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Ultrasound assisted ambient temperature synthesis of ternary oxide  $AgMO_2$  (M=Fe, Ga) R. Nagarajan and Nobel Tomar Page 1283



The application of ultrasound in the formation of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -forms of AgMO<sub>2</sub> (M=Fe, Ga) has been demonstrated.

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Charge density matching in templated molybdates Hernan Sanchez Casalongue, Sarah J. Choyke, Amy Narducci Sarjeant, Joshua Schrier and Alexander J. Norquist *Page 1297* 



A geometric decomposition method for surface area determination is presented in the context of charge density matching in new organically templated polyoxomolybdates.

# Nanoscale formation of new solid-state compounds by topochemical effects: The interfacial reactions ZnO with $Al_2O_3$ as a model system

Sonia Pin, Paolo Ghigna, Giorgio Spinolo, Eliana Quartarone, Piercarlo Mustarelli, Francesco D'Acapito, Andrea Migliori and Gianluca Calestani *Page 1291* 



EXAFS Fourier transforms and morphology of different reactive interfaces between ZnO and  $\rm Al_2O_3.$ 

## Structural changes accompanying negative thermal expansion in $Zr_2(MoO_4)(PO_4)_2$

Mehmet Cetinkol, Angus P. Wilkinson and Peter L. Lee

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Negative thermal expansion in  $Zr_2(MoO_4)(PO_4)_2$  is associated with a complex pattern of structural changes that is not the same as that previously reported for  $Sc_2(WO_4)_3$ .

#### Structure and crystal chemistry of fluorite-related Bi<sub>38</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>78</sub> from single crystal X-ray diffraction and *ab initio* calculations

Neeraj Sharma, René B. Macquart, Mogens Christensen, Maxim Avdeev, Yu-Sheng Chen and Chris D. Ling *Page 1312* 



The crystal structure of  $Bi_{38}Mo_7O_{78}$  with  $MoO_4$  and  $MoO_6$  represented as polyhedra, Bi atoms as gray spheres, and fluorite-type O atoms as white vertices of Bi–O–Bi bonds.

Magnetic and structural properties of  $NaLnMnWO_6$  and  $NaLnMgWO_6$  perovskites

Graham King, Lora M. Wayman and Patrick M. Woodward *Page 1319* 



Evidence for multiple magnetic phase transitions in the A and B-site ordered perovskite NaPrMnWO<sub>6</sub>.

### Phase transformation of boron nitride under hypothermal conditions

Gang Lian, Xiao Zhang, Lingling Zhu, Deliang Cui, Qilong Wang and Xutang Tao *Page 1326* 



Phase transformations from hBN to wBN and cBN happened with the temperature increasing from 230 to 300  $^{\circ}$ C under hypothermal conditions, and nearly pure cBN has been synthesized at 300  $^{\circ}$ C and 12 MPa.

#### Reinvestigation and superstructure of La<sub>3.67</sub>[Fe(C<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]

Bambar Davaasuren, Enkhtsetseg Dashjav, Guido Kreiner, Horst Borrmann and Rüdiger Kniep Page 1331



Diffraction data reveal a superstructure with weak superstructure reflections for La<sub>3.67</sub>[Fe(C<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] in the space group  $P6_3/m$ . The superstructure is caused by an ordered arrangement of La atoms along 0, 0, z with alternating short and long distances.

Kinetics of Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> digestion in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solutions Daud K. Walanda, Geoffrey A. Lawrance and Scott W. Donne *Page 1336* 



Manganese dioxide phase diagram resulting from the acid digestion of  $\mathrm{Mn_2O_3}$ .

