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Abstract

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Owing to their ability to form solid solutions in a wide range of compositions, perovskites are intensively explored to obtain materials with controlled properties. In the present work, the crystal structure and the dielectric characteristics of the Ba_{2-2x}Sr_{2x}MgWO₆ system have been studied. It was found that solid solutions are formed in the whole composition range. An increase of x up to 0.74 results in a continuous structural phase transformation, from a cubic Fm $\bar{3}$ m to a tetragonal I4/m symmetry, related to the appearance of the a₀a₀c- anti-phase octahedral tilting. This phase transformation is accompanied by a change in the sign of the temperature coefficient of the dielectric permittivity. Dielectric measurements revealed that the permittivity increases with x in the cubic solid solutions and decreases in the tetragonal ones. This behaviour is discussed based on the differential of the Clausius-Mossotti equation taking into consideration that the polarizability is a function of the cell volume, chemical composition and tolerance factor.