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### **Regular** Articles

Synthesis, structure and luminescence properties of lanthanide complex with a new tetrapodal ligand featuring salicylamide arms

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We present here a series of zero- to three-dimensional lanthanide coordination structures and luminescence properties of Eu(III) complex of a new tetrapodal ligand.

# Neutron powder diffraction and first-principles computational studies of $CuLi_xMg_{2-x}$ ( $x \cong 0.08$ ), $CuMg_2$ , and $Cu_2Mg$

M.H. Braga, J.J.A. Ferreira, J. Siewenie, Th. Proffen, S.C. Vogel and L.L. Daemen *Page 10* 



CuLi<sub>x</sub>Mg<sub>2-x</sub> with x=0.08 crystallizes in a  $P6_222$  hexagonal structure in which Li (red) will substitute Mg1 (1/2, 0, z) sites (Mg-grey). Cu atoms are represented by black spheres and empty spaces by transparent ones.

### **Regular** Articles—Continued

New ramsdellites  $\text{LiTi}_{2-y}V_yO_4$  ( $0 \le y \le 1$ ): Synthesis, structure, magnetic properties and electrochemical performances as electrode materials for lithium batteries Alois Kuhn, María Martín and Flaviano García-Alvarado *Page 20* 



Ti-based ramsdellite compounds can make up cathode and anode materials for lithium batteries by introducing vanadium. Lithium deinsertion experiments on  $\text{LiTi}_{2-y}V_yO_4$  materials develop a high operating voltage (3 V) useful as the cathode, while lithium insertion experiments yield a low operating voltage, 1.5 V, useful as the anode. Vanadium-rich compounds show specific theoretical capacity values in the high voltage range that are even comparable to those reported for LiFePO<sub>4</sub> which is presently one of the preferred cathode materials for lithium batteries.

Chemical and electronic characterization of cobalt in a lanthanum perovskite. Effects of strontium substitution Jose L. Hueso, Juan P. Holgado, Rosa Pereñíguez, Simon Mun, Miquel Salmeron and Alfonso Caballero *Page 27* 



Change in spin multiplicity induced by the bigger size of Sr(II) cations, aligning the Co–O–Co atoms, and favoring the overlapping of  $\pi$ -symmetry cobalt and oxygen orbitals.

Magnetic properties of quadruple perovskites  $Ba_4LnRu_3O_{12}$ (Ln = La, Nd, Sm-Gd, Dy-Lu)

Yuki Shimoda, Yoshihiro Doi, Makoto Wakeshima and Yukio Hinatsu

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Quadruple perovskites  $Ba_4LnRu_3O_{12}$  (Ln = La, Nd, Sm–Gd, Dy–Lu) were prepared. They adopt the 12L-perovskite-type structure consisting of  $Ru_3O_{12}$  trimers and  $LnO_6$  octahedra. All of these compounds show an antiferromagnetic transition at 2.5–30 K. For  $Ba_4NdRu_3O_{12}$ , ferrimagnetic ordering has been observed at 11.5 K. The observed magnetic transition is due to the magnetic behavior of the  $Ru_3^{4,33+}O_{12}$  trimer with  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ . Magnetic properties of  $Ba_4LnRu_3O_{12}$  were compared with those of triple perovskites  $Ba_3LnRu_2O_9$  and double perovskites  $Ba_2LnRuO_6$ .

Order-disorder transition in the  $Nd_{2-y}Y_yZr_2O_7$  system: Probed by X-ray diffraction and Raman spectroscopy B.P. Mandal, P.S.R. Krishna and A.K. Tyagi Page 41



In Nd<sub>2-y</sub>Y<sub>y</sub>Zr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> series, the structure changes from pyrochlore to defect fluorite with increase in *Y* content in the series. The Raman spectra explicitly shows how the structural changes take place in the system.

### Ab-initio study of the structural, linear and nonlinear optical properties of CdAl<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> defect-chalcopyrite

T. Ouahrani, Ali H. Reshak, R. Khenata, B. Amrani, M. Mebrouki, A. Otero-de-la-Roza and V. Luaña *Page 46* 



Calculated band structure and total density of CdAl<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>.

#### Thermolysis of lanthanide dithiocarbamate complexes

William L. Boncher, Michelle D. Regulacio and Sarah L. Stoll

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Polycrystalline lanthanide sulfide materials were formed at low temperatures using a single-source precursor based on the lanthanide dithiocarbamate complex.

### $TiO_2$ nanotube, nanowire, and rhomboid-shaped particle thin films fixed on a titanium metal plate

Yuko Inoue, Iwao Noda, Toshio Torikai, Takanori Watari, Takao Hotokebuchi and Mitsunori Yada *Page 57* 



Titanium dioxide nanotube, nanowire, and rhombic particle thin films could be formed by various treatments on a sodium titanate nanotube thin film fixed on a titanium metal plate.

