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## Crystallographic and magnetic properties of $\alpha$ -NaFeO<sub>2</sub> using Mössbauer spectroscopy

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## **Abstract**

The NaFeO<sub>2</sub> sample was synthesized using the solid-state reaction method. X-ray diffraction (XRD) was performed to confirm the crystal structure of NaFeO<sub>2</sub> using an X-ray diffractometer. The crystal structure of NaFeO<sub>2</sub> was confirmed to be a trigonal structure with a space group of R-3 m. The lattice parameters were found to be  $a_0 = b_0 = 3.0251$  Å and  $c_0 = 16.0983$  Å. The temperature dependence of the zero-field-cooled (ZFC) and field-cooled (FC) curves from temperatures of 4.2–295 K was measured using the vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM). From the ZFC–FC curves, it was found that the Néel temperature ( $T_N$ ) of NaFeO<sub>2</sub> was 11 K. The temperature dependence of the Mössbauer spectra from 4.2 to 295 K indicates that the magnetic hyperfine field ( $H_{hf}$ ) and isomer shift ( $\delta$ ) decreased with increasing temperature. The electric quadrupole splitting ( $\Delta E_O$ ) rapidly increased at  $T_N$ .

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