperature coefficient of conductivity and viscosity.

An example is  $\text{LiClO}_4$  in PC/DME mixtures which is widely used as an electrolyte solution in commercial primary batteries. The complete information about the specific conductance of this battery electrolyte in the temperature range  $-45^\circ\text{C} \leq \theta \leq +25^\circ\text{C}$  is given in Fig. 17<sup>227,232</sup>). The viscosity and the relative permittivity of the mixed solvent over the same temperature range are shown in Figs. 18a<sup>460</sup>) and 18b<sup>326</sup>).

Figure 17 is based on series of conductance measurements on  $\text{LiClO}_4$  in PC/DME mixtures as a function of solvent composition (weight % of PC =  $\xi$ ), electrolyte concentration  $m$ , and temperature  $\theta$ . For every solvent composition  $\xi$ , a  $\kappa$ - $m$ -function, see Fig. 7, was established by a least-squares procedure. The maximum specific conductances from these functions,  $\kappa_{\text{max}}$ , are then plotted in Fig. 17 as a function of solvent composition and temperature. Figures 18a and b show the viscosity and the relative permittivity of the mixed solvent as a function of the same parameters. The conductance behaviour of the  $\text{LiClO}_4$ /PC/DME-system can be understood from the competition between the solvent viscosity, ion solvation and ion aggregation to ion pairs, triple ions and higher aggregates<sup>233</sup>). A comprehensive study of this

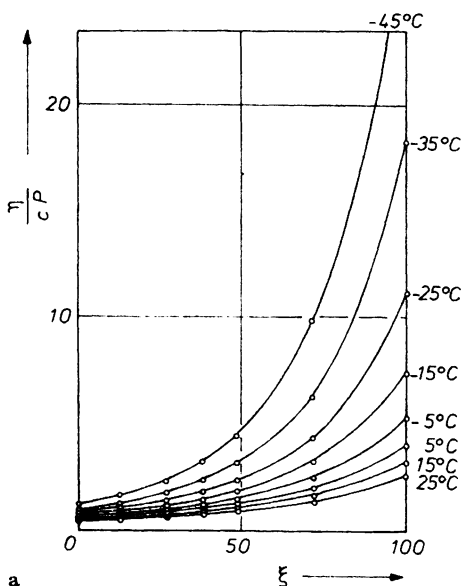


Fig. 18a. Viscosity of propylene carbonate-dimethoxyethane mixtures ( $\xi$  = weight % of PC) at various temperatures ( $-45^\circ\text{C} \leq \theta \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$ )<sup>460</sup>)

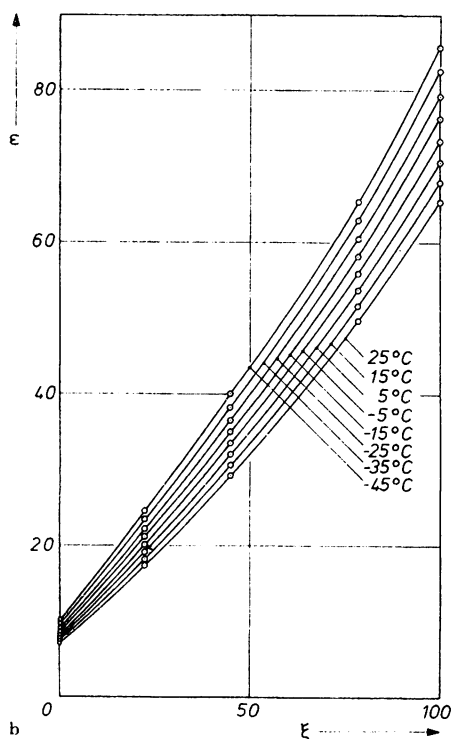


Fig. 18b. Relative permittivity of propylene carbonate-dimethoxyethane mixtures ( $\xi$  = weight % of PC) at various temperatures ( $-45^\circ\text{C} \leq \theta \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$ )<sup>326)</sup>

type on 12 further electrolyte compounds in PC, DME and PC/DME mixtures from infinitely dilution to saturation provides useful rules for the choice of battery electrolytes, see Section 6.2.

Competition of solvation and association affects conductance strongly. Conductivity enhancements up to a factor of 300 were observed when DME, triglyme, DMSO, HMTT, PC, AN or 12-crown-4 ether were added to 1,3-dioxolane solutions of LiI, LiSCN and LiBPh<sub>4</sub><sup>461,463)</sup>. Increase of ion mobilities up to a factor of 5 is reported for additions of 12-crown-4 ether to THF solutions of LiBF<sub>4</sub><sup>464)</sup>. Margalit et al.<sup>466)</sup> compared the conductance behaviour of LiAsF<sub>6</sub> in  $\gamma$ -BL/PC and DME/PC mixtures. Like us,<sup>227,232)</sup> Venkatesetty et al.<sup>467)</sup> stressed the possibility of rationalizing the discussion of concentrated electrolyte solutions in terms of dilute solutions, their example being LiAsF<sub>6</sub> in THF, NM, and dimethylsulfit. The use of multi-component organic solvent mixtures is illustrated by the following examples: LiBF<sub>4</sub>, LiPF<sub>6</sub>, or LiAsF<sub>6</sub> in mixtures of 3-methyl-2-isoxazolidone/dioxolane/THF/EGS<sup>468)</sup> and LiClO<sub>4</sub> in THF/PC/DME<sup>469)</sup>.

The relative mobility of the active ion, Li<sup>+</sup>, in lithium batteries can be improved by the choice of appropriate counterions, (see transference numbers, Sect. 6.1.) Lithium salts with large organic anions like Li[B(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N)]<sup>470)</sup>, or halo-organic metal salt complexes like Li[B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>]·DEE<sup>471)</sup> are suitable candidates. Such salts have the further advantages of high solubility, low ion association, and replacement of ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> which might be hazardous<sup>472,473)</sup>. Further information may be found in Refs.<sup>230,457,462,465,474-477)</sup>.

### 10.3 Stability of Electrolyte Solutions with Lithium

The most important condition for the use of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions in lithium batteries is their stability in contact with lithium. At least kinetic stability is required. Of the many solvents which are claimed to be stable with lithium<sup>438)</sup> few if any<sup>478,479)</sup> seem to be thermodynamically stable.

Propylene carbonate, the solvent used most widely in commercial batteries, decomposes<sup>480,481)</sup> cathodically on graphite at potentials of  $>0.6$  V against a lithium reference electrode:  $2 \text{Li}^+ + \text{PC} + 2 \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{CH}_3-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2 + \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ . This reaction is also found with lithium amalgam<sup>482)</sup>. Kinetic stability is supposed to result from a passivating film on the substrate which protects the lithium from further reaction with PC. This film could be  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ , cf. Refs.<sup>480-483)</sup>, or a polymerisation product of propylene, cf. Ref.<sup>484)</sup>. Epelboin et al.<sup>484)</sup> observed both  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  in the pores of the substrate and a plastic layer which they consider to be the passivating film. Despite the importance of these results, for batteries and electrodeposition (Sect. XIII), only a few solvents have been comprehensively investigated with regard to their reactivity. Further examples are AN<sup>230,485,486)</sup>, DMF<sup>485)</sup>, NB<sup>485)</sup>, and  $\gamma$ -BL<sup>487)</sup>. Caiola et al. pointed out rules<sup>488,489)</sup> for the apparent stability of organic solvents with lithium. Cyclic molecules were found to have greater stability than open-chained ones; molecules with short alkyl chains are more stable than those with long ones.

Dey and Holmes reported<sup>486,490)</sup> the reactivity of organic solvents (AN,  $\gamma$ -BL, MF, PC, DME), their mixtures, and of further additives ( $\text{CCl}_4$ , diglyme, THF, bromobenzene, pyridine and others), using DTA. DME and PC exhibited the highest exothermic initiation temperatures,  $425^\circ\text{C}$  and  $244^\circ\text{C}$  respectively. Selim and Bro stated<sup>479)</sup> that "any polar solvent is intrinsically reactive toward lithium". This may possibly be undetectable by static experiments but is crucial in deposition and reanodization experiments (see Sect. 10.5.). Either lithium or aluminium can be plated from non-aqueous mixed lithium-aluminium electrolyte solutions, depending only on the composition of the solution; this amazing fact led Peled<sup>491)</sup> to suggest that alkaline and alkaline earth metals are always protected by a film formed by reaction with the electrolyte controlling corrosion and deposition-dissolution processes.

It is now generally accepted that the success of lithium batteries is mainly due to the formation of a protective film<sup>492)</sup>. The strategy for improving compatibility which, above all, is essential for secondary batteries is the search for stable solvents or additives which form appropriate films. It should be stressed that these investigations require highly pure solutions<sup>492)</sup>.

The positive material (anode) may induce unwanted film formation on lithium. This is observed<sup>483)</sup> for cells with THF as the solvent and  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  or  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4$  as the positive materials. THF may be oxidized at  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  reacting to form a living polymer, which diffuses to the lithium electrode and reacts there to give an insoluble gel. Further problems arise from insufficient compatibility with the anode, e.g. solubilization of the positive materials by complexation<sup>229,230,493)</sup> and from the lack of compatibility of electrolyte compound and solvent, e.g. exchange reactions of inorganic acid esters with the anion of the electrolyte<sup>488,494)</sup>.

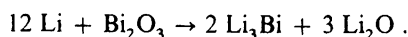
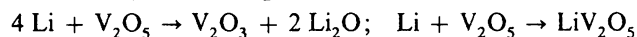
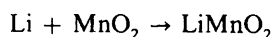
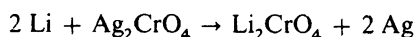
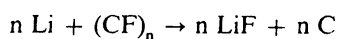
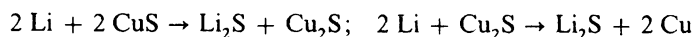
## 10.4 Non-Aqueous Primary Cells

### 10.4.1. Commercial Cells with Solid Cathodes and Organic Solvents

This topic has been comprehensively reviewed by Scrosati<sup>443</sup>, Dey<sup>483</sup>, Besenhard<sup>444</sup>, and Kronenberg and Blomgren<sup>457</sup>. From the numerous systems investigated the following are produced commercially for use in portable electronic devices<sup>458, 495-498</sup>:

Li/LiClO <sub>4</sub> (THF/DME)/CuS	SAFT (F); Dupont (USA)
Li/LiBF <sub>4</sub> (γ-BL)/(CF <sub>x</sub> ) <sub>n</sub> ; x ≈ 1	Matsushita (J)
Li/LiClO <sub>4</sub> (PC)/Ag <sub>2</sub> CrO <sub>4</sub>	SAFT (F); Mallory (USA)
Li/LiClO <sub>4</sub> (PC/DME)/MnO <sub>2</sub>	Hitachi (J); Sanyo (J); Varta (G)
Li/LiClO <sub>4</sub> (PC/THF) or LiAsF <sub>6</sub> (MF)/V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Mallory (USA); Honeywell (USA)
Li/LiClO <sub>4</sub> (THF or dioxolane)/CuO	SAFT (F)
Li/LiClO <sub>4</sub> (PC/DME)/Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Varta (G); see Fig. 16

The cell reactions are<sup>444, 457, 459, 483</sup>

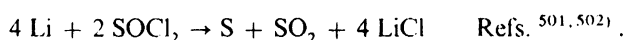
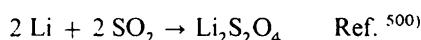


Up to 1980 more than 350,000 Li/Ag<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> cells and more than 100,000 Li/CuS cells have been produced<sup>452</sup>. Some characteristic data: open-circuit voltages 2 to 3 V; energy densities 160 to 200 W h/kg; Li/CuS has a zero self-discharge in seven years<sup>452</sup>; Li/MnO<sub>2</sub> (Varta) is available in sizes ranging from 30 to 1000 mA h<sup>499</sup>.

For some further commercial systems<sup>458</sup> the battery electrolyte cannot be quoted: Li/MnO<sub>2</sub> (Toshiba (J); UCC (USA); SAFT (F); Ray-o-Vac (USA)); Li/(CF<sub>x</sub>)<sub>n</sub> (Eagle Pitcher (USA); Yardney (USA)); Li/Bi<sub>2</sub>PbO<sub>5</sub> and Li/CuO (SAFT (F)); Li/FeS<sub>2</sub> (UCC (USA)); open-circuit voltages: ~3 V (Li/MnO<sub>2</sub> and Li/(CF<sub>x</sub>)<sub>n</sub>); ~1.5 V (all others).

### 10.4.2 Commercial Cells with Liquid Cathodic Materials

The cells of this type generally use SO<sub>2</sub> or SOCl<sub>2</sub> as the depolarizers. The schemes of cell reaction are



These cells exhibit the highest energy and power densities down to low temperatures among the primary cells as a consequence of high conductivity, fast-reacting liquid depolarizer, large surface area of carbon electrodes<sup>483</sup> and low temperature coeffi-

coefficients of conductivity and viscosity. Hazardous currents up to 100 A were reported for these cells<sup>483)</sup>.

The Li/SO<sub>2</sub> battery (Mallory (USA)<sup>443)</sup>; Duracell (USA)<sup>443)</sup>; Power Conversion Inc. (USA)<sup>483,503)</sup>; Honeywell (USA)<sup>483)</sup>) uses electrolytes which typically contain 1.8 M LiBr in a mixture 23:10:3 of SO<sub>2</sub>, AN, and PC. The system is under pressure and has a safety vent<sup>483)</sup>. The base electrolyte solution, LiBr/AN/SO<sub>2</sub> shows high conductivity with a low temperature coefficient (specific conductance<sup>483)</sup>:  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-2} \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (25 °C);  $\sim 2.4 \times 10^{-2} \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (-50 °C)); the open-circuit voltage is about 2.9 V<sup>503)</sup> capacities range from 0.5 to 30 A h<sup>500,503)</sup> at energy densities of about 290 W h/kg (0.4 W h/cm<sup>3</sup>)<sup>483,505)</sup>. Linden and McDonald<sup>500)</sup> published a review about this battery which also summarizes the fields of possible applications.

A detailed study of the reaction mechanism<sup>506,507)</sup> shows a remarkably high rate constant for the electron-transfer reaction,  $1.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm/s}$  in DMF<sup>506)</sup>, and the strong influence<sup>507)</sup> of both the supporting electrolyte and the solvent on the reduction which is explained by ion-pairing. Safety studies<sup>486,490,508-510)</sup> show the importance of the composition of the electrolyte solution. The exothermic reaction of lithium with AN is retarded by SO<sub>2</sub> and PC; SO<sub>2</sub> did not react with lithium at 320 °C<sup>508)</sup>. Dey and Holmes<sup>486)</sup> published a list of eight electrolyte solutions which have higher conductivity than the standard LiBr/AN/SO<sub>2</sub> solution and increased stability with lithium.

The Li/SOCl<sub>2</sub> cells<sup>511-513)</sup> (Mallory (USA), GTE (USA), Honeywell (USA)<sup>483)</sup>) use LiAlCl<sub>4</sub>/SOCl<sub>2</sub> as the electrolyte solution; the open-circuit voltage is 3.6 V; available capacities range from 0.8 to 10.8 A h<sup>514)</sup> at energy densities of about 660 W h/kg<sup>483,492)</sup>. Studies on the cell reaction and further aspects of the chemistry in the Li/SOCl<sub>2</sub> cell are found in Refs.<sup>483,501,502,515-517)</sup>, conductivity and viscosity studies on LiAlCl<sub>4</sub>/SOCl<sub>2</sub> in Refs.<sup>518,519)</sup>.

