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**ABSTRACT**

Iodates and iodophosphates of tin(IV), zirconium(IV) and iron(III) have been synthesized under varying conditions and studied their ion exchange behaviour. Among the various ion exchangers synthesized, tin(IV)-iodophosphate is chosen for detailed study owing to its highest ion exchange capacity and highest chemical stability. The most stable sample is prepared by mixing 0.1M stannic chloride, 0.1M potassium iodate and 0.1M potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate solutions in the volume ratio 1:1:2 respectively at pH 0-1. It is a monofunctional weak cation exchanger. Its ion exchange capacity for  $K^+$  is 1.6 meq/dry g. The thermal and chemical stabilities of this material have been determined and compared with Zr(IV)-phosphoiodate. Effect of heating on the properties of tin(IV)-iodophosphate has been determined. To explore the separation potential of tin(IV)-iodophosphate  $K_d$  values of different metal ions have been determined in organic solvents. A number of important separations of metal ions of industrial utility have been successfully achieved on the columns of tin(IV)-iodophosphate.

**INTRODUCTION**

Various synthetic inorganic ion exchangers which have been developed so far are mostly based on arsenate, phosphate, tungstate, molybdate and selenite of metals (1-6). As far as we are aware iodates of metals have not been studied as ion exchange materials. However, zirconium(IV)-phosphoiodate has been recently reported to show amphoteric behaviour (7). But this material has been mainly studied as an electron exchanger. No systematic studies have been reported on its cation or

anion exchange properties. The present work was, therefore, undertaken to synthesize iodates and iodophosphates of different metals and to compare their ion exchange properties in a systematic manner. Among the various ion exchangers which have been synthesized, tin(IV)-iodophosphate was found to possess highest ion exchange capacity and chemical stability and therefore was chosen for detailed studies. The following pages summarize our findings in this direction.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

**Reagents:** Tin(IV) chloride pentahydrate (Reachim U.S.S.R.), potassium iodate (E.Merk), potassium dihydrogen-orthophosphate (B.D.H.), zirconium oxychloride (B.D.H.), ferric nitrate (B.D.H.) were used. Other chemicals were of analytical reagent grade.

**Apparatus:** The spectrophotometry and pH-measurements were performed by using Bausch and Lomb spectronic-20 colorimeter, Elico LI-10 pH meter respectively. A temperature controlled shaker "SICO" was used for shaking.

**Synthesis:** Samples of iron(III)-iodophosphate, iron(III), iodate, zirconium(IV)-iodophosphate, zirconium(IV)-iodate, tin(IV)-iodophosphate and tin(IV)-iodate were prepared by mixing aqueous solutions of appropriate reagents under the conditions indicated in Tables I, II and III.

The desired pH was adjusted by adding either concentrated nitric acid solution or dilute sodium hydroxide solution. The precipitate so formed was allowed to settle down for 24 hrs, washed several times with demineralized water (DMW) and filtered under suction. It was then dried at 40°C in an oven. The dried material was then treated with DMW resulting cracking of the substance into smaller particles with slight evolution of heat. To convert the sample into hydrogen form, the material was kept for 48 hrs in 0.1M nitric acid solution. It was then washed with DMW to remove excess acid. Tin(IV)-iodophosphate (sample TIP<sub>5</sub>) has been chosen for detailed study owing to its higher ion exchange capacity and higher chemical stability as compared to other materials.

TABLE - I. Synthesis and properties of iodates and iodophosphates of Fe(III).

