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Synthesis and Characteristics of Nickel Manganite by Lithiation

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Abstract: Spinel nickel manganite has been synthesized using ceramic technique, from $(2MnO_2+NiO)$ mixture reduced using LiAlH₄. Powder X-ray diffractometry (XRD) indicates the formation of cubic spinel (a=8.33 A°), while IR absorption spectral features are rather broad, though similar to those of spinel. The d.c. electrical conductivity of the ceramic is much smaller than that reported for NiMn₂O₄. Even though

the band gap remains the same, when the sintering temperature is increased from 950°C to 1100 °C, all other changes are insignificant except that the porosity and particle size nearly halve. The characteristics of the system are discussed in terms of `lithiation'.



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