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Regular Articles

The new high-pressure borate $Co_7B_{24}O_{42}(OH)_2\cdot 2\;H_2O-$ Formation of edge-sharing BO_4 tetrahedra in a hydrated borate

Stephanie C. Neumair, Reinhard Kaindl and Hubert Huppertz page 1



The new high-pressure borate hydrate $Co_7B_{24}O_{42}(OH)_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$ is built up from corner-sharing BO_4 tetrahedra forming corrugated layers, that are interconnected among each other by two edgesharing BO_4 tetrahedra (B_2O_6 units). In this paper we report on synthesis, structural details, and properties of the new compound $Co_7B_{24}O_{42}(OH)_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$.

Quadruple-layered perovskite (CuCl)Ca₂NaNb₄O₁₃ A. Kitada, Y. Tsujimoto, T. Yamamoto, Y. Kobayashi, Y. Narumi, K. Kindo, A.A. Aczel, G.M. Luke, Y.J. Uemura, Y. Kiuchi, Y. Ueda, K. Yoshimura, Y. Ajiro and H. Kageyama page 10



We present a quadruple-layered copper oxyhalide (CuCl)Ca₂Na Nb₄O₁₃ synthesized through a topotactic ion-exchange reaction of RbCa₂NaNb₄O₁₃ with CuCl₂. The compound has a well-defined superstructure. Magnetic studies suggest the absence of magnetic order even at 2 K.

Regular Articles

Double perovskite $Sr_2FeMoO_{6-x}N_x$ (x = 0.3, 1.0) oxynitrides with anionic ordering M. Retuerto, C. de la Calle, M.J. Martínez-Lope,

F. Porcher, K. Krezhov, N. Menéndez and J.A. Alonso *page 18*



We have synthesized and studied the new oxinitride double perovskites $Sr_2FeMoO_{6-x}N_x$. They present anionic ordering between O and N. The nitridation process improves the long-range Fe/Mo ordering. They show a ferrimagnetic transition with a reduced saturation magnetization compared to Sr_2FeMoO_6 , due to the different nature of the double exchange interactions through Fe-N-Mo-N-Fe in contrast to Fe-O-Mo-O-Fe. We suggest a shift towards a configuration $Fe^{4+}(3d^4, S=2):Mo^{5+}(4d^1, S=1/2)$.

Electronic structure and anisotropic chemical bonding in TiNF from ab initio study Samir F. Matar page 25



The geometry optimized ground state anatase derived TiNF structure with arrangement of open faceted TiN3F3 distorted octahedra. The insert shows the arrangement of octahedra in anatase TiO₂.

Microstructure, magnetic properties and exchange-coupling interactions for one-dimensional hard/soft ferrite nanofibers Fuzhan Song, Xiangqian Shen, Mingquan Liu and Jun Xiang

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 $SrFe_{12}O_{19}$ (SFO)/ $Ni_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}Fe_2O_4$ (NZFO) composite ferrite nanofibers with a uniform phase distribution show competition of the exchange–coupling interaction and the dipolar interaction in the composite nanofibers.

Two coordination polymers of manganese(II) isophthalate and their preparation, structures, and magnetic properties Jinxi Chen, Jingjing Wang and Masaaki Ohba page 37



Three-dimensional porous and two-dimensional layered manganese isophthalates have been prepared. Magnetic susceptibility measurements exhibit overall weak antiferromagnetic interactions between the Mn(II) ions in both compounds.

Theoretical investigations of the physical properties of zircon-type $\rm YVO_4$

Zuocai Huang, Jing Feng and Wei Pan page 42



(a) Directional dependence of Young's modulus in zircon-type YVO_4 and (b) projections of the directional dependent Young's modulus in different planes for zircon-type YVO_4 . The units are in GPa.

Novel 1D coordination polymer {Tm(Piv)₃}_n: Synthesis, structure, magnetic properties and thermal behavior Irina Fomina, Zhanna Dobrokhotova, Grygory Aleksandrov, Anna Emelina, Mikhail Bykov, Irina Malkerova, Artem Bogomyakov, Lada Puntus, Vladimir Novotortsev and Igor Eremenko page 49



Novel 1D coordination polymer $\{\text{Tm}(\text{Piv})_3\}_n$ was synthesized and studied by X-ray diffraction. The magnetic, luminescence properties, the thermal behavior and the volatility for the compound $\{\text{Tm}(\text{Piv})_3\}_n$ were investigated.

