

# Study of crystal and magnetic structure of spinel ferrites under high pressure

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## Plan

## 1. What are complex oxides of iron?

- Ferrites are perspective compounds
- Brief description of structure and physical properties of complex oxides of iron

# 2. Caring out an experiment

- Advantages of neutron diffraction.
- Diffractometer DN-6 and additional equipment

# **3. Experimental results**

- $\bullet$  Crystal and magnetic structure of  $Zn_{0.3}Cu_{0.7}Fe_{1.5}Ga_{0.5}O_4$  in wide temperature range
- $\bullet$  Crystal and magnetic structure of  $Zn_{0.3}Cu_{0.7}Fe_{1.5}Ga_{0.5}O_4$  in wide pressure range

### Summary

# **Complex iron oxides applications**

- ✓ Significant saturation magnetization
- ✓ High electrical resistivity
- ✓ Low electrical losses
- ✓ High chemical stability





# Structure and properties of complex iron oxides



The spinel structure  $(AB_2O_4)$  is represented by the densest face-centered cubic lattice. Metal cations are distributed between two crystallographic positions: **tetrahedral** (A-site) and octahedral (B-site).



The magnetic properties of spinel ferrites is forming by the exchange interaction between the electrons of the ions in the A and B sublattices. Usually, the A - B interaction is the strongest. The A - A interaction is almost ten times weaker, and the B - B interaction is the weakest. The dominant interaction A - B leads to ferrimagnetic ordering.

### **Experimental method: Neutron Diffraction**

- Neutron is **sensitivity to the light atoms** such as oxygen. It is give as opportunity to determine location of oxygen with precision.
- Another advantage of the neutron is **sensitivity to the magnetic structure** and dynamics of the magnetic substance.
- An important is the **high penetrating power of neutrons**, which gives opportunities for working with highpressure cells and devices for changing the temperature on the sample.







### Experimental method: Neutron diffractometer DN-6



# Experimental methods: High pressure cells



### Maximum pressure is 8 GPa

# Crystal and magnetic structure of ferrite $Zn_{0.3}Cu_{0.7}Fe_{1.5}Ga_{0.5}O_4$ in wide temperature range



Unit cell parameters			
a, Å		8.331(3)	
Atomic occupations			
A site:	Zn	0.30(1)	
	Fe	0.68(3)	
B site:	Cu	0.70(1)	
	Fe	0.82(2)	
	Ga	0.50(1)	

Magnetic moment		
T=300 K		
$M_A, \mu_B$	4.2(4)	
$M_B^{},\mu_B^{}$	2.3(2)	
Curie temperature		
Т, К	395	





#### Crystal and magnetic structure of ferrite Zn<sub>0.3</sub>Cu<sub>0.7</sub>Fe<sub>1.5</sub>Ga<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in wide pressure range







<b>Curie temperature (P = 0 GPa)</b>		
Т, К	395	
Curie temperature (P > 4 GPa)		
Т, К	300	



### Summary

- **1. Crystal structure** of ferrite Zn<sub>0.3</sub>Cu<sub>0.7</sub>Fe<sub>1.5</sub>Ga<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> presented by the normal spinel cubic structure with space group Fd-3m, which **remains stable** in all studied temperature and pressure range. The most important parameters of crystal structure were obtained.
- 2. By increasing the temperature and the pressure, a **gradual suppression of the magnetic moments** of iron ions in both A and B crystallographic sites was observed. This effect corresponds to a **magnetic phase transition** from the ferrimagnetic state to paramagnetic one.
- 3. At pressures above 4 GPa, a suppression of ferrimagnetic phase, characterized by rapid decrease of the Curie temperature by about 95 K with a pressure coefficient  $dT_C/dP = -19$  K/GPa occur.

# Thank you for attention!

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