

CALORIMETRIC MEASUREMENT OF INTERFACE ENTHALPY OF NANOCRYSTALLINE SILVER (I) OXIDE (Ag₂O)

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The interface enthalpy of nanocrystalline silver (I) oxide (Ag₂O.nH₂O) was measured. Ag₂O.nH₂O nanocrystalline samples of varying surface areas and degrees of agglomeration were synthesized by wet chemical technique. Interface areas were estimated by comparing the surface areas measured by N₂ adsorption to the crystallite sizes refined from X-ray diffraction data. The interface enthalpy was verified by utilizing thermodynamic cycle, using enthalpy of solution measurements in 25% HNO₃ at room temperature solution calorimetry. The interface enthalpy of the nanocrystalline Ag₂O.nH₂O is (0.842±0.508 J/m²). This work provides the first calorimetric measurement of the interface enthalpy of nanocrystalline silver (I) oxide (Ag₂O.nH₂O).

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