

## Ion Conducting Phosphidosilicates

Synthesis and Structure of the Sodium Phosphidosilicate  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$ Arthur Haffner,<sup>[a]</sup> Anna-Katharina Hatz,<sup>[a,b]</sup> Constantin Hoch,<sup>[a]</sup> Bettina V. Lotsch,<sup>[a,b]</sup> and Dirk Johrendt<sup>\*[a]</sup>

**Abstract:** Ion conductors of light alkaline metals based on earth-abundant elements are important components for all-solid-state batteries. The new sodium-rich phosphidosilicate  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  was synthesized by solid state reaction of stoichiometric amounts of the elements at 973 K and characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (space group *Pccn* (no. 56),  $a = 12.7929(5)$  Å,  $b = 22.3109(9)$  Å,  $c = 6.0522(2)$  Å and  $Z = 16$ ) and solid-state NMR under MAS conditions. The compound forms

dark-red twinned crystals, and its crystal structure contains edge-sharing  $\text{SiP}_4$  tetrahedra connected to infinite  $[\text{SiP}_{4/2}]_\infty$  chains. The sodium ions between the chains are fairly mobile. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy shows a total ionic conductivity of  $\sigma(\text{Na}^+, 373 \text{ K}) = 2.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$  with an activation energy of  $E_a = 0.43 \text{ eV}$ , and the galvanostatic polarization reveals mixed conduction behavior with a transference number of 0.8.

## Introduction

Fast lithium and sodium ion conductors composed of earth abundant elements as potential components of all solid-state batteries attract immense interest.<sup>[1–5]</sup> Recently, several phosphidosilicates with isolated or condensed  $\text{SiP}_4$  tetrahedra have demonstrated lithium or sodium ion conductivity, for example  $\text{Li}_8\text{SiP}_4$ ,<sup>[6]</sup>  $\text{Li}_2\text{SiP}_2$ ,<sup>[6,7]</sup>  $\text{LiSi}_2\text{P}_3$ ,<sup>[7]</sup> and the series  $\text{Na}_{23}\text{Si}_{9n+19}\text{P}_{12n+33}$  ( $n = 0–3$ ).<sup>[8]</sup> These compounds have also been studied in the framework of the electrochemical mechanism of  $\text{SiP}_2/\text{Li}$  anodes.<sup>[9,10]</sup> Except  $\text{Li}_8\text{SiP}_4$  with isolated  $[\text{SiP}_4]^{8-}$  tetrahedra, the crystal structures feature networks of interpenetrating T2–T5 supertetrahedra according to the *Yaghi* notation.<sup>[7,8,11]</sup> It was shown that larger supertetrahedral entities favor the ion conductivity by diluting the alkali metal ions between the lower charged clusters.<sup>[8]</sup> Nevertheless there is currently no reason to believe that supertetrahedral structures are generally needed for facile ion movement in phosphidosilicates. Since the actual structural requirements for fast ion conductivity are still not fully understood, it is reasonable to search for further compounds in this system. The supertetrahedral compounds in the system Na–Si–P are rather sodium-poor and the only known sodium-rich compound is  $\text{Na}_5\text{SiP}_3$ .<sup>[12]</sup> Therefore we focused on

the sodium-rich part of the system and came across  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  which turned out to be structurally quite different from the lithium analogue reported earlier.<sup>[6,7]</sup> Here we report the synthesis, crystal structure, NMR and impedance spectroscopy of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$ .

