Temperature dependent magnetic structure of lithium delithiated $\text{Li}_x\text{FeSO}_4\text{F}$ (x = 0, 1) by Mössbauer spectroscopy

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Recently, lithium iron sulfate compounds have been highly considered for a positive electrode material for lithium ion batteries. In this work, LiFeSO₄F and the fully delithiated FeSO₄F were prepared by the ionothermal process and chemical oxidation reaction method. The $\text{Li}_x\text{FeSO}_4\text{F}$ (x = 0, 1) samples show the triclinic structure with P-1 space group. In the case of delithiated FeSO₄F, changes in lattice parameters were observed due to the disappearance of the Li site while maintaining the triclinic structure. Temperature-dependent magnetic susceptibility curves show the antiferromagnetic (AFM) structure with the ordering temperature of 28 K for LiFeSO₄F and 99 K for FeSO₄F. Also, temperature-dependent Mössbauer spectra of LiFeSO₄F below T_N were fitted with two-sets of eight Lorentzian indicating the existence of two different types of Fe²⁺ ions due to the different hyperfine and electric quadrupole interactions. With the lithium delithiated, the Fe³⁺ iron ions in FeSO₄F exhibit two-sets of six-line patterns due to the electron transfer in FeO₄F₂ site by lithium delithiation. These suggest that the different AFM ordering in LixFeSO4F can be originated from the Fe²⁺/Fe³⁺ magnetic ions with different charge distributions and spin contributions. © 2012 American Institute of Physics. [doi:10.1063/1.3677865]