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Abstract: The crystal-chemical behavior of two layered titanosilicate minerals with porous crystal structures: kupletskite, $\text{K}_2\text{NaMn}^{2+}\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4\text{F}$, and kupletskite-(Cs), $\text{Cs}_2\text{NaMn}^{2+}\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4\text{F}$, was investigated under high-temperature conditions using single-crystal and powder X-ray diffraction; infrared, optical absorption and Mössbauer spectroscopy and electron-microprobe analysis. Both minerals undergo topotactic transformation to dehydroxylated and oxidized high-temperature (HT) modifications at temperature above 500 °C while maintaining the basic bond topology of the astrophyllite structure-type. The high-temperature structures show contraction of the unit-cell parameters similar to that of Fe^{2+} -dominant astrophyllite, indicating that Mn^{2+} oxidizes along with Fe^{2+} . The oxidation of Mn^{2+} is confirmed by the increase of the Mn^{3+} -related absorption (in optical spectra) that is inversely correlated with the intensity of O–H bands in the infrared spectra. The Fe,Mn-oxidation is also evident by the contraction of the $M(2)$, $M(3)$ and $M(4)\text{O}_6$ octahedra. The $M(1)$ –O bond length increases slightly, indicating a preference for mono- and divalent cations to occupy the $M(1)$ site in the heated structure; this may be due to site-selective oxidation and/or migration of unoxidized cations (as previously shown for lobanovite) to this site. The role of extra framework A-site cations (K, Cs) in thermal expansion of these minerals is discussed.

Keywords: kupletskite; kupletskite-(Cs); Fe oxidation; Mn oxidation; mineral; titanosilicate; porous material; crystal structure; spectroscopy; Cs

1. Introduction

Kupletskite, $\text{K}_2\text{NaMn}^{2+}\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4\text{F}$, and kupletskite-(Cs), $\text{Cs}_2\text{NaMn}^{2+}\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4\text{F}$, are titanosilicates with layered structures, also known as layered titanosilicate micas in the terminology of Belov (1976). Their crystal structures consist of one brucite-type octahedral (O) layer sandwiched between two heteropolyhedral (H) layers. The H layer is constructed of *zwei* $[\text{T}_4\text{O}_{12}]^{8-}$ chains of TO_4 tetrahedra [Liebau, 1985] ($T = \text{Si}, \text{Al}$) and $D\varphi_6$ octahedra ($D = \text{Ti}, \text{Nb}$ and Zr ; $\varphi = \text{O}, \text{F}$ and OH). These O and H layers form HOH blocks. The HOH titanosilicates are numerous and may form topologically different structures [Ferraris et al., 2008]. In recent mineral nomenclature, kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) are part of the kupletskite group and astrophyllite supergroup [Sokolova et al., 2017]. Kupletskite is the Mn-analogue of astrophyllite, $\text{K}_2\text{NaFe}^{2+}\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4\text{F}$, and kupletskite-(Cs) is Mn-Cs-analogue of astrophyllite; all three minerals have the astrophyllite structure-type (Figure 1); [Piilonen, 2003a]. In their crystal structures

two HOH blocks are linked by sharing the X_D^P site (mainly occupied by F). The O layer contains four sites, $M(1)-(4)$, occupied by Mn, Fe and Mg. The H layer contains a net of SiO_4 groups and TiO_6 octahedra, $\varphi = 5\text{O} + 1\text{F}$. The astrophyllite-type structure is porous (Figure 1) with cavities of two types: the first cavity is occupied by A-site cations (K or Cs) with minor H_2O content, the second cavity is filled with B-site cations, mainly Na. Cesium minerals are quite rare, and so kupletskite-(Cs) is of interest as a natural sink for Cs that is accommodated in large cavities of the structure.

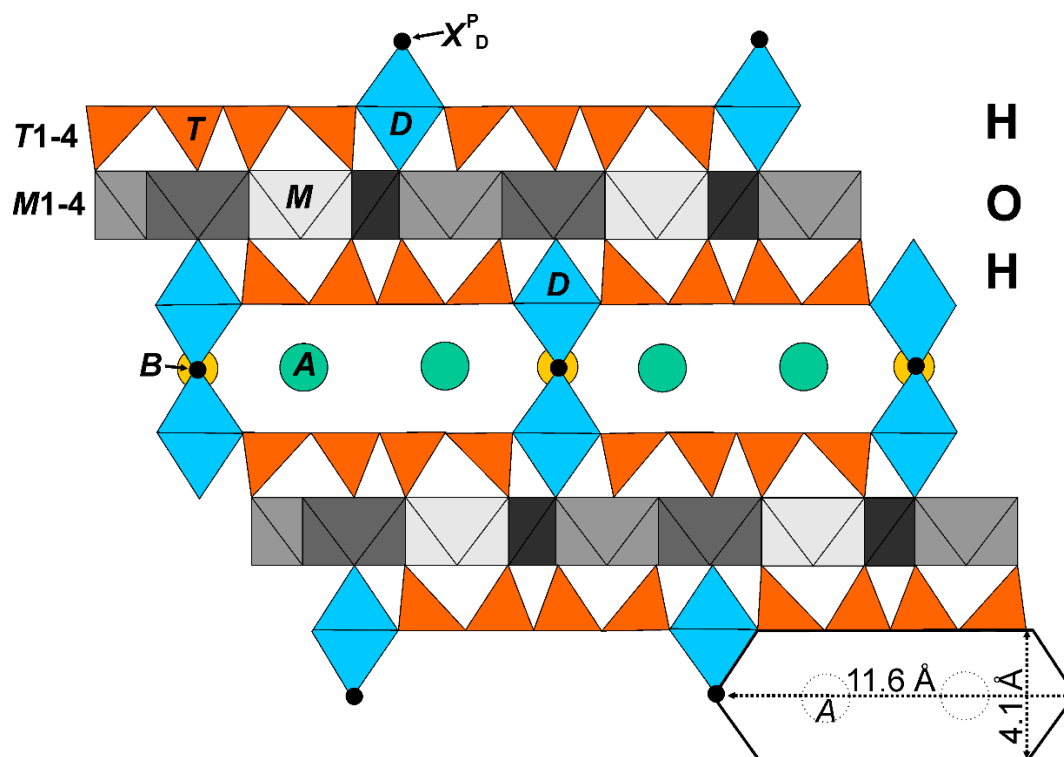


Figure 1. The astrophyllite structure-type of alternating octahedral and heteropolyhedral layers.

In our previous work, Zhitova et al. (2017a,b; 2019) [Zhitova et al., 2017a,b; 2019] showed for the first time in titanosilicates (using astrophyllite-supergroup minerals) that simultaneous Fe oxidation and dehydroxylation (or deprotonation) processes that happen at temperature above 500 °C resulting in formation of high-temperature modifications. First, astrophyllite, $\text{K}_2\text{NaFe}^{2+}_7\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4\text{F}$, [Zhitova et al., 2017a] experiences coupled Fe-oxidation dehydroxylation and defluorination, leading to formation of the high-temperature modification, $\text{K}_2\text{Na}(\text{Fe}^{3+}, \text{Mg})_7\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2\text{O}_4\text{O}$, that is stable from 550 to 750 °C. The transformation is irreversible and the high-temperature modification remains stable at room conditions [Zhitova et al., 2017a]. The same behaviour is shown by bafertsite, $\text{Ba}_2\text{Fe}^{2+}_4\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{F}_2$; however, in bafertsite, $\text{Fe}^{2+} > \text{OH apfu}$ and this precludes formation of the stoichiometric high-temperature oxidized modification [Zhitova et al., 2017b]. The most novel results were found for lobanovite, $\text{K}_2\text{Na}(\text{Fe}^{2+}_4\text{Mg}_2\text{Na})\text{Ti}_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12})_2\text{O}_2(\text{OH})_4$, in which oxidation-dehydroxylation reactions combined with migration of Fe and Mg cations over the $M(1)-(4)$ sites in order to satisfy the valence-sum rule [Brown, 2016; Hawthorne, 2012, 2015] at the apical oxygen of the TiO_5 square pyramid [Zhitova et al., 2019].

