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**Structural and Oxygen Storage Properties of Hexagonal Manganites** CASTRO ABUGHAYADA, Northern Illinois University, BOGDAN DABROWSKI, Argonne National Laboratory, Northern Illinois University, STAN KOLESNIK, Northern Illinois University, OMAR CHMAISSEM, Argonne National Laboratory, Northern Illinois University, NIU TEAM — Complex oxides exhibiting superior reversible oxygen absorption/release capacities have been generating a great deal of interest due to their critical role in the development of energy related technologies, such as oxy-fuel and chemical looping combustion. Based on our previous studies of tolerance factor, we have successfully synthesized hexagonal (P6<sub>3</sub>cm) RMnO<sub>3+δ</sub> manganites (R=Dy, Ho, Y) for which we discovered a large reversible oxygen storage/release capacities (within the range of oxygen content 3.0 - 3.4) at unusually low temperatures near 300 °C which make them excellent candidates for air separation and production of high purity oxygen. Resistivity, structural, magnetic, and thermal expansion properties are correlated with the oxygen content 3+δ for these compounds. Work supported by NIU Great Journey Assistantship.

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