

AEI

SAPO-18 (DPEA method)

Al(49), P(42), Si(9)

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Type Material [Al₂₄P₂₀Si₄O₉₆] : mR: nH₂O (R = N,N-diisopropylethylamine)^b

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Batch Composition 0.40 SiO₂ : Al₂O₃ : 0.90 P₂O₅ : 50 H₂O : 1.60 R

Source Materials

distilled water

phosphoric acid (Aldrich, 85% H₃PO₄)

aluminum hydroxide hydrate (Aldrich, Ca. 55% Al₂O₃)

Aerosil (Degussa, 99% SiO₂)

N,N-diisopropylethylamine (Aldrich, 99% C₈H₁₉N)

Batch Preparation (for 2 g product)

- [1] [19.4 g water + 3.48 g phosphoric acid + 4.64 g aluminum hydroxide hydrate], stir until homogeneous
- [2] [(1) + 0.60 g Aerosil], stir until homogeneous
- [3] [(2) + 5.10 g N,N-diisopropylethylamine], stir until homogeneous

Crystallization

Vessel: PTFE-lined stainless steel autoclave

Temperature: 160 °C

Time: 8 days

Agitation: none

Product Recovery

- (1) Filter; wash with distilled water
- (2) Dry at 50 °C in air
- (3) Yield: 60% based on Al₂O₃

Product Characterization

XRD: ° Characteristic strong reflections at d = 9.1 and 5.1 Å for as-synthesized materials;

competing phase is AFI when P₂O₅/Al₂O₃ > 1.2 or R/P₂O₅ < 1.2

Elemental Analysis (exclusive of R and H₂): 0.35 SiO₂ : Al₂O₃ : 0.87 P₂O₅

Crystal Size and Habit: small cubes less than 2 μm in diameter

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Notes

- a. Preparation for SAPO-18 only is given. For AlPO₄-18 [2], no Aerosil is added, and the amounts of reactants should be changed to give gel composition Al₂O₃ : P₂O₅ : 50 H₂O : 1.80 R
- b. AlPO₄-18 was originally prepared by using tetraethylammonium hydroxide (TEA-OH) as the template in the presence of HCl. It is not possible to prepare SAPO-18 using (TEA)-OH. [3, 4]
- c. The XRD patterns of the AEI materials are very sensitive to water molecules present in the channels of the structure.
- d. Crystals are typically cubic; crystal size increases to a certain degree as the amount of silica in the reaction mixture increases.