Li/SOCl<sub>2</sub> cells may be operated at high discharge currents. Cells with discharge rates up to 300 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> are reported in an investigation on the cell performance<sup>520)</sup>. The most effective discharge characteristics were obtained with 1.5 M LiAlCl<sub>4</sub> and 4.5 M AlCl<sub>3</sub> solutions<sup>520)</sup>, the highest average voltages with cells containing only AlCl<sub>3</sub> or an excess of AlCl<sub>3</sub> which dissolves the protective LiCl film of the cathode and thus limits the use of this solution to reserve cells. Reserve cells (Sonnenschein (Tadiran/GTE))<sup>514)</sup> work without voltage delay. Another way to circumvent voltage delays is to use lithium closoboranes, Li<sub>2</sub>B<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>10</sub>, Li<sub>2</sub>B<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>12</sub>, or other appropriate electrolytes<sup>521)</sup>.

#### 10.4.3 Recent Developments

Some types of cell which introduce new principles should be mentioned. An organic material, pyromellitic dianhydride/pyromellitic acid, is used as the cathode material in a lithium battery<sup>522)</sup> with 1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/PC electrolyte solution and yields an energy density of about 1300 W h/kg. The open-circuit voltage is reported to be 3.1-3.2 V.

SO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> is used as a promising depolarizer in the cell Li/LiAlCl<sub>4</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/C<sup>483,523)</sup>. The suggested cell reaction is  $2 \text{ Li} + \text{SO}_2\text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ LiCl} + \text{SO}_2$ . The cell characteristics are comparable to those of Li/SOCl<sub>2</sub>-cells.

The cell Li/5 M S (as Li<sub>2</sub>S<sub>n</sub>), 1 M LiAsF<sub>6</sub> (THF)/C<sup>524)</sup> contains S<sub>n</sub><sup>2-</sup> as the depolarizer; energy density 300 W h/kg. The solubility of polysulfides in aprotic solvents is controlled by the solvent basicity<sup>525)</sup>.



## 10.5 Secondary Batteries

In contrast to primary cells, no secondary cell has yet reached the commercial stage. Only one secondary battery, Li/TiS<sub>2</sub><sup>526)</sup>, gives a warranty for a minimum of five charge-discharge cycles<sup>444)</sup>. The battery was introduced<sup>492,527)</sup> by Exxon. The reason for this far less successful situation is mainly due to the poor cycling behaviour of the lithium anode.

Lithium may be plated at ~100% efficiency from several non-aqueous solutions<sup>479, 492, 528, 529)</sup> but is stripped anodically with much lower efficiency<sup>492, 528, 530)</sup>. Brummer et al.<sup>492)</sup> gave an explanation of this fact: The formation of protective films isolates lithium grains from the substrate which cannot then be discharged. This causes increasing irregularities during the following cycles by making more and more lithium electro-inaccessible<sup>530-533)</sup>.

### 10.5.1 Improvements of the Cycling Efficiency of the Anode

With regard to their model Brummer et al. proposed<sup>492,528)</sup>:

- i) the use of surface active additives as "levelling agents" or the use of "precursors"
- ii) the use of alloying substrates,
- iii) the use of scavengers generated internally,
- iv) rigorous purification of electrolytes and solvents,
- v) modification of solvent reactivity.

From these suggestions only those concerning the electrolyte solution, i) and v), will be discussed here, for further information the reader is referred to the comprehensive reviews of Brummer et al.<sup>492,528)</sup>.

Brummer et al.<sup>492)</sup> quote Rhodamin B sodium salt and disodium fluorescein as examples of levelling agents. When added to LiAlCl<sub>4</sub>/PC solutions the adherence of lithium is improved. Alkyl aryl polyethers or alkyl aryl polyethyleneglycol ethers serve the same purpose<sup>534)</sup>. Addition of tetraglyme (1-2%) to a 1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> solution in PC containing Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (0.6 M) results in a significantly better cycling behaviour<sup>535)</sup>. Macroheterocyclic compounds as additives reduce the solvent decomposition as shown by Soffer<sup>536)</sup> for the reaction of lithium amalgam with solutions of LiClO<sub>4</sub> in PC. Precursors<sup>492,530,533)</sup> are oxidizing agents which produce, in a faster reaction with the substrate than the solvent does<sup>492)</sup>, an appropriate type of film which must be highly permeable for Li<sup>+</sup> but impermeable for the solvent. Brummer et al. recently reviewed<sup>492)</sup> their investigations on precursors in 1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/PC<sup>530,532)</sup>, 1 M LiAsF<sub>6</sub>/MA, and 1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/MA<sup>531,533)</sup> solutions. In 1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/PC solutions, 0.1 M PSBr<sub>3</sub> and 0.01 M POBr<sub>3</sub> yielded average cycling efficiency of 85% in comparison to 40% for the precursor-free solutions<sup>492)</sup>. Koch and Young<sup>537)</sup>, who used highly purified THF as the solvent, found that LiAsF<sub>6</sub> is the electrolyte which is least reactive with lithium. Bubbling N<sub>2</sub> or O<sub>2</sub> through the solution enhanced the cycling efficiency for about 10 cycles, in contrast to bubbling argon, CO<sub>2</sub> or to non-gased solutions. The effect of N<sub>2</sub> was explained by Li<sub>3</sub>N formation which is a good Li<sup>+</sup>-ion conductor<sup>432)</sup>. The AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> ion itself fulfils the conditions for being a precursor<sup>492)</sup> by forming brown films of ( -As-O-As-) <sub>n</sub> polymer and LiF<sup>538)</sup>

in THF, but slower in the presence of N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>. The cycling efficiency is reported

to be 85.2% in agreement with the result from  $\text{POBr}_3$ <sup>492</sup>). These examples also illustrate the necessity for highly pure solutions.

"Modification of the solvent reactivity" aims at the search for polar solvents which are less reactive with lithium. Actually, substitutions are introduced into the solvent molecule to lower its polarity. The fact that the (C—O) group (ethers) is less polar than (C=O) (PC, MA) or (S=O) (DMSO) and that cyclic molecules are more stable with lithium than open-chained ones<sup>488,489</sup>) suggests that cyclic ethers should be the most suitable solvents for rechargeable lithium batteries<sup>492</sup>). A comprehensive investigation on THF and its alkylated analogues<sup>527,539,540</sup>) yielded important information. In static tests 2-Me-THF and 2,5-di-Me-THF proved to be more stable with lithium at elevated temperatures than THF and 3-Me-THF. Solutions of 2-Me-THF containing  $\text{LiAsF}_6$  were stable over a period of 13 months, THF solutions reacted after 25 days and THF solutions without the precursor,  $\text{AsF}_6^-$ , even reacted within 3 days. Conductivities of 1 M  $\text{LiAsF}_6$  solutions with THF ( $13.7 \times 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and 2-Me-THF ( $3.0 \times 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ ) as the solvents differ considerably<sup>527</sup>) in spite of almost equal solvent viscosities (0.461 cP (THF)<sup>541</sup>); 0.457 cP (2-Me-THF)<sup>542</sup>), probably due to ion association ( $K_D(\text{LiBPh}_4/\text{THF})/K_D(\text{LiBPh}_4/2\text{-Me-THF}) = 4.4$  at 25 °C)<sup>541,542</sup>). The cycling efficiency of these solutions is compared in Fig. 19.

Using 1.1 C/cm<sup>2</sup> plating and stripping cycles on Ni, in 1 M  $\text{LiAsF}_6$  solutions only 7% of the lithium is encapsulated on the 10th cycle when 2-Me-THF is the solvent, but 80% when THF<sup>540</sup>).

Using the  $\text{LiAsF}_6/2\text{-Me-THF}$  solution Brummer et al.<sup>528</sup>) have investigated three promising secondary lithium anode/intercalation cathode cells (cf. Fig. 20); the cathode materials are  $\text{TiS}_2$ ,  $\text{Cr}_x\text{V}_{1-x}\text{S}_2$  and  $\text{V}_6\text{O}_{13}$ . It is claimed that such cells working for 100 to 200 cycles at attractive energy densities are feasible. Additional information can be found in a recent publication<sup>543</sup>).

Koch et al. disclosed<sup>544,545</sup>) a DEE-based electrolyte solution, 2.5 M  $\text{LiAsF}_6$  in DEE/THF (9:1), which enables bright lithium deposits up to 10 C/cm<sup>2</sup> by plating. This non-aqueous electrolyte solution exhibits the best cycling efficiency (>98%)

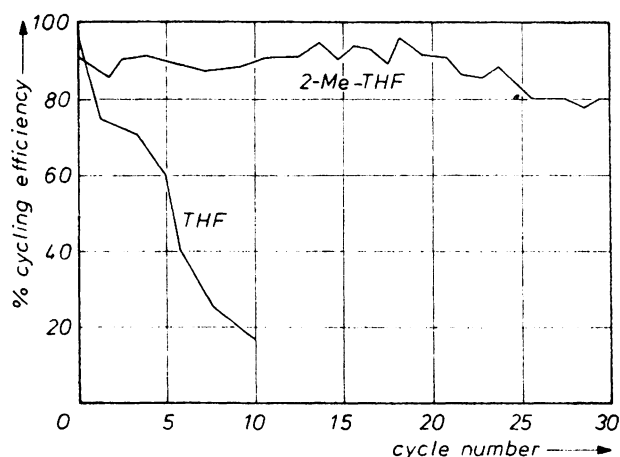


Fig. 19. Efficiency of cycling lithium on a nickel substrate from 1 M  $\text{LiAsF}_6$  solutions in cyclic ethers. Anodic and cathodic current densities: 1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> (with kind permission of the authors<sup>540</sup>)

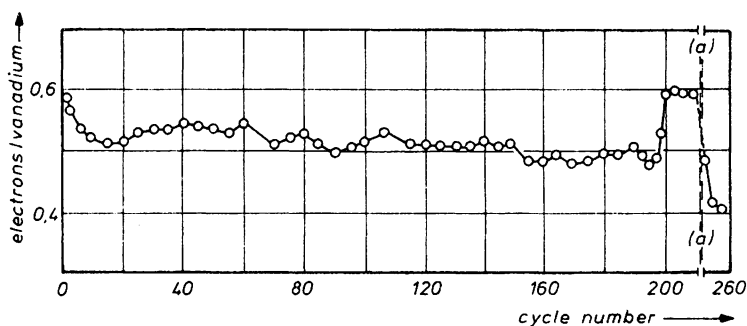


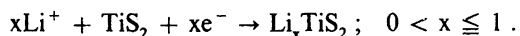
Fig. 20. Cathode utilization vs. cycle number for a hermetic laboratory test cell: Li/2-Me-THF, LiAsF<sub>6</sub>/V-oxide, C. Current density: 1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>; cathode capacity: 500 mA h (based on 1 electron/vanadium); current reduced to 0.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> after about 200 cycles; (a): interrupted scale. (with kind permission of the authors<sup>543</sup>)

so far reported. The authors assume that the excellent stability with lithium is due to lithium ethoxide film formation.

### 10.5.2 Cathode Materials for Secondary Lithium Batteries

With regard to the importance for reversible lithium batteries and looking at the possible applications of reversible cathode materials in electrochromic (Sect. XI) and photo-electrochemical (Sect. XII) cells some significant results of this rapidly growing field should be presented. Both inorganic and organic materials are investigated.

*Inorganic Materials* with a host lattice structure can reversibly intercalate Li<sup>+</sup> ions, e.g.



The thermodynamic and kinetic aspects of intercalation processes were recently reviewed<sup>546,547</sup>. Materials which exhibit both good electronic and Li<sup>+</sup>-ion conductivity, no phase change, and negligible volume effects at the intercalation process are possible candidates for new cathode materials. Scrosati<sup>443</sup>) recently reviewed TiS<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>6</sub>O<sub>13</sub>, NbSe<sub>3</sub>, Mo<sub>8</sub>O<sub>13</sub>, and Li<sub>x</sub>CoO<sub>2</sub>. For further recent information including cyclabilities in non-aqueous cells with lithium anodes, diffusion coefficients, and structure determinations see: TiS<sub>2</sub><sup>526,548-550</sup>); TiS<sub>3</sub><sup>548</sup>); V<sub>6</sub>O<sub>13</sub><sup>551-553</sup>); WO<sub>3</sub><sup>553</sup>); MoO<sub>3</sub><sup>553</sup>); V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>553,554</sup>); MoO<sub>n</sub> with 2 ≤ n ≤ 3<sup>555</sup>); Li<sub>x</sub>CoO<sub>2</sub><sup>556</sup>); NbSe<sub>3</sub><sup>554,557</sup>); Na<sub>x</sub>CrS<sub>2</sub> with x ≥ 0.1<sup>558</sup>); FeV<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub><sup>559</sup>); CuCoS<sub>4</sub><sup>560-562</sup>); V<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub><sup>563</sup>); MoS<sub>2</sub><sup>564</sup>); MoS<sub>3</sub><sup>565</sup>); and KFeS<sub>2</sub><sup>566</sup>).

Some remarkable results must be mentioned in connection with non-aqueous electrolyte solutions. The use of melts of LiI-glyme solvates as the electrolyte solution in the Li/TiS<sub>2</sub> cell prohibits its rechargeability<sup>550</sup>), in contrast to LiClO<sub>4</sub>/dioxolane solutions: The solvation of Li<sup>+</sup> is supposed to be sufficiently strong to entail glyme co-intercalation. The cell of lithium/low temperature amorphous molybdenum disulfide is highly reversible with LiClO<sub>4</sub>/dioxolane as the electrolyte solution: after 244 cycles the capacity still exceeds 50% of the second discharge step<sup>564</sup>). Dioxolane/DME mixtures are the most favourable and THF/DME mixtures the

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poorest solvents with regard to the performance of the cell Li/LiClO<sub>4</sub> (mixed solvent)/CuCoS<sub>4</sub><sup>561</sup>). The expectation that cyclability would be improved by the use of two intercalation electrodes with different chemical potentials of the Li<sup>+</sup> ion as the electrodes was confirmed by Lazzari and Scrosati<sup>567</sup>): With a cell Li<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>2</sub>/LiClO<sub>4</sub> (PC)/TiS<sub>2</sub>, open circuit voltage 2.0 V, they did not find cell deterioration upon prolonged cycling.

*Organic Materials* are new in this field of application. Polyacetylene, (CH)<sub>n</sub>, may be chemically doped either p- or n-type<sup>568-570</sup>) and electric conductivity can be varied over 12 orders of magnitude up to 10<sup>3</sup> Ω<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>. Golden films of composition [CH<sub>1.07</sub>]<sub>n</sub>, [CH(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>0.0645</sub>]<sub>n</sub>, and [CH(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>0.059</sub>]<sub>n</sub> with conductivities of 9.7, 970, and 260 Ω<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> are obtained by the oxidation of (CH)<sub>n</sub> in KI/H<sub>2</sub>O, Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and Bu<sub>4</sub>NAsF<sub>6</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solutions, respectively<sup>571</sup>). Polyacetylene is believed to exist as the polycarbonium ion, (CH<sup>2+</sup>)<sub>n</sub>, stabilized by monovalent anions A<sup>-</sup> to give [(CH<sup>2+</sup>) A<sub>z</sub><sup>-</sup>]<sub>n</sub>.

