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4-dimethylamino-N-methyl-4-stilbazolium tosylate (DAST) is a well-known organic nonlinear optical material for emitting highpower and broadband terahertz (THz) wave. However, it had nearly reported about the crystals of DAST-derivative materials and their properties as a THz wave source. In this study, we designed new DAST-derivative materials, grew these crystals, and investigated their THz-wave properties. We synthesized various DAST-derivative materials such as 1-methyl-4-{2-[4-hydroxyphenyl]ethenyl} pridinium p-toluenesulfonate (MC-pTS), new material named bis[1-methyl-4-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethenyl}pridinium] terephthanate (BDAS-TP), and so on. Then we prepared their solutions with methanol solvent, and grew their crystals by using slow-cooling process. Fig. 1 shows the obtained crystals of MC-pTS and BDAS-TP. By using a femtosecond laser, we found BDAS-TP crystal can generate broadband THz-wave.

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Fig.1 Crystals of DAST derivatives (a) MC-pTS (b) BDAS-TP

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Neutron and X-ray powder diffraction investigation of LaMnO₃

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The parent compound LaMnO₃ of the hole-doped colossal magnetoresistance (CMR) materials crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group Pbnm. The structure consists of MnO₆ octahedra that are distorted due to the Jahn-Teller effects. Below TO = 750 K LaMnO₃ has an orbital ordered state that consists of the Mn³⁺ eg orbitals in an alternate staggered pattern in the a-b plane that repeats itself along the c axis. This type of orbital order induces A-type antiferromagnetic (AF) ordering below TN = 141 K and coexists with it. In the A-type AF phase the ferromagnetic a-b plane are stacked antiferromagnetically along the c-axis. We have investigated the orbital order-disorder transition in LaMnO₃ by high temperature X-ray powder diffraction with synchrotron radiation and also neutron powder diffraction. The unit cell volume of LaMnO3 increases with increasing temperature and at higher temperature it starts decreasing in a narrow temperature range below TO = 750 K, and then undergoes a volume collapse at TO. The Pbnm symmetry of LaMnO₃ is retained above TO although the unit cell becomes pseudo-cubic. We have constructed a theory of this phase transition by a model Hamiltonian involving the pseudo-spin of Mn³⁺ eg states, the staggered JT distortion and the volume strain coordinate. We also investigated the magnetoelastic effect at the antiferromagnetic phase transition

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Tuning magnetic interaction in orthorhombic neodymium-yttrium manganites Nd_{1-x}Y_xMnO₃

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By lowering the Mn-O-Mn bond angle in LnMnO₃ with Ln=La-Ho the Neel-temperature decreases and at Ln=Tb the A-type antiferromagnet transforms to an incommensurate (IC) spin-spiral phase for Ln=Gd,Tb,Dy. The spin-spiral breaks both inversion and time reversal symmetry leading to a strong coupling between magnetism and ferroelectric polarization. We investigate the evolution of the crystal and magnetic structure from the A-type phase to the IC spin spiral phase by systematically replacing neodymium by yttrium in NdMnO3 resulting to a decrease of the tolerance factors to values similar to that for multiferroic TbMnO₃. One advantage of this approach is that the tolerance factor can be tuned and that neodymium and yttrium are not high neutron absorbing elements in sharp contrast to other rare earths like Gd, Dy and Eu. Compositions x=0.0 to 0.6 have been prepared, neutron and x-ray powder diffraction patterns were measured as well as the magnetic properties. It can be shown that by decreasing the tolerance factor that way, similar effects can be seen as with varying the ionic size of the rare earth ions. For example we found that between 0.4<x<0.6 the incommensurate phase co-exists with the A-type antiferromagnetic phase and with x=0.6 and higher the system is only incommensurate and seemingly multiferroic.

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Superstructures in RBaCo₂O_{5.5} (R=Nd, Tb) as seen from reciprocal space mapping

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In RBaCo₂O_{5.5} (R= rare earth element) the Co³⁺ ions can be found in either low spin state, an intermediate spin state or in a high spin state Providing that the energy difference between these states is small, i.e. $\sim k_B T$, different electronic and vibrational degeneracy may lead, via an entropy factor, to a temperature induced spinstate conversion. Ordering of the spin states is manifested in the corresponding superstructure reflections; these can be traced in a diffraction experiment as a function of external stimuli. By mapping reciprocal space with an area detector and synchrotron light, we have studied the temperature dependence of the superstructure reflections for NdBaCo₂O_{5.5} and TbBaCo₂O_{5.48}. We have found that above the metal-insulator transition there are two different Co ions in the asymmetric unit, one sitting in a pyramidal and one in an octahedral environment. Below the transition temperature there are four structurally different Co ions. This observation agrees with the "spin blockade" mechanism suggested for the metal-insulator transition in cobaltites. We also present results of structural analyzes illustrating how the corresponding powder diffraction measurements could easily overlook the correct structure. A symmetry analysis bracketing the observed phase transitions within the context of Landau theory is also given.

