

### Layered Hydrazinium Titanate: Reductive Adsorbent for Irreversible Immobilization of Technetium

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### Titanate-based Waste Forms: SYNROC



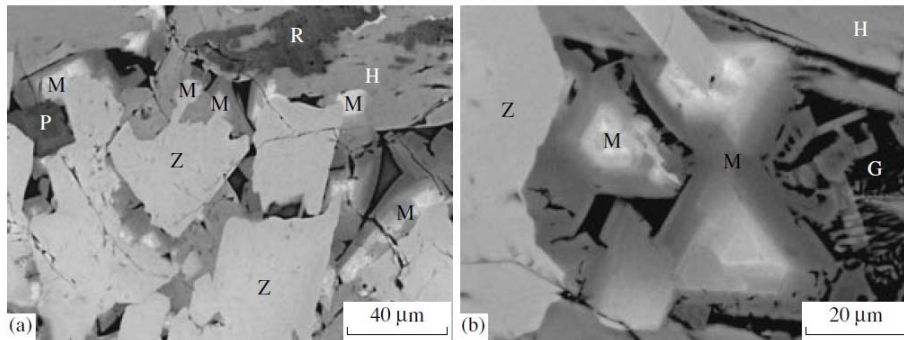
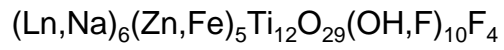
Hollandite	$Ba(Ti,Al)_8O_{16}$
Zirconolite	$CaZrTi_2O_7$
Perovskite	$CaTiO_3$
Pyrochlore	$Ln_2(Ti,Zr)_2O_7$
Rutile	$TiO_2$



Ringwood et al. 1978

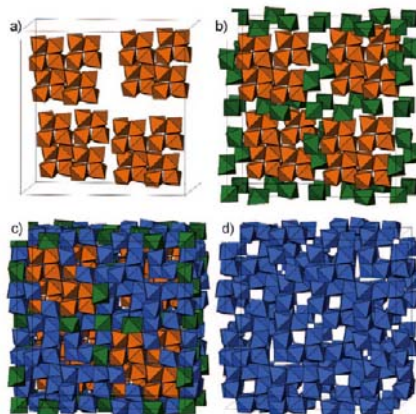
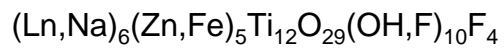
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**Titanate-based Waste Forms:  
Murataite**



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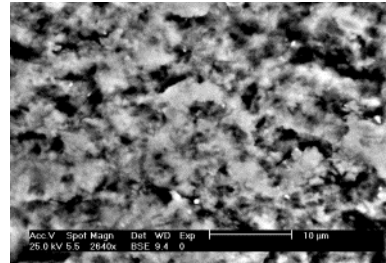
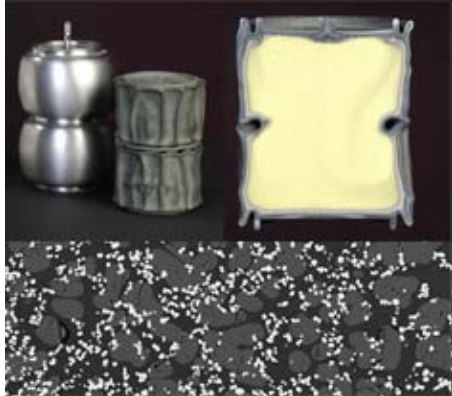
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## Titanate-Based Waste Forms: How to Prepare Suitable Matrix ?

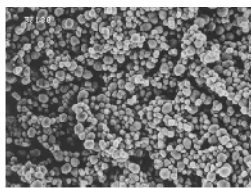
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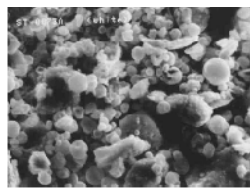
Grinding &  
Calcination

## In-situ Formation of Titanate Waste Precursor: “Sandia Solidification Process”

Amorphous Monosodium Titanate  $\text{NaTi}_2\text{O}_4(\text{OH}) \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$



