A study on Infrared spectroscopy of Nd$^{3+}$ doped Cobalt Ferrite

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ABSTRACT

The Nd$^{3+}$ doped Cobalt ferrite with a nominal composition of CoFe$_{2-x}$Nd$_x$O$_4$ (where $x = 0.00$ and $0.02$) samples have been prepared by standard ceramic technique. The structural properties are investigated by X-ray diffraction technique and Infrared spectroscopy. The X-ray diffraction data shows single phase cubic spinel structure for both samples, whereas no extra peak of Nd$^{3+}$ is observed when $x = 0.02$ sample. The effect of Nd$^{3+}$ doped on Infrared spectroscopy properties of cobalt ferrites recorded at room temperature using Perkin Elemer spectrometer (Model 783). It shows that the two strong frequency band $\nu_1$ and $\nu_2$ in the wave number range 800-350 cm$^{-1}$ and it shows that Nd$^{3+}$ doped cobalt ferrites are decrease than pure cobalt ferrites.

Key words: Cobalt ferrite, Rare earth, Infrared spectroscopy.

INTRODUCTION

Iron Cobalt and Nickel ferrites forms inverse spinel structure. In the inverse spinel structure, the tetrahedral (A) sites are occupied by the Fe$^{3+}$ ions and the octahedral sites [B] are occupied by the divalent metal ions (M$^{2+}$) and Fe$^{3+}$, in equal proportions. The angle A-O-B is closer to 180$^0$ and the angles B-O-B and A-O-A are closer to 90$^0$, and therefore, strong super exchange (antiferromagnetic) interaction between the A and B ions (mediated by the oxygen ion) is observed. In spinel ferrites Cobalt is a hard magnetic material possessing high magneto anisotropy, high Curie temperature, high corecivity and moderate saturation magnetization along with the chemical stability and mechanical hardness [1-4].
Several researchers have studied pure and doped cobalt ferrite with a view to understand their basic properties [5]. These studies revealed that doped of non magnetic cations in cobalt ferrite predominantly affects the magnetic as well as electrical properties compared to magnetic cations.

Rare earth (R) elements possess large magnetic moment, large magnetocrystalline anisotropy and very large magnetostriction at low temperature due to the localized nature of 4f electrons. Rare earth-ions based cubic laves phase compound (RFe$_2$) are known to exhibit very large magnetostriction and these compounds are employed as active elements in several magnetostrictive transducers.

Recent research shows by introducing rare earth ions into the spinel lattice, can lead to small changes in the structural, magnetization and Curie temperature of the spinel ferrite. Many researchers [6-7] have studied the role of rare earth doped in the pure CoFe$_2$O$_4$ matrix but to the best of our knowledge no systematic report is available in the literature showing the effect of Nd$^{3+}$ ions in the pure CoFe$_2$O$_4$ matrix. In the present work we have focused to correlate the understandings Infrared spectroscopy properties of Nd$^{3+}$ doped cobalt ferrites having molecular formula CoFe$_{2-x}$Nd$_x$O$_4$ (x = 0.00 and 0.02).

**METHODOLOGY**

Polycrystalline specimens of CoFe$_{2-x}$Nd$_x$O$_4$ (x = 0.00 and 0.02) were prepared by standard ceramic technique [8, 9] using analytical reagent grade oxides compounds were accurately weighed in molecular weight percentage with a single pan microbalance. The mixed powders were wet ground and pre-sintered at 950°C for 24 hours. The sintered powder is again re-ground and pelletized. Polyvinyl alcohol was used as a binder in making circular pellets of 10mm diameter and 2-3mm thickness. The pellets were finally sintered in muffle furnace for 1180°C for 24 hours and then slowly cooled to the room temperature.

X-Ray diffraction patterns were taken at room temperature to confirm the crystal structure of the prepared samples. The XRD patterns were recorded in the 2θ range from 20° to 80° using Cu-κα radiation (λ = 1.5406 Å) with scanning rate 1° per/m.