## The $A^{2+}Mn_5(SO_4)_6$ family of triangular lattice, ferrimagnetic sulfates

D.V. West, T.M. McQueen, I.D. Posen, X. Ke, Q. Huang, H.W. Zandbergen, A.J. Williams, P. Schiffer and R.J. Cava

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A new family sulfates,  $A^{2+}Mn_5(SO_4)_6$  (A = Pb, Ba, Sr) is reported. Structures are solved by powder neutron diffraction. PbMn<sub>5</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub> is trigonal with lattice parameters of a = 14.551(1)Å and c = 7.535(1)Å. The structure has dimers of face-sharing MnO<sub>6</sub> octahedra, and two complementary triangular layers of Mn atoms that result in a ferrimagnet. All compounds magnetically order at 10 K. Low field susceptibility varies systematically with non-magnetic cation radius.

### Effect of silver on phase separation and crystallization of niobium oxide containing glasses

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HRSEM micrograph of acid etched surface of silver doped sodium and niobium phosphate glass after nucleation heat treatment before (a) and after second heat treatment (b), (c) leading to phase separation and crystallization.

Chemical interaction in the B–BN system at high pressures and temperatures. Synthesis of novel boron subnitrides Vladimir L. Solozhenko and Oleksandr O. Kurakevych Page 1359



Chemical interaction and phase transformations in the B–BN system have been *in situ* studied by X-ray diffraction with synchrotron radiation at pressures up to 5.3 GPa and temperatures up to 2800 K using multianvil press. Three boron subnitrides have been synthesized and characterized.

#### **Relevance of supramolecular interactions, texture and lattice occupancy in the designer iron(II) spin crossover complexes** Anil D. Naik, Bernard Tinant, Kai Muffler,

Juliusz A. Wolny, Volker Schünemann and Yann Garcia *Page 1365* 



New Fe<sup>II</sup> complexes of formula [Fe(3-Br-phen)<sub>2</sub>(NCS)<sub>2</sub>]...Solvent have been synthesized by precipitation (1) and extraction (4) methods. <sup>57</sup>Fe Mössbauer and magnetic investigation reveal unique features atypical of classic [Fe(phen)<sub>2</sub>(NCS)<sub>2</sub>] polymorphs. Complex 1, undergoes upon cooling below room temperature an incomplete and gradual thermally induced spin conversion, while 4 remains mostly in the low-spin state. Role of supramolecular interactions, particles size, lattice solvents have profound influence on magnetic properties.

## Channels occupancy and distortion in new lithium uranyl phosphates with three-dimensional open-frameworks

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The three new lithium uranyl phosphates  $Li_2(UO_2)_3(PO_4)_2O$ ,  $Li(UO_2)_4(PO_4)_3$  and  $Li_3(UO_2)_7(PO_4)_5O$  were synthesised via solid state reaction. The structures of these compounds are based upon three-dimensional open-frameworks built from  $\frac{1}{\infty}[UO_5]^{4-}$  chains connected through two types of layers, S and D, in the sequences S–S, D–D and S–D, respectively. The lithium atoms distribution along the channels induces various distortions of the  $\frac{1}{\infty}[UO_5]^{4-}$  chains.

## Solid-state thermolysis of [MnO]<sub>12</sub> containing molecular clusters into novel MnO nano- and microparticles

Lingyun Chen, Hang Xing, Yongming Shen, Junfeng Bai and Guoqing Jiang

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Novel MnO nano- and microparticles were controlled synthesized by solid-state thermolysis of inorganic core containing molecular clusters  $[Mn_{12}O_{12}(O_2CR)_{16}(H_2O)_4]$  ( $R = C_6H_5$ ,  $CH_3$ , and  $C_6H_5OCH_2$ ) in a conventional tubular furnace.

Solvothermal synthesis and photoluminescence properties of BiPO<sub>4</sub> nano-cocoons and nanorods with different phases Fei Xue, Haibo Li, Yongchun Zhu, Shenglin Xiong, Xianwen Zhang, Tingting Wang, Xin Liang and Yitai Qian *Page 1396* 



Hexagonal phase  $BiPO_4$  nano-cocoons were fabricated by solvothermal method at 200 °C for 1 h. When the reaction time was increased to 3 h, monoclinic phase  $BiPO_4$  nanorods were formed.

