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## Pyridinium Complexes. I. The Significance of the Second Charge-Transfer Band of Pyridinium Iodides

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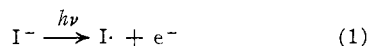
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A second charge-transfer absorption band appears in the spectra of many pyridinium iodide complexes in non-polar solvents. Its relationship to the first charge-transfer absorption band<sup>2</sup> is shown by parallel behavior with respect to solvent variation and within limits, to change in the substituents on the pyridinium ring. The difference,  $\Delta TE$ , between the transition energies for the two bands varies between 15.9 and 28.6 kcal./mole. However,  $\Delta TE$  for 1-methylpyridinium iodide in chloroform is 21.8 kcal./mole. Franck and Scheibe<sup>4</sup> interpret the ultraviolet spectrum of iodide ion as a photo-ionization process, producing an iodine atom and a "solvated electron." Two bands are observed with  $\Delta TE$  21.2 kcal./mole, corresponding closely to the expected difference for electronic transitions leading to an iodine atom, which has two low-lying energy states,  $^2P_{1/2}$  and  $^2P_{3/2}$ , separated by 21.74 kcal./mole (0.943 ev.) as determined by analysis of iodine spectra. The close correspondence of the  $\Delta TE$  value for 1-methylpyridinium iodide in chloroform to the  $\Delta TE$  value expected for production of an iodine atom is direct evidence for the charge (electron)-transfer nature of the excitation in the pyridinium iodide. In addition, the position for the charge-transfer band of 1-methylpyridinium iodide in water can be derived from a plot of transition energies against  $Z$ , a standard of solvent polarity.<sup>2</sup> The position thus derived (2561 Å.) demonstrates that the charge-transfer process is greatly facilitated by the 1-methylpyridinium ion, for iodide ion in water has a maximum

at 2259 Å. A complete description for the transition is thus:  $M\text{Py}^+\text{I}^- \xrightarrow{h\nu} M\text{Py}\cdot\text{I}\cdot$ . Systematic variations in  $\Delta TE$  values are found for different types of iodide charge-transfer spectra, for which no rationalization is readily apparent.

In a previous paper, the existence of a second pyridinium iodide charge-transfer absorption band was mentioned.<sup>2,3</sup> The purpose of the present paper is to show how the existence of the second band is in accord with the current model<sup>2</sup> for pyridinium iodide charge-transfer transitions.

Halide ions are of particular spectroscopic interest because of their monatomic nature. Iodide ion in water has two absorption bands in the accessible ultraviolet region, at 2259 and 1937 Å. Franck and Scheibe proposed many years ago that the separation between the two band maxima corresponded to the separation between the two low-lying states of the iodine atom, the  $^2P_{3/2}$  and  $^2P_{1/2}$  states.<sup>4</sup> The inference was clear that light absorption by iodide ion was equivalent to a photo-ionization. The Franck-Platzman theory of a potential well formed by solvent molecules serves as an adequate description of the location of the electron after excitation,<sup>5</sup> although some controversy still exists on some of the details.<sup>6</sup> Equation 1 illustrates the process for iodide.

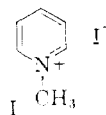


The difference between the two lowest states of the iodine atom was estimated originally by Franck from data on neon<sup>7</sup> and was quickly confirmed by Turner.<sup>8</sup> The most recent value is 0.943 ev. or 21.74 kcal./mole.<sup>9</sup> The proposal of Franck and Scheibe may be generalized as follows: *Light ab-*

*sorption by iodide ion which exhibits two bands separated by a characteristic energy difference, defined as  $\Delta TE$ , leads to an excited state containing an iodine atom.* An important qualification of the rule is that some binding, presumably small, exists between the iodine atom and the system to which the electron has been transferred. It should be noted that Katzin<sup>10</sup> recently made an attempt to utilize the above rule for light absorption for any iodine compound, including polyiodide metal ion complexes and covalently bound iodo compounds. An experimental study of a few of the latter, to be reported elsewhere,<sup>11</sup> does not bear out such a generous extension of the rule. We shall regard the rule as applying only to iodide ion; even with this limitation, it seems likely that a narrow definition of the magnitude of  $\Delta TE$  is not possible.

