

54 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$ family

54A Pure compounds

No. 54A-1 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$, Methylammonium tetrachloroaluminate

($M = 200.86$)

1a	Ferroelectric activity in $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$ was discovered by Czapla et al. in 1986.		86Cza
b	phase	II	I
	state	F	(P)
	crystal system		tetragonal
	space group		$I4-C_4^5$ or $\bar{I}4-S_4^2$
	Θ [K]	100	
	$P_s \parallel a$.		86Cza
2a	Crystal growth: evaporation method from an aqueous solution of the stoichiometric amounts of $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$ and $\text{AlCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Crystal form: Fig. 54A-1-001. Cleavage plane: perpendicular to c .		86Cza 86Cza
3a	Unit cell parameters: $a = 6.3 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 20.4 \text{ \AA}$ at RT.		86Cza
5a	Dielectric constants: Fig. 54A-1-002. $\kappa_a = C_p / (T - \Theta_f)$, $T > \Theta_f$ with $\Theta_f = 100 \text{ K}$, $C_p = 700 \text{ K}$; $\kappa_a = C_f / (\Theta_f - T)$, $T < \Theta_f$ with $C_f = 380 \text{ K}$. Dielectric dispersion: Fig. 54A-1-003, Fig. 54A-1-004, Fig. 54A-1-005, Fig. 54A-1-006.		86Cza
c	Spontaneous polarization and coercive field: Fig. 54A-1-007.		

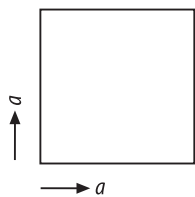


Fig. 54A-1-001. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. Section perpendicular to c of the crystal form [86Cza].

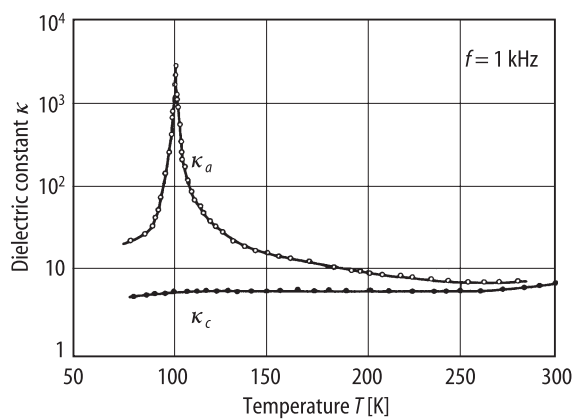


Fig. 54A-1-002. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. κ_a , κ_c vs. T [86Cza].