**MST #33180**  
**1020x Magn.**



**ST-0073A**  
**1810x Magn.**

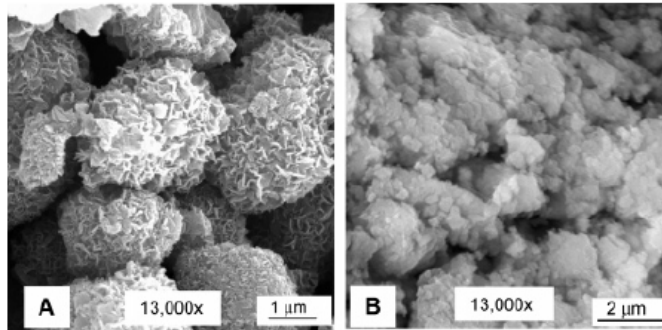


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Direct Adsorption and Calcination

Lynch R., Dosch R., Kenna B., Johnstone J., Nowak E.  
*IAEA Symp. Management Rad. Waste. Vienna, 1976*

## In-situ Formation of Titanate Waste Precursor: Peroxo Complexes of Titanium



*Chem. Mater.* 2006, 18, 6425–6435

**A Family of Peroxo-titanate Materials Tailored for Optimal  
Strontium and Actinide Sorption**

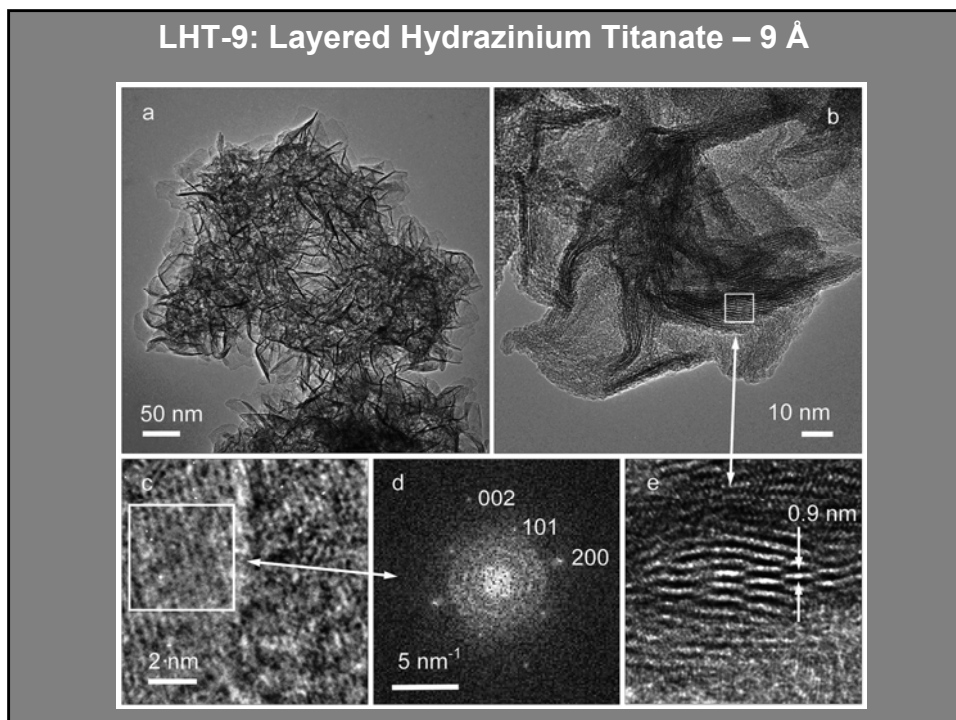
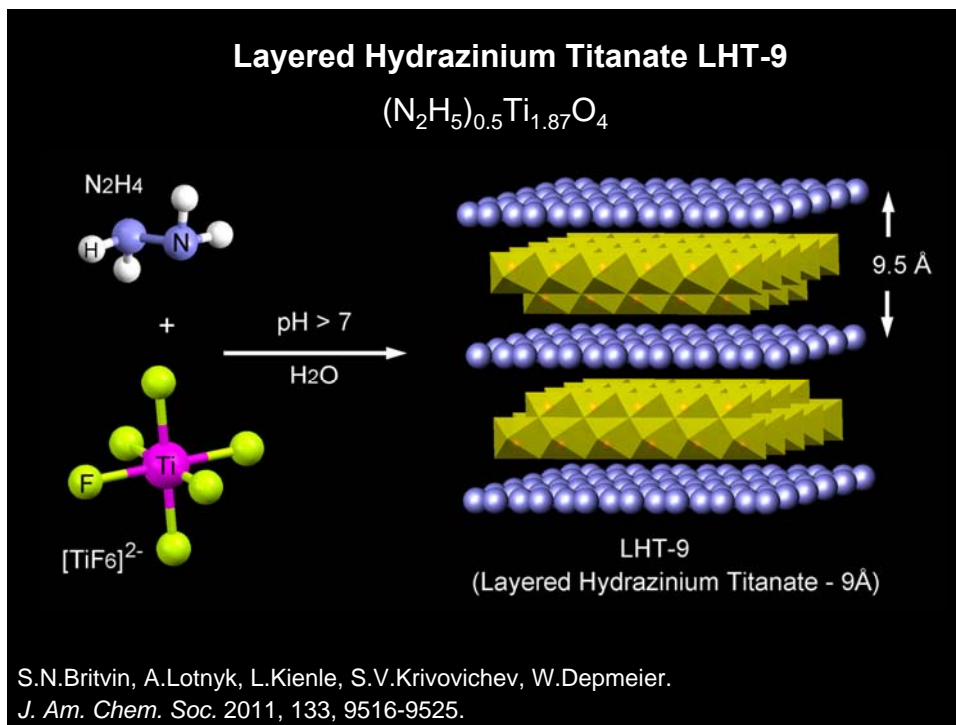
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## Drawbacks of Titanate Adsorbents