### Results

In the course of an investigation of the charge-transfer bands of alkyl-substituted pyridinium iodides,<sup>12</sup> it was found that the second band for 1-methylpyridinium iodide (I) readily could be observed under carefully controlled experimental conditions. In pure chloroform, for example, the



long wave length maximum (first charge-transfer band) was at 3796 Å. ( $\epsilon$  1210) and the second maximum (second charge-transfer band) was located at 2945 Å. ( $\epsilon$  1550). The transition energy difference,  $\Delta TE$ , between these two maxima was 21.8 kcal./mole, identical to that predicted for the formation of an iodine atom in the excited state<sup>9</sup> within the experimental error. The spectrum of 1-methylpyridinium iodide is shown in Fig. 1.

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A change in the solvent composition, effected by adding ethanol in increasing amounts to the chloroform, leads to a shift of the first maximum. In chloroform containing 0.97% ethanol, the first maximum for 1-methylpyridinium iodide is 3730 Å., while the second maximum is now found at 2890 Å. The difference,  $\Delta TE$ , is 22.2 kcal./mole, somewhat higher than that for pure chloroform; however, examination of the data in Table I for 1-methylpyridinium iodide spectra taken in chloro-

TABLE I  
VARIATION OF MAXIMA WITH ETHANOL CONTENT FOR 1-METHYLPYRIDINIUM IODIDE IN CHLOROFORM

Vol. % EtOH	$\lambda_{\max}$	$\epsilon_{\max}$	$E_T^a$	$\Delta TE$
0.0	3796	1210	75.3	21.8
	2945	1550	97.1	
.27	3796	1250	75.3	21.5
	2952	1570	96.8	
.54	3785	1220	75.5	21.7
	2942	1480	97.2	
.62	3778	1200	75.7	21.6
	2938	1480	97.3	
.72	3756	1190	76.1	21.9
	2918	1480	98.0	
.88	3738	1200	76.5	22.4 <sup>b</sup>
	2892 <sup>b</sup>	1560	98.9	
.97	3730	1190	76.7	22.2 <sup>b</sup>
	2890 <sup>b</sup>	1500	98.9	

<sup>a</sup> Transition energy  $2.859 \times 10^{-3} \nu$  (in  $\text{cm.}^{-1}$ ). <sup>b</sup> The proximity of this maximum to the sharply rising absorption band for the 1-methylpyridinium ion probably moves it to somewhat shorter wave lengths, thereby increasing  $\Delta TE$ .

form solutions containing various amounts of ethanol suggests that  $\Delta TE$  is substantially constant over the limited range available for consideration. Not only does  $\Delta TE$  remain constant (or almost so) but the intensity relationship of the two bands is unaltered over the range of ethanol concentrations used. The remarkable solvent sensitivity of pyridinium iodide charge-transfer bands<sup>2</sup> requires that only a closely related band could maintain a constant energy separation.

The second band for all other alkylpyridinium iodides is only partially visible, due to occultation by the absorption of the pyridinium ring. For those cases in which a marked change in slope clearly indicated two types of absorption in the 2800–3100 Å. region, it was possible to obtain some idea

TABLE II  
POLYALKYLPYRIDINIUM IODIDES

Substituent	$\lambda_{\max}$	$\epsilon_{\max}$	$E_T$	$\lambda^a$	$E^b$	$\frac{\nu \Delta}{TE}^c$
1-CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>d</sup>	3738	1200	76.5	3060	93.4	17
1,4-(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -	3587	1240	79.7	2990	95.6	16
1,2-(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -	3637	870	78.6	3010	95.0	16
1- <i>i</i> -CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -	3705	1020	77.1	3010	95.0	18
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -4- <i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> -	3598	1150	79.5	3020	94.7	15
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -4- <i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> -	3593	1210	79.6	3015	94.8	15
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -4- <i>t</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> -	3590	1180	79.6	2980	95.8	16
1-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -	3726	1150	76.7	3060	93.4	17
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -4-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -	3587	1190	79.7	2980	95.8	16

<sup>a</sup> Wave length at which optical density was equal to that at  $\lambda_{\max}$ . <sup>b</sup> Transition energy corresponding to the wave length found according to <sup>a</sup>. <sup>c</sup> Estimated as  $\pm 1$  kcal./mole. <sup>d</sup> Solvent: chloroform containing 0.90% ethanol by volume.<sup>12</sup>

