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# SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF COMPLEXES OF LANTHANIDE PERCHLORATES WITH *N,N,N',N'*-TETRAPHENYL-3,6- DIOXAOCANEDIOICDIAMIDE

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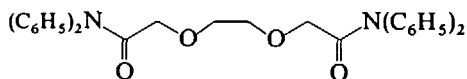
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Lanthanide perchlorate complexes with the ligand *N,N,N',N'*-tetraphenyl-3,6-dioxaocanedioicdiamide:  $[\text{Ln}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n](\text{ClO}_4)_3$  (where  $n=2$  for  $\text{Ln}=\text{La}, \text{Pr}, \text{Nd}$ ;  $n=1$  for  $\text{Ln}=\text{Sm}-\text{Tb}$ ) have been prepared by reaction of the corresponding lanthanide perchlorate with the ligand and characterized by elemental analysis, conductivity measurements, IR, electronic and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra and TG-DTA techniques. In all complexes, the ligand shows tetradentate behaviour.

**Keywords:** Non-cyclic polyether, lanthanide perchlorates, complexes

## INTRODUCTION

Macrocyclic polyethers, so-called crown ethers, show a high complexation selectivity which makes them adequate reagents for investigations of separations of lanthanide ions.<sup>1</sup> On the other hand, non-cyclic polyethers, the open-chain analogues of crown ethers,<sup>2</sup> can be used in extraction and analysis (ion-selective electrodes) of the rare earths.<sup>3-5</sup> The use of these complexes as spectroscopic probes of complex materials will probably attract increasing attention.<sup>1</sup> Ding *et al.* have reported the extraction of lighter lanthanide ions with five derivatives of glycol-*O,O'*-diacetamides,<sup>4</sup> among which *N,N,N',N'*-tetraphenyl-3,6-dioxaocanedioicdiamide has the largest separation factor. In the molecule there are four oxygen atoms available for complexation. In order to investigate the coordinating power of this ligand towards rare earth ions, we report the preparation and characterization of lanthanide perchlorate complexes with the ligand.



*N,N,N',N'*-Tetraphenyl-3,6-dioxaocanedioicdiamide (L)

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## EXPERIMENTAL

*Reagents*

Lanthanide perchlorates were obtained by dissolving the corresponding oxides (99.95%) in 30% perchloric acid. The ligand was prepared according to the literature method.<sup>6</sup> All other chemicals were of AR grade and used without further purification.

*Chemical and physical measurements*

The metal ion was determined by EDTA titration using xylenol-orange as indicator. Carbon, nitrogen and hydrogen were determined using a Carlo Erba 1106 elemental analyser. Conductivity measurements were carried out with a DDS-11A type conductivity bridge using  $10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> solutions in acetonitrile at 25°C. The IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 170 SX FT-IR instrument using KBr discs in the 4000–250 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. Thermal analyses (TG and DTA) were performed on a Beijing PCD-2 thermobalance using about a 10 mg powder sample at a heating rate of 10°C min<sup>-1</sup> in static air. Electronic spectra were recorded with a Beckmann, Model DU-7, spectrophotometer in acetonitrile solutions. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on an FT-80A spectrometer in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> solutions with TMS as internal standard.

*Preparation of the complexes*

Lanthanide perchlorate (0.3 mmol) and the ligand (0.6 mmol) were dissolved in 40 cm<sup>3</sup> of 1:1 (v/v) chloroform-methanol. After being stirred for 24 h the solution was allowed to evaporate to dryness. The residual solid obtained was dissolved in 20 cm<sup>3</sup> acetonitrile and then the solution was filtered. To the filtrate was added 80 cm<sup>3</sup> of ether with stirring so that the complex precipitated. The produce was isolated by filtration, washed with ether and dried *in vacuo* over P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> for 48 h. All the complexes are powders with the characteristic colour of the corresponding lanthanide ion. Yield 80–85%.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analytical results are summarized in Table I. The analytical data indicate that all of these complexes conform to a 1:2 metal-to-ligand stoichiometry.

TABLE I  
Analytical and molar conductance data for the complexes.

