Phase Equilibrium Study of the System NaV₂O₅-V₂O₃-V₂O₅ at 923 K

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The phase diagram of the system NaV₂O₅-V₂O₃-V₂O₅ at 923 K was established. Two new phases, δ -Na_xV₂O₅ (0.55 $\leq x \leq 0.57$) and Na_xV₁O₂₉ (0.55 $\leq x \leq 0.65$), were found. The δ -Na_xV₂O₅ is hygroscopic and isostructural with δ -Ag_xV₂O₅. The Na_xV₁O₂₉ is a member of a homologous series of compounds $M_xV_{6n}O_{15n-m}$ found also for M = Li or Cu. The dc conductivity of a single crystal of NaV₆O₁₁ was measured at 5-298 K. © 1990 Academic Press, Inc.

Introduction

Various types of bronze phases have been found in $M_x V_2 O_5$ (M: alkaline metals) systems. When M = Na, five bronze phases have been reported, $\alpha(0 < x \le 0.02)$, $\beta(0.22)$ $\leq x \leq 0.40$), $\alpha'(0.70 \leq x \leq 1.00)$, $\eta(1.28 \leq$ $x \le 1.45$), and $\chi(1.68 \le x \le 1.82)$ (1). The α - and α' -phases have nearly the same V-O frameworks as in the vanadium pentoxide V_2O_5 but have different space groups (α phase: *Pmmn*, α' -phase: *P*2₁*mn*) caused by framework distortion and slightly different Na positions (2, 3). In the β -phase (4), a major structural rearrangement of the V-O framework occurs; V-O layers, having a composition of V_2O_5 , are linked with each other by sharing O atoms and Na atoms are located in a tunnel between the layers. The structures on the η - and χ -phases are still unknown.

In the previous studies (5, 6), we investi-

= Li, Cu) and found a new homologous series of bronze phases, $M_x V_{6n} O_{15n-m}$ (7), in which the case of n = 1, m = 0 corresponds to the β - M_r V₂O₅ phase described above. Besides it, the compounds with n = 3, m = 1 $(M_{\rm x}V_{\rm 9}O_{22})$ and those with n = 2, m = 1 $(M_{\rm x}V_{12}O_{29})$ have been obtained for both M = Li and M = Cu. When M = Li, however, two different phases are present in each Li, $V_{6n}O_{15n-m}$ system: the phase with lower Li content is called the β -phase (β -Li_xV_{6n} O_{15n-m}) and that with higher Li content is termed β' -phase. The β - and β' -phases have essentially the same structure with slightly different lattice constants and the phase separation is believed to be caused by the different Li positions (5). The overall phase diagram of the Li-containing system resembles very closely that of the Cu-containing system, probably due to the similar ionic radii of Li⁺ and Cu⁺. Since the ionic radius of Na⁺ is much larger, different phase relationships are expected for the Na-V-O system.

gated the systems $MV_2O_5 - V_2O_4 - V_2O_5$ (M

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In particular, it seems interesting to elucidate whether the $M_xV_9O_{22}$ or $M_xV_{12}O_{29}$ type phases are stable for a larger M ion.

Pouchard *et al.* investigated the Na₂ $V_2O_5-V_2O_4$ system (i.e., Na_{2y} V_2O_{4+y} ; $0 \le y \le 1.0$) at 873 K (8) and reported three phases, A (0.17 $\le y \le 0.25$), B (0.42 $\le y \le 0.44$) and C (0.67 $\le y \le 0.71$). They also prepared several samples between the α' -NaV₂O₅ and the phase A and concluded that there was a continuous solid solution in which the α' and A phases were end members. They claimed similar solid solutions existed between the η -Na_xV₂O₅ and the phase B and between the χ -Na_xV₂O₅ and phase C.

We investigated the NaV₂O₅-V₂O₃-V₂O₅ system at 923 K and found two new phases, δ -Na_xV₂O₅ (0.55 $\leq x \leq 0.57$) and Na_xV₁₂O₂₉ (0.55 $\leq x \leq 0.65$). The solid solutions reported by Pouchard *et al.* (8) were not found.

