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Temperature Dependent Local Atomic Structure of LuFe_2O_4 S.

LIU, H. ZHANG, New Jersey Institute of Technology, S. GHOSE, Brookhaven National Laboratory, S.-W. CHEONG, T. EMGE, Rutgers University, Y.-S. CHEN, University of Chicago, T. TYSON, New Jersey Institute of Technology — The LuFe_2O_4 system has been studied intensively as a novel material with charge ordered driven ferroelectricity. However, the existence and origin of electric polarization and its coupling to the magnetic structure are open questions still to be addressed. Distinctly differing experiments yield different results. In this work, structural measurements on multiple length scales have been conducted over a broad range of temperatures. We have studied the correlation between the structural distortion and the electronic/magnetic properties in single-crystalline LuFe_2O_4 by using X-ray diffraction (XRD), temperature and orientation dependent Raman spectroscopy, temperature dependent X-ray pair distribution function (PDF) measurements and DFT modeling. The nature of the observed local atomic and electronic structural changes will be discussed and compared with previous work. This work is supported by DOE Grant DE-FG02-07ER46402.

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