Fehlende Glieder bekannter Reihen: Die Oxoferrate(III) $Rb_8[Fe_2O_7]$, $Rb_6[Fe_2O_6]$ und $K_4[Fe_2O_5]$

Missing Links in Known Series: The Oxoferrates(III) Rb₈[Fe₂O₇], Rb₆[Fe₂O₆], and K₄[Fe₂O₅]

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The title compounds were synthesized at temperatures between 775 and 1175 K from (mostly stoichiometric) mixtures of Fe₂O₃, elemental rubidium or potassium (A) and their hyperoxides AO₂. The structures have been determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction. The alkaline rich ferrate(III) $Rb_8[Fe_2O_7]$ ($Cs_8[Fe_2O_7]$ structure type, space group $P2_1/c$, a = 696.7, b = 1722.1, c = 692.0 pm, $\beta = 119.40^{\circ}$, Z = 2, R1 = 0.0496) exhibits differente anions [Fe₂O₇]⁸ composed of two vertexsharing $[Fe^{III}O_4]$ tetrahedra with a linear Fe-O-Fe bridge and nearly ideal 3m symmetry. This is in marked contrast to the Na homologue, where the diferrate anions are decidedly angular. In the series A₃[FeO₃], the anions in the compounds of the light alkaline cations are chains $\frac{1}{\infty}$ [FeO₂O_{2/2}]³⁻, but similar to the isotypic $K_6[Fe_2O_6]$ and to $Cs_6[Fe_2O_6]$ the new ferrate $Rb_6[Fe_2O_6]$ ($K_6Fe_2O_6$) structure type, space group C2/m, a = 741.8(2), b = 1148.7(2), c = 680.08(12) pm, $\beta = 103.65(2)^\circ$, Z = 4, R1 = 0.0370) contains isolated binuclear anions $[O_2FeO_2FeO_2]^{6-}$ composed of two edge sharing $[FeO_4]$ tetrahedra. The new potassium ferrate of the series $A_4[Fe_2O_5]$, $K_4[Fe_2O_5]$ (space group $P2_1/c$, a = 645.91(14), b = 593.69(13), c = 1003.0(2) pm, $\beta = 103.124(4)^\circ$, Z = 4, R1 = 1000.0(2)0.0355), constitutes a new structure type, but its structure is still closely related to the Na compound, which crystallizes in the isomorphous subgroup $P2_1/n$ with a doubled a axis. Both compounds are phylloferrates with layers ${}_{\infty}^{2}[Fe_{2}O_{5}]^{4-}$ consisting of six-membered rings of [FeO₄] tetrahedra. In contrast, Rb₄[Fe₂O₅] contains chains of vertex and edge sharing tetrahedra, so that in both series, A₃[FeO₃] and A₄[Fe₂O₅], the linkedness of the ferrate tetrahedra increases with the ionic radii of the A counterions.

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