Studies on Lanthanide Mixed Complexes

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A few heptacoordinated mixed ligand complexes of the type [Ln(L) $(L')_3Cl_2$]Cl·nH₂O where Ln=Y(III), La(III), Pr(III), Nd(III), Sm(III), Gd(III) and Dy(III), L=diacetylmonoxime, L'=thiourea, N-phenylthiourea and N,N'-diphenylthiourea and n=3 or 4 have been prepared and characterised by elemental analysis, electronic spectra, IR, thermoanalytical and conductivity measurements.

INTRODUCTION

Several lanthanide complexes with systems containing both nitrogen and oxygen donors have been reported¹⁻⁵. Recently interest has increased in the preparation and characterisation of solid lanthanide mixed complexes⁶⁻⁸ where the second ligand is basically a neutral one. An attempt was made to study the nature of bonding with sulphur donor ligands⁹. This communication details the preparation and characterisation of several lanthanide mixed complexes where diacetylmonoxime is used as primary ligand and thiourea (TU), N-phenylthiourea (PTU) and N,N'-diphenylthiourea (DPTU) are used as secondary ligands.

EXPERIMENTAL

Spectrographically pure rare-earth oxides used in this investigation were obtained from B.A.R.C., Trombay, Bombay. Solvents used were purified by the standard methods. Diacetylmonoxime m.p. 78-79°C (E. Merck) and thiourea, m.p. 179-80°C (E. Merck) employed in this investigation were recrystallised before use. N-phenylthiourea, m.p. 153-54°C and N,N'-diphenylthiourea m.p. 152-53°C were synthesised in the laboratory by adopting the methods of Davis et al¹⁰ and Vogel¹¹ respectively.

The simple lanthanide-diacetylmonoximates were prepared by employing the method reported by Rao et $al^{2,3}$. The mixed complexes using thiourea and substituted thioureas as secondary ligands were synthesised by adopting the following procedure. A weighed amount of the simple

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lanthanide diacetylmonoximate was dissolved in ethanol and mixed with a calculated amount of the second ligand (metal-ligand ratio ca. 1:3.5) in ethanol. The pH of the solution was recorded and has been found to be 5.8. The resulting solution was concentrated on a steam-bath when the solid separated. The compounds were washed with either acetone or ether as the case may be to remove the excess ligand. They were further purified from ethanol and vacuum dried over fused calcium chloride for 48 hrs. The analytical data of the several lanthanide mixed complexes along with molar conductance values are given in Table 1.

The UV spectra (in methanol) and the visible spectra (in DMSO) were recorded on a Beckmann D.B. model spectrophotometer having a strip chart recording arrangement and the I.R. spectra on Parkin Elmer-227 spectrophotometer as KBr pellets. The thermal analysis of some mixed complexes was carried out using MOM Budapest derivatograph at a heating rate of 10°/minute in an air flow at atmospheric pressure. All conductance measurements were carried out in methanol and dimethylformamide on Systronics Direct Reading Conductivity Meter Type-303. Carbon and hydrogen determination was carried out at the R.S.I.C., C.D.R.I., Lucknow.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the UV region one could observe only the changes in the ligand characteristic bands. The primary ligand, diacetylmonoxime, has a band around 210-15 nm ($\log \epsilon 4.14$). The secondary ligands, thiourea, phenylthiourea and diphenylthiourea, exhibit two bands around 205-215 nm ($\log \epsilon 4.02-4.44$) and 240-270 nm ($\log \epsilon 4.02-4.32$). In all the mixed complexes the characteristic band of primary ligand i.e. around 210-215 nm has merged with the band of the secondary ligand in that region and appeared as a single band. The other band of the secondary ligand, i.e., around 240-270 nm is located with a slight shift in all the complexes. However, there is an intensification of absorption. The $\log \epsilon$ values in all the complexes are in the range of 4.44-6.02 nm.

