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Magnetism-Driven Ferroelectricity in GdMn₂O₅ NARA

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of high-quality single-crystalline GdMn₂O₅ (space group, Pbam). We have performed the resonant x-ray scMn₂O₅attering experiment, and comprehensive measurements of physical properties of the system, including magnetic susceptibility, dielectric constant and ferroelectric po-

larization with the variation of temperature and magnetic fields.

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