

# **Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications**

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1. Title of the project: Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications

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7. Objectives as stated in the project proposal:

The main objective of this project is to develop novel shape and size controlled metal oxides ( $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$ , M = Gd, La, Mg) as supports for monometallic (Ni, Co, Pt) and bimetallic (combination of Ni, Co, or Pt with Pd, Rh, or Re) nanocatalysts for autothermal reforming of ethanol and pollutant control – in particular abatement of toxic CO emissions. To achieve this goal the following tasks will be undertaken:

- (i) Synthesis of shape and size controlled  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  nanocomposite oxides possessing the desired properties by varying:
  - doped ion (M = Gd, La, Mg),
  - molar ratio M/Ce ( $x=0-0.5$ )
  - preparation method (Hydrothermal, Pechini method or evaporation induced self-assembly (EISA))

- (ii) Synthesis of supported monometallic and bimetallic nanocatalysts over the synthesized support oxides by incipient wetness impregnation, deposition precipitation, and other methods to achieve high dispersion of metal atoms at variation of metals (Ni, Co, Pt, Pd, Rh, Re) and metal content 5-15% for Ni, Co and 0.1-0.4% for other metals.
- (iii) Characterization of synthesized oxide supports and corresponding supported metal nanocatalysts by XRD, TEM/HREM, SEM/EDX, XPS/AES, ISS, FTIR, RAMAN, TPR/TPO/TPD, TGA/DTA techniques.
- (iv) Determination of the optimal characteristics of catalyst for the reaction of ethanol ATR and preferential oxidation of CO in presence/absence of moisture by varying the catalyst composition and preparation method.
- (v) Density functional theory (DFT) will be used to study the effect of doped atoms on structure and catalytic activities of  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$ ,  $M = Gd, La, Mg$ .
- (vi) DFT and QM/MM studies on the interaction of metal nanocluster with the support.
- (vii) Reaction mechanism involved in autothermal reforming of ethanol and CO oxidation will be studied in details using QM/MM and DFT methods. These studies will help in understanding the interplay between various factors that influences the properties of supported-cluster interaction such as oxidation state (charge of the cluster), cluster size, interaction with the support.

8. Deviation made from original objectives if any, while implementing the project and reasons thereof:

The project objectives could not be completed from Indian side due to not receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of grant.

9. Experimental work giving full details of experimental set up, methods adopted, data collected supported by necessary table, charts, diagrams & photographs:

We have synthesized Mg, Co and Cu doped  $CeO_2$ -based mixed oxides of different compositions by precipitation method and applied as support for preparation of Ni and Pd nanocatalysts. For deposition of metals we employed surfactant aided co-reduction method. The samples are characterized by XRD, Raman analysis, TPR and XPS techniques.

#### Synthesis of $CeO_x-MO_x$ ( $MO_x = CoO_x, CuO_x, MgO$ ) mixed oxides

Typically, 48 mmol  $(NH_4)_2C_2O_4$  was dissolved in 50 mL water to form a clear solution which was quickly added to 50 mL of  $(NH_4)_2Ce(NO_3)_6$  and different metal salt solutions mixture

under stirring at 25 °C. After stirring for 40 min, the precipitate obtained was aged for 24 h. The precipitates were filtered, washed with deionised water and absolute ethanol, dried at 80 °C for 24 h. The oxide catalysts were obtained by sintering the precursors at 450 °C for 4 h. All details are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1:** Amount of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6$ ,  $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$  employed for synthesis of  $\text{CeO}_2$ -based mixed oxides

| Sr No | $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_6$<br>(g) | $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$<br>(g) | $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$<br>(g) | $\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$<br>(g) | Salt<br>ratio | $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$<br>(g) |
|-------|--|--|--|--|---------------|--|
| 1     | 5.482  | -  | -  | -  | 1:0           | 3.41   |
| 2     | 1.645  | 1.665  | 1.193  | 1.423  | 3:7           | 3.41   |
| 3     | 2.741  | 1.189  | 0.8524   | 1.017  | 1:1           | 3.41   |
| 4     | 3.837  | 0.7138   | 0.5114   | 0.6099   | 7:3           | 3.41   |
| 5     | -  | 2.380  | 1.704  | 2.033  | 0:1           | 3.41   |

Synthesis of  $\text{CeO}_x$ - $\text{MO}_x$  ( $\text{MO}_x = \text{CoO}_x, \text{CuO}_x, \text{MgO}$ ) supported Ni and Pd catalyst:

In a typical synthetic procedure, to a suspension of  $\text{CeO}_2$ -CuO (0.25 g) dispersed in 50 mL distilled water, solutions of  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.03 g, Ni loading 3 wt% or 0.2 g, Ni loading 2 wt%) and CTAB (0.041g) obtained by subsequent sonication and stirring for 30 min, 1.5 mL of  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (0.02 g) was added dropwise. The contents of the flask was vigorously shaken for 10 min, resulting the generation of  $\text{CeO}_2$ -CuO supported Ni catalyst, which was collected by centrifugation and dried in vacuum oven. Similar procedure was employed with  $\text{PdCl}_2$  (0.0041 g, Pd loading 1 wt%) for synthesis of Pd/ $\text{CeO}_2$ -CuO. To synthesize Ni and Pd catalysts over other supports we employed identical procedure.

