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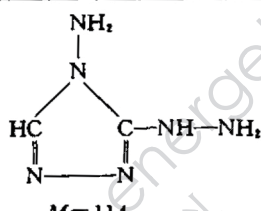
THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THERMAL DECOMPOSITION AND LASER IGNITION PARAMETERS FOR COMPLEXES OF HAT

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HAT (4-amino-3(5)hydrazino-1,2,4-triazole) is of interest as reactive ligand for transitional metal complexes. Mass-spectral investigations of HAT show its molecular ion being unstable (Table 1).

Table 1 Mass-spectral fragmentation of HAT

| Ligand | m/z (% t. i. c) |
|---|-----------------------------|
|  $M=114$ | 114(0.7); 99(0.7); 98(1.2); |
| | 97(1.8); 84(2.6); 83(1.9); |
| | 82(1.2); 81(1.6); 73(2.7); |
| | 67(12.1); 57(3.9); 56(1.1); |
| | 55(2.4); 43(1.9); 42(1.3); |
| | 41(2.9); 28(58.6) |

The fragmentation of HAT proceeds via two main routes. The first route involves the elimination of RCN whereas the second path proceeds through a consecutive elimination of NH and NH₂ groups. The basic peak has the m/z ratio 28 (nitrogen or H₂CN). A relatively stable ion with the m/z ratio 67 is identified as triazole.

The reaction of complex formation of HAT with nitrates of Ag(I), Ni(I), Cu(I) has been carried out in aqueous media^[1,2]. The IR spectra of the complexes show that ligand coordination takes place via nitrogen electron pairs of theazole cycle. The amino group does not take place in the complex formation. The NO₃⁻ ion is located at the outer sphere of the nitrate complexes. The ESR spectrum of the HAT copper complex shows a symmetric singlet signal. This complex appears to have polymeric nature. HAT is a N,N-bidentate ligand, in which N(1) and N(2) atoms of the triazole cycle are coordinated.

The thermal decomposition of the above nitrate complexes is found to be subject to metal cation catalysis. This conclusion is based on differential thermal analysis data (Table 2).

Table 2 Differential thermal analysis data of the HAT complexes at $V(t)=5\text{K}/\text{min}$

| [Cu(HAT) ₂](NO ₃) ₂ · H ₂ O | | [Ni(HAT) ₂](NO ₃) ₂ | | [Ag(HAT)](NO ₃) | |
|---|-------|--|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| T/K | m/% | T/K | m/% | T/K | m/% |
| 318~358 ¹⁾ | 6.84 | 318~503 | 4.88 | 393 | 27.66 |
| 410 | 75.24 | 543 | 52.03 | 523 | 23.40 |
| 423~777 | 10.26 | 658 | 29.27 | 605 | 2.66 |
| | | | | 693 | 10.11 |

1) endo-effect

The investigated complexes decompose with exo-effects. Cu(I) cation appears to be the most effective catalyst of thermal decomposition.

The catalytic effect of metals in the thermal decomposition of the above complexes may have diverse applications. The possibility of the laser beam initiation is one way of application of HAT complexes.

Perchloric complexes of Cu(I) and Ni(I) with HAT as a ligand were synthesised and used as laser initiated mine explosives. This part of our work was performed in collaboration with Dr. Chernai A V (Institute of Mines, Ukraine, Dnepropetrovsk). The Nd-laser with the wavelength 1.06 μm and impulse time of 20 ns was used in the experiments. The Cu(I) complex was found to require less laser energy (0.04J/cm²) for ignition than the Ni(I) complex (more than 0.4J/cm²). This fact confirms the key role of a metal ion in the process of laser initiation.

The method of ballistic pendulum was used to study the explosive decomposition of the Cu(I) complex. A simple equation describing the process was drawn:

$$J = (110.4 \pm 6.6)m - (1459.0 \pm 441.6) \quad r = 0.99$$

Where J —impulse, dyne/cm² · s; m —mass of the sample, mg/cm³; r —correlation coefficient.

The equation shows that there exist a relation between the ignition ability and the thickness of the Cu(I) complex sample.

EXPERIMENTAL

Here are given experimental conditions for differential thermal analysis of the salts; derivatography "Paulic E, Paulic J, Erdey L" (Hungary), the speed of heating 5K/min, the mass of a sample 10~20mg. IR spectra of complexes were recorded in Nujol on a "Brucker-IFS-113" spectrometer (Germany). Mass spectra of HAT were registered on a MX-1310 spectrometer (USSR) under the electron energy of 70 eV. ESR spectra of polycrystalline samples of Cu complex at 297K were recorded on a P3-1306 spectrometer

(USSR). The samples of Cu complex of 1 cm in diameter were ignited by a Nd-laser ROC-30M (USSR) which had special optic system for defocussing of the laser beam.

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