A non-optimized cell<sup>571</sup>) with lithium anode and LiClO<sub>4</sub>/PC electrolyte solution showed no change in its open circuit voltage (4.1 V) after 326 successive constant-current cycles. The cell with [CH<sup>+0.06</sup>(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>0.06</sub>]<sub>n</sub> cathode, energy density 176 W h/kg. is expected to give the possibility of producing inexpensive lightweight batteries with a variety of applications<sup>571</sup>).

For further information on non-aqueous lithium batteries the reader is referred to conference reports<sup>462, 476, 504, 572, 573</sup>), reviews<sup>230, 438, 443-445, 457, 483, 574, 575</sup>), books<sup>229, 576, 577</sup>), and compilations of the patent literature<sup>434, 578, 579</sup>).

## XI Non-Emissive Electro-Optic Displays

### 11.1 Comparison of Methods

The common features of flat non-emissive electro-optic displays actually under investigation are unrestricted viewing angle, open-circuit memory (at least transient) and hence low power consumption (30 mJ cm<sup>-2</sup><sup>580</sup>) to 3 μJ cm<sup>-2</sup><sup>581</sup>), operation at low voltages and improved optical contrast, suitable threshold<sup>580</sup>) and switching voltage levels, fast response time (<10 ms<sup>581, 582</sup>); <80 ms<sup>580</sup>) and long lifetime (>10<sup>7</sup> cycles)<sup>583</sup>). The underlying controlling effects are the electrochromic effect, the electrophoretic effect, or reversible thin-layer electrodeposition.

In *Electrochromic Displays* the electrochemically induced reversible colour change, electrochromism, is accomplished either by reduction or oxidation. The extensively-studied coloration mechanism of WO<sub>3</sub><sup>584-600</sup>) can be sketched out as a simultaneous injection of cations and electrons, e.g. ne<sup>-</sup> + nX<sup>+</sup> + WO<sub>3</sub> ⇌ X<sub>n</sub>WO<sub>3</sub>; X = H<sup>+</sup>, Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>; n ~ 0.1-0.2<sup>599</sup>). The colour of the resulting tungsten bronze is blue, independent of the cation.

Mixed conductivity, ionic and electronic, is a feature of electrochromics. Both transport rates affect the kinetics of the electrochromic reaction<sup>601</sup>). The coloration kinetics and the stability of the electrode are strongly influenced both by the electrolyte solution and the preparation of the electrode material.

Other inorganic electrochromic materials studied include MoO<sub>3</sub><sup>586, 600</sup>), MoO<sub>3</sub>/WO<sub>3</sub><sup>590</sup>), V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>602</sup>), RhO<sub>2</sub><sup>603</sup>), Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>604</sup>), and iridium oxides<sup>580, 601, 605-608</sup>); orga-

nic electrochromics include the rare-earth diphthalocyanine complexes<sup>609,610)</sup> and the viologen derivatives<sup>586,611,612)</sup> and other heterocyclic compounds.

Both solid-state<sup>613,614)</sup> and wet cells are studied.

Electrochromic displays were claimed to be fundamentally unsuited<sup>615)</sup> for matrix addressing. However, in his "Theory of Electrochemical Memory" Beni<sup>616)</sup> stressed that matrix addressing of electrochromic displays should be possible by the choice of appropriate electrolytes which control both threshold and short-circuit memory. The number of lines which can be matrix addressed sequentially is shown to be in the range 10 to 10<sup>5</sup>.

The *Electrophoretic Displays* make use of the migration of charged pigment particles, suspended in an inert solvent (generally a solvent of class 7) which contains a contrasting dye<sup>581,617-619)</sup>. Application of a high intensity electric field drives the particles (TiO<sub>2</sub>, anatase) carrying adsorbed ionic species (from added Na lauryl-sulfate, e.g.<sup>620)</sup> to the oppositely charged electrode. The electrolyte also acts as a dispersant.

*Displays based on Electroplating Reactions* are seldom found in the literature<sup>582,617,621)</sup>. In these devices, reversible plating on to transparent electrodes is used.

A comparison of electro-optic displays by Pankove<sup>622)</sup> includes systems such as light-emitting diodes (LED) and liquid crystal displays (LCD).

## 11.2 Displays with Non-Aqueous Electrolyte Solutions

Investigations on the XWO<sub>3</sub>/WO<sub>3</sub> system in non-aqueous solutions were made with the aim of avoiding corrosion of the electrode by dissolution<sup>591-594)</sup> as was observed in aqueous sulfuric acid solutions. Systems exhibiting Li<sup>+</sup> insertion from non-aqueous electrolyte solutions, e.g. LiClO<sub>4</sub> in AN<sup>592)</sup> or PC<sup>591)</sup> were found to be irreversible<sup>592)</sup> or very slow<sup>591)</sup>, the response times being up to 40 s<sup>591)</sup>. The advantages of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions are a large liquid range and the better memory<sup>591)</sup> of the oxygen-insensitive product accessible in these solvents, namely Li<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>3</sub>. Only a few attempts managed to obtain the advantage of high stability provided by the non-aqueous electrolyte solutions and to avoid at the same time the drawback of slow response. The evaporated WO<sub>3</sub> film electrode was found to be very stable in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/glycerol (1:10) for more than 5 × 10<sup>6</sup> cycles at 0.5 Hz over 6 months<sup>592)</sup>. More than 10<sup>7</sup> cycles and a response time of about 0.5 s were obtained with a highly porous WO<sub>3</sub>-film and 1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/PC solutions<sup>623)</sup>. High Li<sup>+</sup>-ion diffusion coefficients (10<sup>-7</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) in Li<sub>y</sub>M<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>3</sub> (M = Na, K; x ~ 0.6) were determined<sup>624)</sup> from measurements on the cell Li/LiAsF<sub>6</sub> (non-aqueous solvent)/Li<sub>y</sub>M<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>3</sub> showing the influence of structure when compared to those (2.8 × 10<sup>-11</sup> to 2.4 × 10<sup>-12</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, varying with x) for Li<sup>+</sup> in Li<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>3</sub><sup>595)</sup>.

Iridium oxide is a new electrode material with promising properties: good open-circuit memory (loss ~10% in 5 h)<sup>607)</sup>, very fast response at ambient temperatures (<40 ms)<sup>606,607,625)</sup> and still a suitable one at low temperature (<1 s; -25 °C)<sup>625)</sup>. This electrochromic was mainly investigated with aqueous electrolyte solutions<sup>580,605-607,626)</sup> and solid electrolytes<sup>627)</sup>. Non-aqueous electrolyte solutions, LiAsF<sub>6</sub>/2-Me-THF and NaAsF<sub>6</sub>/PC, were used for the insertion of Li<sup>+</sup> and Na<sup>+</sup> by McIntyre et al.<sup>601)</sup>; the reported response times are 10 to 20 s.

Reichmann and Bard<sup>604)</sup> recently reported studies on the Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> electrode. Using a 0.8 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/AN solution Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> could be coloured and bleached over three days without deterioration of the electrode at a response time of 1–2 s, in contrast to an aqueous 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution where hydrogen evolution was observed. Organic electrochromics, e.g. the viologen derivatives, exhibit a remarkable stability also in organic solvents. For example, a 0.1 M solution of N,N'-diheptyl-4,4'-bipyridinium dibromide in a mixture of PC and EG (9:1) containing suspended TiO<sub>2</sub> is claimed to be stable for  $7 \times 10^7$  cycles at 0.3 Hz at a contrast ratio of 20:1<sup>612)</sup>.

Further information on electrochromics can be found in a recent review article by Beni<sup>583)</sup>.

*Electrophoretic Displays* with response times of 10 ms, electrical resistivities of  $10^{10} \Omega \text{ cm}$  and switching energies of  $3 \mu\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$  at an applied field of  $10^4 \text{ V}/\text{cm}$  were obtained with TiO<sub>2</sub>/xylene suspensions. Improvements can probably be made by an appropriate choice of the charge controlling electrolyte (ionic surfactant)<sup>581)</sup> which stabilizes the suspension. Basic information on the conductance behaviour of these large ions in solvents with a very low dielectric constant is given by an investigation on sodium lauryl sulfate and sodium di-2-ethylhexylsulfosuccinate (degree of association  $\sim 10^7$ ). The transient current is strongly dependent on the applied voltage conditions; the steady-state current exhibits non-ohmic behaviour, ionic dissociation and recombination processes being the controlling factors<sup>620)</sup>. Further information on the state of technology is given in the reviews<sup>618, 619)</sup> by Dalisa. The low cost of fabrication and the high contrast over a wide range of viewing angles make electrophoretic displays promising for flat large-scale devices.

*Reversible Electrodeposition* of a silver iodide complex from a solution of 0.3 M AgI and KI or RbI, and I<sub>2</sub> in DMSO or diethyl malonate is an example for the third class of wet non-emissive electro-optic displays<sup>582)</sup>. As long as the silver content of the solution is high enough the solvent did not deteriorate when pulses of 50 V were passed through. The addition of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, for preventing TiO<sub>2</sub> from agglomeration, and the use of RbAg<sub>4</sub>I<sub>5</sub> in DMSO as the solid ion-conductor established a cell which survived more than  $10^7$  cycles when operated at  $< 2 \text{ V}$  drive, the realized response times were  $< 10 \text{ ms}$ .

## XII Photo-Electrochemical Cells

### 12.1 Introduction

The application of the photovoltaic effect for the generation of electrical energy using sunlight as the energy source has reached the stage of commercialisation.

Investigations of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions for application in photo-electrochemical liquid junction cells have only just begun and no predictions concerning their use in commercial cells can be made at present. The better-developed<sup>628)</sup> solid-state technologies have resulted in three lines of approach, based on different photovoltaic materials. These were described recently by Johnston<sup>629)</sup> in his monograph "Solar Voltaic Cells" as "established technologies" for different

requirements: single or semi-crystal Si cells, single crystal GaAs cells and CdS/Cu<sub>2</sub>S cells; the attained efficiencies and fill factors  $((I_m \times V_m)/(I_{sc} \times V_{oc}) < 1$ ;  $I_m$ ,  $V_m$ : current and voltage at point m of the I vs. V-diagram for which  $I \times V$  is maximum;  $I_{sc}$ : short circuit current,  $V_{oc}$ : open circuit voltage) are: 15.5, 0.76 (Si); 20.5, 0.81 (GaAs); and 8.6, 0.71 (CdS/Cu<sub>2</sub>S), respectively<sup>630</sup>.

## 12.2 Liquid-Junction Cells

Two possible configurations are currently being investigated<sup>631-634</sup>, the regenerative and the storage cell. The regenerative cell, where no net overall reaction occurs in the undivided liquid junction containing a redox couple, is used for the direct conversion of solar energy to electricity. The storage cell, where a membrane separates the catholyte and anolyte, converts the solar energy *via* electrochemical redox reactions and stores it as chemical energy. A new approach is energy storage by photo-intercalation<sup>635</sup> using layer-type compounds, e.g. p-ZrSe<sub>2</sub>, in analogy to those in secondary lithium batteries (cf. Sect. 10.5.2). A variant of the storage cell can be used for producing desired chemicals by photo-electrosynthesis<sup>628,636</sup>.

The regenerative cell contains a narrow band-gap semiconductor, generally of n-type in aqueous cells, and a metal counter-electrode. p-Type semiconductors cannot be stabilized in aqueous solutions by redox couples<sup>634</sup>, because the highly negative redox potentials needed would entail the reaction with water. The liquid junction is an electrolyte solution of high conductivity which contains the redox couple, e.g. S<sup>2-</sup>/S<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Se<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup>/Se<sup>2-</sup>, or [Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-/4-</sup>. The illuminated electrode drives the majority carriers, e<sup>-</sup> for n-type, through the semiconductor and the external lead to the counter-electrode where reduction occurs. The minority carriers, h<sup>+</sup> for n-type, move towards the semiconductor-electrolyte interface where oxidation at the photo-anode takes place. We are not aware of any investigations on storage cells with non-aqueous electrolyte solutions. So the following discussion is limited to regenerative cells.

The attractive feature of regenerative cells are the perfect phase contact by the liquid junction<sup>628,637</sup> and the elimination of the energy loss due to absorption in the semiconductor of solid-state cells (electrolyte solutions are transparent to the major part of the solar spectrum<sup>636,637</sup>). High purity of electrode materials is less important in liquid cells<sup>632,636</sup>; polycrystals and thin films may be used<sup>628,636</sup>; the formation of the Schottky-like barrier is technically simpler and hence cheaper than in solid-state cells<sup>628,632</sup>.

As efficiencies of power conversion are beginning to catch up those of dry photovoltaics, several authors have claimed that economically viable liquid-junction cells which challenge solid-state cells<sup>632,636</sup> will become feasible. An economic analysis based on standardized procedures was published recently<sup>638</sup>. It is claimed that liquid-junction cells have already at the time being the potential to meet and exceed the goal required for 1986 by the U.S. National Photovoltaic Program of a cost of 50 ¢ per peak watt, cf. Ref.<sup>629</sup>.

Some problems have to be solved relating to the stability of the photo-anode (photo-degradation)<sup>628,633,639,640</sup> and to the cell performance<sup>638</sup>. Stability criteria for the choice of appropriate redox couples<sup>641-643</sup> were recently discussed by

Gerischer<sup>633</sup>). Non-aqueous solutions provide the advantage of great flexibility for the choice of suitable redox pairs<sup>644,645</sup>, wide anodic and cathodic stability ranges<sup>646</sup>, and change of attackability<sup>635,636</sup>. The stabilization ratio (= redox current/corrosion current) varies in the order of magnitude of  $10^3$  and depends strongly on the organic solvent for the stabilization of n-CdTe with ferrocene<sup>647</sup>. For further aspects see Refs.<sup>635,648-657</sup>, especially for the use of the more stable transition metal dichalcogenides which exhibit d-d-phototransitions without splitting chemical bonds of the semiconductor.

### 12.3 Non-Aqueous Solution in Liquid-Junction Cells

In aqueous cells the best performances of n-type CdS, CdSe, CdTe and GaAs photoanodes were obtained by stabilization with chalcogenide/polychalcogenide redox couples. Noufi and Tench<sup>658</sup> reported an efficiency of 12%–14% using n/n<sup>+</sup> GaAs in selenide/polyselenide solutions for polycrystalline and single crystals of GaAs; the fill factors were 0.67 and 0.8 respectively. The photocurrents in these systems, however, deteriorate with time, especially at high light intensities<sup>659</sup>. Strong specific adsorption of the chalcogenide and the slow two-electron transfer are considered to be reasons for the limited stability<sup>659</sup>.

The main advantages of non-aqueous cells are the flexibility for choosing suitable<sup>644</sup> and less noxious<sup>645</sup> redox pairs, changed attackability, and wider stability ranges (e.g. AN: 5 V; H<sub>2</sub>O: 1.5 V)<sup>646</sup> as already mentioned. Many one-electron redox couples can be photo-oxidized on n-GaAs or photoreduced on p-GaAs at less negative potentials than on Pt<sup>644</sup>. The search for the new and promising intercalation electrodes for storage cells<sup>635</sup> is facilitated by the multitude of possible solvents.

