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# ON THE OPTIMUM CONDITIONS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF BINARY MAGNESIUM-MANGANESE(II) DIPHOSPHATE

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Abstract. The work was carried out with the aim of studying the optimum conditions for the synthesis of binary magnesium-manganese(II) diphosphate and obtaining their main characteristics. There is practically no information about them in the literature. The synthesis of binary diphosphates was carried out by co-precipitation of  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Mn^{2+}$  cations from a mixture of aqueous solutions of their sulfates, using an aqueous solution of potassium diphosphate as a precipitant. Deposition was carried out under the following conditions: the ratio of cations in the starting reagents (K=Mg/Mn, molar) was varied from 0 to 100%. The selection of the concentration of the initial solutions, the ratio  $n = P_2 O_7^{4-} / \Sigma M g^{2+}, M n^{2+}$  in their composition, and the duration of crystallization were carried out in separate series of experiments. It was determined that diphosphates obtained under the conditions of  $19.0 \le K \le 99.0$  have the same type of structure, but different chemical composition. Their identification proved the formation of compounds of variable cationic composition – a solid solution of magnesium and manganese(II) hydrated diphosphates of composition  $Mg_{2-x}Mn_xP_2O_7\cdot 8H_2O$ . The areas of its homogeneity are defined as  $0 \le x \le 0.23$ . The optimal conditions for its production were determined: - the ratio in the composition of the initial solutions  $n=P_2O_7^{4-}/\Sigma Mg^{2+}, Mn^{2+}=0.05 \le n \le 0.4$ ; - ratio K = Mg/Mn (mol) = 19.0 \le K \le 99.0; concentration of solutions -C = 0.05-0.5 mol/l; - duration of interaction – upon reaching

equilibrium and crystallization of the solid phase; - temperature interval of interaction – 293-298 K. The features of formation, chemical nature and main physicochemical characteristics of the synthesized solid solution of hydrated diphosphates of the composition  $Mg_{2-x}Mn_xP_2O_7$ ·8H<sub>2</sub>O  $0 \le x \le 0.23$  have been established.

Key words: hydrated diphosphates, deposition, optimum conditions, solid solution.

# Introduction

Recently, a lot of attention has been paid to the study of synthesis conditions and various properties of inorganic compounds containing several different cations in their structure. They can form solid solutions or double salts, which differ in the variety of composition, structure, and properties, and therefore are widely used in various fields of modern science, technology, and agriculture [1,2].

Solid solutions of hydrated diphosphates of divalent metals are promising in this regard. Synthesis conditions, composition, properties and areas of application of solid solutions of hydrated diphosphates of cobalt(II) and manganese(II), zinc and manganese(II), zinc and cobalt(II) are sufficiently fully investigated and summarized in the monograph [2].

Regarding binary hydrated diphosphates of magnesium-manganese(II), there is almost no information in the literature.

The purpose of this work is to determine the optimal synthesis conditions and main characteristics of binary magnesium-manganese(II) hydrated diphosphates.

# Experimental

The synthesis of binary magnesium-manganese(II) diphosphates was carried out by co-precipitation of  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Mn^{2+}$  cations from a mixture of aqueous solutions of their sulfates, using an aqueous solution of potassium diphosphate as a precipitant.

Deposition was carried out under the following conditions: the ratio of cations in the starting reagents (K=Mg/Mn, mol) was varied from 0 to 100%. The selection of the concentration of the initial solutions, the ratio  $n = P_2O_7^{4-}/\Sigma Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}$  in their composition and the duration of crystallization were carried out in separate series of experiments, similarly to that described in [3].

The content of phosphorus (quinolinemolybdate method), magnesium and manganese(II) (complexonometric titration), water (gravimetric method) was

determined by chemical analysis in the composition of the solid phase. X-ray analysis (DRON-4M, connected to a computer complex, FeK $\alpha$ , internal NaCl standard) and IR spectroscopic (Nexus-470 spectrometer, frequency range 400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 20°C and -190°C, pressing of a fixed mass into a matrix of potassium bromide) were used to identify phosphates.

