and the polar structure


According to an earlier explanation based on the MO theory, ${ }^{22}$ this can be replaced by the interaction between the highest occupied orbital of the $\mathrm{C}==\mathrm{C}$ bond ( $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}}$ ) and the lowest vacant one of the carbonyl group ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{C}=0}$ ) as shown in Fig. 4a. ${ }^{22}$ As the result of the interaction between these two orbitals, we can expect the appearance of two new orbitals $\psi_{\mathrm{n}}$ and $\psi_{\mathrm{e}}$ for mesityl oxide. ${ }^{23}$ One of them which is filled with two electrons in the normal state $W_{n}$ can be represented by a linear combination of wave functions for orbitals $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{c}}$ and $\mathrm{VC}_{\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{o}}$, namely, $\psi_{\mathrm{n}}=a \psi_{\mathrm{c}=\mathrm{c}}+b \psi \mathrm{c}=0$. The value of $b$, which represents a measure of the electron migration from the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bond to the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ bond in the normal state, or in other words the degree of the contribution of the polar structure to the resonance in that state, is usually small. On the other hand, the wave function of the excited level $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{e}}$, which is orthogonal to that of $W_{n}$, contains one electron in $\psi_{\mathrm{n}}$ and the second in the orbital $\psi_{\mathrm{o}}$ of the form $\psi_{\mathrm{e}}=$ $b \psi_{\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{c}}-a \psi_{\mathrm{C}=0}(a>b)$. Then in the $\mathrm{W}_{0}$ state, the $\pi$ electron on the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bond migrates to the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ bond to a large extent. Thus it may be expected that the transition from $W_{a}$ to $W_{e}$ can be accompanied by a large electron transfer and therefore by a strong absorption. This absorption may be called an intramolecular charge transfer absorption in analogy to the intermolecular charge transfer absorption discussed by Mulliken. ${ }^{8}$
(22) S. Nagakura and J. Tanaka, J. Chem. Phys., 22, 236 (1954); S. Nagakura, ibid., 23, 1441 (1955).
(23) A more accurate treatment will be published shortly.

According to the foregoing discussion of the absorption, the excited state of the $231 \mathrm{~m} \mu$ band of mesityl oxide is more polar than the normal state. In other words, the oxygen atom is more negatively charged in the former state than in the latter. Then it is reasonable to consider that the attachment of a proton to oxygen results in larger energy stabilization in the upper state than in the lower state and therefore in a large red shift of the absorption band. Furthermore, the solvation energy in polar medium, which is conceivably larger in the excited state than in the normal one, should also help the red shift. Thus, the large red shift seems to be explained qualitatively on the basis of the conception of charge transfer absorption.

## Experimental

C.p. acetone was treated with an aqueous alkaline solution of $\mathrm{AgNO}_{2}$, distilled, dried with anhydrous $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ and finally fractionally distilled before use. White label Eastman mesityl oxide and.mesitylene were fractionally distilled. Commercial phorone was four times recrystallized from methanol. $n$-Heptane was stirred with concentrated sulfuric acid for one or two days, washed with water and aqueous alkaline solution, dried with $\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$ and finally fractionally distilled with sodium metal. Water treated by ion exchange resin was distilled with $\mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$. C.P. concentrated sulfuric acid was used without further purification.
The absorption spectra were measured with a Beckman spectrophotometer model DU, using the quartz absorption cell with 10 mm . light path. The temperature of the cell compartment was kept at $25^{\circ}$ by the use of the thermospacer.

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# Vapor-Liquid Equilibria in Binary Systems 

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An equation containing two parameters has been derived from kinetic considerations which relates instantaneous vaporliquid equilibria in binary systems. The two constants appearing in the equation have been described in terms of the thermodynamic properties of the mixtures concerned. The validity of the assumptions involved has been tested by applying them to data selected from the literature. Until recently the only adequate means of representing vapor-liquid equilibrium data involved the use of activity coefficients and rely on various integrations of the Gibbs-Duhem equation. The relationships existing, however, do not greatly contribute to the understanding of the phenomena involved in evaporation or condensation.

Spinner, Lu and Graydon ${ }^{1}$ have observed the similarity between representations of vapor-liquid equilibrium data and copolymer-monomer composition plots and have applied the Alfrey-Price ${ }^{2}$ relationship to predict vapor-liquid equilibria. The remarkable success of these investigations has prompted closer study to see if there is any basis in theory for the use of the equations they propose.