A drawback is the lower conductance of non-aqueous solutions entailing lower fill factors. The investigation of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions for applications in photoelectrochemical cells is still in its swaddling cloths. Only few aspects can be discussed.

The resistance of n-CdSe to photodecomposition varies with solvent in the following order: AN  $\approx$  PC > DMF > EtOH  $\approx$  MeOH  $\gg$  H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>659</sup>. Methanol/[Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-/4-</sup> was chosen for subsequent stability tests because of the high rates of electron transfer and its transparency to most of the solar spectrum. The conversion efficiency for the photo-anode at 85 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> (tungsten-halogen illumination) is reported to be 3.5% at a constant current density of 6 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and the fill factor is 0.56<sup>659</sup>. The anode was completely stabilized by the redox couple and no deterioration of the surface or degradation of the photoresponse were observed<sup>659</sup>. Specific adsorption at the electrode surface and ion pairs in the bulk solution limit the maximum short-circuit current to 17.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> in stirred and 7.5 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> in unstirred solutions<sup>660</sup>. Purity of the solvent is essential<sup>659</sup>.

Langmuir et al. studied the stabilization of n-GaAs photo-anodes by some redox couples (Br<sub>2</sub>/Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sub>2</sub>/I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/I<sup>-</sup>, and ferrocene, acetyl ferrocene, N,N'-tetramethyl-p-phenylenediamine with their appropriate oxidated species) in 0.01 M LiAsF<sub>6</sub> solutions of PC<sup>645</sup>. With the exception of Br<sub>2</sub>/Br<sup>-</sup>, which corroded GaAs even in the dark, these redox couples proved to be suitable. The low efficiencies (up to 7%)



obtained are related to low redox-pair solubilities and low conductivities of the solution. Anthraquinone, p-benzoquinone, ferrocene, dimethylferrocene, hydroxymethylferrocene, and *N,N'*-tetramethyl-p-phenylenediamine were used as depolarizers in n-GaAs/0.2 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub> (AN)/Pt liquid-junction cells<sup>644</sup>. The n-GaAs was operated at potentials (0.1 to -0.6 V vs. SCE) where photodissolution would occur in water: GaAs + 6h<sup>+</sup> → Ga<sup>3+</sup> + As<sup>3+</sup><sup>644</sup>. Using the ferrocene/ferrocinium couple and 0.52 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> of 720–800 nm radiation a maximum energy conversion of 14% (with solar radiation at 9 mA/cm and 0.2 V only 2.4%) was obtained<sup>644</sup>. The complete removal of water is necessary to yield sufficiently high electrode stability. For information about decreased photo-dissolution of photoconductors in AN see the papers of Bard et al. on n- and p-Si<sup>661</sup>, n- and p-GaAs<sup>662</sup>, n-CdS, n-GaP, n-ZnO<sup>663</sup>, n- and p-InP<sup>646</sup>.

The photo-electrochemical generation<sup>664–665</sup> of a conducting film on the photoanode is a new way to prevent photo-anodes from photodegradation. For example, an insoluble and conducting polypyrrole film (10–100 Ω<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) was produced on the n-GaAs anode from a 0.1 M Et<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> acetonitrile solution containing 0.1 M pyrrole at 0.45 V vs. SCE with the help of a tungsten-halogen lamp operating at 50 mW/cm<sup>2</sup><sup>664</sup>. The unprotected anode deteriorated in less than 1 min whereas the protected one was operated for 100 h without deterioration, see Fig. 21<sup>665</sup>. Recently this method was also applied to n-CdTe, n-CdSe, n-CdS and n-Si electrodes which were studied in aqueous and non-aqueous systems<sup>665</sup>.

For further aspects and information the reader is referred to monographs and reviews, Refs. 628, 631, 657, 666–671).

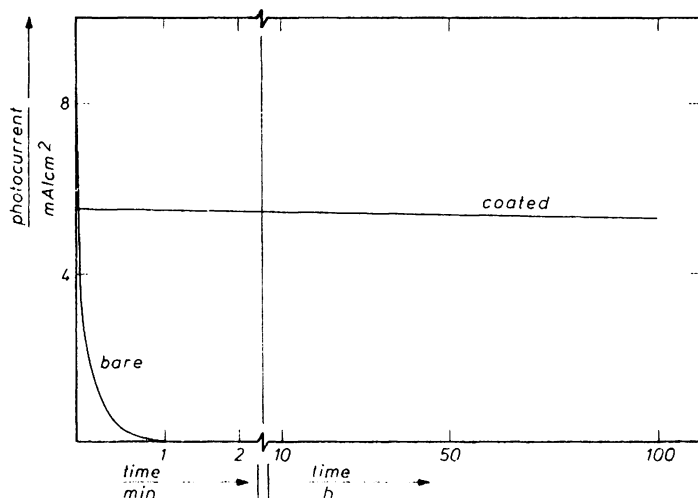


Fig. 21. Short-circuit photocurrent vs. time for bare and polypyrrole-coated n-GaAs electrodes in methanol/0.2 M Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub><sup>3-/4-</sup>, 0.1 M Et<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> solution<sup>665</sup>. (reprinted by permission of the publisher, The Electrochemical Society, Inc.)

## XIII Electrodeposition

### 13.1 Introduction

At first sight, non-aqueous electrolyte solutions are not suitable for the electrodeposition of metals and compounds for many reasons:

- the high costs of solvent and solute combined with high purity requirement;
- complex operating conditions caused by toxicity and flammability;
- poor conductivity (cf. table X);
- low current efficiencies as a frequent consequence of unwanted side reactions such as the decomposition or polymerisation of the solvent which also causes impure metal deposits.

Nevertheless, numerous publications with promising contributions to this field of application show the increasing interest in non-aqueous solutions. Many metals of technological importance cannot be electrodeposited from aqueous solutions because the potentials are so negative that hydrogen evolution would occur instead of metal deposition<sup>672-674</sup>: alkali and earth alkali metals, B, Al, (Ga), Si, the lanthanides, and some of the transition metals (Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, and Ta which are referred to as valve or refractory metals). Some metals, for which deposition from aqueous solutions is thermodynamically favourable, cannot be obtained as pure deposits: W<sup>577, 672, 673</sup>, Mo<sup>577, 672, 673</sup>, and Ge<sup>577, 672</sup>.

Attempts to electroplate the valve metals have so far not been very successful. Takei<sup>674</sup> classifies them as metals which cannot be electrodeposited from either aqueous or non-aqueous solutions because their inner d-orbitals are not filled. They are believed to form strong covalent bonds with ligands. As a consequence metal deposits contain carbon, oxygen or halides.

One commercial application is the deposition of Li from non-aqueous solutions for the use in high energy-density batteries (cf. Sect. X). Coating, especially with Al, was proposed for uranium fuel elements<sup>675, 676</sup>, steel<sup>673, 677</sup>, production of wave guides<sup>672</sup>, high surface-area deposits for electrolytic capacitors<sup>678</sup>, and mirrors<sup>679</sup>. Protective coatings with aluminium are considered to be more efficient than zinc coatings and even cheaper<sup>673</sup>. Electrorefining of Al in non-aqueous solutions may use up to 85% less energy than the fused-salt electrolysis<sup>672, 680</sup> commonly used. The electrodeposition of Be has appealing aspects for the atomic energy industry<sup>681</sup>. A new and intensively researched field is the electrodeposition of semiconducting materials for the production of inexpensive large terrestrial solar cells<sup>682</sup>. This application includes the electrodeposition as thin films of both pure semiconducting metals, such as Ge or Si, and compounds, e.g. CdS and CdSe. A further field of research is the codeposition of metals as alloys by making use of the potential shifts relative to water.

Even metals being depositable from aqueous solutions may be advantageously plated from non-aqueous solutions when special surface properties are wanted, e.g. greater coat thickness or higher cathodic efficiencies<sup>683</sup>.

### 13.2 Selected Examples

The electrodeposition which is commercially most important<sup>577,673)</sup> is that of Al by the NBS process<sup>684,685)</sup>. The plating bath is a mixed electrolyte solution of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (0.2–0.4 M) and  $\text{AlCl}_3$  (3 M) in anhydrous DEE. Attempts have been made to reduce the volatility of solvent (flammability), to improve the operating life of the bath, to increase the current density, and to find substitutes for  $\text{LiAlH}_4$ .

The Etmac bath<sup>676,686)</sup> consisting of a solution of  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{AlHCl}_2$ , and 2-ethoxyethyl trimethylammonium chloride in DEE shows reduced volatility and, furthermore, avoids the restriction through the initial aluminium content of the bath. Aluminium films up to 130  $\mu\text{m}$  thick were obtained with current densities of 0.5 to 15.5  $\text{A}/\text{dm}^2$ .

Commercial baths using THF solutions ( $\text{AlCl}_3:\text{LiAlH}_4 = 5:1$ )<sup>677)</sup> are now available<sup>681)</sup> and smooth and coherent deposits were obtained with high current densities (up to 18  $\text{A}/\text{dm}^2$  without stirring). Additions of benzene were investigated. A THF/benzene bath ( $\text{AlCl}_3:\text{LiAlH}_4 = 3$  to 1)<sup>687)</sup> with a total aluminium concentration  $\geq 0.7$  M shows advantages with regard to volatility, stability, and operating life when compared to the NBS-bath. Deposits were obtained at current densities of up to 10  $\text{A}/\text{dm}^2$  with stirring and the bath is applicable to aluminium refining. In the range of 0 to 50 Vol% of benzene, the specific conductance of these baths is almost independent of solvent composition at high aluminium contents (equimolar  $\text{LiAlH}_4/\text{AlCl}_3$  mixtures, both concentrations at 0.7 M; specific conductance  $4 \times 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ ). For further information on solvent mixtures of THF see<sup>688)</sup>, for other solute mixtures in THF yielding conductivities up to  $10^{-2} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  see<sup>439,689,690)</sup>.

Investigations on  $\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_6$  as the source for aluminium exhibit some interesting features for the system  $\text{KBr}$  (or  $\text{LiBr}$ )/ $\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_6$  toluene<sup>235,237,691–696)</sup>. The analysis of transference numbers and e.m.f. data exhibits triple ions,  $(\text{K}_2[\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_7])^+$  and  $(\text{K}[\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_7]_2)^-$  in equilibrium with  $\text{KBr}$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_6$  as the predominant ionic species<sup>237)</sup>; the observed high conductance of 1 M  $\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_6/0.8$   $\text{KBr}$  ( $6 \times 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1} \times \text{cm}^{-1}$ ) in an inert solvent (toluene), suggests a non-Stokesian (hopping, cf. Sect. 6.3) conductance mechanism<sup>235)</sup>.

Another way of replacing the expensive hydrides of the Etmac bath was reported by Yoshio et al.<sup>697)</sup>. Using DEE solutions of  $\text{Al}_2\text{Br}_6$  and  $\text{LiCl}$  with conductivities of 6 to  $10 \times 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ , current densities of 20 to 100  $\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$  were obtained at efficiencies of essentially 100% giving bright and adherent aluminium coatings. Takei<sup>681)</sup> reports a bath containing  $\text{Al}(\text{CF}_3\text{COO})_3$ , 400  $\text{g}/\text{dm}^3$ , in MeOH for 31% cathode efficiency. Thin and uniform Be films are obtained from  $\text{Be}(\text{CF}_3\text{COO})_2/\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}/\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{AN}$  baths<sup>681)</sup>.

Phosphotungstic acid in THF, DMF and FA with  $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , and citric acid as additives were investigated for tungsten deposition<sup>681)</sup>; X-ray analysis showed tungsten and tungsten oxides as the components of the deposits from FA solutions. From phosphomolybdic acid in FA an analogous result, Mo and Mo-oxides, was obtained<sup>681)</sup>.

Titanium is generally produced by the Kroll or Hunter process and recently also by energy saving deposition from high-temperature salt baths as known for coating<sup>698,699)</sup>. Many attempts have been made<sup>672,700,701)</sup> to replace the high-temperature process with a low-temperature electroplating process. Brenner et al.<sup>701)</sup> listed more

than 50 solvents, but did not succeed in plating Ti as a pure metal. Only Ti/Al deposits containing up to 6% Ti were obtained from a bath containing hydrides and borohydrides. Bialozor and Lisowska<sup>700)</sup> obtained layers about 15  $\mu\text{m}$  thick with a titanium content of 37% by electroreduction of  $\text{TiCl}_4$  in acetonitrile solutions containing  $\text{LiBF}_4$ . The carbon content of the deposit is 60%. Santons and Dymont<sup>702)</sup> electrolysed  $\text{TiCl}_3$  in  $\text{HCl/DMSO}$  solutions and obtained adhesive and homogeneous films up to 75  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness. They claimed the method to be also successful for some other valve metals (Zr, Hf, Nb).

Tantalum coatings are of great technical importance as a consequence of their good high-temperature properties ( $T_F \approx 3000^\circ\text{C}$ ), excellent corrosion resistance, and high thermal conductivity. Matching surfaces with Ta sheets is used technically despite the high cost, poor heat conduction and resulting material stress<sup>703)</sup>. Electrodeposition from salt melts wastes energy and imposes technical problems<sup>703)</sup>. Fischer and Schwabe<sup>703)</sup> investigated deposition from  $\text{TaCl}_5/\text{PC}$  solutions as a function of conductivity, temperature, electrolyte concentration, and current density. They obtained compact Ta coatings containing traces of Cl.

Electrodeposition of silicon can be achieved from PC baths containing tetraalkylammonium chlorides and  $\text{SiHCl}_3$  as the Si source<sup>704)</sup>. Deposits on a variety of materials including low-cost substrates such as the Ti-6 Al-4 V alloy or coated fused silica were made. Both surface morphology and current decay resulting from the increase of electrical resistance of the growing Si film can be controlled by the cation size of the supporting electrolyte,  $\text{R}_4\text{NCl}$ . Bound hydrogen ( $\text{SiH}_2$  or  $\text{SiH}$ ) can be driven off at  $470^\circ\text{C}$ . The amorphous Si film exhibits photoconduction and photovoltaic properties and offers an inexpensive route for solar cell applications.

Recently, the electrodeposition of amorphous silicon was achieved using EG and FA/EG solutions of HF and tetraethyl orthosilicate or silicic acid as the silicon sources<sup>705)</sup>. The conductivity changes from p- to n-type, when doping with phosphorous. This is possible by the addition of triethyl phosphate to an EG solution of HF containing  $10^{-2}$  M tetraethyl orthosilicate<sup>705)</sup>.

For details of the deposition of other semiconducting materials, e.g. CdS, CdSe, Ge, from molten salts and organic solvents the reader is referred to a recent comprehensive review by Elwell<sup>682)</sup>.

## XIV Wet Electrolytic Capacitors

Electrolytic capacitors contain Al, Ta, Nb, Ti, or Zr foil electrodes which are electrolytically oxidized in a dielectric formation process<sup>617, 706-710)</sup>. The oxide films are  $\leq 100$  nm thick<sup>617)</sup>. The most important electrode metals are Al, Ta and Nb with the electrolytically-formed oxides<sup>706, 711-713)</sup>  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$  and  $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$  of static permittivities up to 10<sup>617)</sup>, 28<sup>617, 714)</sup> and 41<sup>714)</sup>, respectively. Aqueous as well as non-aqueous electrolyte solutions are used to establish the contact between the oxide film and the counter-electrode (cathode), especially in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  capacitors<sup>617)</sup>.  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$  capacitors are almost always constructed from solid electrolytes<sup>617)</sup>.

