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Nd₂Fe₁₄B permanent magnets substituted with non-critical light rare earth elements (Ce, La): A review

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Abstract

The growing demand in high performance Nd-Fe-B permanent magnets, driven by emerging key technologies, notably vehicles electrification and wind turbines, raises the question of the availability of critical raw materials, namely the Light Rare Earth Elements (LREEs) Nd and Pr. Co-extracted with these LREEs, Ce and La represent about 70 % of the total amount of rare earths in minerals and, for this reason, could constitute a cost-effective diversification in the raw materials sourcing for magnets. Largely unused and stored, these non-critical elements are progressively incorporated in the permanent magnet industry as a substitution of Nd and Pr, allowing a more balanced utilization of the resources. The restoration of high magnetic performances, after the substitution of Nd by Ce, constitutes, however, a considerable challenge that requires to re-design some steps of the conventional routes for producing dense anisotropic magnets. This objective has motivated a wide range of research activities during the last decade from which different approaches are now emerging: the Hot-Deformation technique followed by an infiltration of eutectic alloys, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the powder pressing and sintering possibly completed with the Grain Boundary Restructuring or with the Grain Boundary Diffusion Process. The performances of Ce based magnets improved by these routes are analyzed for a wide range of substitution rates and compositions. The strategies specifically deployed in the powder metallurgy route for enhancing the coercivity and the remanence, based on grain boundary engineering, additives alloying and on dual-powder sintering, are discussed in details.

Keywords: Permanent magnets, Nd-Fe-B, critical materials, substitution, Cerium

1. Introduction

Since their discovery in 1983, neodymium iron boron magnets with a hard magnetic phase made of the Nd₂Fe₁₄B structure have become the most performant magnets produced at the industrial scale [1]. Besides major applications in automation, appliances, robotics, medical and industrial equipment, hard drive disks, Nd-Fe-B magnets tend to be widely used in electrical machines such as traction motors of electrical cars as well as generators for offshore wind turbines [2]. The commercial grades of magnets are classified by designers according to two relevant figures of merit, the energy product, or BH_{max}, and the coercivity, or H_{cJ}. The first quantity, expressed in kJ/m³ or in MGOe, reflects the magnet strength, i.e., the magneto-static energy that can be provided in a magnetic circuit by a unit volume of a magnet. The second one reveals the resistance toward demagnetization, i.e., the maximal opposite field, expressed in kA/m or in kOe, that the sample can sustain before the cancellation of its polarization. Combined together by the simple addition of their values in CGS units, these physical quantities give rise to the socalled magic number (NM) that is useful to compare different processes. Current commercial Nd-Fe-B magnets can be supplied with BH_{max} values up to 56 MGOe (440 kJ/m³) and coercive fields exceeding 1500 kA/m (19 kOe). A main concern regarding these high performance magnets is the utilization of critical elements, namely Nd, Pr and heavy rare earths such as Dy and Tb, that constitute about 30 % of the magnet weight. Considering the rapid growth expected within the decade of the magnet demand in order to comply with the transport electrification and the wind energy deployment [3], the replacement of Nd-Fe-B magnets with rare earth free [4], or with critical-rare-earth free compounds [5], [6] has become a great challenge. The investigation for the substitution of Nd in the Nd₂Fe₁₄B structure with more abundant and less critical elements such as Ce, La and Y has intensified dramatically in the ten last year.

This review aims at compiling and analyzing the data collected from publications regarding different types of Ce-substituted magnets, including magnets manufactured at the industrial scale by the powder metallurgy route and by hot-deformation. Compared to the latest review [7], the survey covers recent results obtained on sintered magnets manufactured by dual-powder methods, Grain Boundary Restructuring and Grain Boundary Diffusion Process. The co-substitution of Nd with Ce and Y or La, as well as the effect of some additives are also reviewed in order to supply a large overview of the potential of such resource efficient magnets.

2. Cerium in rare earth permanent magnets

2.1 Rare earth sourcing

Rare Earth Elements (REEs) are co-extracted from natural deposits under the form of mineral species, mainly bastnaesite and monazite, and then separated in order to feed the demand of the current applications. Lanthanum and Cerium represent about 70 % of the weight of REEs present in the minerals but less than 10 % of the economic value of the whole REEs extracted [8]. Actually, Ce and La are devoted to industrial uses with low added values. For the mining sector, La and Ce are considered as by products with low economic value compared to the REEs used for permanent magnets (Nd, Pr, Sm, Dy) which constitute about 25 % of the REE content of the extracted minerals. The unbalance between the minerals composition and the market value is seen as a burden in the REE mining activity and several initiatives are considered for the valorization of Ce [8].

Cerium constitutes about 50 % of the REE content of minerals extracted from the site of Bayan Obo [9]. After separation, large amounts of unused Ce are currently stored which explains the lower price of Ce (5 \$/Kg) compared to Nd (56 \$/Kg in 2015). Magnet industry in China is following a policy toward a more balanced use of REEs involving research activities that aim to substitute Nd in Nd-Fe-B permanent magnets by the more abundant and cheaper La, Ce and

Y elements [9]. The large majority of the articles referenced in the Scopus database dealing with this topic have been published after 2012 (92 %), the share involving Chinese research groups represent 88 % of the total number of publications accepted in scientific journals over the same period. The progress obtained by Chinese groups have been presented in previous reviews [7], [10], [11] notably the concept of dual-powder sintering, called Multi Main Phase (MMP). This approach consists in mixing powders having different contents in Ce, one with high Ce content (Ce-Rich) and the second with low Ce substitution (Nd-Rich). After sintering, the microstructure exhibits interesting heterogeneities (concentration gradients) leading to higher performances compared to the single alloy approach implemented with the same average composition. Since 2015, Ce content magnets are commercially available with, for instance, the performance of N28 grades ($H_{cJ} = 10.7$ kOe) achieved for a substitution rate (Ce/RE) of 50 % and those of N38H ($H_{cJ} = 16.2$ kOe) grades fulfilled with Ce/RE = 20 % [7].

2.2 Atomic structure of Ce containing alloys

The crystalline structure $R_2Fe_{14}B$ (R = Y, Ce, La, Nd, Pr, Gd, Dy, Tb) is tetragonal and belongs to the spatial group P4₂/mnm. Each cell contains 68 atoms (4 formula) exhibiting 6 different sites for iron, two for the R element (R4f and R4g) and only one for the boron atom. For the compounds (Nd_{1-x}RE_x)₂Fe₁₄B, rare earth (RE) elements with an atomic radius smaller than the one of Nd preferentially occupy the RE4f sites which have a lower volume than RE4g sites [12]. In the case of (Nd_{1-x}Ce_x)₂Fe₁₄B, Colin et al. [13] experimentally observed that Ce atoms slightly tend to be located on R4f positions, which was consistent with recent ab initio calculations [14]. The smaller site R4f also favors the valence state Ce⁴⁺ which, due to the lack of electrons on the 4f layer, is a nonmagnetic form of Ce [15]. In the compound Ce₂Fe₁₄B, two valence states Ce³⁺/Ce⁴⁺coexist [7] and the averaged valence of Ce atoms is 3.44 [16]. Colin et al. [13] found that this value evolves slightly within the whole range of substitution in (Nd₁- $_{x}Ce_{x})_{2}Fe_{14}B$, and, conversely to Alam et al. [17] who expected the occurrence of a phase separation from their ab initio calculations, they also observed the formation of the solid solution for all substitution rate values (0 < *x* < 1). These findings explain the so called dilution effect of Ce leading to a gradual reduction in the saturation magnetization M_s as the Ce content rises [18], [19] due to the very low magnetic moment carried by this element [20].

The trivalent nature of Ce, beneficial for the magnetization saturation, increases with the size of the host site [16], which, in turn, can be modified with some additive elements. Combined with Ce, Lanthanum contributes to rise the size of R sites, switching the valence state toward the Ce³⁺ form [15], [21], [22]. Consistently, Li et al. experimentally evidenced the raise in M_s with the La content in [Ce_{1-x}La_x]₂Fe₁₄B alloys [7]. However, high content of La reduces the structural stability and the phase decomposition is observed for x > 0.5 [23].

3 Studies on rapid solidified alloys

The R-Fe-B alloys reviewed in this section have been obtained by the melt spinning process that is categorized as a rapid solidification technique. The starting ingots are firstly produced by arc melting with the desired composition. The ingots are then fused and rapidly solidified on the surface of a rotating wheel where they undergo a quenching with cooling rates up to $10^4 - 10^6$ K.s⁻¹ [24]. In the case of (Nd,Pr)-Fe-B alloys, the ejected ribbons feature a homogeneous nanostructure that can be partially crystallized by thermal treatments providing hard magnetic properties suitable for the production of permanent magnets. In their pioneering work, Croat et al. [25] noticed that the Ce_{13.5}Fe₈₁B_{5.5} (at. %) melt spun alloys exhibited poor hard magnetic properties with coercive field close to 3 kOe. This performance was five times lower than the value of the Nd_{13.5}Fe₈₁B_{5.5} counterpart (H_{cJ} ~ 15 kOe) [25] and reveals to be insufficient for most of permanent magnet applications. However, the analysis of ternary compounds Ce-Fe-B emphasized the effect of Ce on intrinsic and extrinsic properties of alloys.

3.1 Ce-Fe-B alloys

For the fully Ce substituting alloys, Herbst et al. [26] showed that the optimal magnetic properties are achieved for non-stoichiometric compositions, i.e. with an excess content of Ce. The optimal compositions belongs to the inner part of a triangular sector of the ternary diagram for which the 3 vertices correspond to the phases CeFe₂, Ce₂Fe₁₄B and Ce_{1.12}Fe₄B₄[27]. In that case, the rise is the Ce content favors the formation of the $CeFe_2$ phase at the expense of the boride Fe₃B which reduces severely the coercivity [28]. However, the amount of the hard magnetic T1 phase (Ce₂Fe₁₄B) is then reduced, down to 88% for instance in the Ce₁₇Fe₇₈B₆ (at. %) compound, i.e. to a level much lower than the one encountered in optimal Nd-Fe-B alloys (95 %). The paramagnetic CeFe₂ phase is detrimental for the remanence of ribbons but can be eliminated by thermal treatments [29], [30], [31], [24]. The infiltration of binary alloys NdCu and NdAg from the surface of the ribbons, performed by diffusion treatments, also improved the magnetic properties [32]. Applying these strategies, coercive fields of about 6 kOe and BH_{max} up to 8 MGOe have been reported on Ce-Fe-B melt spun ribbons (see Table S1 in Supplementary Data). It is worth noting that the higher coercive fields are achieved for Ce or (Ce+La+Y) contents of 17 at. % whereas, for the stoichiometric composition (RE = 12 at. %), the coercivity remains lower than 3 kOe (see figure 1).



Figure 1: Coercive field H_{cJ} values reported in publications for melt-spun ribbons with the composition $(Ce_{1-y-z}La_yY_z)_{12+x}Fe_{72-x}B$ (x=0 solid circles, x=5 open circles). The sizes of the symbols correspond to the H_{cJ} value also indicated in kOe (data selected from Table S1 and Table S4)

3.2 (Nd,Ce)-Fe-B alloys

Early work of Croat at al. [25] showed that partially substituted melt spun ribbons with 20 % of Nd replaced by R = Ce or La in $(Nd_{0.8}R_{0.2})_{13.5}Fe_{81}B_{5.5}$ can exhibit interesting magnetic properties with H_{cJ} lying between 11 and 13 kOe. In such alloys, Ce as well as La atoms tend to be expelled from the T1 phase, resulting in a Nd content in this phase higher than the average value [33], [34]. Obviously, the Curie temperature decreases with the Ce content but with a rate found to be lower than the one expected from the mixture law. Ce atoms segregate at grains

boundaries and form the paramagnetic phase CeFe₂ that could promote grains exchange decoupling [35]. Hien et al. [36] measured an anisotropic field ($\mu_0 H_A$) value for the (Nd_{0.8}R_{0.2})₁₅Fe₇₇B₈ alloy of 4.2 T at room temperature and highlighted a strong decrease compared to the non-substituted Nd₁₅Fe₇₇B₈ alloy for which $\mu_0 H_A = 8.2$ T. The coercive field of (Nd_{1-x}Ce_x)₂Fe₁₄B alloys depends on two antagonist effects: the dilution effect that reduces the anisotropic field of the T1 phase and the grain decoupling which prevents from a reversal propagation from grains to grains. The evolution of the magnetic properties with the substitution rate x is not monotonic: notably, BH_{max} and H_{cJ} are found to vary slowly within the range of 0.2 < x < 0.5 [28], [37]. Other authors even observed an abnormal evolution of the coercivity which exhibits a peak for a x value that depends on the RE content [38], [39], [40], [34]. Those authors attributed this behavior to a separation of the main phase into Nd-Fe-B and Ce-Fe-B phases activated for a threshold in the Ce content. Yang et al. [40] noticed a variation of the lattice parameters in the main phase for x = 0.2 and ascribed this to a composition instability. The phase separation was also deduced by Zhou et al. [34] from their observation of a subdivision into cells of the main phase. However, those authors reported that the cells disappeared after an annealing treatment performed above 700°C. This temperature corresponds to the typical conditions required for the crystallization of ribbons [41]. Accordingly, Rong et al. [42] did not report an abnormal evolution of the magnetic properties with the Ce content in their annealed ribbons. The magnetic performances published on these alloys are collected in Tables S2 and S3. It is worth noting that coercive field values higher than 18 kOe have been achieved in the state of the art for a substitution rate of 20 %. These performances corresponds to a RE contents close to 31 % wt. This value of RE content reveals to be optimal within the whole range of the substitution rate (see figure 2).



