**ENERGYPOLIS SEMINAR**

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**Phase transitions in A2+B2+PO4 zeolite-type compounds**

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At the upcoming talk, recent structural investigations on A2+B2+PO4 (A=K, Cs; B=Mg,Mn) phosphates will be presented.

Compounds with the general formula A2+B2+PO4 (A = K, Rb; Cs,Tl,NH4; B and X are tetrahedrally coordinated cations) belong to the tridymite structural family. Their oxygen framework is made up of corner-shared tetrahedra forming six-membered rings that host a large cation A [1]. These rings consist of BO4 and PO4 tetrahedra and may take different orientation. Despite the fact that PO4 groups form rather rigid tetrahedra, the network is quite flexible because of rotation of PO4 and MO4 polyhedra. As a consequence, these types of structure undergo a series of phase transitions as the temperature is changed [2-6].

An interesting feature of this type of compounds is that many of them have the same orthorhombic prototype phase at high temperatures. It belongs to the centrosymmetric *Pnma* space group.

Despite the fact that many of the structures of these compounds have been already studied, there are still many open questions about structural transformations which motivate the present study.

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