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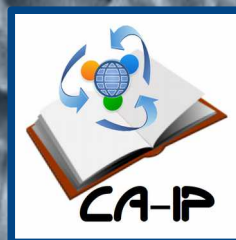


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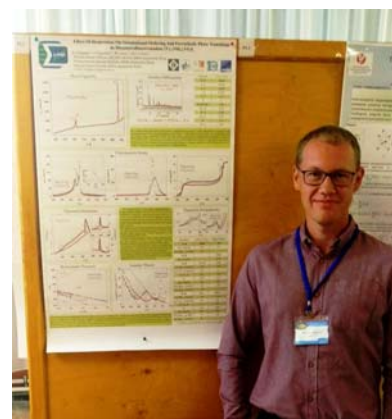
Effect of Deuteration on Orientational Ordering and Ferroelastic Phase Transitions in Dioxotetrafluorovanadate $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{VO}_2\text{F}_4$

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The crystals of vanadium oxyfluorides (VOF) can form various distorted VOF-octahedra due to the ability of vanadium to adopt different valence. VOF-elements can be used to create crystalline structures with interesting physical properties for designing functional elements in electronics and microelectronics, and can also be considered as materials for creating solid-state cooling devices. Despite the variety of vanadium oxyfluorides, the VOF anion is disordered. In particular, the structure $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{VO}_2\text{F}_4$ contains two independent OF-anions one of which is orientationally disordered and other is completely ordered [1]. The crystal $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{VO}_2\text{F}_4$ undergoes four successive phase transitions with the following symmetry change: $Fm3m \leftrightarrow Immm \leftrightarrow \text{rhombic} \leftrightarrow P112/m \leftrightarrow P1$ at $T_1=448\text{K}$, $T_2=244\text{K}$, $T_3=210\text{K}$ and $T_4=205\text{K}$ respectively.

In the present work, the studies of disordering/ordering processes using deuteration of the ammonium group [2] and complex thermophysical and dielectric studies of crystals $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{VO}_2\text{F}_4$ have been performed. It was found that deuteration has practically no effect on the temperature of the phase transitions $T_1=437\text{K}$, $T_3=212\text{K}$ and $T_4=208\text{K}$ but led to the disappearance of the transformation $Immm \leftrightarrow \text{rhombic}$ at T_2 (Fig. 1a). As a result of $\text{D} \rightarrow \text{H}$ substitution, the total entropy change ($\Delta S_\Sigma = 12.3 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K} \rightarrow 17.0 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$) but the contribution from low-temperature transformations has changed insignificantly (Fig. 1b). The substitution $\text{D} \rightarrow \text{H}$ led to large change in the susceptibility to external hydrostatic pressure the of low-temperature transformations ($dT_3/dp = -43 \text{ K/GPa} \rightarrow -27 \text{ K/GPa}$ and $dT_4/dp = -79 \text{ K/GPa} \rightarrow -25 \text{ K/GPa}$). The phase $P112/m$ becomes more stable under pressure in spite of the fact that in $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{VO}_2\text{F}_4$ it was wedged out at low pressure ($p_{up} \approx 0.3 \text{ GPa}$). The nature of the phase transitions remains ferroelastic. Significant changes in the thermal expansion are observed at the high-temperature transformation at T_1 ($\delta\beta_1 = 0.6\%$), that shows the first order of phase transition is preserved.

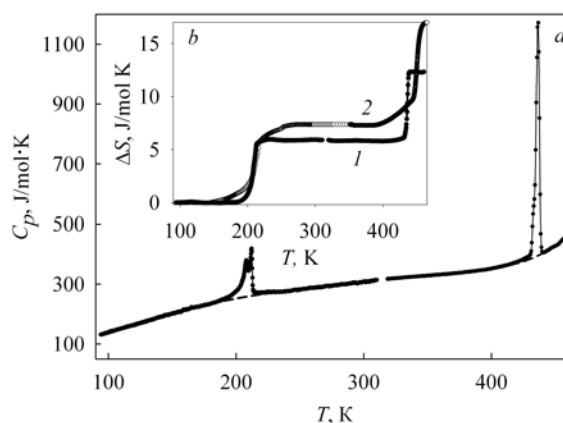


Fig 1. Temperature dependence of the molar heat capacity in a wide temperature range (a). Temperature dependence of the total excess entropy change $(\text{ND}_4)_3\text{VO}_2\text{F}_4$ (1) and $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{VO}_2\text{F}_4$ (2) (b).

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