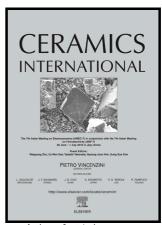
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Abstract

Vanadium doped ZnO macroporous structures are synthesized using solution combustion

method. The as-burnt $Zn_{1-x}V_xO$ (x = 0, 3 mol %) foams are crushed and ground in agate mortar

and pestle and calcined at 450°C/1 h for further characterization. The structural study using XRD

confirms the wurtzite phase of ZnO having hexagonal structure. The crystallite size is found to

decrease from 28 nm to 11 nm on account of addition of vanadium. Grain size and grain

boundary modification along with hierarchical porous structures are depicted using SEM

micrographs. Further elucidation on the porous nature is made through BET. Quantitative and

qualitative determination of intentional and unintentional dopants is estimated. Vibrational

spectral studies elucidate the marked role of vanadium's infusion into the lattice and subsequent

modification of grain boundary. An order of magnetic enhancement is achieved as illustrated by

ambient and low temperature magnetization measurements. Role of vanadium doping on the

grain boundary modification are brought to lime-light with structural, morphological and

vibrational studies and the same is accounted for the observed magnetic property.

Key words: Combustion synthesis, Porous nanoparticles, Anti-ferromagnetic ordering, Grain

boundary, Band gap.

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