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## Crystallographic and Mössbauer studies of YMn<sub>1.8</sub>Fe<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

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## Abstract

The crystallographic and magnetic properties of  $YMn_{1.8}Fe_{0.2}O_5$  powders have been studied by X-ray, neutron diffraction, and Mössbauer spectroscopy. The samples were prepared by sol–gel process and crystallized at various temperatures. The crystal structures of the powders sintered below  $1100\,^{\circ}C$  were found to be a single phase of orthorhombic (pbam), whereas the other samples sintered above  $1200\,^{\circ}C$  were changed to hexagonal structure with satellite phases. The Mössbauer spectra of  $YMn_{1.8}Fe_{0.2}O_5$  powders can be understood primarily owing to its chemical and structural complexities. © 2006 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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