¹³C NMR Relaxation of iso-Poly(2-vinylpyridinium chloride) in Aqueous Solution. Effects of Electrostatic Interactions on Local Chain Dynamics

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ABSTRACT: Measurements of ¹³C spin-lattice relaxation times, T_1 , and nuclear Overhauser effects, NOE, were carried out as a function of temperature at two magnetic fields for iso-poly(2-vinylpyridine) (iso-P2VP) in 1,4-dioxane- d_8 and iso-poly(2-vinylpyridinium chloride) (iso-P2VPCl), in D₂O to investigate the effects of electrostatic interactions on local chain dynamics. For main chain carbons of both polymers, the experimental T_1 and NOE data are in good agreement with the Dejean-Lauprêtre-Monnerie (DLM) model in the entire temperature range. It was found that the local conformational transitions of main chain and the libration are more restricted for iso-P2VPCl than iso-P2VP. For pyridyl ring carbons, the experimental data were reproduced by the models combining the DLM model and restricted ring rotations. The angular amplitude α of ring rotation of iso-P2VPCl is smaller than that of iso-P2VP. These results imply that both local motions of main chain and side chain are affected by the electrostatic interactions.

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Effects of electrostatic interactions on local chain conformation or chain stiffness have been extensively studied theoretically and experimentally.¹⁻⁴ However, few studies have been reported on their effects on local chain dynamics.

Among various dynamic methods such as NMR relaxation,⁵ dielectric relaxation,^{6,7} and time-resolved fluorescence methods,⁸ the NMR relaxation method is a very powerful technique because it provides detailed information about molecular motions of different parts of chain through the spectral density function, which is the Fourier transformation of correlation function of the relaxing dipoles in different environments of chain.

Poly(2-vinylpyridine) (P2VP) and poly(4-vinylpyridine) (P4VP) are suitable model polyelectrolytes because they can be converted to ionized polymer from nonionic one by neutralizing pyridyl ring by relevant acid without the significant change of chemical structure. Chachaty *et al.* studied the local chain dynamics of P2VP and P4VP, and their ionized polymers, poly(2-vinylpyridinium chloride) (P2VPCl) and poly(4-vinylpyridinium bromide) (P4VPBr) in solutions and reported that electrostatic interactions affect local chain dynamics.^{9–11} However, the effects of electrostatic interactions remain unclear yet, since the chain motions were not analyzed by reliable motional models such as conformational jump models in their papers.

Recently, Ravindranathan *et al.* studied the local chain dynamics of ata-P2VP in chloroform,¹² and reported that all the experimental data of main chain carbons are in good agreement with the Dejean–Lauprêtre–Monnerie (DLM) model,¹³ which was modified from the Hall–

tions^{14,15} by introducing libration motion of C-H vector. In a previous paper, we also reported that the DLM model is well applied to the main chain motions of poly(*t*-butyl crotonate) in toluene, of which a β -methyl group makes the chain stiff.¹⁶ For pyridyl ring motion of ata-P2VP, on the other hand, Ravindranathan et al. reported that the experimental data are well reproduced by the model combining the HWH model of main chain and the strongly restricted rotation of pyridyl ring. In this work, therefore, we measured ¹³C NMR relaxation such as spin-lattice relaxation time T_1 and nuclear Overhauser effect, NOE, of iso-P2VP and iso-P2VPCl at two magnetic fields as a function of temperature and analyzed these data of main chains and pyridyl rings by the DLM model and the restricted rotational model to study the effects of electrostatic interactions on the local chain dynamics. Here, we used iso-P2VP and iso-P2VPCl as the samples because the tacticity may affect the local chain dynamics.

Weber-Helfand (HWH) model describing the main

chain motions in terms of the conformational transi-

EXPERIMENTAL

iso-P2VP used here was prepared by anionic polymerization initiated by phenylmagnesium bromide in our laboratory. Details of the preparation were described elsewhere.¹⁷ The tacticities of iso-P2VP thus obtained are almost isotactic (I+H=96.5%, S=3.5%, where I, H, and S represent isotactic, heterotactic, and syndiotactic, respectively) determined by methine peak intensity of ¹H NMR spectra.¹⁸ The molecular weight is *ca.* 82000 determined by viscosity measurement assuming that the viscosity equation of ata-P2VP¹⁹ is

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Figure 1. Numbering of the atoms in a pyridyl ring of the repeating unit of P2VP.

