

Disorder stabilisation of high pressure $\text{Mn}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{ScSbO}_6$ double perovskites with complex magnetic properties

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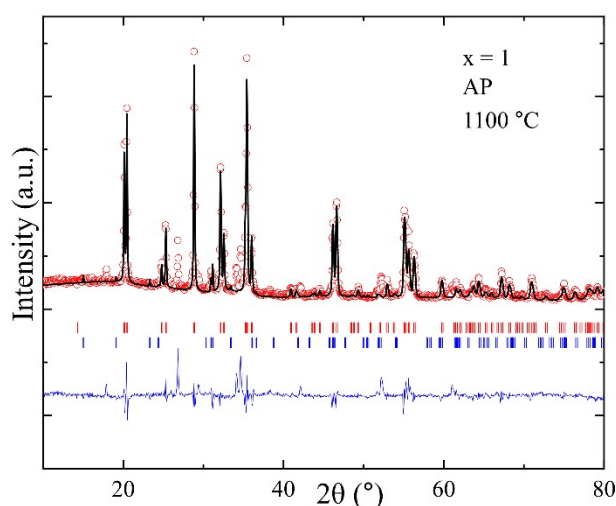


Fig. S1 Rietveld fits of room temperature XRD data for $x = 1$ MnCoScSbO_6 synthesised at 1100 °C under AP. Data are fitted using a distorted Mg_3TeO_6 -type structural model ($R-3$, red tick marks) with refined lattice parameters $a = 8.8201(1)\text{ Å}$ and $c = 10.5507(6)\text{ Å}$. Blue tick marks refer to $\text{Sc}_{5.5}\text{Sb}_{1.5}\text{O}_{12}$. There are several unidentified impurity peaks.

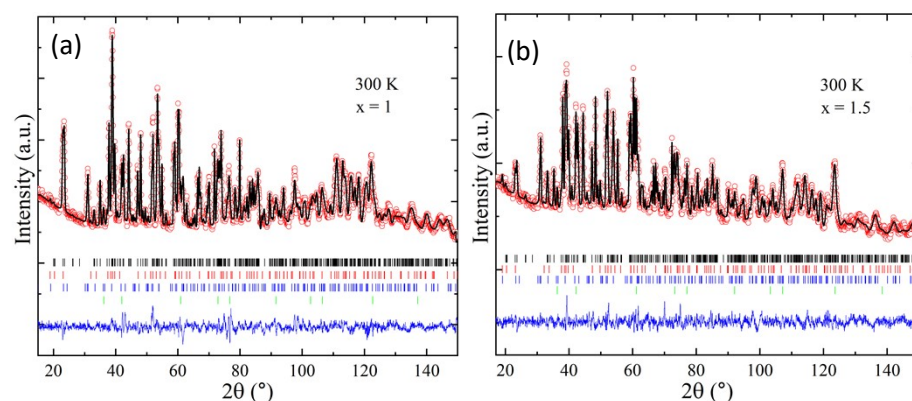


Fig. S2 Rietveld fits of 300 K high resolution ($\lambda = 1.54\text{ Å}$) NPD data for (a) $x = 1$ (DPv: 77(1)%, NTO phase: 10(1)%, $\text{Sc}_{5.5}\text{Sb}_{1.5}\text{O}_{12}$: 9(1)% and (Mn/Co)O: 4(1)%) and (b) $x = 1.5$ (DPv: 72(1)%, NTO phase: 11(1)%, $\text{Sc}_{5.5}\text{Sb}_{1.5}\text{O}_{12}$: 12(1)% and (Mn/Co)O: 5(1)%) are denoted by black, red, blue, and green tick marks, respectively.

