A new series of interstitial compounds (Na₂O)_{≤0,33}NaAl-SiO₄ reveals cubic symmetry of the cristobalite type NaAlSiO₄-carnegieite host lattice as concentrations of 0.01-0.33 Na₂O are intercalated at elevated temperatures under closed system conditions 800-1100^oC. The lattice expands correspondingly from a₀=7.3001(5) to 7.3209(1) Å. The structure model of the end member (Na₂O)_{0.33}NaAlSiO₄ shows unique (Na₄O)-(Na₄O) in the high temperature form of 3.17 Å from structure factor calculations based on X-ray powder diffraction data. $6^2/_3$ sodium atoms and $1^1/_3$ oxygens occupying the cage-like 12fold oxygencoordinated position of space group F 43m statistically form a diamond type sublattice in the high cristobalite type host lattice [AlSiO₄]²₄⁻¹. Long-term annealing experiments (200 h, 100-600^oC) indicate complex ordering mechanisms from super structure characteristics on X-ray GUINIER powder diffraction data.

At temperatures >1350°C intercalated Na₂O is released under open system conditions with subsequent collapse of the NaAlSiO₄- host lattice from cubic to triclinic which is the regular synmetry of NaAlSiO₄-carnegieites at temperatures <673°C.

Various single crystal growth experiments failed so far, unfortunately.

08.2-17 X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC STUDY OF HEXAKIS (PHENYLTHIO) CYCLOTRIPHOSPHAZATRIENE N₃P₃(Sph)₆

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The structure of the title compound has been undertaken as part of a programme on the studies of cyclophosphazenes containing sulphur substituents.

The crystals are orthorhombic, space group $P2_{1}2_{1}^{2}$ with two molecules in the unit cell of dimensions a = 19.392(2), b = 7.559(2) and c = 12.685(2) Å. The structure was solved by direct methods using visually measured intensities from photographic data and subsequently refined by least-squares with diffractometer data using anisotropic temperature factors to R-value of 0.029 for 1540 observed reflections.

The molecule lies on a two-fold axis. The phosphazene ring is planar. The structural features will be discussed and compared with those of $N_3P_3Cl_4(SPh)_2$ and $N_3P_3(OPh)_6$ solved earlier.

08.2-16 CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF Na₅Fe₃(SO₄)₆O · 11H₂O AND ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER SIMILAR COMPOUNDS. By <u>F. Scordari</u> and G. Milella, Department of Geomineralogy, Bari University, 70121 Bari, Italy.

The title compound has been crystallized from a solution containing Na $_2$ SO $_4 \cdot 10H_2$ O(3.4g) and Fe $_2$ (SO $_4$) $_3 \cdot nH_2$ O(4.3g) at about 353 K. It is the Na-end member of some compounds obtained in the system K $_2$ SO $_4$ -Na $_2$ SO $_4$ -Fe $_2$ (SO $_4$) $_3$ -H $_2$ O(Scordari, B37, 312 (1981) and references therein). All their structures contain [Fe $_3^{+0}$ O(SO $_4$) $_6$ (H $_2$ O) $_3$]⁵⁻ clusters. The nature of the monvalent cations, as the disorder involving some waters, hydronium and part of the alkaline, seems to be responsible of the different crystallochemical relationships between the clusters quoted above. This is reflected on the symmetry and on the stability of the salts.

The main crystal data for our compound are : Na(Na_{0.33}, H₂O_{0.67})₁₂Fe₃(SO₄)₆O·3H₂O, Cmcm, a = 15.015(4), b = 11.154(3), c = 18.385(4) Å, V = 3078.9 Å³, Z = 4, Dm = 2.30 (by flotation), Dx = 2.31, MoKa, λ = 0.7107, \mathcal{M} = 2.03 mm⁻¹, final R = 0.064 for 1143 observed reflections. 08.2-18 α, γ AND β PHASES OF LITHIUM IODATE BY NEUTRON SCATTERINC AND NMR. By J.-M. Crettez, E. Coquet, Laboratoire d'Optique du Réseau Cristallin, UER MIPC, 6 Bd. Gabriel, 21100 Dijon, France, and J. Pannetier, J. Bouillot, Institut Laue-Langevin, 156X, 38042-Grenoble Cedex, France, and M. Durand-Le Floch, Laboratoire de Chimie Minérale D, Fac. Sciences, Avenue du Général Leclerc, 35042 Rennes, France.

Neutron powder diffraction patterns of $(\gamma + \alpha)$ and β lithium iodate samples are used to refine the structure of γ (at 488 K) and β (at 513 K) LiIO₃. All three modifications are built up from Li⁺ and (IO₃)⁻ pyramids but lithium is 6-fold, 5-fold and 4-fold coordinated to oxygen in the α -, γ -and β -phases respectively. The study of IO₃ group displacements through the $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$ phase transition suggests that the γ phase structure is closely related to a mixed orthohexagonal description of the α structure where both enantiomorphic forms of the hexagonal unit cell are present. The existence of a new α' modification is postulated in view of neutron diffraction and NMR results. A simulation of the structure of hexagonal α -LiIO₃ is also presented. Moreover, a kinetic study of the sequence of phase transitions on a neutron powder diffractometer has shown that the intermediate phases, and that the domain of stability of each phase depends on the particle size.