¹³³Cs NMR Spectroscopic Investigation of the Interaction of ¹³³Cs⁺ with Monovalent Cations in Aqueous Solution

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¹³³Cs NMR spectroscopy was used to study the interaction of ¹³³Cs⁺ with monovalent cations in aqueous solution. The interaction between ¹³³Cs⁺ and the cations causes a repulsive polarization in the electron environment of ¹³³Cs⁺, which is detected by a change in its resonance frequency. The resulting ¹³³Cs chemical shift seemed to be dependent on the activities and the single-ion enthalpies and entropies of hydration of the cations. The hydration cospheres of an ion are the barriers through which ¹³³Cs⁺ must pass in order to come into contact with the cation. These hydration cosphere barriers can be related to the single-ion enthalpy and entropy of hydration of the cation. The experiments revealed that ¹³³Cs⁺ is not nearly as sensitive a probe as ¹²⁹Xe, presumably due to its more tightly bound hydration cospheres. However, ¹³³Cs NMR was moderately successful in predicting trends in the chemical shift behavior induced by the cations studied.

KEY WORDS: ¹³³Cs NMR; monovalent cations; polarization; chemical shift; activity; single-ion enthalpy of hydration; single-ion entropy of hydration; hydration cospheres; structure making; structure breaking.

1. INTRODUCTION

The structure of liquid water is predominately due to its extensive network of hydrogen bonding.⁽¹⁾ This hydrogen bonding structure within water can be enhanced or disrupted by the addition of ionic compounds. When ions are present in water, structures known as hydration cospheres are formed.⁽²⁾ A hydration cosphere is the region around an ion having the thickness of one water molecule in which the properties of the surrounding water are affected by the presence of the ion.⁽²⁾

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Some nomenclature used to describe the states of cosphere water are the following: (1) hydration of the first kind, *i.e.*, states in which the water is oriented by ionic fields or other directional ion-solvent forces and (2) hydration of the second kind, *i.e.*, states in which the water is perturbed by the proximity of an ion but the effect cannot be ascribed to directional ion-solvent forces.⁽²⁾ The water outside the cospheres is assumed to be in the same state as in the bulk liquid, except for certain electric field effects.⁽²⁾ States I_c and I_a are characteristic of the inner cospheres of small cations and anions, respectively, where hydration of the first kind is occurring.⁽²⁾ State II_{sb} is characteristic of the outer cospheres of small ions, where hydration of the second kind is taking place.⁽²⁾ The water molecules in cosphere states I_c and I_a are always assumed to be in an organized state (where $S_{X,I}$, *i.e.*, the entropy of water in type I cosphere states, is taken to be $-50 \text{ J}\text{-mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ for all monatomic ions).⁽²⁾ However, the situation is not as definitive for cosphere II_{sb} water. Those ions whose cosphere II_{sb} water is in a disorganized or structurebroken state, in fact, more disorganized than in the bulk liquid (as indicated by a positive S_{X,II}, *i.e.*, the entropy of water in type II cosphere states), are known as structure-breaking ions.⁽²⁾ This structure-breaking layer can even extend to the surface of the ion.⁽²⁾ In addition, this disorganized state is further evidenced by the fact that the water molecules in the cospheres of structure-breaking ions have lower rotational activation energies than water molecules in the bulk liquid.⁽²⁾ Examples of cations considered to be structure-breaking are K^+ , Rb^+ , Cs^+ , and NH_4^{+} .⁽²⁾ The structure-breaking phenomenon is also evidenced, to an extent, in ions classically considered not to be structure-breaking.⁽²⁾ Ions with a negative $S_{X | II}$ term, where the cosphere IIsb water molecules are more restricted/ordered than in the bulk liquid. are said to be structure-making or structure-forming ions.⁽²⁾ The water molecules in the cospheres of structure-making ions have higher rotational activation energies than water molecules in the bulk liquid.⁽²⁾ Two cations considered to be structuremaking are Li⁺ and Na⁺.⁽²⁾

In a previous study, ¹²⁹Xe NMR spectroscopy was used to study the ¹²⁹Xe chemical shift of Xe gas dissolved in aqueous solutions of various salts.⁽³⁾ The ¹²⁹Xe chemical shift was found to be dependent on the activities, charges, and the single-ion enthalpies ($\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$) and entropies ($\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$) of hydration of the ions.⁽³⁾ It was determined that the interaction between ¹²⁹Xe and the ions caused a polarization in the electron environment of ¹²⁹Xe, which was detected by a change in its resonance frequency.⁽³⁾ The hydration cospheres of an ion are the barriers surrounding the ion through which ¹²⁹Xe must pass in order to come into contact with the ion. These hydration cosphere barriers can be related to the $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ and $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ of the ion. As a result, a relationship was observed between the ¹²⁹Xe chemical shift and the $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ and $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$.⁽³⁾