In the visible region one is interested to find out the phenomenon of red shift which was explained¹² as an expansion of lanthanide orbital due to covalent bonding and contraction in highly electrostatic bonding. Jorgensen¹³ explained this as nephelauxetic effect and he tried to give a quantitative picture of the same. Angelov¹⁴ tried to compare the shifted lanthanide transitions in the complexes with those of Ln³⁺ aquo-ion. Sinha¹⁵ tried to explain the covalency of M-L bonding in Nd³⁺ complexes and calculated the percentage covalency (δ).

In this investigation, in Pr, Nd and Sm complexes it was observed that the maximum red shift, of a particular band is obtained in the case of Nd^{3+} ion. From an examination of covalency parameter it was postulated that the value decreases in the order of Nd > Pr > Sm. The covalency

ANALYTICAL AND MOLAR CONDUCTANCE DATA OF MIXED LANTHANIDE COMPLEXES TABLE 1

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	Carbon found (calcd.)	Hydrogen found (calcd.)	% Metal found (calcd.)	% Chloride found (calcd.)	% Nitrogen found (calcd.)	Sulphur found (calcd.)	λ _m ohm-1 mole-1 cm ² Methanol DMF	le-1 cm ²
Y(DAMO) (TU);Cl;·4H;O			14.63	17.59	16.28	15.90		
La(DAMO) (TU)3·Cl3·4H2O	12.70	4.00	21.22	16.23	(16.43)	(16.09)	99.58	90.85
	(12.99)	(4.17)	(21.48)	(16.47)	(15.16)	(14.85)		
Pr(DAMO) (TU)3. Cl3.4H2O			21.41 (21.73)	16.18 (16.42)	14.93 (15.11)	14.63 (14.80)		
Nd(DAMO) (TU), Cl,·4H2O	12.68	4.00	21.98	16.00	14.85	14.52	102.20	96.95
Sm(DAMO) (TU)3·Cl3·4H2O	•		22.62 (22.86)	15.94	14.69	14.44		
Gd(DAMO) (TU),·Cl ₁ ·4H ₂ O	12.23 (12.63)	3.90 (4.06)	23.37 (23.65)	15.90	14.52	14.28	98.56	94.98
Dy(DAMO) (TU)3·Cl3·4H2O			23.96 (24.18)	15.70 (15.89)	14.38 (14.62)	14.20		
Y(DAMO) (PTU);-Cl,-4H,O			10.85 (11.02)	12.70 (13.20)	11.61 (12.15)	11.42 (11.90)		
.a(DAMO) (PTU); Cl; 4H,0	34.90 (35.02)	3.50 (3.62)	15.69 (16.22)	11.92 (12.43)	11.02 (11.44)	11.00	104.18	87.62
Pr(DAMO) (PTU), Cl, 3H,O	,		16.00 (16.41)	11.85 (12.40)	10.90 (11.41)	10.82 (11.18)		

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Nd(DAMO) (PTU)3·Cl3·3H2O	34.50 (34.81)	3.40 (3.59)	16.32 (16.73)	11.70 (12.35)	10.82 (11.37)	10.71 (11.14)	105.96	103.62
Sm(DAMO) (PTU),·Cl,·3H,O			16.88 (17.33)	11.63 (12:27)	10.76 (11.29)	10.65 (11.06)		
Gd(DAMO) (PTU);·Cl ₃ ·3H ₂ O	33.90 (34.30)	3.35 (3.54)	17.7 0 (17.97)	11.51 (12.17)	10.66 (11.20)	10.50 (10.97)	115.10	104.24
Dy(DAMO) (PTI) ₃ ·Cl ₃ ·3H ₂ O			18.05 (18.46)	11.40 (12.10)	10.57 (11.13)	10.43 (10.90)		
Y(DAMO) (DPTU); Cl; 3H2O			8.20 (8.59)	10.10 (10.29)	9.30 (9.47)	9.00 (9.28)		
La(DAMO) (DPTU) ₈ ·Cl ₃ ·3H ₂ O	47.10 (47.58)	4.20 (4.52)	12.49 (12.80)	9.58 (9.82)	8.90 (9.03)	8.66 (8.85)	108.36	94.24
Pr(DAMO) (DPTU)3.Cl3.3H2O			12.67 (12.97)	9.49 (9.80)	8.88 (9.02)	8.61 (8.83)		
Nd(DAMO) (DPTU)3 Cl3-3H2O	46.95 (47.35)	4.35 (4.49)	12.95 (13.23)	9.35	8.69 (8.99)	8.59 (8.81)	115.90	101.19
Sm(DAMO) (DPTU)3·Cl3·3H2O			13.37	9.31 (9.71)	8.63 (8.94)	8.51 (8.76)		
Gd(DAMO) (DPTU)3·Cl3·3H3O			14.00 (14.28)	9.27 (9.65)	8.52 (8.88)	8.47 (8.70)		
Dy(DAMO) (DPTU),·Cl ₂ ·3H ₂ O	46.20 (46.55)	4.32 (4.42)	14.34 (14.66)	9.21	8.48 (8.54)	8.36 (8.66)	116.24	105.73