 NaV_6O_{11} synthesized originally by electrolytic reduction (9) was found to exist stably at 923 K in the present work. It showed metallic conductivities at 5 ~ 80 K.

Experimental

 V_2O_4 was prepared by heating an equimolar mixture of V_2O_5 (99.9%) and V_2O_3 in a sealed silica tube at 1273 K for 3 days. The V_2O_3 had been obtained by reducing the V_2O_5 in hydrogen at 1073 K. NaVO₃ was prepared by heating an equimolar mixture of Na₂CO₃ (99.9%) and V_2O_5 at 823 K for 7 days with several intermediate grindings.

We divided the $NaV_2O_5-V_2O_3-V_2O_5$ system into two subsystems, $NaV_2O_5-V_2O_4-V_2O_5$ and $NaV_2O_5-V_2O_3-V_2O_4$. V_2O_5 , V_2O_4 , and $NaVO_3$ were used as starting reagents for the former region, while for the latter V_2O_3 was used instead of V_2O_4 . The starting reagents were mixed in an agate mortar with ethanol (or acetone) but the samples including V_2O_3 were mixed without using ethanol (or acetone), because it seemed rather difficult to dry V_2O_3 completely after being soaked with ethanol (or acetone). About 1.5 g of the mixture was placed into a silica tube and dried in nitrogen gas at 423 K for 30 min and sealed after evacuation. Because the tube was attacked by the NaV₆O₁₁-containing product, such a sample was placed in a gold capsule and the capsule was sealed in a silica tube. The mixtures were heated at 823 ± 2 K for 12 hr, then 923 ± 2 K for 48–72 hr, and cooled to room temperature.

The product was ground and examined by powder X-ray diffraction using $CuK\alpha$ radiation. This procedure was repeated until the powder X-ray pattern changed no further. Usually, one heating cycle was sufficient to reach equilibrium, but the formation of the NaV₆O₁₁ phase was so sluggish that three cycles with prolonged heating (168-240 hr, respectively) were required for the Na V_6O_{11} -containing region. The NaV₆O₁₁ phase could be prepared more readily at 973 K, but decomposed above 1023 K. The δ - $Na_rV_2O_5$ was hygroscopic so that products containing it were treated using the dry-box technique in a N₂ atmosphere. Their powder X-ray patterns were taken in a specially designed sample holder wherein the sample surface was covered by a mylar film. Cell parameters of new compounds were determined by the powder X-ray method using Si as an internal standard.

Single crystals of the NaV₆O₁₁ were prepared by the following procedure. A mixture of NaVO₃ and V₂O₃ (4:1 mode ratio) was placed in a gold capsule and sealed in a silica tube, then heated at 923 K for 2 days. The product was reground, dried, and fired again at 973 K for 4 days. The final product was a mixture of NaV₆O₁₁, α' -Na_xV₂O₅ and an unknown colorless hygroscopic substance. Crystals of NaV₆O₁₁ were hexagonal plateshaped and a typical size was 1.5 mm in diameter and 0.4 mm in thickness. The dc conductivity was obtained using the standard four-probe method.



FIG. 1. Phase diagram of the NaV₂O₅-V₂O₃-V₂O₅ system at 923 K (A) α -Na_xV₂O₅, (B) β -Na_xV₂O₅, (C) δ -Na_xV₂O₅, (D) α' -Na_xV₂O₅, (E) Na_xV₁₂O₂₉. Circles indicate experimental points. Solid circles show compositions where a single phase was obtained. Open circles show the multiphase compositions.

Single crystals of the δ -Na_{0.56}V₂O₅ were prepared by the chemical transport method using HCl gas as transport medium. About 5 g of δ -Na_{0.56}V₂O₅ was prepared in advance and sealed into a silica tube with HCl gas. Initial HCl pressure was controlled so that the pressure became ca. 1 atm at 923 K. The sample was heated at 923 ± 2 K for 14 days and cooled to room temperature. Because the compound was hygroscopic, the crystal was sealed in a thin-walled glass capillary to take Weissenberg photographs.

