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²⁹Si AND ²³Na MAS NMR SPECTROSCOPIC STUDY OF THE POLYTYPES OF THE TITANOSILICATE PENKVILKSITE

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Abstract

Simulations of ²⁹Si and ²³Na MAS NMR spectra indicate the presence of differing proportions of two polytypes and a third phase in three samples of penkvilksite, Na₄Ti₂Si₈O₂₂•5H₂O. The most abundant peaks are assigned to the 2*O* and 1*M* polytypes, and a third set of peaks are provisionally assigned to a proposed 2*M* polytype. The quadrupolar interaction parameters for ²³Na, C_q and η , were calculated using the full- crystal linearized augmented plane-wave model (FC LAPW) for the 1*M* and 2*O* polytypes. The values obtained for C_q from the simulations of ²³Na spectra and from the LAPW calculations for the 1*M* polytype are close, 3.3 and 3.5 MHz, respectively. However, for the 2*O* polytype, these values are 3.3 and 1.5 MHz, indicating that the Rietveld refinement of the structure for the 2*O* polytype is not as accurate as the single-crystal refinement of the 1*M* polytypes for the three samples of penkvilksite, obtained independently from simulations of ²⁹Si and ²³Na spectra, agree within 9% for the 1*M* and 2*O* polytypes.

Keywords: penkvilksite, titanosilicate, ²⁹Si and ²³Na MAS NMR, polytypism, FC LAPW calculations.

Sommaire

Les simulations faites des spectres MAS NMR de ²⁹Si et de ²³Na indiquent la présence de proportions variables de deux polytypes et d'une troisième phase dans trois échantillons de penkvilksite, Na₄Ti₂Si₈O₂₂•5H₂O. Les pics les plus proéminents sont attribués aux polytypes 2*O* et 1*M*, et un groupe de pics moins intenses seraient dus à un polytype 2*M*. Les paramètres C_q et η décrivant l'interaction quadrupolaire du ²³Na dans les polytypes 1*M* et 2*O* ont été calculés avec le modèle augmenté linéarisé à onde planaire pour cristal complet (FC LAPW). Les valeurs de C_q obtenues pour décrire les spectres simulés de ²³Na et les calculs LAPW effectués pour simuler ceux du polytype 1*M* sont proches, 3.3 et 3.5 MHz, respectivement. Toutefois, pour le polytype 2*O*, ces valeurs sont 3.3 et 1.5 MHz; le décalage indique que l'affinement de Rietveld de la structure du polytype 2*O* ne possède pas la justesse de l'affinement du polytype 1*M* effectué sur monocristal. Nous avons optimisé la structure du polytype 2*O* afin d'obtenir une valeur de C_q plus proche de la valeur mesurée. Les proportions de ces polytypes dans les trois échantillons de penkvilksite, telles qu'obtenues de façon indépendante à partir des simulations des spectres de ²⁹Si et de ²³Na pour les polytypes 1*M* et 2*O*, concordent à 9% près.

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Mots-clés: penkvilksite, titanosilicate, spectres MAS NMR de ²⁹Si et de ²³Na, polytypisme, calculs FC LAPW.

INTRODUCTION

Penkvilksite, $Na_4Ti_2Si_8O_{22}$ •5H₂O, is named after its tendency to form curly (*penk*) and white (*vilk*) crystals (Bussen *et al.* 1975). It has been found in the Lovozero alkaline intrusion, Kola Peninsula, Russia (Khomyakov 1995) and at Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada (Horváth & Gault 1990). Penkvilksite occurs as white clotted concretions up to 7 cm in diameter in cavities with natrolite and radially fibrous aegirine in the Yubileinaya pegmatite vein, Mount Karnasurt, Lovozero complex. The concretions are composed of fine-grained aggregates of polygonal platy crystals. Penkvilksite contains about 10 wt% H₂O which, if removed, can be rapidly reabsorbed into the structure, as in zeolites (Khomyakov 1995).