DAMO=Diacetylmonoxime, TU=Thiourea, PTU=N-phenylthiourea, DMF=Dimethylformamide, DPTU=N,N'-diphenylthiourea.

parameter ($b^{1/2}$) is 0.08 in those complexes where there is a red shift of 8 nm and 0.041–0.058, where there is a red shift of 2–4 nm. The ' δ ' values, calculated according to the formula of Sinha, are positive indicating slight covalent character. These values are comparable with those complexes where there is oxygen coordination. Since all the secondary ligands contain sulphur it was postulated that these ligands equally compete with oxygen and nitrogen for complexation (Table 2).

The analysis of IR-spectra of the primary ligand (DAMO) shows a band around 3410 cm⁻¹ and 3350 cm⁻¹ assignable to N-OH stretch of oxime⁵. These bands have been lowered in all the complex indicating that there is an N-M bond contributed for primary ligand. However, the secondary ligands do have bands in the region 3140-3180 cm⁻¹. These bands have not been shifted in the different complexes indicating the non-involvement of the nitrogen of the secondary ligands. In view of this even though the primary ligand bands have been lowered, they could not be isolated distinctly because of the reason that they have merged with the secondary ligand bands in this region. The primary ligand DAMO has a band around 1655 cm⁻¹ which is due to the v (C=O) stretch. This band is not located in any of the mixed complexes, where TU, PTU and DPTU are used as secondary ligands. From this observation it can be concluded that carbonyl oxygen is involved in bond formation. From this observation and lowering of the N-OH stretch of the primary ligand it can be concluded that DAMO has acted as a bidentate ligand with bonding from carbonyl oxygen and from nitrogen of the oxime group.

The secondary ligands (TU, PTU, DPTU) exhibit bands in the region 1595-1600 cm⁻¹ which are due to -NH₂ bending vibrations. These bands have either been shifted to a higher frequency or remained stationary in the several lanthanide complexes indicating the non-involvement of nitrogen in bond formation. Similarly the N-C-N stretch of the secondary ligands between 1465-1510 cm⁻¹ has either been shifted to a higher frequency or remained stationary in the lanthanide mixed complexes indicating the absence of N-M bond from the secondary ligands.

Olliff¹⁶ observed that if there is a co-ordination through sulphur, there could be an increase in double bond character of C-N bond and N-C-N stretch should be shifted to a higher frequency. In all the present mixed complexes the bands due to N-C-N stretch have either shifted to a higher frequency or remained stationary in position. These observations are in conformity with the observations of Olliff¹⁶ and gives an indirect proof of the sulphur bonding.