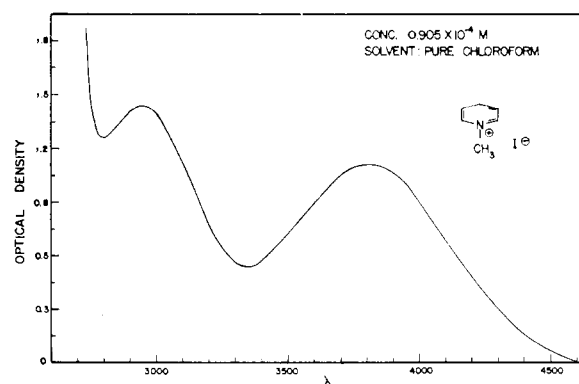


Fig. 1.—The spectrum of 1-methylpyridinium iodide in pure chloroform.

of the behavior of the second band by finding the wave length at which the absorption intensity became equal to that of the first charge-transfer band maximum. The differences thus found are listed as " $\Delta TE$ " in Table II and are certainly less accurate ( $\pm 1$  kcal./mole) because the data for the second band were obtained from curves run at ordinary speed (5 Å./sec.)<sup>12</sup> The " $\Delta TE$ " values are  $16 \pm 1$  kcal./mole with only one exception and represent agreement with the proposition that the second band is a charge-transfer absorption like the first.

For a change in substitution at a particular position on the pyridinium ring, e.g., from 4-carbomethoxy to 4-cyano, the second band moves in the same direction as the first and roughly to the same extent (Table III).

TABLE III  
 $\Delta TE$  VALUES AND IODIDE SPECTRA

Iodide	Solvent	$\lambda_{\max}$	$\epsilon_{\max}$	$E_T^a$	$\Delta TE$
Potassium	HOH	2259	12300	126.6	21.0
		1937	14300	147.6	
Sodium <sup>12</sup>	HOH	2262	13500	126.4	21.4
		1935	13500	147.8	
Sodium	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	2551	12000 <sup>b</sup>	112.1	20.2
		2161	14700	132.3	
Pyridinium-1-CH <sub>3</sub>	Pure CHCl <sub>3</sub>	3796	1210	75.3	21.8
		2945	1550	97.1	
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -2-CN	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	4775	1200	59.9	21.1
		3528	2100	81.0	
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -2-COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -	CHCl <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	4270	1070	67.0	21.2
		3243	1475	88.2	
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -3-COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CHCl <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	4070	1850	70.2	15.9
		3320	1380	86.1	
		3595	298	79.5 <sup>d</sup>	
1-CH <sub>3</sub> -4-CN	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	4905	1000	58.3	26.8
		3361	1100	85.1	
1-CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -4-COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	ClCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	4508	880	63.4	28.6
		3108	992	92.0	
Triiodide, (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> N	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	3605	26100	79.3	18.8
		2915	50800	98.1	

<sup>a</sup> Transition energy in kcal./mole. <sup>b</sup> Erroneously reported as 9330 in a previous article.<sup>14</sup> <sup>c</sup> Containing 0.90% ethanol by volume. <sup>d</sup> Corresponds to a slope of 1.14 in  $E_T$  versus  $Z^2$ , as compared to 1.12 for 1-methylpyridinium iodide<sup>12</sup> and 0.97 for 1-ethyl-4-cyanopyridinium iodide.<sup>2</sup>

The spectrum of potassium iodide in water was measured and showed a reasonably good agreement with the results of Lederle for sodium iodide.<sup>13</sup> A small decrease in  $\Delta TE$  was found along with the

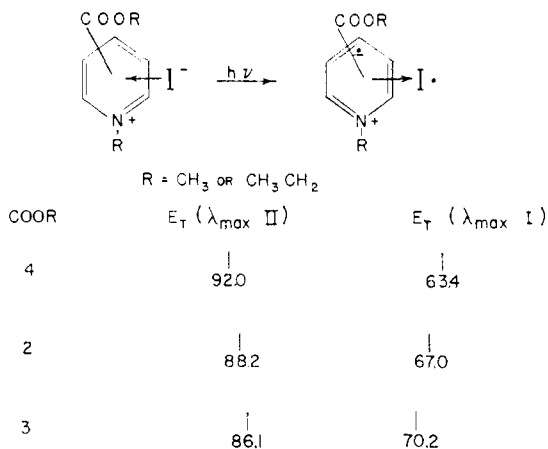


Fig. 2.—A diagram showing the relationships among the band pairs for pyridinium iodides substituted at different positions with the same group. The number immediately below the black lines is the transition energy in kcal./mole. (For data, see Table III.)

large shift in the maxima for sodium iodide in acetone. The change in the position of iodide absorption was previously reported only for the first band.<sup>14</sup> These maxima are summarized in Table III.

