

The Ca–Tb–Co–O system: phase diagram and crystal structures

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The phase diagram of the CaO–Tb₂O₃ (Tb₇O₁₂)–CoO system was built based on X-ray diffraction of 21 ceramic polycrystalline samples synthesized by a two-stage solid-state reaction method in air. The formation of two four-component oxides was observed. The existence of the CaTbCoO₄ phase (structure type La₂CuO₄, Pearson symbol *oS28*, space group *Cmce*, $a = 0.53021(5)$, $b = 1.1778(1)$, $c = 0.52331(5)$ nm, $R_B = 0.079$) was revealed for the first time, whereas the formation of the Ca₂TbCo₂O₆ compound (structure type Ca₃Co₂O₆, Pearson symbol *hR66*, space group *R-3c*, $a = 0.9040(1)$, $c = 1.0625(2)$ nm, $R_B = 0.146$) was confirmed under the experimental conditions. Examination of other Ca_{0.5}R_{0.5}CoO₃ samples (R = rare-earth element) indicated the absence of perovskite phases in the corresponding systems, but confirmed the formation of CaRCoO₄ compounds with the tetragonal K₂NiF₄ (R = Pr³⁺, Nd³⁺, and Sm³⁺) or orthorhombic La₂CuO₄ (R = Eu³⁺ and Gd³⁺) structure types.

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Introduction

Systems containing alkali-earth (A), rare-earth (R), 3d-transition (T) metals and oxygen have attracted the attention of researchers in various fields of science for a long time. This is primarily due to the formation of compounds with perovskite-type structures, which display a number of interesting properties for practical applications. According to literature data, isothermal cross-sections have already been constructed for the Ca– R –Co–O systems with R = La [1], Nd [2], Sm [3], Eu [4], Gd [5], and Ho [6] at 885°C, and for the Ca– R –Co–O systems with R = La and Sm [7] at 1100°C. Four-component phases have been reported in all of the Ca– R –Co–O systems, except those with R = Ce, Pm, and Tm [8]. The major part of the compounds adopts GdFeO₃-, K₂NiF₄-, La₂CuO₄-, or Ca₃Co₂O₆-type structures. In this work we have performed a systematic study of the Ca–Tb–Co–O system.

Experimental details and results

A two-stage solid-state reaction method was applied for the synthesis of polycrystalline samples in the Ca–Tb–Co–O system and samples of composition

Ca_{0.5}R_{0.5}CoO₃ (R = Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, and Lu) in related systems, starting from CaCO₃, CoCO₃ and rare-earth metal oxide powders of high purity. At first the reagents were mixed, manually ground for 5 minutes after adding each component, and heated in a muffle furnace at 1000°C for 24 h in air. The resulting mixtures were ground, pressed into pellets and annealed in a tube furnace at 1200°C for 8 h in air. Phase and structural analyses were performed using X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) data collected on a DRON-2.0 M diffractometer (Bragg-Brentano geometry, Fe $K\alpha$ radiation, $20^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 80^\circ$). The structure refinement (including cell parameters, atomic coordinates, site occupancies) was done by the Rietveld method, applying the DBWS program [9]. To evaluate the correctness of the selected models, the reliability factor R_B was used.

Discussion

Examination of Ca_{0.5}R_{0.5}CoO₃ samples, where R = rare-earth metal

Knowledge about the interaction of the components in A – R – T –O systems is widely desired, due to the multiple applications of the compounds, in particular

perovskites, which form in them. This prompted us to start the investigation from examining samples with the nominal composition $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{R}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ to determine whether perovskite phases form under the experimental conditions. The results of the phase analysis by X-ray diffraction of polycrystalline samples are presented in [Table 1](#). All of the $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{R}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ samples were multiphase and did surprisingly not contain any phase with perovskite structure. The samples with Pr and Nd contained in equilibrium CaPrCoO_4 / CaNdCoO_4 and CoO. The $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{R}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ samples, where $R = \text{Sm}, \text{Eu}, \text{Gd},$ and Tb , turned out to be three-phase, since

