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Enthalpy of Solution of Amino Acid Ionic Liquid 1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium Glycine

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A new novel amino acid ionic liquid [C₄mim][Gly] (1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium glycine) was prepared by the neutralization method. The molar enthalpies of solution, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}(\text{wc})$, of [C₄mim][Gly] with various amounts of water and with various molalities were measured by the solution–reaction isoperibol calorimeter at (298.15 ± 0.01) K. According to Archer's method, the standard molar enthalpies of solution of [C₄mim][Gly] with known amounts of water, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$, were obtained. To eliminate the effect of the small amount of water in [C₄mim][Gly], a linear fitting of $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$ against water content was carried out so that a good straight line was obtained, and the intercept was the standard molar enthalpy of solution of [C₄mim][Gly] without water, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0 = (-46.02 \pm 0.19) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$. Using Glasser's lattice energy theory, the hydration enthalpy of the glycine anion [Gly][−] was estimated.

Introduction

Since Wilkes et al.¹ synthesized the air- and water-stable ionic liquid (IL) [C₂mim][BF₄] (1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate), ILs have attracted considerable attention from industry and the academic community as “green solvents”. The study on air- and moisture-stable ionic liquids has become the subject of an increasing number of scientific investigations documented in the literature.^{2–5} Especially, Fukumoto et al.⁶ succeeded in synthesizing amino acid ionic liquids from 20 natural amino acids. These have a strong hydrogen bonding ability that is useful for dissolved biomaterials, such as DNA, cellulose, and other carbohydrates. Thus, these amino acid ionic liquids should be used in a variety of applications, such as intermediates for peptide syntheses, chiral solvents, functional materials, and biodegradable ionic liquids.

While investigation of the synthesis and the application of ILs in catalytic and separation processes, as well as in electrochemistry, has made remarkable progress during the recent years, physicochemical properties for pure ionic liquids have still not been studied systematically yet. One of the reasons is the presence of water in ILs. In general, water is the most likely impurity for ionic liquids, and the small amounts of water in IL may cause large changes of the thermodynamic properties. Trace amounts of water are difficult to remove from ILs using common methods, especially for amino acid ionic liquids.

As a continuation of our previous investigation,^{7,8} this paper reports on the molar enthalpies of solution of an IL [C₄mim][Gly] (1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium glycine) with various water contents, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}(\text{wc})$, that were measured by the solution–reaction isoperibol calorimeter at (298.15 ± 0.01) K. Then, according to Archer's method,⁹ the standard molar solution enthalpies of [C₄mim][Gly] with given water content, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$, can be obtained. To eliminate the effect of the small amount of water in [C₄mim][Gly], in terms of standard

addition method, the linear fitting of $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$ against water content in [C₄mim][Gly] was carried out to give a straight line with the intercept being the standard molar solution enthalpies of [C₄mim][Gly] without water, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0$. In terms of Glasser's lattice energy theory,¹⁰ the hydration enthalpy of the glycine anion [Gly][−] was estimated.

Experimental Section

Chemicals. Deionized water was distilled in a quartz still, and its conductance was (0.8 to 1.2) · 10^{−4} S · m^{−1}. The AR grade glycine was recrystallized twice from water and was dried under reduced pressure. 1-Methylimidazole was obtained from ACROS and was distilled under reduced pressure prior to being used. Chlorobutane, ethyl acetate, and acetonitrile were distilled and then stored over molecular sieves in tightly sealed glass bottles, respectively. KCl with a purity more than 99.99 % was dried in a vacuum oven at 408 K for 6 h, and THAM (tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane), GR grade reagent, was dried in a vacuum oven before use.