The characteristics of electrolytic capacitors are their high specific capacitance (up to  $400 \mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$ )<sup>711)</sup> and the dielectric oxide layers withstanding the intense electric field (up to  $10^7$  V/cm)<sup>617, 706)</sup>. The main drawback is the high dissipation

factor, especially at high frequencies and low temperatures. The electrolyte is the controlling factor which determines dissipation<sup>706)</sup> and shelf life<sup>715)</sup>. Wet capacitors with non-aqueous electrolyte solutions exhibit wider temperature ranges and higher corrosion resistances than those with aqueous solutions.

The general requirements for the electrolyte solution are almost the same as those for HEBs, *i.e.* low resistivity ( $300 < \rho/(\Omega \text{ cm}) < 2000$ )<sup>707)</sup> over a large temperature range, low vapour pressure of the solvent, and sufficient solubility of the electrolyte. Specific compatibility conditions must be fulfilled. The electrolyte should act as a good oxide-forming agent, maintaining the electrochemical state of repair of the oxide layer during the life time of the capacitor<sup>617, 708)</sup>. Glycol and glycerol with appropriate additives for reducing the water content and for stabilizing the oxide layer, and borates as the solutes are well-known capacitor electrolytes<sup>708, 715, 716)</sup>. Their disadvantages are very high viscosity and temperature coefficient of viscosity which reduce the usable temperature range. Furthermore, the oxide layer is not resistant to this electrolyte at higher temperatures<sup>715)</sup>.

Improvements in capacitor electrolytes are obtained by optimizing binary and ternary solvent mixtures and using appropriate additives. Some examples may illustrate this field of application. Capacitors using N-methylformamide and N-ethylformamide solutions of triethylammonium maleate and monomethylammonium maleate were studied over a large temperature range ( $-65^\circ\text{C} < \theta < 85^\circ\text{C}$ )<sup>717)</sup>. Solvent mixtures of PC (35.5–43.5 weight %),  $\gamma$ -BL (35.5–43%), and NMA (1.4 to 16.2%) with tetramethylguanidine, picric acid, and citric acid as the electrolytes<sup>718)</sup> show increased lifetime. Low specific resistance ( $140 \Omega \text{ cm}$ ;  $50^\circ\text{C}$ ) was found for glycol/DMF solutions of p-nitrobenzoic acid, neutralized by diethylamine in the temperature range  $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq \theta \leq 100^\circ\text{C}$ <sup>719)</sup>. Capacitors using DMF or one of its homologues and the azeotropic mixture of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and acetic acid show a long shelf-life and improved low-temperature performance<sup>720)</sup>.  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ <sup>715, 720)</sup> and  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ <sup>721)</sup> were proposed as deterioration inhibitors. For further information concerning the use of non-aqueous solutions see<sup>617, 709, 710, 712, 716, 722–724)</sup>. Information on the electric breakdown in wet electrolytic capacitors can be found in Refs.<sup>725–730)</sup>.

A new promising type of electrolyte capacitor making use of the double-layer capacitance at large surface electrodes was recently proposed<sup>731, 732)</sup>. Only capacitors with aqueous electrolyte solutions have so far been investigated. They can attain capacities up to  $1 \text{ F/cm}^2$  and energy densities up to  $25 \text{ W h/l}$ . They may be used to protect memories during brief circuit interruptions instead of batteries. Because of water decomposition only voltages up to  $0.9 \text{ V}$  can be applied. Consideration should be given to the use of non-aqueous electrolyte solutions which would permit the application of higher voltages, *cf.* Ref.<sup>731)</sup>.

## XV Electro-Organic Synthesis

### 15.1 Disappointments and Advantages

Swann's "Bibliography of Electro-Organic Synthesis 1801-1975" contains about 12,000 citations involving electro-synthesis reactions<sup>733–735)</sup>. Only a handful have reached large-scale commercialization<sup>733, 736)</sup>. Based on Swann's work, Beck, Alkire

and Weinberg compared the energy requirements of further possible candidates for electrochemical synthesis on the large tonnage scale ( $>10^4$  t/year) with the conventional routes<sup>737)</sup>.

Despite this disappointing situation, numerous examples in open and patent literature indicate continuous research activity in both the academic and industrial field. "Fossil fuels for energy and feedstocks are dwindling rapidly, environmental legislation is becoming increasingly demanding"<sup>738)</sup>, and "industrial countries are moving increasingly towards an electrical economy"<sup>739)</sup>. The reconsideration of the possibilities made available by electro-organic synthesis is useful when taking into account the actual situation. "It seems likely, indeed, that the one-generation future will bring an electro-chemical industry which will be more than half of chemical industry and indeed it seems likely to guess that in a two-generation future chemical industry will become largely electrochemical"; this forecast<sup>740)</sup> is very optimistic but should stimulate us to do everything possible in this field of application.

The advantages of electro-organic synthetic methods are obvious:

- pollution-free oxidation and reduction carried out without oxidizing or reducing agents and without catalysts;
- controlled reaction rates;
- high selectivity when the potential along the electrode surface is uniform<sup>741)</sup>;
- fewer reaction steps;
- simplified product recovery and purification.

Reaction intermediates such as radicals, carbonium ions, carbanions, cation and anion radicals, dications and dianions can be produced. For example, six reversible redox reactions of 9,9'-bianthryl-10,10'-dicarbonitrile in 0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ /propionitrile solution yield a spectrum of products ranging from the tetra-anion to the dication<sup>742)</sup>.

The energy to overcome the reaction barrier is introduced by electrical energy, which can be finely tuned, instead of thermal energy and thus can be applied at low temperatures to thermally-sensitive compounds<sup>739)</sup>. The processes offer great ease in monitoring the reactions and are suitable for continuous and automatic operation<sup>743)</sup>. Spontaneous electrochemical reactions which produce chemicals and electric energy simultaneously, e.g. electrogenerative halogenation<sup>740, 744)</sup>, and electro-initiated polymerizations<sup>746)</sup> are further promising fields.

However, parameters concerning the electrode potential, electrode material, current density, electric field, conductance, and absorption must be controlled and optimized in addition to the usual ones, *i.e.* concentrations, temperature, pressure, and time<sup>738, 747, 748)</sup>. Scaling up of electrode reactions, which depend on the reactor surface instead of reactor volume as usual, is difficult and expensive<sup>736, 738)</sup>. Fabrication of appropriate electrodes and cell design require new technologies<sup>738)</sup>. Some typical examples are given for illustration.

Jansson and Tomov<sup>749)</sup> studied the dehydromerisation of diethyl malonate in KI/AN using six types of cell. The cell performance depends on the proper mixing for high ( $>40\%$ ) conversion and on the choice of the electrolyte and solute concentrations at low ( $<40\%$ ) conversion. The reduction of nitrobenzene yields nine products depending only on the electrolyte solution and the electrode material<sup>738)</sup>. Alkire and Gould<sup>741)</sup> published an engineering model for continuous

flow-through porous electrodes. They studied the multiple-reaction sequence (EEC) in the oxidation of 9,10-diphenylanthracene using 0.2 Et<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub>/AN as the electrolyte solution. The excellent agreement of 4% deviation of experience and model calculation shows the benefit of such models for estimating the influence of the reaction cell parameters and for scaling up the process. Further optimization calculations for electrochemical processes and cell design can be found in Refs. <sup>733, 747, 748, 750-753</sup>.

Recently numerous investigations have been carried out in non-aqueous solutions, many of them with mechanistical orientation, see <sup>733, 736, 743, 745, 754-771</sup>. The work devoted to the study of fuel cells and high-energy batteries stimulated <sup>743</sup> electro-organic synthesis. Appropriate solvent properties for organic reactants and reaction products, the wide range of polarity which can be achieved, the large range of electrolytic inactivity (up to  $> \pm 3$  V) far beyond that of water, fast electron transfer, and new and unusual types of reaction favour the use of non-aqueous solvents. For electro-activity ranges depending on the supporting electrolyte see Refs. <sup>41, 759, 772</sup>; e.g., the use of supporting electrolytes with BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> anions in AN even permits the electrochemical study of allylic or tertiary C—H bonds <sup>773</sup>. Non-aqueous solvents can be selected for stabilizing reactive intermediates, for acting as a reactant or favouring a variety of desired reaction paths.

The main problems in industrial processes are the costs of highly purified solvents and the ohmic drop across the cell resulting in energy wastage. For example, the inactive range of a 0.1 M DMSO solution of NaClO<sub>4</sub> (Pt-electrode) is diminished markedly by the residual water content <sup>774</sup>. The drawback due to poor conductivity could be overcome by the use of mixed solvents and weakly-associating electrolytes, cf. battery electrolytes (Sect. X). Comprehensive information can be found in monographs and reviews, Refs. <sup>733, 735, 736, 743, 745, 754-758, 760-764, 766-771, 775</sup>.

## 15.2 The Influence of Electrolyte Solutions on Reactions

The general conditions for the choice of appropriate solvents and solvent mixtures concerning solvent classes, permittivity, viscosity, etc. are given in Section X. Supplementary conditions may result from requirements of solution structure near to the electrode or from the properties of intermediate reaction products as the new solutes in the solution. Solvation and ion-pair formation of these species depend strongly on the electrolyte solution, cf. Section VII, and control both reaction path and reaction rate. Some examples may illustrate these features.

The reaction rate of the electrohydrodimerization of 1,2-diacetated olefines in DMF solutions is significantly increased by adding alkali-metal salts <sup>776</sup> to a solution containing Bu<sub>4</sub>NI as a consequence of ion-pair formation with the intermediate radical anion. Formation of ion pairs and possibly of higher aggregates with the benzil radical anion is discussed in the electrochemical reduction of benzil in DMSO, DMF, and AN solutions containing Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub> and alkali metal perchlorates <sup>777</sup>; voltametric measurements show fast reversible association reactions of the benzil radical anion with the alkali metal ions whereas Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup> exhibits only weak ion-pair formation.

The cation plays an important role <sup>778</sup> in the electrochemical formation of the commercially important mono- and disubstituted N-alkyl formamides from CO in

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MeOH and alkylamine solutions. The use of 0.2 M  $\text{Et}_4\text{NBr}$ ,  $\text{Et}_4\text{NBF}_4$ ,  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$  or  $\text{NaBF}_4$  results in high yields (1 mol/F), that of ammonium salts gives no yield at all. Alcoholate ions, which can be formed only in the presence of  $\text{R}_4\text{N}^+$  and  $\text{Na}^+$ , catalyze the reaction; the catalyst is believed to be highly concentrated in the diffusional electrical double layer, especially when  $\text{R}_4\text{N}^+$  are the cations.

The reductive cyclotetramerization of CO to squarate ions has been extensively studied in DMF, HMPT, diglyme, THF,  $\text{NH}_3$ , AN and DME using  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$  as the supporting electrolyte, in DMF with  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , KBr, LiCl,  $\text{NaN}_3$  and some  $\text{R}_4\text{N}^+$  salts and in DME with  $\text{LiClO}_4$ . It is another example where ionic effects occur<sup>779</sup>: large cations and anions give high yields, small cations and anions poor ones.

### 15.3 Selected Examples from Actual Investigations

Just as in the preceding sections, only a few examples from the recent literature will be given to illustrate the various types of research and application.

The electrochemical synthesis of tetraalkyl lead by the Nalco process<sup>733, 736, 760, 780, 781</sup> is carried out in mixed ethers as a large-scale industrial process.

The potential shortage of hydrocarbons as raw materials may favour<sup>755, 782</sup> reactions with small molecules. Carbon dioxide is reduced to oxalic acid in aprotic solvents (DMF, AN, PC) containing tetraalkylammonium salts<sup>783-786</sup>. Oxalate and succinate are obtained by electroreduction of  $\text{CO}_2/\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  mixtures in DMF or HMPT at elevated pressure<sup>787</sup>. Carbon monoxide is reduced to squaric acid at high pressures in DMF, HMPT, and THF solutions of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$ <sup>788</sup>. Organic carbonates at high pressure (100 atm) were synthesized by electrolysis of a solution of CO in the appropriate alcohol in the presence of various halides which also act as catalysts (e.g.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Br}$ )<sup>789</sup>; these important solvents are thus available without the use of phosgene and the problem of the disposal of hydrochloric acid. For further use of CO as a starting material see<sup>778, 779</sup>. Cyclic sulfones of high purity are produced by reduction of  $\text{SO}_2$  in AN solutions in presence of some dibromides<sup>790</sup>, symmetric  $\text{R}-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}$ <sup>791</sup> or non-symmetric  $\text{R}-\text{SO}-\text{R}'$ <sup>792</sup> sulfones in presence of alkyl halides or a mixtures of two alkyl halides, respectively.

Monomethoxylated amides, used for the preparation of vinylamides, were obtained in yields up to 100% by anodic oxidation of N,N-dialkylamides in methanol solutions of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ <sup>793</sup>. N—N coupling can be achieved by anodic oxidation, e.g., amide anions of secondary amines in  $\text{LiClO}_4/\text{THF}$  yield tetrasubstituted hydrazines<sup>794</sup>; monosubstituted sulfamide anions in MeOH are oxidized to azo compounds which can be cathodically reduced to symmetrically-substituted hydrazines, and imidodisulfonate trisanions to hydrazine tetrasulfonate which can be converted to hydrazine.

Heterocyclic compounds (e.g. indazoles) have been synthesized<sup>795</sup> by anodic oxidation of hydrazones, in  $\text{LiClO}_4/\text{AN}$ . Tetrazolium salts are obtained by oxidation of formazans in  $\text{Et}_4\text{NClO}_4/\text{AN}$ , see<sup>796</sup>.

Anodic coupling of vinyl ethers, phenols and phenol ethers is claimed to be promising<sup>797</sup> for the synthesis of natural products and medicaments, e.g. cyclization of methoxybibenzyls in  $\text{LiClO}_4/\text{AN}$ <sup>798, 799</sup>. Dimethoxydihydrofuran, a sales product



for disinfectants, can be produced without pollution by methoxylation of furan in  $\text{NH}_4\text{Br}/\text{MeOH}$ . Nohe<sup>800</sup>) has made an economic comparison with the competing conventional route and the effect of cell design on this process is reported by Jansson and Fleischmann<sup>801</sup>). Lelandais<sup>754</sup>) refers to acetimidation reactions in  $\text{LiClO}_4/\text{AN}$  and  $\text{Et}_4\text{NBF}_4/\text{AN}$ <sup>802, 803</sup>) as a promising route to pharmaceutically active products. The trifluoroacetoxylation of chlorobenzene in  $\text{CF}_3\text{COONa}/\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  is carried out<sup>804</sup>) with 94% product yield at 70% current efficiency. The products may be hydrolyzed to the corresponding phenol, resorcinol or pyro-catechol derivatives and hence can be used as a simple way to the technically-interesting 4-chlororesorcinol. Production of dimethylsebacate by the Kolbe synthesis in aqueous methanol is a further process which has reached the pilot stage<sup>733, 736, 800</sup>). Studying the Kolbe-synthesis with  $\text{CF}_3\text{COONa}$ ,  $\text{CF}_2\text{ClCOONa}$  and  $\text{CF}_2\text{BrCOONa}$  in  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6/\text{AN}$  solutions Waeﬂer and Tissot<sup>805</sup>) obtained the difluorocarbene as a by-product at room temperature from  $\text{CF}_2\text{BrCOONa}$ , the Kolbe synthesis being the main reaction.

