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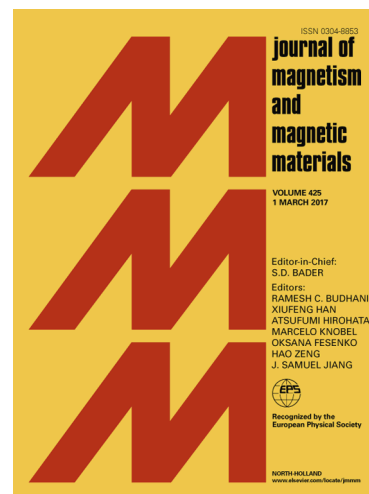
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Abstract:

We have undertaken a systematic study of the effect of Rb^+ doping on the X-ray diffraction, magnetic and electric transport properties of the mixed valence perovskites $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Ba}_{0.33-x}\text{Rb}_x\text{MnO}_3$ ($0 \leq x \leq 0.1$), prepared by the flux technique. X-ray diffraction and structure refinement showed the formation of single-phase compositions with rhombohedral symmetry with $R\bar{3}c$ space group. Magnetization measurements in a magnetic field of 0.05 T confirm a transition from ferromagnetic (FM) to paramagnetic (PM) phase with increasing temperature. The Curie temperature T_C decreases from 340 K ($x = 0$) to 296 K ($x = 0.1$). The decrease of T_C can be explained by the Mn^{4+} content increase. Upon Rb doping, the temperature T_{M-Sc} decreases, in accordance with the evolution of T_C values (from 340 to 296 K). The electrical resistivity concluded that the metallic part (below T_{M-Sc}) can be explained by the following equation $\rho(T) = \rho_0 + \rho_2 T^2 + \rho_{4.5} T^{4.5}$, signifying the importance of the domain boundary / grain, combination of electron-magnon, electron-electron and electron phonon scattering processes. At higher temperature ($T > T_{M-Sc}$) the semiconducting regime, the adiabatic small polarons hopping mechanism (ASPH) was found to fit well.

Keywords: Perovskite; A-site substitution; manganite, magneto-transport.

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