they contained in addition a four-component phase with the $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ structure type. We have consequently confirmed the existence of $\sim\text{CaRCoO}_4$ compounds in the systems with Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, and Gd. According to Thorogood *et al.* [10], for larger ions (Pr^{3+} , Nd^{3+} , and Sm^{3+}), the tetragonal structure type K_2NiF_4 is formed, while for smaller ions (Eu^{3+} and Gd^{3+}) the related orthorhombic structure type La_2CuO_4 is preferred ([Table 2](#)). The study of the $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Tb}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ sample revealed a new compound with approximate composition CaTbCoO_4 , which crystallizes with the La_2CuO_4 structure type.

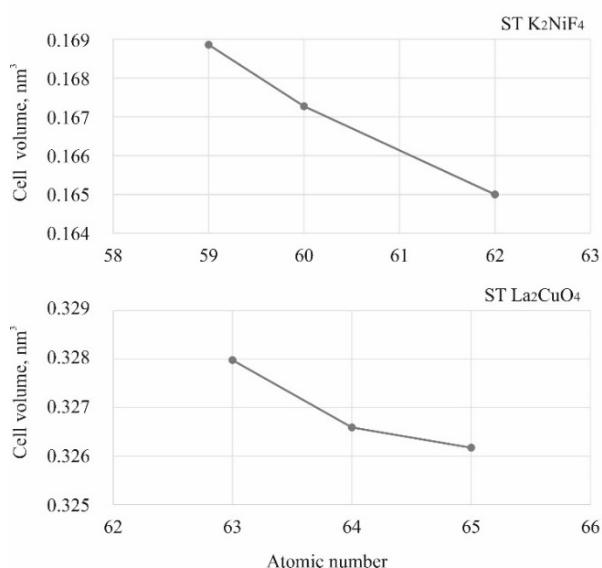
Table 1 Results of the phase analysis by XRPD of polycrystalline samples of nominal composition $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{R}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$.

No	Nominal composition	Phase	Structure type	Pearson symbol	Space group	Content, wt. %
1	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Pr}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	CaPrCoO_4 CoO	K_2NiF_4 NaCl	$tI14$ $cF8$	$I4/mmm$ $Fm-3m$	86.8 13.2
2	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Nd}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	CaNdCoO_4 CoO	K_2NiF_4 NaCl	$tI14$ $cF8$	$I4/mmm$ $Fm-3m$	82.4 17.6
3	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Sm}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	CaSmCoO_4 CoO $\text{Ca}_2\text{SmCo}_2\text{O}_6$	K_2NiF_4 NaCl $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$	$tI14$ $cF8$ $hR66$	$I4/mmm$ $Fm-3m$ $R-3c$	64.1 19.6 16.3
4	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Eu}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	$\text{Ca}_2\text{EuCo}_2\text{O}_6$ CaEuCoO_4 CoO	$\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ La_2CuO_4 NaCl	$hR66$ $oS28$ $cF8$	$R-3c$ $Cmce$ $Fm-3m$	39.5 38.4 22.1
5	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Gd}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	CaGdCoO_4 $\text{Ca}_2\text{GdCo}_2\text{O}_6$ CoO	La_2CuO_4 $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ NaCl	$oS28$ $hR66$ $cF8$	$Cmce$ $R-3c$ $Fm-3m$	61.8 21.0 17.2
6	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Tb}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	CaTbCoO_4 $\text{Ca}_2\text{TbCo}_2\text{O}_6$ CoO	La_2CuO_4 $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ NaCl	$oS28$ $hR66$ $cF8$	$Cmce$ $R-3c$ $Fm-3m$	60.3 23.0 16.7
7	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Dy}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	$\text{Ca}_2\text{DyCo}_2\text{O}_6$ Dy_2O_3 CoO	$\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ $(\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5})_2\text{O}_3$ NaCl	$hR66$ $cI80$ $cF8$	$R-3c$ $Ia-3$ $Fm-3m$	62.0 23.0 15.0
8	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Ho}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	$\text{Ca}_2\text{HoCo}_2\text{O}_6$ Ho_2O_3 CoO	$\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ $(\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5})_2\text{O}_3$ NaCl	$hR66$ $cI80$ $cF8$	$R-3c$ $Ia-3$ $Fm-3m$	61.9 23.6 14.5
9	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Er}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	$\text{Ca}_2\text{ErCo}_2\text{O}_6$ Er_2O_3 CoO	$\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ $(\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5})_2\text{O}_3$ NaCl	$hR66$ $cI80$ $cF8$	$R-3c$ $Ia-3$ $Fm-3m$	60.9 20.0 19.1
10	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Tm}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	$\text{Ca}_2\text{TmCo}_2\text{O}_6$ Tm_2O_3 CoO	$\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ $(\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5})_2\text{O}_3$ NaCl	$hR66$ $cI80$ $cF8$	$R-3c$ $Ia-3$ $Fm-3m$	39.5 36.1 24.4
11	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Yb}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	Yb_2O_3 $\text{Ca}_2\text{YbCo}_2\text{O}_6$ CoO	$(\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5})_2\text{O}_3$ $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ NaCl	$cI80$ $hR66$ $cF8$	$Ia-3$ $R-3c$ $Fm-3m$	42.9 32.2 24.9
12	$\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Lu}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$	Lu_2O_3 CoO $\text{Ca}_2\text{LuCo}_2\text{O}_6$	$(\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5})_2\text{O}_3$ NaCl $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$	$cI80$ $cF8$ $hR66$	$Ia-3$ $Fm-3m$ $R-3c$	54.6 29.7 15.7