# **Results and discussion**

The results of a complex study of the solid phase obtained under the conditions: the ratio in the composition of the initial solutions  $n = P_2O_7^{4-}/\Sigma Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+} = 0.3$ , the concentration of the solutions 0.1 mol/l, are given in the table. 1.

Table 1 – Characteristics of diphosphates formed in the system
$MgSO_4 - MnSO_4 - K_4P_2O_7 - H_2O$

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К =	The composition of the					Phase composition
Mg/Mn,	solid phase, wt%				Chemical	(according to the results
mole	Mg	Mn	Р	H <sub>2</sub> O	composition	of X-ray diffraction and
						IR spectroscopy)
-	13,12	-	16,88	39,42	$Mg_{2,00}P_2O_7{\cdot}8H_2O$	Mg <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ·8H <sub>2</sub> O
99,0	12,15	1,96	16,87	39,37	$Mg_{1,85}Mn_{0,15}P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$	
49,00	11,75	2,55	16,82	39,16	$Mg_{1,83}Mn_{0,17}P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$	Solid solution
32,33	11,65	2,80	16,78	39,14	$Mg_{1,80}Mn_{0,20}P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$	general formula
24,00	11,64	3,09	16,74	38,48	Mg <sub>1,78</sub> Mn <sub>0,22</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ·8H <sub>2</sub> O	$Mg_{2-x}Mn_xP_2O_7{\cdot}8H_2O,$
19,00	11,56	3,24	16,71	38,49	Mg <sub>1,77</sub> Mn <sub>0,23</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ·8H <sub>2</sub> O	$0 \le x \le 0.23$ , structure
						$Mg_2P_2O_7{\cdot}8H_2O$
9,00	10,47	11,75	16,57	29,01	$Mg_{1,77}Mn_{0,23}P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$	A mixture of phases of
4,00	9,95	13,01	16,54	28,98	$+ Mn_2P_2O_7 \cdot 5H_2O$	structures Mg <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ·8H <sub>2</sub> O i
						$Mn_2P_2O_7 \cdot 5H_2O$
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According to the results of quantitative paper chromatography, the anionic composition of the solid phase at all values of K from the region  $4.0 \le K \le 99.0$  is represented by diphosphate anion (96.4 - 97.2% relative to P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>).

The content of magnesium, phosphorus, and water in the composition of the diphosphate obtained in the absence of manganese(II) in the initial solutions corresponds to the calculation for individual magnesium diphosphate octahydrate  $Mg_2P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$ . Its X-ray and IR spectroscopic characteristics correspond to those known for  $Mg_2P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$  [4].

The chemical composition of diphosphates obtained at different values of K from the region  $4.0 \le K \le 99.0$  varies depending on the composition of the initial solutions (Table 1). Thus, the magnesium content naturally decreases with its decrease in the composition of the initial solutions at  $4.0 \le K \le 99.0$ . The content of manganese(II) in the composition of diphosphates obtained under the conditions of  $19.0 \le K \le 99.0$  increases, adequately compensating for the decrease in magnesium content, and increases sharply (on 8.51% mass) with a further decrease in the value of K from 19.0 to 9.0.

The same applies to changes in the water content: diphosphates obtained at  $19.0 \le K \le 99.0$  are characterized by a similar water content in their composition (39.37–38.49 % mass). When K decreases from 19.0 to 9.0, the content of crystallization water in the composition of diphosphates decreases sharply (by 9.48% mass)/

The  $l=H_2O/P$  ratio in the composition of diphosphates obtained under the conditions of  $19.0 \le K \le 99.0$  is 4, which corresponds to the calculated value for octahydrates, and noticeably decreases (from 3.01 to 2.81) for diphosphates obtained at  $4.0 \le K \le 9.0$ .