Sample number	Conditions of synthesis			pH	Appearance of precipitate		I.E.C. for K <sup>+</sup> of beads after drying at 40° C	
	Fe(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> moles/liter	KIO <sub>3</sub> moles/liter	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> moles/liter		Mixing ratio V/V/V	precipitate		of beads after drying at 40° C
FIP <sub>1</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:1:1	1-2	White gelatinous	White opaque	1.03
FIP <sub>2</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:2:1	1-2	"	"	0.82
FIP <sub>3</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:1:2	1-2	"	"	0.91
FIP <sub>4</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	2:1:1	1-2	Light yellow gelatinous	"	0.69
FI <sub>5</sub>	0.1	0.1	-	1:1:0	1-2	Orange gelatinous	Orange opaque	1.17
FP <sub>6</sub>	0.1	-	0.1	1:0:1	2-3	- Unstable	-	-

I.E.C. = Ion exchange capacity.

TABLE - II. Synthesis and properties of iodates and iodophosphates of Zr(IV).

Sample number	Conditions of synthesis			pH	Appearance of precipitate after drying at 40° C	I.E.C. for K <sup>+</sup> meq/dry g	
	ZrOCl <sub>2</sub> moles/liter	KIO <sub>3</sub> moles/liter	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> moles/liter				Mixing ratio V/V
ZI <sub>1</sub>	0.1	0.1	-	1:1:0	1	White gelatinous	0.55
ZI <sub>2</sub>	0.1	0.1	-	1:1:0	0-1	"	0.57
ZIP <sub>3</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:1:1	0-1	"	1.01
ZIP <sub>4</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:2:1	0-1	"	0.80
ZIP <sub>5</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:1:2	0-1	"	1.41
ZIP <sub>6</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	2:1:1	0-1	"	0.48

Yield order: ZIP<sub>4</sub> > ZI<sub>1</sub> > ZIP<sub>5</sub> > ZIP<sub>3</sub> > ZI<sub>2</sub> > ZIP<sub>6</sub>

TABLE - III. Synthesis and properties of iodates and iodophosphates of Tin(IV).

Sample number	Conditions of synthesis			pH	Appearance of precipitate	Appearance of beads after drying at 40 C	I.E.C. for K <sup>+</sup> meq/dry g
	SnCl <sub>4</sub> moles/liter	KIO <sub>3</sub> moles/liter	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> moles/liter				
TI <sub>1</sub>	0.1	0.1	-	1:1:0	0-1	White shining	0.51
TI <sub>2</sub>	0.1	0.1	-	1:1:0	0-1	White opaque	0.57
TIP <sub>3</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:1:1	0-1	Yellowish white shining	1.50
TIP <sub>4</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:2:1	0-1	White shining	1.31
TIP <sub>5</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1:1:2	0-1	White shining	1.60
TIP <sub>6</sub>	0.1	0.1	0.1	2:1:1	0-1	"	1.24
TP <sub>7</sub>	0.1	-	0.1	1:0:1	0-1	"	1.31

Yield order: TIP<sub>4</sub> > TIP<sub>3</sub> > TIP<sub>5</sub> > TIP<sub>6</sub> > TI<sub>1</sub> > TI<sub>2</sub>

TABLE IV. Ion exchange capacity (meq/dry g) of iodophosphate of different metals for various cations.

Cations	Salts used	pH	FIP <sub>1</sub>	ZIP <sub>5</sub>	TIP <sub>5</sub>
Li <sup>+</sup>	LiCl	6.8	0.98	0.91	1.35
Na <sup>+</sup>	NaNO <sub>3</sub>	6.8	1.01	1.14	1.21
K <sup>+</sup>	KCl	6.8	1.03	1.14	1.60
Rb <sup>+</sup>	RbCl	6.2	0.89	1.37	1.41
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Mg(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	6.2	1.98	2.06	2.17
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	BaCl <sub>2</sub>	6.2	2.01	2.00	2.60
Sr <sup>3+</sup>	Sr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	6.2	1.82	2.17	2.43
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	6.2	2.04	2.71	2.71

FIP<sub>1</sub> = Iron(III)-iodophosphate; ZIP<sub>5</sub> = Zirconium(IV)-iodophosphate; TIP<sub>5</sub> = Tin(IV)-iodophosphate.