Electron-withdrawing substituents on the pyridinium ring move the first charge-transfer band lengths.<sup>15</sup> The relationship of the second band to the first band, that is,  $\Delta TE$ , depends upon the position of the substituent. For 2-substituents,  $\Delta TE$  is only slightly smaller than the value for 1-methylpyridinium iodide itself; for a 3-substituent,  $\Delta TE$  is considerably lower than  $\Delta TE$  for the parent iodide, while  $\Delta TE$  for 4-substituents is much larger than expected. The unexpected variation in  $\Delta TE$  requires further investigation; at present, the appearance, intensities and positions of the band pairs listed in Table III can be taken as favoring their interpretation as pairs of iodide charge-transfer bands.

Triiodide ion can be regarded as a readily dissociable complex of iodide ion and iodine molecule,<sup>16</sup> and a thermodynamic analysis of its properties suggests that its absorption spectrum is intramolecular.<sup>17</sup> Tetraethylammonium tri-iodide in acetonitrile has a  $\Delta TE$  value of 18.8 kcal./mole, appreciably less than iodide ion in water or iodide ion complexed with 1-methylpyridinium ion (Table III).

### Discussion

The theoretical value of  $\Delta TE$  is 21.74 kcal./mole.<sup>9</sup> The values found for iodide ion in water (21.0 or 21.4 kcal./mole), iodide ion in acetone (20.2 kcal./mole),<sup>18</sup> and iodide ion in proximity to a

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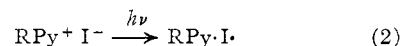
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1-methylpyridinium ion (21.8 kcal./mole) are reasonably close to the theoretical value, providing strong support for removal of an electron from the iodide ion in each case. The position of the first charge-transfer band of 1-methylpyridinium iodide in water may be estimated with confidence from a plot of transition energies against  $Z$ , a standard of solvent polarity.<sup>9</sup> The maximum in water is estimated as 2561 Å.,<sup>12</sup> showing that proximity of the 1-methylpyridinium ion greatly facilitates electron excitation away from the iodide ion. The effect of substituents on the pyridinium ring<sup>15</sup> is direct evidence that electron-transfer is to the pyridinium ring. A similar comparison may be made for acetone solvent, where sodium iodide has a first maximum at 2551 Å. and the maximum in the presence of the 1-methylpyridinium ion may be estimated<sup>12</sup> at 3608 Å. (*cf.*<sup>18</sup>).

A model involving electron-transfer from the iodide ion to the pyridinium ring previously had been advanced to explain the unusually large solvent sensitivity of the first absorption band of pyridinium iodides.<sup>4</sup> The present work is in accord with this model in that electron-transfer away from the iodide ion is shown by the Franck-Scheibe criterion ( $\Delta TE$ ) and electron-transfer to the pyridinium ring is indicated as described above. Direct evidence that the ground state is essentially an ion pair also has been obtained.<sup>19</sup>

The light absorption process for alkylpyridinium iodides then may be written with some confidence as



Another facet of the relationship between the two charge-transfer bands is illustrated in Fig. 2, in which it may be seen that the variation in the position of substitution for a particular group results in a change in the location of the second band of roughly the same magnitude as that of the first band but *opposite in direction*.

The  $\Delta TE$  values listed in Table III are far from a random distribution around the number expected on the basis of the Franck-Scheibe rule. However, many more measurements will be necessary for a thorough classification of the  $\Delta TE$  values. At present, no rationalization of the variations is readily apparent. It is of interest to note that alkali halides in the gas phase have  $\Delta TE$  values slightly larger than the theoretical for pure electron-transfer away from iodide ion, with 22.6 kcal./mole as a typical value for sodium iodide.<sup>20</sup>

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work, the determination actually necessitates the use of very thin cells (0.010 cm.) with correspondingly higher concentrations of sodium iodide (*ca.* 0.01 *M*). It is uncertain, therefore, that electron transfer to an acetone molecule *alone* is important, and not, for example, to an acetone molecule coordinated with a sodium ion. Smith and Symons<sup>6</sup> insist that *all* iodide excitations are of the water type<sup>6</sup> (unless specific complex formation can be measured) primarily on the basis of temperature effects. It is important to realize that the location of the electron in the excited state is the unsettled question, and not the nature of the transition, so that the position of the absorption bands is information of value, and  $\Delta TE$  retains its physical significance.