Synthesis and crystal structure of  $Ru^{III}$ -supported tungstoantimonate  $[Sb_2W_{20}Ru_2^{III}(H_2O)_2(dmso)_6O_{68}]^{4-}$ Li-Hua Bi, Bao Li, Shuai Bi and Li-Xin Wu *Page 1401* 



The first  $Ru^{III}$ -supported tungstoantimonate  $[Ru^{II}(bpy)_3]_2$   $[Sb_2W_{20}Ru^{II}_2(H_2O)_2(dms0)_6O_{68}]\cdot 3dmso~(bpy=bi-pyridine)~(1a)$  has been synthesized using  $Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2$  as an alternative ruthenium-source and structurally characterized.

## Syntheses, topological analyses and photoelectric properties of Ag(I)/Cu(I) metal-organic frameworks based on a tetradentate imidazolate ligand

Hua-Sen Weng, Jian-Di Lin, Xi-Fa Long, Zhi-Hua Li, Ping Lin and Shao-Wu Du *Page 1408* 



Four coordination polymers built upon Ag(I)/Cu(I) pseudohalides and a imidazolate ligand have been solvothermally synthesized. The luminescent properties for these compounds and the possible ferroelectric behavior of 1 are discussed.

#### Synthesis, structure and fluorescence of novel cadmium(II) and silver(I) complexes with in situ ligand formation of 1-(5-tetrazolyl)-4-(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)benzene

Zhi Su, Jing Xu, Yong-Qing Huang, Taka-aki Okamura, Guang-Xiang Liu, Zheng-Shuai Bai, Man-Sheng Chen, Shui-Sheng Chen and Wei-Yin Sun *Page 1417* 



Three novel coordination polymers were obtained with in situ ligand formation through Sharpless's [3+2] reaction. The structure and luminescence properties of the complexes were investigated.

## Light induced magnetic properties of spiropyrane tris(oxalato)chromate (III) single crystals

R.B. Morgunov, F.B. Mushenok, S.M. Aldoshin, E.A. Yur'eva, G.V. Shilov and Y. Tanimoto *Page 1424* 



Fragment of crystal structure of  $(\text{Sp}_3\text{Cr}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3)$ . Temperature dependences of reciprocal molar magnetic moment of the sample at T=2 K: (1) before irradiation, and (2) after UV irradiation.

Incorporation of Znq<sub>2</sub> complexes into mesoporous silica and their transparent polymer luminescent nanocomposites

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 $Znq_2$ -functionalized colloidal mesoporous silicas ( $Znq_2$ -CMS)/ polymer transparent fluorescent nanocomposites were prepared by in situ bulk polymerization. The figure shows the synthetic scheme for the  $Znq_2$ -CMS and their transparent bulk nanocomposites.

## Metal–nonmetal transition in the sphalerite-type solid solution $[ZnSnSb_2]_{1-x}[2(InSb)]_x$

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Alloys of the sphalerite-type solid solution  $[ZnSnSb_2]_{1-x}[2(InSb)]_x$  can be prepared over the whole range of composition by Sn flux synthesis. A metal–nonmetal transition takes place between the compositions x=0.8 and x=0.9.

# Syntheses, crystal structures and fluorescent properties of Cd(II), Hg(II) and Ag(I) coordination polymers constructed from 1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-acetic acid

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Three new compounds based on 1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-acetic acid and Cd(II), Hg(II) and Ag(I) salts display luminescent properties and may be potential candidates for luminescent materials.