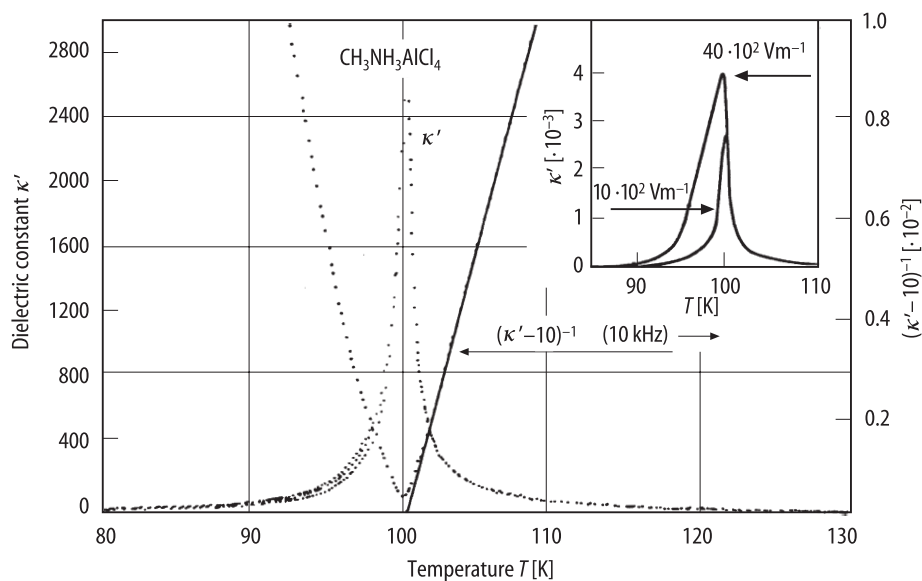


Fig. 54A-1-003. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. κ' , $(\kappa' - 10)^{-1}$ vs. T at a measuring field strength of about 10^2 Vm^{-1} [90Paw]. Parameter: $f = 10 \text{ kHz}$, 100 kHz , 1 MHz , showing a dispersion in the ferroelectric phase, but no dispersion in the paraelectric phase. The curves in the ferroelectric phase correspond to those of 10 kHz , 100 kHz , 1 MHz from the lower side. Insert: κ' vs. T . Parameter: measuring field strength $10 \cdot 10^2 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$, $40 \cdot 10^2 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$.

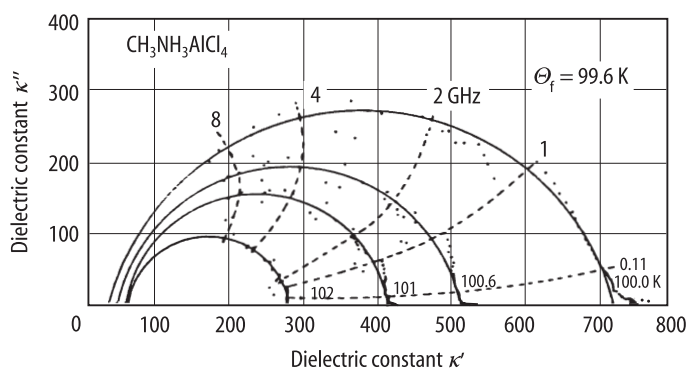


Fig. 54A-1-004. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. Cole-Cole plots in the paraelectric phase [90Paw]. Parameter: $T = 100.0$ K, 100.6 K, 101 K, 102 K.

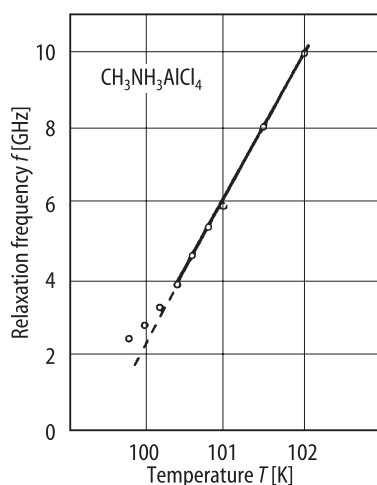


Fig. 54A-1-005. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. f vs. T in the paraelectric phase [90Paw]. f : relaxation frequency.

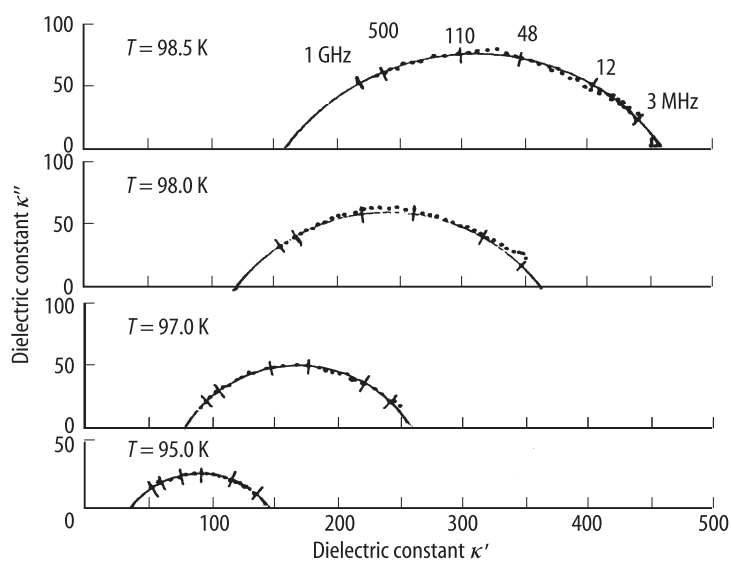


Fig. 54A-1-006. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. Cole-Cole plots in the ferroelectric phase [90Paw]. Parameter: $T = 98.5$ K, 98.0 K, 97.0 K, 95.0 K.

