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POLYMERIZATION OF N, N'METHYLENE BIS ACRYLAMIDE INITIATED BY Ce(IV) – VANILLIN
REDOX SYSTEM IN THE ABSENCE AND PRESENCE OF β -CYCLODEXTRIN

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ABSTRACT

Kinetics of Polymerization of N,N'MethyleneBisacrylamide (MBA) initiated by Ce(IV) – Vanillin redox system, was carried out two different temperatures 30°C & 36°C in dilute sulfuric acid medium under nitrogen atmosphere. The rate of oxidation of Vanillin by Ce (IV) in the presence and absence of β -CD were studied. The effect of various concentrations of monomer [MBA], oxidant [Ce(IV)], reductant[van], medium[H⁺] and varying ionic strengths NaHSO₄ on the rate of polymerization, rate of Ce(IV), consumption (-RCe) and the percentage monomer conversion were studied. The rate of polymerization (Rp)in the presence and absence of β -CD has been investigated The kinetic study of Michelis-menton mechanism for formation of intermediate complex between reactants allows the oxidation data to be calculated from the plot of Line Weaver-Burk. The rate of polymerization(Rp) was also calculated by iodometry method. On the basis of experimental results a suitable mechanism has been proposed.

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INTRODUCTION

Macromolecules or polymers are very high molar mass compounds consisting of several structural units interconnected by covalent bonds. The molar mass of a polymer may vary from 5,000 to several millions. Polymer is a generic name given a vast number of materials of high molecular weight (Fred, 2002; Gowarikar, 1986; Misra, 1970; Staudinger, 1920; George Odian, 1981; Rodroguez, 1970 and Stilles, 1969). Cerium (IV) ion has been used for the oxidation of many organic compounds, in the form of ceric (IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN), Ceric(IV) ammonium sulphate (CAS), Ceric(IV) Sulphate (CS) and cericper chlorate. Ceric ions form complexes with amines such as sulfate, nitrate and hydroxyl in aqueous solution whose relative concentrations have been found to be function of hydrogen ion, respective anion concentration and ionic strength. Numerous reducing agents have been used in combination with oxidizing metal ions to participate in general single – electron transfer reaction for free radical polymerization, metal ion used mainly for this purpose are Mn(III) and Mn(VII), Ce(IV), V(V), Co(III), Cr(VI) and Fe(III).

The mechanism and kinetics of polymerization is involving ceric ion alone [Ananthanarayan and santappa et.al, 2003] and also in combination with reducing substrates such as alcohols (Hanna, 1975), diols (Mohanty, 1979), polyols (Rout, 1977), aldehydes (Subramanian, 1968), ketones (Subramanian, 1968) and amines (Saha, 1975) etc. with different vinyl monomers acrylonitrile, acrylamide and methyl methacrylate are studied. Vanillin (3-methoxy-1-hydroxy benzaldehyde) is areductant, which has both phenolic and aldehyde groups and its capable of undergoing three different types of reaction those of the aldehyde groups the phenolic hydroxyl and the aromatic nucleus. The aldehydic group undergoes condensation (Iaber, 2008) reaction that allows substitution for the aldehyde reactions, such as Cannizaro's reaction. If the hydroxyl group in vanillin is protected, Then aldehyde group undergoes oxidation to vanillinic acid. A direct oxidation mechanism, without complex formation has been suggested for oxidation in sulfuric acid (Liu, 2008 and Fernandez, 1982). The monomer N,N'MBA in the presence of redox system yields polymer. Some studies reported in the literature (Manickam, 1980 and Palanivelu, 2012), indicate successful efforts were made to polymerize the monomer. Cyclodextrin are cyclic oligosaccharides composed of α - (1, 4) linkages of a number of D-(+) glucopyranose units. A number of glucose units are designatd by α - for six, β - for seven, γ - for eight. Many chemical reactions both in solid state²³ and solutions²⁴ are influenced by cyclodextrins due to inclusion into the apolar