## Results and Discussion

The crystal structure of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  was solved from single-crystal diffraction data using direct methods.<sup>[13]</sup> The diffraction patterns of several measured single-crystals showed pseudo-hexagonal metric, but a structure solution using hexagonal symmetry failed. One specimen showed unequal contributions of the twin domains, so the feigned hexagonal intensity distribution was broken. From this dataset, a structure model with orthorhombic symmetry could be derived under the assumption of a merohedral *drilling* by a rotation of  $120^\circ$  around (0 0 1). From the expected three sets of *drilling* domains, only two were observed in the diffraction pattern. One additional domain occurs twinned by the mirror plane (1 1 0) yielding in volume fractions of 16.8 and 13.5 %. Note that this twinning originates not from phase transitions but is caused by the metric of the orthorhombic unit cell ( $b/a \approx \sqrt{3}$ ), leading to oriented adhering of crystal domains while growth of the contact twins. Figure 1 (left) shows the pseudo-hexagonal diffraction pattern of the  $hk2$  plane with the three interfering lattices marked in blue (main domain), green and purple (minor components). The reflections of the main domain show little intensity deviations (a, highlighted in red) compared to the other two highlighted areas (b and c), where only every second reflection belongs to the main component, discernible by alternating intensities. Figure 1 (right) shows a non-integer  $0.5k$ -plane, where no reflections of the main domain are visible, but of the two minor components.

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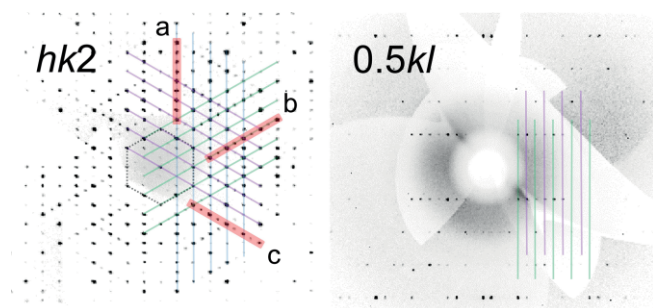


Figure 1. Left:  $hk2$ -plane with the three interfering lattices marked blue (main component), green and purple (minor components). The red highlighted areas indicate the violation of the hexagonal symmetry. Right:  $0.5kl$ -plane with reflections of the two minor components only.

All atom positions were refined with anisotropic thermal displacement parameters. Data on structure refinement and the fractional coordinates are compiled in Table 1 and Table 2 (CCDC 1946908).

Table 1. Crystallographic data for the refinement of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$ .

Formula	$\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$
formula mass/g mol <sup>-1</sup>	136.01
space group	<i>Pccn</i> (no. 56)
<i>a</i> /Å	12.7929(5)
<i>b</i> /Å	22.3109(9)
<i>c</i> /Å	6.0522(2)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	1727.43(11)
<i>Z</i>	16
$\rho_{\text{X-ray}}$ /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.092
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.262
radiation	Mo- $K_{\alpha}$
$\theta$ -range/°	3.168–30.682
reflections measured	28523
independent reflections	4104
refined parameters	94
<i>R</i> <sub>G</sub>	0.0225
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> (main component)	0.0404
<i>R</i> 1 ( $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ /all)	0.0389/0.0455
<i>wR</i> 2 ( $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ /all)	0.0852/0.0881
Goof	1.118
BASF factor 1	0.16745
BASF factor 2	0.13472
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}/e \text{ Å}^3$	0.634, -1.460

Table 2. Fractional atom coordinates, Wyckoff positions and equivalent displacement parameters of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$ .

Atom	Wyckoff position	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>eq</sub> /Å <sup>2</sup>
P1	8e	0.03221(7)	0.07405(4)	0.00206(16)	0.01376(16)
P2	8e	0.12998(6)	0.50881(4)	0.00362(16)	0.01327(15)
P3	8e	0.16116(7)	0.19518(4)	0.43788(14)	0.01279(16)
P4	8e	0.66053(8)	0.19606(5)	0.18775(16)	0.0198(2)
Si1	8e	0.50140(8)	0.00021(5)	0.25362(14)	0.01086(15)
Si2	4d	1/4	3/4	0.0615(3)	0.0157(3)
Si3	4c	1/4	1/4	0.1882(2)	0.0102(2)
Na1	8e	0.00974(14)	0.20996(8)	0.0224(3)	0.0330(4)
Na2	8e	0.24880(16)	0.08638(8)	0.2294(3)	0.0275(3)
Na3	8e	0.30558(15)	0.59216(9)	0.0123(4)	0.0408(5)
Na4	8e	0.50940(12)	0.11973(7)	0.0096(3)	0.0272(3)

