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Vanadyl phosphate dehydrate $\text{VOPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is one of the principal precursors to obtain all phases of the VPO [1] system. This phosphate is easily crystallised when vanadium oxide is refluxed in concentrated H_3PO_4 [2]. It can be also synthesised at room temperature via the acidification of an aqueous solution of sodium metavanadate NaVO_3 and sodium metaphosphate Na_3PO_4 [3] or via sol-gel method, by reacting phosphoric acid with vanadium oxo-alkoxides $\text{VO}(\text{OR})_3$ [4].

In this study, the structure of vanadyl phosphate hydrates undergoes different transformations when it was refluxed in different solvent depending in the nature of solvent. Indeed after 24 hours of $\text{VOPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ reflux in isopropanol the $\text{VOHPO}_4 \cdot 0,5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [5] is formed. This phase was already, obtained in other conditions by Hutchings and all [6], and O'Mahony and all [7]. Another phase which has not been reported up to date is obtained when the n-propanol is used. The XRD pattern of this phase is completely different from that of $\text{VOHPO}_4 \cdot 0,5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ or any other phases in the VPO system. The identification of this new phase is under study. It evidences that we obtain the $\text{VOPO}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ when reflux is in tetrahydrofurane.

X-ray diffraction, I.R infrared microscopy, DTA/GTA differential thermographic analysis and scanning electron microscopy are used in this study.

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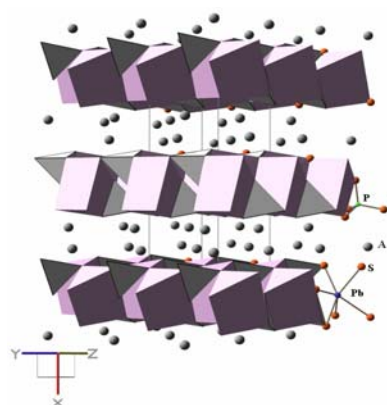
Synthesis and crystal structure of the new lead thiophosphates APbPS_4 (A = K, Rb, Cs). I. Belkhal^I, M. El Azhari^I, Y. Wu^{II}, C. Näther^{II}, W. Bensch^{II} and W. Depmeier^{III} ^ILaboratoire Matière Condensée et nanostructures, Faculté des Sciences et Techniques, Département des Sciences Chimiques, Université Cadi Ayyad, Marrakech Morocco. ^{II}Institut für Anorganische Chemie, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel Germany. ^{III}Institut für Geowissenschaften / Kristallographie, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel Germany.

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The new lead potassium thiophosphates APbPS_4 (A = K, Rb, Cs) were synthesized by reacting Pb with an in situ formed melt of A_2S_3 , P_2S_5 and S. The structures were determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction. APbPS_4 (A = K, Rb, Cs) crystallizes in the orthorhombic system, space group Pnma [1,2]. The structure is isotypic with that of KEuPS_4 [3] and consists of two-dimensional $[\text{PbPS}_4]_n^{n-}$ anionic layers extending in the yz plane, separated by alkali cations. The layers are comprised of alternating zigzag parallel chains of PbS_6 trigonal prisms running along [010] connected by PS_4 tetrahedral units.

The bond valence analysis method (BVM) is used to study the Pb $6s^2$ lone pair effect in the crystal structure of these compounds. The data collected at 153K by Yao et al [4] show that the RbPbPS_4 crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group $\text{P2}_1\text{2}_1\text{2}_1$. For this compound, our DSC measurements confirmed the existence of a phase transition $\text{P2}_1\text{2}_1\text{2}_1 \rightarrow \text{Pnma}$ at 182K



Extended structure of KPbPS_4 projected along [001]

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