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# Energies of Combustion and Specific Heat Capacities of Diaminofurazan, Dinitrofurazan and Diaminoazofurazan

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**Abstract:** Energies of combustion and specific heat capacities of diaminofurazan (DAF), dinitrofurazan (DNF) and diaminoazofurazan (DAAzF) were determined. Energies of combustion for the three compounds are  $(-13043\pm119)$ ,  $(-6863\pm37)$  J·g<sup>-1</sup> and  $(-12661\pm54)$  J·g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. In corresponding standard molar enthalpies of formation  $(\Delta_f H_m^{\theta})$  were obtained with the different combustion products. The values of specific heat capacities for the three compounds are  $(140.8\pm0.1)$ ,  $(236.8\pm0.2)$ ,  $(216.9\pm0.2)$  J·mol<sup>-1</sup>·K<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Energy of combustion tends to rise with the decrease of oxygen content in molecule (DAF>DAAzF>DNF). Amino group contributes to increase energy of combustion, but nitro group has the opposite effect. As for the specific heat capacity, the change rule is opposite to energy of combustion.

Key words: furazan; energy of combustion; enthalpy of formation; Specific heat capacity

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### 1 Introduction

As one of the most simple furazan ring compounds, 3,4diaminofurazan(DAF) features good thermal stability and big density, which make it efficient structural units in the development of high-energy-density materials (HEDMs)<sup>[1-5]</sup>. DAF has been an important precursor to a series of furazan-based energetic materials<sup>[6-10]</sup>, 3,4-dinitrofurazan (DNF), 4,4-dimino-3,3-azofurazan(DAAzF) are two relatively simple derivatives of DAF, and their relationship are shown in Scheme 1. DNF was firstly reported at 1994<sup>[11]</sup>, having a crystal density of 1.62 g  $\cdot$  ml<sup>-1</sup>, a melting point of 15.8 °C and a boiling point of 168.8 °C. DNF is a high energy explosive and has been exploited the high reactivity of the nitro-groups to nucleophile in the synthesis of a large number of energetic derivatives. DAAzF is another special rich-nitrogen insensitive energetic material for its big positive enthalpy of formation<sup>[12]</sup>. Many studies showed that the three furazan compounds have excellent properties and good application prospect<sup>[13-14]</sup>.

Energy of combustion and specific heat capacity are twoimportant thermodynamic data and characteristic quantities closely related to energy and structure of material. We researched energies of combustion and specific heat capacities of the three furazan ring compounds to enrich thermochemical database and provide theoretical basis for further application. Meanwhile, the change rule of structure-property for the three compounds was also discussed.



Scheme 1 Relationship of DAF, DNF and DAAzF

### 2 Experimental

### 2.1 Samples

DAF, DNF and DAAzF were synthesized by our research group in Xi'an Modern Chemistry Research Institute. Their purities are more than 99.5% (HPLC). DAF and DAAzF are solid, and DNF is liquid.

#### 2.2 Energy of Combustion

Energy of combustion was determined with an IKA C5000 oxygen-bombcalorimeter (German) in adiabatic pattern. The calorimeter was calibrated with the standard substance benzoic acid having a purity of 99.99%, and each sample was tested with 6 times, The mean value  $(-26504 \pm 147)$  J  $\cdot$  g<sup>-1</sup> [<sup>15</sup>] is very close to the standard value as  $(-26434 \pm 3)$  J  $\cdot$  g<sup>-1</sup> (*T* = 298.15 K)<sup>[16]</sup>, indicating that the measuring system is accurate and reliable. The uncertainty can be obtained by equation  $U_c = ku$ , where *u* is the standard uncertainty (the standard de-

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viation of mean) the coverage factor k is 2, and level of confidence is 0.95.

### 2.3 Specific Heat Capacity

Specific heat capacity was measured using a Micro-DSC Ⅲ apparatus (SETARAM, France), with the operating temperature range of 283 - 333 K, temperature accuracy of  $10^{-4}$  K, heat flow accuracy of 10<sup>-4</sup> mW, and heating rate of 0.15 K  $\cdot$  min<sup>-1</sup>. The sample mass used for calorimetric measurement was about 200 mg. The reliability of enthalpy measurement was ensured by determinations of the enthalpy of dissolution of KCl (cr) in deionized water at 298.15 K. The result was  $(17.27 \pm 0.07)$  kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup>, which was very close to the literature value as (17.24  $\pm\,0.02$ ) kJ  $\cdot$  mol  $^{-1[\,17]}$  . The equation of specific heat capacity for standard calcined  $\alpha$ -Al, O<sub>3</sub> obtained was  $c_n (J \cdot g^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}) = 0.184 + 1.997 \times 10^{-3} T$ (283 K<T<353 K), and the standard molar heat capacity is 79.44 J  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup>  $\cdot$  K<sup>-1</sup>(298.15 K), which is consistent with the literature value of 79.02 J  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup>  $\cdot$  K<sup>-1[18]</sup>. The results indicate that calorimetric equipment is reliable and accurate.