Revisiting the properties of delafossite CuCrO₂: A single crystal study

Maria Poienar, Vincent Hardy, Bohdan Kundys, Kiran Singh, Antoine Maignan, Françoise Damay and Christine Martin

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3R-CuCrO₂ platelet-like single crystals have been successfully grown by the flux method. As revealed by $\chi(T)$ and C(T) measurements, their properties are characterised by a unique antiferromagnetic transition at $T_N = 24$ K. Interestingly, despite a very small magnetic anisotropy, a large one is evidenced by the resistivity ratio, $\rho_c/\rho_{ab} \sim 35$, at 300 K. This suggests an easier charge hopping in the [CrO₂] planes rather than along (Cr–O–Cu) pathways, i.e. along *c* axis.

Mixed crystal formation and structural studies in the mullite-type system $Bi_2Fe_4O_9$ - $Bi_2Mn_4O_{10}$

Zachary R. Kann, Jeffrey T. Auletta, Eric W. Hearn, Sven-U. Weber, Klaus D. Becker, Hartmut Schneider and Michael W. Lufaso

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Single-phase regions are found near each end-member and a twophase region is observed at intermediate compositions, extending from about x=1 to 3, according to the general formula of the mixed crystals Bi₂Fe_{4-x}Mn_xO_{10- δ}.

Pressure-induced phase transition of Fe₂TiO₄: X-ray diffraction and Mössbauer spectroscopy

Ye Wu, Xiang Wu and Shan Qin *page* 72



A series of phase transition of Fe_2TiO_4 occurs from cubic (a) to tetragonal (b and c) then to orthorhombic phase (d–f) at high pressure.

Transition metal-chelating surfactant micelle templates for facile synthesis of mesoporous silica nanoparticles

Hye Sun Lee, Won Hee Kim, Jin Hyung Lee, Doo Jin Choi, Young-Keun Jeong and Jeong Ho Chang page 89



Metal-chelating surfactant micelle templates support a simple and facile preparations of size-tunable ordered MSNs.

Nonstoichiometry, point defects and magnetic properties in $Sr_2FeMoO_{6-\delta}$ double perovskites

R. Kircheisen and J. Töpfer *page 76*



Nonstoichiometry δ of Sr₂FeMoO_{6- δ} as function of oxygen partial pressure at 1000, 1100, and 1200 °C.

 Cr^{6+} -containing phases in the system $CaO-Al_2O_3-CrO_4^{2-}-H_2O$ at 23 °C Herbert Pöllmann and Stephan Auer *page 82*



Chromate can be incorporated in LDH-phases with compositions like: $3CaO \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot 1/2CaCrO_4 \cdot 1/2Ca(OH)_2 \cdot nH_2O$, $3CaO \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot CaCrO_4 \cdot nH_2O$, $3CaO \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot 1/6CaCrO_4 \cdot 5/6Ca(OH)_2 \cdot nH_2O$, $3CaO \cdot Al_2O_3(0-x)CaCrO_4(1-x) Ca(OH)_2 \cdot 12H_2O$, (0 < x < 0.17).

Synthesis and characterization of nanoapatites organofunctionalized with aminotriphosphonate agents Sanaâ Saoiabi, Sanae El Asri, Abdelaziz Laghzizil, Sylvie Masse and Jerome L. Ackerman page 95



Hydroxyapatite in the form of naturally occurring phosphate rock is converted in the presence of nitrilotris(methylene)triphosphonate (NTP) to high surface area apatite nanoparticles (dimensions measured by TEM) with NTP-functionalized surfaces.

Ternary lanthanum sulfide selenides α -LaS_{2-x}Se_x (0 < x < 2) with mixed dichalcogenide anions X_2^{2-} (X=S, Se) Christian Bartsch and Thomas Doert *page 101*



Raman spectra and site occupancies in the structures of selected lanthanum sulfide selenides.

