

# Thermodynamic behaviour and Dielectric Relaxation Study of 2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine – Chloroform solution using Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR)

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**Abstract:** The Complex permittivity of 2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine – Chloroform solutions for various concentrations and for different temperatures have been measured in the range of frequency 10MHz to 30GHz using Time Domain Reflectometry Technique (TDR). Static dielectric constant ( $\epsilon_0$ ) and relaxation time ( $\tau$ ) were obtained from complex permittivity spectra using nonlinear least square fit method. Thermodynamic Parameters Enthalpy of activation  $\Delta H$  and Entropy  $\Delta S$  was determined from Eyring rate equation for different molar concentration of 2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine in Chloroform.

**Keywords:** 2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine Dielectric constant , Relaxation Time , Enthalpy , Entropy.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine is a natural Alkaloid. It comes under Indole II Group [1]. Brucine is used in pesticides [2, 3]. It also used as antitumor in Cancer treatment [4]. It founds in bark and seeds of Strychnine tree [5]. It also used in Chinese Medicine as analgesic agent [6]. It is soluble in chloroform and alcohol but less solubility in water.

I present Thermodynamic behaviour and Dielectric relaxation study of 2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine – Chloroform solution for different molar concentration and different temperature between frequency range 10 MHz to 30 GHz using Time Domain Reflectometry Technique (TDR). Dielectric relaxation study is related to Molecular interaction in liquid. The Dielectric relaxation behaviour of this solution is explained by Cole-Davidson Model [7].

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

### 2.1 Material and sample preparations:

2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine (Brucine) was purchased from OTTO chemie India, and used without further purification. Molecular mass 2-3 Dimethoxy Strychnine is 394 gm/mole. Its Molecular formula is  $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4$ . Considering Molecular mass and its solubility in chloroform, the solutions of different molar concentration were prepared. Chloroform is nonpolar solvent.

### 2.2 Experimental Setup:

The setup consists of sampling oscilloscope Tektronics DSA 8200. Bandwidth of this oscilloscope is 50 GHz. TDR module 80E08 with step generator and co-axial cable was used. To keep temperature constant, a temperature control system was used. The Experimental set up TDR[8,9] is as shown in Fig.

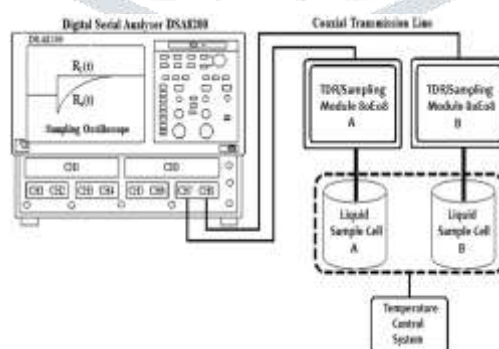


Fig.1 Experimental setup of TDR

The Complex permittivity spectra were studied using TDR method [10-12] for various concentrations solutions and different temperature in frequency range 10MHz to 30 GHz.

## 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Reflected pulse without sample  $R_1(t)$  and with sample  $R_x(t)$  were recorded by oscilloscope for various concentration and temperature in the window 5ns and digitized in 2000 points. The difference and sum of reflected pulse  $p(t) = [R_1(t) - R_x(t)]$  and  $q(t) = [R_1(t) + R_x(t)]$  respectively. The Fourier transform of  $p(t)$  and  $q(t)$  was obtained by a summation method and Samulon method [13,14]

$$p(\omega) = T \sum_{n=0}^N \exp(-i\omega nT) p(nT) \quad -- (1)$$

$$q(\omega) = \frac{T}{1 - \exp(-j\omega T)} [\sum_{n=0}^N (q(nT) - q(n-1)T) \exp(-j\omega nT)] \quad -- (2)$$

The complex reflection coefficient  $\rho^*(\omega)$  over a frequency range 10MHz to 30GHz were determined as per the equation (3)

$$\rho^*(\omega) = \frac{c}{j\omega d} \frac{p(\omega)}{q(\omega)} \quad -- (3)$$

The Complex permittivity spectra  $\epsilon^*(\omega) = \epsilon' - j\epsilon''$  was obtained from reflection coefficient spectra  $\rho^*(\omega)$ , by applying the bilinear calibration method suggested by Cole [15].

Frequency dependance dielectric permittivity ( $\epsilon'$ ) and dielectric loss ( $\epsilon''$ ) for various Brucine chloroform solution at 25°C is shown in Fig. 2.

