

Dilute magnetic semiconductors

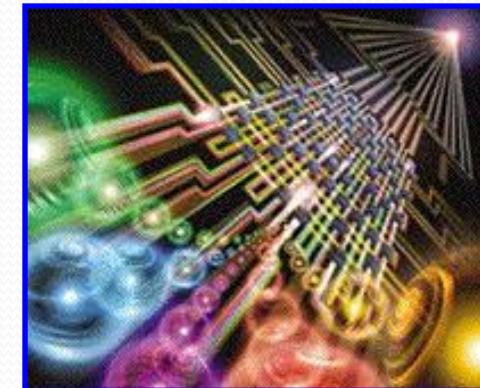
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Spintronics

- Spintronics (a neologism meaning "spin transport electronics"), also known as magnetoelectronics or spin electronics.



Terminal



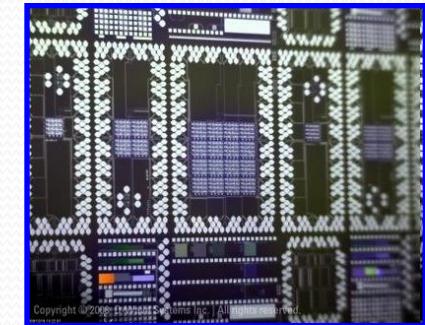
Memory storage



Magnetic sensors



Quantum computing

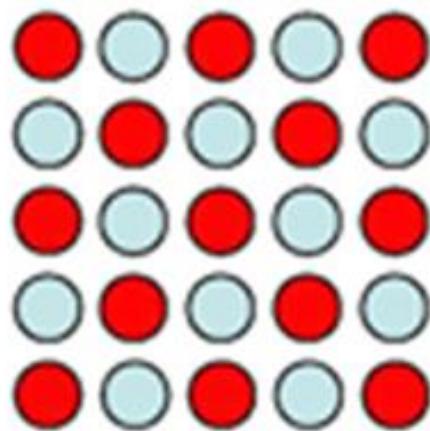


Primary requirements for spintronic materials:

- Room temperature ferromagnetism.
- Compatible with electronic devices.
- Semiconducting and ferromagnetic properties should coexist at room temperature.

Dilute Magnetic Semiconductors (DMS)

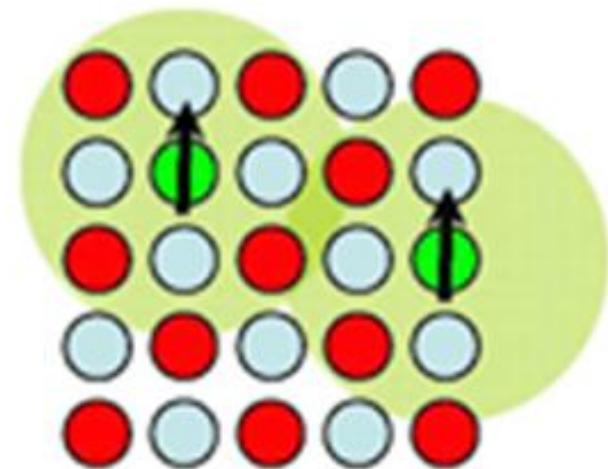
Nonmagnetic
Semiconductor
Crystal



GaAs, ZnO, AlN, TiO₂

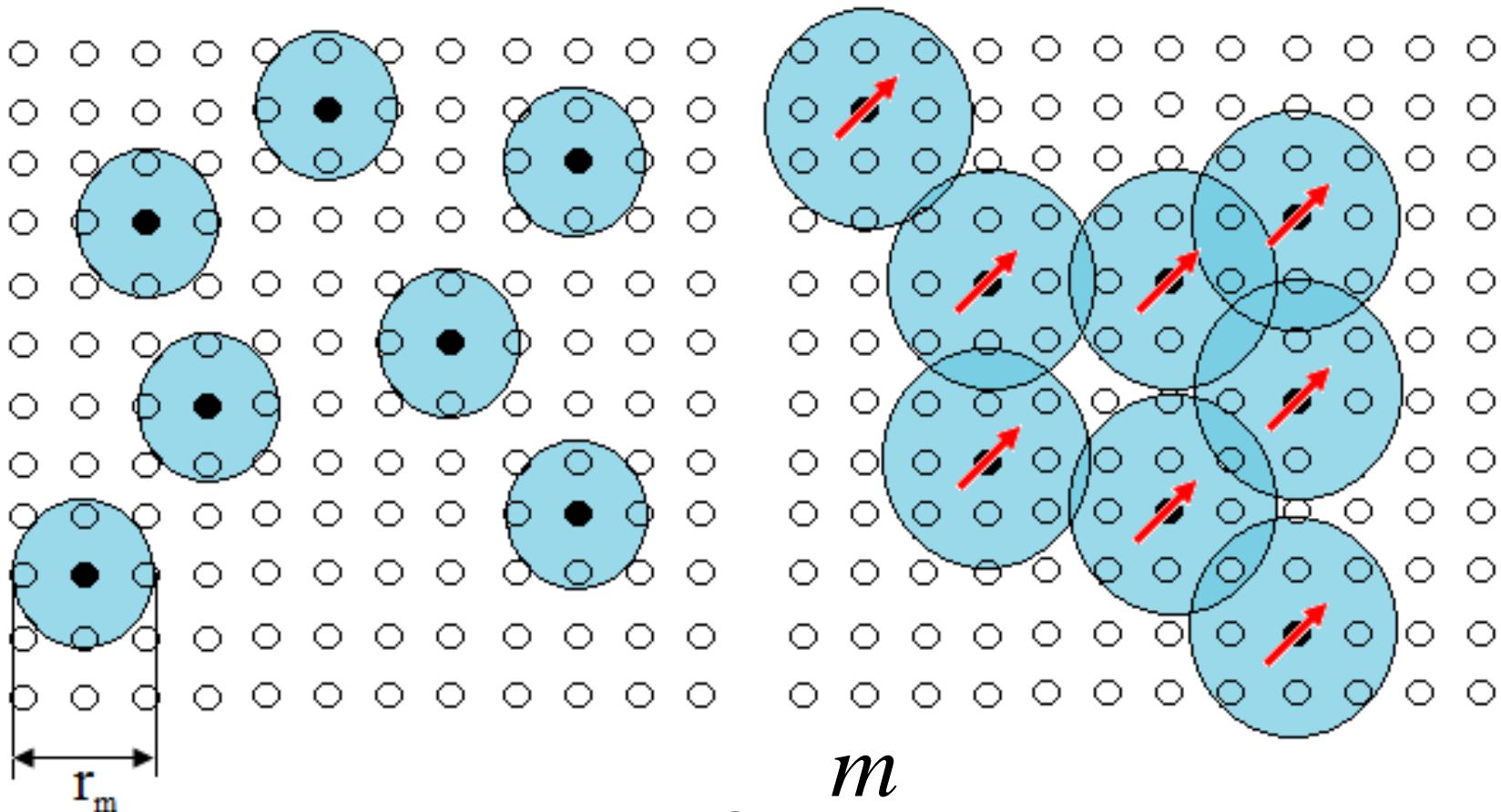
Add TM Ions
Mn, Fe, Co

Ferromagnetic
DMS



Typical representatives.
- Mn-doped GaAs
- Mn-doped ZnO

When the magnetic coupling occur in the doped semiconductors?

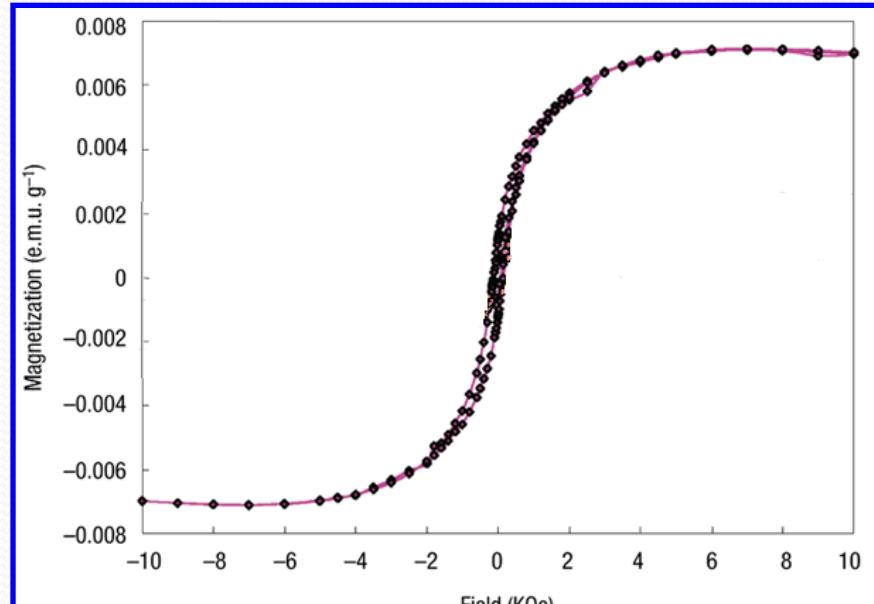


$$r_m = \epsilon_r \frac{m}{m^*} a_0$$

Ferromagnetism in bulk Mn-doped ZnO

- No trace of any secondary phase or other impurities was found.
- Room temperature ferromagnetism discovered in Mn doped ZnO [1].

