

THERMODYNAMICS STUDIES OF METAL PERCHLORATES IN METHANOL + WATER MIXTURES AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES

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ABSTRACT

Electrical conductance of pentaammine chloronickel (II) perchlorate in different mass fraction ($X_{\text{MeOH}} = 0.0000-1.0000$) at different temperatures from 288.15-308.15K were studied. The limiting molar conductance (Λ_0) and ion association constant (K_A) of pentaammine chloronickel (II) perchlorate in methanol-water solutions at different temperatures were evaluated by Shedlovsky technique. It is evident that the values of (Λ_0) increase regularly with the increase in temperature indicating higher mobility of the ions in the solvent system studied. The free energy (ΔG^0), enthalpy (ΔH^0), entropy (ΔS^0) and Arrhenius activation energy (E^a) for ion-association reaction were derived from the temperature dependence of ion association constant. The influence of the mixed solvent composition on the solvation of ions have been discussed based on the composition dependence of the Walden product ($\Lambda_0\eta_0$). The effective radius r (Å) decreases with increase in methanol and thereafter increase in methanol rich regions. The results have been interpreted in terms of ion-ion, ion-solvent and solvent-solvent interactions.

Keywords: Pentaammine Chloronickel (II) Perchlorate, Electrical Conductance, Shedlovsky Technique, Thermodynamic Parameters, Walden Product, Arrhenius Activation Energy

INTRODUCTION

The concept of ion association in electrolyte solutions was introduced by (Bjerrum *et al.*, 1926) so as to improve Debye-Huckel theory. According to this concept, electrolyte is considered to be a mixture of free ions and ion clusters which are assumed to be taken part in chemical equilibrium according to the corresponding mass action law (Debye *et al.*, 1923). The phenomenon of ion association has an important effect in thermodynamic, transport, dielectric and other properties of electrolyte solutions. Several experimental techniques have been applied to study the thermodynamic and various interactions in electrolytic solutions (Yokoyama *et al.*, 1994; Das *et al.*, 1995; Parmar *et al.*, 1996; Ue *et al.*, 1996; Ue *et al.*, 1997; Seleem *et al.*, 2002).

Ion pairing between the metal ions and ligands has usually investigated by means of conductance technique (Ue *et al.*, 1995; Bakr *et al.*, 1999; Bakr *et al.*, 2001). The conductance behavior of many electrolytes in mixed solvent systems is reported to be influenced by number of factors like density, viscosity, dielectric constant of the medium, ion solvent interactions and solvent-solvent interactions. Ion-solvent interactions stabilize the ion by solvating it. The solvation of dissolved ions determines many of the properties of electrolyte solutions, including their redox potential, complexation and kinetic behaviour. Conductance studies in binary solvent mixtures not only give an idea about ion-solvent and solvent-solvent interactions but also the preferential solvation of an ion.

Methanol is polar solvents and often used to dissolve salts. They have high dielectric constant and high polarity. Alcohols associate in liquids by hydrogen bond. Perchlorates are often used in electrochemical studies as an inert additive for maintaining constant ionic strength since the perchlorate anion is one of the least prone to complex formation and has no effect on chemical equilibria. The ion association of perchlorates in non aqueous solvents with lower dielectric solvents may be significant and must be taken into account. Thus in this study, it was attempted to obtain some information on the association of perchlorate in methanol solutions at different temperatures ranging from 15-35°C by Shedlovsky technique. The thermodynamic functions (ΔH^0 , ΔG^0 , ΔS^0 and E^a), effective radius (r) and Walden

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product ($\Lambda_0\eta_0$) were calculated and compared according to interactions of solvent at different temperatures.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The Inorganic salt selected for the present work i.e., pentaammine chloronickel (II) perchlorate salt synthesized according from the literature (Schlessinger *et al.*, 1962). The purity of the sample was checked through conventional analysis and spectral measurements. The electric conductivities were measured by Eutech Instruments, PC 700 with a dip type immersion conductivity cell were used. The solutions of different concentrations (1×10^{-3} M) were carefully prepared by dissolving requisite amount of the sample in conductivity water of low specific conductance ($< 2 \times 10^{-6}$ S cm^{-1}) and conductivity measurements were carried out over the temperature range of $15^\circ\text{C} - 35^\circ\text{C}$. All the dielectric constants and viscosities were obtained from literature (Lalrosanga *et al.*, 2011). The temperature control in the ranges of $15-35^\circ\text{C}$ were made by using thermostat (Polystat R6L, Cole-Parmer) and thermometer. The measurements of weights were done by using a METTER Balance, model TB-214(max=210g; d=0.1mg). All calculations were done on IBM-PC-AT/386 using a basic programmed. The observed conductivities were corrected for the conductivity of the solvent. The accuracy of the temperature of the thermostat was $\pm 0.01^\circ\text{C}$