**Ion Exchange Capacity:** The ion exchange capacity of different samples (150-200 mesh) of the ion exchange material in hydrogen form was determined by column method as reported earlier (1). The ion exchange capacity of the samples against different metal ions is reported in Table IV.

**Thermal treatment:** To examine the effect of heating on the properties of tin(IV)-iodophosphate, the material was heated at different temperature in muffle furnace for 1 hr. The results are summarized in Table V. The result compared with other tin(IV) based ion exchangers are given in Table VI.

**pH-titration:** pH-titrations for sample (TIP<sub>5</sub>) were performed by the earlier method (8) using NaCl-NaOH, KCl-KOH, LiCl-LiOH and BaCl<sub>2</sub>-Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> systems. The pH titration curves are shown in figure 1.

**Chemical stability:** A 0.5 g of the ion exchange material (sample TIP<sub>5</sub>) was equilibrated with 50 ml of the solvent of analytical interest at room temperature (25 ± 2 °C) and kept for 24 hrs with occasional shaking. Tin and phosphate released in the solution

TABLE - V: Effect of heating on the properties of tin(IV) iodophosphate (TIP<sub>5</sub>).

Temperature °C	Appearance	Amount taken for heating (mg)	Weight loss due to heating (mg)	I.E.C. for K <sup>+</sup> meq/dry g	Composition (m moles)		
					Tin(IV)	I	P
40	White	3500	0.0	1.60	0.150	0.102	0.634
100	White	3500	100	1.44	0.150	0.061	0.472
150	Pink	3500	250	1.33	0.145	0.061	0.382
200	Pink	3500	350	0.99	0.145	0.045	0.227
300	Pink	3500	420	0.72	0.145	0.045	0.110
400	Red	3500	430	0.66	0.145	0.045	0.085
500	Light brown	3500	490	0.44	0.145	0.045	0.075
600	Dark brown	3500	520	0.38	0.143	0.039	0.072
800	Dark brown	3500	540	0.24	0.140	0.035	0.065
950	Dark brown	3500	540	0.24	0.120	0.031	0.059



TABLE - VI. Effect of heating on ion exchange capacity of various tin(IV) based ion exchangers at pH (6.0 - 6.5).

Heating temperature °C	Ion exchange capacity (meq/dry g) for K <sup>+</sup>													
	TP	TS	TSP	TTA	TMA	TAP	TVP	TM	TAN	TT	TV	TA	TIP <sub>5</sub>	
40	1.35	0.75	1.63	1.18	1.20	1.75	1.70	1.00	1.00	0.57	0.85	0.88	1.60	
100	1.62	0.75	1.63	-	0.90	1.65	1.50	0.10	0.80	0.13	0.82	-	1.44	
150	-	-	-	1.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.33	
200	0.82	0.75	1.00	-	0.60	0.90	1.10	0.07	0.56	0.10	0.80	0.88	0.99	
300	0.23	0.75	0.88	0.51	0.61	-	0.50	0.07	-	0.10	-	0.84	0.72	
400	0.02	0.75	0.70	-	0.35	0.20	-	0.04	-	0.10	0.36	-	0.66	
500	-	0.75	0.64	0.31	-	-	-	-	0.50	0.10	-	0.72	0.44	
600	-	0.20	0.38	-	0.28	0.10	-	-	-	0.10	-	0.70	0.38	
700	-	-	-	-	0.04	-	-	-	-	0.10	0.10	0.53	-	
800	-	-	0.20	0.04	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.10	-	0.04	0.24	

TP = tin(IV)-phosphate (15), TS = tin(IV)-selenite (6), TSP = tin(IV)-selenophosphate (14),

TTA = tin(IV)-tungstoarsenate (14), TMA = tin(IV)-molybdoarsenate (14), TAP = tin(IV)-

arsenophosphate (14), TVP = tin(IV)-vanadophosphate (14), TM = tin(IV)-molybdate (5),

TAN = tin(IV)-antimonate (16), TT = tin(V)-tungstate (17), TV = tin(IV)-vanadate (18),

TA = tin(IV)-arsenate (19), TIP<sub>5</sub> = tin(IV)-iodophosphate.

