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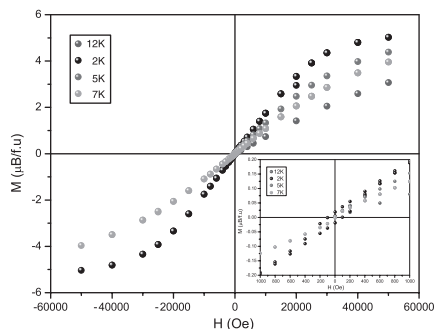
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Regular Articles

A novel ferrimagnetic irido-cuprate: $\text{IrSr}_2\text{GdCu}_2\text{O}_8$

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R. Saez Puche and M.Á. Alario-Franco

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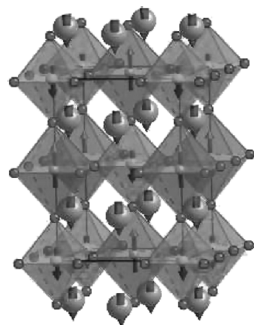


$\text{IrSr}_2\text{GdCu}_2\text{O}_8$, prepared under high-temperature and high-pressure conditions, is a new member of the M-1212-type cuprates. A ferrimagnetic $\text{Ir}^{\text{IV}}\text{-Gd}^{\text{III}}$ spin ordering is observed below 15 K. The iridium oxidation state seems to be +4, while the copper oxidation state is $\text{Cu}^{+2.5}$.

Electron doping effect on structural and magnetic phase transitions in $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{Nd}_x\text{FeMoO}_6$ double perovskites

A.K. Azad, S.-G. Eriksson, Abdullah Khan,
A. Eriksson and M. Tsegai

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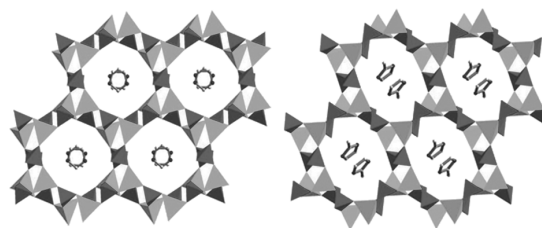
3D ferrimagnetic structure of $\text{Sr}_{2-x}\text{Nd}_x\text{FeMoO}_6$ below Curie temperature.

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$[\text{Zn}_2(\text{HPO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_3)][\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{N}_2]$ and $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{HPO}_3)_3][\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{N}_2]_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$: Two new layered zinc phosphites with double 12-membered rings templated by imidazole and 2-methylimidazole

Li Liu, Yunling Liu, Guanghua Li, Chao Chen,
Minghui Bi and Wenqin Pang

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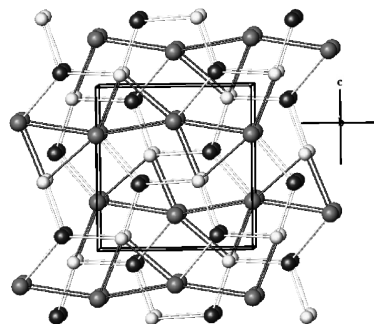


Polyhedral views of the double layer structures of $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{HPO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_3)][\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{N}_2]$ and $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{HPO}_3)_3][\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{N}_2]_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ showing the imidazole cations sitting in the middle of the D12MR windows and 2-methylimidazole cations inserting into the D12MR cavities.

Synthesis, structure and properties of a new Zintl phase: SrLiSb

Shalabh Gupta and Ashok K. Ganguli

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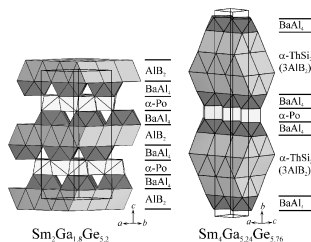


An $\sim[010]$ representation of the structure of SrLiSb . Indigo represent antimony atoms surrounded by red and the yellow spheres representing strontium and lithium atoms respectively forming the corners of trigonal prisms. The trigonal prisms are linked through Sr forming the zig-zag chains of trigonal prismatic columns.

New representatives of the linear structure series containing empty Ga/Ge cubes in the Sm–Ga–Ge system

Yaroslav O. Tokaychuk, Yaroslav E. Filinchuk, Anatoliy O. Fedorchuk, Artem Yu. Kozlov and Ivanna R. Mokra

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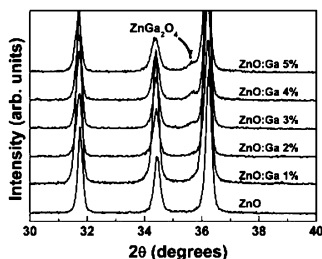


The structures of the new ternary compounds $\text{Sm}_2\text{Ga}_{7-x}\text{Ge}_x$ ($x = 5.2-6.1$) and $\text{Sm}_4\text{Ga}_{11-x}\text{Ge}_x$ ($x = 5.76-8.75$) belong to the linear intergrowth structure series built up from the segments of BaAl₄, AlB₂ and α-Po structure types. The Ga/Ge networks in these structures contain characteristic empty cubes with one side capped by Ga atoms, which display an intrinsic displacive atomic disorder.