Temperature-induced Fe oxidation has been reported for amphibole-, mica- and tourmaline-supergroup minerals (Fe-rich phlogopite [Russell, Guggenheim, 1999; Chon et al., 2006; Ventruti et al., 2008; Zema et al., 2010], illite [Murad, Wagner, 1996], biotite [Güttler et al., 1989], vermiculite [Veith, Jackson, 1974]; tourmaline-supergroup minerals [Korovushkin et al., 1979; Ferrow et al., 1988; Bačík et al., 2011; Filip et al., 2012], and amphibole-supergroup minerals [Oberti et al., 2015; Della Ventura, 2015; Susta et al., 2015; and references therein]. Recently, temperature-induced migration of M-site Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} has been observed for the amphibole-supergroup mineral – riebeckite,

$\square[\text{Na}_2][\text{Fe}^{2+}_3\text{Fe}^{3+}_2]\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$, forming $\text{C}^{\text{R}3+}$ -disordered riebeckite with an atypical cation distribution [Della Ventura et al., 2023a]. High-temperature Raman spectra [Mihailova et al., 2022] show that electrons released by oxidation couple with the phonon spectrum to produce itinerant polarons. These drastically affect the magnitude [Della Ventura et al., 2023b] of the conductivity of the amphibole. In turn, the occupancy of the *A*-site affects the temperature at which the polarons form, and the resulting conductivity is very anisotropic [Bernedini et al., 2024]. Due to the effect of stress-driven alignment of amphiboles during plate motion, subducting metamorphic rocks can show strongly anisotropic conductivity on a large scale [Bernedini et al., 2025]. Thus, the Fe-oxidation process in minerals can affect large-scale Earth processes at elevated temperatures and pressures in the Earth [Della Ventura et al., 2024].

Due to porous crystal structure, these minerals are considered prototypes of ion exchangers, sorbents and catalysts [Ferraris, 2005; Ferraris and Merlino, 2005; Lin et al., 2011]. The experimental studies revealed exchange of extra framework cations for other alkali metals and one-dimensional ion conductivity of alkali metals Na^+ , K^+ , Rb^+ , Cs^+ , Ag^+ and Pb^{2+} and two-dimensional ion conductivity for Li^+ ions within channels [Aksenov et al., 2022]. The presence of 5- and 6-coordinated Ti in the heteropolyhedral layers is promising in term of their catalytic properties [Lin et al., 2011; Ferraris, 2005].

This study characterizes the high-temperature behavior of two Mn-minerals with astrophyllite structure type that differ by *A*-site extra-framework cations: K for kupletskite and Cs for kupletskite-(Cs). Although the astrophyllite-supergroup minerals do not dominate the chemical compositions of the rocks in which they occur (as do amphiboles and micas), their high-temperature behavior may affect their host rocks at a smaller scale that is the case for the major rock-forming minerals.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Materials

The kupletskite studied in this work originates from the Khibiny alkaline complex (Kola peninsula, Russia) [Yakovenchuk et al., 2005] and the sample is denoted K25. Kupletskite-(Cs) originates from Dara-i-Pioz Glacier (Alai Range, Tien Shan Mtn, Tajikistan) [Yefimov et al., 1971] and the sample is denoted CsK25.

The heat-treated (or annealed) modifications are denoted as K for kupletskite and CsK for kupletskite-(Cs). The high-temperature (HT) modifications of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) were obtained by heating K25 and CsK25 in an oven with the following strategy: 30 min heating to T (°C), 30 min kept at that T (°C) followed by cooling to room temperature.

The main work was done on each mineral; however, as kupletskite-(Cs) is rare and the quantity for analytical study was limited, some experiments were done only for kupletskite.

2.2. Methods

2.2.1. Electron-Microprobe Analysis

Several crystals of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) were mounted in epoxy blocks, polished, carbon-coated and analyzed using the scanning electron microscope Hitachi S-3400N equipped with an AzTec analyzer Energy 350. The operating conditions were energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) mode at 20 kV, 1.5 nA and a 5 μm spot size and 10 mm working distance. The standards are NaCl (Na), KCl (K), CaSO_4 (Ca), Cs_2O (Cs), PbO (Pb), MgO (Mg), MnO (Mn), FeO (Fe), Al_2O_3 (Al_2O_3), TiO_2 (Ti), Nb_2O_5 (Nb), SiO_2 (Si), BaF_2 (F).

2.2.2. High-Temperature In Situ X-Ray Diffraction

The thermal behavior of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) was studied by *in situ* high-temperature X-ray diffraction (HTXRD) in the 25–1000 °C temperature range in air with a Rigaku Ultima IV powder X-ray diffractometer ($\text{CuK}\alpha_{1+2}$ radiation, $U = 40$ kV, $I = 30$ mA, Bragg–Brentano

geometry, PSD D-Tex Ultra) with Rigaku HT 1500 high-temperature attachment in air. A thin powder sample was deposited on a Pt sample holder ($20 \times 12 \times 2 \text{ mm}^3$) from a heptane suspension. The temperature step and the heating rate were $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $4 \text{ }^\circ\text{/min}$, respectively. The reversibility of the observed phase transformation was checked by re-recording the powder patterns of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) heated above $500 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and then cooled to room temperature.

The unit-cell parameters were refined by the Rietveld method (the data are provided in Tables S1, S2) using Topas 4.2 [Bruker AXS, 2009], and the atom coordinates, site scattering and isotropic-displacement parameters were kept fixed. Refinement of the unit-cell parameters was done in the temperature ranges $25\text{--}450 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) and $550\text{--}725 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for their high-temperature modifications. The $475\text{--}525 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ range was excluded due to broadening of some reflections in the patterns, indicating the coexistence of kupletskite/kupletskite-(Cs) and their high-temperature modifications. Neutral scattering factors were used for all atoms. The background was modeled using a Chebyshev polynomial approximation of 12-th order. The peak profile was described using the fundamental parameters approach. Refinement of preferred orientation parameters confirmed the presence of a significant preferred orientation along the [001] direction.

The main coefficients of the thermal-expansion tensor were determined using a second-order approximation of temperature dependencies for the unit-cell parameters (Tables S3, S4) in the ranges $25\text{--}450 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) and $550\text{--}725 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for their high-temperature modifications by the DTC program [Belousov, Filatov, 2007; Bubnova et al., 2013]. The DTC program was also used to determine the orientation of the principal axes of the thermal-expansion tensor with respect to the crystallographic axes. The thermal-expansion tensor was visualized using the TEV program [Langreiter, Kahlenberg, 2014].

2.2.3. Single-Crystal X-Ray Diffraction

Crystals of K25, K650, CsK25 and CsK650 were examined in air at room temperature using a single-crystal diffractometer Bruker SMART APEX operated at 50 kV and 40 mA, equipped with a CCD area-detector and graphite-monochromatized $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The data were collected and processed using the Bruker software APEX2 [Bruker AXS, 2014]; details of data collection are listed in Table 1. The intensity data were reduced and corrected for Lorentz, polarization and background effects using the Bruker software APEX2 [Bruker AXS, 2014]. A semi-empirical absorption-correction based upon the intensities of equivalent reflections was applied [SADABS, Sheldrick, 2015]. The diffraction data obtained during single-crystal X-ray experiments were indexed in a standard triclinic unit-cell (Table 1). The structures have been refined using SHELXL program package [Sheldrick, 2015] within the Olex2 shell [Dolomanov et al., 2009].

Table 1. Crystallographic data, data collection and refinement parameters for kupletskite (K25), kupletskite-(Cs) (CsK25) and their high-temperature modifications (K650 and CsK650).

