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# Mechanosynthesis of Sr<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>TiO<sub>3</sub> anodes for SOFCs: Structure and Electrical Conductivity

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#### **Abstract**

Sr<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>TiO<sub>3</sub> (SLT; 0≤x≤0.5) powder samples were synthesised at room temperature by a mechanochemical method from SrO, La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> mixtures in 90 minutes. The obtained SLT samples as potential anode materials in solid oxide fuel cells (SOFCs) were investigated. The microstructure, electrical conductivity and chemical compatibility with yttria-stabilised zirconia (YSZ) were studied. The powder samples had a nanometric character after milling. After a subsequently heating at 900 °C, the particle size slightly increased, but still remained nanometric. At this high temperature, a good chemical compatibility with YSZ was found. The x=0.2 sample gave the best electrical conductivity values, i.e. 0.23 W cm<sup>-2</sup>. These features make such as-obtained samples good candidates to be used as anodes in SOFCs.

#### **Keywords:**

SOFCs; Mechanochemistry; Perovskite Structure; Anode; Electrical Conductivity.

#### 1. Introduction

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