

Table 1. Critical quenching runs in the system Na₂Si₂O₅-SiO₂.

Comp. (% SiO ₂)*	Time (hr)	Temp. (°C)	Phases present
<i>Starting material: αNa₂Si₂O₅ + quartz</i>			
72.0	24	796	αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅ + Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉
72.0	24	802	αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅ + liquid
72.0	30	813	αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅ + liquid
72.0	24	818	Liquid
73.0	24	796	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉
73.0	24	802	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + liquid
73.0	144	806	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + liquid
73.0	44	808	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + quartz + liquid
73.0	66	812	Quartz + liquid
73.0	22	843	Quartz + liquid
73.0	48	855	Liquid
75.0	24	802	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + quartz
75.0	30	813	Quartz + liquid
77.5	24	802	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + quartz
77.5	30	813	Quartz + liquid
<i>Starting material: Na₂CO₃ + quartz</i>			
73.0	69	760	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉
<i>Starting material: glass</i>			
73.0	18	800	Glass + αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅
73.0	200	800	Glass + Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉
73.0	23	818	Liquid
73.0	69	760	αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅ + Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + cristobalite

* Mole percent.

single-crystal rotation photographs with powder patterns of various homogeneous preparations, showed that all single-crystal reflections were matched, both in position and intensity, by powder arcs. These photographs were taken on the same camera to facilitate the comparison. X-ray rotation and Weissenberg photographs showed that the unit cell had a volume of 1768 Å³. The correct formula must fill this cell volume to give the observed density of 2.48. Figure 1 shows a plot of all Na₂O/SiO₂ ratios fulfilling this condition. Of course, we must also consider the chemical evidence from direct-heating studies, as well as the space-group symmetry requirement, namely, that the number of atoms of each kind in the unit cell be an *even* integer.

These requirements give Na_{2.4}Si_{3.2}O_{7.6} as the most probable formula. This formula gives a calculated density of 2.50 and a calculated composition of 72.7 percent SiO₂. However, because

of experimental error in determining the cell volume and especially the density, any possible combination within the stippled quadrilateral (Fig. 1), should be considered. Some possibilities, for example Na_{2.0}Si_{3.4}O_{7.8} or Na_{2.8}Si_{3.0}O_{7.4}, have the right density, but lie outside the limits of error of the composition established by heating studies.

As a further independent check on the density, the atomic refractivity values (*R*) were first calculated for Na and O, on the assumption that Si can be taken as zero. This assumption has been shown to be correct for the low-density silica forms and the calcium silicates (5). The calculations were made with the Lorentz-Lorenz equation

$$R = \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} \cdot \frac{M}{D}$$

(where *n* is the mean refractive index, *M* is the formula weight, and *D* is density of the known anhydrous sodium silicates, quartz and cristobalite. Values of *R* for Na and O are uniformly about 1.6 and 3.7 respectively. With these *R* values, the observed mean refractive index 1.503 and the Na_{2.4}Si_{3.2}O_{7.6} cell contents, the calculated density is 2.47 ± 0.02.

The properties of Na₆Si₈O₁₉ may be summarized as follows. It is monoclinic, geometrically orthorhombic: space group No. 14; C_{2h}⁵-P2₁/c; *a* = 4.90 ± 0.02 Å; *b* = 23.4 ± 0.1 Å; *c* = 15.4 ± 0.1 Å; β = 90°0'. The observed pycnometric density is 2.47₈ g/cm³; the "sink-float" density is greater than 2.47₅ and less than 2.49₀. The density calculated for unit-cell contents Na_{2.4}Si_{3.2}O_{7.6} (four formula units per cell) is 2.50. The crystals grow as elongated laths or needles and are optically biaxial with inclined extinction. The mean refractive index (sodium-D illumination) is 1.503, and the birefringence is low (~ 0.01). X-ray powder diffraction data are given in Table 3.

Comparison of the x-ray powder data and optical properties shows that

Table 3. X-ray powder diffraction data for Na₆Si₈O₁₉.

