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Dielectric anomaly and structural change related to the Jahn-Teller transition in DyVO₄ KAZUMASA KISHIMOTO, TAISHI ISHIKURA, HIROYUKI NAKAMURA, YUSUKE WAKABAYASHI, TSUYOSHI KIMURA — *RVO₄* system has been studied as dielectrics for several decades. Among them, DyVO₄ having Dy³⁺ (*4f⁹*) and V⁵⁺ (*3d⁰*) ions shows the Jahn-Teller (JT) transition at $T_D = 14$ K due to the interaction between *4f* electrons on Dy sites and the lattice. As a result, the lattice distorts from the *I4₁amd* tetragonal to the *Imma* orthorhombic structure and ferroquadrupolar ordering occurs below T_D . We measured the dielectric constant of a single crystal of DyVO₄ and observed a distinct dielectric anomaly around T_D . To clarify the origin of the dielectric anomaly, we performed detailed single crystal structure analyses. Our results suggest that the JT distortion shifts the position of oxygen ions relative to a V ion and then local polarization of a VO₄ tetrahedron is induced below T_D . We also report the structural domain control causing remarkable magnetocapacitance effects by applying a relatively small magnetic field (~ 0.1 T), which is attributed to the strong spin-orbit coupling of Dy *4f* electrons.

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