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INVESTIGATION OF DIMETHYL DIALLYLAMMONIUM CHLORIDE AND DIMETHYL ACRYLAMIDE SYNTHESIS AND KINETICS

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Abstract: Radical co-polymerization of N, N-dimethyl-N,N-diallylammonium chloride (DMDAAC) with N,N-dimethyl acrylamide (DMAA) has been investigated by the dilatometer technique using ammonium persulfate $((\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8)$ as an initiator. The influences of the molar ratio of DMDAAC to DMAA, concentrations of monomers and initiator, temperature on polymerization rate have been analysed. From these analysis it was found that DMDAAC concentration in monomers composition conversely affects the polymerization rate. Based on the experimental results, the polymerization mechanisms were discussed in more detail.

Key words: Radical polymerization, Dimethyl diallylammonium chloride, Dimethyl acrylamide, Kinetics, Activation energy

ИССЛЕДОВАНИЕ СИНТЕЗА И КИНЕТИКИ ДИМЕТИЛДИАЛЛИЛАММОНИЙ ХЛОРИДА И ДИМЕТИЛ АКРИЛАМИДА

Аннотация: Радикальная сополимеризация N, N-диметил-N, N-диаллиаммоний хлорида (ДМДААХ) с N, N-диметилакриламидом (ДМАА) была исследована методом дилатометра с использованием персульфата аммония $((\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8)$ в качестве инициатора. Проанализировано влияние молярного отношения ДМДААХ к ДМАА, концентрации мономеров и инициатора, температуры на скорость полимеризации. Из этого анализа было установлено, что концентрация ДМДААХ в составе мономеров, наоборот, влияет на скорость полимеризации. Основываясь на экспериментальных результатах, механизмы полимеризации обсуждались более подробно.

Ключевые слова: радикальная полимеризация, диметилдиаллиламмонийхлорид, диметилакриламид, кинетика, энергия активации

ДИМЕТИЛДИАЛЛИЛАММОНИЙ ХЛОРИДІ МЕН ДИМЕТИЛ АКРИЛАМІДІНІҢ СИНТЕЗІ МЕН КИНЕТИКАСЫН ЗЕРТТЕУ

Аңдатпа: N, N-диметил-N, N-диаллиаммоний хлоридінің (ДМДААХ) N, N-диметил акриламидімен (ДМАА) радикалды сополимеризациясы аммиак персульфаты $((\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8)$ қатысында дилатометр әдісімен зерттелді. ДМДААХ молярлық қатынасының ДМАА-ға, мономерлер мен бастамашылардың концентрациясы мен температураның полимеризация жылдамдығы-

на әсері қарастырылды. Осы талдау нәтижесінде ДМДААХ концентрациясы мономерлердің құрамына, керісінше, полимерлену жылдамдығына әсер ететіні анықталды. Эксперимент нәтижелеріне сүйене отырып, полимерлеу тетіктері толығырақ талқыланды.

Түйінді сөздер: радикалды полимеризация, диметилдиаллиламмоний хлориді, диметил акриламид, кинетика, активация энергиясы

Introduction

Kinetics of radical polymerization has a long history and it is very useful for large scale polymer production [1, 2]. Homopolymers of dimethyl acrylamide, dimethyl diallylammonium chloride and their copolymers are often used for flocculant production [3], in papermaking [4], medicine [5], in developing hydrogels for heavy metal removal [6, 7], for making sensors [8] etc. due to their simplicity and versatility.

Polymerization kinetics focuses on many factors like polymerization rate, initiator concentration, monomer concentration and temperature [9, 10]. Production of high-quality polymer or copolymer with high production rates requires a detailed and precise knowledge of polymerization kinetics [11]. Thus, due to the industrial application of poly (DMAA-DMDAAC) copolymer, optimization of polymerization process and controlling properties of final copolymer is very important [12]. Usually, dimethylacrylamide is added to DMDAAC in order to increase the molecular weight of copolymers and application of these copolymers depend on copolymer composition. Therefore, issues related to producing copolymers with specific properties and right composition, and their dependency on the reaction conditions can be solved from investigation of the polymerization kinetics [13].

Usually, kinetics of polymerization is investigated by different methods such as ¹H-NMR spectroscopy [14], differential scanning calorimetry [15,16], Polarographic Study [17], Electrochemical method [18], gravimetry [19] and dilatometry [20]. In this study to investigate the kinetics of free radical co-polymerization experimentally, we used the dilatometric method due to its simplicity and effectiveness [21, 22].