Synthesis and characterization of quaternary chalcogenides InSn<sub>2</sub>Bi<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>8</sub> and In<sub>0.2</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub>Bi<sub>1.8</sub>Se<sub>9</sub>

Ming-Fang Wang, Shyue-Ming Jang, Jih-Chen Huang and Chi-Shen Lee

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Quaternary selenides  $InSn_2Bi_3Se_8$  and  $In_{0.2}Sn_6Bi_{1.8}Se_9$  feature three-dimensional frameworks containing NaCl-(311) type slabs with varied thicknesses. Measurements of the electrical conductivity indicate that these materials are *n*-type semiconductors.

Syntheses and structures of three *f*-element selenite/ hydroselenite compounds

Wendy L. Burns and James A. Ibers *Page 1457* 



Structure of  $Ce[U(SeO_3)(HSeO_3)] \cdot 3H_2O$  (Cs, purple; U, black; Se, blue; O, red; O<sub>w</sub>, green; H, gray).

## Dispersion control and nematic ordering of Ni/Al layered double hydroxide suspensions

Lingyu Luan, Shangying Liu and Dejun Sun Page 1462



Well-defined Ni/Al LDH nanoparticles were prepared and nematic ordering confirmed by birefringence observations and SAXS measurements is observed in concentrated Ni/Al LDH suspensions.

Low-temperature heat capacity of triangle antiferromagnetic molecular clusters  $K_{12}[(VO)_3(SbW_9O_{33})_2] \cdot 15H_2O$  and  $K_{12}[(VO)_3(BiW_9O_{33})_2] \cdot 29H_2O$ 

Yoshimitsu Kohama, Hitoshi Kawaji, Tooru Atake, Keisuke Fukaya and Toshihiro Yamase *Page 1468* 



Temperature dependence of heat capacity for  $K_{12}[(VO)_3(SbW_9O_{33})_2] \cdot 15H_2O$  below 5 K. This is well described by the model with a doublet ground state.

Nickel deficiency in  $RENi_{2-x}P_2$  (RE = La, Ce, Pr). Combined crystallographic and physical property studies Svilen Bobev, Sheng-qing Xia, Eric D. Bauer, Filip Ronning, Joe D. Thompson and John L. Sarrao *Page 1473* 



The non-stoichiometric  $REN_{i_2-x}P_2$  phases (RE=La, Ce, Pr), whose average structure belongs to the ThCr<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> type, are shown to exist with a wide range of defects on the transition metal site. The changes in the Ni-underoccupancy affect the magnetism of the synthesized materials.

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Ionic diffusion mastering using crystal-chemistry parameters:  $\tau$ -Cu<sub>1/2</sub>Ag<sub>1/2</sub>V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> structure determination and comparison with refined  $\delta$ -Ag<sub>x</sub>V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and  $\varepsilon$ -Cu<sub>x</sub>V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ones P. Rozier, M. Dollé and J. Galy *Page 1481* 



The role of nature and amount of guest species on their respective localisation Evidence for full delocalisation of copper ions and diffusion pathways visualisation.

B-site disordering in Ba<sub>3</sub>Ln<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>9</sub> (Ln=Ho, Er) perovskites: A neutron diffraction study S.A. Larrégola, J.A. Alonso, M. García Hernandez, M.T. Fernandez-Díaz and J.C. Pedregosa *Page 1492* 



Preparation, structure and magnetic properties of  $Ba_3Ln_2MoO_9$  ( $Ln = Ho^{3+}$  and  $Er^{3+}$ ) are descripted. Joint XRPD and NPD refinements confirm a tetragonal I4/*mcm* structure. *Ln* and Mo atoms are found to be distributed at random over the octahedral sites of the perovskites.

#### Solvothermal syntheses and structures of indium(III)binaphthalenyl dicarboxylate complexes with yellow/blue luminescence

Qiang Gao, Fei-Long Jiang, Ming-Yan Wu, You-Gui Huang, Lian Chen, Wei Wei and Mao-Chun Hong *Page 1499* 



Two indium(III)-bna compounds were solvothermally synthesized. 1 adopts an unprecedented 2D chiral layer. 2 is constructed by -In-O-In- chains, which are further connected by  $bna^{2-}$  into a 3D honeycomb framework.