Figure 2: Coercive field H_{cJ} values reported in publications for melt-spun ribbons with the composition [Nd(Ce,La)]-Fe-B for various RE contents and substitution rates (solid circles: Ce substitution, open circles: Ce+La substitution). The sizes of the symbols correspond to the H_{cJ} value also indicated in kOe (data selected from Table S2, S3 and S6)

3.3 (Ce, La, Y, Gd)-Fe-B alloys

The crystallization of the Ce₂Fe₁₄B structure reveals to be more difficult than Nd₂Fe₁₄B and the alloy is prone to the formation of parasitic phases, such as CeFe₂, that affects the remanence. The poor stability of the magnetic properties with temperature, related to the low Curie point of the Ce alloy (T_c = 422 K), also constitutes the main drawback of Ce₂Fe₁₄B compared to other RE₂Fe₁₄B phases. The temperature stability of a magnet is quantified by two coefficients, namely $\alpha = \Delta B_r / B_r \Delta T$ and $\beta = \Delta H_{cJ} / H_{cJ} \Delta T$ that characterize the mean decrease in remanence B_r and coercivity H_{cJ}, within a given temperature amplitude, ΔT . For Ce-Fe-B melt spun

ribbons, the typical values of α lie between -0.6 and -0.4 %/K while β is comprised between - 0.8 and -0.6 %/K (for $\Delta T = 400-300$ K) [43].

For this reason, many published works aimed at partially replacing Ce by stabilizing elements, mainly Y, La and Gd. The magnetic performances of the melt-spun ribbons with different compositions of Ce, La, Y and Gd are listed in **Table S4**. Gadolinium addition contributes to a better crystallization of the T1 phase [44] and to a rise in the Curie temperature [45]. Lanthanum tends to destabilize the CeFe₂ phase with an actual benefit on the saturation magnetization [46] and energetic product [47], [48]. Conversely to La, Yttrium preferentially enters the T1 and raises the Curie point (T_c of Y₂Fe₁₄B = 571 K). It also improves the remanence [49], owing to the stabilization of the amorphous phase during annealing, and also the coercive field stability with temperature [50]. Simultaneous replacement of a part of Ce by La and Y allows combining the beneficial effects of these two elements on the magnetic performances: a drastic reduction of the temperature coefficients have been found in [43] for [(Ce_{0.7}La_{0.3})_{0.5}Y_{0.5}]₁₇Fe₇₈B₆ (at. %) ribbons with α value attaining -0.17 %/K and β close to -0.08%/K within 300-400K.

3.4 (Nd,Ce,La)-Fe-B alloys

Liu et al. [51] showed that the co-substitution of Nd by Ce and La in melt-spun alloys limits the formation of CeFe₂, with a beneficial effect on the remanence. It also produces a finer microstructure in the ribbons after annealing. Lanthanum tends to segregate at grain boundaries [33], and when it replaces more than 30 % of Nd, the La used as a sole substitution element leads to the decomposition of the hard magnetic phase, conversely to the case where La is used with Ce [52]. Lin et al. reported that whatever the co-substitution rate of Nd with (Ce, La) in $[Nd_{1-x}(La_yCe_{1-y})_x]_2Fe_{14}B$ alloys, the magnetic performances are improved compared to the case with a single element substitution (Ce or La) [53]. For x = 0.2 and y = 0.4 they measured an energetic product of 15.1 MGOe on melt-spun ribbons whereas the value is reduced to 14.5

MGOe with x = 0.2 and y = 0. For higher substitution rates, the advantage of the co-substitution is more pronounced: a BH_{max} of 12.4 MGOe is obtained with x = 0.5 and y = 0.4 that compares favorably to the value of 8.2 MGOe obtained with x = 0.5 and y = 0 (see **Table S5**).

3.5 Hot deformed magnets

In the hot-deformation route, rapid quenched ribbons are crushed and processed into anisotropic dense magnets by a two-step technique involving a first hot pressing at 700°C followed by a second hot pressing allowing deformation perpendicular to the compaction direction (die-upsetting) [54]. This technique introduces a textured microstructure where the easy magnetization axes are preferentially oriented along the press direction. This so-called hot deformation process typically leads to energy product values larger than 40 MGOe for Nd-Fe-B alloys. Yoshida et al. [55] found that the Ce substitution in (Nd,Ce)-(Fe-Co)-B melt spun alloys improves the hot workability of the material. Using Misch-Metal based melt-spun ribbons, Ko et al. [56] achieved a coercive field value of 3.6 kOe and $BH_{max} = 6.8$ MGOe on die-upset samples , with a beneficial effect of Al and Co additions.

Pathak et al. [38] obtained a coercive field of 9.4 kOe on hot-deformed magnets with a substitution rate of 20 % of Nd by Ce. Poenaru et al. [57] observed similar performances and even noticed an improvement in coercivity for an higher substitution rate (30 %) attributed to the better workability of the alloy ascribed to the low melting temperature of the Ce-rich intergranular phase.

In order to improve the coercive field of hot deformed magnets, the infiltration of a liquid intermetallic phase (NdCu) was found to be remarkably efficient [58], [59], [60], [61]. The infiltration was performed around 700°C and aimed at creating a core shell structure in grains with a hard ferromagnetic shell enriched with Nd [58]. However, a detrimental soft ferromagnetic phase (Nd,Ce)₆Fe₁₃Ga may form at grain boundaries upon NdCu infiltration with

a limitation of the gain in coercivity [59]. This secondary phase can however be suppressed by Co addition [60]. Eventually, by adjusting the RE content and the hot pressing temperature to avoid the formation of CeFe₂, Tang et al. [61] reported for Ce/RE = 20 % and after NdCu infiltration, a coercive field of 18.3 kOe for hot deformed anisotropic magnets (Br = 1.29 T, see **Table S6**).

4- Studies on sintered magnets

4.1 Conventional sintering process with (Nd,Ce)-Fe-B powders

The conventional powder metallurgy route for manufacturing high performance magnets relies on the alloy synthesis by Strip Casting (SC) followed by jet-milling in order to obtain fine monocrystalline powders prone to pressing and sintering [62]. The cooling rare during SC is suited to provide crystallized alloys without the formation of iron precipitates. The SC ribbons are mainly composed of well-defined T1 lamellas separated by a RE-rich phase [63]. A specific treatment under H₂, named Hydrogen Decrepitating (HD), is performed to transform this phase into brittle hydrides that subsequently improve the material pulverization.

Excepted the works of Yan et al. [64], [65] and Jin et al. [66] who studied respectively Strip Casting and Hydrogen Decrepitating performed on fully substituted alloys, the majority of publications deals with partially Ce substituted (Nd,Ce)-Fe-B sintered magnets. Actually, due to the low melting temperature of the Ce₂Fe₁₄B phase (982 °C) compared to Nd₂Fe₁₄B (1155°C), specific microstructures are formed in Ce-Fe-B ribbons by SC, quite differently from the well-defined lamellas of T1 phase found in Nd-Fe-B SC alloys. In Ce-Fe-B cast ribbons, core-shell microstructures are formed with a core made of α Fe/Fe₂B surrounded by a shell of T1 phase [65]. These structures coexist with the CeFe₂ phase. Addition of some RE, e.g. Ho, allows generating more conventional lamellas of the T1 phase in the solidified ribbons [64]. Yttrium also limits the α Fe precipitation in such ribbons [67]. In (Ce,La)-Fe-B SC ribbons, CeFe₂ is limited but the oxidation of the RE-rich phase, exacerbated by La, hinders the subsequent reactivity with H_2 that would be suited for an efficient milling. Therefore, HD may require higher H_2 pressure to proceed such (Ce, La) based alloys compared to the Nd-Fe-B case [66].

For partially substituted alloys (Nd_{1-x} Ce_x)-Fe-B, Poenaru et al. [68] characterized the microstructure of strip-cast ribbons for 0 < x < 0.6. They found that the CeFe₂ compound appears for x = 0.3 and is located between the T1 lamellas. This phase totally replaces the (Nd,Ce)-rich phase for x = 0.6 which would restrict the powder metallurgy route to lower Ce substitution rates.

Following the pioneering work of Sagawa et al. [69] on sintered Nd-Fe-B magnets, Okada et al. [70] published early studies on (Nd,Ce)-Fe-B magnets manufactured by the powder route and found that, owing to high RE contents (32.5 - 34.5 wt%), Ce favored the formation of a liquid phase, allowing the sintering temperature to be reduced under 1040°C. Tang et al. [71] showed that Al addition helps the formation of intergranular phases that also assist the sintering. In that case, the reduction of the sintering temperature favorably limits the grain growth, avoiding coercivity degradation that would occur in a large grained microstructure. The evolution of the magnetic performances of sintered (Nd_{1-x},Ce_x)FeB magnets with the substitution rate (up of 56 %) has been firstly reported by Yan et al. [72]. For x = 0.24, they evidenced a continuous thin CeFe₂ phase (2-5 nm) located at grain boundaries that acts positively on grains decoupling and counterbalances the detrimental effect on coercivity due to the Ce dilution. In a later study, the same group reported that the decrease in H_{cJ} with the temperature is lower after Ce substitution: at 150°C and, for x = 0.24, the coercive field is equivalent to the value measured on magnets without Ce [73]. Jin et al. [74] established that the CeFe₂ phase forms during the sintering and thermal annealing steps, since the Laves phase is not observed on the strip-cast precursors for x = 0.25. The segregation of the CeFe₂ phase at grain boundaries is accompanied by the formation of a core-shell structure into grains featuring a Nd-rich shell, also reported in the work of Chen et al. [75], and attributed to the expulsion of Ce atoms from the T1 grain phase. However, Enokido et al. [76] pointed out that the Cecontaining phases, liable to segregate at grain boundaries, may have a detrimental ferromagnetic character (inducing grain coupling), depending on the Ce content: (Nd,Ce)Fe₂ compound becomes actually paramagnetic for high Ce content whereas the (Nd,Ce)₆Fe₁₃Ga follows the opposite trend. Consequently, the beneficial effect of Ga addition on coercivity is more pronounced for low Ce substitution rates. As for melt-spun alloys, some authors investigated the substitution of Nd with Y and La. Fan et al. [77] established that Y, conversely to Ce, tends to enter the T1 phase, reducing the intrinsic performances of the T1 phase $(Nd_{1-x}, Y_x)_2Fe_{14}B$. However, in a later work, the same group noticed that Nd atoms, when replaced by Y in the grains, tend to form RE-rich (decoupling phases) at grain boundaries. For x = 0.2, they noticed an overall improvement of the coercive field [78]. The same group noticed, as for melt-spun alloys, that Y substitution improves the thermal stability of Ce substituted magnets [79]. When used as a single substituting element, La, like Ce, is expelled from the T1 phase but tends to concentrate at triple junctions without leading to a continuous decoupling phase distribution at grain boundaries [77]. Without heavy rare earth addition and for a moderate ratio Ce/RE= 20 %, the best performances reviewed in literature for sintered magnets lie between 10 and 12 kOe for H_{cJ} and between 36-41 MGOe for BH_{max}, disregarding the commercial grades (see **Table** S7). This corresponds to a Magic Number (MN) value of about 50-55. The figure 3 allows an overview of magic numbers extracted from different sources as a function of the RE content and substitution rates. Commercial grades and hot-deformed magnets performances are also plotted for comparison.