The phosphidosilicate polyanion in  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  is composed of three crystallographically independent  $\text{SiP}_4$  tetrahedra, sharing

common edges along [001] and assembling three independent  $\infty^1[\text{SiP}_2]^{2-}$  chains (Figure 2). The Si–P distances range between 2.244 and 2.273 Å as typical in phosphidosilicates. With 94.98 to 121.95°, the P–Si–P angles show considerable deviation from the ideal tetrahedral angle, whereas the mean value of 109.77° is still close to it. The sodium cations reside on general Wyckoff positions between the tetrahedra chains coordinated by P atoms and form distorted trigonal bipyramids (Na1), octahedra (Na2 and Na4) or trigonal prisms (Na3) with two elongated Na–P distances (see Figure 3). The measured reflection patterns indicated a hexagonal crystal symmetry in which no structure solution was possible. The underlying hexagonal motif appears in the topology of a hexagonal rod packing of the anionic bars along the *c*-axis (Figure 4) as well as in the *b/a* ratio with only 0.69 % deviation from  $\sqrt{3}$ . By decorating these bars with silicon and phosphorus ions to edge-shared  $\infty^1[\text{SiP}_2]^{2-}$  chains, the hexagonal symmetry reduces to orthorhombic with splitting into three crystallographically independent  $\text{SiP}_2$  chains. The symmetry reduction creates a pseudo-merohedral *drilling* with a *C*-centered orthorhombic unit cell. For the tetrahedra chain composed of Si1, P1 and P2 this centering is nearly accomplished whereas it is infringed by the two other tetrahedra chains. As depicted in Figure 4, the tetrahedra chain with Si3 slightly shift along [001] whereas the symmetry equivalent chain displaces in the opposing direction. The same occurs in the chain assem-

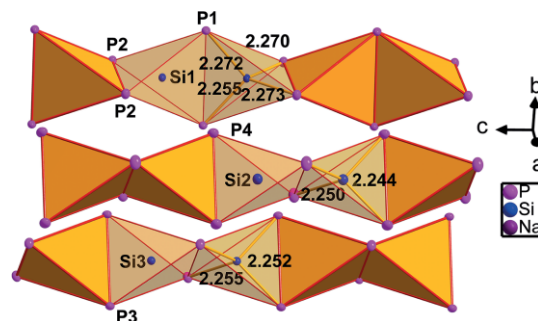


Figure 2. Three independent  $\infty^1[\text{SiP}_2]^{2-}$  chains of edge-sharing  $\text{SiP}_4$  tetrahedra in  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  with Si–P distances.

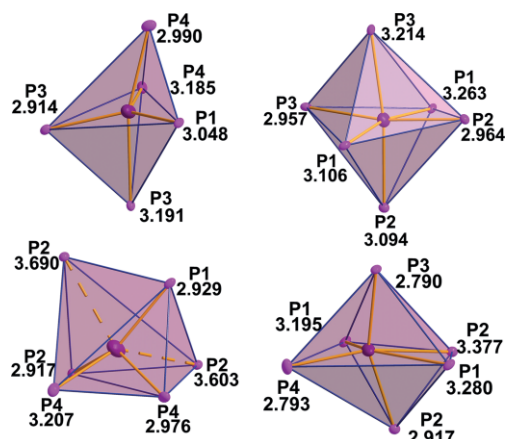


Figure 3. Distorted  $\text{NaP}_x$  polyhedra in  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  (top, left:  $\text{Na1P}_5$  trigonal bipyramid; top, right:  $\text{Na2P}_6$  octahedron; bottom, left:  $\text{Na3P}_6$  trigonal prism; bottom, right:  $\text{Na4P}_6$  octahedron).

bled of Si2 and P4 with a larger offset. In case of the sodium ions the discussed centering is also valid if a minor displacement is taken into account.

