

Theoretical limit of $(BH)_{\max}$ for hexagonal strontium ferrite ($\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$) permanent magnet

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The density functional theory (DFT) and generalized gradient approximation with Coulomb and exchange interaction effects (GGA+ U) were used to calculate the electronic structure of hexagonal strontium ferrite ($\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$). Since the calculated magnetic moments and energies are stable for $U_{\text{eff}} = 7$ eV, the exchange integrals were used to calculate the temperature dependence of magnetic moments $M(T)$ for the five sublattices ($2a$, $2b$, $12k$, $4f_1$, and $4f_2$) based on the Brillouin functions. The $M(T)$ of the five sublattices are inter-related to the nearest neighbors, where the spins are mostly anti-ferromagnetically coupled. The sublattice $M(T)$ were used to obtain total $M(T)$, which is in good agreement with the experimental $M(T)$. The temperature dependence of maximum energy product ($(BH)_{\max}(T)$) was then calculated using the calculated $M(T)$. The calculated $(BH)_{\max}$ value of 5.9 MGOe at 300 K is higher than the experimental value of 4.8 MGOe at room temperature.