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Study of Structural and Magnetic Behaviour of $Ni_{0.75}Zn_{0.25}Fe_2O_4$ and $Ni_{0.25}Zn_{0.75}$ Fe $_2O_4$ Ferrite Nanoparticles Annealed at 550°C, 650°C and 700°C, Synthesized by Citrate Precursor Method

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Abstract: $Ni_{0.75}Zn_{0.25}Fe_2O_4$ and $Ni_{0.25}Zn_{0.75}$ Fe_2O_4 ferrite nanoparticles were synthesized using citrate precursor method. The citrate precursor was annealed at temperature 550°C, 650°C and 700°C. The annealed powders were characterized using X-ray diffractometer. (XRD) and vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM). Observed XRD data display cubic spinel structure. The average particle size was observed 34nm, 35nm and 35 nm for $Ni_{0.75}Zn_{0.25}Fe_2O_4$ ferrite and 34nm, 36nm and 36nm for $Ni_{0.25}Zn_{0.75}$ Fe_2O_4 ferrite at the given annealing temperatures 550°C, 650°C and 700°C,. The

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Key words: Ni-Zn Ferrite Nanoparticles, Citrate precursor method, Magnetic properties.

Introduction:

Ferrites are technologically important engineering material and an object of study for quite long time (Ishino and Narumiya, 1987; Sugimoto,1999). Nickel-Zinc ferrite has been extensively used as high permeability material and low eddy current loss. Research in this field has received a major boost in the recent years when new methods for synthesis and characterization of small size nanoparticles were developed. Several research groups are exploring the possibility of