

# THERMAL AND CALORIMETRIC INVESTIGATIONS OF $M(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ FOR $M^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$ AND $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ AND THEIR DEUTERATED ANALOGUES

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## Abstract

The thermal dehydration and decomposition of  $M(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ) and their deuterates were investigated by DTA and DSC methods. The data obtained confirm their one-stage dehydration and their decomposition to the respective oxides.  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , were more stable than  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . A considerable isotope effect was observed in relation to  $T_{\text{deh}}$  for  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , which was explained by the presence of structural changes well differentiated from the dehydration process for the deuterate. The data obtained for both pairs of dihydrates were used to determine  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  for  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .

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## Introduction

The thermal behaviour of  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has previously been investigated in an argon medium at a heating rate of  $V = 10 \text{ deg} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  [1], and in an air medium at  $V = 5 \text{ deg} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  [2]. The derivatograms reveal no essential differences as concerns release of the hydrate water, but the reported temperatures are higher in [1]. Furthermore, the DTA curve in [1] does not reveal the polymorphous transformation of  $\alpha$ - to  $\beta$ - $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2$  (observed as an exoeffect in [2]), and it has not been established which of the two polymorphous modifications of the anhydrous salt is that obtained on thermal dehydration.

The reported data on the thermal dehydration and decomposition of  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  involve only the recording of  $T_{\text{max}}$  of the two phase transitions [3], while in [4, 5] the examination covers only the process of thermal decomposition of  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2$  up to the formation of  $\text{ZnO}$ .

No data have been published on DSC studies of the calorimetric behaviour of the ordinary and deuterated hydrates.

The aims of the present study were to compare the data of DTA and DSC investigations of  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  and to determine the changes observed in the enthalpies of the phase transitions.

## Experimental

The ordinary and deuterated dihydrates investigated were synthesized by crystallization from solutions of the anhydrous iodates in ordinary water or in heavy water. The necessary anhydrous iodates were obtained by heating the respective hydrates to constant weight at  $300^\circ\text{C}$ . (The latter were obtained upon precipitation of 30% solutions of  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with iodic acid.) When  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  was used, the procedures of dissolution and filtration were carried out in special vessels under argon. The solutions obtained were left to crystallize over  $\text{CaCl}_2$  in a desiccator filled with argon and placed in a box for about 2 weeks. The crystals thus obtained were ground in an agate mortar, and the fraction with particle size below 0.063 mm (230 mesh) was selected.

The investigated hydrates and the intermediates (the anhydrous salts) were identified by quantitative and X-ray analyses. The diffractograms of the pairs of ordinary – deuterated hydrates show that they are crystallographically identical.

The thermal investigations were carried out on a Paulik-Paulik-Erdey MOM OD-102 derivatograph at  $V = 5 \text{ deg} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ , with 100 mg of samples. The DSC curves were taken on a DSC-4 Perkin Elmer instrument in the temperature interval  $50\text{--}300^\circ\text{C}$ , at the same heating rate and  $m = 5 \text{ mg}$  (standard crucible).

## Experimental and discussion

The TG and DTA curves for  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  in Fig. 1 and for  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  in Fig. 2, while the DSC curves are presented in Fig. 3. Table 1 outlines the thermal behaviour of the investigated compounds with the respective temperatures and changes in enthalpies of the phase transitions observed.

The DTA data, in combination with the quantitative and X-ray phase analyses, reveal that for both compounds dehydration takes place in one stage. The anhydrous salt obtained is stable within in temperature interval, after which it undergoes decomposition to the respective oxide, iodine and oxygen, analogously as in [1, 2, 4].

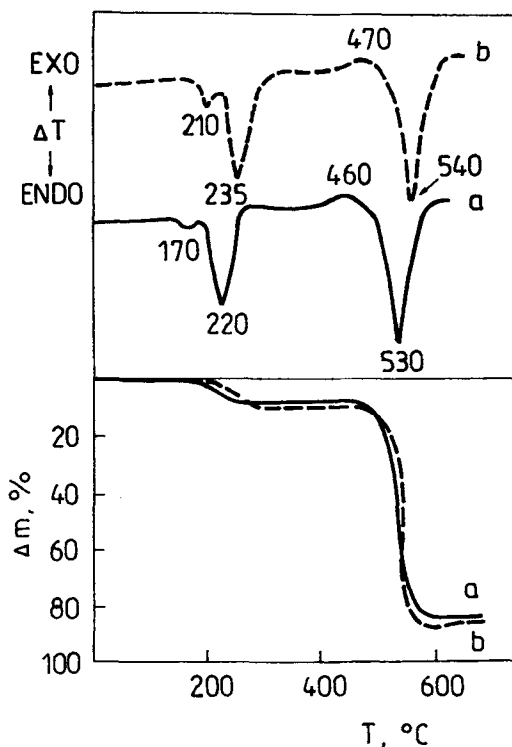


Fig. 1 TG and DTA curves of  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (a) and  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (b)

