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Final account of the thermochemical properties of complex oxides in the Y-Ba-Cu-O system $*$

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Abstract

The thermochemical properties (ΔH_{298}^0 , S_{298}^0 , H_{298}^0 – H_0^0 , $C_p(T)$, *T* and ΔH phase transformation) for $YBa₂Cu₃O₆$, $YBa₂Cu₃O₇$, $YBa₂Cu₃O_{7.5}$, $YBa₂Cu₄O₈$, $YBa₂Cu₅O₉$, $YBa₄Cu₃O_{8.5}$, Y_2BaCuO_5 , $YCuO_2$, $Y_2Cu_2O_5$, Y_2BaO_4 , $Y_2Ba_2O_5$, $Y_2Ba_4O_7$, $Y_4Ba_3O_9$, $BaCuO_2$, $BaCu_2O_2$, Ba_2CuO_3 and $Ba_3Cu_5O_8$ are presented. For every complex oxide, the numerical coefficient of the polynomial approximation of the reduced Gibbs energy temperature dependence is calculated.

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1. Introduction

The thermochemical properties of the ceramic superconductors $YBa_2Cu_3O_7$ (123- O_7), YBa₂Cu_{3.5}O_{7.5} (123.5-O_{7.5}), YBa₂Cu₄O₈ (124-O₈) and also other phases in the Y-Ba-Cu-0 system are being investigated very actively, but this work is not yet finished. Reviews of the known and available thermochemical properties such as $(H_{298}^0 - H_0^0$ and the phase transformation temperatures [1], standard entropies of formation [2], heat capacities in crystalline state [3], heats of melting/decomposition [4], average heat capacities of phase transformation products [S] and standard

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enthalpies of formation $[6]$) are available. On the basis of this information and with the help of different calculation [6,7] and statistical methods, we present here the most reliable data.

In this article the results of previous investigations are summarized. In addition to the above mentioned superconductors, data are also given for $YBa₂Cu₃O₆$ (123-O₆), $YBa₄Cu₃O_{8.5}$ (143-O_{8.5}), Y₂BaCuO₅ (211-O₅), YCuO₂, Y₂Cu₂O₅, Y₂BaO₄, $Y_2Ba_2O_5$, $Y_2Ba_4O_7$, $Y_4Ba_3O_9$, $BaCuO_2$, $BaCu_2O_2$, Ba_2CuO_3 and $Ba_3Cu_5O_8$. For double oxides in the Y_2O_3 -BaO and BaO-CuO systems, the correction of standard enthalpies of formation [6] was carried out with the use of semiempirical regularities $\lceil 8 \rceil$.

For every complex oxide in the interval from 298 to 6000 K, the numerical coefficients of the polynomials and the approximate reduced Gibbs energy temperature dependence were calculated with the help of the pocket program **ASTRA** [9].

2. **Investigation methods and results**

The multitude of literature data on the properties of complex oxides, their critical analysis and calculation, and also the statistical methods used for determining reliable data, were described in details elsewhere $\lceil 1-6 \rceil$.

The standard enthalpies of double oxides in the Y_2O_3 -BaO and BaO-CuO systems [6] have been corrected with the help of a linear approximation rule (LAR) [S]. The essence of this empirical regularity is as follows. After studying the 34 quasi-binary AO-BO systems, we found [8] that for the relative double compounds $A_rB_vO_r$, linear dependences between the standard enthalpy of formation from the simple oxides AO and BO $(H_a⁰(f))$ in kJ per g-atom) and of those of composition corresponding to the sum of the mole fraction of the standard enthalpies AO and BO (\bar{H}_{a}^{0} (*i*) in kJ per g-atom), and also between standard enthalpies AO and BO ($H_{at}⁰(AO)$ and $H_{at}⁰(BO)$ in kJ per g-atom) are observed. In common the dependence

$$
H_{\text{at}}^{0}(f)j = f[H_{\text{at}}^{0}(AO), \bar{H}_{\text{at}}^{0}(j), H_{\text{at}}^{0}(BO)]
$$
 (kJ per g-atom) (1)

exhibits a minimum $(H_{at}^{0}(f)min)$. Its branches can be described with help of linear equations between $H^0_{at}(AO)$ and $H^0_{at}(f)$ min, and $H^0_{at}(f)$ min and $H^0_{at}(BO)$ with the mean deviations from the reference data below \pm 5%. This empirical regularity we named the linear approximation rule (LAR) [8].