The structure was originally described by Bussen *et al.* (1975), and the unit-cell parameters were revised by Khalilov *et al.* (1977). The structure consists of spiral chains of silicate tetrahedra parallel to the *c* axis joined by TiO₆ octahedra along the *b* axis (Fig. 1). The

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microporous nature of penkvilksite has led to the synthesis of synthetic analogues to investigate their potential for ion-exchange (Lin *et al.* 1997, Liu *et al.* 1997, 1999). Merlino *et al.* (1994) identified four possible maximum degrees of order (MDO) in polytypes of the penkvilksite structure, which can be produced from two kinds of layers:

MDO1: 1 at 0 0 and 2_1 parallel to $b (P2_1/c)$, penkvilksite 1M

MDO2: $\overline{1}$ at $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ and 2 parallel to *b* (*I*2/*c*), penkvilksite 2*M*

MDO3: *n* perpendicular to *a* and 2 parallel to *c* (*Pnca*), penkvilksite 20

MDO4: *m* perpendicular to *a* and 2_1 parallel to *c* (*Pmcn*), penkvilksite $2O_2$.

They refined the 1M polytype in the space group $P2_1/c$ from single-crystal X-ray-diffraction data, and the 20 polytype in *Pnca* using the Rietveld technique with powder X-ray data.

A ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectrum of penkvilksite was published by Labouriau *et al.* (1998) in their systematic study of titanosilicate minerals. They allocated the peak at -95.6 ppm to the Si(2Si2Ti) and the one at -100.0ppm to the Si(3Si1Ti) environment. However, they failed to identify a third lower-frequency peak in their spectrum.

In this study, three samples of penkvilksite were obtained from the Kola Peninsula, and one synthetic sample of 2*O* polytype also was investigated. ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectra were simulated using XEDPLOT (Bruker Ltd.) to obtain values of chemical shift (δ_{iso}) and relative intensities of the peaks. Values of δ_{iso} , C_q and η at the Na site in penkvilksite were obtained from simulations of ²³Na MAS NMR spectra, and compared with values calculated from the structures of the polytypes using full-crystal linearized augmented plane-wave model (FC LAPW) with the program WIEN2k (Blaha *et al.* 1990, 1992, 2001). The combination of these techniques can provide unequivocal assignment of NMR peaks, and the opportunity to assess structure refinements (Zhou *et al.* 2003, 2004).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For nuclei with spin number I > $\frac{1}{2}$, such as ²³Na, the non-spherical symmetry of the distribution of nuclear charges produces a nuclear quadrupole moment (*Q*) (Slichter 1992). The electrostatic interactions between the *Q* and the electric field gradient (EFG) produce the quadrupolar lineshape, which can contain structural information. The quadrupolar interaction (QI) can be described by the quadrupolar coupling constant (C_a) and asymmetry parameters (η) , which are determined from the EFG at the nuclear site (Slichter 1992):

$$C_q = eV_{zz}Q/h \tag{1}$$

$$\eta = |V_{xx} - V_{yy}| / V_{zz}$$
(2)

where V_{zz} , V_{xx} , V_{yy} are the EFG components in Principal Axis System (PAS), *e* is the electron unit, *h* is Planck's constant, and *Q* is the quadrupolar moment, which has a value of 10.0 fm² for ²³Na (Pyykkö 2001).

In the FC LAPW model calculations, electron exchange and correlation were treated by the density-function theory (DFT) for the complex many-body system of the crystal. The unit cell was partitioned into nonoverlapping atomic spheres (centered at an atomic site with a specific radius, R_{mt}) and interstitial regions between the spheres (Blaha et al. 1990, 1992, 2001). Different basis-set expansions were used for each of these regions, and the maximum K vector for the basis set is represented by Kmax. Inside the spheres, the atom-like solutions of Schrödinger's equation (numerical radial functions multiplied by spherical harmonics) were chosen as the basis sets for the crystal-wave functions, whereas plane waves were used as the basis functions in the interstitial regions (Blaha et al. 2001, Cottenier 2002). In such a way, the many-body problem of interacting electrons and nuclei was transformed into a series of non-interacting one-electron Kohn-Sham (KS) equations (Kohn & Sham 1965). From these KS equations, the crystal wave-functions were solved, and the electronic structure was obtained using the Rayleigh-Ritz variational principle (Grosso & Parravicini 2000).

