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Synthesis and Studies of Lanthanide Oxide Nitrates $LnONO_3$ ($Ln = Pr, Nd$, and $Sm-Yb$)

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The lanthanide oxide nitrates $LnONO_3$ with $Ln = Pr, Nd$, and $Sm-Yb$ were synthesised by thermal decomposition of hydrated lanthanide nitrates. The compounds were refined isotopically to $YONO_3$ in the tetragonal space group $P4/nmm$ and the structure is closely related to the $PbFCl$ -type. Because of the orientational disorder of NO_3^- in this structure refinement a possible superstructure is discussed.

Together with the oxide ions, the metal ions form $[Ln_2O_2]^{2+}$ layers, alternating with double $(NO_3)^-$ layers. Lattice parameters were determined by powder X-ray diffraction, and the structure of $HoONO_3$ was refined by Rietveld analysis. Some thermoanalytical data are given and magnetic properties were measured for $LnONO_3$ with $Ln = Nd, Sm, Eu$, and Gd .

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