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(NH₃CH₂CH₂NH₃)B₆O₉(OH)₂: Synthesis and crystal structure of a novel layered borate templated by ethylenediamine

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A novel intercalated borate compound $(\rm NH_3CH_2\rm CH_2\rm NH_3)$ $\rm B_6O_9(\rm OH)_2$ has been solvothermally synthesized and structurally characterized.

Synthesis of Ag-coated polystyrene colloids by an improved surface seeding and shell growth technique

Chungui Tian, Enbo Wang, Zhenhui Kang, Baodong Mao, Chao Zhang, Yang Lan, Chunlei Wang and Yanli Song *Page 3270*



An improved surface seeding and shell growth technique was developed to prepare Ag-polystyrene core shell composite. The optical properties of the Ag-PS colloids could be tailored by changing the coverage of Ag.

Structural phase transitions in BaV₆O₁₁ Karen Friese and Yasushi Kanke *Page 3277*



The structure of BaV_6O_{11} at 293 K. Octahedra around V(1) and trigonal bipyramids around V(3) are indicated. V(2)O₆ octahedra are only shown in the lower part; large hatched circles represent Baatoms.

Regular Articles—Continued

Charge states of Ca atoms in β-dicalcium silicate Kazuhiro Mori, Ryoji Kiyanagi, Masao Yonemura, Kenji Iwase, Takashi Sato, Keiji Itoh, Masaaki Sugiyama, Takashi Kamiyama and Toshiharu Fukunaga **Page 3286**



Temperature dependences of: (a) Ca(1)–O bond lengths, (b) Ca(2)–O bond angle. The broken straight lines are guides to the eyes.

A conjoint XRD–ND analysis of the crystal structures of austenitic and martensitic Ti_{0.64}Zr_{0.36}Ni hydrides

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Hydrogen location and crystal structure of martensitic $Ti_{0.64}Zr_{0.36}Ni$ hydrides.

Neutron diffraction study on protonated and hydrated layered perovskite

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One-step synthesis of dispersed bimetallic carbides and nitrides from transition metals hexamethylenetetramine complexes

Sandra Chouzier, Pavel Afanasiev, Michel Vrinat, Tivadar Cseri and Magalie Roy-Auberger *Page 3314*



Bimetallic nitrides and carbides Co(Ni)–Mo were obtained from the decomposition of metals complexes with hexamethylenetetramine (HMTA) under inert atmosphere. During the decomposition, HMTA acts at once as a reducing agent and as a source of carbon and nitrogen. The method provides a simple one-step way to highly divided nitrides and carbides.

Densely packed single-crystal Bi₂Fe₄O₉ nanowires fabricated from a template-induced sol-gel route Zhi Yang, Yi Huang, Bin Dong, Hu-Lin Li and San-Qiang Shi *Page 3324*



The top view in low magnification of SEM images of $Bi_2Fe_4O_9$ nanowires after AAO template is partly dissolved.

A study of the reactivity of elemental Cr/Se/Te thin multilayers using X-ray reflectometry, in situ X-ray diffraction and X-ray absorption spectroscopy Malte Behrens, Jan Tomforde, Enno May, Ragnar Kiebach, Wolfgang Bensch, Dietrich Häußler and Wolfgang Jäger

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The first step of the reaction of elemental Cr/Te/Se multilayers is the interdiffusion of the elements as evidenced by the decay of the modulation peaks in the low-angle region of the X-ray diffraction patterns. The subsequent growth of Bragg peaks at higher scattering angles indicates crystallization of chromium chalcogenide $Cr_2Te_{3-x}Se_x$.

Isothermal kinetic of phase transformation and mixed electrical conductivity in Bi₃NbO₇

X.P. Wang, G. Corbel, S. Kodjikian, Q.F. Fang and P. Lacorre

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The metastable type-II form of Bi_3NbO_7 , whose phase transformation kinetics to type-III form is studied in isothermal conditions, is shown to have a larger volume and a lower anionic (and electronic) conductivity than the type-III form of this fluorite-type bismuth niobate.

Oxygen permeability, thermal expansion and mixed conductivity of $Gd_xCe_{0.8-x}Pr_{0.2}O_{2-\delta}$, x = 0, 0.15, 0.2 D.P. Fagg, I.P. Marozau, A.L. Shaula, V.V. Kharton and J.R. Frade

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The differential of the thermal expansion plot clarifying the observation that the large increase in thermal expansion rate at intermediate temperatures is diminished with increasing x in the system $\text{Gd}_x\text{Ce}_{0.8-x}\text{Pr}_{0.2}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$, for x=0, 0.15 and 0.2.