The molar conductances (Λ) for studied solution system have been calculated using following equation (El Dossoki, 2010)

$$\Lambda = 1000 \kappa / c \quad (1)$$

Where c is the molar concentration and κ is the measured specific conductance of the studied solutions. The experimental values of conductance measurements of pentaammine chloronickel (II) perchlorate salt in mixed solvent after solvent correction were analyzed by using Shedlovsky extrapolation technique:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda S(z)} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_0} + \left(\frac{K_A}{\Lambda_0^2} \right) (C\Lambda \int_{\pm}^2 S(z)) \quad (2)$$

Where Λ is equivalent conductance at a concentration c (g.mol.dm^{-3}), Λ_0 the limiting equivalent conductance and K_A the observed association constant. The other symbols are given by

$$S(z) = \left(\frac{z}{2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{z}{2} \right)^2} \right)^2; Z = \left[\frac{\alpha \Lambda_0 + \beta}{\Lambda_0^{5/2}} \right] (C\Lambda)^{1/2}; \alpha = \frac{17.147 \times 105W}{(DT)^{3/2}}$$

$$w = z_+ z_- \frac{2q}{1+q^{1/2}}; q = \frac{z_+ z_-}{z_+ + z_-} \times \frac{\lambda_+ + \lambda_-}{z_+ \lambda_- + z_- \lambda_+}; \beta = \frac{151.47}{\eta(DT)^{1/2}}$$

Z and λ are the valence and conductance of the ions respectively, excluding their signs. D is the dielectric constant of the medium, η the viscosity (c.p). The degree of dissociation (τ) is related to $S(z)$ by the equation, $\tau = \Lambda S(z) / \Lambda_0$

$f_{\pm}$ is the activity coefficient of the free ions and was calculated using equation (2)

$$-\log f_{\pm} = \frac{Az_+ z_- \mu^{1/2}}{1 + BR\mu^{1/2}} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Where } A = \frac{1.8247 \times 10^6}{(DT)^{3/2}}; B = \frac{0.5029 \times 10^{10}}{(DT)^{1/2}}; \mu = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (c_i \tau_i) z_i^2$$

R is the maximum centre to centre distance between the ions in the ion-pair. There exists at present no method of determining the value of R precisely (Shedlovsky *et al.*, 1956). In order to treat the data in our system the R value is assumed to be $R = a + d$, where a , the sum of crystallographic radii of the ions, is approximately equal to $5A^0$ and d (A^0) is given by [2]

$$d = 1.183 (M/\rho)^{1/3} \quad (4)$$

where M is the molecular weight of the solvent and ρ is the density of the solution. For mixed solvent M is replaced by the mole fraction average molecular weight,

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$$M_{avg} = \frac{M_1 M_2}{X_1 M_2 + X_2 M_1}$$

X_1 is the mole fraction of methanol of molecular weight M_1 and X_2 that of water of molecular weight M_2 .

As per Shedlovsky method, an initial value of λ^0 was obtained from the intercept of the linear Onsager plot of Λ versus $c^{1/2}$, λ^0 is obtained from the literature at 25°C and at other temperatures it was obtained by using the following equation (Glasstone *et al.*, 1942)

$$\lambda_t^0 = \lambda_{25}^0 [1 + \alpha'(t - 25)] \quad (5)$$

α' is constant. Using these values of Λ_0 , λ^0 , λ^+ , z , $s(z)$ and r values were calculated. The mean activity coefficient f was determined by equation (2) for the above chosen complex salts. From the linear plot of $1/\Lambda S$ (Z) versus $C \Lambda f_{\pm}^2 S$ (Z); Λ_0 and K_A was evaluated from the intercept $1/\Lambda_0$ and the slope K_A/Λ_0^2 respectively (Nelson *et al.*, 2005). The procedure was repeated using these new values of Λ_0 and K_A . All calculations were carried out by IBM-PC-AT/386.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The observed limiting molar conductances and association constants of pentaammine chloronickel (II) perchlorate at 15-35°C in Methanol-water mixtures are presented in Table I. The Walden product and effective radius are calculated and discuss below.