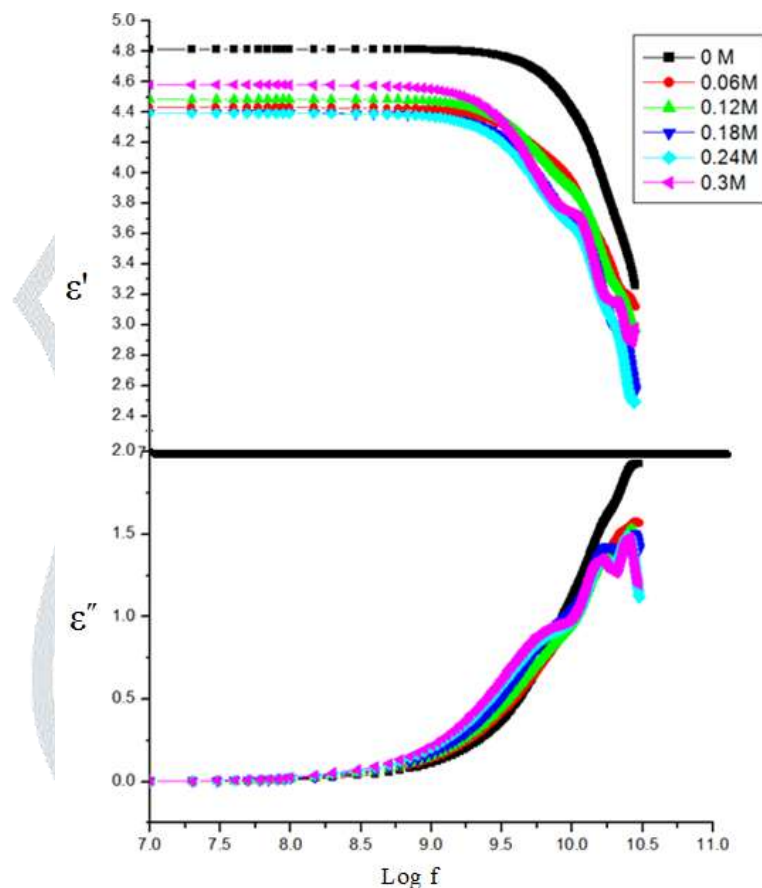


Fig.2 Complex permittivity spectra for Brucine-Chloroform solution for various concentrations at 25°C

### 3.1 Static Dielectric constant and Relaxation time:

To determine static dielectric constant ( $\epsilon_0$ ), relaxation time ( $\tau$ ) and distribution parameters ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ). The complex permittivity  $\epsilon^*(\omega)$  data were fitted by the non linear least square method to the Havriliak – Negami expression [16].

$$\epsilon^*(\omega) = \epsilon_\infty + \frac{\epsilon_0 - \epsilon_\infty}{[1 + (j\omega\tau)^{1-\alpha}]^\beta} \quad --- (4)$$

The Brucine – chloroform solutions for all concentration could fit Debye type dispersion i.e.  $\alpha = 0$  &  $\beta = 1$  [17]. Experimental Values  $\epsilon^*(\omega)$  were fitted to Debye's equation

$$\varepsilon^*(\omega) = \varepsilon_{\infty} + \frac{(\varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_{\infty})}{(1 + j\omega\tau)} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

The Static dielectric constant ( $\varepsilon_0$ ) and relaxation time ( $\tau$ ) for different temperatures and concentrations are listed in Table -1

Table1. Dielectric relaxation parameters for solution of Brucine – chloroform at different concentration at temperature 25°C, 20 °C, 15°C

25°C			
Concentration of Brucine in Molar (M)	$\varepsilon_{\infty}$	$\varepsilon_0$	$\tau$ (ps)
0	2 (1)	4.82 (1)	6.87 (4)
0.06	2.30 (3)	4.41 (3)	9.12 (7)
0.12	2.04 (5)	4.43 (4)	10.08 (9)
0.18	2.03 (3)	4.36(3)	11.04 (7)
0.24	2.04 (7)	4.34 (8)	12.28 (15)
0.3	2.62 (1)	4.31 (3)	13.52 (29)

20°C			
Concentration of Brucine in Molar (M)	$\varepsilon_{\infty}$	$\varepsilon_0$	$\tau$ (ps)
0	2.22 (7)	4.98 (6)	7.33 (11)
0.06	2.36 (3)	4.64 (3)	8.97 (6)
0.12	2.18 (4)	4.72 (4)	9.83 (8)
0.18	2.09 (5)	4.56(5)	10.51 (9)
0.24	2.19 (3)	4.61 (3)	11.16 (17)
0.3	2.22 (6)	4.65 (7)	12.7 (13)

