Thermodynamic Data for the Interaction of CuCl₂ with Safranin (Saf) in KBr Solution at 19.1°C Using Glassy Carbon Electrode (CGE)

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Abstract

The reduction and oxidation mechanisms for copper chloride were studied in 0.1M KBr in absence and presence of safranin (Saf) at 19.1°C. The mechanism of oxidation and reduction was examined. The effect of scan rate for the redox reaction of CuCl₂ in absence and presence of safranin (Saf) was carried out to explain the type of reactions for this electrochemical process. Thermodynamic parameters such as stability constants and Gibbs free energies for the complex formation of the interaction of CuCl₂ with safranin (Saf) were evaluated and discussed.

Keywords: Cyclic Voltammetry Safranin; Stoichiometric complexes; Thermodynamic parameters; Effect of concentration; Effect of different scan rates

Introduction

Metal ion extraction as pollutants from aqueous solutions by using electrochemical technique is very interesting [1-6]. Several metal ions in aqueous solutions can be examined by the reductions at different cathodic materials [6, 7]. In our work, the estimation and electrochemical voltammetric analysis of copper ions in 0.1 M KBr was studied to explain and illustrate the characteristics for their discussion in environmental samples. The binding of copper with ligands is treated as remediation of Cu in vivo and vitro [7]. Copper in large quantities cause many problems, headaches, irritation in nose, mouth and eye. It also may cause kidney and liver damage [7]. The large amount of it may cause vomiting and diarrhea. Copper is the third most abundant metal in the human body [8].

Experimental

The chemicals used KBr, CuCl₂ and Safranin are of high purity and obtained from Sigma Aldrich Co. The volume of the experiment is 30 ml in three electrodes cell was used can joined to potiosstate at of the type DY2100. Ag/AgCl using KCl sat reference electrode was used. Carbon glassy electrode (CGE) was used as working electrode. Platinum wire was also used as auxiliary electrode. Flow of N₂ as was done for about 5 min to remove oxygen dissolved in the supporting electrolyte. The carbon glassy electrode (CGE) is prepared in our laboratory by joining pure carbon piece with copper wire and covered with heat shrink polymer to ensure the closing of the electrode tip and the surroundings of the electrode to prevent migration of solutions during experimental work. The carbon glassy electrode
(CGE) is polished with aluminum oxide powder on wool piece area of electrode is 0.502 cm².

Results and discussion

Cyclic voltammetry of CuCl₂ in absence of safranin (Saf)

The cyclic voltammograms (CV) for the redox behavior of CuCl₂ in 0.1 M KBr electrolyte medium at 19.1°C was studied in the range from the range of 1V to -1V in the reduction process, whereas the oxidation proceed in the range of -1V to 1V. Studying different scanning effect in the range between 1V to -1V permits the copper reduction process and ligand reduction. Change of Cu (II) to Cu (I11) state (d8 low spin) involves reduction of metal ion radii [9]. Voltomograms shown between 1 and -1 V illustrate reduction processes involving Cu (II) / Cu (I) and Cu (II) / Cu (0) processes appear in Fig(1) that indicate a relation between current in Ampere (Amp) and potential in volt(E/V).

Fig. 1: Voltammograms of different concentration of CuCl₂ in 0.1MKBr solutions at 19.1°C

Scan rate was studied for 1 mM (CuCl₂) at 0.01, 0.02, 0.05 and 0.1 V/S. All redox voltammograms are increased by increasing the scan rate as shown in Fig.2.

Voltammograms of CuCl₂ in presence of safranin (Saf)

Cyclic voltammograms of CuCl₂ in presence of ligand Safranin (Saf) was carrwd out in the range the range of 1 to -1 V. The reduction of Cu(II) to Cu(I) is studied and the cyclic voltammograms given in Fig. 3.

Table 1: Effect of concentration for ligand safranin (Saf) at 0.1 scan rate at 19.1°C (Cu⁺↔Cu⁰).

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Fig. 2: Voltammograms of different scan rates of CuCl₂ in 0.1M KBr at 19.1°C.

Fig. 3: Voltammograms of the interaction of different concentrations of safranin with 1mM CuCl₂ in 0.1M KBr supporting electrode.

