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Study of the structure and oxygen storage/release capacities of  $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y}_{1-x}\mathbf{Y}_{x}\mathbf{MnO}_{3+\delta}$  ( $\mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq 1$ )<sup>1</sup> STEVEN REMSEN, BOGDAN DABROWSKI, OMAR CHMAISSEM, STANISLAW KOLESNIK, JAMES MAIS, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, NIU LABORATORY FOR MATERIAL DE-SIGN TEAM — Synthesis, oxygen storage/release capacities (OSC), oxygen absorption/desorption rates, and preliminary structural properties of  $Dy_{1-x}Y_xMnO_{3+\delta}(0)$  $\leq x \leq 1$ ) have been studied by x-ray and neutron powder diffraction, dilatometry, and thermogravimetric analysis. This system has been found to have excellent reversible OSC at low-temperatures of 200 - 375 °C and oxygen content of these structures have also been found to be sensitive to changes of partial-pressures of oxygen in this low-temperature range, making them potential candidates for oxygen sorbents in novel gas separation methods such as thermal swing absorption and thermal-automatic recovery processes. The OSC of the  $Dy_{1-x}Y_xMnO_{3+\delta}system$ relies on the difference in oxygen content of a reversible phase transition between hexagonal P6<sub>3</sub>cm ( $\delta = 0$ ) and a previously unreported phase of this system ( $\delta =$ 0.25, currently under investigation) and pyrochlore Fd3m ( $\delta = 0.50$ , Subramanian et al. J. Solid State Chem. 72 (1988) 24).

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