

# Viscosity Studies on Lithium Bromide in Water + Dimethyl Sulfoxide Mixtures at 278.15 K and 293.15 K

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Viscosities of dilute solutions of lithium bromide in binary mixtures of water + dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) have been measured in the composition range 0–85 mass % DMSO at 278.15 K and 0–100 mass % DMSO at 293.15 K. The viscosity data have been analyzed by the Jones–Dole equation. The viscosity  $B$  coefficients of LiBr are positive at both temperatures in the whole composition range of the mixed solvent. The ion–solvent interactions have been discussed.

## 1. Introduction

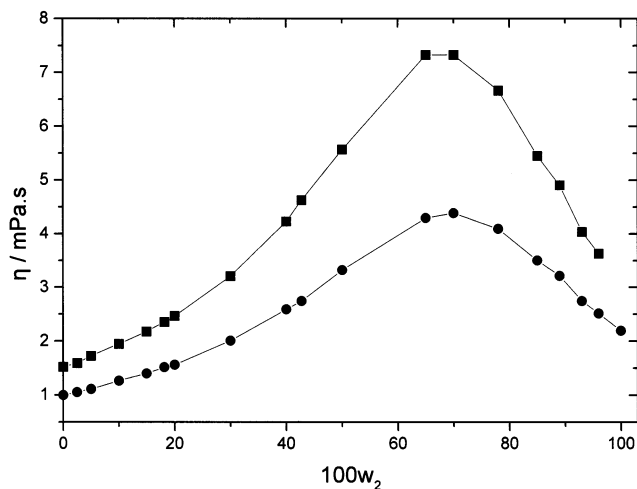
Viscosimetric measurements of electrolyte solutions have been widely used in order to obtain information regarding solute–solvent interactions. While ion–solvent interactions have been studied in water and some organic solvents, less consideration has been given to such effects in solvent mixtures. For such studies, the solvent mixture of water + DMSO has special importance because of the wide use of DMSO and its aqueous solutions as solvents and reaction media.<sup>1</sup> Also, this solvent mixture is of extreme interest from the point of view of their structural properties. Extensive studies of the physical properties of the binary system water (1) + DMSO (2) have been made to investigate the changes which occur in the molecular structure and motion of the liquid as a function of the composition. At ambient pressure, DMSO exists in the liquid state over a wide temperature range ( $T_f = 18\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $T_b = 189\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) and is completely miscible with water. The high boiling temperature has been attributed to the large dipole moment of the DMSO molecule ( $\mu = 3.90\text{ D}$  at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). In the strongly polar S=O bond, oxygen is the most electronegative site of DMSO. Dipole or ionic interactions are responsible for self-association DMSO molecules. Acting as a proton acceptor, it can alter the structure of water. From thermodynamic considerations, Lindberg<sup>2</sup> has argued that the water–DMSO hydrogen bond is stronger than the water–water hydrogen bond. Results of neutron inelastic scattering (NIS) and X-ray<sup>3</sup> diffraction techniques show that small quantities of DMSO ( $x_2 \leq 0.1$ ) added to water produce a cooperative ordering of water molecules, increasing the long-range structure of water. At higher concentrations of DMSO, the NIS, infrared spectroscopy, and X-ray results show that the water structure is broken down by the increased formation of hydrogen-bonded DMSO–water complexes.

On the other hand, infrared spectroscopy<sup>4</sup> as well as density<sup>5</sup> measurements, shows that small quantities of DMSO have little effect on the water structure. Other methods<sup>6,7</sup> even lead to the conclusion that small amounts of DMSO act as a “structure breaker” in water. The dielectric spectra<sup>8</sup> of water (1) + DMSO (2) mixtures showed two maxima (one each on the water rich region and DMSO rich region) in the distribution of relaxation times against concentration and a minimum around  $x_2 = 0.33$ , indicating more homogeneity around this mole fraction.

