



THERMAL STUDIES OF SOME TRANSITION METAL COMPLEXES OF NITRO DERIVATIVE OF PHENYLAZO-ETHYLACETOACETATE

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ABSTRACT

This paper is a continuation of the research work on nitrophenylazoethylacetoacetate complexes and particularly emphasizes the structural characterization of the complexes by thermal analysis (TG and DTA). Thermal analysis shows not only the structural changes of the complexes during thermal treatment, but also the mode of coordination as well as geometry of the coordination sphere of complexes, the structure of which had not been determined by X-ray analysis. Nitrophenylazoethylacetoacetate complexes of the type $M(\text{NO}_2\text{-PAEA})_n$, where M is ZrO(IV), Th(IV), Zn(II) and Cd(II), n is the valency of the metal, and $\text{NO}_2\text{-HPAEA}$ is nitrophenylazoethylacetoacetate, have been studied thermally. The

object of the study is to investigate water of hydration, coordinated water and thermal stability of the complexes by Thermogravimetry (TG) and Differential thermal analysis (DTA). Also parameters like activation energy of decomposition reaction and order of reaction are calculated by use of Freeman Carroll's equation.

KEYWORDS: Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), Entropy change, Order of the reaction, Freeman-Carroll method.

INTRODUCTION

There has been a growing interest in the study of hydrazones because of their physiological activity, coordinative ability and applications in analytical chemistry.^[1,2] The coordination chemistry of nitro-oxygen donor ligands is an interesting area of research. A great deal of attention in these areas has been focused on the complexes formed by transition metal ions with hydrazones. Hydrazones themselves are useful chelating agents and are of biological importance. Further coordination compounds containing hydrazone ligands have been

reported to act as inhibitors of enzymes and antifungal/antibacterial agents. Also they have remarkable applications in diverse areas such as non-linear optics, magnetochemistry, molecular sensors and wide range of biological applications.^[3-5] The thermal degradation studies of complexes have become a subject of recent interest. It is an important property of the complexes, which decides the thermal stability of the complexes. The study of thermal behaviour of complexes in air at different temperatures provides important information about its practical applicability. Yaul, Dhande et al studied the thermal decomposition of the complexes of aroyl hydrazones^[6] and found that the thermal decomposition of the complexes follow first order kinetics. The thermal decomposition of these complexes were studied kinetically using both Coats-Redfern and Horowitz-Metzer methods. We have earlier reported synthesis and spectroscopic studies of ZrO(IV), Th(IV), Zn(II) and Cd(II) complexes of nitrophenylazoethylacetoacetate. In this paper the above complexes were subjected to thermal analysis and various kinetic parameters were calculated using Freeman-Carroll method.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All reagents and chemical were used as AR grade.

Preparation of Ligand and the metal complexes

The ligand nitrophenylazoethylacetoacetate NO₂-HPAEA (Structure 1) was prepared by standard method as described in the earlier paper. The ZrO(IV), Th(IV), Zn(II) and Cd(II) complexes of NO₂-HPAEA were prepared by standard methods. 0.01 molar solution of the metal salt was prepared in 80:20 alcohol water medium. To this 0.02 molar solution of the reagent NO₂-HPAEA in the same medium was added by constant stirring so that the reaction mixture contained metal to ligand molar ratio as 1:2. The 1:2 molar ratio of metal to ligand was confirmed by conductance measurements & by Job's method. The pH of the reaction mixture was slowly raised by adding very dilute liquor NH₃ solution. Complex was separated. It was dried in oven at 70 °C.^[7]

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

THERMAL ANALYSIS

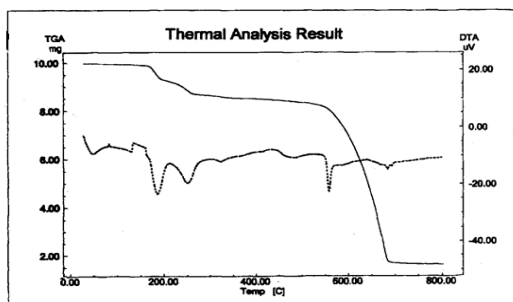
The thermal analysis of the complexes was studied by TG (thermogravimetry) and DTA (differential thermal analysis) by heating them in air at a rate of 10°C/min.

Thermogravimetric studies of the complex $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_2\text{-PAEA})_2$ showed that the complex decomposes in three stages.^[8,9] The first stage of decomposition was observed from 170°C , corresponding to 8% amounting to the loss of two C_2H_5 groups, second stage of decomposition was observed at 227°C corresponding to 5% amounting to the loss of two CH_3 groups and the third stage of decomposition is observed at 553°C corresponding to 67% amounting to loss of two groups of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}_2$, two groups of CO_2 , two groups of CO and two groups of NO_2 . The residue obtained is CdO .^[10-12]

