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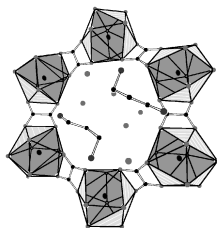
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New open-framework three-dimensional lanthanide oxalates containing as a template the diprotonated 1,2- or 1,3-diaminopropane

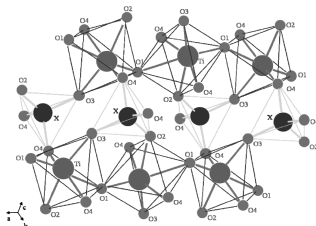
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View of the 12-membered channel of $(C_3N_2H_{12})_2[La_2(C_2O_4)_3] \cdot 5H_2O$.

New process of preparation, X-ray characterisation, structure and vibrational studies of a solid solution $LiTiOAs_{1-x}P_xO_4$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$)

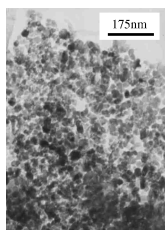
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-Ti-O-Ti- chains and XO_4 tetrahedra in $LiTiOXO_4$ ($X = As_{1-x}P_x$) compounds.

A facile preparation of nanocrystalline Mo_2C from graphite or carbon nanotubes

Zheng Yang, Peijun Cai, Liang Shi, Yunle Gu, Luyang Chen and Yitai Qian
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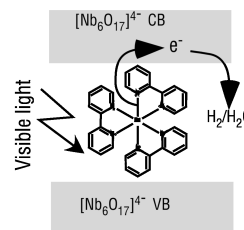


Nanocrystalline Mo_2C powders were successfully synthesized at 500 °C by reacting $MoCl_5$ with C (graphite or carbon nanotubes) in metallic sodium medium.

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Visible light photoelectrochemical activity of $K_4Nb_6O_{17}$ intercalated with photoactive complexes by electrostatic self-assembly deposition

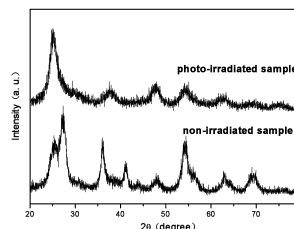
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Charge transfer mechanism in the interlayer of the layered oxide.

Effect of ultraviolet irradiation on crystallization behavior and surface microstructure of titania in the sol-gel process

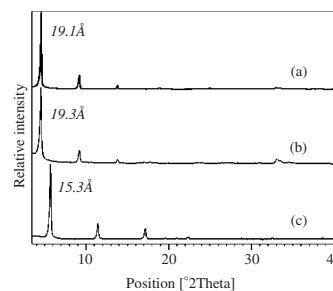
Bifen Gao, Ying Ma, Yaan Cao, Jincui Zhao and Jiannian Yao
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Ultraviolet irradiation was introduced to the sol-gel preparation of titania. Photo-irradiation was verified to have great impact on crystallization behavior and surface microstructure.

Synthesis, characterisation and anion exchange properties of copper, magnesium, zinc and nickel hydroxy nitrates

Timothy Biswick, William Jones, Aleksandra Pacuła and Ewa Serwicka
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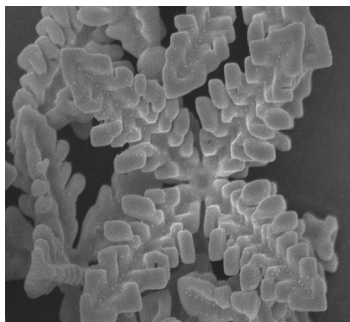


PXRD patterns of exchange products of (a) $Zn_3(OH)_4(NO_3)_2$, (b) $Zn_5(OH)_8(NO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ and (c) $Cu_2(OH)_3NO_3$ with benzoate anions.

Selected-control solution-phase route to multiple-dendritic and cuboidal structures of PbSe

Benxia Li, Yi Xie, Yang Xu, Changzheng Wu and Zhengquan Li

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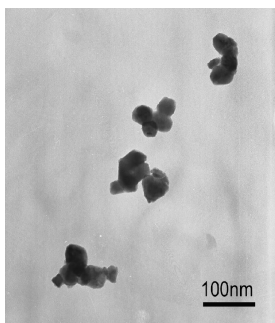


PbSe multiple-dendritic hierarchical structure with 4-fold structural symmetry and cuboidal microcrystals with concave faces were selectively obtained by using different selenium sources in a glycerol/water solution system.