### 3 Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Energy of Combustion

Each sample was tested with 6 times, and the results are listed in Table 1. The constant-volume energies of combustion **Table 1** Determination results for the energies of combustion of the samples

sample	No.	m/g	$\Delta T/K$	$\Delta_{\rm c} U/{\rm J} \cdot {\rm g}^{-1}$
	1	0.15733	0.1983	12954
	2	0.15768	0.2006	13084
	3	0.15719	0.1984	12973
DAF	4	0.15747	0.1997	13040
	5	0.15724	0.1974	12899
	6	0.15733	0.2002	13308
	mean			$13043 \pm 119$
	1	0.14900	0.1045	6860
	2	0.14650	0.1026	6835
	3	0.14330	0.1001	6797
DNF	4	0.14400	0.1018	6893
	5	0.14250	0.0999	6930
	6	0.14367	0.1012	6863
	mean	6,		6863±37
DAAzf	NN	0.14390	0.1776	12652
	2	0.14426	0.1791	12745
	3	0.14324	0.1757	12576
	4 8	0.14366	0.1766	12610
	5	0.14389	0.1774	12652
	6	0.10364	0.1317	12728
	mean			12661±54

Note: *m* is the mass of the sample;  $\Delta T$  is the temperature rising;  $\Delta_c U$  is the energy of combustion.

for DAF, DNF and DAAzF are  $(-13043\pm119)$ ,  $(-6863\pm37)$ ,  $(-12661\pm54)$  J  $\cdot$  g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The energy of combustion tends to rise with the decrease of oxygen content in molecule, DAF (15. 99%) > DAAzF (16. 31%) > DNF (49. 98%). DAF and DAAzF exhibit greater energy of combustion than DNF, indicating that amino group is an excellent burning group and markedly increase energy of combustion, but nitro group has the opposite influence. Due to the same number of amino group and the approximate nitrogen content (oxygen content), the difference of energy of combustion for DAF and DAAzF is small.

### 3.2 Enthalpy of Formation

The standard molar enthalpy of combustion  $(\Delta_c H_m^{\theta})$  was referred to the energy of combustion change of the following idealized reaction equation (1) at *T* = 298.15 K and  $p^{\theta}$  = 101.325 kPa<sup>[19]</sup>.

 $M(s) + a O_{2}(g) = b CO_{2}(g) + c H_{2}O(1) + d N_{2}(g)$ (1) M=DAF: C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>ON<sub>4</sub>, a=5/2, b=2, c=2, d=2;

DAAzF:  $C_4H_4O_2N_8$ , a=4, b=4, c=2, d=4;

Herein, it is necessary to illustrate that DNF is an oxygenrich compound, whose oxygen content reaches 49.98%. It doesn't need extra oxygen in combustion process according to equation (1). In order to obtain the standard molar enthalpy of combustion for DNF, another idealized reaction equation (2) was adopted.

$$M(1) = a CO_{2}(g) + b O_{2}(g) + c N_{2}(g)$$
(2)  
M=DNF: C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, a=2, b=1/2, c=2;

Meanwhile, in consideration of the rich nitro group in these compounds, idealized reaction equation (3) was employed. In the following reaction, NO<sub>2</sub> was considered as the gas product instead of usual N<sub>2</sub> for thermochemical calculation.  $M(s) + a O_2(g) = b CO_2(g) + c H_2O(1) + d NO_2(g)$  (3)  $M = DAF: C_2H_4ON_4$ , a=13/2, b=2, c=2, d=4;  $DNF: C_2O_5N_4$ , a=7/2, b=2, c=0, d=4;  $DAAzF: C_4H_4O_2N_8$ , a=12, b=4, c=2, d=8;

The standard molar enthalpy of combustion  $(\Delta_c H_m^{\Theta})$  can be obtained in accordance with equations (4) and (5) from the constant-volume state to the constant-pressure state. The calculated results are listed in Table 2.

$$\Delta_{\rm c} H_{\rm m}^{\Theta} = \Delta_{\rm c} U_{\rm m} + \Delta n R T \tag{4}$$

$$\Delta n = \sum n_i(\text{ products, g}) - \sum n_i(\text{ reactants, g})$$
(5)

where  $\sum n_i$  was the total molar amount of gases in products or reactants.

