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Crystal phase analysis of by-products from NaBH₄ production via high-low pressure process by XRD

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Sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) is a safe and practical way of storing hydrogen due to its high hydrogen capacity (10.6% wt). NaBH₄ is synthesized from different boron minerals by the thermal-chemical reactions. Constitution of by-product is little demand in NaBH₄ production process, because of requirements of its reuse or disposal issues. It is important to known the mineralogical properties of byproduct for its disposal or reusing. In our study we investigated of characterization of by-products which were obtained from NaBH₄ production is based on the conversion reaction of borosilicate glass under high and low hydrogen pressure process (HPP-LPP) by XRD analysis. The XRD analysis was carried out at an ambient temperature by using Philips Panalytical X'Pert-Pro diffractometer in a range of diffraction angle from 10° to 90° with CuK α radiation λ =0.15418 mm at operating parameters of 40 mA and 45 kV with step size 0.02° and speed of 1° /min. According to the X-ray powder diffraction data, four crystal phases, Na₂SiO₃ (PDF Number: 00-016-0818), Na₂SiO₃.5H₂O (PDF Number: 00-003-0433), Na₂SiO₃.6H₂O (PDF Number: 00-018-1246) and Na₈Si(Si₆O₁₈) (PDF Number: 01-088-1229) were defined for each by-products HPP BP and LPP BP obtained via HPP and LPP, respectively. By comparison XRD results of by-products were obtained under high and low hydrogen pressure processes, there are same crystallographic properties have been detected.

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Acid phosphates of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethylamine -Importance of symmetry relation between enantiomers

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The molecule of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethylamine (NEA) with asymmetric carbon linked to large aryl group is used as chiral agent in NMR studies, as a chiral selector in separations and for derivatization in enantioselective catalysis. It is able to form a wide variety of acid phosphates comprising interesting networks of hydrogen bonds. These compounds arise from water - alcohol solutions of NEA and H₃PO₄ and are affected by symmetry relations between enantiomers present in the racemate. Salts prepared only from one enantiomer exhibit different and unique structures. We have prepared two different forms of (±)-(NEAH)H₂PO₄ with distinct networks of hydrogen bonds. The triclinic dihydrogenphosphate crystallized from mixture with stechiometric excess of the acid whilst monoclinic form was discovered by crystallization with stechiometric excess of the base. The triclinic form is described by *P*-1 and its phosphate anions

form chains of hydrogen bonds. The monoclinic structure belongs to $P2_1$ /c and phosphate units are interconnected to two-dimensional network. Another compound (NEAH)₂HPO₄ . 2H₂O described by C2/c comprises complicated network of hydrogen bonds. The salts of optically pure (S)-NEA cannot crystallize in space groups involving reflexion or inversion operations of symmetry. The (S)-(NEAH)₃H₂PO₄HPO₄ . 4.5 H₂O is an interesting example of such structure and belongs to C2. Very short hydrogen bond between HPO₄²⁻ and H₂PO₄⁻ represents remarkable feature in comparison to structures described above. Sets of crystalline phases obtained from solutions with different ratio of acid and base (separately for racemic and optically pure) were studied using XRD and some structures were determined from single crystal data.

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A comparative study of two multiphasic alkali halide crystals: Quinary vs.exenary

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A comparative study of two mixed crystals grown by a Czochralsky technique is realized: a quinary and a exenary. The first one is made by a melt of of five salts: KBr, RbCl, RbBr, KI and RbI, mixed in equal molar composition and the second one made with the same salts, but adding KCl, being the six salts in equal molar composition. The X ray diffractometry technique, determine for the quinary three phases with NaCl structure type: a single, a binary and a ternary, each one with a lattice constant well defined, in the exenary determine two phases, also with NaCl type: a binary and a quaternary, each one with a lattice constant well defined. By using equations of mass balance is obtained for each phase the concentrations of the components in molar fraction in the quinary and exenary crystals. Is remarkable the KCl play role simplifying the phase number from three to two when increase the components number from five to six. A qualitative analysis is done explain this phenomena.

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From dimeric tantalopentatungstate to monomeric organosilyl Lindqvist type polyoxometalates

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Polyoxometalates (POMs) are a well-known class of inorganic metal-oxygen clusters with an unmatched structural variety combined with a multitude of properties. The search for novel POMs is predominantly driven by exciting catalytic, medicinal, material science and bioscience applications. However, the mechanism of action of most polyoxoanions is not selective towards a specific target. In order to improve selectivity it appears highly