**Enrichment in Sodium**

**Lack of Reductive Properties**

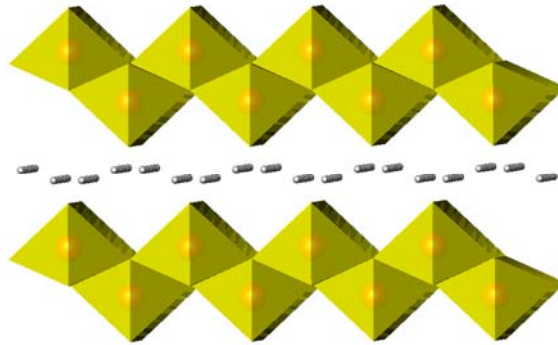




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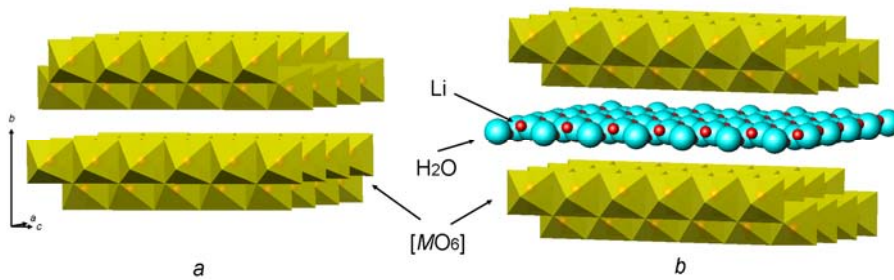
**A New Class of Compound  $M_x^+ A_x^{3+} Ti_{2-x} O_4$  ( $0.60 < x < 0.80$ ) Typified by  $Rb_x Mn_x Ti_{2-x} O_4$**

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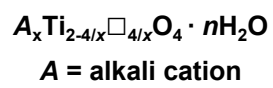


