

Volume 180, Number 10, October 2007

CONTENTS



www.elsevier.com/locate/jssc

Abstracted/indexed in BioEngineering Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, Coal Abstracts, Current Contents/Physics, Chemical, & Earth Sciences, Engineering Index, Research Alert, SCISEARCH, Science Abstracts, and Science Citation Index. Also covered in the abstract and citation database SCOPUS[®]. Full text available on ScienceDirect[®].

Regular Articles

Order–disorder transition in $Nd_{2-y}Gd_yZr_2O_7$ pyrochlore solid solution: An X-ray diffraction and Raman spectroscopic study

B.P. Mandal, Ankita Banerji, Vasant Sathe, S.K. Deb and A.K. Tyagi *page 2643*



Raman spectra of $Nd_{2-y}Gd_yZr_2O_7$ with increasing proportion of Gd in $Nd_{2-y}Gd_yZr_2O_7$ series. A transition from ordered pyrochlore to disordered pyrochlore can be seen at $y \approx 1.8$.

Synthesis, Mo-valence state, thermal stability and thermoelectric properties of $SrMoO_{3-x}N_x$ (x > 1) oxynitride perovskites

D. Logvinovich, R. Aguiar, R. Robert, M. Trottmann, S.G. Ebbinghaus, A. Reller and A. Weidenkaff *page 2649*



Oxynitrides of the general composition $\text{SrMoO}_{3-x}N_x$ (x>1) were synthesized by thermal ammonolysis of SrMoO_4 . X-ray and neutron diffraction detect no deviation from the cubic symmetry for the samples. X-ray absorption spectroscopy shows evidence of local distortions of $\text{Mo}(\text{O},\text{N})_6$ octahedra. The resistivity values of the samples are higher and the Seebeck coefficient values are lower than those of SrMoO_3 .

Regular Articles—Continued

Crystal structure, magnetic, and dielectric properties of Aurivillius-type Bi₃Fe_{0.5}Nb_{1.5}O₉ M.W. Lufaso, W.A. Schulze, S.T. Misture and T.A. Vanderah

page 2655



Temperature dependence of the relative permittivity of an Aurivillius-type $Bi_3Fe_{0.5}Nb_{1.5}O_9$.

Synthesis of nano-sized crystalline oxide ion conducting fluorite-type Y₂O₃-doped CeO₂ using perovskite-like BaCe_{0.9}Y_{0.1}O_{2.95} (BCY) and study of CO₂ capture properties of BCY B.R. Sneha and V. Thangadurai *page 2661*



Transmission electron microscope (TEM) image of the fluorite-type Y_2O_3 -doped CeO₂ (YCO) powder prepared by the reaction between proton conducting BCY and CO₂ in the temperature range 700–1000 °C.

Analysis of the electronic structure of Hf(Si_{0.5}As_{0.5})As by X-ray photoelectron and photoemission spectroscopy Andrew P. Grosvenor, Ronald G. Cavell, Arthur Mar and Robert I.R. Blyth

page 2670

the ZrSiS-type structure.



Fitted XPS valence band spectrum of Hf(Si_{0.5}As_{0.5})As, adopting

Evolution of titania nanotubes-supported WO_x species by *in situ* thermo-Raman spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction and high resolution transmission electron microscopy

M.A. Cortes-Jácome, C. Angeles-Chavez, M. Morales, E. López-Salinas and J.A. Toledo-Antonio *page 2682*



Titania nanotubes loaded with 15 wt% W atoms were characterized from room temperature (rt) to 1000 °C by thermo-Raman spectroscopy in N₂. At 1000 °C, a core-shell model material was obtained, with a shell thickness of *ca*. 5 nm composed by nanoclusters of sodium tungstate, and a core composed mainly of rutile TiO_2 phase.

Synthesis and crystal structure of $Bi_{6.4}Pb_{0.6}P_2O_{15.2}$ A new polymorph in the series $Bi_{6+x}M_{1-x}P_2O_{15+y}$ N. Arumugam, V. Lynch and H. Steinfink *page 2690*



with 15 wt% W atoms were characterized

Surface chemistry and optical property of TiO₂ thin films treated by low-pressure plasma

Marshal Dhayal, Jin Jun, Hal Bon Gu and Kyung Hee Park *page 2696*



The surface chemistry and surface states of TiO₂ films was modified using low-pressure RF plasma treatment. The surface roughness and crystalline structure remain unchanged for low-pressure plasma-treated films. There was an increase in the Ti³⁺ surface states of Ti2*p* at the surface and this can be useful to increase the photocatalytic activities of TiO₂ films. The proportion of carbon atoms as carboxyl group in Cls was also increased after plasma treatment. All the plasma-treated films show a higher optical transmittance when untreated and it was increased when the power was increased. The increase in the optical transmission could be due to surface cleaning of films by plasma treatment and possibly due to change in the surface chemistry.