15°C			
Concentration of Brucine in Molar (M)	$\epsilon_{\infty}$	$\epsilon_0$	$\tau(\text{ps})$
0	2.02 (3)	5.53 (2)	5.83 (16)
0.06	2.12 (1)	5.23 (1)	7.5 (1)
0.12	2.14 (4)	5.23 (4)	8.06 (6)
0.18	2.18 (6)	5.1 (6)	9.2 (10)
0.24	2.05 (7)	5.18 (6)	10.57 (10)
0.3	2.42 (7)	5.11 (8)	11.95 (13)

Variation of Static Dielectric constant with concentration at various temperature is shown in Fig. 3. and variation relaxation time with concentration of brucine at various temperature is shown in Fig. 4

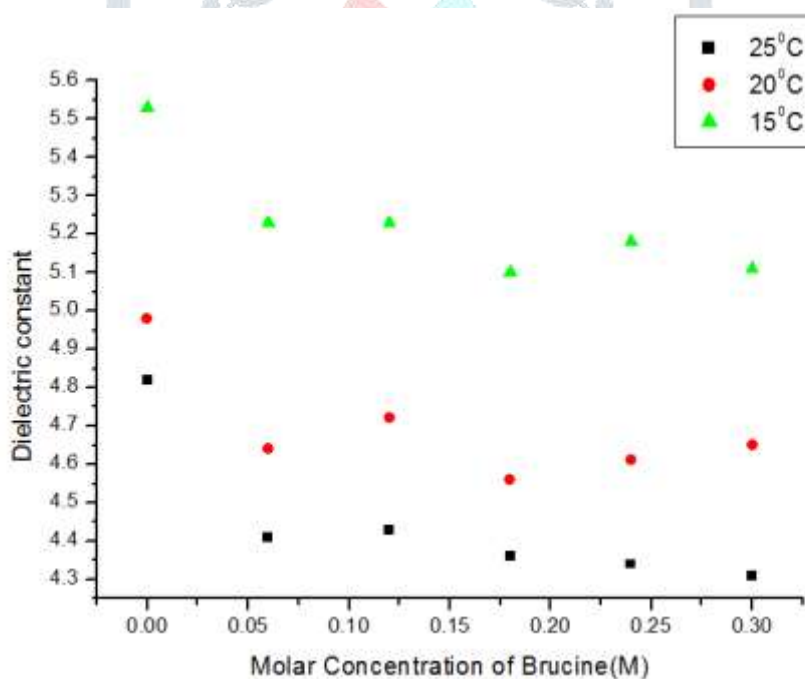


Fig.3 Variation of static dielectric constant with molar concentration of Brucine in Chloroform at various temperatures

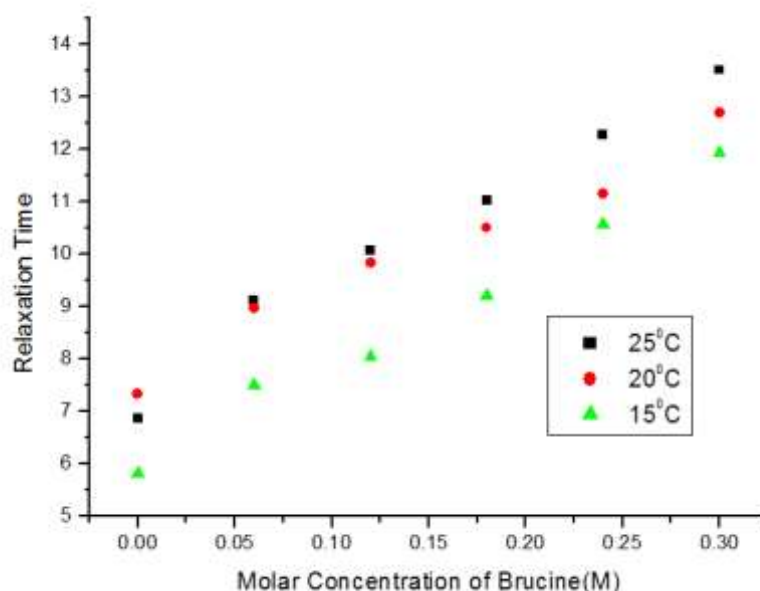


Fig.4 Variation of relaxation time with molar concentration of Brucine in Chloroform at various temperatures

### 3.2 Thermodynamic Parameter :

The energy of activation of dielectric relaxation process can be calculated from relaxation time using Eyring equation[18].