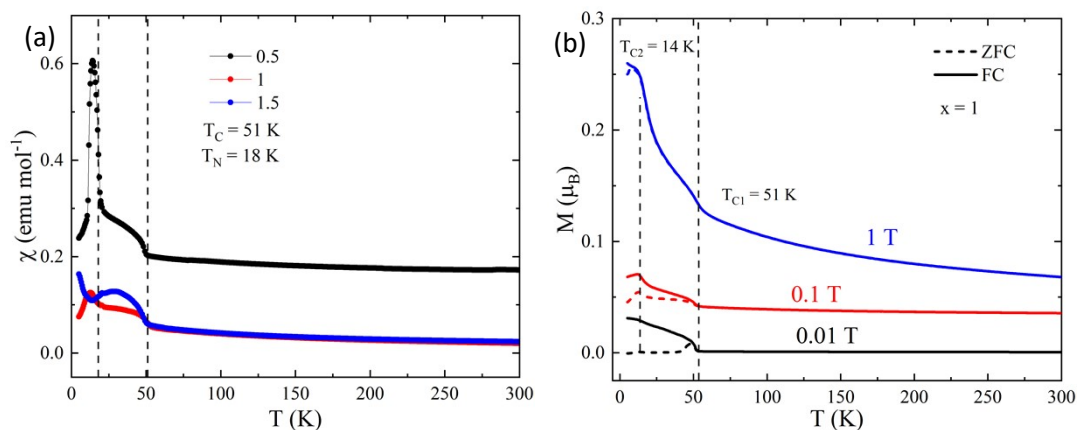


Fig. S3 (a) ZFC-FC magnetic susceptibility of DPv $x = 0.5, 1$ and 1.5 collected under 0.1 T. Magnetic transitions at 51 K and 18 K are observed. (c) Magnetic susceptibility measured under different applied magnetic fields for $x = 1$.

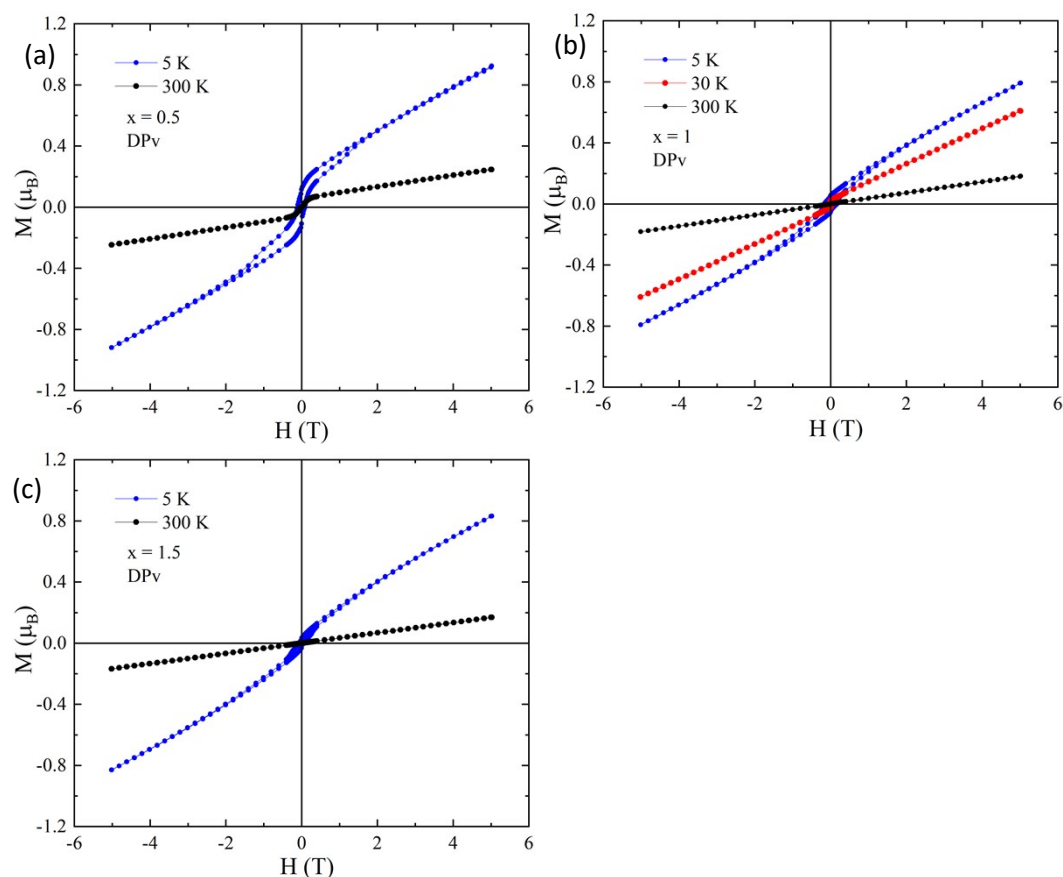


Fig. S4 Magnetic hysteresis loops of (a) $x = 0.5$, (b) $x = 1$ and (c) $x = 1.5$ samples. Hysteresis loops for $x = 0.5$ show a weak hysteric component at 5 K, whereas $x = 1$ and 1.5 exhibit largely linear $M-H$ behaviour consistent with glassy magnetic behaviour associated with spin freezing. The 300 K $x = 0.5$ $M-H$ loop displays a weak ferromagnetic impurity contribution, whereas $x = 1$ and 1.5 300 K loops show paramagnetic linear $M-H$ correlation.