**Table 1. Densities ( $\rho$ ) and Viscosities ( $\eta$ ) of Water (1) + DMSO (2) Mixtures at 278.15 K and 293.15 K**

100w <sub>2</sub>	T = 278.15 K		T = 293.15 K	
	$\rho/\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	$\eta/\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}$	$\rho/\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	$\eta/\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}$
0.00	0.999 96	1.524	0.998 20	0.999
2.50	1.003 32	1.589	1.001 32	1.053
5.00	1.006 89	1.727	1.004 52	1.112
10.00	1.014 31	1.948	1.011 20	1.264
14.97	1.022 00	2.178	1.018 20	1.402
18.15	1.027 27	2.354	1.022 83	1.515
20.00	1.030 38	2.463	1.025 53	1.559
30.00	1.047 50	3.203	1.040 96	2.009
40.00	1.065 05	4.230	1.056 62	2.589
42.75	1.070 15	4.625	1.061 69	2.743
50.00	1.082 53	5.570	1.072 40	3.319
65.00	1.104 44	7.330	1.092 33	4.296
70.00	1.109 25	7.326	1.096 70	4.385
78.00	1.115 47	6.666	1.102 16	4.091
85.00	1.117 61	5.450	1.103 81	3.498
89.00	1.117 88	4.904	1.103 71	3.211
93.00	1.117 48	4.035	1.102 91	2.743
96.00	1.117 02	3.630	1.102 12	2.514
100.00			1.100 41	2.194
			1.100 40 <sup>a</sup>	2.216 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference 31.



**Figure 1.** Viscosity of water (1) + DMSO (2) mixtures: ■, 278.15 K; ●, 293.15 K.

The existence of stoichiometrically well-defined hydrogen-bonded DMSO–water aggregates is suggested thereby.



**Table 3. Viscosity  $A$  and  $B$  Coefficients of the Jones–Dole Equation (Eq 1) for LiBr in Water (1) + DMSO (2) Mixtures at 278.15 and 293.15 K**

$100w_2$	$A/(\text{dm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})^{1/2}$		$B/\text{dm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	
	$T = 278.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 293.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 278.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 293.15 \text{ K}$
0.00	0.0012 ± 0.0001	0.0053 ± 0.0005	0.093 ± 0.002	0.104 ± 0.002
2.50	0.0040 ± 0.0004	0.0075 ± 0.0008	0.092 ± 0.002	0.102 ± 0.002
5.00	0.0112 ± 0.0011	0.0107 ± 0.0011	0.089 ± 0.002	0.096 ± 0.002
10.00	0.0006 ± 0.0001	0.0209 ± 0.0021	0.098 ± 0.002	0.098 ± 0.002
15.00	0.0030 ± 0.0003	0.0094 ± 0.0009	0.102 ± 0.002	0.105 ± 0.002
18.15	0.0110 ± 0.0011	0.0166 ± 0.0017	0.104 ± 0.002	0.114 ± 0.002
20.00	-0.0003 ± 0.0001	0.0050 ± 0.0005	0.158 ± 0.003	0.163 ± 0.003
30.00	0.0070 ± 0.0007	0.0020 ± 0.0002	0.170 ± 0.003	0.196 ± 0.004
40.00	0.0150 ± 0.0015	0.0142 ± 0.0014	0.219 ± 0.004	0.234 ± 0.004
42.75	0.0310 ± 0.0031	0.0193 ± 0.0019	0.228 ± 0.004	0.276 ± 0.005
49.95	0.0189 ± 0.0019	0.0076 ± 0.0008	0.311 ± 0.006	0.312 ± 0.006
65.00	0.0007 ± 0.0001	0.0091 ± 0.0009	0.483 ± 0.010	0.406 ± 0.008
85.00	-0.0131 ± 0.0013	-0.0053 ± 0.0005	0.917 ± 0.018	0.807 ± 0.016
100.00		-0.0151 ± 0.0015		1.036 ± 0.021
				0.907 ± 0.003 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Value at 298.15 K.<sup>40</sup>

The studies indicate a strong interaction between DMSO and water, and the general conclusion is that in the mole fraction range  $x_2 = 0.3$  to  $0.4$  the interactions due to hydrogen bonds are at a maximum. When plotted against concentration, properties of the mixtures such as density,<sup>9</sup> viscosity,<sup>9</sup> spin lattice relaxation rates,<sup>10</sup> enthalpy of mixing,<sup>11</sup> and surface tension<sup>12</sup> pass through minima or maxima at about  $x_2 = 0.35$ . There is some disagreement as to whether actual hydrogen-bonded complexes are formed,<sup>3,13,14</sup> what the water to DMSO ratio is in the complex,<sup>15</sup> and how long such complexes exist.<sup>10,16</sup> For example, measurements of the neutron spin–lattice relaxation time in the water + DMSO system have suggested that the reorientation of the DMSO·3H<sub>2</sub>O complex is the dominant motion causing relaxation.<sup>15</sup> Also, from phase diagram studies, it is concluded that a complex of one DMSO and three water molecules is formed.<sup>17</sup>

