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Investigation of magnetic ground states of pyrochlore iridate and hafnate by polarized neutron scattering

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Pyrochlore iridates and hafnates A2B2O7 (A= rare earth ion, B=Ir, Hf), in which both the A site and the B site consists of corner-shared tetrahedral, are of particular interest due to the presence of both strong spinorbital coupling and geometrical frustration. Recently, we have successfully synthesized high quality powder samples of Nd2Ir2O7 and Nd2Hf2O7 which high quality powder samples have been synthesized by solid-state reaction. By employing polarized neutron spectrometer DNS, we have investigated these two compounds magnetic ground states. Both two samples show k=0 antiferromagnetic long-range ordering but with different ordering temperature which may be caused by the magnetic ordering of Ir4+ ions.

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