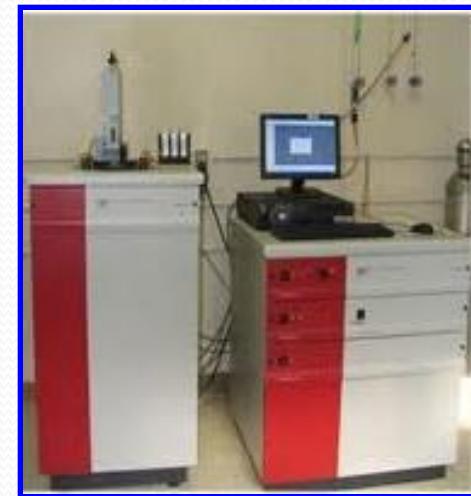
Hysteresis curve at Room temperature for 2 at. % Mn-doped ZnO



In general, the solid solubility of transition metals in semiconductors is low.

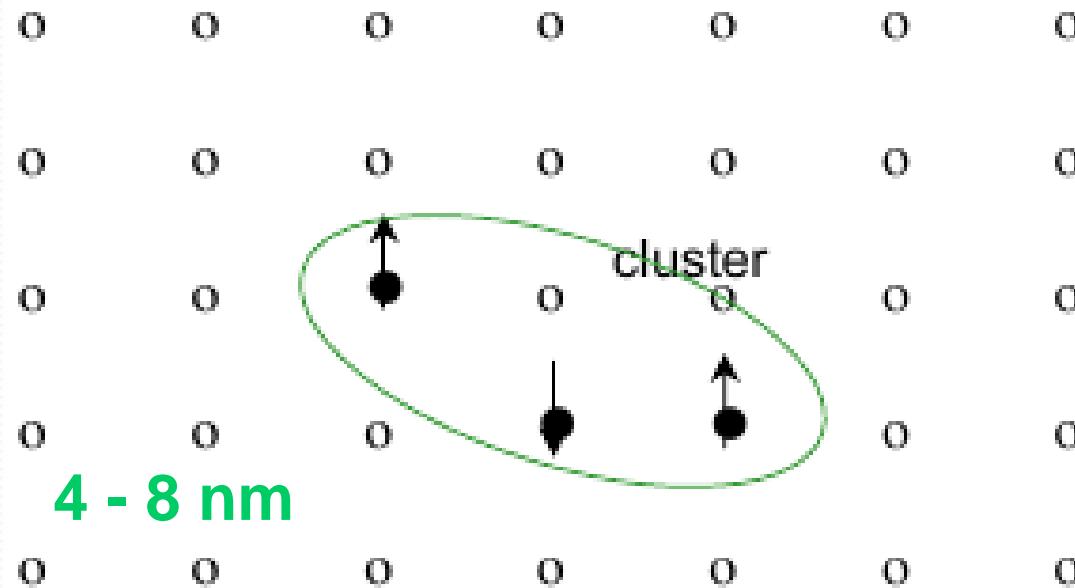
Type of impurity source of magnetism in DMS systems

- Clusters \ Segregations
- Secondary Phases (Spinels)
- Extrinsic impurity



- SQUID magnetometer
(superconducting quantum interference devices)

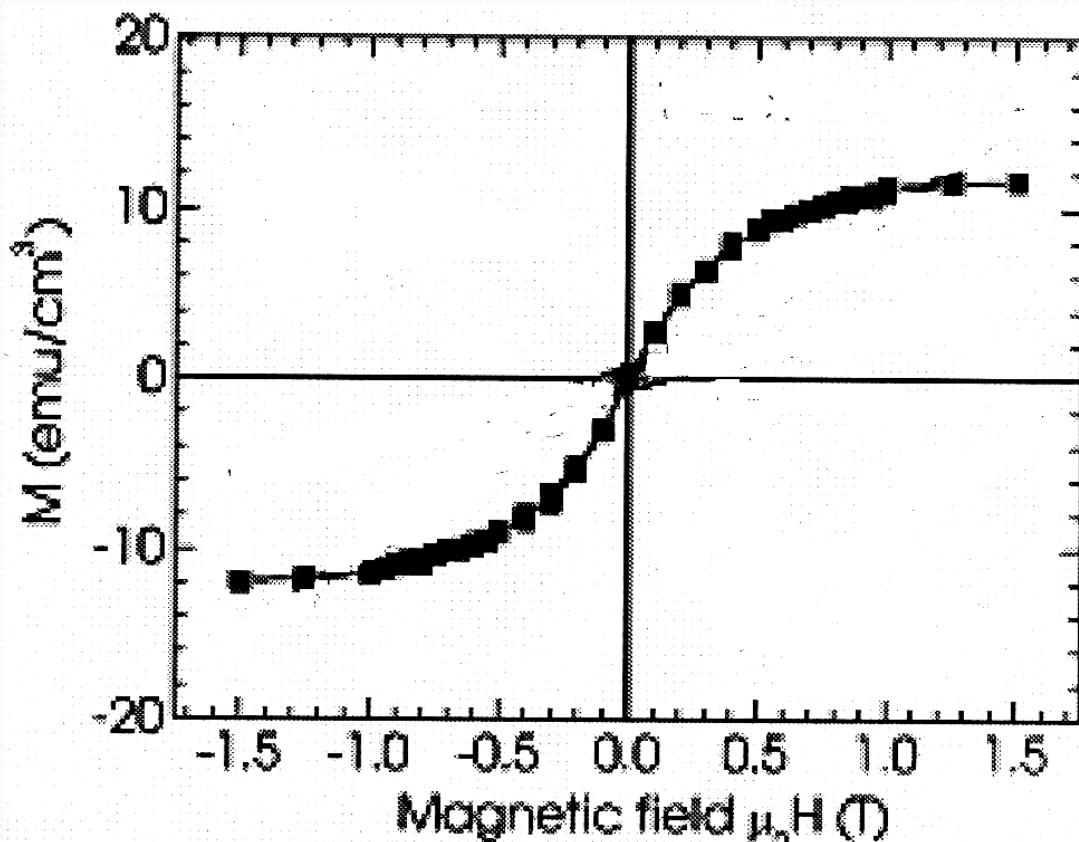
Clusters



- Nanoclusters of the TM ion form the most obvious candidates for impurity sources of magnetism.

Secondary Phases (Spinels)

Hysteresis curve for ZnCo_2O_4
phase in the Co-doped ZnO



general formula



Extrinsic impurities

- Magnetic moment of small amount extrinsic impurity is

$$\mu = 5 * 10^{-6} \text{ emu}$$

- Abraham undertook a systematic study of the growth of HfO_2 thin films [2].
- No ferromagnetic signal
- Observation of a magnetic signal



- Teflon tweezers

- Stainless steel tweezers



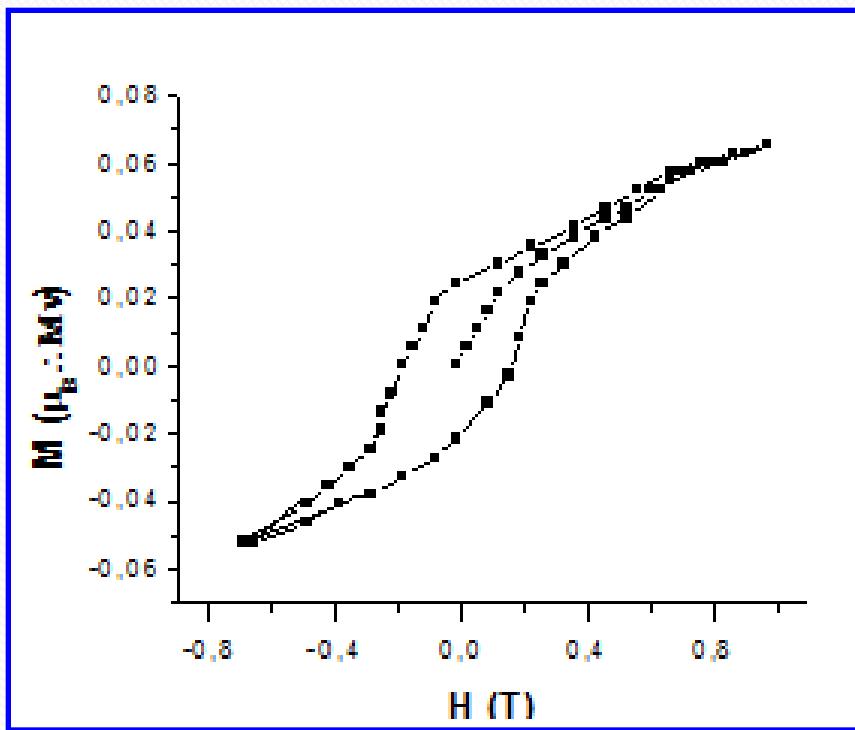
Metal doped In_2O_3

- 1. Nanocrystalline In_2O_3 is diamagnetic.
- 2. Bulk TM-doped ($\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Mn}, \text{Fe}, \text{Ni}, \text{Cu}$) In_2O_3 is intrinsically paramagnetic, with a paramagnetic effective moment originating from the dopant.
- 3. Magnetic behaviour in bulk material are linked to the presence of small amounts of magnetic secondary phases in the samples.

