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## CALORIMETRIC AND SPECTROSCOPIC STUDIES OF COMPLEX FORMATION OF 2,4,5-TRICHLOROANILINE WITH PROTON ACCEPTORS IN CCl<sub>4</sub>

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Spectroscopic and calorimetric investigations of interactions between trichloroaniline (A) and organic base: tetrahydrofuran or hexamethylphosphoric triamide (B) in CCl<sub>4</sub> solution were carried out at 298.15 K. The equilibrium constants and the enthalpies for AB and AB<sub>2</sub> type complex formation processes were calculated from a combination of both calorimetric and spectroscopic data. The results obtained suggest that, as in the case of earlier investigated complexes of pentafluoroaniline with the same organic bases, the enthalpy of formation of the first hydrogen bond in the AB<sub>2</sub> type associates is higher than that of the second one.

KEY WORDS: Complex formation, hydrogen bonds.

### INTRODUCTION

Recently, investigations of aniline halogen derivatives in solutions of organic bases in carbon tetrachloride as an inert solvent have been carried out in our laboratory. The 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoroaniline (PFA) in solutions of tetrahydrofuran (THF) and hexamethylphosphorotriamide (HMPT) was the former subject of these examinations [1]. The results of our calorimetric measurements for the above mentioned system were in good agreement with earlier spectroscopic observations [2], which pointed to the presence of two types of hydrogen bonded complexes in CCl<sub>4</sub> and indicated that the H-bonds present in AB<sub>2</sub> type complex are not equivalent energetically.

This paper is devoted to examination of another aniline derivative, 2,4,5-trichloroaniline (TChA) in solutions of the same organic bases (i.e. THF and HMPT) in CCl<sub>4</sub>. Our aim was to determine both the enthalpies of association and the equilibrium constants of AB and AB<sub>2</sub> type complex formation. To this end, IR spectroscopy and solution calorimetry have been employed.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Reagents: 2,4,5-trichloroaniline, (EGA-Chemie, Germany) was dried under vacuum at 300 K and stored in the dissicator over molecular sieves of 4A type. Carbon tetrachloride (POCh-Poland) [3], tetrahydrofuran (Merck) [3] and hexamethylphosphor

triamide (Fluka AG) [4] were purified and dried using the methods described in the literature [3, 4].

Enthalpies of solution ( $\Delta_{sol}H_m$ ) of 2,4,5-trichloroaniline in pure  $\text{CCl}_4$  and in solutions of THF and HMPT in  $\text{CCl}_4$  were measured using a consecutive dissolution method in a calorimeter described in detail elsewhere [5]. Six to twelve measurements were performed in each solution of the organic base investigated; at concentrations of ca. 0.1, 0.2, 0.3 and 0.5 mol per  $\text{dm}^3$  of  $\text{CCl}_4$ .

IR spectra were recorded on a Fourier transform spectrophotometer Bruker IFS 85 with a  $1\text{ cm}^{-1}$  resolution (128 scans). Infrasil quartz cells of 1 cm and 0.5 cm optical path-length were used. In the spectrometer compartment the cell was under thermostatic control at  $25 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ .

The absorption spectra of 2,4,5-TChA in  $\text{CCl}_4$  and in solutions of THF and HMPT in  $\text{CCl}_4$  were examined within the frequency region corresponding to valence and deformation vibrations ( $3600 - 3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The 2,4,5-TChA concentration range was  $0.002 - 0.05\text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ ; the concentration of THF solutions varied from 0.05 to  $0.3\text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$  and that for HMPT from 0.009 to  $0.2\text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ . Each spectrum was deconvoluted. The bands were treated (assumed) as a sum of Gaussian and Lorentzian contributions.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### *Spectroscopic data*

