

Present thesis is focused on the synthesis and characterization of  $\text{Lu}_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  single crystals as a part of a broader study of rare-earth  $A_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  pyrochlore iridates, where  $A = \text{Y}, \text{La-Lu}$ . These materials, crystallizing in the geometrically frustrated pyrochlore lattice and with electronic properties being shaped by strong spin-orbit interaction, have attracted considerable attention of the condensed matter community. The investigation of  $\text{Lu}_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  with nonmagnetic  $\text{Lu}^{3+}$  cations is crucial in order to reveal the physical properties connected to magnetism of solely the Ir sublattice. The physical properties connected to the Ir sublattice are essential for a proper interpretation of the complex properties of other  $A_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  with magnetic rare-earth cations. For the first time, large good-quality  $\text{Lu}_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  single crystals were synthesized by means of the flux method. Their stoichiometry and crystal structure were characterized by means of Laue diffraction and energy-dispersive X-ray technique. Magnetic properties were investigated employing magnetization measurements under ZFC and FC regimes. A bifurcation between ZFC and FC magnetizations was revealed at  $T_{\text{Ir}} = 130(1)$  K, indicating magnetic ordering of the Ir sublattice. Investigating single crystals, the anisotropy effects were studied for the first time. Significantly lower magnetization was observed for magnetic field applied along the [111] crystallographic direction compared to the directions [100] and [110]. The measured data were interpreted considering antiferromagnetic all-in-all-out ordering of Ir magnetic moments and hypothesized formation of field-oriented domains and ferromagnetic domain walls below  $T_{\text{Ir}}$ . The results were discussed in the framework of previous studies on  $A_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  pyrochlores and  $\text{Lu}_2\text{Ir}_2\text{O}_7$  polycrystal.