Results and Discussion

$Na_xV_2O_5$ System

The phase diagram determined in the present study is shown in Fig. 1. We found a new phase, δ -Na_xV₂O₅ (0.55 $\leq x \leq$ 0.57) (monoclinic with space group C2/m). Its powder X-ray pattern, indexed by means of Weissenberg photographs, is presented in Table I and unit cell parameters are given in Table IV. Of the five experimental points (x = 0.54, 0.55, 0.56, 0.57, and 0.58) covering

the δ -Na_xV₂O₅ region, the samples with x = 0.55, 0.56, and 0.57 were single-phase, whereas the sample with x = 0.54 was a mixture of β - and δ -phases, and that with x = 0.58 was a mixture of δ - and α' -phases. Thus the range of the δ -phase is $0.55 \le x \le$ 0.57. The δ -phase does not appear in the phase diagram of the $Na_rV_2O_5$ system at 873 K reported by Pouchard et al. (1), though it is stable at this temperature. The δ -phase is hygroscopic and if it is exposed to air without precautions against moisture, its powder X-ray pattern will change drastically. In particular, an additional strong peak will appear at $d \approx 10.7$ Å. Pouchard et al. may have missed the δ -phase due to its instability in air.

The δ -Na_xV₂O₅ is isostructural to δ -Ag_x V₂O₅ (10). It consists of V₂O₅ layers stacked along (001) and Na atoms are placed between the layers (11).

The compositional range of the α -phase was very narrow and that in Fig. 1 ($0 \le x \le$ 0.02) was taken from a previous report (1). The compositions of end members of the β and α' -phases were determined by examining the variation of lattice constants (parameter *a* for β -phase, parameter *c* for α' -phase) with Na content *x* (see Figs. 2a, and 2b). The range of the β -phase (0.21 $\le x \le$ 0.35) agrees reasonably with that reported earlier ($0.22 \le x \le 0.40$) (1). The range of the α' phase ($0.79 \le x \le 1.00$) is slightly narrower than previously reported ($0.70 \le x \le 1.00$). We could not obtain the single-phased sample of the α' -phase, where x = 0.75.

Figures 2a, and 2b show lattice parameters of the β -phase (monoclinic with space group C2/m) and the α' -phase (orthorhombic with space group P2₁mn), respectively. In the β -phase, lattice parameters a and b change smoothly with x. However, the parameters c and β increase steeply between x = 0.325 and x = 0.35. In the structure of the β -phase, the number of Na sites is 2 per unit cell, i.e., the maximum x value is 1/3 (6). The sample with x = 0.35 contains ex-

h	k	1	$d_{\rm obs}/{ m \AA}$	d _{cale} /Å	<i>I</i> / <i>I</i> ₀ ^{<i>a</i>}	h	k	1	$d_{\rm obs}/{\rm \AA}$	$d_{ m calc}/{ m \AA}$	<i>1/1₀ª</i>
0	0	1	8.871	8.900	5	4	0	4	1.7531	1.7535	1
0	0	2	4.441	4.450	49	3	1	-4	1.7179	1.7178	1
2	0	2	3.5099	3.5071	5	2	0	5	1.6935	1.6940	2
1	1	0	3.4876	3.4871	6	1	1	5	1.5818	1.5820	1
1	1	- 1	3.2530	3.2528	4	0	2	3	1.5557	1.5558	1
0	0	3	2.9670	2.9668	100	4	Û	-5	1.5319	1.5316	1
4	0	0	2.9148	2.9152	2	2	2	-3	1.5067	1.5068	1
4	0	-1	2.7861	2.7853	1	2	2	3	1.4993	1.4997	<1
4	0	1	2.7546	2.7557	3	0	0	6	1.4830	1.4834	5
1	1	2	2.7360	2.7377	3	3	1	5	1.4713	1.4714	1
2	0	- 3	2.6663	2.6637	1	0	2	4	1.4120	1.4121	<1
3	1	- 1	2.5593	2.5595	2	1	1	-6	1.3675	1.3677	<1
3	1	1	2.5416	2.5421	2	6	2	0	1.3314	1.3312	<1
0	0	4	2.2240	2.2251	35	4	2	- 5	1.1736	1.1738	<1
2	0	-4	2.0920	2.0915	1	4	0	7	1.1579	1.1578	1
3	1	3	1.9709	1.9695	<1	3	1	-7	1.1527	1.1529	1
6	0	0	1.9431	1.9435	1	3	1	7	1.1419	1.1419	1
5	1	1	1.9138	1.9135	1	1	1	8	1.0584	1.0583	<1
6	0	- 1	1.9054	1.9059	1	3	3	- 4	1.0328	1.0326	<1
1	1	-4	1.8800	1.8804	2	3	1	8	1.0221	1.0220	<1
0	2	0	1.8263	1.8272	1						