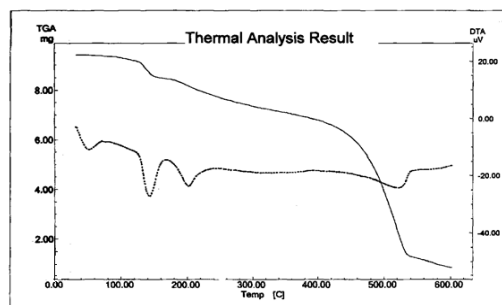
Thermogravimetric studies of the complex $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_2\text{-PAEA})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ showed that the complex decomposes in three stages. The first stage of decomposition was observed at $125\text{-}150^\circ\text{C}$, corresponding to 5.55%, decomposition amounting to the loss of two lattice H_2O groups. The second stage of decomposition is observed from 165°C corresponding to 8.42%, decomposition amounting to the loss of two groups of C_2H_5 and the third stage of decomposition is observed at 470°C corresponding to loss of two $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}_2$, two groups of CH_3 , two groups of CO_2 (5.19%), and two groups of CO and two groups of NO_2 (total weight loss of 72.63%). The residue of ZnO is obtained.^[11-13]

Thermogravimetric studies of the complex $\text{Th}(\text{NO}_2\text{-PAEA})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ showed that the complex decomposes in three stages. The first stage of decomposition was observed at $160\text{-}260^\circ\text{C}$, corresponding to 4.36%, decomposition amounting to the loss of two coordinated H_2O molecules. The second stage of decomposition is observed from 282°C corresponding to loss of two groups of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}_2$ and two groups of C_2H_5 (weight loss of 31.72%). The third stage of decomposition is observed at 548°C corresponding to loss of two groups of CH_3 , two groups of CO_2 , two groups of NO_2 and two groups of CO (total weight loss of 32.75%). The residue remaining is ThO_2 .^[14-16]

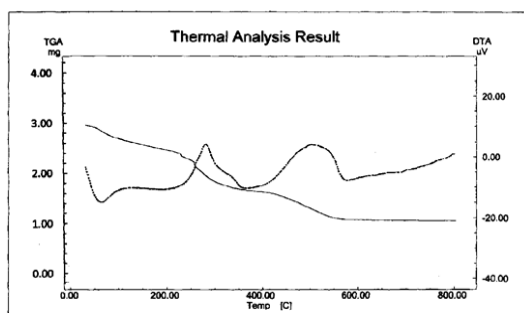
Thermogravimetric studies of the complex $[\text{Zr}(\text{NO}_2\text{-PAEA})_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ showed that the complex decomposes in three stages. The first stage of decomposition was observed at $82\text{-}150^\circ\text{C}$, corresponding to 10%, decomposition amounting to the loss of four lattice H_2O molecules.^[17,18] The second stage of decomposition is observed at 260°C corresponding to loss of two groups of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}_2$ and loss of two groups of C_2H_5 (loss of 35.55%). The third stage of decomposition is observed at 515°C corresponding to loss of two groups of CH_3 , two groups of NO_2 , two groups of CO_2 and two groups of CO (loss of 35.55%). Residue remaining is ZrO_2 .^[14-16]



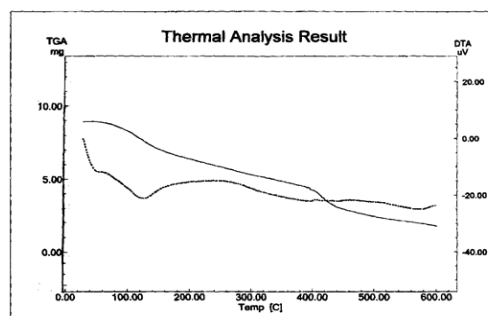
TG-DTA curve of Cd(II) complex of NO₂-HPAEA



TG-DTA curve of Zn(II) complex of NO₂-HPAEA



TG-DTA curve of Th(IV) complex of NO₂-HPAEA



TG-DTA curve of ZrO(IV) complex of NO₂-HPAEA

EVALUATION OF KINETIC PARAMETERS

For evaluating the kinetic parameters, such as Order of reaction 'n' and Activation Energy 'E_a' method described by Freeman and Carroll has been adopted.

Freeman Carroll method

The straight line equation derived by Freeman and Carroll¹⁹, which is in the form of n

$$\frac{[\Delta \log (dw / dt)]}{\Delta \log W_r} = \frac{(-E_a)}{2.303R} \times \frac{\Delta (1/T)}{\Delta \log W_r} + n$$

Where, dw/dt = rate of change of weight with time.

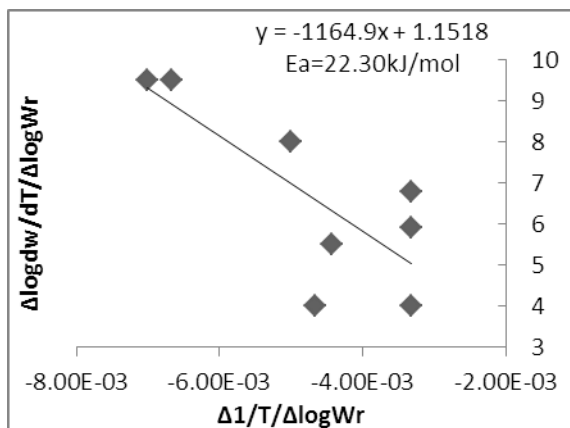
W_r = W_c-W, W_c = weight loss at completion of reaction.