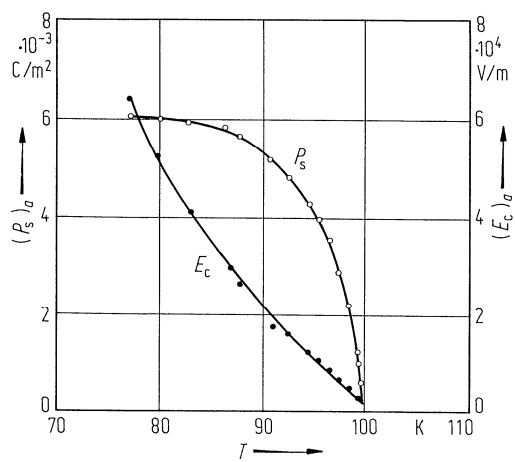


Fig. 54A-1-007. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. $(P_s)_a$, $(E_c)_a$ vs. T [86Cza]. $(P_s)_a$, $(E_c)_a$: spontaneous polarization and coercive field along a .

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90Paw Pawlaczyk, C., Unruh, H.G., Czapla, Z.: Ferroelectrics **108** (1990) 133.

No. 54A-2 $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_2\text{AlCl}_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, Methylammonium aluminum chloride hexahydrate
($M = 376.49$)

- 1a This material is considered to be the identical substance to No. 54A-1 ($\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$). 97Ono
Reexamination of the chemical formula by a chemical analysis showed that it should be revised as $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_2\text{AlCl}_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

b phase	III	II	I	
Θ [K]	100.0	307		97Ono

- 6a Transition heat and entropy: Table 54A-2-001.
Specific heat and excess specific heat at phase transition: Fig. 54A-2-001, Fig. 54A-2-002.
Excess entropy at the two transition points: Fig. 54A-2-003, Fig. 54A-2-004.

Table 54A-2-001. $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_2\text{AlCl}_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Transition heats and transition entropies associated with the two transition points [97Ono].

T [K]	ΔH [kJ mol ⁻¹]	ΔS [J K ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹]
100.0(1)	0.20	2.18
307.0(1)	1.48	4.85

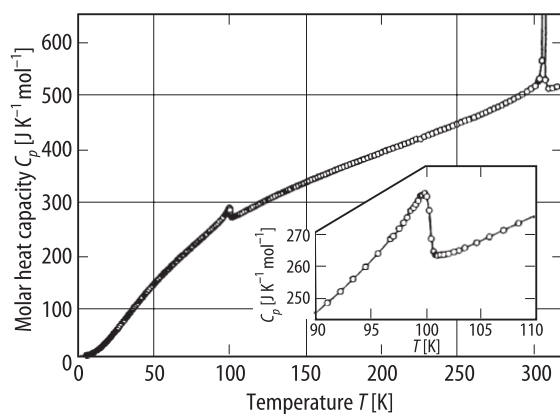


Fig. 54A-2-001. $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_2\text{AlCl}_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. C_p vs. T [97Ono]. Insert: C_p around $\Theta_{\text{III-II}}$.