applicable to iso-P2VP. This assumption can be satisfactorily accepted because the viscosity equation of ata-P2VP is obtained in a typical good solvent, 1,4dioxane. Moreover, the effects of molecular weight on relaxation parameters such as T_1 and NOE are almost negligible if the molecular weight exceeds *ca.* 10000.⁹ iso-P2VPCl solution was prepared by neutralizing pyridyl ring by HCl in D₂O purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. On the other hand, iso-P2VP was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane- d_8 purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. The polymer concentrations were fixed at 10 wt/vol% in both solutions. Both solutions were degassed carefully and sealed in sample tubes. Atoms in a pyridyl ring are numbered as shown in Figure 1.

¹³C NMR relaxation experiments were performed with Varian unity INOVA 500, Varian Mercury and JEOL FX-270 NMR instruments operating at 125.7, 75.5, and 67.8 MHz for carbon resonance frequency, respectively. Temperatures were regulated within ± 1 K by a controller. T_1 data were measured by the conventional inversion recovery technique using $180^{\circ} - \tau - 90^{\circ}$ pulse sequence. A total of about 500 acquisitions was accumulated for a set of 12—14 arrayed τ values and the delay times between pulse cycles were 5 times longer than maximum T_1 . The T_1 value was determined by fitting the observed data to a nonlinear exponential function. NOE data were evaluated as the ratios of ¹³C signal intensities obtained by complete ¹H decoupling to those obtained by inverse gated decoupling. The delay times for NOE experiments were 10 times longer than maximum T_1 . The relative errors of measured T_1 and NOE values were estimated to be lower than 10 and 15%, respectively.

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

Assuming a purely ${}^{13}C^{-1}H$ dipolar–dipolar relaxation mechanism, we have the following equations for the spin-lattice relaxation time, T_1^{dd} , and nuclear Overhauser effect, NOE, under the complete proton decoupling.²⁰

$$\frac{1}{T_1^{\rm dd}} = \frac{N}{10} \left[\frac{\mu_0 \hbar \gamma_{\rm H} \gamma_{\rm C}}{4\pi r^3} \right]^2 \left[J(\omega_{\rm H} - \omega_{\rm C}) + 3J(\omega_{\rm C}) + 6J(\omega_{\rm H} + \omega_{\rm C}) \right]$$
(1)

$$NOE = 1 + \frac{\gamma_{\rm H}}{\gamma_{\rm C}} \left[\frac{6J(\omega_{\rm H} + \omega_{\rm C}) - J(\omega_{\rm H} - \omega_{\rm C})}{J(\omega_{\rm H} - \omega_{\rm C}) + 3J(\omega_{\rm C}) + 6J(\omega_{\rm H} + \omega_{\rm C})} \right]$$
(2)

where N, μ_0 , and r are the number of direct bonded proton, the permeability in vacuum, the C–H internuclear distance (0.109 nm for aliphatic carbons²¹ and 0.108 nm for pyridyl ring carbons,²² respectively), respectively, $\hbar = h/2\pi$ with *h* being Planck constant, and $\gamma_{\rm H}$, $\gamma_{\rm C}$, $\omega_{\rm H}$, and $\omega_{\rm C}$ are the magnetogyric ratios and Larmor frequencies of ¹H and ¹³C, respectively.

For the carbons of pyridyl ring, the chemical shift anisotropy should be taken into account in addition to the dipole–dipole relaxation as $below^{23}$

$$\frac{1}{T_{1}} = \frac{1}{T_{1}^{dd}} + \frac{1}{T_{1}^{CSA}}$$
(3)
NOE = 1 + $\frac{\gamma_{H}}{\gamma_{C}} \left[\frac{N}{10} \left(\frac{\mu_{0} \hbar \gamma_{H} \gamma_{C}}{4 \pi r^{3}} \right)^{2} \times \left\{ \frac{6J(\omega_{H} + \omega_{C}) - J(\omega_{H} - \omega_{C})}{(T_{1}^{dd})^{-1} + (T_{1}^{CSA})^{-1}} \right\} \right]$ (4)

where T_1^{CSA} is the relaxation time arisen from chemical shift anisotropy and given by, if the chemical shift is axially symmetric,²³

$$\frac{1}{T_{\perp}^{\text{CSA}}} = \frac{2}{15} \omega_{\text{C}}^2 (\sigma_{\parallel} - \sigma_{\perp})^2 J(\omega_{\text{C}})$$
(5)

where σ_{\parallel} and σ_{\perp} are the components of the shift tensor, parallel and perpendicular to the symmetric axis. The magnitude of $(\sigma_{\parallel} - \sigma_{\perp})$ is obtained from the principal values of ¹³C chemical shift tensor as

$$\sigma_{\parallel} - \sigma_{\perp} = \sigma_{33} - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) \tag{6}$$