Because of this previous study, it was of interest to investigate whether an ionic species, such as $^{133}Cs^+$, would also be a useful probe of ion interactions

in aqueous solution. Although not a neutral species like ¹²⁹Xe, and thus not possessing nearly as deformable and polarizable an electron cloud as ¹²⁹Xe, ¹³³Cs⁺ is the most logical choice for an ionic probe species. This results from its NMR "user-friendly" status (*i.e.*, monovalence, large chemical shift range, etc.)⁽⁴⁾ and small $\Delta H^o_{hyd,ion}$ and large positive $\Delta S^o_{hyd,ion}$,⁽²⁾ the latter two factors having a direct bearing on the ease of polarization of the ¹³³Cs⁺ electron cloud. The chemical shift of a NMR active ion like ¹³³Cs⁺ in a mixed aqueous electrolyte solution arises from the averaging of the interactions of ¹³³Cs⁺ with water molecules, other ions, aggregates of ions, and uncharged ionic molecular species.^(2,4) Although one would expect the ¹³³Cs⁺–anion interaction to be predominant in such a solution, ¹³³Cs⁺–cation interactions are also known to influence the ¹³³Cs chemical shift.^(4,5-12)

2. EXPERIMENTAL

The salts LiNO₃ (Mallinckrodt), NaNO₃ (J. T. Baker), KNO₃, RbNO₃, CsNO₃, AgNO₃, TINO₃, and NH₄NO₃ (Aldrich) utilized in the experiments were reagent grade and used without further purification. These particular salts were chosen due to the diamagnetic and nonhydrolyzing nature of the cation. In addition, the nitrate salts were chosen, in each case, for their solubility and constant counteranion. Thus, ¹³³Cs chemical shift differences between the samples should be due solely to the cation. A 10 m*M* aqueous solution of CsNO₃ was prepared to serve as a reference standard, solvent, and diluent. Saturated solutions of each salt were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amount of the salt in question in 10 m*M* CsNO₃. ⁽¹³⁾ The desired molal concentrations of the salt using 10 m*M* CsNO₃. This procedure produced a constant Cs⁺ concentration in each sample. The activities of the salts were determined using activity coefficients at 25°C.⁽¹⁴⁾ Norell 1005-P 10 mm o.d., 7-in. NMR tubes were used. These tubes contained 5 ml of sample.

¹³³Cs has a spin quantum number I = 7/2, a quadrupole moment $Q = -3 \times 10^{-31}$ m², and a magnetogyric ratio $\gamma = 3.5339 \times 10^7$ rad-s⁻¹-T⁻¹.⁽⁴⁾ In addition, ¹³³Cs is approximately 275 times more sensitive to the NMR experiment than ¹³C, and its isotopic abundance is 100%.⁽⁴⁾ All ¹³³Cs NMR spectra were obtained at an ambient probe temperature of 20°C using a Chemagnetics A-200 Superconducting Broad Band Multinuclear NMR Spectrometer, where the ¹³³Cs NMR resonance frequency is 26.332273 MHz. Each sample was allowed 10 min of thermal equilibration within the probe before acquisitions began. The ¹³³Cs chemical shifts were referenced to the ¹³³Cs resonance signal of ¹³³Cs⁺ in 10 m*M* CsNO₃. All shifts were upfield with respect to the reference signal set to 0.000 ppm, a phenomenon noted elsewhere.⁽⁴⁾

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The ¹³³Cs chemical shift of ¹³³Cs⁺ in the presence of a series of monovalent nitrate salts was studied to find out what factors could account for the influence of cations on the ¹³³Cs chemical shift. No single factor, as expected, was found to be solely responsible for the ¹³³Cs chemical shift, but several factors were found that perhaps could explain the observed chemical shift.

The effect of the activity of the cations on the ¹³³Cs chemical shift can be seen in Fig. 1. The slopes of the lines in Fig. 1, representing the monovalent cations, are not equal. These results show that within a family of ions, the larger the ionic radius of the ion or the more structure-breaking the ion is $(Rb^+ > K^+ > Na^+ > Li^+)$,⁽²⁾ the larger is the ¹³³Cs chemical shift. Therefore, charge alone cannot account for the ¹³³Cs chemical shift produced by each ion. Since one assumes that the induced chemical shift is the result of ¹³³Cs⁺ coming into contact with or close proximity to the ions, the penetration of the ion hydration cospheres by ¹³³Cs⁺ should be an important factor in determining the resulting ¹³³Cs chemical shift. The effectiveness with which ¹³³Cs⁺ can penetrate these ionic hydration cospheres should be determined largely by how tightly the hydration cospheres are bound by



Fig. 1. Plots of the activities of the seven nitrate salts in aqueous solution *vs.* the ¹³³Cs chemical shift (ppm) in these solutions at 20°C. All ¹³³Cs chemical shifts were calculated by setting the ¹³³Cs chemical shift in the reference solution (10 mM CsNO₃/DI H₂O) to 0.000 ppm.



