

# Chemical Preparation, Crystal Structure Reinvestigation and Vibrational Study of $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and X-ray Characterization of the New Anhydrous Triphosphate $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$

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**Abstract:** The triphosphate dodecahydrate of cobalt and sodium  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was prepared by the ion exchange resin process. Its structure was studied by X-ray diffraction and determined in the monoclinic space group  $P12_1/c1$  with the unit-cell parameters  $a = 14.6650(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 9.1916(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 15.0239(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 90.2210(10)^\circ$ ,  $Z = 4$  and  $V = 2025.13(12) \text{ \AA}^3$ . The thermal dehydration of this compound was performed, leading to an anhydrous new form,  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ , which was characterized by X-ray diffraction. The obtained  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  crystallized in monoclinic space group  $P21/n$  with the unit-cell parameters  $a = 15.3774 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 7.6988 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 14.2832 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 92.9115^\circ$ . The characteristic IR wavenumbers of the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  ions observed in the vibrational spectra were calculated using isotopic substitutions, which confirms the existence of these groups in the studied compound. A comparison between the IR and Raman wavenumbers of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  and  $\text{Na}_5\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was performed. A kinetic study was also made for  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Keywords:** Triphosphate; X-ray diffraction; infrared; Raman; spectroscopy isotopic substitution; dehydration; kinetic.

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## 1. Introduction

Phosphates containing  $\text{P}_n\text{O}_{3n+1}^{(n+2)-}$  ( $n = 1, 2$  and  $3$ ) polyanions have been intensively studied over the last decades due to their applications in various fields: solid electrolytes for energy storage, Li-ion batteries, ceramics, luminescence and magnetism [1-5]. The Kanonerovite,  $\text{MnNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , is a natural triphosphate mineral [6] and other synthetic triphosphates were reported in the literature:  $\text{CuNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [7],  $\text{Gd}_5(\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10})_3\cdot 22\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Er}_5(\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10})_3\cdot 20\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [8],  $\text{Zn}_2\text{NaP}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [9], and  $\text{CdNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [10].  $(\text{NH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH})_3\text{H}_2\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [11].

Anhydrous triphosphates have also been studied:  $\text{NaMn}_6(\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10})(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)$  [12],  $\text{TlFeHP}_3\text{O}_{10}$  [13],  $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{FeHP}_3\text{O}_{10}$  [14],  $\text{Sr}_3\text{ClP}_3\text{O}_{10}$  [15],  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2\text{-Na}_5\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\text{-Ce-Cl}_3$  [16].

These last ternary phosphates, with associated [PO<sub>4</sub>] and [MO<sub>6</sub>] frameworks, are efficiently used for waste storage hosts [17].

In the present work, we deal with the structural study of the hydrated CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O prepared by the resin exchange method and the characterization by X-ray diffraction of the new anhydrous phase CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> obtained from the thermal dehydration of CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O.

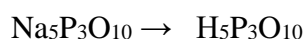
The vibrational studies, thermal, kinetic behavior, and IR frequencies calculated for the P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub><sup>5-</sup> ion by isotopic substitutions are developed here in order to collect the maximum information on the structural and vibrational relationships and the reactivity of condensed phosphates of triphosphates with sodium CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O and anhydrous triphosphate CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>. A kinetic study was carried out for the compound CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O.

## 2. Materials and Methods

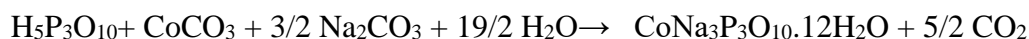
### 2.1. Chemical preparation.

Most well-characterized condensed phosphates were prepared in two steps: the first one was the preparation of the condensed phosphate acid H<sub>5</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, and the second step was the elaboration of CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O.

The triphosphoric acid H<sub>5</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> used in this reaction was prepared from an aqueous solution of Na<sub>5</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> passed through an ion-exchange resin, "Amberlite IR 120" [18]. The solution passage rate through the cation exchanger was 2mL/min, according to the first step of the chemical reaction:

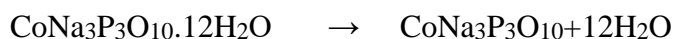


The polycrystalline CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O was prepared by slowly adding dilute triphosphoric acid H<sub>5</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> to an aqueous solution of cobalt carbonate and sodium carbonate, according to the second step chemical reaction:



The preliminary obtained solution was then slowly evaporated at room temperature for several weeks until polycrystalline samples of CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O were obtained.

The anhydrous phase CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> was obtained by total thermal dehydration of CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O, between 400 and 500 °C, and is a new anhydrous triphosphate of cobalt and sodium.



### 2.2. X-ray diffraction, crystal data, intensity data collection and structure.

The X-ray single-crystal structure analysis was obtained using a Bruker X8 APEX S Diffractometer at room temperature. This is a 4-circle diffractometer (50 kV, 50 mA) equipped with a Mo radiation source K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073\text{\AA}$ ). The data reduction, determination of the space group and refinement of the parameters of the elementary cell were performed using the SAINT-Plus software. The analytical absorption correction was applied using Multi-scan software [19]. The structure was solved by direct methods using the SHELXL2014 program [20]. The refinement of the structure was carried out by SHELXL 2016 [21]. The final

refinement of atomic positions and parameters of anisotropic thermal displacements  $R = 0.0436$ ,  $wR = 0.0592$  for 7084 reflections satisfying criterion  $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ .

### 2.3. Fourier-Transform Infrared spectroscopy.

An ENTIR-27 FTIR spectrometer and Omnic software were used to record and characterize the infrared spectrum of triphosphate dodecahydrate of cobalt and sodium  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  between 400 and 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The conditions used to record the infrared absorption spectrum of this compound are as follows: 2 mg of product in 200 mg KBr are intimately related to the manufacture of a pellet at room temperature and at atmospheric pressure.

### 2.4. Raman spectroscopy.

The Raman spectrum was recorded in the range of 200-1400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  by a Raman dispersive microscope DXR2 (Thermo scientific 633 nm is a very strange wavelength for argon laser. Besides, 6 Mw is a huge power for gas lasers. Please test the parameters.

### 2.5. Thermal behavior.

The TGA-DTA coupled measurements were performed using a multimodule 92 Setaram analyzer operating from room temperature up to 800°C, in a platinum crucible, at various heating rates from 1 to 15°C.min<sup>-1</sup>.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Structure analysis.