Table 2 Refined composition and cell parameters of CaRCoO_4 phases from XRPD of $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{R}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ samples.

No	Refined composition	Structure type	a , nm	b , nm	c , nm	R_B
1	$\text{Ca}_{0.84(2)}\text{Pr}_{1.16(2)}\text{CoO}_4$	K_2NiF_4	0.37537(5)	–	1.1984(2)	0.101
2	$\text{Ca}_{0.98(2)}\text{Nd}_{1.02(2)}\text{CoO}_4$	K_2NiF_4	0.37434(5)	–	1.1937(2)	0.106
3	$\text{Ca}_{0.90(1)}\text{Sm}_{1.10(1)}\text{CoO}_4$	K_2NiF_4	0.37304(3)	–	1.1857(1)	0.137
4	$\text{Ca}_{0.90(1)}\text{Eu}_{1.10(1)}\text{CoO}_4$	La_2CuO_4	0.52802(5)	1.1833(1)	0.52493(5)	0.058
5	$\text{Ca}_{0.82(1)}\text{Gd}_{1.18(1)}\text{CoO}_4$	La_2CuO_4	0.52371(5)	1.1760(1)	0.53028(5)	0.143
6	$\text{Ca}_{0.84(1)}\text{Tb}_{1.16(1)}\text{CoO}_4$	La_2CuO_4	0.53021(5)	1.1778(1)	0.52331(5)	0.079

There is a regular decrease in the volume of the unit cell of the phases with the approximate composition CaRCoO_4 when going from Pr to Tb, both for the compounds with K_2NiF_4 - and La_2CuO_4 -type structures (Fig. 1), that is associated with a gradual decrease of the radii of the rare-earth elements with increasing atomic number [11]. The $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{R}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ samples, where $R = \text{Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, and Lu}$, were also three-phase, but did not contain any phase with 1:1:1:4 stoichiometry. Instead, the diffraction diagrams showed the presence of solid solutions based on the $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$ phase, CoO and the corresponding R_2O_3 oxide.