Sample	K25	K650	CsK25	CsK650
Crystal data				
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
Unit-cell dimensions	5.3976(2)	5.3233(5)	5.3904(10)	5.312(2)
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å),	11.9431(7)	11.8826(14)	11.946(2)	11.832(4)
α , β , γ (°)	11.7092(6)	11.5362(12)	11.799(2)	11.739(5)
	113.066(5)	112.756(10)	113.135(5)	112.996(10)
	94.702(4)	93.699(8)	94.573(6)	93.587(10)
	103.086(4)	104.462(9)	103.115(17)	104.39(4)
Unit-cell volume (Å³)	664.06(6)	640.90(13)	668.2(2)	647.3(5)

Z	1	1	1	1
Calculated density (g/cm ³)	3.274	3.354	3.635	3.726
Absorption coefficient (μ/mm ⁻¹)	4.992	4.481	6.204	6.244
Data collection				
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX II			
Temperature (K)	293 K			
Radiation	MoKα			
2θ range (°)	3.852-72.8	3.892-72.88	3.864-59.99	3.832-59.986
<i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i> ranges	-8 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 8, -19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19, -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19	-8 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 8, -19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19, -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18	-7 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7, -16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16, -14 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16	-7 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7, -16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16, -16 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16
F(000)	634.0	625.0	693.0	686.0
Total reflections collected	12050	11358	8686	12060
Unique reflections (<i>R</i> _{int})	6044 (0.0325)	5837 (0.0303)	3591 (0.0518)	3766 (0.0476)
Unique reflections <i>F</i> > 4σ(<i>F</i>)	4768	4531	2667	2831
Structure refinement				
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²			
Data/ restraints/parameters	6044/2/253	5837/0/245	3591/2/256	3766/0/251
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>F</i> > 4σ(<i>F</i>)], w <i>R</i> ₂ [<i>F</i> > 4σ(<i>F</i>)]	0.0433, 0.1119	0.0416, 0.1002	0.0323, 0.0715	0.0476, 0.1108
<i>R</i> ₁ all, w <i>R</i> ₂ all	0.0590, 0.1232	0.0611, 0.1110	0.0657, 0.0904	0.0697, 0.1229
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.051	1.037	1.061	1.044
Largest diff. peak and hole ($\bar{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$)	1.29/-1.81	1.57/-1.37	1.72/-1.45	1.29/-1.52

2.2.4. Infrared Spectroscopy

Infrared (IR) absorption spectra were measured using: (a) a Bruker Vertex IR spectrometer for K25, CsK25, K670, CsK670, and (b) a Micran-3 infrared microscope and a Simex FT-801 spectrometer with a Ge-attenuated total reflection (ATR) module for K25, K550, K600 and K650 (this data is correlated with optical absorption spectroscopy). The absorption spectra of the K25, K550, K600 and K650 with 0.02 mm thickness were measured in transmittance mode of the infrared microscope.

2.2.5. Mössbauer Spectroscopy

Mössbauer spectra were collected at room temperature (RT) using a ⁵⁷Co(Rh) source for the samples K25 and K650. The spectrometer was calibrated using the spectrum of metallic iron at room temperature. Powdered absorbers containing about 5 mg Fe per cm² were pressed in plastic discs and fixed on a special aluminum holder to avoid preferred orientation of mineral grains. The spectra were approximated by a sum of Lorentzian lines using the MOSSFIT software. The relative amounts of Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ and their site occupancies were determined from integrated doublet intensities and hyperfine parameters, assuming equal recoil-free fractions for Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ at the different sites.

2.2.6. Optical Absorption Spectroscopy

Optical absorption spectra in the Ultraviolet/Visible/Near Infrared (UV/Vis/NIR) spectral region were recorded using a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 950 spectrophotometer and kupletskite plates with a thickness of 0.02–0.04 mm. The absorption spectra were recorded from the K25, K550, K600 and K650 samples.

3. Results

3.1. Chemical Composition

The mean chemical compositions of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) are given in Table 2. Iron was divided into di- and trivalent ions based on Mössbauer spectroscopy data; the OH/O ratio was calculated based on charge-balance requirements. The empirical chemical formulae were calculated on the basis of Si + Al = 8. The analyses of chemical composition confirms that the starting material for high-temperature experiments was kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) (Table 2).

Table 2. Chemical composition of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs).

Mineral	Kupletskite		Kupletskite-(Cs)		Constituent	Kupletskite	Kupletskite-(Cs)
<i>n</i>	22		27		Constituent		
Constituent, wt. %	average	range	average	range	<i>apfu</i> , calculated as Si + Al = 8		
Na ₂ O	2.77	2.64–2.93	2.11	1.76–2.83	Na	1.15	1.00
K ₂ O	6.22	6.03–6.38	0.73	0.61–0.95	K	1.70	0.23
CaO	1.43	1.27–1.59	0.73	0.56–0.92	Ca	0.33	0.19
Cs ₂ O	-	-	14.40	14.25–15.20	Cs	-	1.50
PbO	-	-	0.37	0–1.09	Pb	-	0.02
MgO	1.42	1.29–1.55	0.04	0–0.25	Mg	0.45	0.01
MnO	18.62	17.05–20.16	17.79	17.41–18.37	Mn	3.37	3.68
FeO ⁽¹⁾	11.82	14.23–17.20	8.74	10.54–11.72	Fe ²⁺	2.11	1.78
Fe ₂ O ₃	4.15		2.57		Fe ³⁺	0.67	0.47
Li ₂ O ⁽²⁾	-	-	0.74	-	Li	-	0.73
Al ₂ O ₃	0.81	0.64–1.19	0.12	0–0.48	Al	0.20	0.03
TiO ₂	11.18	10.88–11.48	6.96	5.83–8.04	Ti	1.80	1.28
Nb ₂ O ₅	2.12	1.83–2.23	6.35	5.17–8.56	Nb	0.20	0.70
SiO ₂	36.47	35.80–37.89	32.62	32.11–33.26	Si	7.80	7.97
F	1.19	0.68–1.63	0.84	0.65–1.19	F	0.80	0.65
H ₂ O ⁽³⁾	2.67	-	2.35	-	OH	3.80	3.83
O ⁽³⁾	0.50	-	0.58	-	O	0.20	0.52
2F = O	-0.50	-	-0.35	-			
Total	100.87		99.60				

⁽¹⁾ Fe is divided into Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ based on Mössbauer absorption intensities assuming equal recoil-free fractions;

⁽²⁾ Li₂O is calculated as sum of octahedral cations equal to 7 *apfu*; Li₂O has been previously detected in kupletskite-(Cs) as 0.46 [Yefimov et al., 1971] and 0.69 [Cámara et al., 2010] wt.%; ⁽³⁾ OH/O ratio is calculated based on charge balance; *n* – number of analyses.

3.2. Thermal Evolution

The high-temperature behavior of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) is distinct for two temperature regions: (a) 25–450 °C and (b) 525–775 °C, the latter region is characterized by a shift of

reflections to higher 2-theta angles (Figure 2). At 800 °C, both minerals decompose. The *in situ* high-temperature powder X-ray diffraction patterns show the inheritance of the astrophyllite structural type by the high-temperature modifications (i.e. the preservation of the main structure topology on heating) and the reduction in the unit-cell parameters at a temperature above 500 °C (Figure 2) due to shift of the pattern to high-angle region in 2-theta axis.

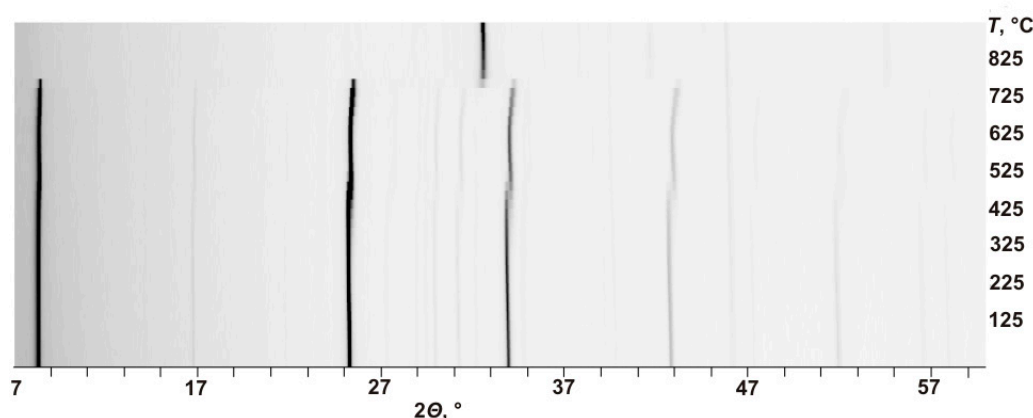


Figure 2. The evolution of the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of kupletskite / kupletskite-(Cs) with temperature.