Next-nearest neighbour contributions to P $2p_{3/2}$ X-ray photoelectron binding energy shifts of mixed transition-metal phosphides $M_{1-x}M'_x$ P with the MnP-type structure Andrew P. Grosvenor, Ronald G. Cavell and Arthur Mar *page 2702*



The mixed phosphides $Co_{1-x}Mn_xP$, $Mn_{1-x}V_xP$, and $Co_{1-x}V_xP$ with the MnP-type structure have been studied by use of XPS and XANES. The P 2*p* binding energies in the mixed phosphides display shifts relative to the binary phosphides that cannot be explained by interaction of the nearest neighbours alone.

View of the structure of Bi_{6.4}Pb_{0.6}P₂O_{15.2} parallel to the *b*-axis.

New process of preparation, structure, and physicochemical investigations of the new titanyl phosphate $Ti_2O(H_2O)(PO_4)_2$

S. Benmokhtar, A. El jazouli, J.P. Chaminade, P. Gravereau, M. Ménétrier and F. Bourée *page 2713*



The structure of TiHP can be described as a TiOPO₄ framework constituted by chains of tilted corner-sharing $[TiO_6]$ octahedra and cross linked by $[PO_4]$ tetrahedra with empty cavities in the framework.

Coupled In/Te and Ni/vacancy ordering and the modulated crystal structure of a *B*8 type, $Ni_{3\pm x}In_{1-y}Te_{2+y}$ solid solution phase

A.-K. Larsson, L. Noren, R.L. Withers and H. Rundlöf page 2723



The crystal structure of Ni_{3.31}InTe₂ is a superstructure of the *NiAs* type structure with $\mathbf{q} = \gamma [0 \ 0 \ 1]^*$, $\gamma = 2/3$. The -In/Te/Te/- stacking sequence at the hcp array can be described with a crenel function with the length of the atomic domains $\varDelta^{\text{Te}} = \gamma$ and $\varDelta^{\text{In}} = 1 - \gamma$. With decreasing In and Ni content, the modulation wave vector, γ , increases continuously until $\gamma = 1$. The corresponding effect in real space is that the In layers separating double layers of Te occur less frequently until at $\gamma = 1$ the *CdI*₂ type structure of Ni_{1+x}Te₂ is reached.

Two mixed valent molybdenophosphates with a tunnel structure closely related to K_{0.17}MoP₂O₇: Pb₂(PbO)₂Mo₈(P₂O₇)₈ and PbK₂Mo₈(P₂O₇)₈ André Leclaire and Bernard Raveau *page 2734*



The $[Mo_8P_{16}O_{56}]\,\infty\,$ framework showing the two kinds of eight-sided tunnels able to accept univalent or divalent ions.

La₃Ru₈B₆ and Y₃Os₈B₆, new members of a homologous series $R(A)_n M_{3n-1}B_{2n}$

O.L. Sologub, L.P. Salamakha, H. Noël, T. Roisnel and A.P. Gonçalves

page 2740



Two new compounds, La₃Ru₈B₆ and Y₃Os₈B₆, were synthesized by arc melting the elements. From room temperature X-ray singlecrystal and powder diffraction, both compounds were found to be isotypic with Ca₃Rh₈B₆ compound (*Fmmm* space group (no. 69), Z=4) and their structures are built up from CeCo₃B₂-type and CeAl₂Ga₂-type structural fragments taken in ratio 2:1. They are the members of structural series R(A)_nM_{3n-1}B_{2n} with n=3 (R is the rare earth metal, A the alkaline earth metal, and M the transition metal).

