

## Structures and Chemical Bonds of Dehydrated $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -Exchanged Zeolite X and of Its Sorption Complexes

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Crystal structures of dehydrated fully  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -exchanged zeolite X, and its sorption complexes of  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , and  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}$  have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques in the cubic space group  $Fd\bar{3}$ . All the crystals were prepared by ion exchange in the flowing stream of 0.05M aqueous  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  for four days, followed by dehydration at  $380^\circ\text{C}$  and  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr for two days. For the structures of sorption complexes, the dehydrated crystals were exposed to guest molecules. In the dehydrated structure,<sup>1</sup>  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions are located at two crystallographic sites. Sixteen  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions fill the octahedral sites I at the centers of the hexagonal prisms ( $\text{Ca}-\text{O} = 2.429(8)$  Å). The remaining 30  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions are at sites II; each extends 0.30 Å into the supercage where it coordinates to three trigonally arranged framework oxygens at 2.276(5) Å. For the structures of the sorption complexes, thirty cyclopropane,<sup>2</sup> thirty acetylene or thirty ethylene molecules<sup>3</sup> are sorbed, all in the supercages, one coordinating laterally to each site II  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions. For the structures of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  or  $\text{NH}_3$  sorption complexes,<sup>4,5</sup> 16  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions at site I and 30  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions at site II are found. Each  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion at site II coordinately octahedrally to three framework oxygens and to three ammonia or to hydrogen sulfide molecules. Each of remaining 45  $\text{NH}_3$  molecules hydrogen bonds via its lone pair to two coordinating  $\text{NH}_3$  molecules and is in position to associate weakly with two or more framework oxygens. For hydrogen sulfide sorption complexes, Each of the remaining ca. 59  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  hydrogen bonds to two 12-ring oxygens. For the benzene sorption complexes,<sup>6</sup> 16 octahedrally coordinated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  at site I and 30  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions at two different site IIs, with occupancies of 8 and 22 ions, are found per unit cell. There are two kinds of benzene molecules: 22 coordinate to six-ring  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions in the supercage; six fit remarkably well in 12-ring windows. In the structure of a mesitylene sorption complex, one mesitylene molecule per supercage lies on a threefold axis where it interacts facially with a  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -mesitylene center = 2.98 Å). One hydrogen atom of each methyl group and all three hydrogen atoms of the central ring are near framework oxygens: altogether each mesitylene molecule has six  $\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions ( $\text{H}\cdots\text{O} = 2.50$  and 2.66 Å, respectively) with the zeolite framework.

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