The crystallographic data and refinement of the structure of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are given in table 1. The final atomic positions and anisotropic thermal parameters for the  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  structure are given in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

**Table 1.** Crystallographic data and refinement of the structure of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$

I. Crystal data	
Formula	$\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$
formula weight	597.00 g.mol <sup>-1</sup>
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 1 2 <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>1</sub> (no. 14)
a (Å)	14.6650(5)
b (Å)	9.1916(3)
c (Å)	15.0239(5)
$\alpha = \gamma$ (°)	90
$\beta$ (°)	90.2210(10)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2025.13(12)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$	1.958 g.cm <sup>-3</sup>
Absorption coefficient $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.248
Size/color	0.296 x 0.043 x 0.037/ clear light pink
Temperature (°K)	150
Wavelength (Mo K $\alpha$ ) (Å)	0.71073
Theta range (°)	2.598°-31.651
II. Intensity measurement	
Diffractometer	Bruker Kappa APEX II
Index limits	-21 ≤ h ≤ 21, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	9879
Number of independent reflections	5602

Total number of reflections	7084	I > 2σ(I)
<b>III. Structure determination</b>		
Goodness-of-fit on F2	(Δ/ρ) max.= 1.113	
Absorption correction	SHELXL-97	ShelXle /ShelXI-97
Refined parameters	111	
Final index R for all data	R1 = 0.0436, Rw2 = 0.0592	
Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0255, Rw2 = 0.0541	

### 3.2. Structure description.

The Cobalt sodium triphosphate dodecahydrate  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  crystallized in the monoclinic system, space group  $\text{P}12_1/\text{c}1$ , with the following unit cell parameters:  $a = 14.6650(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 9.1916(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 15.0239(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 90.2210(10)^\circ$ ,  $Z = 4$  and  $V = 2025.13(12) \text{ \AA}^3$ .

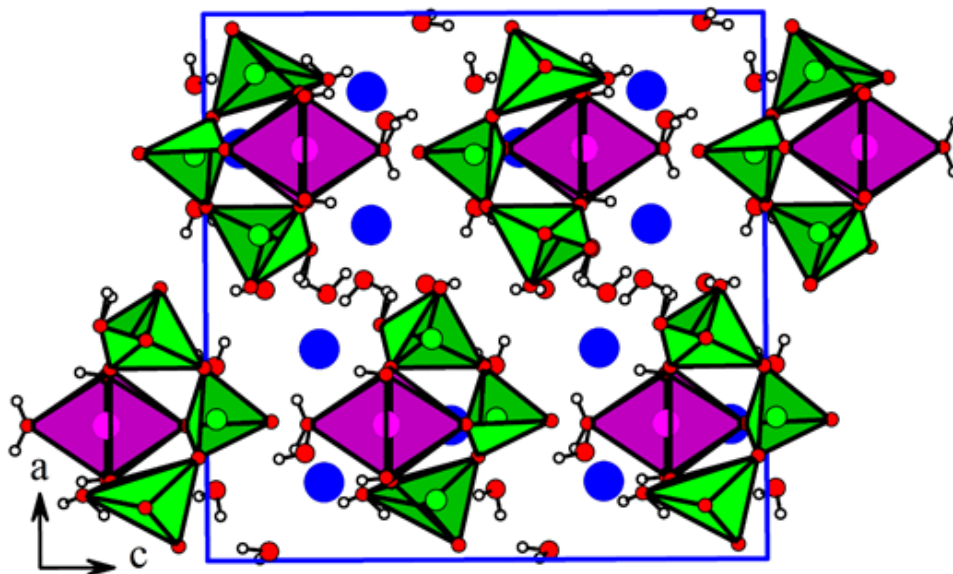
The unit-cell of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contains four  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  anions, each of which consists of three crystallographically independent  $\text{P}(1)\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{P}(2)\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{P}(3)\text{O}_4$  tetrahedra. The three tetrahedra have no special characteristics. The  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  anion observed in the structure of this compound has no internal symmetry. The cohesion between the anions  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  is ensured via the associated cations  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ . The main geometrical characteristics of the three  $\text{P}(1)\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{P}(2)\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{P}(3)\text{O}_4$  tetrahedra of the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  anion are quite similar to those observed generally in triphosphates.

The crystal structure of this compound consists of slabs parallel to the plane of the bc plane (Figure 1), which results from the cohesion of two types of metal chains, C1 and C2 (Figure 2). The C1 chain consists of octahedra  $[\text{Na}(2)\text{O}_6]$ , sharing the O15-O16 edge (water molecules) with the strongly deformed tetragonal pyramid  $[\text{Na}(3)\text{O}_5]$ . These dimmers share a corner O5 (oxygen from P2). In the C2 chain, the octahedra  $[\text{Na}(1)\text{O}_6]$  and  $[\text{MO}_6]$  share the O6 (oxygen from P2), O12 (water) and O19 (water) sides, and they are also connected by an O11 (water) wedge. Details of the connection between chains C1 and C2 via the O-P-O bridges of the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  phosphate groups are shown in Figures 3 and 4. Table 4 should be described in the text before Table 5. The octahedra  $[\text{CoO}_6]$  are not directly connected in the structure, and the shortest distances of Co-Co are  $5.069(6) \text{ \AA}$ . The phosphorus atoms ( $\text{P}^{\text{VI}}$ ) occupy three symmetrically independent positions coordinated tetrahedrally. The  $[\text{PO}_4]$  share a vertex to form the triphosphate  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  polyanions. The average distances P-O in  $\text{P}(1)\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{P}(2)\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{P}(3)\text{O}_4$  are 1.5292, 1.5404 and 1.5423 Å, respectively (see Table 4 for details), which are of the same magnitude as the values reported in  $\text{CuNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [22] and  $\text{CdNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [23].  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  could be considered as a combination of two  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$  groups, characterized by the angles P-O-P  $133.61(14)$  and  $132.02(13)$ , and the phosphate group  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  acts differently on metals, being monodentate and tridentate with respect to the coordination of Na and Co

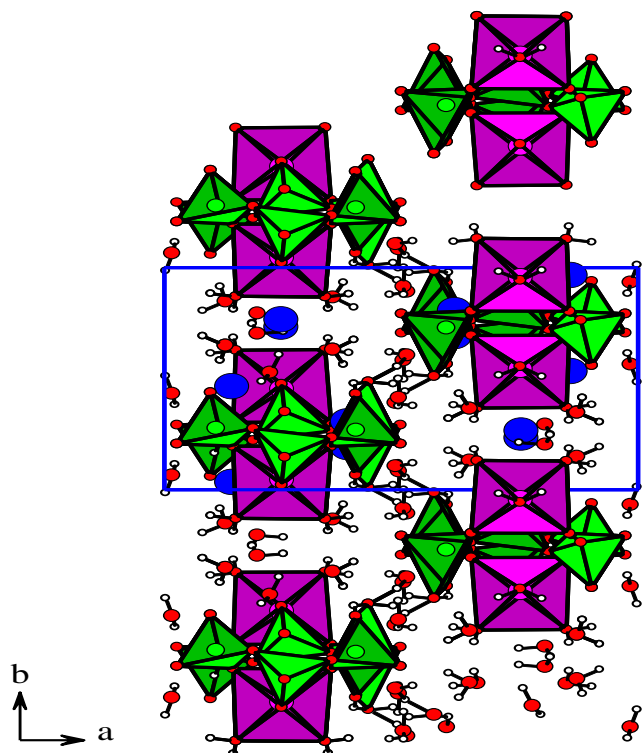
**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters (in  $\text{Å}^2$ ).