[C₄mim][Cl] was synthesized according to Wilkes' method, and analysis of [C₄mim][Cl] by ¹H NMR resulting in a spectrum was in agreement with the literature.¹¹

Preparation of [C₄mim][Gly]. According to Fukumoto's method,⁶ [C₄mim][Gly] was synthesized by preparing 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hydroxide ([C₄mim][OH]) aqueous solution from [C₄mim][Cl] using anion exchange resin (IRA201) over a 100 cm column, and aqueous solution was added dropwise to a slightly excess equimolar aqueous glycine solution. The mixture was stirred under cooling for 12 h. Then, water was evaporated at $T = (313.15 \text{ to } 323.15) \text{ K}$ under reduced pressure. Under vigorous stirring, the mixed solvent of acetonitrile/methanol (volume ratio 9/1) was added. The mixture was then filtered to remove excess glycine. The filtrate was evaporated to remove solvents. The product was dried in vacuo for 2 days at $T = 353.15 \text{ K}$. The structure of [C₄mim][Gly] was confirmed by ¹H NMR (Varian XL-300,

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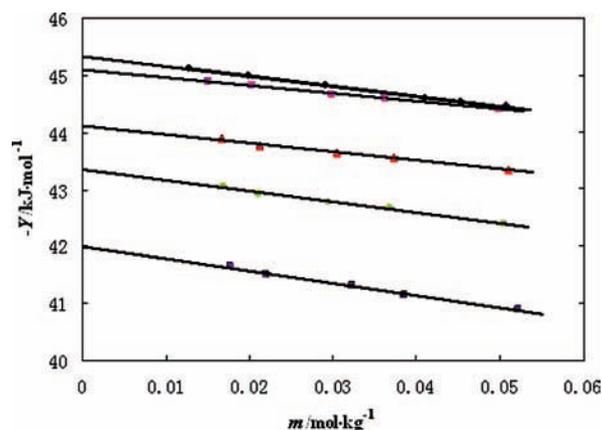
Table 1. Values of Molar Solution Enthalpy of Ionic Liquid [C₄mim][Gly], $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}(\text{wc})$, with Known Additional Mass Fractions of Water, w_2 , and with Different Molalities at 298.15 K

$10^3 w_2$	m	$-\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}(\text{wc})$	$-Y$
	$\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$	$\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$
8.00	0.01275	45.33 ± 0.44	45.12 ± 0.44
	0.01989	45.26 ± 0.26	45.00 ± 0.26
	0.02906	45.13 ± 0.18	44.82 ± 0.18
	0.03626	45.01 ± 0.15	44.67 ± 0.14
	0.04094	44.95 ± 0.14	44.59 ± 0.14
	0.04529	44.92 ± 0.12	44.54 ± 0.12
12.08	0.05079	44.87 ± 0.12	44.47 ± 0.11
	0.01504	45.13 ± 0.43	44.90 ± 0.42
	0.02031	45.08 ± 0.28	44.82 ± 0.27
	0.02991	44.97 ± 0.17	44.66 ± 0.17
	0.03628	44.93 ± 0.15	44.59 ± 0.14
	0.04996	44.81 ± 0.12	44.42 ± 0.12
25.29	0.01671	44.12 ± 0.30	43.88 ± 0.30
	0.02125	44.04 ± 0.25	43.77 ± 0.25
	0.03044	43.95 ± 0.18	43.64 ± 0.18
	0.03724	43.90 ± 0.15	43.56 ± 0.15
	0.05110	43.74 ± 0.11	43.34 ± 0.11
	38.42	0.01695	43.29 ± 0.32
0.02116		43.20 ± 0.28	42.93 ± 0.28
0.02946		43.09 ± 0.20	42.78 ± 0.19
0.03682		43.02 ± 0.15	42.68 ± 0.15
0.05054		42.79 ± 0.12	42.40 ± 0.11
50.34		0.01773	41.90 ± 0.37
	0.02196	41.77 ± 0.29	41.50 ± 0.29
	0.03234	41.64 ± 0.19	41.32 ± 0.18
	0.03855	41.50 ± 0.16	41.15 ± 0.16
	0.05220	41.30 ± 0.11	40.90 ± 0.11

DMSO, δ/ppm relative to TMS): 0.866–0.915 (t, 3H, $J = 7.35$ Hz), 1.205–1.279 (m, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 1.738–1.787 (m, 2H, $J = 7.35$ Hz), 2.721 (s, 2H), 2.998 (d, 2H), 3.886 (s, 2H), 4.179–4.227 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.753 (s, 1H), 7.704 (s, 1H), 9.868 (s, 1H). Elemental analysis: (Calcd for C₁₀H₁₉N₃O₂ · 1.3H₂O) C, 50.74; H, 9.20; N, 17.75; O, 22.31; (Exptl for C₁₀H₁₉N₃O₂ · 1.3H₂O): C, 51.10; H, 9.64; N, 17.35; O, 21.91. The thermal decomposition temperature, T_d (483.5 K), of [C₄mim][Gly] was determined by thermogravimetric analysis using a TA Instruments (SDT) model Q600 thermogravimetric analyzer.

