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Interplay between H-bonding and charge ordering in Fe₃(PO₄)₂(OH), barbosalite

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Charge Ordering (CO) in transition metal oxides is an important parameter for obtaining original magnetic and/or electric properties. That was largely shown within the framework of the studies on colossal magneto-resistance in manganese perovskites and it again seems to be at the origin of the ferroelectricity in $CaMn_7O_{12}$ or $LuFe_2O_4$. The mixed valence of iron in the system is a particular motivation in view of the long lasting research on the understanding of the effects of pressure on charge order/magnetic order in iron compounds such as the $LuFe_2O_4$ new charge ordered state and the pressure dependence of its magnetic order. Here we focus on $Fe^{2+}Fe^{3+}_2(PO_4)_2(OH)_2$ barbosalite single crystal, an hydroxyphosphate of iron which exhibits a mixed valence state. High pressure behavior of barbosalite was successfully characterized based on single crystal X-ray diffraction, Raman and infrared spectroscopies. $Fe^{2+}Fe^{3+}_2(PO_4)_2(OH)_2$ presents two phase transition at close to 3 and 8 GPa respectively which are clearly governed by an interplay between H-bonding and electron delocalization. Moreover the temperature reaction $Fe^{2+}Fe^{3+}_3(PO_4)_3(OH)_2$ $Fe^{3+}_4(PO_4)_3(OOH)_2$.

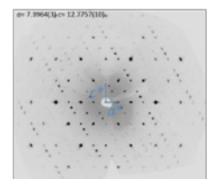


Figure 1: h0l reconstruction of the reciprocal space of incommensurate $Fe^{3+}_{3}(PO_{4})_{2}$ (OOH).

Biography

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