The effects of ZnGa₂O₄ formation on structural and optical properties of ZnO:Ga powders

Agnaldo de Souza Gonçalves, Sergio Antonio Marques de Lima, Marian Rosaly Davolos, Selma Gutierrez Antônio and Carlos de Oliveira Paiva-Santos

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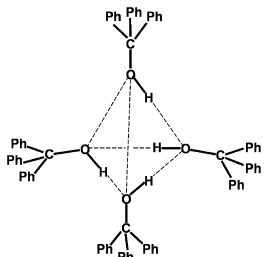


Zoomed powder X-ray diffraction patterns of pure and gallium-doped zinc oxide samples.

Solid triphenylmethanol: A molecular material that undergoes multiple internal reorientational processes on different timescales

Simon J. Kitchin, Mingcan Xu, Heliodoro Serrano-González, Laura J. Coates, S. Zaka Ahmed, Christopher Glidewell and Kenneth D.M. Harris

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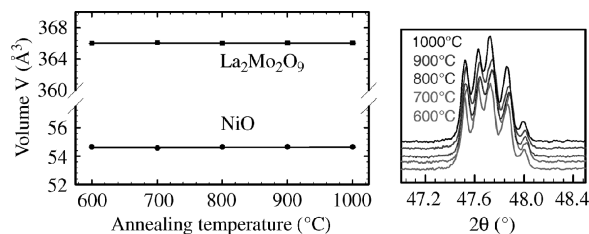


In solid triphenylmethanol, the molecules are arranged in hydrogen-bonded tetramers as shown; dynamic properties of this material are investigated here using solid-state ²H NMR spectroscopy.

Compatibility evaluation between La₂Mo₂O₉ fast oxide-ion conductor and Ni-based materials

Gwenaël Corbel and Philippe Lacorre

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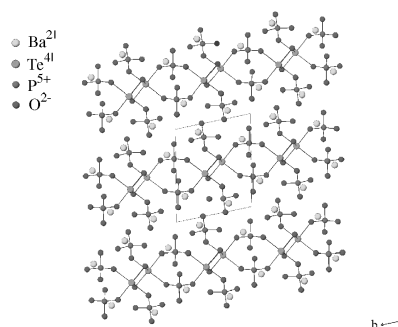


The absence of chemical reaction between Ni or NiO and La₂Mo₂O₉ up to 1000 °C, evidenced by room temperature X-ray powder diffraction, makes Ni-based cermet potential anode materials for LAMOX electrolyte.

Synthesis, structure, and characterization of a new one-dimensional tellurite phosphate, Ba₂TeO(PO₄)₂

Kang Min Ok and P. Shiv Halasyamani

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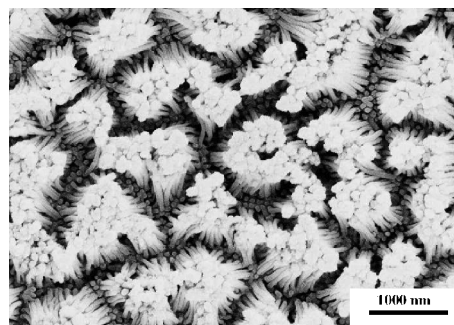


Ball-and-stick diagram showing one-dimensional structure of Ba₂TeO(PO₄)₂ in the bc-plane. Note the chains run along the b-axis.

Highly ordered MnO₂ nanowire array thin films on Ti/Si substrate as an electrode for electrochemical capacitor

Cai-Ling Xu, Shu-Juan Bao, Ling-Bin Kong, Hua Li and Hu-Lin Li

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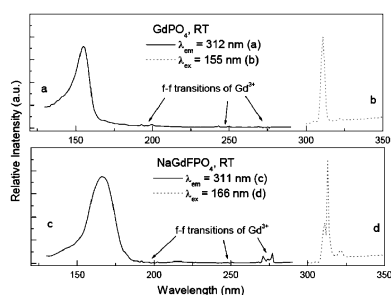


FESEM image of MnO₂ nanowire arrays grown on AAO/Ti/Si substance.