The interpretation of the changes in the chemical composition established for diphosphates obtained at different ratios of magnesium and manganese(II) in the composition of the initial reagents ( $4.0 \le K \le 99.0$ ) indicates that they should be considered as two different groups of hydrated diphosphates. The first of them is diphosphate, obtained under conditions of  $19.0 \le K \le 99.0$ . They are octahydrates. The second one is a mixture of octa- and pentahydrate diphosphates.

The identification of diphosphates, obtained at 19.0≤K≤99.0, showed that,

despite their different chemical composition, they are represented by one crystalline phase, structurally of the same type as magnesium diphosphate octahydrate. X-ray and IR spectroscopic characteristics of diphosphates correspond to those known for  $Mg_2P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$  (Table 2). The presence of magnesium and manganese(II) in their composition indicates the manifestation of isomorphic substitutions in the  $Mg_2P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$  crystal structure and the formation of compounds of variable cationic composition on its basis – a solid solution of magnesium and manganese(II) hydrated diphosphates.

Table 2 – Wave numbers (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) of absorption band maxima in the IR spectra of
Mg₂-xMnxP₂O7·8H₂O (0 <x≤0.23) and="" assignment<="" th="" their=""></x≤0.23)>

Wave numbers (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) of absorption band maxima in the					
IR spectra					
$Mg_{1,77}Mn_{0,23}P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$	-				
3570					
3315 ш.	$\vee$ (H <sub>2</sub> O)				
3243 сл.					
3106 пл.	$v_2(\delta)$ (H <sub>2</sub> O)				
1673	<b>δ</b> (POP)				
1637	$\int v_{as} (PO_3)$				
1178	v <sub>s</sub> (PO <sub>3</sub> )				
1151	v <sub>as</sub> (POP)				
1098	$v_{\rm s}$ (POP)				
1041	$\delta$ (PO)				
989	M-0				
914					
688					
573	1				
497					
418					
	Mg <sub>1,77</sub> Mn <sub>0,23</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ·8H <sub>2</sub> O     3570     3315 ш.     3243 сл.     3106 пл.     1673     1637     1178     1151     1098     1041     989     914     688     573     497				

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The general formula of the synthesized solid solution determined by the results of chemical analysis has the form  $Mg_{2-x}Mn_xP_2O_7\cdot 8H_2O$ . Areas of its homogeneity are defined as  $0 \le x \le 0.23$ . The composition of the saturated solid solution corresponds to diphosphate  $Mg_{1,77}Mn_{0,23}P_2O_7\cdot 8H_2O$ .

A decrease K in the composition of the initial solutions within  $4.0 \le K \le 9.00$  leads to the formation of a mechanical mixture of two phases - crystalline, similar to  $Mg_2P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$ , and X-ray amorphous, which is similar to  $Mn_2P_2O_7 \cdot 5H_2O$ . Moreover, as the K values decrease, the amount of the phase with the  $Mg_2P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$ structure gradually decreases, and the  $Mn_2P_2O_7 \cdot 5H_2O$  phase increases accordingly.

A similar conclusion was made based on the results of IR spectroscopic studies of diphosphates obtained at different values of K as part of the starting reagents.

## Summary and conclusions

A solid solution of magnesium and manganese(II) hydrated diphosphates of the composition  $Mg_{2-x}Mn_xP_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$  with the structure of the diphosphate-matrix  $Mg_2P_2O_7 \cdot 8H_2O$  was synthesized. The region of its homogeneity is defined as  $0 \le x \le 0.23$ .

The optimal conditions for its production by the interaction of aqueous solutions of magnesium and manganese(II) sulfates with potassium diphosphate were determined: - the ratio in the composition of the initial solutions  $n=P_2O_7^{4-1}/\Sigma Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}=0.05 \le n \le 0.4$ ; - ratio K = Mg/Mn (mol) = 19.0 \le K \le 99.0; - concentration of solutions – C = 0.05-0.5 mol/l; - duration of interaction – upon reaching equilibrium and crystallization of the solid phase; - temperature interval of interaction – 293-298 K.

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