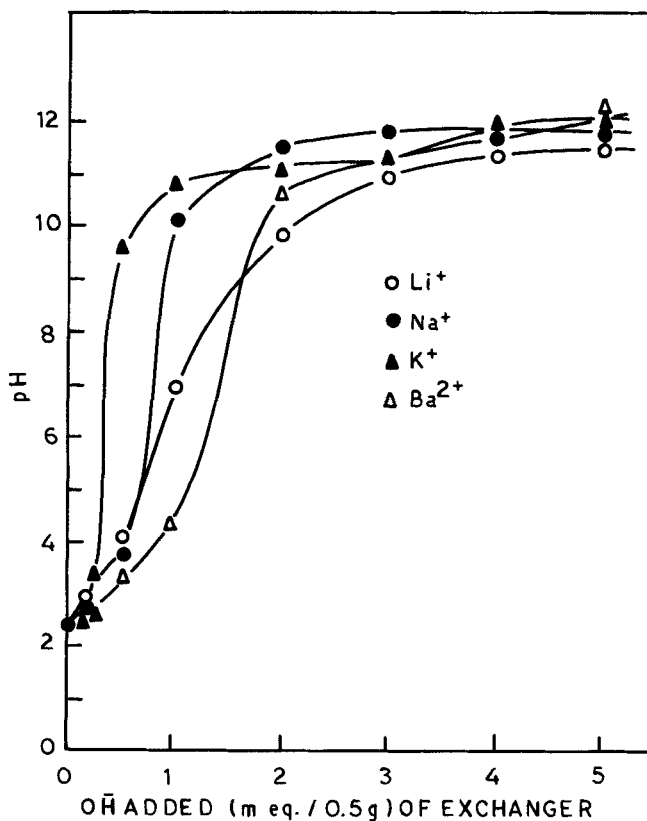


FIG. 1 pH Titration Curves of Tin(IV)-Iodophosphate

were determined spectrophotometrically using hematoxylin and ammonium molybdate as colouring reagents respectively (9,10). The amount of iodate released in the solvent was determined idometrically with standard sodium thiosulphate solution (11). The results are summarized in Table VII.

**Chemical Composition:** For the determination of chemical composition of sample TIP<sub>5</sub>, 0.2 g of exchanger was dissolved in hot concentrated hydrochloric acid. Then the solution was diluted to 100 ml with water (DMW). Iodate and tin contents were determined titrimetrically by using sodium thiosulphate and potassium

TABLE VII. Chemical stability of tin(IV)-iodophosphate sample (TIP<sub>5</sub>) in different solvents.

Solvent	Tin(IV) released mq/50 ml	IO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> released mq/50 ml	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> released mq/50 ml
4M HCl	3.50	3.21	5.10
0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.5M HNO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.00
4M HNO <sub>3</sub>	0.40	4.28	1.60
4M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	3.90	6.06	1.20
2M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	0.50	5.35	0.13
0.1M NaOH	10.00	7.34	7.50
1.0M NaOH	dissolved completely		
1.0M NH <sub>4</sub> OH	0.00	7.80	1.12
4M Acetic acid	0.00	0.55	0.17
1M Acetic acid	0.00	0.42	0.10
1M NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.43	0.20
1M Formic acid	0.00	4.60	1.60
1M Oxalic acid	1.20	0.00	0.00
2M Oxalic acid	1.20	0.00	0.00
1M Tartaric acid	0.00	0.00	0.00
1M Sodium acetate	0.00	0.67	0.51
1M Citric acid	0.00	0.46	0.00
1M NaNO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.49	0.26
DMW	0.00	0.49	0.00
0.5M DMSO	0.00	0.00	0.00
2M DMSO	0.07	0.33	0.10
4M DMSO	0.12	0.43	0.16

dichromate respectively, as titrants (11,12). Phosphate was determined titrimetrically after precipitation as phosphomolybdate (13).