In calculations, the value for both polymers is assumed to be equal to 197 ppm obtained for the C_4 carbon of pyridine.²⁴ This assumption is considered not to make serious errors in the calculation at least at the low magnetic field because the contribution of chemical shift anisotropy is much smaller than that of dipole–dipole relaxation.

The spectral density function, $J(\omega)$, is obtained by the Fourier transformation of the correlation function, G(t), which is derived on the basis of motional models.

$$J(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(t) \exp(i\omega t) dt$$
 (7)

MOTIONAL MODELS

Main Chain Motion

Although various models for the local motion of main chain of a polymer have been proposed, one of the most useful model may be the Dejean–Lauprêtre–Monnerie (DLM) model¹³ describing local chain motions in terms of conformational transition and libration, which well explains T_1 and NOE data of various polymers in solution and bulk. The spectral density function, $J(\omega)$, of the DLM model is given by

$$J(\omega) = \frac{1 - f}{(\alpha + i\beta)^{1/2}} + \frac{f\tau_2}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_2^2}$$
(8)

with

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{2}{\tau_0 \tau_1} - \omega^2$$
 (9)

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and

$$\beta = -2\omega \left[\frac{1}{\tau_0} + \frac{1}{\tau_1} \right] \tag{10}$$

where τ_0 , τ_1 , τ_2 , and f are the correlation times for damping, propagation and libration, and the relative weight of libration, respectively. According to the theory of Howarth,²⁵ moreover, f is given by

$$1 - f = \left[\frac{\cos\theta - \cos^3\theta}{2(1 - \cos\theta)}\right]^2 \tag{11}$$

where θ is the libration angle of C–H vector.

Ring Rotational Motion

The relaxation parameters, T_1 and NOE, in pyridyl ring carbons are given by superposing both segmental motions in main chain and rotational motions in the pyridyl ring. According to Ghesquière *et al.*,^{10,11} the rotational motions of pyridyl rings of P4VP and P4VPBr are well described by the restricted rotational model such as the oscillation with small amplitude. Since the ring rotations of iso-P2VP and iso-P2VPCl are considered to be similar to those of P4VP and P4VPBr, our experimental data were also analyzed by the same model. The superposed spectral density function is given by¹⁰

$$J(\omega) = \frac{3}{8} \left\{ \left[\frac{2}{3} (1 - 3\cos^2 \gamma)^2 + \sin^2 2\gamma (1 + \cos \alpha) + \sin^4 \gamma (1 + \cos 2\alpha) \right] J(\tau_0, \omega) + \left[\sin^2 2\gamma (1 - \cos \alpha) + \sin^4 \gamma (1 - \cos 2\alpha) \right] J(\tau_t, \omega) \right\}$$
(12)

where γ is the angle between the internuclear vector and the axis of rotation and α is the angular amplitude of oscillation. Here, we assumed that the temperature dependence of the amplitude of oscillation is given by $\alpha = CT^{1/2}$, which was employed for the phenyl ring motions by Gronski *et al.*²⁶ If the main chain motions are described by the DLM model, $J(\tau_0, \omega)$ is given by eq 8 and $J(\tau_i, \omega)$ is given by replacing τ_0 in eq 8 by τ_t as

$$\tau_t^{-1} = \tau_0^{-1} + \tau_{\rm ir}^{-1} \tag{13}$$

where τ_{ir} denotes the internal correlation time for pyridyl ring rotation.

FITTING PROCEDURE

According to Helfand,²⁷ who applied the theory of Kramer²⁸ for the diffusion of a particle over a potential barrier to conformational transitions of polymer chains, the temperature dependence of the correlation time $\tau(T)$ is given by the Arrhenius type as

$$\tau(T) = A \exp(E_a/RT) \tag{14}$$

with $A = \eta c$ where η , c, and E_a are the solvent viscosity, a molecular constant and the apparent activation energy, respectively. In the fitting procedure, A and E_a were treated as adjustable parameters.

