# Thermal Decomposition Kinetic Studies of Nickel Complexes

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**Abstract:** The kinetic parameters are determined firstly using Freeman and Carroll method and the results are compared with the data developed by Zsako Procedure. A short experimental technique for recording the thermogravimetric curves for the complexes on a NETZSCH Simultaneous Thermal Analyzer STA-409 has also been discussed here. The existing Percentage weight of the complex at equal temperature intervals i.e.,  $10^{\circ}$ C were noted directly from TG curve for a particular stage of thermal decomposition A plot of  $\Delta \log dw / dt / \Delta \log w$ , versus T-1 x  $10-3 / \Delta \log W$  has been drawn for the stage of decomposition under consideration.

**Background**: The coordination chemistry of transition metal and their derivatives have been widely studied due to their biological importance(l-3), Transition metal complexes have been used in antifungal(4), antibacterial(5), antitumor(6), antiviral(7), antimalarial(8), hypotensive and hypothermic(9-10) reagents. Research study indicates that a cycle ligand containing nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur donor atoms in their structure can, acts as effective chelating agents for transition metal ion(11), It is observed that when the drugs are administered as metal chelate there is increase in activity.

*Materials and Methods*: 50 ml of ligand (0.02 M) in ethanol was mixed with 50 ml of Nickel Bromide (0.01 ml) in ethanol. The resulting mixture was refluxed was half hour on a steam bath. Dark green colour precipitate was obtained. The precipitate was filtered off with the help of filter paper and washed with ethanol and dried in a desiccator over anhydrous CaCl2.

**Results**: The straight line obtained is suggestive of the order of reaction from their intercept on Y-axis and the activation energy is equal to 2.303 R x slope. Freeman and Carroll had suggested that a good straight line is obtained, however, in the present cases remarkable deviations have many times been observed Possibly on account of experimental factors, compactness, particle size etc. over which were there no controls.

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### I. Introduction

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The transition elements and main group elements can form coordination compounds, or complexes, in which a central metal atom or ion is bonded to one or more ligands by coordinate covalent bonds. Ligands with more than one donor atom are called polydentate ligands and form chelates. The common geometries found in complexes are tetrahedral and square planar (both with a coordination number of four) and octahedral (with a coordination number of six). Cis and trans configurations are possible in some octahedral and square planar complexes. In addition to these geometrical isomers, optical isomers (molecules or ions that are mirror images but not superimposable) are possible in certain octahedral complexes. Coordination complexes have a wide variety of uses including oxygen transport in blood, water purification, and pharmaceutical use.

Reaction of the 1, 2, 3, 4 - thiatriazoles have been studied to a limited I degree after the structure of the ring system was firmly established in 1957(19), The pertinent chemistry much of it being thermal decomposition studied of the fairly labial ring has been reviewed by Jensen(20-21). and by Holm(22). The known reaction of the 5-amino - 1, 2, 3, 4 - thiatriazoles are even more limited consisting of rearrangement and

decomposition under basic and acidic condition acylation on the 5 amino nitrogen and alkylation in the 4 position or on S-amino nitrogen 5- Anilino - 1, 2, 3, 4 - thiatriazole (5-ATT) was one of the most active analogues in the series. From the viewpoint of toxicity p-amino phenol was the preferred metabolite 5 - (p-Hydroxynation) - 1,2,3,4 - thiatriazole (p-HT) (fig. I) was them proposed more desirable antihypertensive agent.

A large number of Schiff bases and their complexes have been studied for their important properties e.g. their ability to reversibly bind oxygen transfer of an amino group and complexing ability towards some toxic metals(12-14), Transition metal complexes which usually contain nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen as ligand atoms are becoming increasingly important because these Schiff base can bind with different metals centres involving various coordination site and allow successful synthesis of metallic complexes with interesting stereochemistry(15-18), Heterocyclic compound are widely distributed in the nature and essential to many biochemical, analytical and industrial processes. The Schiff base have been widely studied in the field of coordination chemistry mainly due to their facile synthesis, easily availability, electronic properties and good solubility in common solvents.

#### **II.** Material and Methods

50 ml of ligand (0.02 M) in ethanol was mixed with 50 ml of Nickel Bromide (0.01 ml) in ethanol. The resulting mixture was refluxed was half hour on a steam bath. Dark green colour precipitate was obtained. The precipitate was filtered off with the help of filter paper and washed with ethanol and dried in a desiccator over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. 45 ml ligand (0.02 M) in ethanol was mixed with 45 ml Mercurous Acetate (0.01 M) in ethanol. The resulting mixture was refluxed for half hour. The colour was change into cream colour. The product was collected on a filter paper md washed with ethanol. The complex was finally dried in desiccator over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. 40 ml of ligand (0.02 M) in ethanol was mixed with 40 ml lead bromide (0.01 M) in ethanol. The resulting mixture was refluxed for half hour on a steam bath. The colour was changed into cream colour. The product was collected on a filter paper and washed with ethanol. The complex was finally dried in desiccator over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. 40 ml of ligand (0.02 M) in ethanol was mixed with 40 ml lead bromide (0.01 M) in ethanol. The resulting mixture was refluxed for half hour on a steam bath. The colour was changed into cream colour. The product was collected on a filter paper and washed with ethanol. The complex was finally dried in desiccator over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>.

