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Synthesis and characterization of cesium aluminosilicate phases from LTA zeolites as a precursor

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¹³⁷Cesium is considered as one of the most hazardous radiotoxic elements for the environment. The aim of this study is to find out the best method to remove radio-active cesium from nuclear waste streams and safely store in non-leaching solids. Cs⁺ exchanged forms of two synthetic zeolites (4A and 5A) were prepared by standard procedure and investigated by SEM/EDS analysis. Thermal-transformations of Cs⁺ exchanged zeolites (LTA) have been studied by means of differential thermal analysis (DTA), thermo-gravimetric analysis (TGA) and x-ray powder diffraction. Based on obtained data, it was concluded that above 1000 ⁰C Cs-LTA (4A and 5A) frameworks recrystallized in a stabile pollucite phase.

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Investigation of the yttrium doped CaMnO₃ nanopowders

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Nanostructured compounds with general formula $Ca_{1-x}Y_xMnO_3$ ($0\le x\le 1$) were synthesized by modified glycine nitrate procedure. Afterwards, we have investigated crystal structure and microstructure of the synthesized samples using X-ray methods and Rietveld analysis. The main focus of this research was the structural stability of the yttrium doped $CaMnO_3$ perovskite phases, which crystallize in orthorhombic space group Pnma. We observed that the unit cell volumes of the investigated compounds increase proportionally with yttrium amount. Furthermore, we investigated the influence of yttrium amount on Mn-O bond angles and distances, tilting of MnO_6 octahedra and deformation due to the presence of Jahn-Teller distortion around Mn cation. Finally, the photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) method was applied in order to follow yttrium concentration in the perovskite phases.