A pilot process for production of dihydrophthalic acid used dioxane-water mixtures<sup>736, 738, 800, 806</sup>). The influence of further organic co-solvents on yields is discussed by Nohe<sup>807</sup>). Pletcher and Razaq have accomplished<sup>808</sup>) the electrochemical reduction of 2,3,5-tribromothiophene to 3-bromothiophene, in NaBr solution, 0.2 M in aqueous dioxane (70% dioxane), with high current efficiencies. This process could replace the conventional reduction with a three-fold excess of Zn, which leads to the disposal of waste containing  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ . Acetophenone may be electrochemically reduced to ethylbenzene in acidified ( $\text{HClO}_4/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) ethanol. This is a further example for avoiding the problems allied with the use of metal powders in reductions<sup>809</sup>).

Aqueous  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$ /trioxane solution proved to be an efficient medium for the reduction of benzene to cyclohexadiene<sup>810</sup>). The advantage of trioxane when compared to dioxane results from the higher conductivity of its electrolyte solutions and the possibility of applying more negative potentials.

The use of solid polymer-electrodes is a new technique in electro-organic synthesis avoiding the supporting electrolyte and the side reactions caused by it. For example, Ogumi et al.<sup>811</sup>) hydrogenated olefine double bonds in EtOH, DEE, and hexane without supporting electrolyte.

The application of polymer-coated electrodes was already discussed for high energy batteries (doped polyacetylenes, Sect. X) and liquid junction solar cells (conducting polypyrrole films, Sect. XII). Further information on the application of polymer-modified electrodes can be found in recent reviews<sup>812, 821-823</sup>).

Baizer has critically reviewed<sup>767</sup>) the prospects for further application of organic electrosynthesis and has compiled a list of conditions for the successful use of this technique. The main suggestions were: use of electrochemical methods in oxidation or reduction processes, where stoichiometric concentrations of oxidants or reductants, especially exotic ones, cf. Refs.<sup>733, 770, 806</sup>), are needed in conventional synthesis; the use of an electro-organic synthesis where it is the only successful approach; finally in small-scale processes, e.g. the production of medicinals or fine chemicals. These and further suggestions may be found in Refs.<sup>733, 754, 769, 770</sup>). For further information, concerning other examples of electro-synthesis, the reader is referred to recent reviews published by Lelandais<sup>754</sup>), Fioshin<sup>755</sup>), Baizer<sup>767</sup>), K oster

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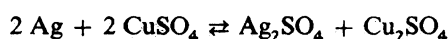
and Wendt<sup>806)</sup>, Pletcher<sup>760)</sup>, and Schäfer<sup>770)</sup>, and the volume 75 of the American Chemical Engineers Symposium Series<sup>733)</sup>.

## XVI Further Promising Fields of Application

Some applications of interest which cannot be subsumed under the headings of the previous sections are still to be mentioned.

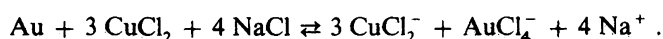
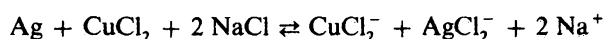
### 16.1 Processes Based on Solvating Properties

Parker<sup>813)</sup> developed the energy and capital-cost-saving "roast-leach-disproportionation process" for sulfide concentrates of Cu and Ag. The process makes use of the different solvating powers of AN and H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively. The equilibria



are shifted to Cu<sup>+</sup> and Ag<sup>+</sup> which are strongly solvated by AN when adding an acidified AN/H<sub>2</sub>O solution. In contrast, pure water favours the Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion and the pure metals. As a consequence materials containing impure copper or silver may be leached using acidified CuSO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O/AN solutions; subsequent distillation of AN from the solution yields the purified metal; the waste heat of the roast process can be advantageously used for carrying out the distillation. The energy saving (>50%) and the reduction in capital cost (>60%) of this process as compared to an electrolytic copper refinery are impressive.

Using the same principles, waste materials such as cement silver, silver halide residues and circuit boards can be recovered<sup>813)</sup> using CuCl<sub>2</sub> as the oxidant in NaCl/DMSO solutions. The anions CuCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, AgCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> and AuCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> are strongly solvated in DMSO in contrast to water.



Addition of water to these solutions yields gold metal or silver chloride precipitates, because the Cl<sup>-</sup> ion is strongly solvated in water. It should be mentioned that these processes do not involve pyrometallurgical steps.

The two-phase battery Zn/ZnBr<sub>2</sub>, (H<sub>2</sub>O)/Zn(Br<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (dipolar aprotic solvent)/insoluble electrode is a further example<sup>813)</sup> using the stronger solvation of halide ions by dipolar aprotic solvents when compared to water. As a further advantage of different solvent solvation powers the Br<sub>2</sub> is kept away from the Zn electrode. The battery with an overall efficiency of about 60% at 20 mA/cm charge-discharge

current densities and an open-circuit voltage of 1.76 V is claimed to have some promise for load-levelling applications.

For further aspects of solvating properties which have been used technically see Ref. <sup>813)</sup> and literature quoted there.

## 16.2 Electropolishing

Electropolishing is a technique where non-aqueous solutions are applied to even out surface irregularities. A bath for polishing Mo, V, Al, Fe, and U/V alloys consists of a 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/MeOH solution <sup>814)</sup>; HClO<sub>4</sub> (5–20 %)/MeOH can be used for Al, Cu, Pb, Sn, and Fe <sup>815)</sup>.

## 16.3 Anodic Oxidation of Semiconductors

Anodic oxidation is used commercially in the production of metal-oxide semiconductor (MOS) devices on GaAs <sup>816,817)</sup>. The production of As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> films is best carried out with glycol/water or propane-1,2-diol as the solvents. The resulting stable oxide films exhibit 10<sup>5</sup> to 10<sup>8</sup> times higher resistivities than those from aqueous anodization. Glycol can be replaced by other protic solvents, e.g. N-methylacetamide <sup>818)</sup>.

Electrochemical etching and electropolishing of semiconductors are further techniques which should be mentioned. The reader is referred to Ref. <sup>819)</sup>.

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## XVIII Appendices

### A Solvent and Electrolyte Data

#### A.1 Properties of Organic Solvents

Reliable data of organic solvents are needed for the control of purity as well as for the parameters in the equations expressing the concentration dependence of the properties of electrolyte solutions. Table A-I contains a selection of currently used solvents which are arranged in classes according to the principles given in Section II, cf. also Table I. Data are given for 25 °C if not indicated otherwise.

Improvements of the purification processes and new methods of purity control have provided data which often deviate significantly from the traditionally used ones. As far as we are aware of trustworthy new data these are given in Table A-I.

Table A-I. Properties of organic solvents

Solvent	Abbreviation	$\theta_F$ °C	$\theta_B$ °C	$\epsilon$	$\eta$ cP	$\rho$ g ml <sup>-1</sup>	DN <sup>110,130)</sup> kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	$E_T$ <sup>111)</sup> kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	AN <sup>112-114,130)</sup>
1. Amphiprotic <sup>103)</sup> hydroxylic <sup>104)</sup> solvents									
Methanol	MeOH	-97.68 <sup>1,2)</sup>	64.515 <sup>3)</sup>	32.63 <sup>4-7)</sup>	0.542 <sup>4,7)</sup>	0.7863 <sub>6</sub> <sup>8,9)</sup>	19.1	55.5	41.5
Ethanol	EtOH	-114.15 <sup>1,10)</sup>	78.293 <sup>11)</sup>	24.35 <sup>4,12)</sup>	1.087 <sup>12,13)</sup>	0.7849 <sub>5</sub> <sup>8,9)</sup>	19.6	51.9	37.9
1-Propanol	PrOH	-126.2 <sup>1,2)</sup>	97.151 <sup>11)</sup>	20.33 <sub>3</sub> <sup>4,14)</sup>	1.96 <sub>8</sub> <sup>7,15,16)</sup>	0.7995 <sup>7,8,9,16)</sup>		50.7	37.3
2-Propanol	i-PrOH	-87.90 <sup>10)</sup>	82.242 <sup>11)</sup>	19.40 <sup>7,17)</sup>	2.08 <sup>18,19)</sup>	0.7809 <sub>7</sub> <sup>9,18,19)</sup>		48.6	33.6
1-Butanol	BuOH	-88.62 <sup>1)</sup>	117.725 <sup>11)</sup>	17.43 <sup>14)</sup>	2.61 <sup>15,20)</sup>	0.8057 <sub>5</sub> <sup>9,20)</sup>		50.2	36.8
2-Butanol	i-BuOH	-114.7 <sup>1,2)</sup>	99.512 <sup>11)</sup>	16.7 <sup>1,21)</sup>	3.18 <sup>1); 30 °C</sup>	0.8023 <sub>9</sub> <sup>9,22)</sup>		47.1	
1,2-Ethanediol	EG	-13 <sup>1)</sup>	197.3 <sup>1)</sup>	40.8 <sup>23)</sup>	16.6 <sup>24,25,101)</sup>	1.109 <sub>5</sub> <sup>24,25,101)</sup>		56.3	(42.8)
Glycerol		18.18 <sup>1)</sup>	290.0 <sup>1)</sup>	42.5 <sup>1)</sup>	945 <sup>1)</sup>	1.2551 <sup>1); 30 °C</sup>			(44.3)
Diethylene glycol	DEG	-6.5 <sup>1)</sup>	244.8 <sup>1)</sup>	31 <sup>23,26)</sup>	17.4 <sup>27); 30 °C</sup>	1.116 <sup>23,27)</sup>		53.8	
Triethylene glycol	TEG	-4.3 <sup>1)</sup>	288.0 <sup>1)</sup>	23.4 <sup>26)</sup>	49.0 <sup>1); 20 °C</sup>	1.1235 <sup>1); 20 °C</sup>		53.5	
2-Methoxyethanol	MOE	-85.1 <sup>1)</sup>	124.6 <sup>1)</sup>	17.0 <sup>7,28)</sup>	1.53 <sub>5</sub> <sup>7,29)</sup>	0.9601 <sub>4</sub> <sup>7)</sup>		52.3	
Cyclohexanol		25.15 <sup>1)</sup>	161.1 <sup>1)</sup>	15.0 <sup>1)</sup>	41.067 <sup>1)</sup>	0.9684 <sup>1)</sup>		46.9	
Benzylalcohol		-15.3 <sup>1)</sup>	205.45 <sup>1)</sup>	13.27 <sup>30)</sup>	4.650 <sup>1); 30 °C</sup>	1.0424 <sup>31)</sup>		50.8	(31.2)
2. Amphiprotic protogenic <sup>103)</sup> solvents									
Acetic Acid		16.66 <sup>1)</sup>	117.90 <sup>1)</sup>	6.20 <sup>34); 20 °C</sup>	1.13 <sub>5</sub> <sup>32,33)</sup>	1.0436 <sup>1,33)</sup>		51.2	52.9
3. Protophilic <sup>103)</sup> H-bond donor <sup>104)</sup> solvents									
Formamide	FA	2.5 <sub>5</sub> <sup>1,38)</sup>	218 <sup>38)</sup>	109.5 <sup>36,37)</sup>	3.3 <sub>0</sub> <sup>37-39)</sup>	1.129 <sub>3</sub> <sup>35,38,40,41)</sup>	24	56.6	39.8
N-Methylformamide	NMF	-5.4 <sup>38)</sup>	180-185 <sup>1,38)</sup>	186.9 <sup>42)</sup>	1.65 <sup>1,38)</sup>	0.998244 <sup>43)</sup>		54.1	32.1
N-Methylacetamide	NMA	30.56 <sup>44)</sup>	206 <sup>1)</sup>	171.7 <sup>45); 35 °C</sup>	3.38 <sub>7</sub> <sup>45,46); 35 °C</sup>	0.94553 <sup>46); 35 °C</sup>		52.0	(33.7)
1,2-Diaminoethane	DAE	11.3 <sup>1)</sup>	117.26 <sup>1)</sup>	1.54 <sup>1)</sup>	12.9 <sup>1)</sup>	0.8922 <sup>60)</sup>	55	42.0	20.9