The secondary ligands exhibit a band between $1410-1445 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ which is due to ν (C-S), NH₂ rocking and N-C-N bending. However, these bands have predominant ν (C-S) stretch. As a general feature the bands in this region have been lowered in all the lanthanide complexes. Since

TABLE 2

VISIBLE ABSORPTION AND COVALENCY PARAMETER OF Pr, Nd AND Sm COMPLEXES

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Wav	Wavelength	100.5	Complex (DMSO)	Wave	Wavelength	امه د	h1/2	%8
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Praseod	Praseodymium chloride	de (water)					-	
444	22497	96.0	Pr(DAMO) (TU),Cl3-4H2O	446	22421	2.48	0.04123	0.3009
482	20738	0.40		485	20618	2.40	0.0585	0.5833
			Pr(DAMO) (PTU),Cl3·3H2O	446	22421	2.11	0.04123	0.3009
			Pr(DAMO) (DPTU),Cl3·3H2O	446	22421	2.12	0.04123	0.3009
Neodym	Neodymium chloride (water)	(water)						
521	19164	0.90	Nd(DAMO) (TU)3Cl3-4H2O	524	19083	1.35	0.04636	0.3918
574	17406	1.10		285	17182	1.26	0.08031	1.1750
			Nd(DAMO) (PTU)3Cl3·3H2O	524	19083	1.57	0.04636	0.3918
				582	17182	1.46	0.08031	1.1750
			Nd(DAMO) (DPTU),Cl3·3H2O	524	19083	1.56	0.04636	0.3918
				582	17182	1.49	0.08310	1.1750
Samariu	Samarium chloride							
402	24875	0.80	Sm(DAMO) (TU),Cl3.4H2O	404	24752	1.95	0.05	0.5025
			Sm(DAMO) (PTU),Cl,·3H,O	404	24752	2.00	0.05	0.5025
-			Sm(DAMO) (DPTU),Cli-3H20	406	24630	2.55	0.07	0.9900

there is a predominance of v (C-S) str, one can say as a first approximation that sulphur of the secondary ligand is involved in bonding. Further, the bands around 1340 and 1310 cm⁻¹ in DPTU which are due to C-S str. and partly C-N str. ¹⁷ have been lowered in most of the lanthanide complexes giving an indication of sulphur bonding in this complex.

The bands around $1055-1080 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in all the secondary ligands which are due to N-C-N and ν (C-S) str. have been lowered, split into two inflections. Further a change in intensity is also observed. One could conclude from the above changes that sulphur of the secondary ligands is bonded to the several lanthanide ions. The above results are in conformity with the observation made by Nabar¹⁸ in a study of bis-(1-phenyl-2-thiourea) copper (I) chloride complex and Gosavi et al^{19, 20} in a study of dialkyl thiourea complexes with Cu(I), Pd(II), Cd(II) and Ln(III).

The N-O str. of oxime of primary ligand around 975 cm⁻¹ is located in all the complexes indicating that the bonding is through nitrogen of the oxime group. The bands around 715-807 cm⁻¹ in the secondary ligands which are due to combination of N-C-N and C=S str. have been considerably lowered in all the complexes indicating the involvement of sulphur in bonding. From a study of I.R. spectra (Table 3) one could as a first approximation postulate (i) The primary ligand has acted as a bidentate ligand and the bonding is through nitrogen of the oxime group and the oxygen of the C=O group. (ii) The secondary ligands, i.e., TU, PTU and DPTU have acted as a monodentate ligand and the bonding is through sulphur.

From the TG-studies it was observed that the water molecules are lost below 150°C indicating that they are present as lattice water. Further the analysis indicated the initial loss of primary ligand and subsequent loss of secondary ligands leading to the formation of sesquioxide.

The conductivity measurements of a few representative samples is recorded in the solvents methanol and dimethylformamide. The molar conductance values in these solvents are in the range 99–116 ohm⁻¹ mole⁻¹ cm² and 90–105 ohm⁻¹ mole⁻¹ cm² respectively (Table 1). The molar conductance values in both the solvents obtained in the lanthanide complexes are well within the range for a 1:1 electrolyte system^{21,22}

From the above observations as a first approximation a coordination No. seven is postulated for the lanthanide ion in the mixed complexes. The following tentative structure is proposed for the complexes.

$$[Ln(L)(L')_3Cl_2]Cl\cdot nH_2O$$

where Ln = Y, La, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd and Dy; L = DAMO; L' = TU, PTU, DPTU; n = 3, 4.

