

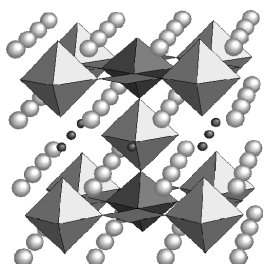
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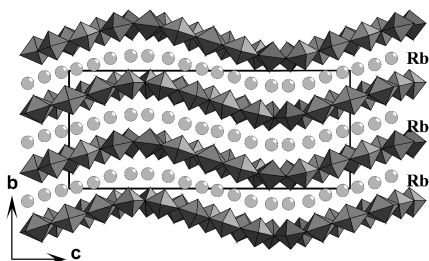
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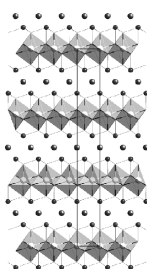
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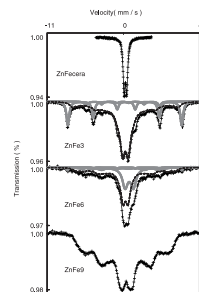


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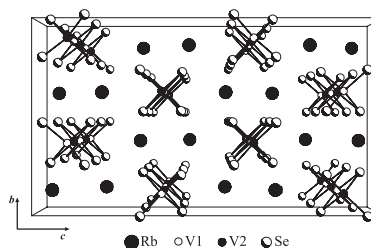
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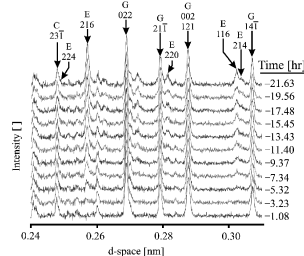
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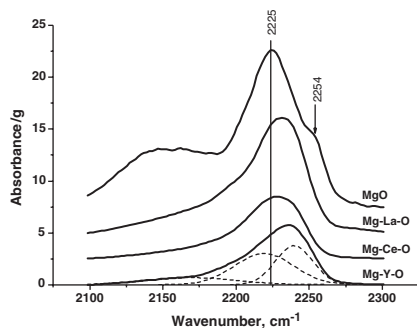
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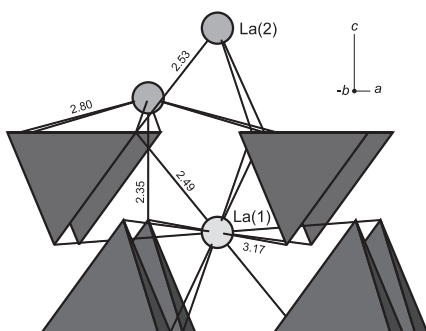
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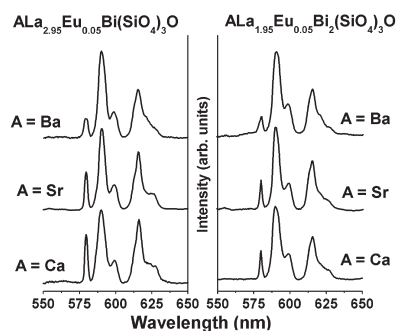
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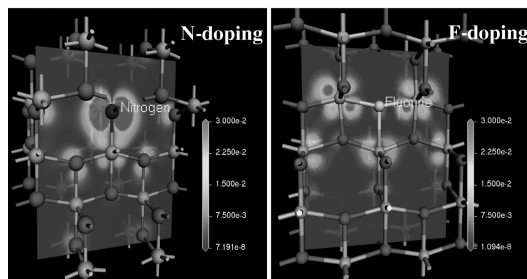
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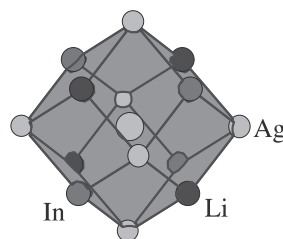
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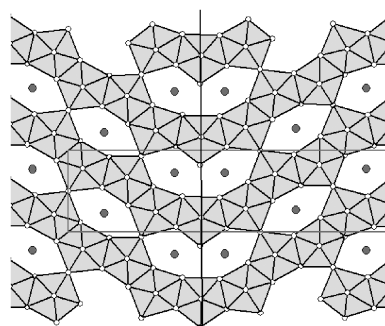
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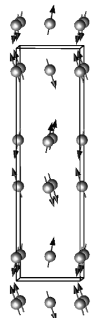


Schematic of structural basis for L- $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ -related phases.