Atoms	X	Y	Z	U
Co01	0.75186(2)	0.54466(2)	0.67902(2)	0.00628(4)
P002	0.74143(2)	0.65696(4)	0.48227(2)	0.00680(6)
P003	0.89073(2)	0.77884(4)	0.59110(2)	0.00672(6)
P004	0.59546(2)	0.76972(4)	0.59677(2)	0.00663(6)
Na05	0.85745(4)	0.53450(6)	0.29097(4)	0.01209(11)
Na06	0.75386(4)	0.26630(6)	0.56368(4)	0.01235(11)
Na07	0.61342(4)	0.69162(7)	0.29723(4)	0.01751(13)
O008	0.64819(6)	0.69480(10)	0.67079(6)	0.00959(18)
O009	0.85459(6)	0.69597(10)	0.67179(6)	0.00893(18)
O00A	0.75140(7)	0.55542(11)	0.81973(7)	0.00976(18)
O00B	0.75252(7)	0.52260(10)	0.53739(6)	0.00972(18)

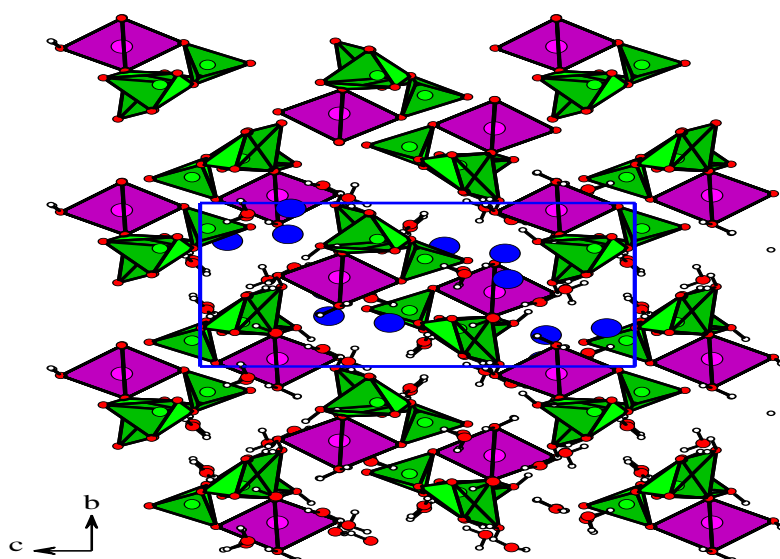
Atoms	X	Y	Z	U
O00C	0.90232(6)	0.93897(10)	0.61063(6)	0.01012(18)
O00D	0.84917(7)	0.37108(11)	0.67968(7)	0.01019(19)
O00E	0.66041(7)	0.36894(11)	0.67886(7)	0.00973(18)
O00F	0.97325(7)	0.70710(11)	0.55152(7)	0.0124(2)
O00G	0.59621(7)	0.93284(10)	0.60671(6)	0.01029(18)
O00H	0.50483(7)	0.58409(13)	0.39372(7)	0.0138(2)
O00I	0.50111(6)	0.70721(11)	0.58070(7)	0.01091(19)
O00J	0.87089(7)	0.15034(13)	0.48413(7)	0.0139(2)
O00K	0.74619(7)	0.64759(11)	0.38393(6)	0.01098(19)
O00L	0.64466(7)	0.13245(12)	0.48371(7)	0.0137(2)
O00M	0.98340(7)	0.56620(12)	0.39006(7)	0.0136(2)
O00N	0.64695(6)	0.73429(11)	0.50348(6)	0.01107(19)
O00O	0.81183(7)	0.77722(11)	0.51530(7)	0.0139(2)
O00P	0.87933(8)	0.76396(12)	0.22199(8)	0.0148(2)
O00Q	0.51267(8)	0.89288(13)	0.28276(8)	0.0156(2)
O00R	0.56943(9)	0.51181(13)	0.18819(8)	0.0179(2)
O00S	0.80368(8)	0.29581(12)	0.32474(8)	0.0150(2)
O00T	0.77700(9)	0.47059(14)	0.15797(8)	0.0232(3)
H00A	0.7063(15)	0.517(2)	0.8381(14)	0.027(6)
H00C	0.9022(13)	0.384(2)	0.6624(12)	0.016(5)
H00G	0.9159(14)	0.765(2)	0.1842(14)	0.025(5)
H00O	0.9186(15)	0.193(2)	0.4761(14)	0.031(6)
H00K	0.7491(14)	0.287(2)	0.3146(13)	0.023(5)
H00Q	0.6226(14)	0.066(2)	0.5159(15)	0.031(6)
H00S	0.9775(14)	0.616(2)	0.4371(15)	0.032(6)
H00E	0.6545(13)	0.317(2)	0.7250(14)	0.023(5)
H00B	0.7971(15)	0.511(2)	0.8422(14)	0.033(6)
H00T	0.9976(14)	0.487(2)	0.4065(14)	0.028(6)
H00R	0.6004(14)	0.177(2)	0.4666(13)	0.021(5)
H00D	0.8543(14)	0.314(2)	0.7230(14)	0.029(6)
H00L	0.8145(15)	0.252(2)	0.3707(15)	0.036(6)
H00M	0.5056(15)	0.499(3)	0.4020(15)	0.033(6)
H00U	0.7577(16)	0.391(3)	0.1435(16)	0.043(7)
H00W	0.4749(16)	0.880(3)	0.2491(16)	0.041(7)
H00X	0.4912(15)	0.944(3)	0.3241(16)	0.040(7)
H00V	0.7945(15)	0.511(3)	0.1151(16)	0.033(6)
H00H	0.8941(13)	0.835(2)	0.2562(14)	0.026(5)
H00F	0.6110(16)	0.382(3)	0.6584(15)	0.039(7)
H00P	0.8820(16)	0.084(3)	0.5142(16)	0.040(7)
H00I	0.5172(17)	0.522(3)	0.1674(16)	0.043(7)
H00N	0.5056(14)	0.621(2)	0.4453(15)	0.034(6)
H00J	0.6001(18)	0.521(3)	0.1518(17)	0.045(8)