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cavity. Reactions of these complexes are regioselective (Duraimanickam, 2002), stereospecificity can be realized. Many hydrolysis reactions are observed in β -CD. Many bromination (Duraimanickam, 2002), reaction are observed in β -CD which are stereoselective and stereospecific, many reduction (Pitchuani, 1994), oxidation and photochemical reactions (Pitchuani, 1993) in β -CD have been reported. The literature survey reveals that no reports of the kinetics of polymerization of *N, N'*MBA with Ce(IV) - vanillin in β -CD has been carried out. The rate of polymerization (R_p) of monomer in the presence and absence of β -CD were investigated.

Experimental Methods

The polymerization was carried out in a pyrex tube of 150 ml capacity which was sealed at the bottom and the top was fitted with a standard joint stopper having inlet and outlet tubes for the passage of nitrogen. A micro burette was fitted vertically on the stopper the aqueous solutions of *N, N'*MBA, vanillin and sulfuric acid, sodium bisulfate (to maintain proper ionic strength) and β -CD in appropriate concentrations were taken on the reaction tube. Nitrogen gas was bubbled for about half an hour and stopcocks were closed. The solution was thermo stated to attain desired temperature followed by addition of Ce(IV) solution from the micro burette and mixing by shaking. The volume of reaction mixture was adjusted to 20 ml. The polymerization started immediately after the addition of Ce(IV) solution. After a definite interval of time the reaction was quenched by addition of the excess standard ferrous ammonium sulfate solution. The filtrate along with washing after separation of polymer was estimated for residual Ce(IV) by titrating with standard Ce(IV) using ferroin indicator.

The rate of polymerization (R_p) and rate of Ce(IV) consumption were calculated from the initial slope of the curve of the percentage of monomer conversion versus time and Ce(IV) consumption versus time curve respectively. All kinetic measurements were performed under pseudo first order conditions where [Vanillin] was always in excess over [Ce(IV)] at a constant ionic strength of 0.1 mol dm^{-3} in acid medium at a constant temperature of 30°C and 36°C respectively, unless otherwise stated. The reaction was initiated by mixing the thermo stated solutions of Ce(IV) and vanillin, which also contained the required concentration of H_2SO_4 and NaHSO_4 . The process of the reaction was followed by measuring the decrease in absorbance of Ce(IV) in the reaction solution and from order slopes of plots of $\log_{10}(\text{Ce(IV)})$ versus time; the plots were linear up to 60% completion of the reaction in acidic medium and the k_{obs} values were reproducible to within $\pm 5\%$ and deviation from linearity was observed above 40% of reaction due to the retarding effect of one of the products Ce(IV). The results are also interpreted in terms of the initial rate of the reaction to avoid the complexation. The order with respect to Vanillin and vanillic Acid was found by $\log k_{\text{obs}}$ versus \log_{10} (concentration) plots these orders were obtained by varying the concentration of reductant and acid in turn while keeping constant. The acid formation is confirmed by I.R. data (Demappa, 2005).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Variation of oxidant

Concentration of oxidant Ce(IV) was varied from 3.14 to $7.83 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mole/dm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$, the rate of the reaction was increased from 2.86 to $8.03 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mole/dm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ from this we can

