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Effect of urea on ion pair formation: The hydrophilic urea effect

We recently focused that urea produces a higher solution polarity and directly affects liophilic colloidal aggregates. Using ^{79}Br NMR line broadening and solubility data of bis(tri-methyl)- α,ω -alkanediammonium, $(1-n-1)\text{Br}_2$ ($n=2-4$) (bolaform) and tetramethylammonium bromide and perchlorate salts the effect of urea in weakening ion pair association are investigated. The high association constant of perchlorate with ammonium salts was used to titrate the ammonium-bromide interactions. Bromide counter ion in bolaform salts derivative having two, three, and four methylene spacers or in tetramethyl ammonium salts were replaced by perchlorate. Addition of urea leads to the loss of anion selectivity and the new pairs binds unspecific both anions.

Biography

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