TABLE I Powder X-Ray Pattern of δ-Na₀ («V₂Os

^{*a*} I/I_0 is not corrected for the influence of the mylar film over the sample.



FIG. 2. Lattice parameters versus x for the systems (a) β -Na_xV₂O₅, (b) α' -Na_xV₂O₅. (\bullet) this work, (\triangle) from Ref. (3).

cess Na ions beyond the limit. The abrupt changes in the cell parameters may be caused by the excess Na ions. In the α' phase, all lattice parameters change smoothly with x and parameter c, in particular, shows a steep linear increase with x.

$NaV_2O_5-V_2O_4-V_2O_5$ System

Phase relation on the system $V_2O_4-V_2O_5$ has been established at temperatures from 773 to 924 K (12) and at temperatures from 873 K to 1073 K (13). Both experiments indicated that V_3O_7 and V_6O_{13} exist while V_4O_9 is not stable at 923 K. In this study, however, V_3O_7 never appeared. Instead, V_4O_9 formed in the $V_2O_5-V_6O_{13}-Na_xV_{12}O_{29}$ region. Although the reason for this result is not clear at present, one possible explanation is that V_4O_9 was formed as a metastable phase due to the presence of Na ion.

A new compound, Na_xV₁₂O₂₉ (0.55 $\leq x \leq$ 0.65) (monoclinic with space groups Cm, C2, or C2/m) was found. Although its single crystal has not yet been obtained, the powder X-ray pattern, listed in Table II, indicates that it has essentially the same structure as $M_x V_{12} O_{29}$ (M = Li, Cu) (5, 6). The cell parameters are shown in Table IV. In the three samples having nominal compositions $Na_x V_{12}O_{29}$, x = 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, only the product with x = 0.6 was single-phase. However, the powder X-ray pattern of the phase shifted slightly but obviously in the three samples. From this result, we conclude that the phase has a homogeneity region with respect to the Na content and estimate the range to be $0.55 \le x \le 0.65$.

The Na_xV₉O₂₂ did not appear in the present study. It has been known that formation of $M_xV_9O_{22}(M = \text{Li}, \text{Cu})$ is rather sluggish, but they can be obtained at 923 K within ca. 2 weeks as a single phase (6). Contrary to this report, no peaks for Na_xV₉O₂₂ were observed in the powder X-ray pattern even after two weeks firing at 923 K during this study, indicating that Na_xV₉O₂₂ does not exist at 923 K.

In the Cu_xV₁₂O₂₉, x ranges from $1.0 \sim 1.9$ while it ranges from 1.05 \sim 1.80 and 2.05 \sim 2.15 in the β - and β' -Li_rV₁₂O₂₉, respectively (5, 6). These values are significantly larger compared with those of the present Nabased compound (0.55 \sim 0.65). As pointed out in the previous paper (6), the maximum x becomes 2.0 for the β -Li_xV₁₂O₂₉ and 3.0 for the $Cu_x V_{12}O_{29}$ or $\beta' - Li_x V_{12}O_{29}$, if we count available M^+ sites in the structures. If we consider, on the other hand, the number of available V^{4+} sites, the maximum value becomes 2.0 for every $M_x V_{12} O_{29}$. Indeed, above-mentioned Li- or Cu-containing phases have the maximum x-values around 2.0. From the structural view point, therefore, a value of x up to 2.0 is expected to be allowed also for $Na_x V_{12}O_{29}$. The observed range, $0.55 \le x \le 0.65$, in Na_xV₁₂O₂₉ is far less than the expected maximum. It is interesting to find out which positions are occupied by Na and how such a structure with the minimal Na content is stabilized.

