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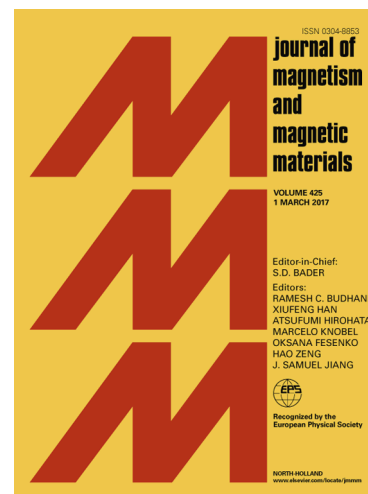
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Abstract:

In this work, a study of the electronic and magnetic properties of SnFe_2O_4 spinel ferrite for different case of octahedral and tetrahedral distribution was carried out by using the Full Potential Linearized Plane Wave (FP-LAPW) method in density functional theory (DFT) implemented in the Wien2k package, with the generalized gradient (GGA) and Tran-Blaha modified Becke-Johnson approximations for the exchange and correlation functional. Our spin-polarized calculations based on mBJ correction show a half metallic behavior for SnFe_2O_4 which confirm the usefulness of SnFe_2O_4 in spintronic application. From the magnetic properties calculations, it is found that the magnetic moment per formula unit is $8.0327 \mu_B$, $0.000015 \mu_B$ and $3.99 \mu_B$ in SnFe_2O_4 100% normal, 100% inverse and 50 % inverse, respectively .

Keywords: SnFe_2O_4 , Spinel ferrites, Spintronic, ab initio calculation, FP-LAPW method.

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