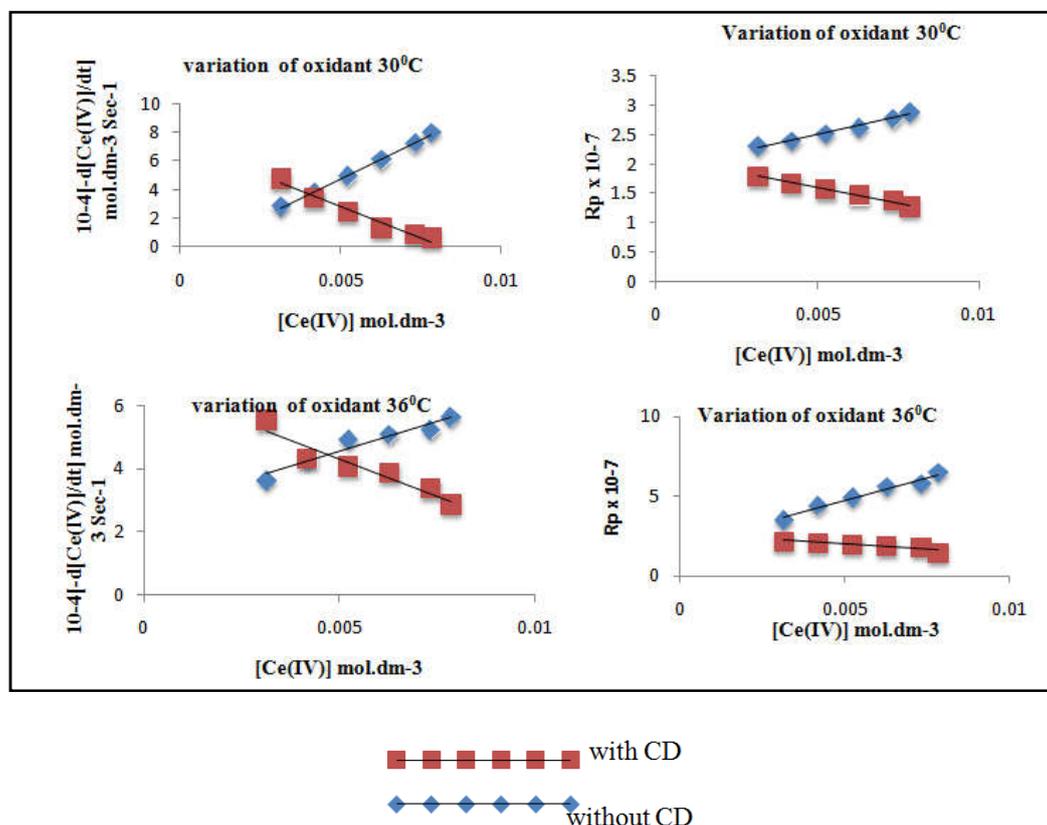


Fig. 1. Van [$2 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$], MBA [$2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$], H^+ [2.5 mol dm^{-3}]

concluded that the concentration of oxidant was increased, the rate of polymerization also be increased. This was also confirmed in the rate of polymerization (R_p) Vs $[Ce(IV)]$ was increased from 2.3 to 2.9×10^{-7} . Then in the experiment was done by the addition of β -CD to aliquot the rate of the reaction drastically decreased from 4.8 to 0.65×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹. We also found that R_p was decreased from 1.80 to 1.28×10^{-7} . This was due to β -CD encapsulated the monomer in its cavity which is not available for polymerization, therefore the rate and R_p were decreased even though we increase the concentration of oxidant. The same trend was also observed when we increased the temperature from $30^\circ C$ to $36^\circ C$ the rate was increased from 3.6 to 5.6×10^{-4} and the R_p was increased 3.49 to 6.49×10^{-7} . But in the presence of β -CD the rate was decreased from 5.5 to 2.8×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and also R_p was decreased from 2.16 to 1.45×10^{-7} . Therefore β -CD a small entity which separates the monomer to form polymer. So β -CD was actually decreased the polymerization Fig. 1.

rate of the reaction in the presence of β -CD was slightly changed and as we increased the concentration of vanillin a sudden decreased. From this observation we can conclude that more and more vanillin molecule were occupied in β -CD cavity. Thus β -CD prevents polymerization Fig. 2.