Visible-light-driven photocatalyst of Bi₂WO₆ nanoparticles prepared via amorphous complex precursor and photocatalytic properties

Shicheng Zhang, Chuan Zhang, Yi Man and Yongfa Zhu

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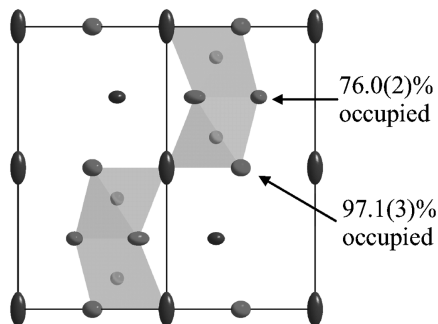


Bi₂WO₆ nanoparticles obtained from amorphous complex precursor under 450 °C for 24 h.

Structure and magnetism of 4H-BaMnO_{3-x} (0 ≤ x ≤ 0.35) and 4H-Ba_{0.5}Sr_{0.5}MnO_{3-x} (0 ≤ x ≤ 0.21)

Josephine J. Adkin and Michael A. Hayward

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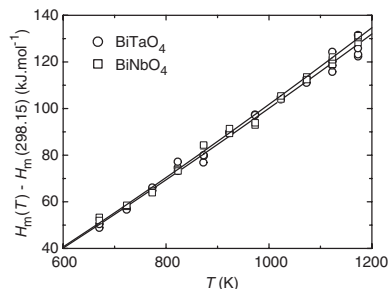


Anion vacancy locations in 4H-BaMnO_{3-x}.

Heat capacity, enthalpy and entropy of bismuth niobate and bismuth tantalate

M. Hampl, A. Strejc, D. Sedmidubský, K. Růžicka, J. Hejtmánek and J. Leitner

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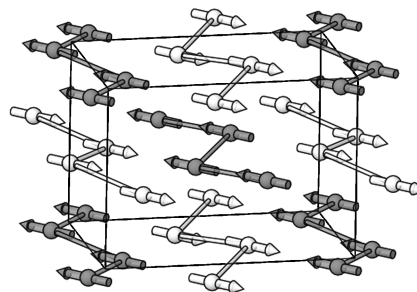


Heat content of bismuth niobate and bismuth tantalate—experimental points determined by the drop method and temperature dependencies obtained by the simultaneous fit of heat capacity and heat content data.

Magnetic structures of the α-Li₃Fe₂(PO₄)_{3-x}(AsO₄)_x (x = 1, 1.5, 2, 3) solid solution

Aintzane Goñi, José Luis Mesa, José Luis Pizarro, Leopold Fournés, Alain Wattiaux, Roger Olazcuaga, María Isabel Arriortua and Teófilo Rojo

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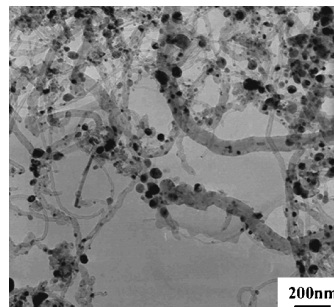


The solid solution exhibits two ferromagnetic sublattices antiferromagnetically coupled due to the existence of two crystallographically independent iron sites, which are affected by the arsenate-phosphate substitution.

Synthesis of nickel nanoparticles and carbon encapsulated nickel nanoparticles supported on carbon nanotubes

Jipeng Cheng, Xiaobin Zhang and Ying Ye

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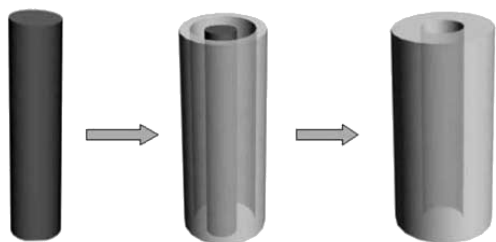
TEM image of nickel nanoparticles supported on carbon nanotubes.

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Sacrificial template growth of CdS nanotubes from Cd(OH)₂ nanowires

Xuemei Li, Haibin Chu and Yan Li

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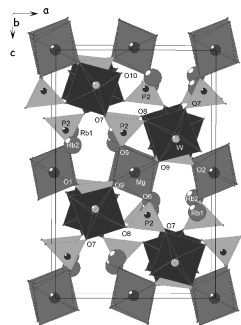
nanowire axle-sleeve structure nanotube

CdS nanotubes were prepared with Cd(OH)₂ nanowires as the sacrificial templates. Diffusion played an important role in the process. The morphology of the produced nanotubes can be varied by alternating the reaction conditions.

