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#### Abstract

Heavy-rare-earth-doped (HR-doped) ( $Sr_{2-x}Ln_x$ )FeMoO<sub>6</sub> (x = 0, 0.1 and 0.15, Ln = Sr, Gd, Tb, Dy, Y and Ho) have been synthesized by solid-state reaction. Crystal structure, magnetic and transport properties of the compound are investigated systematically. Structural refinement shows that although all the compounds belong to the same space group, I4/m, prominent structural distortion is introduced: all the compounds seem to be divided into two groups: for (Sr<sub>2-x</sub>Gd<sub>x</sub>)FeMoO<sub>6</sub> and (Sr<sub>2-x</sub>Tb<sub>x</sub>)FeMoO<sub>6</sub> compounds, FeO<sub>6</sub> octahedra becomes expansive and MoO<sub>6</sub> octahedra becomes contractive, while FeO<sub>6</sub> octahedra is compressed and MoO<sub>6</sub> octahedra is stretched for the other compounds. Owing to the competing interaction between structural distortion and electron doping, T<sub>C</sub> of (Sr<sub>2-x</sub>Gd<sub>x</sub>)FeMoO<sub>6</sub> and (Sr<sub>2-x</sub>Tb<sub>x</sub>)FeMoO<sub>6</sub> is increased, resistivity is decreased and metallic behavior is enhanced, while the reverse occurs to the other compounds. Saturation magnetization of  $(Sr_{2-x}Ln_x)FeMoO_6$  suggests that the long-range-ordered-moments of  $Gd^{3+}$ ,  $Tb^{3+}$ , Dy<sup>3+</sup> and Ho<sup>3+</sup> maybe parallel with that of Fe<sup>3+</sup> spin at low temperature, which is the same as La-, Ce-, Pr-, Nd- and Sm-doped case. Above results reveal that rare earth elements (La-Ho, except for Eu) exhibit the same coupling effect with Sr<sub>2</sub>FeMoO<sub>6</sub>, despite of their different magnetic nature. Our investigation offer comprehensive knowledge on the structural and magnetic properties of rare-earth-doped Sr<sub>2</sub>FeMoO<sub>6</sub>. Key words: Heavy-rare-earth, Double perovskite, Crystal structure, Magnetic property

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