Variation of H₂SO₄

In the H⁺ ion variation we observed that the rate of reaction was slightly increased from 1.8 to 2.1×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p 2.9 to 3.8×10^{-7} at $30^\circ C$ when β -CD was added to the medium abruptly changed and the rate of reaction was decreased from 4.6 to 0.9×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p 2.45 to 1.95 . From this we observed as increase the concentration of H⁺ normal kinetics was slightly increased but in the presence of β -CD the rate of the reaction was suddenly decreased. It was due to acid will affect the β -CD structure and tend to hydrolyses β -CD and more and more glucose molecule will

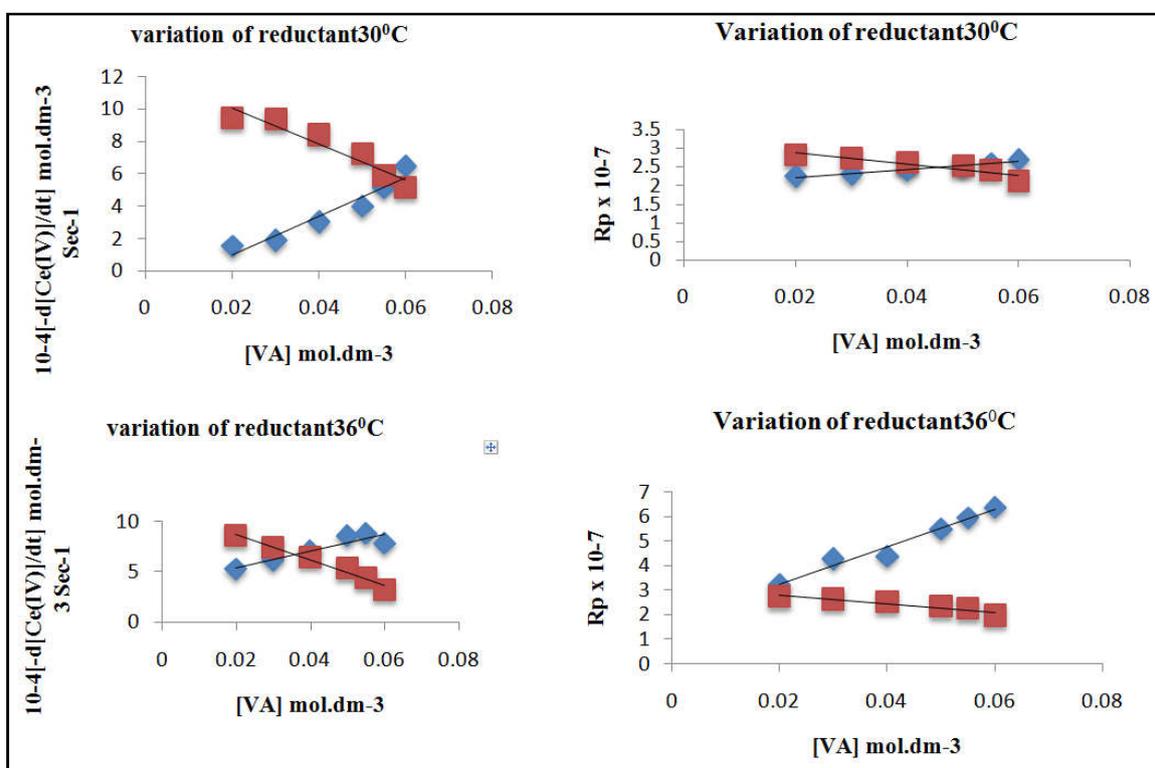


Fig. 2. Ce(IV) [2.84×10^{-5} mol/dm³], MBA [2×10^{-4} mol/dm³], H⁺ [2.5 mol/dm³]