Crystal structure and vibrational properties of Rb₂MgWO₂(PO₄)₂—A new framework phosphate

M. Mączka, A. Waśkowska and J. Hanuza

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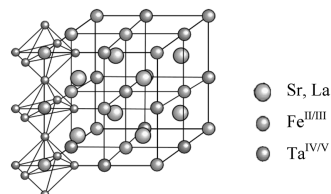


Projection of the Rb₂MgWO₂(PO₄)₂ crystal structure along the *b*-axis.

Electron-doping through La^{III}-for-Sr^{II} substitution in (Sr_{1-x}La_x)₂FeTaO₆: Effects on the valences and ordering of the B-site cations, Fe and Ta

E.-L. Rautama, T.S. Chan, R.S. Liu, J.M. Chen, H. Yamauchi and M. Karppinen

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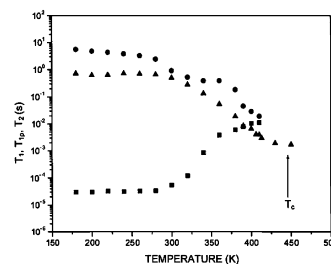


Valence states of Fe and Ta are controlled in the partially ordered perovskite oxide, (Sr,La)₂FeTaO₆, through aliovalent La^{III}-for-Sr^{II} substitution.

Dynamics of superionic Rb₃H(SeO₄)₂ single crystals studied by ¹H and ⁸⁷Rb spin-lattice relaxation

Ae Ran Lim and M. Ichikawa

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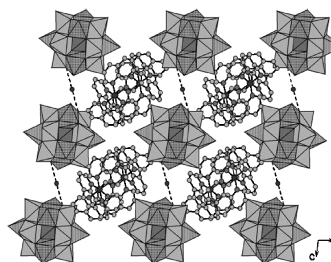
Temperature dependencies of the spin-lattice relaxation time in the laboratory frame, T_1 , spin-lattice relaxation time in the rotating frame, $T_{1\rho}$, and spin-spin relaxation time, T_2 , for ¹H in a Rb₃H(SeO₄)₂ single crystal ((●) T_1 , (▲) $T_{1\rho}$, and (■) T_2).

Hydrothermal synthesis and characterization of two new bicapped Keggin heteropoly tungstovanadated derivatives

Ya-Bing Liu, Li-Mei Duan, Xiao-Mei Yang,

Ji-Qing Xu, Qing-Bin Zhang, Yu-Kun Lu and Jian Liu

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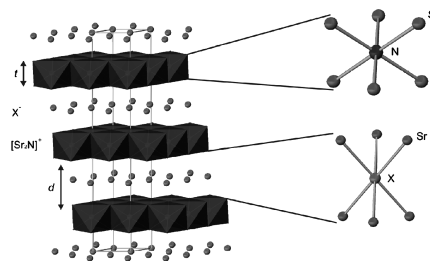
Two new heteropoly tungstovanadate derivatives, [Fe(phen)₃]₂[W_{10.5}V_{4.5}O₄₂]·3H₂O(**1**) and [Fe(phen)₃][W₁₀V₅O₄₂]·6H₂O(**2**) (phen = 1,10'-phenanthroline), have been synthesized under hydrothermal conditions by using different starting materials. Compound **1** is the first example of discrete bicapped Keggin heteropoly tungstovanadates. Polyoxoanions, [Fe(phen)₃]²⁺ cations and water molecules act as building blocks to form two-dimensional (2-D) supramolecular layers through extensive hydrogen bonding.

Synthesis and structure of the ternary and quaternary strontium nitride halides, Sr₂N(X, X') (X, X' = Cl, Br, I)

Amy Bowman, Ronald I. Smith and

Duncan H. Gregory

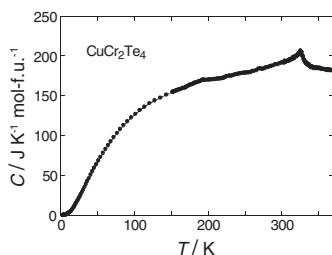
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New ternary and quaternary nitride halides, Sr₂N(Cl, Br) and Sr₂N(Br, I) have been synthesised. The HCP layered structures of the insulating nitride halides persist irrespective of the halide, X, or the temperatures investigated.