The variation of the unit-cell parameters of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) *versus* temperature are shown in Figure 3, and the data on astrophyllite [Zhitova et al., 2017a] are given for comparison. The 25–450 °C temperature range is characterized primarily by an increase of the unit-cell parameters (i.e. expansion), while the 525–775 °C temperature range shows more complex behavior with some parameters increasing and others decreasing (i.e. simultaneous expansion and contraction in different crystallographic directions) (Figure 3).

The thermal expansion coefficients for kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and their high-temperature modifications are given in Table 3 (selected) and Tables S5, S6 (full). The figures of thermal expansion are shown in Figure 4. The thermal behavior of both minerals and their high-temperature modifications is strongly anisotropic. For kupletskite, the maximum thermal expansion occurs within the plane of the layers and may correspond to their straightening (or decrease in corrugation). At the same time, for kupletskite-(Cs) the maximum thermal expansion is observed along the stacking direction. The high-temperature modification of kupletskite is characterized by contraction (owing to oxidation) in all directions with nearly equal coefficients within and between layers (Figure 4) similar to astrophyllite [Zhitova et al., 2017a]. The thermal behavior of kupletskite-(Cs) is different and shows expansion with the maximal coefficient along the stacking direction (Figure 4).

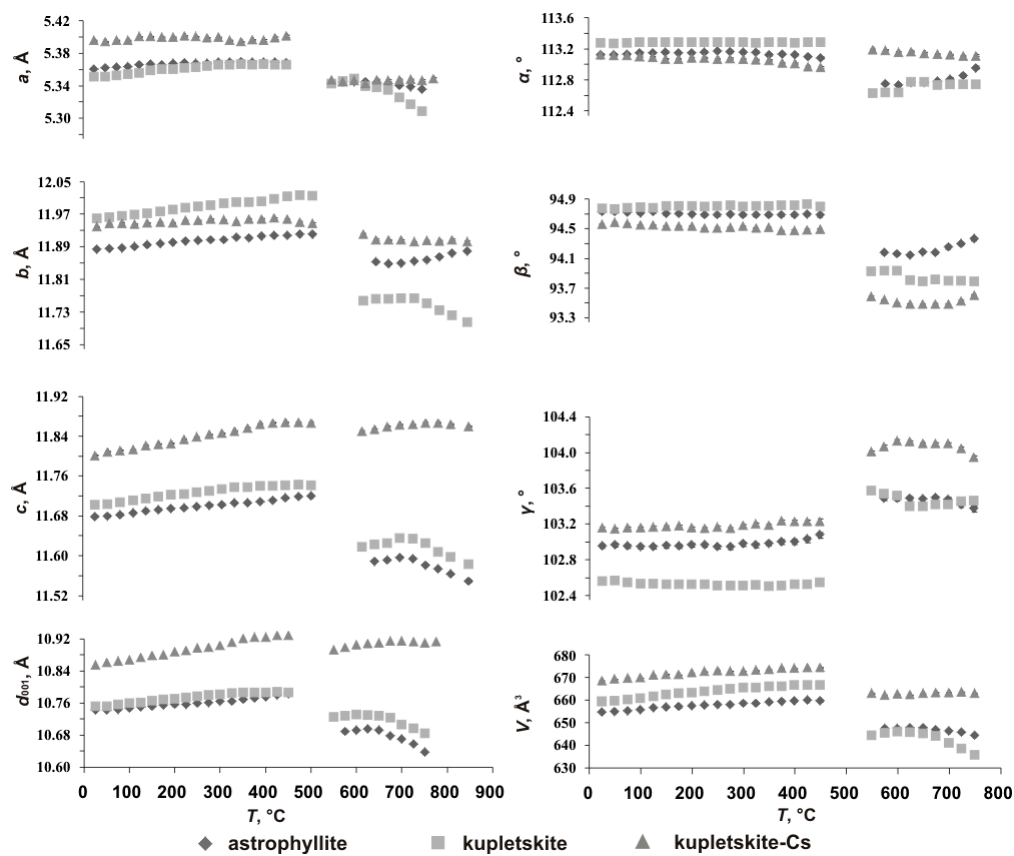


Figure 3. Temperature dependencies of the unit-cell parameters and d_{001} -spacings for kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) compared to astrophyllite [Zhitova et al., 2017a] (ESDs fall within the limits of the symbols).

Table 3. The main characteristics of thermal expansion/contraction for kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) at $T = 300\text{ °C}$ and their high-temperature modifications at $T = 650\text{ °C}$ (angles are given in degrees, coefficients are $\times 10^6, \text{ °C}^{-1}$).

$T, \text{ °C}$	α_{11}	α_{22}	α_{33}	$\langle \alpha_{11a} \rangle$	$\langle \alpha_{22b} \rangle$	$\langle \alpha_{33c} \rangle$	α_a	α_b	α_c	α_α	α_β	α_γ	α_V
Kupletskite													
300	4.3	11.5	6.7	24.9	12.2	20	4.9(4)	11.2(4)	6.7(3)	-0.01(9)	0.6(2)	0.2(2)	22.5(6)
Kupletskite-(Cs)													
300	-3.4	1.6	17.1	47	33.9	26.7	-1(1)	0.1(7)	13.3(7)	-3.7(4)	2.0(4)	2.7(4)	15(2)
High-temperature modification of kupletskite													
650	-39.2	19.9	11.8	27.3	35.4	22.3	34(2)	-23(1)	-15(2)	5(2)	-9(2)	-6(1)	-71(3)
High-temperature modification of kupletskite-(Cs)													
650	3.2	-6.7	10.3	26.9	10.8	39.5	2(1)	-6(2)	5.5(6)	-4.1(4)	0.6(9)	-3(1)	7(2)

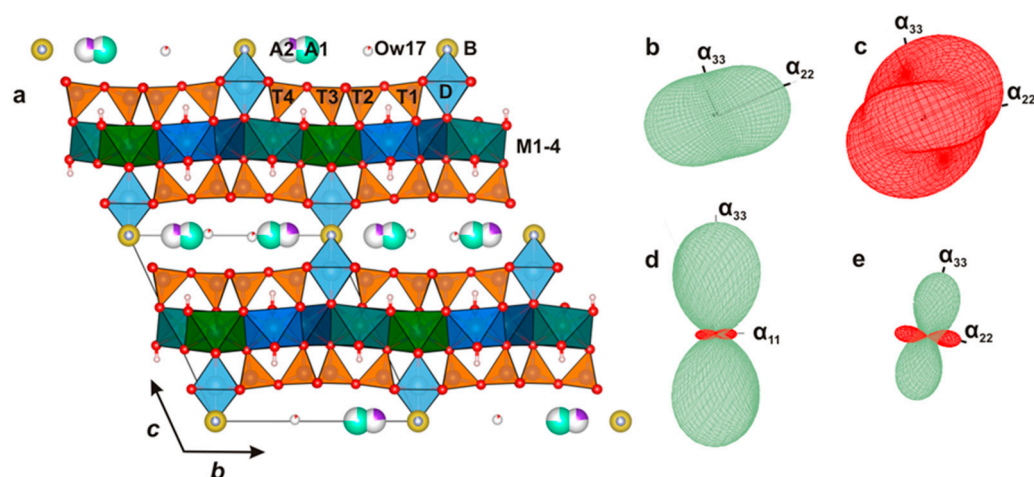


Figure 4. The crystal structure of kupletskite / kupletskite-(Cs) (the unit cell is shown by the thin black lines) (a) and their figures of their thermal expansion for kupletskite at $T = 300\text{ °C}$ (b), high-temperature modification of kupletskite at $T = 650\text{ °C}$ (c), kupletskite-(Cs) at $T = 300\text{ °C}$ (d) and high-temperature modification of kupletskite-(Cs) at $T = 650\text{ °C}$ (e).

