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## Synthesis and characterization of Ba(Fe,Zr,Ni)O3 perovskites for potential application in electrochemical NOx decomposition

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## Abstract:

Emissions of nitrogen oxides remain a significant problem associated with the use of fuel-efficient lean combustion in transportation (diesel engines) and the passivation of catalytic converters by excess oxygen in exhaust gasses. One possible way to achieve high-efficiency  $NO_x$  conversion is electrochemical reduction under anodic polarization in symmetrical solid oxide cells. Recent research was focused on improving efficiency in the presence of 1-15 vol.% oxygen: seeking for  $NO_x$  selective electrodes based on mixed-conducting transition metal oxides, impregnations with basic components (BaO, BaCO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O) to enhance adsorption of acidic  $NO_x$  or pre-oxidation of NO to  $NO_2$  which is more readily adsorbed on the electrode surface. The present work is focused on the synthesis of Ba-rich Ba(Fe,Zr,Ni)O<sub>3</sub> perovskites and characterization of their electrical properties, phase stability, and thermomechanical behavior with the aim to assess the prospects of their use as electrocatalysts for  $NO_y$  elimination.

Ba(Fe<sub>1-xy</sub>Ni<sub>x</sub>Zr<sub>y</sub>)O<sub>3-8</sub> (x = 0.05-0.5, y = 0-0.4) ceramics were synthesized by glycine-nitrate combustion technique. Singlephase perovskites with a minor NiO impurity were found to form only for prevailing Fe content and with the total Ni and Zr content x+y  $\leq$  0.3 at 1100°C. Sintering at T  $\geq$  1200°C leads to segregation of secondary phases. The electrical conductivity of single-phase ceramics is moderate and reaches 3.5 S/cm at 400-500°C; this may limit electrochemical performance. The perovskite phase is demonstrated to be stable in reducing conditions down to pO<sub>2</sub> ~ 10<sup>-16</sup> atm. The dilatometric studies show unusual and nonlinear behavior of thermal expansion coefficients, with the absolute values varying in the range of 15-50 ppm/K at 250-950°C.

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