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

Three samples of penkvilksite, 3121, 3155 and 3156, come from the Yubileinaya hyperagpaitic pegmatite vein of the Lovozero massif in the Kola Peninsula. All three samples are spheroidal nodules 2 to 4 cm across; 3121 and 3155 consist of loose materials, whereas nodule 3156 consists of compact porcelaneous materials. A synthetic sample of 20 polytype was provided by Dr. Stefano Merlino, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra, Università degli Studi di Pisa, Italy.

NMR spectroscopy

MAS NMR data pertaining to the three natural samples were recorded on the AMX500 instrument with samples spinning at about 8 kHz with a Doty 5 mm MAS probe at the Prairie Regional NMR Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The ²⁹Si spectra were obtained at a frequency of 99.36 MHz, with 2 μ s, 30° pulses, recycle delay of 5 s, between 4000 and 9000 free-

induction decays (FID), and referenced to ²⁹Si in tetramethylsilane (TMS). For the 23Na MAS NMR spectra, the frequency used was 132 MHz with a 1 µs pulse, and a recycle time of 0.5 s for the collection of 5000 to 9000 FID. The reference for ²³Na was a 1m aqueous solution of NaCl. A range of recycle delays was explored for both ²⁹Si and ²³Na to ensure complete relaxation. The spectra of the synthetic 20 polytype was obtained at Queen's University courtesy of Dr. Gang Wu using a 4-mm MAS probe on a Bruker Avance-500 spectrometer at Queen's University rotating at 12.5 kHz. The ²⁹Si spectrum was acquired at a frequency of 99.3 MHz, with 6 µs pulse length, a 60 s delay and 393 scans. The ²³Na spectrum was acquired at a frequency of 132.2 MHz, with a pulse length of 5 μ s, and 16 scans with a 5 s delay. References were TMS and 0.1 M solution of aqueous NaCl for ²⁹Si and ²⁷Al, respectively.

The relative intensities of the ²⁹Si peaks were obtained from the computer simulations using XEDPLOT (Bruker Ltd.), a least-squares iterative program. The variable parameters, for nuclei with $I = \frac{1}{2}$, were the isotropic chemical shift and the intensity of each peak. The Gaussian and Lorentzian broadening parameters were allowed to vary iteratively rather than constraining them to be equal for each simulation, as a small amount of disorder in the structure could cause variations in peak widths. Each ²⁹Si spectrum was simulated with six peaks. The ²³Na spectra of three natural samples were also simulated using XEDPLOT. For this quadrupolar nucleus, values of η and line broadening were input manually, and the values for C_q , δ_{iso} and relative intensities of the peaks were deduced using a least-squares iterative technique of fitting. The value of η was changed incrementally between simulations until the best match with the experimental spectrum was observed. Each of the ²³Na spectra of natural samples of penkvilksite could be simulated with three quadrupolar line shapes, and that of the synthetic 20 sample, with one. The ²³Na spectrum of synthetic 20 was simulated with program Winfit (Massiot et al. 2002). At least three independent fits were done for each ²⁹Si and ²³Na spectrum.

 TABLE 1. INPUT PARAMETERS FOR FC LAPW CALCULATIONS

 FOR PENKVILKSITE USING PROGRAM WIEN2K

Penkvilksite Na ₄ Ti ₂ Si ₈ O ₂₂ •5H ₂ O	R _{mt} (a.u.) for each atom in the unit cell	$\substack{\text{Cut-off}\\ R_{mt}K_{max}}$	k-points	Number of plane waves used
1 <i>M</i> (<i>P</i> 21/ <i>c</i>)	Ti: 1.75 Si: 1.20 Na: 1.80 O: 1.20 H: 1.00	3.0	128	42496
20 (Pnca)	Ti: 1.75 Si: 1.20 Na: 1.80 O: 1.20 H: 0.90	3.0	128	43382

Note: K_{max} is the maximum K vector for the basis set. R_{mt} is the specific radius of the atomic site.