Table 1: The values of limiting molar conductance (Λ_0), association constant(K_A),Walden product ($\Lambda_0 \eta_0$) and effective radius $r(\text{\AA})$ obtained by Shedlovsky technique for Pentaammine chloronickel(II) perchlorate have been measured in various methanol +water mixtures at 283.15K-303.15K

Xmethanol	Λ_0 S $\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$	K_A $\text{dm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Lambda_0 \eta_0$	r	Λ_0 S $\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$	K_A $\text{dm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Lambda_0 \eta_0$	r
T=288.15K					T=293.15K			
0.0000	260.74	420.11	344.88	5.341	279.05	350.21	317.83	5.697
0.0588	245.53	449.23	500.91	3.677	268.20	362.26	464.18	3.901
0.1942	238.64	460.41	537.83	3.244	245.00	380.00	500.03	3.621
0.3600	214.12	485.53	551.94	3.163	220.23	398.43	563.81	3.404
0.5676	221.00	521.34	462.76	3.980	238.42	400.23	445.83	4.062
0.8351	232.33	540.36	363.00	5.074	242.44	413.05	337.16	5.370
1.0000	240.23	562.21	350.11	6.974	257.70	427.32	246.97	7.331
T=298.15K					T=303.15K			
0.0000	290.74	324.98	294.69	6.042	300.70	300.24	274.27	6.386
0.0588	279.56	394.76	420.54	4.234	282.22	315.66	380.39	4.604
0.1942	263.44	420.68	455.77	3.906	278.69	337.40	423.54	4.134
0.3600	243.16	451.57	483.69	3.303	255.30	358.08	487.43	3.719
0.5676	251.30	473.90	412.18	4.320	265.53	379.29	377.44	4.638
0.8351	267.83	498.62	319.45	5.574	274.47	385.82	293.64	5.963
1.0000	270.13	532.32	232.33	7.663	298.51	409.23	218.11	8.026
T=308.15K								
0.0000	325.85	273.07	249.01	6.916				
0.0588	305.25	286.56	348.36	4.945				
0.1942	282.48	308.40	383.52	4.492				
0.3600	263.88	322.28	439.53	4.239				
0.5676	281.84	337.72	350.41	4.916				
0.8351	290.41	340.82	276.21	6.238				
1.0000	310.73	371.52	217.70	7.911				

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From Table 1, the values of Λ_0 increased invariable with increase in temperature in all solvents irrespective of X_{MeOH} , indicating less solvation or higher mobility of ions (Figure 1).

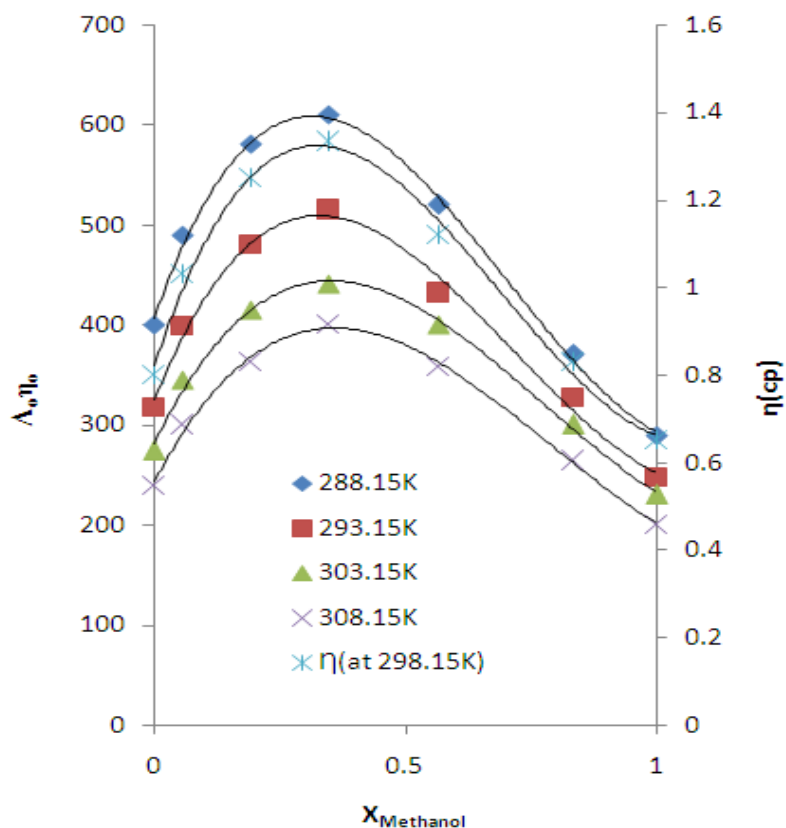


Figure 1: The value of Walden product $\Lambda_0\eta_0$ and (η) for Ni (II) Complex as a function of X_{MeOH} in methanol + water solvents