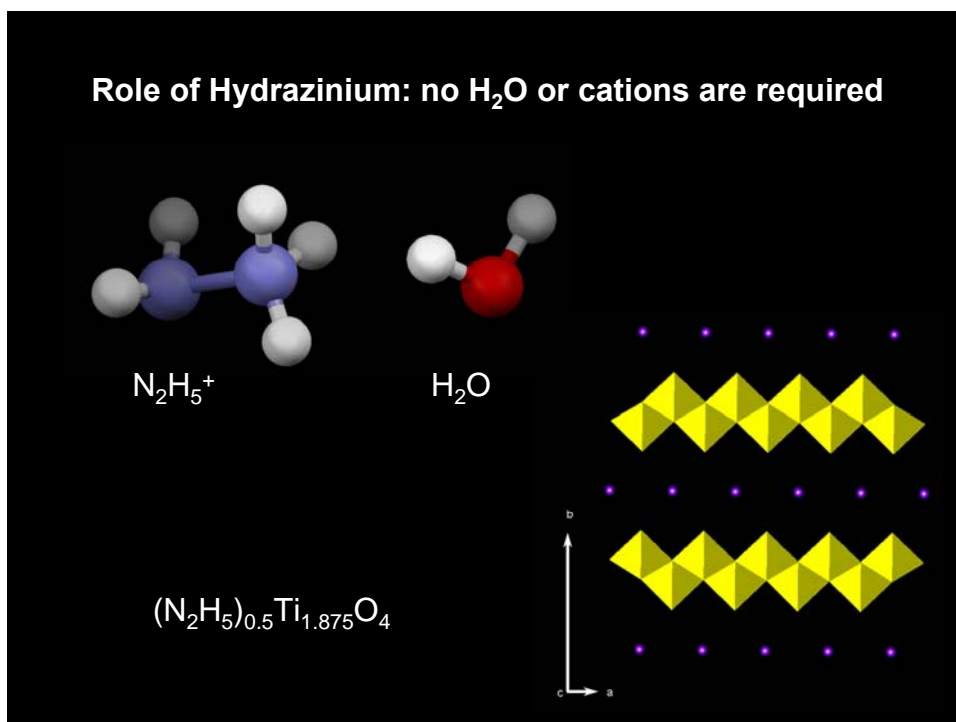
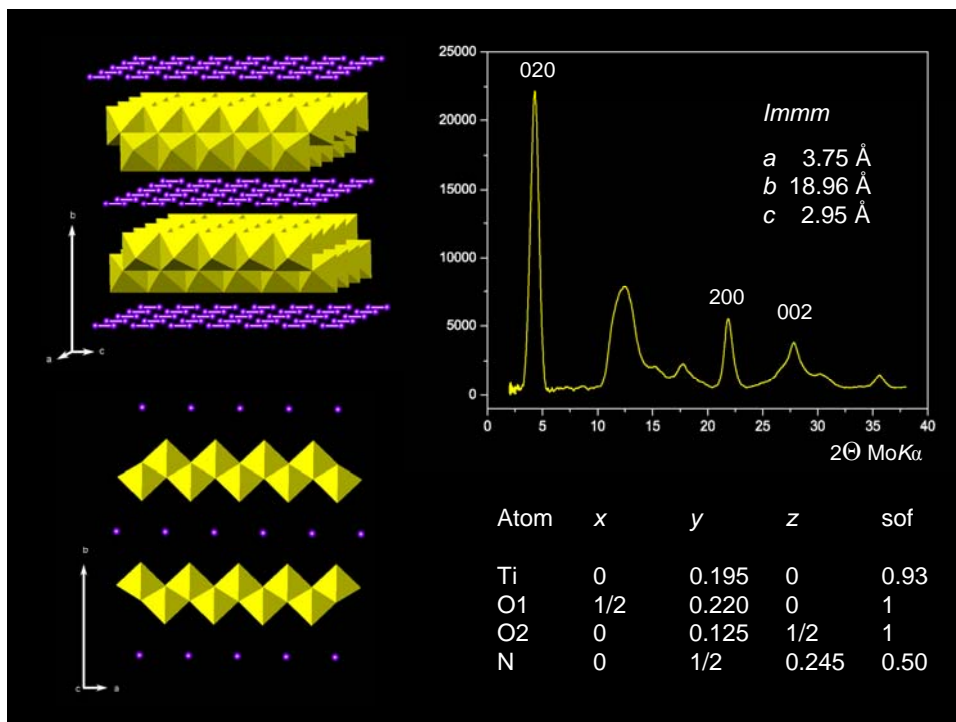
**Lepidocrocite  $\gamma$ -FeOOH**

**Layered Titanates: Negatively Charged Octahedral Layers**

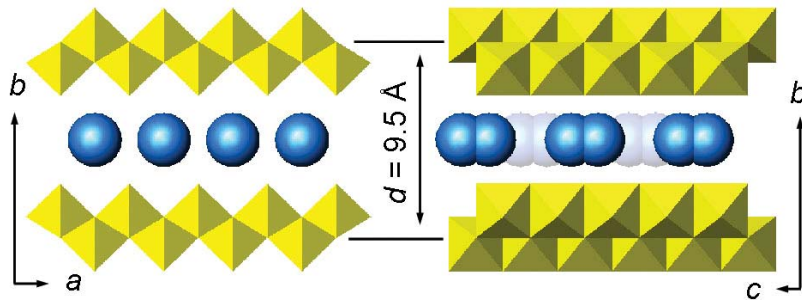


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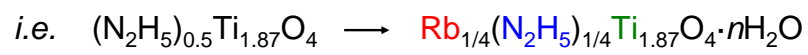