**Fig. 1** Cell volume of CaRCoO_4 phases versus atomic number of the rare-earth metal.

The system $\text{CaO–Tb}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Tb}_7\text{O}_{12})\text{–CoO}$

The interaction of the components in the $\text{CaO–Tb}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Tb}_7\text{O}_{12})\text{–CoO}$ system was studied based on X-ray diffraction of 21 polycrystalline samples (Table 3). It should be noted that the initial Tb_2O_3 reagent (structure type $(\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5})_2\text{O}_3$, Pearson symbol $cI80$, space group $Ia-3$) was, after the synthesis,

observed in the form of Tb_7O_{12} (structure type Pr_7O_{12} , Pearson symbol $hR57$, space group $R-3$). This phase dissolves a significant amount of CaO. Fig. 2 shows the phase diagram of the $\text{CaO–Tb}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Tb}_7\text{O}_{12})\text{–CoO}$ system. There are 5 single-phase, 9 two-phase, and 5 three-phase regions under the conditions of our study. According to Pearson's Crystal Data [8], several compounds have been reported in the $\text{Tb}_2\text{O}_3\text{–CoO}$ and CaO–CoO boundary systems (including the compound $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$), while there are no data on the formation of compounds in the system $\text{CaO–Tb}_2\text{O}_3$. Under the conditions of our experiment, no compound was observed in any of the boundary systems. The existence of the compound $\text{Ca}_2\text{TbCo}_2\text{O}_6$ (ST $\text{Ca}_3\text{Co}_2\text{O}_6$), with point composition, was confirmed. It is in equilibrium with the phases CaTbCoO_4 , CoO, CaO, and the solid solution of CaO in terbium oxide. The existence of the phase of approximate composition CaTbCoO_4 (structure type La_2CuO_4), observed in the $\text{Ca}_{0.5}\text{Tb}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ sample, was confirmed. This phase is in equilibrium with CoO, $\text{Ca}_2\text{TbCo}_2\text{O}_6$, and the solid solution based on terbium oxide. The results of the crystal structure refinements of the two four-component phases are shown in Table 4 and Table 5. Despite the fact that the compound CaTbCoO_4 has orthorhombic, and $\text{Ca}_2\text{TbCo}_2\text{O}_6$ hexagonal symmetry, both structures are characterized by the same coordination environment of the Co atoms, which are surrounded by 6 oxygen atoms forming an octahedron (Fig. 3).

Summary

A systematic investigation of the Ca–R–Co–O systems, revealed that they do not contain four-component perovskite phases under ordinary experimental conditions. Instead, the existence of CaRCoO_4 compounds with $R = \text{Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, and Gd}$ was confirmed, and a new compound, CaTbCoO_4 , was discovered with a La_2CuO_4 -type structure. The phase equilibria in the $\text{CaO–Tb}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Tb}_7\text{O}_{12})\text{–CoO}$ system were constructed, confirming the existence of the $\text{Ca}_2\text{TbCo}_2\text{O}_6$ compound, in addition to the previously unreported CaTbCoO_4 phase. These findings add to our understanding of complex oxide systems with potential prospects for practical applications.

Table 3 Results of the phase analysis by XRPD of polycrystalline samples of the CaO–Tb₂O₃–CoO system.