This is attributed to the fact that increased in thermal energy results in greater bond-breaking in vibrational, rotational and translational energies of the molecules that lead to higher frequency and hence higher mobility of ions. The viscosity of M + W mixtures increases upto $X_{\text{MeOH}} = 0.36$ and thereafter it decreases. Values of Λ_0 of salts decrease up to this mole fraction ($X_{\text{MeOH}} = 0.36$) and then increase in methanol rich region at all temperatures as expected from Walden rule (Table I). If change in solvation is reflected by the variation in $\Lambda_0\eta_0$ (Singh *et al.*, 2008), the increase of the Walden product indicates the weak solvation of the ions. The decrease of the product indicates an increase of the hydrophobic solvation with increasing concentration of methanol. As the methanol content increases, progressive disruption of water structure occurs and the ions become solvated with the other component of the solvent mixture. Then effective radius (r) of ion or solute can be calculated as

$$\Lambda_0\eta_0 = 1/6 \pi r T \quad (7)$$

The smaller $\Lambda_0\eta_0$ values in methanol rich region may be due to the large effective radius of the cation, whereas the maximum values of $X_{\text{MeOH}} = 0.36$ correspond to minimum values of r . The Walden products in these are solvents increase and then decrease after passing through a maximum (Bag *et al.*, 2001). It is thus apparent that its variation with the solvent composition is due to an electrochemical equilibrium between the cations with the solvent molecules on one hand and the selective solvation of ions of the mixed solvents and temperature of the solution. Since the conductance of an ion depends on its mobility, it is reasonable to treat the conductance data similar to the one that employed for rate processes taking place with change of temperature, i.e.,

$$\Lambda_0 = A \cdot e^{-E^a/RT} \text{ or } \ln \Lambda_0 = \ln A - E^a/RT \quad (8)$$

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Where A is the frequency factor, R the ideal gas constant and E^a is Arrhenius activation energy of transport processes. E^a values can be computed from the slope of the plot of $\log \Lambda_o$ versus $1/T$ are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Thermodynamic parameters ΔG° (KJ mole⁻¹), ΔH° (KJ mole⁻¹), ΔS° (KJ mole⁻¹), E_a (KJ mole⁻¹) and $10^{-3} A$ of Shedlovsky techniques for Pentaammine chloronickel (II) perchlorate have been measured in various Methanol + water mixtures at different temperatures.

	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C
X₁=0.0000					
ΔG°	-14.47	-14.28	-14.27	-14.22	-14.16
ΔH°	-23.54				
$10^{-3} \times \Delta S^\circ$	-30.33	-31.58	-31.09	-30.74	-30.43
E^a	7.67				
$10^{-3} A$	2.74				
X₁=0.0588					
ΔG°	-14.62	-14.59	-14.55	-14.51	-14.45
ΔH°	-23.25				
$10^{-3} \times \Delta S^\circ$	-29.95	-29.54	-29.18	-28.83	-28.56
E^a	7.80				
$10^{-3} A$	2.96				
X₁=0.1942					
ΔG°	-14.67	-14.42	-14.27	-14.22	-14.16
ΔH°	-23.06				
$10^{-3} \times \Delta S^\circ$	-29.12	-29.47	-29.48	-29.16	-28.88
E^a	8.12				
$10^{-3} A$	3.16				
X₁=0.3600					
ΔG°	-14.78	-14.59	-14.27	-14.20	-14.16
ΔH°	-22.86				
$10^{-3} \times \Delta S^\circ$	-28.04	-28.21	-28.81	-28.56	-28.23
E^a	8.38				
$10^{-3} A$	3.43				
X₁=0.5676					
ΔG°	-14.89	-14.87	-14.84	-14.80	-14.75
ΔH°	-22.62				
$10^{-3} \times \Delta S^\circ$	-26.83	-26.44	-26.09	-25.79	-25.54
E^a	8.10				
$10^{-3} A$	3.21				
X₁=0.8351					
ΔG°	-15.17	-15.13	-14.84	-14.51	-14.45
ΔH°	-22.31				
$10^{-3} \times \Delta S^\circ$	-24.78	-24.49	-25.05	-25.72	-25.50
E^a	7.90				
$10^{-3} A$	3.00				
X₁=1.0000					
ΔG°	-15.45	-15.43	-15.41	-15.38	-15.34
ΔH°	-22.10				
$10^{-3} \times \Delta S^\circ$	-23.08	-22.75	-22.44	-22.17	-21.94
E^a	7.73				
$10^{-3} A$	2.81				