Moreover, in this method the equation of polymerization rate can be easily calculated by polymer and monomer mixture composition difference [23, 24]. The aim of this work is to obtain the kinetic equation for co-polymerization of poly (N, N-dimethyl-N,N-diallylammonium chloride-co-N,N-dimethylacrylamide) (DMDAAC-DMAA) by mentioned method and to investigate the influences of various parameters on the kinetics of polymerization. The co-polymerization equation is also proposed.

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

The monomers DMDAAC (65 wt. % in water, density 1.183 g/mL) and DMAA (purity 99.5 wt %, density 0.962 g/mL) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (USA). AgNO₃ (purity 99.8 wt %), and (NH₄)₂S₂O₈ (purity 99.7 wt %) were kindly provided by “Labor Pharma” Ltd. (Kazakhstan). Acetone (purity 99.9 wt %) and other organic chemicals were purchased from “Labchimprom” Ltd. (Kazakhstan). Argon with purity of 99.995 wt % was received from “Ikhsan” Ltd. (Kazakhstan). For all kinetic study glass dilatometers with capillary diameter of 1 mm were used. Distilled water with a conductivity 2.4 mS/cm at 20°C was used in all experiments.

Copolymerization

The co-polymerization reaction of DMDAAC with DMAA was carried out at different molar ratios of monomers in the presence of ammonium persulfate initiator. The total molar concentration of monomers in the mixture was equal to 5 mol/l. After purging with argon gas for 20 min, the ampule containing monomers was sealed and placed in a water bath heated at 60°C. The

reaction time was controlled to give conversions less than 10 wt %. Then the copolymers were washed and precipitated with fresh acetone. This operation was repeated three times to remove the unreacted monomers. The copolymers were finally dried under vacuum at 40°C until constant weight.

Kinetics of co-polymerization

In this experiment, the rate of polymerization was measured using dilatometers. The dilatometric method is based on a change in the volume of the reaction mixture during the polymerization of monomers. It works such a way that the dilatometer is placed in a constant temperature bath and the volume change of the polymerizing system, which is quantitatively related to the percent conversion, is controlled with time.

Initially, dilatometers in which the co-polymerization reactions will be carried out, are cleaned and thoroughly dried. The formation of a polymer is associated with an increase in the density, consequently with decrease in the volume of the reaction mixture, which occurs during polymerization of monomers.

The degree of conversion of monomers A

$$A = \frac{\Delta V}{V K'} * 100\% \quad (1)$$

(%) is calculated from formula (1):

where V – is the initial volume of the reaction mixture at the polymerization temperature;

ΔV – change in the volume of the reaction mixture over a given period of time;

$$K' = K_1'' \omega + K_2'' (1 - \omega) \quad (2)$$

K' – is the contraction factor for co-polymerization, which is found from equation (2):

where K_1'' and K_2'' are contraction factors for the homo-polymerization of DMDAAC and DMAA, respectively;

$$K_1'', K_2'' = \frac{\rho_p - \rho_m}{\rho_m} \quad (3)$$

ω – is the DMDAAC content in the starting monomer mixture. The values of K_1'' and K_2'' were found from the formula (3):

where ρ_m and ρ_p are the density of the monomer and polymer, respectively, g/cm³.

Results and discussion

Kinetics of co-polymerization

In this study, the influences of various polymerization parameters, including the molar ratio of DMDAAC to DMAA, monomer [M] and initiator [I] concentrations to the rate of the reaction were investigated.

Effect of the molar ratio of DMDAAC to DMAA on co-polymerization

For DMDAAC copolymers, the cationic degree of the product can change the property of the polymer notably. Increasing the cationic degree of DMDAAC copolymers by increasing DMDAAC content leads to wider applicability of the material in water treatment processes.

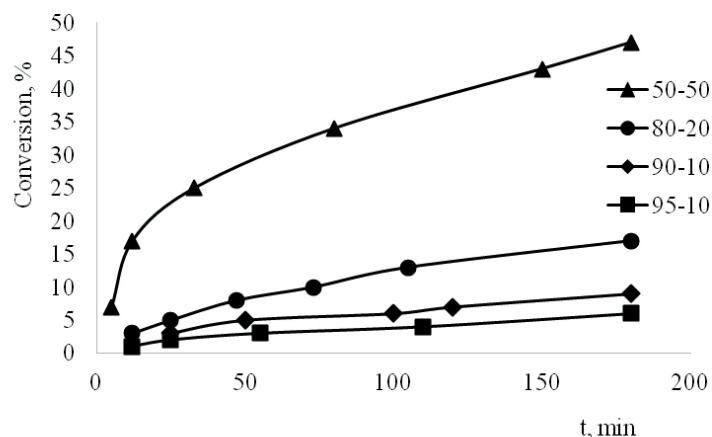


Fig. 1 – Conversion vs. time curves at different molar ratios of DMDAAC to DMAA; conditions: [M] = 5M, T = 60°C, [I] = 0.03% (monomer)

As can be seen from the Fig 1, the greater the mole fraction of DMAA in the original monomer mixture, the higher is conversion. This is due to the fact, that the reactivity of the DMAA monomer is higher, as the monomer DMDAAC is not active due to the steric hindrance of molecular structure [12].