Characterization and physical properties of Li₂O-CaF₂-P₂O₅ glass ceramics with Cr₂O₃ as a nucleating agent—Physical properties

G. Murali Krishna, B. Anila Kumari, M. Srinivasa Reddy and N. Veeraiah

page 2747



The optical absorption spectroscopic studies on Li₂O–CaF₂–P₂O₅: Cr₂O₃ glass ceramics indicate that a part of Cr³⁺ ions oxidized into Cr⁶⁺ ions during the crystallization. These ions enter the glass network with CrO₄²⁻ structural units, alternate with PO₄ units and increase the rigidity of the glass-ceramic sample.

Electronic structure and magnetic properties of Ce₅CuPb₃ V.H. Tran, M. Gamża, A. Ślebarski, J. Jarmulska and W. Miiller

page 2756



Comparison of the experimental valence band corrected by the background (thin line with crosses) with the theoretical spectra. These latter were convoluated by Lorentzians with a full-width-half-maximum (FWHM) of 0.4 eV (dashed line) or by the pseudoVoigt profile function with a FWHM of 0.8 eV and 0.5 eV for the Lorentzian and Gaussian components, respectively (solid line).

Phase stabilities of monoclinic oxoborates LaB_3O_6 and GdB_3O_6 in C121 and I12/a1 phase—Energetics and chemical bonds derived from first-principles calculations Jun Yang and Michael Dolg page 2763



The electronic structures, energetics and metal–oxygen chemical bonds have been calculated for both monoclinic phases in the space groups of centrosymmetric I2/a (left) and noncentrosymmetric C2 (right) for LaB₃O₆ and GdB₃O₆, respectively, by the gradient corrected hybrid density functional theory.

Lamellar structures in neodymium borides

L. Kienle, V. Babizhetskyy, V. Duppel, R. Guérin and A. Simon

page 2775



The lamellar real structure of neodymium borides made visible by HRTEM.

Formation of tetragonal hydrogen tungsten bronze by reactive mechanical alloying

G. Urretavizcaya, F. Tonus, E. Gaudin, J.-L. Bobet and F.J. Castro

page 2785



Hydrogen tungsten bronzes have been synthesized by reactive mechanical alloying (RMA) monoclinic WO₃ under H₂ atmosphere. By using two milling devices with different energy ranges a similar phase evolution with distinct reaction times was observed. The materials were characterized by XRD, SEM, DSC and total hydrogen content determination. The final product obtained was a mixture of tetragonal H_{0.33}WO₃ and H_{0.23}WO₃ bronzes.

Hydrated surface structure and its impacts on the stabilization of t-ZrO₂

Hui Wang, Guangshe Li, Yanfeng Xue and Liping Li page 2790



Surfaces of *t*-ZrO₂ were terminated by hydration layers, which completely transformed into *m*-ZrO₂ when treating at high hydrothermal temperatures. Alternatively, hydration layers transformed into *t*-ZrO₂ when annealing at T < 700 °C. *t*-ZrO₂ partially transformed into *m*-ZrO₂ in both bulk and surface regions at T > 700 °C.

Crystal structures and dielectric properties of ordered double perovskites containing Mg^{2+} and Ta^{5+}

Young-Il Kim and Patrick M. Woodward page 2798



XRPD patterns at low angle range for the Mg/Ta complex perovskite oxides, showing various origins of diffraction planes: s—rock-salt type cation ordering, h—1:2 cation ordering, p— primitive cube edge, and d—octahedral tilting.

Physicochemical compatibility of SrCeO₃ with potential SOFC cathodes

J. Tolchard and T. Grande *page 2808*



Assessment of the SrCeO₃ proton conductor shows this material to have poor chemical compatibility with La*M*O₃ perovskite systems, but predicts coexistence with Ruddlesden-Popper type oxides.

Structural and physical properties of the 6H BaRuO₃ polymorph synthesized under high pressure

J.G. Zhao, L.X. Yang, Y. Yu, F.Y. Li, R.C. Yu, Z. Fang, L.C. Chen and C.Q. Jin

page 2816



The single-phase 6H BaRuO₃ was synthesized under high pressure high temperature. The electrical resistivity of 6H BaRuO₃ follows a $T^{3/2}$ relation below 60.0 K. Both magnetic susceptibility and specific heat data indicate that 6H BaRuO₃ is an exchangeenhanced Pauli paramagnet with the large Wilson ratio and Stoner enhancement factor.

