THE SOLID SOLUTION $Sr_{1-x}K_x(Ti_{1-x}Mg_x)O_{3-3x}F_{3x}$: SYNTHESIS AND X-RAY CHARACTERIZATION

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Strontium titanate $SrTiO_3$ belongs to the ABO_3 perovskite family. It is a well known paraelectric perovskite structured material which is cubic above 105 K. Beyond this temperature the dielectric permittivity is nearly temperature independent with a high value of ε'_r and therefore can achieve a reasonable charge strorage density for high density memory application. The objective of this work is the investigation of the chemical system $SrTiO_3$ – $KMgF_3$.

The fluoride KMgF₃ and the titanate SrTiO₃ are firstly synthesized. KMgF₃ is heated at 700° C in a gold sealed tube whereas heating is performed in air at 1100° C for strontium titanate. Several mixtures (1-x) SrTiO₃ – x KMgF₃ are then prepared and shaped to discs by pressing. The pellets thus obtained are sintered at 930° C in air atmosphere. X-ray diffraction analysis were carried out to control the purity and to identify the different phases.

As a result, a new solid solution $Sr_{1-x}K_x(Ti_{1-x}Mg_x)O_{3-3x}F_{3x}$ has been obtained in the composition range $0 \le x \le 0.20$. Each phase is a complex perovskite isomorphous with NaNbO₃.

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