Immediately before the dehydration effect, the DTA curves of both  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  show a small endoeffect (which is more marked and stronger for the deuterate) with  $T_{\text{max}} = 170$  and  $210^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively, with no corresponding change in the mass of the sample in the TG curve. It could be due either to melting or to a polymorphous transformation so far unregistered in the literature. In favour of the latter assumption are the high value of the recorded temperature and the small value measured in the DSC curve:  $\Delta H_{\text{ph.t.}}^\circ = 6.4 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  (Table 1). However, the immediate proximity of this effect to the dehydration effect makes it impossible to isolate and analyze a suitable sample.

The first compound obtained in the dehydration of  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  is the less stable  $\alpha\text{-Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2$  which, at a temperature close to that of decomposition of the salt, is transformed into  $\beta\text{-Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2$ . This transition is registered with an exoeffect at  $T_{\text{max}} = 460$  and  $470^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively for the ordinary and deuterated hydrates. The data we have obtained are in accordance with those in [2], though the temperatures now recorded for the polymorphous transformation and de-

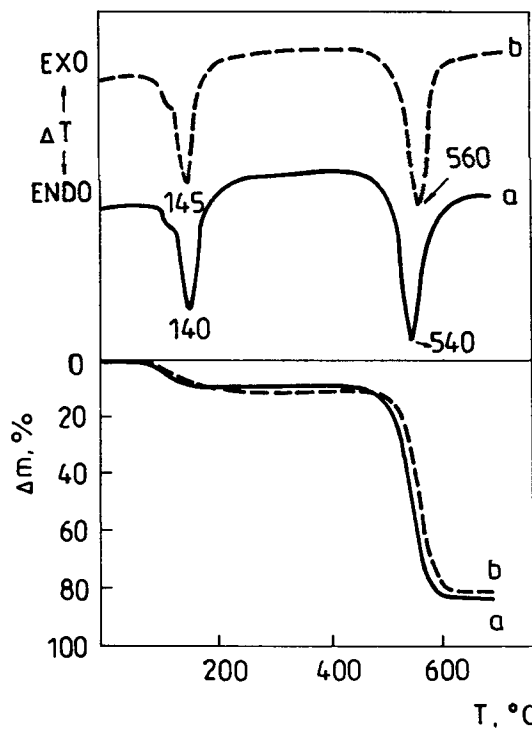


Fig. 2 TG and DTA curves of  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (a) and  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (b)

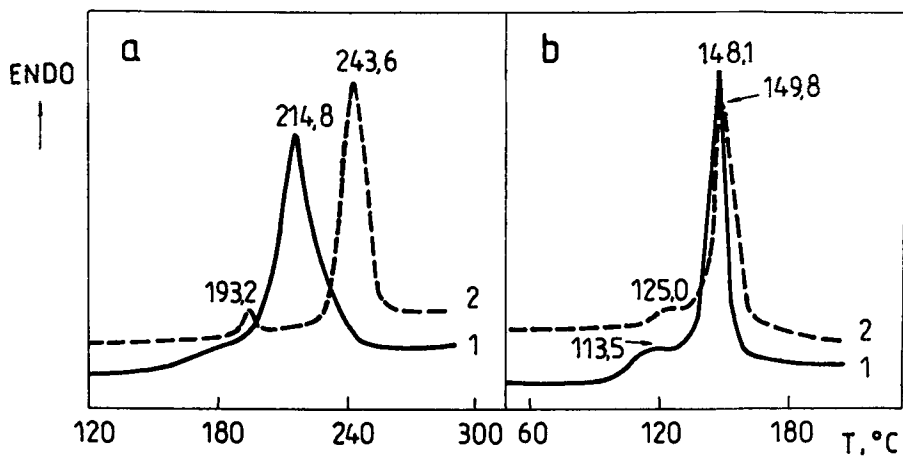


Fig. 3 DSC curves of: (a)  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (curve 1) and  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (curve 2);  
(b)  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (curve 1) and  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (curve 2)

Table 1 DTA and DSC data for  $M(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $M(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  ( $M^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}, \text{Zn}^{2+}$ )

