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Abstract

Here, we reported the synthesis of bilayered BiFeO₃/CoFe₂O₄ Nano-hollow spheres (NHSs) by depositing a BiFeO₃ (BFO) layer of thickness ~20 nm on CoFe₂O₄ (CFO) nano-hollow spheres surface of diameter ~250 nm and investigated their electric, magnetic and magnetoelectric properties in view of their applications in electronic and magnetic devices. The nano-composites exhibit better properties compared to their individual counterpart. The maximum polarization in CFO/BFO NHSs is found to be 2.1 $\mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$ at a frequency 50 Hz. Magnetic measurements show the saturation magnetization to be 30.1 emu/g with high value of remnant magnetization(17.9 emu/g), and coercivity(1320 Oe). Its magnetoelectric coefficient, α_{ME} at 1 kHz is estimated to be ~8.6 mV/cmOe.

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