

# Disproportionation Reactions of HIO and NaIO in Static and Dynamic Systems

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## Abstract

The paper refers to disproportionation of HIO and NaIO in aqueous media, in static and dynamic systems. The results of calculations, realized according to GATES/GEB principles, with use of an iterative computer program, are presented graphically. An example of the computer program with all physicochemical knowledge involved in the related algorithm is attached herewith.

# **Keywords**

Disproportionation, Generalized Approach to Electrolytic Systems, Generalized Electron Balance, HIO, NaIO

# **1. Introduction**

Quantitative description of electrolytic redox systems is performed by means of electron, charge and concentration balances, and a complete (not contradictory) set of relations for equilibrium constants, related to the system in question. The electron balance, termed as the Generalized Electron Balance (GEB) obtained according to Approach II to GEB, stems from linear combination  $2 \cdot f(O) - f(H)$  of the elemental balances: f(H) for H, and f(O) for O [1]-[11]. This property was extended on non-aqueous and mixed-solvent media [1] [12] [13], with amphiprotic co-solvents involved. The Approach II is equivalent to the Approach I to GEB, based on the "common pool" of electron-active elements in a system considered. The Approach I, considered as a "short" version of GEB, is applicable in the cases where oxidation numbers for all elements in the redox system are known beforehand [14]-[23]. In the Approach II to GEB, the electron-active and electron-non-active elements are not distinguished, as done in the Approach I. In both Approaches, the roles of oxidants and reductants are not ascribed to particular species  $X_i^{z_i}$ , considered as hydrates  $X_i^{z_i} \cdot n_i W$  in aqueous ( $W = H_2O$ ) media. The GEB is the immanent part of

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the Generalized Approach to Electrolytic Systems (GATES); the computer software applied to redox systems is denoted as GATES/GEB [6].

Some elements form compounds and species at three or more oxidation degrees. In particular, iodine forms the species on six oxidation degrees (-1, -1/3, 0, 1, 5, 7) of this element. There are possible transitions between different species, associated with change of the oxidation state of the element; the relationship between concentrations of these species is determined by means of the corresponding standard potential value. The relations of another kind are expressed, *inter alia*, by the dissociation constants, ionic product of water, stability constants of complexes, solubility products, and other equilibrium constants. The possibility of these transitions is determined by the kinetics of the relevant reactions [3]; these transitions are defined as the paths of the appropriate chemical reactions [7]. The occurrence of the relevant reaction is possible after crossing the corresponding energy barriers (involved with activation energy), which are associated with the delivery of a sufficient energy to the system, to allow the transition in this system. At shortage of this energy, the system is in a metastable state [6]. When applying the thermodynamic approach, we do not consider the time needed for these reactions to proceed; in this case, the *quasi*-static course of the process is assumed.

From the preliminary, laconic information [24]-[26] one can state that HIO rapidly decomposes by disproportionation  $5HIO = HIO_3 + 2I_2 + 2H_2O$  (in the original notation applied there) and its salts rapidly disproportionate to form iodides and iodates. This information will be verified on the basis of the results of calculations, presented graphically on the corresponding speciation diagrams.

Information about kinetics of HIO disproportionation was presented in [27]-[30].

In the present paper, we refer to disproportionation of hypoiodous acid, HIO, and its salt NaIO; oxidation degree  $+1 \in (-1,7)$ . The calculations are made according to iterative computer program, with the algorithm prepared according to GATES/GEB principles and presented in Appendix. The algorithm contains all the equilibrium constants taken from [31] and referring to forms of iodine and chlorine, used in the calculations related to system, where NaIO is titrated with HCl; in this system, iodine and chlorine are considered as "players" (when perceived from the viewpoint of the Approach I to GEB).

#### 2. Disproportionation in Static Systems

The static systems with C solutions of (1) HIO and (2) NaIO are shown graphically in **Figures 1(a)-(c)** and **Figures 2(a)-(c)** with the values pC =  $-\log$ C on the abscissa. The static system indicate pH, E and  $\log[X_i^{z_i}]$  values related to different concentrations C of the corresponding solutes. The relevant graphs can also be applied to the solutions obtained by gradual dilution of 0.1 mol/L (1) HIO, (2) NaIO and (3) equimolar solution of HIO + NaIO with use of pure water.