The standard molar enthalpy of formation ( $\Delta_f H_m^{\theta}$ ) of the compound can be calculated by Hess's law<sup>[19]</sup>, according to the above thermochemical equations. Taking DAF for instance, the standard molar enthalpy of formation is:

$$\Delta_{f} H^{\Theta}_{m}(\text{DAF}, s) = 2\Delta_{f} H^{\Theta}_{m}(\text{CO}_{2}, g) + 2\Delta_{f} H^{\Theta}_{m}(\text{H}_{2}\text{O}, 1) - \Delta_{c} H^{\Theta}_{m}(\text{DAF}, s)$$
(6)

where the standard molar enthalpies of formation for  $\text{CO}_2(g)$ and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1) recommended by CODATA,  $\Delta_f H^{\theta}_m(\text{CO}_2, g) =$ (-393.51±0.13) kJ · mol<sup>-1</sup>,  $\Delta_f H^{\theta}_m(\text{H}_2\text{O}, 1) =$  (-285.83± 0.042) kJ · mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta_f H^{\theta}_m(\text{NO}_2, g) =$  33.18 kJ · mol<sup>-1</sup>, were used to calculate the values of  $\Delta_f H^{\theta}_m^{[20-21]}$ . The standard molar enthalpies of formation for the three compounds can be calculated and are listed in Table 2.

If N<sub>2</sub> was considered as gas product, DAF has negative enthalpy of formation as  $(-57.1 \pm 11.9)$  kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup>, while DNF and DAAzF have positive enthalpy of formation as

(295.3±6.0) kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup> and (327.8±10.5) kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup>. Compared with amino group, nitro group has a greater effect on positive enthalpy of formation. Diazotization structure also contributes to positive enthalpy of formation. Moreover, if NO<sub>2</sub> was considered as gas product, the value of enthalpy of formation of DAF is in close proximity to the literature value as 89.99 kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1(22)</sup>, which indicates that considering NO<sub>2</sub> as gas product is feasible. Enthalpies of formation for DAF, DNF and DAAzF are (80.6±11.9), (437.9±6.0) kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup> and (603.1±10.5) kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup> respectively, and the change rule is consistent with the above.

Table 2 The thermodynamic values for the three furazan compounds at 298.15 K

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sample A	М	$-\Delta_{\rm c} U_{\rm m}$	$-\Delta_{\rm c} H_{\rm m}^{\Theta a}$	$-\Delta_{c}H_{m}^{\Theta b}$	$\Delta_{\mathrm{f}} H^{\Theta}_{\mathrm{m}}{}^{a}$	$\Delta_{\mathrm{f}} H^{\Theta \ b}_{\mathrm{m}}$
sample /	∕g•mol <sup>-1</sup>	/kJ · mol <sup>-1</sup>	∕ kJ • mol <sup>-1</sup>	/ kJ • mol <sup>−1</sup>	/kJ ∙ mol <sup>-1</sup>	∕ kJ • mol <sup>-1</sup>
DAF 1	00.08	1305.3±11.9	1301.6±11.9	1306.6±11.9	-57.1±11.9	80.6±11.9
DNF 1	60.05	1098.4±6.0	1087.3±6.0	1092.3±6.0	$300.3 \pm 6.0$	437.9±6.0
DAAzF 1	96.13	2483.1±10.5	2473.5±10.5	2483.1±10.5	327.8±10.5	603.1±10.5

Note: *M* is the molecular mass;  $\Delta_c U_m$  is the constant-volume molar energy of combustion;  $\Delta_c H_m^{\Theta a}$  is the standard molar enthalpy of combustion (N<sub>2</sub> as gas product);  $\Delta_i H_m^{\Theta b}$  is the standard molar enthalpy of formation (N<sub>2</sub> as gas product);  $\Delta_i H_m^{\Theta b}$  is the standard molar enthalpy of formation (N<sub>2</sub> as gas product).