4.2 Conventional sintering process with Misch-Metal powders

Misch-Metal (MM) can be directly produced from the extracted minerals with the following typical RE content: Ce (55%), La (25%), Nd (15%), Pr (5%). Utilization of MM alloys in magnets could be interesting since it would avoid the expensive RE separation required after mining [80]. According to references [81], [82] magnets with the composition MM33Fe66B (wt %) could cover a range of BH_{max} values between 10 and 20 MGOe. Niu et al. [82] stated that large amount of CeFe₂ phase forms and remains stable for the MM composition and, in practice, the BH_{max} is lower than 10 MGOe (see Table S8). Shang et al. [83] reported that the La is expelled to the grain boundaries where it tends to be oxidized. Compared to the content in the initial MM, the La deficit in the T1 phase inside the grains is about 7.5 %. Liu et al. [80] determined that the CeFe₂ content is 4.7 % in mass for MM33Fe66B sintered magnets. This phase tends to form large precipitates at Triple Junctions (TJs) which hinders the densification [82]. To overcome this effect, some authors suggested either to reduce the MM share by diluting MM-Fe-B powders with (Nd, Pr)-Fe-B powders, with ratios MM/TR < 50% [84] or to increase the La content to destabilize the CeFe₂ phase [82], [85]. For instance, with MM/RE = 30% and (Ce/RE = 17%, La/RE = 9%), Yu et al. [85] reported the following performances: BH_{max} of 37.8 MGOe and $H_{cJ} = 7.6$ kOe. Alternatively, Liu et al. [86] obtained with MM/RE = 100 % a BH_{max} value of 20.6 MGOe after a Grain Boundary Diffusion Process with TbH_x.



Figure 3: Magic Number MN values (BH_{max} [MGOe]+ H_{cJ} [kOe]) of sintered magnets (SMP) extracted from publications for various RE contents and substitution rates (solid circles: Ce substitution, open circles: Ce+La substitution, dashed circles: Ce+Y substitution). The sizes of the symbols correspond to the MN value also indicated in dedicated unit (data selected from Table S8).

4.3 Multi Main Phase (MMP) process

In 2014, Zhu et al. [87] published early results based on the co-sintering of two powders, the one being Nd-Rich (without Ce substitution) and the second being Ce-Rich, introducing the MMP process. Their samples exhibited a moderate reduction in the coercive field due to the Ce content: for an average ratio Ce/TR of 20 %, the coercivity remained better than 12 kOe with $BH_{max} = 45$ MGOe. They concluded that the decrease in the performances with Ce substitution in MMP is less than the one previously measured by Zhou et al. [88] in Ce substituted magnets processed by the single powder approach (named Single Main Phase or SMP in the following). Zhu et al. [87] stated that, in the MMP process, fine grained microstructure can be more easily

obtained after sintering. Actually, larger amount of Ce is segregated at GBs in MMP which lowers the melting temperature of the RE rich phases. The sintering temperature can thus be reduced owing to the contribution of the liquid phase to the densification. Eventually, the grain growth, with a detrimental effect on the coercivity, can be avoided during sintering. In MMP magnets, copper addition is found to improve the GB wetting by the (Nd,Ce)-rich phase which contributes to develop the coercivity during thermal annealing [89]. However, especially in the MMP process, oxygen content should be carefully controlled due to the higher affinity of O₂ with Ce than with Nd [90]. Even for low oxygen contents, Huang et al. [89] noticed the formation of fcc phases (Nd,Ce)O_x in which O atoms are in solid solution. In a subsequent work, Zhu et al. [91] compared the performances of magnets with Ce/RE = 20 % sintered by the MMP and SMP techniques. They reported a coercive field of 12.1 kOe for MMP, much higher than 7.7 kOe for the conventional approach and they correlated this result with a higher amount of intergranular phases with MMP. The published results regarding MMP magnets performances are listed in **Table S9**.

Numerous studies have been published in the recent years to explain the higher coercivity found in MMP sintered magnets. Fan et al. [92] provided more details of the intergranular microstructure with the evidence of an amorphous phase, 3 nm thick, around the grains in MMP, whereas this intergranular phase is not observed in the SMP case. This phase is expected to contribute to the grain decoupling in MMP. Moreover, Han et al. [93] reported that the structure of the phase at TJs belongs to the dhcp type in MMP magnets, with a lower iron content compared to the SMP counterpart where the TJ phase exhibits a fcc structure. They argued that the lattice parameter mismatch between TJ-dhcp-phase and T1 phase is lower than the one between TJ-fcc-phase and T1 which is beneficial for mitigating the nucleation of the demagnetization at the interface between T1 and TJ phases. Besides such differences noticed in the structure of intergranular phases, Fan et al. [92] inferred that a shielding effect from hard grains could explain the better coercivity in MMP: the magnetization reversal in low coercive Ce-rich grains could be delayed owing to their magnetic coupling with higher coercive Nd-rich grains. This idea is also supported by the work of Zhang et al. [27] who observed core-shell structures in grains with a Nd enrichment in the shells of the Ce-rich grains. This group stated that such structures are generated by the interdiffusion of Ce and Nd atoms through the liquid RE-rich phase at GBs provided that the liquid phase forms a percolating network [94]. These authors estimated that the CeFe₂ introduced in the mixture by the Ce-Rich powder, with a melting point at 925°C, contributes more efficiently to the liquid sintering and to the wetting of grain boundaries than in the SMP case for which less CeFe₂ is available [27]. The effect on the coercive field, related to a better distribution of the Laves phase Ce(Fe,Co)₂ in MMP magnets, is confirmed by Chen et al. [95]. The gap in coercivity, 11.4 kOe (MMP) vs 10.4 (SMP), is however less pronounced in the work of Zhang et al. [27] than in the previous study of Zhu et al. [91]. In a very different approach for preparing MMP powders, based on high energy ball milling of RE oxides precursors followed by H₂ reduction, Zhu et al. [96] obtained, by mixing after reduction Nd-rich and Ce-rich powders, an higher coercive field ($H_{cJ} = 4.5$ kOe) compared to the case where the oxides precursors were mixed before milling ($H_{cJ} = 1.7$ kOe).

Further studies investigated the effect of thermal annealing performed on MMP sintered magnets. In the conventional sintering process, such thermal treatments aims at improving the distribution of intergranular phases around grains and at promoting the magnetic decoupling. Zhang et al. [97] showed that an high annealing temperature activates the RE atoms diffusion and tends to smoothen the concentration gradients left after the sintering between Ce-rich and Nd-rich grains. Above 580°C, the coercivity decreases and at 880°C, they found that Ce and Nd heterogeneities tend to disappear and the coercivity becomes close to the value measured in SMP magnets. Liu et al. [51] determined the composition of RE-rich phase at GBs after annealing and reported that the iron content raises, at the expense of RE, as the temperature

rises: at 410°C the iron content is 30% whereas it raises to 50% at 460°C. The reduction of the RE content is detrimental for the coercivity due to a poorer wettability and a more ferromagnetic character of the intergranular phase. Jin et al. [98] suggest skipping the post sintering thermal treatments for MMP magnets.

Micro-magnetic simulations of Li et al. [99] supports the beneficial effect on the coercivity of the heterogeneous microstructures encountered in MMP magnets, provided that the interdiffusion of Nd and Ce atoms is non-symmetrical. Those authors assumed that Nd atoms enter more easily the T1 phase than Ce atoms, arguing that Ce₂Fe₁₄B phase is less stable. This results in the formation of Nd-rich shells in Nd-Lean grains by a diffusion that is not balanced by an equivalent formation of Ce-rich shells. Considering that Nd shells harden the Ce-rich grains, their calculation supports the higher coercive field found in MMP compared to SMP (**figure 4**).



Figure 4: Micromagnetic simulation of the demagnetization curve of MMP (DMP) and SMP sintered magnets, MMP is made by a mixture of 50% of grains with the initial composition $(Nd_{0.5}Ce_{0.5})_2Fe_{14}B$ and 50% of grains with the initial composition $Nd_2Fe_{14}B$, SMP is made of identical grains with the average composition, after sintering, interdiffusion of Ce and Nd is assumed to have generated shells with various composition in MMP grains (a) The 3D simulation model consists of 64 irregular grains separated by GB phase. The $Nd_2Fe_{14}B$ grains are blue and $(Nd_{0.5}Ce_{0.5})_2Fe_{14}B$ grains are yellow. The volume fraction of $(Nd_{0.5}Ce_{0.5})_2Fe_{14}B$ shown in this figure is 50%. (b) The section (x = 196 nm) in the simulation model. Shells with varied RE ratios form at the surface of the grains. The red region is grain boundaries. The deep yellow region and light blue region is the shells. (c) the dependence of the coercivity on y in the $(Nd_{0.5+y} Ce_{0.5-y})_2Fe_{14}B$ shell for x=0.1, 0.5. (d) the dependence of the coercivity on x in the $(Nd_{1-x}Ce_x)_2Fe_{14}B$ shell for y=0.1, 0.5. MMP exhibits higher coercivity than SMP counterpart for strong dissymmetrical diffusion, i.e; for high y values and low x values (from Li et al. [99]).

4.4 Multi Main Phase (MMP) process with multiple substitutions

As for the conventional process (SMP), multiple substitutions with Ce, La and Y have been investigated for the MMP process. Co-substitution with Ce and La elements are often considered with a ratio Ce/La = 65/35 that corresponds to the minerals natural content. The authors expected a gain on the thermal stability owing to the higher Curie temperature of $La_2Fe_{14}B$ (T_c = 530 K). Combined with the MMP process, the La/Ce co-substitution has also been found to improve the mechanical properties of magnets [15], due to the better ductility of the REFe₂ phase, as well as the corrosion behavior [100], owing to the role of REFe₂ precipitates that limit the penetration of electrolyte along GBs. As mentioned before, the co-substitution (Ce,La) allows tailoring the amount of REFe₂ phase which could be excessive when Ce-rich alloys are used in MMP [101], [98], [102], [103]. Wei et al. compared MMP magnets made with Ce (Ce/RE = 25%) and with Ce/La ([Ce,La]/RE = 25%) and showed that the La limits the REFe₂ amount, meaning more T1 phase and better remanence ($BH_{max} = 39.5$ MGOe vs 37.8 MGOe). The La expelled at GBs also improves the wettability of the intergranular phase with a gain in coercivity ($H_{cJ} = 8.8$ kOe vs 6.9 kOe). Increasing the amount of the total RE content of MMP magnets ([Ce,La]/RE = 40%) by adding a third powder (Nd-rich) has also been found to improve the coercivity [104].

Chen at al. [105] investigated MMP magnets for which the (Ce,La)-rich powder was made with a mixture of Misch-Metall-based powder (50%) and Nd-Fe-B powder (50%) leading to the average ratio: MM/RE = 35% (Ce/RE = 19%, La/RE = 10%). The results (BH_{max} = 38.2 MGOe, $H_{cJ} = 11$ kOe) are similar to the performances reported by Jin et al. [98] for MMP magnets for which the (Ce,La)-rich powder was homogeneous. As for a single Ce substitution in MMP, for which the annealing tends to homogenize the microstructure, the co-substituted (Ce,La) MMP magnets are also prone to a decrease in their coercivity upon annealing [105]. The co-substitution with Ce and Y in MMP magnets has been analyzed by Peng et al. [106] who reported that, conversely to La, Y actually enters the T1 leading to an increase in T_c. Li et al. [67] extended the substitution to the group R' = Ce, La, Y and Gd. They noted with the MMP approach that Nd and Y are localized at the grains periphery and they obtained interesting performances $H_{cJ} = 5.57$ kOe and $BH_{max} = 20.17$ MGOe for a substitution rate of R'/(R'+Nd) = 75%.

Liu et al. [107] performed micro-magnetic simulations to explain the role of magnetic coupling between grains by the intergranular phase in MMP magnets. They considered in their model two grain populations: Nd-rich grains with high coercivity and (Ce,La) grains with low coercivity. The two populations are mixed in different ratios to achieve two cases (low and high Ce/La average contents). In the low (Ce,La) content magnet (9%), the grains can be considered to be magnetically coupled due to the low amount of RE-rich intragranular phase. The coercivity is then found to be tailored by the lowest switching field value, i.e. by the softer (Ce,La)-rich grains. For the high (Ce,La) content case (36%), despite the dilution effect, the grains are better decoupled since the amount of RE-rich phase is larger and the coercivity is found to depend on the harder phase. The combination of all these effects accounts the slight difference of the coercivity experimentally measured between the two samples despite the large gap in the (La,Ce) content. Interestingly, for a given substitution rate (La,Ce)/Nd = 40% in the MMP magnets, Chen et al. [104] showed that the increase in the total RE content (La,Ce,Nd), from 30.8 to 33.8 wt. %, led to a rise in the coercivity (H_{cJ} shifted from 7.27 to 11.1 kOe). In their RE-rich magnets, the thicker Nd enriched shells encountered in grains combined with Ndrich phases at GBs explain the better performances.