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### Synthesis and characterization of a Ruddlesden–Popper compound: $\text{Sr}_3\text{FeMoO}_7$

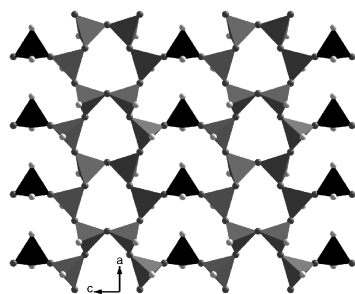
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The magnetic structure of  $\text{Sr}_3\text{FeMoO}_7$  was determined through neutron diffraction at 10 K. It was refined with an antiferromagnetic model in the magnetic space group  $An'$  with the cell parameters  $a = 5.5561(3) \text{ \AA}$  and  $c = 20.430(2) \text{ \AA}$ . The  $B$ -site atoms split into two independent atoms, which are antiferromagnetically coupled with almost the same magnetic moment  $\mu_{M1} = 1.82(1)\mu_B$  and  $\mu_{M2} = 1.68(1)\mu_B$ .

### $\text{Ce}_{10}[\text{Si}_{10}\text{O}_9\text{N}_{17}]\text{Br}$ , $\text{Nd}_{10}[\text{Si}_{10}\text{O}_9\text{N}_{17}]\text{Br}$ and $\text{Nd}_{10}[\text{Si}_{10}\text{O}_9\text{N}_{17}]\text{Cl}$ oxonitridosilicate halides with a new layered structure type

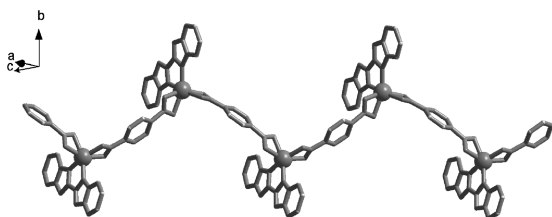
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The novel oxonitridosilicate layers are made up of condensed  $[\text{Si}(\text{O},\text{N})_4]$  tetrahedra of  $Q^2$  and  $Q^3$  type, thus forming six- and eight-membered tetrahedra rings.

### Syntheses, crystal structures and luminescent properties of two new 1D $d^{10}$ coordination polymers constructed from 2,2'-bibenzimidazole and 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate

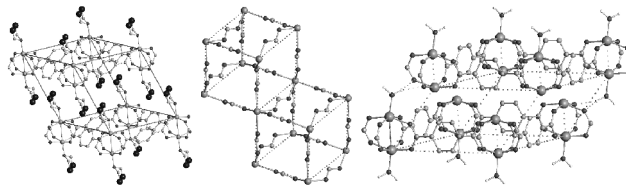
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The crystal structures, TG and photoluminescence properties on two new  $d^{10}$  one-dimensional coordination polymer  $[\text{Zn}(\text{H}_2\text{bibzim})(\text{BDC})]_n$  (1) and  $[\text{Cd}(\text{H}_2\text{bibzim})(\text{BDC})]_n$  (2) have been reported.

### Solvothermal synthesis of new metal organic framework structures in the zinc–terephthalic acid–dimethyl formamide system

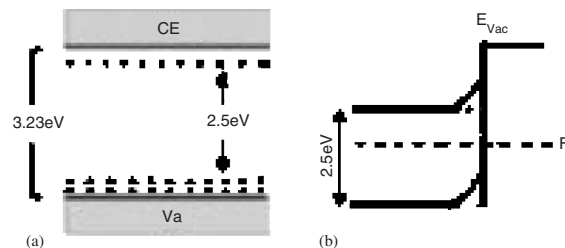
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Three different metal organic framework structures with similar crystal habits are obtained from the same solvothermal synthesis batch.

### S-, N- and C-doped titanium dioxide nanoparticles: Synthesis, characterization and redox charge transfer study

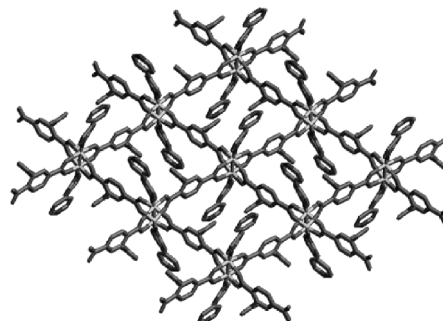
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### Two-dimensional metal-organic framework constructed from 4,4'-bipyridine and 1,2,4-benzenetricarboxylate: Synthesis, structure and magnetic properties

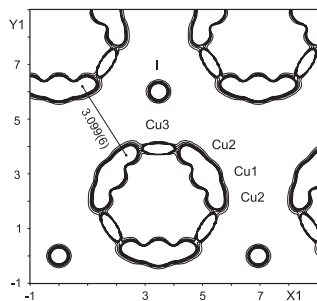
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View of the structure of 2 along the  $c$ -axis.

