

Structure Properties of LiAl (WO₄)₂ Solid Solution

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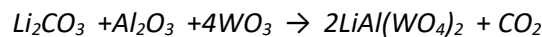
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Introduction

Tungstate crystals with the general formula AB (WO₄)₂, where A=Li is the alkaline element; the B=Al is trivalent element have attracted a great attention, for their great optical properties and high performance for many applications, such as optical fibers [1], scintillator materials [2], humidity sensors [3], catalysis [4], phosphor's and laser's light, [5]. For this study we analyzed by X-ray diffraction the crystalline structures of our compounds. The use of Xpert HighScore Plus identification. Due to the large difference in ionic radius between Li and Al, the formation of the LiAl (WO₄)₂ phase is incomplete, the goal of this work is to see what is the limit of this phase to see the majority of the LiAl(WO₄)₂ phase, regarding temperature point of view, using the solid state reaction method.

Experimental

The synthesis of the compounds studied was carried out by solid-state reaction of Li₂CO₃, Al₂O₃ (Philips, 99.99%) WO₃ (Philips, 99.97%). They were weighed in stoichiometric molar proportions. Single phases were obtained through the following chemical reaction:



In this work we have studied the structural properties of LiAl(WO₄)₂. After the elaboration of powders ceramics, the phases were identified by X-ray diffraction which they were obtained with a Bragg-Brentano Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer working with the Cu K α radiation, thanks to a backward monochromator. The use of XPert High Score Plus identification software allowed us to find the most probable structure of the synthesized compound.

Results and Discussion

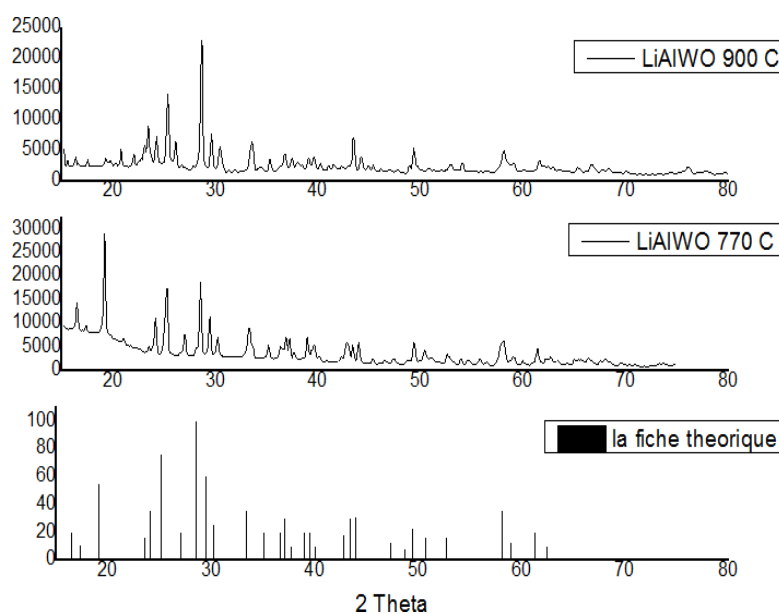


Fig.b: Powder LiAl (WO₄)₂ X Ray Diffraction at t= 770 . 900° C.



The phase identification by the High ScorPlus software makes it possible to the presence of the crystalline phase $\text{LiAl}(\text{WO}_4)_2$ as a function of heat treatment. for a thermal treatment of 770 °C on a 92% $\text{LiAl}(\text{WO}_4)_2$ and the rest Li_2WO_4 .

Conclusion

materials of alkaline Li element and trivalent element Al have become compound actively studied for their remarkable optical properties.

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