The T_1 and NOE data are fitted to the motional models simultaneously at the two magnetic fields as a function of temperature. At first the parameters, A, E_a , f, τ_0/τ_1 ,



Figure 2. ¹³C NMR spectra of (a) iso-P2VPCl and (b) iso-P2VP at 125.7 MHz.

and τ_1/τ_2 in the DLM model were fitted manually for main chain carbons, and then the parameters of the ring rotation model were fitted for the pyridyl ring carbons while the fitting parameters obtained for the main chain carbons were fixed.

RESULTS

Figure 2 shows the ¹³C NMR spectra of iso-P2VPCl (a) and iso-P2VP (b) at 125.7 MHz. The chemical shift was measured from a relevant reference and the peaks were assigned in Figure 2 as reported previously.⁹ Since the C_3 and C_5 carbons peaks of iso-P2VPCl are overlapped each other, the T_1 and NOE values of these carbons could not be accurately determined. In this work, therefore, we examined the segmental motions of main chain carbons and the rotational motions of pyridyl ring (C_4 and C_6 carbons).

Tables I and II summarize the ¹³C T_1 and NOE data as a function of temperature at the two magnetic fields for iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP, respectively. These data indicate the following specific features. For the main chain carbons of both polymers, the larger magnetic fields are, the larger the T_1 values are, and the T_1 data pass through T_1 minimums and increase with increasing temperature at both magnetic fields, especially at the high magnetic field. Moreover, the NOE values are significantly smaller than the maximum value (3.0) at the extreme narrowing limit and decrease with increasing magnetic fields. Apparently, these results indicate that a single exponential correlation function, *i.e.*, an isotropic motional model, cannot be applied to the data. The ratios of T_1 values for methine and methylene carbons, $T_1(CH)/T_1(CH_2)$, are 2.0±0.1 and 1.8±0.1 for iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP, respectively. Since the ratio for iso-P2VPCl is equal to 2, which is equal to the ratio of the number of directly bonded protons, the local motions for methine and methylene carbons are almost identical for iso-P2VPCl, while the local motions of C-H vector are significantly different between the methine and methylene carbons of iso-P2VP.

The T_1 values of the pyridyl ring carbons (C₄ and C₆ carbons) for iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP are larger than

¹³C NMR Relaxation of iso-P2VPCl

| | Main chain carbons | | | | Pyridyl ring carbons | | | |
|--------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Temp/K | СН | | CH ₂ | | C ₄ | | C ₆ | |
| | 125.7 MHz | 75.5 MHz | 125.7 MHz | 75.5 MHz | 125.7 MHz | 75.5 MHz | 125.7 MHz | 75.5 MHz |
| 303 | 290 (1.61) | 187 (1.83) | 147 (1.60) | 99 (1.82) | 229 (1.59) | 179 (1.78) | 201 (1.51) | 162 (1.71) |
| 313 | 296 (1.85) | 177 (1.89) | 152 (1.92) | 101 (2.00) | 234 (1.80) | 186 (1.76) | 192 (1.71) | 173 (1.80) |
| 323 | 314 (1.77) | 199 (2.14) | 152 (1.79) | 109 (2.11) | 238 (1.75) | 192 (1.87) | 202 (1.69) | 181 (1.83) |
| 333 | 335 (2.13) | 208 (2.25) | 161 (2.10) | 115 (2.17) | 261 (1.83) | 213 (2.00) | 222 (1.77) | 206 (1.88) |
| 343 | 361 (2.01) | 239 (2.35) | 173 (2.12) | 126 (2.28) | 274 (2.00) | 238 (2.11) | 245 (1.93) | 232 (1.92) |
| 353 | 367 (2.15) | 229 (2.31) | 194 (2.17) | 135 (2.34) | 284 (1.99) | 260 (2.13) | 259 (2.00) | 238 (2.05) |

Table I. Experimental T_1 (ms) and NOE^a data of iso-P2VPCl in D₂O as a function of temperature at two magnetic fields

^a Values in parentheses.