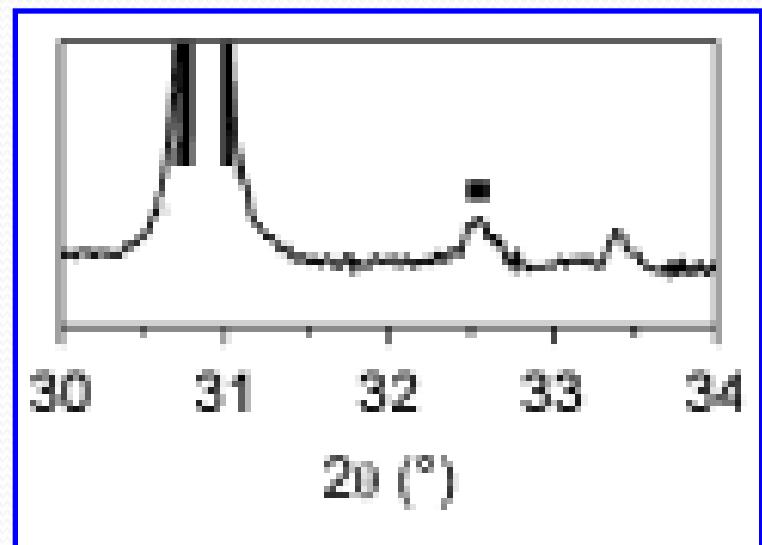
Magnetic phenomena in DMS have been attributed to experimental artefact, such as influence of synthesis conditions or measurements errors.

Mn – doped In_2O_3

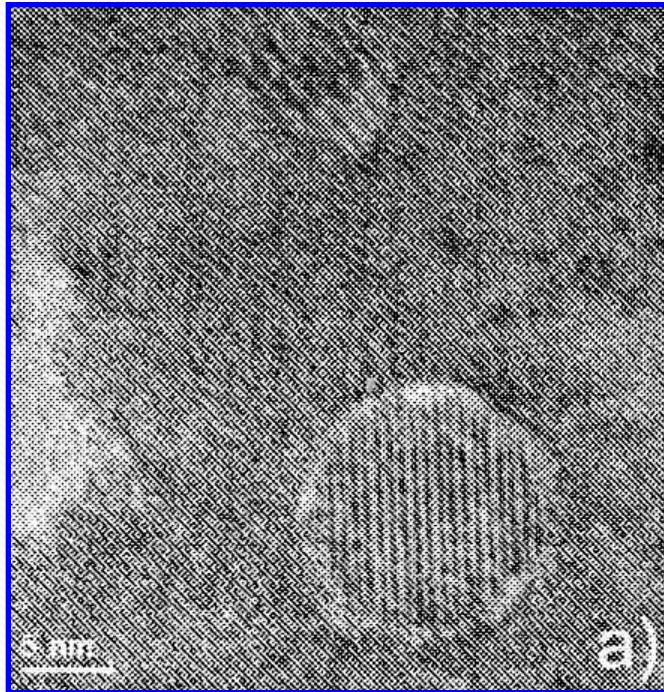
Hysteresis loop in Mn-doped In_2O_3



XRD spectrum from the sample showing the presence of oriented Mn_2O_3 fractions.



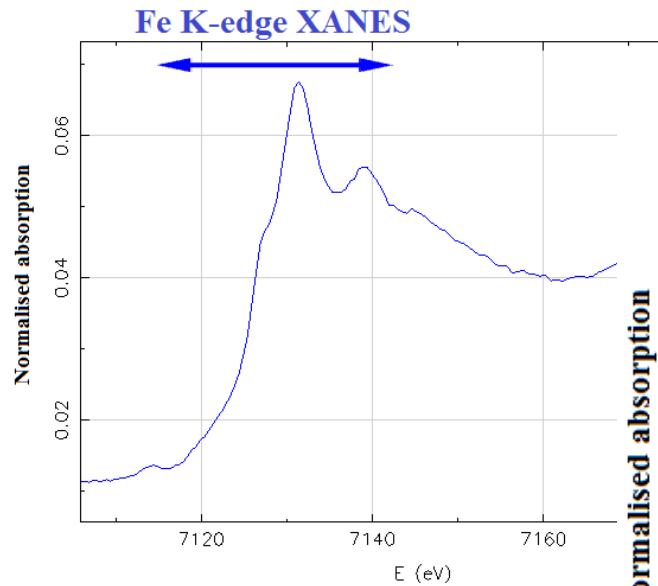
Transmission electron microscope (TEM)



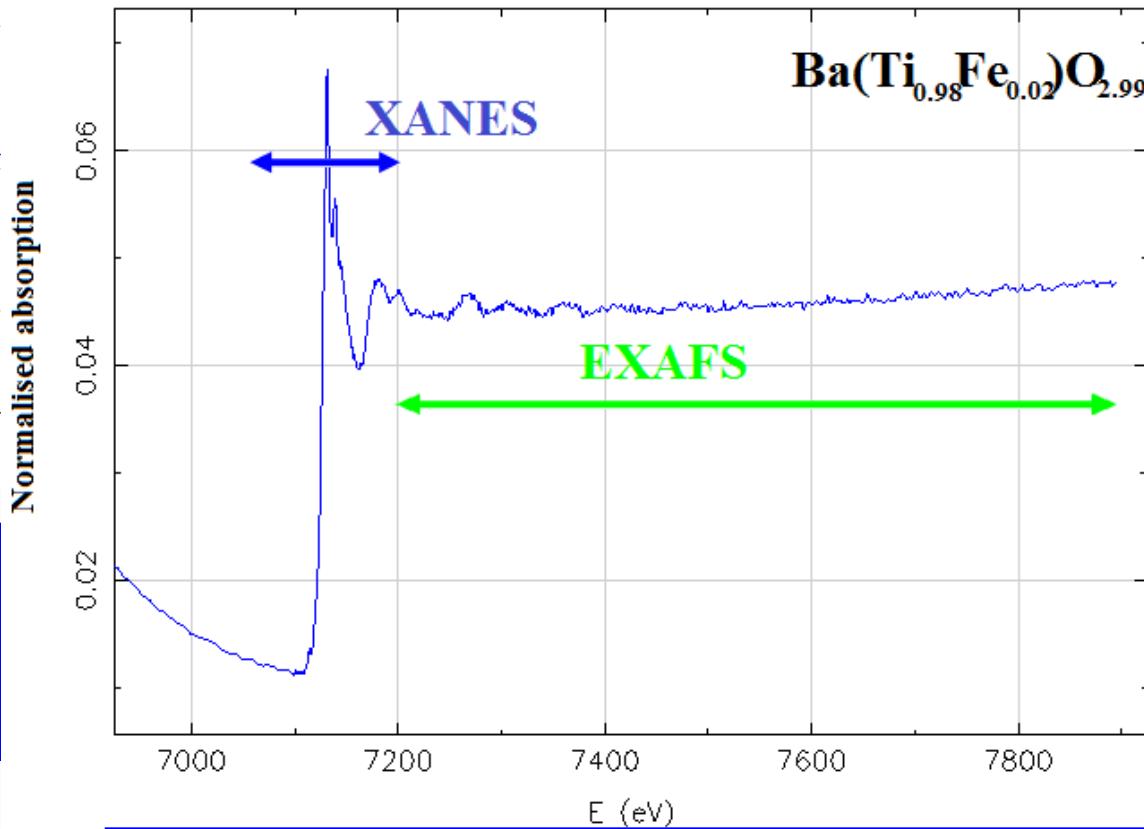
High resolution TEM of
Ge:Mn film showing
 Mn_5Ge_3 clusters

- The dilution of TM ions used to dope these DMS materials means that it is quite conceivable that the cross section does not contain any such impurities.[6]

X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS)