# $Sn_x[BPO_4]_{1-x}$ composites as negative electrodes for lithium ion cells: Comparison with amorphous $SnB_{0.6}P_{0.4}O_{2.9}$ and effect of composition

Donato Ercole Conte, Abdelmaula Aboulaich, Florent Robert, Josette Olivier-Fourcade, Jean-Claude Jumas, Christian Jordy and Patrick Willmann *Page 65* 



Galvanostatic discharge-charge curves of ATCO and  $Sn_{0.72}$ [BPO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>0.28</sub> composite materials at C/5 rate, respectively.

#### Drug delivery from hydrophobic-modified mesoporous silicas: Control via modification level and site-selective modification

Qunli Tang, Yuxi Chen, Jianghua Chen, Jin Li, Yao Xu, Dong Wu and Yuhan Sun

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The distribution of DMS groups on the pore surfaces of the mesostructures strongly affects the drug release rate. The P-M41-1 and the P-M41-2 possess the close DMS modification levels as the C-M41-10, but the ibuprofen release rates from the P-M41-1 and P-M41-2 are much slower than that from the C-M41-10.

#### A new series of pillared uranyl-vanadates based on uranophane-type sheets in the uranium-vanadium-linear alkyl diamine systems

Laurent Jouffret, Murielle Rivenet and Francis Abraham Page 84



The  $(C_6N_2H_{20})\{[(UO_2)(H_2O)][(UO_2)(VO_4)]_4\}$  compound: projection in the (100) and in the (001) planes showing the amine position.

**Proton conductivity of potassium doped barium zirconates** Xiaoxiang Xu, Shanwen Tao and John T.S. Irvine *Page 93* 



Potassium doped barium zirconates have been synthesized by solid state reactions. It was found that the solubility limit of potassium on *A*-sites is between 5% and 10 %. The sintering conditions and conductivity can be improved significantly by adding 1 wt% ZnO during material synthesis. Five percent doping of potassium at *A*-site can double the total conductivity.

## Magnetite and magnetite/silver core/shell nanoparticles with diluted magnet-like behavior

Marco Garza-Navarro, Alejandro Torres-Castro, Virgilio González, Ubaldo Ortiz and Elder De la Rosa *Page 99* 



Biopolymer chitosan was used as stabilization media to synthesize both magnetite and magnetite/silver core/shell nanoparticles. Results of HRTEM and NBD patterns confirm core/shell morphology of the obtained nanoparticles. It was found that the composites show diluted magnet-like behavior.

# Low temperature structural transformation in $T[Ni(CN)_4] \cdot xpyz$ with x = 1,2; T = Mn,Co,Ni,Zn,Cd; pyz = pyrazine

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J. Ortiz-López, S. Jiménez-Sandoval and E. Reguera *Page 105* 



Low temperature ordered structure for pyrazine in  $T[Ni(CN)_4]$ . pyz.

Hydrogen in polar intermetallics: Syntheses and structures of the ternary  $Ca_5Bi_3D_{0.93}$ ,  $Yb_5Bi_3H_x$ , and  $Sm_5Bi_3H_{\sim 1}$  by powder neutron or single crystal X-ray diffraction E. Alejandro Leon-Escamilla, Panagiotis Dervenagas, Constantine Stassis and John D. Corbett *Page 114* 



The structure of  $Ca_5Bi_3H_{0.93}$  occurs in the novel  $Ca_5Sb_3F$  structure type with D centered in the shaded calcium tetrahedra.

# MAS-NMR studies of lithium aluminum silicate (LAS) glasses and glass-ceramics having different Li<sub>2</sub>O/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratio

A. Ananthanarayanan, G.P. Kothiyal, L. Montagne and B. Revel

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The <sup>11</sup>B MAS-NMR spectra of lithium aluminum silicate (LAS) glass–ceramics indicating the formation of  $\text{Li}/\text{KBSiO}_6$  phase. This phase is isostructural with virgilite and cannot be distinguished in X-ray diffractograms.

#### Crystallization of niobium germanosilicate glasses

Rodrigo Santos, Luís F. Santos, Rui M. Almeida, Joachim Deubener and Lothar Wondraczek *Page 128* 



TEM image and XRD pattern of the glass ceramic produced (circles indicate nanocrystals).

#### First-principle studies of Ca–X (X = Si,Ge,Sn,Pb) intermetallic compounds

Zhiwen Yang, Dongmin Shi, Bin Wen, Roderick Melnik, Shan Yao and Tingju Li Page 136



Calculated (a) bulk moduli and (b) shear moduli of Ca–X system intermetallic compounds.

