

**Polarographic Study of Mixed Ligand Complexes of Pb (II) and Tl (I) with Thioglycerol and Some Amino Acids in 20% Methanol**

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**ABSTRACT**

The mixed ligand complexes of Pb(II) and Tl(I) with thioglycerol (TG) and some amino acids (Glutamic Acid/Asparagine/Glycine/L- methionine) in 20% Methanol have been investigated at the dropping mercury electrode (DME) at constant ionic strength  $KNO_3$  ( $\mu = 1.0M$ ) and  $303 \pm 2K$  temperature. TritonX-100, (0.002%) was used as maximum suppressor. The mixed ligand complexes of Pb(II) and Tl(I) were found to be reversible and diffusion controlled, involving two electrons [Pb(II)] and one electron [Tl(I)] respectively. It was found that only a single mixed ligand entity  $MA_2X_2$  is formed. The stability constants have been evaluated by Souchay and Faucherre's method.

**Keywords:** TG=Thioglycerol, Gly=Glycine, Stability constant etc.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Polarographic behavior of number of organic sulphur compounds has been the subject of considerable investigation. A survey of literature reveals that mercapto acids and other sulphur containing compounds with active-SH group have gained importance in the fields of pharmaceutical, biological and analytical chemistry[1-2] and in the sphere of coordination chemistry[3]. Biological active metal complexes with amino acids are also important in diverse disciplines and have been studied by many coworkers [4-7]. As a part of our investigation of mixed ligand complexes of mercaptans and carboxylic ligands with various metal ions[8], the present mixed ligand system with Pb(II) and Tl(I) have been studied polarographically using TG and amino acids as mixed ligands.

Table-1: Mixed ligand system with Pb(II) at  $(303 \pm 2K)$   $\Delta E_{1/2}$  (Pb(II) metal ion)=0.446 volts, id Pb(II) metal ion)= $3.52 \mu A$  in 20% ( $\sqrt{V}$ )MeOH

Concentration of mixed ligands ( $X10^{-2}M$ )		TG+Glycine system		TG+Glutamic acid system		TG+Asparagine system		TG+ L-Methionine system	
$C_A$	$C_X$	$I_S/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts	$I_S/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts	$I_S/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts	$I_S/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts
1.0	4.0	1.097	0.2242	1.121	0.2265	1.380	0.1892	1.048	0.1996
2.0	4.0	1.080	0.2369	1.066	0.2388	1.150	0.2027	1.504	0.2142
4.0	4.0	1.063	0.2507	1.006	0.2489	0.983	0.2127	1.035	0.2273
6.0	4.0	0.718	0.2578	0.951	0.2565	1.063	0.2209	0.980	0.2338
8.0	4.0	0.683	0.2629	1.150	0.2630	1.107	0.2271	1.181	0.2378
4.0	1.0	1.110	0.2104	1.060	0.2078	1.760	0.1803	1.048	0.1946
4.0	2.0	0.871	0.2305	1.121	0.2285	0.939	0.1971	0.988	0.2108
4.0	6.0	1.436	0.2629	1.143	0.2628	1.135	0.2240	0.907	0.2368
4.0	8.0	1.051	0.2704	1.419	0.2713	1.086	0.2308	1.197	0.2433

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Thioglycerol (95% Evan's chemetics, Inc N.Y.) and sodium salts of amino acids were used as complexing agents. All other reagents used were of AR grade. Stock solutions were prepared in double distilled water. Freshly prepared solutions were always used to avoid effect of ageing and hydrolysis. TritonX-100 (0.002%) was used as maximum suppressor and  $KNO_3$  ( $\mu=1.0M$ ) as supporting electrolyte. An automatic polaroscan systronic (India) 1634 with a saturated calomel electrode as a reference electrode and platinum electrode as an auxiliary electrode was used for determining current-voltage curve. The capillary characteristics in  $KNO_3$  ( $\mu=1.0M$ ) at  $E_{d.e.} = -0.60$  volts vs. SCE,

$m^{2/3}t^{1/6} = 2.9241 \text{ mg}^{2/3} \text{ sec}^{-1/2}$  ( $h=55\text{cm}$ ) at  $303 \pm 2\text{K}$ . All measurements were done with the cell immersed in a thermostatic bath, controlled at the desired temperature.  $\text{N}_2$  was used for de aeration.