**Diffusion paths formation for Cu<sup>+</sup> ions in superionic Cu<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>I single crystals studied in terms of structural phase transition**

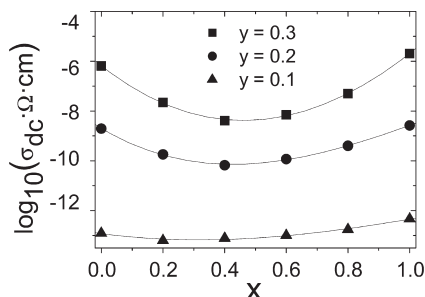
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Pseudo-cluster of copper in high temperature phase of Cu<sub>6</sub>PS<sub>5</sub>I.

**Dependence of the mixed alkali effect on temperature and total alkali oxide content in y[xLi<sub>2</sub>O · (1-x)Na<sub>2</sub>O] · (1-y)B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> glasses**

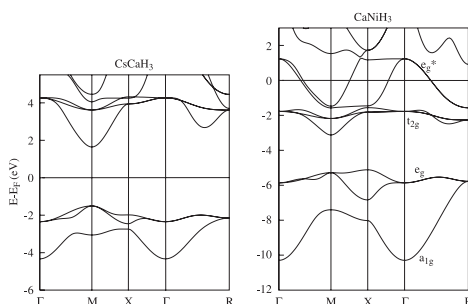
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Composition-dependent dc conductivity of glassy y [xLi<sub>2</sub>O · (1-x)Na<sub>2</sub>O] · (1-y)B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (x = 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, and y = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3) at 473 K.

**Hydrides with the perovskite structure: General bonding and stability considerations and the new representative CaNiH<sub>3</sub>**

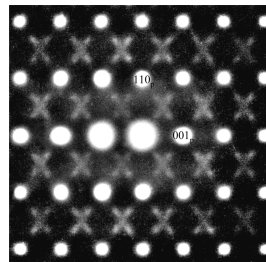
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Band structure of CsCaH<sub>3</sub>. Band structure of CaNiH<sub>3</sub> at the theoretical equilibrium volume.

**A combined diffraction and dielectric properties investigation of Ba<sub>3</sub>MnNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub> complex perovskites**

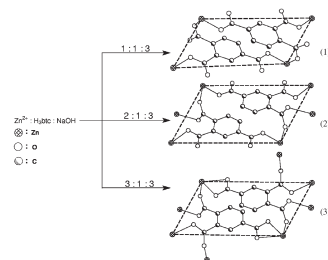
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Shows a typical <110><sub>p</sub> zone axis EDP of the nominally Mn<sup>2+</sup>/Nb<sup>5+</sup> disordered, metrically cubic of Ba<sub>3</sub>MnNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>. Notice the presence of diffuse crosses implying the presence of {111}<sub>p</sub> stacking fault and rotational twin disorder.

**Blue fluorescence of three metal-organic zinc polymers containing tetrazinc units and asymmetric ligand of btc<sup>3-</sup>**

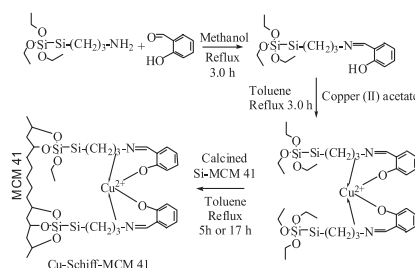
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The relations of molar ratios of the reactants and structures with coordination mode of btc<sup>3-</sup> ligand.

**Exploring the distribution of copper-Schiff base complex covalently anchored onto the surface of mesoporous MCM 41 silica**

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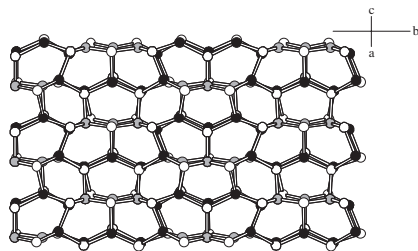
Synthesis of the Cu-Schiff MCM 41 material covalently anchored onto the Si-MCM 41 surface by the esterification of siloxane groups from copper-Schiff base complex and surface silanol groups of Si-MCM 41.

