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Semiconducting behavior and thermokinetic study of terpolymeric resin-i derived from p-hydroxybenzaldehyde, thiourea and ethylene glycol

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ABSTRACT

Resin abbreviated as HBTE-I was synthesized by polycondensation in presence of PPA using phydroxybenzaldehyde (0.1 M), thiourea (0.1 M) and ethylene glycol (0.3 M). The structure of resin was assigned by elemental analysis, IR, NMR spectroscopy. Resin was found to show semiconducting behavior in the temperature range 303 K to 468 K. The activation energy of conduction was found to be 2294.3 J mol⁻¹. The thermokinetic parameters were determined by Freeman-Carroll (FC) and Sharp- Wentworth (SW) method in temperature range 215 - $625^{\circ}C$. The thermokinetic parameters calculated with aid of these methods were found to be in good agreement.

Keywords: Electrical conductivity, Semiconductor, Thermal analysis, Terpolymeric resin, Thermal stability.

INTRODUCTION

The use of terpolymers in all spheres of life has been abundantly increased in recent years because of its novelty and versatility. Electrically conducting properties of terpolymers are one of the centre point of current interest in solid state physics and chemistry. Terpolymer resins are well known for their behavior as semiconductors. Semiconductors are the most important part of modern electronics, including computers, rechargeable batteries, light-emitting diodes, molecular sensors, cell phones, digital assistants, packaging devices etc.

The thermal degradation study of polymers has become a subject of recent interest. In order to synthesize polymers having numerous practical applications, there is need to investigate the effect of heat on the polymers in order to establish their thermal stability. The thermal stability of the polymer was evaluated by thermogravimetry. The study of thermal behavior of polymers in air at different temperature provides important information about its practical applicability.

In earlier communication numbers of studies on terpolymers have been reported in the literature [1-15]. In our laboratory, extensive research work has been carried out and reported on synthesis, characterization, thermal degradation, electrical conductivity of various terpolymers [16-22].

The present communication deals with the electrical behavior of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin over a wide range of temperature and thermo kinetic parameters was determined by using Freeman- Carroll and Sharp-Wentworth methods.

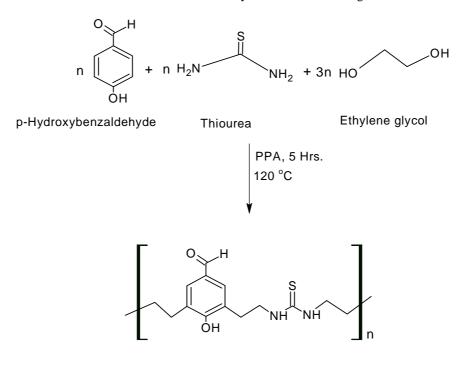
EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Chemicals

All chemicals used as starting materials in the synthesis of terpolymer resin were of AR, or chemically pure grade. The Chemicals such as p-hydroxybenzaldehyde, thiourea, ethylene glycol, polyphosphoric acid were obtained from s.d. Fine chemicals Lid (Mumbai).

Synthesis of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin

A terpolymer resin HBTE-I was synthesized by Polycondensation of p-hydroxybenzaldehyde, thiourea with ethylene glycol in the presence of polyphosphoric acid as a catalyst with molar proportion 1:1:3 of reacting monomers at 120° C for 5 hrs. To a well-stirred and ice-cooled mixture of p-hydroxybenzaldehyde (0.1 M), thiourea (0.1 M) and ethylene glycol (0.3 M), polyphosphoric acid (PPA, 20 gm) was added slowly with continuous stirring as a catalyst. The reaction mixture was left at room temperature for 30 min and heated on an oil bath at 120° C for 5 hrs. The reaction mixture was than cooled, poured on crushed ice and left over night. A brown solid was separated out. It was collected by filtration and washed with cold water and hot water several time to remove unreacted acid and monomer. Yield was found to be 77 %. The scheme of synthesis is shown in fig 1.



HBTE-I terpolymeric resin Fig-1 Synthesis scheme of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Elemental analysis

The terpolymeric resin was subjected to elemental analysis for C, H, N, S at CIMFR Unit, Nagpur, India, by Analytical functional testing Vario MICRO CHN elemental analyzer (Germany), Serial number-11083059. The elemental analysis is presented in following table 1.

Table 1 Elemental analysis of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin

Terpolymeric resin	С		Н		Ν		S	
HBTE-I	Cal.	Found	Cal.	Found	Cal.	Found	Cal.	Found
IDIE-I	60.43	60.43	6.47	6.07	10.07	10.15	11.51	11.73

FTIR Spectrum

IR spectra of synthesized terpolymeric resin was recorded at Department of pharmacy, RTM Nagpur University, India, using FT-IR spectrometer Shimadzu, model no. 8101A. An infrared spectrum of terpolymeric resin was recorded in spectrophotometer in the range of $4600 - 500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The IR-spectra of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin is presented in Fig.2 and the IR-spectrum data are presented in table 2.