Structures of ordered tungsten- or molybdenum-containing quaternary perovskite oxides

Bradley E. Day, Nicholas D. Bley, Heather R. Jones, Ryan M. McCullough, Hank W. Eng, Spencer H. Porter, Patrick M. Woodward and Paris W. Barnes *page 107*



A survey of the tolerance factor of 41 Mo/W- and 52 Nb/Tacontaining quaternary perovskites plotted as a function of the difference between the two six-coordinate *M*-cation ionic radii. Compounds with cubic symmetry are represented by diamonds, those with tetragonal symmetry are represented by squares, those with I2/m monoclinic symmetry are represented by ×, and those with $P2_1/n$ monoclinic symmetry are represented by triangles. White symbols represent compositions where $A = Ba^{2+}$, gray symbols represent compositions where $A = Sr^{2+}$, and black symbols represent where $A = Ca^{2+}$. The filled circle represents rhombohedral Ba₂BiTaO₆ (t = 0.961; space group—*R3*?; tilt system— $a^-a^-a^-$). References for the compounds included in this figure are listed in the Supporting Information File.

Hematite homogeneous core/shell hierarchical spheres: Surfactant-free solvothermal preparation and their improved catalytic property of selective oxidation

Suoyuan Lian, Haitao Li, Xiaodie He, Zhenhui Kang, Yang Liu and Shuit Tong Lee page 117

 $\begin{array}{c} FeCl_3 \\ ethanol \\ 180 \ C \\ \hline 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ \hline 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1 \\ 2 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \\ 12 \\ 20 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$

 Fe_2O_3 homogeneous core/shell hierarchical microspheres were synthesized by solvothermal method. Owing to the special structure, the synthesized Fe_2O_3 microspheres exhibit a superior catalytic activity in benzyl oxidation.

Synthesis, structure, and optical properties of $CsU_2(PO_4)_3$ George N. Oh, Emilie Ringe, Richard P. Van Duyne and James A. Ibers page 124



Stacking of the layers in CsU₂(PO₄)₃, viewed along [100].

Laser patterning and preferential orientation of twodimensional planar β -BaB₂O₄ crystals on the glass surface F. Suzuki, K. Ogawa, T. Honma and T. Komatsu *page 130*



This figure shows confocal scanning laser microscope and polarized optical microscope photographs for β -BaB₂O₄ crystals obtained by laser irradiations. The laser scanning was repeated with a step of 0.5 µm between the lines using the condition of the power of P=0.8 W and a laser scanning speed of S=8 µm/s. It is suggested that β -BaB₂O₄ crystals in the overlapped laser-irradiated region are highly oriented and the *c*-axis direction.

Optical spectroscopy and excited state dynamics of $CaMoO_4$: Pr^{3+}

Enrico Cavalli, Fabio Angiuli, Philippe Boutinaud and Rachid Mahiou

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A general scheme is proposed in order to account for the complex dependence of the luminescence properties of the $CaMoO_4:Pr^{3+}$ system on the experimental parameters including excitation wavelength, temperature, doping concentration, etc.

Thermodynamic restrictions on mechanosynthesis of strontium titanate

J.F. Monteiro, A.A.L. Ferreira, I. Antunes, D.P. Fagg and J.R. Frade

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X-Ray diffractograms of the starting TiO_2 (anatase) + SrCO₃ mixture and after mechanical activation at 650 rpm, for 1, 2, and 7 h. Different symbols are used to identify reflections ascribed to anatase (diamonds), SrCO₃ (squares) and SrTiO₃ (triangles).

Intercalation studies of zinc hydroxide chloride: Ammonia and amino acids

Gregorio Guadalupe Carbajal Arízaga page 150



The zinc hydroxide chloride (ZHC) with formula $Zn_5(OH)_8Cl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ was tested as intercalation matrix. In comparison with the well-known zinc hydroxide nitrate (ZHN) and layered double hydroxides (LDH), ZHC was the best matrix for thermal protection of Asp combustion, presenting exothermic peaks even at 452 °C, while the highest exothermic event in ZHN was at 366 °C, and in the LDH it was at 276 °C.