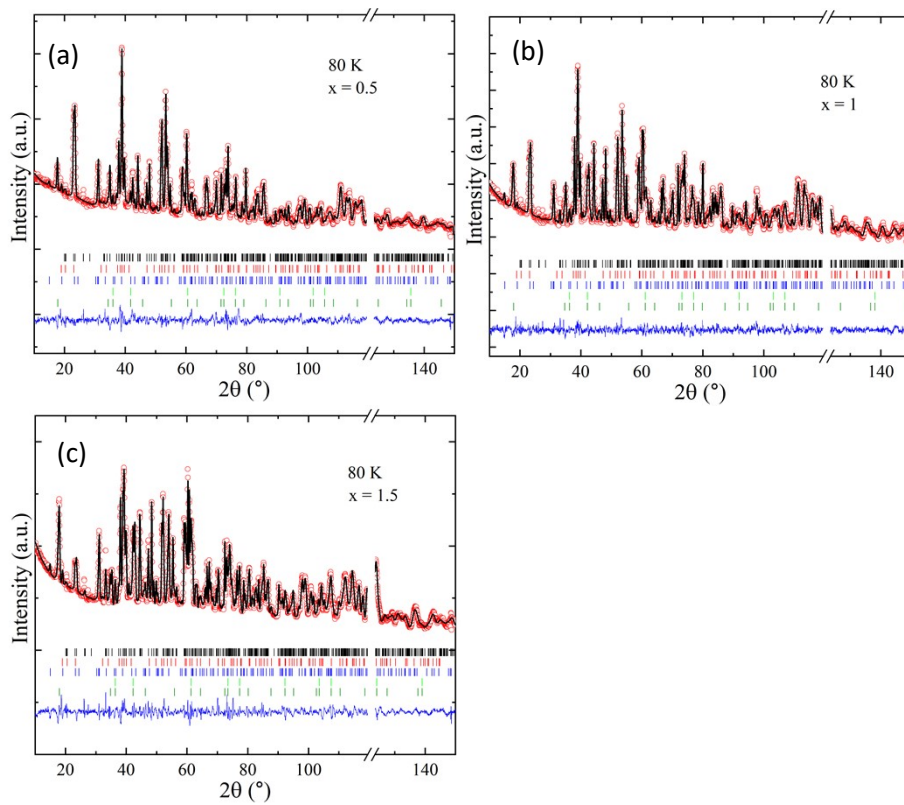


Fig. S5 Rietveld fits of 80 K high resolution ($\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$) NPD data for (a) $x = 0.5$, (b) $x = 1$ and (c) $x = 1.5$. DPv, NTO phase, $\text{Sc}_{5.5}\text{Sb}_{1.5}\text{O}_{12}$ and $(\text{Mn}/\text{Co})\text{O}$ nuclear and magnetic are denoted by black, red, blue and green, dark green tick marks, respectively. The excluded region at $2\theta \sim 120^\circ$ is due to an uncalibrated detector cell.

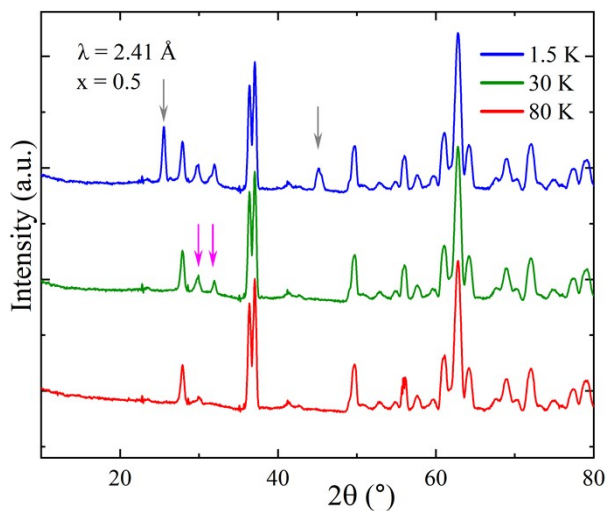


Fig. S6 High flux NPD data ($\lambda = 2.41 \text{ \AA}$) for $x = 0.5$ collected at 1.5, 30 and 80 K. Magnetic intensities from DPv and NTO-type phases are denoted by grey and pink arrows.