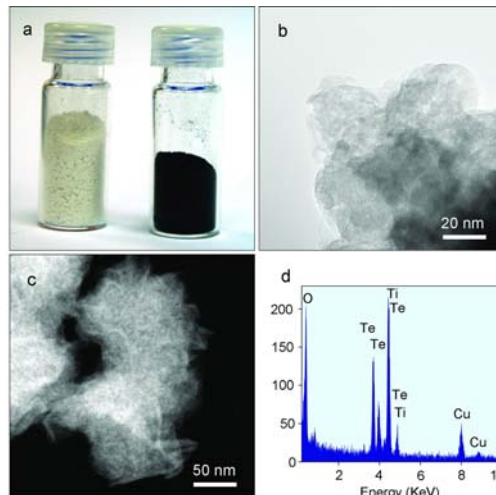
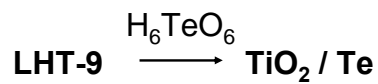
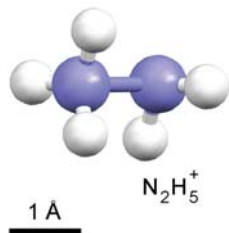
### LHT-9: Advanced Functionality



Ion Exchange: Layered Titanate



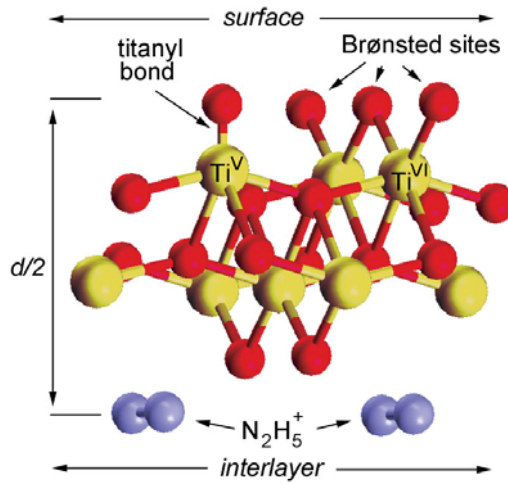
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Redox Properties: Hydrazinium



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Surface Activity: Brønsted Sites & Titanyl Bonds

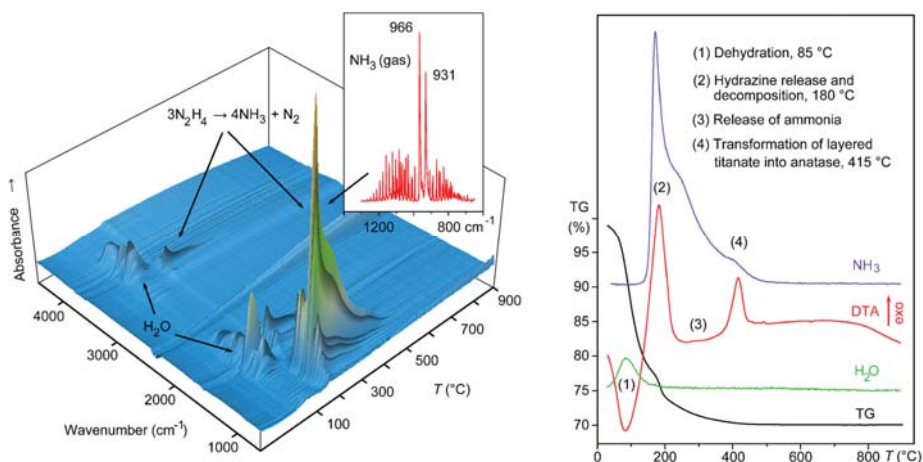
### LHT-9: Combination of Reductive and Ion Exchange Properties