High pressure behavior of α -NaVO₃: A Raman scattering study

Rekha Rao, T. Sakuntala, A.M. Shaikh and S.K. Deb page 2824



Raman spectra of α -NaVO₃ at different pressures. Spectrum in the range 90–460 cm⁻¹ have a scale factor of 5–5.6 GPa, and thereafter a factor of 2. Inset shows the appearance of weak peaks above 4.4 GPa. *Indicates the modes which increase in intensity above 9 GPa.

Synthesis, structure and physical properties of the new uranium ternary phase $U_3Co_2Ge_7$

Svilen Bobev, Eric D. Bauer, Filip Ronning, Joe D. Thompson and John L. Sarrao *page 2830*



A new uranium compound, $U_3Co_2Ge_7$ has been synthesized and structurally characterized. The close structural relationship between the orthorhombic structure of $U_3Co_2Ge_7$ and the tetragonal structure of $U_3Co_4Ge_7$ is emphasized. $U_3Co_2Ge_7$ is a moderate heavy-fermion ferromagnet (or ferrimagnet) at 40 K that undergoes another transition at 20 K.

Mn³⁺ stabilization in complex phosphate–fluoride fluxes and its incorporation into langbeinite framework

Ivan V. Ogorodnyk, Igor V. Zatovsky, Vyacheslav N. Baumer, Nikolay S. Slobodyanik, Oleg V. Shishkin and Igor P. Vorona *page 2838*



Polyhedron view of $K_{1.96}Mn_{0.57}Zr_{1.43}(PO_4)_3$ along [111] direction. [MO₆] octahedra—blue, [PO₄] tetrahedra—purple, potassium cations—black circles.

Composition dependence of the photophysical and photocatalytic properties of $(AgNbO_3)_{1-x}(NaNbO_3)_x$ solid solutions

Guoqiang Li, Tetsuya Kako, Defa Wang, Zhigang Zou and Jinhua Ye

page 2845



A series of orthorhombic photocatalysts $(AgNbO_3)_{1-x}(NaNbO_3)_x$ solid solutions have been synthesized by a solid-state reaction method. The composition dependence of the photophysical and photocatalytic properties of synthesized solid solutions has been investigated systematically. The solid solutions show higher visiblelight photocatalytic activities for gaseous IPA decomposition in comparison with AgNbO₃, although the light intensity is 0.01 mW cm^{-2} . Rate of acetone evolution under visible-light irradiation as a function of NaNbO₃ content in $(AgNbO_3)_{1-x}$ $(NaNbO_3)_x$. The inset is the spectrum of BLEDs. The light intensity is 0.01 mW cm^{-2} .

Anion vacancy ordering in $Sr_7Mn_4O_{15-x}$ phases Michelle O'Malley, Michelle A. Lockett and Michael A. Hayward *page 2851*



Topotactic reduction of $Sr_7Mn_4O_{15}$ selectively removes a pex-linked oxide ions.

Long-range magnetic ordering in Ba₂CoS₃: A neutron diffraction study

D.A. Headspith, P.D. Battle and M.G. Francesconi page 2859



Neutron powder diffraction has been used to prove that Ba_2CoS_3 shows long-range antiferromagnetic order at low temperatures, despite the quasi-one-dimensional arrangement of the CoS_4 tetrahedra in the crystal structure.

Structures of the reduced niobium oxides $Nb_{12}O_{29}$ and $Nb_{22}O_{54}$

T. McQueen, Q. Xu, E.N. Andersen, H.W. Zandbergen and R.J. Cava

page 2864



The crystal structure of Nb₂₂O₅₄ is reported, and the structure of orthorhombic Nb₁₂O₂₉ is reexamined. Bond valence sums do not show the presence of charge ordering, suggesting that all 4*d* electrons are delocalized in these compounds at T = 200 K, despite the well-known magnetic behavior of these materials.

Synthesis and characterization of silica–silver core–shell composite particles with uniform thin silver layers Shaochun Tang, Yuefeng Tang, Shaopeng Zhu, Haiming Lu and Xiangkang Meng page 2871

Silica–silver core–shell composite particles with uniform thin silver layers are prepared by a facile and one-step ultrasonic electrodeposition method. Moreover, the continuity of Ag distribution, the surface roughness and the thickness of silver layer are controllable. Optical properties of the composite particles with different silver content were also investigated.