By increasing the concentration of vanillin from 2×10^{-1} mol/dm³ to 6×10^{-1} mol/dm³, increase in the rate of reaction from 1.56 to 6.5×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and rate of polymerization from 2.25 to 2.70×10^{-7} at $30^\circ C$ was observed. Therefore increasing the concentration of vanillin, increase in both the rate of reaction and rate of polymerization was observed. When we added β -CD to the reaction mixture the rate was decreased from 9.5 to 5.2×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and the R_p was decreased from 2.8 to 2.1×10^{-7} . The same trend was followed at higher temperature ($36^\circ C$) the rate of reaction was increased from 5.3 to 7.8×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p was increased from 3.25 to 6.40×10^{-7} . Therefore as we increased the concentration of vanillin, the rate of the reaction was increased. But β -CD was added in the reaction medium, the rate of reaction was decreased from 8.6 to 3.25×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p 2.82 to 2.12×10^{-7} . When we compared $30^\circ C$ and $36^\circ C$, as the temperature increases the rate was also increased in without β -CD. But in β -CD the rate was decreased. This observation indicates that as we increased the temperature the

prevent polymerization. The same trend was observed for temperature $36^\circ C$. When we compared the rate of the reaction at 30 and $36^\circ C$ without β -CD, the rate of the reaction at $36^\circ C$ was increased from 1.03 to 4.23×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p 2.45 to 2.87 was also increased. From this it may be concluded that as the temperature was increased, the movement ions was increased, which was good for polymerization. But in the presence of β -CD the rate was decreased from 9.2 to 4.8×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p from 2.32 to 2.21×10^{-7} . From this we can conclude that at higher temperature ($36^\circ C$) in the presence of β -CD even though the movement of ions were faster rate but β -CD structure hydrolysed to give more number of glucose units which hindered the polymerization. Fig 3

Variation of monomer

The rate and R_p of the reaction was increased from and 0.832 to 5.36×10^{-4} mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ 1.96 to 2.46×10^{-7} respectively as

were increased the concentration of monomer at 30°C. This increase in the rate and R_p was due to more and more number of molecules of monomer increase the rate and polymerization of the reaction. When we add β -CD the rate of the reaction was decreased from 2.69 to 0.56 $\times 10^{-4}$ mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p 2.52 to 2.18 $\times 10^{-7}$.

polymerization was increased from 1.86 to 5.6 $\times 10^{-4}$ mole/dm³sec⁻¹ and the R_p 2.3 to 2.82 $\times 10^{-7}$. This was similar observation as above increasing the temperature increase in the R_p observed. When the kinetics was followed in the presence of β -CD the rate decreased from 3.56 to 1.39 $\times 10^{-4}$ mole/dm³ sec⁻¹ and R_p 2.49 to 1.97 $\times 10^{-7}$.

