

Magnetic properties of double perovskite Ca₂FeMoO₆ by neutron diffraction and Mössbauer spectral studies

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Abstract

Crystallographic and magnetic properties of the double perovskite oxide Ca_2FeMoO_6 were studied. The single phase polycrystalline Ca_2FeMoO_6 powder was prepared by a solid-state reaction method. The crystal structure of the Ca_2FeMoO_6 is found to be monoclinic with lattice constants $a_0 = 5.4056$ Å, $b_0 = 5.5170$ Å, $c_0 = 7.6971$ Å, and $\beta = 89.92^\circ$. The Mössbauer spectra have been taken at various temperatures ranging from 17 to Curie temperature (T_C) was found to be 350 K. The isomer shift value at room temperature is 0.43 mm/s relative to the Fe metal that are consistent with the Fe³⁺ valence state. Hyperfine parameters of the Mössbauer spectra were analyzed as a function of temperature and observed the magnetic properties with crystallographic changes through neutron diffraction experiments.

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