

Structural, Electric and Dynamic Properties of (Pyrrolidinium)₃[Bi₂I₉] and (Pyrrolidinium)₃[Sb₂I₉]: New Lead-Free, Organic–Inorganic Hybrids with Narrow Band Gaps

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Hybrid organic–inorganic iodides based on Bi(III) and Sb(III) provide integrated functionalities through the combination of high dielectric constants, semiconducting properties and ferroic phases. Here, we report a pyrrolidinium-based bismuth (1) and antimony (2) iodides of (NC₄H₁₀)₃ [M₂I₉] (M: Bi(III), Sb(III)) formula which are ferroelastic at room temperature. The narrow band gaps (~2.12 eV for 1 and 2.19 eV for 2) and DOS calculations indicate the semiconducting characteristics of both materials. The crystal structure consists of discrete, face-sharing bioctahedra [M₂I₉]³⁻ and disordered pyrrolidinium amines providing charge balance and acting as spacers between inorganic moieties. At room temperature, 1 and 2 accommodate orthorhombic C_{mcm} symmetry. 1 displays a complex temperature-induced polymorphism. It is stable up to 525 K and undergoes a sequence of low-temperature phase transitions (PTs) at 221/222 K (I ↔ II) and 189/190 K (II ↔ III) and at 131 K (IV → III), associated with the ordering of pyrrolidinium cations and resulting in C_{mcm} symmetry breaking. 2 undergoes only one PT at T = 215 K. The dielectric studies disclose a relaxation process in the kilohertz frequency region, assigned to the dynamics of organic cations, described well by the Cole–Cole relation. A combination of single-crystal X-ray diffraction, synchrotron powder diffraction, spin–lattice relaxation time of ¹H NMR, dielectric and calorimetric studies is used to determine the structural phase diagram, cation dynamics and electric properties of (NC₄H₁₀)₃ [M₂I₉].

Słowa kluczowe

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