**Equilibration study:** Equilibrium times for the adsorption of bivalent, trivalent and tetravalent metal ions were determined

TABLE VIII. Effect of time on the adsorption of metal ions on tin(IV)-iodophosphate (150-200 mesh) at  $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  (pH 5.5-6.5).

Metal ions	Amount of metal ion added m moles	Amount of metal ions absorbed (m moles)			
		After 2 hrs	After 4 hrs	After 6 hrs	After 8 hrs
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	$11 \times 10^{-3}$	$10.72 \times 10^{-3}$	$10.75 \times 10^{-3}$	$10.77 \times 10^{-3}$	$10.77 \times 10^{-3}$
Al <sup>3+</sup>	$9.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.00 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.05 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.10 \times 10^{-3}$
Zr <sup>4+</sup>	$13.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$13.33 \times 10^{-3}$	$13.34 \times 10^{-3}$	$13.34 \times 10^{-3}$	$13.34 \times 10^{-3}$

by treating 0.5 g of exchanger in H<sup>+</sup> form (150-200 mesh) with metal ions solutions in separate flasks. The mixtures were shaken in a shaker incubator for different times. The results are reported in Table VIII.

**Distribution Coefficient:** 0.5 g of exchanger in hydrogen form (150-200 mesh) was treated with 50 ml of cation solutions in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flask. The mixture was then shaken for 6 hrs at  $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  in a shaker incubator. The amount of cation in solution was so adjusted as not to exceed 3% of the total ion exchange capacity of the exchanger (23). The amount of cation left in the solution was then determined by titrating against the standard solution of EDTA (0.002M). The K<sub>d</sub> values were calculated by the earlier method (14). The results of K<sub>d</sub> values are summarized in Table IX.

**Quantitative Separations of metal ions:** 2.0 g of exchange in hydrogen form (150-200 mesh) was taken into the glass column of internal diameter 5 mm. The appropriate solvent was first run through the column and then the mixture of metal ions was poured and allowed to be adsorbed. The metal ions were then eluted with suitable eluting reagent. The flow rate was maintained 1 ml/minute during elution process. The metal ions after elution were determined by EDTA titration.

TABLE - IX .  $K_d$  values ( $\text{ml g}^{-1}$ ) of metal ions (ionic strength 0.02-0.056) on tin(IV)-iodophosphate (sample TIP<sub>5</sub>) in different solvent systems at  $25 \pm 2$  C.

