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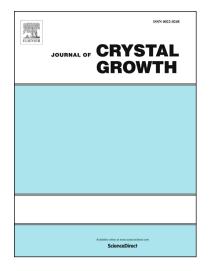
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Abstract:

Sodium potassium tartrate tetrahydrate-NaKC₄H₄O₆.4H₂O known as Rochelle salt is a well-known ferroelectric. This paper deals with the following topics: (i) the Sankaranarayanan-Ramasamy method of growth of a parallelepiped-shaped single crystal of Rochelle salt having the (100), (010) and (001) planes mutually perpendicular to each other, (ii) evaluation of the second-order elastic stiffness constants C_{11} , C_{22} , C_{33} , C_{44} , C_{55} and C_{66} using the parallelepiped-shaped single-crystal sample of Rochelle salt, (iii) growth of large [011]-, [101]- and [110]-oriented cylindrical-shaped single crystals of Rochelle salt from appropriately prepared seeds using the same method, (iv) determination of elastic constants C_{23} , C_{13} and C_{12} using the [011]-, [101]- and [110]-oriented single-crystal samples of Rochelle salt, respectively, and (v) calculations of elastic compliance constants S_{11} , S_{22} , S_{33} , S_{44} , S_{55} , S_{66} , S_{12} , S_{23} and S_{13} , Young's modulus E, bulk modulus E, Poisson's ratio v, linear compressibility β_1 , β_2 and β_3 along the three principal directions and volume compressibility β of the crystal.

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