Considered from the standpoint of a binary
(1) 1. H. Spinner, B. C.-Y. Lu and W. F. Graydon, Ind. Eng. Chem., 48, 147 (1956).
(2) T. Alfrey and C. C. Price, J. Polymer Sci., 2, 101 (1947).
liquid mixture containing components $A$ and $B$ in the process of evaporating, four possible processes are occurring

$$
\begin{align*}
& -\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{l}) \xrightarrow{k_{11}}-\mathrm{A}(1)+\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{~g})  \tag{1}\\
& -\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A}(1) \xrightarrow{k_{21}}-\mathrm{B}(1)+\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{~g})  \tag{2}\\
& -\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{l}) \xrightarrow{k_{22}}-\mathrm{B}(1)+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{~g})  \tag{3}\\
& -\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}(1) \xrightarrow{k_{12}}-\mathrm{A}(1)+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{~g}) \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

Table I

| Calculation of $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ from Excess Chemtcal Potentials |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| System | $t,{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. | $\mu_{12}{ }^{\text {E }}$ | ${ }_{\mu 21}{ }^{\text {E }}$ | $P_{1}{ }^{\circ} / P_{2}{ }^{\circ}$ | $r_{1}$ | \% | Ref. |
| Benzene-cyclohexane | 40 | 306.5 | 283 | (). 9895 | 0.6045 | 0.6411 | 3 |
|  | 70 | 261 | 241.5 | 1.0129 | 0.6906 | . 6927 |  |
| Carbon tetrachloride-cyclohexane | 40 | 65).3 | 61.3 | 1.1559 | 1.0407 | . 7839 | 4 |
|  | 70 | 61.0 | 54.8 | 1. 1351 | 1.0379 | . 8129 |  |
| Carbon tetrachloride-henzene | 40 | 75.5 | 76.1 | 1.1682 | 1.0347 | . 7574 | $j$ |
|  | 70 | 71.5 | 72.8 | 1.1207 | 1.0091 | 8019 |  |
| Methanol-benzene | 35 | 1240 | 1597 | 1.4147 | 0.1867 | . 0521 | 6 |
|  | 55 | 1277 | 1557 | 1.5781 | 2224 | . 0581 |  |
| Methanol-carbon tetrachloride | 35 | 1242 | 1652 | 1.2014 | . 1580 | . 0561 | 7 |
|  | 55 | 1340 | 1681 | $1.3820)$ | 1768 | . 0549 |  |
| Methyl acetate-benzene | 25 | 328 | 504 | 2.2615 | 1.3000 | 1889 | 8 |
|  | 35 | 337 | 476 | 2.2296 | 1.2858 | . 2061 |  |
| Dimethoxymethane-chloroform | 35 | - 550 | -636 | 1.9383 | 4.7585 | 1.4580 | 8 |
| Dimethoxymethane-benzene | 35 | 50.5 | 169 | 3.9782 | 3.6635 | 0.1908 | 8 |
| Acetone-chloroform ${ }^{9}$ | 50 | $-500$ | -500 | 1.1646 | 2.5381 | 1.8714 | 8 |
|  | 60 |  |  | 1.1636 | 2.3311 | 1.7257 |  |
| Nitrogen-oxygen | -198 | 42.9 | 32.4 | 5.2273 | 3.9200 | 0.1538 | 8 |
|  | -178 | 56.0 | - 7.6 | 3.3061 | 2.4574 | . 2905 |  |
|  | -148 | 138.1 | - 51.4 | 2.3652 | 1.3572 | . 5200 |  |
| Ethanol-water | 50 | 511 | 1326 | 2.4029 | 1.084 | . 0528 | 10 |
|  | 60 | 579 | 1426 | 2.3624 | 0.985 | . 0491 |  |

where $k_{11}$, etc., are the rate constants for the respective processes. The rate of change in liquid composition for each component is then given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{-\mathrm{d} N_{\mathrm{A}}}{\mathrm{~d} t}=k_{11}(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A})+k_{21}(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A}) \tag{5a}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{-\mathrm{d} N_{\mathrm{B}}}{\mathrm{~d} t}=k_{22}(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B})+k_{12}(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}) \tag{5b}
\end{equation*}
$$

By setting up steady-state conditions for equations 1 through 4 it can be seen that

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\frac{\mathrm{d}(-\mathrm{A})}{\mathrm{d} t}=0=k_{12}(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B})-k_{21}(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A}) \text { or } \\
k_{12}(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B})=k_{21}(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A}) \tag{6}
\end{array}
$$