Metal ions	Salts used	2M DMSO (pH=6.5)	2M Formic acid (pH=1.7)	2M DMSO+ 2M Formic acid (1:1) (pH=1.87)	2M DMSO+ 2M Formic acid (2:1) (pH=1.97)
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Nitrate	29 <sub>±1</sub>	10 <sub>±1</sub>	22 <sub>±1</sub>	22 <sub>±1</sub>
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	Chloride	175 <sub>±3</sub>	84 <sub>±1</sub>	38 <sub>±1</sub>	52 <sub>±1</sub>
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Chloride	25900 <sub>±13000</sub>	25900 <sub>±13000</sub>	25900 <sub>±13000</sub>	25900 <sub>±13000</sub>
Hg <sup>2+</sup>	Chloride	13 <sub>±1</sub>	28 <sub>±1</sub>	10 <sub>±1</sub>	86 <sub>±2</sub>
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Chloride	165 <sub>±3</sub>	52 <sub>±1</sub>	165 <sub>±3</sub>	165 <sub>±3</sub>
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	Chloride	940 <sub>±40</sub>	160 <sub>±3</sub>	247 <sub>±5</sub>	197 <sub>±4</sub>
Mn <sup>2+</sup>	Nitrate	49 <sub>±1</sub>	2 <sub>±1</sub>	40 <sub>±1</sub>	40 <sub>±1</sub>
Co <sup>2+</sup>	Nitrate	52 <sub>±1</sub>	38 <sub>±1</sub>	47 <sub>±1</sub>	49 <sub>±1</sub>
Tb <sup>3+</sup>	Chloride	2700 <sub>±2500</sub>	2700 <sub>±2500</sub>	2700 <sub>±2500</sub>	2700 <sub>±2500</sub>
Gd <sup>3+</sup>	Chloride	3500 <sub>±600</sub>	3500 <sub>±600</sub>	3500 <sub>±600</sub>	3500 <sub>±600</sub>
Pr <sup>3+</sup>	Chloride	15400 <sub>±7750</sub>	15400 <sub>±7750</sub>	15400 <sub>±7750</sub>	15400 <sub>±7750</sub>
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Nitrate	1667 <sub>±110</sub>	33 <sub>±1</sub>	52 <sub>±1</sub>	112 <sub>±2</sub>
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	Nitrate	100 <sub>±2</sub>	4 <sub>±1</sub>	35 <sub>±1</sub>	16 <sub>±1</sub>
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Chloride	1160 <sub>±49</sub>	19 <sub>±1</sub>	97 <sub>±2</sub>	118 <sub>±2</sub>
Ce <sup>3+</sup>	Sulphate	107 <sub>±2</sub>	139 <sub>±2</sub>	122 <sub>±2</sub>	343 <sub>±7</sub>
Al <sup>3+</sup>	Chloride	28 <sub>±1</sub>	13 <sub>±1</sub>	15 <sub>±1</sub>	318 <sub>±7</sub>
VO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	Sulphate	247 <sub>±5</sub>	13 <sub>±1</sub>	24 <sub>±1</sub>	420 <sub>±10</sub>
Sr <sup>2+</sup>	Nitrate	303 <sub>±7</sub>	58 <sub>±1</sub>	62 <sub>±1</sub>	90 <sub>±2</sub>
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Chloride	372 <sub>±7</sub>	47 <sub>±1</sub>	32 <sub>±1</sub>	90 <sub>±2</sub>
Th <sup>4+</sup>	Nitrate	184 <sub>±4</sub>	148 <sub>±2</sub>	155 <sub>±3</sub>	155 <sub>±3</sub>
Sm <sup>3+</sup>	Chloride	25400 <sub>±12750</sub>	25400 <sub>±12750</sub>	25400 <sub>±12750</sub>	25400 <sub>±12750</sub>
Zr <sup>4+</sup>	Oxy-chloride	1600 <sub>±53</sub>	580 <sub>±11</sub>	666 <sub>±13</sub>	716 <sub>±13</sub>
Ce <sup>4+</sup>	Ammonium sulphate	555 <sub>±10</sub>	211 <sub>±4</sub>	269 <sub>±5</sub>	254 <sub>±5</sub>

TABLE - X. Quantitative separations of metal ions on tin(IV)-iodophosphate (Sample TIP<sub>5</sub>) columns.

Sl. No.	Separations	Amount found to the column (ug)	Amount found after elution (ug)	Percent of metal ions eluted	Total elution volume (ml)	Eluent used
1.	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	1440.00	1364.00	94.7	80	0.5M DMSO
	Co <sup>2+</sup>	377.60	360.00	95.3	50	0.05M HNO <sub>3</sub>
2.	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	129.60	124.80	95.3	50	0.01M HNO <sub>3</sub>
	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	327.60	315.00	96.2	60	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>
3.	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	253.00	242.00	95.7	60	0.01M HNO <sub>3</sub>
	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	327.60	322.60	98.3	60	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>
4.	Co <sup>2+</sup>	377.60	368.00	97.5	60	0.05M HNO <sub>3</sub>
	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	327.60	312.00	95.2	60	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>
5.	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	340.46	317.00	93.2	60	0.01M HNO <sub>3</sub>
	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	327.60	315.00	96.2	60	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>
6.	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	340.46	305.00	90.0	60	0.01M HNO <sub>3</sub>
	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	358.40	342.00	95.4	80	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>
7.	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	1440.00	1364.00	94.7	80	0.5M DMSO
	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	358.40	345.00	96.3	80	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>
8.	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	1440.00	1404.00	97.5	80	0.5M DMSO
	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	353.00	231.00	91.3	60	0.01M HNO <sub>3</sub>
9.	Hg <sup>2+</sup>	1440.00	1377.00	95.6	80	0.5M DMSO
	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	327.60	318.00	97.6	60	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>
10.	Co <sup>2+</sup>	377.60	464.00	96.4	50	0.05M HNO <sub>3</sub>
	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	358.50	335.00	93.5	80	0.1M HNO <sub>3</sub>