Figure 5: Magic Number MN values ($BH_{max}[MGOe] + H_{cJ}[kOe]$) of sintered magnets (MMP) extracted from publications for various RE contents and substitution rates (solid circles: Ce substitution, open circles: Ce+La substitution, dashed circles: Ce+Y substitution). The sizes of the symbols correspond to the MN value also indicated in dedicated unit (data selected from Table S9).

4.5 Grain Boundary Restructuring (GBR)

Grain Boundary Restructuring approach has been studied both for SMP and MMP process and the corresponding data are compiled in **Table 1** and **Table 2**, respectively. GBR consists in the modification of the structural and/or chemical features of the intergranular phases [108]. These phases result from the RE excess introduced in the RE-Fe-B alloys and evolve during sintering and annealing in combination with some elements (Cu, Co, Al, Ga,...). With GBR, an additional powder with high RE content and/or low melting temperature is mixed with the RE-Fe-B powder before sintering. This powder could be made of intermetallic alloys such as NdFe

[109], (Nd,Pr)Al [110], CeAl [111], PrFeAlGa [112], RE hydrides (Nd,Pr)H_x [113], [114], [115], [116], [117], [118], [119], or Nd-rich Nd-Fe-B alloy [104]. Associated with the MMP process, the interaction of the additional powder with the majority phases is driven by the heterogeneous microstructure of these magnets. Actually, the Nd atoms, introduced for instance by a diluted NdH_x powder, tends to diffuse preferentially into the Ce-rich grains, increasing the dissymmetric diffusion of Ce and Nd already noticed in MMP. As reported below, once replaced by Nd, Ce tends to segregate at GBs forming the REFe₂ phase [118] and could also induce a better resistance toward corrosion by limiting the access of the electrolyte to the GBs [119]. With the Nd addition by GBR, the RE-rich phase contents more Nd and less Fe improving the magnetic decoupling [116], [117]. For the special case of PrFeAlGe powder addition, the non-magnetic compounds RE₆Fe₁₃(Al,Ga) forms at GBs allowing the La atoms, that would otherwise be oxidized, to be consumed [112].

The works of Ma et al. [114], [116] give a comparison of the performances obtained with the NdH_x-GBR approach carried out with SMP and MMP magnets for Ce/RE = 27%. With an addition of 2 % of NdH_x powder, the magic number (BH_{max} [MGOe] + HcJ [kOe]) has been found to rise by 0.6 for SMP magnets [114] and 2.7 for MMP magnets [116]. The higher remanence found with MMP is attributed to the preferential replacement of Ce by Nd in Cerich grains (see **figure 6**).

The gain in performances with the GBR method is generally lower that the one provided by the Grain Boundary Diffusion Process (GBDP) [118], [120]. Liu at al. [118] showed that, in their experiment, the GBDP gives larger improvement in terms of coercivity ($H_{cJ} = 14.2$ kOe vs 10.2 kOe for GBR) and energy product ($BH_{max} = 38.5$ MGOe vs 33.9 MGOe for GBR). Actually, the CeFe₂ phase that develops with GBR reduces the remanence due to the iron consumption whereas this phase is not observed in case of GBDP. Moreover, Nd-rich shells in Ce grains,

resulting from Nd diffusion, are thicker after GBDP near the magnet surface which provides a shielding effect to the magnet.





Figure 6: Schematic illustrations for the evolution of microstructure and elemental interdiffusion for the MMP starting magnet. (a) and the magnet added with NdHx (b), based on elemental distribution mapping revealing larger enrichment of Nd in Ce-rich grains compared to the Ce-enrichment in Nd-rich grains with an amplification of the effect after NdH_x addition at GBs (left). Low magnification back-scattered SEM images for the starting magnet (a), the magnets added with 2 wt.% (b), 3 wt.% (c) and 4 wt.% (d) NdHx (right, from T-Ma et al. 2018 [116])

4.6 Grain Boundary Diffusion Process (GBDP)

Since the early work of Park et al. [121], the Grain Boundary Diffusion Process has been widely implemented for improving the coercivity of Nd-Fe-B magnets with a rationale use of Heavy Rare Earth (HRE: Dy, Tb). The process consists in coating the surface of the sintered magnets with HRE compounds and performing a thermal treatment allowing the HRE element to penetrate into the magnet, preferentially along the GBs [122]. The temperature is adjusted around 900°C to form a liquid phase at GBs but also to limit the diffusion of the HRE into the grains. This results in a core-shell structure at the grain scale featuring a hard magnetic shell

owing to the partial substitution of Nd by HRE in this area. In the case of Ce substituted magnets, published works depict mostly the implementation of intermetallic alloys and hydrides (TbH_x in [123]) as diffusing species (see Table 3 for GBDP with SMP magnets and Table 4 for MMP magnets). The intermetallic phase contain generally one or two RE elements amongst (Nd, Pr, Dy, Tb) combined with one or several elements belonging to the group (Al, Cu, Fe, Ga). These last elements are selected for improving the GB wettability, e.g. Al [124], [34], for enhancing the corrosion resistance, e.g. Cu [125] and for forming nonmagnetic RE₆Fe₁₃Ga phases at GBs [125], [126], [127]. The addition of light rare earth elements (Nd, Pr) aims at rising the RE content in the intergranular phase, improving the decoupling and, in turn, enhancing the coercivity without using HRE [128], [129], [120], [125], [126]. Chen et al. [128] compared the performances obtained with NdCu and DyCu alloys on SMP magnets and stated that HRE based alloy did not provide a better coercivity after GBDP. The same trend was shown by Jin et al. [129] who tested PrAl and PrDyAl alloys on SMP magnets. In the second case, they concluded that the Dy segregated at the magnet surface and is therefore inefficiently employed. GBDP performed on waste Ce-substituted magnets for restoring the performance was conducted with a PrTbCu ternary alloy [130]. The authors reported that the Tb is consumed by the T1 phase and penetrates only over 300 µm whereas Pr enters the intergranular RE-rich phase and diffuses deeply in the magnet. Upon GBDP, the distribution of CeFe₂ precipitates formed in high Ce content magnets may act unfavorably, since this phase tends to absorb the HRE elements and limits its penetration [131], [132]. This deleterious effect can be reduced if the diffusion treatment is performed above 925°C, i.e. when the elimination of the CeFe₂ occurs via the reaction $Ce_2Fe_{14}B + CeFe_2 \rightarrow L + Ce_2Fe_{17}$. This condition also promotes the penetration of HRE through the liquid phase at GBs [123]. However, as previously mentioned, the elevation of the temperature should be avoided for MMP magnets because the (Nd, Ce) interdiffusion may induce an homogenization of the microstructure [125]. Zhang et al. [133] obtained the best

results on MMP magnets (Ce/RE = 20 %) ever published after a diffusion treatment performed at 900°C/10h with Tb: the coercivity raised from 12.48 kOe to 20.08 kOe whereas BH_{max} was maintained at 38.5 MGOe (see **Table 4**).

4.7 Spark Plasma Sintering (SPS)

Conversely to conventional sintering, Spark Plasma Sintering permits the densification of RE-Fe-B powders at lower temperatures, around 700-800°C, compared to the standard conditions (1000-1060°C). This technique keeps the monocrystalline and coercive structure of powders produced after the milling of melt-spun ribbons [134]. Several authors studied the mixture of two nanocrystalline powders (Ce-rich and Nd-rich from Magnequench) densified by SPS and reported, as for the MMP process, a beneficial effect on the performances resulting from the heterogeneous microstructure [135], [136], [137] (see **Table S10**). Grain Boundary Restructuring also reveals to be efficient for developing core-shell structures during SPS consolidation, either with NdCu [138], PrCu [135] or DyF₃/Cu addition [137]. Cui et al. obtained with this approach coercive field values up to 15 kOe with high a substitution rate Ce/TR of 40 % [135].

5 Role of additive elements

The role of additives elements in R-Fe-B alloys has been intensively investigated in order to improve both the intrinsic properties (coercive field and Curie temperature), via the element substitution in the T1 phase, and the extrinsic properties (remanence, coercivity) owing to the formation of secondary phases [139]. The following reviewed data are more specifically related to the intrinsic properties adjustments reported for Ce substituted alloys.

5.1 Co addition

Co improves the Curie temperature of Ce substituted magnets with, for instance, a gain of 90°C for the composition Ce₃Fe_{14-z} Co_xB between z = 0 and z = 2. The solubility of Co into the Ce₂Fe₁₄B phase is limited and higher Co contents (z > 2) may forms parasitic secondary phases [140]. According to Pathak et al. [37], in the partially substituted alloys (Nd_{1-x} Ce_x)_{2+y}Fe_{14-z}Co_zB, Co atoms preferentially occupy the Fe4c site and shift the valence of Ce from (4+) to (3+). Therefore, they found that Co addition also improved the energy product of melt-spun ribbons from 10.6 to 16 MGOe with z = 2.

5.2 Zr and Hf addition

For Jurczyk et al., Zr [141] and Hf [142] atoms can replace RE atoms in the T1 structure and enhance the magneto-crystalline anisotropy at the expense of the Curie temperature. In the case of Ce₁₇Fe_{78-x}Zr_xB₆ (at%) melt-spun alloys, a rise in coercivity is reported for x = 0.5 [143] as well as in the case of Ce₁₇Fe_{78-x}Hf_xB₆ (at%) for x = 1 [144]. Excessive addition of Zr should be avoided since it tends to form ZrB₂ borides and subsequently the parasitic Ce₂Fe₁₇ phase due to the boron consumption [145], [146]. However, such borides, under the form of nanoprecipitates, are liable to limit the grain growth during sintering. This pinning effect allows the sintering temperature to be adjusted in order to obtain full densification and better magnetic properties [147], [148]. Ta, Nb and Mo are also mentioned to help the microstructure refinement in (Ce,Nd)-Fe-B alloys [149], [150].

5.3 Si and Al addition

Silicon partially substitutes iron in $Ce_2(Fe_{14-x}Si_x)B$ alloys with a lattice parameter reduction. With 0.6 at % Si, the Curie temperature rises by 30°C [151]. Li et al [152] found in their early work that addition of 1 at% Si in (NdCe)(FeSi)B alloys improves the coercivity. This effect was attributed to an increase in the magneto-crystalline anisotropy for Ce substituted magnets [88], [153]. Addition of Al (and Mo) has also been found to improve the magneto-crystalline anisotropy of alloys made with Misch-Metall with on optimum for x = 0.05 for the composition MM_2Fe_{14-x} Al_xCo₂B [154].

Zhang et al. [153] studied the compositions $Ce_{17}Fe_{78-x}Si_xB_6$ and stated that Si could also destabilize the CeFe₂ phase for x > 1.5 with a benefit in terms of remanence. Si could thus be combined with La for this purpose [155]. The same effect has been reported with Ti [156] and Ge additions [157].

5.4 Ga and Cu addition

Beside the formation of the RE₆Fe₁₃Ga phase at GBs, Ga partially substitutes iron in Ce₁₇Fe_{78-x}B₆Ga_x alloys and shifts the Ce valence toward the magnetic form Ce³⁺ [158]. The substitution also improves the Curie temperature. Conversely to Ga, copper is slightly soluble in the T1 phase and segregates at GBs where it lowers the melting temperature of secondary phases. Without Cu addition, Xi et al. reported that the REFe₂ phase is more concentrated at TJs [159] rather than being efficiently distributed along GBs. However, an excessive Cu addition could increase the Nd content of the REFe₂ phase that exhibits ferromagnetic characteristics, at the expense of the coercivity. In the (Nd_{0.5}Ce_{0.5})_{30.5}Fe_{68.5-x}Cu_xB (at. %) alloys, the optimum coercivity is achieved for x = 0.2 [160].

6 Summary

The substitution of Nd by non-critical rare earth elements (Ce, La) inevitably reduces the performances of the Nd-Fe-B hard magnetic compound mainly due to the lower intrinsic properties of the T1 phases made of Ce and La. Some strategies have been proposed to mitigate the deleterious effect of the substitution. Regarding the alloys composition, it has been

demonstrated that an excess in rare earth content and the Co addition limit the formation of some detrimental secondary phases at the expense of REFe₂ that distributes at grain boundaries. This compound consumes iron atoms and induces a penalty on the remanence, but, owing to its low melting point, REFe₂ assists the sintering and favors the grain decoupling due to the its paramagnetic nature. Lanthanum destabilizes the Laves phase REFe₂ and is efficient to tailor the amount of CeFe₂ phase for high substitution rates.

