Ionic Dynamics in LiNO₂ Studied by ⁷Li and ¹⁵N Solid NMR

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The temperature dependences of ⁷Li and ¹⁵N NMR spin-lattice relaxation times and spectra in LiNO₂ were measured in the range 120 K - 473 K (m.p.). The 180°-flip motion of NO₂⁻ ions along or perpendicular to the molecular C₂-axis and the self-diffusion of Li⁺ ions (activation energies of 42 - 44 and 100 kJ mol⁻¹, respectively) were observed in this range. From the comparison of the observed activation parameters with those reported for plastic phases of alkali metal nitrites, a new characteristic of the plastic crystal was obtained.

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