

Semiconducting properties of Terpolymer derived from p-Hydroxybenzaldehyde, Adipic acid and Ethylene Glycol

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Abstract - Teropolymer HBAE-II was synthesized by polycondensation using monomers p-hydroxybenzaldehyde (2M), adipic acid (1M) and ethylene glycol (4M) in the presence of polyphosphoric acid as catalyst at 120°C. The resin was found to show semiconducting behavior in the temperature range 302-443 K. The activation energy by conduction was found to be 0.3561kJ mol⁻¹.

Index Terms – semiconductor, terpolymer, electrical conductivity,; polycondensation.

I. INTRODUCTION

Polymer offers versatility and novelty hence they inhabit the main roll in semiconductor. Application of semiconducting polymer have been found for day to day product, such as antistatic coatings and corrosion protection, in biosensors for coupling of electron transfer, fabrication of electrochemical windows and gas sensors, development of individual electronic devices. Various researchers have been studied the various applications of terpolymer resins [1-12]. Electrical conductivity of p-nitrophenol based resins found in order of 6.91×10^{-11} to 1.96×10^{-11} mho cm⁻¹ at wide range of temperature (313–423 K) and activation energy were 109.73 to 156.82 KJ, studied by Chinchamatpure et al [13]. Kapse et al studied the electrical conductivity of resin derived from p-hydroxyacetophenone-resorcinol-glycerol and found to be the conductivities in order of 2.5912×10^{-6} to 6.4955×10^{-6} mho cm⁻¹ at room temperature and activation energy was 11.56 kJ mol⁻¹[14]. In the present work, p-hydroxybenzaldehyde–adipic acid-ethylene glycol terpolymer resin was synthesized in the presence of polyphosphoric acid as catalyst by polycondensation method. The electrical properties of HBAE-II were investigated over a wide range of temperature.

II. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

A terpolymer resin abbreviated as HBAE-II was prepared by polycondensation of monomers p-hydroxybenzaldehyde (2M), adipic acid (1M) and ethylene glycol (4M) in presence of

polyphosphoric acid as a catalyst in oil bath at $120 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ temperature for 5 hrs. The reddish brown solid crude product was separated, washed, filtered dried and squeezed with ether so as to remove impurity. 81 % yield was found.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Electrical conductivity

The DC conductivities of HBAE-II resin was study of temperature range 302-443 K. The value of specific conductance was determined from specific resistance. The powdered sample of HBAE-II was palatalized by hydraulic press at a pressure of 17 lb inch⁻². The surface of the pallet was made to conduct by applying graphite paste. The solid state conductivity as a function of temperature was recorded by two probe method [15]. The electrical conductivity varies exponentially with the absolute temperature according to the well know relationship as given in equation (1).

$$\sigma = \sigma^0 \exp. \left(\frac{-E_a}{kT} \right) \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\log \sigma = (-E_a/2.303kT) + \log \sigma^0 \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Where,

σ = Electrical conductivity at temperature T,

σ^0 = Electrical conductivity at temperature T $\rightarrow \sigma \infty$,

E_a = Activation energy of electrical conductance,

K = Boltzmann constant,

T = Absolute temperature.

The plot of $\log \sigma$ versus $1/T$ was found to be linear in the temperature range under study, as shown in figure 1 which indicate that the Wilson's exponential equation (2) was satisfied. This indicates the semiconducting nature of the HBAE-II terpolymeric resin in the temperature range under study. The activation energy by conduction was found that $0.3561 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. The electrical conductivity for HBUE-I resin was found in the range of 0.1261×10^{-6} to $0.1402 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$ for temperature range 302-443 K.

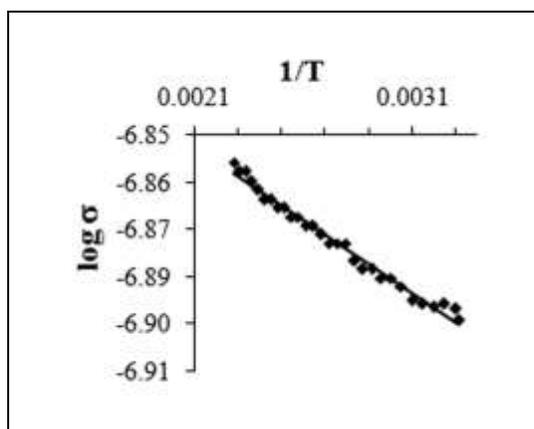


Figure 1 Wilson's plot of HBAE-II terpolymer
IV. CONCLUSION

It has been found that the terpolymer HBAE-II shows the semiconducting behavior, due to the presence of the linear nature of plot of $\log \sigma$ versus $1/T$ in mentioned temperature range, the Wilson's exponential law is obeyed. It has been concluded that the terpolymer HBAE-II shows, the semiconducting behavior. The nature of plot further suggests the hopping mechanism of conduction is due to the loosely bound π electrons at the no saturation centers in the polymeric matrix.

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