Other dielectric studies have also shown that a DMSO molecule reorients together with two water molecules.<sup>16</sup> This is in agreement with enthalpy of mixing,<sup>11</sup> density,<sup>9</sup> and viscosity<sup>9</sup> data, where the results also indicate a DMSO·2H<sub>2</sub>O complex.

From a phase diagram of the supercooled aqueous solutions<sup>18</sup> of DMSO it is suggested that a stable complex of DMSO·2H<sub>2</sub>O exists the near glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) in DMSO.

The existence of strongly hydrogen bonded DMSO·2H<sub>2</sub>O aggregates has been proved through molecular dynamical simulations of these solvent mixtures.<sup>19</sup> The behavior of the principal relaxation time of the mixture shows a maximum at a value corresponding to a mixture with 30 mass % water.<sup>20</sup>

A survey of the literature shows that ionic viscosity  $B$  coefficients have been investigated for electrolyte solutions in water,<sup>21–23</sup> in DMSO,<sup>24–26</sup> and in water + DMSO mixtures.<sup>27–30</sup> This work involves the study of the  $B$  coefficient of lithium bromide in water + DMSO mixtures in the whole mole fraction region at 278.15 K and 293.15 K.

## 2. Experimental Section

Dimethyl sulfoxide (Riedel–de Hën, 99.9%) with density  $1.10041 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$  and refractive index  $1.4795$  at  $293.15 \text{ K}$  was used without further purification. These physical constants are in agreement with the literature values  $\rho = 1.100401 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$  and  $n_D = 1.4793$ .<sup>31</sup> Water was deionized by an ion-exchange resin and doubly distilled. The specific

conductance was found to be better than  $0.50 \mu\text{S}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$  at  $293.15 \text{ K}$ . Anhydrous lithium bromide (Fluka 99.0%) was dried before use at  $413.15 \text{ K}$  for  $24 \text{ h}$ . All solutions were prepared by mass from a stock solution. The weighings were uncertain to less than  $\pm 0.0001 \text{ g}$  (salt) and  $\pm 0.01 \text{ g}$  (solvent mixtures). Molar concentrations were obtained from molality and density values with an uncertainty  $\pm 0.0001 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$ .

Densities ( $\rho$ ) were measured with an Anton Paar (DMA 58) microcomputer-controlled precision densimeter, with a build-in solid state thermostat. The precision of the sample thermostat was  $\pm 0.01 \text{ K}$ . The DMA cell was calibrated with air and doubly distilled water at atmospheric pressure. The uncertainty in the density was  $\pm 0.00001 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ .

The viscosities have been measured in the concentration range  $0.0010$ – $0.1500 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{dm}^{-3}$  with a viscosity measuring unit (Schott Geräte AVS 310) equipped with an Ubbelohde capillary viscometer. The viscometer was calibrated with doubly distilled water. The time measurement tolerance was  $\pm 0.005\%$ , and the display accuracy was  $\pm 0.01 \text{ s}$ . The temperature was maintained constant within  $\pm 0.03 \text{ K}$ . The viscosities ( $\eta$ ) were averaged from four readings. The uncertainty in the viscosity measurements was  $\pm 0.001 \text{ mPa}\cdot\text{s}$ .