No	Nominal composition	Phase	Structure type	Pearson symbol	Space group	Content, wt.%
1	CaO–CoO (60:40 mol.%)	CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	58.6
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	41.4
2	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (55:5:40 mol.%)	Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	42.8
		CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	31.0
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	26.2
3	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (40:5:55 mol.%)	CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	43.0
		Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	38.4
		CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	18.6
4	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (50:10:40 mol.%)	Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	70.7
		CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	17.5
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	11.8
5	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (45:15:40 mol.%)	Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	100
6	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (25:25:50 mol.%)	CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	60.3
		Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	23.0
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	16.7
7	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (60:10:30 mol.%)	Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	65.8
		CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	27.6
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	6.6
8	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ (10:90 mol.%)	Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	100
9	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ (20:80 mol.%)	Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	94.7
		CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	5.3
10	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ (30:70 mol.%)	Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	87.6
		CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	12.4
11	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ (40:60 mol.%)	Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	84.8
		CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	15.2
12	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (40.0: 26.7:33.3 mol.%)	Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	54.9
		CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	38.0
		Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	7.1
13	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (33.4:33.3:33.3 mol.%)	CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	62.7
		Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	30.4
		Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	6.9
14	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (30.0: 36.7:33.3 mol.%)	CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	79.0
		Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	17.9
		Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	3.1
15	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (26.7:40:33.3 mol.%)	CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	90.7
		Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	9.3
16	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (20: 46.7:33.3 mol.%)	CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	60.9
		Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	30.1
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	9.0
17	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (30:20:50 mol.%)	Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	67.9
		CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	19.0
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	13.1
18	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (40:20:40 mol.%)	Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	95.1
		CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	3.5
		Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	1.4
19	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (10:50:40 mol.%)	Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	57.2
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	24.2
		CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	18.6
20	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (25:50:25 mol.%)	CaTbCoO ₄	La ₂ CuO ₄	<i>oS28</i>	<i>Cmce</i>	50.9
		Tb ₇ O ₁₂	Pr ₇ O ₁₂	<i>hR57</i>	<i>R-3</i>	36.5
		Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	12.6
21	CaO–1/2Tb ₂ O ₃ –CoO (60:5:35 mol.%)	CaO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	42.8
		Ca ₂ TbCo ₂ O ₆	Ca ₃ Co ₂ O ₆	<i>hR66</i>	<i>R-3c</i>	35.5
		CoO	NaCl	<i>cF8</i>	<i>Fm-3m</i>	21.7