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## Directing the structures of silver-antimony sulphides: A new topological variant of the $[\text{Ag}_5\text{Sb}_3\text{S}_8]^{2-}$ double layer

Anthony V. Powell, Jürgen Thun and Ann M. Chippindale

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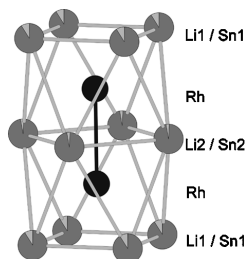


View along the  $[101]$  direction of an  $[\text{Ag}_5\text{Sb}_3\text{S}_8]^{2-}$  double layer in  $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4][\text{Ag}_5\text{Sb}_3\text{S}_8]$  formed from linkage through Ag-S bonds of a pair of crystallographically equivalent honeycomb-like sheets of fused six-membered silver-antimony sulphide rings.

## Ternary lithium stannides $\text{Li}_x\text{T}_3\text{Sn}_{7-x}$ ( $T = \text{Rh}, \text{Ir}$ )

Puravankara Sreeraj, Daniel Kurowski, Rolf-Dieter Hoffmann, Zhiyun Wu and Rainer Pöttgen

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The monomeric building unit in the cubic crystal structure of  $\text{Li}_x\text{T}_3\text{Sn}_{7-x}$  ( $T = \text{Rh}, \text{Ir}$ ). The transition metal and tin atoms are drawn as black and light gray circles, respectively. The sectors of the tin sites correspond to the different lithium content.

## The role of Mn in the electronic structure of $\text{Ba}_3\text{Ti}_2\text{MnO}_9$

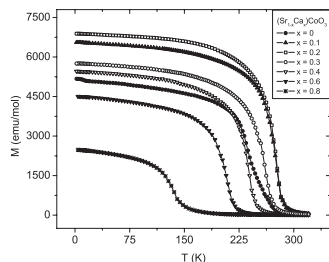
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## Magnetic and transport properties of high-pressure synthesized perovskite cobalt oxide $(\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x)\text{CoO}_3$ ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.8$ )

S. Balamurugan, M. Xu and E. Takayama-Muromachi

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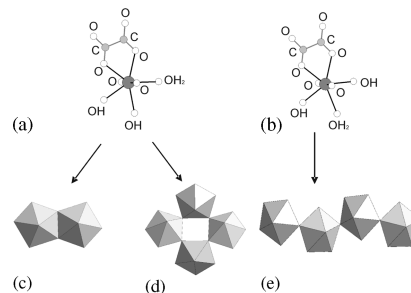


Temperature dependence of the dc-magnetization  $M$  of the  $(\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x)\text{CoO}_3$  system measured at an applied field of 1 kOe by the field cooling mode.

## Hydrothermal synthesis and crystal structures of new uranyl oxalate hydroxides: $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ - $[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ and $[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Laurence Duvieubourg, Guy Nowogrocki, Francis Abraham and Stéphane Grandjean

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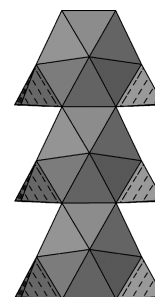


The two configurations of the U-centered pentagonal bipyramid and the structural polyhedral building units in the three  $[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  networks.

## Structures and syntheses of four $\text{Np}^{5+}$ sulfate chain structures: Divergence from $\text{U}^{6+}$ crystal chemistry

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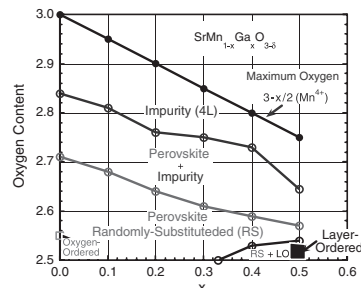


The chain of neptunyl bipyramids and sulfate tetrahedra.

## Synthesis, structure, and magnetic properties of $\text{SrMn}_{1-x}\text{Ga}_x\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ ( $x = 0-0.5$ ) perovskites

B. Dabrowski, E.N. Caspi, S. Kolesnik, O. Chmaissem, J. Mais and J.D. Jorgensen

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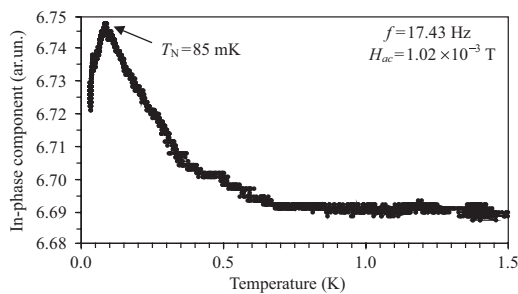


Summary of characteristic oxygen contents that define stability ranges of the single-phase and multi-phase  $\text{SrMn}_{1-x}\text{Ga}_x\text{O}_{3-\delta}$  perovskites with randomly substituted (RS) and layer-ordered (LO) B-site cations.