Formation of mixed ligand complexes were studied at  $303\pm 2\text{K}$  by scanning polarograms of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  or  $\text{TlNO}_3$  at constant ionic strength ( $\mu = 1.0\text{M}$ )  $\text{KNO}_3$  and 0.002% TritonX-100 as maximum suppressor for two different sets of different ligand composition in 20% ( $v/v$ ) MeOH. Metal ligand compositions of two different sets were:

**Set-I:** 0.3mM  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  or  $\text{TlNO}_3$ , 0.002% TritonX-100 and  $\text{KNO}_3$  ( $\mu=1.0\text{M}$ ) with constant concentrations of amino acids ( $C_X = 40\text{mM}$ ) and varying concentration of TG ( $C_A = 10\text{mM}$  to  $80\text{mM}$ )

**Set-II:** 0.3mM of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  or  $\text{TlNO}_3$ , .002% TritonX-100 and  $\text{KNO}_3$  ( $\mu=1.0\text{M}$ ) with constant concentration of TG( $C_A = 40\text{mM}$ ) and varying concentration of amino acids ( $C_X = 10\text{mM}$  to  $80\text{mM}$ )

Table-2: Mixed ligand system with Tl(I) at  $(303 \pm 2\text{K}) \Delta E_{1/2}$  (Tl(I) metal ion)=0.495 volts,  $i_d$  (Tl(I) metal ion)=4.4 $\mu\text{A}$  in 20% ( $v/v$ )MeOH

Concentration of mixed ligands ( $\times 10^{-2}\text{M}$ )		TG+Glycine system		TG+Glutamic acid system		TG+Asparagine system		TG+ L-Methionine system	
$C_A$	$C_X$	$I_s/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts	$I_s/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts	$I_s/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts	$I_s/I_C$	$\Delta E_{1/2}$ Volts
1.0	4.0	1.180	0.2472	1.298	0.2427	1.092	0.1973	1.321	0.2322
2.0	4.0	1.306	0.2706	1.192	0.2643	1.257	0.2206	1.205	0.2496
4.0	4.0	1.111	0.2913	1.116	0.2855	1.571	0.2472	1.226	0.2708
6.0	4.0	0.887	0.3059	1.113	0.2998	1.016	0.2594	1.063	0.2884
8.0	4.0	1.114	0.3111	1.157	0.3110	1.033	0.2692	0.954	0.2922
4.0	1.0	1.002	0.2562	1.125	0.2400	2.065	0.2017	1.268	0.2241
4.0	2.0	1.173	0.2679	1.100	0.2632	1.264	0.2208	1.012	0.2461
4.0	6.0	0.854	0.2989	1.246	0.3052	1.091	0.2612	1.286	0.2855
4.0	8.0	1.021	0.3039	1.134	0.3140	1.100	0.2658	1.128	0.3005

Table-3:

S. No.	TG+Glycine system with		TG+Glutamic acid system with		TG+Asparagine system with		TG+ L-Methionine system with	
	Pb(II)	Tl(I)	Pb(II)	Tl(I)	Pb(II)	Tl(I)	Pb(II)	Tl(I)
Coordination number "i" of ligand A	1.39	1.24	1.35	1.22	1.38	1.22	1.39	1.13
Coordination number "j" of ligand X	2.25	0.98	2.36	1.20	2.14	1.20	1.80	1.33
Mean $\log K_{MA_i X_j}$	12.62	7.69	12.61	7.67	11.42	6.92	11.84	7.39

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Linear plots of  $i_d$  vs.  $h_{\text{eff}}^{1/2}$  passing through the origin established the diffusion controlled nature in each case. All the

plots of  $\log \frac{i}{i_d - i}$  vs.  $-E_{d,e}$  yielded straight line with mean values of the slope of  $30\pm 2\text{mv}$  for Pb (II) and  $60\pm 2\text{mv}$

for Tl (I) system showing the reversibility of the reduction.  $E_{1/2}$  Values were found to shift towards more negative values with increasing concentrations of mixed ligand, showing the complex formation (Table-1 and 2).