Scanning voltammograms of the complex formed between CuCl₂ and safranin (Saf) in the range 1 to -1V show two cathodic peaks at ~ 0.1 and ~0.3 V. In the reverse direction anodic two peaks are formed at ~0.425, and ~ 0.03 Volt (V).
The ratio for cathodic current of the peaks and square root plan \((Ipc / \nu^{1/2})\) is constant. All data prove the quasireversibility of reactions involving one electron transferred by diffusion mechanism [10]. The new reduction wave was observed at \(i\sim -0.72\) indicating the reduction process for the complex formed from the interaction of CuCl\(_2\) with safranin (Saf) consuming two electrons.

\[
[Cu(II) Saf]+ 2e^- \rightleftharpoons [Cu(II)Saf] \quad (1)
\]

The oxidation process can be observed specially on the use of complexes which appear in the splitting of the oxidation peak at \(-0.7\) into two steps. Reaction of CuCl\(_2\) with gradual addition of ligand safranin (Saf) was recorded until 1:3 (ML/Ligand) molar ratio was reached. All scan rates effect for CuCl\(_2\) in absence and presence of Safranin (Saf) indicate that the electrochemical redox reactions here studied are diffusion controlled. This was supported form the straight lines relations obtained from the effect of scan rates. The potential reduction of Cu(II)/Cu(I) processes is studied. The electro chemical activity in range studied showed pattern at all CuCl\(_2\) concentrations that may considered as sum of individual processes. Voltammetric response of complexes explains the reduction and oxidation of metal centered processes.

**Analysis of voltammograms obtained**

The equations used for the cyclic voltammogram (CV) analysis and further calculations are [11-14]:

\[
IP = 0.443n^{3/2}F^{3/2}D^{1/2}AC \nu^{1/2}(RT)^{-1} \quad (2)
\]

\[
D^{1/2} = (slope, I_p & \nu^{1/2})^{\times 0.4463} \nu^{3/2}F^{3/2}AC(RT)^{-1/2} \quad (3)
\]

\[
\Delta E_p = E_{p.a} - E_{p.c} = 2.303RT/nF \quad (4)
\]

\[
\psi = \nu^{2}k(\pi a \nu D_a)^{1/2} \quad (5)
\]

\[
\gamma = (Da/Dc)^{1/2} \quad (6)
\]

\[
a = nF/RT \quad (7)
\]

where \(\psi\), is the transfer parameter and taken to be one for better and easier calculation [13], \(\alpha\) is charge transfer coefficient, \(K_s\) is standard rate constant for electron transfer, \(\nu\) is velocity of scan, \(D_a\) diffusion coefficient of the reduced species, \(n\) is number of electron, \(F\), Faraday constant, \(R\) universal gas constant, \(T\) is the absolute temperature for experiment done, \(A\), is the area of electrode. From Fig.(3), the interaction of CuCl\(_2\) with safranin (Saf.) forming complexes from the cathodic and anodic decrease in current and potential shift to more negative values for reduction and less position values for oxidation. Besides the specific peak appears for the complex formed at \(-0.72\) from the interaction of with CuCl\(_2\) safranin (Saf.). The complex stability constant (B) for the interaction of CuCl\(_2\) with safranin (Saf) in 0.1 M KBr form complex is calculated by the use of equation (8) [15-17].

\[
(E_p)_M - (E_p)_C = 2.303RT/nF \log B_c + 2.303RT/nF \log (x) \quad (8)
\]

Where \((E_p)_M\), is the peak potential in volts for the salt in absence of ligand Safranin (Saf.), \((E_p)_C\), is the peak potential of the complex, \((C)\), is the concentration of the salt used in presence of ligand Safranin (Saf.).

\[
\Delta G = -2.303RT \log B_c \quad (9)
\]

All data obtained applying equations (8) and (9) are given in Table (1), indicating the increase of thermodynamic parameters by increase in Safranin (Saf.) concentration due to its increase in complexation ability with CuCl\(_2\).

**Conclusions**

Safranin (Saf) affect the redox properties and solution properties of CuCl\(_2\) in 0.1 M KBr. By more adding Safranin (Saf) to CuCl\(_2\) solutions increase in the electron transfer rate constants observed and also the cationic and anionic surface coverage at the electrode were increased. Quantity of electricity for both cationic and anionic parts of CuCl\(_2\) solutions in 0.1M KBr are decrease on using analysis of the first couple redox waves. The opposite trend were observed for following the second redox waves according to more illustrating waves were observed here. The thermodynamic parameters are clear represented in the second redox waves indicating more increase in the stability constants and Gibbs free energies of interactions between CuCl\(_2\) and Safranin (Saf).
References


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يتضمن دراسة السلوك الفولتاميدي للكلوريد النحاس باستخدام قطب الكربون الزجاجي في وجود محلول إلكتروسيوم كمحلول الكتروليتى. أيضا، دراسة السلوك الكهروكيميائي للكلوريد النحاس في غياب ووجود السفرانيين كمادة مخلبية. كذلك تم دراسة تأثير التركيزات المختلفة من كلوريد النحاس السفرانيين على الموجات حيث تم الحصول عليها. تم دراسة تأثير سرعة القرش على الموجات الخاصة بالكلوريد السفرانيين في غياب وفي وجود السفرانيين.