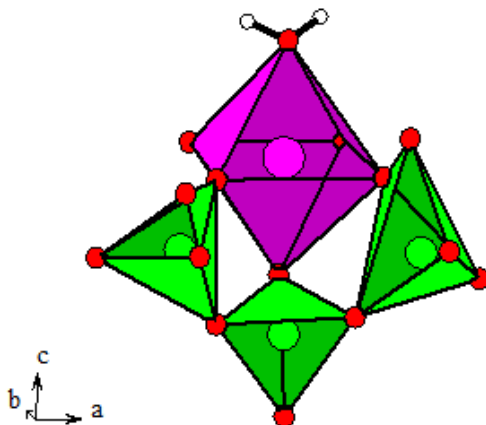
**Figure 1.** The coordination of the cobalt atom in  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure 2.** The coordination of the cobalt atom in  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure 3.** Projection of  $\text{PO}_4$  and  $\text{CoO}_6$  polyhedra along axes a, b and c in  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure 4.** The coordination of the sodium atom in  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**Table 3.** Anisotropic displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>)

Atom	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Co01	0.00694(8)	0.00599(8)	0.00591(8)	0.00043(6)	0.00000(6)	-0.00015(6)
P002	0.00707(14)	0.00792(15)	0.00540(14)	0.00007(11)	0.00019(11)	0.00006(12)
P003	0.00656(14)	0.00668(15)	0.00693(15)	0.00012(11)	0.00008(11)	-0.00094(11)
P004	0.00617(14)	0.00698(14)	0.00672(14)	-0.00017(11)	-0.00003(11)	0.00062(11)
Na05	0.0131(3)	0.0118(3)	0.0114(3)	-0.0008(2)	0.0011(2)	0.0001(2)
Na06	0.0130(3)	0.0112(3)	0.0129(3)	-0.0031(2)	0.0003(2)	0.0003(2)
Na07	0.0131(3)	0.0226(3)	0.0167(3)	0.0068(2)	-0.0012(2)	0.0000(2)
O008	0.0099(4)	0.0112(4)	0.0076(4)	0.0005(3)	-0.0002(3)	0.0029(4)
O009	0.0097(4)	0.0096(4)	0.0075(4)	0.0015(3)	0.0001(3)	-0.0020(3)
O00A	0.0090(4)	0.0107(4)	0.0095(4)	0.0016(4)	0.0000(4)	-0.0003(4)
O00B	0.0142(5)	0.0079(4)	0.0070(4)	0.0001(3)	0.0001(3)	0.0007(4)
O00C	0.0110(4)	0.0074(4)	0.0119(5)	-0.0005(3)	0.0002(4)	-0.0011(3)
O00D	0.0090(5)	0.0107(5)	0.0109(5)	0.0029(4)	-0.0001(4)	0.0010(4)
O00E	0.0094(5)	0.0101(5)	0.0097(5)	0.0030(4)	-0.0006(4)	-0.0014(4)
O00F	0.0108(5)	0.0114(5)	0.0150(5)	-0.0015(4)	0.0048(4)	0.0002(4)
O00G	0.0132(5)	0.0070(4)	0.0107(4)	-0.0007(3)	-0.0001(4)	0.0001(3)
O00H	0.0163(5)	0.0114(5)	0.0135(5)	0.0020(4)	-0.0033(4)	-0.0029(4)
O00I	0.0079(4)	0.0107(4)	0.0141(5)	0.0007(4)	-0.0006(4)	-0.0008(4)
O00J	0.0105(5)	0.0160(5)	0.0153(5)	0.0052(4)	0.0017(4)	-0.0005(4)
O00K	0.0119(5)	0.0155(5)	0.0056(4)	-0.0001(4)	0.0010(3)	0.0021(4)
O00L	0.0128(5)	0.0141(5)	0.0142(5)	0.0040(4)	-0.0023(4)	0.0007(4)
O00M	0.0157(5)	0.0130(5)	0.0121(5)	-0.0011(4)	0.0007(4)	0.0026(4)
O00N	0.0100(4)	0.0164(5)	0.0068(4)	0.0005(4)	0.0009(3)	0.0043(4)
O00O	0.0149(5)	0.0135(5)	0.0132(5)	0.0060(4)	-0.0070(4)	-0.0068(4)
O00P	0.0161(5)	0.0151(5)	0.0134(5)	-0.0020(4)	0.0035(4)	-0.0033(4)
O00Q	0.0144(5)	0.0172(5)	0.0152(5)	-0.0021(4)	0.0003(4)	0.0016(4)
O00R	0.0126(5)	0.0208(6)	0.0204(6)	0.0064(5)	0.0004(5)	0.0006(4)
O00S	0.0139(5)	0.0153(5)	0.0157(5)	0.0036(4)	-0.0001(4)	0.0004(4)
O00T	0.0367(7)	0.0190(6)	0.0139(6)	-0.0012(5)	-0.0008(5)	-0.0076(5)

**Table 4.** Selected geometric parameters (Å°).

Co-O2	2,061(2)	P1-O3	1,510(2)
Co-O6	2,141(2)	P1-O4	1,619(2)
Co-O9	2,060(2)	P2-O4	1,594(2)
Co-O11	2,116(2)	P2-O5	1,479(2)
Co-O12	2,098(2)	P2-O6	1,495(2)
Co-O19	2,142(2)	P2-O7	1,594(2)
P1-O1	1,505(2)	P3-O7	1,624(2)
P1-O2	1,523(2)	P3-O8	1,506(2)
Co-O2-O6	90,35(8)	P1-O1-O2	112,1(1)
Co-O2-O9	94,87(8)	P1-O1-O3	114,5(1)
Co-O2-O11	91,45(8)	P1-O1-O4	107,0(1)
Co-O2-O12	171,96(8)	P1-O2-O3	111,7(1)
Co-O2-O19	91,01(8)	P1-O2-O4	107,7(1)
Co-O6-O9	90,43(8)	P1-O3-O4	103,0(1)
Co-O6-O11	177,32(8)	P2-O4-O5	109,1(1)
Co-O6-O12	85,90(8)	P2-O4-O6	109,1(1)
Co-O6-O19	85,98(8)	P2-O4-O7	100,9(1)
Co-O9-O11	91,40(8)	P2-O5-O6	120,0(1)
Co-O9-O12	92,27(8)	P2-O5-O7	105,5(1)
Co-O9-O19	173,13(8)	P2-O6-O7	110,5(1)
Co-O11-O12	92,07(8)	P3-O7-O8	106,5(1)
Co-O11-O19	91,99(8)	P3-O7-O9	107,8(1)
Co-O12-O19	81,64(8)	P3-O7-O10	102,3(1)
P3-O8-O7	106,5(1)		
P3-O8-O9	112,2(1)		
P3-O8-O10	113,4(1)		
P3-O9-O10	113,8(1)		

**Table 5.** Bond lengths (Å°) and angles (°) in hydrogen-bonding scheme for CoNa<sub>3</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O.