The Enthalpy of activation  $\Delta H$  and entropy of activation  $\Delta S$  are determined from Eyring rate equation.

$$\tau = \frac{h}{kT} \exp \frac{\Delta H - T\Delta S}{RT} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Where  $h$  is Planck's constant,  $k$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $T$  absolute temperature,  $\tau$  is relaxation time and  $R$  is gas constant. The relaxation time depends on temperature which is described by Arrhenius plot  $\log(\tau T)$  versus  $1000/T$  is shown in Fig.5

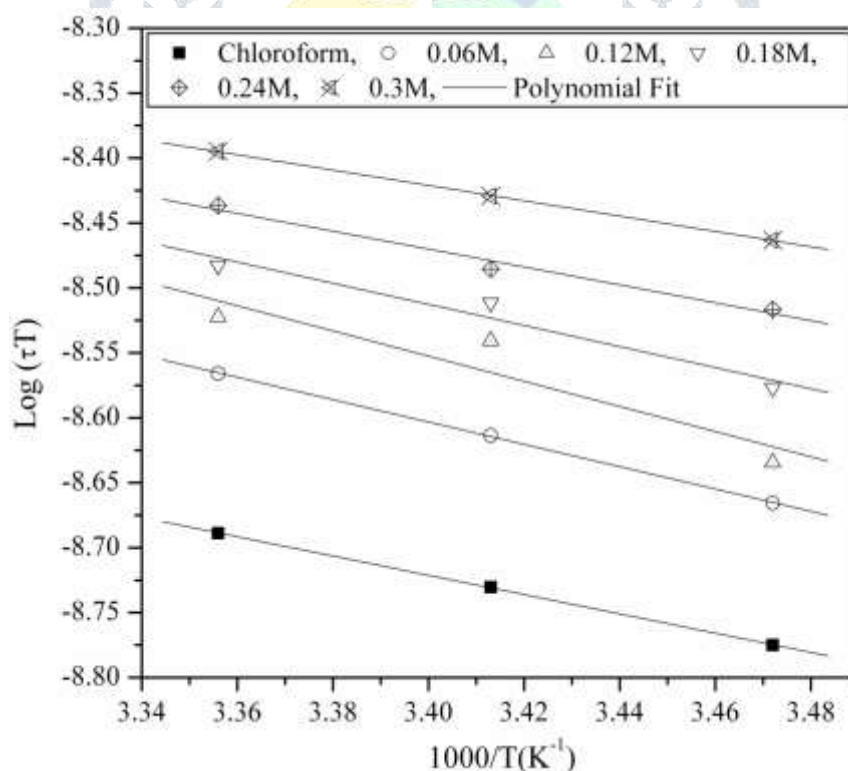


Fig.5 The Arrhenius plot of  $\log(\tau T)$  versus  $1000/T$  for Brucine-Chloroform solution

The values of Enthalpy of activation  $\Delta H$  and entropy of activation  $\Delta S$  are determined. These values are reported in Table-2.

Table2. Enthalpy and Entropy of activation for Brucine – chloroform solution

Concentration of Brucine(M)	Enthalpy of Activation $\Delta H$ (KJ mole <sup>-1</sup> )	Entropy of Activation $\Delta S$ (J mole <sup>-1</sup> J <sup>-1</sup> )
0 M	-14.26 (11)	0.150 (4)
0.06 M	-16.45 (6)	0.140 (2)
0.12 M	-18.46 (6)	0.133 (2)
0.18 M	-15.47 (3)	0.142 (1)
0.24 M	-13.11 (1)	0.149 (6)

When an amount of Brucine is added to chloroform, enthalpy of activation  $\Delta H$ , increases (Negative Values) to maximum for 0.12 M solution. Negative sign indicates exothermic reaction i.e. in such reaction heat energy is released[19], where entropy  $\Delta S$  is minimum for 0.12M.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

It is observed that Static dielectric constant ( $\epsilon_0$ ) decreases with increasing concentration and temperature. Relaxation time ( $\tau$ ) increases with increasing concentrations of Brucine, it also increases with temperature. Static Dielectric Constant ( $\epsilon_0$ ) and relaxation time ( $\tau$ ) are temperature dependant. Enthalpy of activation  $\Delta H$  is negative which indicates exothermic reaction i.e. in such reaction heat energy is released.

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