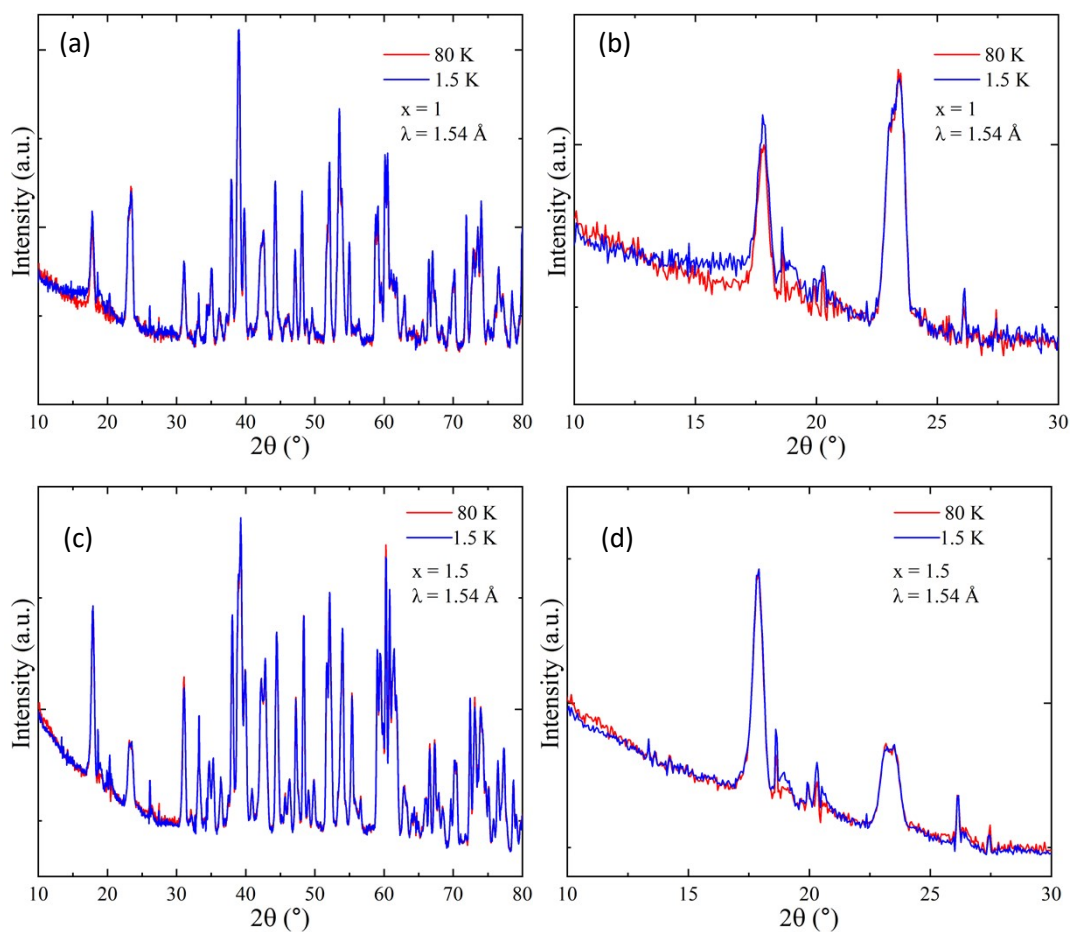


Fig. S7 Comparison of 80 K and 1.5 K high resolution ($\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$) NPD data of DPv (a) $x = 1$, (b) zoomed comparison of neutron diffraction data of $x = 1$, (c) $x = 1.5$ and (d) zoomed comparison of neutron diffraction data of $x = 1.5$. A broad low-angle enhancement centred at around $2\theta = 18^\circ$ is clearly observed in the zoomed $x = 1$ data, consistent with short-range magnetic correlations.

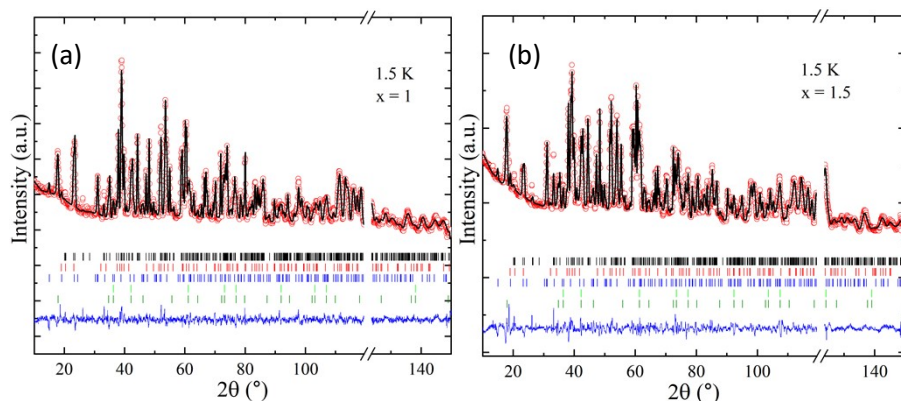


Fig. S8 Rietveld fits of 1.5 K high resolution ($\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$) NPD data for (a) $x = 1$ and (b) $x = 1.5$. DPv, NTO phase are denoted by black and red tick marks. Secondary phases are denoted same as in Fig. S5.