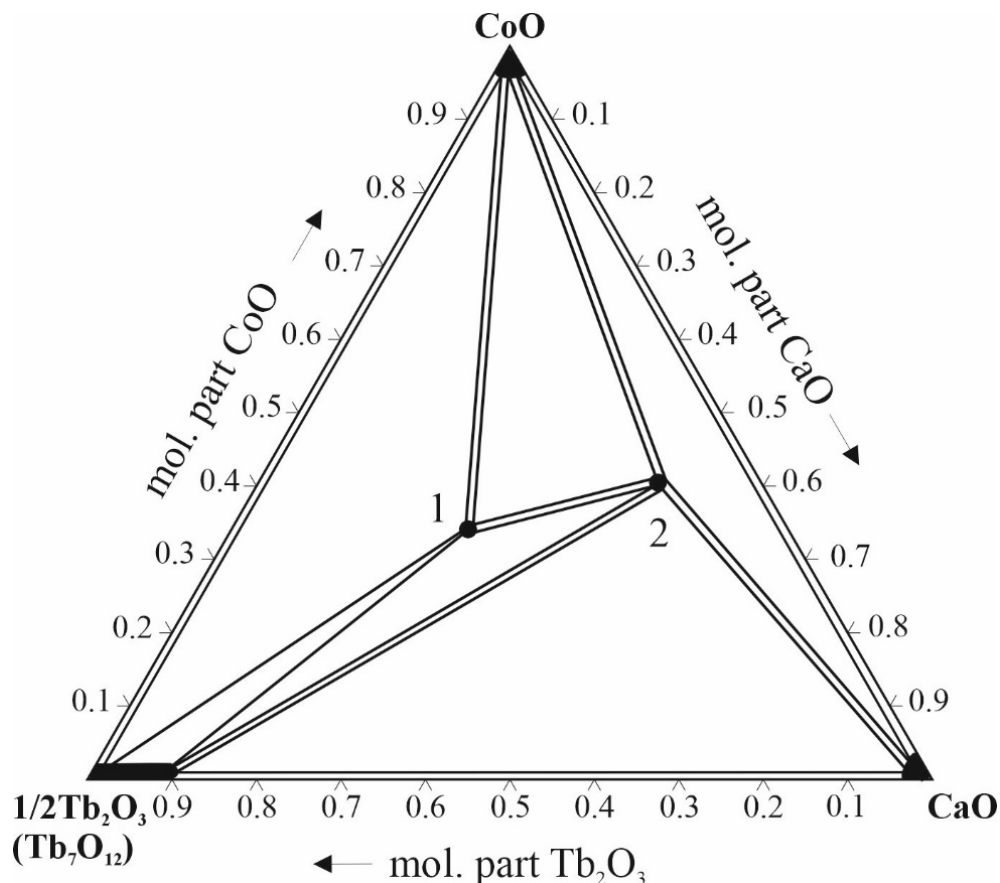


Fig. 2 Phase diagram of the CaO–Tb₂O₃(Tb₇O₁₂)–CoO system (1 – CaTbCoO₄, 2 – Ca₂TbCo₂O₆).

Table 4 Atomic coordinates of CaTbCoO₄ from XRPD (ST La₂CuO₄, PS *oS28*, SG *Cmce*, $a = 0.53021(5)$, $b = 1.1778(1)$, $c = 0.52331(5)$ nm, $R_B = 0.079$).

Atom	Wyckoff position	Atomic coordinates		
		x	y	z
O1	8e	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.001	$\frac{1}{4}$
0.42(1)Ca + 0.58(1)Tb	8f	0	0.359(1)	0.008(2)
O2	8f	0	0.333	0.493
Co	4a	0	0	0

Table 5 Atom coordinates of Ca₂TbCo₂O₆ from XRPD (ST Ca₃Co₂O₆, PS *hR66*, SG *R-3c*, $a = 0.9040(1)$, $c = 1.0625(2)$ nm, $R_B = 0.146$).

Atom	Wyckoff position	Atomic coordinates		
		x	y	z
O	36f	0.1766	0.0244	0.1138
0.69(1)Ca + 0.31(1)Tb	18e	0.3688(5)	0	$\frac{1}{4}$
Co1	6b	0	0	0
Co2	6a	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$

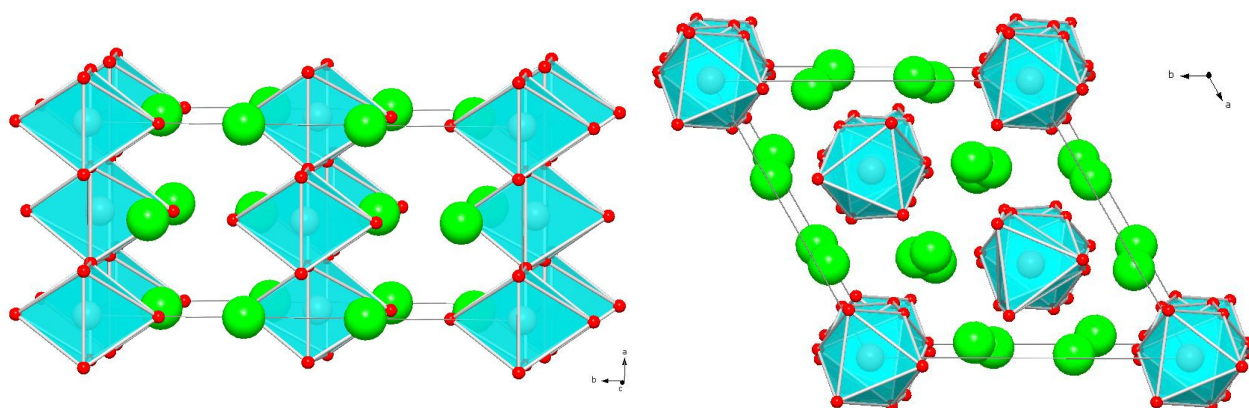


Fig. 3 Arrangement of CoO_6 octahedra in CaTbCoO_4 (left) and $\text{Ca}_2\text{TbCo}_2\text{O}_6$ (right).

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