Effect of polymerization temperature on co-polymerization

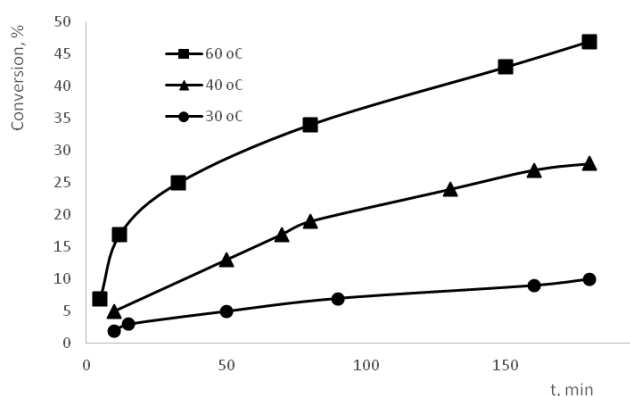


Fig. 2 – Conversion vs. time curves at different temperature; conditions: $[M] = 5M$, MDMDAAC:MDMAA=50:50, $[I] = 0.03\%$ (monomer)

The effect of temperature on the polymerization rate is shown in Fig.2. With increasing temperature, the initiation process accelerates, which subsequently increases the concentration of radicals, finally resulting in an increase of the polymerization rate.

Effect of initiator concentration on co-polymerization

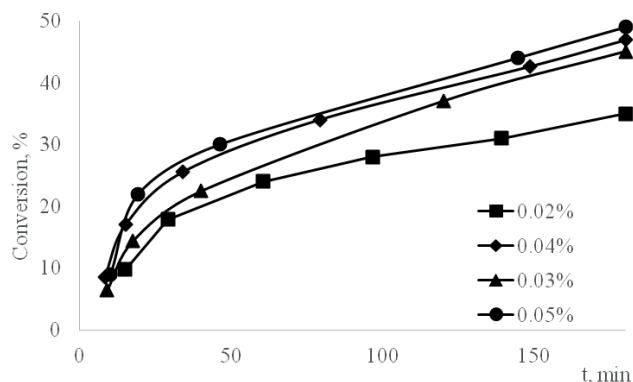


Fig. 3 – Conversion vs. time curves at different initiator concentration; conditions: $[M] = 5M$, $T = 60^\circ C$, MDMDAAC:MDMAA=50:50

In figure 3 it was found that conversion and the rate of polymerization increase with increasing initiator concentration. Consequently, this result leads to make assumption that termination of bimolecular interaction of polymer radicals slightly decreases due to the bulky molecular structure and positive charge of DMDAAC [26].

Effect of monomer concentration on co-polymerization

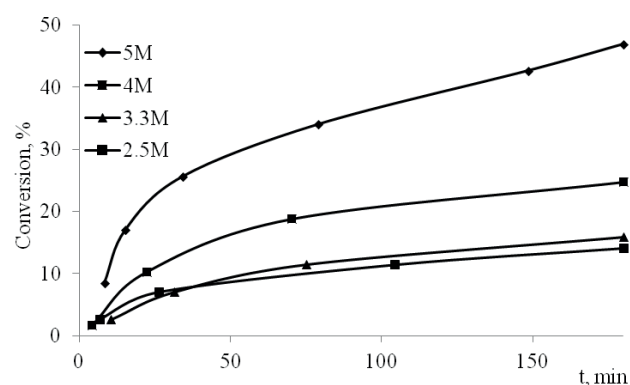


Fig. 4 – Conversion vs. time curves at different monomer concentration, conditions: MDMDAAC:MDMAA=50:50, $T = 60^\circ C$, $[I] = 0.03\%$ (monomer)

Figure 4 illustrates the dependence of monomer concentration on polymerization conversion and rate.

From these figures it can be seen, that with increasing monomer concentration, polymerization conversion and rate also increase. This may be due to formation of more active centers which leads to more interactions between radicals [25,26].

Conclusion

Aqueous radical polymerization of DMDAAC-DMAA has been prepared by free radical polymerization in the presence of ammonium persulfate initiator which was studied by dilatometry method. The kinetics of radical polymerization were discussed as well. It was found that the polymerization rate decreases with the increase of DMDAAC composition in the copolymer due to the bulky molecular structure and positive charge, resulting in the significant steric hindrance and electrical repulsion.

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