Phonon and magnetoelastic coupling in Al_{0.5}Ga_{0.5}FeO₃: Raman, magnetization and neutron diffraction studies

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Supplementary information

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a (Å) = $8.6332(7) + 2.5(5) \times 10^{-5} [T] + 4.0(6) \times 10^{-8} [T]^2$ b (Å) = $9.3137(6) + 1.9(4) \times 10^{-5} [T] + 5.9(5) \times 10^{-8} [T]^2$ c (Å) = $5.0211(6) + 1.6(4) \times 10^{-5} [T] + 3.1(5) \times 10^{-8} [T]^2$ V (Å)³ = $403.73(8) + 3.2(5) \times 10^{-3} [T] + 7.0(7) \times 10^{-6} [T]^2$, where T = temperature in K

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