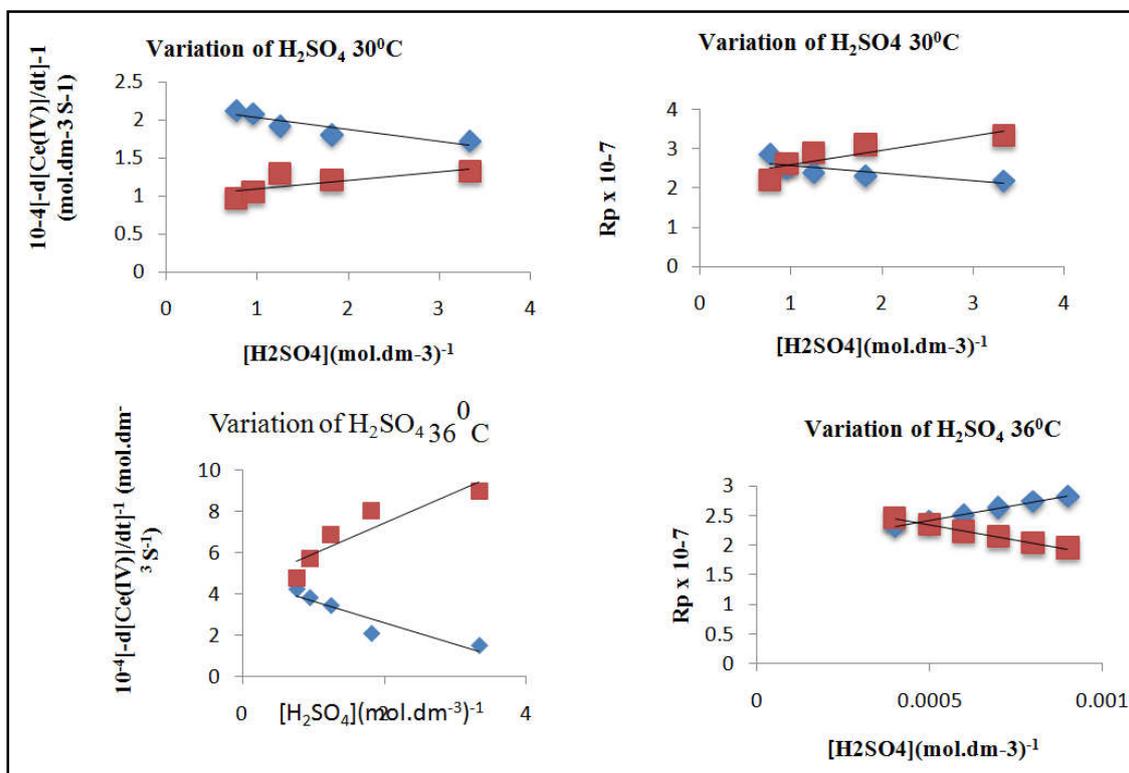


Fig. 3. Ce(IV) [2.84×10^{-5} mol dm⁻³], Van [2×10^{-1} mol dm⁻³] MBA [2×10^{-4} mol dm⁻³]