Ferromagnetic-phase transition in the spinel-type CuCr_2Te_4

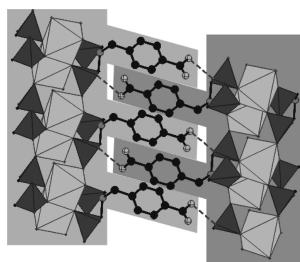
Takeshi Suzuyama, Junji Awaka, Hiroki Yamamoto, Shuji Ebisu, Masakazu Ito, Takashi Suzuki, Takao Nakama, Katsuma Yagasaki and Shoichi Nagata
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Molar heat capacity of CuCr_2Te_4 over a wide temperature range of 2.17–373 K.

Inorganic–organic hybrid compounds: Synthesis and characterization of three new metal phosphonates with similar characteristic structural features

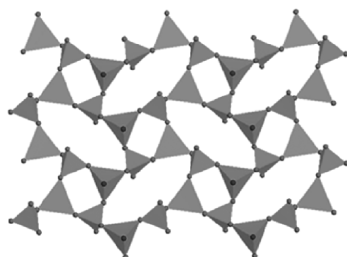
Sebastian Bauer, Thomas Bein and Norbert Stock
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Hydrothermal reactions of the phosphonocarboxylic acid $\text{H}(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2)_2\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{COOH}$ with Sm^{3+} and Ca^{2+} salts has led to three new inorganic–organic hybrid compounds. All crystal structures contain phosphonate zwitterions and have a layer-like arrangement. The rigid organic groups arrange in a “zipper-like” fashion and hydrogen bonding plays an important role in the stabilization of the crystal structures.

Hydrothermal synthesis and characterization of a new three-dimensional hybrid zinc phosphate $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{HPO}_4)_2(4,4'\text{-bipy})] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ with neutral porous framework

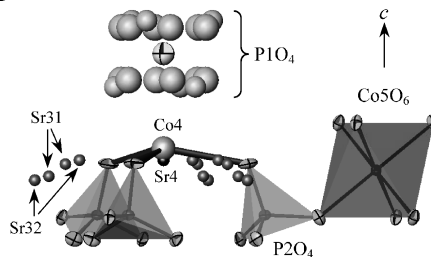
Lei Wang, Ming Yang, Guanghua Li, Zhan Shi and Shouhua Feng
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View of the two-dimensional neutral zinc phosphate layer along the bc plane.

Magnetic and vibrational properties and crystal structure of $\text{Sr}_{9.2}\text{Co}_{1.3}(\text{PO}_4)_7$ with disordered arrangements of some strontium, cobalt, and phosphate ions

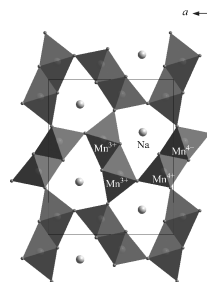
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Disordered structural elements in $\text{Sr}_{9.2}\text{Co}_{1.3}(\text{PO}_4)_7$: the P1O_4 tetrahedron and the Sr31, Sr32, Sr4, and Co4 sites. The Co4–O22 bonds and ordered P2O_4 and Co5O_6 polyhedra are also shown.

High-pressure synthesis and crystal structure analysis of NaMn_2O_4 with the calcium ferrite-type structure

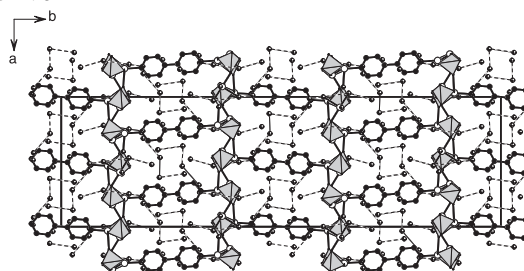
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Crystal structure of NaMn_2O_4 viewed along $[001]$. The manganese valence $\text{Mn}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{4+}$ ordering has been observed in the two “double rutile” chains in NaMn_2O_4 .

