²³Na NMR Study of NASICON-type Compounds, $Na_{1+x}Sc_xTi_{2-x}(PO_4)_3$

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The structure of NASICON-type compounds, $Na_{1+x}Sc_xTi_{2-x}(PO_4)_3$ ($0 \le x \le 2$), and the dynamics of Na^+ have been investigated by ^{23}Na NMR spectroscopy. It was found that the ^{23}Na 1D and 2D MQMAS spectra depend on the Na concentration, suggesting strongly that the Na^+ ions are distributed between two crystallographically nonequivalent sites, one is a special position with axial symmetry, and the other a position of low symmetry. The chemical exchange between these different sites in the crystal takes place at room temperature, which may cause the high Na^- ion conduction of this material.

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