Souchay and Faucherre [9] derived an equation, where metal ion form complex with two ligand species simultaneously in solution. If the complexing reaction of the following type is considered:



and with the restriction that a single mixed ligand entity  $MA_iX_j$  is formed, the shift in the  $E_{1/2}$  of the polarographic wave of the metal ion as a function of the concentration of the added reagents A and X is given by

$$\Delta E_{1/2} = \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log \left[ \frac{D_{\text{free}}}{D_{\text{comp}}} \right]^{1/2} - \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log K_{MA_iX_j} - i \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log C_A - j \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log C_X \quad (2)$$

The ratio  $(D_{\text{free}}/D_{\text{comp}})$  was obtained from the value of limiting current, From plots of  $\Delta E_{1/2}$  V/s  $-\log C_A$  with  $C_X$  constant and  $\Delta E_{1/2}$  V/s  $-\log C_X$  with  $C_A$  kept constant, values for “i” and “j” can be obtained by intersect method, because on differentiation

$$\left[ \frac{\partial(\Delta E_{1/2})}{\partial(\log C_A)} \right]_{C_X} = -i \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \quad (3)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial(\Delta E_{1/2})}{\partial(\log C_X)} \right]_{C_A} = -j \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \quad (4)$$

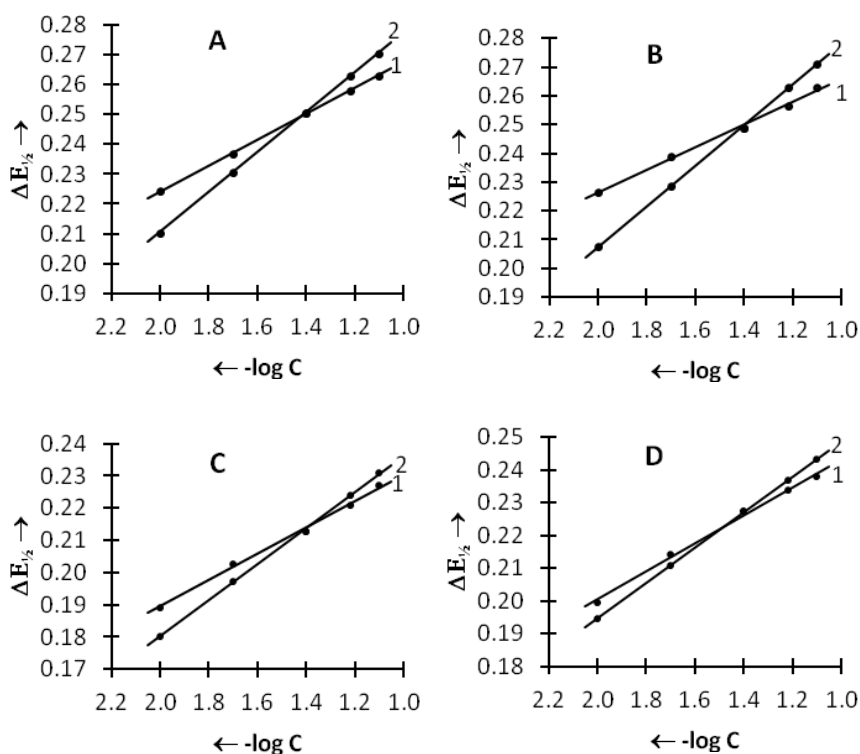


Fig.-1: Plots of  $\Delta E_{1/2}$  as a function of  $-\log C$  in 20% ( $V/V$ ) MeOH for Complexes of Pb(II) with (A) TG + Glycine (B) TG + Glutamic Acid (C) TG + Asparagine (D) TG + L-Methionine Systems  
[Where, Curve-1 represents varying concentrations of  $C_A$  (TG) and constant concentration of  $C_X$  (amino acids)  
Curve-2 represents varying concentrations of  $C_X$  (amino acids) and constant concentration of  $C_A$  (TG)]