Syntheses and crystal structures of a series of new divalent metal phosphonates with imino-bis(methylphosphonic acid)

Bing-Ping Yang, Andrey V. Prosvirin, Han-Hua Zhao and Jiang-Gao Mao
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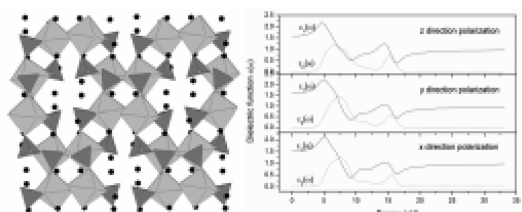
View of the pillar-layered structure of **4** down the c -axis. The $\text{C}-\text{PO}_3$ tetrahedra are graded in light gray. Cu, N and O atoms are represented by open, octand and crossed circles, respectively. Hydrogen bonds are represented by dashed lines.

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Crystal structures of alkali-metal indium (III) phosphates of $[M_3\text{In}(\text{PO}_4)_2]_n$ ($M=\text{K}$, $n=10$; $M=\text{Rb}$, $n=2$) compounds, and band structures and chemical bond properties of $[\text{Rb}_3\text{In}(\text{PO}_4)_2]_2$ crystal

Yongchun Zhang, Wendan Cheng, Dongsheng Wu, Hao Zhang, Dagui Chen, Yajing Gong, Zigui Kan and Jing Zhu

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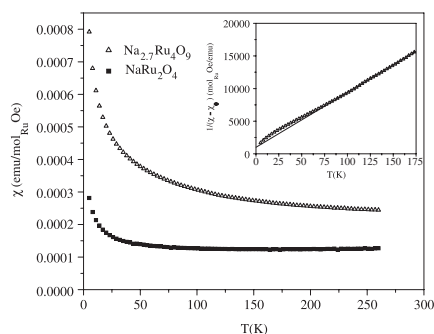


Crystal structure and dielectric functions of $[\text{Rb}_3\text{In}(\text{PO}_4)_2]_2$.

Structure and magnetism of NaRu_2O_4 and $\text{Na}_{2.7}\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_9$

K.A. Regan, Q. Huang, M. Lee, A.P. Ramirez and R.J. Cava

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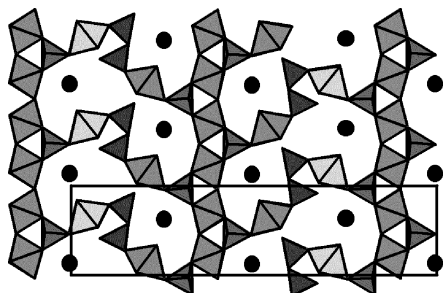


Magnetic susceptibility vs. temperature data for NaRu_2O_4 (■) and $\text{Na}_{2.7}\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_9$ (△). $\chi_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ emu/mol_{Ru} Oe for NaRu_2O_4 , $\chi_0 = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ emu/mol_{Ru} Oe for $\text{Na}_{2.7}\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_9$. Inset: Inverse magnetic susceptibility vs. temperature data for $\text{Na}_{2.7}\text{Ru}_4\text{O}_9$. A linear fit of the high temperature data from 125 to 200 K shows Curie-Weiss behavior, giving $\theta_{\text{CW}} = -11.8$ K and $C = 0.0119$ emu/mol Oe K.

The actual structure of $\text{K}_6(\text{VO})_2(\text{V}_2\text{O}_3)_2(\text{PO}_4)_4(\text{P}_2\text{O}_7)$: Ordered distribution of P_2O_7 groups and charge ordering of vanadium

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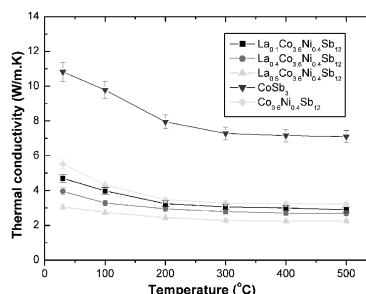


Partial projection showing the ordering of the P_2O_7 units (in dark gray) and the ordering of the V^{5+} (light gray) and of the V^{4+} (medium gray) species.

Effect of La filling on thermoelectric properties of $\text{La}_x\text{Co}_{3.6}\text{Ni}_{0.4}\text{Sb}_{12}$ -filled skutterudite prepared by MA-HP method

Junyou Yang, Yuehua Chen, Wen Zhu, Jiangying Peng, Siqian Bao, Xi'an Fan and Xingkai Duan

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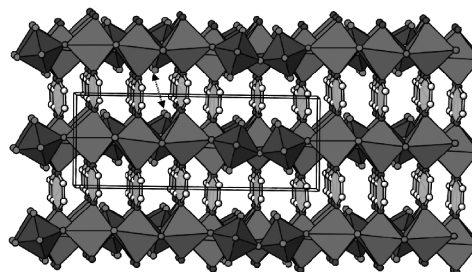


Thermal conductivity of the filled skutterudite versus temperature and La filling content.