Ce atoms substitutes Nd in the RE₂Fe₁₄B structure with two possible valence states Ce^{3+/}Ce⁴⁺, but the small volume of the substitution sites in the lattice favors the Ce⁴⁺ form. This structural evolution accounts for the dilution effect of the magnetic properties directly related to the nonmagnetic moment carried by the Ce⁴⁺ form. Co-substitution with La, Y or Gd partially restores the properties of the hard magnetic phase. However, the coercivity of (Ce, La) substituted magnets has been more efficiently enhanced by the grain boundary engineering techniques. These approaches mainly consists in developing intergranular secondary phases, with a non-ferromagnetic nature, spread around the hard phase to promote the magnetic exchange-decoupling between adjacent grains. Infiltration, Grain Boundary Restructuring and Grain Boundary Diffusion Process are designed for that purpose with significant results. It is worth noting that these techniques could also magnetically harden the grains owing to the insertion of (Nd, Dy, Tb) that improve the anisotropic field into thin shells.

Regarding more specifically the powder metallurgy route, the dual powder sintering approach, also named Multi Main Phase (MMP), reveals to be attractive. The heterogeneous microstructures provided by MMP have been found to be more coercive than the homogeneous counterpart obtained with single powder sintering. This technique exploits the difference in structural stability of the Ce and Nd T1 phases characterized by a trend for the Ce to be expulsed to the grain boundary whereas Nd atoms prefer enter the T1 phase. Two favorable effects on

the coercive field are derived: the enrichment of Nd in Ce-lean grains and a higher amount of paramagnetic REFe₂ at GBs.

Increasing above 40 % the substitution rate of Nd with (Ce, La) in magnets, while maintaining sufficient performances, will be challenging in the next years. This may involve to better predict and to screen the magnetic properties of a wide range of [(R-R'),Nd]-Fe-M-B structures (R =Ce, La, Gd, Y) including various alloying elements (R' in RE sites or M in Fe sites) to optimize the intrinsic properties, notably the anisotropic field.

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Composition (wt %)	Additive elts in alloy M (w%) / Compound used in GBR (wt%)	ΣTR wt%	ΣTR at%	at. Ce /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Δ NM (*)	ΔHc (kOe)	Reference
Nd19.1Ce10.9Fe67.5M1.5B	M : Al, Cu, Nb, Co	30	13.6	0.37	0.63	1.25	35.5	10.56			K-Chen 2017a [109]
	Nd90Fe10 (1%) Nd90Fe10 (2%) Nd90Fe10 (3%)	30.6 31.2 31.8	14 14.3 14.7	0.36 0.35 0.34	0.64 0.65 0.66	1.26 1.24 1.22	35.8 34.2 33.4	11.30 12.00 12.10	1.04 0.14 -0.56	0.74 1.44 1.54	
Nd10 1Ce19 6Fe69 3B1 1	M : any	29.7	13.5	0.67	0.33	1.1	11	1.90			L-Zhang 2017 [113]
	NdHx(4%) NdHx(15%)	32.52 40.25	15.1 19.9	0.58 0.42	0.42 0.58	1.03 0.9	20 16.7	5.10 8.20	12.20 12.00	3.20 6.30	
Nd17.8Pr4.5Ce8.24Fe67.2M1.3B	M : Cu, Al, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0.27	0.73	1.28	39.3	10.60			T-Ma 2017 [114]
	NdPrHx(1%) NdPrHx(2%) NdPrHx(3%)	31.2 31.9 32.6	14.3 14.7 15.2	0.27 0.26 0.25	0.73 0.74 0.75	1.27 1.24 1.2	37.8	12.00 12.70 12.90	0.60	2.10	
Nd18.3Pr4.57Ce7.63Fe67.5M1B	M : Al, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0.26	0.74	1.28	39.3	10.60			J-Jin 2021 [115]
	NdPrHx(2%) NdPrHx(1.8%) - Cu(0.2%)	31.89 31.69	14.7 14.7	0.24 0.24	0.76 0.76	1.27 1.24	37.8	12.00 12.70	0.60	2.10	
Nd18.2Pr6.06Ce8.2Fe65.13M1.6B	M : Al (1.2) – Cu (0.2) – Zr (0.2)	32.30	14.8	0.26	0.74						F-Xia 2022 [110]
	Nd60Pr20Al20(3%)	33.73	15.5	0.24	0.76	1.2	37.3	14.93			
NdFeB commercial grade (N52M)	M : not given GBDP Tb70Cu30 Ce85Al15(2%)					1.44 1.41 1.37	51.4 49.8 46.9	14.90 22.70 16.30	6.20 -3.10	7.80 1.40	YJ-Wong 2022 [111]
	<i>CessAl15(2%)</i> + <i>GBDP</i> <i>Tb70Cu30</i>					1.24	44.9	25.10	3.70	10.20	
	Ce85Al15(4%) Ce85Al15(4%) + GBDP					1.29	41.5	17.10	-7.70	2.20	
	<i>Tb70Cu30</i>					1.28	40.6	22.90	-2.80	8.00	
	Ce85Al15(6%) Ce85Al15(6%) + GBDP Tb70Cu30					1.22 1.19	37.3 35.7	18.20 24.40	-10.80 -6.20	3.30 9.50	

Table 1: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets SMP after GBR

Composition (wt %)	Additive elts in alloy M (w%) Compound used in GBR (wt%)	ΣTR wt%	ΣTR at%	at. Ce /TR	at. La /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	∆ NM (*)	∆ Hc (kOe)	Reference
(NdPr)22.3Ce8.24Fe67.5M1B	M : Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	13.9	0.27	0	0.73	1.29	40	8.20			T-Ma 2018
	NdHx (1%)	31.2	14.3	0.27	0	0.73	1.28	39	10.10	0.90	1.90	[116]
	NdHx (2%)	31.9	14.7	0.26	0	0.74	1.28	39.7	11.20	2.70	3.00	
	NdHx (3%)	32.6	15.1	0.25	0	0.75	1.21	35.1	12.40	-0.70	4.20	
	NdHx (4%)	33.3	15.6	0.24	0	0.76	1.19	33.9	13.10	-1.20	4.90	
(NdPr)18.3Ce12.2Fe67.5M1B	M : Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0.37	0	0.63	1.25	36.5	8.30			T-Ma 2018
	NdHx (3%)	32.6	15.2	0.41	0	0.59	1.22		12.20		3.90	[116]
Nd14.4Pr3.66La4.27Ce7.93Fe67.2M1.3B	M : Al, Cu, Co, Ga, Zr	30.5	14.00	0.26	0.14	0.59	1.29	34.9	5.07			Y-Liu 2021
	NdPrHx (1%)	31.2	14.50	0.26	0.14	0.61	1.27		8.93		3.86	[118]
	NdPrHx (2%)	31.9	14.90	0.25	0.13	0.62	1.23		9.58		4.51	
	NdPrHx (3%)	32.6	15.20	0.24	0.13	0.63	1.21	33.9	10.16	4.09	5.09	
	NdPrHx (4%)	33.3	15.60	0.23	0.13	0.64	1.20		10.79		5.72	
Nd14.64Pr3.66Ce12.2Fe67.1M1.4B	M : Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0.41	0	0.59	1.27	37.9	8.70			J-Jin 2022
	NdPrHx (1%)	31.20	14.5	0.39	0	0.61	1.26	37.4	10.70	1.50	2.00	[119]
	NdPrHx (2%)	31.89	14.8	0.38	0	0.62	1.25	36.5	11.80	0.20	1.10	
	NdPrHx (3%)	32.59	15.2	0.37	0	0.63	1.24	35.9	12.50	0.30	1.80	
Nd21.3La3.2Ce5.95Fe67.13Cu1.44B0.93	M : Al, Cu, Co, Zr	30.50	14.00	0.20	0.11	0.69	1.27	38.48	12.30			S-Fan 2022a
	Pr82.2Fe6.1Ga9.53Al2.21 (2%)	31.53	14.70	0.19	0.10	0.71	1.26	38.05	13.90	1.17	1.60	[112]
	Pr82.2Fe6.1Ga9.53Al2.21 (4%)	32.57	15.30	0.18	0.10	0.73	1.22	34.91	17.20	1.33	4.90	
	Pr82.2Fe6.1Ga9.53Al2.21 (6%)	33.60	16.00	0.17	0.09	0.74	1.2	34.13	18.10	1.45	5.80	
	Pr82.2Fe6.1Ga9.53Al2.21 (8%)	34.64	16.40	0.16	0.09	0.76	1.17	32.8	19.90	1.92	7.60	

Table 2: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets MMP after GBR

Table 3: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets SMP after GBDP

Composition (wt %)	Additive elts in alloy M (w%) / Compound used in GBDP (wt%)	R' wt%	R' at%	at. Ce /R'	at. La /R'	at. Y /R'	at Gd /R'	at. (Nd+Pr) /R'	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Δ NM (*)	ΔHc (kOe)	Reference
Nd24.1Ce7.4Fe67.5B1.0	M : any GBDP Nd80Al10Cu10	31.5	14.5	0.24	0	0	0	0.76	1.03 1.02		8.6 12.7		4.1	Q-Zhou 2018 [34]
(NdPr)9.5Ce14.5Gd7.3Fe66.3M1.4B	M : Al (1.1) - Co (0.2) - Cu (0.1) GBDP Nd70Cu30 GBDP Dy70Cu30	31.3	14	0.48	0	0	0.21	0.51	0.95 0.944 0.927		2.51 9.55 9.79		7.04 7.28	F-Chen 2020a [128]
Nd22.1Ce9.5Fe65.5M2.02B0.96	M : Al, Cu, Ga, Zr GBDP TbHx Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	31.5	14.6	0.31	0	0	0	0.69	1.16 1.15 1.15	32.2 34.3 31.4	7.4 9.5 14.6	4.2	2.1	Z-Li 2020a [131]
1422.1CC3.7La5.81C03.3142.02B0.90	GBDP TbHx	51.5	14.0	0.10	0.12	U	0	0.7	1.19	33.9	14.0	6.2	3.7	
Nd6.3Ce21.7Gd4.1Fe64.5M2.14B1.3	M : Co,Al,Cu,Zr,Nb GBDP TbHx	32.1	14.7	0.69	0	0	0.12	0.19		12.5 19.5	2.37 6.53	11.2	4.16	HB-Feng 2021 [123]
commercial magnets														
(Pr, Nd)25.77Ce5.88Fe66.55B0.95M0.85 N45	M : Cu, Ga	31.65	14.5	0.18	0	0	0	0.82	1.339	45	12.71			R-Du 2022
	GBDP TbFe GBDP Tb								1.301 1.272		22.17 22.09		9.46 9.38	[127]
Ce14.5(Nd,Pr)9.5Gd7.3Fe66.5M1.4B	M : Al (1.1) - Cu (0.1) - Co (0.2) GBDP NdCu GBDP DyCu	31.2	14	0.47	0	0	0.3	0.23	0.95 0.944 0.927		7.3 9.55 9.79		2.25 2.49	F-Chen 2020a [128]
N28	M : not given GBDP Tb			0.55				0.45		28	9 11		2	Q-Zhu 2020 [132]
N33	M : not given GBDP Tb			0.45				0.55		33	10.6 13		2.4	Q-Zhu 2020
N35	M : not given GBDP Tb			0.3				0.7		35	10.9 15		4.1	Q-Zhu 2020 [132]
Ce20	M : not given GBDP Nd80Al20 GBDP Nd60Dy20Al20 GBDP Nd40Dy40Al20 GBDP Nd20Dy60Al20 GBDP Dw80Al20			0.2				0.8	1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2		10.1 12.5 17.2 14.9 15.2		2.4 7.1 4.8 5.1	M-Tang 2017 [124]
Waste (Nd,Ce,Gd)FeB magnets (N30)	not given GBDP Pr40Tb30Cu30								1.08 1.1	25.4 27.76	9.59 16.17	8.9	6.58	Y-Liu 2020b [130]