**Long-range magnetic ordering of quasi-one-dimensional  $S=1/2$  Heisenberg antiferromagnet  $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}(\text{PO}_4)_2$**

Alexei A. Belik, Shinya Uji, Taichi Terashima and Eiji Takayama-Muromachi

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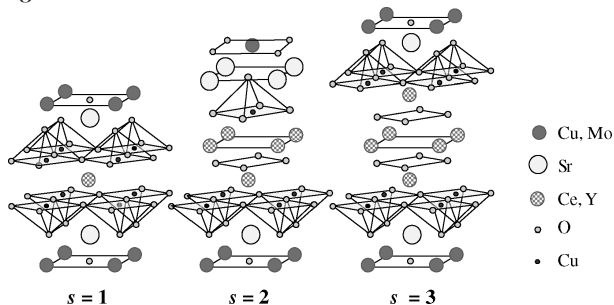


Temperature dependence of the in-phase component of the AC susceptibility between 0.03 and 1.5 K in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}(\text{PO}_4)_2$ .

**Hole doping and superconductivity characteristics of the  $s=1, 2$  and 3 members of the  $(\text{Cu},\text{Mo})\text{-}12s_2$  homologous series of layered copper oxides**

M. Karppinen, Y. Morita, T. Kobayashi, I. Grigoraviciute, J.M. Chen, R.S. Liu and H. Yamauchi

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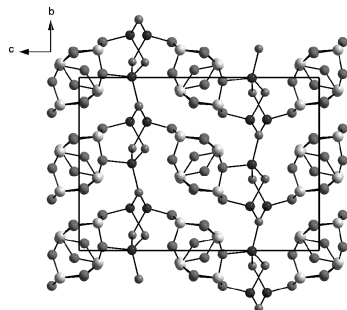


Crystal structures of the first three members of the  $(\text{Cu},\text{Mo})\text{-}12s_2$  homologous series of superconductive copper oxides.

**The crystal structure of  $\text{CuSb}_2\text{O}_3\text{Br}$ : Slabs from cubic  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  interspersed between puckered hexagonal  $\text{CuBr}$ -type layers**

Zuzana Mayerová, Mats Johansson and Sven Lidin

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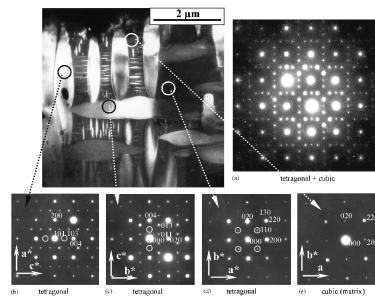


The compound  $\text{CuSb}_2\text{O}_3\text{Br}$  is described. The layers consist of  $\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_6$  cages resembling those in cubic  $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3$  interspersed between puckered  $\text{CuBr}$  layers that bear similarities to the layers in hexagonal  $\text{CuBr}$ .  $\text{Cu-O}$  bonds link the  $\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_6$  cages with  $\text{CuBr}$ .

**Phase relationships in the pseudo-binary  $2(\text{ZnTe})\text{-CuInTe}_2$  system**

Liudmila Roussak, Gerald Wagner, Susan Schorr and Klaus Bente

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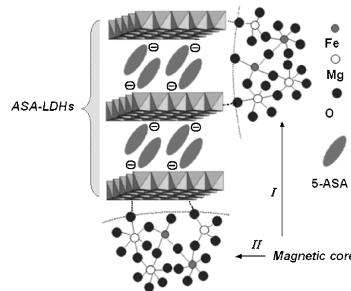


TEM dark-field image and SAD patterns of differently oriented tetragonal domains (b-d) and cubic matrix (e). The compositions of the domains and matrix are  $\text{Zn}_{0.123}\text{Cu}_{0.402}\text{In}_{0.475}\text{Te}$  and  $\text{Zn}_{0.279}\text{Cu}_{0.313}\text{In}_{0.407}\text{Te}$ , respectively. The SAD pattern taken from the multi-domain region (a) is a superposition of all patterns (b-e). Beam direction (bd) close to  $[001]$ . The encircled spots in (b-d) are caused by a stannite-type cation ordering.

