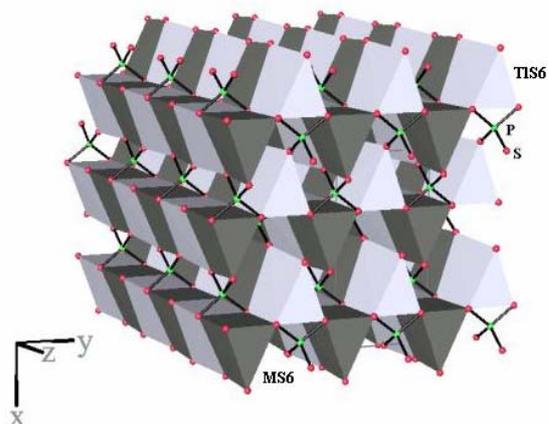


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The new thallium(I) ortho- thiophosphates TIMPS₄ (M = Sr, Pb) were prepared applying a stoichiometric mixture of P₂S₅, MS, S, and Tl₂S at high temperatures. The compound crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group Pnma and is isostructural with TlEuPS₄ [1]. It exhibits a layered structure. Each layer is composed of [(MS₆(TlS₆)_n)]ⁿ⁺ zigzag chains, which consist of irregular trigonal prisms alternately centred by Tl and M atoms. The layers are stacked perpendicular to the crystallographic a axis and are held together by PS₄ tetrahedra [2]. The bond valence analysis method (BVM) is used to determine where is pointing the Pb 6s² lone pair.



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The layered structures of zirconium phosphates (α -Zr(HPO₄)₂·H₂O and γ -Zr(PO₄)(H₂PO₄)₂·2H₂O) have received considerable amounts of interest due to their ion exchange properties [1-3]. Such ion exchange properties have potential application in ionic conductivity, e.g. Li⁺ conduction for battery applications where light materials

with high lithium content and mobility are desirable. Also there is considerable interest in materials that can absorb radioactive ions (e.g. Cs⁺, Sr²⁺) in the remediation of nuclear waste.

Our recent determination of the structure of aluminium triphosphate (AlH₂P₃O₁₀·2H₂O) [4] has shown that it possesses similar structural features to the zirconium phosphates but little research has yet been undertaken into its ion exchange properties.

Here we present our synthetic and structural studies on the ion exchange properties of AlH₂P₃O₁₀·2H₂O, focusing on Li, Na and Cs exchanges. These materials were studied by X-ray diffraction, TGA, flame photometry and ICP analysis. Structural characterisation has been undertaken by the analysis of powder x-ray diffraction data using the Rietveld method and the GSAS suite of programs [5].

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Alluaudites are Na-, Mn-, Fe-bearing phosphate minerals, which are known to occur as accessory minerals in granitic pegmatites. The crystal structure of natural alluaudite has been determined by Moore [1] in the C2/c space group; he derived the general structural formula, X(2)X(1)M(1)M(2)₂(PO₄)₃, with Z = 4. Recently, Hatert *et al.* [2] proposed a new structural formula for alluaudite, which takes into account the presence of new crystallographic sites in the channels of the structure: [A(2)A(2)']₂[A(1)A(1)'²A(1)''²]₂M(1)M(2)₂(PO₄)₃.

In natural alluaudites, divalent cations are localized in the A(1) (Mn, Ca), M(1) (Mn, Fe²⁺), and M(2) (Fe²⁺, Mn, Mg) crystallographic sites [3]. The exotic cations Cd and Co²⁺ have been inserted experimentally in the alluaudite-type compounds Na₂CdM²⁺(PO₄)₃ (M²⁺ = Fe³⁺, Ga, Cr) [4] and M^rCo²⁺₃(PO₄)(HPO₄)₂ (M^r = Ag, Na) [5, 6].

Since alluaudite is a key mineral in the genetic evolution affecting the Fe-Mn-bearing phosphates minerals, it is of interest to investigate the crystal chemistry of the divalent cation in the alluaudite structure. With this purpose in mind, we decided to study the Na₂(Mn_{1-x}M²⁺_x)Fe²⁺Fe³⁺(PO₄)₃ (M²⁺ = Ca, Cd, Ni, Zn, Mg) solid solutions of alluaudite-type compounds.

The phosphates were synthesized hydrothermally between 400 and 600°C at 1 kbar, using horizontally arranged Tuttle-type cold-seal bombs. The powder X-ray diffraction patterns indicate that the Cd and Mg-bearing samples are constituted by pure alluaudite for x = 0 to 1, whereas the Ca-, Ni- and Zn-bearing compounds contain small amounts of impurities.

The Rietveld refinements of the powder X-ray diffraction patterns show that Cd occurs in the A(1), M(1) and M(2) sites of Na₂CdFe²⁺Fe³⁺(PO₄)₃, whereas Ca is localized in