The IR absorption spectra of 2,4,5-TChA in solutions of THF and  $\text{CCl}_4$  exhibit, within the frequency range of  $-\text{NH}_2$  group the bands of symmetrical ( $\nu_s^f$ ) and antisymmetrical ( $\nu_{as}^f$ ) vibrations of free  $-\text{NH}_2$  group. Their maxima positions correspond with frequencies  $\nu_s^f = 3402\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\nu_{as}^f = 3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Moreover, a band  $\nu^f$  of the free  $-\text{NH}$  group vibration in AB type complex was identified at  $\nu^f = 3350\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The analogous absorption bands of the free  $-\text{NH}_2$  group,  $\nu_s^f$  and  $\nu_{as}^f$  at the same as above frequency have been observed for 2,4,5-TChA in solutions of HMPT in  $\text{CCl}_4$ . However, in this case a band of the free  $-\text{NH}$  group in the AB type complex occur at  $\nu^f$  (HMPT) =  $3476\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The AB type complex formation equilibrium constant (where A denotes 2,4,5-TChA and B-THF or HMPT) is defined as:

$$K_1 = c_{\text{AB}}/c_{\text{A}} \cdot c_{\text{B}} \quad (1)$$

The equilibrium concentration of the TChA ( $c_{\text{A}}$ ) was calculated from the absorbance of the  $3402\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  peaks for the both systems. The concentration of the AB complex ( $c_{\text{AB}}$ ) was obtained from the absorbance of the  $3350\text{ cm}^{-1}$  peak for the solutions containing THF and from the absorbance of  $3476\text{ cm}^{-1}$  peak for the solutions containing HMPT. Since in the systems under examination, apart of AB associates the formation of  $\text{AB}_2$  type complexes is possible [1, 2] the equilibrium concentration of the organic base,  $c_{\text{B}}$  cannot be calculated as:

$$c_{\text{B}} = c_{\text{B}}^0 - c_{\text{AB}} \quad (2)$$

According to the proposal given in the mentioned earlier Denisov's paper [2] the  $c_B$  value should be calculated from the formula:

$$c_B^0 = c_B + c_{AB} + 2c_{AB_2} \quad (3)$$

where  $c_{AB_2}$  denotes a concentration of the  $AB_2$  type complexes that can be determined from the Eq. (4):

$$c_A^0 = c_A + c_{AB} + c_{AB_2} \quad (4)$$

It was found that in the investigated solutions within the spectroscopically examined range of the proton acceptor content in  $CCl_4$  the amount of the complexes of  $AB_2$  type is very small and the determination of the equilibrium constant of this type associates formation appeared to be impossible. Therefore only  $K_1$  values has been calculated from the obtained spectroscopic data and they are:

$$K_1 = 1,2 \text{ dm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{ for } 2,4,5\text{-TChA} + \text{THF} \text{ complex, and}$$

$$K_1 = 60 \text{ dm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{ for } 2,4,5\text{-TChA} + \text{HMPT} \text{ complex in } CCl_4.$$

The relative error of the calculated  $K_1$  values is less than 20 per cent.

#### Calorimetric data

The measured dissolution enthalpies,  $\Delta_{sol}H_m$  of 2,4,5-trichloroaniline in  $CCl_4$  are presented as a function of the TChA concentration in Table 1. Tables 2 and 3 contain the transfer enthalpies  $\Delta_rH$  of the TChA from pure  $CCl_4$  to solutions of THF and HMPT in  $CCl_4$ . As it can be seen from the presented data, the solution enthalpy of TChA in  $CCl_4$  in the investigated concentration range does not depend on the aniline concentration within the experimental error limits.

The enthalpic effect of the TChA dissolution in  $CCl_4$  solutions of THF as well as HMPT is lower than that in pure  $CCl_4$  and becomes less endothermic when the organic

**Table 1** Dissolution enthalpy of 2,4,5-trichloroaniline in  $CCl_4$  at 298.15 K.

$c_A^0 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$	$\Delta_{sol}H_m \text{ cal} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$
0.00416	6025
0.00836	6027
0.01256	6024
0.01709	6024
0.02168	6017
0.02633	6012
0.03133	6004
0.03645	5999
0.03984	5998
0.04387	5992
0.04905	5988
0.05461	5985

**Table 2** Molar transfer enthalpies,  $\Delta_{tr}H_m$  (cal·mol<sup>-1</sup>) of 2,4,5-trichloroaniline (TChA) from CCl<sub>4</sub> to the solutions of THF in CCl<sub>4</sub> at 298.15 K;  $c_A^0$ -concentration of TChA,  $c_B^0$ -concentration of THF, both in mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>.