A broad absorption band appeared in the region $3400-3430 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ was assigned to the stretching vibrations of phenolic hydroxyl (-OH) group exhibiting intermolecular hydrogen bonding [23]. The presence of peaks at 2748, 2920 cm⁻¹ may be due to the –C-H- stretch in the aldehyde (doublet due to Fermi resonance). A peak at 1651 cm⁻¹ may be due to C=O band (aldehyde). The presence of peak at 1600 cm⁻¹ due to aromatic-ring. The N-H bending and C-N stretching bands at 1560 cm⁻¹ could also be observed [24]. A sharp medium peak at 1491 cm⁻¹ may be ascribed to N-H bending of secondary amide group [25]. A peak appeared at 1462 cm⁻¹ is due to methylene bridge coupled with aromatic ring. A peak appeared at 1381 cm⁻¹ can be assigned to in plane bending vibration of phenolic –OH [26]. 1344 cm⁻¹ may be due to aldehyde C-H bend. 1, 2, 3, 5- tetra substitution of aromatic ring was assigned due to the peaks at 1220, 1095 and 973 cm⁻¹[27]. A strong peak appeared at 1200 cm⁻¹ may be due to C=S stretching vibration [28-29]. The presence of peak at 830 cm⁻¹ due to the -CH₂-(wagging) [30].

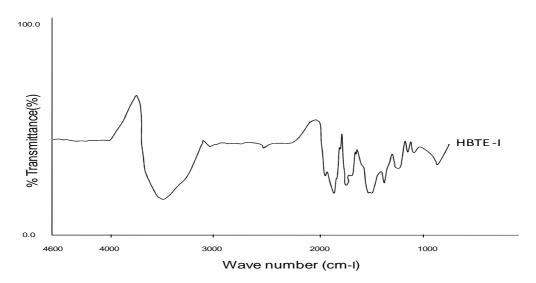


Fig.2. IR spectra of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin

Tabl	e 2	IR	spectrum	data	of	HB	TE-I	terpo	lymeric	resin
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Observed frequency (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment			
3435	Phenolic -OH group with intermolecular polymeric association			
2748, 2920	C-H streching in aldehyde (doublet due to Fermi resonance)			
1655	C=O band (aldehyde)			
1603	Aromatic-ring			
1560	N-H bending and C-N stretching band			
1508	N-H bending – secondary amide			
1462	CH ₂ bending bridge			
1381	Phenolic –OH in plane bending			
1344	Aldehydic C-H bending			
1220,1095,973	1,2,3,5 tetra substituted aromatic ring			
1200	C=S stretching vibration			
831	-CH ₂ -wagging			

Electrical conductivity

The electrical activation energy was found to be 2294.3 J mol⁻¹ and the value of electrical conductivity at different temperature is found to be in the range of 0.0033 to 0.0021 S cm⁻¹.

The resistance value of the pallet of polymer ranging from 303 K to 468 K were converted into conductivity value (σ) by taking into the account the thickness of the pallet and its diameter and evaluating thickness area parameters of the pallet of a terpolymeric resin. The temperature dependence of the electrical conductivity of the polymer has been shown in fig 3. The magnitude of activation energy depends on the number of electrons present in semiconducting material. Generally polymers containing aromatic nuclei in the backbone exhibit lower activation energy than those with aliphatic system. Thus, the lower magnitude of activation energy in HBTE-I terpolymeric resin may be due to the presence of large number of π -electrons in the polymer. This is good agreement with the most probable structure proposed for the newly synthesized resin under investigation. The values of electrical conductivity (σ) were obtained from the resistivity values (σ =1/ ρ). The electrical conductivity varies exponentially with the absolute temperature according to the well know relationship

$$\sigma = \sigma o \exp(-Ea/KT)$$

where, σ = Electrical conductivity at temperature T $\sigma \sigma$ = Electrical conductivity at temperature T $\rightarrow \sigma \infty$ i.e., constant. Ea= Activation energy of electrical conductance K= Boltzmann constant T= Absolute temperature

The electrical activation energy (Ea) of electrical conductance calculated from the slope of the plot between $\log \sigma$ versus 1/T [fig.3] and is found to be 2294.3 Jmol⁻¹. The temperature dependence of electrical conductivity shows that conductivity increases with temperature. As the conductivity is found very low, it indicates that HBTE-I have low charge carrier intra molecular transfer. This indicates the semiconducting nature of the HBTE-I terpolymeric resin.

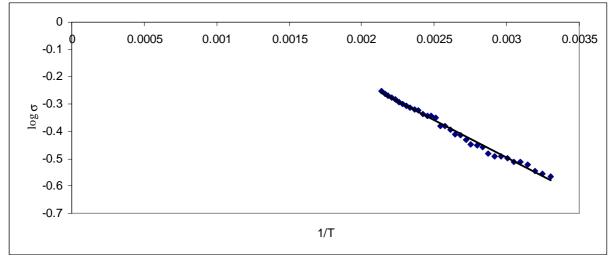


Fig.3. Wilson's plot of HBTE-I terpolmeric resin

Thermo gravimetric analysis

The thermogram of HBTE –I terpolymeric resin was recorded at Dept. of Material Science, VNIT, Nagpur, India, using Perkin Elmer Diamond TGA/DTA analyzer. Thermokinetic parameters of HBTE-I were determined by using Freeman- Carroll and Sharp-Wentworth methods. To provide evidence regarding the degradation system of analyzed compounds, we derived the TG curves by applying an analytical method proposed by Freeman- Carroll [31] and Sharp-Wentworth [32].

The straight line equation derived by Freeman and Carroll which is in the form of

Where

dw/dt = rate of change of weight with time

Wr = Wc-W

Wc = Weight loss at completion of reaction W = Total weight loss up to time t Ea = Energy of activation n = Order of reaction



Fig.4. Thermogram of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin

The plot of $\frac{\Delta \log dw / dt}{\Delta \log Wr}$ vs $\frac{\Delta 1 / T}{\Delta \log Wr}$ gives a straight line, from slope, energy of activation (Ea)

can be determined, with the help of intercept order of reaction (n) can be obtained.

Also using equation by Sharp and Wentworth

$$\log \quad \frac{(d \alpha / dt)}{(1 - \alpha)^n} = \log \quad \frac{A}{\beta} - \frac{Ea}{2.303 \ RT} \dots \dots (2)$$

Where,

 $d\alpha/dt$ = Rate of change of fraction of weight with change in temperature β = Linear heating rate dT/dt. A = Frequency factor

By plotting the graph between log $\log \frac{d\alpha / dt}{(1 - \alpha)^n}$ vs $\frac{1}{T}$ we obtained the straight line which give energy of

activation (Ea) from its slope and frequency factor (A) can be evaluated from intercept. The change in entropy (Δ S), change in free energy (Δ G) can also be calculated by further calculations. The polymeric sample was allowed to heat up to 895^oC at linear heating rate of 10^oC min⁻¹. The thermogram reveals that initial weight loss up to 125^oC due to loss of water. The decomposition of resin between 215-625^oC was studied .FC and SW plots are shown in fig 5 and fig 6 respectively.

The order of decomposition obtained by FC method was found to be 2.37 which was further confirmed by SW method and thermokinetic parameters are tabulated in table 3. Thermal activation energies of degradation were found to be 29.45 KJ (FC method) and 31.96 KJ (SW method).

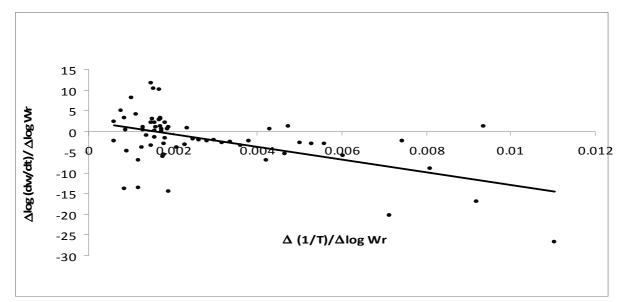


Fig.5. Freeman - Carroll plot of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin

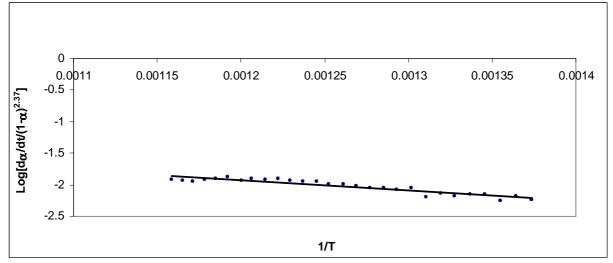


Fig.6. Sharp-Wentworth plot of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin

Parameters	FC method	SW method		
Thermal activation energy, Ea(KJ)	29.45	31.96		
Frequency factor, A(min ⁻¹)	12.23	12.00		
Apparent entropy, $\Delta S(J/K)$	-230.96	-231.31		
Free energy, ΔG (KJ)	189.51	189.25		
Order of degradation, (n)	2.37	2.37		
FC method = Freeman-Carroll method, SW method = Sharp-Wentworth method				

Table 3. Thermokinetic Parameters of HBTE-I Terpolymeric resin

CONCLUSION

The results so obtained reveals following important conclusions

1) The elemental analysis and IR spectrum data are in good agreement with assigned tentative structure of HBTE-I terpolymeric resin.

2) The plot of log σ versus 1/T found linear in the given temperature range shows that Wilson's exponential law obeyed. Hence show semiconducting behavior.

3) The electrical conduction which may be due to π electrons content due to presence of aromatic rings and unsaturation of C=O and C=S in the polymeric matrix

4) The thermal activation energy, entropy and free energy determined by Freeman-Carroll and Sharp-Wentworth methods are in good agreement.

5) The high value of energy of activation energy and low value of frequency factor of thermal degradation indicate that resin is thermally stable below 215° C.

6) The order of degradation obtained by FC method is confirmed by SW method. The fractional order (2.37) is attributed to solid state degradation.

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