By dividing equation 5 a by 5 b and substituting equation 6 into the result

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathrm{d} N_{\mathrm{A}}}{\mathrm{~d} N_{\mathrm{B}}}=\frac{\frac{k_{11}(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A})}{k_{12}(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B})}+1}{\frac{k_{22}(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B})}{k_{21}(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A})}+1} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since A and B must each distribute themselves in the liquid by attaching to molecules according to the ratio of their mole fractions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{A})}{(-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B})}=\frac{x_{1}}{x_{2}} \tag{8a}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B})}{(-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A})}=\frac{x_{2}}{x_{1}} \tag{8b}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]Substituting equations 8 a and 8 b into 7 and by defining $r_{1}=k_{11} / k_{12}$ and $r_{2}=k_{22} / k_{21}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathrm{d} N_{\mathrm{A}}}{\mathrm{~d} N_{\mathrm{B}}}=\frac{x_{1}\left(r_{1} x_{1}+x_{2}\right)}{x_{2}\left(r_{2} x_{2}+x_{1}\right)} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The change in liquid composition, $\mathrm{d} N_{\mathrm{A}} / \mathrm{d} N_{\mathrm{B}}$, must define the vapor composition. If the vapor composition is expressed in terms of mole fractions equation 9 becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{y_{1}}{y_{2}}=\frac{x_{1}}{x_{2}} \frac{\left(r_{1} x_{1}+x_{2}\right)}{\left(r_{2} x_{2}+x_{1}\right)} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation 10 is seen to be identical with the vaporliquid equilibrium equation proposed by Spinner, Lu and Graydon. ${ }^{1}$

The derivation of equation 10 is valid only for systems at constant temperature. Spinner has presented a number of calculations of $\gamma_{1}$ and $r_{\text {: }}$ values for systems at constant pressure and has demonstrated that the equation describes the data in most cases.

Calculation of Binary Constants.-In order to predict vapor-liquid equilibria for binary systems it is necessary to have an independent means of computing values of $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$. Spinner used the empirical relationship

$$
\begin{align*}
& r_{1}=\frac{A_{1}}{A_{2}} e^{-B_{1}\left(B_{1}-B_{2}\right)}  \tag{11a}\\
& r_{2}=\frac{A_{2}}{A_{1}} e^{-B_{2}\left(B_{2}-B_{1}\right)} \tag{11b}
\end{align*}
$$

and evaluated the constants $A$ and $B$ from $x-y$ data. It would be advantageous to be able to predict $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ values from thermodynamic properties of each system.
The rate of evaporation of a pure compound $k_{11}$, should be given by the Arrhenius equation when it is considered that the energy barrier to evaporation is equal to the heat of vaporization, $L_{11}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{11}=s_{11} e^{-L_{11} / R T} \tag{12a}
\end{equation*}
$$

Similarly, for molecules of $B$ evaporating from molectules of A

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{12}=s_{12} e^{-L_{12} / R T} \tag{12b}
\end{equation*}
$$

In order to evaluate $L_{12}$ one can consider it to be equal to the heat required to unmix a mole of $B$ from an infinitely dilute solution in A (where no $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{B}$ bonds are to be found), and vaporize it

$$
L_{12}=-H_{12}^{m}+L_{22}
$$

where $H_{12}^{m}$ is equal to $x_{2} \xrightarrow{\text { limit }} 0\left(\partial H_{x}^{m}\right) /\left(\partial x_{2}\right)$ and $H_{x}^{m}$ is the heat of mixing to form a mole of solution of specified composition. From these relationships

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{1}=s_{11} / s_{12} e\left(-L_{11}+L_{92}-H_{12}^{\mathrm{m}}\right) / R T \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

By differentiating equation 13 , and combining the results with the differential form of the Clapeyron equation it can be seen that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathrm{d} \ln \left(r_{1} P_{0} \circ / P_{1}{ }^{\circ}\right)}{\mathrm{d}(1 / T)}=H_{12}^{\mathrm{m}} / R \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $P_{1}{ }^{\circ}$ and $P_{2}{ }^{\circ}$ are the vapor pressures of the pure components. By regarding the constant $r_{1}$ $P_{2}^{\circ} / P_{1}^{\circ}$ as analogous to an equilibrium constant, it should be possible to evaluate it from the excess chemical potential of component B in an infinitely dilute solution in A

$$
r_{1}=P_{1}{ }^{\circ} / P_{2}{ }^{\circ} e^{-\mu_{12}^{\mathrm{I}} / R T}
$$

In this case $\mu_{12}^{\mathrm{E}}$ is equal to $x_{2} \xrightarrow{\text { 1imit }} 0\left(\partial F_{\mathbf{x}}{ }^{\mathrm{E}}\right) /$ $\left(\partial x_{2}\right)$, or is the change in excess free energy accompanying the solution of a mole of B into an infinite amount of $A$. It can further be shown that

