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Structural, Morphological and Optical Properties: CeO₂ Nanoparticles Prepared through the *Azadirachta indica* Leaf Extract by Green Method

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ABSTRACT

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The CeO₂ NPs were derived from *Azadirachta indica* (A.indica) leaf extracts. The X-ray diffraction studies confirmed that synthesized CeO₂ NPs were exhibited the cubic structure. In XPS spectra, the oxidation states of each element were identified for CeO₂ NPs. The Raman active mode was observed at 461cm⁻¹, and this was due to the symmetrical stretching mode of the Ce-8O for CeO₂ NPs. From FESEM and TEM images, the CeO₂ NPs were exhibited a spherical structure. From the EDAX spectra, the elemental compositions were identified. The optical studies were carried out using UV-Vis and Photoluminescence spectra for CeO₂ NPs, respectively.

Keywords: Photosynthesis; CeO₂; Nanoparticles; Optical studies.

1. INTRODUCTION

The CeO₂ nanoparticles could be a technologically potent material with remarkable properties utilized in a variety of applications in Environmental science. The CeO₂ nanoparticles have been used as three-way catalysts (TWC) for exhaust gas treatment from automobiles, oxygen ion conductors in solid oxide fuel cells, polishing agents for the chemical, mechanical planarization (CMP) process, gate oxides in metal oxide semiconductor devices, and ultraviolet (UV) blocking materials in UV shielding, respectively (Wang *et al.* 2003; Tsunekawa and Kumar, 2000).

The synthesized CeO₂ NPs were prepared by physical and chemical methods such as hydrothermal, flame spray pyrolysis, sonochemical, microwave, sol-gel, and co-precipitation. However, most of the techniques are difficult, time-intensive, high priced, and unsafe. Green chemistry approaches the event in photosynthesis of metal and metal oxide NPs. This method offers several benefits like cost-effectiveness, large-scale industrial production, and pharmaceutical applications.

In the present investigation, CeO₂ NPs are prepared through the *Azadirachta indica* leaf extract.

1.1 Material and Methods

1.1.1 Green Synthesis CeO₂ NPs

The 10 g of finely divided leaves of *Azadirachta indica* was added to 100 mL of double distilled water and boiled at 50-60°C for 10 min. The solution was filtered through Whatmann No. 1 filter paper, and the clear filtrate was collected and which were carried for further usage. Thereafter, add a certain quantity of 0.1M solution of cerium nitrate to 100 mL of A. indica leaf extract with constant stirring at 80 °C for 6h. The Initially brown precipitate was formed, and then it becomes a yellowish-brown in color on continuous stirring. Finally, the precipitate was dried at 120 °C. The precipitate was annealed at 400 °C for 5h to get spherical NPs.

1.1.2 Characterization Techniques

The CeO₂ NPs were characterized by an X-ray diffractometer (model: X'PERT PRO PANalytical). The diffraction patterns were recorded in the range of 20°-80° for the CeO₂ NPs samples, where the monochromatic wavelength of 1.54 Å was used. The XPS measurements were performed with an XPS instrument (Carl Zeiss) equipment. The spectra were at a pressure using an ultra-

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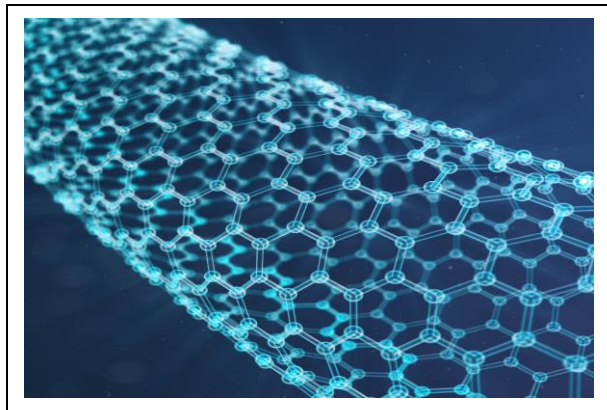


Fig. 4: Morphology images of (a) FESEM, (b) TEM and (c) EDAX spectra of CeO₂ NPs. Morphology images of (a) FESEM, TEM and EDAX spectra of CeO₂ NPs. Morphology images of (a) FESEM, TEM and EDAX spectra of CeO₂ NPs

Table 1. Eigenvalue, percentage of variance, and cumulative percentage estimated by PCA on the correlation matrix of the normalized frequency response of SAW e-Nose device

Principal Component Number	Eigenvalue	Percentage of Variance (%)	Cumulative (%)
1	2.42 x 10 ⁷	71.25	71.25
2	0.42 x 10 ⁷	12.21	83.46
3	0.30 x 10 ⁷	08.88	92.34
4	0.18 x 10 ⁷	05.25	97.59

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