$NaV_2O_5 - V_2O_3 - V_2O_4$ System

In the $V_4O_7-V_2O_4$ system, four Magnéli phases, V_5O_9 , V_6O_{11} , V_7O_{13} , and V_8O_{15} , have been reported (14). These four phases are expected to appear in the Na $V_2O_5-V_4O_7-V_2O_4$ region. We could not, however, determine them because of the broad and weak powder X-ray patterns.

De Roy *et al.* synthesized NaV₆O₁₁ for the first time by electrolytic reduction of molten NaVO₃ at 973 K and described its structure in hexagonal space group $P\overline{6}2c$ (9). The compound was obtained in the present study as well; however, our structure refinement gave somewhat different results (15). Its powder X-ray pattern indexed by means of the electron diffraction patterns and Weissenberg photographs is shown in Table III and the cell parameters are shown in Table IV. Of the four experimental compositions, Na_{0.9}V₆O₁₁, Na_{1.0}V₆O₁₁, Na_{0.75}V₅O₉, and Na₂V₁₀O₁₉, only the Na_{1.0}V₆O₁₁ was single-

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h	k	I	$d_{\rm obs}/{ m \AA}$	$d_{ m calc}/{ m \AA}$	I/I_0	h	k	l	$d_{\rm obs}$ /Å	d _{cale} /Å	<i>I/I</i> ₀
2	0	0	13.677	13.760	2	9	1	1	2.1996	2.1994	<1
0	0	1	9.900	9.935	18	8	0	3	2.1802	2.1798	<1
2	0	- 1	8.927	8.938	1	12	0	1	2.1435	2.1434	10
2	0	1	7.386	7.390	<1	10	0	-4	2.0576	2.0575	<1
4	0	0	6.864	6.880	100	11	1	0	2.0576	2.0569	<1
4	0	- 1	6.260	6.267	4	6	0	4	2.0234	2.0227	2
4	0	1	5.188	5.195	1	4	0	- 5	2.0184	2.0184	1
0	0	2	4.960	4.967	4	6	0	- 5	1.9712	1.9711	7
6	0	-1	4.514	4.519	2	14	0	0	1.9651	1.9657	1
2	0	2	4.4022	4.4021	2 ·	11	1	1	1.9515	1.9521	<1
6	0	1	3.8845	3.8819	<1	7	1	- 4	1.9515	1.9505	<1
4	0	2	3.6943	3.6950	2	12	0	2	1.9405	1.9410	1
8	0	-1	3.4689	3.4700	1	2	0	5	1.9130	1.9137	<1
8	0	0	3.4393	3.4399	13	8	0	- 5	1.8899	1.8903	1
1	1	- 1	3.3980	3.3983	3	12	0	-4	1.8810	1.8807	<1
1	1	1	3.3456	3.3428	<1	13	1	- 1	1.8535	1.8536	<1
0	0	3	3.3102	3.3115	1	9	1	-4	1.8462	1.8458	<1
4	0	-3	3.2440	3.2456	2	13	1	0	1.8270	1.8265	<1
2	0	3	3.0828	3.0837	4	13	1	-2	1.8175	1.8179	<1
8	0	1	3.0675	3.0681	21	0	2	0	1.8062	1.8067	1
5	1	0	3.0203	3.0206	<1	11	1	2	1.7995	1.7996	<1
6	0	-3	2.9789	2.9794	27	10	0	- 5	1.7867	1.7877	<1
4	0	3	2.7752	2.7767	<1	4	2	0	1.7484	1.7474	<1
10	0	0	2.7517	2.7519	1	12	0	3	1.7317	1.7317	1
5	1	-2	2.7156	2.7152	1	16	0	0	1.7200	1.7200	1
3	1	2	2.6975	2.6949	<1	14	0	-4	1.7155	1.7155	1
8	0	- 3	2.6632	2.6638	1	7	1	- 5	1.7052	1.7053	<1
10	0	- 2	2.6396	2.6389	<1	0	2	2	1.6969	1.6979	<1
2	0	-4	2.5326	2.5334	4	2	0	-6	1.6836	1.6839	<1
7	1	-2	2.4886	2.4881	<1	6	0	-6	1.6666	1.6664	<1
7	1	1	2.4886	2.4879	<1	0	0	6	1.6556	1.6558	<1
5	1	2	2.4646	2.4647	<1	11	1	3	1.6320	1.6322	<1
1	1	-3	2.4646	2.4637	<1	2	0	6	1.6065	1.6066	1
6	0	- 4	2.3912	2.3913	2	8	2	0	1.5993	1.5995	<1
2	0	4	2.3635	2.3637	2	16	0	-4	1.5667	1.5666	<1
10	0	-3	2.3582	2.3585	1	11	1	-5	1.5612	1.5618	<1
9	1	- 1	2.3516	2.3528	<1	8	2	1	1.5564	1.5568	<1
12	0	- 1	2.3391	2.3383	<1	18	0	-2	1.5501	1.5501	2
12	0	0	2.2927	2.2933	<1	6	2	-3	1.5453	1.5449	<1
3	1	3	2.2791	2.2780	<1	4	0	6	1.5420	1.5418	<1
9	1	-2	2.2474	2.2473	<1						

