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From this year forward, we wish and aspire toward surpassing our past efforts, and with each coming year, to serve in greater measure the field of universal science and our own nation.

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ABSTRACT

Effect of some macrocyclic ethers have been investigated in the reaction of di or tri nitro phenoxides with some alkyl halides in water-dioxane mixtures. It has been found that in most cases heptaoxa oligomer has more influence although the fact that the such compounds are more pronounced on the S_N1 type of reactions with respect to S_N2 reactions so that the ethers seem to capable to bind the carbonium intermediates even in water-dioxane mixtures.

INTRODUCTION

In our previous studies we have deeply investigated the role of some macrocyclic ethers in water-dioxane mixtures. The systems however are discussed previously was chosen to investigate the contribution of the macrocyclic ether in water-dioxane-crownether tertiary system (1). The systems of reported studies of similar effects rather consider on methanol, DMSO (2) disregarding the role of hydrogen bonding in water. We partly isolate the water molecules keeping the dielectricity of the system at a certain level which influence the role of macrocyclic ether, and makes it more apparent.

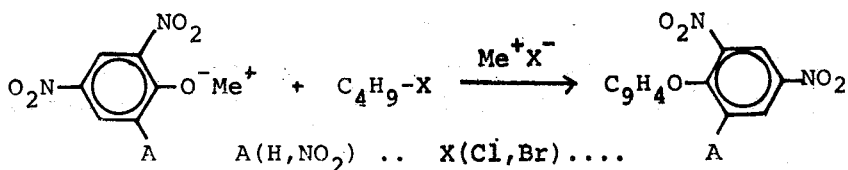
As it is figured out the breakage of hydrogen bonds simply reduce the role of water in creasing efficiency of dipolar power which is main effect of Crown ether as it acts as a ligand or complexing agent consisting both hydrophobic and hydrophilic sites on the some molecule. However it is an interesting and still open to discussion result that we observed is the role of macrocyclic ethers in water-dioxane system in which the S_N2 reaction is not so influenced as the S_N1 type of reactions.

RESULTS

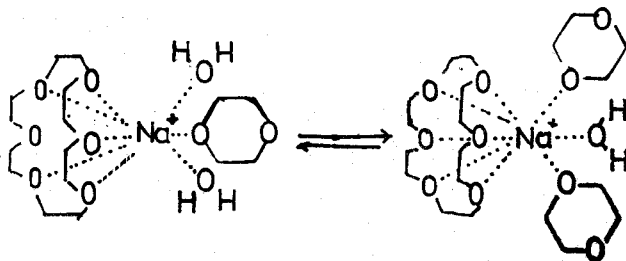
The present study was basically concerned on the substitution reaction of alkaline salts of nitrophenols with n-butyl halides.

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The increases of concentration of macrocyclic ether in some cases give rise to lower the rate of reaction in the water-dioxane-Crown ether system which is quite contrary to the fact that, nonpolar and anhydrous solutions remarkably increase the effect of macrocyclic ethers. We here ascribe such a result to the role of hydration of water molecules to the ions which are rather accelerated by the crown ether and lower the rate as dioxane simply changes the dipolar role. So that displacement is mostly determined by the more hydrated alkaline ions which release the OH⁻ ion to react (3-7).



As they were performed on Fig-1. Bromides react more readily than chlorides which is usual for S_N2 pathway. However the role of size of macrocyclic ether is still proving the hexaoxa ring in such a system. This might be most probably due to the lower number of oxygen in solvation shell in the case that of larger ether ring. Most important case is that of the fact that tert-halides react much more readily than that of the n-halides depending on the S_N1 pathway which seems more practical regarding the role of ether in similar aqueous systems.

We therefore conclude that the in aqueous media carbonium centers are more attracted and therefore easily solvated.

Experimental conditions and chemicals were used almost the similar to that of reported in our previous studies.

