

Debye-Huckel-Onsager worked out on the magnitudes of asymmetry and electrophoretic effects in terms of factors as valency of the ion, ionic concentration and dielectric constant and viscosity of the medium.

For uni-univalent ionic electrolytes such as KCl, furnishing two univalent ions the equation was

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^\circ - \left\{ \frac{82.4}{(\epsilon_r T)^{1/2} \eta} + \frac{8.20 \times 10^5 \Lambda_m^\circ}{(\epsilon_r T)^{1/2}} \right\} \sqrt{c} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where ϵ is the dielectric constant of the medium

and η is the viscosity of the medium at temperature T and concentration c .

The above equation is known as Debye Huckel Onsager equation.

This equation is very well explains the difference between Λ_m and Λ_m° .

Since $\Lambda_m < \Lambda_m^\circ$ due to asymmetry and electrophoretic effect.

$\frac{82.4}{(\epsilon_r T)^{1/2} \eta}$ is the measure of electrophoretic effect and $\frac{8.20 \times 10^5}{(\epsilon_r T)^{1/2}} \Lambda_m^\circ$ is asymmetry effect

These two terms gives the value of Λ_m when multiplied with \sqrt{c} and tells the decrease of Λ_m from Λ_m° .

For a particular solvent at a certain given temperature ϵ_r and η are fixed.

Hence the terms

$$\frac{82.4}{(\epsilon_r T)^{1/2} \eta} = A \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

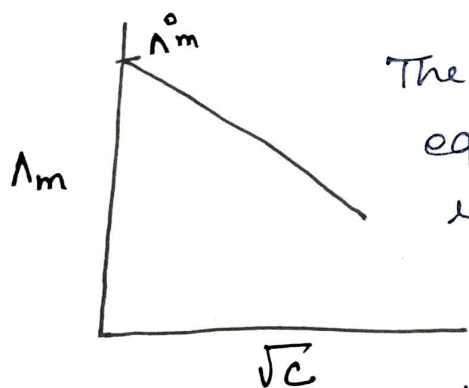
$$\frac{8.20 \times 10^5}{(\epsilon_r T)^{1/2}} = B \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

The equation becomes

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^\circ - (A + B\Lambda_m^\circ) \sqrt{c} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

For water at 25°C the value of $A = 60.2$ and $B = 0.229$, hence

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^\circ (60.2 + 0.229 \Lambda_m^\circ) \sqrt{c} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

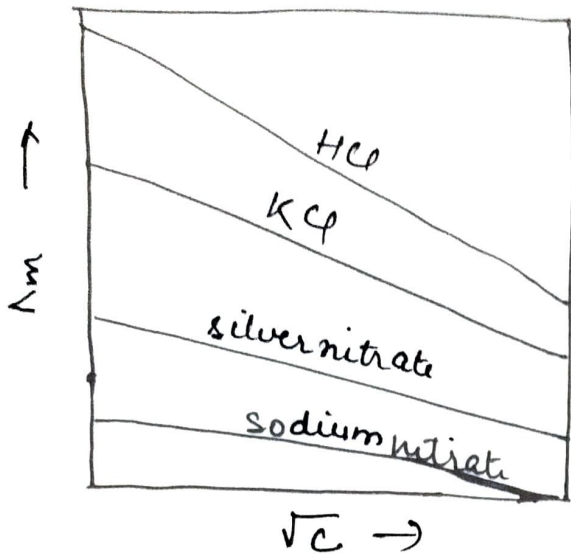


The equation (4) follows a linear equation and when plotted gives intercept = Λ_m° and slope = $(A + B\Lambda_m^\circ)$. This has been proved in case of various uni-univalent ions upto a concentration range of

0.02 M in water as solvent.

Various deviations has been reported at higher concentrations which further increased with increase in the concentration.

At very low concentration the value of second term in equation (4) is almost negligible and reduced to a greater extent and Λ_m is nearly same as Λ_m° .



Verification of Debye-Hückel equation

There are many deviations that have been observed in the cases where concentrations are either very high or the electrolytes are not univalent. This graph also shows the various effect of cations on the molar conductance when plotted versus \sqrt{c} .

Debye-Falkenhagen effect:-

Debye and Falkenhagen examined the conductance behaviour of a solution of strong electrolyte by applying alternating current of different frequencies. They predicted that if the frequency of alternating current is very ~~small~~^{high} as compared to frequency of time of oscillation and as the relaxation time is small, the asymmetry effect is virtually absent. In other words, the ionic atmosphere around the central ion is higher.

The ~~cod~~ conductance of solution varies with the variation in frequency of alternating current. The higher the frequency, the higher will be conductance. This effect is known as dispersion of conductance and has been verified experimentally.

The conductance remains free of frequency upto 10 cycle per second.

As the increasing frequency happens the conductance starts increasing to a certain limiting value ~~rate~~ indicating complex absence of asymmetry effect.

Wein effect: It is study of conductance under high potential gradient.

Speed of ion in electric field varies with applied potential gradient.

Under the potential gradient of 20000 V/cm, an ion may have a speed of 100 cm/sec. The ion passes several time through the thick ionic atmosphere during time of relaxation.

The ion will be free from effect of ~~moving ion~~ oppositely charged ionic atmosphere.

Thus ~~as~~ asymmetric and electrophoretic effects are small or ~~negl~~ negligible. The conductance increases

to a certain limiting value with the increase in potential gradient applied. The experiments have performed by Wein and known as Wein effect.