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RECYCLING OF ALLOYS BASED ON REFRACTORY AND NOBLE METALS BY FLUORINATION WITH POTASSIUM TETRAFLUOROBROMATE

The usual ways for solution of some noble metals, their alloys and materials containing platinum metals are:

- Solution in acids and their mixtures (mostly used for Pt, Pd and their alloys);
- Electrolytic solution in acids at alternating current;
- Chlorination;
- Alloying ore agglomeration with alkalis or alkali (alkali-earth) metals peroxides

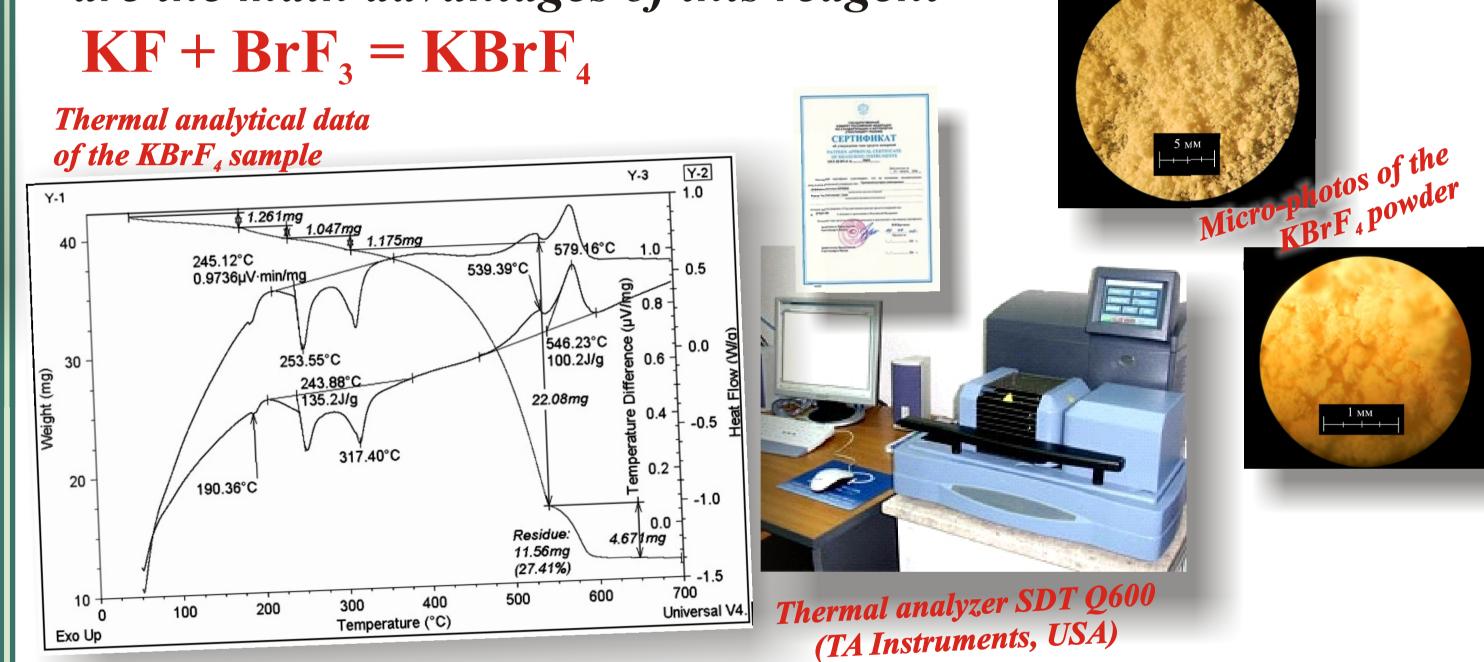


In laboratory conditions solution of platinum metals realized in following ways [1]:

Metals	Method	Reaction equation
Ru	Alkaline	$2Ru + 6NaNO_3 + 4NaOH \xrightarrow{400 \text{ °C}} 2Na_2RuO_4 + 6NaNO_2 + 2H_2O$
	oxidizing fusion	
Rh	Chlorination	$2Rh + 3Cl_2 \xrightarrow{400 \text{ °C}} 2RhCl_3$
		$RhCl_3 + 3NaCl \rightarrow Na_3[RhCl_6]$
Pd	Interaction with	$Pd + 4HNO_{3 конц.} \rightarrow Pd(NO_3)_2 + NO_2 \uparrow + 2H_2O$
	the nitric acid	
	Interaction with	$3Pd + 4HNO_3 + 18HCl \rightarrow 3H_2[PdCl_6] + 4NO + 8H_2O$
	aqua regia	
Os	Alkaline	$2Os + 7NaNO_3 + 10NaOH \xrightarrow{400 \text{ °C}} 2Na_5OsO_6 + 7NaNO_2 + 5H_2O$
	oxidizing fusion	$Os + 2O_2 \rightarrow OsO_4 \uparrow$
	Oxidation	$ OS + 2O_2 \rightarrow OSO_4 $
Ir	Alkaline	$Ir + 2BaO_2 \xrightarrow{800 \text{ °C}} BaIrO_3 + BaO$
	oxidizing fusion	
	Heating with the	$BaIrO_3 + 8HC1 \xrightarrow{t} H_2[IrCl_6] + BaCl_2 + 3H_2O$
	chlorate and the	$3Ir + 2NaClO_3 + 16HCl \xrightarrow{150 \text{ °C}} 2H_2[IrCl_6] + Na_2[IrCl_6] + 6H_2O$
	hydrochloric acid	$211_2[11C16] + 101_2[11C16] + 101_2[11C16] + 011_2[11C16] + 011_$
Pt	Interaction with	$3Pt + 4HNO_3 + 18HC1 \rightarrow 3H_2[PtCl_6] + 4NO\uparrow + 8H_2O$
	aqua regia	

Application of oxidative fluorination technique

Potassium tetrafluorobromate (KBrF₄) is considered as the most perspective reagent for oxidative fluorination. Relatively low pressure in reaction process and liquid station of reaction mass at temperature over then 330 °C are the main advantages of this reagent



Reactions KBrF₄ with platinum metals [2]

$$2KBrF_4 + Os = KF + KOsF_6 + BrF + 1/2Br_2$$

$$2KBrF_4 + Ru = KF + KRuF_6 + BrF + 1/2Br_2$$

$$2KBrF_4 + Ir = KF + KIrF_6 + BrF + 1/2Br_2$$

$$2KBrF_4 + Pt = K_2PtF_6 + 2BrF$$

$$2KBrF_4 + Pd = K_2PdF_6 + 2BrF$$

$$2KBrF_4 + Rh = K_2RhF_6 \text{ (or } K_3RhF_6) + 2BrF$$