STRUCTURE-PROPERTIES CORRELATIONS IN DIVALENT METAL PHOSPHONATES

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Crystalline metal phosphonates may offer acidic sites, structural flexibility and guest molecules (H₂O, heterocyclics, etc.) which can act as proton carriers. In addition, some frameworks are also amenable for post-synthesis modifications in order to enhance desired properties [1,2].

In this work, present the synthesis and characterization of two we hydroxyphosphonoacetates hybrids based on magnesium, [Mg₅(O₃PCHOHCOO)₂(HO₃PCHOHCOO)₂·8H₂O], and zinc, $[Zn_6K(O_3PCHOHCOO)_4(OH) \cdot 6.5H_2O]$, prepared under hydrothermal conditions. Both solids present three-dimensional frameworks and their crystal structures were solved by ab initio xray powder diffraction methods. Their thermal stability, crystal structures and proton conductivity properties will be reported and discussed.

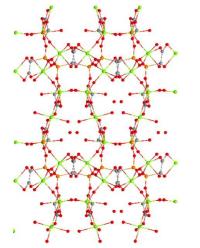


Figure 1. Crystal structure of $Mg_5(O_3PCHOHCOO)_2(HO_3PCHOHCOO)_2 \cdot 8H_2O$. Mg: green balls; P: orange balls; O: red balls; C: grey balls.

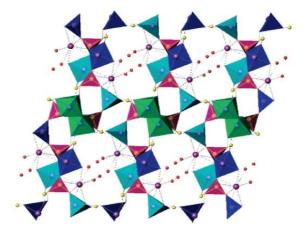


Figure 2. Polyhedra view of $Zn_6K[(O_3PCHOHCOO)_4(HO)]$ ^{6.5}(H₂O) framework. $Zn(1)O_6$, navy-blue octahedra; $Zn(2)O_4$, sky-blue tetrahedra; $Zn(3)O_5$, purple polyhedra; CPO3, green tetrahedra; O red balls; K, purple balls and C, yellow balls

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