#### **2.1. C mol/L HIO**

As results from speciation diagram in **Figure 1**(**a**), in more concentrated HIO solutions, *i.e.*, at lower pC values, the predominating reactions are as follows:

$$5\text{HIO} = 2\mathbf{I}_{2(s)} + \mathbf{IO}_{3}^{-} + 2\mathbf{H}_{2}\mathbf{O} + \mathbf{H}^{+}$$
(1)

$$5HIO = 2I_2 + IO_3^- + 2H_2O + H^+$$
(2)

$$5\text{HIO} = 2(\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}, \mathbf{I}_2) + \text{HIO}_3 + 2\mathbf{H}_2\mathbf{O}$$

with further dilution of HIO solution, reaction (2b) is accompanied, in an increasing degree, by the reaction

$$3\text{HIO} = 2I^{-} + IO_{3}^{-} + 3H^{+}$$
(3)

The change in disproportionation scheme, more significant at pC 4 - 5, resulted in a change of the shapes of the plots: E = E(pC) (Figure 1(b)) and pH = pH(pC) (Figure 1(c)).

#### 2.2. C mol/L NaIO

For different pC values, the disproportionation in C mol/L NaIO proceeds there mainly according to the scheme (see Figure 2(a))



Figure 1. The plots of (a) speciation curves for indicated iodine species  $X_i^{z_i}$  and (b) E vs. pC, (c) pH vs. pC relationships in C mol/L HIO.

$$HIO = IO_{3}^{-} + 2I^{-} + 3H^{+}$$
(4)

where  $[I^-]/[IO_3^-] \cong 2$ . The plots: E = E(pC) and pH = pH(pC) are presented in Figure 2(b) and Figure 2(c), respectively.

## 2.3. Mixture HIO (C mol/L) + NaIO (C mol/L)

During the dilution of equimolar mixture of HIO (C = 0.1 mol/L) + NaIO (C = 0.1 mol/L) with water, in the range of higher C (*i.e.*, lower pC) values we have the disproportionation reactions:

$$5HIO + OH^{-} = IO_{3}^{-} + 2(I_{2(s)}, I_{2}) + 3H_{2}O$$
(5)

$$3\text{HIO} = \text{IO}_{3}^{-} + 2\text{I}^{-} + 3\text{H}^{+} \tag{6}$$

$$4\text{HIO} + 2\text{OH}^{-} = \text{IO}_{3}^{-} + \text{I}_{3}^{-} + 3\text{H}_{2}\text{O}$$
<sup>(7)</sup>

occurring there predominantly, in a comparable degree. Reactions involving IO<sup>-</sup> occur in a much lesser extent. At pC > 2.40,  $I_{2(s)}$  does not exist as an equilibrium solid phase. In very diluted solutions, primarily the reaction (6) takes place.

The curve E = E(pC) passes through a maximum (Figure 3(b)), while the curve pH = pH(pC) passes through



**Figure 2.** The speciation curves (a) for indicated iodine species  $X_i^{z_i}$  and (b) E vs. pC, (c) pH vs. pC relationships in C mol/L NaIO.

a minimum (Figure 3(c)). This is due to the fact that dE/dpC < 0, dpH/dpC > 0 for C mol/L HIO (Figure 1(b), Figure 1(c)), while dE/dpC > 0, dpH/dpC < 0 for C mol/L NaIO (Figure 2(b), Figure 2(c)).

## 3. Disproportionation in Dynamic Systems

In dynamic systems, the related curves will be plotted on graphs with the fraction titrated

$$\Phi = \frac{\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{C}_0 \cdot \mathbf{V}_0} \tag{8}$$

related to addition of V mL of titrant T (C mol/L B) into V<sub>0</sub> mL of titrand D (C<sub>0</sub> mol/L A); A, B-reagents.

#### 3.1. Titration of HIO (C<sub>0</sub>, V<sub>0</sub>) with NaOH (C, V)

The curves plotted at  $V_0 = 10 \text{ mL}$ ,  $C_0 = 0.01 \text{ mol/L}$  and C = 0.1 mol/L, are presented in Figures 4(a)-(c). At the initial part of the titration we have the reactions:

$$5HIO + OH^{-} = 2(\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}, \mathbf{I}_{2}) + IO_{3}^{-} + 3H_{2}O$$
(9)

In the following, at  $\Phi$  ca. 0.20 - 0.22, a pronounced increase in [I<sup>-</sup>] occurs, as a result of reaction

$$3HIO + 3OH^{-} = IO_{3}^{-} + 2I^{-} + 3H_{2}O$$
(10)



**Figure 3.** The speciation curves (a) for indicated iodine species  $X_i^{z_i}$  and (b) E vs. pC, (c) pH vs. pC relationships in equimolar mixture of HIO (C mol/L) + NaIO (C mol/L).