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The values of E^a increase with increase in X_1 up to about $X_1=0.36$ and thereafter decreases rapidly. It follows that in water rich region up to $X_1=0.36$, the chosen complex ion requires higher activation energy for transport processes as methanol content in the mixed solvent increases but reverse is the case beyond $X_1=0.36$. A reaction which requires higher activation energy is slow at ordinary temperatures indicating the lower mobilities of the ions in the solutions and hence lower Λ_0 values. Beyond $X_1=0.36$, as the activation energy decreases the Λ_0 values increases with X_1 . The experimentally determined of K_{AS} of the complex are found to increase with increase in x_1 which indicate an increased association as methanol is added to water. Large values of K_A and exothermic ion pair formation indicates the presence of specific short range interaction between ions which is again indicated by positive value of enthalpy change. As expected that the values of ΔG^0 become more negative at higher percentage of methanol which indicate that ion-pair association are favoured with lowering dielectric constant of the medium.

The free energy change (ΔG^0) for association processes is evaluated from the relation $\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln K_A$. The heat of association (ΔH^0) is obtained from the slope of the plot of $\log K_A$ versus $1/T$. ΔH^0 values obtained are found to increase with the composition of the mixed solvents (Figure 3). The entropy of change is calculated from Gibbs-Helmholtz equation, $\Delta G^0 = \Delta H^0 - T\Delta S^0$. The values of these thermodynamic in nature in all solvent mixtures at all temperature are given in Table 2. At all temperatures, ΔG^0 values become more negative with increase in X_1 indicating that the ion pair formation is favoured with lowering of permittivity of the medium.