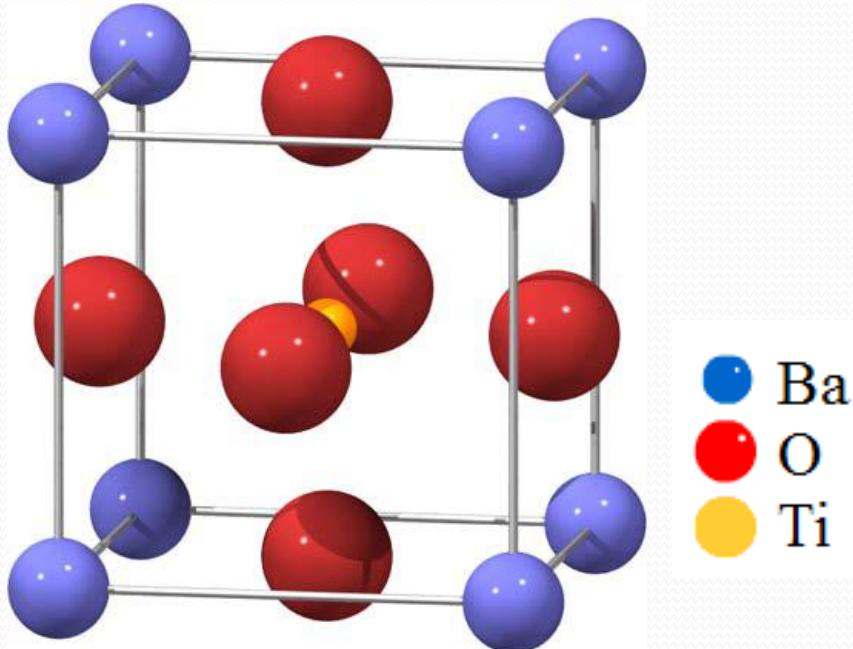


Fe K- edge XANES
spectra of
 $\text{Ba}(\text{Ti}_{0.98}\text{Fe}_{0.02})\text{O}_{2.99}$



Normalised Fe K-shell absorption
spectra of $\text{Ba}(\text{Ti}_{0.98}\text{Fe}_{0.02})\text{O}_{2.99}$

Fe doped BaTiO₃



- BaTiO₃ – ferroelectric material with perovskite structure

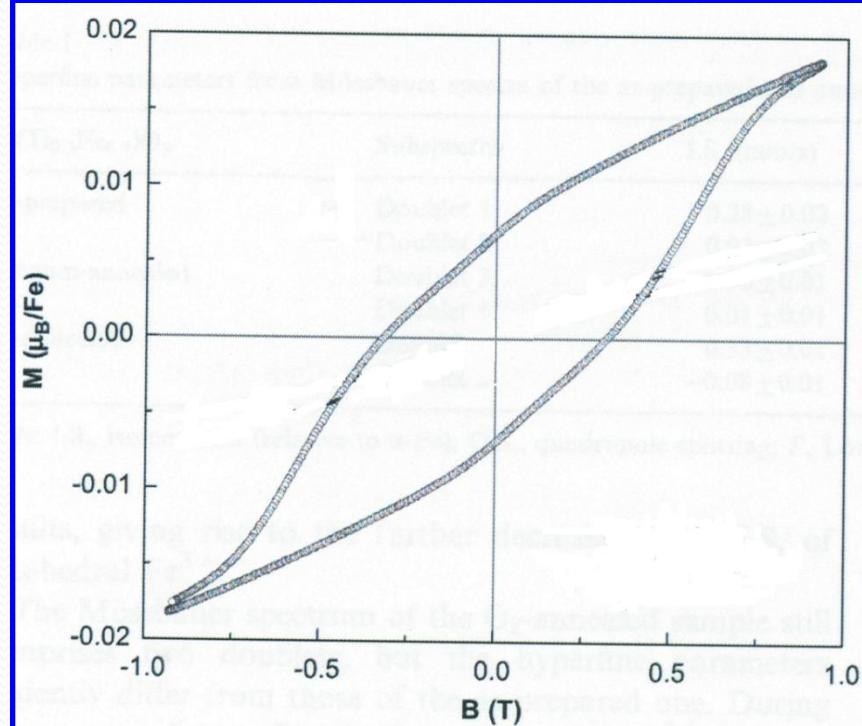
Doping with iron:



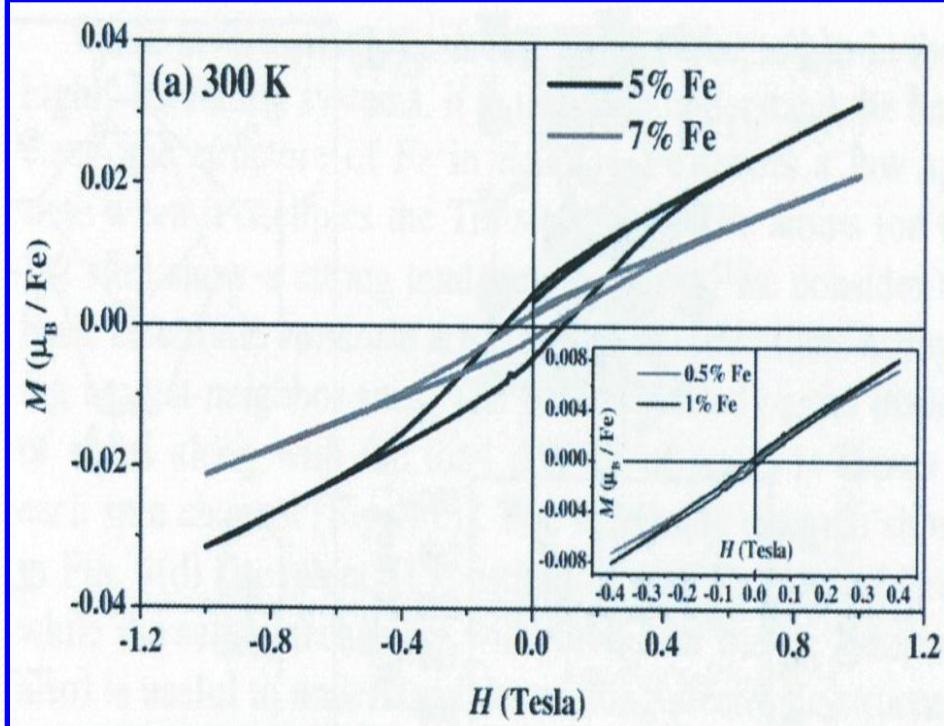
aliovalent substitution

Room temperature ferromagnetism in Fe doped BaTiO₃

Room-temperature M–H curves of the O₂-annealed Ba(Ti_{0.3}Fe_{0.7})O₃ ceramic [8]



Room temperature M(H) loops from samples Ba(Ti_{0.95}Fe_{0.05})O₃ and Ba(Ti_{0.93}Fe_{0.07})O₃ [9]

