

## SINGLE ION FREE ENERGIES OF SOME MONOVALENT IONS IN MIXED DIMETHYLACETAMIDE–WATER SOLUTIONS USING THE ASYMMETRIC $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$ ASSUMPTION

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### ABSTRACT

The free energies of transfer ( $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus$ ) of the ions  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Sb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$  from water to mixed dimethylacetamide (DMAC)– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents have been estimated from solubility measurements at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and by applying the modified tetraphenylarsonium–tetraphenylboride ( $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+) > \Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-)$ ) assumption.

The evaluated single ion free energies for these ions are discussed in terms of both solute–solvent interaction and the preferential solvation of ions.

### INTRODUCTION

In order to obtain the thermodynamics of single ions, it is helpful to take into account suitable extrathermodynamic assumptions based on theory [1–4]. Among all the assumptions, that as tetraphenylarsonium–tetraphenylboride ( $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$ ) has gained the most popularity [5–9]. Kim [10–12] proved that  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$  is an asymmetric model and not a symmetric one as explained previously in the literature. This means that the  $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$  ion belongs more to single ion thermodynamic functions than does the  $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$  ion. The ratio of single ion free energies of the reference ions  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+)$  to  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-)$  was found to be  $1.08 \pm 0.02$  in some organic solvents [13]. The aim of this work is to estimate the single ion free energies of the ions under consideration in mixed dimethylacetamide (DMAC)– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents by applying the modified asymmetric  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$  assumption.

### EXPERIMENTAL

The *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (DMAC) used was very pure (Uvasol) from Merck. All the experimental parts, including the preparation of solutes

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(NaBPh<sub>4</sub>, RbBPh<sub>4</sub>, CsBPh<sub>4</sub>, Ph<sub>4</sub>AsCl, Ph<sub>4</sub>AsBr, Ph<sub>4</sub>AsI, Ph<sub>4</sub>AsBPh<sub>4</sub> and Ph<sub>4</sub>SbBPh<sub>4</sub>), the preparation of saturated solutions and the analytical determination of solubilities, are explained in previous works [14–16].

The densities and dielectric constants of the mixed DMAC–H<sub>2</sub>O solvents were determined by using a digital oscillator, densimeter (Heraeus–Paar–DMA-50) and a dekameter DK 300 (WTW), respectively.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The measured densities and dielectric constants of the mixed DMAC–H<sub>2</sub>O solvents at 25 °C are given in Table 1. The single ion free energies of transfer ( $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus$ ) of Na<sup>+</sup>, Rb<sup>+</sup>, Cs<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>−</sup>, Br<sup>−</sup> and I<sup>−</sup> from water to mixed DMAC–H<sub>2</sub>O solvents are calculated from the solubilities (*C*), activity coefficients ( $\gamma_{\pm}$ ) of the corresponding tetraphenyl derivative salts and the single ion free energies for the reference ions, Ph<sub>4</sub>As<sup>+</sup> and Ph<sub>4</sub>B<sup>−</sup> as follows

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Na}^+) = -RT \frac{\log C_{\text{NaBPh}_4(\text{s})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{NaBPh}_4(\text{s})}}{\log C_{\text{NaBPh}_4(\text{w})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{NaBPh}_4(\text{w})}} - \Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-) \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Rb}^+) = -RT \frac{\log C_{\text{RbBPh}_4(\text{s})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{RbBPh}_4(\text{s})}}{\log C_{\text{RbBPh}_4(\text{w})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{RbBPh}_4(\text{w})}} - \Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-) \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Cs}^+) = -RT \frac{\log C_{\text{CsBPh}_4(\text{s})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{CsBPh}_4(\text{s})}}{\log C_{\text{CsBPh}_4(\text{w})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{CsBPh}_4(\text{w})}} - \Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-) \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Cl}^-) = -RT \frac{\log C_{\text{Ph}_4\text{AsCl}(\text{s})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{Ph}_4\text{AsCl}(\text{s})}}{\log C_{\text{Ph}_4\text{AsCl}(\text{w})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{Ph}_4\text{AsCl}(\text{w})}} - \Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+) \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Br}^-) = -RT \frac{\log C_{\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBr}(\text{s})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{Ph}_4\text{AsBr}(\text{s})}}{\log C_{\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBr}(\text{w})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{Ph}_4\text{AsBr}(\text{w})}} - \Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+) \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{I}^-) = -RT \frac{\log C_{\text{Ph}_4\text{AsI}(\text{s})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{Ph}_4\text{AsI}(\text{s})}}{\log C_{\text{Ph}_4\text{AsI}(\text{w})}^2 + 2 \log \gamma_{\pm \text{Ph}_4\text{AsI}(\text{w})}} - \Delta_w^s G^\ominus(\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+) \quad (6)$$