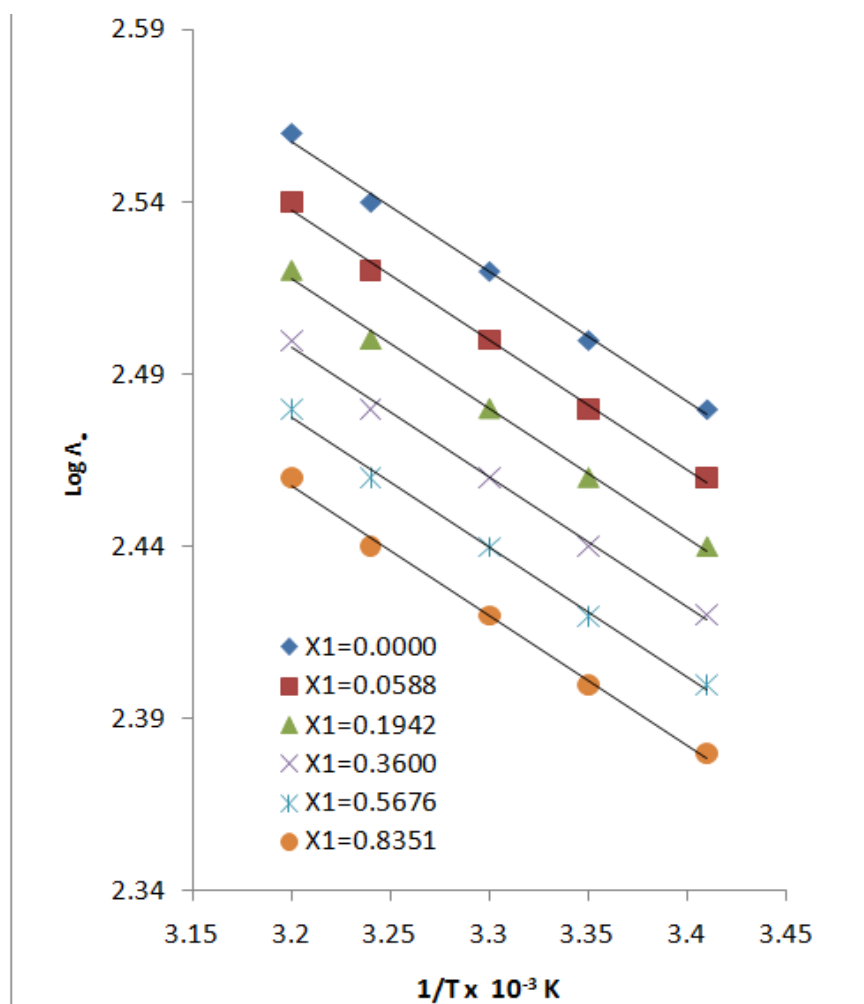


Figure 2: Log Λ_0 vs $1/T$ for Ni (II) Complex in different mole fraction at temperature 288.15-308.15K

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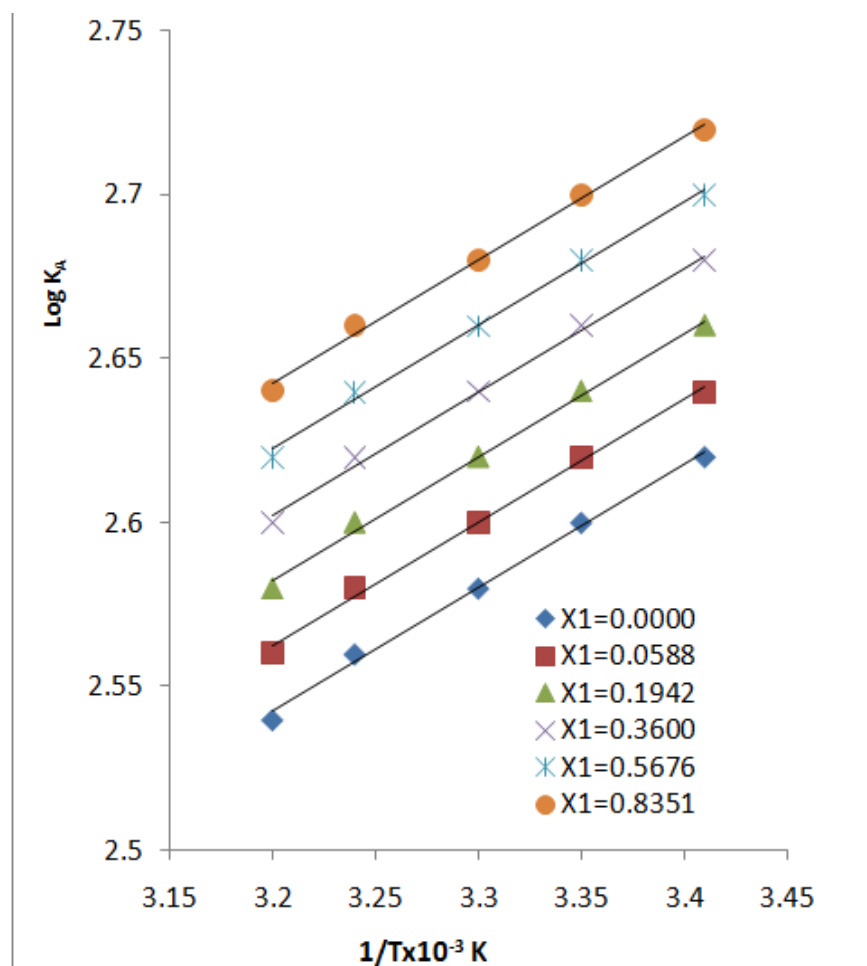


Figure 3: Log K_A vs $1/T$ for Ni(II) Complex in different mole fraction at temperature 288.15-308.15K

Conclusion

The experimentally determined of K_A s of the complex are found to increase with increase in X_1 which indicate an increased association as methanol is added to water. Large values of K_A and exothermic ion pair formation indicates the presence of specific short range interaction between ions which is again indicated by positive value of enthalpy change. As expected that the values of ΔG° become more negative at higher percentage of methanol which indicate that ion-pair association are favoured with lowering dielectric constant of the medium. The value of E^a increases with increase in X_1 upto about $X_1=0.36$ and thereafter decreases rapidly. It follows that in water rich region upto $X_1=0.36$, the chosen complex ion requires higher activation energy for transport processes as methanol content in the mixed solvent increases but reverse is the case beyond $X_1=0.36$

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