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Luminescence of $\text{NaGdFPO}_4:\text{Ln}^{3+}$ after VUV excitation: A comparison with $\text{GdPO}_4:\text{Ln}^{3+}$ ($\text{Ln} = \text{Ce}, \text{Tb}$)

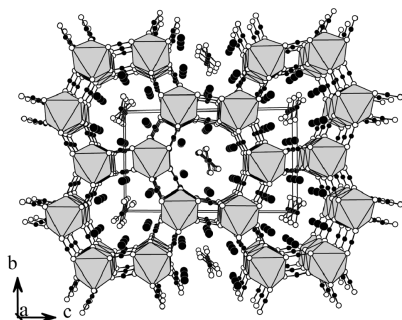
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The VUV excitation (a, under emission at 312 nm) and VUV-excited emission (b, excitation under 155 nm) spectra for phosphor GdPO_4 at 293 K, the VUV excitation (c, under emission at 311 nm) and VUV-excited emission (d, excitation under 166 nm) spectra for phosphor NaGdFPO_4 at 293 K.

Single crystal structure and Raman spectrum of $\text{Ba}_3\text{Na}_2(\text{CN}_2)_4$

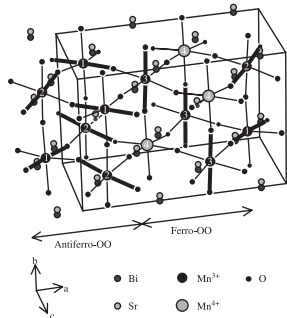
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The crystal structure of $\text{Ba}_3\text{Na}_2(\text{NCN})_4$ along the [100] direction.

Combined powder neutron and X-ray diffraction study of charge and orbital order in $\text{Bi}_{0.75}\text{Sr}_{0.25}\text{MnO}_3$

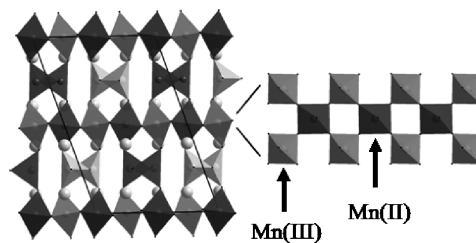
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A model for charge and orbital order in $\text{Bi}_{0.75}\text{Sr}_{0.25}\text{MnO}_3$ is proposed from a high-resolution powder X-ray and neutron diffraction study. An ordered intergrowth of antiferro-orbitally ordered (LaMnO_3 type) and charge and ferro-orbitally ordered (YBaMn_2O_6 type) blocks is found, in agreement with previous electron microscopy images.

Charge and structural ordering in the brownmillerite phases: $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{MnO}_{2.5}$ ($0.2 < x < 0.4$)

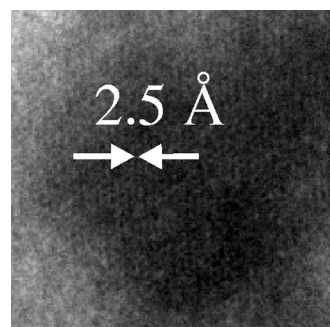
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Charge ordering in the octahedral layers of $\text{La}_{0.75}\text{Sr}_{0.25}\text{MnO}_{2.5}$.

Amorphous and nanocrystalline titanium nitride and carbonitride materials obtained by solution phase ammonolysis of $\text{Ti}(\text{NMe}_2)_4$

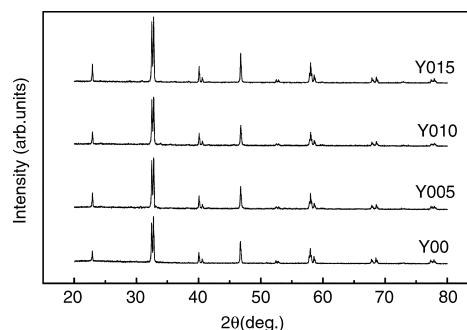
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Amorphous and nanocrystalline titanium nitrides and carbonitrides with a very defect-rich rocksalt structure.

Transport, magnetic, internal friction, and Young's modulus in the Y-doped manganites $\text{La}_{0.9-x}\text{Y}_x\text{Te}_{0.1}\text{MnO}_3$

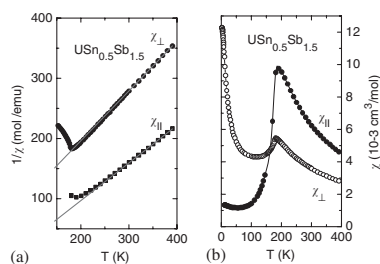
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XRD patterns of the compound $\text{La}_{0.9-x}\text{Y}_x\text{Te}_{0.1}\text{MnO}_3$ ($x = 0, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15$).