$Cs_4P_2Se_{10}$: A new compound discovered with the application of solid-state and high temperature NMR

Matthew A. Gave, Christian G. Canlas, In Chung, Ratnasabapathy G. Iyer, Mercouri G. Kanatzidis and David P. Weliky *page 2877*



The new compound $Cs_4P_2Se_{10}$ was discovered following a hightemperature *in situ* synthesis in the NMR spectrometer and the structure was determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. It contains the new $[P_2Se_{10}]^{4-}$ anion.

Synthesis of zirconium titanate with an ordered M-fergusonite (beta) structure

Ulrike Troitzsch, Andrew G. Christy and David J. Ellis *page 2885*



Crystal structure of zirconium titanate with 27.5-35 mol% TiO₂. (a) As refined in present study with M-fergusonite structure, with site *A* occupied predominantly with Zr, and site *B* with a random mix of Ti and Zr. (b) Actual cation ordering pattern of this compound as indicated by superstructure reflections, resulting in the splitting of site *B* into two distinct sites.

One-dimensional α -MnO₂: Trapping chemistry of tunnel structures, structural stability, and magnetic transitions Liping Li, Yinzhen Pan, Lijuan Chen and Guangshe Li *page 2896*



Highly crystalline one-dimensional (1D) α -MnO₂ nanostructures were achieved to have tunnel structures modified by NH₄⁺ species and water molecules. By tuning the diameters. 1D α -MnO₂ showed two magnetic transition as indicated by hump and kink peaks at low temperatures. Mn ions presented in 1D α -MnO₂ were determined to be in a mixed valency of high spin state Mn⁴⁺/Mn³⁺.

Continued

The influence of cobalt doping on photocatalytic nanotitania: Crystal chemistry and amorphicity

Suo Hon Lim, Cristiano Ferraris, Martin Schreyer, Kaimin Shih, James O. Leckie and T.J. White *page 2905*



Cobaltiferous titania photocatalysts calcined at 200 °C contain up to 16 at% metal vacancies (V) and are significantly amorphous (up to 53 wt%). The presence of metal vacancies can be monitored by following the dilation of the 'c' lattice parameter as the crystallite size increases during calcination.

Rapid and exothermic solid-state synthesis of metal oxyhalides and their solid solutions via energetic metathesis reactions

Sujith Perera, Nadiya A. Zelenski, Randy E. Pho and Edward G. Gillan

page 2916



Very rapid, filament-initiated metathesis reactions between two solids, metal trihalides and Na₂O₂, lead to crystalline metal oxyhalides in seconds. All products crystallize in the PbFCl structure (BiOCl shown). In addition to single metal *M*OCl (Bi, La, Sm, Gd) and BiOI systems, solid-solution $Gd_xSm_{1-x}OCl$ materials are also rapidly accessible using this reactive precursor strategy.

Crystal structure and electronic properties of the new compounds, $U_6Fe_{16}Si_7$ and its interstitial carbide $U_6Fe_{16}Si_7C$

D. Berthebaud, O. Tougait, M. Potel, E.B. Lopes, A.P. Gonçalves and H. Noël *page 2926*



The new compounds $U_6Fe_{16}Si_7$ and $U_6Fe_{16}Si_7C$ crystallize with the ternary ordered variant of the Th_6Mn_{23} type, commonly referred as $Mg_6Cu_{16}Si7$ and with a novel "filled" variant of this type of structure, respectively.

Photon cascade luminescence in CaAl₁₂O₁₉:Pr, Cr Z.G. Nie, J.H. Zhang, X. Zhang, S.Z. Lü, X.G. Ren,

G.B. Zhang and X.J. Wang *page 2933*



The Cr^{3+} ion was chosen as a co-dopant to modify the photon cascade emission properties of $CaAl_{12}O_{19}$: Pr via energy transfer. The cascade emission process and the energy transfer mechanisms were systemically investigated. The drawback for $CaAl_{12}O_{19}$: Pr, Cr as a practical VUV phosphor was also discussed.

The iron potassium diarsenate KFeAs₂O₇ structural, electric and magnetic behaviors

N. Ouerfelli, A. Guesmi, P. Molinié, D. Mazza, M.F. Zid and A. Driss

page 2942



Optimized trajectory for K1–K2–K1 jump as determined by BVS analysis.