Complex	Found (calc.)%				$\Lambda_m$ (s cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )
	C	H	N	Ln	
La(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	50.28(50.24)	4.25(4.22)	4.01(3.91)	9.77(9.68)	350
Pr(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	50.39(50.17)	4.11(4.21)	3.92(3.90)	9.68(9.81)	347
Nd(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	50.31(50.05)	4.17(4.20)	3.88(3.89)	9.91(10.02)	348
Sm(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	50.42(50.47)	4.01(4.09)	3.79(3.92)	10.46(10.53)	341
Eu(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	50.32(50.41)	4.16(4.09)	3.98(3.92)	10.71(10.63)	348
Gd(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	50.35(50.23)	4.00(4.08)	3.72(3.91)	10.82(10.96)	337
Tb(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	50.06(50.17)	4.12(4.07)	3.97(3.90)	11.32(11.06)	342

TABLE II  
Characteristic IR bands for the complexes ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Compound	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$ + $\nu_3(\text{ClO}_4^-)$	$\nu_s(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$	$\nu_4(\text{ClO}_4^-)$	$\nu(\text{OH})$	$\rho_r(\text{H}_2\text{O})$
L	1685 vs	1131s <sup>a</sup>	951 m			
La(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	1630 vs	1079–1120 <sup>b</sup>	925 m	623 s	3380 m, b	601 m
Pr(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	1628 vs	1060–1120 <sup>b</sup>	924 m	625 s	3356 m, b	602 w
Nd(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	1629 vs	1084–1120 <sup>b</sup>	925 m	627 s	3334 m, b	597 w
Sm(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O	1631 vs	1092–1114 <sup>b</sup>	924 m	625 s	3328 m, b	607 w
Eu(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O	1618 vs	1090–1115 <sup>b</sup>	923 m	623 s	3332 m, b	605 w
Gd(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O	1630 vs	1086–1116 <sup>b</sup>	925 m	624 s	3371 m, b	606 m
Tb(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O	1629 vs	1094–1120 <sup>b</sup>	924 m	625 s	3358 m, b	608 w

<sup>a</sup>  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$ . <sup>b</sup> Broad band with several maxima.

All complexes are hygroscopic. They are soluble in DMSO, acetone and acetonitrile, slightly soluble in ethanol, nitromethane and chloroform, and sparingly soluble in benzene, ether and cyclohexane. The molar conductance values of the complexes in acetonitrile (Table I) indicate that all complexes act as 1:3 electrolytes,<sup>7</sup> implying that all the perchlorate groups are ionic.

### IR spectra

Characteristic IR bands are collected in Table II. The ligand has  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  at  $1685 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This band appears at  $1628\text{--}1631 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of the complexes with a shift of  $54\text{--}57 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to the lower frequency region thus indicating the  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  groups are coordinated to the metal ions. The IR spectrum of the ligand shows two bands at  $951$  and  $1131 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which may be assigned to  $\nu_s(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$  and  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$ , respectively. In the complexes,  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$  strongly interferes with  $\nu_3(\text{ClO}_4^-)$ ; the other  $\nu_s(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$  band is displaced by  $26\text{--}28 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  towards lower wavenumbers suggesting that the ether oxygen atoms also take part in coordination to the metal ions. The ligand, therefore, acts as a tetradentate, forming a ring-like structure similar to that in (triethyleneglycol)trinitrolanthanide.<sup>8,9</sup>

The  $\nu(\text{OH})$  and  $\rho_r(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  modes of coordinated water appear at  $3328\text{--}3380$  and  $597\text{--}608 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, in the spectra of all complexes.<sup>10</sup> The perchlorate groups of the complexes have two IR active modes only;  $\nu_3$  and  $\nu_4$  appear at  $\sim 1100$  and  $\sim 625 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. This also indicates the presence of ionic perchlorate groups.<sup>11</sup>

### Thermal analyses

Thermal analysis data are summarized in Table III.

TG and DTA curves for the ligand show that the compound initially melts at  $147^\circ\text{C}$  and then decomposes from  $250$  to  $610^\circ\text{C}$ , producing two exothermic peaks at  $373$  and  $563^\circ\text{C}$ . All complexes show similar patterns of decomposition with three weight losses. The first occurs at  $112\text{--}120^\circ\text{C}$  corresponding to the loss of two water molecules for lighter lanthanides (La, Pr, Nd) or one water for middle lanthanides (Sm–Tb). The weight losses compare favourably with theoretical values (Table III).

TABLE III  
Thermal analysis data for the ligand and complexes.

Compound	Endothermic process		Exothermic process	
	DTA peak (°C)	Weight loss (%) <sup>a</sup>	DTA peak (°c)	
L	147 <sup>b</sup>		373	563
La(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	112	3.62(2.51)	283	520
Pr(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	115	2.75(2.51)	286	506
Nd(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	120	2.91(2.50)	290	497
Sm(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	116	1.44(1.26)	296	514
Eu(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	115	1.90(1.26)	298	521
Gd(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	109	1.81(1.26)	304	515
Tb(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	112	1.87(1.25)	307	526

<sup>a</sup> Calculated values in parentheses. <sup>b</sup> Melting point.