Antiferromagnetic ordering with an anisotropy reversal in $\text{USn}_{0.5}\text{Sb}_{1.5}$

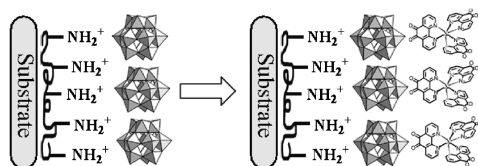
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(a) Temperature dependence of the reciprocal magnetic susceptibility of $\text{USn}_{0.5}\text{Sb}_{1.5}$ measured perpendicular (χ_{\perp}) and along (χ_{\parallel}) to the c -axis. (b) Magnetic susceptibility as a function of temperature.

Layer-by-layer assembly of multilayer films of polyoxometalates and tris(phenanthroline)dione complexes of transition metals

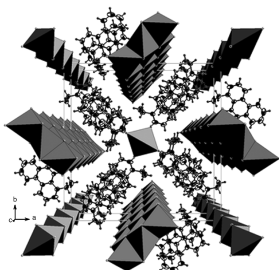
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A series of organic-inorganic composite films $(\text{BW}_{12}/[M(\text{phenidione})_3]^{2+})_n$ ($M = \text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Co}^{2+}$) and $(\text{Co}_4(\text{PW}_9)_2/[M(\text{phenidione})_3]^{2+})_n$ ($M = \text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Co}^{2+}$, phenidione = 1,10-phenanthroline-5,6-dione) were prepared by the layer-by-layer self-assembly method. The films exhibit well-defined electrochemical behaviors. Moreover, electrochemical behavior of the phenidione species is pH dependent. The multilayer films have potential application in electrochemical sensors.

Synthesis, structure and optical limiting effect of a novel inorganic-organic hybrid polymer containing mixed chains of copper(I)/iodine

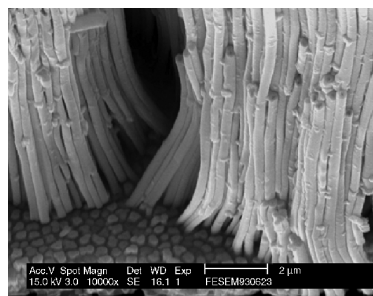
Hao-Hong Li, Zhi-Rong Chen, Jun-Qian Li, Hong-Bing Zhan, Wen-Xuan Zhang, Chang-Cang Huang, Cheng Ma and Bin Zhao
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An unusual coordination polymer $[(\text{ebq})_2(\text{Cu}_3\text{I}_4)(\text{CuI}_2)]_n$ (**1**) has been synthesized and characterized. A highly interesting feature of **1** is its presence of mixed types of chains $[(\text{Cu}_3\text{I}_4)]_n^-$ and $(\text{CuI}_2)_n^-$ chain in one crystal lattice based on supramolecular self-assembly directed by cations. The infinite chains $(\text{Cu}_3\text{I}_4)_n^-$ and $(\text{CuI}_2)_n^-$ in **1** could be described as the edge-sharing arrangement of CuI_4 tetrahedron. The optical limiting experiments show that the present polymer exhibits a large optical limiting capacity.

Template synthesis and characterization of PbTiO_3 nanowire arrays from aqueous solution

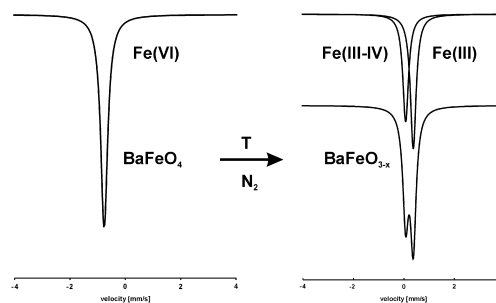
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Side view image of PbTiO_3 nanowires bundle together after removing the AAO template.

Thermal decomposition of iron(VI) oxides, K_2FeO_4 and BaFeO_4 , in an inert atmosphere

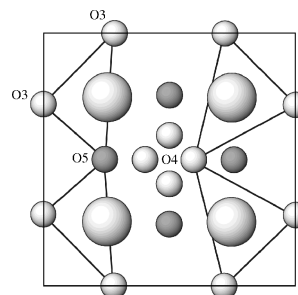
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Thermal decomposition of iron(VI) oxides.