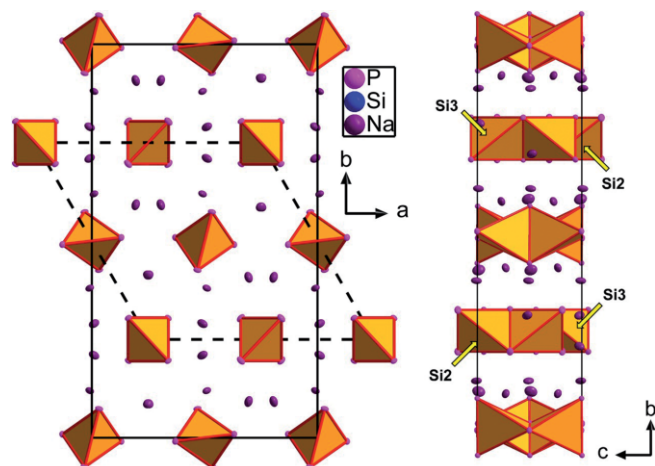


Figure 4. Unit cell of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  with  $\infty^1[\text{SiP}_2]^{2-}$  tetrahedra chains in [001] direction and the pseudo-hexagonal unit cell (left) and view along the  $a$ -axis with opposing displacement of the tetrahedral chains (right).

In contrast to  $\text{Li}_2\text{SiP}_2$ ,<sup>[7]</sup> where the constituting  $\text{SiP}_4$  tetrahedra assemble interpenetrating T2 supertetrahedral networks, the structural motifs of  $\text{K}_2\text{SiP}_2$ <sup>[14]</sup> and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{SiP}_2$ <sup>[15]</sup> with  $\text{K}_2\text{ZnO}_2$ -type structure<sup>[16]</sup> are rather similar to  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$ , where the tetrahedra chains are arranged along the  $c$ -axis as well. Due to the chain orientation with respect to the  $ab$ -plane there are two differently oriented, but topologically identical chains in  $\text{K}_2\text{SiP}_2$  whereas in  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  three types occur (symmetrically inequivalent due to shift in the  $z$  parameter, Figure 4) leading to nearly the same  $c$ - and almost doubled  $a$  and  $b$  cell parameters involving quadruplicating of respective Wyckoff sites. The majority of representatives of the  $\text{K}_2\text{ZnO}_2$ -type structure are sulfides or selenides with relatively big cations separating the tetrahedra chains like in  $\text{A}_2\text{CoX}_2$ <sup>[17]</sup> or  $\text{A}_2\text{MnX}_2$ <sup>[18]</sup> or in the compounds  $\text{A}_3\text{Fe}_2\text{X}_4$ <sup>[19–21]</sup> ( $\text{A} = \text{K}, \text{Rb}, \text{Cs}; \text{X} = \text{S}, \text{Se}$ ) with the  $\text{Ti}_3\text{Fe}_2\text{S}_4$ -type structure. There are fewer examples of tetrahedra chains surrounded by cations smaller than potassium like in  $\text{Na}_2\text{ZnS}_2$ ,<sup>[22]</sup>  $\text{Na}_2\text{Co}(\text{S};\text{Se})_2$ <sup>[17]</sup> or  $\text{Na}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{S};\text{Se})_4$ .<sup>[23,24]</sup> Decreasing the amount of the separating counterions leads to  $\text{KFeSe}_2$ -type structure<sup>[25]</sup> with edge condensed tetrahedra chains as well. The effect of substitution of  $\text{Cs}^+$  in  $\text{CsGa}(\text{S};\text{Se})_2$  by smaller cations  $\text{Rb}^+$  or  $\text{K}^+$  was investigated, and it turned out that the structure changes when about 30 % of the  $\text{Cs}^+$  ions are replaced.<sup>[26]</sup> These findings may suggest that chains of edge condensed tetrahedra are stabilized by the amount and size of the counterions.

NMR spectra of all constituting nuclei were collected under MAS conditions with rotation frequencies of 10 kHz of a pure polycrystalline sample (see Figure 5). As depicted in Figure 6,  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  has four resonance frequencies for phosphorus at  $\delta(^{31}\text{P}) = -74.7, -71.4, -52.6$  and  $-34.8$  ppm with the first two at nearly the same chemical shift. Integrating the intensities including rotation sidebands yields a 1:1:1:1 ratio indicating four magnetically inequivalent phosphorus atoms in the structure. The resonances with nearly the same chemical shift are assigned to P3 and P4 with almost the same Si–P distances and