Local environments and dynamics of hydrogen atoms in protonated forms of ion-exchangeable layered perovskites estimated by solid-state ¹H NMR

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Solid-state ¹H MAS NMR spectra of protonated forms of ionexchangeable layered perovskites: (a) $H[LaNb_2O_7]$; (b) $H[LaTa_2O_7]$; (c) $H_{1.8}[(Sr_{0.8}Bi_{0.2})Ta_2O_7]$; (d) $H_2[SrTa_2O_7]$; and (e) $H_2[La_2Ti_3O_{10}]$. The spinning side bands are marked with asterisks.

High pressure synthesis, crystal, magnetic structure and magnetotransport of $SrFe_{0.5}Co_{0.5}O_{3-\delta}$

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SrFe_{0.5}Co_{0.5}O_{2.88} is a simple cubic perovskite at 2 and 295 K, ferromagnetic (FM) with $T_{\rm C} \approx 330$ K. Neutron diffraction data show that the magnetic structure is collinear and characterized by a propagation vector $\mathbf{k} = 0$. It exhibits a magnetorresistance of 6.5% at 5 K.

$Temperature-dependent\ crystallographic\ studies\ and\ electronic\ structure\ of\ Ba_2Cd_3Bi_4$

Sheng-qing Xia and Svilen Bobev Page 3371



Ba₂Cd₃Bi₄, a long-known ternary intermetallic phase whose structure had not been well characterized, was reexamined and the structure refined at four different temperatures. The study proved the existence of a small position disorder, associated with the weakly bound Cd atoms.

Sm_2NiSn_4 : The intermediate structure type between $ZrSi_2$ and $CeNiSi_2$

Zhong-Ming Sun, Da-Chun Pan, Xiao-Wu Lei and Jiang-Gao Mao

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A new rare earth nickel stannide, $\rm Sm_2NiSn_4$, has been prepared by the solid-state reactions of the corresponding pure elements at high temperature in welded tantalum tubes. Its structure can be viewed as the intermediate type between $\rm ZrSi_2$ and CeNiSi_2. $\rm Sm_2NiSn_4$ features 2D corrugated [NiSn_4]^6- layers in which the 1D Sn zigzag chains and the 2D Sn square sheets are bridged by Ni atoms. Results of both resistivity measurements and extended-Hückel tight-binding band structure calculations indicate that Sm_2NiSn_4 is metallic.

Structural characterization of the Ta-rich part of the Ta-Al system

A. Boulineau, J.-M. Joubert and R. Černý *Page 3385*



Crystal structure of the β Ta–Al phase.

Two metal chalcogenides, $Hg_2Te_2X_2$ (X=Br, I): 3-D framework constructed from novel left-handed helices Wen-Tong Chen, Ming-Sheng Wang, Zhang-Jing Zhang, Gang Xu, Guo-Cong Guo and Jin-Shun Huang *Page 3394*



A new family of $IIB_2Q_2X_2$ system, possessing an acentric nature that allows them to be a potential NLO material, has been synthesized via solid-state reactions. The crystal structures are characterized by a 3-D framework structure, comprising of interconnected left-handed helices. Optical absorption spectra show that both compounds are excellent candidate for potential photoelectric materials.

Synthesis and characterization of a new open-framework fluorinated gallium phosphite with three-dimensional intersecting channels

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 $(C_4N_2H_{12})[Ga_2F_3(HPO_3)_2(H_2PO_3)]$ **1** is a new open-framework fluorinated gallium phosphite with four intersecting channels running throughout the structure as 8, 12-member ring channels along to the *a*-axis and 12-member ring channels along the *b*- and *c*-axis, respectively.

Cerium effect on the phase structure, phase stability and redox properties of Ce-doped strontium ferrates

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The Ce-doped SrFeO₃ structure changes with cerium content: undoped SrFeO₃ is tetragonal (I/4mmm), $2 \mod 6$ -doped SrFeO₃ is still tetragonal with higher symmetry (P/4mmm), whereas from 6 to $15 \mod 6$ the structure becomes pure cubic. The cubic (or pseudocubic) reticular constant increases with cerium content.

Crystal structure and phase transformations of calcium yttrium orthophosphate, $Ca_3Y(PO_4)_3$

Koichiro Fukuda, Tomoyuki Iwata and Takahiro Niwa Page 3420



Part of the Ca₃Y(PO₄)₃ structure, viewed along [001].

A computational study into the (tetrahedral) distortion of $TX_2 \alpha$ -quartz materials: The effect of changing the chemical composition away from SiO₂

Martijn A. Zwijnenburg, Robert Huenerbein, Robert G. Bell and Furio Corà *Page 3429*



View on a quartz unit-cell with TX_4 tetrahedra.