Synthesis and properties of pyrazine-pillared $\text{Ag}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_4\text{F}_7$ and AgReO_4 layered phases

Haisheng Lin, Bangbo Yan, Paul D. Boyle and Paul A. Maggard

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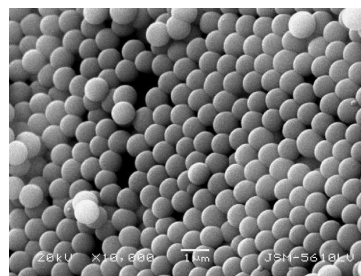


An $\sim[010]$ edge-on view of the pyrazine-bridged layers in $\text{Ag}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_4\text{F}_7(\text{pyz})_3$. Both the unit cell and the shortest interlayer F-F distance are marked.

Preparation of monodispersed microporous SiO_2 microspheres with high specific surface area using dodecylamine as a hydrolysis catalyst

Jianguo Yu, Li Zhao and Bei Cheng

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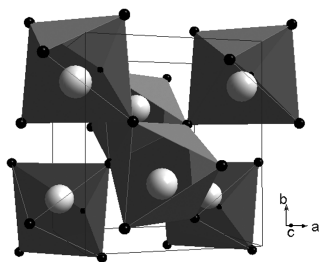


Monodispersed microporous SiO_2 microspheres with high specific surface area were prepared by hydrolysis of tetraethoxysilane (TEOS) using dodecylamine (DDA) as hydrolysis catalyst and the effects of experimental conditions on the morphology and pore parameters of the as-prepared SiO_2 microspheres were investigated and discussed.

Zirconium titanate ceramic pigments: Crystal structure, optical spectroscopy and technological properties

M. Dondi, F. Matteucci and G. Cruciani

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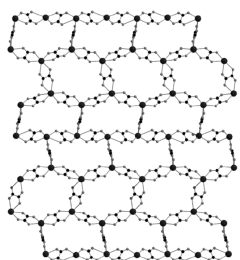


Picture of $ZrTiO_4$ structure.

Synthesis and characteristics of a novel 3-D organic amine oxalate: $(enH_2)_{1.5}[Bi_3(C_2O_4)_6(CO_2CONHCH_2CH_2NH_3)] \cdot 6.5H_2O$

Xiaohong Yu, Hanhui Zhang, Yanning Cao, Yiping Chen and Zhen Wang

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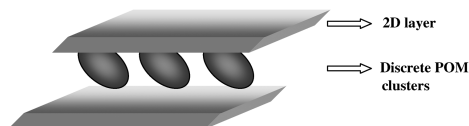


A novel 3-D organic amine oxalate has been synthesized by hydrothermal method. In this compound, the Bi atoms and oxalate units form honeycomb-like layers with two kinds of 6+6 membered aperture. The layers are pillared by oxalate ligands and monamide groups to construct a 3-D framework. At room temperature, the complex exhibits intense blue luminescence with an emission peak at 445 nm.

Influence of metal ions on the structures of Keggin polyoxometalate-based solids: Hydrothermal syntheses, crystal structures and magnetic properties

Zhenyu Shi, Jun Peng, Carlos J. Gómez-García, Samia Benmansour and Xiaojun Gu

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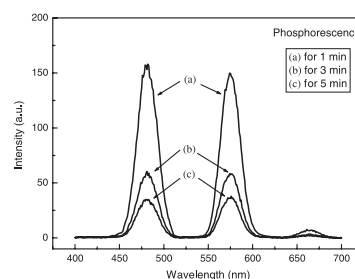


Three new Keggin polyoxometalate-based compounds have been synthesized under hydrothermal condition. These three compounds present the bicapped Keggin anions $[XM_{12}O_{40}(VO)_2]$ ($X=Si, Ge$ and P) as building blocks. Among the three compounds, compound 3 is a two-dimensional polyoxometalate-based square network formed by bicapped Keggin anions $[PM_{12}O_{40}(VO)_2]^{4-}$ connected by $[Co(phen)_2]^{2+}$ cations. Discrete bicapped Keggin anions $[PM_{12}O_{40}(VO)_2]$ linked to two $[Co(phen)_2(OH)]^+$ cations are located between the layers.