The initial data were taken from Ref. [6] and the results of the correction according to the LAR for double oxides in the Y_2O_3 -BaO and BaO-CuO systems are presented in Table 1 together with the linear equations (1) and necessary explanations. Fig. 1 illustrates the application of LAR graphically. The final thermochemical properties of the complex oxides are given in Table 2.

3. **Discussion**

The properties of the main phases in the $Y-Ba-Cu-O$ system have been determined under the assumption that every complex oxide has a definite stoichiometric composiTable 1

Using the example of Y , $BaO₄$:

 ${}^{n}H_{n}^{0} = x(Y, O_{3})[\Delta H_{298}^{0}(Y, O_{3})]/5 + x(BaO)[\Delta H_{298}^{0}(BaO)]/2 = 0.5(-1919.4/5) + 0.5(-553.5/2)$ -329.85 kJ g-atom, where $x(i)$ is the molar fraction of the *i*th simple oxide in complex one.

 $^{b}H_{91}^{0}$ (f) = ΔH_{298}^{0} (ox)/m = (-61.2 ± 0.7)/7 = 8.743 ± 0.1 kJ g-atom, where m is number of atoms in a molecule of Y₂BaO₄.

 c Previously used, 1905.4 [10], currently used, 1919.4 kJ mol⁻¹.

^d The calculation: $H_{at}^{0}(f) = -62.941 - 0.1643\bar{H}_{at}^{0}(j)$, for points 1-5, in kJ per g-atom.

^e The calculations: $H_{\text{at}}^0(\mathfrak{h}) = -101.828 - 0.3681 \ \bar{H}_{\text{at}}^0(\mathfrak{f})$, for points 1,3,5, in kJ per g-atom, and $H_{\text{at}}^0(\mathfrak{h}) =$ 14.3435 + 0.1849 \bar{H}_{at}^{0} (j), for points 2-4,6,7, in kJ g-atom.

tion which does not change up to the phase transformation temperature. But the results of investigations $\lceil 12-15 \rceil$ show that the majority of complex oxides in this system change their oxygen content with increasing temperature. This can be accompanied by changes in the initial composition and formation of new phases and solutions. Accounting for this fact and also for the accuracy of the determination methods $[1-6]$, we can consider that data for $H_{298}^0 - H_0^0 [1]$, $S_{298}^0 [2]$ and also $C_n(T) [3]$ should be reliable enough up to a temperature approximately equal to 0.8 T (ph.tr.). At higher temperatures it is possible to account for the change in the initial compositions of some phases and, consequently, for the changes in the temperature heat capacity equations.

According to Ref. [1], phase transformation temperatures (decomposition in the crystalline state, congruent melting) were found by varying oxygen partial pressure and partly under non-equilibrium conditions. Therefore, the phase transformation tem-

Fig. 1. The dependences of the standard enthalpies of formation from simple oxides of the relative double compounds, $H_{at}^{0}(l)$ (kJ per g-atom), from the sum of the partial molar enthalpies of the constituent simple oxides (H_{at}^0 in kJ per g-atom) for double oxides in the Y_2O_3 -BaO (a) and BaO-CuO (b) systems.

(a) 1, Y_2O_3 ; 2, Y_2BaO_4 ; 3, $Y_4Ba_3O_9$; 4, $Y_2Ba_4O_5$; 5, $Y_2Ba_4O_7$; and 6, BaO. $H_a^0(1) = 62.941 - 0.1643$ $\bar{H}_{at}^{0}(j)$ in kJ per g-atom; j corresponds to points 1-5.

(b) 1, BaO; 2, BaCuO₂; 3, Ba₂CuO₃; 4, Ba₃Cu₅O₈; 5, Ba₃CuO₄; 6, Ba₂Cu₃O₅; and 7, CuO. $H_{\text{at}}^{0}(f) = -101.828 - 0.3681 \overline{H}_{\text{at}}^{0}(f)$ per g-atom, j corresponds to points 1, 3 and 5; $H_{\text{at}}^{0}(f)$ $i = 14.3435 + 0.1849$ $\bar{H}_{\text{at}}^{0}(i)$ in kJ per g-atom, *i* corresponds to points 2, 4 and 7.

peratures and consequently the $\Delta H_{\text{ph,tr.}}$ values [4], as well as the average heat capacities of the phase transformation products [S], are only estimated values.