Synthesis and characterization of $\text{Sr}_{0.75}\text{Y}_{0.25}\text{Co}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_{2.625+\delta}$ ($M = \text{Ga}, 0.125 \leq x \leq 0.500$ and $M = \text{Fe}, 0.125 \leq x \leq 0.875$)

F. Lindberg, O.A. Drozhzhin, S.Ya. Istomin, G. Svensson, F.B. Kaynak, P. Svedlindh, P. Warnicke, A. Wannberg, A. Mellergård and E.V. Antipov
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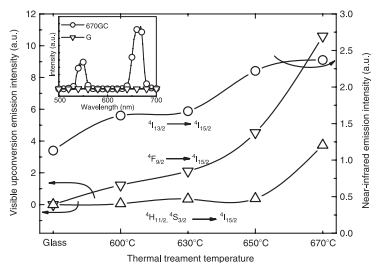


A possible arrangement of oxygen atoms in the oxygen-deficient layer of $\text{Sr}_{0.75}\text{Y}_{0.25}\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{O}_{2.625+\delta}$ having crystal structure of perovskite related tetragonal phase $\text{Sr}_{0.75}\text{Y}_{0.25}\text{CoO}_{2.625}$ with unit cell parameters: $a = 2a_p$, and $c = 4a_p$ (314 phase).

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Improvement of Er³⁺ emissions in oxyfluoride glass ceramic nano-composite by thermal treatment

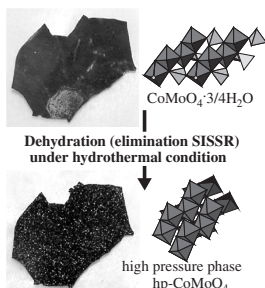
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With increasing thermal treatment temperature, the emission intensities of $^4I_{13/2} \rightarrow ^4I_{15/2}$, $^4F_{9/2} \rightarrow ^4I_{15/2}$, and $^2H_{11/2}$, $^4S_{3/2} \rightarrow ^4I_{15/2}$ transitions under 980 nm excitation are monotonously enhanced due to the incorporation of Er³⁺ into CaF₂ nano-crystals homogeneously precipitated among glass matrix.

Structure-inheriting solid-state reactions under hydrothermal conditions

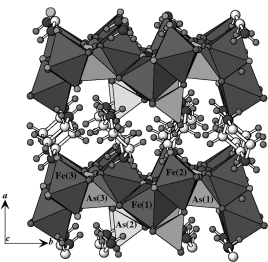
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The present structure-inheriting solid-state reaction (SISSR) under a hydrothermal condition (ca. 10 bars and 453 K) enables us to markedly reduce the severe conditions for the usual synthesis of hp-CoMoO₄ via a solid-state phase transition (50 kbars and ca. 900 K).

Hydrothermal synthesis, crystal structure, thermal behavior, ferromagnetic resonance and ferrimagnetic behavior of (C₄H₁₂N₂)_{1.5}[Fe₃(HASO₄)_{1.02}(HPO₄)_{0.98}(AsO₄)_{0.88}(PO₄)_{0.12}F₅]

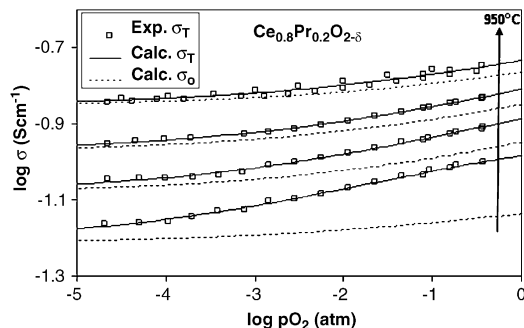
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Layered crystal structure of (C₄H₁₂N₂)_{1.5}[Fe₃(HASO₄)_{1.02}(HPO₄)_{0.98}(AsO₄)_{0.88}(PO₄)_{0.12}F₅].

The defect chemistry of Ce(Pr, Zr)O_{2-δ}

D.P. Fagg, J.R. Frade, V.V. Kharton and I.P. Marozau
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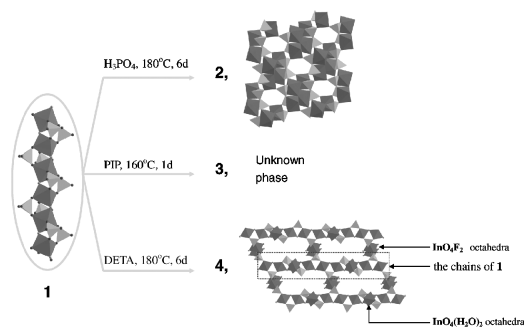


Oxygen partial pressure dependence of total conductivity of Ce_{0.8}Pr_{0.2}O₂ at 950, 900, 850, 800 °C, in oxidising conditions (arrows indicate direction of increasing temperature), dashed and solid lines indicate fit to experimental data (points).