Infrared spectra of both the samples of the present series were recorded at room temperature in the range 350 cm$^{-1}$ - 800 cm$^{-1}$ on a Perkin Elemer spectrometer (Model 783).

To study the I.R. spectra of both the samples, about one gram of fine powder of each sample was mixed with KBr in the ratio 1:250 by weight to ensure uniform distribution in the KBr pellet. The mixed powder was then pressed in a cylindrical die to obtain clean disc of approximately 1 mm thickness. The IR spectra were used to locate the band position. The IR spectra were used to determine bond length $R_A$ and $R_B$, in a cubic crystal for tetrahedral (A) and octahedral [B] site using formula given by Gorter [10].

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

**Structural Analysis:**

**X-ray Diffraction:**
Room temperature X-ray powder diffraction patterns (XRD) for series having molecular formula CoFe$_{2-x}$Nd$_x$O$_4$ (where x = 0.00 and 0.02) were prepared by standard ceramic technique shown in Fig 1. The Braggs reflections (hkl) belonging to the plane (220), (311), (222), (400), (422), (511), (440) and (533) confirms the formation of single phase cubic spinel structures. No extra peak of Nd$^{3+}$ doped cobalt ferrite materials is observed. Similar reports of XRD pattern are available for different rare earth substituted in spinel ferrites in the literature [11, 12].

**Infrared spectroscopy:**
IR spectra of both the samples of CoFe$_{2-x}$Nd$_x$O$_4$ whereas x = 0.00 and x = 0.02. According to Waldron [10] ferrite materials shows presence of two absorption bands near 400 cm$^{-1}$ and 600 cm$^{-1}$. The high frequency band ($v_1$) is attributes to the A-site and the low-frequency band ($v_2$) assigned to the B-site. The two bands occur at different positions which may be due to the difference in
Table 1: Vibrational band frequency ($\nu_1$, $\nu_2$) and Force constant ($K_o$, $K_t$) of CoFe$_2$Nd$_x$O$_4$ system (where as $x=0.00$ and $x=0.02$).

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<tr>
<th>CoFe$_2$Nd$_x$O$_4$</th>
<th>$\nu_1$ (cm$^{-1}$)</th>
<th>$\nu_2$ (cm$^{-1}$)</th>
<th>$K_t \times 10^5$ (dyne/cm)</th>
<th>$K_o \times 10^5$ (dyne/cm)</th>
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<tr>
<td>X=0.00</td>
<td>630.86</td>
<td>440.89</td>
<td>1.694</td>
<td>1.185</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X=0.02</td>
<td>593.92</td>
<td>407.42</td>
<td>1.501</td>
<td>1.027</td>
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$$K_o = 10.62 \left( \frac{M_B}{2} \right) \times \nu_2^2 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...1$$

$$K_t = 7.62 M_A \times \nu_1^2 \times 10^{-3} \quad ...2$$

interatomic distances. Since there is no obvious difference in the crystal structure, the change of wavenumber may be related to the cation substitution in A-site [13]. The values of absorption bands $\nu_1$ and $\nu_2$ for both the samples are given in Table 1. The force constant $K_0$ and $K_t$ were calculated [14-16].

Using equations 1 and 2 the values of force constant $K_t$ and $K_o$ were calculated [14-16] and given in Table 1. It is observed from Table 1 that, the values of force constant are decreases with Nd$^{3+}$ doped cobalt ferrites [17-20]. The slight shift in the position and intensities of $\nu_1$ and $\nu_2$ doped Nd$^{3+}$ content is due to the change in Fe$^{3+}$-O$^2$-distance of the tetrahedral sub-lattice of the ferrites.

CONCLUSION

A series of CoFe$_2$Nd$_x$O$_4$ ferrites (where $x=0.00$ and $x=0.02$) were prepared by standard ceramic technique. The X-ray diffraction data shows single phase cubic spinel structure for both samples, whereas no extra peak of Nd$^{3+}$ is observed when $x=0.02$ sample. Infrared spectroscopy shows that vibrational band frequency and Force constant decreases with Nd$^{3+}$ doped cobalt ferrites.

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