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{2}=P_{2}^{\circ} / P_{1}^{\circ} e^{-\mu_{21}^{E} / R T} \tag{15b}
\end{equation*}
$$

In order to test the validity of equations 15 a and 15b a few systems have been selected from the literature for study. Table $I$ is a compilation of the results of the calculations of $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ values therefrom and Table II shows the results obtained when the calculated $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ values are applied to equation 10 .

## Table II

| Calculation of Vapor-Liquid Equilibria |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| System |  | Benzene-cyclohexane ( $40^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  | 0.743 | 0.866 |
| $x_{i}$ | 0.128 | 0.235 | 0.369 | 0.493 | 0.614 |  |  |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 169 | . 278 | . 392 | . 489 | . 583 | . 692 | . 817 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 166 | . 277 | . 391 | . 495 | . 591 | . 698 | . 821 |
| Benzene-cyclohexane ( $70^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.119 | 0.241 | 0.376 | 0.495 | 0.618 | 0.725 | 0.866 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 151 | . 277 | . 397 | . 495 | . 597 | . 691 | . 831 |
| 91 (obsd.) | . 149 | . 281 | . 398 | . 498 | . 603 | . 696 | . 831 |
| Carbon tetrachloride-cyclohexane ( $40^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{\text {: }}$ | 0.126 | 0.245 | 0.367 | 0.515 | 0.606 | 0.754 | 0.876 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 152 | . 282 | . 405 | . 548 | . 633 | . 770 | . 882 |
| y1 (obsd.) | . 152 | . 282 | . 407 | . 547 | . 634 | . 770 | . 882 |
| Carbon tetrachloride-cyclohexane ( $70^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.125 | 0.247 | 0.364 | 0.515 | 0.607 | 0.754 | 0.876 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 146 | . 278 | . 397 | . 544 | . 631 | . 767 | . 882 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 146 | . 279 | . 398 | . 547 | . 632 | . 768 | . 882 |
| Carbon tetrachloride-benzene ( $40^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.140 | 0.238 | 0.374 | 0.492 | 0.620 | 0.759 | 0.872 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | 171 | . 279 | 416 | . 529 | . 648 | . 774 | . 879 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 170 | . 277 | . 416 | . 530 | . 648 | . 774 | 878 |
| Carbon tetrachloride-benzene ( $70^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.143 | 0.239 | 0.379 | 0.493 | 0.622 | 0.762 | 0.875 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd) | . 167 | 271 | . 411 | . 521 | . 642 | . 772 | . 879 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 167 | 270 | ,411 | . 520 | . 641 | . 772 | . 878 |