Compound	Phase transition	Form	DTA data			DSC data			
			$\Delta m/\%$ exp.	$T_{\text{max}}/\text{°C}$ theor.	$\Delta H_{\text{ph.t.}}^{\circ}/\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	$T_{\text{onset}}/\text{°C}$	$T_{\text{max}}/\text{°C}$	$\Delta H_{\text{ph.t.}}^{\circ}/\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	
$\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{c}) \rightarrow \text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{polymf.})$	H	-	-	170	>0	-	-	-
		D	-	-	210	>0	188.3	193.0	6.4
	$\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \alpha\text{-Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	H	8.5	8.1	220	>0	199.3	214.8	156.9
		D	9.0	8.9	235	>0	232.8	243.6	153.6
$\alpha\text{-Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \beta\text{-Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2$	H	-	-	460	<0	-	-	-	
	D	-	-	470	<0	-	-	-	
$\beta\text{-Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{NiO} + \text{I}_2 + \frac{5}{2}\text{O}_2$	H	82.5	83.2	530	>0	-	-	-	
	D	83.0	83.4	540	>0	-	-	-	
$\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	H	8.0	8.0	140	>0	-	113.5	-	
	D	9.0	8.9	145	>0	140.3	148.1	131.9	
$\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{ZnO} + \text{I}_2 + \frac{5}{2}\text{O}_2$	H	81.5	82.1	540	>0	-	125.0	-
		D	81.5	82.2	560	>0	142.0	149.8	115.1

composition are lower than those indicated there. The two polymorphous modifications,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ - $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2$ , were characterized on the basis of their X-ray powder patterns which coincide with those published in the literature [6].

Comparison of the DTA data for the ordinary deuterated nickel iodate dihydrates reveals a difference in the temperatures of the phase transitions in favour of the deuterate. The difference is larger for the dehydration temperatures ( $\Delta T_{\text{max}} = 15$  deg), while for the remaining phase transitions it is  $\Delta T_{\text{max}} = 10$  deg.

The derivatogram of  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Fig. 2) shows some analogy with that of  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . An area of stability of  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2$  is established in the temperature interval 200 to 450°C. These are also the conditions for obtaining the anhydrous product. The isotope effect for the pair  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  in relation to  $T_{\text{deh}}$  is 5 deg in favour of the deuterate. In this case there is again a difference in the decomposition temperatures of the anhydrous salts obtained from the ordinary and deuterated hydrates. Such an effect has been observed in an earlier study [3].

As regards thermal stability, the presented derivatograms show that  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is more stable than  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , while for the anhydrous salts the difference is inessential. The different thermal stabilities of the examined iodate hydrates could be explained by the difference in their structures, but such a comparison is impossible because of the absence of such data for  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

The DSC curves (Fig. 3) taken in the region of thermal dehydration for both pairs of hydrates show full analogy with the DTA curves, i.e. there is a strong endoeffect corresponding to the single-stage dehydration of the initial compound. However, in the cases of  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (Fig. 3), immediately before it there is a not very distinct endoeffect, corresponding to which the DTA curve exhibits a slight expansion at the beginning of the dehydration effect.

The DSC curve of  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (Fig. 3a, curve 2) also displays a small endoeffect prior to that of dehydration, but it is a distinct one. In this case it corresponds to the analogous peak, already observed by us in the derivatogram of the compound (Fig. 1), which corresponds to the polymorphous transformation.

The large difference, observed by means of DTA, in the  $T_{\text{deh}}$  for  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  is confirmed by the DSC data ( $\Delta T_{\text{max}} = 28.8$  deg), which shows that this is not a case of experimental error. It is rather possible that this difference is due to structural transformations, which are particularly marked in the deuterate and connected just with the observed effect (Fig. 1 and Fig. 3a) prior to the dehydration. These assumptions could be confirmed or rejected after high-temperature X-ray or Raman investigations have been carried out.

In the  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ – $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  pair, the DSC isotope effect observed is 1.8 deg again in favour of the deuterate.

Calculations of  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  for  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  were made on the basis of the data obtained for  $\Delta H_{\text{deh}}^\circ$  (Table 1). There are no thermodynamic data for the latter. The following values were obtained:

$$\Delta H_f^\circ = 1128.9 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{ for } \text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta H_f^\circ = 1140.6 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \text{ for } \text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}.$$

The determined value of  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  for  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  show a fairly good coincidence (error 1.7%) with the literature value of  $1109.4 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ . Such calculations cannot be made for the pair  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  –  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  because of the non-availability of the necessary value of  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  for  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2$ .

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**Zusammenfassung** — Mittels DTA- und DSC-Methoden wurde die thermische Dehydratation und Zersetzung von  $\text{M}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$  und  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ) und deren Deuteraten untersucht. Die erhaltenen Ergebnisse bestätigen die einstufige Dehydratation und die Zersetzung in die entsprechenden Oxide.  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  und  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  waren stabiler als  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  und  $\text{Zn}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . Für  $T_{\text{deh}}$  wurde ein beträchtlicher Isotopeneffekt für  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  und  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  beobachtet, der mit der Gegenwart von Strukturabweichungen erklärt wird, die sehr gut vom Dehydratationsprozeß des Deuterates unterschieden werden können. Die für beide Paare der Dihydrate erhaltenen Angaben wurden zur Bestimmung von  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  von  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  und  $\text{Ni}(\text{IO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{D}_2\text{O}$  verwendet.