where *C* is the molal solubility. The subscripts *s* and *w* denote mixed solvent and water, respectively. The activity coefficient ( $\gamma_{\pm}$ ) for the salts NaBPh<sub>4</sub>, RbBPh<sub>4</sub>, CsBPh<sub>4</sub>, Ph<sub>4</sub>SbBPh<sub>4</sub>, Ph<sub>4</sub>AsCl, Ph<sub>4</sub>AsBr and Ph<sub>4</sub>AsI in each

TABLE 1

Physical parameters for mixed DMAC–H<sub>2</sub>O solvents, solubilities and free energies of transfer of NaBPh<sub>4</sub>, RbBPh<sub>4</sub> and CsBPh<sub>4</sub> from water to mixed DMAC–H<sub>2</sub>O solutions at 25 °C (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)

$X_s$ (DMAC)	$\rho$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	$\epsilon$	$\sigma_{\text{SPT}}$ (Å)	NaBPh <sub>4</sub>			
				$C$ (molal)	$\log \gamma_{\pm}$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta^s_w G^\ominus$
0	0.99707	78.5	2.730	2.118	-0.389	-1.501	0
0.129	0.9985	67.2	3.270	2.248	-0.427	-1.582	-0.081
0.163	0.9990	65.0	3.350	2.275	-0.437	-1.581	-0.080
0.226	0.9975	61.0	3.550	2.326	-0.455	-1.586	-0.088
0.312	0.9910	56.8	3.801	2.392	-0.475	-1.611	-0.113
0.341	0.9880	55.9	3.905	2.414	-0.477	-1.649	-0.146
0.636	0.9640	45.0	4.616	2.531	-0.550	-1.879	-0.381
1.0	0.9370	37.8	5.327	2.489	-0.600	-1.038	-0.460

RbBPh <sub>4</sub>				CsBPh <sub>4</sub>			
$C$	$\log \gamma_{\pm}$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta^s_w G^\ominus$	$C$	$\log \gamma_{\pm}$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta^s_w G^\ominus$
-	-	48.55 <sup>a</sup>	0	-	-	52.86 <sup>a</sup>	0
$1.584 \times 10^{-3}$	-0.023	32.229	-16.317	$2.326 \times 10^{-3}$	$-3.996 \times 10^{-3}$	30.111	-22.745
$3.414 \times 10^{-3}$	-0.0322	28.540	-20.004	$3.166 \times 10^{-3}$	-0.032	28.901	-23.955
0.012	-0.059	22.648	-25.898	0.012	-0.059	22.553	-30.304
0.044	-0.098	16.610	-31.936	0.041	-0.095	16.956	-35.899
0.157	-0.135	10.729	-37.510	0.153	-0.144	10.959	-41.897
0.683	-0.207	4.249	-44.298	0.263	-0.180	8.678	-44.178
0.754	-0.251	4.273	-44.273	0.686	-0.234	4.536	-48.320

<sup>a</sup> From ref. 16.

