Synthesis of Mordenite

Adapted from Kim and Ahn, Zeolites 11, 745 (1991).

We want to prepare, according to the "oxide ratio":

 $6Na_2O \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot 30SiO_2 \cdot 780H_2O$

Starting Materials:

Alumina Trihydrate

65.4% Al₂O₃, 34.6%H₂O

Silicic Acid

82.71%SiO₂, 17.29% H₂O

NaOH Pellets (5%H₂O)

73.63%Na₂O, 26.37% H₂O

Calculation for Na₂O:

100g NaOH pellets = 95g NaOH + 5g H₂O

 $2NaOH = Na_2O + H_2O$

95gNaOH/(2 x 40g/mole) = 1.1875 moles Na₂O

1.1875 x 62g/mole 73.63g Na₂O

(the remainder of the 100g is H₂O)

Take a basis of 1g of Aluminum Trihydrate

wt(g)	Material	moles Na ₂ O	moles Al ₂ O ₃	moles SiO ₂	moles H ₂ O
1.00	Aluminum Trihydrate	-	0.006412		0.01922
3.24	NaOH pellets	0.03847	-	•	0.04747
13.95	Silicic Acid	-		0.1924	0.1340
86.41	Water	-	-	-	4.800
104.6	total	0.03847	0.006412	0.1924	5.001

Rescale to 120g to fill the reactor

wt(g)	Material		
1.15	Aluminum Trihydrate		
3.72	NaOH pellets		
16.00	Silicic Acid		
99.13	Water		
120.0	total		

48 hours at 150°C, non-stirred reactor.