Fig. 2. Plots of the $\Delta H^{0}_{hyd, ion}$ (g \rightarrow w) of the alkali metal nitrates *vs.* the slopes (ppm/activity) of the lines representing those ions from Fig. 1.

the ion and/or how ordered the water molecules are in these hydration cospheres. In Fig. 2, the plots of the slopes (ppm/activity) of the lines of the cations (except NH_4^+ , Ag^+ , and Tl^+) from Fig. 1 as a function of their $\Delta H_{hyd, ion}^o$ (g \rightarrow w) are shown.⁽²⁾ In addition, Fig. 3 contains the plots of the slopes (ppm/activity) of the lines of the cations (except NH₄⁺, Ag⁺, and Tl⁺) from Fig. 1 as a function of their $\Delta S_{\text{hyd. ion}}^{\text{o}}$.⁽²⁾ The $\Delta H_{\text{hyd. ion}}^{\text{o}}$, the energy needed to remove the hydration cosphere water molecules away from 1 mol of a particular ion in aqueous solution, and the $\Delta S_{\text{hyd. ion}}^{\text{o}}$, representing the order of the water molecules in the hydration cospheres of an ion, might be two additional factors that could help to explain the variation in the ¹³³Cs chemical shift among the ions. As the $\Delta H^{0}_{hvd, ion}$ of the cations decreases and the $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ of the ions becomes more positive, the slopes (ppm/activity) of the ions increase. If the ion has tightly bound, well-ordered hydration cospheres (*i.e.*, large $\Delta H_{\text{hvd, ion}}^{\text{o}}$ and negative to small positive $\Delta S_{\text{hvd, ion}}^{\text{o}}$), ¹³³Cs⁺ cannot very easily penetrate this cosphere barrier. Consequently, a relatively small ion-induced chemical shift will occur. An ion with more loosely bound, less-ordered hydration cospheres (*i.e.*, small $\Delta H_{\text{hvd, ion}}^{\text{o}}$ and large positive $\Delta S_{\text{hvd, ion}}^{\text{o}}$) will have a greater effect on the ¹³³Cs chemical shift since its hydration cospheres can be penetrated more easily by $^{133}Cs^+$.



Fig. 3. Plots of the $\Delta S^0_{\text{hyd, ion}}$ of the alkali metal nitrates *vs*. the slopes (ppm/activity) of the lines representing those ions from Fig. 1.

The activity, $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$, and $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ appear to be factors that can account for the influence of a particular cation on the ¹³³Cs chemical shift. To quantify the relationship between the ¹³³Cs chemical shift and these factors, equations were derived relating these parameters to the slopes of the monovalent cations. The equations of the lines displayed in Figs. 2 and 3 can be used to predict, to a certain degree, the chemical shift of ¹³³Cs⁺ present in an aqueous solution containing these particular monovalent cations. The equations are

$$\delta(\text{ppm}) = \alpha \left(-1.582 \times 10^{-5} \,\Delta H - 13.32 \right) \tag{1}$$

$$\delta$$
 (ppm) = α (-0.03384 ΔS - 4.793) (2)

where α is the activity, ΔH is the $\Delta H^o_{\rm hyd, ion}$, and ΔS is the $\Delta S^o_{\rm hyd, ion}$. The error in the predicted ¹³³Cs chemical shifts was ± 0.773 ppm using the $\Delta H^o_{\rm hyd, ion}$ and ± 0.740 ppm using the $\Delta S^o_{\rm hyd, ion}$. The experimental and predicted ¹³³Cs chemical shifts for the monovalent cations using these two factors are listed in Table I. In both cases, the equations give a decent prediction of the ¹³³Cs chemical shift of ¹³³Cs⁺ in these solutions. From these results, it seems that the equations can predict, to a certain degree, the ¹³³Cs chemical shift of ¹³³Cs⁺ in the salt solutions studied. There is a surprisingly negligible difference between $\Delta H^o_{\rm hyd, ion}$ and $\Delta S^o_{\rm hyd, ion}$ in terms of