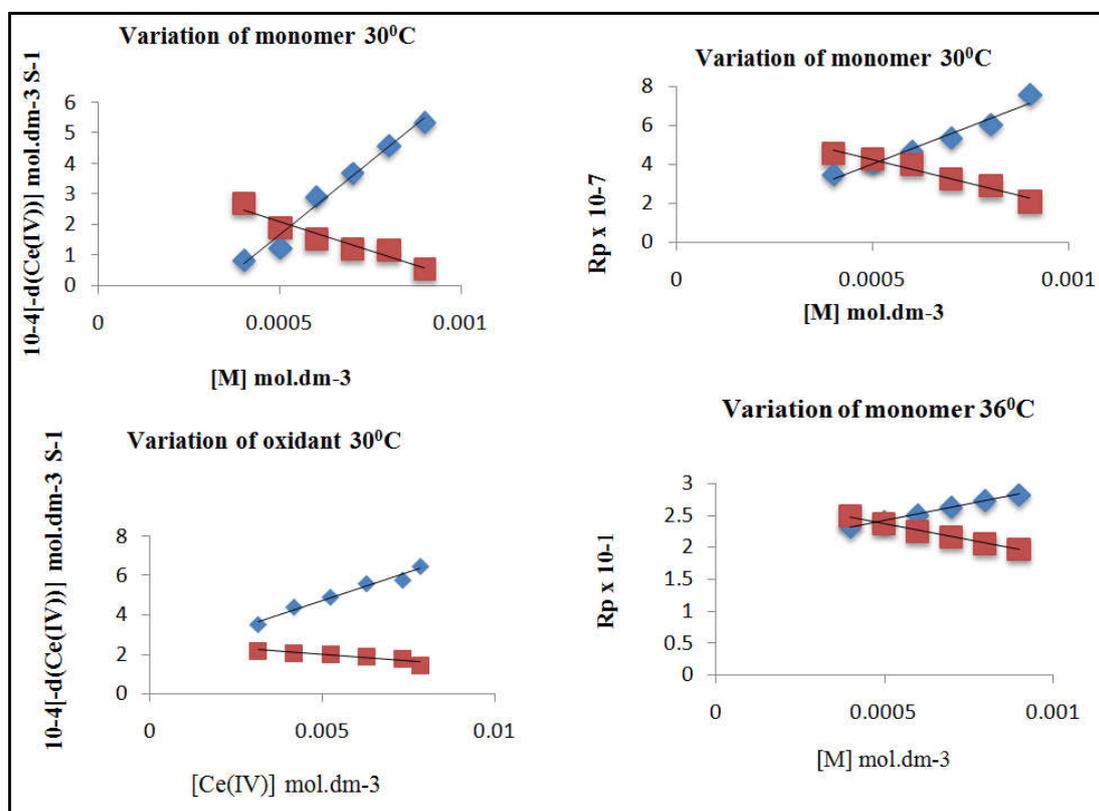


Fig. 4. Ce(IV) [2.84×10^{-5} mol dm⁻³], Van [2×10^{-1} mol dm⁻³], H⁺ [2.5 mol dm⁻³]

Here when increase monomer concentration more molecules were occupied inside the β -CD cavity. At 36°C the rate of

This was also similar observation that was by increasing the temperature increase in the mobility of ions and increase in the

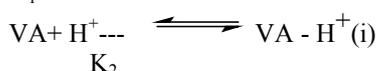
polymerization. But increase in the monomer concentration more monomer molecule will occupy β -CD cavity. Thus β -CD deaccelerated the polymerization Fig. 4.

Kinetics of oxidation in presence of monomer

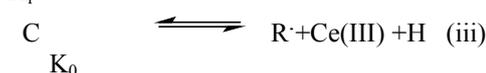
The Kinetics of oxidation of Vanillin (VA) by Ce(IV) in the presence and absence of monomer was carried out at the temperature 30°C and 36°C. The rate of oxidant consumption $(-d[\text{Ce(IV)}]/dt)$ were proportional to $[\text{Ce(IV)}]$, Variation of rates with substrate concentration suggested the formation of 1:1 complex intermediates prior to oxidation. The plots of $(-d[\text{Ce(IV)}]/dt)$ against $[\text{VA}]$ were linear the complex formation between the oxidant and the substrate in the redox pair and reciprocal plots of $(-d[\text{Ce(IV)}]/dt)^{-1}$ vs $[\text{H}^+]^{-1}$ were also found to be linear.

Scheme

K_1



K_r



Where, C represents the complex formation between the substrate and the oxidant.

The two equilibrium K_1 and K_2 were treated separately so that,

$$K_1 = \frac{[\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}}}{([\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}})} \text{ and} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$[\text{VA}]_{\text{T}} = [\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} + [\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

From equation (1),

$$[\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} = K_1 [\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}}$$

Introducing this value in equation (2), We get,

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{VA}]_{\text{T}} &= K_1 [\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} + [\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} \\ &= [\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} (1 + K_1 [\text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}}) \dots\dots\dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

Where $[\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}}$ denotes the equilibrium concentration of VA also,

$$[\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{T}} = [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} + [\text{C}] \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

From the kinetic step (2)

$$K_2 = \frac{[\text{C}]}{([\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}})} [\text{C}]$$

$$= K_2 [\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

Substituting equation (5) in equation (4),

$$[\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{T}} = [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} + K_2 [\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} = [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} (1 + K_2 [\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}}) \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

Where $[\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}}$ represents the equilibrium concentration of ceric ion.

By applying steady-state approximation to the intermediate (R^{\cdot}), the following expression can be derived from the kinetics scheme steps (iii) and (iv):

$$-d[\text{R}^{\cdot}] / dt = K_0 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{R}^{\cdot}] - K_r [\text{C}] = 0$$

Therefore

$$K_0 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{R}^{\cdot}] = K_r [\text{C}]$$

$$[\text{R}^{\cdot}] = [K_r [\text{C}]] / (K_0 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}}) \dots\dots\dots (7)$$