FC LAPW calculations

The input parameters for the FC LAPW calculations for penkvilksite polytypes 1M and 2O are listed in Table 1; the structure data are from Merlino *et al.* (1994). The calculations were run in parallel mode on the High Performance Computing (HPC) facility of the University of Manitoba. These self-consistent field cycles (SCF) were run at the non-spin-polarized mode.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Interpretation of experimental spectra

The ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectra of penkvilksite consist of three separately well-resolved peaks at –95.8, –100.1 and –101.7 ppm. There is also a small poorly resolved peak at –93.8 ppm and a shoulder at about –97 ppm. The relative intensity of these peaks varies among samples (Fig. 2). Each ²⁹Si spectrum of penkvilksite can be simulated by six peaks (Table 2, Fig. 3). These peaks can be grouped into three pairs of peaks at –101.2 ± 0.1 and –95.9 ± 0.1 ppm, –99.6 ± 0.1 and –95.3 ± 0.1 ppm, and –99.0 ± 0.1 and –93.8 ± 0.1 ppm, with similar intensities within each pair.

The pair with most intense peaks (-99.6 and -95.3 ppm) in all three spectra were assigned to the Si(2) (3Si1Ti) and Si(1)(2Si2Ti) sites of the most common

TABLE 2. ²⁹SI MAS NMR PARAMETERS FOR POLYTYPES OF PENKVILKSITE AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE NMR PEAKS

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$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Specimen		3155	3121	3156
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Peak 1	Chemical shift Peak width Relative intensity	-101.2 ppm 90 (±20) Hz 20 (±5)%	-101.2 ppm 98 (±20) Hz 13 (±5)%	-101.2 ppm 65 (±20) Hz 3 (±1)%
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Peak 2	Chemical shift Peak width Relative intensity	-99.7 ppm 79 (±10) Hz 33 (±5)%	-99.6 ppm 71 (±10) Hz 39 (±5)%	-99.5 ppm 59 (±10) Hz 46 (±5) %
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Peak 3	Chemical shift Peak width Relative intensity	-98.8 ppm 11 (±10) Hz 0.3 (±1)%	-99.1 ppm 39 (±10) Hz 1 (±1)%	-99.0 ppm 38 (±10) Hz 1 (±1)%
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Peak 4	Chemical shift Peak width Relative intensity	-95.9 ppm 72(±10) Hz 17 (±5)%	-95.9 ppm 68 (±10) Hz 10 (±3)%	-95.8 ppm 41 (±10) Hz 2 (±1)%
$\begin{array}{cccc} \mbox{Peak 6} & \mbox{Chemical shift} & -93.9 \mbox{ ppm} & -93.8 \mbox{ ppm} & 104 \ (\pm 20) \ Hz & 100(\pm 20) \ Hz & -93.7 \ ppm \\ 104 \ (\pm 20) \ Hz & 100(\pm 20) \ Hz & 148 \ (\pm 20) \ Hz & 168 \ (\pm 1)\% & 168 \ (\pm$	Peak 5	Chemical shift Peak width Relative intensity	-95.4 ppm 65 (±10) Hz 26 (±5)%	-95.3 ppm 58 (±10) Hz 31 (±5)%	-95.3 ppm 53 (±10) Hz 41 (±5)%
20 Si2(3Si1Ti) <si-o> 1.627 Å -99.7ppm -99.6 ppm -99.5 ppm Si1(2Si2Ti) <si-o> 1.630 Å -95.4 ppm -95.3 ppm -95.3 ppm 1M Si2(3Si1Ti) <si-o> 1.619 Å -101.2 ppm -101.2 ppm -101.2 ppm Si1(2Si2Ti) <si-o> 1.629 Å -95.9 ppm -95.9 ppm -95.8 ppm Third phase Si2(3Si1Ti) <si-o> 1.631 Å -98.8 ppm -99.1 ppm -92.0 ppm</si-o></si-o></si-o></si-o></si-o>	Peak 6	Chemical shift Peak width Relative intensity	-93.9 ppm 104 (±20) Hz 4 (±1)%	-93.8 ppm 100(±20) Hz 5 (±1)%	-93.7 ppm 148 (±20) Hz 6 (±1)%
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$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	1 <i>M</i> Si2(3Si1Ti) Si1(2Si2Ti)	<si-o> 1.619 Å <si-o> 1.629 Å</si-o></si-o>	-101.2 ppm -95.9 ppm	-101.2 ppm -95.9 ppm	-101.2 ppm -95.8 ppm
Si1(2Si2Ti) <si-o> *1.634 A -93.9 ppm -93.8 ppm -93.7 ppm</si-o>	Third phase Si2(3Si1Ti) Si1(2Si2Ti)	<si-o> *1.631 Å <si-o> *1.634 Å</si-o></si-o>	-98.8 ppm -93.9 ppm	-99.1 ppm -93.8 ppm	-99.0 ppm -93.7 ppm