Hydrothermal synthesis and characterization of the first 1-D indiumphosphate chain

In₂(HPO₄)₂(H₂PO₄)₂F₂ · C₄N₂H₁₂, a precursor for high dimensional structures

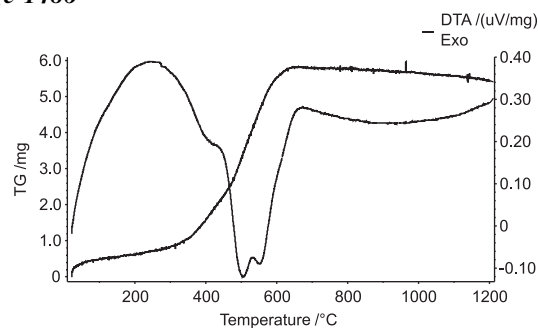
Chao Chen, Zhuo Yi, Minghui Bi, Yunling Liu, Chunyu Wang, Li Liu, Zan Zhao and Wenqin Pang
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A first 1-D indiumphosphate chain has been prepared by hydrothermal technique and the dimensional transformation was investigated, which proved the chain could be as a precursor to form high-dimensional complex open-framework.

Zirconium scandium oxide nitrides: Formation and decomposition followed in situ by XRD and thermal analysis

N.J. Martinez Meta and E. Schweda
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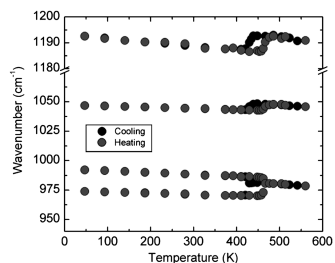


TG and DTA for the reoxidation of Zr₅₀Sc₁₂O₄₃N₅₀ to Zr₅₀Sc₁₂O₁₁₈ on air at a heating rate of 2 K.

A Raman spectroscopic study of the phase transition of BaZr(PO₄)₂: Evidence for a trigonal structure of the high-temperature polymorph

Thorsten Geisler, Karin Popa, Rudy J.M. Konings and Aurelian F. Popa

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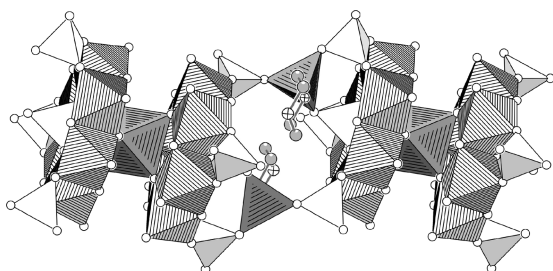


Raman mode frequencies of the PO₄ stretching vibrations in BaZr(PO₄)₂ as a function of temperature during heating and cooling across the phase transition temperature near 730 K.

A novel cobalt(II)–molybdenum(V) phosphate organic–inorganic hybrid polymer

Fa-Nian Shi, Filipe A. Almeida Paz, Penka I. Girginova, Helena I.S. Nogueira, João Rocha, Vítor S. Amaral, Jacek Klinowski and Tito Trindade

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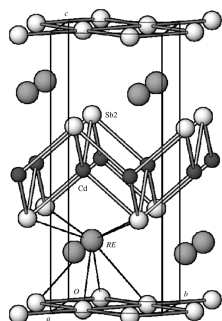


A new organic–inorganic hybrid cobalt(II)–molybdenum(V) phosphate hybrid polymer, (H₂pip)₃[Co₃Mo₁₂O₂₄(OH)₆(PO₄)₈(H_{1.5}pip)₄] · 5(H₂O) [where pip = piperazine], was isolated using hydrothermal synthesis, and characterised structurally by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, thermogravimetric analysis and vibrational spectroscopy. The magnetic properties of the material were also investigated.

Structure and physical properties of nonstoichiometric rare-earth cadmium antimonides, RECd_{1-x}Sb₂ (RE = La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm)

Andriy V. Tkachuk, Oksana Ya. Zelinska and Arthur Mar

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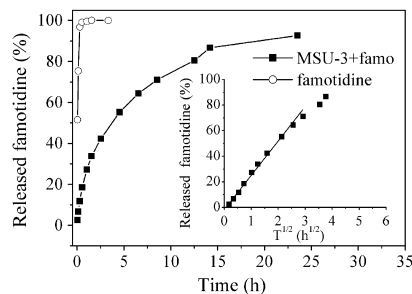


RECd_{1-x}Sb₂ adopts the HfCuSi₂-type structure, with layers of condensed CdSb₄ tetrahedra and Sb square nets.