3.3. Crystal Structures

The crystal structures of kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and their high-temperature modifications (K25, K650, CsK25 and CsK650) are triclinic and $P-1$ space-group symmetry. All crystal structures refined to good convergence indices (Table 1) and the structure models agree with previously reported data [Woodrow, 1967; Piilonen et al. 2003a,b; Cámara et al., 2010; Sokolova, 2012]. The atom coordinates, isotropic-displacement parameters and site occupancies are given in Table S7, anisotropic-displacement parameters are provided in Table S8. Selected bond lengths are listed in Table S9. The X-ray diffraction data confirm the powder X-ray diffraction data: the high-temperature modifications retain the structure type of astrophyllite, but are characterized by a reduction in the unit-cell parameters relative to initial kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) (Table 1).

The O layer incorporates four metal sites $M(1)-(4)$ coordinated by $O(1)-(7)$, two oxygen atoms of which $OH(4)$ and $OH(5)$ are protonated (Figure 5) in K25 and CsK25 and become deprotonated in the high-temperature modifications (K650, CsK650). The site-scattering values and bond lengths are given in Table 4. The main structural changes affect the O sheet: the $M(1)-O$ bond length increases slightly with reduction of site scattering, indicating Na-Li migration to the $M(1)$ site and/or site-selective oxidation of transition metals. The site scattering also decreases at the $M(2)$ site and may indicate partial migration of Na-Li. The site-scattering values fluctuate slightly at the $M(3)$ and $M(4)$ sites which may be interpreted as an absence of significant change in their occupancies. The maximal contraction of $M-O$ bond length occurs at the $M(2)$ and $M(4)$ sites (Figure 5); it is less pronounced for the $M(3)$ site, indicating that most Fe^{2+}, Mn^{2+} subject to oxidation occurs at the $M(2)$ and $M(4)$ sites and to lesser extent at $M(3)$.

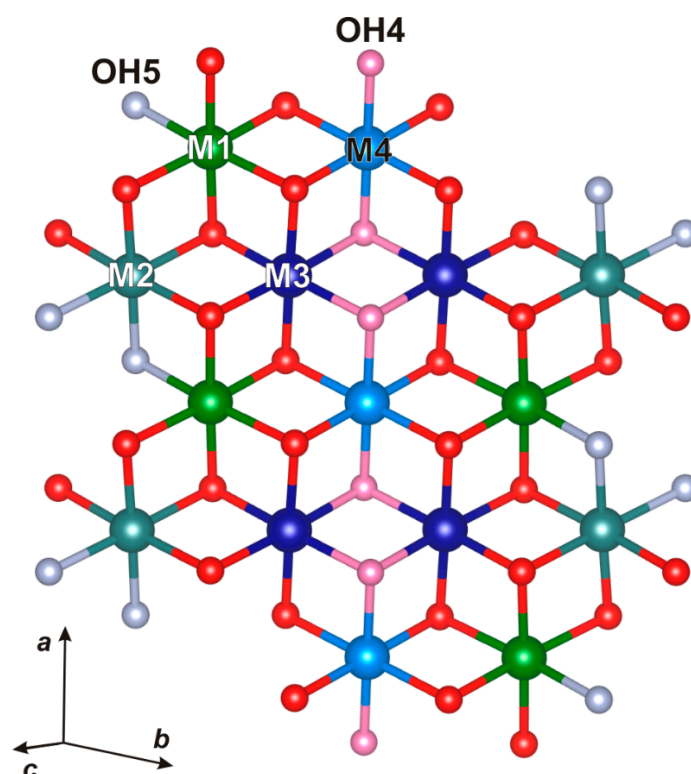


Figure 5. The bond topology of the O layer in the crystal structure of kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and astrophyllite; the $M(1)$ - $M(4)$ sites are shown by different colors. The protonated oxygen atoms are designated as OH(4) (pink) and OH(5) (grey).

The H layer has four symmetrically distinct silicate tetrahedra, $T(1)$ -(4) that share corners with each other and with $D\phi_6$ octahedra. The structural changes caused by oxidation-dexydroxylation also affect the H layer. The $D\phi_6$ octahedra in kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) are distorted; the apical bond $D-O_2$ (1.81-1.86 Å) is significantly shorter than $D-X^{pD}$ (2.05-2.09 Å). In the high-temperature modifications of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs), the apical bonds of the $D\phi_6$ octahedra are 1.90-1.96 Å for $D-O_2$ and 1.99-2.00 Å for $D-X^{pD}$. The regulation of $D\phi_6$ octahedra occurs due to a saturation of the O_2 atom with additional valence units in the result of M -cations oxidation. In addition, there is rotation of the SiO_4 tetrahedra and $D\phi_6$ octahedra, giving rise to a more distorted H layer (Figure 6).

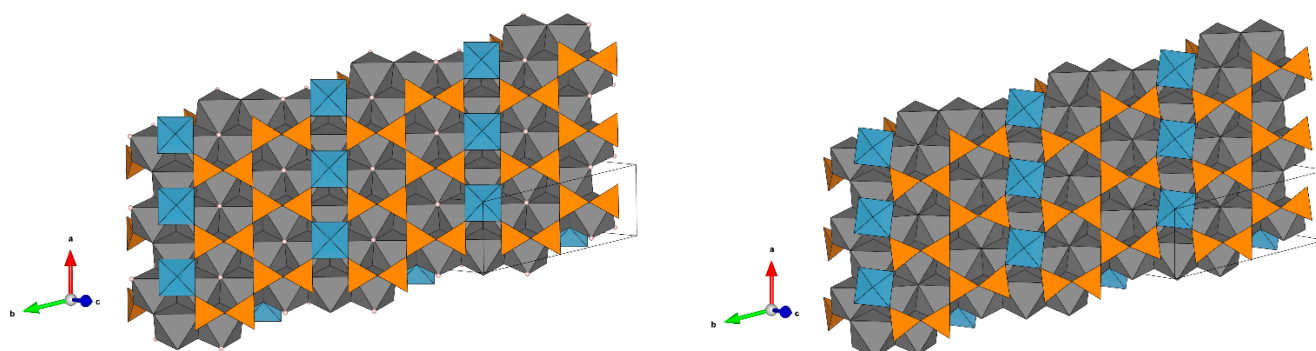


Figure 6. The topology of the H layer in the crystal structure of kupletskite/kupletskite-(Cs) (left) and their high-temperature modification (right). Comparison of the images shows a change in the rotation of the $D\phi_6$ octahedra and distortions in the geometry of the T_4O_{12} chains.

Table 4. Selected site-scattering values and bond lengths for kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and their high-temperature modifications.

