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Electronic structure and lattice distortion in $\text{PbMg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3}\text{O}_3$

MALLIGA SUEWATTANA, DAVID SINGH, Oak Ridge National Laboratory — We investigated the local structural distortions of $\text{PMN}(\text{PbMg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3}\text{O}_3)$ within the density functional theory using the linearized augmented plane-wave method. Structural relaxations were performed on 30 atom unit cells with B-cations arranged in 1:1 chemical ordering along [111]. The direction and magnitude of Mg and Nb off-centering within O_6 octahedral cages and Pb within its cage as well as electronic structures were examined. The results are discussed in terms of the Nb 4d - O 2p and Pb 6p - O 2p hybridizations and their interplay. A significant role is found for the on-site Ewald potential of different Nb sublattices, which is correlated with the off-centering.

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