$c_A^0$ mol·dm <sup>-3</sup>	$-\Delta_{tr}H_m$ cal·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$c_A^0$ mol·dm <sup>-3</sup>	$-\Delta_{tr}H_m$ cal·mol <sup>-1</sup>
$c_B^0 = 0.1033$		$c_B^0 = 0.3099$	
0.00276	390	0.00198	822
0.00577	390	0.00405	818
0.00924	385	0.00645	810
0.01529	383	0.00898	809
0.01849	380	0.01196	805
0.02209	380	0.01515	804
0.02588	378	0.01836	800
0.03044	378	0.02145	797
0.03414	375	0.02469	795
		0.02817	790
$c_B^0 = 0.2066$		$c_B^0 = 0.5165$	
0.00356	610	0.00244	1150
0.00741	610	0.00610	1145
0.01177	608	0.01003	1140
0.01621	602	0.01427	1135
0.02066	595	0.01855	1131
0.02544	591	0.02285	1128
0.02877	587	0.02624	1125
0.03255	585	0.02969	1122
0.03657	585		
0.04053	580		

**Table 3** Molar transfer enthalpies  $\Delta_{tr}H_m$  (cal·mol<sup>-1</sup>) of 2,4,5-trichloroaniline (TChA) from CCl<sub>4</sub> to the solutions of HMPT in CCl<sub>4</sub> at 298.15 K;  $c_A^0$ -concentration of TChA,  $c_B^0$ -concentration of HMPT, both in mol·dm<sup>-3</sup>.

$c_A^0$ mol·dm <sup>-3</sup>	$-\Delta_{tr}H_m$ cal·mol <sup>-1</sup>	$c_A^0$ mol·dm <sup>-3</sup>	$-\Delta_{tr}H_m$ cal·mol <sup>-1</sup>
$c_B^0 = 0.1018$		$c_B^0 = 0.3352$	
0.00213	4090	0.00298	4708
0.00435	4078	0.00660	4700
0.00743	4066	0.01029	4683
0.01056	4050	0.01400	4673
0.01408	4030	0.01781	4666
0.01762	4012	0.02167	4658
0.02137	3985	0.02588	4642
0.02520	3953	0.03004	4635
		0.03453	4625
		0.03934	4615
$c_B^0 = 0.2015$		$c_B^0 = 0.5572$	
0.00186	4467	0.00290	4870
0.00375	4458	0.00689	4862
0.00657	4434	0.01155	4852
0.00943	4414	0.01630	4846
0.01232	4398	0.02097	4840
0.01530	4379	0.02598	4835
0.01829	4361	0.03156	4830
0.02134	4342	0.03701	4829
0.02390	4332	0.04192	4821
0.02657	4323	0.04618	4818
		0.04973	4815

base concentration increases. The biggest changes of the  $\Delta_{sol}H_m$  on the organic base concentration ( $C_B$ ) are observed for the system containing HMPT. As it was mentioned earlier, the 2,4,5-trichloroaniline forms with the Lewis bases in apolar solvent (e.g. in  $CCl_4$ ) associates of 1:1 and 1:2 type:



where (A)-TChA molecule, B-base molecule. Therefore, the observed heat effect ( $q$ ) of the dissolution of  $n_{TChA}$  moles of TChA in  $CCl_4$  solution of B can be presented as a sum:

$$-q = n_{TChA} \Delta_{sol}H_m + n_{AB} \Delta H_{AB} + n_{AB_2} \Delta H_{AB_2} + Q \quad (7)$$

where  $n_{AB}$  and  $n_{AB_2}$  denote the number of moles of AB and  $AB_2$  type complexes,  $\Delta H_{AB}$  and  $\Delta H_{AB_2}$  are the molar enthalpies of the AB and  $AB_2$  type complex formation respectively, and  $\Delta_{sol}H_m$  is the molar enthalpy of TChA solution in pure  $CCl_4$ .  $Q$  denotes the thermal effect of other specific or non-specific interactions.

From the expression (3) we obtain

$$\Delta_{sol}H'_m = -q/n_{TChA} = \Delta_{sol}H_m + \alpha_1 \Delta H_{AB} + \alpha_2 \Delta H_{AB_2} + Q' \quad (8)$$

and

$$\Delta_{tr}H_m = \Delta_{sol}H'_m - \Delta_{sol}H_m = \alpha_1 \Delta H_{AB} + \alpha_2 \Delta H_{AB_2} + Q' \quad (9)$$

where  $\Delta_{sol}H'_m$  is the molar dissolution enthalpy of TChA in given solution of the organic base (B) in  $CCl_4$ ,  $\Delta_{tr}H_m$  denotes molar enthalpy of transfer of TChA from  $CCl_4$  to the solution of B in  $CCl_4$ , and  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are the 1st and the 2nd degree of association respectively (see Eqs. 5 and 6).