### **Carbon nanotube—chalcogenide glass composite** Stepan Stehlik, Jiri Orava, Tomas Kohoutek, Tomas Wagner, Miloslav Frumar, Vitezslav Zima,

Toru Hara, Yoshio Matsui, Kazuyuki Ueda and Martin Pumera Page 144



Preparation of multi-walled carbon nanotube-doped chalcogenide glasses by direct synthesis and the melt-quenching method

## Sandwich-type polyoxotungstate hybrids decorated by nickel-aromatic amine complexes

Peng-Tao Ma, Jun-Wei Zhao, Jing-Ping Wang, Yue Shen and Jing-Yang Niu *Page 150* 



Three new sandwich-type polyoxotungstates (POTs) decorated by nickel-2,2'-bpy complexes were successfully synthesized under hydrothermal conditions and structurally characterized.

(Ca/Sr)Au<sub>x</sub>Cd<sub>1-x</sub>: Stacking variants of the CrB–FeB series Wiebke Harms, Ines Dürr, Michael Daub and Caroline Röhr Page 157

> h h h c h h SrAu<sub>0.93</sub>Cd<sub>0.07</sub>

 $SrAu_{0.93}Cd_{0.97},$  one of the stacking sequences of the CrB/FeB structure type series found in the quasibinary section SrAu–SrCd.

#### Antiferromagnetism of perovskite EuZrO<sub>3</sub>

Yanhua Zong, Koji Fujita, Hirofumi Akamatsu, Shunsuke Murai and Katsuhisa Tanaka *Page 168* 



Perovskite  $EuZrO_3$  with almost all Eu ions present as  $Eu^{2+}$  has been synthesized and its structure and magnetic properties have been studied. An antiferromagnetic transition was observed around 4.1 K for the first time. The mechanism of the magnetic transition has been discussed.

## Crystal structures of three intermetallic phases in the Mo-Pt-Si system

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The crystal structures of three ternary Mo–Pt–Si intermetallic compounds have been determined *ab initio* from powder X-ray diffraction data. The three structures represent new structure types.

#### Neutron powder diffraction study of tetragonal Li<sub>7</sub>La<sub>3</sub>Hf<sub>2</sub>O<sub>1</sub>, with the garnet-related type structure

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The crystal structure of tetragonal Li<sub>7</sub>La<sub>3</sub>Hf<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub> had the garnetrelated type structure with a space group of  $I4_1/acd$  (no. 142) with the lattice constants of a=13.106(2)Å and c=12.630(2)Å. The tetragonal Li<sub>7</sub>La<sub>3</sub>Hf<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub> had the fully ordered Li arrangement.

### Crystal structure of the monoclinic and cubic polymorphs of $BiMn_7O_{12}$

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The complex perovskite BiMn<sub>7</sub>O<sub>12</sub> occurs with polymorphic structures, cubic and monoclinic. Structural analysis reveals unusual behavior for oxygen and bismuth in the monoclinic and cubic phases, respectively. Unusually large (and anisiotropic) displacement parameters for some of the oxygen ions in the monoclinic phase indicated competition between non-equivalent Mn–O bonds for the corner-sharing *d*-type JT Mn<sub>B</sub>O<sub>6</sub> and square planar Mn<sub>A''</sub>O<sub>4</sub> polyhedra.

## Photocatalytic splitting of water under visible-light irradiation over the NiOx-loaded Sm<sub>2</sub>InTaO<sub>7</sub> with $4f-d^{10}-d^0$ configuration

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A new visible-light-response photocatalyst  $\text{Sm}_2\text{InTaO}_7$  with  $4f - d^{10} - d^0$  configuration was developed. DFT calculation indicated that strong dispersion from the hybridized In 5s 5p orbitals was responsible for the high photocatalytic activity.

### Comparative study of the synthesis of layered transition metal molybdates

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Mixed metal oxides (MMOs) derived from layered double hydroxide precursors differ in their reactivity on exposure to aqueous molybdate containing solutions. We investigate the influence of the molybdate source, the rehydration pH and the ratio of T/Mo on the reactivity of some T-Al containing MMOs (T = Co, Ni, Cu or Zn) towards the formation of layered transition metal molybdates of general formula  $AT_2(OH)(MoO_4)_2 \cdot H_2O$ (where  $A^+ = NH_4^+$ ,  $K^+$  or Na<sup>+</sup>).