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It is apparent from Tables II and III that the ion exchange capacity of double salts i.e., for iodophosphate are in general higher than that of single salts i.e. iodates of metals.

It has been observed that the ion exchange capacity for Fe(III)-iodophosphate samples (Table I) do not change by changing the mixing ratio of the reagents, except in case of sample FIP<sub>4</sub>. Fe(III)-iodate (sample FI<sub>5</sub>) when prepared under identical conditions show highest ion-exchange capacity (1.17 meq/dry g) but of little practical importance as it is not appreciably stable in various solvents.

Zirconium(IV)-iodophosphate samples were prepared under identical conditions at pH 1. Sample ZIP<sub>5</sub> which is prepared in the presence of excess of phosphate shows highest ion exchange capacity (1.14 meq/dry g). However, zirconium(IV)-iodate when prepared under similar conditions shows small exchange capacity (0.55 meq/dry g).

Similar is the case with tin(IV)-iodophosphate which show much higher ion exchange capacity (1.6 meq/dry g) as compared to tin(IV)-iodate (0.57 meq/dry g) prepared under the same conditions. The precipitation of the material was done at low pH values so as to avoid the possibility of formation of metal hydroxide. The chemical composition (Table V), I.R. Spectrum and ion exchange capacity data of sample TIP<sub>5</sub> (Table III) also indicate that the material formed is not the mixed salts of tin(IV)-iodate (0.57 meq/dry g) and tin(IV)-phosphate (1.51 meq/dry g) but a single compound tin(IV)-iodophosphate (1.6 meq/dry g).

It is clear from table III that by increasing the phosphate contents of the reactants in the mixture the ion exchange capacity of the material is increased. Tin(IV)-iodophosphate (sample TIP<sub>5</sub>) has been chosen for further studies owing to its highest ion exchange capacity and highest chemical stability as compared to Zr(IV)-iodophosphate and Fe(III)-iodophosphate.

It can be inferred from table IV that the ion exchange capacity of most of the ion exchange materials increases with

the decrease in hydrated radii of the ion. However, for alkaline earths the exchange capacity remains almost the same as the hydrated radii do not vary appreciably.

It is interesting to note from figure 1 that the uptake of metal ions is affected by pH of the electrolyte solution. pH titration curves show the following uptake order for alkali metals at different pH values:

( i )	3.5 to 4.5	$\text{Na}^+ \rangle$	$\text{Li}^+ \rangle$	$\text{K}^+$
( ii )	5.2	$\text{Li}^+ =$	$\text{Na}^+ \rangle$	$\text{K}^+$
( iii )	5.3 to 11.0	$\text{Li}^+ \rangle$	$\text{Na}^+ \rangle$	$\text{K}^+$

pH titration curves show that tin(IV)-iodophosphate appears to behave as a weak cation exchanger.

