## Answer on Question #71395 – Chemistry – General Chemistry

When chlorine is bubbled through an ethanol solution of [NEt<sub>4</sub>]I a bright yellow precipitate results. Elemental analysis of the product reveals that it contains 3.51% nitrogen. Use this information to elucidate the product of this reaction. Write a balanced equation for the reaction and use VSEPR theory to predict the structure of the solid. What is the oxidation state of iodine at the end of the reaction?

## Solution:

 $[NEt_{4}][ICl_{x}]$   $w(N) = \frac{Ar(N)}{Ar(N) + Mr(Et4) + Ar(I) + x \times Ar(Cl)} = \frac{14}{14 + (12 \times 2 + 4) \times 4 + 127 + x \times 35.5} = 0.0351$   $0.0351 \times (253 + 35.5 \times x) = 14$  x = 4  $[NEt_{4}][ICl_{4}]$   $[NEt_{4}]I + 2Cl_{2} \rightarrow [NEt_{4}][ICl_{4}]$ Square planar structure
oxidation state of iodine (I) = +3

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