both with five sodium ions in vicinity. P3 induces the resonance in the shielded region due to the larger chemical shift anisotropy than P4, seen on the greater intensity on the rotation sideband pattern, whereas the downfield signals belong to the Si1 tetrahedra chain with slightly elongated Si–P distances. Following the observation described by Monconduit et al. for compounds in the Li–Si–P system, a resonance is shifted into the upfield region with increasing negative charge density at a particular phosphorus atom in  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR spectra.<sup>[9]</sup> Assuming the same behavior towards sodium ions, the resonance at  $\delta(^{31}\text{P}) = -52.6$  ppm can be assigned to P2 with seven by contrast to P1 with six sodium ions in vicinity (the limit was set to 3.7 Å for this approach). In the silicon spectrum three broad resonances were detected in agreement with the structure model at  $\delta(^{29}\text{Si}) = -59.0, -39.3$  and  $-35.5$  ppm. The additional signal at 48 ppm differs in line shape and is assigned to background noise. Opposing the structure model, in the sodium spectrum only one signal is visible with a shoulder in the high field region

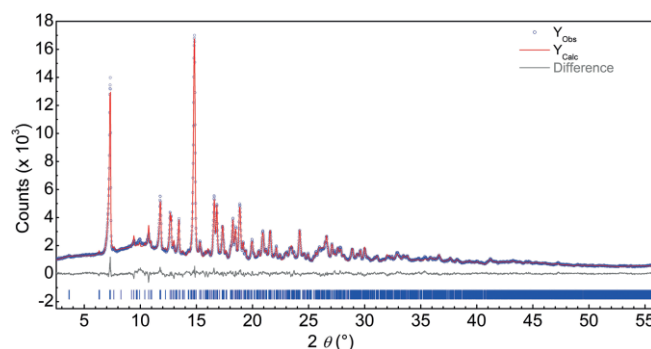


Figure 5. X-ray powder pattern of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  (blue) with Rietveld fit (red) and difference plot (grey).

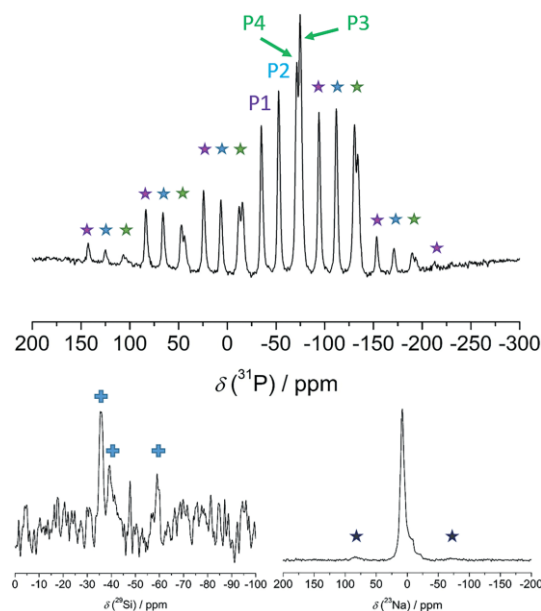


Figure 6.  $^{31}\text{P}$  (top),  $^{29}\text{Si}$  (bottom, left) and  $^{23}\text{Na}$  (bottom, right) MAS-NMR spectra at 10 kHz of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  with star-marked rotation side bands. Respective chemical shifts are  $\delta(^{31}\text{P}) = -74.7, -71.4, -52.6$  and  $-34.8$  ppm,  $\delta(^{29}\text{Si}) = -59.0, -39.3$  and  $-35.5$  ppm (marked with crosses) and  $\delta(^{23}\text{Na}) = 8.1$  ppm.



at  $\delta(^{23}\text{Na}) = 8.1$  ppm instead of four distinct resonances. As it was shown for sodium based supertetrahedral ionic conductors,<sup>[8]</sup> this observation can arise from similar chemical environment or from fast exchange processes. Since  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  comprises three different  $\text{NaP}_x$  polyhedra, one single sodium resonance indicates fast dynamics.