| Methanol-benzene ( $35^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.024 | 0.130 | 0.311 | 0.519 | 0.631 | 0.797 | 0.920 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 245 | . 432 | . 493 | . 534 | . 561 | . 631 | . 758 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 273 | . 486 | . 530 | . 557 | . 579 | . 642 | . 769 |
| Methanol-benzene ( $55^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.030 | 0.103 | 0.330 | 0.498 | 0.608 | 0.790 | 0.901 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 261 | . 405 | . 498 | . 536 | . 564 | . 644 | . 751 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 302 | . 484 | . 554 | . 586 | . 608 | . 672 | . 770 |
| Methanol-carbon tetrachloride ( $35^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.135 | 0.356 | 0.478 | 0.494 | 0.656 | 0.791 | 0.912 |
| $y_{1}$ (caled.) | . 430 | . 497 | . 519 | . 522 | 558 | . 612 | . 724 |
| y1 (obsd.) | . 463 | .492 | . 503 | . 506 | . 530 | . 579 | . 702 |
| Methanol-carbon tetrachloride ( $55^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.058 | 0.149 | 0.365 | 0.495 | 0.645 | 0.790 | 0.909 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 348 | . 440 | . 501 | . 526 | . 562 | . 622 | . 733 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 364 | . 498 | . 528 | . 544 | . 569 | . 619 | . 734 |
| Methyl acetate-benzene ( $25^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.100 | 0.200 | 0.400 | 0.500 | 0.600 | 0.800 | 0.900 |
| $y_{1}$ (caled.) | . 298 | .430 | . 593 | . 659 | . 724 | . 856 | . 926 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 323 | . 466 | . 621 | . 681 | . 738 | . 864 | . 931 |
| Methyl-acetate-benzene ( $35^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.100 | 0.200 | 0.400 | 0.500 | 0.600 | 0.800 | 0.900 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 286 | . 420 | . 587 | . 655 | . 720 | . 854 | . 925 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 306 | . 448 | . 616 | . 679 | . 741 | . 866 | . 935 |
| Dimethoxymethane-chloroform ( $25^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.100 | 0.200 | 0.400 | 0.500 | 0.600 | 0.800 | 0.900 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 098 | . 243 | . 567 | . 701 | . 805 | . 936 | . 974 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 092 | . 222 | . 534 | 675 | . 788 | . 933 | . 972 |
| Dimethoxymethane-benzene ( $35^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.100 | 0.200 | 0.400 | 0.500 | 0.600 | 0.800 | 0.900 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 341 | . 521 | . 728 | . 797 | . 852 | . 937 | . 971 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 342 | . 520 | . 720 | . 788 | 845 | . 936 | . 971 |
| Acetone-chloroform ( 760 mm .) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.138 | 0.211 | 0.477 | 0.663 | 0.739 | 0.859 | 0.915 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 104 | . 179 | . 520 | . 749 | . 825 | . 922 | . 957 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 100 | . 176 | . 517 | . 751 | 824 | . 917 | . 952 |
| Nitrogen-oxygen ( $-198^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.100 | 0.200 | 0.400 | 0.500 | 0.600 | 0.800 | 0.900 |
| y ( (calcd.) | . 376 | . 551 | . 746 | . 810 | . 882 | . 941 | . 973 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 417 | . 601 | 779 | . 833 | . 877 | . 945 | . 974 |
| Nitrogen-oxygen ( $-178^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.100 | 0.200 | 0.400 | 0.500 | 0.600 | 0.800 | 0.900 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 261 | . 428 | . 648 | . 728 | . 797 | . 910 | . 957 |
| $y 1$ (obsd.) | 271 | 445 | . 666 | . 743 | . 808 | . 913 | . 958 |
| Nitrogen-oxygen ( $-148^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x:$ | 0.100 | 0.200 | 0.400 | 0.500 | 0.600 | 0.800 | 0.900 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 169 | . 303 | . 519 | . 608 | . 693 | . 851 | . 926 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 173 | . 315 | . 534 | . 622 | . 702 | . 851 | . 924 |
| Ethanol-water ( $50^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $x_{1}$ | 0.093 | 0.123 | 0.158 | 0.343 | 0.513 | 0.824 | 0.908 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 423 | . 455 | . 484 | . 587 | . 671 | . 857 | . 921 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 424 | . 482 | 507 | . 586 | . 649 | . 845 | . 910 |
| Ethanol-water ( $60^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *1 | 0.086 | 0.197 | 0.375 | 0.527 | 0.808 | 0.860 | 0.972 |
| $y_{1}$ (calcd.) | . 418 | . 508 | . 589 | . 668 | . 835 | . 875 | . 972 |
| $y_{1}$ (obsd.) | . 393 | . 517 | . 596 | . 660 | . 826 | . 867 | . 972 |

## Discussion

By far the most reliable data used in these studies are those published by Scatchard and coworkers on benzene-cyclohexane, carbon tetra-chloride-benzene, carbon tetrachloride-cyclohexane, methanol-benzene, and methanol-carbon tetrachloride. It is quite apparent that the agreement between calculated and observed values for $y_{1}$ in Table II is much poorer in the cases of sys-
tems containing polar materials such as methanol. The very good agreement in the set of systems containing benzene, cyclohexane and carbon tetrachloride makes it appear that the theory is sound for non-polar materials.
The validity of equations 11a and 11 b as proposed by Spinner may find some justification in the expression derived from equations $12 a$ and $12 b$

$$
r_{1}=\frac{s_{11}}{s_{12}} e^{\left(-L_{11}+L_{12}\right) / R T}
$$

and

$$
r_{2}=\frac{s_{22}}{s_{21}} e\left(-L_{22}+L_{21}\right) / R T
$$

but any such justification involves a number of unwarranted assumptions.
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# The Distribution of Iodine between Carbon Tetrachloride and Water and a Proposed Mechanism for Dilute, Aqueous Iodine Reactions ${ }^{1}$ 