A study of carboxylic-modified mesoporous silica in controlled delivery for drug famotidine

Qunli Tang, Yao Xu, Dong Wu and Yuhua Sun

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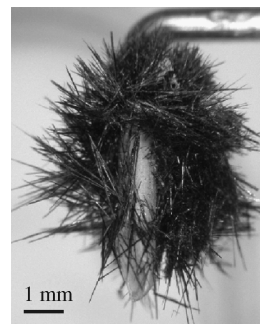


Famotidine dissolution curves and famotidine release profiles from the MSU-3-famo in the solution of simulated body fluid. Inset: correlation of the percent of released famotidine vs. the square root of leaching time $t^{1/2}$.

Electrochemical immobilization of Cs in single-crystalline SYNROC

Hideki Abe, Akira Satoh, Kenji Nishida, Eiji Abe, Takashi Naka, Motoharu Imai and Hideaki Kitazawa

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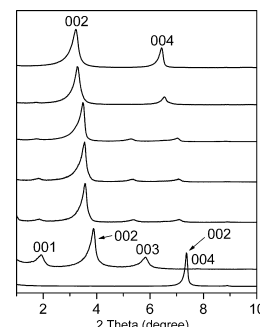


Optical microscope image of crystals grown at the tip of the working electrode.

The intercalation of cetyltrimethylammonium cations into muscovite by a two-step process: II. The intercalation of cetyltrimethylammonium cations into Li-muscovite

Xiaofeng Yu, Liyan Zhao, Xiuxiang Gao, Xiaoping Zhang and Nianzu Wu

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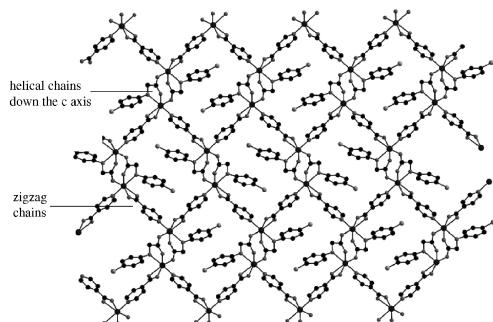
The CTA⁺-intercalated muscovite composite with ordered structure has been obtained.

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Two fluorescent coordination polymers constructed from mixed rigid and flexible carboxylate ligands: Formation of cross-linking helical and zigzag chains

Zhen Wang, Hanhui Zhang, Yiping Chen, Changcang Huang, Ruiqing Sun, Yanning Cao and Xiaohong Yu

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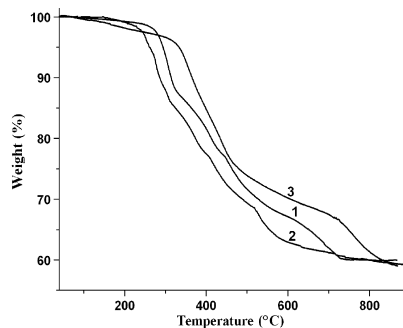


View of structure of complex **2** down the *c*-axis, showing the cross-linking of helical chain units and zigzag chain units. Hydrogen atoms were removed for clarity.

Syntheses and crystal structures of three new borates templated by transition-metal complexes in situ

Guo-Ming Wang, Yan-Qiong Sun and Guo-Yu Yang

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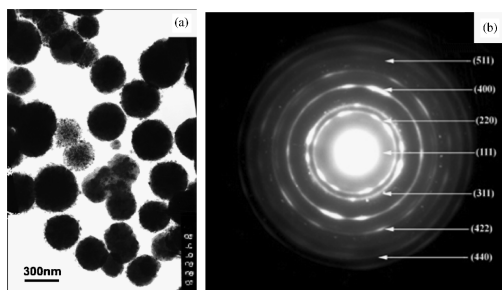


TG curve of 1-3.

Synthesis of maghemite sub-microspheres by simple solvothermal reduction method

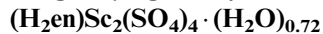
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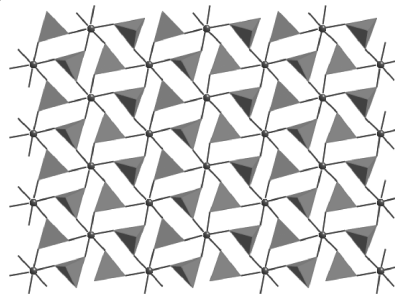
TEM photograph (a) and ED pattern (b) of the sample.

Hydrothermal synthesis and crystal structure of a new inorganic/organic hybrid of scandium sulfate:



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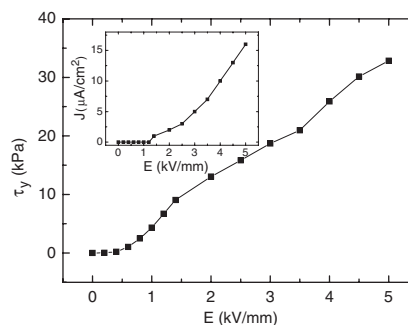


The first organically templated layered structure of scandium sulfate, $(H_2en)Sc_2(SO_4)_4 \cdot (H_2O)_{0.72}$, (*en* = ethylenediamine) was synthesized by a hydrothermal method and characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction. Thermogravimetric analysis indicates that this material is thermally stable to above 400 °C.