Phase relations and crystal structures in the systems $(Bi,Ln)_2WO_6$ and $(Bi,Ln)_2MoO_6$ (Ln = lanthanide) Peter S. Berdonosov, Dmitri O. Charkin, Kevin S. Knight, Karen E. Johnston, Richard J. Goff, Valeriy A. Dolgikh and Philip Lightfoot

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A summary of phase relations in the lanthanide-doped bismuth tungstate and bismuth molybdate systems is presented, together with some additional structural data on several of these phases.

Stability and oxide ion conductivity in rare-earth aluminium cuspidines

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The attached figure shows the changes in the oxygen distribution of oxy-cuspidines determined by neutron powder diffraction. These oxo-salts are oxide ion conductors with negligible electronic contribution.

Two new binary lanthanide polytellurides: Syntheses and crystal structures of $CeTe_{1.90}$ and $SmTe_{1.80}$ Ismail Ijjaali and James A. Ibers *Page 3456*



Synthesis, structure and magnetic properties of new phosphates $K_2Mn_{0.5}Ti_{1.5}(PO_4)_3$ and $K_2Co_{0.5}Ti_{1.5}(PO_4)_3$ with the langbeinite structure

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A view of langbeinite structure in direction perpendicular to [111].

Subsolidus phase equilibria and properties in the system $Bi_2O_3:Mn_2O_{3+x}:Nb_2O_5$

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Ternary compound formation in the Bi–Mn–Nb–O system is limited to a pyrochlore solid solution which occurs at "Bi-deficient" stoichiometries compared to conventional $A_2B_2O_7$ -type formulations with Bi on the A-sites and Mn/Nb on the B-sites—all pyrochlores in this system exhibit displacive structural behavior.

Defect microstructures of TiO_2 rutile due to Zr^{4+} dissolution and expulsion

K.C. Yang, P. Shen and D. Gan *Page 3478*



TEM image of Zr-doped rutile viewed along its *c*-axis showing two variants of plate-like precipitates formed during aging at 900 $^{\circ}$ C for 200 h.

The mixed valent tellurate $SrTe_3O_8$: Electronic lone pair effect of Te^{4+}

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Tunnel structure of the mixed valent tellurate $SrTe_3O_8$ determined *ab initio* against powder X-ray diffraction; structure viewed along [001] direction with *E* the electronic lone pairs of the Te^{4+} cations.

Structure property relationships in the ATi_2O_4 (A = Na, Ca) family of reduced titanates

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Normalized titanium K-edge XANES spectra confirm mixedvalence for $NaTi_2O_4$ with an edge energy intermediate between Ti^{3+} oxides such as $CaTi_2O_4$, $MgTi_2O_4$ and Ti_2O_3 , and Ti^{4+} containing oxides such as TiO_2 .

Hydrothermal synthesis of a luminescent Europium(III) sulfate with three-dimensional chiral framework structure Chuan-De Wu and Zi-Yang Liu

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The hydrothermal reaction of Eu₂O₃, Na₂SO₄ in acidified aqueous solution afforded a chiral three-dimensional framework compound [NaEu(H₂O)(SO₄)₂] (1), which is composed of three kinds of righthanded helical chains {EuOSO₄}, {NaOSO₄} and {EuONa}. The luminescent properties of 1 are also studied and analyzed.

High-temperature neutron diffraction study of the cation ordered perovskites TbBaMn₂O_{5+x} and TbBaMn₂O_{5,5-v} Elizabeth Castillo-Martínez, Anthony J. Williams and J. Paul Attfield

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In situ powder neutron diffraction shows that, surprisingly, there is no miscibility between TbBaMn₂O_{5+x} and the oxygen intercalated product TbBaMn₂O_{5.5-y} up to 600 °C. TbBaMn₂O₅ is Mn²⁺ Mn³⁺ charge ordered and any charge melting transition occurs >600 °C. This charge ordering is remarkably robust in comparison to that in other oxides.

Extending framework based on the linear coordination polymers: Alternative chains containing lanthanum ion and acrylic acid ligand

Hui Li, Ming Guo, Hong Tian, Fei-Yue He, Gene-Hsiang Lee and Shie-Ming Peng





3D H-bonding network directed by the ligand based on the rare alternative chain of lanthanum complex containing syn-syn and anti-syn coordination mode of α -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid.

Structural and compositional variations in Ta₃N₅ produced by high-temperature ammonolysis of tantalum oxide Stuart J. Henderson and Andrew L. Hector Page 3518



One crystallographic nitrogen site in Ta₃N₅ varies markedly in composition with preparation conditions, the effect of this is seen in the *b*-axis length and optical properties.

Incommensurate modulated structure of the ferromagnetic shape-memory Ni₂MnGa martensite

Lara Righi, Franca Albertini, Gianluca Calestani, Luigi Pareti, Antonio Paoluzi, Clemens Ritter, Pedro A. Algarabel, Luis Morellon and M. Ricardo Ibarra Page 3525



Perspective view of the L21 cubic structure of Ni2MnGa austenite. The dotted lines define the basic structure of the incommensurate modulated martensite.