The increase in [I<sup>-</sup>] is accompanied by an increase in  $\begin{bmatrix} I_3^- \end{bmatrix}$  $\left(\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}, \mathbf{I}_2\right) + \mathbf{I}^- = \mathbf{I}_3^-$  (11)

This leads to the gradual disappearance of  $\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}$  (which is ultimately ended at  $\Phi = 0.5347$ ) and lowering of  $[\mathbf{I}_2]$  and  $[\mathbf{I}_3^-]$ ; all they are disproportionated

$$3(\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}, \mathbf{I}_{2}, \mathbf{I}_{3}^{-}) + 6\mathbf{OH}^{-} = \mathbf{IO}_{3}^{-} + (5, 5, 8)\mathbf{I}^{-} + 3\mathbf{H}_{2}\mathbf{O}$$
(12)

At  $[\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}] > 0$ , we have  $[I_2] = s = \text{const}$ ;  $s = 1.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$  is the solubility of  $\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}$  in water, at 20°C (see **Appendix**). Finally, the disproportionation of HIO affected by NaOH can be expressed by the equation

$$3HIO + 3OH^{-} = IO_{3}^{-} + 2I^{-} + 3H_{2}O$$
 (13)

Note that the stoichiometry of the reaction (13) is 3:3 = 1:1, which corresponds to the jump on the curves (4b) and (4c), occuring at  $\Phi = 1$ . For  $\Phi > 1$ , we have  $\begin{bmatrix} I^- \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} IO_3^- \end{bmatrix} = 2$ , *i.e.*, the stoichiometry of the products of reaction (13) equals to 1:2. The jumps on the curves  $E = E(\Phi)$  and  $pH = pH(\Phi)$  (Figure 4(a), Figure 4(b)) occur at  $\Phi$  ca. 0.2 (which corresponds to the stoichiometry 1:5 of the reaction (9)) and at  $\Phi$  ca. 1 (which corresponds to the stoichiometry 3:3 = 1:1 of the reaction (13)); the maxima on the corresponding, derivative curves in Figure 5(a), Figure 5(b) fit exactly the stoichiometric ratios.



**Figure 4.** The speciation curves (a) for indicated iodine species  $X_i^{z_i}$  and (b) E vs. pC, (c) pH vs. pC relationships in for  $V_0 = 10$  mL of  $C_0 = 0.01$  mol/L HIO titrated with C = 0.1 mol/L NaOH.



Figure 5. The (a)  $DpH/D\Phi = (pH_{j+1} - pH_j)/(\Phi_{j+1} - \Phi_j)$ , (b)  $DE/D\Phi = (E_{j+1} - E_j)/(\Phi_{j+1} - \Phi_j)$  vs.  $\Phi = (\Phi_j + \Phi_{j+1})/2$  relationships for the system HIO + NaOH.

#### 3.2. Titration of NaIO (C<sub>0</sub>, V<sub>0</sub>) with HCl (C, V)

The curves plotted at  $V_0 = 10 \text{ mL}$ ,  $C_0 = 0.01 \text{ mol/L NaIO}$  and C = 0.1 mol/L HCl are presented in Figures 6(a)-(d). Initially, the reaction

$$3IO^{-} = IO_{3}^{-} + 2I^{-}$$
(14)

and then the reaction

$$5IO^{-} + 4H^{+} = 2I_{2} + IO_{3}^{-} + 2H_{2}O$$
(15)

occur. Then I<sup>-</sup> from (14) and I<sub>2</sub> from (15) form I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> in the reaction I<sub>2</sub> + I<sup>-</sup> = I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and  $\lfloor I_3^- \rfloor$  increases. At  $\Phi = 0.4654$ ,  $\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}$  appears as the solid phase

$$5IO^{-} + 4H^{+} = 2I_{2(s)} + IO_{3}^{-} + 2H_{2}O$$
(16)

At  $[\mathbf{I}_{2(s)}] > 0$ , we have  $[I_2] = \text{const}$ , as well. The increase in  $[CI^-]$ , resulted from addition of HCl, causes an increase in  $[I_2CI^-]$ , and—to a lesser extent—the increases in  $[ICI_2^-]$  and [ICl]. The addition of HCl lowers pH of the solution, and then [HIO] becomes larger than  $[IO^-]$ ;  $[HIO_3]$  also increases. In effect, the summary concentration  $[HIO] + [IO^-]$  after addition of an excess of HCl is higher than in the starting NaIO solution.