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The distribution of iodine between carbon tetrachloride and water at $25^{\circ}$ has been studied as a function of the totaliodine concentration ( $10^{-1}$ to $10^{-5} \mathrm{M}$ ); the $p \mathrm{H}$ of the aqueous phase ( 1.0 to 7.0 ); and the time of mixing. Both tracer techniques and spectrophotometric methods were used. Discrepancies between calculated and experimental distribution coefficients for low iodine concentrations are reported. Some information on the chemical behavior of the iodine species in the water phase is presented along with a mechanism to explain the anomalous behavior of dilute aqueous iodine solutions.

In a previous paper ${ }^{2}$ an extensive study of the distribution of iodine between carbon disulfide and aqueous solutions was reported. In this study it was found that more iodine (in various chemical forms) appeared in the water phase than could be accounted for by considering the well-known iodine equilibrium reactions. The discrepancies became more pronounced as the total iodine concentration in the system was decreased. Attention was called to the fact that similar results were obtained by Kahn ${ }^{3}$ in a study of the distribution of iodine between benzene and water. Also other investigators have found anomalous behavior in dilute iodine solutions. Examples are (1) the studies made by Reid and Mulliken ${ }^{4}$ on dilute solutions of iodine in pyridine where excess triodide appeared as the iodine concentration was decreased; and (2) the investigation of the ionization constant of iodine by Katzin ${ }^{5}$ where the value obtained for the constant increased as the iodine concentration decreased. No definite conclusions were made to account for results reported in these cases. However, it was generally agreed that either impurities were playing an important role in these studies or there was some unknown reaction occurring at low iodine concentrations between iodine and the solvent in its "brown" solutions. The results of the carbon disulfide-water distribution study ${ }^{2}$ indicated that the anomalous behavior was quite reproducible. This is not generally a characteristic of impurity reactions. Thus it seems the most likely explanation is that some iodine reaction, heretofore not taken into account, becomes important at low iodine concentrations.
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To further study this interesting iodine behavior, a distribution study of iodine between carbon tetrachloride and aqueous solutions was carried out. Tracer techniques were employed to follow the distribution so that the lowest possible iodine concentrations could be used.

## Experimental

The experimental procedure described previously ${ }^{2}$ for the distribution study of iodine in the carbon disulfide-water system was essentially repeated. Reagent grade carbon tetrachloride was purified further by a method described by Edwards and Davies. ${ }^{6}$ Buffers at $p \mathrm{H} 6.98,5.01$ and 2.98 were prepared using 0.1 M citric acid and 0.2 M disodium phosphate. A dilute solution of sulfuric acid was used for $p \mathrm{H}$ 1.02. All buffer systems were made up with conductivity water. A Beckman Model G pH meter was used to determine the $p \mathrm{H}$ of the buffer solutions. U.S. P. iodine (resublimed) was used to prepare carrier solutions of iodine in carbon tetrachloride. All carrier solutions were diluted from a $0.1 M$ stock solution. Eight day $I^{131}$ obtained from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in a "carrier-free" state, in a sodium sulfite solution, was used as a tracer, The radioactive solutions to be used in the distributions were obtained by shaking the carbon tetrachloride solutions of carrier iodine with diluted solutions of the Oak Ridge $\mathrm{I}^{131}$. The two phases were separated leaving the iodine in the carbon tetrachloride phase tagged with $I^{131}$ due to the exchange between the active iodide ions and the $\mathrm{I}_{2}$ molecules. Radioactivity measurements were made on liquid samples using a well type NaI (thallium activated) scintillation counter. A Dumont 6292 photomultiplier tube; a Nuclear Corporation Power supply, Model 1090A; a Radiation Counter Laboratories linear amplifier, Model 2206; and a Nuclear Corporation scaling unit, Model 161, were used.
The distributions were made by adding 20 ml . of carbon tetrachloride containing radioactive iodine to an equal volume of buffered water in a $100-\mathrm{ml}$. glass-stoppered flask. The flask was immersed in a water-bath controlled at $25 \pm$ $1^{\circ}$. The flask was mechanically shaken at a constant rate. The solutions were shaken for varying lengths of time from two minutes to several hours. After each period of mixing the layers were allowed to separate and equal volumes of solution were removed from each phase and counted. To obtain the reproducibility a second series of distributions were made. Results of the two separate runs agreed within experimental error (approximately $10 \%$ ).

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