

Laboratory Experiment Proposal Submission

Experimental Details

Experiment location: A127
Experiment title: Synthesis of moisture sensitive beta-NaMnO₂
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Chemicals Used

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Flammability</u>	<u>Reactivity</u>	<u>Special Hazards</u>
Na ₂ CO ₃	2	0	1	BIO
Mn ₂ O ₃	2	0	0	

Reactants and Resulting Samples

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>Hazardous?</u>	<u>Known Hazards</u>
NaMnO ₂ -pellet	N	

Required Safety Equipment

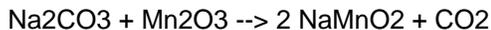
- Lab Coat
- Tongs

Required Laboratory Equipment

- Balance
- Glovebox
- Xray Diffractometer
- Laboratory Press

Experimental Write Up

Preparation of NaMnO₂ via calcination and sintering in flowing oxygen gas.



- 1) Weight appropriate amount of starting materials.
- 2) Grind them in the mortar and pestle for 30 min, and press powder mixture into two 20 mm diameter pellets.
- 3) Transfer pellets onto alumina boat and place the boat in the single zone furnace, centered.
- 4) Attach the appropriate SS adaptors to the alumina tube, and connect to an oxygen cylinder via rubber hoses and oxygen regulator. Attach the outlet adaptor to a bubbler filled with mineral oil to monitor gas flow and attach bubbler to exhaust located above the single zone furnace.
- 5) Open the oxygen tank and verify that O₂ is flowing through the bubbler. Slow the flow rate to approximately 1 bubble per 2 to 5 seconds.
- 6) After purging the tube with pure oxygen for approximately 30 minutes, the furnace program will be started.
- 7) Furnace program: heat up to 950 C with a rate of 0.4C/min, and dwell at 950 for 24hrs. During ramp rate, bubbler will be continuously monitored to ensure that the flow rate remains within the range set at room temperature. Upon heating, flow rate could increase or decrease, so regulator will be adjusted accordingly.
- 8) After 24 hours at 950 C, the sample will be quenched to room temperature, by removing the adaptor with flowing oxygen, and pulling the boat to the cool zone of the tube with tongs or appropriate tool. Since the sample is moisture sensitive, the adaptor with oxygen will be reattached to the tube so that it remains under O₂
- 9) 15 minutes after the quench, the sample will be removed from the furnace, placed in the dry box and ground with mortar and pestle.
- 10) The ground powder will then be re-pelletized, and placed back on the same alumina boat and back into the single zone furnace for the sintering step.
- 11) Oxygen flow will be restarted and the flow rate set to approximately 1 bubble per 2-5 seconds. After purging for 30 minutes, the furnace program will be restarted.
- 12) Second furnace program: ramp rate of 5 C/min to 950 C, with a dwell time of 24 hours. As in previous step, flow rate will be monitored and controlled via the oxygen regulator and bubbler.
- 13) Sample will again be quenched as described previously and then placed in the dry box to be ground and stored until neutron experiments.

Experimenter Signature: _____

Date: _____

Lab Responsible Signature: _____

Date: _____