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# **Thermodynamic Studies of Hydriodic Acid in Ethylene Glycol--Water Mixtures from Electromotive Force Measurements**

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The standard potentials of the Ag--AgI electrode in twenty ethylene glycol--water mixtures covering the whole range of solvent composition have been determined from the e.m.f, measurements of the cell

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at nine different temperatures ranging from 15 to 55°C. The temperature variation of the standard e.m.f, has been utilized to compute the standard thermodynamic functions for the cell reaction, the primary medium effects of various solvents upon HI, and the standard thermodynamic quantities for the transfer of HI from the standard state in water to the standard states in the respective solvent media. The chemical effects of solvents on the transfer process have been obtained by subtracting the electrostatic contributions from the total transfer quantities. The results have been discussed in the light of ion--solvent interactions as well as the structural changes of the solvents.

*(Keywords: Electromotive force measurements; Ethylene glycol + water mixtures; Silver, silver iodide electrode; Standard electrode potentials; Thermodynamics)* 

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Es wurden die Standardpotentiale der Ag--AgI Elektrode in 20 Ethylenglycol--Wasser-Mischungen bei 9 Temperaturen (15--55 °C) mit der Zelle

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gemessen. Aus der Temperaturabhängigkeit wurden die thermodynamischen Funktionen für die Zellenreaktion, die primären Lösungsmitteleffekte auf HI und die thermodynamischen Größen für den Transfer von HI aus dem Standardzustand in Wasser in den Standardzustand im entsprechenden Lösungsmittelgemisch errechnet; die chemischen Effekte erhielt man durch

Abzug der elektrostatischen Beiträge zu den Gesamttransfergrößen. Die Ergebnisse werden sowohl im Lieht yon Ionen--LSsungsmittel-Wechselwirkungen als auch von Änderungen in der Lösungsmittelstruktur diskutiert.

### **Introduction**

*Kundu* et al.<sup>1,2</sup> determined the standard potentials  $(E_m^{\circ})$  of the Ag-AgI electrode in 10, 30, 50, 70, 90 and  $100 \, wt\%$  ethylene glycol  $(EG)$  + water solvents in the temperature range 5-45 °C using the cell:

 $Pt|H_2(g, 1 \text{ atm})|HOAc(m_1), NaOAc(m_2), KI(m_3), solvent|AgI|Ag (A)$ 

However, when the reported<sup>1</sup>  $E_m^{\circ}$  values for the 10% EG solvent are compared with the corresponding values in water<sup>1</sup> as the solvent, it is seen that the  $E_m^{\circ}$  values for the 10% EG solvent are higher at 5-25 °C, whereas they are similar, within the experimental error, at 30-45 °C. This behaviour is not expected. Furthermore, it is very difficult to draw a smooth curve through the available points when  $E_m^{\circ}$  is plotted against the solvent composition, at any temperature.

In the present investigation, attempts were made to determine the standard potentials of the Ag--AgI electrode and the relevant thermodynamic functions for HI in twenty  $EG +$  water solvents from e.m.f. measurements of cell (A) at nine different temperatures ranging from 15 to 55 °C.

# **Experimental**

*EG* (Merck) was further purified by the method described elsewhere3. The characteristic physical properties of the product agreed well with those listed by *Kundu* et al. 4 for pure *EG.* The distilled *EG* was kept in an atmosphere of dry argon, redistilled freshly and used within a few hours. Acetic acid (Merck) was further purified<sup>2</sup> by partially freezing the sample, decanting off the liquid portion and then distilling the recrystallized sample before use. Potassium iodide (Merck) was dried in an oven kept at 200 °C. Triple-distilled water which had a conductivity of  $0.7 \cdot 10^{-6} \Omega^{-1}$  cm<sup>-1</sup> was generally used, being prepared by distillation with alkaline  $KMnO<sub>4</sub>$  in an all-glass apparatus. Sodium lyate solutions in the respective solvents were prepared as described earlier<sup>2</sup>. The buffer solutions were prepared by mixing weighed amounts of sodium lyate, acetic acid and Kt solutions2. The cell solutions of the required ionic strengths were obtained by diluting the stock solution of the buffer with weighed amounts of the respective solvents. The molalities of  $HOAc$ ,  $NaOAc$  and KI solutions ranged from 0.005 to 0.05 mol kg<sup>-1</sup>. The compositions of the solvents were accurate to  $\pm$  0.03 wt%. All solutions were freshly prepared before taking measurements.