A weighted amount of nickel complex was taken and decomposed by repeated evaporation with perchloric acid and concentrated nitric acid mixture. The decomposed product was treated with concentrated Hydrochloric acid and evaporated almost to dryness. It was diluted with water and the Nickel content was precipitated as Nickel dimethylglyoximate in ammoniacal medium. The bright red precipitate was filtered, washed with Water, dried at 105°-110°C in air oven and weighted as Ni(C4H7N202)2. The amount of Nickel was calculated by multiplying the weight of the precipitate with the chemical factor 0.20314.

An accurately weighted quantity (0.5-0.209) of (the powdered complex was placed in 500 ml capacity round bottom flask containing 2 ml of liquid bromine and 20-30 ml. concentrated nitric acid. The mouth of the flask was covered by conical funnel. The contents of flask were strongly refluxed for an hour over steam bath to a small volume. This process was repeated twice by the addition of the same amount of bromine and nitric acid and heating was continued until the solution was clear. Insoluble residue was removed by diluting the solution with excess of water and filtering the solution while hot. The solution was cooled and transferred into a beaker. Sulphate formed on account of oxidation was precipitate as barium sulphate. The precipitate was filtered, washed till free from ionic impurities, dried and weighed as barium sulphate. The gravimetric factor for sulphate is 0.13737.

The Bromine content of the complexes was determined as silver chloride on addition of silver nitrate to solution of the compound dissolved in Bromide free dilute HNO3. In case compound were insoluble in dilute nitric acid the complex was initially fused with fusion mixture, extracted with hot water and then acidified with dil. HNO3 the conversion factor for evaluating Bromide is 0.24734.

#### III. Result and Discussion

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Thermal degradation pattern of this complex is as shown in Table-1

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S. No.	Temp. range (°c)	Species degraded	% Weight loss			
			Found	Cal	_	
1.	100 - 120	Loss of moisture and 2 Br - ion	14.10	11.78	_	
2.	250 - 310	Loss of whole ligand moiety	74.17	71.56	_	
3	320	NiO formation	12.05	12.20		

Table-1: Thermoanalyti	cal data and decompo	osition temperature f	or [NiL <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]: -
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Freeman and Carroll graphical method was primarily employed to evaluate the order of reaction and activation energy for the first stage of decomposition. In the selected stage of thermal decomposition, the existing weights

of the complex at equal temperature interval 10°C were noted as well as  $\frac{\Delta T^{-1} X 10^{-3}}{\Delta \log Wr}$  were calculated and

tabulated in Table-II.

Where Wr = Wc - W

Wc = Weight loss at completion of reaction

W = Total weight loss up to time T.

S. No.	Temp.	Weight	$\frac{\Delta \log \left(\frac{dw}{dt}\right)}{\Delta \log Wr}$	$\frac{\Delta T^{-1} X 10^{-3}}{\Delta \log Wr}$
1	150	3.67197	3.41925	1.79492
2	160	3.64645	4.29935	2.07683
3	170	3.60597	-2.99586	1.43727
4	180	3.53758	-2.81142	0.94889
5	190	3.42591	-1.08142	0.35171
6	200	3.26904	-0.42427	0.13124
7	210	3.14530	0.06858	0.03999

Initial weight at  $130^{\circ}C = 3.77142$  mg.

Final weight al 
$$220^{\circ}$$
C = 3.14128 mg.

The plot  $\frac{\Delta \log (dw/dt)}{\Delta \log Wr}$  versus  $\frac{\Delta T^{-1} X 10^{-3}}{\Delta \log Wr}$  gave straight line with an intercept at 0.2 and applying E<sub>a</sub> = 2.303 R x

Slope gave the values of activation energy to be equal to 12.81 Kcal / mole.

The same values for different weights taken at different temperature were subjected to the Zsako method. The weight of the compound at different temperatures as noted from the TG curves in the earlier procedure were used for the calculation with the help of following relations.

 $\alpha = \frac{W_0 - W_t}{W_0 - W_t}$  $W_0 - W_f$ 

Where  $W_0 =$  Initial weight  $W_f = final weight$ W=Actual Weight

The log F(a) values are tabulated in Table - III

Table- III: Data of log $F(\alpha)$ values for the cor	nplex [Ni <sub>2</sub> L <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ] at different temperatures.
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S. No.	Temp.	Weight	$\alpha = \frac{W_0 - W_t}{W_0 - W_f}$	log α	$Log(ln\frac{1}{1-\alpha})$	$\operatorname{Log}\left(\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right)$
1	140 '	3.71886	0.08340	-1.07870	-1.06000	-1.04095
2	150	3.67797	0.14830	-0.82885	-0.79446	-0.75914
3	160	3.64645	0.19832	-0.70263	-0.65551	-0.60663
4	170	3.60597	0.26256	-0.58077	-0.51631	-0.44849
5	180	3.53758	0.37109	-0.43052	-0.33370	-0.22910
6	190	3.42591	0.54830	-0.26098	-0.09977	0.08416
7	200	3.26904	0.79725	-0.09840	0.20297	0.59463
8	210	3.14530	0.99362	-0.00277	0.70368	2.1923

The  $\beta_0$  values for different order of reaction were calculated by the following equation.