Determination of the Molar Enthalpies of Solution. On the basis of other calorimetric apparatuses,^{12,13} an online solution–reaction isoperibol calorimeter was constructed, and the detailed experimental procedure was described previously.⁸

The performance and accuracy of the calorimetric system was tested by measuring the molar enthalpy of solution of KCl in

**Figure 1.** Plot of Y (extrapolation function calculated from eq 1 against m (molality) at various mass fractions of water in [C₄mim][Gly], w_2 : \blacklozenge , $10^3 w_2 = 8.00$; \blacksquare , $10^3 w_2 = 12.08$; \blacktriangle , $10^3 w_2 = 25.29$; \bullet , $10^3 w_2 = 38.42$; \blacksquare , $10^3 w_2 = 50.34$.**Table 2.** Values of Standard Molar Solution Enthalpy of [C₄mim][Gly] Containing Various Mass Fractions of Water at 298.15 K and the Standard Deviation of Linear Regressions^a

$10^3 w_2$	$-\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$	β	s
	$\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$		$\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$
8.00	45.34 ± 0.17	-17.70	0.02
12.08	45.10 ± 0.19	-13.77	0.02
25.29	44.11 ± 0.18	-15.13	0.02
38.42	43.35 ± 0.19	-18.64	0.02
50.34	42.00 ± 0.19	-21.31	0.03

^a w_2 is water mass fraction, β is empirical constant, s is standard deviation.

water and THAM [tris-(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane] in 0.1 mol·dm⁻³ HCl(aq) at (298.15 ± 0.01) K. The mean molar solution enthalpies are $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}} = (17542 \pm 31)$ J·mol⁻¹ for KCl and (-29794 ± 28) J·mol⁻¹ for THAM, which are in good agreement with the corresponding published data: (17536 ± 9) J·mol⁻¹ for KCl^{14,15} and (-29739 ± 10) J·mol⁻¹ for THAM.¹⁵

These results verified that the isoperibol calorimeter was looking correctly. Series of samples of water-contained [C₄mim][Gly] were prepared, and their molar enthalpies of solution were measured.

Results and Discussion

Molar Solution Enthalpy of [C₄mim][Gly] Containing Various Amounts of Water.

The values of molar solution enthalpy, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}(\text{wc})$, of water-contained [C₄mim][Gly] with various molalities at (298.15 ± 0.01) K are listed in Table 1. The uncertainty of molalities, m , is less than $2.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$ mol·kg⁻¹.

Standard Molar Solution Enthalpy $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0$. If the infinite dilution of ILs in water is selected as the reference state, according to Archer's method,¹⁰ in terms of a Debye–Hückel limiting term, the values of the molar standard enthalpy of solution of [C₄mim][Gly] with known amounts of water, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$, can be obtained using the following equation

$$Y = \Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}(\text{wc}) - (A_{\text{H}}/b) \ln(1 + bI^{1/2}) = \Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc}) + \beta m \quad (1)$$

where m is molality; I is ionic strength ($I = m$ for the 1:1 type electrolyte [C₄mim][Gly]); b is a constant to be 1.2;¹⁶ A_{H} is the Debye–Hückel parameter for enthalpy and whose value was from the literature;¹⁶ β is an empirical constant; and Y is an extrapolation function which is calculated from experimental data. The values of Y containing a constant amount of water were fitted to eq 1, and good straight lines were obtained (see Figure 1). The values of $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$ and β obtained from the intercepts and the slopes of linear fitting are listed in Table 2, respectively. The values of the standard deviation of all linear regressions, s , are also listed in Table 2.