It is apparent from table V that the composition and ion exchange capacity of tin(IV)-iodophosphate varies as the heating temperature is increased. The ion exchange capacity falls sharply from 1.6 to 0.99 (meq/dry g) when the sample is subjected to heating at 200°C. This decrease in capacity may be referred to the loss of iodate and phosphate contents of the sample, which is also evident from the chemical composition of the sample. A further loss in phosphate content of the sample together with the elimination of water molecules by condensation, decreases the capacity as the heating temperature is increased. The capacity, however, becomes unaffected (0.24 meq/dry g) when the temperature is raised above 800°C. The ion exchange capacity data (table VI) shows that almost all the exchangers are affected by heating. A comparison of the ion exchange capacities of various ion exchangers at 600°C heating temperature shows the sequence:

tin(IV)-arsenate  $\rangle$  tin(IV)-iodophosphate = tin(IV)-selenophosphate  $\rangle$  (tin(IV)-molybdoarsenate  $\rangle$  tin(IV)-selenite  $\rangle$  tin(IV)-arsenophosphate = tin(IV)-tungstate. However, at 800°C and higher heating temperature, tin(IV)-iodophosphate appears to be most thermally stable with respect to ion exchange capacity as it retains considerable ion exchange capacity i.e., 0.24 meq/dry g.

The material is found to be fairly stable in lower concentrations of mineral acids such as HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and HNO<sub>3</sub>. The sample



is quite stable in organic acids like formic acid, acetic acid, tartaric acid and citric acid of all concentrations.

The I.R. spectrum of tin(IV)-iodophosphate (sample TIP<sub>5</sub>) in hydrogen form shows five absorption peaks. The broad peak in the region 3600-3000 cm<sup>-1</sup> may be due to interstitial water molecules and -OH groups (20). A sharp peak in the region 2450-2300 cm<sup>-1</sup> probably indicates the presence of P-H linkage (21). Another sharp peak at 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> may be due to the interstitial water molecules (20). Another broad peak in the region 1300-900 cm<sup>-1</sup> may be attributed to PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> and IO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (20). A small and sharp peak at 500 cm<sup>-1</sup> is also seen in the spectrum that may be due to the presence of HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> group in the sample (20).

The equilibrium studies for bivalent, trivalent and tetravalent metal ions (Table VIII) show that the equilibrium is attained in six hours.

To explore the separation potential of tin(IV)-iodophosphate, distribution coefficients of several metal ions have been determined in important solvents. It is clear from the Table IX that the distribution coefficients vary with the composition and nature of the solvent systems. It has been observed that in most of the cases the K<sub>d</sub> values are higher in aqueous DMSO medium than in aqueous formic acid. This behaviour of tin(IV)-iodophosphate is different from that of Dowex-50 resin which shows the reverse trend (22). K<sub>d</sub> values of metal ions are increasing in general with the increase in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) content of the solvent system. It is found that the adsorption of Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Gd<sup>3+</sup> and Sm<sup>3+</sup> is very high in all solvents whereas Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup> and Al<sup>3+</sup> are least adsorbed.

It appears from the data on K<sub>d</sub> values (Table IX) a number of important separations are possible. Some of the more important separations of industrial and analytical utility which have been successfully achieved on the columns of tin(IV)-iodophosphate are listed in Table X.

The separations of copper-nickel and copper-cobalt can be utilized in the determination of cobalt in steels and copper-nickel base alloys where copper usually interferes. Therefore,

copper can be removed conveniently prior to the determination of these metals. In nickel plating solution, copper is an objectionable impurity and should be removed as it may darken the plate. The separation of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ - $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  can be utilized in the determination of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and other metal ions in natural alloys e.g. awaruite, josephinite and minerals of nickel namely, pentlandite, polydynite and olivine. It has been found that  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  is strongly adsorbed on the column of tin(IV)-iodophosphate and could not be eluted by the common solvents (different concentrations of DMSO, formic acid, formic acid + DMSO and dilute nitric acid).  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  has been successfully removed quantitatively from a synthetic mixture of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ . Therefore, this separation is of practical importance where  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  is present as impurity and necessary to be eliminated e.g. in the analysis of brass and bronze.

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