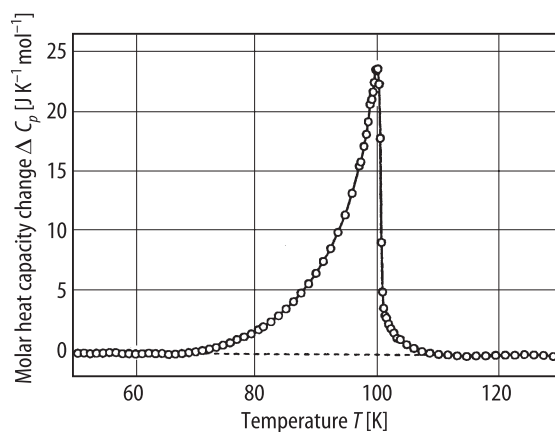


Fig. 54A-2-002. $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_2\text{AlCl}_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. ΔC_p vs. T around $\Theta_{\text{III-II}}$ [97Ono].

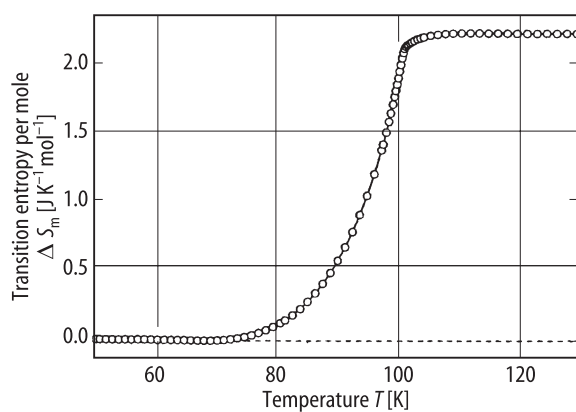


Fig. 54A-2-003. $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_2\text{AlCl}_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. ΔS_m vs. T around $\Theta_{\text{III-II}}$ [97Ono].

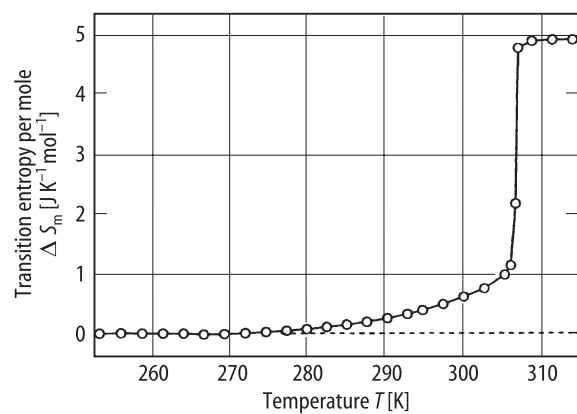


Fig. 54A-2-004. $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_2\text{AlCl}_5 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. ΔS_m vs. T around $\Theta_{\text{I-I}}$ [97Ono].

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No. 54A-3 $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlBr}_4$, Methylammonium tetrabromoaluminate
($M = 378.66$)

1a	Ferroelectric activity in $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlBr}_4$ was discovered by Gesi in 1996.		96Ges	
b	phase	II	I	96Ges
	state	F	P	
	crystal system		tetragonal	
	space group		$I4/mmm - D_{4h}^{17}$	
	θ [K]	76.6		
	$P_s \parallel a$.			96Ges
2a	Crystal growth: evaporation method from an aqueous solution of the stoichiometric amounts of $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{B}$ and $\text{AlBr} \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Crystal form: rectangular plate. Colorless, transparent. The crystal habit was the same as that of $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlCl}_4$. Cleavage plane: perpendicular to c .			96Ges 96Ges 96Ges 86Cza 96Ges
3a	Unit cell parameters: $a = 6.616 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 21.479 \text{ \AA}$ at RT.			96Mas
b	$Z = 4$.			
5a	Dielectric constant: $\kappa_a = \kappa_0 + C/(T - T_0)$, $\kappa_0 = 5.0$, $T_0 = 76.8 \text{ K}$, $C = 3.7 \cdot 10^2 \text{ K}$. Fig. 54A-3-001, Fig. 54A-3-002, Fig. 54A-3-003.			86Cza
c	Spontaneous polarization and coercive field: $P_s \cong 6.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Cm}^{-2}$, $E_c \cong 1.2 \cdot 10^4 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$ at 64 K.			96Ges