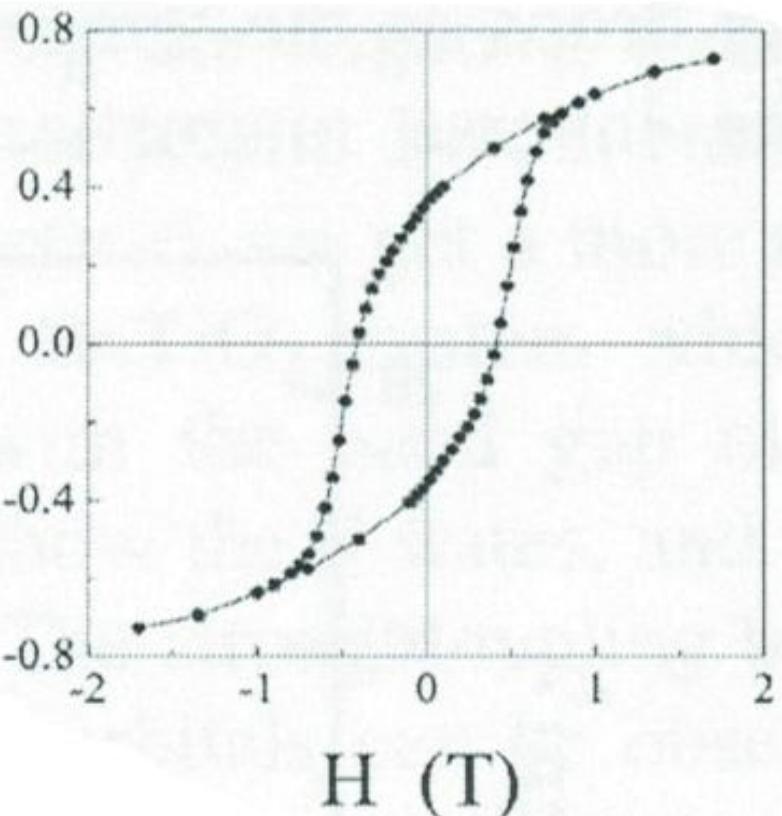


8. Fangting Lin, Dongmei Jiang, et al., *Physica B* 403, p. 2525-2529, 2008.

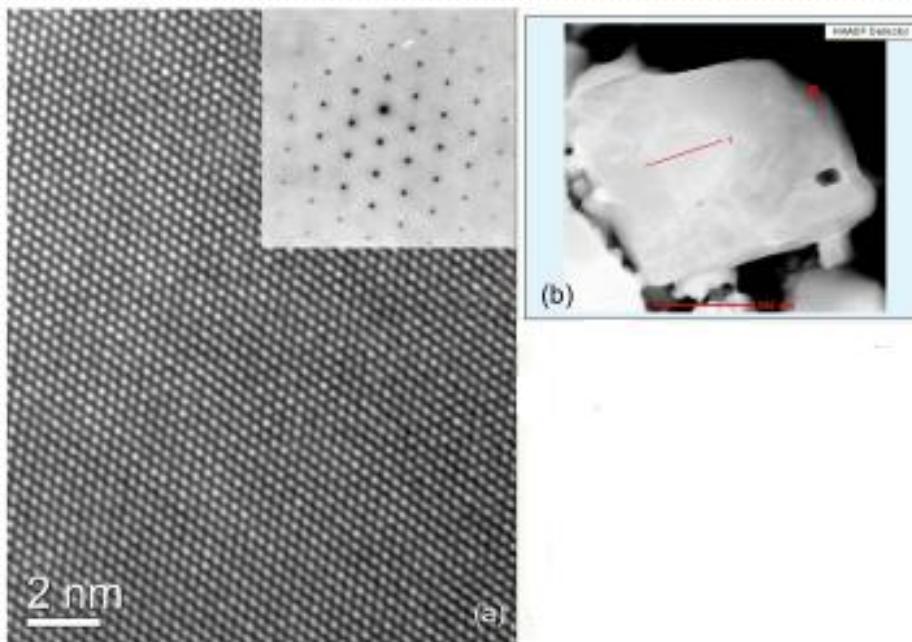
9. Sugata Ray, Priya Mahadevan, et al. *Physical Review B* 77, p. 104416 (2008)

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Magnetic hysteresis loop of the BaTi_{0.95}Fe_{0.05}O₃ ceramics at room temperature



(a) High-resolution transmission electron microscopy of the BaTi_{0.95}Fe_{0.05}O₃ ceramics, and selected area electron diffraction in the inset; (b) transmission electron microscopy the BaTi_{0.95}Fe_{0.05}O₃ ceramics;



Our study: Fe-doped BaTiO₃

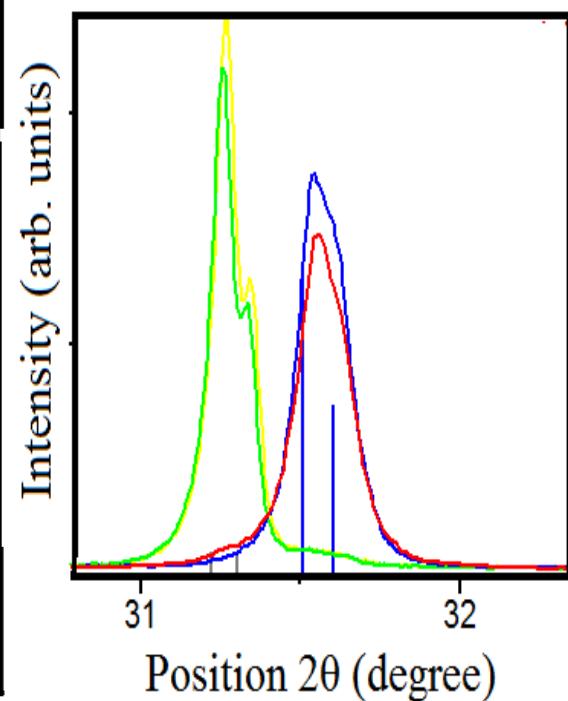
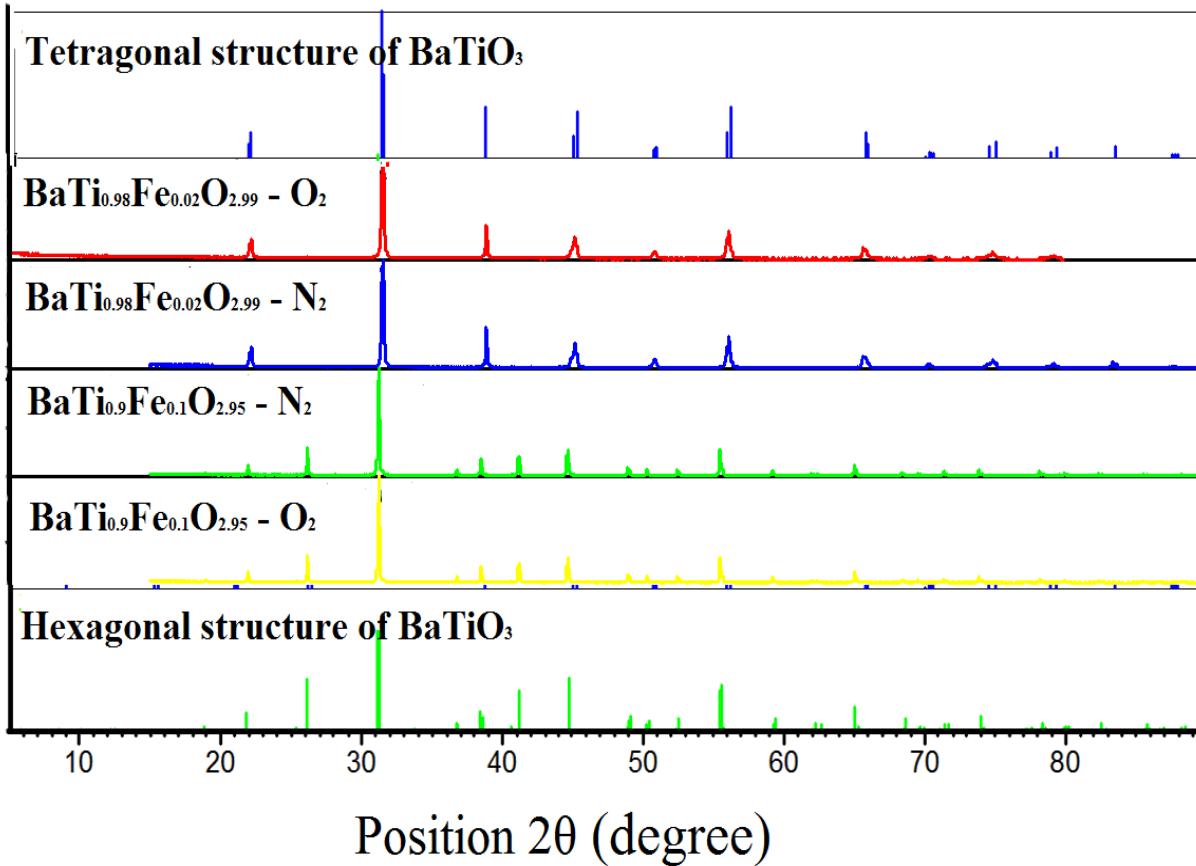
- The purpose of this research is detailed studies on the existence of the intrinsic magnetic ordering in Fe doped BaTiO₃.

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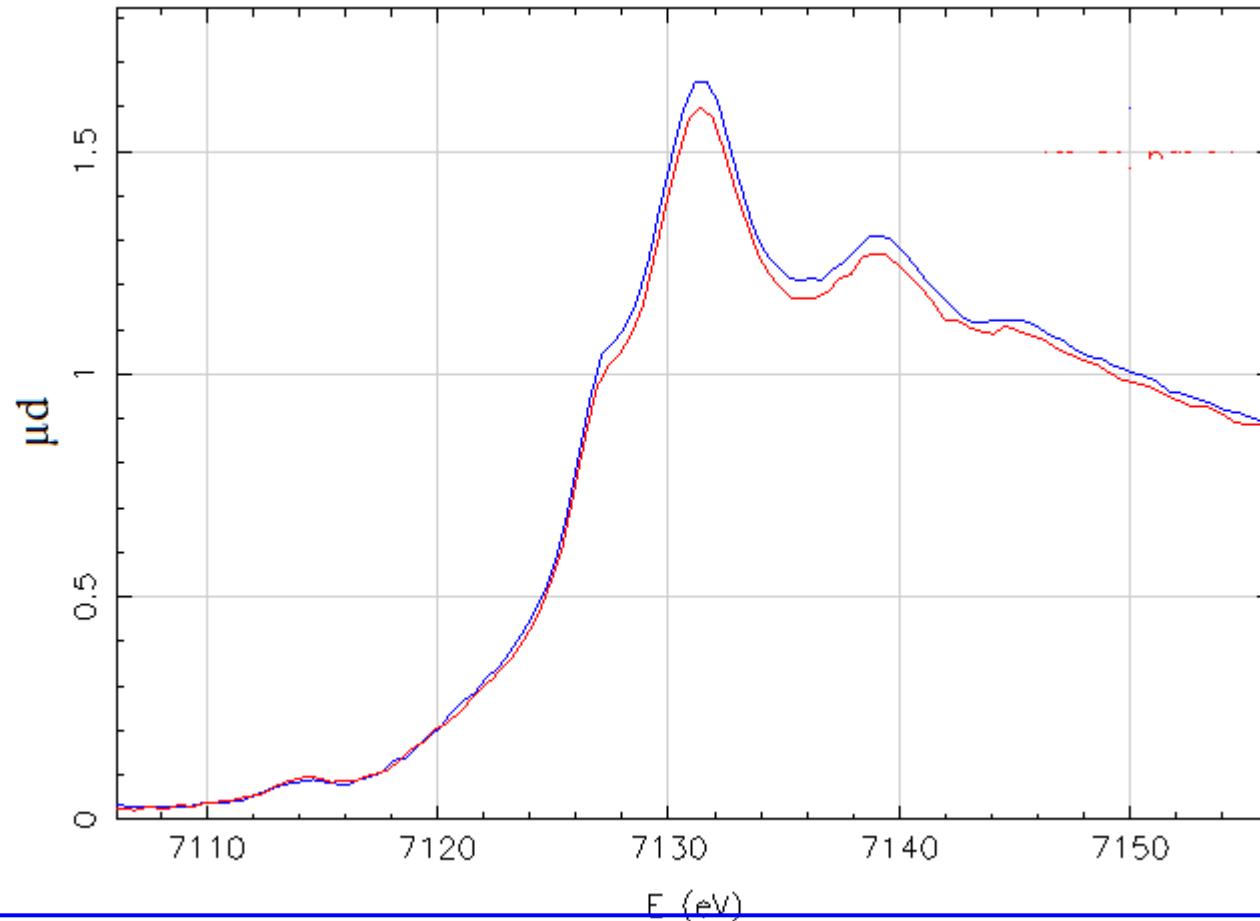
- Sample preparation:
 - Solid state reaction method.
 - Ba(Ti_{1-x}Fe_x)O_{3-x/2}, where x=2, 10 % of Fe -synthesis in nitrogen 1250°C/5h.
 - Ba(Ti_{1-x}Fe_x)O_{3-x/2}, where x=2, 10 % of Fe -synthesis in oxygen 1250°C/5h.
- X-Ray Diffraction (XRD).
- X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS).
- Magnetic measurements.

