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**Ammonium affects the wet chemical network of HCN: feedback between prebiotic chemistry and materials science**

This work explores the effect of the pH and ammonium cation, in the form of the  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  salt, on the kinetic and properties of the cyanide-based polymers. These highly complex polymerizations are pH and ammonium subservient, showing that this cation concentration can modulate the magnetic, optical, morphological, crystallographic and thermal properties of the cyanide polymers.

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