2-Pyrrolidinone		25 <sup>1)</sup>	245 <sup>1)</sup>	33 <sup>60)</sup>	13.3 <sup>1)</sup>	1.107 <sup>1)</sup>			
2-Aminoethanol		10.53 <sup>1)</sup>	170.95 <sup>1)</sup>	37.72 <sup>1)</sup>	19.346 <sup>1)</sup>	1.01159 <sup>1)</sup>	51.8	33.7	
Morpholine		— 3.1 <sup>1)</sup>	128.94 <sup>1)</sup>	7.42 <sup>1)</sup>	1.792 <sup>1)</sup> ; 30 °C	0.99547 <sup>1)</sup>			17.5
4. Aprotic protophilic <sup>103)</sup> solvents									
Dimethylformamide	DMF	— 60.44 <sup>47)</sup>	153.0 <sup>1)</sup>	36.71 <sup>1)</sup>	0.793 <sub>9</sub> <sup>48)</sup>	0.9438 <sub>7</sub> <sup>40,48)</sup>	26.6	43.8	16.0
Diethylformamide	DEF		178.3 <sup>106)</sup>	28.4 <sup>42)</sup>	1.139 <sup>105)</sup>	0.9017 <sup>105,42)</sup>	30.9		
Dimethylacetamide	DMA	— 20 <sup>1)</sup>	166.1 <sup>1)</sup>	37.78 <sup>1)</sup>	0.927 <sup>105)</sup>	0.9350 <sup>105)</sup>	27.8	43.7	13.6
Diethylacetamide	DEA		184 <sup>106)</sup>	30.4 <sup>42)</sup>	1.226 <sup>105)</sup>	0.904 <sup>105,42)</sup>	32.3		
1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinone	NMP	— 24.4 <sup>1)</sup>	202 <sup>1)</sup>	32.0 <sup>1)</sup>	1.663 <sup>105)</sup>	1.0286 <sup>105)</sup>	27.3	42.2	13.3
Hexamethylphosphoric triamide	HMPT	7.20 <sup>1)</sup>	233 <sup>1)</sup>	29.6 <sup>49-51)</sup>	3.22 <sub>4</sub> <sup>50,52)</sup>	1.0201 <sup>49,52)</sup>	38.8	40.9	10.6
Pyridine	PY	— 41.55 <sup>1)</sup>	115.256 <sup>1)</sup>	12.4 <sup>1)</sup> ; 21 °C	0.884 <sup>1)</sup>	0.97824 <sup>1)</sup>	33.1	40.2	14.2
Tetramethylurea	TMU	— 1.2 <sup>1)</sup>	175.2 <sup>1)</sup>	23.5 <sup>53,107)</sup>	1.39 <sub>8</sub> <sup>53,107)</sup>	0.9619 <sup>53,107)</sup>	29.6	41.0	(9.8)
Dimethylsulfoxide	DMSO	18.54 <sup>1)</sup>	189.0 <sup>1)</sup>	46.5 <sup>54-57)</sup>	1.99 <sub>2</sub> <sup>54,56-58)</sup>	1.0955 <sup>41,55-57)</sup>	29.8	45.0	19.3
5. Aprotic protophobic <sup>103)</sup> solvents									
Acetonitrile	AN	— 48.835 <sup>1)</sup>	81.60 <sup>1)</sup>	35.95 <sup>7,59,61)</sup>	0.341 <sup>5,59,61)</sup>	0.7767 <sub>5</sub> <sup>5,7,59,61)</sup>	14.1	46.0	18.9
Propionitrile	PN	— 92.78 <sup>1)</sup>	97.35 <sup>1)</sup>	27.2 <sup>1)</sup> ; 20 °C	0.389 <sup>1)</sup> ; 30 °C	0.77682 <sup>1)</sup>	16.1	43.7	
Benzonitrile	BN	— 12.75 <sup>1)</sup>	191.10 <sup>1)</sup>	25.20 <sup>1)</sup>	1.237 <sup>62)</sup>	1.0006 <sup>1)</sup>	11.9	42.0	15.5
Acetone		— 94.7 <sup>1)</sup>	56.29 <sup>1)</sup>	20.56 <sup>16,55)</sup>	0.303 <sup>16,55,63)</sup>	0.7843 <sub>5</sub> <sup>16,55,63)</sup>	17.0	42.2	12.5
2-Butanone	MEK	— 86.69 <sup>1)</sup>	79.64 <sup>1)</sup>	18.04 <sub>5</sub> <sup>7)</sup>	0.368 <sup>7)</sup>	0.7996 <sub>6</sub> <sup>7)</sup>		41.3	
3-Pentanone		— 38.97 <sup>1)</sup>	101.99 <sup>1)</sup>	17.00 <sup>1)</sup> ; 20 °C	0.442 <sup>1)</sup>	0.80945 <sup>1)</sup>		39.3	
Acetophenone		19.62 <sup>1)</sup>	202.0 <sup>1)</sup>	17.48 <sup>64)</sup>	1.511 <sup>1)</sup> ; 30 °C	1.02382 <sup>1)</sup>		41.3	
Nitromethane	NM	— 28.55 <sup>1)</sup>	101.20 <sup>1)</sup>	38.0 <sup>65)</sup>	0.62 <sup>1,65)</sup>	1.131 <sup>1,65)</sup>	2.7	46.3	20.5
Nitrobenzene	NB	5.76 <sup>1)</sup>	210.80 <sup>1)</sup>	34.82 <sup>1,66)</sup>	1.818 <sup>67)</sup>	1.1985 <sup>67,68)</sup>	4.4	42.0	14.8
Sulfolane	TMS	28.45 <sup>1)</sup>	287.3 <sup>1)</sup>	43.3 <sub>0</sub> <sup>56,69)</sup> ; 30 °C	10.28 <sub>7</sub> <sup>1,56,69)</sup> ; 30 °C	1.261 <sub>9</sub> <sup>56,69,70)</sup> ; 30 °C	14.8	44.0	19.2

Table A-I. (continued)

Solvent	Abbreviation	$\theta_F$ °C	$\theta_B$ °C	$\epsilon$	$\eta$ cP	$\rho$ g ml <sup>-1</sup>	DN <sup>110,130)</sup> kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	$E_T$ <sup>111)</sup> kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	AN <sup>112-114,130)</sup>
Ethylene carbonate	EC	36.5 <sup>71)</sup>	238 <sup>1)</sup>	90.36 <sup>72,73)</sup> ; 40 °C	1.9 <sup>71,73,74)</sup> ; 40 °C	1.321 <sub>4</sub> <sup>71-74)</sup> ; 40 °C	16.4		
Propylene carbonate	PC	- 54.53 <sup>75)</sup>	242 <sup>60)</sup>	64.9 <sub>3</sub> <sup>7,76)</sup>	2.51 <sub>2</sub> <sup>7,77)</sup>	1.199 <sub>6</sub> <sup>7,77)</sup>	15.1	46.6	18.3
$\gamma$ -Butyrolactone	$\gamma$ -BL	- 43.53 <sup>1)</sup>	204 <sup>1)</sup>	39.1 <sup>78)</sup>	1.7315 <sup>78)</sup>	1.1242 <sup>78)</sup>			(18.6)
Acetic anhydride		- 73.1 <sup>1)</sup>	140.0 <sup>1)</sup>	20 <sup>79)</sup> ; 30 °C	0.8 <sup>79)</sup> ; 30 °C	1.0686 <sup>79)</sup> ; 30 °C	10.5	43.9	
Tributylphosphate	TBP	< -80 <sup>1)</sup>	289 <sup>1)</sup>	7.959 <sup>1)</sup> ; 30 °C	3.39 <sup>1)</sup>	0.9760 <sup>1)</sup>	23.7		9.9
6. Low permittivity-electron donor <sup>104)</sup> solvents									
Diethyl ether	DEE	-116.3 <sup>1)</sup>	34.55 <sup>1)</sup>	4.33 <sup>80)</sup>	0.242 <sup>1)</sup> ; 20 °C	0.70760 <sup>1)</sup>	19.2	34.6	3.9
Diisopropyl ether		- 85.5 <sup>1)</sup>	68.3 <sup>1)</sup>	3.88 <sup>1)</sup>	0.379 <sup>1)</sup>	0.7182 <sup>1)</sup>		34.0	
1,4-Dioxane	DI	11.80 <sup>1)</sup>	101.320 <sup>1)</sup>	2.21 <sup>1,81)</sup>	1.20 <sub>4</sub> <sup>82,83)</sup>	1.0280 <sub>5</sub> <sup>67,82,84)</sup>	14.8	36.0	10.8
Tetrahydrofuran	THF	-108.5 <sup>1)</sup>	65.965 <sup>85)</sup>	7.4 <sub>3</sub> <sup>86-88)</sup>	0.45 <sub>9</sub> <sup>86-88)</sup>	0.8819 <sup>89,90)</sup>	20.0	37.4	8.0
1,2-Dimethoxyethane	DME	- 58 <sup>1)</sup>	84.50 <sup>91)</sup>	7.07 <sub>5</sub> <sup>92)</sup>	0.40 <sub>7</sub> <sup>7,92)</sup>	0.8612 <sub>2</sub> <sup>7,92)</sup>		38.2	10.2
Diglyme	DG	- 64 <sup>108)</sup>	163 <sup>93)</sup>	7.2 <sup>109)</sup>	1.06 <sup>94)</sup>	0.9440 <sup>1)</sup>		38.6	9.9
7. Inert Solvents									
Dichloromethane		- 95.14 <sup>1)</sup>	39.75 <sup>1)</sup>	8.93 <sup>1)</sup>	0.413 <sup>95)</sup>	1.31678 <sup>1)</sup>			20.4
Trichloroethylene		- 86.4 <sup>1)</sup>	87.19 <sup>1)</sup>	3.42 <sup>1)</sup> ; ~16 °C	0.532 <sup>1)</sup>	1.4514 <sup>1)</sup> ; 30 °C		35.9	
Benzene		5.533 <sup>1)</sup>	80.0 <sub>7</sub> <sup>1,96)</sup>	2.27 <sub>4</sub> <sup>1,97,98)</sup>	0.6028 <sup>1,99)</sup>	0.87360 <sup>100)</sup>	0.1	34.5	8.2
Cyclohexane		6.544 <sup>1)</sup>	80.725 <sup>1)</sup>	2.023 <sup>1)</sup>	0.898 <sup>1)</sup>	0.77374 <sup>102)</sup>		31.2	

Table A-II. Radii of ions  $X_i$  and distance parameters  $s$

Ion	$\frac{a_i}{\text{nm}}$	Ion	$\frac{a_i}{\text{nm}}$	Ion	$\frac{a_i}{\text{nm}}$	Ion	$\frac{a_i}{\text{nm}}$	Ion	$\frac{a_i}{\text{nm}}$ <sup>121)</sup>	solvent	$\frac{s}{\text{nm}}$ <sup>124)</sup>
Li <sup>+</sup>	(0.078)	Be <sup>2+</sup>	(0.034)	Me <sub>4</sub> N <sup>+</sup>	0.347 <sup>116)</sup>	F <sup>-</sup>	0.133	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.178	OH <sub>2</sub>	0.28
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.098	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	0.078	Me <sub>2</sub> R <sub>2</sub> N <sup>+</sup>	0.347 <sup>116)</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	0.181	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.256	MeOH	0.47
K <sup>+</sup>	0.133	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	0.106	Et <sub>4</sub> N <sup>+</sup>	0.400 <sup>116)</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	0.196	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.258	EtOH	0.57
Rb <sup>+</sup>	0.149	Sr <sup>2+</sup>	0.127	Pr <sub>4</sub> N <sup>+</sup>	0.452 <sup>116)</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	0.220	SeO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.249	PrOH	0.69
Cs <sup>+</sup>	0.165	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	0.143	n-Bu <sub>4</sub> N <sup>+</sup>	0.494 <sup>116)</sup>	BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.232 <sup>121)</sup>	SiF <sub>6</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.259	AN	0.58
Cu <sup>+</sup>	0.095	Zn <sup>2+</sup>	0.069	n-Am <sub>4</sub> N <sup>+</sup>	0.529 <sup>116)</sup>	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.240 <sup>121)</sup>			PC	0.65
Ag <sup>+</sup>	0.113	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	0.103	AsPh <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	(0.42) <sup>118)</sup>	CN <sup>-</sup>	0.191 <sup>121)</sup>			NM	0.52
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.137 <sup>121)</sup>	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	0.093			OH <sup>-</sup>	0.133 <sup>121)</sup>			NB	0.77
		Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.117			BPh <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.48 <sup>124)</sup>			(:OH)	0.28
		Mn <sup>2+</sup>	0.091								
		Co <sup>2+</sup>	0.082								
		Ni <sup>2+</sup>	0.068								
		Cu <sup>2+</sup>	0.072								

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If more than one reliable value was found in the recent literature the table contains their mean value; the number of decimal places indicates their agreement. In the case that no recent determination of data was found which is based on thoroughly purified solvents and established precision methods we preferred to quote the data from Ref. <sup>1)</sup>. The compilation corresponds to the actual state of the ELDAR data bank <sup>115)</sup>. It may also be helpful in finding new purification methods, new precise measuring equipment and new precision methods for the determination of data.

## A.2 Ion Distance Parameters

The chemical model, Section 4.2., when used to provide data of electrolyte solutions by computer-assisted methods, presupposes the knowledge of the distance parameters  $a$  and  $R$ . These are needed in the appropriate equations as the characteristic distances of the bare or solvated single ions and of the adjacent solvent molecules. Solvent molecules may be orientated either by free electrons, by H-bonds or by their dipole moments, depending on the nature of the ions and the solvent molecule itself.

Ionic radii depend on the method of their determination. Various systems can be found and are compared in the literature, cf. <sup>116-123)</sup> and literature quoted there. Table A-II shows a selection of values which have proved to be compatible with one another <sup>115, 124)</sup>. Goldschmidt's ionic radii were taken when not indicated otherwise. The distances  $s$  due to solvent molecules were calculated from bond lengths, bond angles and van der Waals volumes of functional groups <sup>125, 126)</sup>. For their use in the chemical model see Section 4.2., cf. also Ref. <sup>124)</sup>.

## B Electrostatic Potential around a Particle with an Arbitrary Charge Distribution

The electrostatic potential around a particle  $i$ , ion or molecule, in solution is obtained by the resolution of a system of differential equation, e.g.

$$\nabla^2 \psi_i^{(1)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0 \quad a \leq r \leq R_1 \quad (\text{B-1 a})$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi_i^{(2)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0 \quad R_1 \leq r \leq R_2 \quad (\text{B-1 b})$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi_i^{(3)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = -\frac{\rho^{(3)}(r, \theta, \varphi)}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon} \quad R_2 \leq r \leq \infty \quad (\text{B-1 c})$$

if the space around the appropriate charge distribution of the ion or molecule, situated in a sphere of radius  $a$ , is subdivided into three parts:

region (1):  $a \leq r \leq R_1$ , relative permittivity  $\epsilon_1$  and free of single charges (ions),  
i.e.  $\rho^{(1)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0$ ,



region (2):  $R_1 \leq r \leq R_2$ , relative permittivity  $\epsilon_2$  and free of single charges (ions),  
 $\rho^{(2)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = 0$ ,

region (3):  $R_2 \leq r \leq \infty$ , relative permittivity  $\epsilon$  of the bulk solution and charge  
 density  $\rho^{(3)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = -\epsilon_0 \epsilon \kappa^2 \psi_i^{(3)}(r, \theta, \varphi)$  [for  $\kappa$  see table II]

The appropriate boundary conditions for Eqs. (1) are

$$\lim_{R_1 \rightarrow \infty} \psi_i^{(1)} = \psi_i^{(0)}(r, \theta, \varphi) \quad (\text{B-2a}) \quad \psi_i^{(2)}(R_2) = \psi_i^{(3)}(R_2) \quad (\text{B-2d})$$

$$\psi_i^{(1)}(R_1) = \psi_i^{(2)}(R_1) \quad (\text{B-2b}) \quad \epsilon_2 \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i^{(2)}}{\partial r} \right)_{R_2} = \epsilon \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i^{(3)}}{\partial r} \right)_{R_2} \quad (\text{B-2e})$$

$$\epsilon_1 \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i^{(1)}}{\partial r} \right)_{R_1} = \epsilon_2 \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i^{(2)}}{\partial r} \right)_{R_1} \quad (\text{B-2c}) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \psi_i^{(3)} = 0 \quad (\text{B-2f})$$

where  $\psi_i^{(0)}(r, \theta, \varphi)$  means the potential of the isolated molecular or ionic charge distribution, which is placed in a homogeneous and isotropic medium of relative permittivity  $\epsilon_1$ , in terms of Legendre polynomials

$$\psi_i^{(0)} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} b_j^{(m)} \times \frac{1}{r^{j+1}} \times P_j^{(m)}(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi} \quad (\text{B-3a})$$

$$b_j^{(m)} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_1} b_j'^{(m)}. \quad (\text{B-3b})$$

The coefficients  $b_j'^{(m)}$  are calculated from bond lengths, bond angles and charges of the ion or molecule, cf. Ref. <sup>128</sup>). The system of differential equations is resolved by usual methods yielding <sup>127)</sup>

$$\psi_i^{(1)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} \left[ A_j^{(m)} \times r^j + B_j^{(m)} \times \frac{1}{r^{j+1}} \right] \times P_j^{(m)}(\cos \theta) \times e^{im\varphi} \quad (\text{B-4a})$$

$$\psi_i^{(2)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} \left[ C_j^{(m)} \times r^j + D_j^{(m)} \times \frac{1}{r^{j+1}} \right] \times P_j^{(m)}(\cos \theta) \times e^{im\varphi} \quad (\text{B-4b})$$

$$\psi_i^{(3)}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} \left[ E_j^{(m)} \times e^{\kappa r} \sum_{n=0}^j \frac{\alpha_n^{(j)}}{r^{n+1}} + F_j^{(m)} \times e^{-\kappa r} \sum_{n=0}^j \frac{\beta_n^{(j)}}{r^{n+1}} \right] \times P_j^{(m)}(\cos \theta) \times e^{im\varphi} \quad (\text{B-4c})$$

with the coefficients  $\alpha_n^{(j)}$  and  $\beta_n^{(j)}$  of Eq. (4c) obtained from the recursion formulae

$$[n(n+1) - j(j+1)] \alpha_n^{(j)} - 2\kappa(n+1) \alpha_{n+1}^{(j)} = 0; \quad \alpha_0^{(j)} = 1 \quad (\text{B-5a})$$

$$[n(n+1) - j(j+1)] \beta_n^{(j)} + 2\kappa(n+1) \beta_{n+1}^{(j)} = 0; \quad \beta_0^{(j)} = 1 \quad (\text{B-5b})$$