	D-H	H...A	D-A	D-H...A
O11-H11A... O8 <sup>i</sup>	0.82(3)	1.92(3)	2.741(3)	174(3)
O11-H11B... O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.82(3)	1.90(3)	2.707(3)	169(3)
O12-H12A... O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.82(3)	1.95(3)	2.763(3)	169(3)

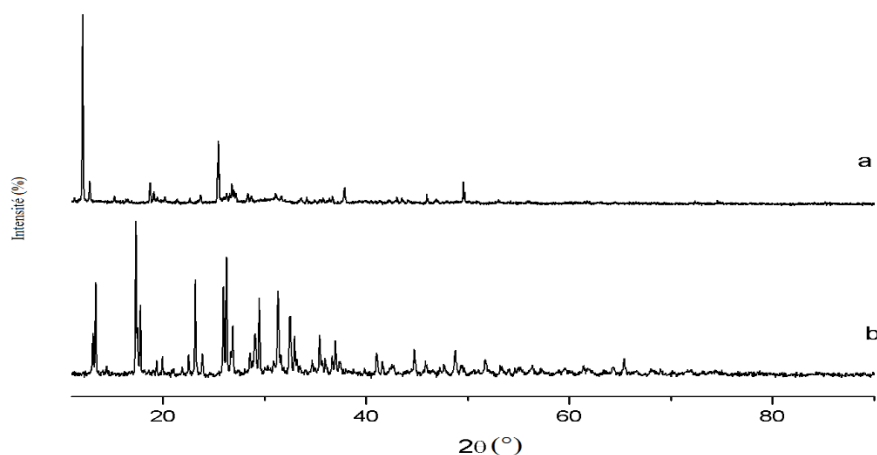
	D-H	H...A	D-A	D-H...A
O12-H12B... O20 <sup>i</sup>	0.823(19)	1.87(2)	2.685(3)	171(3)
O13-H13B... O10 <sup>ii</sup>	0.83(3)	1.95(3)	2.768(3)	172(3)
O14-H14A... O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.82(2)	1.95(2)	2.757(3)	167(3)
O14-H14B... O1	0.83(2)	1.92(2)	2.735(3)	169(4)
O17-H17A... O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.82(3)	1.95(3)	2.756(3)	171(3)
O17-H17B... O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.82(3)	1.87(3)	2.691(3)	174(4)
O19-H19A... O9 <sup>i</sup>	0.82(2)	1.96(2)	2.773(3)	171(4)
O19-H19B... O14 <sup>iv</sup>	0.820(19)	1.91(2)	2.728(3)	174(3)
O20-H20B... O10 <sup>v</sup>	0.822(14)	1.893(14)	2.712(3)	174(4)

### 3.3. Chemical stability.

The triphosphate dodecahydrate of cobalt and sodium  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is stable under the normal temperature, till  $50^\circ\text{C}$ , and pressure conditions. As this is stated by IR spectrometry, X-ray diffraction and thermogravimetric analyses, the stability of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was observed during five months. However, after five months, the  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  becomes not stable. This instability can be explained by the fact that four of the water molecules are zeolitic [24]. The X-ray diffraction pattern of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is shown in Figure 5.

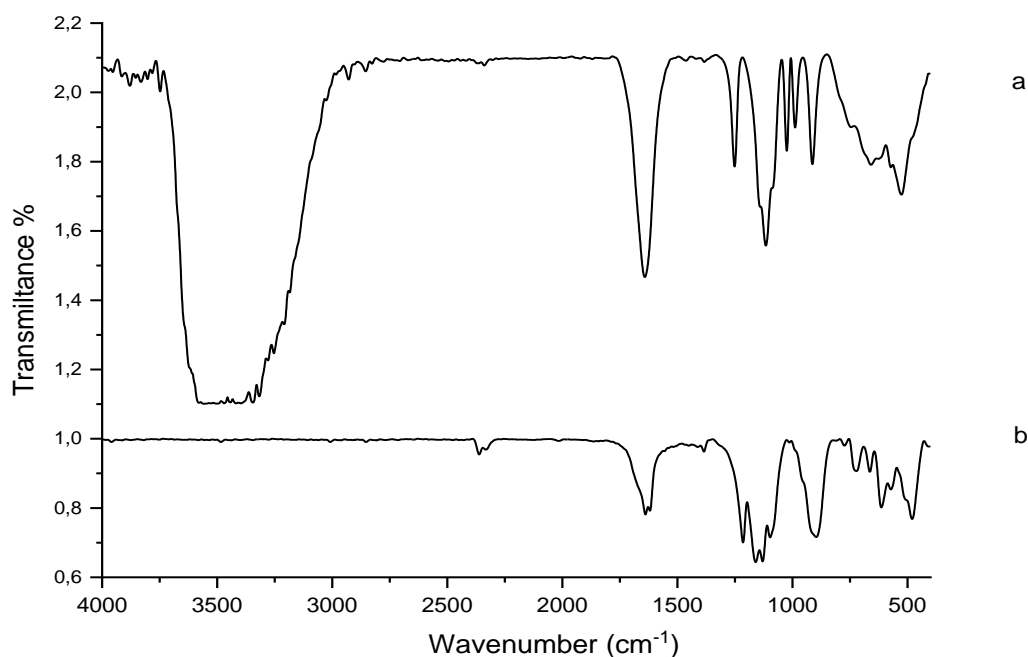
### 3.4. Characterization by Infrared and Raman spectrometry and calculated IR frequencies for the $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$ by isotopic substitutions.