TABLE II POWDER X-RAY PATTERN OF $Na_{0.6}V_{12}O_2$

phase. Moreover, X-ray peaks due to the NaV_6O_{11} did not shift in the X-ray patterns, indicating no detectable solid-solution range.

the NaV₆O₁₁ is essentially isostructural with BaTi₂Fe₄O₁₁ and BaSn₂Fe₄O₁₁ (16), compounds related to magnetoplumbite. Cadée *et al.* (16) found many isostructural phases $M(M', M'')_6O_{11}$ with $M = Ba^{2+}$ and Sr²⁺. The

A structure refinement (15) revealed that

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	Powder X-Ray Pattern of NaV ₆ O ₁₁										
h	k	1	$d_{\rm obs}/{ m \AA}$	d _{calc} /Å	<i>I/I</i> ₀	h	k	1	d _{obs} /Å	d _{cale} /Å	<i>I/I</i> ₀
0	0	2	6.538	6.549	100	4	0	0	1.2368	1.2369	1
1	0	0	4.938	4.948	4	2	1	8	1.2318	1.2319	1
1	0	1	4.626	4.628	9	3	1	5	1.2155	1.2156	1
1	0	2	3.9506	3.9478	18	4	0	2	1.2155	1.2154	1
0	0	4	3.2747	3.2748	63	1	1	10	1.1910	1.1907	5
1	1	0	2.8575	2.8565	10	4	0	3	1.1903	1.1901	4
1	0	4	2.7309	2.7308	77	3	1	6	1.1614	1.1618	1
1	1	2	2.6180	2.6183	41	1	0	11	1.1575	1.1578	1
2	0	0	2.4740	2.4738	6	2	0	10	1.1575	1.1576	1
2	0	1	2.4311	2.4308	3	2	1	9	1.1487	1.1486	<1
2	0	2	2.3142	2.3142	21	4	0	5	1.1183	1.1185	1
0	0	6	2.1829	2.1832	1	3	2	2	1.1183	1.1184	1
1	1	4	2.1526	2.1526	24	3	1	7	1.1066	1.1066	<1
1	0	6	1.9974	1.9974	4	0	0	12	1.0913	1.0916	5
2	0	4	1.9742	1.9739	1	4	1	0	1.0795	1.0796	1
2	1	1	1.8514	1.8512	2	2	2	8	1.0764	1.0763	11
2	1	2	1.7980	1.7981	2	4	0	6	1.0764	1.0762	11
1	0	7	1.7502	1.7503	2	2	1	10	1.0727	1.0729	4
2	1	3	1.7190	1.7190	1	3	2	4	1.0727	1.0725	4
3	0	0	1.6487	1.6492	2	4	1	2	1.0655	1.0653	1
0	0	8	1.6371	1.6374	70	3	0	10	1.0257	1.0257	2
2	0	6	1.6371	1.6369	70	2	0	12	0.9986	0.9987	<1
2	1	4	1.6240	1.6239	15	4	0	8	0.9870	0.9869	1
3	0	2	1.5994	1.5993	4	3	3	0	0.9522	0.9522	<1
1	0	8	1.5548	1.5545	1	3	1	10	0.9474	0.9475	2
2	1	5	1.5218	1.5520	1	5	0	4	0.9474	0.9472	2
2	0	7	1.4919	1.4924	<1	4	0	9	0.9424	0.9425	1
3	0	4	1.4727	1.4729	2	3	3	2	0.9424	0.9422	1
2	2	0	1.4281	1.4282	19	0	0	14	0.9356	0.9356	1
1	1	8	1.4206	1.4205	3	4	2	1	0.9326	0.9326	<1