The rate law for the oxidation could then be derived as follows. From the Kinetic steps,

$$\begin{aligned} -d[\text{Ce(IV)}] / dt &= K_r [\text{C}] + K_0 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{R}^{\cdot}] \\ &= K_r [\text{C}] + K_0 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}} \frac{K_r [\text{C}]}{(K_0 [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}})} \\ &= 2K_r [\text{C}] \end{aligned}$$

From the equation (5),

$$-d[\text{Ce(IV)}] / dt = 2K_r K_2 [\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}}$$

By using the equation (1),

$$-d[\text{Ce(IV)}] / dt = 2K_r K_1 K_2 [\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{eq}}$$

Applying the equation (3) and (6)

$$\begin{aligned} d[\text{Ce(IV)}] / dt &= (2K_r K_1 K_2 [\text{VA}]_{\text{T}} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{T}} [\text{H}^+]_{\text{T}}) / (1 + K_1 [\text{H}^+]_{\text{T}}) \times (1 + K_2 [\text{VA} - \text{H}^+]_{\text{eq}}) = R_0 \end{aligned}$$

The above equation explain the dependence of the rate on Ce(IV) concentration and also variable with substrate concentration. The observation of Michelis-Menton kinetics, i.e. The formation of a complex between the reactants allow the oxidation data to be treated according to the method of Line Wearer and Burk.

Thus the above equation can be written as follows:

$$-d[\text{Ce(IV)}] / dt = \frac{(2K_r K_1 K_2 [\text{VA}]_{\text{T}} [\text{Ce(IV)}]_{\text{T}} [\text{H}^+]_{\text{T}})}{(1 + K_1 [\text{H}^+]_{\text{T}})(1 + K_2 K_1 [\text{VA}]_{\text{eq}} [\text{H}^+]_{\text{T}})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(2K_1K_2[VA]_T[Ce(IV)]_T[H^+])}{(1+K_1K_2[VA]_T[H^+])} \\ & = \frac{(2K_1K_2[VA]_T[Ce(IV)]_T[H^+])}{(1+K_1[H^+]+K_1K_2[VA]_T[H^+])} \end{aligned}$$

Taking reciprocal rate is given by $d[Ce(IV)]/dt = 1/(2K_1K_2[VA]_T[Ce(IV)]_T[H^+]) + 1/(2K_1K_2[VA]_T[Ce(IV)]_T) \cdot 1/(2K_1[Ce(IV)]_T)$ -(8)

This equation explains the linear plot of $(-d[Ce(IV)]/dt)^{-1}$ vs $[H^+]^{-1}$ and $(-d[Ce(IV)]/dt)^{-1}$ vs $[VA]$

Equation (8) explain the dependence of rate on $[Ce(IV)]$. Thus K_1 could be evaluated from the plots of $(-d[Ce(IV)]/dt)^{-1}$ vs $[VA]^{-1}$ from the intercepts of the plots of $(-d[Ce(IV)]/dt)^{-1}$ vs $[H^+]^{-1}$, K_2 could be evaluated. The value of K_1 can be determined from the slope of the plots of $(-d[Ce(IV)]/dt)^{-1}$ vs $[H^+]^{-1}$ by knowing the values of K_1 and K_2 . The disappearance concentration of Ce(IV) at given time which determine the rate of reaction, The cerium (IV) ion concentration increases the rate and R_p increases the reductant concentration also be the same results on rate and R_p

Conclusion

Kinetics of polymerization of initiated by *N, N'*-Methylene Bisacrylamide Ce(IV) – vanillin redox system was carried out two different temperature 30°C and 36°C in dilute sulfuric acid medium under nitrogen atmosphere. The rate of oxidant, reductant, medium and monomer were studied in the presence and absence of β -CD. In the absence of β -CD the rate and R_p were increases and in the presence of β -CD the rate and R_p were decreases. The observation of Michelis-menton kinetics the formation of intermediate comple between reactants allows the oxidation data to be treated according to the method of Line Weaver – Burk plot. Therate of polymerization was also calculated by iodimetry method. The effect of rate by β -CD rate of polymerization decreases.

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