H																	He
Li 5	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na 8	Mg 11											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K 22	Ca 13	Sc 13	Ti	V 9 IV	Cr 22 III	Mn 11 II	Fe 9 II	Co 9	Ni 9	Cu 10 I	Zn 10	Ga 22	Ge	As	Se 46 IV	Br	Kr
Rb 14	Sr 10	Y 7	Zr 9	Nb 5 V	Mo 22 VI	Tc	Ru 9	Rh 12	Pd 15 II	Ag 10 I	Cd 13	In 7	Sn 35 IV	Sb 28 V	Te 52 VI	I	Xe
Cs 14	Ba 10	La 9	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt 12 IV	Au 16 III	Hg 17 II	Tl 11	Pb 11	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac															
		Ce 12 III	Pr 10	Nd 10	Pm	Sm 9	Eu 11	Gd 7	Tb 10	Dy 9	Ho 10	Er 9	Tm 10	Yb 8	Lu 7		
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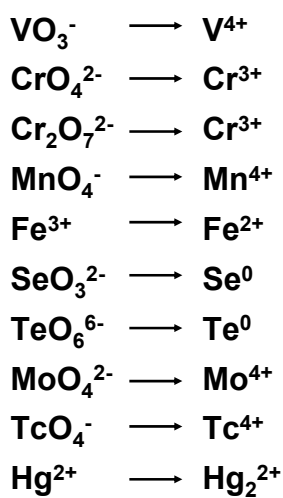
Ion exchange or surface complexation
  Reduction by LHT-9
  Oxidation by LHT-9

oxidation state of element in supernatant solution  
 adsorption capacity, at. % relative to Ti  
 oxidation state of adsorbed element

## Final Product of Thermal Decomposition: Rutile TiO<sub>2</sub>



## Reductive Properties of LHT-9



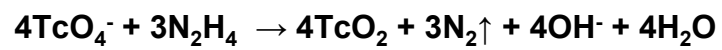
Duration: 1 to 60 min

Cu Ag Au Pd Pt

↓  
metals

↓ precipitation

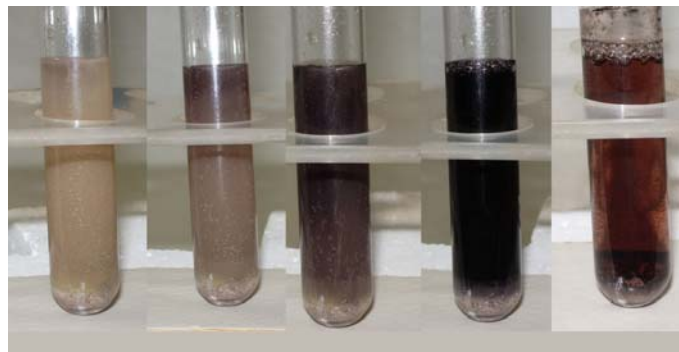
## Reduction of Technetium by Hydrazine



## Technetium and LHT-9

fast precipitation of Tc from:

- neutral ( $\text{KTcO}_4$ )
- acid ( $\text{HTcO}_4$ )
- alkaline ( $\text{KTcO}_4$ ) solutions



start

1 min

3 min

30 min

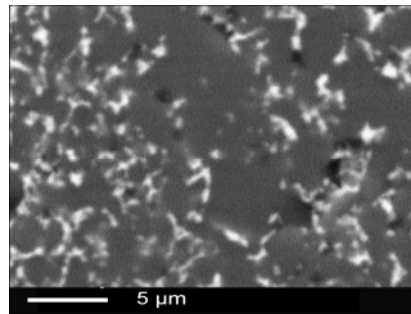
1 day

### LHT-9 and Radionuclides

Radionuclide, compound	Initial concentration	Duration, hours	Removal, % of injected	Adsorption capacity, wt.%
<b><sup>99</sup>Tc (KTcO<sub>4</sub>)</b>	<b>2 g/L</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>10</b>
<sup>137</sup> Cs (CsNO <sub>3</sub> )	87 MBq/L	1.5	94	11
<sup>90</sup> Sr (Sr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	10 MBq/L	1.5	90	8
<sup>239</sup> Pu (PuCl <sub>3</sub> , pH 3)	40 g/L	24	95	12
<sup>238</sup> U (UO <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	50 g/L	24	97	15