XRD patterns

Intensity (arb. units)

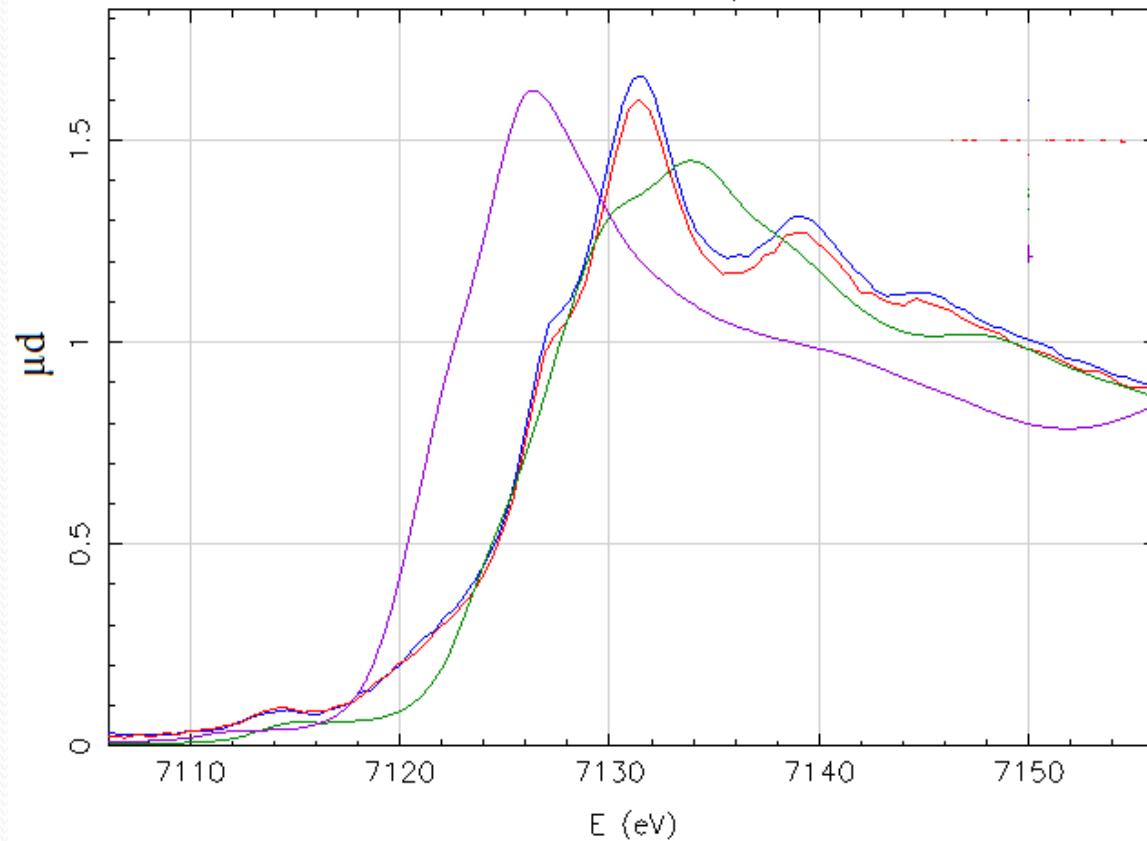


Fe K-edge XANES spectra in $\text{Ba}(\text{Ti}_{0.98}\text{Fe}_{0.02})\text{O}_{2.99}$



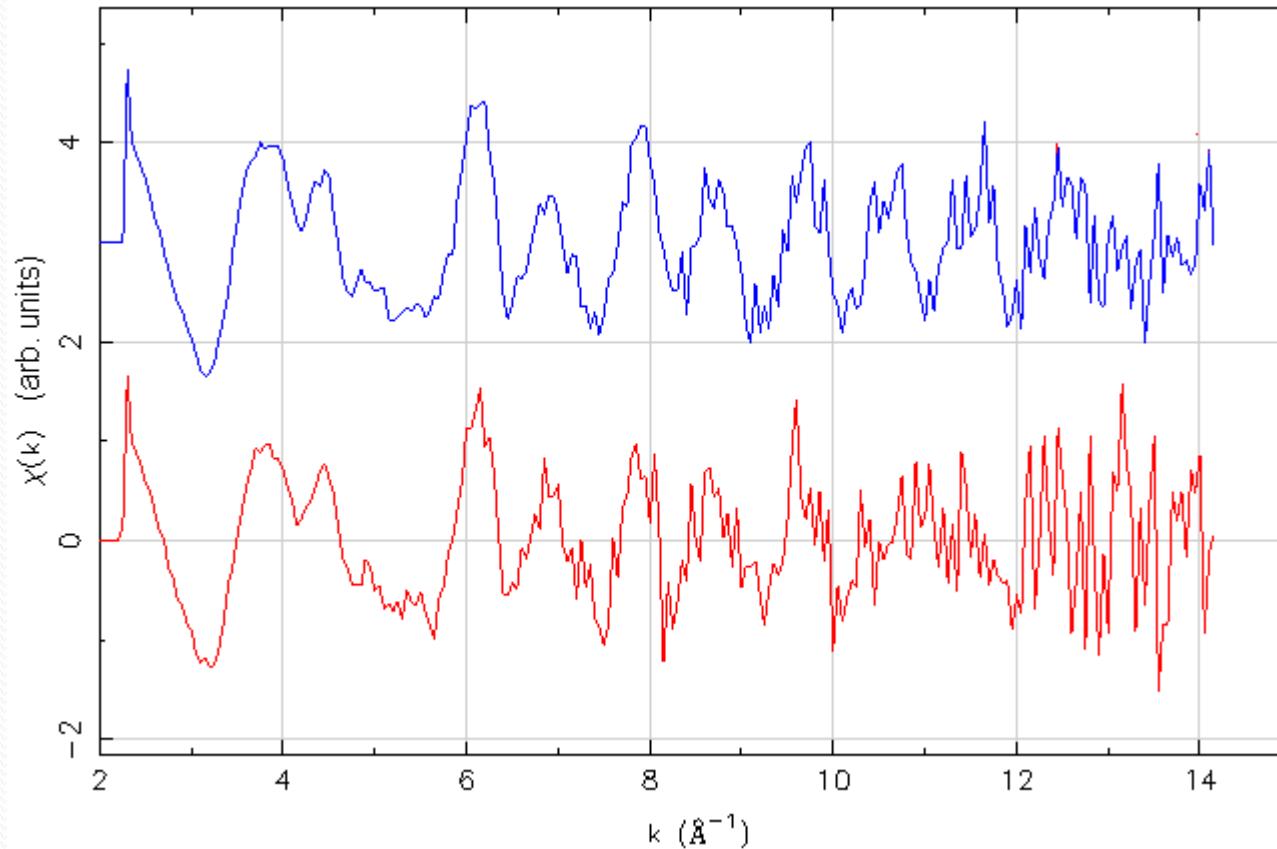
Fe K- edge XANES spectra of $\text{Ba}(\text{Ti}_{0.98}\text{Fe}_{0.02})\text{O}_{2.99}$
(blue line – annealed in nitrogen, red line – in oxygen)

Valence state of Fe in Fe doped BaTiO₃



Fe K- edge XANES spectra of Ba(Ti_{0.98}Fe_{0.02})O_{2.99} (blue line – annealed in nitrogen, red line – in oxygen) and reference samples (light violet line – FeSO₄, green line – Fe₂O₃) with well known Fe valence state.