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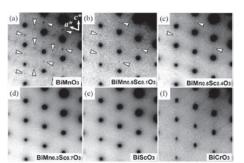
Investigation of the crystal symmetry of BiMnO₃: Electron diffraction study

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BiMnO₃ has been considered as a multiferroic material due to the ferroelectric and ferromagnetic properties. The crystal symmetry is, however, controversial today. We investigated the crystal symmetry of BiMnO₃ by Convergent-Beam and Selected-Area Electron Diffraction (CBED and SAED, respectively). CBED, which was used in order to discriminate the crystal axes of BiMnO₃, showed that BiMnO₃ belongs to space group *C*2/*c*. In the [010] SAED pattern, however, the very weak but sharp h0l (l=2n+1) reflections were observed indicating the noncentrosymmetric long-range ordered structure (*C*2) [1]. This implies that the weak reflections had quite little influence on the CBED patterns [2]. The h0l (l=2n+1) reflections could not be detected in structurally related BiSCO₃ and BiCrO₃ indicating centrosymmetric *C*2/*c*, respectively [1]. This strongly suggests that the noncentrosymmetric long-range ordered structure (*C*2) of BiMnO₃ is attributed not only to Bi³⁺ ions with

lone electron pair but also to Mn³⁺ ions, that is, to correlation between Bi³⁺ and Mn³⁺ ions. [1]T. Yokosawa, et al. Phys. Rev. B 77, 024111 (2008) [2]M. Tanaka, M. Terauchi, and T. Kaneyama, CBED II (JEOL, Tokyo, 1988), pp. 120-139.



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Structural and magnetic phase transitions in the complex perovskite systems BiMn₇O₁₂ and LaMn₇O₁₂

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By means of neutron powder diffraction as a function of temperature, we have investigated the nuclear and magnetic structures of the new systems (BiMn₃⁺³)(Mn₃⁺⁴)O₁₂ and (LaMn₃⁺³)(Mn₃⁺⁴)O₁₂. Singlephase powder samples of both phases were recently synthesized under high pressures at the IMEM-CNR in Parma. In both systems, the A' cation is trivalent, thus all of the Mn B-cations are expected to be trivalent. Both systems crystallize in the A'A₃B₄O₁₂ complex perovskite structure consisting of a pseudo-cubic network of cornershared BO₆ octahedra. This system may display a rich manifold of charge, spin and orbital orderings characteristic of mixed-valence systems. In both systems, we have determined precisely the nuclear and magnetic structures as a function of temperature, between room temperature and 2K. We have observed two magnetic transitions at low temperature in the La compound, involving crystallographically different Mn ions. Between 65K and 20K, the propagation vector k is (0,0,0), and only the Mn ions in the B-site are ordered. Below 20K, additional magnetic reflections appear, the lattice is no longer body centered, and magnetic moments of manganese atoms belonging to the A site are ordered. The magnetic structure has been solved by simulated annealing techniques, with help of symmetry analysis. It will be discussed in comparison with the Na analog which had been studied before. For the Bi compound, the effect of the lone pair of Bi on the structure will be discussed, as well as the magnetic structures observed at low temperature.

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Coupling of Tb- and Mn-magnetic orders in multiferroic TbMnO₃

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While ferroelectricity and magnetism are chemically incompatible, it has recently been shown that inversion and time-reversal symmetry can be broken simultaneously if magnetic spins order in a cycloidal arrangement as in RMnO₃. It has been also shown that although the magnetic ordering of Mn-spins drives multiferroicity, R-ions strongly modulate it and thus significantly influence multiferroic properties. Irrespective of the mechanism that drives multiferroic behavior, the magnetic coupling between R- and Mn-spins needs to be understood in order to arrive at a detailed and quantitative model of multiferroics. Here we report on diffraction measurements which demonstrate that the Tb- and Mn- magnetic ordering in multiferroic TbMnO₃ remain