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Optic modes in PbMg<sub>1/3</sub>Nb<sub>2/3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> relaxor by hyper-Raman scattering ALI AL-ZEIN, LCVN, UMR CNRS 5587, University Montpellier II, France and ICG, UMR CNRS 5253, Equipe PMOF, University Montpellier II, France, JIRKA HLINKA, Institute of Physics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Praha, Czech Republic, JEROME ROUQUETTE, ICG, UMR CNRS 5253, Equipe PMOF, University Montpellier II, France, BERNARD HEHLEN, LCVN, UMR CNRS 5587, University Montpellier II, France — Hyper-Raman scattering (HRS) experiment is performed in three different single crystals of PbMg<sub>1/3</sub>Nb<sub>2/3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (PMN) relaxor [1]. The relative intensities of the band near  $250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in various polarization geometries are fully compatible with the HRS tensor of the  $F_{2u}$  silent' mode of the parent  $O_h$  cubic structure. The temperature dependence of the three  $F_{1u}$  polar modes was investigated between 20 K and 800 K. High-resolution data reveal that the lowest  $F_{1u}$  mode is splitted up to the highest investigated temperatures. On cooling, the low frequency component strongly decreases in frequency and exhibits clear soft mode behaviour with a crossover from a vibrational to a relaxational behaviour around  $T_d$  $\approx 620$  K [2]. This observation gives a new insight into the low-frequency dynamics of PMN-type relaxor systems.

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