One of the most important thermochemical characteristics is the standard enthalpy of formation, which is presented in the following way [6]

$$
\Delta H_{298}^0(j) = \sum m_i \Delta H_{298}^0(i) + \Delta H_{298}^0(\text{ox})j \left(kJ \text{ mol}^{-1}\right)
$$
 (2)

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 $b^{6*} \Delta H_{298}^9(\text{o}x)$ data [6] corrected with the help of LAR [8].

where $\Delta H_{298}(i)$ and m_i are the standard enthalpy of formation and the number of moles of the *i*th simple oxide in the *j*th complex, respectively. $\Delta H_{298}^0(\text{ox})j$ is the standard enthalpy of formation of the jth complex oxide from simple ones.

For some phases, the ΔH_{298}^{0} (ox) values have been found by following a multi-step approach [6]:

Table 3

Coefficients of the temperature polynomial, Eq. (5), approximating the reduced Gibbs energy of 17 phases in the Y-Ba-Cu-O system in J K^{-1} mol⁻¹

^a φ_6 and φ_7 for all phases are equal zero.

(i) The exclusion of causal $\Delta H_{298}^0(\text{ox})$ values for every complex oxide;

(ii) The calculation of a mean arithmetic ΔH_{298}^0 (ox) value and average quadratic deviations;

(iii) The construction with the application of basic ΔH_{298}^0 (ox) values of different complex oxides using

$$
\Delta H_{298}^0(\text{ox}) = (m_0, \Sigma N, \ln \Sigma N, \Sigma M \text{ and } \ln \Sigma M)
$$
 (3)

where m_0 is the number of oxygen atoms in the complex oxide molecule, ΣN is the sum of the element numbers (according to the Periodic System) in the complex oxide molecule, and ΣM is the sum of the atomic masses (molecular mass of complex oxide);

(iv) The calculation using Eqn. (3) of the mean arithmetic ΔH_{298}^0 (ox) values and average quadratic deviations for every complex oxide. These $\Delta H_{298}^0(\text{ox})$ _{*i*} values are viewed as the most reliable data.

The basic ΔH_{298}^0 (ox) values [6] were taken for the following phases: 123–O₇ (many known initial ΔH_{298}^0 (ox) data including 19 values), 123-O₆ [9], 124-O₈ [6], Y₂BaO₄ [7], BaCuO₂ [10], Y₂Cu₂O₅ [16], 211-0₅ [16], Y₄Ba₃O₉ [4], BaCuO₃ [2], 143-O_{8.5} [2] and $YCuO₂$ [3].

The agreement of $\Delta H_{298}^0(\text{ox})$ data for complex oxides in the Y₂O₃-BaO and BaO-Cu0 systems with the LAR [8] shows (Table 1 and Fig. 1) that the used methods [6] give enough reliable results. As can be seen from Table 1, the average differences between the ΔH_{298}^0 (ox) values according Ref. [6] and the corrected ones are not more than \pm 7%.

It is also worth noting that in al1 calculation procedures concerning Y-containing oxides we used the current value of ΔH_{298}^0 (Y₂O₃), being -1919.4 kJ mol⁻¹ [11]. In genera1 we consider the data presented in Table 2 to be more correct than our previous estimations [17, 181.

For ease of application of individual compound thermochemical data is a thermodynamic simulation [161, the temperature-reduced Gibbs energy dependence for every complex oxide

$$
\Phi_t^*(T) = \mathbf{S}(T) - \{ \Delta H_{298}^0(i) - [H_{298}^0 - H_0^0](i) \} / T \quad \text{in } J \, \mathbf{K}^{-1} \, \text{mol}^{-1} \tag{4}
$$

is approximated with the help of the temperature polynomial [19]

$$
\Phi_t^*(T) = \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 \ln x + \varphi_3 x^{-2} + \varphi_4 x^{-1} + \varphi_5 x + \varphi_6 x^2 + \varphi_7 x^3 \text{ in kJ K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}
$$
\n(5)

where φ_i are the numerical coefficients and $x = T \times 10^{-4}$ /K (see Table 3).

4. **Conclusion**

Complete thermochemical properties for the main complex oxides of the $Y-Ba-Cu-O$ system are presented. The values have been determined by analysing the known literature data with the help of various calculation methods. These data are more correct than our previous estimations published previously $[17, 18]$. The temperaturereduced Gibbs energy dependences for every complex oxide were also calculated.

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