The Ag--AgI electrodes were thermally prepared as recommended by *Ive8*  and *Janz*<sup>5</sup>. The hydrogen gas electrodes were the typical platinum type<sup>6</sup>. The

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cell design and general experimental procedure have been described earlier<sup>3,4</sup>. The behaviour of the electrodes in the buffer mixtures was excellent and consistent within  $\pm 0.1$  mV. The e.m.f. measurements were made at nine different temperatures in the range of 15 to 55 °C, at intervalls of 5 °C. The thermostat maintained a temperature within  $+0.01$  °C. All measurements were taken by three Ag--AgI electrodes and three hydrogen electrodes for each solution. The cell measurements were made in triplicate, and the mean values of these observations recorded. The triplicates generally agreed within  $+0.2 \text{ mV}$ . Vapour-pressure corrections for e.m.f, values were applied to convert the observed e.m.f, to Iatm hydrogen pressure. Vapour pressures and densities of the solvents at different temperatures were obtained from the previous results<sup>2,4,7</sup>. The dielectric constants were taken from  $\AA$ *kerlof*'s data<sup>8</sup>. The  $pK_a$ values of acetic acid in the different solvents at the respective temperatures, needed for evaluation of the standard potential of the Ag--AgI electrode, were taken from earlier work<sup>2,4,9</sup>.

## **Results and Discussion**

The e.m.f.  $(E)$  of the cell  $(A)$  is given<sup>1</sup> by

$$
E = E_m^{\circ} - k \log K_a - k \log (a_{\text{HO}} A_c a_1 - / a_{\text{O}} A_c -), \tag{1}
$$

where  $E_m^{\circ}$  is the standard potential of the Ag--AgI electrode on the molal scale,  $K_a$  is the dissociation constant of acetic acid in the particular solvent at the corresponding temperature, and k is *(RTln* 10)/F. Assuming complete dissociation of KI and  $NaOAc$  in all the solvents, equ. (1) becomes

$$
E' = E - k (pK_a) + k \log (m_1 m_3/m_2)
$$
  
=  $E_m^{\circ} - k \log (\gamma_1 \gamma_3/\gamma_2) = E_m^{\circ} + f(\mu),$  (2)

where the subscripts 1, 2 and 3 refer to  $HOAc$ ,  $OAc^-$  and I<sup>-</sup> respectivelyl.

# *Standard Electrode Potential*

For each solvent at any temperature  $E_m^{\circ}$  was obtained by the usual method of plotting  $E'$  against the ionic strength  $(\mu)$  and extrapolating to  $\mu = 0$ . To get more precise value for  $E_m^{\circ}$  the method of least squares was used, and the data are summarized in Table 1, for each solvent, together with the values for water as the solvent<sup>6</sup>. The values of  $E_m^{\circ}$ , presented in Table 1, are accurate to better than  $\pm 0.05, \pm 0.1$  and  $\pm 0.2$  mV for solvents containing 5-25, 30-60 and 65-100 wt<sup>o</sup> *EG*, respectively.

The  $E_m^{\circ}$  values at different temperatures in the respective solvents can be expressed in the form of equations of the type

$$
E_m^{\circ} = a - b \, (t - 35) - c \, (t - 35)^2,\tag{3}
$$

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Glycol	$-10^2 a/$	10 <sup>4</sup> b/	$10^{6} c/$	$25^{\circ}$ C	
$\rm wt\%$	V	$V (^{\circ}C)^{-1}$	$\rm V$ (°C) <sup>-2</sup>	- $E_c^\circ/ {\rm V}$	$-E_N^{\circ}/V$
$\bf{0}$	15.589	3.791	1.767	0.15240	0.35865
$\rm 5$	15.665	3.710	1.853	0.15293	0.35766
10	15.744	3.670	1.967	0.15343	0.35655
15	15.827	3.660	2.047	0.15391	0.35536
20	15.911	3.638	2.193	0.15450	0.35420
25	16.006	3.617	2.387	0.15514	0.35298
30	16.099	3.655	2.527	0.15572	0.35163
35	16.204	3.688	2.647	0.15646	0.35031
40	16.330	3.741	2.760	0.15735	0.34904
45	16.475	3.811	3.073	0.15854	0.34794
50	16.650	3.899	3.240	0.15994	0.34688
55	16.850	4.014	3.527	0.16150	0.34584
60	17.089	4.203	4.020	0.16345	0.34500
65	17.366	4.495	4.827	0.16574	0.34427
70	17.693	4.882	6.347	0.16856	0.34383
75	18.110	5.499	7.020	0.17198	0.34372
80	18.721	6.413	6.227	0.17688	0.34477
85	19.614	7.946	4.720	0.18394	0.34762
90	21.060	10.879	2.560	0.19503	0.35408
95	24.003	11.221	3.467	0.22403	0.37796
100	30.325	11.518	5.340	0.28694	0.43512