White-light-emitting long-lasting phosphorescence in Dy^{3+} -doped $SrSiO_3$

Jinyong Kuang, Yingliang Liu and Jianxian Zhang

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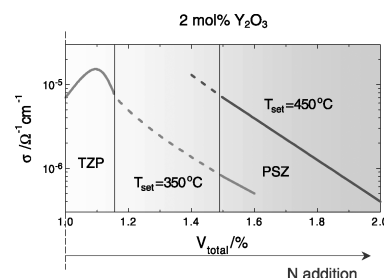


Long-lasting phosphorescence spectra of $SrSiO_3:Dy^{3+}$ phosphor at different times ($\lambda_{ex}=254$ nm, $a=1$, $b=3$, $c=5$ min).

Nitrogen-doped zirconia: A comparison with cation stabilized zirconia

Jong-Sook Lee, Martin Lerch and Joachim Maier

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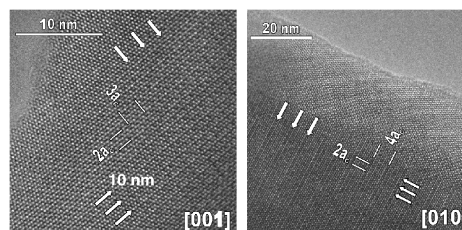


Conductivity profiles in nitrogen-graded zirconia represented as a function of vacancy concentrations using the nitrogen concentration profiles determined by auger electron spectroscopy.

Structural studies on W^{6+} and Nd^{3+} substituted $La_2Mo_2O_9$ materials

David Marrero-López, Jesús Canales-Vázquez, Wuzong Zhou, John T.S. Irvine and Pedro Núñez

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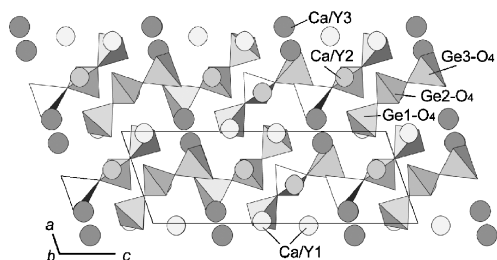


SAED patterns corresponding to the (a) [100], (b) [010] and (c) [001] zone axes, respectively. The patterns could be indexed considering a $2 \times 3 \times 4$ superstructure of the β -polymorph with a monoclinic distortion. The diffraction spots are highlighted with large white dots from the β -type basic unit cell and small ones from the $2 \times 3 \times 4$ supercell. The unit cell parameter, β , is marked in (b). Bottom: HRTEM images in the [001] and [010] zone axes for the α - $La_2Mo_2O_9$, showing very clearly the $2a_c \times 3a_c$ and the $2a_c \times 4a_c$ superstructure, respectively.

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Synthesis and crystal structures of $\text{CaY}_2\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{10}$ and $\text{CaY}_2\text{Ge}_4\text{O}_{12}$

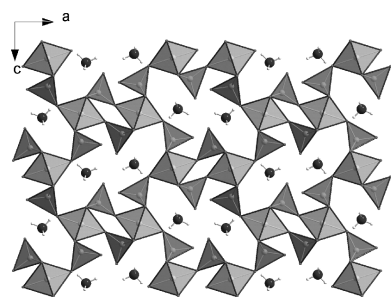
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Takahiro Yamada, Junichi Takahashi,
Takashi Kajiwara and Masahiko Shimada
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Crystal structure of $\text{CaY}_2\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{10}$ showing Ge-O₄ tetrahedra (Ge_3O_{10} group).

New mixed-valence chromium structure type: $\text{NH}_4\text{Cr}(\text{CrO}_4)_2$

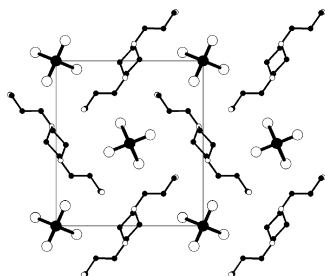
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The title compound constitutes a new structure type among the Cr(III)/Cr(VI) ternary oxides, the NH_4 -type. The other structure types are forming layers intercalated by the counter ions, while the structure of $\text{NH}_4\text{Cr}_3\text{O}_8$ forms channels containing the ammonium ions.