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Ion	Activity ^b	10^{-5} $\Delta H^{o}_{\text{hyd, ion}^{c}}$ (g \rightarrow w)	$\Delta S_{ m hyd,\ ion^a}^{ m o}$	Actual ¹³³ Cs chemical shift	Predicted ^d ¹³³ Cs chemical shift	Predicted ^e ¹³³ Cs chemical shift
Li ⁺	0.0788	-5.586	-7.9	-0.806	-0.353	-0.357
	0.1504			-1.356	-0.674	-0.681
	0.2912			-2.439	-1.305	-1.318
	0.4362			-3.381	-1.955	-1.974
	0.5864			-4.138	-2.629	-2.654
	0.7430			-4.888	-3.331	-3.363
	1.0836			-6.231	-4.858	-4.904
	1.6700			-8.012	-7.487	-7.558
Na ⁺	0.0762	-4.439	38	-0.742	-0.480	-0.463
	0.1406			-1.321	-0.885	-0.855
	0.2552			-2.056	-1.607	-1.551
	0.3594			-2.664	-2.263	-2.185
	0.4560			-3.228	-2.872	-2.772
	0.5480			-3.673	-3.451	-3.331
	0.7196			-4.586	-4.532	-4.374
	0.9560			-5.699	-6.020	-5.811
K^+	0.0739	-3.60	80.3	-0.690	-0.563	-0.555
	0.1326			-1.224	-1.011	-0.996
	0.2304			-1.892	-1.757	-1.730
	0.3114			-2.426	-2.374	-2.339
	0.3808			-2.775	-2.904	-2.860
	0.4430			-3.205	-3.378	-3.327
	0.5460			-3.918	-4.163	-4.101
D1	0.6660		100	-4.920	-5.078	-5.002
Rb⁺	0.0734	-3.39	102	-1.317	-0.584	-0.605
	0.1316			-1.985	-1.047	-1.085
	0.2260			-2.727	-1.798	-1.863
	0.3048			-3.247	-2.425	-2.513
	0.3720			-4.137	-2.960	-3.06/
	0.4300			-4.360	-3.422	-3.545
	0.5278			-5.028	-4.200	-4.352
	0.6420			-5.918	-5.108	-5.293

Table I. Monovalent Ion-Induced Chemical Shifts of ${}^{133}Cs^+$ in Aqueous Solution and
Predicted ${}^{133}Cs$ Chemical Shifts Using Eqs. (1) and (2)^a

^{*a*}Units ΔH° , J-mol⁻¹; ΔS° , J-mol⁻¹-K⁻¹; chemical shifts, ppm.

^bData from Ref. 14.

^{*c*}Data from Ref. 2.

 d Using Eq. (1).

eUsing Eq. (2).

Ion	Actual $\Delta H^{\rm o}_{\rm hyd, ion}$ (g \rightarrow w)	Predicted $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion} (g \rightarrow w)$ (J-mol ⁻¹ 10 ⁵)	Actual $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ (J-mol ⁻¹ -K ⁻¹)	Predicted $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ $(J-mol^{-1}-K^{-1})$
NH_4^+	-3.01^{b}	-4.01	90.8	64.6
Ag ⁺ Tl ⁺	-5.134 -3.64	-2.95 -4.29	51.9 105	114.0 51.6

Table II. Calculation of $\Delta H^o_{\text{hyd, ion}}$ and $\Delta S^o_{\text{hyd, ion}}$ for Three Selected Monovalent Cations Using ¹³³Cs Chemical Shift Data and Eqs. (1) and (2)^{*a*}

^aFor units see Table I.

^bFrom Ref. 15.

their predictive power. This was not the case with ¹²⁹Xe, where clearly the $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ was the more important factor in predicting the ¹²⁹Xe chemical shift of Xe in salt solutions.⁽³⁾ In addition, the above equations were tested to see how well they would predict the $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ and $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ for three additional monovalent cations studied, namely, NH⁺₄, Ag⁺, and Tl⁺. The results and comparison with literature values are shown in Table II. The percentage error in the predicted values of $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ and $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ for Tl⁺ were high, but acceptable ($\approx 30\%$). The percentage error in the predicted $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ for Tl⁺ was quite acceptable (18%), whereas the percentage error for the $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ of Tl⁺ (51%) and the percentage error for both the $\Delta H^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ and $\Delta S^{o}_{hyd, ion}$ values of Ag⁺ (43% and 120%, respectively) are too high. The reasons for the lack of predictive success in these particular cases are not fully understood. Perhaps one of the other solution interactions (ionic aggregates and/or uncharged ionic molecular species)⁽²⁾ assumes greater importance for some ions, more so than others. Nevertheless, although ¹³³Cs⁺ is obviously not as sensitive a probe as ¹²⁹Xe,⁽³⁾ it proved its utility in being able to predict, to a certain degree, the trends in the ¹³³Cs chemical shift behavior induced by the monovalent cations studied.

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