Straight lines (Fig.-1,2, Curve-1 represents varying concentrations of  $C_A$  (TG) and constant concentration of  $C_X$  (Glycine/ Glutamic Acid/ Asparagine/ L-Methionine) and Curve-2 represents varying concentrations of  $C_X$  (Glycine/ Glutamic Acid/ Asparagine/ L-Methionine) and constant concentration of  $C_A$  (TG)) and thus established the

formation of single mixed ligand entity. The coordination numbers “i” and “j” of the ligands A and X are determined from the plots of Fig.-1 and 2 and the value of “i” and “j” are given in Table-3.

Substituting the whole value of “i” and “j”, the stability constants  $\log K_{MA_iX_j}$  of the ligand complexes are determined using equation (2) and are given in Table-3.

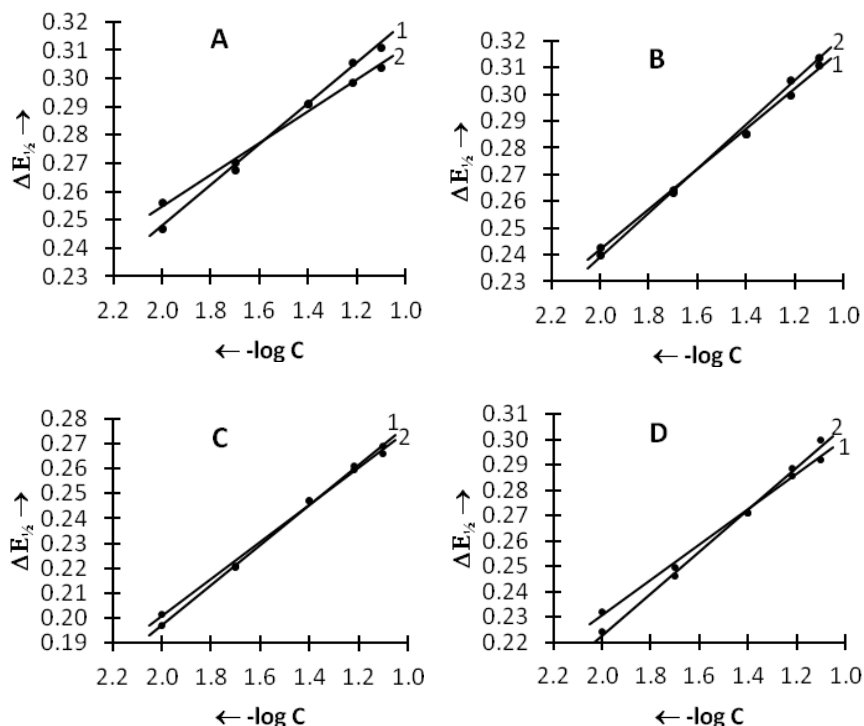


Fig.-2: Plots of  $\Delta E_{1/2}$  as a function of  $-\log C$  in 20% (v/v) MeOH for Complexes of Tl(I) with (A) TG + Glycine (B) TG + Glutamic Acid (C) TG + Asparagine (D) TG + L-Methionine Systems

[Where, Curve-1 represents varying concentrations of  $C_A$  (TG) and constant concentration of  $C_X$  (amino acids)  
Curve-2 represents varying concentrations of  $C_X$  (amino acids) and constant concentration of  $C_A$  (TG) ]

## CONCLUSION

The present investigation clearly reveals the formation of only single mixed ligand species ( $PbAX_2$ ) of Pb(II) and (TlAX) of Tl(I) with TG and amino acids in 20% (v/v) MeOH medium.

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