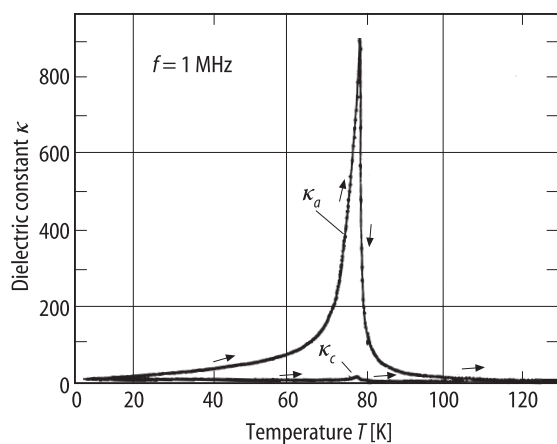


Fig. 54A-3-001. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlBr}_4$. κ_a , κ_c vs. T [96Ges]. Strength of measuring field: 5 Vm^{-1} .

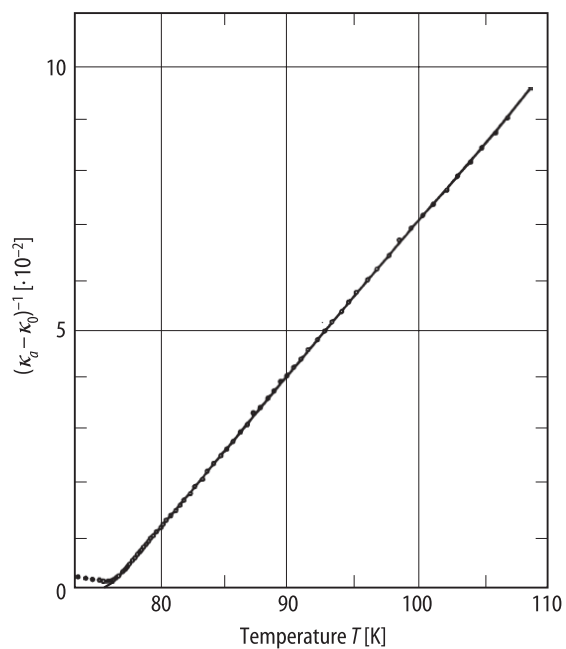


Fig. 54A-3-002. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlBr}_4$. $(\kappa_a - \kappa_0)^{-1}$ vs. T [96Ges]. $f = 1$ MHz. $\kappa_0 = 5.0$.

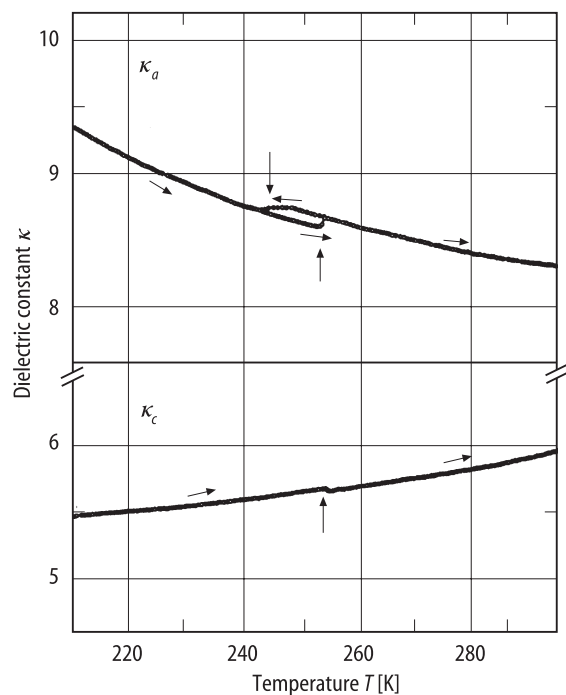


Fig. 54A-3-003. $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{AlBr}_4$. κ_a , κ_c vs. T [96Ges]. $f = 100$ kHz. Anomalies associated with the phase transition are indicated by vertical arrows.

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