Table 2. *Values of the constants a, b, and c of equ. (3) for evaluation of*  $E_m^{\circ}$  in *ethylene glycol + water solvents at 15-55* °C, and the standard potentials of the Ag--AgI *electrode on the molar*  $(E_c^{\circ}/V)$  *and mole fraction*  $(E_N^{\circ}/V)$  *scales at 25* °C

where t is the temperature in  $\degree{\text{C}}$ . The constants of equ. (3) for the different solvents were obtained by the method of least squares and are given in Table 2. The maximum difference between the observed values of  $E_m^{\circ}$  and those calculated from equ. (3) at the nine temperatures is 0.12 mV for the various *EG +* water solvents.

The values of the standard potentials at 25 °C on the molar and molefraction scales,  $E_c^{\circ}$  and  $E_N^{\circ}$ , respectively, were computed from  $E_m^{\circ}$ by the usual relations<sup>6</sup>, and are also included in Table 2.

Reported standard potentials of the Ag--AgI electrode in *EG +*  water solvents<sup>1,2</sup> and our corresponding new values are collected in Table 3 for comparison. The new  $E_m^{\circ}$  values are in excellent agreement with those obtained by  $Kundu$  et al.<sup>1,2</sup> for the  $30\%$  *EG* solvent at 20, 30, 35, 40 and 45°C, for the 70% *EG* solvent at 35°C, for the 90% *EG*  solvent at 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 °C and for the anhydrous *EG* at 30 and 35 °C. The differences range from 0.0 to 0.19 mV. The reported



 $E_m^{\circ}$  values for the 30% *EG* solvent at 15 and 25 °C, and for the 50% *EG* solvent at 20 °C are in fair agreement with the new ones. The differences range from 0.23 to 0.24 mV. On the other hand, the agreement between new  $E_m^{\circ}$  values and the reported ones for the rest of the solvents is poor.

# *Standard Thermodynamic Function8 for the Cell Reaction*

The standard thermodynamic functions  $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  for the cell reaction,

$$
{}^{1}H_{2}(g, 1 \text{ atm}) + AgI(s) = Ag(s) + HI (solved), \qquad (4)
$$

have been calculated from the temperature variation of the standard molal potential in  $EG +$  water solvents, by using the usual relations<sup>9</sup>. The calculated thermodynamic functions of the cell at 15-55 °C are recorded in Table 4. The values of  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  are accurate to within  $\pm$  19 J mol<sup>-1</sup>. The free energy changes (which are all positive) increase with increasing either the *EG* content in the solvent or the temperature of the solvent system. On the other hand, the standard enthalpy and entropy changes for the cell reaction decrease with increasing temperature, in any solvent.

# *Primary Medium Effect*

The primary medium effect  $(\log \frac{s}{w} \gamma^{\circ})$  represents the difference in ion-solvent interaction for HI at the standard state in the particular solvent and in water. It is a measure of the change of *Gibbs* free energy which accompanies the transfer of one mole of HI from the standard state in water to the standard state in the respective solvent. Thus, the primary medium effect measures the change in escaping tendency of HI in the transfer from a standard state in one solvent to a standard state in another solvent. The primary medium effects (molal scale) of various glycolic solvents upon HI have been computed, by the usual relation<sup>6</sup>, at 15-55 °C. The values of log  $\hat{y} \gamma^{\circ}_{+}$ , presented in Table 5, show that the escaping tendency of HI is greater in glycolic solvents than in pure water, because the primary medium effect of glycolic solvents on HI becomes greater with gradual addition of *EG.* 

# *Standard Thermodynamic Quantities for the Transfer Process*

The standard thermodynamic quantities for the transfer of one mole of HI from the standard state in water to the standard states of glycolic solvents,

$$
HI (in water) = HI (in EG + water solvents),
$$
 (5)