In order to solve the Eq. (9), the values of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\Delta H_{AB}$ ,  $\Delta H_{AB_2}$  and  $Q'$  should be determined numerically what is impossible due to a very slight concentration dependence of the  $\Delta_{sol}H'_m$  of the aniline (Tables 2,3). As has been concluded from our spectroscopic results only small number of  $AB_2$  type associates is formed in the investigated systems. Therefore it can be assumed that, at least in the solution of the lowest investigated base concentration ( $c_B^0 = 0.1 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ) the number of  $AB_2$  complexes is negligible small and the energetic effect of their formation ( $\alpha_2 \Delta H_{AB_2}$ ) within the examined range of TChA content is constant. In such a case the Eq. (5) can be rewritten as:

$$\Delta_{tr}H_m = \alpha_1 \Delta H_{AB} + Q_1 \quad (10)$$

where

$$Q_1 = Q' + \alpha_2 \Delta H_{AB_2} = \text{const.}$$

The value of  $\alpha_1$  can be calculated as a function of concentration from the value of the equilibrium constant of the AB type complex formation only, determined spectroscopically in this work.

Since

$$K_1 = \frac{c_A^0 \alpha_1}{(c_A^0 - c_A^0 \alpha_1)(c_B^0 - c_A^0 \alpha_1)} \quad (11)$$

we obtain

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{(K_1 c_A^0 + K_1 c_B^0 + 1) - \sqrt{(K_1 c_A^0 + K_1 c_B^0 + 1)^2 - 4K_1^2 c_A^0 c_B^0}}{2K_1 c_A^0} \quad (12)$$

Applying the multiple linear regression method the "best" value of  $\Delta H_{AB}$  and  $Q_1$  have been determined and they are given in Table 4.

The formation of  $AB_2$  type associates could not be neglected in the more concentrated solutions of the proton acceptor ( $c_B^0 = 0.2; 0.3$  and  $0.5 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ). Therefore the measured enthalpies of TChA transfer,  $\Delta_{tr} H_m$  in these systems were fitted to the equation in form:

$$\Delta_{tr} H_m = \alpha \Delta H_{AS} + Q_2 \quad (13)$$

where  $\Delta H_{AS}$  is the enthalpy of formation of the  $AB_2$  complex from the monomers according to the equation:



In this case

$$\Delta H_{AS} = \Delta H_1 + \Delta H_2 \quad (15)$$

and

$$K = K_1 \cdot K_2 = \frac{[AB_2]}{[A][B]^2} \quad (16)$$

whereas the degree of association  $\alpha$  can be expressed as:

$$\alpha = \frac{(2K c_A^0 + K c_B^0 + 1) - \sqrt{(2K c_A^0 + K c_B^0 + 1)^2 - 8K^2 c_A^0 c_B^0}}{4K c_A^0} \quad (17)$$

**Table 4** Equilibrium constants and enthalpies of associate formation of AB and  $AB_2$  type for TChA-THF and TChA-HMPT in  $CCl_4^*$ .

	$K_1$	$K_2$	$\Delta H_1$	$\Delta H_2$	$\Delta H_{AS}$
TChA-THF	1.2	0.45	-3.0	-1.9	-4.9
TChA-HMPT	60	0.8	-5.0	-2.0	-7.0

\*  $K$  in  $\text{dm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ ;  $\Delta H$  in  $\text{cal} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ .

Applying the method of consecutive approaching to Eqs. (13) and (17) we have determined the "best" values of  $K$  and  $\Delta H_{AS}$  for TChA-HMPT and TChA-THF systems. They are given in Table 4. Taking into account the values of  $K_1$ , determined spectroscopically and calculated earlier the  $\Delta H_1$  we can easily calculate the values of  $K_2$  and  $\Delta H_2$  (Eqs. 15 and 16). They are also given in Table 4. The presented results show that, similarly as examined earlier 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoroaniline [1] also 2,4,5-trichloroaniline seems to form the  $AB_2$  type complex with the hydrogen bonds of a different energy.

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