The hunt for LaFeSbO: Synthesis of La_2SbO_2 and a case of mistaken identity

Sean Muir, Jason Vielma, Guenter Schneider, A.W. Sleight and M.A. Subramanian

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The layered oxypnictide compounds La₂SbO₂ and La_{1.9}Sr_{0.1}SbO₂ have been synthesized and investigated. Both crystallize in a ThCr₂Si₂ type configuration and are semiconducting. Stability of the unreported compound LaFeSbO has been investigated using density functional theory. A case of mistaken identity in the literature regarding the composition LaNiBiO is addressed.

Investigation of the iron site localization in doped ZnO M.D. Carvalho, L.P. Ferreira, R.P. Borges and M. Godinho *page 160*



 $Zn_{0.95}Fe_{0.05}O$ obtained by a combustion method and after reduction under hydrogen atmosphere.

The synthesis, structure, magnetic and luminescent properties of a new tetranuclear dysprosium (III) cluster Yen-Han Chen, Yun-Fan Tsai, Gene-Hsian Lee and En-Che Yang

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A new tetranuclear dysprosium (III) complex $[Dy_4(dhampH_3)_4$ (NO₃)₂](NO₃)₂ is synthesized and reported in this paper. This molecule has luminescence and can potentially act as a SMM.

Controlled synthesis of MnSn(OH)₆/graphene nanocomposites and their electrochemical properties as capacitive materials

Gongkai Wang, Xiang Sun, Fengyuan Lu, Qingkai Yu, Changsheng Liu and Jie Lian

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Graphite oxide (GO) can be synthesized by oxidizing graphite using Hummers method. Graphene was reduced from GO by thermal exfoliation. In this work, MnSn(OH)₆/graphene nanocomposites were synthesized by a simple co-precipitation method and their electrochemical performances have been explored.

$[La(UO_2)V_2O_7][(UO_2)(VO_4)]$ the first lanthanum uranylvanadate with structure built from two types of sheets based upon the uranophane anion-topology

A. Mer, S. Obbade, M. Rivenet, C. Renard and F. Abraham

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A view of the three-dimensional structure of $[La(UO_2)V_2O_7]$ $[(UO_2)(VO_4)].$

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Photoluminescence properties of rare earths (Eu^{3+} , Tb^{3+} , Dy^{3+} and Tm^{3+}) activated NaInW₂O₈ wolframite host lattice

S. Asiri Naidu, S. Boudin, U.V. Varadaraju and B. Raveau page 187



 $NaInW_2O_8$ double tungstate doped with Eu^{3+} , Dy^{3+} , Tb^{3+} and Tm^{3+} shows characteristic emission of intense red for Eu^{3+} , yellow for Dy^{3+} , green for Tb^{3+} and blue for Tm^{3+} .

Synthesis and characterization of a nanocomposite of goethite nanorods and reduced graphene oxide for electrochemical capacitors

Qingliang Shou, Jipeng Cheng, Li Zhang, Bradley J. Nelson and Xiaobin Zhang

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The reduced graphene oxide sheets are decorated with goethite nanorods. The as-prepared composite exhibits a high electrochemical capacitance with good recycling capability, which is promising for supercapacitor applications.

Synthesis of Co-containing mesoporous carbon foams using a new cobalt-oxo cluster as a precursor

Yao-Kang Lv, Yun-Long Feng, Li-Hua Gan, Ming-Xian Liu, Liang Xu, Cao Liu, Hao-Wen Zheng and Jie Li page 198



A new trinuclear cobalt-oxo cluster, $2[Co_3O(Ac)_6(H_2O)_3] \cdot H_2O$ (1), was obtained and further used as a precursor to synthesize Cocontaining mesoporous carbon foams (Co-MCFs) which exhibit improved electrochemical behaviors.