* calculated from the ²⁹Si MAS NMR data of the 20 and 1M polytypes.

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FIG. 1. The structure of penkvilksite polytypes 20 and 1*M* (Merlino *et al.* 1994). The unit cells are delineated in black. The Ti octahedra are shown in purple, and the Si tetrahedra, in magenta. Open circles: Na polyhedra.

2*O* polytype by Labouriau *et al.* (1998), with <Si–O> bond lengths of 1.627 and 1.630 Å, respectively (Merlino *et al.* 1994). The <Si–O> distances for the 1*M* polytype were found by Merlino *et al.* (1994) to be 1.619 and 1.629 Å. The ²⁹Si spectrum of the 1*M* polytype would be expected to be similar to that of the 2*O* polytype with two peaks of equal intensity. The ²⁹Si peaks tend to move to higher frequency with reduced Si–O distance (Sherriff *et al.* 1991). Therefore, the Si(1)(2Si2Ti) peak of the 1*M* polytype would be expected to be shifted by at least 1 ppm to a higher frequency by the frequency fr

quency compared with that of the 2O polytype, whereas the Si(2)(3Si1Ti) peak of 1M should be shifted only slightly from the position for the corresponding 2O peak, owing to the smaller difference in bond distance for Si(2) compared to Si(1) between the polytypes.

Thus, the peaks at -101.2 ppm and -95.9 ppm were assigned to the Si(2)(3Si1Ti) and Si(1)(2Si2Ti) site in 1*M*, respectively. The remaining two small peaks at -98.8 and -93.9 ppm were provisionally assigned to the Si(2)(3Si1Ti) and Si(1)(2Si2Ti) sites of a possible third polytype, which would be expected to have a <Si(2)-

O> distance of 1.631 Å and a <Si(1)–O> distance of 1.634 Å. The relative intensities, positions and widths of these small peaks have a much higher uncertainty than the major peaks because of the low signal-to-noise ratio.

The ²³Na MAS NMR spectrum of the synthetic 20 polytype of penkvilksite (Fig. 4) consists of a quadrupolar lineshape, which can be simulated using values of C_q of 3.30 MHz, η of 0.45 and δ_{iso} of 4.3 ppm (Fig. 5). The ²³Na spectrum of sample 3156 is very similar to that of synthetic 20 polytype (Fig. 4), but the spectra of samples 3155 and 3121 have extra peaks in the center of the quadrupolar doublet at about -2 and -6 ppm (Fig. 4), respectively. Each ²³Na spectrum of the penkvilksite samples from Kola can be simulated by three quadrupolar lineshapes with a value of η of 0.45, and 1320 Hz line broadening (Fig. 5). The most intense peak in each spectrum has a δ_{iso} of 4.6 \pm 0.2 ppm and a C_q of 3.30 \pm 0.01 MHz. The next most intense peak has δ_{iso} of 6.5 \pm 0.4 ppm and C_q of 3.14 \pm 0.03 MHz, and the least intense peak has values of δ_{iso} of 11.5 ± 2 ppm and C_q of 3.24 ± 0.2 MHz (Table 3). The most intense peak, which has the lowest frequency δ_{iso} of 4.6 ppm, is assigned to the Na site in the 2*O* polytype, in agreement with the simulation made for the synthetic 2*O* polytype. The next most abundant peak, at 6.5 ppm, is assigned to the 1*M* polytype. The similarity between the C_q values of the third phase and of the 2*O* polytype indicates similar symmetry, but the higher-frequency δ_{iso} points to a site with less shielding. The third phase found by NMR is possibly the 2*M* polytype (MDO2), as Merlino *et al.* (1994) found that the O–O distances in the MDO4 polytype were too close for the structure to be stable.