The infrared spectrum (Figure 6) of the powdered sample of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was studied in the range of  $4000\text{--}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The band assignments for the fundamental modes of stretching and bending of  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  anions are presented in Table 6. The wavenumbers of the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  anion are assigned based on the characteristic vibrations of the P–O–P bridge, PO<sub>2</sub> and PO<sub>3</sub> groups. As the P–O bond in the PO<sub>2</sub> and PO<sub>3</sub> group is weaker than that in the P–O–P bridge, the vibrational wavenumbers of PO<sub>2</sub> and PO<sub>3</sub> are expected to be higher than those of P–O–P. The bands due to the symmetric and antisymmetric-stretching vibrations of PO<sub>2</sub> and PO<sub>3</sub> in  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  are generally observed in the region of  $1190\text{--}1010\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [25,26]. The bands observed in the domain  $970\text{--}840\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are attributed to the antisymmetric and symmetric POP stretching modes. The bands due to  $\delta(\text{OPO})$ ,  $\delta(\text{PO}_2)$ ,  $\delta(\text{PO}_3)$  and  $\delta(\text{POP})$  are also identified and listed in Table 6. The wavenumbers obtained for the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  ion are comparable with those observed in the infrared spectra of  $\text{MNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (M= Cu and Ni) [26–28]. To note that IR frequencies and intensities were calculated for  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  of exact symmetry  $C_1$  for the substitutions of oxygen by the isotope  $^{18}\text{O}$  and phosphorus by the  $^{31}\text{P}$  isotope.



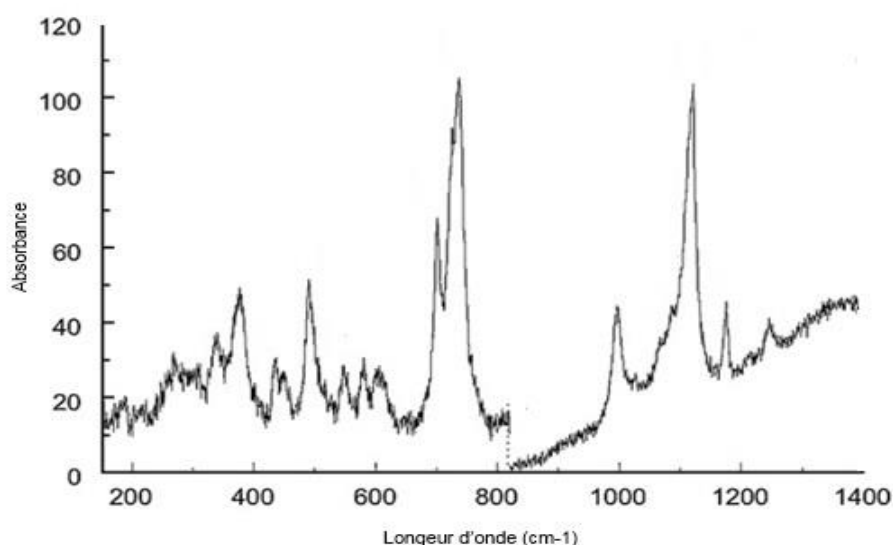
**Figure 5.** X-ray diffraction patterns of the phosphates (a)  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; (b)  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ .





**Figure 6.** IR spectra of the phosphates (a)  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; (b)  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ .

The Raman spectrum (Figure 7) of a  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  sample was studied from 200 to 1400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The band corresponding to the fundamental modes of  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  are presented in Table 6. The wavenumbers of  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  are assigned based on the characteristic vibrations of the P-O-P bridge, groups PO2 and PO3. Since the P-O link in the PO2 and PO3 groups is weaker than that of the P-O-P bridge, the vibration wavenumbers of PO2 and PO3 should be higher than those of P-O-P. The bands due to the symmetric and the antisymmetric stretching vibrations of PO2 and PO3 in  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  are generally observed at 1340-865  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The bands at 402-840  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are attributed to the antisymmetric and symmetric stretching modes of POP. The bands due to  $\nu_s(\text{PO}_2)$ ,  $\nu_{as}(\text{PO}_2)$ ,  $\nu_s(\text{PO}_3)$ , and  $\nu_{as}(\text{P-O-P})$  are classified in Table 6, which also contains the IR wavenumbers calculated for  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  by the MNDO [29] method for  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The IR frequencies of the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  anions observed in the sodium cobalt dodecahydrate,  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , are close to those calculated.



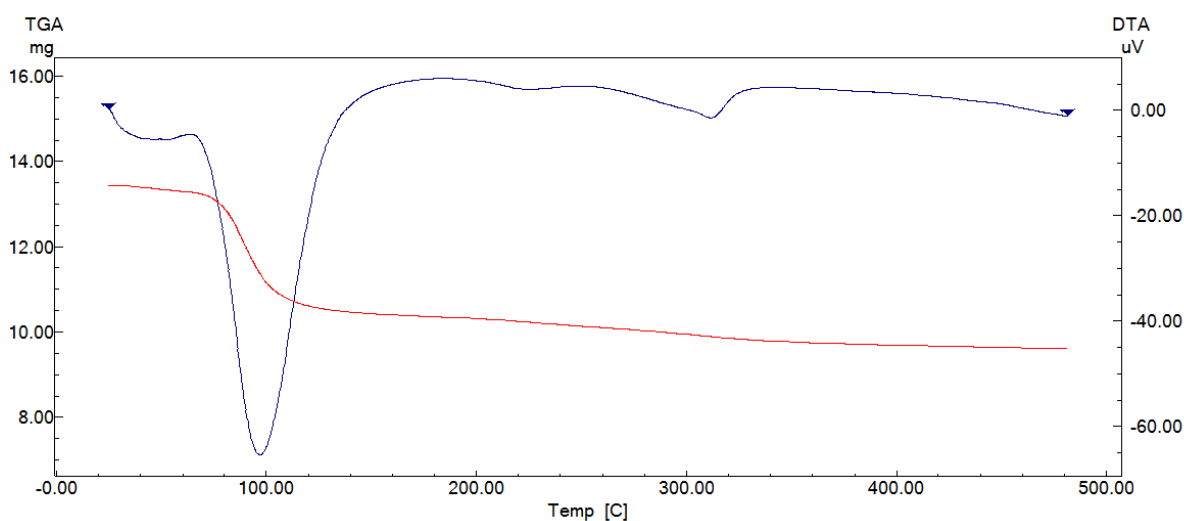
**Figure 7.** Raman spectra of the phosphates (a)  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Table 6.** Assignments of the IR and Raman frequencies of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  and  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

$\text{Na}_5\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ $\nu$ (observed) [26]	$\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\nu$ (observed)		$\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ $\nu$ (observed)	$\nu$ (calculated)	Vibration [30-32]
IR	IR	Raman	IR		
3442	3480	-			v O-H
2920		2870	-		
2355		2811			
1641	1638		-		$\nu_s$ H-O-H
		1542	-		
1462		1392	1392		
1386		1379		1319	v P=O
				1252	$\nu_{as}$ PO <sub>2</sub>
1301	1252	1240		1249	$\nu_{as}$ PO <sub>2</sub>
			1216		
	1116	1009	1158	1170	$\nu_{as}$ PO <sub>3</sub>
			1095	1081	$\nu_s$ PO <sub>2</sub>
1095	1021	1013		1059	$\nu_s$ PO <sub>3</sub>
	983	970		962	$\nu_{as}$ POP
	918	900			
910			908	891	v as POP
	851	830			
			727	724	$\nu_s$ POP
	657	670	663	671	$\nu_s$ POP
			615	605	$\delta$ PO <sub>2</sub>
				560	$\delta$ PO <sub>3</sub>
540			540	552	
510	524	490		537	
492				508	$\nu_{as}$ P-O-P
460			476	476	
450				466	
				433	

3.5. Thermal behavior.

The two curves corresponding to the TG and DTA analyses [33-37] in an air atmosphere at a heating rate of  $10^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$  of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are given in Figure 8.