Table II. Experimental T_1 (ms) and NOE^a data of iso-P2VP in 1,4-dioxane- d_8 as a function of temperature at two magnetic fields

| | Main chain carbons | | | | Pyridyl ring carbons | | | |
|--------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Temp/K | СН | | CH ₂ | | C ₄ | | C ₆ | |
| | 125.7 MHz | 67.8 MHz | 125.7 MHz | 67.8 MHz | 125.7 MHz | 67.8 MHz | 125.7 MHz | 67.8 MHz |
| 303 | 330 (1.44) | 167 (1.72) | 177 (1.46) | 92 (1.70) | 266 (1.33) | 185 (1.68) | 289 (1.48) | 200 (1.68) |
| 313 | 310 (1.51) | 179 (1.81) | 172 (1.51) | 92 (1.83) | 257 (1.39) | 201 (1.74) | 277 (1.47) | 216 (1.78) |
| 323 | 302 (1.58) | 181 (1.87) | 164 (1.59) | 97 (1.90) | 256 (1.44) | 210 (1.73) | 277 (1.58) | 220 (1.88) |
| 333 | 307 (1.64) | 186 (2.02) | 167 (1.60) | 105 (2.08) | 261 (1.51) | 230 (1.96) | 284 (1.64) | 244 (1.98) |
| 343 | 312 (1.74) | 210 (1.98) | 172 (1.74) | 111 (2.23) | 273 (1.57) | 248 (2.00) | 291 (1.70) | 255 (1.99) |
| 353 | 324 (1.82) | 230 (2.08) | 173 (1.84) | 121 (2.12) | 290 (1.65) | 279 (2.26) | 313 (1.87) | 280 (2.02) |

^a Values in parentheses.

those of main chain carbons at the low magnetic field, while the former values are smaller than the latter values at the high magnetic field. These facts imply that the motions of pyridyl ring contribute the T_1 values in addition to the segmental motions in the main chain and the chemical shift anisotropy plays an important role for the relaxation of pyridyl ring carbons, especially at the high magnetic field. Since the T_1 values for C_4 and C_6 carbons of both polymers are almost the same, the motion of pyridyl ring can be represented by the rotational motion around C_2 - C_5 axis.

DISCUSSION

Figures 3, 4, 5, and 6 show the best fitting curves of T_1 and NOE vs. temperature, calculated by the parameters of the DLM model listed in Table III for methine and methylene carbons of iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP, respectively. In the entire temperature range, the experimental T_1 and NOE values are in good agreement with the DLM model for both polymers. As shown in Table III, the correlation time ratio τ_0/τ_1 of iso-P2VPCl (5) is smaller than that of iso-P2VP (8). The smaller correlation time ratio means that the propagation of local motion associated with τ_0 for iso-P2VPCl than for iso-P2VP.

Moreover, let us examine the activation energy E^* associated with a potential barrier for conformational transition. If eq 14 is valid for the conformational transitions, E^* is given by



Figure 3. Temperature dependences of T_1 and NOE for methine carbon of iso-P2VPCl. Solid lines are calculated by the DLM model with the parameters listed in Table III.



Figure 4. Temperature dependences of T_1 and NOE for methylene carbon of iso-P2VPCI. Solid lines are calculated by the DLM model with the parameters listed in Table III.

$$E^* = E_a - E_\eta \tag{15}$$

where E_{η} is the activation energy of solvent viscosity, which is expressed as $\eta = B \exp(E_{\eta}/RT)$ with *B* being a constant. As reported by Gisser *et al.*,²⁹ however, eq 14 is not valid for ordinary flexible chains, and their correlation times are proportional to η^{k} (k = 0.41). In this case we have

$$E^* = E_{\rm a} - kE_{\eta} \tag{16}$$

Using $E_{\eta} = 15.6$ and 12.5 kJ mol^{-1} for water and 1,4-dioxane, respectively,³⁰ we have $E^* = 2.6$ and 6.8 kJ mol⁻¹ by eq 15, and $E^* = 11.8$ and 14.2 kJ mol⁻¹ by eq 16 for iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP, respectively. In either case the activation energy of conformational transition of main chain is smaller for iso-P2VPCl than for iso-P2VP. Combining the results of E^* and τ_0/τ_1 , we may conclude that the main chain motions of iso-P2VPCl are more restricted than those of iso-P2VP by the electrostatic interactions between charges on pyridyl rings since τ_0/τ_1 can be assumed to be independent of solvent viscosity, while both the propagation and damping rates are larger for iso-P2VPCl than for iso-P2VP.