Composition (wt %)	Additive elts in alloy M (w%) Compound used in GBDP (wt%)	ΣTR wt%	ΣTR at%	at. Ce /TR	at. La /TR	at. Dy /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	∆ NM (*)	∆ Hc (kOe)	Reference
Nd25.28Ce6.32Fe66.33M1.1B0.97	Cu, Al, Co, Nb, Ga	31.6	14.6	0.21	0	0	0.79	1.318	41.08	12.16			L-Zhang-2019
	GBDP Dy							1.314	40.83	16.96	4.6	4.8	[133]
Nd25.28Ce6.32Fe66.33M1.1B0.97	Cu, Al, Co, Nb, Ga	31.6	14.6	0.21	0	0	0.79	1.308	40.88	12.48	0.1	0.32	
	GBDP Tb							1.295	40.63	17.67	5.1	5.51	
Nd25.28Ce6.32Fe66.33M1.1B0.97	Cu, Al, Co, Nb, Ga	31.6	14.6	0.21	0	0	0.79	1.309	40.58	12.29	-0.4	0.13	
	GBDP TbF3							1.307	40.59	15.24	2.6	3.08	
Nd18.3Ce7.93La4.27M1B1	Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0.26	0.14	0	0.6	1.266		5			J-Jin 2020
	GBDP Pr80Al20							1.26		14.8		9.8	[129]
	GBDP Pr40Dy40Al20							1.216		15		10	
Nd14.6Pr3.7Ce7.9La4.3Fe67.5M1B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0.26	0.14	0	0.6	1.29	34.9	5.2			Yo-Liu 2020
	GBDP (PrNd)Hx							1.29	38.5	14.2	12.6	9	[120]
	GBR (NdPr)Hx (3%)							1.21	33.9	10.2	4.0	5	
Nd14.6Pr3.7Ce7.9La4.3Fe67.2M1.3B	Co, Al, Cu, Zr, Ga	30.5	14	0.26	0.14	0	0.6	1.29	34.9	5.2			M-Yan 2022
	GBDP Pr80Ga20							1.31	41.4	16.1	17.4	10.9	[126]
Commercial magnets													
Nd17.11Pr3.34Ce7.39Dy0.26Fe69.3M1.6B	M : Co (0.41) – Nb (0.28) – Mn (0.12) – Al (0.42) – Si (0.13) – Cu (0.17) – Ti (0,04) – Zr (0.02)	28.1	12.6	0.27	0	0.01	0.72	1.23		11.66			J-Wang 2020 [125]
	GBDP Pr90Ga10							1.23		13.01		1.35	
	GBDP Pr90Ga7.5Cu2.5							1.23		14.82		3.16	

Table 4: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets MMP after GBDP

Supplementary data – Tables caption

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Table S1: Magnetic properties of Ce-Fe-B melt spun ribbons

Composition	Ce	Ce	Br	[BH]max	HcJ	Reference
wt %	wt. %	at. %	(T)	[MGOe]	[kOe]	
Ce35Fe64B	35	17	0.49	4.1	6.2	Herbst 2012 [26]
Ce30Fe68B	30	14	0.53	4.6	5.4	Herbst 2012 [26]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12	0.45	1.5	1.6	Herbst 2012 [26]
Ce28Fe71B	28	13	0.48	2.5	3.1	Herbst 2012 [26]
Ce23Fe76B	23	10	0.87	2.45	2.88	Grigorias 2017 [29]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12	0.82	5.71	3.96	Grigorias 2017 [29]
Ce31Fe69B	31	14	0.77	8.21	6.08	Grigorias 2017 [29]
Ce34Fe65B	34	16	0.66	6.33	6.21	Grigorias 2017 [29]
Ce35Fe64B	35	17	0.69	8.6	6.2	QY-Zhou 2015 [30]
Ce26Fe71B	26	12		7.31	4.43	Z-Li 2016 [28]
Ce32Fe67B	32	15		5.7	6.54	Z-Li 2016 [28]
Ce34Fe65B	34	16	0.47	4.14	4.61	LZ-Zhao 2017 [31]
Ce33Fe66B	33	16	0.49	4.77	6.17	X-Tan 2017 [24]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12	0.57	2.9	2.8	ZY-Zhang 2017 [161]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12		5.57	3.15	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
Ce30Fe69B	30	14	0.4	3.36	2.28	Rong 2020 [42]
Ce28Fe71B	28	13		7.31	4.43	Z-Li 2016 [28]
Ce32Fe67B	32	15		5.7	6.54	Z-Li 2016 [28]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12	0.57	3.6	2.6	XF-Liao 2019a [47]
Ce33Fe66B	33	15	0.54	2.7	3.66	R-Wang 2017 [39]
Ce31Fe68B	31	14	0.44		5.5	M-Yang 2017 [40]

Composition	RE	RE	Ce/	Br	[BH]max	HcJ	Reference
(wt %)	wt %	at%	RE	Т	MGOe	kOe	
Nd27Fe72B	27	12	0		21.06	10.94	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
(Nd0.93Ce0.07)27Fe72B	27	12	0.07		18.1	10.4	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
(Nd0.85Ce0.15)27Fe72B	27	12	0.15		17.33	9.61	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
(Nd0.67Ce0.33)27Fe72B	27	12	0.33		16.06	8.44	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
Nd33Fe66B	32.7	15	0	0.81	16.56	12.1	R-Wang 2017 [39]
(Nd0.8Ce0.2)33Fe66B	32.7	15	0.2	0.76	13.48	10.8	R-Wang 2017 [39]
Nd31Fe68B	30.9	14	0	0.84		19	M-Yang 2017 [40]
(Nd0.9Ce0.1)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.1	0.75		17.5	M-Yang 2017 [40]
(Nd0.8Ce0.2)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.2	0.7		19	M-Yang 2017 [40]
(Nd0.7Ce0.3)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.3	0.65		15.5	M-Yang 2017 [40]
Nd30Fe69B	30	14	0	0.8	24.92	12.3	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.9Ce0.1)30Fe69B	30	14	0.1	0.75	21.12	11.23	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.8Ce0.2)30Fe69B	30	14	0.2	0.71	13.54	9.41	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.7Ce0.3)30Fe69B	30	14	0.3	0.67	11.94	8.23	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.8Ce0.2)30Fe59Co10B	30	14	0.2		12.6	17.7	Pathak 2015 [38]
(Nd0.82Ce0.18)26Fe62Co11B	26	11	0.18		16	7.7	Pathak 2016b [37]
(Nd0.8Ce0.2)27Fe72B	27	12	0.2	0.86	14.5	8	X-Lin 2019 [53]
(Nd0.7Ce0.3)27Fe72B	27	12	0.3	0.85	12.6	7.6	X-Lin 2019 [53]

Table S2: Magnetic properties of (Nd,Ce)-Fe-B melt spun ribbons (Ce/RE < 40 %)

Composition	RE	RE	Ce/	Br	[BH]max	HcJ	Reference
(wt %)	wt %	at%	RE	Т	MGOe	kOe	
(Nd0.6Ce0.4)33Fe66B	32.7	15	0.4	0.69	13.65	9.56	R-Wang 2017 [39]
(Nd0.4Ce0.6)33Fe66B	32.7	15	0.6	0.72	9	9.1	R-Wang 2017 [39]
(Nd0.2Ce0.8)33Fe66B	32.7	15	0.8	0.66	6.4	6.9	R-Wang 2017 [39]
Ce33Fe66B	32.7	15	1	0.54	2.7	3.66	R-Wang 2017 [39]
(Nd0.6Ce0.4)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.4	0.62		15	M-Yang 2020 [40]
(Nd0.5Ce0.5)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.5	0.6		13	M-Yang 2020 [40]
(Nd0.4Ce0.6)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.6	0.55		12	M-Yang 2020 [40]
(Nd0.3Ce0.7)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.7	0.54		11	M-Yang 2020 [40]
(Nd0.2Ce0.8)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.8	0.52		9.5	M-Yang 2020 [40]
(Nd0.1Ce0.9)31Fe68B	30.9	14	0.9	0.49		7	M-Yang 2020 [40]
Ce31Fe68B	30.9	14	1	0.44		5.5	M-Yang 2020 [40]
(Nd0.6Ce0.4)30Fe69B	30	14	0.4	0.64	9.9	7.48	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.5Ce0.5)30Fe69B	30	14	0.5	0.59	7.78	6.61	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.4Ce0.6)30Fe69B	30	14	0.6	0.57	6.51	6.04	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.3Ce0.7)30Fe69B	30	14	0.7	0.54	5.67	5.52	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.2Ce0.8)30Fe69B	30	14	0.8	0.5	4.97	4.68	Rong 2020 [42]
Ce30Fe69B	30	14	1	0.4	3.36	2.28	Rong 2020 [42]
(Nd0.6Ce0.4)27Fe72B	27	12	0.4	0.86	13.5	6.8	X-Lin 2019 [53]
(Nd0.52Ce0.48)27Fe72B	27	12	0.48		14.39	7.68	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
(Nd0.33Ce0.67)27Fe72B	27	12	0.67		12.17	6.84	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
(Nd0.19Ce0.81)27Fe72B	27	12	0.81		10.86	5.18	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
(Nd0.11Ce0.89)27Fe72B	27	12	0.89		8.08	4.05	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12	1		5.57	3.15	ZB-Li 2015 [18]
(Nd0.5Ce0.5)26Fe67Co5B	26	12	0.5		14.6	8	Pathak 2016b [18]
(Nd0.41Ce0.59)27Fe73B	27	12	0.59	0.95	17.84	10.6	M-Zhang 2018 [41]

Table S3: Magnetic properties of (Nd,Ce)-Fe-B melt spun ribbons (Ce/RE > 40 %)

Composition (wt %)	Ce+R' wt%	Ce+R' at%	at. Ce/ (Ce+R')	at. La /(Ce+R')	at. Y /(Ce+R')	at. Gd /(Ce+R')	Br T	[BH]max MGOe	Hc kOe	Reference
Ce28Fe71B	28	13	1	0	0	0		7.31	4.43	Z-Li 2017 [44]
Ce26Gd2Fe70B	28	13	0.93	0	0	0.07		6.75	5.88	Z-Li 2017 [44]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12	1	0	0	0	0.57	3.6	2.6	XF-Liao 2019a [48]
Ce8La197Fe72B	27	13	0.7	0.3	0	0	0.69	6.2	2.73	XF-Liao 2019a [48]
Ce8La197Fe72B	27	13	0.3	0.7	0	0	0.58	2.6	1.72	XF-Liao 2019a [48]
Ce22La9Fe68B	31	14	0.3	0.7	0	0	0.5	6.3	4.33	XF-Liao 2019b [47]
Ce24.5La10.5Fe64B	35	16	0.3	0.7	0	0	0.4	4.7	5.89	XF-Liao 2019b [47]
Ce27Fe72B	27	12	1	0	0	0	0.88	6.8	1.86	XF-Liao 2019c [50]
Ce14Y9Fe77B	23	12	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.75	6.2	2.66	XF-Liao 2019c [50]
Ce19Y12Fe67SiB	31	17	0.5	0	0.5	0		7.1	5.43	JS-Zhang 2020 [162]
Ce26Y7Fe65SiB	33	17	0.7	0	0.3	0		4.5	5.52	JS-Zhang 2020 [162]
Ce32Y2Fe63SiB	34	16	0.9	0	0.1	0		3.9	6.63	JS-Zhang 2020 [162]
Ce35Fe64B	35	17	1	0	0	0		4.32	5.5	X-Liao 2021 [43]
Ce32La3Fe64B	35	17	0.9	0.1	0	0		4.3	6.53	X-Liao 2021 [43]
Ce28La7Fe64B	35	17	0.8	0.2	0	0		5.44	5.69	X-Liao 2021 [43]
Ce23La6Y5Fe66B	34	17	0.64	0.16	0.2	0		7.41	5.03	X-Liao 2021 [43]

Table S4: Magnetic properties of (Ce, La, Y, Gd)-Fe-B melt spun ribbons

Composition (wt %)	Ce+R' wt%	Ce+R' at%	at. Ce/ (Ce+R')	at. La/ (Ce+R')	at. Nd/ (Ce+R')	Br T	[BH]max MGOe	Hc kOe
(Nd0.8Ce0.2)27Fe72B	27	12	0.2	0	0.8	0.86	14.5	8
(Nd0.8La0.2)27Fe72B	27	12	0	0.2	0.8	0.9	14.1	7.2
[Nd0.8(La0.4Ce0.6)0.2]27Fe72B	27	12	0.12	0.08	0.8	0.88	15.1	7.8
(Nd0.7Ce0.3)27Fe72B	27	12	0.3	0	0.7	0.85	12.6	7.6
(Nd0.8La0.3)27Fe72B	27	12	0	0.3	0.7	0.87	13.3	7.5
[Nd0.7(La0.4Ce0.6)0.3]27Fe72B	27	12	0.18	0.12	0.7	0.89	14.9	8
(Nd0.6Ce0.4)27Fe72B	27	12	0.4	0	0.6	0.81	11.3	6.7
(Nd0.6La0.4)27Fe72B	27	12	0	0.4	0.6	0.8	11.7	7.3
[Nd0.6(La0.4Ce0.6)0.4]27Fe72B	27	12	0.24	0.16	0.6	0.86	13.5	6.8
(Nd0.5Ce0.5)27Fe72B	27	12	0.5	0	0.5	0.73	8.2	6.2
(Nd0.5La0.5)27Fe72B	27	12	0	0.5	0.5	0.77	10.2	6.2
[Nd0.5(La0.4Ce0.6)0.5]27Fe72B	27	12	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.84	12.4	6.3

 Table S5: magnetic properties of (Nd, Ce, La)-Fe-B melt spun ribbons (from [53])