Preparation and electrorheological properties of triethanolamine-modified TiO₂

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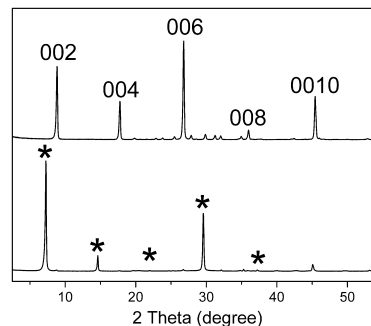


The yield stress and current of triethanolamine-modified TiO₂ under DC electric field.

The intercalation of cetyltrimethylammonium cations into muscovite by a two-step process: I. The ion exchange of the interlayer cations in muscovite with Li⁺

Xiaofeng Yu, Liyan Zhao, Xiuxiang Gao, Xiaoping Zhang and Nianzu Wu

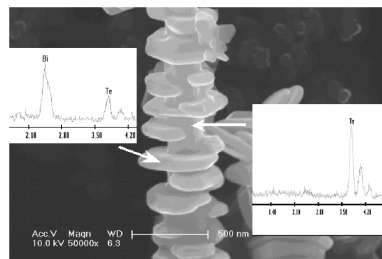
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Powder XRD diffraction patterns of original muscovite and muscovite after the first LiNO₃ treatment.

Bi₂Te₃-Te nanocomposite formed by epitaxial growth of Bi₂Te₃ sheets on Te rod

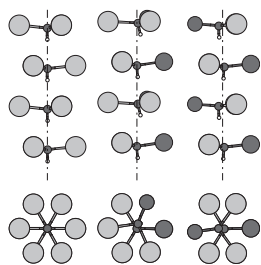
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SEM image of an individual sheet-rod with EDX patterns (inset) taken from sheet and rod indicated by arrows.

Computational study of cation substitutions in apatites

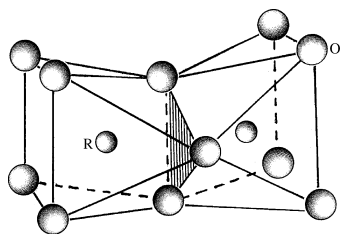
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Deformation of the hydroxide ion chain due to substitutions around the ion channel in substituted hydroxyapatites.

Crystal chemistry and crystallography of the SrR₂CuO₅ (R=lanthanides) phases

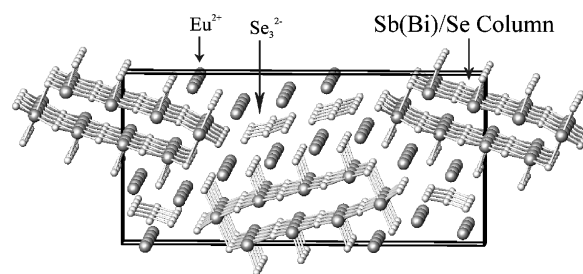
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Seven-fold coordination of *R* in SrR₂CuO₅ (*R*=lanthanides) is shown inside a monocapped trigonal prism. Two such RO₇ units are joined to form the basic structure motif of R₂O₁₁.

Syntheses, structures, and magnetic properties of the europium(II) selenido pnictogenates(III), EuPnSe₃ (Pn=Sb, Bi)

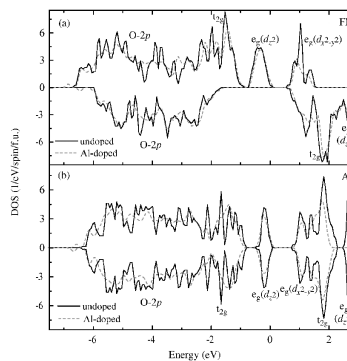
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The isotypic compounds, EuPnSe₃ (*Pn*=Sb, Bi), have been prepared as pure phases via the reaction of Eu with Pn₂Se₃ (*Pn*=Sb, Bi) and Se. Their structures consist of square pyramidal PnSe₅ units and distorted PnSe₆ octahedra that form hollow columns that are separated by Eu²⁺ cations and Se₃²⁻ anions.

Effects of Al-doping on the stabilization of monoclinic LiMnO₂

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Total density of states (DOS) around *E_F* (0eV) without and with Al-doping for the (a) FM and (b) AF solutions. Spin-up/down states are plotted along the positive/negative ordinate.

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