In the algorithm (see Appendix), we have allowed the participation of  $Cl^-$  ions from HCl solution in the redox reaction. However, the concentration of  $Cl_2$  and HClO as the main products of  $Cl^-$  oxidation (Figure 6(b)) is



**Figure 6.** The speciation curves for indicated (a) iodine and (b) chlorine species  $X_i^{z_i}$  and (c) E vs.  $\Phi$ , (d) pH vs.  $\Phi$  relationships in for  $V_0 = 10$  mL of  $C_0 = 0.01$  mol/L NaIO titrated with C = 0.1 mol/L HCl.

quite negligible. This way, one can state that the  $Cl^{-}$  ions practically do not participate the redox reaction as a reducing agent. From linear combination of reactions: (14) and

$$5I^{-} + IO_{3}^{-} + 6H^{+} = 3I_{2(s)} + 3H_{2}O$$
(17)

(multiplication by 5 and 2 resp.), cancellations and division by 3, we get the reaction

$$5IO^{-} + 4H^{+} = IO_{3}^{-} + 2I_{2(s)} + 2H_{2}O$$
(18)

with stoichiometry 4:5 = 0.8, which corresponds to  $\Phi = 4/5 = 0.8$ , where the inflection point on the curves in Figure 6(c) and Figure 6(d) are observed. The  $I^-$  and  $I_3^-$  ions are consumed in reactions: (17) and

$$5I_3^- + IO_3^- + 6H^+ = 8I_{2(s)} + 3H_2O$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

see Figure 6(a).

#### 4. Final Remarks

The disproportionation reactions in the static and dynamic systems with (a) HIO, (b) NaIO, (c) HIO + NaIO were considered. The static systems were equivalent, in principle, with dynamic systems where the related titrand was diluted with pure water. In the dynamic system where NaIO solution was titrated with HCl, chlorine (Cl) was considered as a second "player", *i.e.*, possibility of oxidation of Cl<sup>-</sup>-ions was admitted/pre-assumed. However, as stated on the basis of results of calculations, the concentrations of Cl<sub>2</sub> and HClO as the main products of Cl oxidation are extremely low. On this basis, it can be considered that the IO<sup>-</sup> introduced into the system as NaIO, undergoes disproportionation (not a reduction) reaction. All these calculations were made under assumption that the relevant reactions take place in *quasi*-static manner, under isothermal conditions. The reactions proceeding in the respective systems were formulated under assumption that all equilibrium constants found in the relevant tables (see **Appendix**) and then used in the calculations are correct.

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#### **Appendix**

#### function F = System\_NaIO\_HCl(x);

%NaIO<-HCl % Titration of V0 mL of NaIO (C0) with V mL HCl (C).

global V Vmin Vstep Vmax V0 C C0 fi H OH pH E Kw pKw A aa global I I3 I2 I2s HIO IO HI5O3 I5O3 H5I7O6 H4I7O6 H3I7O6 Na global logI logI3 logI2 logI2s logHIO logIO logHI5O3 logI5O3 logH5I7O6 global logH4I7O6 logH3I7O6 logNa global Cl Cl2 HCIO ClO HCI3O2 Cl3O2 Cl4O2 Cl5O3 Cl7O4 I2Cl ICl ICl2 global logCl logCl2 logHCIO logCl0 logHCI3O2 logCl3O2 logCl4O2 logCl5O3 global logCl7O4 logI2Cl logICl logICl2 pl pCl

E=x(1); pH=x(2); pI=x(3); pCl=x(4);

H=10.^-pH; pKw=14; Kw=10.^-14; OH=Kw./H; I=10.^-pI; Cl=10.^-pCI; A=16.92; ZCl=17; ZL=53;