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Assignments	N-C-N str.	N-C-N str.	NH ₂ rocking+N-C-N bending+v(C-S) str.	N-C-N bending+(C-S) str.	N-O str. of oxime	v(C-S) str.		N-H str.	C-H aromatic str.	N-H bending+aromatic ring vibr.		N-H deformation + C-N asy. vibr.	(B ₁)N-C-N str.
 Dy(III) complex	 1500 sm	1470 1	1	$\left. \begin{array}{c} 1065 \ 1 \\ 1050 \ \text{sm} \\ 1015 \ 1 \end{array} \right\}$	19 096	805 sm 745 sm 715 sl		3190 bs	$\frac{3020}{3000}$ D	1590 sm	1580 sh	1535 ss	1485 sm
Gd(III) complex	1520 l 1500 sm	1480 l 1470 sh	1	1060 sh 1050 sm 1015 l	960 bl	805 sl 745 ss 715 l		SS 0776	$\frac{3050}{3020}$ Dsl	1598 sm	1588 sl	1545 ss	1480 sm
Sm(III) complex	1500 bm	1470 sh	ŀ	1062 sh 1050 sm 1015 sl	955 sl	805 ss 745 ss 715 1	0000	3700 SS	$\frac{3030}{3000}$ D	1590 sm	1580 sl	1540 ss	1485 sm
Nd(III)	1520 sm 1505 bm	1470 1	. 1	1065 l 1050 sm	910 sl	805 sm 745 sm 715 1		3190 ss	3000	1590 sm	1580 sh	1535 ss	1485 sm
Pr(III) complex	1500 bm	1480 1	I	1060 sh 1055 sm	910 sl	805 sm 745 sm 715 sl	;	3200 ss	$\frac{3000}{2980}$ D	1590 sm	1580 sh	1540 ss	1485 sm
La(III) complex	1500 sm	1480 1	1	1060 sh 1055 sm	955 bm	805 ss 745 sl 715 sl		3190 ss	3000 bm	1590 ss	1585 sh	1538 ss	1488 sm
Y(III) complex	1500 sh	1480 1	1	1065 sh 1050 sm	955 sl	805 ss 745 sm 715 sl	ourea	3190 ss	3000 bs	1590 ss	1580 sm	1535 ss	1485 ss
phenyl- thiourea	1510 ss	1475 sm	1435 ss	1068 sh 1055 ss	1	807 ss 745 ss 715 sm	Diphenylthiourea	3180 ss	3000 2980	1595 ss	1585 sm	1540 ss	1490 ss
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(A ₁)N-H rocking+N-C-N bending+v(C-S) str.	Mainly from C-S str. and part. of C-N str.	N-C-N bending +v(C-S) str.	Sym. C-N+N-H rocking vibration	N-O str. of oxime	50% or more (C-S) str.+ (C-N) str.
1440 ss	$1330 \text{ ss} \\ 1300 \text{ sm} $	1060 sl	1000 sl	925 sm	760 sh 750 ss 690 ss
1450 ss	1340 ss 1310 sl	1070 sl	1005 sl	935 sm	765 sh 750 sm 695 ss
1440 ss	1335 ss 1305 sl	1065 sl	995 sl	9651	160 sh 760 sm 80 069
1440 ss	1335 sm 1305 sl	1065 sm	1000 sm	975} 970}	762 sh 755 sm 695 ss
1440 ss	1332 ss 1302 sm	1060 sm	ls 266	970 sl	760 sh 750 ss 690 ss
1440 ss	1335 ss 1305 sm	1060 sm	1000 sm	925 sm	760 sh 750 ss 690 ss
1440 ss	1330 ss 1300 sm	1060 sm	1000 sm	975} 965}bl	760 sh 750 ss 690 ss
1445 ss	1340 ss 1310 sm	1065 sm	1000 sm		765 sh 760 ss 695 ss

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