**Potential reducing additive to cement grout**

### Ready-to-use homogeneous precursors for stable titanate-based ceramics



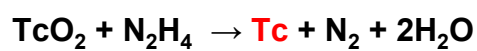
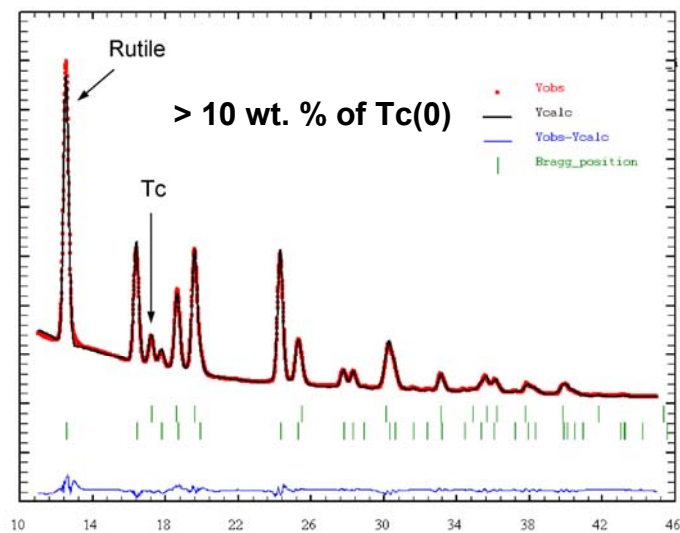
**Ceramic pellet (8 mm) prepared by reductive sorption of pertechnetate on LHT-9 followed by sintering at 1200 °C in extrapure Ar.**

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for stable TiO<sub>2</sub>-based ceramics

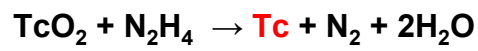
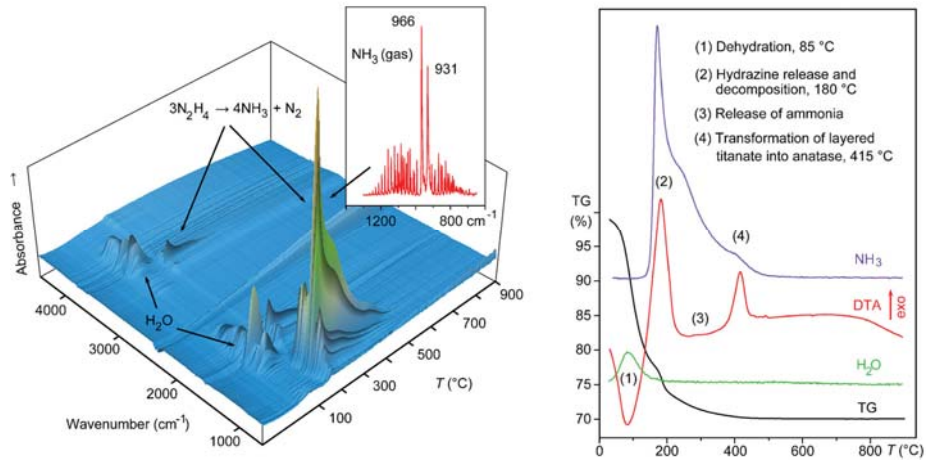
Rutile	(Ti,Tc)O <sub>2</sub>
Hollandite	K <sub>1-x</sub> (Ti,Tc) <sub>8</sub> O <sub>16</sub>
Jeppeite	K <sub>2</sub> (Ti,Tc) <sub>6</sub> O <sub>13</sub>
Metallic Tc	Tc



Thermally Induced Reduction of Tc to Tc (Metal)



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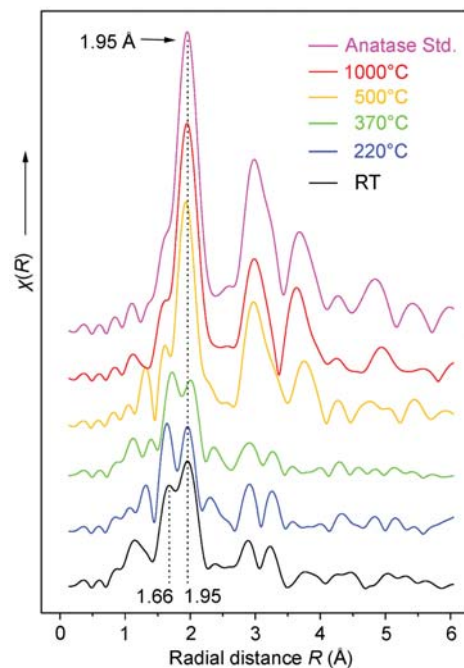
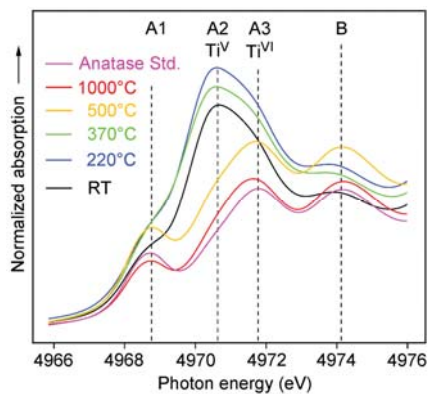
LHT-9: a Convenient Adsorbent and Precursor  
for Titanate Ceramic Forms