Sample	Kupletskite	HT kupletskite	Kupletskite-(Cs)	HT kupletskite-(Cs)	Astrophyllite	HT astrophyllite
$V, \text{\AA}^3$	664.1	640.9	668.2	647.3	655.5	633.0
$\Delta V/V, \%$	-3.5		-3.1		-3.4	
Octahedra $M(1)O_6$						
$\bar{e} M(1)$	23.05	21.10	21.75	19.28	23.69	21.14
$\Delta \bar{e} M(1)$	-2.0		-2.5		-2.6	
$\langle M(1)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	2.203	2.219	2.193	2.197	2.176	2.185
$\Delta \langle M(1)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	+0.016		+0.004		+0.009	
Octahedra $M(2)O_6$						
$\bar{e} M(2)$	25.00	23.83	25.00	24.61	25.06	23.01
$\Delta \bar{e} M(2)$	-1.2		-0.4		-2.0	
$\langle M(2)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	2.174	2.091	2.179	2.089	2.156	2.102
$\Delta \langle M(2)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	-0.083		-0.090		-0.054	
Octahedra $M(3)O_6$						
$\bar{e} M(3)$	24.61	24.48	23.83	24.61	24.18	24.28
$\Delta \bar{e} M(3)$	-0.1		+0.8		+0.1	
$\langle M(3)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	2.162	2.117	2.167	2.108	2.144	2.097
$\Delta \langle M(3)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	-0.045		-0.059		-0.047	
Octahedra $M(4)O_6$						
$\bar{e} M(4)$	23.31	24.09	25.00	24.22	23.51	24.15
$\Delta \bar{e} M(4)$	+0.8		-0.8		+0.6	
$\langle M(4)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	2.133	2.047	2.138	2.049	2.128	2.059
$\Delta \langle M(4)-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	-0.086		-0.089		-0.069	
Octahedra $D\varphi_6$						
$D-O(2), \text{\AA}$	1.808	1.902	1.855	1.960	1.811	1.952
$D-X^p_D, \text{\AA}$	2.088	2.002	2.051	1.993	2.100	1.982
$\langle D-\varphi \rangle, \text{\AA}$	1.958	1.946	1.959	1.964	1.958	1.945
Tetrahedra TO_4						
$\langle T1-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	1.623	1.620	1.618	1.614	1.615	1.607
$\langle T2-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	1.629	1.618	1.627	1.613	1.625	1.620
$\langle T3-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	1.637	1.627	1.627	1.625	1.632	1.624
$\langle T4-O \rangle, \text{\AA}$	1.620	1.614	1.618	1.611	1.614	1.606
Extraframework sites A, B						
$\langle A1-\varphi \rangle, \text{\AA}$	3.283	3.225	3.336	3.318	3.298	3.243
$\langle A2-\varphi \rangle, \text{\AA}$	3.299	3.226	3.369	3.345	-	-
$\langle B-\varphi \rangle, \text{\AA}$	2.621	2.595	2.648	2.629	2.615	2.548
Reference	This work		This work		Zhitova et al., 2017a	

¹ V – unit-cell volume; ΔV – the change in the unit-cell volume after annealing; \bar{e} – number of electrons calculated by site occupancy; $\Delta \bar{e}$ – the change in that parameter after annealing; $\langle M(1)-O \rangle$ – the average bond lengths; $\Delta \langle M(1)-O \rangle$ – the change in bond length after annealing.

The interlayer *A* site in kupletskite/kupletskite-(Cs) is split, forming the A1 and A2 sites ~0.8-0.9 Å apart. The interlayer also contains the *B* site occupied predominantly by Na and low-occupied oxygen (O17w site) coordinating A2. No significant changes in the geometry of the *A*- and *B*-polyhedra were detected.

3.4. Dedydroxylation

The dehydroxylation process is clearly tracked by the reduction of O–H intensities in the principal OH-stretching region of the infrared spectra in the wavenumber regions 3800-3000 cm⁻¹ (principal O–H stretching) for high-temperature modifications relative to the unheated crystals (Figure 7).

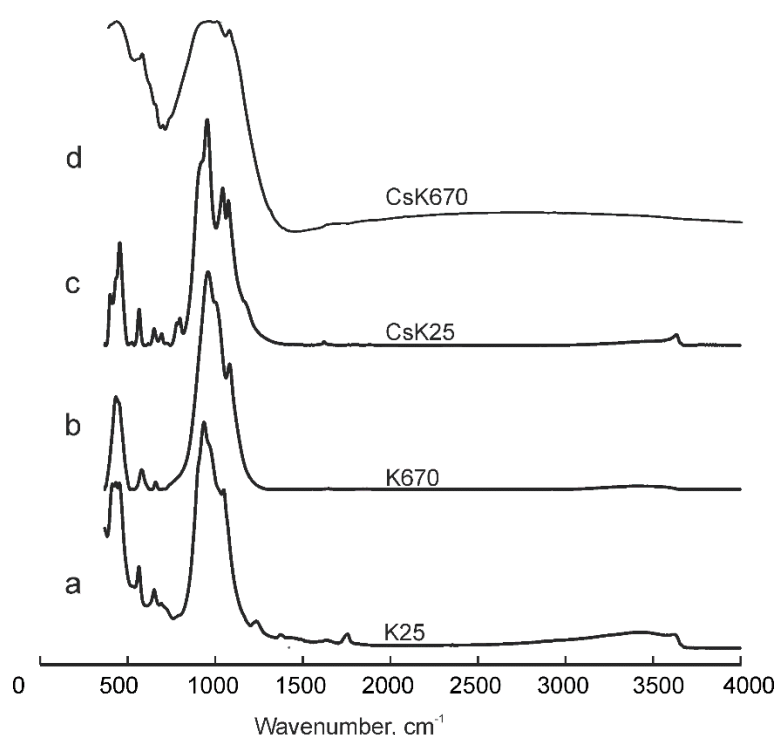


Figure 7. Infrared spectra of (a) kupletskite and (b) its high-temperature modification; (c) kupletskite-(Cs) and (d) its high-temperature modification.

Another set of IR spectra were recorded for K25, K550, K600 and K650 from the same material as optical absorption spectra in order to monitor the heat-induced changes (Figure 8). The infrared spectra recorded from K25 exhibit the following bands 1075, 1024, 964 (shoulder), 895, 794 and 690 cm⁻¹. The bands at 1075 and 1024 cm⁻¹ are assigned to the Si–O stretching vibrations in Si–O–Si chains. The bands at 964, 895 and 794 cm⁻¹ correspond to the stretching vibrations of apical Si–O bonds. The band at 690 cm⁻¹ is assigned to the bending vibration of O–Si–O. Upon heating of kupletskite, the infrared spectra change: bands at 895, 789 and 690 cm⁻¹ (K25) shift to 886, 789 and 687 cm⁻¹ (K550) and the intensity of shoulder at 964 cm⁻¹ (K25) decreases with the appearance of a new band at 937 cm⁻¹ (K550). Heating to higher temperatures (K600, K650) leads to further shift of the bands to 877, 784 and 684 cm⁻¹ (K600) and 868, 784 cm⁻¹ and disappearance of the 690-680 cm⁻¹ band. These changes occur synchronously with increase of intensity for the band at 937 cm⁻¹ (Figure 8). The intensity of 3628 cm⁻¹, attributed to O–H stretching, decreases in K600 and disappears in K650.

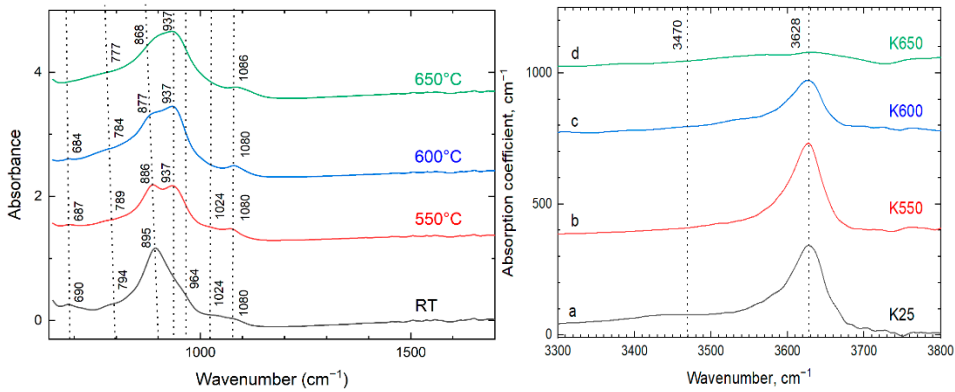


Figure 8. The ATR infrared spectra of kupletskite (K25) and its high-temperature modifications (K550, K600 and K650) in the 1700-600 cm⁻¹ (a) and 3800-3300 cm⁻¹ (b) ranges.

