CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC AND DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF FERROELECTRIC CERAMICS WITH COMPOSITIONS

 $Na_{1-x} A_x(Nb_{1-x} Mg_x)O_{3-3x} F_{3x}$ (A = Na, K)

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Two new oxyfluoride ferroelectric solid solutions derived from NaNbO₃ and with perovskite structure have been prepared; their compositions are the followings Na_{1-x} $A_x(Nb_{1-x} Mg_x)O_{3-3x} F_{3x}$ with $0 \le x \le 0.15$ for A = Na and $0 \le x \le 0.20$ for A = K. The variations of both the symmetry and the unit cell parameters have been determined at room temperature.

Ceramics have been sintered in sealed tubes in order to ovoid hydrolysis at high temperature. The temperature dependences of both the permittivity ϵ'_r and $\tan \delta$ have been measured in the temperature and frequency ranges 100 - 800 K and 10^2 - 10^5 Hz respectively. Each material exhibits a maximum of ϵ'_r at the Curie temperature T_C . The composition variation of T_C has been correlated with the covalency degree of the M - X bonds (M = Nb, Mg; X = O, F).