# Table 5. Primary medium effect,  $\log \frac{3}{6} \gamma_{\pm}^2$  (molal scale), of ethylene glycol + water solvents on HI at 15-55°C, and values of the constants<br>A, B, and C of equ. (6) for evaluation of thermodynamic quantities for t

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were obtained from the standard potential of the cell, in water<sup>6</sup> and in the glycolic solvent, together with the variation of  $E_{N}^{\circ}$  with temperature. The effect of solvent on the free energy of transfer should, however, be more clearly reflected in the mole fraction scale, because that will eliminate free energy changes due to concentration changes<sup>2,10-12</sup>. Thus the standard changes of *Gibbs* free energy ( $\Delta G_t^{\circ}$ ) can be represented as a function of temperature (in K) by equ.  $(6)$ .

$$
F(wE_{N}^{\circ} - sE_{N}^{\circ}) = \Delta G_{t}^{\circ} = A - BT + CT^{2}
$$
\n(6)

The standard thermodynamic quantities for *EG +* water solvents were computed by applying the usual thermodynamic relations<sup>9,11</sup> to equ. (6). The least squares values of the constants  $A, B$  and  $C$  are given in Table 5, and the values of the transfer thermodynamic quantities at 15-55 °C are listed in Table 6.  $\Delta G_t^{\circ}$  values are accurate to within  $\pm 38$  J mol<sup>-1</sup>.

The standard *Gibbs* free energy of transfer,  $\Delta G_t^{\circ}$ , has negative values, which increase in magnitude as the proportion of *EG* increases, and after passing through a minimum around  $80 \,\text{wt}^{\circ}$ , *EG* (at 15 °C, for example) ultimately go over to positive values. Thus, although the transfer of HI from water to anhydrous *EG* and EG-rich media is nonspontaneous, the process is thermodynamically favourable so long as the extreme EG-rich region is not reached, and the spontaneity of transfer increases up to about  $80 \text{ wt}^o$  *EG* (at  $15^{\circ}$ C, for example). Obviously, at least two opposing factors are operating. The observed values of  $\Delta G_t^{\circ}$  include the electrostatic contribution, which necessarily becomes more positive as the dielectric constant decreases with increasing proportion of *EG.* Similar behaviour was also observed by *Kundu* et al.<sup>1</sup> in their studies of HI in  $EG +$  water solvents. They<sup>1</sup> compute the standard free energy of transfer for the individual ions,  $\Delta G_{t}^{\circ}(i)$ . For HI, however, for the media containing smaller proportions of EG, the positive magnitude of  $\Delta G_t^{\circ}(\mathbf{I}^-)$  is too small to counteract the negative magnitude of  $\Delta G_t^{\circ}(\mathbf{H}^+)$ , so that the over-all free energy of transfer,  $\Delta G^{\circ}_{t}$ , remains negative till very high *EG* concentration is attained.

The standard entropy and enthalpy changes accompanying the transfer of one mole of HI from water to the glycolic solvent appear to be positive for water-rich solvents at lower temperatures and negative for the EG-rich solvents at higher temperatures. At 15 °C, for example, the values of  $\Delta H_t^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S_t^{\circ}$  are found to be increasingly positive and after passing through maxima at around  $70\%$  *EG*, the values tend to be less positive and thereafter decrease to negative values passing through minima at around  $90\%$  *EG*.





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Now, all structure-forming processes, e.g. solvation, are expected to be exothermic and accompanied by a decrease in entropy, whereas structure-breaking processes should be endothermic and lead to an increase in entropy<sup>1</sup>. The process of transfer of an ion from water to another solvent *(SH)* should involve the following structural changes: a) Breaking down of the structure of the hydration shell around the hydrated ion in water, b) Building up of the liquid structure by the water molecules released by process a). e) Breaking down of the liquid structure of the solvent *(SH)*, if any, so that the molecules may be free to solvate the incoming ion. d) Building up of the solvation shell around the ion in the solvent *(SH)* by the molecules released by process e). For the respective steps  $\Delta H_t^{\circ}$  as well as  $\Delta S_t^{\circ}$  are positive for a) and c), and negative for b) and d). The sign and magnitude of the over-all entropy or enthalpy changes will depend on the relative magnitudes of the individual steps.