Ionic conduction was quantified by electrochemical impedance spectroscopy. Spectra measured from 303 to 373 K (cf. Figure 7a) reveal two distorted semicircles at higher frequencies and a spike at lower frequencies which results from polarization of sodium ions at the blocking electrodes. The data were fitted to the equivalent circuit shown in Figure 7b comprising of two parallel resistances (R) and constant phase element (CPE)-entities, representing the semicircles, in series to a CPE for the electrode polarization. These elements are placed in parallel to a capacitor (C) representing a stray capacitance of about 80 pF. According to the Brug formula  $C_{\text{eff}} = Q^{1/\alpha} R^{(1/\alpha-1)}$  an effective capacitance ( $C_{\text{eff}}$ ) of a CPE in parallel to a resistance was calculated resulting  $C_{\text{eff}}(\text{CPE1}) = 30$  pF and  $C_{\text{eff}}(\text{CPE2}) = 0.23$  nF.<sup>[27]</sup> These values indicate that only grain boundary processes or current constriction phenomena are visible.<sup>[28,29]</sup> The bulk properties could not be resolved and only the total ionic conductivity  $\sigma(\text{Na}^+)$  of  $2.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$  at 373 K was calculated from the sum of  $R_1 + R_2 = R$  by  $\sigma(\text{Na}^+) = L \cdot (RA)^{-1}$  with  $L$  being the thickness and  $A$  the area of the sample. Since the grain boundary thickness is unknown, the activation energies of the two processes were calculated with the conductivity derived from the formula above using  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively. A low activation energy of 0.43 eV for the high frequency process (CPE1R1) and a significantly higher one of 0.57 eV for CPE2R2, possibly stemming from highly resistive grain boundaries, were obtained. The DC galvanostatic polarization measurement in Figure 7d, measured with stainless steel electrodes at 368 K, determines an electronic conductivity of  $\sigma(e^-) = 7.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$ , which is roughly one order of magnitude lower than the  $\sigma(\text{Na}^+)$

of  $6.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$  of this sample leading to a transference number of 0.8. This classifies the material as a sort of mixed ionic electronic conductor being unsuitable for the application as solid electrolyte, but potentially interesting in  $\text{SiP}_2$  electrode material research.

## Conclusions

$\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  is a new phosphidosilicate with a  $\text{SiS}_2$ -like arrangement of  $\infty^1[\text{SiP}_2]^{2-}$  chains and fairly mobile sodium ions between them. The crystal structure differs from the related potassium compound with  $\text{K}_2\text{ZnO}_2$ -type structure by three crystallographically different tetrahedra chains instead of one and feigns hexagonal symmetry. Impedance data show mobile sodium ions at elevated temperatures and polarization experiments reveal mixed ionic and electronic conduction behavior, making this compound potentially interesting in  $\text{SiP}_2$  electrode material research.  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  enriches the family of phosphidosilicates and encourages continuing research in the field of the Si-P-system with light alkali metals for low-cost energy storage applications.

## Experimental Section

**Synthesis.**  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  was prepared by solid-state reaction of a stoichiometric mixture of metallic sodium (67.6 mg, Alfa Aesar, 99.8 %), silicon powder (41.3 mg, Smart Elements, 99.8 %) and red phosphorus (91.1 mg, Chempur, > 99 %). The reaction mixture was ground and filled in alumina crucibles under inert conditions in an argon-filled glovebox with concentrations of  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O} < 0.1$  ppm. This mixture was sealed in a silica ampoule and fired in a tube furnace to 100 °C within 5 h before the temperature was raised to 700 °C and maintained for 40 h. After cooling to room temperature, the still inhomogeneous product was ground thoroughly and reheated to the same reaction temperature twice yielding a polycrystalline and highly moisture-sensitive red powder.

### Single-Crystal X-ray Diffraction

Crystals of sufficient quality for diffraction experiments were selected under dried paraffin oil and sealed in oil-filled glass capillaries (Hilgenberg GmbH, Malsfeld, Germany, inner diameter 0.1 mm). Diffraction data were collected on a Bruker D8 Quest diffractometer equipped with a microfocus  $\text{Mo-K}\alpha$  X-ray source, Göbel mirror optics and Photon II detector. For data reduction and absorption correction the software package APEX3<sup>[30]</sup> was used. Space group determination was carried out with XPREP<sup>[31]</sup> based on systematically absent reflections. SHELX-97<sup>[13]</sup> was used for structure solution and refinement. Visualization of the crystal structure was carried out with Diamond<sup>[32]</sup> software.