### 3.3 Specific Heat Capacity

The continuous specific heat capacities of DAF, DNF and DAAzF were measured successively. Taking DAAzF as example, the measuring results are shown in Fig. 1. The fitted specific heat capacity equations for the three compounds are listed in Table 3, according to the automatic data processing software of Micro-DSC III apparatus. Relevant specific heat capacities and standard molar heat capacities ( $c_{p,m}^{\Theta}$ ) of the three compounds at 298.15 K are also listed in Table 3. Specific heat capacities for DAF and DAAzF present linear relationship with temperature in the determining temperature range, but specific heat capacities of DNF presents obvious quadratic relationship with temperature. The specific heat capacities for DAF, DNF and DAAzF at 298.15 K are (1.4067±0.0012),  $(1.4797 \pm 0.0015), (1.1058 \pm 0.0010) J \cdot g^{-1} \cdot K^{-1},$ respectively. The specific heat capacity of the three compounds decreases in the order of DNF>DAF>DAAzF. Nitro group makes a greater contribution to specific heat capacity than amino group, which is opposite to the change tendency

of energy of combustion  $(J \cdot g^{-1})$ . The specific heat capacity of DAF is larger than that of DAAzF, indicating that diazotization structure may decrease the specific heat capacity of compound, but the values of DAF and DAAzF are still close to each other, which is consistent with the result of energy of combustion.



Fig. 1 Determination result of the continuous specific heat capacity of DAAzF

 Table 3
 Determination results of continuous specific heat capacity at 298.15 K

sample	$     E_{q} / J \cdot g^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}      (283-333 K) $	r <sup>2</sup>	с <sub>р,m</sub> ∕J·g <sup>-1</sup> · K <sup>-1</sup> (298.15 К)	$c_{p,\mathrm{m}}^{\Theta}/\mathrm{J}\cdot\mathrm{mol}^{-1}\cdot\mathrm{K}^{-1}$ (298.15 K)
DAF	$0.3373 + 3.5868 \times 10^{-3} T$	0.9980	1.4067±0.0012	140.8±0.1
DNF	$-6.7135+5.2418\times10^{-2}$ T-8.3642×10 <sup>-5</sup> T <sup>2</sup>	0.9882	1.4797±0.0015	236.8±0.2
DAAzF	$0.5475 + 1.8727 \times 10^{-3} T$	0.9929	1.1058±0.0010	$216.9 \pm 0.2$

Note:  $E_q$  is the specific heat capacity equation;  $r^2$  is the correlation coefficient;  $c_{p,m}$  is the specific heat capacity;  $c_{p,m}^{\Theta}$  is the standard molar heat capacity.

### 4 Conclusions

(1) Energies of combustion of DAF, DNF and DAAzF were determined as (-13043±119), (-6863±37), (-12661±54) J  $\cdot$  g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The energy of combustion tends to rise with the decrease of oxygen content in molecule. Amino group contributes to increase energy of combustion, but nitro group has the opposite effect. The corresponding standard molar enthalpies of formation ( $\Delta_{i}$   $H_{m}^{\Theta}$ ) are (-57.1±11.9), (295.3±6.0), (327.8±10.5) kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup> with N<sub>2</sub> as gas product. When the gas product is NO<sub>2</sub>, the values of  $\Delta_{i}$   $H_{m}^{\Theta}$  are (80.6±11.9), (437.9±6.0), (603.1±10.5) kJ  $\cdot$  mol<sup>-1</sup>, respectively,

(2) The standard molar heat capacities  $(c_{\rho,m}^{\theta})$  of the three compounds are (140.8±0.1), (236.8±0.2), (216.9±0.2) J · mol<sup>-1</sup> · K<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. As for the specific heat capacity, the change rule is opposite to energy of combustion. In addition, diazotization has a faintly negative effect on energy of combustion and specific heat capacity.

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## DAF、DNF 和 DAAzF 的燃烧能和比热容研究

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**摘 要:**测得了公氨基呋咱(DAF),二硝基呋咱(DNF)及二氨基偶氮呋咱(DAAzF)的燃烧能和比热容。三种化合物的燃烧能分别为(-13043±119),(-6863±37)和(12661±54)J・g<sup>-1</sup>,同时,计算得到了基于不同燃烧产物的标准摩尔生成焓( $\Delta_i H_m^{\theta}$ )。三种化合物 298.15 K时的标准摩尔热容分别为(140.8±0.1),(236.8±0.2),(216.9±0.2)J・mol<sup>-1</sup>・K<sup>-1</sup>。燃烧能随着分子中氧含量的增加而 减少(DAF>DAAzF>DNF)。氨基基团有助于提高燃烧能,硝基则有负作用。对于比热容而言,三种化合物的变化规律与燃烧能相反。 关键词:呋咱;燃烧能;生成焓;比热容

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