 $\beta_0 = \log a - \log p(x)$ 

 $\beta_1 = \log (\ln 1 / 1 - \alpha) - \log p(x)$ 

 $\beta_2 = \log (\alpha / 1 - \alpha) - \log p(x)$ 

The value of - log p(x) was noted from Zsako table for temperature from 100-430°C for energy of activation from 10-66 kcal / mole.

The value of log f(a) was used to evaluate the value of  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  for different activation energies at all the temperatures. The calculated values of

ultimately used to get the 6 min. values for all three presumed order of reaction. All the data obtained are given in the Table-IV, V and VI.

S. No.	Temp.	10 k cal	12 kcal	14 k cal		
1	140	6.44430	7.65230	8.83830		
2	150	6.55015	7.73615	8.89615		
3	160	6.53837	7.69937	8.83437		
4	170	6.52923	7.66323	8.77623		
5	180	6.55348	7.66548	8.75548		
6	190	6.60102	7.69202	8.76402		
7	200	6.64560	7.71960	8.76560		
8	210	6.62923	7.68023	8.71423		
	Average $(\overline{\beta_0})$	6.56192	7.68854	8.79304		
	Standard Deviation ( $\delta_0$ )	0.05984	0.02719	0.05464		

#### Table - IV: Calculation of $\beta_0$ for different activation energies and $\delta_0$ , values at different temperature for [Ni<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>]:-

#### Table- V: Calculation of $\beta_1$ , for different activation energies and $\delta_1$ , values at different temperature for [Ni<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>] complex.

S.No.	Temp.	16 k cal	18 kcal	20 k cal
1	140	10.03000	11.18300	12.33100
2	150	10.07054	11.20254	12.32354
3	160	10.00349	11.10949	12.20449
4	170	9.94168	11.02569	12.09869
5	180	9.92730	10.99430	12.04630
6	190	9.97823	11.01823	12.05323
7	200	10.10297	11.12597	12.13797
8	210	10.43368	11.43468	12.43068
	Average $(\overline{\beta_1})$	10.06098	11.13673	12.20323
	Standard Deviation $(\delta_1)$	0.15164	0.13358	0.13455

#### Table- VI: Calculation of $\beta_2$ , for different activation energies and $\delta_2$ , values at different temperature for [Ni<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>] complex.

S.No.	Temp.	30 k cal	32 kcal	34 k cal
1	140	17.98205	19.09505	20.20705
2	150	17.86886	18.95686	20.04286
3.	160	17.64537	18.70837	19.76937
4	170	17.44151	18.48151	19.52551
5	180	17.31590	18.33490	19.34990
6	190	17.29816	18.29516	19.28916
7	200	17.49063	18.47063	19.44263
8	210	18.78439	19.74239	20.69639
	Average $(\overline{\beta_2})$	17.72835	18.76060	19.79035
	Standard Deviation $(\delta_1)$	0.46100	0.45782	0.46029

A comparison of the 6 min, values evidently indicated that the least value 0.02719 corresponding to, activation energy Ea = 12 kcal/mol. order of reaction b=0 and  $\overline{\beta_0}$  = 7.688854.

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Table- VII						
b =	0	b = 1		b = 2		
Ea		Ea		Ea		
Kcal/mol	$\delta_0$	Kcal/mol	$\delta_1$	Kcal/mol	$\delta_2$	
10	0.05984	16	0.15164	30	0.46100	
12	0.02719	18	0.13358	32	0.45782	
14	0.05464	20	0.13455	34	0.46029	

These observed values suggested the order of reaction is zero and the activation energy equal to 12 kcal/mol for the step of reaction under consideration.

With the help of above values, the apparent frequency factor  $Z = 1.35590 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$  and apparent entropy of activation  $\Delta S^{\#} = -188.52836$  e.u. Where calculated for the considered stage of transformation using the equation.  $\log z = \overline{\beta} + \log Rq - \log Ea$ 

and

 $\Delta S^{\#} = 2.303 \text{ R} \log \text{Zh} / \text{KT}$ 

Where T is the absolute temperature i.e., 483 k at which the weight lost is half of total weight lost.

Thus, resemblance of the value for kinetic terms obtained for the same stage of decomposition evaluated by two different methods is comparable and is given in the Table - VIII.

#### Table-VIII

	Methods	Order of reaction	activation energy
1.	Freeman and Carroll	0.2	12.819 kcal/mole
2.	J. Zsako	0	12.000 kcal/mole

Where T is the absolute temperature.

#### IV. Conclusion

The straight line obtained is suggestive of the order of reaction from their intercept on Y-axis and the activation energy is equal to 2.303 R x slope. Freeman and Carroll had suggested that a good straight line is obtained, however, in the present cases remarkable deviations have many times been observed Possibly on account of experimental factors, compactness, particle size etc. over which were there no controls.

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