I2=I.^2.\*10.^(2.\*A.\*(E-0.621)); I3=I.^3.\*10.^(2.\*A.\*(E-0.545)); IO=I.\*10.^(2.\*A.\*(E-0.49)+2.\*pH-2.\*pKw); HIO=I0.\*10.^(10.6-pH); I5O3=I.\*10.^(6.\*A.\*(E-1.08)+6.\*pH); HI5O3=I5O3.\*10.^(0.79-pH); HSI7O6=I.\*10.^(8.\*A.\*(E-1.24)+7.\*pH); H4I7O6=I.\*10.^(8.\*A.\*(E-0.37)+9.\*pH-9.\*pKw);

 $\label{eq:cl2} Cl2=Cl.^2.*10.^(2.*A.*(E-1.359));\\ Cl0=Cl.*10.^(2.*A.*(E-0.88)+2.*pH-2.*pKw);\\ HCl0=Cl0.*10.^(7.3-pH);\\ Cl302=Cl.*10.^(4.*A.*(E-0.77)+4.*pH-4.*pKw);\\ HCl302=Cl.*10.^(4.*A.*(E-1.56)+3.*pH);\\ Cl402=Cl.*10.^(5.*A.*(E-1.5)+4.*pH);\\ Cl503=Cl.*10.^(6.*A.*(E-1.45)+6.*pH);\\ Cl704=Cl.*10.^(8.*A.*(E-1.38)+8.*pH);\\ \end{array}$ 

I2Cl=I2.\*10.^(0.2-pCl); ICl=I2.^0.5.\*10.^(A.\*(E-1.105)-pCl); ICl2=ICl.\*10.^(2.2-pCl); Na=C0.\*V0./(V0+V);

if l2>1.33e-3 l2s=l2-1.33e-3; l2=1.33e-3; aa=1; else aa=0; l2s=0;

end:

%Charge balance F=[(H-OH+Na-I-I3-I0-I5O3-H4I7O6-2.\*H3I7O6-CI-CI0-CI3O2-CI5O3-CI7O4... -I2CI-ICI2); %Concentration balance for I [I+3.\*I3+2.\*(I2+aa.\*I2s)+HI0+I0+HI5O3+I5O3+H5I7O6+H4I7O6+H3I7O6+... 2.\*I2CI+ICI+ICI2-C0.\*V0./(V0+V)); %Concentration balance for Cl (Cl+2.\*Cl2+HCl0+Cl0+HCl3O2+Cl3O2+Cl4O2+Cl5O3+Cl7O4+I2Cl+ICl... +2.\*ICl2-C.\*V./(V0+V)); %Electron balance ((Zl+1).\*l+(3.\*Zl+1).\*l3+2.\*Zl.\*(I2+aa.\*I2s)+(Zl-1).\*(HI0+I0)... +(Zl-5).\*(HI5O3+I5O3)+(Zl-7).\*(H5I7O6+H4I7O6+H3I7O6)+(ZCl+1).\*Cl+... 2.\*ZCl.\*Cl2+(Zcl-1).\*(HCl0+Cl0)+(Zcl-3).\*(HCl3O2+Cl3O2)... +(ZCl-4).\*Cl4O2+(Zcl-5).\*Cl5O3+(Zcl-7).\*Cl7O4+(2.\*Zl+ZCl+1).\*I2Cl+... (Zl+ZCl)\*ICl+(Zl+2.\*Zcl+1).\*ICl2... -((Zl-1).\*C0.\*VO+(Zcl+1).\*C.\*V)./(V0+V))];

logI=log10(I); logI3=log10(I3); logI2=log10(I2); logI2s=log10(I2s); logHIO=log10(HIO); logIO=log10(IO); logHI503=log10(HI503); logI503=log10(I503); logH5I706=log10(H5I706); logH4I706=log10(H4I706); logH1706=log10(H1706); logCl=log10(Cl); logCl2=log10(Cl2); logHClO=log10(HClO); logClO=log10(ClO); logHCl3O2=log10(HCl3O2); logCl3O2=log10(Cl3O2); logCl4O2=log10(Cl4O2); logCl5O3=log10(Cl5O3); logCl7O4=log10(Cl7O4); logI2Cl=log10(I2Cl); logICl=log10(ICl); logICl2=log10(ICl2); logNa=log10(Na); % The end of program



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