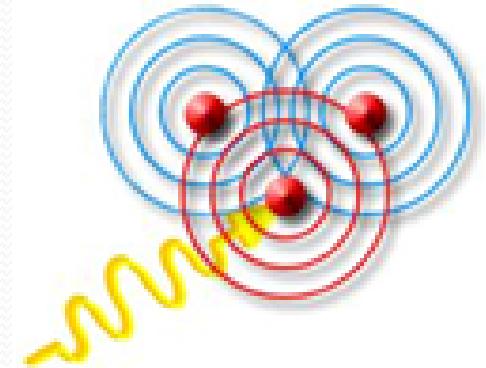
EXAFS analysis



The EXAFS spectra $\chi(k)$ of Fe in $\text{Ba}(\text{Ti}_{0.98}\text{Fe}_{0.02})\text{O}_{2.99}$
(blue line – annealed in nitrogen, red line – in oxygen)

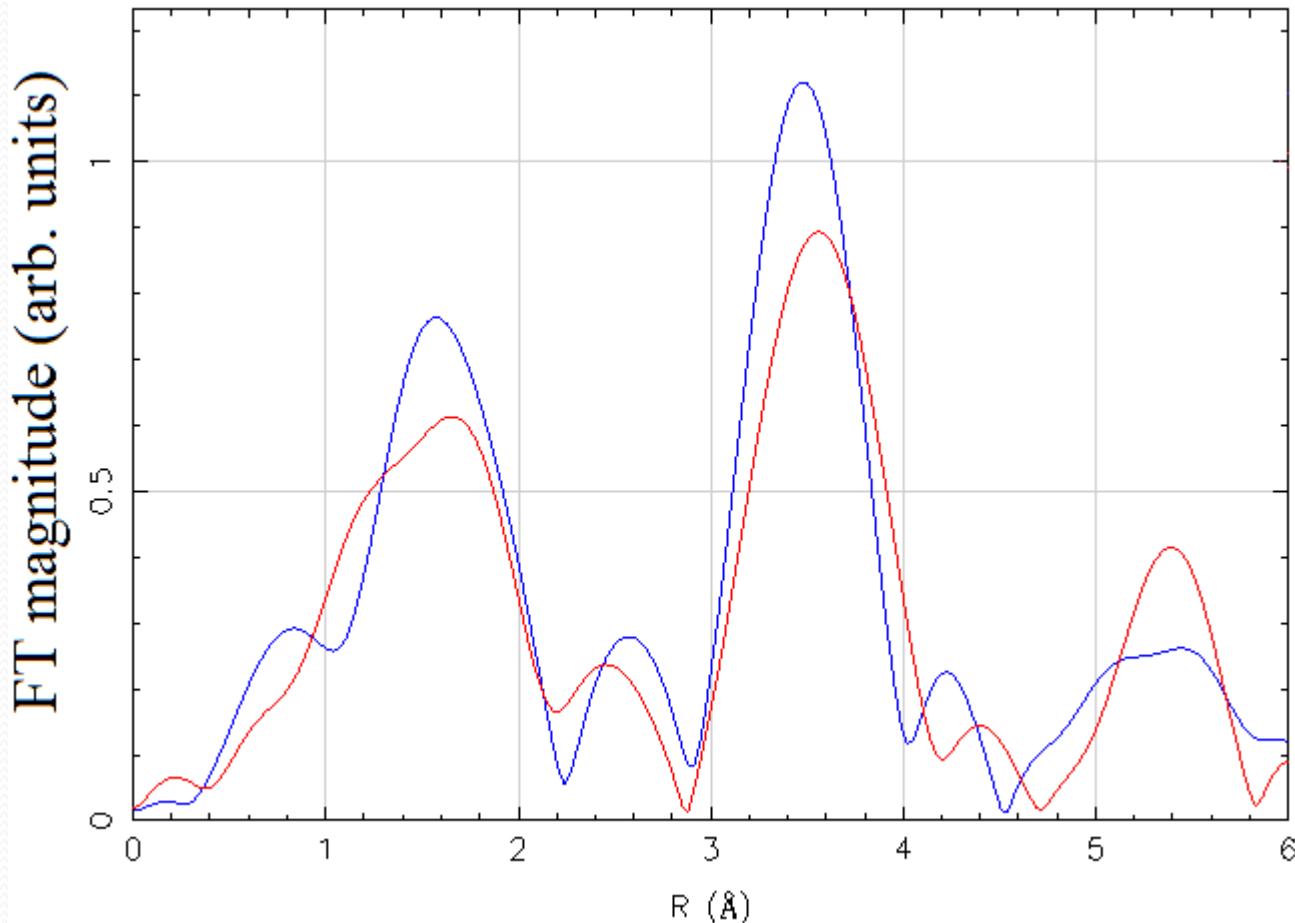
EXAFS analysis

$$\chi(k) = \sum_i A_i(k) \sin(2kR_i + \delta_i),$$



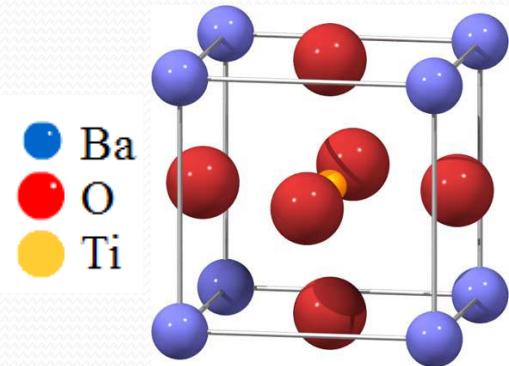
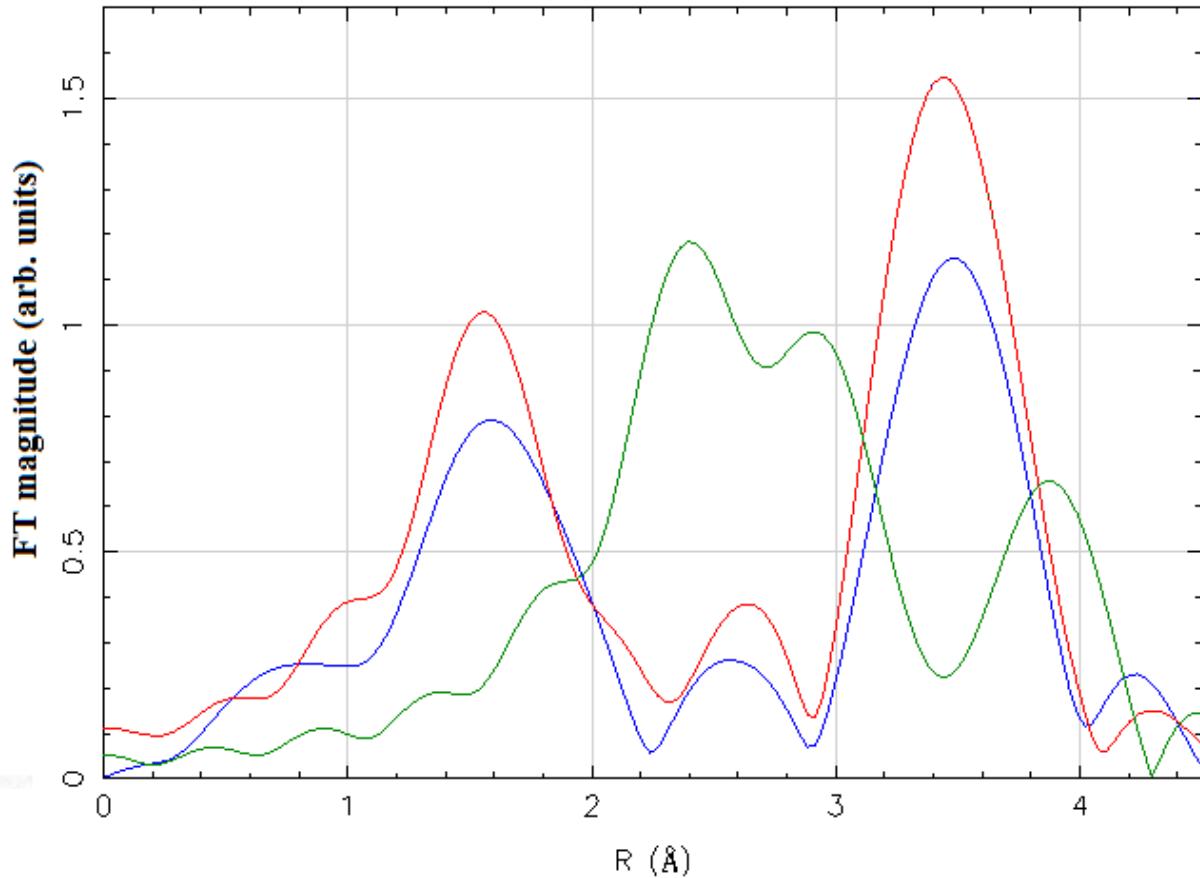
- with the atom-specific phase shift δ_i and the amplitude factor

$$A_i(k) = \frac{N_i}{kR_i^2} S_0^2 F_i(k) e^{(-2k^2\sigma_i^2)} e^{-R_i\lambda_i}$$



- Red line - Fe K-edge Fourier transforms of $\text{Ba}(\text{Ti}_{0.98}\text{Fe}_{0.02})\text{O}_{2.99}$ annealed in oxygen.
- Blue line - Fe K-edge Fourier transforms of $\text{Ba}(\text{Ti}_{0.98}\text{Fe}_{0.02})\text{O}_{2.99}$ annealed in nitrogen.