**Figure 8.** TGA-DTA curves of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at heat rate ( $10^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ ).

The dehydration of the triphosphate dodecahydrate of cobalt and sodium  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  occurs in the temperature range  $143\text{-}350^\circ\text{C}$ , and corresponds to the elimination of 8 water molecules. The four other water molecules are of a zeolitic nature [24].

So, the thermal dehydration of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  led to its new anhydrous form,  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ , which is characterized by X-ray diffraction (Figure 5).

### 3.7. Step manner study.

The thermal behavior of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was studied in a step manner of temperature by X-ray diffraction and IR absorption spectrometry between 20 and 480 °C. X-ray diffraction patterns recorded after annealing for 36 hours at different temperatures reveal that  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is stable up to 50°C.

The removal of twelve water molecules of hydration of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , observed in the temperature range 60-160°C, destroyed the crystalline network and brings to an intermediate amorphous phase [38-40], which does not diffract the X-ray, nor exhibits the IR absorption bands characteristic of a triphosphate  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$ . Between 400 and 500°C, the obtained X-Ray diffractogram (Figure 5) and IR spectrum (Figure 6), reveal the crystallization of a new phase which is nothing other than the anhydrous new form of triphosphate of the compound  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . So, the final product resulting from the dehydration of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  between 400 and 500°C is the anhydrous new triphosphate  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ .

The unit cell parameters were calculated for the anhydrous phase according to an automatic indexation using the computer program TREOR [41,42]. Subsequently, the structure was refined by the least-squares method using a computer program U-FIT [43].  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group  $\text{P}2_1/\text{n}$ ,  $Z = 2$  with the unit-cell dimensions:  $a=15.3774 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b=7.6988 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c=14.2832 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha=90^\circ$ ,  $\beta=92.9115^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=90^\circ$ ,  $M(20) = 80$ ,  $F(20) = 93$  (0.0028; 77) and  $V = 1465,58(0) \text{ \AA}^3$ .

The IR bands (Figure 6) and Raman peaks (Figure 7) of stretching and bending modes observed in the spectra of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  are listed in Table 6. The IR and Raman spectra reveal that the transformation from the monoclinic dodecahydrate to the anhydrous phase takes place without any strong modification in the appearance of vibrational modes of the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  anions.  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  is stable until its melting point at 800°C.

### 3.8. Estimation of the thermodynamic functions.

Various equations of kinetic analyses are known, such as Kissinger's method [44], Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose (KAS) [45], Ozawa [46], Coats-Redfern [47] and Van Krevelen et al. [48] methods. Especially, the Ozawa and KAS equations were well described and widely used in the literature. Therefore, these methods are selected in studying the kinetics of thermal dehydration of the  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  compound. So, the water loss kinetic parameters were evaluated using the Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose (KAS) [45] and Ozawa [46] methods, from the curves  $\ln(v/T_m^2) = f(1/T_m)$  and  $\ln(v) = f(1/T_m)$  (Figures 9 and 10), where  $v$  is the heating rate and  $T_m$  the sample temperature at the thermal effect maximum. The characteristic temperatures at maximum dehydration rates,  $T_m$ , for the triphosphate  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are shown in Table 7. From these temperatures and according to the Kissinger - Akahira - Sunose (KAS) [45] and Ozawa [46] methods, the apparent activation energies of dehydration were calculated for the triphosphate  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Table 8). For the Kissinger - Akahira - Sunose (KAS) [45] method, the slope of the resulting straight line of the curve:  $\ln(v/T_m^2) = f(1/T_m)$  (Figure 9), equals to  $-E_a/R$ , which allows the apparent activation energy to be calculated (Table 7). Concerning the Ozawa [46] method, the slope of the resulting straight line on the curve:  $\ln(v) = f(1/T_m)$  (Figure 10), equals  $-1.0516E/R$ , which also allows the apparent activation energy

(Table 8) to be calculated by this second way. The equations (1) and (2) corresponding to the two used methods, KAS [43] and OZAWA [46], are given, respectively, as followed:

$$\ln\left(\frac{\nu}{T_m^2}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{AR}{E}\right) - \left(\frac{E}{R}\right)\left(\frac{1}{T_m}\right) \tag{1}$$

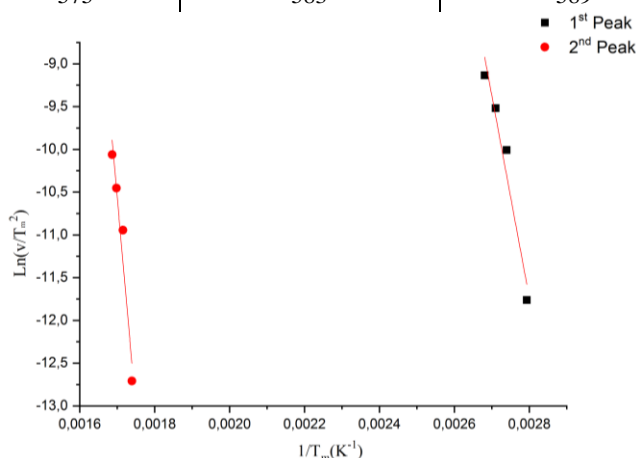
$$\ln \nu = \ln\left(\frac{AR}{1.0516E}\right) - 1.0516\left(\frac{E}{R}\right)\left(\frac{1}{T_m}\right) \tag{2}$$

The pre-exponential factor or Arrhenius constant (A) can be calculated from both KAS [45] and Ozawa [46] methods. The related thermodynamic functions can be calculated using the activated complex theory (transition state) of Eyring [49,50]. The following general equation (3) can be written:

