

Mössbauer study of $\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{Cr}_2\text{S}_4$

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$\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{Cr}_2\text{S}_4$ has been studied by Mössbauer spectroscopy and x-ray diffraction. The crystal structure is found to be a cubic spinel with the lattice parameter $a_0 = 9.922 \text{ \AA}$. The temperature dependence of both the magnetic hyperfine field and magnetization is explained by the Néel theory of ferrimagnetism using three exchange integrals: $J_{\text{Fe-Cr}}/k_B = -13.7 \text{ K}$, $J_{\text{Fe-Fe}}/k_B = -8.3 \text{ K}$, and $J_{\text{Cr-Cr}}/k_B = 8.7 \text{ K}$.