W = fraction of weight loss at time t.

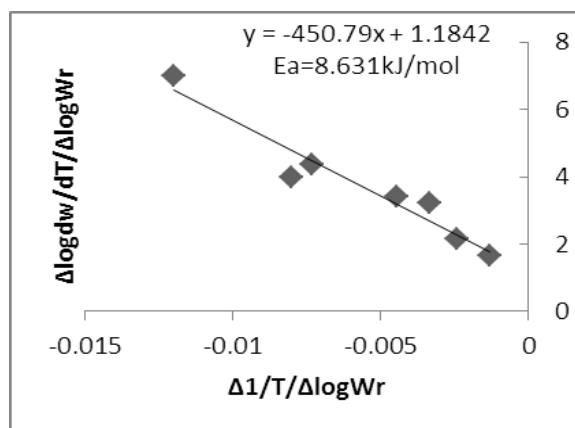
E_a = energy of activation.

n = order of reaction.

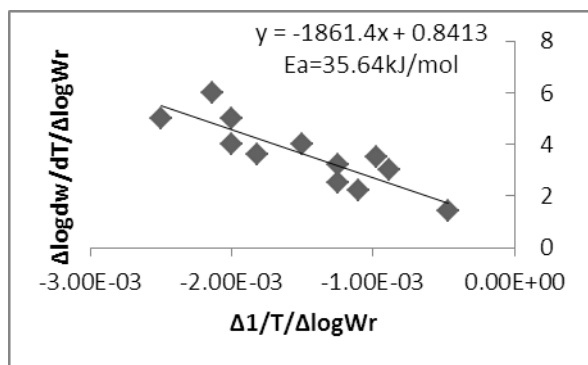
The plot between the terms $[\Delta \log (dw/dT)] / \Delta \log W_r$ v/s $\Delta (1/T) / \Delta \log W_r$ gives a straight line from which slope we obtained energy of activation (E_a) and intercept on Y-axis as order of reaction (n).



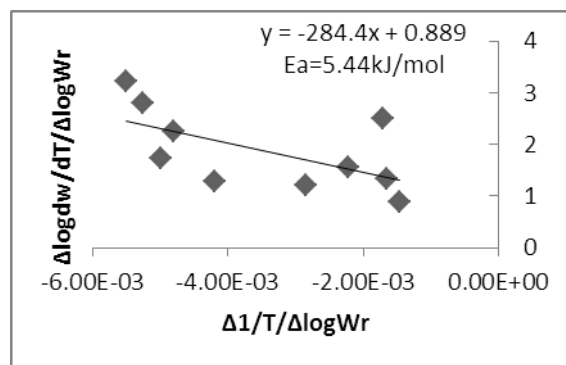
**FREEMAN-CARROLL PLOT of
Cd(II) complex of NO₂-HPAEA**



**FREEMAN-CARROLL PLOT of
Zn(II) complex of NO₂-HPAEA**



**FREEMAN-CARROLL PLOT of
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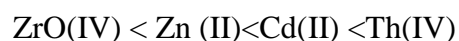
**FREEMAN-CARROLL PLOT of
ZrO(IV) complex of NO₂-HPAEA**

THERMAL DATA OF THE COMPLEXES

| Complexes | Freeman Carroll method | |
|--|------------------------|-------|
| | Ea in kJ/mol | n |
| Cd(NO ₂ -HPAEA) ₂ | 22.3 | 1.15 |
| Zn(NO ₂ -HPAEA) ₂ | 8.631 | 1.18 |
| Th(NO ₂ -HPAEA) ₂ | 35.64 | 0.84 |
| ZrO(NO ₂ -HPAEA) ₂ | 5.43 | 0.889 |

The analysis of data using the Freeman-Carroll equation gives the order of the decomposition reaction near unity for these complexes.

The relative thermal stability of the complexes (on the basis of Ea) is found to be



CONCLUSION

The results of thermal analysis TG-DTA are in good agreement with the theoretical formula and suggested structure of the complexes i.e. square pyramidal structure for ZrO(IV) complex, octahedral structure for Th(IV) complex and tetrahedral structures for the Zn (II) and Cd(II) complexes of this ligand. It also confirms presence or absence of water molecules in the complexes. The initial loss upto 150°C in the Zn(II) and ZrO(IV) complexes corresponds to loss of lattice water whereas in the Th(IV) complexes loss between 170-240 °C corresponds to loss of coordinated water. The loss of organic moieties shows a steep decrease in the TG-DTA curves of all the metal complexes. Final residue in all the complexes is the metal oxide of the corresponding metal complexes.

Freeman Carroll equation was used to calculate 'Energy of Activation' and order of reaction of all the complexes. The analysis of data using the Freeman-Carroll equation gives the order of the decomposition reaction near unity for these complexes.

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