2	1	6	1.4206	1.4202	3	5	Ō	5	0.9257	0.9257	1
1	0	9	1.3959	1.3963	1	4	2	2	0.9257	0.9256	1
3	0	5	1.3959	1.3957	1	1	0	14	0.9195	0.9194	1
2	0	8	1.3653	1.3654	6	3	3	4	0.9144	0.9143	<1
3	1	2	1.3432	1.3430	1	4	2	3	0.9144	0.9143	<1
2	1	7	1.3229	1.3227	1	4	1	8	0.9012	0.9013	<1
2	2	4	1.3092	1.3091	2	5	Ô	6	0.9012	0.9013	<1
3	1	3	1.3092	1.3091	2	3	1	11	0.8994	0.8994	<1
1	Ō	10	1.2660	1.2663	8	4	Ō	10	0.8994	0.8993	<1
3	1	4	1.2660	1.2656	8	3	2	9	0.8950	0.8950	<1
2	0	9	1.2543	1.2544	1						-

TABLE III

TABLE IV

UNIT C	ELL PARA	AMETERS FOI	THE	Newly	DISCOVERED	Compounds
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Compound	a/Å	b/Å	c/Å	β/deg	
δ -Na _{0.56} V ₂ O ₅	11.663(2)	3.6543(4)	8.9019(6)	91.03(1)	
$Na_{0.6}V_{12}O_{29}$	28.075(1)	3.6134(3)	10.1353(5)	101.422(4)	
NaV ₆ O ₁₁	5.7129(2)		13.0990(5)		



FIG. 3. The dc conductivity of a single crystal of the NaV_6O_{11} along the (001) plane as a function of temperature.

present study indicates that the monovalent cation Na^+ is also acceptable as the *M* ion in their chemical formula.

In the NaV₆O₁₁, O atoms form hexagonally close packed layers. One-quarter of the O atoms in every three layers is substituted by Na atoms. One-sixth of the V atoms is placed in trigonal-bipyramidal sites located in the Na-containing layers and the remaining V atoms are placed in octahedral sites. Detailed results of structure refinement will be reported elsewhere (15).

Figure 3 shows the resistivity perpendicular to the *c*-axis of a single crystal of the NaV₆O₁₁ at 5–298 K. The resistivity, ρ , varied from 7.3 × 10⁻⁵ to 8.9 × 10⁻⁴ Ω cm in this range and showed very complicated behavior. The value of $d\rho/dT$ is positive below 80 K and above 246 K. It is negative between 80 and 246 K. In addition, there is an anomaly at ~64 K. Magnetic measurements on NaV₆O₁₁ and related compounds are in progress. Preliminary results for NaV₆O₁₁ indicate that there is a magnetic transition at ~60 K, corresponding to the anomaly in resistivity.

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