#### [Cu<sub>4</sub>OCl<sub>6</sub>(DABCO)<sub>2</sub>] · 0.5DABCO · 4CH<sub>3</sub>OH ("MFU-5"): Modular synthesis of a zeolite-like metal-organic framework constructed from tetrahedral {Cu<sub>4</sub>OCl<sub>6</sub>} secondary building units and linear organic linkers

Ying-Ya Liu, Maciej Grzywa, Matthias Weil and Dirk Volkmer





The metal-organic framework [Cu4OCl6(DABCO)2] · 0.5DABCO · 4CH<sub>3</sub>OH (MFU-5) is constructed from a molecular precursor containing {Cu<sub>4</sub>OCl<sub>6</sub>} secondary building units which become cross-linked into a 3D zeolite-type network with hexagonal symmetry by linear DABCO ligands (DABCO=1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane).

#### Determination of the Lamb-Mössbauer factors of LiFePO<sub>4</sub> and FePO<sub>4</sub> for electrochemical in situ and operando measurements in Li-ion batteries

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Relative amount of FePO<sub>4</sub> obtained by Mössbauer and electrochemical data. We have corrected Mössbauer spectral intensities with our f factor of both LiFePO<sub>4</sub> and FePO<sub>4</sub>. Open (filled) squares correspond to values obtained during charging (discharging) process. The dashed line, given as a guideline for the eye, corresponds to the ideal case were amounts deduced from different experimental measurements are equal.

### Hydrothermal synthesis of NiS nanobelts and NiS<sub>2</sub> microspheres constructed of cuboids architectures

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Hexagonal NiS nanobelts and cubic NiS2 microspheres were hydrothermally synthesized in the reaction of Ni(CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>.  $4H_2O$  and  $Na_2S_2O_3 \cdot 5H_2O$ .

#### Polyoxometalate-based eight-connected self-catenated network and fivefold interpenetrating framework

Zhiming Zhang, Jia Liu, Yangguang Li, Shuang Yao, Enbo Wang and Xinlong Wang Page 228



Compound 1 is the POM-based unprecedented eight-connected self-penetrating organic-inorganic hybrid network constructed from the cuprous chloride clusters  $[{\rm Cu}_6{\rm Cl}_3],$  Lindquist-type polyoxoanions  $[{\rm Mo}^VW_5O_{19}],$  and the 4,4'-bipyridine ligands.

High-temperature X-ray diffraction study of crystallization and phase segregation on spinel-type lithium manganese oxides

Shinichi Komaba, Naoaki Yabuuchi and Sachi Ikemoto Page 234



Non-linear variation of lattice parameters of the Li excess LiMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinels was observed during cooling process from 700 to 25 °C.

First principles calculations of electronic structure and magnetic properties of Cr-based magnetic semiconductors  $Al_{1-x}Cr_xX$  (X=N, P, As, Sb)

Y. Saeed, A. Shaukat, S. Nazir, N. Ikram and Ali Hussain Reshak Page 242



The prototype structures of Cr doped AlX (X = N, P, As, Sb) compounds: (A) zinc blende AlP for x=0, (B) Cr<sub>1</sub>Al<sub>7</sub>P<sub>8</sub> for x = 0.125, (C) Cr<sub>1</sub>Al<sub>3</sub>P<sub>4</sub> for x = 0.25, (D) Cr<sub>1</sub>Al<sub>1</sub>P<sub>2</sub> for x = 0.5.

Neutron diffraction study of phase transitions in perovskitetype strontium molybdate SrMoO<sub>3</sub>

René B. Macquart, Brendan J. Kennedy and Maxim Avdeev

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Variable temperature neutron diffraction measurements of SrMoO<sub>3</sub> from 5 K to room temperature show the presence of two phase transitions associated with tilting of the octahedra. On cooling, the structure transforms from cubic  $(Pm\overline{3}m)$  to tetragonal (I4/mcm) and ultimately orthorhombic (Imma).

# High pressure synthesis and properties of ternary titanium (III) fluorides in the system KF–TiF<sub>3</sub> containing regular pentagonal bipyramids [TiF<sub>7</sub>]

Shoji Yamanaka, Akira Yasuda and Hajime Miyata Page 256



A new ternary fluoride  $KTi_2F_7$  has been developed under high-pressure and high-temperature conditions, which contains pentagonal bipyramid polyhedra [TiF<sub>7</sub>].

## The influence of sulfur substitution on the atomic displacement in $Bi_2 Ti_2 O_7$

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The electron localization function for  $Bi_2Ti_2O_6O'$  and  $Bi_2Ti_2O_6S'$  respectively show that sulfur substitution on the O' site will suppress lone pair formation.

## Homochiral frameworks derived from magnesium, zinc and copper salts of L-tartaric acid

Jeffrey A. Rood, Bruce C. Noll and Kenneth W. Henderson *Page 270* 

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Five metal-organic frameworks derived from L-tartarate and the divalent metal ions magnesium, zinc or copper have been prepared and structurally characterized. Significant structural diversity is displayed within this set of complexes.

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