Table S1 Structural information for DPv Mn_{1.5}Co_{0.5}ScSbO₆ from the 300 K NPD Rietveld fit in monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$. Lattice parameters: $a = 5.2803(3)$, $b = 5.4443(3)$, $c = 7.7222(4)$ Å and $\beta = 90.285(4)^\circ$.

Atom/site	x	y	z	Biso (Å ²)	Occupancy
Mn/Sc	0.014(3)	0.115(2)	0.724(2)	0.45(1)	0.748(3)/0.252(3)
Sc/Co	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.45(1)	0.540(7)/0.460(7)
Sb	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.45(1)	1.0
O1	0.314(1)	0.328(1)	0.940(1)	1.1(1)	1.0
O2	0.329(1)	0.303(1)	0.578(1)	1.1(1)	1.0
O3	0.875(7)	0.432(7)	0.760(6)	1.1(1)	1.0
A-O1-A	103.9(8)	A-O2-A	104.7(5)	A-O3-A	136.2(7)
B-O1-B'	139.0(2)	B-O2-B'	135.3(2)	B-O3-B'	136.4(2)

Residuals are $R_p = 1.65\%$, $R_{wp} = 2.17\%$, $R_{Bragg} = 7.29\%$, $R_F = 4.15\%$, and $\chi^2 = 4.30$

Table S2 Structural information for DPv MnCoScSbO₆ from the 300 K NPD Rietveld fit in monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$. Lattice parameters: $a = 5.2653(3)$, $b = 5.4155(2)$, $c = 7.7026(4)$ Å and $\beta = 90.410(3)^\circ$.

Atom/site	x	y	z	Biso (Å ²)	Occupancy
Mn/Co/Sc	0.017(2)	0.085(2)	0.730(2)	0.9(1)	0.51(3)/0.214(7)/0.286(7)
Sc/Co	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.9(1)	0.428(7)/0.572(7)
Sb	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.9(1)	1.0
O1	0.311(1)	0.318(1)	0.936(1)	0.3 (1)	1.0
O2	0.323(1)	0.308(1)	0.571(1)	0.3 (1)	1.0
O3	0.870(1)	0.421(1)	0.760(1)	0.3 (1)	1.0
A-O1-A	102.1(5)	A-O2-A	103.3(4)	A-O3-A	137.0(5)
B-O1-B'	139.8(4)	B-O2-B'	136.5(3)	B-O3-B'	135.1(3)

Residuals are $R_p = 2.05\%$, $R_{wp} = 2.73\%$, $R_{Bragg} = 8.61\%$, $R_F = 5.49\%$, and $\chi^2 = 6.31$

Table S3 Structural information for DPv Mn_{0.5}Co_{1.5}ScSbO₆ from the 300 K NPD Rietveld fit in monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$. Lattice parameters: $a = 5.2521(2)$, $b = 5.3808(2)$, $c = 7.6857(3)$ Å and $\beta = 90.571(3)^\circ$.

Atom/site	x	y	z	Biso (Å ²)	Occupancy
Mn/Co/Sc	0.020(1)	0.065(1)	0.738(1)	1.0(1)	0.26(2)/0.435(4)/0.315(4)
Sc/Co	0.50	0.00	0.00	1.0(1)	0.370(4)/0.630(4)
Sb	0.00	0.50	0.00	1.0(1)	1.0
O1	0.314(1)	0.325(1)	0.938(1)	1.0(1)	1.0
O2	0.330(1)	0.308(1)	0.577(1)	1.0(1)	1.0
O3	0.869(1)	0.418(1)	0.761(1)	1.0(1)	1.0
A-O1-A	105.3(4)	A-O2-A	104.3(3)	A-O3-A	133.6(3)
B-O1-B'	138.6(3)	B-O2-B'	135.1(3)	B-O3-B'	133.9(3)

Residuals are $R_p = 1.86\%$, $R_{wp} = 2.37\%$, $R_{Bragg} = 7.43\%$, $R_F = 4.40\%$, and $\chi^2 = 3.05$