**A magnetic organic-inorganic composite: Synthesis and characterization of magnetic 5-aminosalicylic acid intercalated layered double hydroxides**

Hui Zhang, Kang Zou, Hui Sun and Xue Duan

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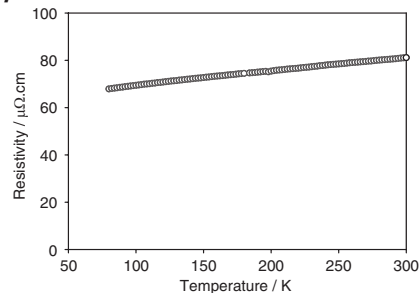


A schematic structural model of nanosized magnetic organic-inorganic hybrid composite involving 5-aminosalicylic acid intercalated layered double hydroxides coated on a ferrite core.

**Synthesis and characterization of  $\text{K}(\text{In}_{6.5}\text{Ag}_{6.5})$**

Mark S. Bailey, Michael A. McGuire and Francis J. DiSalvo

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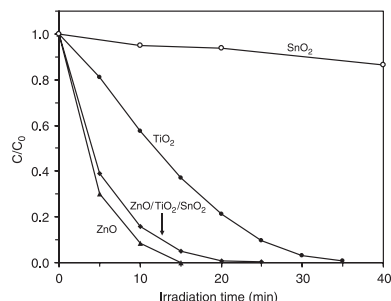
The measured electrical resistivity of a single crystal of  $\text{K}(\text{In}_{6.5}\text{Ag}_{6.5})$ .

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## Preparation and photocatalytic activity of ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub>/SnO<sub>2</sub> mixture

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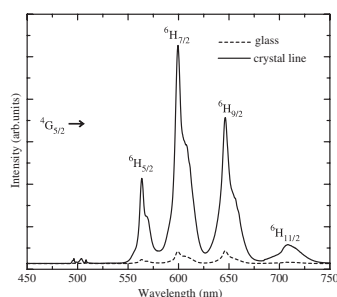


Comparison of the photocatalytic activities of ZnO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, SnO<sub>2</sub> and ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub>/SnO<sub>2</sub> after the calcination at 500 °C for 2 h. Loading of the photocatalysts: 2.5 g/L; concentration of methyl orange: 20 mg/L.

## Synthesis of Sm<sup>3+</sup>-doped strontium barium niobate crystals in glass by samarium atom heat processing

Nakorn Chayapiwut, Tsuyoshi Honma, Yasuhiko Benino, Takumi Fujiwara and Takayuki Komatsu

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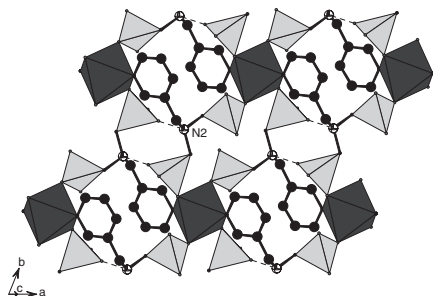


This figure is the micro-photoluminescence spectra for the glass part and crystal line written by YAG laser irradiation in 10Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>·40SBN·50B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> glass. We propose from these spectra that Sm<sup>3+</sup> ions are incorporated into SBN crystals.

## New metal phosphonates containing coordination piperazine or pyridyl groups

Jun-Ling Song and Jiang-Gao Mao

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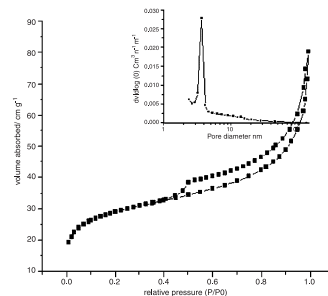


A (001) 2D metal phosphonate layer in **2**. The CoN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> octahedra and C-PO<sub>3</sub> tetrahedra are shaded in dark and light gray, respectively. C and N atoms are drawn as black and white circles, respectively. Hydrogen bonds are represented by dashed lines.

## The synthesis of ZnS hollow nanospheres with nanoporous shell

Hua-Feng Shao, Xue-Feng Qian and Zi-Kang Zhu

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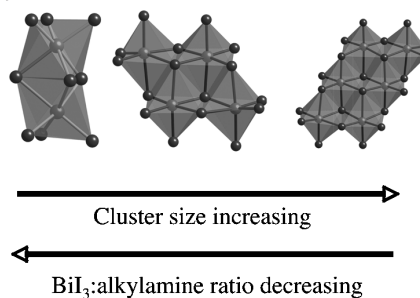


Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherm and Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) pore-size distribution plot (inset) of ZnS hollow spheres.