#### $Cr_xRe_{1-x}O_2$ oxides with different rutile-like structures: changes in the electronic configuration and resulting physical properties

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Antiferromagnetic rhenium oxides  $Cr_x Re_{1-x}O_2$  with metallic type of conductivity crystallize in different rutile-like polymorphs depending on synthesis conditions. Single crystals of the tetragonal modification can be obtained by high-pressure high-temperature synthesis.

High-temperature structural phase transition in Ca<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> studied by *in-situ* X-ray diffraction and transmission electron microscopy

Hannes Krüger, Volker Kahlenberg, Václav Petříček, Fritz Phillipp and Waltraud Wertl *Page 1515* 



High-temperature HRTEM (zone axis [010]) of a phase boundary between domains of the *Pnma* (lower left) and *Imma(00g)s00* (upper right) structure. Micrograph recorded at 970 K. Corresponding FFT patterns are shown on the right.

Structural and electrical properties evolution in  $Ba_{1-x}Sr_xRuO_3$  synthesized under high pressure Jinggeng Zhao, Liuxiang Yang, Yong Yu, Fengying Li,

Richeng Yu and Changqing Jin Page 1524



The 6H ( $x \le 0.3$ ) and 6M ( $0.4 \le x \le 0.6$ ) Ba<sub>1-x</sub>Sr<sub>x</sub>RuO<sub>3</sub> solutions synthesized under high pressure adopt the normal and distorted hexagonal BaTiO<sub>3</sub> structures, respectively.

## Tb/Na tobermorite: Thermal behaviour and high temperature products

Walter Garra, Fabio Marchetti and Stefano Merlino Page 1529



By heating over 900  $^{\circ}$ C Tb/Na tobermorite a terbium silicate apatite was obtained. The same product has been independently prepared and structurally characterized from powder diffraction data. Attempts of crystallizing terbium silicate apatite from melted NaF led to Tb<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> crystals.

## Oxygen nonstoichiometry and chemical stability of $Nd_{2-x}Sr_xNiO_{4+\delta}$

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We synthesized Nd<sub>2-x</sub>Sr<sub>x</sub>NiO<sub>4+ $\delta$ </sub> by citric acid method and measured oxygen nonstoichiometry in the temperature range between 873 and 1173 K. They showed both oxygen excess and oxygen deficient composition depending on *P*(O<sub>2</sub>), temperature, and the Sr content. The results are compared with the oxygen nonstoichiometry of La<sub>2-x</sub>Sr<sub>x</sub>NiO<sub>4+ $\delta$ </sub>.

#### Synthesis and characterization of rare-earth doped SrBi<sub>2</sub>Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub> phase in lithium borate based nanocrystallized glasses

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This figure shows the XRD patterns at room temperature for the as-quenched and heat treated samples in  $\text{Sm}_2\text{O}_3$ -doped (x=0.1) glass. Based on these results, it is concluded that the formation of samarium-doped perovskite SBN phase takes place via an intermediate fluorite-like phase in the crystallization of this glass.

#### High-pressure structural behavior and equation of state of NaZnF<sub>3</sub>

Sergey Yakovlev, Maxim Avdeev and Mohamed Mezouar *Page 1545* 



Fit of P-V data obtained from high-pressure X-ray diffraction study of perovskite and postperovskite NaZnF<sub>3</sub> to the third-order Birch–Murnaghan equation of state (solid line). Open and closed symbols represent experimental data corresponding to compression and decompression, respectively. Bulk moduli,  $K_{0,P}$ , of perovskite and postperovskite phases are 64.98±2.67 and 69.88±3.69 GPa.