EXAFS analysis of Fe doped BaTiO₃

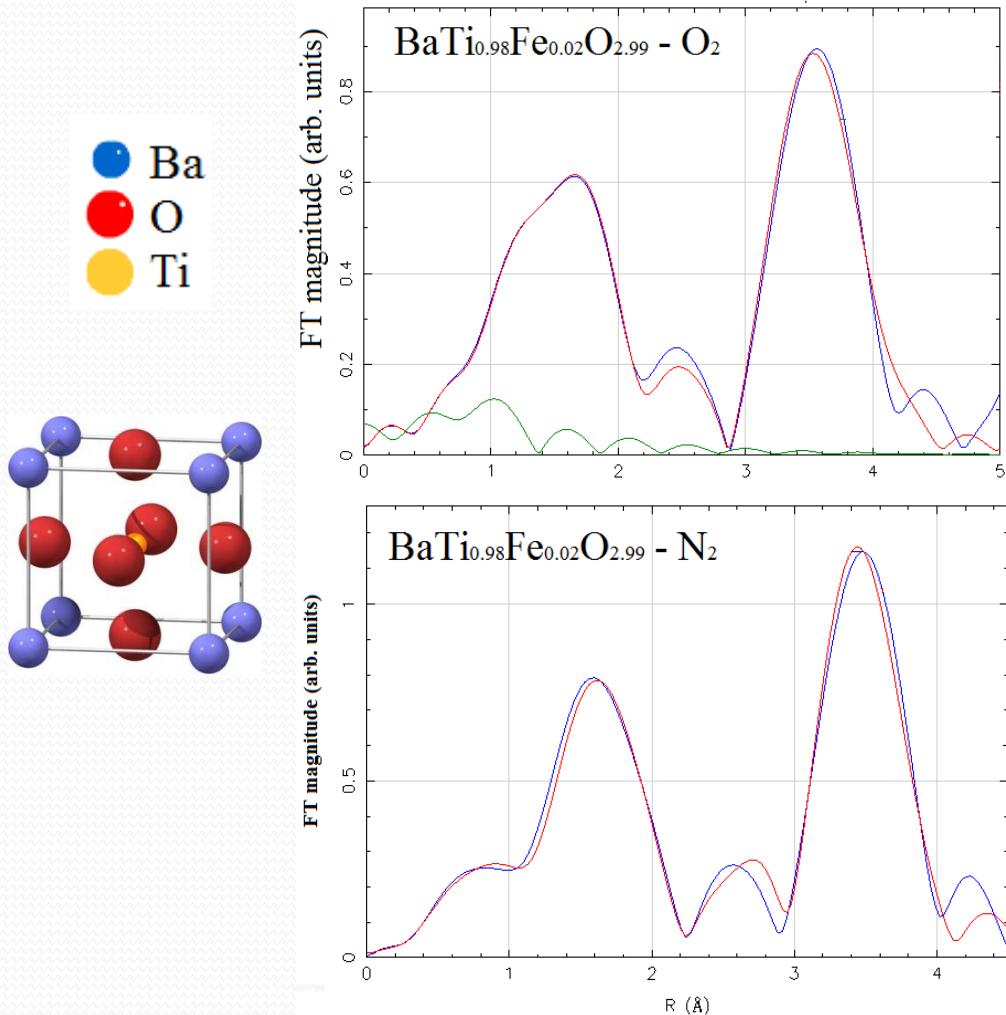


Blue line - Fe K-edge Fourier transforms of Ba(Ti_{0.98}Fe_{0.02})O_{2.99} (experiment).

Red line - model of the undistorted BaTiO₃ structure around Ti site.

Green line - model of the undistorted BaTiO₃ structure around Ba site.

EXAFS analysis of Fe doped BaTiO₃

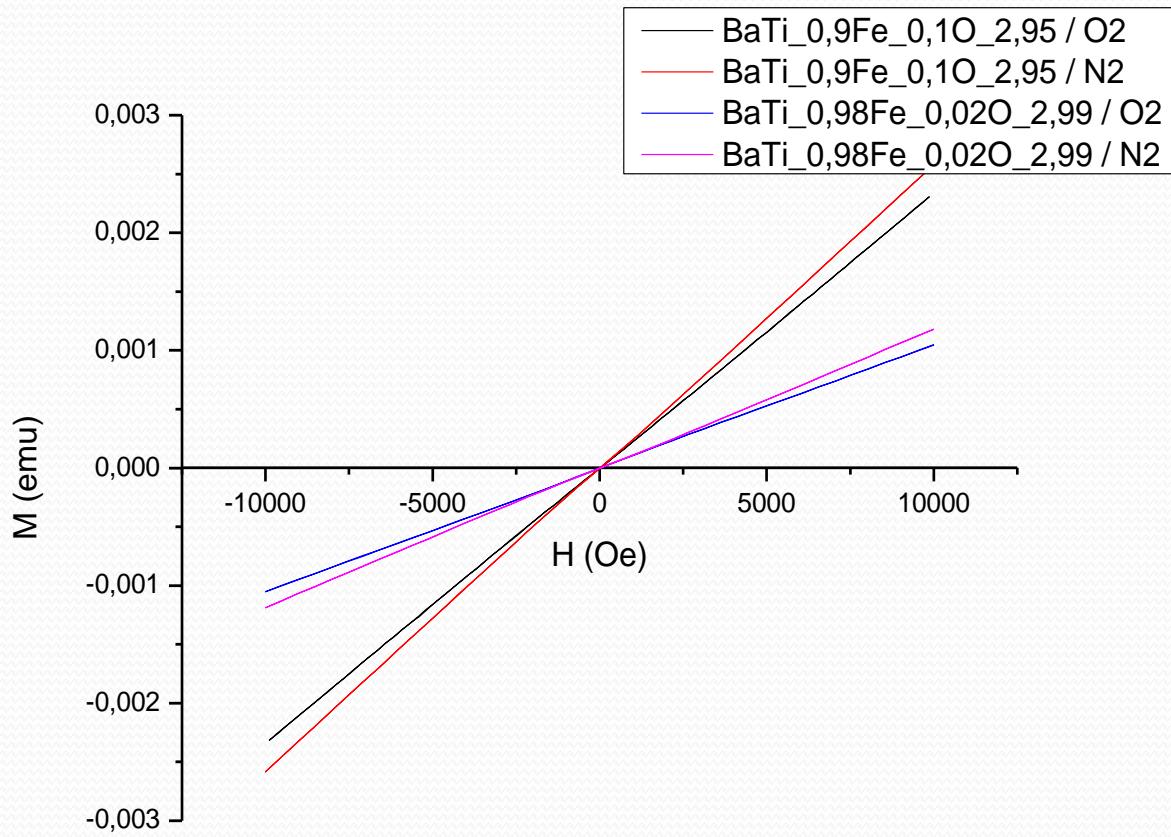


Type	Number	Distance, A	Debye-Waller factor
O	4	2.05(1)	0.006(4)
O	2	1.90(3)	0.006 (4)
Ba	8	3.44(1)	0.011(1)
Ti	4	4.00(2)	0.012(2)

Type	Number	Distance, A	Debye-Waller factor
O	4	2.05(1)	0.004(2)
O	2	2.011(8)	0.0014
Ba	8	3.46(1)	0.006
Ti	4	3.98(2)	0.009

$$R_i, \sigma_i^2, N_i$$

Magnetic measurements



Conclusion

- We synthesized 4 samples of Fe-doped BaTiO₃ by solid state reaction method.
- No magnetic ordering exists in bulk Fe-doped BaTiO₃.
- All iron in Ba(Tio.98Feo.02)O_{2.99} samples is in trivalent form and Fe³⁺ atoms substituted Ti⁴⁺ on B sites of the perovskite BaTiO₃ host matrix.
- No impurities or secondary phases were observed in well-processed Ba(Tio.98Feo.02)O_{2.99}.

*Thank you for your
attention!!!*