Note

THERMOGRAVIMETRIC STUDIES OF HEXAMETHYLPHOSPHORAMIDE (HMPA) LANTHANOID PERRHENATE COMPLEXES

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HMPA lanthanoid perrhenate complexes with compositions $[Ln(ReO_4)_2 (HMPA)_2]ReO_4$ (Ln = La-Nd) and $[Ln(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)_4]ReO_4$ (Ln = Sm-Lu, Y) have been recently described [1]. In this note a TG study of these compounds is presented.

EXPERIMENTAL

The TG curves were determined under nitrogen atmosphere in a Perkin–Elmer TGS-1 system, with sample weights varying from 0.70 to 0.95 mg at a heating rate of 10 K min⁻¹ (see Fig. 1 for some representative curves).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The compounds behave as 1:1 electrolytes in nitromethane and acetonitrile. Splittings and shifts of $\nu(PO)$ are attributed to, at least, non-equivalent PO groups. IR spectra give evidence of non-coordinated and bidentate perrhenate for the lighter lanthanides and non-coordinated and monodentate perrhenate for the heavier ones. Spectroscopic parameters obtained from the neodymium compound absorption spectrum indicate a very small covalent character. The fluorescence spectrum was interpreted in terms of a $C_{4\nu}$ symmetry for the Ln(O)₆ chromophore.

An analysis of the TG data reveals that under the experimental conditions used, three different decomposition schemes exist, depending on the rare-



Fig. 1. Thermogravimetric curves for some representative complexes.

earth ion:

$$3\{[La(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)_2]ReO_4\} \rightarrow \\3\{[La(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)_{2/3}]ReO_4\} + 4HMPA \rightarrow \\3\{[La(ReO_4)_2]ReO_4\} + 2HMPA \rightarrow \\La_3ReO_8 + 4Re_2O_7$$
(1)

$$3\{[Ln(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)_2]ReO_4\} \rightarrow$$

$$3\{[Ln(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)]ReO_4\} + 3HMPA \rightarrow$$

$$3\{[Ln(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)_{1/3}]ReO_4\} + 2HMPA \rightarrow$$

$$3\{[Ln(ReO_4)_2]ReO_4\} \rightarrow Ln_3ReO_8 + 4ReO_7$$

$$(Ln = Ce-Nd)$$
(2)

 $3\{[Ln(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)_4]ReO_4\} \rightarrow \\3\{[Ln(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)_{5/3}]ReO_4\} + 7HMPA \rightarrow \\3\{[Ln(ReO_4)_2(HMPA)]_{1/3}ReO_4\} + 4HMPA \rightarrow \\Ln_3ReO_8 + 4Re_2O_7 + HMPA \\(Ln = Sm-Lu, Y)$ (3)

The data for the final residues are, in general, in good agreement with those expected for the composition Ln_3ReO_8 [2,3]. In the compounds from lanthanum to neodymium a few low values were observed, probably due to the presence of small amounts of the respective oxides resulting from decomposition of Ln_3ReO_8 (compare with data observed by Plyuschev et al. [4–6]).

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