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### Solid-state thermochromism of polydiacetylenes containing robust 2D hydrogen bond network

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We have reported that topochemical polymerization principles and the design of the monomer stacking using supramolecular synthons for the polymerization of 1,3-diene monomers. The most sophisticated molecules included the naphthylmethylammonium group as the countercation of diene carboxylates. This group is appropriate for the rational design and the control of the arrangement of monomer molecules in the crystals. Here we report the polymerization behavior of diacetylenes containing a naphthylmethylammonium carboxylate group in the side chain, which makes robust 2D hydrogen bond networks. The resulting polydiacetylenes (PDAs) showed the thermochromism depending on the structure of the alkyl substituents and spacers in the side chain. In order to discuss the effect of the side chain conjugating group on the chromatic property of PDA, we further investigated the solidstate structure and chromatic properties of PDAs containing aromatic groups that are directly connected to the conjugating main chain. We have concluded that the thermochromic transition can be classed into several kinds of different phases on the basis of the confomration of conjugating main chains and the alkyl and aromatic side groups in the solid state.

Keywords: conjugated organic compounds, polymer structures conformation, hydrogen bonds in organic crystals

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### Relation between X-ray emission mechanism and crystal structure in LiTaO<sub>3</sub>

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LiTaO<sub>3</sub> is well known as a ferroelectric material and is used in polarization converters etc.. At temperatures below the Curie temperature Tc (Tc~930 K) of LiTaO<sub>3</sub>, the centres of positive and negative charges in a LiTaO<sub>3</sub> crystal are separated spatially and the crystal is polarized. Brownridge et al. have reported x-ray emission during temperature changes of pyroelectric crystals like LiNbO3 or LiTaO<sub>3</sub> under vacuum. Subsequently, their group and ours have independently investigated x-ray generation by ferroelectric crystals. Changing the temperature changes the absolute magnitude of polarization. Electrons in the crystal can be accelerated by an electric field due to the surface charges of the crystal formed upon temperature changes, in which the large intensity of the photon flux of x-rays was obtained at 10<sup>-3</sup> Pa. X-rays are radiated as a result of the bremsstrahlung caused by the collision of charged particles with a target metal. The x-ray radiation rate becomes maximum at a gas pressure of approximately 5 Pa. As there have been no reports on structural analysis in the high temperature range in which x-ray emission can be observed on the surface of the crystal, Nakanishi et al. carried out high temperature single crystal structure analysis of LiNbO<sub>3</sub> and suggested that the valence electron in Nb changes in the compound and x-ray emission have a close relation to the electric charge of Nb in LiNbO<sub>3</sub>. Therefore, we executed the single crystal structure analysis of LiTaO<sub>3</sub> in the temperature range between room temperature to about 440 K which x-ray emission can be observed, far below the phase transition, Tc in order to elucidate the mechanism of the x-ray emission in the pyroelectric crystals.

Keywords: ferroelectric material, LiTaO<sub>3</sub>, X-ray emission

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## Reversible structural changes by electrostatic fields in strontium titanate at room temperature

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Beyond the use as substrate material, strontium titanate (SrTiO3) is an interesting material for electronic and other applications because of its high dielectric permittivity. Its properties strongly depend on the defects in its perovskite-type of structure, even at room temperature. Mobile oxygen can cause the formation of non-stoichiometric regions when an electric field of sufficient strength (1000 V/mm) is applied. Our investigations revealed reversible structural changes at room temperature caused by a systematic field-induced redistribution of oxygen. The structural changes are highlighted by means of wideangle X-ray scattering, X-ray absorption spectroscopy and timeresolved measurements of the electric current. We found a reversible conversion of the perovskite-type of structure to a long-range ordered variant with changed lattice parameter. The time dependence of the current is compared to the temporal change of the structure of SrTiO3 at near-surface regions (depth in the order of 10 micron). A model describing the stages of a supposed solid-state electrolysis is presented. Local changes of the refraction index caused by stress birefringence were discovered by optical polarization microscopy. These local stress fields may be attributed to dislocation cores acting as paths for the oxygen transport to the anode. From spectroscopic measurements showing a change of titanium valence in near-surface regions, we can prove the oxygen diffusion model. Our results open a way to structurally modify the technologically relevant perovskite oxides using electrostatic fields. The tunable lattice spacings observed might be used in the field of adaptive X-ray optics. Also, substrates with tunable dielectric properties at constant basal lattice parameters could be realized.

Keywords: perovskites, electrical characterization, *in-situ* experiments

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# The crystal structure of a metachromatic dye toluidine blue

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