CCDC 1946908 (for  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$ ) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

**Powder X-ray Diffraction.** For powder X-ray diffraction a phase pure polycrystalline sample was ground and sealed in Hilgenberg glass capillaries to avoid hydrolysis. Data were collected on a Stadi P powder diffractometer (STOE & Cie GmbH, Darmstadt, Germany) equipped with a Mythen 1K detector (Dectris, Baden, Switzerland) in Debye-Scherrer geometry with a  $\text{Ge}(111)$  monochromator and  $\text{Mo-K}\alpha$  radiation. Rietveld refinement based on single-crystal diffraction data was performed with TOPAS<sup>[33]</sup> software.

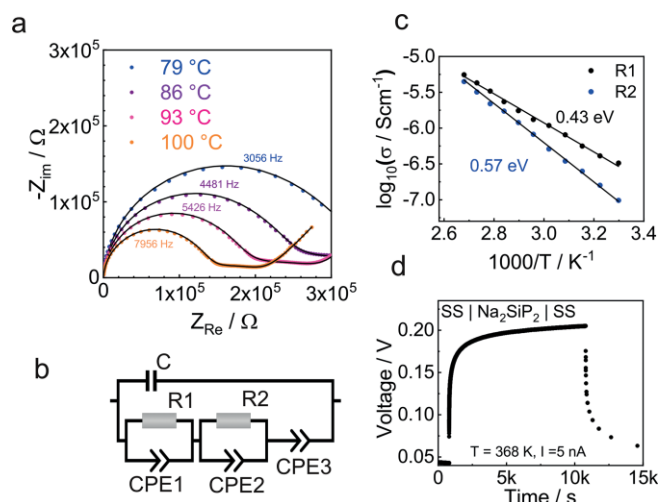


Figure 7. (a) Selection of temperature dependent AC impedance spectra of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  fitted to the equivalent circuit shown in (b). (c) Plot of the activation energy showing 0.43 eV for  $R_1$  in parallel  $\text{CPE} \approx 3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F}$  and 0.57 eV for  $R_2$  in parallel to  $\text{CPE} \approx 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ F}$  (d) DC galvanostatic polarization measured with stainless steel electrodes showing a  $\sigma(e^-)$  of  $7.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ S/cm}$  at 368 K.

**Solid-State MAS-NMR.** Polycrystalline samples of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiP}_2$  were loaded into a commercial 4 mm zirconia rotor. Spectra of  $^{23}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  were acquired on a Bruker Avance III 500 with a magnetic field of 11.74 T in MAS conditions ( $\nu_{\text{rot}} = 10$  kHz) and Larmor frequencies of  $\nu_0(^{23}\text{Na}) = 132.33$  MHz,  $\nu_0(^{29}\text{Si}) = 99.38$  MHz and  $\nu_0(^{31}\text{P}) = 202.48$  MHz. All spectra were indirectly referenced to  $^1\text{H}$  in 100 % TMS at  $-0.1240$  ppm.

**Electrical Conductivity.** For DC conductivity measurements and AC impedance spectroscopy, an Ivium compactstat.h (24 bit) in a two-electrode setup using a home-build Swagelok cell was applied. Prior to the measurements a polycrystalline sample was compacted to a pellet with 5 mm in diameter and 1 mm of thickness by uniaxial cold pressing (22 kN) and annealed for 10 h at 400 °C. Then, the pellet was sandwiched between indium foil (Alfa Aesar, 0.127 mm of thickness, 99.99 %) to enhance contact with the Swagelok cell. No reactions between the pellet and the indium foil were observed. For DC measurements stainless steel electrodes were applied. All measurements were carried out under inert conditions and the amplitude of the AC voltage was 100 mV. Collected data were analyzed by RelaxIS3 software from rhid instruments.

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