CRYSTAL STRUCTURES OF RHODIUM(III) AQUA ION WITH TETRAHEDRAL ANIONS

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The crystal structures of compounds of the composition $[Rh(H_2O)_6]_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 5H_2O$ (I) and $[Rh(H_2O)_6]PO_4$ (II) are determined. Crystallographic data for I: a = 7.272(9) Å, b = 27.047(1) Å, c = 12.464(9) Å, $\beta = 97.038(10)^\circ$, $P2_1$ space group, Z = 4, $d_x = 2.184$ g/cm³; for II: a = 9.746(6) Å, b = 6.877(7) Å, c = 23.623(6) Å, $\beta = 100.601(10)^\circ$, C2/c space group, Z = 8, $d_x = 2.611$ g/cm³. Compounds are analyzed by IR spectroscopy and powder XRD. Crystalline phase I is well soluble in water, whereas II is almost insoluble.

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