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EQ – 11/9 STUDY OF THE ELECTRIC FIELDS GRADIENTS IN POROUS CRYSTALS

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The mineral natrolite $\text{Na}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{10}2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (space group Fdd2) is the typical channel-type compound with the porous structure (zeolite). The zeolites have a number of interesting properties, such as lose/regain water, ion exchange and molecular sieve properties and other. The natrolite framework consists of chains AlO_4 and SiO_4 tetrahedra linked together via common oxygen atoms. The sodium ions and water molecules are located into zeolite channels. Each sodium ion is coordinated by four framework's oxygen atoms and by two water molecules W_1 and W_2 [1]. From NMR data it follows that water molecules diffuse

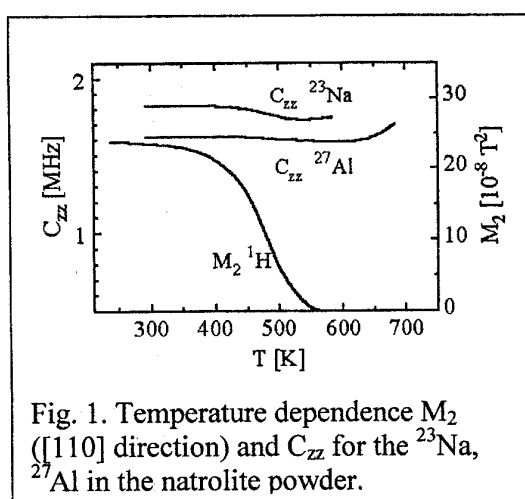


Fig. 1. Temperature dependence M_2 ([110] direction) and C_{zz} for the ^{23}Na , ^{27}Al in the natrolite powder.

along the vacancies whose positions coincide with the regular positions of water molecules [2]. The temperature dependencies of NMR spectra of ^{23}Na , ^{27}Al and ^1H nuclei in have been studied. The obtained values of a second moment M_2 of ^1H and quadrupolar coupling constant ($C_{zz} = e^2qQ/h$) ^{23}Na and ^{27}Al nuclei are given in a fig. 1. The M_2 of ^1H spectra is decreased at $T > 350$ K as a result of water molecules diffusion. One can see from Fig. 1 that the C_{zz} for the ^{27}Al , ^{23}Na nuclei does not depend on the temperature for $T < 450$ K. The increasing of the C_{zz} of ^{27}Al nuclei at $T > 620$ K is probably connected with the complete dehydration of natrolite. The

observed decreasing of the C_{zz} of ^{23}Na nuclei at $T > 450$ K may be accounted for by diffusion of water molecules. Using the model of the point electric charges, we calculated the components of electric field gradient (EFG) tensor at the position of ^{27}Al and ^{23}Na (Tab. 1).

Table 1: The theoretical values of main component of the EFG tensor (eq).

^{23}Na , eq (10^{20} V/m ²)					^{27}Al , eq (10^{20} V/m ²)	
a	b	c	d	e	a	b
-1.11	2.64	1.50	1.47	2.52	3.45	3.48

a – the value eq of the whole lattice; b - the value eq of the whole lattice minus of all water molecules; c- the value eq of the whole lattice minus of the water molecule W_1 ; d - the value eq of the whole lattice minus of the W_2 ; e - the value eq of the whole lattice minus the electric charges of the water molecules W_1 and W_2 .

Using for the ^{23}Na $\gamma_\infty = -4.65$ we have obtained the value of the quadrupolar coupling constant $e^2qQ/h = 1626$ kHz and $\eta = 0.5$. These theoretical values are in good agreement with experimental values. It has been established that the internal mobility of aluminium and sodium ions does not occur in natrolite. The influence of the water molecule diffusion on the NMR spectra of ^{23}Na and ^{27}Al has been discussed.

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