## Syntheses and crystal structures of several novel alkylammonium iodobismuthate materials containing the 1,3-bis-(4-piperidinium)propane cation

Andrea M. Goforth, LeRoy Peterson Jr., Mark D. Smith and Hans-Conrad zur Loye

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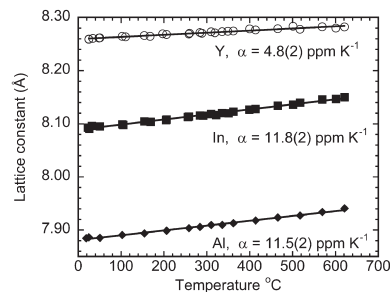


The syntheses and single-crystal X-ray structures of five new inorganic–organic compounds containing the alkylammonium cation 1,3-bis-(4-piperidinium)propane in addition to a complex iodobismuthate anion are presented and discussed. In general, structures having larger anions are produced from greater relative ratios of the inorganic starting material to the organic starting material.

## Preparation and thermal expansion of (M<sup>III</sup><sub>0.5</sub>M<sup>V</sup><sub>0.5</sub>)P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> with the cubic ZrP<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> structure

Tamas Varga, Angus P. Wilkinson, Michael S. Haluska and E. Andrew Payzant

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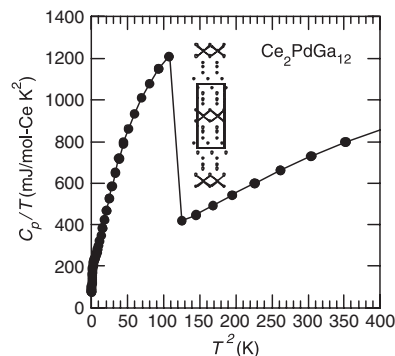


The average linear coefficient of thermal expansion (~25–600 °C) for M<sub>0.5</sub><sup>III</sup>(Nb/Ta)<sub>0.5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> decreases dramatically on going from In to Y. The behavior of the Y compound is similar to that of ZrP<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> at high temperatures (>290 °C), whereas the In compound is similar to ZrP<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> at low temperature.

**A comparison of the structure and localized magnetism in  $Ce_2PdGa_{12}$  with the heavy fermion  $CePdGa_6$**

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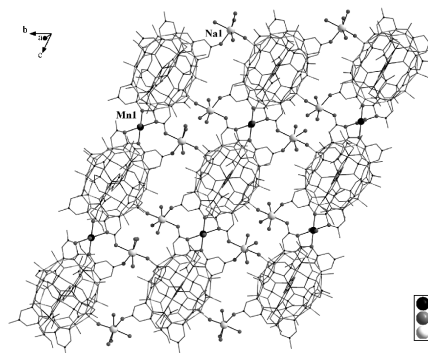


The  $C_p/T$  vs.  $T^2$  plot is shown. The sudden jump in the specific heat at  $T^2 \sim 120$  K corresponds to the magnetic transition at  $T_N = 11$  K observed in magnetic susceptibility data. After fitting the data to  $C_p = \gamma T + \alpha T^3$ , the electronic contribution to the specific heat,  $\gamma$ , is equal to  $72$  mJ/mol  $K^2$ . Thus  $Ce_2PdGa_{12}$  is not a likely candidate for heavy fermion behavior. The structure of  $Ce_2PdGa_{12}$  is compared to the closely related structure of  $CePdGa_6$ , which is a heavy fermion compound with  $\gamma \sim 230$  mJ/mol  $K^2$ . The structure of  $Ce_2PdGa_{12}$  is shown as the inset where Ce, Pd, and Ga are shown as black, gray, and white circles, respectively. The unit cell is shown as a solid line.

**Synthesis, crystal structure and two-dimensional infrared correlation spectroscopy of a layer-like transition metal (TM)-oxalate templated polyoxovanadium borate**

Yanning Cao, Hanhui Zhang, Changcang Huang, Qiyu Yang, Yiping Chen, Ruiqing Sun, Fengli Zhang and Wenjun Guo

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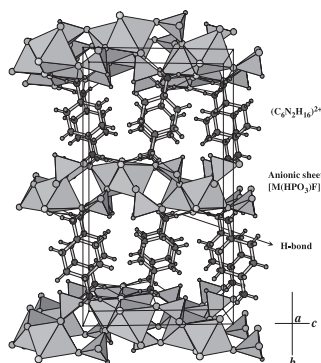


Wires representation of the 2D layer structure constructed from  $V_{10}B_{28}$  clusters and the octahedral Mn(II) and  $Na^+$  sites in ball-and-stick representation. The dissociated water and en molecules between the clusters are omitted for clarity.