From Figure 1 and Table 2, the values of $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$ decrease with an increase of water content in [C₄mim][Gly]. According to the Standard Addition Method, the values of $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$ were plotted against the water content in [C₄mim][Gly]; a straight line was obtained (see Figure 2); and the standard deviation was $s = 0.19$ kJ·mol⁻¹. The intercept of the line gives the standard molar solution enthalpy of pure ionic liquid [C₄mim][Gly] without water, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0 = (-46.02 \pm 0.19)$ kJ·mol⁻¹. This shows that the standard addition method is suitable. The relationship between $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$ and mass fraction, w_2 , of water in [C₄mim][Gly] is expressed as the following empiric equation

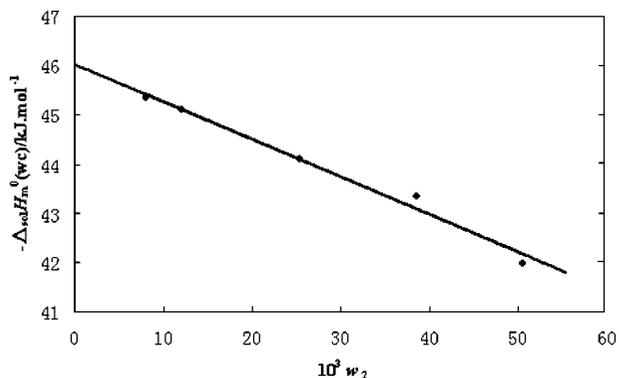


Figure 2. Plot of $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc})$ vs w_2 (the fitting equation, $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc}) = (-46.025 - 7.62) \cdot 10^{-5} w_2$, with the correlation coefficients, $r > 0.98$, and standard deviation, $s = 0.19 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$).

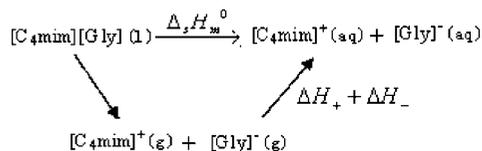


Figure 3. Thermodynamic cycle for estimation of the hydration enthalpy of ionic liquid $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{Gly}]$.

$$\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0(\text{wc}) = \Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0 + aw_2 \quad (2)$$

where $\Delta_{\text{s}}H_{\text{m}}^0([\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{Gly}])$ is the standard molar enthalpy of solution of water-free IL and a is an empiric constant.

Estimation of Ionic Hydration Enthalpy. The hydration enthalpy of ionic liquid $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{Gly}]$ was estimated using the value of $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}^0$ (pure ionic liquid) in terms of the following thermodynamic cycle (see Figure 3).

According to the thermodynamic cycle

$$\Delta_{\text{sol}}H_{\text{m}}(\text{pure IL } [\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{Gly}]) = U + (\Delta H_{+} + \Delta H_{-}) \quad (3)$$

where $(\Delta H_{+} + \Delta H_{-})$ is the hydration enthalpy of $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{Gly}]$ and U is crystal lattice energy which can be estimated by Glasser's equation¹⁰

$$U/\text{kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} = 1981.2 (\rho/M_{\text{m}})^{1/3} + 103.8 \quad (4)$$

where $M_{\text{m}} = 213.19 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ and ρ is density of $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{Gly}]$ which was measured by a Westphal balance, that is $\rho = 1.1375 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$. The calculated value of U is $449 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$, so that the hydration enthalpy of $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{Gly}]$, $(\Delta H_{+} + \Delta H_{-}) = (-495 \pm 2.5) \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$. There are only ion-water interactions and no ion-ion interactions at infinite dilution, hence the contributions of the cation and the anion to molar hydration enthalpy have additivity. Since the hydration enthalpy of cation $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}]^{+}$, $\Delta H_{+}([\text{C}_4\text{mim}]^{+})$, is $-214 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$,¹⁷ the hydration enthalpy of the glycine anion $[\text{Gly}]^{-}$, $\Delta H_{-}(\text{Gly}^{-}) = -281 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$, is obtained. In comparison with $-227 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ of hydration enthalpy of BF_4^{-} ,¹⁸ the hydration of Gly^{-} is stronger.

Supporting Information Available:

Additional figures and tables. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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