solution was evaluated by applying the Debye–Hückel equation [16]

$$\log \gamma_{\pm} = - \frac{Az_1z_2\sqrt{C}}{1 + Ba\sqrt{C}} \quad (7)$$

where  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the charges of the ions,  $A = 1.8246 \times 10^6 / (T\epsilon)^{3/2}$ ,  $B = 50.29 \times 10^8 / (T\epsilon)^{1/2}$ ;  $\epsilon$  is the dielectric constant of the solvent,  $T$  is the absolute temperature, and  $a$  is the solvated radius. The solvated radii for tetraphenyl derivative salts were estimated by adding the crystal radii to the hard sphere diameters ( $\sigma_{\text{SPT}}$ ) of the solvents. This last was evaluated by the use of the following relation [17]

$$\sigma_{\text{SPT}} = -0.8465 + 0.9275\sigma_0 \quad (8)$$

where  $\sigma_0 = \sqrt[3]{(6V_0/N\pi)}$  and  $V_0 = \text{molecular weight (MW)}/\text{density } (\rho)$ , and  $N$  is Avogadro's number.

The free energies of transfer of the reference cation ( $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$ ) and the reference anion ( $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$ ) were estimated experimentally as described in

previous work from the solubilities of  $\text{Ph}_4\text{C}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Ge}$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$ , and their free energies of transfer from water to mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents (see Fig. 1).  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus$  values for  $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$  ions are calculated by applying eqns. (9) and (10) as explained in previous work [13,14]

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+) = 1/2\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{el}) + \Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{Ph}_4\text{Ge}) \quad (9)$$

$$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-) = 1/2\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{el}) + \Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{Ph}_4\text{C}) \quad (10)$$

where  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{el})$  is the electrostatic free energy for  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$ , calculated from the difference between  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4)$  and the sum of the corresponding values for  $\text{Ph}_4\text{C}$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Ge}$ . The individual experimental data for each solute in the mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents are given in Tables 1 and 2, and the values of their single ion free energies of transfer from water to mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents are shown in Table 3 and Fig. 2.

The free energies of transfer of the electrolytes,  $\text{NaBPh}_4$ ,  $\text{RbBPh}_4$  and  $\text{CsBPh}_4$ , increased in negativity with an increase in the solvated radii ( $a$ ), mainly as a result of the increase in both electrostatic and cavity energy of interaction for the electrolytes in mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents.

Recently [13],  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$  was strongly supported for the estimation of single ion thermodynamics in pure organic solvents. It was also noted that  $\text{Ph}_4\text{SbBPh}_4$  is plausible as a reference electrolyte. In the present work the reference electrolyte  $\text{Ph}_4\text{SbBPh}_4$  was studied in mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents and its reference cation free energies estimated; these are cited in Table 3.

By adding  $\Delta$  values from ref. 13 (the difference between  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{Ph}_4\text{Sb}^+)$  and  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus (\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+)$ ) to the single free energy values for halogen ions, the upper limit for their values was obtained. This indicated that the halogen ions have a range of  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus$  values using both the  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{SbBPh}_4$  assumptions, as shown in Fig. 2.

It was observed from the final results of single ion free energies that  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Sb}^+$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$  and  $\text{Cs}^+$  have negative  $\Delta_w^s G^\ominus$  values in all

TABLE 2

Solubilities and free energies of transfer of  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsCl}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBr}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsI}$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{SbBPh}_4$  from water to mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solutions at 25°C ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ )

$X_s$ (DMAC)	$\text{Ph}_4\text{AsCl}$				$\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBr}$			
	$C$	$\log \gamma_{\pm}$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus$	$C$	$\log \gamma_{\pm}$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta_w^s G^\ominus$
0	–	–	3.012 <sup>a</sup>	0	–	–	16.840 <sup>a</sup>	0
0.129	0.845	–0.146	2.499	–0.513	0.173	–0.111	9.961	–6.880
0.163	0.762	–0.148	3.043	0.031	0.203	–0.118	9.264	–7.575
0.226	0.664	–0.153	3.776	0.764	0.233	–0.129	8.709	–8.131
0.312	0.565	–0.161	4.665	1.653	0.225	–0.138	8.974	–7.868
0.341	0.483	–0.159	5.428	2.417	0.227	–0.140	8.948	–7.893
0.636	0.402	–0.189	6.673	3.661	0.240	0.174	9.056	–7.784
1.0	0.224 <sup>a</sup>	–0.203	9.733	6.721	0.202	–0.198	10.197	–6.642

<sup>a</sup> From ref. 16.