**Two new two-dimensional organically templated phosphite compounds:  $(C_6H_{16}N_2)_{0.5}[M(HPO_3)F]$ ,  $M = Fe(II)$  and  $Co(II)$ : Solvothermal synthesis, crystal structures, thermal, spectroscopic, and magnetic properties**

Sergio Fernández-Armas, José L. Mesa, José L. Pizarro, U-Chan Chung, María I. Arriortua and Teófilo Rojo

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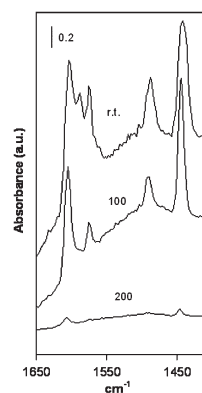


Polyhedral view of the layered crystal structure for the isostructural  $(C_6H_{16}N_2)_{0.5}[M(HPO_3)F]$  ( $M = Fe$  and  $Co$ ) compounds.

**Acid and redox properties of mixed oxides prepared by calcination of chromate-containing layered double hydroxides**

M. del Arco, D. Carriazo, C. Martín, A.M. Pérez-Grueso and V. Rives

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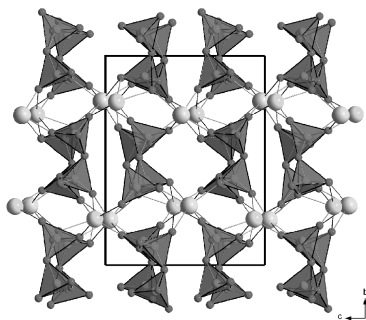
Layered double hydroxides with intercalated chromate have been prepared and characterised; the surface acidity properties of the calcined products have been studied.

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### Synthesis, crystal structure and vibrational spectra characterization of $M^I\text{La}(\text{PO}_3)_4$ ( $M^I = \text{Na}, \text{Ag}$ )

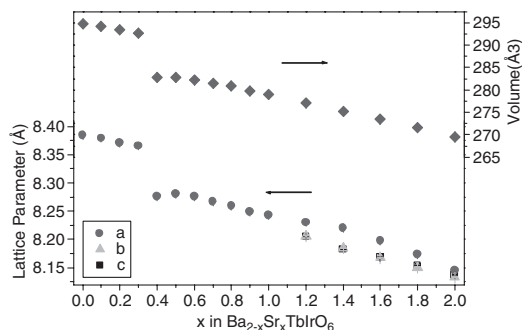
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Projection in  $bc$  plane of the  $M^I\text{La}(\text{PO}_3)_4$  structure ( $M^I = \text{Na}, \text{Ag}$ ).

### Independent structural and valence state transitions in the cation-ordered double perovskites $\text{Ba}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TbIrO}_6$

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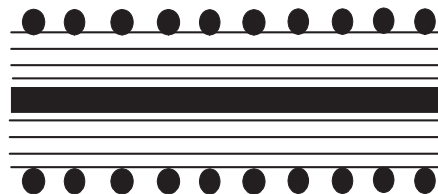


Composition dependence of the lattice parameters and volumes in the series  $\text{Ba}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{TbIrO}_6$ . For ease of comparison the value for the  $a$  and  $b$ -parameters in the monoclinic phase have been scaled by  $2^{0.5}$ .

### Rapid Communications

#### Simultaneous deposition of Ni nanoparticles and wires on a tubular halloysite template: A novel metallized ceramic microstructure

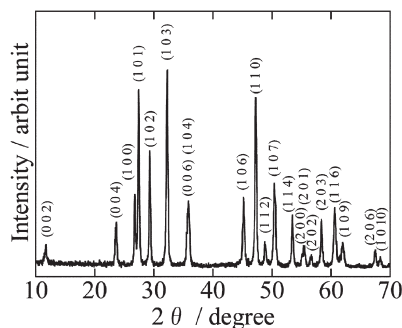
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A novel metallized ceramic microstructure formed with Ni nanoparticles on the outer surface and wires simultaneously in the lumen site of tubular halloysite template.

#### Synthesis of crystalline yttrium oxycarbonate in a single phase

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Crystalline yttrium oxycarbonate was synthesized in a single phase form for the first time by a flux method using the  $0.476\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3-0.270\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3-0.254\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  eutectic mixture.

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