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Combining Eqs. (3), (4) and (5) gives

$$A_j^{(m)} = -\frac{(j+1)(1-\eta)X_j - [j(1+\eta) + \eta]Q^{2j+1}Y_j}{[j(1+\eta) + 1]X_j - j(1-\eta)Q^{2j+1}Y_j} \times \frac{1}{R_1^{2j+1}} \times b_j^{(m)} \quad (\text{B-6a})$$

$$B_j^{(m)} = b_j^{(m)} \quad (\text{B-6b})$$

$$C_j^{(m)} = \frac{\eta(2j+1)Y_j}{[j(1+\eta) + 1]X_j - j(1-\eta)Q^{2j+1}Y_j} \times \frac{1}{R_2^{2j+1}} \times b_j^{(m)} \quad (\text{B-6c})$$

$$D_j^{(m)} = \frac{\eta(2j+1)X_j}{[j(1+\eta) + 1]X_j - j(1-\eta)Q^{2j+1}Y_j} \times b_j^{(m)} \quad (\text{B-6d})$$

$$E_j^{(m)} = 0 \quad (\text{B-6e})$$

$$F_j^{(m)} = \frac{\eta(2j+1)^2 \times \exp(\kappa R_2)}{[j(1+\eta) + 1]X_j - j(1-\eta)Q^{2j+1}Y_j} \times b_j^{(m)} \quad (\text{B-6f})$$

with  $\eta = (\varepsilon_1/\varepsilon_2)$  and  $Q = (R_1/R_2)$ . The  $X_j$  and  $Y_j$  are polynomials

$$X_j = \sum_{n=0}^j \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_2} (1 + n + \kappa R_2) + j \right] R_2^{j-n} \beta_n^{(j)} \quad (\text{B-7a})$$

$$Y_j = -\sum_{n=0}^j \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_2} (1 + n + \kappa R_2) - (j+1) \right] R_2^{j-n} \beta_n^{(j)} \quad (\text{B-7b})$$

A tabular survey for  $j = 0$  to  $j = 3$  is given in tables B-I and B-II

Table B-I: Polynomials  $X_j$

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$$\varepsilon_2 X_0 = \varepsilon(1 + \kappa R_2)$$

$$\kappa \varepsilon_2 X_1 = \varepsilon(2 + 2\kappa R_2 + \kappa^2 R_2^2) + \varepsilon_2(1 + \kappa R_2)$$

$$\kappa^2 \varepsilon_2 X_2 = \varepsilon(9 + 9\kappa R_2 + 4\kappa^2 R_2^2 + \kappa^3 R_2^3) + 2\varepsilon_2(3 + 3\kappa R_2 + \kappa^2 R_2^2)$$


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Table B-II: Polynomials  $Y_j$

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$$\varepsilon_2 Y_0 = -\varepsilon(1 + \kappa R_2) + \varepsilon_2$$

$$\kappa \varepsilon_2 Y_1 = -\varepsilon(2 + 2\kappa R_2 + \kappa^2 R_2^2) + 2\varepsilon_2(1 + \kappa R_2)$$

$$\kappa^2 \varepsilon_2 Y_2 = -\varepsilon(9 + 9\kappa R_2 + 4\kappa^2 R_2^2 + \kappa^3 R_2^3) + 3\varepsilon_2(3 + 3\kappa R_2 + \kappa^2 R_2^2)$$


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The electrostatic parts  $W_{ij}^{el}(r)$  of the ion-ion interaction potentials in Table II

$$W_{ij}^{el} = e_0 z_j \psi_i^{(2)} \quad (a \leq r \leq R) \quad \text{and} \quad W_{ij}^{el} = e_0 z_j \psi_i^{(3)} \quad (r \geq R)$$

are obtained by setting

$b_j^{(m)} = b_0^{(0)} = e_0 z_i$  (spherical charge symmetry of the ion  $i$ ). Local permittivities are not considered ( $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = \epsilon$ ) and  $R_1 = R_2 = R$ , *i.e.*  $\psi_i^{(1)} = \psi_i^{(2)}$ .

The kinetic solvent effect, Section VIII, presupposes vanishing ionic concentrations ( $R_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ;  $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon$ ). The parameter  $R_1$  is the distance of the reactants,  $i$  and  $j$ , in the activated complex ( $R_1 = r_0$ );  $\epsilon_1 = 1$  for a non-polarisable particle. The use of first order approximations, *i.e.* single charge ( $b_j^{(m)} = b_0^{(0)} = e_0 z_i$ ) or point dipole ( $b_j^{(m)} = b_1^{(0)} = \mu_i$ ), for the ion or polar molecule, respectively, yields the Equations (51) and (52) of Section 8.2.

### C Electrostatic Potential around a Polarisable Apolar Particle

A polarisable apolar molecule can be represented by a dielectric sphere of radius  $a$  and relative permittivity  $\epsilon_i$  bearing no charge distribution which can produce singularities for  $r \leq a$ . An ion or polar molecule situated in the vicinity of this sphere give rise to an induced dipole moment in and hence to an electrostatic field around the dielectric sphere. The solvent around the apolar molecule is considered as a homogeneous medium of relative permittivity  $\epsilon$ .

The appropriate potential equations are

$$\psi_i^{(1)} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} \left[ A_j^{(m)} \times r^j + B_j^{(m)} \times \frac{1}{r^{j+1}} \right] \times P_j^{(m)}(\cos \theta) \times e^{im\phi} \quad r \leq a \quad (\text{C-1 a})$$

$$\psi_i^{(2)} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} \left[ C_j^{(m)} \times r^j + D_j^{(m)} \times \frac{1}{r^{j+1}} \right] \times P_j^{(m)}(\cos \theta) \times e^{im\phi} \quad r \geq a \quad (\text{C-1 b})$$

with the boundary conditions <sup>129)</sup>

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \psi_i^{(1)} = \text{finite} \quad (\text{C-2 a}) \quad \epsilon_i \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i^{(1)}}{\partial r} \right)_a = \epsilon \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i^{(2)}}{\partial r} \right)_a \quad (\text{C-2 c})$$

$$\psi_i^{(1)}(a) = \psi_i^{(2)}(a) \quad (\text{C-2 b}) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \psi_i^{(2)} = 0 \quad (\text{C-2 d})$$

with

$$\varphi_i^{(2)}(P) = \psi_i^{(2)}(P) - \psi_i^{(0)}(P) \quad (\text{C-3 a})$$

$$\psi_i^{(0)}(P) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^{m=+j} C_j^{(m)} \times r^j \times P_j^{(m)}(\cos \theta) \times e^{im\phi} \quad (\text{C-3 b})$$

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$\psi^{(0)}(P)$  is that potential which would exist at point  $P(r, \theta, \varphi)$  if the dielectric sphere of relative permittivity  $\epsilon_i$  would be replaced by the dielectric medium of relative permittivity  $\epsilon$ .

A single charge (ion) situated at a distance  $d$  from the center of the dielectric sphere yields a potential

$$\psi^{(0)}(P) = \frac{e_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^j}{d^{j+1}} P_j(\cos \theta) \quad (\text{C-4})$$

This special case is the basic model of Section 7.2. for the reaction between halides and olefines. The appropriate potentials are

$$\psi_i^{(1)} = \frac{e_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2j+1)\epsilon}{(j+1)\epsilon + j\epsilon_i} \frac{r^j}{d^{j+1}} P_j(\cos \theta) \quad r \leq a \quad (\text{C-5 a})$$

$$\psi_i^{(2)} = \frac{e_0}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{r^j}{d^{j+1}} + \frac{(\epsilon - \epsilon_i)j}{(j+1)\epsilon + j\epsilon_i} \times \frac{a^{2j+1}}{(r \times d)^{j+1}} \right] P_j(\cos \theta) \quad r \geq a \quad (\text{C-5 b})$$

From Eqs. (C-4) and (C-5) the following field and dielectric displacement vectors are obtained

$$\vec{E}_1^{(0)} = -\text{grad } \psi^{(0)}; \quad \vec{D}_1^{(0)} = \epsilon_0\epsilon\vec{E}_1^{(0)} \quad 0 \leq r \leq \infty \quad (\text{C-6})$$

and

$$\vec{E}_2^{(1)} = -\text{grad } \psi_i^{(1)}; \quad \vec{D}_2^{(1)} = \epsilon_0\epsilon_i\vec{E}_2^{(1)} \quad 0 \leq r \leq a \quad (\text{C-7 a})$$

$$\vec{E}_2^{(2)} = -\text{grad } \psi_i^{(2)}; \quad \vec{D}_2^{(2)} = \epsilon_0\epsilon\vec{E}_2^{(2)} \quad a \leq r \leq \infty \quad (\text{C-7 b})$$

Eq. (C-6) represents the situation before and Eqs. (C-7) after the dielectric sphere is brought from infinite distance to a distance  $d$  from the ion. Hence, the energy for building the latter configuration is

$$\Delta G = \frac{N_A}{2} \iiint (\vec{E}_2\vec{D}_2 - \vec{E}_1\vec{D}_1) dV \quad (\text{C-8})$$

Eq. (C-8) can be transformed <sup>129)</sup> to give

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G &= N_A \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_i}{2} \iiint \vec{E}_1\vec{E}_2 dV \\ &= N_A e_0^2 \times \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_i}{8\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon} \times \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{j}{(j+1)\epsilon + j\epsilon_i} \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)^{2j+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C-9})$$

Eq. (C-9) is an ill converging series if  $d \approx a$  as it is required for building the activated complex of the reaction between an apolar molecule and an ion.

## D Symbols and Abbreviations

### D.1 Fundamental Constants <sup>131)</sup>

$N_A$ : Avogadro constant	$(6.022045 \pm 0.000031) \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
F: Faraday constant	$(9.648456 \pm 0.000027) \times 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$
h: Planck constant	$(6.626176 \pm 0.000036) \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
k: Boltzmann constant	$(1.380662 \pm 0.000044) \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
$e_0$ : charge of proton	$(1.602189 \pm 0.000005) \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
$\epsilon_0$ : permittivity of vacuum	$(8.854188 \pm 0.000000) \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}^{-1} \text{ C}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$

### D.2 Generally Used Superscripts and Subscripts

#### D.2.1 Superscripts

*: pure substance also: non-Coulombic part of a quantity	‡: activated complex
$\infty$ : infinite dilution	$e^l$ : Coulombic part of a quantity
$^0$ : standard	' : free particles
$^{(0)}$ : reference solvent (Section VIII)	also: final state (Section V)
$^{(s)}$ : solvent S (Section VIII)	$^{(c)}$ : molar scale
	$^{(m)}$ : molal scale
	$^{(i)}$ : component i

#### D.2.2 Subscripts

A: association	$_{\text{max}}$ : maximum value
$_{\text{calc}}$ : calculated quantity	$_{\text{obs}}$ : observed quantity
$_{\text{exp}}$ : experimental quantity	$_{\text{S}}$ : solvent
FI: free ion	$_{\text{Y}}$ : electrolyte Y
$_{i \text{ or } j}$ : ions i or j	$_{+}$ : cation
also: index for summation formulae $\sum_i$	$_{-}$ : anion
$_{ij}$ : ion j in the vicinity of an ion i	$_{\pm}$ : mean quantity of electrolyte Y
$_{\text{IP}}$ : ion pair	$_{\infty}$ : infinite frequency

in connexion with symbol  $\Delta$ , cf. Fig. 1

dil: dilution	solv: solvation
lat: lattice	vap: vaporation
sol: solution	tr: transfer from water to a non-aqueous solvent

### D.3 Symbols

\* means a superscript or subscript, see Section D.2.

$a, a_*$ :	ion size parameter
$c, c_*, c^*$ :	molarity [ $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ ]
$E, E^*$ :	property (general) of an electrolyte solution (Sect. V) also: e.m.f (Sect. V)
$f, f_S$ :	activity coefficient (mole fraction scale)
$f_{ij}, f_{ji}$ :	two-particle distribution function
$g_{ij}, g_{ji}$ :	pair-correlation function
$\Delta G_*, \Delta G^*, \Delta_* G$ :	Gibbs energy
$\Delta H_*, \Delta H^*, \Delta_* H$ :	enthalpy
$K, K_*$ :	equilibrium constant
$k, k_*, k^*$ :	rate constant, exception see D.1
$m, m_*, m^*$ :	molarity [ $\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ] also: mass of particle (Sect. IV)
$M$ :	$\text{mol dm}^{-3}$
$n_S, n_V$ :	amount of substance (number of moles)
$N_*$ :	particle density [ $\text{particles per cm}^{-3}$ ], exception see D.1
$p$ :	pressure
$q$ :	Bjerrum parameter, see Eq. (19b)
$R, R_*$ :	distance parameter, see Figs. 2 and 3
$R$ :	also: gas constant
$r, r_*, \bar{r}, \bar{r}_*$ :	distance variable
$\Delta S_*, \Delta S^*, \Delta_* S$ :	entropy
$t_*, t^*$ :	transference number
$t$ :	also: time
$T, T_*$ :	temperature [K]
$V, \Delta V_*, \Delta V^*$ :	volume
$W_*, W^*$ :	mean-force potential
$x, x_*, x^*$ :	mole fraction
$y, y_*, y^*$ :	activity coefficient (molar scale)
$z, z_*$ :	valency
$Z, Z_*, Z^*, \Delta Z_*, \Delta Z^*, \Delta_* Z$ :	thermodynamic property (general), see Fig. 1
$\alpha$ :	degree of dissociation
$(1 - \alpha)$ :	degree of association
$\bar{\alpha}$ :	cubic expansion coefficient (Section V)
$\gamma_*, \gamma^*$ :	activity coefficient (molal scale)
${}_m\gamma_*$ :	transfer activity coefficient
$\Gamma$ :	ional concentration, see Table II
$\delta, \delta_*$ :	chemical shift
$\epsilon, \epsilon_*, \epsilon^*$ :	relative permittivity, exception see D.1
$\eta$ :	viscosity
$\theta, \theta_*$ :	temperature [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ]
$\kappa$ :	Debye parameter, see Table II
$\kappa, \kappa_*$ :	also: electrolytic conductivity [ $\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ ]
$\Lambda, \Lambda^*$ :	equivalent conductance [ $\Omega^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^2$ ]

$\lambda_*, \lambda^*$ :	single ion conductance [ $\Omega^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$ ]
$\mu_*, \mu^*$ :	chemical potential
$\nu_i \nu_i^m$ :	stoichiometric number
$\rho$ :	density [ $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ ]
$\omega$ :	circular frequency

Remark: Symbols used only at single places with special meaning, which may also deviate from the meaning of the above list, are explained in the text.

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