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### Experimental

**Materials.**—The preparation, purification and properties of 1-methyl- and other alkylpyridinium iodides are described in detail elsewhere.<sup>12</sup>

**1-Methyl-2-cyanopyridinium Iodide.**—A solution of 24.61 g. (0.236 mole) of 2-cyanopyridine (Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee) and 30 cc. (0.48 mole) of methyl iodide in 40 cc. of nitrogen-flushed dry methanol was allowed to stand at room temperature for twenty-one days. The salt crystallized out as orange prisms. Purification was accomplished by dissolving the rather pure first product in water (1 cc./g.), adding acetone (10 cc./g.), and cooling to 0°. Orange platelets were filtered off; yield 31.0 g. (61.8%), m.p. 175–176° (vac., dec.) (reported as yellow crystals, m.p. 183–184°).<sup>21</sup> Equiv. wt., calcd., 246.1; found, 245.6.

**1-Methyl-2-carbomethoxy-pyridinium Iodide.**—Ethyl picolinate (Fluka A.G., Buchs, St. Gallen, Switzerland) was treated with methyl iodide in absolute ethanol, producing

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bright yellow needles from isopropyl alcohol, m.p. 108.3–109.3° (to red liq.). *Anal.* Calcd.: C, 36.88; H, 4.12. Found: C, 36.86; H, 4.28.

**1-Methyl-3-carbomethoxy-pyridinium Iodide.**—Methyl nicotinate (gift of Nepera Chemical Co., Inc., Yonkers, N.Y.) reacted with methyl iodide in methanol, giving light yellow crystals from methanol-ether, m.p. 132.5–133.5° (reported 129.5–130.2°),<sup>22</sup> equiv. wt., calcd., 279.2; found, 279.1.

Both 4-substituted pyridinium iodides listed in Table III have been described before.<sup>2</sup>

Tetraethylammonium triiodide, m.p. 139–141°, was recrystallized from ethanol (reported m.p. 142°<sup>23</sup>).

Acetone was dried by distillation from 4Å Molecular Sieve (Linde Products) and water was distilled from potassium permanganate solution.

**Spectra.**—Potassium iodide in water and sodium iodide in acetone were measured with a Cary Recording Spectrophotometer, Model 14, using 0.0102 cm. cells (matched). The maxima were reproducible and offered no particular difficulties in their determination.<sup>14</sup>

All other spectra were obtained with a Cary, Model 11. Spectro grade methylene chloride (freshly opened!) and acetonitrile (Matheson, Coleman and Bell) served as solvents. Ethylene dichloride was carefully purified<sup>19</sup> and the chloroform had an alcohol content of ca. 0.90% unless otherwise indicated. Extraordinary care was exercised in the measurement of the data collected in Tables I and II and will be reported in detail in the accompanying publication.<sup>12</sup>

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## Pyridinium Complexes. II. The Nature of the Intermediate in the Dithionite Reduction of Diphosphopyridine Nucleotide DPN

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The yellow intermediate formed in the dithionite reduction of DPN to DPNH is postulated to be a charge-transfer complex  $DPN^+ \leftarrow SO_2^-$ , on the basis of comparison of the spectra of intermediates derived from both 3- and 4-carbamidopyridinium ions and sodium dithionite.

One of the most important non-enzymatic reactions of the coenzyme DPN is the sodium dithionite reduction<sup>1</sup> to *enzymatically active* DPNH discovered by Warburg and his co-workers.<sup>2,3</sup> Other reducing agents, e.g., electrolysis,<sup>4</sup> X-rays<sup>5</sup> and sodium borohydride,<sup>6</sup> attack the pyridinium ring to form substances of low or zero coenzymatic activity. It is now firmly established that enzymatically active DPNH<sup>7</sup> is a 1,4-dihydropyridine derivative.<sup>8,9</sup>

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Von Euler and his group found that DPN and sodium dithionite gave yellow solutions under fairly basic conditions<sup>10</sup> and Yarmolinsky and Colowick produced an elegant demonstration that the yellow color was due to an intermediate in the formation of DPNH, with the composition  $DPN \cdot SO_2^-$ , formed according to equation 1<sup>11</sup>



Yarmolinsky and Colowick formulated the yellow intermediate as a 1,4-dihydropyridine derivative (I), but an analysis of its ultraviolet spectrum (Fig. 1) suggested that this might not be correct.<sup>12</sup> More recently, Wallenfels and Schüly<sup>13</sup> have advanced a 1,2-dihydro structure on spectroscopic evidence for a crystalline "sulfinate" from dithionite and 1-(2,6-dichlorobenzyl)-3,5-dicarbamidopy-

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