3.5. The Fe and Mn Oxidation

The hyperfine parameters of the Mössbauer spectra of kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) (samples K25 and CsK25) and their high-temperature modifications (samples K650 and CsK600) are given in Table 5. The spectra show absorption peaks due to both Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺. The spectra were fit to a QSD model having two/three generalized sites. As can be seen from the parameters given in Table 5, Fe is predominantly divalent in kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) and trivalent in their high-temperature modifications.

Table 5. Mössbauer parameters for kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and their high-temperature modifications.

	δ_0 (mm/s)	δ_1	Component	Δ (mm/s)	δ_Δ (mm/s)	Rel. Area (%)
Kupletskite, K25						
Fe ²⁺	1.157	0.014	Component 1	2.379	0.410	45
	1.141	0.010	Component 2	1.939	0.384	31
Fe ³⁺	0.259	0.003	Component 1	-0.002	1.000	24
Kupletskite-(Cs), CsK25						
Fe ²⁺	1.161	0.003	Component 1	2.380	0.505	79
Fe ³⁺	0.066	0.007	Component 2	0.430	0.365	21
High-temperature modification of kupletskite, K650						
Fe ³⁺	0.376	-0.006	Component 1	2.375	0.304	6
	0.690	-0.042	Component 2	1.356	0.465	77
	0.502	-0.013	Component 3	1.413	0.184	17
High-temperature modification of kupletskite-(Cs), CsK600						
Fe ³⁺	0.699	0.020	Component 1	1.646	0.370	48
Fe ³⁺	0.613	0.017	Component 2	1.135	0.453	52

The optical absorption spectrum of the initial kupletskite (K25) exhibits an absorption edge at 380 nm, which can be attributed to *d-d* transitions of Mn²⁺ ions (Figure 9). The sharp structure corresponding to these transitions is not resolved due to the strong exchange interaction between Mn²⁺ ions.

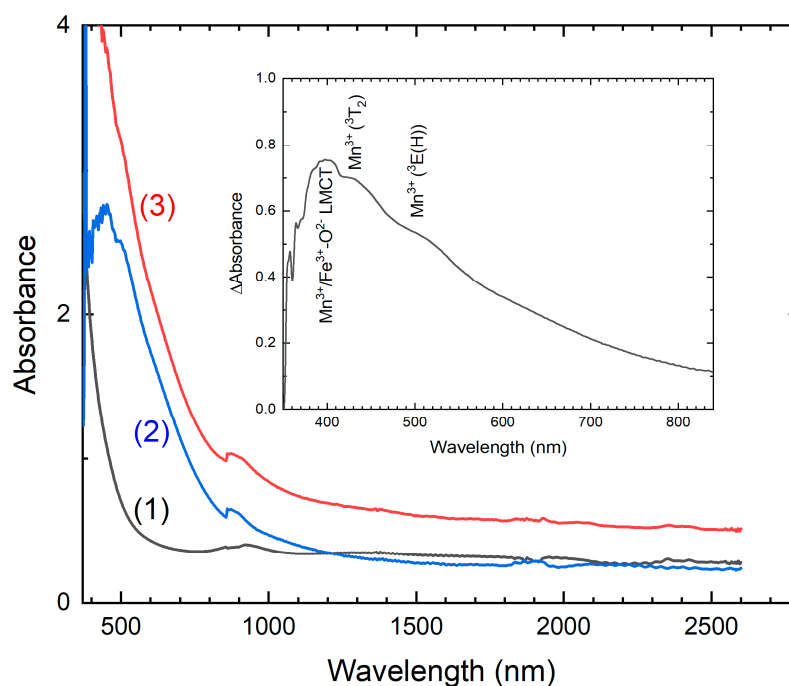


Figure 9. Optical absorption spectra of kupletskite, K25 (curve 1) and its high-temperature modifications K550 (curve 2) and K600 (curve 3). In the inset, the difference spectrum of the spectra recorded from K25 and K550 is given.

The optical absorption spectra of K600 shows increased absorption in the 400-600 nm spectral region. Analysis of the difference spectrum (Figure 9) shows a UV band at approximately 400 nm that is attributed to ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT) from Mn^{3+} to O^{2-} and from Fe^{3+} to O^{2-} [Hålenius, 2014]. The bands at 430 and 505 nm correspond to spin-allowed $d-d$ transitions in Mn^{3+} ions [Czaja, 2018; Hålenius, 2014; Fridrichova, 2018]. The temperature dependencies of the Mn^{3+} -related absorption and the O–H absorption band at 3628 cm^{-1} are inversely correlated (Figure 10) suggesting that oxidation of Mn ions from the divalent to the trivalent state is accompanied by dehydroxylation.

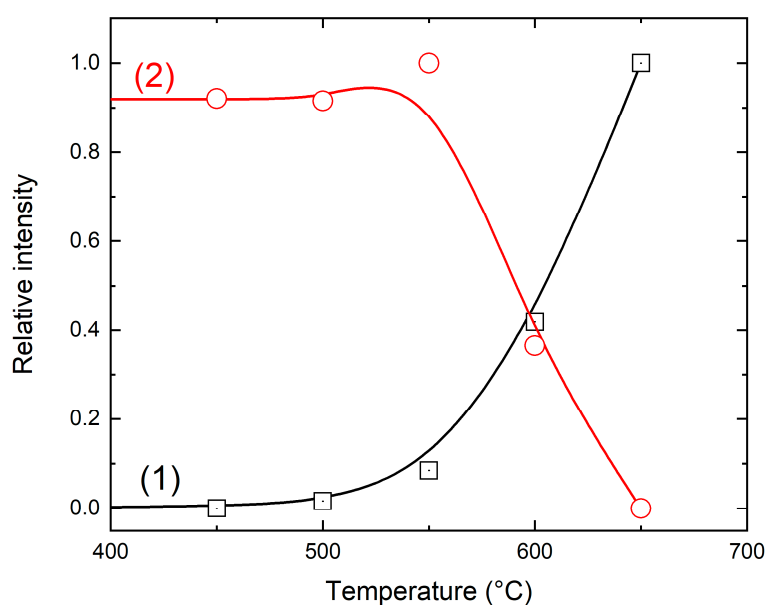


Figure 10. Temperature dependences of Mn^{3+} absorption (1) and intensity of the O–H related band at 3628 cm^{-1} (2).

4. Discussion

Structural studies of two manganese heterophyllosilicates: kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs) using powder and single-crystal X-ray diffraction show a discontinuous reduction in the unit-cell parameters at temperatures of about 500 °C and above. By analogy with the high-temperature behavior of astrophyllite [Zhitova et al., 2017a], bafertisite [Zhitova et al., 2017b] and lobanovite [Zhitova et al., 2019], it has been suggested that this transformation occurs due to dehydroxylation and iron oxidation. The changes of iron oxidation state are confirmed by Mössbauer spectroscopy, the reduction of O–H related bands is evident from infrared spectra. The contraction of the unit-cell volume is due to shortening of *M*–O bond lengths, since Fe³⁺–O bonds are shorter than the Fe²⁺–O bonds [Gagné and Hawthorne, 2020]. If only Fe oxidizes, then the degree of the unit-cell contraction should correlate with the content of Fe²⁺. However, as can be seen from Table 6, the unit-cell contraction is practically identical for kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and astrophyllite, despite different Fe²⁺ content. For astrophyllite, we know that 4-5 *apfu* of Fe²⁺ undergo oxidation, among which 4 are compensated by 4(OH)⁻ groups, and the 5-th by partial defluorination (F⁻ → O²⁻) [Zhitova et al., 2017a]. For the samples studied here, the Fe²⁺ *apfu* [2.22 *apfu* for kupletskite and 1.78 *apfu* for kupletskite-(Cs)] is much less. However, the degree of unit-cell volume contraction as a result of annealing is identical for kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and astrophyllite. The identical degree of volume contraction and reduction of metal-oxygen bond lengths in minerals with different Fe contents indicates that additional mechanism(s) of oxidation must occur during dehydroxylation. The change in Mn oxidation state [obtained by optical absorption spectroscopy (Figure 9) is inversely correlated with the intensity of the O–H band in the infrared spectra, indicating the synchronicity of these processes (Figure 10).