## 3. Results and Discussion

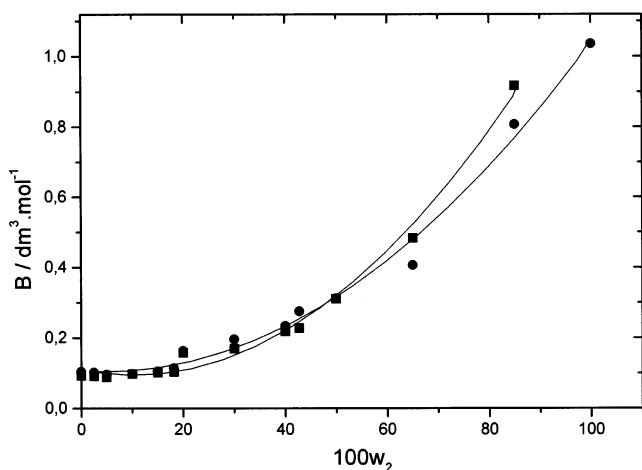
Densities and viscosities of pure water, DMSO, and water + DMSO mixtures are reported in Table 1. Inspection of density values shows that the density passes through a maximum between  $80$  and  $90 \text{ mass \% DMSO}$  for both temperatures. The viscosity–concentration curves, plotted in Figure 1, exhibit very pronounced maxima, which occur at a concentration corresponding to the formula DMSO/2H<sub>2</sub>O ( $100w_2 = 68$ ). These maxima in the viscosity water + DMSO system can be attributed to the strong interaction of DMSO with water. These results agree well with the literature values.<sup>9, 32–34</sup>

Densities and viscosities of LiBr in water + DMSO mixtures are reported in Table 2.

The viscosities of electrolytic solutions were analyzed using the Jones–Dole<sup>35</sup> equation:

$$\eta_r = 1 + Ac^{1/2} + Bc \quad (1)$$

where  $\eta_r$  is the relative viscosity of the solution, the  $A$  coefficient is a measure of ion–ion interactions, and the  $B$



**Figure 2.** Viscosity  $B$  coefficients for LiBr in water (1) + DMSO (2) mixtures: ■, 278.15 K; ●, 293.15 K.

coefficient depends on the specific electrolyte and temperature and consequently is a measure of ion–solvent interactions.

The viscosity  $A$  and  $B$  coefficients have been calculated as the intercept and the slope, respectively, from plots of  $(\eta/\eta_0 - 1)/c^{1/2}$  against  $c^{1/2}$ . The  $A$  and  $B$  values derived from eq 1 are given with their standard deviations in Table 3.

It is seen that the viscosity  $A$  coefficient is negative in some cases, but this has no physical significance.<sup>36</sup>

The values of the  $B$  coefficient for both temperatures are presented graphically in Figure 2. The  $B$  coefficient is positive throughout all solvent mixtures, indicating a structure making behavior of LiBr. In pure water the  $\text{Li}^+$  ion is considered to be a structure making ion whereas the  $\text{Br}^-$  ion is considered to be a structure breaking ion.<sup>23</sup>

As is shown in Figure 2, the change of the  $B$  coefficient at both temperatures is very small up to  $100w_2 \sim 18.15$ , within the experimental uncertainty, with a small decrease from water to  $100w_2 = 10$ . This change of the  $B$  values in the water rich region may be due to the weakening of the ion–solvent interactions, because of the domination of the solvent–solvent interactions between unlike solvent molecules. Above  $100w_2 = 18.15$  there is a marked increase in the  $B$  values. This increase may be attributed to the stronger solvation of  $\text{Li}^+$  by DMSO molecules because of their greater basicity (donor number = 29.8  $\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ).<sup>37</sup> On the other hand, the  $\text{Br}^-$  ion exhibits weaker solvation because the positive end of the DMSO dipole is sterically hindered. The preference solvation of  $\text{Li}^+$  and the small solvation of  $\text{Br}^-$  by DMSO are also confirmed from the free energies of transfer<sup>38</sup> of ions from water to water + DMSO mixtures and from the limiting ionic conductivities<sup>39</sup> in DMSO. Therefore, the structure making behavior of the salt can be attributed mainly to  $\text{Li}^+$ .

In conclusion, the  $B$  coefficient is positive throughout the solvent mixtures for both temperatures, showing a structure maker behavior of LiBr. The thermal coefficient ( $\text{d}B/\text{d}T$ ) is positive up to  $100w_2 = 50$ , and above this composition turns to negative values. This change may be due to the strongest solvent–solvent interactions in the lower temperature. Though at higher concentration of DMSO the solvent–solvent interactions are less strong, the effect of long-range ordering of the solvent around the ions decreases with the increasing thermal energy.<sup>23</sup>

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