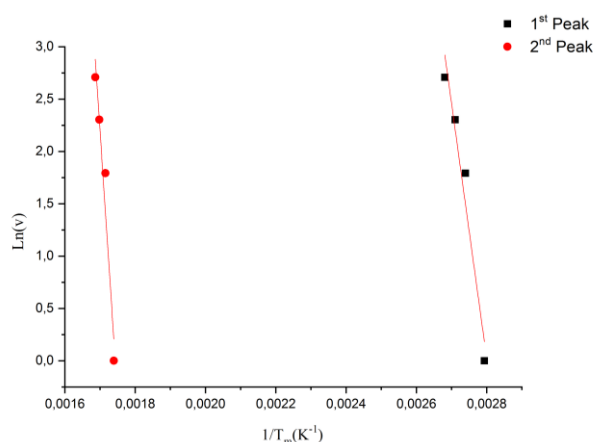
$$A = \left(\frac{e\chi k_B T_m}{h}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\Delta S^*}{R}\right) \tag{3}$$

**Table 7.** Characteristic temperatures at maximum dehydration rates,  $T_m$  in °K, at different heating rates from the DTA curves of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Heating rate $\nu$ (°C/min)	1	6	10	15
1 <sup>st</sup> peak	358	365	369	373
1 <sup>st</sup> peak	575	583	589	593



**Figure 9.**  $\text{Ln}(\nu/T_m^2) = f(1/T_m)$  representation of the dehydration thermal effect of the triphosphate  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure 10.**  $\text{Ln}(\nu) = f(1/T_m)$  representation of the dehydration thermal effect of the triphosphate  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Table 8.** Activation energy values  $E_a$ , pre-exponential factor (A) and correlation coefficient ( $r^2$ ) calculated by Ozawa and KAS methods for the dehydration of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  under atmospheric pressure.

Model	Ozawa method	KAS method
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	Ea (kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	A. 10 <sup>6</sup> /min <sup>-1</sup>	r <sup>2</sup>	Ea (kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	A /min <sup>-1</sup>	r <sup>2</sup>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> peak</b>	25,438	9,148*10 <sup>7</sup>	0,9996	20,153	59,079	0,9997
<b>2<sup>st</sup> peak</b>	25,623	3,193*10 <sup>7</sup>	0,9993	19,305	14,599	0,9993

Where e is the Neper number (e = 2.7183),  $\chi$  is the transition factor, which is unity for the monomolecular reaction,  $K_B$  is the Boltzmann constant ( $K_B = 1.3806 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J.K}^{-1}$ ), h is Plank's constant ( $h = 6.6261 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$ ),  $T_m$  is the peak temperature of the DTA curve, R is the gas constant ( $R = 8.314 \text{ J.K}^{-1}.\text{mol}^{-1}$ ) and  $\Delta S^*$  is the entropy change of transition state complex or entropy of activation. Thus, the entropy of activation may be calculated by the equation (4) as follows:

$$\Delta S^* = R \ln\left(\frac{Ah}{e\chi k_B T_m}\right) \quad (4)$$

The enthalpy changes of transition state complex or heat of activation ( $\Delta H^*$ ) and Gibbs free energy of activation ( $\Delta G^*$ ) of decomposition were calculated according to the equations (5) and (6), respectively:

$$\Delta H^* = E^* - RT_m \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta G^* = \Delta H^* - \Delta S^* T_m \quad (6)$$

where,  $E^*$  is the activation energy  $E_a$  of both KAS [45] and Ozawa [46] methods. The activation energy values are listed in Table 8. The thermodynamic functions were calculated from equations (4), (5) and (6) and summarized in Table 9. The negative values of  $\Delta S^*$  from two methods for the dehydration step reveal that the activated state is less disordered compared to the initial state.

These  $\Delta S^*$  values suggest many degrees of freedom due to rotation which may be interpreted as a « slow » stage [51] in this step. The positive values of  $\Delta G^*$  at all studied methods are because the dehydration processes are not spontaneous.

The positive  $\Delta G^*$  is controlled by a small activation entropy and large positive activation enthalpy according to equation 6. The endothermic peak in the DTA data agrees well with the positive sign of the activation enthalpy ( $\Delta H^*$ ). The estimated thermodynamic functions  $\Delta S^*$  and  $\Delta G^*$  (Table 9) from two methods are different to some extent due to the different pre-exponential factor of about  $10^6$  as in the case of  $\text{CuNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [26] and  $\Delta H^*$  (Table 9) exhibits an independent behavior on the pre-exponential factor as seen from exhibiting nearly the same value.

**Table 9.** Values of  $\Delta S^*$ ,  $\Delta H^*$  and  $\Delta G^*$  for dehydration step of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10} \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  calculated according to Ozawa [46] and KAS [45] equations

Model	Ozawa method			KAS method		
	$\Delta S^*$ J.K <sup>-1</sup> .mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta H^*$ kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^*$ kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^*$ J.K <sup>-1</sup> .mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta H^*$ kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^*$ kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> peak</b>	-102,781	22,896	76,123	-242,279	14,612	101,302
<b>2<sup>st</sup> peak</b>	-116,849	13,475	78,301	-245,216	13,156	122,529

#### 4. Conclusions

The dodecahydrate triphosphate of cobalt and sodium  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , obtained as single-crystals by the resin exchange method, crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group  $\text{P}12_1/\text{C}_1$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $a = 7.6992(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 12.3237(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 11.8023(3) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\beta = 101.181(5)^\circ$ . The TG curve of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  shows that dehydration takes place in one step between  $70^\circ\text{C}$  and  $560^\circ\text{C}$ . Four water molecules contained in  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are of zeolitic nature. The total removal of the water at  $560^\circ\text{C}$  is followed by the crystallization of a new triphosphate  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ . This anhydrous compound resulted from the total dehydration of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  between  $300^\circ\text{C}$  and  $560^\circ\text{C}$ , crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group  $\text{P}2_1/\text{n}$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $a = 15.3774 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 7.6988 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 14.2832 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 92.9115^\circ$ .

The differential thermal analysis of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  shows only one endothermic peak due to the dehydration of this compound. Using the DTA results, the kinetic study calculates the thermodynamic function  $E_a$ ,  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta S$  and  $\Delta G$  by the KAS, and Ozawa methods.

The Raman and infrared spectra of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  have been recorded and interpreted. The vibrational study of  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  allowed us to assign the IR and Raman bands observed in the triphosphate dodecahydrate. The presence of the frequencies characterizing  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  in the vibrational spectra confirming the existence of the  $\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}^{5-}$  ion. A comparison of the Raman and infrared bands of the  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  compound, its anhydrous form  $\text{CoNa}_3\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$ , and  $\text{Na}_5\text{P}_3\text{O}_{10}$  was performed.

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## Conflicts of Interest

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