**Thank you for your attention**

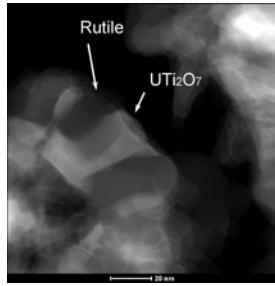
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### **Titanyl Bonds: XANES and EXAFS**

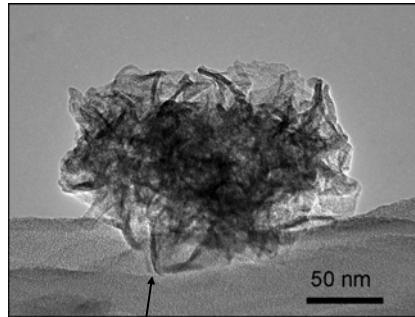
Non-Periodic but Inherent Structural Feature



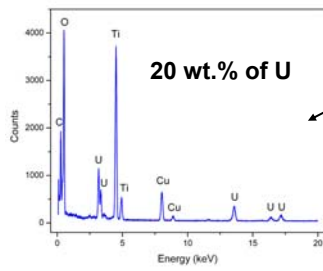
### Sorption of U from 5%- $\text{UO}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution



After 1000°C ( Z-contrast )



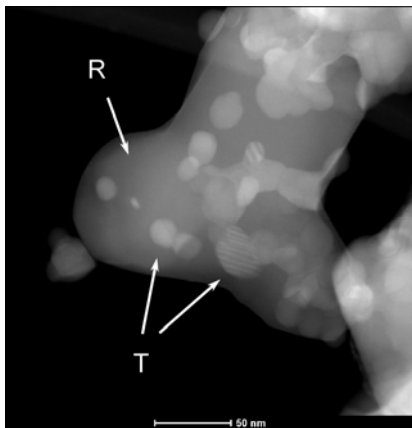
LHT-9 / U: as synthesized



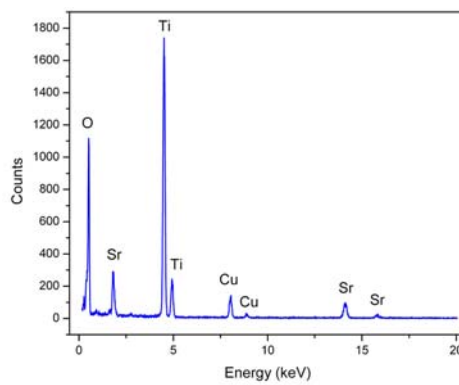
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### Sorption of Sr



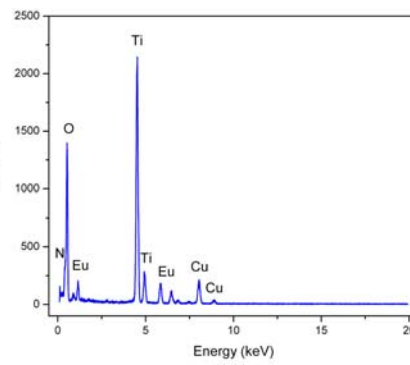
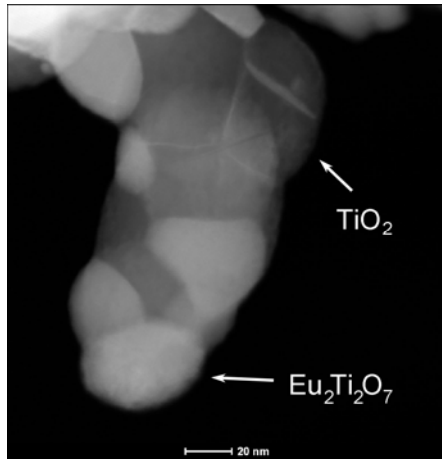
After 1000°C:  
rutile  $\text{TiO}_2$  + tausonite  $\text{SrTiO}_3$   
( Z-contrast )



~ 8 wt.% of Sr



## Sorption of Lanthanides



Sintered at 1000°C:  
rutile  $\text{TiO}_2$  + pyrochlore  
 $\text{Eu}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$

~ 12 wt.% of Eu