<i>I</i> *	<i>dA</i> †	<i>I</i>	<i>dA</i>
vw‡	11.63	m	3.33
vw	10.70	mw	3.06
w	7.66	mw	2.98
vw	7.14	w	2.82
vw	6.44	w	2.72
w	5.46	vw	2.52
w	4.97	s	2.45
w	4.69	vw	2.34
w	4.47	w	2.27
vw	4.28	w	2.18
vw	4.24	m	2.11
m	4.12	w	2.05
m	3.83	mw	1.99
m	3.63	mw	1.93
m	3.44	w	1.870
vw	3.37	w/d	1.739

* Intensities (*I*) estimated from 6-cm films. † *d*-Spacings taken from a diffractometer trace, CuKα radiation, scanning speed ½°; 2θ/minute. Diffractometer calibrated with an external Si standard. Only the range of 2θ (Cu) 0°-60° is tabulated (7). ‡ w, weak; m, medium; s, strong; v, very; d, diffuse.

Na₆Si₈O₁₉ is identical with Matveev's reported "Na₂O · 3SiO₂" compound (2); Na₆Si₈O₁₉ may also be the phase reported by Schairer and Yoder as "phase W" (4).

The Na₆Si₈O₁₉ phase can be prepared from a wide variety of starting materials. At temperatures between 750° and 800°C, appropriate mechanical mixtures of (Na₂Si₂O₅ + quartz) or (Na₂CO₃ + quartz) react readily to form Na₆Si₈O₁₉ (Table 1). These data indicate that the Na₆Si₈O₁₉ is thermodynamically stable. Quenching experiments indicate that at the upper limit of stability (808° ± 2°C), it dissociates sluggishly to quartz and liquid. The Na₆Si₈O₁₉ phase forms readily from glasses at temperatures as low as ~ 660°C and once formed persists in runs of up to 30 days' duration in air of ambient humidity. However, at moderate water vapor pressures (20-70 bars) the equilibrium:



is readily reversible at 700° ± 10°C with either glass, Na₆Si₈O₁₉ or (3Na₂Si₂O₅ + 2SiO₂) as starting materials; see Table 2.

The hydrothermal runs were made in open gold-foil envelopes. Slight leaching of Na₂O occurred during the runs. This was indicated by finding quartz as an exotic phase after reaction of the 73 percent SiO₂ mixture in the stability region of the Na₆Si₈O₁₉ phase. The quartz was identified optically and by x-ray powder diffraction. The relative quantity of quartz was estimated from the appearance of these x-ray powder patterns, compared with those obtained

Table 2. Critical hydrothermal runs in the system Na₂Si₂O₅-SiO₂.

Initial comp. (% SiO ₂)	Starting material	Time (hr)	Temp. (°C)	Pressure (bar)	Crystalline phases
73.0	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉	48	690	71	Quartz + βNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅
73.0	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉	48	710	71	Quartz + Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉
75.0	Quartz + αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅	144	680	50	Quartz + βNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅
75.0	Quartz + αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅	168	715	54	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + trace quartz
76.5	Quartz + αNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅	48	710	57	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + quartz
76.5	Glass	48	710	48	Na ₆ Si ₈ O ₁₉ + trace quartz
76.5	Glass	48	655	36	Quartz + trace βNa ₂ Si ₂ O ₅

from mechanical mixtures containing known proportions of crystalline sodium silicates and quartz. Three to four percent quartz was readily detected. The magnitude of the leaching effect was thus estimated as being a 2 to 3 percent increase in silica content. A chemical analysis of the solid products of hydrothermal runs would not be meaningful; during the quenching step a hydrous glass was deposited around the crystalline products.

The hydrothermal runs were used only to fix the lower stability limit of the $\text{Na}_6\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{19}$ phase; this lower stability limit is unaffected by the presence of either excess $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$ or SiO_2 .

These observations on the stability of the $\text{Na}_6\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{19}$ phase have been used to revise the phase diagram for the $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$ - SiO_2 system (Fig. 2).

Differential thermal analysis of a crystalline $\text{Na}_6\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{19}$ sample shows no heat effects between room temperature and its melting point. The apparatus used could readily detect heat effects of 1 calorie per gram. There is, however, evidence that 72.7 percent SiO_2 glasses, devitrified at low temperature ($\sim 650^\circ\text{C}$ or less), yield a metastable phase related to $\text{Na}_6\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{19}$ in structure and probably identical in composition.

The lower stability limit of the $\text{Na}_6\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{19}$ phase and its failure to persist metastably in the presence of H_2O , help explain why it has not been encountered in studies of the Na_2O - SiO_2 - H_2O system (6). Such studies have covered only the temperature range where $\text{Na}_6\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{19}$ is unstable. We have no explanation of Kracek's failure to encounter this phase, except that possibly he depended on optical identification of the phases present: the gross optical properties—morphology and birefringence—of $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$ and $\text{Na}_6\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{19}$ are similar.