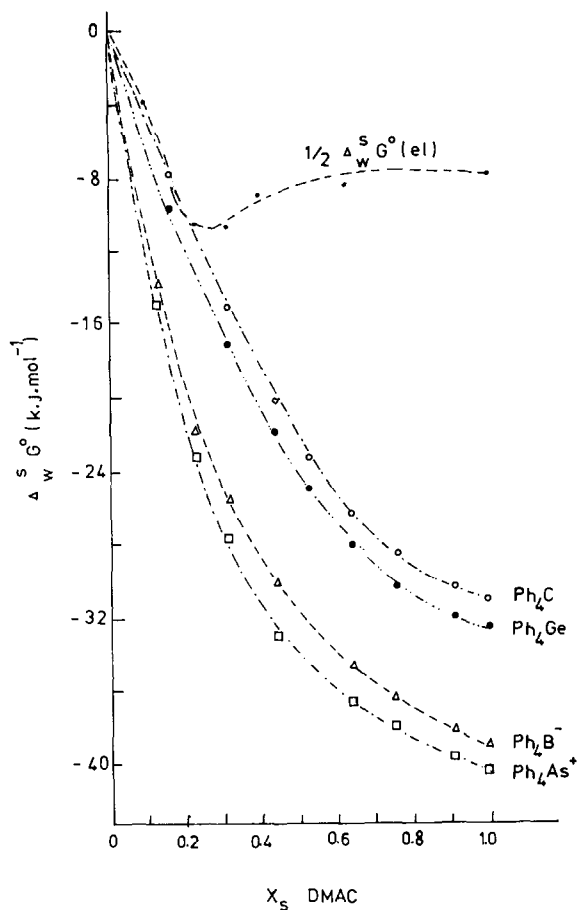


Fig. 1. Transfer free energies for  $\text{Ph}_4\text{C}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Ge}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$  from water to mixed DMAC- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents.

$\text{Ph}_4\text{AsI}$				$\text{Ph}_4\text{SbBPh}_4$			
C	$\log \gamma_{\pm}$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta_w^s G^{\ominus}$	C	$\log \gamma_{\pm}$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta_w^s G^{\ominus}$
-	-	28.952 <sup>a</sup>	0	$2.826 \times 10^{-9}$	$-2.707 \times 10^{-5}$	97.594	0
0.021	-0.009	19.213	-9.738	$3.167 \times 10^{-6}$	$-1.295 \times 10^{-3}$	62.792	-34.802
0.029	-0.072	18.389	-10.563	$9.450 \times 10^{-6}$	$-2.331 \times 10^{-3}$	57.393	-40.201
0.045	-0.088	16.401	-12.551	$5.972 \times 10^{-5}$	$-5.554 \times 10^{-3}$	48.286	-49.308
0.063	-0.104	14.919	-14.032	$3.191 \times 10^{-4}$	-0.014	40.067	-57.527
0.075	-0.110	14.099	-14.853	$5.373 \times 10^{-4}$	-0.018	37.531	-60.063
0.127	-0.154	16.175	-12.777	0.0146	-0.083	21.904	-75.689
0.108 <sup>a</sup>	-0.177	13.051	-15.900	0.0534	-0.139	16.116	-81.478

TABLE 3

Single ion free energies for transfer of  $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Sb}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$  and  $\text{I}^-$  from water to mixed DMAC-H<sub>2</sub>O solvents at 25 °C (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) based on the asymmetric  $\text{Ph}_4\text{AsBPh}_4$  assumption

$X_s$ (DMAC)	$\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$	$\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$	$\text{Ph}_4\text{Sb}^+$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{Rb}^+$	$\text{Cs}^+$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{I}^-$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.129	-15.149	-13.266	-21.619	15.070	-1.168	-2.180	12.750	8.504	-5.658
0.163	-19.284	-17.840	-22.360	19.205	-0.719	-4.670	17.874	10.266	7.278
0.226	-23.687	-22.013	-27.295	23.599	-2.209	-6.616	22.779	13.882	9.462
0.312	-27.968	-25.725	-31.802	27.822	-3.967	-7.931	27.378	17.857	11.693
0.341	-29.843	-29.383	-33.279	29.697	-7.667	-12.053	29.341	19.377	14.530
0.636	-36.836	-34.953	-38.908	36.456	-12.178	-7.340	38.615	27.169	22.176
1.0	-40.858	-39.603	-41.875	41.319	-3.415	-7.462	46.323	32.961	23.704