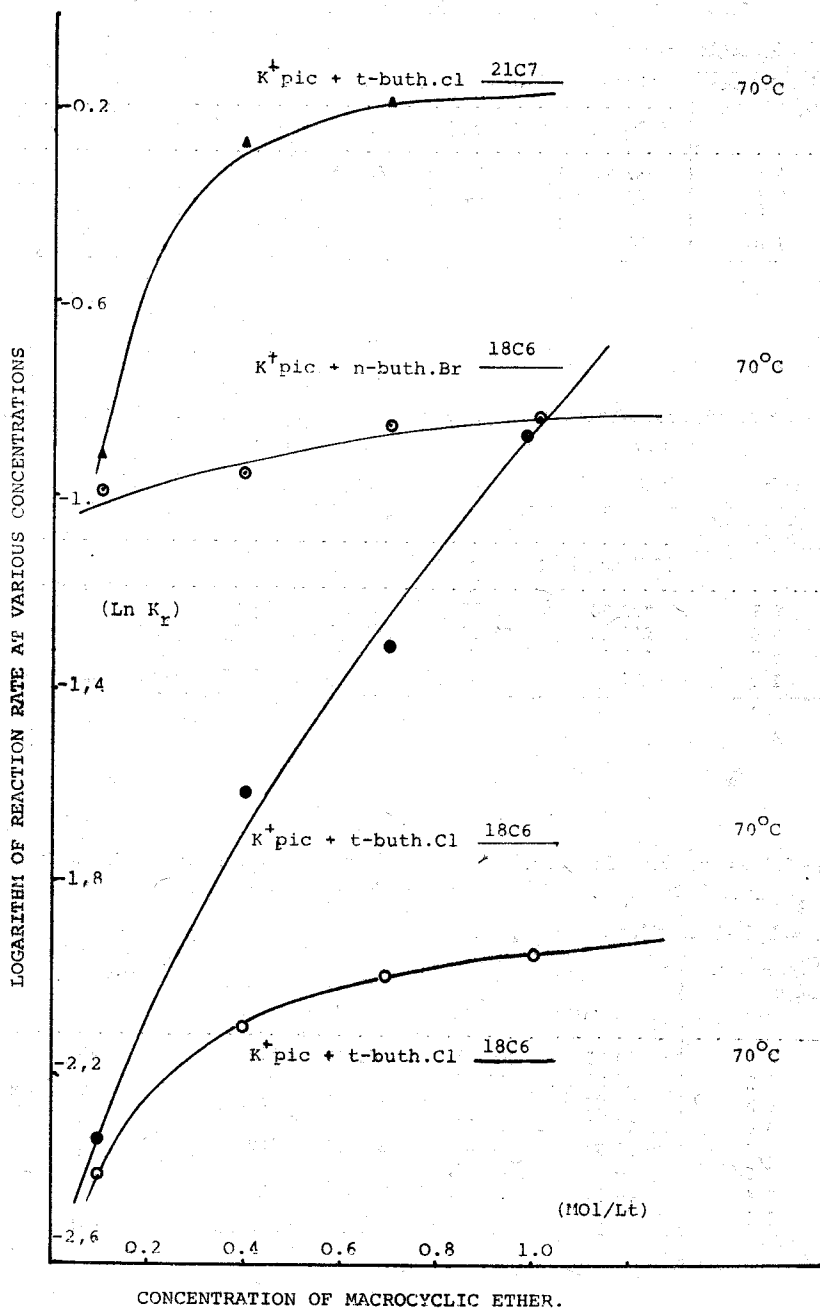


Table 1. Second order rate constants of reactions K^+ picrate with n-butyl chloride in water-dioxane (30:70, v/v) at various temperatures in the presence of different polyethers.

$$k = k_2 \cdot 10^2 \cdot \text{lt} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1} \quad C_{\text{picrate}} = 1,8 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ M} \quad C_{\text{Cl}} = 19,15 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ M}$$

Poly. et. Conc. mol/lt	70°C	70°C	70°C	55°C	40°C
	18-Crown-6	21-Crown-7	Hexaglyme		
0.1	47.00	88.77	45.59	6.63	--
0.4	64.23	86.68	44.39	9.82	--
0.7	71.54	43.34	35.67	11.75	0.54
1.0	73.11	30.81	35.25	13.47	0.92

Table- 2. Rate constants of reactions K^+ picrate with n-butyl bromide in water-dioxane (30: 70, v/v) at various temperature in the presence of different polyethers.

$$k = k_2 \cdot 10^2 \text{ lt} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1} \quad C_{\text{picrate}} = 1,8 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ M} \quad C_{\text{Br}} = 18,62 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ M}$$

Poly. et. Conc. mol/lt	70°C	70°C	55°C	55°C	40°C
	18-Crown-6	21-Crown-7	Hexaglyme		
0.1	202.74	165.15	145.54	30.08	--
0.4	205.42	92.05	163.27	32.76	--
0.7	231.85	--	192.27	39.64	2.19
1.0	234.69	--	233.08	45.65	3.04

Table - 3. Rate constants of reaction K^+ - 2, 4-dinitrophenolate with n-butyl chloride in water-dioxane (30:70, v/v) at various temperatures in the presence of various polyethers.

$$k = k_1 \cdot 10^1 \text{ lt} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1} \quad C_{\text{phenolate}} = 5,9 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ M} \quad C_{\text{Cl}} = 0,62 \text{ M}$$

Poly. et. Conc. mol/lt	50°C		0.1 m 18-Crown-6	non catalyst	Temp. °C
	12-Crown-4	18-Crown-6			
0.1	110.77	105.69	50.00	18.15	40
0.2	87.92	94.62			
0.3	80.77	--	105.69	138.46	50
0.4	75.00	78.46			
0.6	55.38	--	526.15	302.31	60
0.7	--	489.62			
0.8	44.31	--	--	927.62	70
1.0	42.92	--			

Table - 4. Thermodynamic data for the second order reaction of K⁺ picrate with n-butyl-genes 2,4-dinitrophenolate with n-butyl chloride in water-dioxane (30:70, v/v).

Poly. et. Conc.	0.1 m		0.7 m		1.0 m	
	ΔH	ΔS	ΔH	ΔS	ΔH	ΔS
Polyethers						
Glyme-6 (a)	--	--	30419	28.5	26451	16.8
Glyme-6 (b)	--	--	32389	37.4	31380	34.7
18-Crown-6 (c)	24506	17.8	--	--	--	--
Noncatalyst (d)	27282	25.4				

(a) K⁺ picrate + n-butyl chloride(b) K⁺ picrate + n-butyl bromide(c,d) K⁺ 2,4-dinitrophenolate + n-butyl chloride ΔH and ΔS are given in cal/mol

ÖZET

n-butil ve t-butil halojenürlerin polynitro fenolatlar ile verdikleri reaksiyonların hız sabitleri üzerine bazı makro halkalı eterlerin etkileri incelenmiş ve heptaoxa halkalı eterin maksimum etkiyi gösterdiği saptanmıştır. Bu sonuç yeni olması bakımından ve mekanizma yönünden de su-Dioksan ortamında etkileşmelerde reaksiyonlarına S_N2 karşılık, S_N1 türünün katalitik etkiye daha çok yer vermesi bakımından önemli bulunmuştur.

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