The positive  $\Delta S_t^{\circ}$  value suggests that the amount of order<sup>12</sup> created by HI in these solvents is less. Since addition of small amounts of *EG* to water enhances the three-dimensional hydrogen bonded polymeric form of water<sup>12</sup>, there will be relatively more structure to break than to promote. The negative values of  $\Delta H_t^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S_t^{\circ}$  suggest that when a sufficient quantity of *EG* is added to a highly polar water molecule, the glycolic solvent becomes less associated than pure water. Thus, hydriodic acid breaks more structure in pure water than in glycolic solvents 12.

The values of  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  are all negative, and decrease as the temperature increases for any solvent. At 15 °C, for example,  $\Delta C_p^{\circ}$  decreases, passes through a minimum at around  $80\%$  *EG*, then increases to a maximum at around  $90\%$  *EG*, and thereafter decreases again, with increasing the *EG* concentration in the solvent.

To study the ion-solvent interaction, the method adopted by *Khoo*  and *Chan*<sup>10</sup> was followed. In this method, consider a function  $\Delta G_t^{\alpha}$  on the mole-fraction scale given<sup>10</sup> by

$$
\Delta G_t^{\circ} = \Delta G_t^{\circ}(\text{HCl}) - \Delta G_t^{\circ}(\text{HI}) = \Delta G_t^{\circ}(\text{Cl}^-) - \Delta G_t^{\circ}(\text{I}^-) \tag{7}
$$

The difference between the free energies of transfer of hydrochloric<sup>11</sup> and hydriodic acids gives the difference between the free energies of transfer of the chloride and iodide ions. The values of  $\Delta\,G^\circ_t$  calculated at 25 °C are given in Table 7.  $\Delta G_t^{\alpha}$  is positive and increases with increasing concentration of *EG* in the solvents. This is qualitatively in agreement with the *Born* theory which predicts that the iodide ion should be in lower free energy states than the chloride ion in the mixed solvents of lower dielectric constants than water<sup>10</sup>. Therefore, the *Born* equation



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may be be expected to fit increasingly better as the *EG* content of the solvent is increased.

Since the process involves the transfer of charged particles, the hydrogen ion and the iodide ion, from water to another solvent having a different dielectric constant, the related thermodynamic quantities comprise two parts: electrostatic *(el)* and nonelectrostatic or chemical *(ch).* Thus for free energy change

$$
\Delta G_t^{\circ} = \Delta G_{el}^{\circ} + \Delta G_{ch}^{\circ} \tag{8}
$$

and so for the other thermodynamic quantities,  $\Delta S_t^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta H_t^{\circ}$ . The nonelectrostatic contribution reflects the chemical nature of the solvent with respect to water which includes the basicity as well as the solvating capacity of the solvent. The electrostatic as well as the chemical parts of the standard thermodynamic quantities for the transfer process were calculated by using the usual relations<sup>11</sup>, and the values so computed at 25 °C are also included in Table 7.

The chemical part of the *Gibbs* free energy change, which appear to be negative for aqueous glycolic solvents, decreases, passes through a minimum at around  $80\%$  *EG*, and thereafter increases with increasing glycol content in the solvent and becomes positive in the anhydrous *EG.* Insofar as  $\Delta G_{ch}^{\circ}$  is a criterion of the changes in the acidity or basicity of the medium, the negative  $\Delta G_{ch}^{\circ}$  values show that the chemical reaction in the transfer process is spontaneous, and the spontaneity increases, with increasing *EG* concentration in the solvent, and reachs a maximum at around  $80\%$  *EG*. On the other hand, the more positive value of  $\Delta G_{ch}^{\circ}$  obtained for the anhydrous glycol indicates that the transfer process is favourable.

The electrostatic parts of the enthalpy and entropy changes for the transfer process have negative values, whereas their chemical contributions which have negative values only for EG-rich solvents, increase passing through maxima (at around 60 and 70 wt% EG for  $\Delta H_{ch}^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S_{ch}^{\circ}$ , respectively), then decrease passing through minima at around  $90 \,\text{wt}^o$ <sub>6</sub> *EG* and thereafter increase with increasing *EG* concentration in the solvent. The large negative  $\Delta H_{ch}^{\circ}$  value, for the 90% *EG* solvent, reflect the smaller enthalpy changes involved in creating a correct configurational change of the solvent on the transfer process. This view is further supported by the large negative value of  $\Delta S_{ch}^{\circ}$ , which is associated with the structural changes as far as the chemical interaction or solvation on the transfer process is concerned. This phenomenon produces an over-all order and hence  $\Delta S_{ch}^{\circ}$  value is negative.

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