Table S6: magnetic properties of (Nd, Ce)-Fe-B hot-deformed magnets

Composition (wt %)	Infiltration phase (wt %)	Additive Elts (wt%)	ΣTR wt%	ΣTR at%	at. Ce/TR	at. (Nd+Pr)/TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Reference
(Nd0.8Ce0.2)30Fe59Co10B			30	14	0.2	0.8		31	9.4	Pathak 2015 [38]
Ce29.7Fe64.9Co4M0.41B0.9	Nd70Cu30 (10 %)	M = Ga	30 33.7	13.8 15.2	1 0.8	0 0.2	0.63 0.84		0.25 5.15	Ito 2016 [58]
	Nd70Cu30 (10 %)	M = Ga	30 34	13.8 16.3	0.5 0.4	0.5 0.6			9.6 17.1	Ito 2016 [58]
Nd22.8Ce7.4Fe64.5Co4M0.41B0.9		M = Ga	30.2	13.8	0.25	0.75			14.7	Ito 2016 [58]
	Nd70Cu30 (10 %)		34.2	16.2	0.2	0.8			20	
Ce29.8Fe64.72Co4.0M0.58B0.9		M = Cu (0.1) - Ga (0.4) - Al (0.08)	29.8	13.9	1	0	0.61		< 1	X-Tang 2018 [59]
	Nd70Cu30 (10 %) Nd70Cu30 (40 %)		33.8 45.9	16.3 24.7	0.8 0.4	0.2 0.6	0.96 0.99		5 7	
Nd26.6Fe69.1M0.53B0.9		M = Ga	29.6	13.4	0	1	1.51		13.5	X-Tang 2019 [60]
Nd26.6Ce2.9Fe69.1M0.53B0.9		M = Ga	29.5	13.4	0.1	0.9	1.48		9.4	X-Tang 2019 [60]
Nd29.5Fe65Co4M0.53B0.9		M = Ga	29.5	13.4	0	1	1.49		13.6	X-Tang 2019 [60]
Nd26.6Ce2.9Fe65.1Co4M0.53B0.9		M = Ga	29.5	13.4	0.1	0.9	1.5		14.4	X-Tang 2019 [60]
Nd23.6Ce5.7Fe65.2Co4M0.53B0.9		M = Ga	29.5	13.4	0.2	0.8	1.48		12.6	X-Tang 2019 [60]
Nd20.7Ce8.6Fe65.2Co4M0.53B0.9		M = Ga	29.5	13.4	0.3	0.7	1.43		11.1	X-Tang 2019 [60]
Nd24Ce5.8Fe62.7Co6M0.64B0.9		M = Ga	29.8	13.6	0.2	0.8	0.9		10.8	Poenaru 2019 [57]
Nd21Ce8.7Fe62.8Co6M0.64B0.9		M = Ga	29.7	13.6	0.3	0.7	0.97		12	Poenaru 2019 [57]
Nd21.5Ce7Fe65.9Co4.1M0.57B0.9	Nd80Cu20 (12 %)	M = Ga	28.5 34.6	12.9 16.5	0.25 0.18	0.75 0.82	1.37 1.29		14.4 18.3	X-Tang 2020 [61]
Nd23.8Ce5.8Fe62.8Co6M0.64B0.9		M = Ga	29.6	13.5	0.2	0.8	1.37		14.4	X-Tang 2020 [61]
Nd25.1Ce6.1Fe61.5Co5.8M0.63B0.9		M = Ga	31.2	14.5	0.2	0.8	1.32	41.8	16.9	X-Tang 2020 [61]
Nd26.2Ce6.4Fe60.2Co5.7M0.61B0.9		M = Ga	32.6	15.5	0.2	0.8	1.2		16.9	X-Tang 2020 [61]

Table S7: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets SMP

Composition (wt %)	Additive elements M (wt/ %)	Σ Y,TR wt.%	Σ Y,TR at.%	at. Ce /TR	at. La/ TR	at. Y/ TR	at. Gd/ TR	at. Dy /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /(Y+TR)	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Reference
(Nd, Pr)31.8Fe66.62M0.6B0.98	Al (0.15) - Cu (0.15) - Nb (0.3)	31.8	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.36	42.71	13.23	F-Chen 2022 [75]
(Nd, Pr)26.8Ce5Fe66.62M0.6B0.98	Al (0.15) - Cu (0.15) - Nb (0.3)	31.8	15	0.16	0	0	0	0	0.84	1.33	41.08	11.46	F-Chen 2022 [75]
(Nd, Pr)21.8Ce10Fe66.62M0.6B0.98	Al (0.15) - Cu (0.15) - Nb (0.3)	31.8	15	0.32	0	0	0	0	0.68	1.26	36.05	11.49	F-Chen 2022 [75]
(Nd, Pr)16.8Ce15Fe66.62M0.6B0.98	Al (0.15) - Cu (0.15) - Nb (0.3)	31.8	15	0.48	0	0	0	0	0.52	1.17	30.65	9.2	F-Chen 2022 [75]
Nd24.4Ce5.9Fe68.4M0.2B	Al (0.24) - Cu (0.1)	30.3	13.8	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.8	-	40.34	9.48	X-Fan 2022 [78]
Nd25Y3.9Fe69.9M0.2B	Al (0.24) - Cu (0.1)	28.9	13.8	0	0	0.2	0	0	0.8	-	43.15	11.73	X-Fan 2022 [78]
(Pr,Nd)27.5Dy3M0.2Fe68.3B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	27.5	13	0	0	0	0	0.08	0.92	1.323	43	19.21	C-Yan 2014a [72]
(Pr,Nd)25.3Ce2.2Dy3M0.2Fe68.3B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	27.5	13	0.08	0	0	0	0.08	0.85	1.307	41	16.72	C-Yan 2014a [72]
(Pr,Nd)23.1Ce4.4Dy3M0.2Fe68.3B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	27.5	13	0.15	0	0	0	0.08	0.77	1.292	40	14.99	C-Yan 2014a [72]
(Pr,Nd)20.9Ce6.6Dy3M0.2Fe68.3B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	27.5	13	0.23	0	0	0	0.08	0.69	1.244	36	16.72	C-Yan 2014a [72]
(Pr,Nd)18.7Ce8.8Dy3M0.2Fe68.3B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	27.5	13	0.31	0	0	0	0.08	0.62	1.208	34	15.78	C-Yan 2014a [72]
(Pr,Nd)12.1Ce15.4Dy3M0.2Fe68.3B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	27.5	13	0.54	0	0	0	0.08	0.38	1.133	26	11.33	C-Yan 2014a [72]
Nd22.9Ce7.6Fe68.3M0.2B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	30.5	13.9	0.25	0	0	0	0	0.75	1.312	39.86	11.82	X-Fan 2018 [77]
Nd22.9La7.6Fe68.3M0.2B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	30.5	13.9	0	0.25	0	0	0	0.75	1.248	35.52	6.19	X-Fan 2018 [77]
Nd22.9Y7.6Fe68.3M0.2B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	30.5	15.6	0	0	0.35	0	0	0.65	1.275	35.28	8.89	X-Fan 2018 [77]
(Nd,Pr)22.9Ce7.6Fe67.2M1.3B	Cu - Al - Ga - Zr	30.5	14	0.25	0	0	0	0	0.75	-	-	11.7	J-Jin 2019b [74]

Table S7: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets SMP (continued)

Composition (wt %)	Additive elements M (wt/ %)	Σ Y,TR wt.%	Σ Y,TR at.%	at. Ce /TR	at. La/ TR	at. Y/ TR	at. Gd/ TR	at. Dy /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /(Y+TR)	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Reference
Nd28.8Pr3.2Fe66.5B	-	32.5		0	0	0	0	0	1	1.24	36	10	Okada 1985 [70]
(NdPr)31.8Ce1.6Fe65.5B	-	33.5		0.05	0	0	0	0	0.95	1.32	40	10.2	Okada 1985 [70]
(NdPr)20.1Ce12.8Fe65.5B	-	33.5		0.4	0	0	0	0	0.6	1.15	27	5.3	Okada 1985 [70]
Nd33.8Fe65B1.2	-	33.8	15.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.22	35	11	W-Tang 1989 [71]
Nd20.4La13.1Fe65.3B1.2	-	33.5	15.5	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.6	1.01	4	1	W-Tang 1989 [71]
Nd20.6La4.4Ce8.8Fe65.3B1.2	-	33.8	15.5	0.27	0.13	0	0	0	0.6	1.12	19	3.6	W-Tang 1989 [71]
Nd20.4La4.3Ce9Fe63.5M1.3B1.3	Al (1.3)	33.7	25.5	0.27	0.13	0	0	0	0.6	1.01	21	8.1	W-Tang 1989 [71]
Nd16Ce8Y5Fe69CoB	Cu - Al - Zr	29	14.4	0.25	0	0.25	0	0	0.5	1.38	44.6	6.7	Enokido 2021 [76]
Nd18Ce9Y5Fe67CoB	Cu - Al - Zr	32	16	0.25	0	0.25	0	0	0.5	1.27	36.2	11.56	Enokido 2021 [76]
Nd17Ce13Y2Fe66CoB	Cu - Al - Zr	32	16	0.4	0	0.1	0	0	0.5	1.22	32.7	13.35	Enokido 2021 [76]
Nd17Ce17Fe65CoB	Cu - Al - Zr	32	16	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	1.18	29.6	12.61	Enokido 2021 [76]
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[(NdPrGd)0.5Ce0.5]30.5–31.5Febal.M1B N28	Al, Cu, Co, (Nb/Zr)	30.5-31.5		0.5				0	0.5		28	10.71	A-Li 2019 [99]
[(NdPrGd)0.65Ce0.35]30.5–31.5Febal. M1B N35	Al, Cu, Co, (Nb/Zr)	30.5-31.5		0.35				0	0.65		35	12.35	A-Li 2019 [99]
[(NdPrGd)0.7Ce0.3]30.5–31.5Febal.M1B N38M	Al, Cu, Co, (Nb/Zr)	30.5-31.5		0.3				0	0.7		38	14.72	A-Li 2019 [99]
[(NdPrGd)0.8Ce0.3]30.5–31.5Febal.M1B N38H	Al, Cu, Co, (Nb/Zr)	30.5-31.5		0.2				0	0.8		38	16.2	A-Li 2019 [99]

Table S8: Magnetic	properties of sintered	magnets SMP with MM
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Composition (wt %)	MM /TR at%	Additive elts M (wt %)	ΣTR wt %	ΣTR at %	at. Ce /TR	at. La /TR	at. Dy /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Reference
Nd23.1Pr5.8Dy1.8Fe67M1.4B	0	Cu (0.1) - Al (0.1) – Nb (0.3)- Co (0.9)	30.6	13.9	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.95	1.33	42.42	16.93	E-Niu 2014 [82]
Nd21.3Pr5.4La0.9Ce1.7Dy1.6Fe66.9M1.3B	10.8	Cu (0.1) - Al (0.09) – Nb (0.27) - Co (0.86)	30.8	14.0	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.87	1.26	37.64	13.67	E-Niu 2014 [82]
Nd19.5Pr5La1.8Ce3.4Dy1.5Fe66.8M1.2B	21.5	Cu (0.09) - Al (0.08) – Nb (0.24) - Co (0.82)	31.0	14.2	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.79	1.21	34.04	10.70	E-Niu 2014 [82]
Nd16Pr4.1La3.5Ce6.7Dy1.1Fe66.6M1.1B	42.2	Cu (0.09) - Al (0.08) – Nb (0.18) - Co (0.74)	31.4	14.4	0.22	0.11	0.03	0.64	1.14	20.54	5.01	E-Niu 2014 [82]
Nd12.4Pr3.3La5.2Ce10.1Dy0.7Fe66.3M0.9B	62.1	Cu (0.08) - Al (0.04) – Nb (0.12) - Co (0.66)	31.8	14.7	0.32	0.17	0.02	0.49	1.09	13.77	2.75	E-Niu 2014 [82]
Nd8.9Pr2.5La7Ce13.4Dy0.4Fe66.1M0.7B	81.4	Cu (0.08) - Al (0.02) – Nb (0.06) - Co (0.58)	32.1	15.0	0.42	0.22	0.01	0.35	1.06	8.91	1.23	E-Niu 2014 [82]
Nd5.4Pr1.7La8.7Ce16.7DyFe65.9M0.6B	100	Cu (0.08) - Co (0.5)	32.5	15.3	0.52	0.27	0	0.21	0.95	2.40	0.46	E-Niu 2014 [82]
Nd21.3Pr0.2La2.5Ce4.8Fe69.8M0.51B0.96	30	Cu (0.1) - Al (0.11) – Nb (0.3)	28.7	12.9	0.17	0.09	0	0.75	1.31	37.8	7.6	X-Yu 2018 [85]
Nd4.6Pr1.5La7.7Ce16.9Fe66.2M2B0.96	100	Cu (0.15) - Al (0.3) – Zr (0.22) - Ga (0.35) - Co (1)	30.8	14.3	0.55	0.25	0	0.20	0.957	8.05	1.41	W-Liu 2019 [86]
GBDP (0.5 % TbHx)									0.928	20.2	6.81	

