

Mechanically stressed structures and thermal degradation kinetics of zinc and cobalt acetylenedicarboxylates dehydrates

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Abstract

The mass loss kinetics of Zn and Co acetylenedicarboxylates was investigated in the temperature range of 263-313 K and at residual pressure of 1.3 Pa. It was shown that mass loss observed was due to dehydration that had only lasted until special critical value of residual water was reached. With a small change in that value during further dehydration the rapid collapse of ZnAC and CoAC took place involving chemical bonds destruction and formation of active particles that initiated solid state polymerization. Dehydration enthalpy was calculated using DFT methods. Model clusters of different size were considered and in every case substantial enthalpy values of 70-100 kJ/mole for each molecule of water removed were obtained. Such considerable values indicate mechanochemical activation for observed collapse of ZnAC and CoAC structures.