Solvothermal synthesis and characterisation of new one-dimensional indium and gallium sulphides: $[\text{C}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{H}_{26}]_{0.5}[\text{InS}_2]$ and $[\text{C}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{H}_{26}]_{0.5}[\text{GaS}_2]$

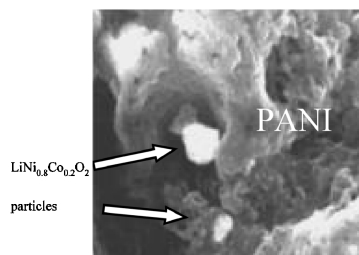
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$[\text{C}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{H}_{26}]_{0.5}[\text{InS}_2]$ and $[\text{C}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{H}_{26}]_{0.5}[\text{GaS}_2]$, prepared under solvothermal conditions, consist of one-dimensional $[\text{MS}_2]^-$ chains separated by diprotonated 1,4-bis(3-aminopropyl)piperazine molecules.

Preparation and characterization of $\text{LiNi}_{0.8}\text{Co}_{0.2}\text{O}_2/\text{PANI}$ microcomposite electrode materials under assisted ultrasonic irradiation

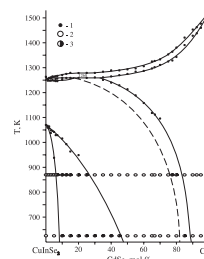
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$\text{PANI}/\text{LiNi}_{0.8}\text{Co}_{0.2}\text{O}_2$ microcomposites prepared under ultrasound irradiation are formed by oxide particles in contact with the conducting polymer procuring connectivity that enhances electrical and electrochemical properties of the resulting materials.

The reciprocal $\text{CuInS}_2 + 2\text{CdSe} \rightleftharpoons \text{CuInSe}_2 + 2\text{CdS}$ system. Part I. The quasi-binary $\text{CuInSe}_2\text{-CdSe}$ system: Phase diagram and crystal structure of solid solutions

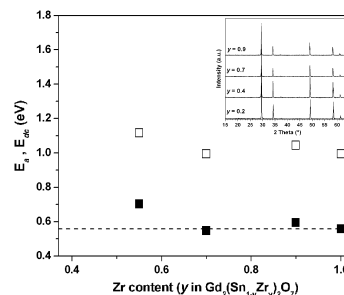
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Phase diagram of the $\text{CuInSe}_2\text{-CdSe}$ system (point labels: 1, DTA results; 2, single-phase alloys; 3, two-phase alloys; fields labels: 1, L; 2, L + β ; 3, L + γ ; 4, α ; 5, $\gamma + \alpha$; 6, γ ; 7, $\beta + \gamma$; 8, β).

Mechanochemical synthesis and ionic conductivity in the $\text{Gd}_2(\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{Zr}_y)_2\text{O}_7$ ($0 \leq y \leq 1$) solid solution

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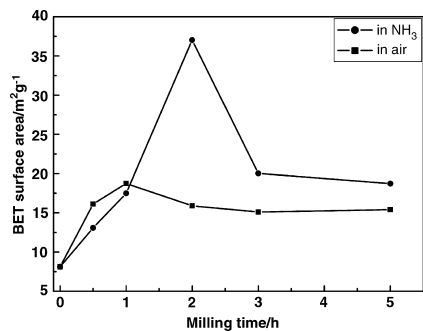
Macroscopic (E_{ac} , empty squares) and microscopic (E_a , solid squares) activation energies for oxygen ion migration as a function of Zr content, for the $\text{Gd}_2(\text{Sn}_{1-y}\text{Zr}_y)_2\text{O}_7$ solid solution. Inset: DRX patterns of several compositions in the title solid solution with different Sn/Zr ratio.

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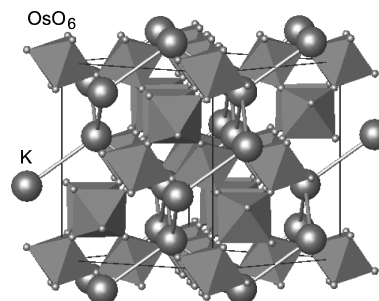


The specific surface area (BET) of titania varies with the increase of milling time in air and gaseous ammonia.

Crystal structure of the pyrochlore oxide superconductor KOs_2O_6

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Crystal structure of β -pyrochlore oxide KOs_2O_6 . Corner-shared OsO_6 octahedra form a three-dimensional network involving large atomic cage, and a K atom in each cage constitutes a 'hypothetical' diamond lattice.

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