FC LAPW calculations

The FC LAPW model has been shown to be the most accurate method for calculating the electric density and EFG in an ordered crystal at this time (Bryant *et al.* 1999, Zhou & Sherriff 2004). The calculations using the FC LAPW model with WIEN2k gave the C_q and η values 3.54 MHz and 0.48 for ²³Na in the 1*M* polytype,





FIG. 2. The ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectra of natural samples 3155, 3121, 3156 and the synthetic 2*O* polytype of penkvilksite.

FIG. 3. The simulated ²⁹Si MAS NMR spectra samples 3155, 3121 and 3156. The parameters of the simulated spectra are given in Table 2.

and 1.53 MHz and 0.79 in 20 polytype, respectively (Table 3). The negative calculated values for V_{zz} indicate a prolate shape for the electric distribution around the Na site. The calculated results for polytype 1M using the FC LAPW method are thus in good agreement with the experimental values, but there is a large discrepancy between the theoretically calculated C_q using WIEN2k and the experimental C_q value for polytype 20. The value of 3.3 MHz for the experimental value is constrained by the spectrum of the synthetic sample, which has a width exceeding 3 MHz. Some problems were encountered in the Rietveld structure refinement by Merlino et al. (1994). The sample of polytype 20 used for the refinement was found to be intergrown with a small amount of the 1M polytype, which produced additional and in some cases overlapping XRD peaks. There was also a possibility of disorder caused by Zr in the Ti site. Therefore, we feel that the value of 3.3 MHz obtained from the simulation of the spectra is correct, and the low value of 1.5 MHz derived from the calculations is due to inaccuracies in the structure refinement. However, owing to the sensitivity of the EFG calculations using the FC LAPW model to the atom coordinates, the structure of polytype 20 can be optimized by

TABLE 3. ²³Na MAS NMR PARAMETERS OF PENKVILKSITE PHASES AND THE CALCULATED QI PARAMETERS USING FC LAPW AND BOND-VALENCE MODELS

Sample	phases	$\substack{\delta_{iso}\\ppm}$	η	C _q MHz	Relative
3121	phase 1	4.4	0.45	3.30	74 (±5)%
	phase 2	6.1	0.45	3.18	15 (±5)%
	phase 3	9.7	0.45	3.24	11 (±1)%
3155	phase 1	4.9	0.45	3.33	52 (±5)%
	phase 2	6.4	0.45	3.16	28 (±5)%
	phase 3	9.9	0.45	3.15	21 (±5)%
3156	phase 1	4.5	0.45	3.29	81 (±5)%
	phase 2	6.8	0.45	3.07	11 (±3)%
	phase 3	13.1	0.45	3.36	8 (±1)%
Synthetic	20	4.3	0.45	3.30	100 %
		Calculated	QI values		
FC LAPW model	1M 20		0.48 0.79	3.54 1.53	
Bond-valence	1 <i>M</i>	-32.3	0.07	1.72	
model	2 <i>O</i>	-30.4	0.37	1.19	

TABLE 4. THE PROPORTION OF PENKVILKSITE PHASES CALCULATED FROM SIMULATED NMR DATA

Phase		3155	3121	3156
20	²⁹ Si	59%	70%	87%
	²³ Na	52%	74%	81%
1 <i>M</i>	²⁹ Si	37%	23%	5%
	²³ Na	28%	17%	11%
3rd phase	²⁹ Si	4%	6%	7%
	²³ Na	21%	9%	8%

adjusting the atom coordinates in the unit cell until the minimum atomic forces were reached using WIEN2k. The EFG from such an optimized polytype 20 structure gave C_q value of 2.97 MHz at the Na site, which is much closer to the experimental result.

The ratios of the polytypes obtained independently from simulations of ²⁹Si and ²³Na spectra agree within 9% for the polytypes 2*O* and 1*M* for all three samples of penkvilksite (Table 4). Variations for values for the third phase are due to the low signal-to-noise ratio, leading to large uncertainties in the fitting procedure. This agreement validates the assignment of the major peaks to the two polytypes, 2*O* and 1*M*.

