

Influence of A-site substitution on ESR spectra of lanthanum manganite perovskites

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Abstract: We studied electron spin resonance (ESR) spectra of $\text{La}_{0.7}\text{A}_{0.3}\text{MnO}_3$ ($\text{A}=\text{Sr, Ba, Pb, and Cd}$) perovskites in a large range of temperature, from their Curie temperature to 500 K. Asymmetrical EPR signals at temperatures $T_{\text{C}} < T < T_{\text{min}}$, due to FM correlations, became Lorentzian at $T \geq T_{\text{min}}$, where T_{min} is the temperature corresponding to the narrowest ESR linewidth. The ESR linewidth vs. temperature, $\Delta H(T)$, in the region $T > T_{\text{min}}$ well fits to the model of adiabatic hopping motion of small polarons $\Delta H(T) = \Delta H_0 + (a/T) \exp(-E_a/k_B T)$, where E_a and k_B are the activation energy and the Boltzmann factor, respectively; ΔH_0 and a are constants. It is worth noticing that, in this temperature range, the Lande factor g for the samples is about 2.00, indicating spin-spin interaction among electrons of Mn^{3+} and Mn^{4+} ions playing an important role. © 2006 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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