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## **solvent effects on the dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes and on the hydrolysis of trichloromethylbenzene**

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The kinetics of dehydrochlorination of trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes ( trichloro-2,2-diphenylethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-p-chlorophenylethane and 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-p-methylphenylethane ) by methoxide and propoxide ions in methanol-carbon tetrachloride and methanol / i-propanol mixed solvents were studied in solvent compositions from 0.1 to 1.0 and from 0.0 to 1.0 methanol mole fraction respectively, at the temperature range 25 to 55°C .The rate of the dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes are governed by E1cB mechanism in which the rate of reaction is first order with respect to 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes and to the base ion concentration in each case. The dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes followed a second-order rate law. The mechanism of reaction involves two steps, the initial formation of the carbanion which then eliminates chloride ion to yield 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethylenes. In the dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes, the rate increases with increasing the methanol content in solutions in case of methanol carbon tetrachloride, but the rate increases as the i-propanol content of solution increases in case of methanol/i-propanol solutions. The results were discussed on the basis of the simple electrostatic theory of medium effect and the changing of solvent structure. The plot of  $\ln k$  versus  $1/D$  in case of the dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes in methanol-carbon tetrachloride and in methanol / i-propanol gave no straight line relationship. This is not in accordance with electrostatic theory of medium effects. In spite of large difference of the activation parameters for the 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes, it was found that the activation parameters (  $E_a$ ,  $H^*$  and  $S$  ) have maximum and minimum values at different solvent compositions. In the dehydrochlorination of trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes in methanol-carbon tetrachloride mixed solvents, it can be shown that the activation parameters for the dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diphenylethane have maximum and minimum values at 0.7 and -0.4 methanol mole fraction, respectively, but in case of both 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-p-chlorophenylethane and 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-p-methylphenylethane the activation parameters have a maximum value at about 0.2 methanol mole fraction and then decrease with increasing the methanol content. In the dehydrochlorination reaction of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diarylethanes in methanol/i-propanol mixed solvents, it can be shown that the activation parameters for the

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dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diphenylethane, first decrease to a minimum values at about 0.2 methanol mole fraction and then increases with increasing the methanol content. However, the activation parameters for the dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-p-chlorophenylethane have two maxima, one at about 0.8 and other at about 0.1 methanol mole fraction. Also, the activation parameters for the dehydrochlorination of 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis-p-methylphenylethane have two maxima values at about 0.2 and 0.9 methanol mole fractions and minimum value at about 0.4 methanol mole fraction. The hydrolysis of trichloromethylbenzene is studied in water-acetone solution covering solvent composition range from 0.1 to 0.7 water mole fraction at the temperature range 25 to 45°C the rate of hydrolysis decreases by increasing the water content in solution up to 0.5 water mole and then increases. The result were discussed on the basis of the simple electrostatic theory of medium effect and the changing of solvent structure. The plot of  $\ln k$  versus  $(D-1)/(2D+1)$  gave no straight line. The activation parameters for the hydrolysis of trichloromethylbenzene have minimum values at about 0.23 water mole fraction. The calculated values of the free energy of activation  $\Delta G^\ddagger$  do not change much with solvent composition and the plot of  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  versus  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  gave a straight line in all substrates (1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-diaryl-ethanes and trichloromethylbenzene) this is due to the linear compensation between  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  and  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ .