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Introduction

When studying the properties of substances by calorimetric method, only those calorimetry potentialities are used that are mentioned in the manuals and traditionally accepted. The heats of chemical reaction, vaporization, sublimation as well as the heats of dissolution and mixing are mostly determined by means of an isothermal heat-conducting calorimeter [1]. Expansion of the application of various types of calorimeters could allow obtaining more characteristics by using available research facilities.

The fusion (crystallization) enthalpy of materials is usually determined either by a scanning calorimeter at the melting point or by indirect methods. Indirect methods imply the calculation of a difference between sublimation and vaporization enthalpy which in turn is determined at different temperatures or by the temperature dependence of saturated vapor pressure,

the calorimetry of dissolving substances and the data of differential thermal analysis [2].

In this work, we offer the procedure for determining the crystallization enthalpy of substances using an isothermal heat-conducting calorimeter at 298 K, this technique is applied to establish the crystallization enthalpies of three different organic peroxides: dicumyl peroxide, peroxyoctanoic acid and di-*tert*-butylperoxy isophthalate.

Experimental

When determining vaporization and sublimation enthalpies of several organic peroxides in an isothermal heat-conducting microcalorimeter [3], we detected that some of them are liable to a long-term existence as supercooled liquids at room temperature. These properties of substances were used for determining crystallization enthalpies according to the method, which had been previously used for the determination of the vaporization enthalpies [4]. The

investigated substances in a liquid state were placed in thin-walled glass spherical ampoules (~0.2 cm³) with a tapered tip and sealed. Afterwards, the ampoule was carried into a glass cell of the calorimeter; the trace crystals of the material under investigation were put onto the bottom of the cell as crystallization centers. The calorimeter temperature was kept slightly below the melting temperature, but sufficient for the investigated material to be in a supercooled liquid state for some time. To avoid heat loss to air from the open-ended cell, the absolute pressure was set to about 650 Pa, which is higher than the saturation vapor pressure of the investigated compounds at experimental temperature [5].

Starting from the breaking of the ampoule in the calorimeter, the calorimetric signal was recorded, which was caused by the heat release during material's crystallization. After finishing the experiment, the specific crystallization enthalpy (J g⁻¹) was calculated according to the following equation:

$$\Delta_{crvst}H=K\cdot\Sigma/m$$
,

where $K=7.130\pm0.016$ is the constant of the calorimetric cell (W V⁻¹); m is the crystallizing material weight (g); Σ represents the digital integrator reading (V s).

The constant of the calorimetric cell was the same as when measuring vaporization enthalpies at 298 K and it was determined in much the same way by vaporizing substances with the reliable vaporization values ($\Delta_{vap}H_{298}$) of decane, dodecane and tetradecane that are accepted to be 51.42 ± 0.21 , 61.52 ± 0.62 and 71.73±0.72 kJ mol⁻¹, respectively [6]. In our opinion, this was completely enough since the crystallization experiments were carried out practically in identical conditions and in a slightly rarefied medium. To eliminate the systematic error in some isolated experiments, we determined the calorific effect of ampoule breaking, which was less than 0.01 J and less than the calorimeter sensitivity within the investigated experimental range of crystallization enthalpy.

The crystallization enthalpies of dicumyl peroxide (C₆H₅-C(CH₃)₂-OO-C(CH₃)₂-C₆H₅), di-*tert*-butylperoxy isophthalate ((CH₃)₃C-OO-CO-C₆H₄-CO-OO-C(CH₃)₃) and peroxyoctanoic acid (CH₃(CH)₆CO-OOH) were determined according to the proposed method. Among these substances, di-*tert*-butyl peroxy terephthalate also had the property of being in a supercooled state for a long time. However, its crystallization, even in the presence of the crystals, lasted several days, which did not allow measuring its crystallization enthalpy.

Technical dicumyl peroxide was purified via threefold crystallization from methanol and subsequent chromatography through aluminium oxide.

Peroxyoctanoic acid was synthesized by the reaction of octanoic acid, hydrogen peroxide and sulfuric acid which were taken in a 1:1:1 molar ratio, respectively. 60% solution of H_2O_2 was dropwise added to the solution of octanoic acid in 96% H_2SO_4 initially cooled to 273 K, the temperature being kept no more than 290 K. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured out onto crushed ice and the peroxyacid sediment was filtered off. The peroxyoctanoic acid was purified by double crystallization from hexane and subsequent sublimation *in vacuo* at 13.3 Pa and 301 K.

Di-*tert*-butylperoxy isophthalate was synthesized by the reaction of sodium salt of *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide with isophthaloyl dichloride at 273–278 K. The product was purified via threefold crystallization from a diethyl ether-hexane mixture (1:1 (vol.)).

The synthesized peroxides were identified by elemental analysis, iodometric determination of active oxygen and IR spectrometry. A fusion curve method [7] was used to estimate the purity of the investigated substances.

Tables 1—3 shows the primary experimental data regarding the crystallization enthalpies of the investigated substances except peroxyoctanoic acid, the vaporization and sublimation enthalpies of which were found by an ampoule method [4].

Primary data regarding experimental determination of the crystallization enthalpies of the peroxides under investigation

T, K	$m\cdot10^3$, g	Σ, V s	$-\Delta_{\rm cryst}$ H, J g ⁻¹				
Dicumyl peroxide, s-l							
298.2	123.69	1.5097 87.03					
297.9	129.21	1.5783	87.09				
297.9	140.21	1.7077 86.84					
298.0	172.21	2.1010	86.99				
di-tert-Butylperoxy isophthalate, l–g							
298.3	141.55	1.4053	70.79				
298.3	155.03	1.5428	70.96				
298.0	134.20	1.3727	72.93				
298.0	117.40	1.2008	72.93				
298.4	178.53	1.7992	71.86				
Octaneperoxoic acid, l–g							
300.2	74.67	2.0235	193.2				
300.2	73.69	1.9788	191.5				
299.9	81.38	2.1707 190.2					
299.8	101.06	2.7682	195.3				
299.9	113.79	3.1550	197.7				

Primary data regarding the experimental determination of the sublimation enthalpy of octaneperoxoic acid

T, K	$m\cdot10^3$, g	Σ , V s	$\Delta_{\rm sub} H$, J g ⁻¹
298.2	34.42	2.8623	592.9
298.3	39.94	3.2794	585.4
298.4	56.06	4.6179	587.3
298.4	42.97	3.5118	582.7
298.3	35.91	2.9293	581.6
298.3	39.29	3.2406	588.1
			Average 586.3

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Table & 3\\ Primary data regarding the experimental determination of the vaporization enthalpy of octaneperoxoic acid \\ \end{tabular}$

Т, К	$m\cdot 10^3$, g	Σ, V·s	$\Delta_{\rm vap} H, J/g^{-1}$
308.1	45.17	2.4933	393.6
308.2	45.48	2.4821	389.1
308.1	61.30	3.3291	387.2
308.3	67.74	3.5240	370,9
308.4	61.17	3.3132	386.2
308.2	45.72	2.4855	387.6
			Average 385.8

vaporization and sublimation enthalpies taken from [3] is closer to the value given elsewhere [8], where the fusion enthalpy was determined in an adiabatic calorimeter at fusion temperature ($\Delta_{\text{fus}}H_{312.4}=$ =28.14 kJ mol⁻¹). The observed 20% difference cannot be explained by the fact that the crystallization temperature of supercooled dicumyl peroxide is 14 K lower than the fusion temperature, since the calculation [2,6] gave only a 5% decrease in the fusion enthalpy. It is quite possible that this difference is caused by the formation of primary structures within the supercooled liquid and correspondingly gives a significant reduction in the crystallization caloric effect.

Standard deviations of the average values of thermodynamic characteristics given in Table 4 were calculated using Student's test for the confidence level of 0.05.

We realize that the developed method cannot be widely used; it is applicable only to the substances that are disposed to be in a supercooled state for a long period of time. However, in our opinion, this is not a very rare case for rather pure substances.

Table 4

Phase transition enthalpies for investigated substances

 T_{fus} , K
 Substance purity, mol.%
 Phase transition (T, K)
 $\Delta_{trans}H$, kJ mol⁻¹

 312.0 ± 0.2 99.93
 supercooled liquid–solid (298.0)
 -23.52 ± 0.17

 solid–gas (308.4) [3]
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Dicumyl peroxide			solid–gas (308.4) [3]	108.0±2.9 [3]
Dicumyi peroxide			liquid–gas (313.0) [3]	80.78±0.78 [3]
			liquid–solid	$-27.42\pm3.0^*$
Di-tert-butylperoxy isophthalate	328.8±0.2	99.91	supercooled liquid-solid (298.2)	-22.31 ± 0.51
	305.0±0.2	99.60	supercooled liquid-solid (300.0)	-31.01±0.75
Octaneperoxoic acid			solid–gas (298.3)	96.4±1.2
Octaneperoxole acid			liquid–gas (308.2)	64.4±1.6
			liquid-solid	$-32.0\pm2.0^*$

^{*} Note: Calculated by the subtraction of the vaporization and sublimation enthalpies.

Results and conclusions

Substance

Based on the experimental calorimetric measurements, the molar enthalpies for the phase transition of the investigated compounds were calculated (Table 4). It can be seen that the crystallization enthalpy of peroxyoctanoic acid, which was calculated as the sublimation enthalpy subtracted from the vaporization one, is equal to that determined by the calorimetric method within an error limit. Meanwhile, the crystallization enthalpy of dicumyl peroxide which is calculated by subtraction the

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ВИЗНАЧЕННЯ ЕНТАЛЬПІЙ КРИСТАЛІЗАЦІЇ ДЕЯКИХ ОРГАНІЧНИХ ПЕРОКСИДІВ В ДИФЕРЕНЦІЙНОМУ ІЗОТЕРМІЧНОМУ КАЛОРИМЕТРІ

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Запропоновано методику визначення ентальпії кристалізації органічних речовин в ізотермічному теплопровідному калориметрі за температури, що близька до 298 К. Процес кристалізації здійснювали на калориметрі МІД-200 із застосуванням ампульної методики. Об'єм ампул, що містили переохолоджені рідини, складав близько 0,2 см³, залишковий тиск для зменшення тепловтрат 650 Па. Для ініціювання процесу кристалізації використовували деяку невелику кількість кристалів речовини, що досліджувалась, як центри кристалізації. Наведено результати визначення ентальпій кристалізації дикумилпероксиду, пероксиоктанової кислоти і ди-трет-бутилпероксиізофталату. Також калориметрично за ампульною методикою визначені ентальпії випаровування і сублімації пероксиоктанової кислоти. Встановлено, що ентальпія кристалізації переохолодженого на 14 К нижче температури плавлення дикумилпероксиду на 20% більша, за розраховану за різницею ентальпій випаровування і сублімації. У той же час, ентальпія кристалізації переохолодженої на 5 К пероксиоктанової кислоти, в межах похибки експерименту, збігається з розрахованою за різницею ентальпій випаровування і сублімації. Одержані експериментальні дані демонструють можливість використання даної методики для визначення теплоти кристалізації рідин, які здатні певний час знаходитися в переохолодженому стані.

Ключові слова: ізотермічний теплопровідний калориметр, переохолоджена рідина, ентальпія кристалізації, ентальпія випаровування, ентальпія сублімації, дикумилпероксид, пероксиоктанова кислота, ди-*трет*бутилпероксиізофталат.

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