Synthesis and electrochemical properties of nonstoichiometric LiAl_xMn_{2-x}O_{4- δ} as cathode materials for rechargeable lithium ion battery

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Defect introduction into spinel.

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The new silver(I)thioantimonate(III) $[C_4N_2H_{14}][Ag_3Sb_3S_7]$ and a new structural variant of the silver(I)thioantimonate(III) $[C_2N_2H_9]_2[Ag_5Sb_3S_8]$ both synthesized under solvothermal conditions V. Spetzler, C. Näther and W. Bensch

In the new silver thioantimonate $[C_4N_2H_{14}][Ag_3Sb_3S_7]$ the layered $[Ag_3Sb_3S_7]^{2^-}$ anion is constructed by two different chains. An $[Sb_2S_4]$ chain is formed by vertex sharing of SbS₃ pyramids. The second chain contains Ag_3Sb_5 group which are connected by S atoms. The layered anion is obtained by condensation of the two individual chains. The organic structure director is sandwiched by the inorganic layers and the shortest inter-layer distance is about 6.4 Å.

Synthesis, characterization and crystal structure of K₂Bi(PO₄)(MoO₄)

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Stereo view of structure $K_2Bi(PO_4)(MoO_4)$ along the *c* direction.

Compression mechanisms of symmetric and Jahn-Teller distorted octahedra in double perovskites: A_2 CuWO₆ (A = Sr, Ba), Sr₂CoMoO₆, and La₂LiRuO₆

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Preferential compression of long Cu–O bonds, resulting from Jahn–Taller distortions aligned parallel to the *c*-axis, is observed for Ba_2CuWO_6 . This in contrast to the compression mechanism often observed in perovskites, i.e., octahedral tilting and symmetric octahedral bond compression.

Alkaline hydrolysis of dimethyl terephthalate in the presence of $[LiAl_2(OH)_6]Cl \cdot 2H_2O$

Lixu Lei, Weifeng Zhang, Meng Hu and Hegen Zheng Page 3562



XRD patterns of the solid products of the alkaline hydrolysis of dimethyl terephthalate (DMT) in the presence of $[LiAl_2(OH)_6]Cl$ at 70 °C halted at different time, which shows that $[LiAl_2(OH)_6]Cl$ turns out to be $[LiAl_2(OH)_6]OH$, and $[LiAl_2(OH)_6]_2TP$ forms gradually. In this reaction, the alkaline hydrolysis of DMT is controlled by replacement of Cl^- in $[LiAl_2(OH)_6]Cl$ by OH^- , and subsequent replacement of OH^- in $[LiAl_2(OH)_6]OH$ by terephthalate anion.

The nature of the orthorhombic to tetragonal phase transition in $Sr_{1-x}Ca_xMnO_3$ Qingdi Zhou and Brendan J. Kennedy

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The temperature dependence of the lattice parameters for $Sr_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}MnO_3$.

Magnetic properties of lanthanide rhenium oxides Ln_3 ReO₇ (Ln = Sm, Eu, Ho)

Makoto Wakeshima and Yukio Hinatsu Page 3575



Crystal structures of Eu_3ReO_7 (a) and Ho_3ReO_7 (b). Sm_3ReO_7 shows an antiferromagnetic transition at 1.9 K, and Eu_3ReO_7 indicates a magnetic anomaly at 12 K. Both compounds undergo a structure transition at 270 and 350 K, respectively.

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A novel orange phosphor of Eu²⁺-activated calcium chlorosilicate for white light-emitting diodes Weijia Ding, Jing Wang, Mei Zhang, Qiuhong Zhang and Qiang Su





The CIE coordinates of as-synthesized and orange LED-based CSCE under $I_{\rm F}$ = 5.0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 mA in the CIE 1931 chromaticity diagram. The inset shows the dependence of the emission intensity on forward-bias currents.

Hydroxide flux synthesis and crystal structure of the ordered palladate, $LuNaPd_6O_8$

Samuel J. Mugavero III, Mark D. Smith and Hans-Conrad zur Loye *Page 3586*



Unit cell of the ordered palladate LuNaPd₆O₈ viewed along the *z*-direction. The Pd²⁺ cations (grey) reside in a square planar coordination environment and bridge together the LuO₈ (blue) and NaO₈ (yellow) cubes.

Erratum

Erratum to "Structural change in a series of protonated layered perovskite compounds, HLnTiO₄ (Ln=La, Nd and Y)" [J. Solid State Chem. 179 (2006) 1892–1897] Shunsuke Nishimoto, Motohide Matsuda, Stefanus Harjo, Akinori Hoshikawa, Takashi Kamiyama, Toru Ishigaki and Michihiro Miyake Page 3590

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