The following structural criteria have been calculated for each polyhedra: the (polyhedral) volume; bond-angle variance; distortion index and quadratic elongation (Table 6). From the results in Table 6, it is apparent that the main structural changes upon heating affect the O layer for both, kupletskite and kupletskite-(Cs). The largest compression and distortion occur for the *M*(2)O₆ octahedron, significant changes with similar distortion indices occur for the *M*(3)O₆, *M*(4)O₆ octahedra, and the smallest distortions occur for the *M*(1)O₆ octahedron, which confirms our proposal that the non-oxidizing elements are concentrated at the *M*(1) site. The distortions of the polyhedra of H layer are less significant and are most likely caused by the need to satisfy the valence-sum requirements in the structures of the high-temperature modifications. We did not record any significant changes in the bond geometry and/or position of the interlayer cations at the *A* and *B* sites (Table 6). However, the thermal expansion figure for the HT modification of kupletskite-(Cs) is very different from those of kupletskite and astrophyllite since in the temperature range 500–800 °C there is a volume expansion (not contraction) caused by expansion of the structure along the direction of layer stacking. If we carefully examine the evolution of the unit-cell parameters with temperature (Figure 3), the interlayer distance, *d*_{00*n*} clearly reflects this difference: for astrophyllite and kupletskite, the interlayer distance of the high-temperature modification is smaller than that of the initial structures; for kupletskite-(Cs), *d*_{00*n*} does not fall below the initial room temperature value. It seems reasonable to suggest that this indicates the role of Cs ions in the stabilization of thermal expansion of the astrophyllite structural type, as Cs is larger than K [Hawthorne and Gagné, 2024] and its presence in the channels leads to a limitation on the minimum possible separation of the O layers.

Table 6. Geometrical parameters derived from the crystal structures of kupletskite, kupletskite-(Cs) and their high-temperature modifications.

Parameter	Sample	<i>M</i> (1)	<i>M</i> (2)	<i>M</i> (3)	<i>M</i> (4)
<i>t</i> _{oct} , Å	K	2.49 → 2.38	2.47 → 2.29	2.47 → 2.32	2.42 → 2.31
	CsK	2.49 → 2.36	2.48 → 2.28	2.47 → 2.30	2.42 → 2.29
	K	59.3 → 93.7	46.5 → 94.6	41.9 → 88.0	39.1 → 37.3

Bond angle variance, \circ_2	CsK	59.7 → 94.7	47.1 → 101.0	45.1 → 90.7	43.7 → 44.18
$V_{\text{octahedra}}, \text{\AA}^3$	K	13.88 → 13.94	13.44 → 11.64	13.23 → 12.17	12.72 → 11.22
	CsK	13.69 → 13.53	13.50 → 11.52	13.28 → 12.00	12.78 → 11.2
Distortion index	K	0.007 → 0.017	0.026 → 0.072	0.017 → 0.029	0.014 → 0.041
	CsK	0.006 → 0.018	0.027 → 0.079	0.019 → 0.031	0.015 → 0.042
Quadratic elongation	K	1.0179 → 1.0299	1.0152 → 1.0382	1.0132 → 1.0280	1.0123 → 1.0156
	CsK	1.0180 → 1.0304	1.0155 → 1.0437	1.0144 → 1.0292	1.0138 → 1.0179
		<i>T(1)</i>	<i>T(2)</i>	<i>T(3)</i>	<i>T(4)</i>
$V_{\text{tetrahedra}}, \text{\AA}^3$	K	2.19 → 2.17	2.21 → 2.17	2.24 → 2.20	2.18 → 2.15
	CsK	2.17 → 2.15	2.21 → 2.15	2.20 → 2.19	2.17 → 2.14
Distortion index	K	0.008 → 0.011	0.006 → 0.004	0.008 → 0.005	0.007 → 0.010
	CsK	0.009 → 0.012	0.011 → 0.003	0.009 → 0.006	0.009 → 0.009
Quadratic elongation	K	1.0021 → 1.0018	1.0013 → 1.0015	1.0018 → 1.0030	1.0021 → 1.0015
	CsK	1.0019 → 1.0018	1.0018 → 1.0022	1.0024 → 1.0040	1.0019 → 1.0015
		<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	
$V_{\text{polyhedra}}, \text{\AA}^3$	K	9.78 → 9.68	72.8 → 69.8	34.52 → 33.18	
	CsK	9.89 → 9.88	74.8 → 72.5	35.65 → 34.33	
Distortion index	K	0.026 → 0.011	0.091 → 0.82	0.013 → 0.060	
	CsK	0.018 → 0.008	0.043 → 0.049	0.010 → 0.063	
Quadratic elongation	K	1.0179 → 1.0102	1.1500 → 1.1510		
	CsK	1.0097 → 1.0049	1.1688 → 1.1770		

t_{oct} – octahedra thickness; $V_{\text{polyhedra}}$ – polyhedral volume, calculated by the Vesta program [Momma and Izumi, 2011]; Distortion index calculated by the Vesta program [Momma and Izumi, 2011]; Quadratic elongation calculated by the Vesta program [Momma and Izumi, 2011].

We have shown for the first time, using heterophyllosilicates as an example, that temperature-induced oxidation of Mn occurs along with Fe, coupling with dehydroxylation of the O layer. Comparison of iron- and manganese-dominant minerals shows the structural identity of the oxidation reactions of these two elements. Taking into account the widespread occurrence of iron-oxidation reactions in rock-forming minerals: amphiboles, tourmalines, micas and clays, one can assume similar behavior for their manganese-dominant analogues. By analogy with the oxidation reactions of Fe, it seems reasonable to propose that oxidation of Mn can be implied in Earth processes at elevated temperatures and pressures, albeit on a more local scale than Fe due to the restricted distribution of Mn-rich rocks. The presence of dehydroxylated minerals (or their varieties) with trivalent manganese may also indicate heating to a temperature above 500 °C in an oxygen environment. The results obtained may also have applications in materials science, since these minerals have a porous structure and are capable of incorporating mono- and divalent cations, including Cs and transition *d*-elements.

Supplementary Materials: The following supporting information can be downloaded at the website of this paper posted on Preprints.org, Table S1. Unit-cell parameters refined for kupletskite at different temperatures; Table S2. Unit-cell parameters refined for kupletskite-(Cs) at different temperatures; Table S3. Coefficients of equations used for approximation of unit-cell parameters of kupletskite and its HT modification; Table S4. Coefficients of equations used for approximation of unit-cell parameters of kupletskite-(Cs) and its HT modification; Table S5. The main characteristics of thermal expansion/contraction for kupletskite (angles are given in degrees, coefficients are $\times 10^6$, °C⁻¹); Table S6. The main characteristics of thermal expansion/contraction for kupletskite-(Cs) (angles are given in degrees, coefficients are $\times 10^6$, °C⁻¹); Table S7. Atom coordinates,

equivalent isotropic-displacement parameters (\AA^2), site occupancies for kupletskite (K25), kupletskite-(Cs) (CsK25) and their high-temperature modifications (K650 and CsK650); Table S8. Anisotropic-displacement parameters (\AA^2) for kupletskite (K25), kupletskite-(Cs) (CsK25) and their high-temperature modifications (K650 and CsK650); Table S9. Selected bond-distances (\AA) for kupletskite (K25), kupletskite-(Cs) (CsK25) and their high-temperature modifications (K650 and CsK650). The crystal structure data for kupletskite (K25), kupletskite-(Cs) (CsK25) and their high-temperature modifications (K650 and CsK650) are available as CIF-files from the CCDC/FIZ Karlsruhe database as CSD # 2442952 (K25), 2442953 (K650), 2442954 (Cs650) and 2442955 (Cs25) at <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk>.

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