Self-assembled multilayer films of poor water-soluble copper(II) complexes constructed from dipyrido[3,2-*d*:2',3'*f*]quinoxaline (Dpq) ligand as well as their fluorescent properties

Xiuli Wang, Jiani Fang, Yanfeng Bi, Haiyan Zhao, Baokuan Chen, Hongyan Lin and Guocheng Liu page 2950



Poor water-soluble copper(II) complexes constructed from dipyrido[3,2-*d*:2',3'-*f*]quinoxaline ligand have been synthesized and structurally characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analyses. The complexes were used to fabricate the highly ordered multilayer films by layer-by-layer (LBL) self-assembly methods. The fluorescent properties of the films were studied and the results showed that the forming condition of films have great influence on their properties.

Synthesis and physicochemical properties of Zr-MCM-41 mesoporous molecular sieves and $Pt/H_3PW_{12}O_{40}/Zr$ -MCM-41 catalysts

L.F. Chen, J.A. Wang, L.E. Noreña, J. Aguilar, J. Navarrete, P. Salas, J.A. Montoya and P. Del Ángel *page 2958*



Modifications of the surface and framework of Si-MCM-41 by depositing a heteropolyacid on the surface and by introducing foreign Zr^{4+} ions into the framework are investigated. Brönsted acidity of the Pt/H₃PW₁₂O₄₀/Zr-MCM-41 catalysts was greatly enhanced by 2–10 times relative to the bare Zr-MCM-41 support.

A one-dimensional azido-bridged manganese(III) complex with bidentate Schiff base: Crystal structure and magnetic properties

Wei Li, Zongwei Li, Licun Li, Daizheng Liao and Zonghui Jiang

page 2973



A novel azido-bridged manganese(III) complex with bidentate Schiff base ligands has been prepared and characterized structurally and magnetically. The complex is of one-dimensional chain structure with single end-to-end azido bridges in axial positions. Two bidentate Schiff base ligands coordinate in the equatorial mode. The magnetic measurements show that the complex exhibits weak antiferromagnetic interaction.

Hematite template route to hollow-type silica spheres

Yang-Su Han, Gee-Young Jeong, Sun-Young Lee and Ho-Kun Kim

page 2978



TEM micrograph of the hollow silica particles. Wall thickness, as estimated by TEM from the ring around the perimeter of the hollow spheres, was ~ 10 nm. TEM micrographs of hollow silica spheres show that the sphericity of the core Fe₂O₃ was preserved.

Rapid Communications

Synthesis and photocatalytic activity of poly(3-hexylthiophene)/TiO₂ composites

B. Muktha, Debajyoti Mahanta, Satish Patil and Giridhar Madras

page 2986



Photocatalytic mechanism of the polymer composite with titania. A new heterogeneous conducting polymer composite with titania (P3HT/TiO₂) was synthesized and the photocatalytic activity this composite was investigated by degrading a common dye under UV exposure. It was shown that the nanocomposite exhibited synergetic photocatalytic catalytic activity compared to either the polymer or TiO₂ alone. The scheme of the possible mechanism of enhancement of photocatalytic degradation rate in a conducting polymer nanocomposite is shown in the figure.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to "Synthesis and crystal structure of $LiBa_2N$ and identification of $LiBa_3N$ " [J. Solid State Chem. 180 (2007) 1889–1893]

Volodymyr Smetana, Volodymyr Babizhetskyy, Grigori V. Vajenine and Arndt Simon *page 2990*

Author inquiries

Submissions

For detailed instructions on the preparation of electronic artwork, consult the journal home page at http://authors.elsevier.com.

Other inquiries

Visit the journal home page (http://authors.elsevier.com) for the facility to track accepted articles and set up e-mail alerts to inform you of when an article's status has changed. The journal home page also provides detailed artwork guidelines, copyright information, frequently asked questions and more.

Contact details for questions arising after acceptance of an article, especially those relating to proofs, are provided after registration of an article for publication.

Language Polishing

Authors who require information about language editing and copyediting services pre- and post-submission should visit http://www.elsevier.com/wps/ find/authorshome.authors/languagepolishing or contact authorsupport@elsevier.com for more information. Please note Elsevier neither endorses nor takes responsibility for any products, goods, or services offered by outside vendors through our services or in any advertising. For more information please refer to our Terms & Conditions at http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/termsconditions.cws_home/termsconditions.

For a full and complete Guide for Authors, please refer to J. Solid State Chem., Vol. 180, Issue 1, pp. bmi-bmv. The instructions can also be found at http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/622898/authorinstructions.

Journal of Solid State Chemistry has no page charges.