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Study of the Structural and Electrical Properties of Cr-Doped BiFeO₃ Ceramic

Abstract:

Multiferroic BiFe_{1-x}Cr_xO₃ (x = 0.2 and 0.4) ceramics were synthesized in a single phase. The effects of Cr³⁺ substitution on the crystal structure, dielectric permittivity and leakage current were investigated. Preliminary X-ray structural studies revealed that the samples had a rhombohedral perovskite crystal structure. The dielectric constant ϵ' significantly increased while the dielectric loss $\tan\delta$ was substantially decreased with the increase in Cr³⁺ substitution. The temperature effect on the dielectric properties exhibited an anomaly corresponding to magneto-electric coupling in the samples and was shifted to lower temperatures with the increase in Cr³⁺ substitution. The leakage current density also reduced in magnitude with the increase in the Cr³⁺ substitution