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Specificity of Macroglobulin Antibody Synthesized by the Normal Human Fetus

Abstract. *The umbilical cord blood of 47 out of 54 normal human infants contains hemagglutinating activity directed toward cells coated with a type-L Bence-Jones protein. This hemagglutinating material, in some instances, is present in cord blood in the absence of such activity in the maternal blood. Ultracentrifugation of cord serum in a sucrose gradient shows that the activity is associated with the macroglobulin fractions.*

The normal human newborn has as its major circulating immunoglobulin γG -globulin transferred from the mother's circulation (1). Since γM -globulin apparently cannot be transferred across the placental barrier (2), the small amount of γM -globulin present in the normal human fetus at birth is thought to be of fetal origin. There is no direct evidence for antenatal synthesis of γG - or γA -globulins under normal circumstances.

No antibody specificity has as yet been detected in the γM -globulins of normal human newborn. I now report the presence of hemagglutinating activity in 47 of 54 serums obtained from the cord blood of apparently healthy human infants. Instances of the absence of such activity in the maternal serum when it is present in the infant strongly suggest the fetal origin of this circulating macroglobulin.

Serum from umbilical cord blood obtained at the time of delivery was examined together with the mother's serum obtained within 3 days thereafter. All mothers and their infants were entirely normal at the time of birth and in the immediate postpartum period.

Sheep erythrocytes treated with tannic acid were exposed to a solution of Bence-Jones protein (1 mg/ml), type L, isolated by gel-filtration chromatography from the urine of a patient having multiple myeloma (3). The protein solution was heated at 56°C for 15 minutes before being used for the coating procedure as described (3). The presence of protein as a cell coating was confirmed by agglutination of the cells in dilutions of rabbit anti-serum to the L-polypeptide chain obtained from pooled normal γG -globulins (4).

Dilutions (Fig. 1) of the paired cord

and maternal serums were examined with the use of cells coated with Bence-Jones protein, type L, No. 46. In three instances no hemagglutinating activity was detected in either cord or maternal serum in 1:20 dilution. In 23 instances the \log_2 titer of the maternal serum was equal to or greater than that of the corresponding cord serum. In 28 instances the titer of the cord serum was greater than that of the corresponding maternal serum, and in 14 of these cord-maternal pairs no hemagglutinating activity was detected in the maternal serum when there was demonstrable activity in the cord serum. Hemagglutinating substances with specificity for cells coated with type-K Bence-Jones proteins have been detected in all the maternal serums but in only three cord serums.

Previous studies of adult-human serum having hemagglutinating activity for sheep erythrocytes coated with Bence-Jones proteins revealed that the active proteins reside in the macroglobulin fraction as measured in serum fractions obtained after ultracentrifuga-

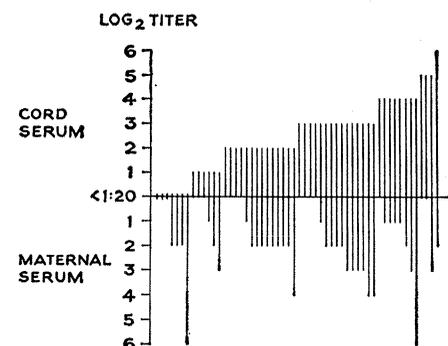


Fig. 1. \log_2 titers of umbilical cord serums and corresponding maternal serums expressed as bars above and below the initial 1-in-20 dilution. Cells coated with type-L Bence-Jones protein.

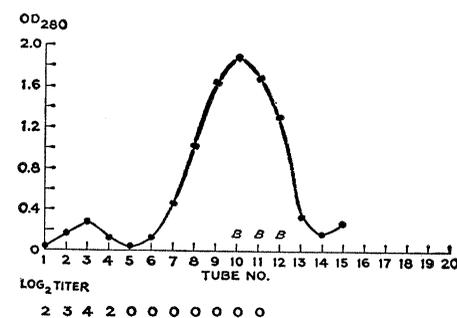


Fig. 2. Distribution of hemagglutinating activity in fractions obtained by centrifugation of cord serum No. 26 at 35,000 rev/min for 18 hours through a sucrose gradient. B designates fractions containing serum albumin.