The libration angles, θ , are the same for methine and methylene carbons of iso-P2VPCl. This result is consistent with the fact that the value of $T_1(CH)/T_1(CH_2)$ is almost equal to 2. For iso-P2VP, on the other hand, the θ values are significantly different between methine and methylene carbons, so that the value of $T_1(CH)/T_1(CH_2)$



Figure 5. Temperature dependences of T_1 and NOE for methine carbon of iso-P2VP. Solid lines are calculated by the DLM model with the parameters listed in Table III.

 $T_1(\text{CH}_2)$ is different from 2 (1.8±0.1). Moreover, the θ value of iso-P2VPCl is always smaller than that of iso-P2VP. Thus, we may conclude that the libration is also restricted by the electrostatic interactions, since the libration motion is so fast that it is not significantly affected by solvent viscosity.^{29,31}

According to the method of Guillermo *et al.*,³² $log(NT_1/\omega_c)$ is plotted against $log(\omega_c \tau_1)$ for methine carbons of iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP at the two Larmor frequencies in Figure 7. The T_1 data superpose fairly well for both polymers. The superposition implies that the mechanisms of local motions as reflected in the correlation function are independent of temperature, and it justifies the above analysis.

Figures 8 and 9 show the temperature dependence of T_1 and NOE data for pyridyl ring carbon (C₄) of iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP, respectively. Solid lines in these figures denote the theoretical values calculated by the restricted rotational model (eq 12) using the parameters listed in Table IV. As shown in these figures, the T_1 and NOE data of both polymers are almost satisfactorily reproduced by the model. The model parameters thus obtained are remarkably different between iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VPCl (28–30°) is smaller than that for iso-P2VP (37–39°), though their pre-factor A_{ir} and activation energy E_{ir} are not much different. This result implies that the ring rotation of iso-P2VPCl is more restricted than that of iso-P2VP by electrostatic



Figure 6. Temperature dependences of T_1 and NOE for methylene carbon of iso-P2VP. Solid lines are calculated by the DLM model with the parameters listed in Table III.

 Table III. Fitting parameters of the DLM model for main chain carbons of iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP

| | | τ_0/τ_1 | τ_1/τ_2 | $E_{\rm a}/{\rm kJmol^{-1}}$ | $10^{12}A/s$ | $\theta/{ m deg}$ |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| P2VPC1 | Methine | 5 | 100 | 18.2 | 0.50 | 20.0 |
| | Methylene | 5 | 100 | 18.2 | 0.50 | 20.0 |
| P2VP | Methine | 8 | 100 | 19.3 | 0.60 | 24.0 |
| | Methylene | 8 | 100 | 19.3 | 0.60 | 27.0 |

interactions if the solvent effects are not significant for the amplitude.

Finally, we will briefly discuss the effect of tacticities on the local chain dynamics. Comparing our fitting parameters with those of Ravindranathan *et al.*,¹² we found the significant difference in the libration angles: our data are 24.0° and 27.0° for methine and methylene carbons, respectively, while their data are 21.3° and 25.7°. The larger libration angles of iso-P2VP imply that the effects of pyridyl ring on the libration motion are smaller for iso-P2VP than for ata-P2VP, because the pyridyl rings are oriented in the same directions for the former.

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Figure 7. Frequency-temperature superposition of ¹³C NT_1 values for the methine carbons of iso-P2VPCl (a) and iso-P2VP (b). Open and filled symbols denote the data of higher and lower magnetic fields, respectively. The τ_1 values were evaluated by using the DLM model.



Figure 8. Temperature dependences of T_1 and NOE for C₄ carbon in pyridyl ring of iso-P2VPCl. Solid lines denote the theoretical values of the restricted rotational model with the parameters listed in Table IV.



Figure 9. Temperature dependences of T_1 and NOE for C_4 carbon in pyridyl ring of iso-P2VP. Solid lines denote the theoretical values of the restricted rotational model with the parameters listed in Table IV.

Table IV. Fitting parameters of the restricted rotational model for pyridyl ring carbon (C₄) of iso-P2VPCl and iso-P2VP

| | $E_{\rm ir}/{\rm kJmol^{-1}}$ | $10^{13}A_{\rm ir}/{\rm s}$ | С | α/deg |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|--------------|
| P2VPC1 | 21.0 | 0.18 | 1.6 | 28-30 |
| P2VP | 20.0 | 0.15 | 2.1 | 37—39 |

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