## Synthesis of transition-metal phosphides from oxidic precursors by reduction in hydrogen plasma

Jie Guan, Yao Wang, Minglei Qin, Ying Yang, Xiang Li and Anjie Wang

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Metal phosphides were obtained stoichiometrically from their oxidic precursors by hydrogen plasma reaction under mild conditions.

## X-ray study of the modulated structure in as-grown $Ga_2Te_3$ crystals with the defect zinc-blende lattice

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Ga<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> crystallizes into the zinc-blende structure, where one third of the cation sites are vacant. Single crystal X-ray diffraction studies showed that as-grown Ga<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> crystals display main reflections which correspond to the cubic zinc-blende lattice and satellite reflections at  $q = (0.089\,0.050\,0.00)_c$ . These satellite reflections show that Ga<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> crystals contain transverse type displacement modulation, whose traveling direction is almost  $\langle 210 \rangle_c$ , while the polarization vector is nearly  $\langle 001 \rangle_c$ .

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Influence of fuel-to-oxidizer ratio on the magnetic properties of Fe-doped  $In_2O_3$  nanoparticles synthesized by solution combustion method

J. Yu, L.B. Duan, Y.C. Wang and G.H. Rao *Page 1563* 



The G/N ratio (5/4 and 5/6, respectively) has a prominent effect on the particle size and magnetic properties of Fe-doped  $In_2O_3$  nanoparticles.

Twinned crystal structure and compressibility of TITeVO<sub>5</sub> Andrzej Grzechnik, P. Shiv Halasyamani, Hong Young Chang and Karen Friese *Page 1570* 

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Coordination spheres of the Tl and Te atoms at ambient pressure (left) and at 7.11 GPa (right). The medium gray, cyan, and blue symbols are the Tl, Te, and O atoms, respectively. The Tl–O and Te–O distances below 3.5 and 2.5 Å are drawn, respectively.

## Preparation of gold microparticles using halide ions in bulk block copolymer phases via photoreduction

Sang-Ho Cha, Ki-Hyun Kim, Won-Ki Lee and Jong-Chan Lee *Page 1575* 



Gold microparticles were successfully prepared using halide ions as additives in the polymeric bulk phase via photoreduction with the glow lamp irradiation.

Synthesis of anatase nanoparticles with extremely wide solid solution range and ScTiNbO<sub>6</sub> with  $\alpha$ -PbO<sub>2</sub> structure Masanori Hirano and Takaharu Ito

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Anatase-type  $Sc_XTi_{1-2,X}Nb_XO_2$  solid solutions with wide solid solution range (X = 0-0.35) were hydrothermally formed as nanoparticles from the precursor solutions of  $Sc(NO_3)_3$ ,  $TiOSO_4$ ,  $NbCl_5$  at 180 °C for 5 h using the hydrolysis of urea. Anatase-type  $ScTiNbO_6$  was synthesized under hydrothermal condition.  $ScTiNbO_6$  having  $\alpha$ -PbO<sub>2</sub> structure with possibly some cation order similar to that seen in wolframite was formed through phase transformation above 900 °C.

# Synthesis, characterization and formation process of transition metal oxide nanotubes using carbon nanofibers as templates

Hitoshi Ogihara, Sadakane Masahiro, Yoshinobu Nodasaka and Wataru Ueda *Page 1587* 



Mono and binary transition metal-oxide nanotubes could be synthesized by the immersion of carbon nanofiber templates into metal nitrate solutions and removal of the templates by heat treatment in air.

## Nickel-aluminum layered double hydroxides prepared via inverse micelles formation

María E. Pérez-Bernal, Ricardo J. Ruano-Casero, Fátima Benito and Vicente Rives *Page 1593* 



Nickel-aluminum layered double hydroxides have been prepared by conventional coprecipitation and by coprecipitation in the presence of a surfactant. It has been found that both the preparation method and the calcination treatment have an important effect on the luminosity (whiteness/darkness) of the solids, although the effect on the precise chromaticity coordinates (green/red and blue/yellow) is less marked.

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