Composition (wt %)	Additive elts M (wt.%)	Σ TR wt %	Σ TR at %	at. Ce /TR	at. La /TR	at. Y /TR	at. Gd /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Reference
Nd27Ce3(FeTM)69B	not given	30	13.5	0.1	0	0	0	0.9	1.4	46.6	12.2	M-Zhu 2014 [87]
Nd22.5Ce4.5(FeTM)69B	not given	30	13.5	0.15	0	0	0	0.85	1.38	45.6	11.4	M-Zhu 2014 [87]
Nd24Ce6(FeTM)69B	not given	30	13.5	0.2	0	0	0	0.8	1.37	45	12	M-Zhu 2014 [87]
Nd21Ce9(FeTM)69B	not given	30	13.5	0.3	0	0	0	0.7	1.36	43.3	9.26	M-Zhu 2014 [87]
Nd26.5Ce13.5(FeTM)69B	not given	30	13.5	0.45	0	0	0	0.55	1.24	33.4	6.2	M-Zhu 2014 [87]
(Nd,Pr)24.8Ce6.2Fe67.1M0.9B (SMP) (Nd,Pr)24.8Ce6.2Fe67.1M0.9B	not given	31 31	14.1 14.1	0.2 0.2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0.8 0.8	1.316 1.33		7.7 12.1	M-Zhu 2015 [91]
Nd25.5Ce4.5Fe68.9M0.1B	Cu	30	13.6	0.15	0	0	0	0.85	1.38	45.2	11.9	S-Huang 2015 [89]
Nd22.9Cu7.6Fe68.3M0.2B (SMP) Nd22.9Cu7.6Fe68.3M0.2B	Al (0.1) - Cu (0.1)	30.5 30.5	14 14	0.25 0.25	0 0	0 0	0 0	0.75 0.75	1.307 1.33	39.44 40.5	10.26 12.14	X-Fan 2016 [92]
(PrNd)29.8Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	31.5	14.3	0.00	0	0	0.05	0.95	1.3	41.9	14.4	J-Jin 2016a [15]
La0.98Ce1.82(PrNd)27Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	31.5	14.2	0.06	0.03	0	0.05	0.86	1.29		13.7	J-Jin 2016a [15]
La2Ce3.71(PrNd)24.1Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	31.5	14.3	0.12	0.06	0	0.05	0.77	1.27	39.7	12.2	J-Jin 2016a [15]
La2.98Ce5.53(PrNd)27Gd21.3Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	31.5	14.4	0.18	0.10	0	0.05	0.67	1.25		10.1	J-Jin 2016a [15]
La4Ce7.41(PrNd)18.4Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	31.5	14.5	0.24	0.13	0	0.05	0.58	1.22		8.9	J-Jin 2016a [15]
(Pr,Nd)30.5Fe67.5M1B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	13.9	0	0	0	0	1.00	1.38	48.7	13.8	Y-Peng [27]
(Pr,Nd)22.27Ce8.24Fe67.5M1B (SMP) (Pr,Nd)22.27Ce8.24Fe67.5M1B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5 30.5	13.9 13.9	0.27 0.27	0 0	0 0	0 0	0.73 0.73	1.28 1.3	39 41.1	10.40 11.40	Y-Zhang 2017a [27]
(Pr,Nd)19.52Ce10.98Fe67.5M1B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	13.9	0.36	0	0	0	0.64	1.27	38.8	10.30	Y-Zhang 2017a [27]
(Pr,Nd)16.78Ce13.73Fe67.5M1B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0.45	0	0	0	0.55	1.24	36.7	9.00	Y-Zhang 2017a [27]
(Pr,Nd)30.5Fe67.2M1.3B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14	0	0	0	0	1	1.39	47.6	14.90	B-Peng 2017 [106]
(Nd+Pr)24.5Ce3.9Y2.1Fe67.2M1.3B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14.3	0.13	0	0.1	0	0.77	1.38		12.6	B-Peng 2017 [106]
(Nd+Pr)21.5Ce5.85Y3.15Fe67.2M1.3B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	14.7	0.18	0	0.16	0	0.66	1.37	45.6	11.8	B-Peng 2017 [106]
(Nd+Pr)18.5Ce7.8Y4.2Fe67.2M1.3B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	15	0.24	0	0.21	0	0.55	1.35	43.9	11.1	B-Peng 2017 [106]
(Nd+Pr)21.5Ce9Fe67.2M1.3B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	13.9	0.3	0	0	0	0.7	1.35	43.9	11.1	B-Peng 2017 [106]
Nd18.5Ce9.9La2.5Fe66.3M1.9B0.96	Al, Cu, Ga, Co, Zr	30.8	14.2	0.32	0.08	0	0	0.6	1.271	39.39	7.27	H-Chen 2022a [104]
Nd20.4Ce10.9La2.7Fe63.7M1.43B0.92	Al, Cu, Ga, Co, Zr	33.9	16	0.32	0.08	0	0	0.6	1.212	35.58	11.1	H-Chen 2022a [104]

Table S9: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets with MMP

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Composition (wt %)	Additive elts M (wt.%)	Σ TR wt %	Σ TR at %	at. Ce /TR	at. La /TR	at. Y /TR	at. Gd /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	Reference
(Pr,Nd)29.8Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	30.5	14.3	0	0	0	0.05	0.95	1.3	41.96	14.43	J-Jin 2018b [100]
(Pr,Nd)27.0La0.98Ce1.82Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1(SMP) (Pr,Nd)27.0La0.98Ce1.82Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	30.5 30.5	14.4 14.4	0.06 0.06	0.03 0.03	0 0	0.05 0.05	0.86 0.86	1.27 1.29	38.44 41.46	9.82 13.93	J-Jin 2018b [100]
(Pr,Nd)27.0La2Ce3.7Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb, Zr	30.5	14.3	0.12	0.06	0	0.05	0.77	1.28	40.33	12.83	J-Jin 2018b [100]
(Nd,Pr)16.8Ce13.7Fe67.5M1.0B1.0	Cu	30.5	14	0.46	0	0	0	0.54	1.21	33.7	9.1	Y-Zhang 2018a [97]
(Nd,Pr)31.3Fe66.7M1.0B0.98	Cu	31.3	14.3	0	0	0	0	1	1.28		13.8	Y-Zhang 2019c [94]
(Nd,Pr)28.5Ce2.8Fe66.7M1.0B0.98	Cu	31.3	14.3	0.09	0	0	0	0.91	1.28		12.1	Y-Zhang 2019c [94]
(Nd,Pr)25.7Ce5.8Fe66.7M1.0B0.98	Cu	31.3	14.4	0.18	0	0	0	0.82	1.26		11.8	Y-Zhang 2019c [94]
(Pr,Nd)22.8Ce10.7Fe64.8M0.66B0.97	Al, Cu, Zr	33.5	15.7	0.32	0	0	0	0.68	1.149	28.7	6.5	Q-Shi 2019 [101]
(Pr,Nd)22.8Ce6.95La3.74Fe64.8M0.66B	Al, Cu, Zr	33.5	15.7	0.21	0.11	0	0	0.68	1.238	34.7	6.16	Q-Shi 2019 [101]
(Nd,Pr)21.3Ce5.5La3Gd1.7Fe66.4M1.1B	Cu, Al, Nb ,Zr	31.5	14.4	0.18	0.2	0	0.05	0.57	1.25	38.2	10.4	J-Jin 2020a [102]
(Pr,Nd)22.88Ce4.96La2.67Fe67.1M1.4B	Cu, Al, Ga, Zr	30.5	13.9	0.17	0.09	0	0	0.84	1.31	41.67	13	J-Jin 2019a [98]
Nd12.87Pr9.66Ce5.95La3.03Fe65.5M2B	Al, Cu, Ga, Co, Zr	31.5	14.6	0.19	0.1	0	0	0.71	1.245	38.21	11.03	H-Chen 2020b [105]
(Pr,Nd)24.8Ce6.2(Fe,TM)68B (SMP) (Pr,Nd)24.8Ce6.2(Fe,TM)68B	not given	31 31	14.2 14.2	0.2 0.2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0.8 0.8	1.33 1.34	40.2 41.9	10.4 12.7	R-Han 2020 [93]
(Pr,Nd)22.52Ce7.39Fe67.9M1.18B	Al, Cu, Ga,Nb	29.9	13.6	0.25	0	0	0	0.75	1.29	37.8	6.9	Z-Wei 2020 [103]
(Pr,Nd)22.5Ce4.8La2.6Fe68M1.18B	Al, Cu, Ga,Nb	29.9	13.6	0.16	0.09	0	0	0.75	1.3	39.5	8.8	Z-Wei 2020 [103]
Nd5.6Pr2Ce20.7La0.7Y1.5Gd2.6Fe64M1.9B1.1	Co, Al, Cu, Zr	33.1	15.7	0.62	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.22	0.92	20.17	5.57	A-Li 2020a [67]
Nd24.8Ce6.2Fe67.1M0.9B (SMP) Nd24.8Ce6.2Fe67.1M0.9B	Co, Al, Cu, Nb, Ga Co, Al, Cu, Nb, Ga	31 31	14.2 14.2	0.2 0.2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0.8 0.8	1.323 1.325	40.54 40.4	11.91 12.66	H-Chen 2020c [95]
(NdPr)27.76Ce1.78La0.96Fe67.1M1.4B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.5	13.9	0.06	0.04	0	0	0.9	1.4	47.9	13	D-Liu 2022 [107]
(NdPr)19.52Ce7.14La3.84Fe67.1M1.4B	Al, Cu, Ga, Zr	30.4	13.9	0.24	0.13	0	0	0.63	1.34	42.2	9.6	D-Liu 2022 [107]

Table S10: Magnetic properties of sintered magnets by SPS

Composition (wt %)	Additive elts in alloy M (w%) Compound used in GBR (wt%)	ΣTR wt%	ΣTR at%	at. Ce /TR	at. Dy /TR	at. (Nd+Pr) /TR	Br (T)	[BH]max [MGOe]	Hc (kOe)	∆ NM (*)	∆ Hc (kOe)	Reference
Ce35Fe61Co1.72M1.4B	M: Nb, Cu, Ga	35	17	1.00	0	0.00	0.37	2	2.75			Q-Jiang 2019 [138]
	Nd80Cu20 (20 %)	45.0	23	0.63	0	0.37	0.47	3.77	5.98	5.00	3.23	
Nd16.9Pr1.05Ce11.8Fe67M2.2B (50% MQU-F - 50% MQP)	M: Co, Ga	29.8	13.60	0.40	0	0.60	0.75	12.09	13.20			XG-Cui 2020 [135]
	Pr68Cu32 (1%)	30.1	13.80	0.39	0	0.61	0.74	11.70	13.69	0.10	0.49	
	Pr68Cu32 (2%)	30.5	14.00	0.39	0	0.61	0.74	11.58	14.20	0.49	1.00	
	Pr68Cu32 (3%)	31.3	14.40	0.37	0	0.63	0.72	10.95	15.01	0.68	1.81	
50% MQU-F - 50% MQP		29.7		0.64	0.00	0.36	0.73	9.9	7.54			XG-Cui 2022 [137]
	DyF3-Cu (1%)	30.8		0.58	0.06	0.36	0.73	10.1	7.85	0.46	0.31	
	DyF3-Cu (2%)	31.6		0.52	0.09	0.40	0.70	10.2	12.31	4.56	4.46	
	DyF3-Cu (3%)	34.9		0.48	0.13	0.39	0.67	9.6	14.07	5.79	6.22	
Nd15Pr4.9Ce4.9Fz72.5M1.6B1.1 (MQP-13-9HD)	M: Zr	24.8	10.9	0.20	0	0.80	0.68	9.55	8.22			L-He 2021 [136]
	Pr30Fe69B (25%)	26.1	11.6	0.15	0	0.85	0.76	10.80	8.51	1.55	0.29	
	Pr30Fe69B (50 %)	27.4	12.3	0.09	0	0.91	0.79	11.56	9.40	3.19	1.18	
	Pr30Fe69B (75%)	28.7	13.1	0.05	0	0.95	0.80	13.07	10.87	6.17	2.65	
Pr30Fe69B		30.0	13.8	0.00	0	1.00	0.78	12.56	11.55	6.34	3.33	

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