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Abstract

$\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_{5+\delta}$ (SBMO), a novel layered perovskite compound with samarium based material (Sm^{+3}) as rare earth doped in A-site was synthesized and processed by using dry chemistry method (solid state solution). Structural characterization of SBMO has been investigated by X-ray diffraction (XRD) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). While, thermal and electrochemical testing were done by using thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) and current voltage measurements. The Rietveld analysis of XRD data shows that SBMO was crystallized in the orthorhombic structure with the Pmmm space group. The surface morphology images showed a porous structure which indicates that this material can be used as a potential electrode in solid oxide fuel cells (SOFCs). TGA result showed the mass loss of 0.022% for $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_{5+\delta}$ which is very small and indicates that the material is very stable. DC conductivity and performance test were done at RT in air atmosphere. The performance tests have done at 800 °C and 750 °C and the maximum power density was found to be 0.4 W/cm² at 800 °C.

Keywords: Layered perovskite; structural analysis; power density measurements, SOFCs anode.

1. Introduction

Nowadays, SOFCs are considered the most promising energy conversion devices and its efficiency is to get the highest performance through electrochemical reactions [1-2]. SOFCs have versatile applications in energy sector like; transportation, remote power sources, military use, remote villages, aerospace and smart portable electronic devices. The anode of SOFC is the most important due to its

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