Correlation between ²³Na parameters and structure

Koller *et al.* (1994) developed an empirical correlation between bond valences (Brown & Shannon 1973) and δ_{iso} for ²³Na in a series of sodium compounds. Bond valences using seven oxygen atoms in a sphere within 3 Å around the central Na in polytypes 1*M* and 2*O* were calculated using equation 3 (Brown & Altermatt 1985):

$$s_{ij} = e^{\binom{r_0 - r_{ij}}{B}}$$
(3)



FIG. 4. The ²³Na MAS NMR spectra of natural samples 3155, 3121 and 3156.

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FIG. 5. The simulated ²³Na MAS NMR spectra of natural samples 3155, 3121, 3156 and the synthetic 2*O* polytype of penkvilksite. The parameters of the simulated spectra are given in Table 3.

where r_0 is the ideal bond-length between the O atom *i* and its nearest-neighbor cation *j*, r_{ij} is the measured bond-distance between atoms *i* and *j*, and *B* is an empirical constant (0.37). Correspondingly, the chemical shifts of ²³Na in the 2*O* and 1*M* polytypes of penkvilksite, calculated from these bond valences using the empirical relationship of Koller *et al.* (1994), gave values of –30.4 and –32.3 ppm, respectively, which are far from the experimental results of 4.4 and 6.1 ppm.

Bond valence (s_{ij}) could also be used to calculate the EFG at the Na site, and thus C_q and η for ²³Na from the effective charge q_i obtained by using equation 4 for O atom (*i*) around the Na atom (Koller *et al.* 1994)

$$q_i = \left(\sum_j a s_{ij}^M\right) - 2 \tag{4}$$

where *a* and *M* are the empirical constants determined by the number of core electrons of the cation *j* bonded to the O atom *i* (Brown & Shannon 1973). From the coordinates and charges calculated for the seven O atoms around the Na atom using the program FG (H. Koller, pers. commun.), values of 1.72 MHz and 0.07 were derived for C_q and η of the ²³Na for the 1*M* polytype, and 1.18 MHz and 0.37 for 2*M*. These results are about a factor of two lower than the experimental ones.

George & Stebbins (1995) found a similar discrepancy between the experimental and predicted δ_{iso} for 23 Na in silicates and concluded that the empirical model of Koller *et al.* (1994) is not valid for silicate structures. The high electron-density of Ti could also have caused discrepancies in the model of Koller *et al.* (1994).

Xue & Stebbins (1993) found 23 Na δ_{iso} of silicate crystalline structures, melts and glasses also to be affected significantly by the network modifiers around Na and number of non-bridging O per tetrahedron (NBO/ T). Using a NBO/T value of 1.5, an average bond-length of 2.5 Å for the <Na-O> bond, and the correlation diagrams of Xue & Stebbins (1993), δ_{iso} values were estimated for the seven-coordinated 23 Na in both 1M and 20 polytypes of penkvilksite. The results, between 8 and 10 ppm, are close to the experimental results of 4.4, 6.4 and 9.7 ppm for the three phases. Generally, the δ_{iso} of ²³Na decreases with increasing coordination-number (Dirken et al. 1992), but other factors such as the type of modifier cations also play an important role. The presence of the high-field-strength Ti as the first cation neighbor causes a high electron-density around Na, resulting in a higher-frequency δ_{iso} for ²³Na in penkvilksite.

CONCLUSIONS

Simulations of the MAS NMR spectra of three different samples of penkvilksite from the Kola Peninsula and a synthetic sample of the 2*O* polytype allowed the identification and evaluation of ²⁹Si and ²³Na peaks relating to three separate phases in the minerals. Two of these were identified as the 2*O* and 1*M* polytypes, and the third phase is tentatively assigned to a 2*M* polytype. The proportion of these polytypes varies among the different natural samples of penkvilksite. The QI parameters calculated from refined structures using FC LAPW agree closely with the experimental data for 1*M*, but not for the 2*O* polytype, indicating that there may be inaccuracies in the structure refinement of this polytype, which can be optimized using FC LAPW calculations.

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