Moreover, the relatively high temperatures of dehydration are consistent with the presence of coordinate water (as inferred from the IR data). The dehydrated complexes decompose very rapidly, producing an exothermic peak in the 283–307°C range. Subsequently another exothermic peak and continuous weight loss was detected to 800°C. At this temperature Ln<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Pr<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub> for the praseodymium complex; Tb<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> for the terbium complex) is formed.

### Electronic spectra

The electronic spectra in the visible region of the Pr(III), Nd(III) and Sm(III) complexes exhibit alternations in intensity and shifts in position of the absorption bands relative to the corresponding Ln(III) aquoions.<sup>12</sup> The shift has been attributed by Jørgensen<sup>13</sup> to the effect of crystal fields upon inter-electronic repulsion between the 4f electrons, and is related to covalence in the metal-ligand bond, assessed by Sinha's parameter ( $\delta$ ), naphelaxetic ratio ( $\beta$ ), and the bonding parameter ( $b^{1/2}$ ).<sup>14–16</sup> These covalent parameters for the Pr(III), Nd(III) and Sm(III) complexes are given in Table IV.

The values of  $\beta$ , which are less than unity, and positive values of  $\delta$  and  $b^{1/2}$  support the existence of partial covalent bonding between metal and ligand.<sup>17</sup> The magnitudes of covalency and bonding parameters increase from Pr(III) to Sm(III), indicating that the extent of the covalent character of the metal-ligand bond increases with increase in atomic number (in conformity with lanthanide contraction).

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the lanthanide complexes are obviously different due to the different number of unpaired 4f electrons and the different magnetism of the lanthanide ions. The La(III) (4f<sup>0</sup>) and the Sm(III) (4f<sup>5</sup>) complexes exhibit a sharp and strong spectrum, and a broad and weak spectrum, respectively, while with the Gd(III) (4f<sup>7</sup>) complex no signal was observed. The latter case may be due to a combination of large shifts and extensive broadening of the signals,<sup>18</sup> since the Gd(III) ion has the maximum number of unpaired electrons and is therefore strongly paramagnetic.

TABLE IV  
Covalence parameters for some of the complexes.

Complex	$\beta$	$\delta$	$b^{1/2}$
Pr(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.9981	0.1904	0.0308
Nd(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.9966	0.3412	0.0412
Sm(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	0.9950	0.5025	0.0500

TABLE V

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data for the ligand and some of the complexes (chemical shifts in ppm, from TMS).

Compound	$\delta(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5-)$	$\delta(\text{-}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CCH}_2\text{-})$	$\delta(\text{-C}_2\text{H}_4\text{-})$	$\delta(\text{H}_2\text{O})$
L	7.37(s, 2OH)	4.01(s, 4H)	3.57(s, 4H)	
La(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	7.49(s, 4OH)	4.53(s, 8H)	3.89(s, 8H)	2.88(s, 4H)
Sm(L) <sub>2</sub> (ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	7.50(s, 4OH)	4.55(s, 8H)	3.91(s, 8H)	2.76(s, 2H)

Table V shows <sup>1</sup>H NMR data for the ligand and the La(III) and Sm(III) complexes. The spectrum of the ligand exhibits three singlets at 7.37, 4.01 and 3.57 ppm, assigned

to C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-,  $\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CCH}_2\text{-}$  and -C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>- protons, respectively. Upon coordination all the ligand proton signals move to lower field, among which  $\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CCH}_2\text{-}$  and -C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>- protons shift by some 0.32–0.54 ppm, while C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>- protons shift 0.12–0.13 ppm. This is due to the inductive effect of Ln(III) ions in the complexes. The proton signals of the water molecules in the complexes are observed at 2.76–2.88 ppm. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the complexes, the ratios of integrated intensities are in good agreement with elemental analyses.

## CONCLUSION

The open-chain analogue of crown ethers, *N,N,N',N'*-tetraphenyl-3,6-dioxaoctanedioicdiamide can react with lanthanide perchlorates in nonaqueous medium to form stable solid complexes, which may be formulated as [Ln(L)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>n</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (where n=2 for Ln=La, Pr, Nd, and 1 for Ln=Sm-Tb). The ligand acts as a tetradentate, forming a ring-like structure. Similar structures were also found for lanthanide complexes with other noncyclic polyethers.<sup>8,9</sup>

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