

MS14-P05 | SYNTHESIS AND CRYSTAL STRUCTURES OF $Zr_2(OH)_2(XO_4)_3 \cdot 4H_2O$ ($X=S, Se$) AND $Zr(SeO_3)_2$

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In the course of a study on the crystal chemistry of zirconium oxysalts synthesized at low-hydrothermal conditions [1-3] we also prepared the title compounds from $Zr_2O_2(CO_3)(OH)_2$, the respective acids and minor contents of water.

The $Zr_2(OH)_2(XO_4)_3 \cdot 4H_2O$ ($X=S, Se$) salts crystallize isotypic in space group $C2/c$, the structure of the sulfate has been described earlier [4]. The present single crystal X-ray data allowed high-quality refinements disclosing the hydrogen bonding system and its role in the framework structure of $Zr^{[8]}O_{14}$ dimers and XO_4 groups.

For $Zr(SeO_3)_2$, only a microcrystalline precipitate could be extracted so far, hence X-ray powder data were measured on a Bruker D8eco system. A previous description [5] in $Pmmm$ ($a=8.555$, $b=6.479$, $c=15.232$ Å) resulted in several unindexed main peaks. The new cell is re-indexed in $P2_1/c$ with $a=4.9724(3)$, $b=8.5992(5)$, $c=6.9447(3)$ Å, $\beta=110.128(3)^\circ$. The structure obtained from our Rietveld refinement proves isotypism with other $M^{4+}(SeO_3)_2$ compounds, i.e. $Ti(SeO_3)_2$, $\beta-Sn(SeO_3)_2$ and $Pb(SeO_3)_2$ [6,7]. The $Zr^{[6]}-O$ (2.031–2.083 Å) and $Se-O$ (1.710–1.718 Å) bond lengths are in good agreement with values from literature.

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