Structural, energetic and thermodynamic analyses of $Ca(BH_4)_2 \cdot 2NH_3$ from first principles calculations

Peng-Fei Yuan, Fei Wang, Qiang Sun, Yu Jia and Zheng-Xiao Guo

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The crystal structure of this compound and the calculated decomposition reaction free energy for two different reactions:

Reac (2): $Ca(BH_4)_2 \cdot 2NH_3 \xrightarrow{162^{\circ}C} Ca(BH_4)_2 \cdot NH_3$ + $NH_3 \xrightarrow{230^{\circ}C} Ca(BH_4)_2 + 2NH_3$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Reac (3)}: \text{Ca}(\text{BH}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{NH}_3 \xrightarrow{190^\circ\text{C}} 1/4\text{Ca}(\text{BH}_4)_2 + 1/4\text{Ca}_3(\text{BN}_2)_2 \\ + \text{BN} + 6\text{H}_2 \end{array}$

Structural studies of magnesium nitride fluorides by powder neutron diffraction

Michael A. Brogan, Robert W. Hughes, Ronald I. Smith and Duncan H. Gregory

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Definitive structures of the ternary magnesium nitride fluorides Mg_3NF_3 and the lower temperature polymorph of Mg_2NF have been determined from powder neutron diffraction data. The nitride halides are essentially ionic and exhibit weak temperature independent paramagnetic behaviour.

8-Hydroxypyrene-1,3,6-trisulphonate and octanesulphonate co-assembled layered double hydroxide and its controllable solid-state luminescence by hydrothermal synthesis Sile Dang, Dongpeng Yan and Jun Lu page 219



8-Hydroxy-pyrene-1,3,6-trisulphonate and octanesulfonate cointercalated ZnAl layered double hydroxide can exhibit tunable solid-state blue and green fluorescence by treating the sample at acid and neutral media under hydrothermal condition.

Preparation and application of L-cysteine-doped Keggin polyoxometalate microtubes

Yan Shen, Jun Peng, Huangiu Zhang, Cuili Meng and Fang Zhang

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Lcys-SiW12 microtube a-SiW12

The Lcys-SiW₁₂ microtubes were formed during transformation of the monolacunary Keggin-type $[\alpha$ -SiW₁₁O₃₉]⁸⁻ to the saturated Keggin-type $[\alpha$ -SiW₁₂O₄₀]⁴⁻, meanwhile L-cysteine molecules were doped during the growth of the microtubes.

Magnetic behaviour of the *M*TbF₆ fluoroterbates $(M = Cd, Ca, Sr, (\alpha/\beta)-Ba)$

M. Josse, M. El-Ghozzi, D. Avignant, G. André, F. Bourée and O. Isnard

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Powder neutron diffraction revealed magnetic order in four of the five investigated fluoroterbates, while crystal chemical analyses of α and β forms of BaTbF₆ evidenced the existence of superexchange interactions

Molecular dynamics simulations of solid state recrystallization I: Observation of grain growth in annealed iron nanoparticles

Jinfan Huang and Lawrence S. Bartell page 238



Time dependence of energy per atom in the quenching of liquid nanoparticles A-C of iron. Nanoparticle C freezes directly into a single crystal but A and B freeze to solids with two grains. A and B eventually recrystallize into single crystals.

One-dimensional WO₃ and its hydrate: One-step synthesis, structural and spectroscopic characterization

Kingsley O. Iwu, Augustinas Galeckas, Protima Rauwel, Andrej Y. Kuznetsov and Truls Norby page 245



The figure illustrates the role of pH in morphological and absorption edge evolution of WO3 (hydrate) as well as the variation in the concentration of defect electrons between anhydrous and hydrated WO3.

Two types of rare earth-organic frameworks constructed by racemic tartaric acid

Zhan-Guo Jiang, Yao-Kang Lv, Jian-Wen Cheng and Yun-Long Feng

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 $[R_2(tar)_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O)_2]_n \cdot 4nH_2O$ (R = La (2), Nd (3)) display rare fsx-4,5- $P2_1/c$ topology containing hydrophilic channels bounded by triple helical chains along a axis.

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Ab initio study of the linear and nonlinear optical properties of chalcopyrite CdGeAs₂

You Yu, Beijun Zhao, Shifu Zhu, Tao Gao, Haijun Hou and Zhiyu He

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