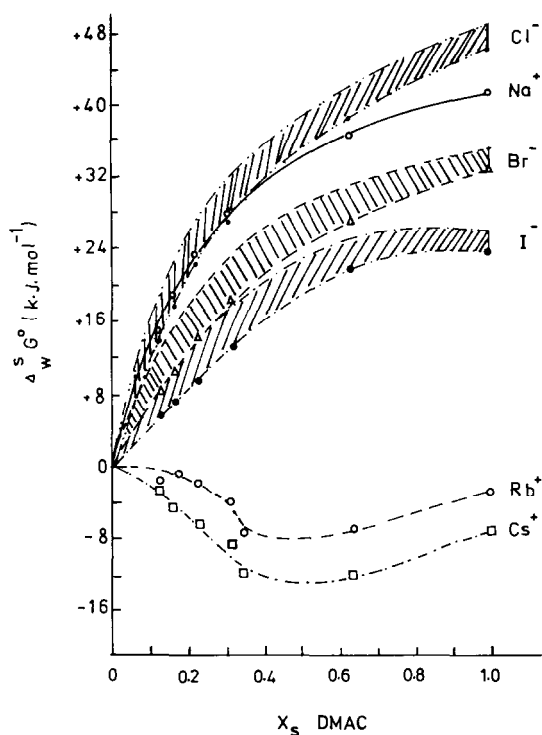


Fig. 2. Single ion free energies of transfer for  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$  and  $\text{I}^-$  from water to mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents at 25 °C.

mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents. Their negative values increase in DMAC-rich solvents in the following order:  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Sb}^+ > \text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+ > \text{Ph}_4\text{B}^- > \text{Cs}^+ > \text{Rb}^+$ . The other ions,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$  and  $\text{Na}^+$ , have positive free energies in the mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents, increasing in the following order:  $\text{Cl}^- > \text{Na}^+ > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$ . Among the cations shown in Fig. 2, only the curve for  $\text{Na}^+$  is shown over the whole composition range as nearly coinciding with  $\text{Cl}^-$  up to an  $X_s$  (DMAC) of 0.4. The large positive value for  $\text{Na}^+$  and anions indicates that DMAC is not at all a good solvator for these ions. The observed increasing destabilization of halide ions as evidenced from the order  $\Delta_w^s G^{\ominus}(\text{Cl}^-) > \Delta_w^s G^{\ominus}(\text{Br}^-) > \Delta_w^s G^{\ominus}(\text{I}^-)$  in mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents is due to the combined effects of destabilizing Born-type electrostatic interactions, decreasing acidity, i.e. “anion–H–centre type” interactions of the mixed solvents, and increasing strength of the “soft–soft” interactions down the group [18].

Alkali cations other than  $\text{Na}^+$  are increasingly stabilized by the organic solvent due chiefly to the observed “basicity” or “cation–O–centre type” of interaction [18].

The observed minima in  $\Delta_w^s G^{\ominus}$  for  $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$  and  $\Delta_w^s G^{\ominus}(\text{el})$  can be attributed to the water structure breaking of the organic solvent [19–21].

Also, water and DMAC molecules together may lead to the formation in situ of intercomponent hydrogen-bonded complexes (A) and (B) resulting in an increased basicity of the hydroxyl oxygen itself due to the presence of the N lone pair [22].



The increasing stabilization of  $\text{Ph}_4\text{B}^-$ ,  $\text{Ph}_4\text{As}^+$  and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{Sb}^+$  ions in mixed DMAC– $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvents was due partly to dispersion interactions between the four phenyl groups and organic cosolvent and partly to the cavity-forming interaction [23].

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