Characterization:

XRD Analysis: The XRD analyses of the (1:1) composition of the three mixed oxides Ce-Co, Ce-Cu and Ce-Mg series are shown in Fig 1. In all the figures the diffraction peak for  $\text{CeO}_2$  are observed at  $2\theta = 28.54, 33.07, 47.47, 56.33, 69.40, 76.68$  and  $79.06^\circ$  which could be assigned to (111), (200), (220), (311), (400), (331) and (420) reflections, respectively for the face-centered cubic  $\text{CeO}_2$  phase (JCPDS card no. 81-0792). In the Fig (a) the diffraction peaks observed at  $19.04, 31.24, 36.86, 44.85, 59.38$  and  $65.26^\circ$  corresponds to (111), (220), (311), (400), (511) and (440) reflections, respectively of fcc- $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  phase ( JCPDS card no.



42-1467). Similarly, in the Fig (b) the diffraction peaks observed at  $35.26^\circ$ ,  $38.72^\circ$  and  $58.24^\circ$  are assigned to (002), (200), and (202) reflections, respectively for the monoclinic end-centered CuO phase (JCPDS card no. 80-0076). In the Fig (c) the diffraction peaks observed at  $42.78$  and  $62.14^\circ$  could be assigned to (200) and (220) reflections, respectively of fcc-MgO phase (JCPDS card no. 89-7746).

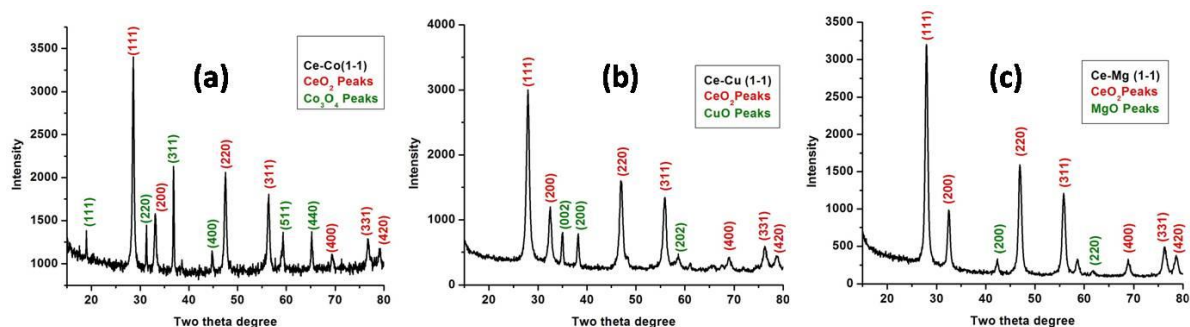


Fig 1: XRD profile of Ce-Co (a), Ce-Cu (b) and Ce-Mg (c) mixed oxides.

**Raman Analysis:** Fig 2 shows the Raman spectra of the Ce-Co, Ce-Cu and Ce-Mg mixed oxides. The spectrum reveals 3 vibration modes for both the Ce-Co and Ce-Cu mixed oxides. The three Raman modes are centered at  $464$ ,  $623$  and  $1190\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The most intense vibration for both Ce-Co and Ce-Cu mixed oxides mode at  $464\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is the  $F_{2g}$  Raman active mode of  $\text{CeO}_2$ . In addition, a broad band in the range  $500$  to  $650\text{ cm}^{-1}$  associated to the presence of oxygen vacancies.

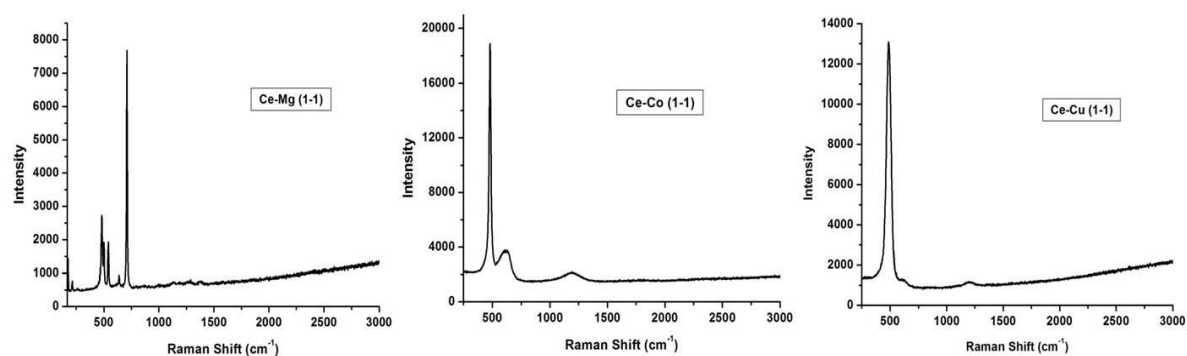


Fig 2: Raman spectra of Ce-Mg, Ce-Co and Ce-Cu mixed oxides.

**Temperature programmed reduction:**

Fig 3 shows the  $\text{H}_2$ -TPR of Ce-Co and Ce-Cu mixed oxide supports and Ni/ $\text{CeO}_2$ -CoOx.  $\text{H}_2$ -TPR profile shows two reduction peaks within  $900^\circ\text{C}$  for the Ce-Cu mixed oxide, single reduction peak for both Ce-Co mixed oxide and Ni/ $\text{CeO}_2$ -CoOx. The Ce-Cu oxide shows the highest reducibility, the reduction of Ce-Cu starts at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and completes at  $220^\circ\text{C}$ , and

shows two peaks at about 185 and 780°C. The low temperature reduction peak is associated to highly dispersed copper species in strong interaction with ceria. For the Ce-Co mixed oxide the reduction takes place between 230-380°C with single peak at 340°C and for Ni/Ce-Co oxide the reduction starts at 280°C and completes at 430°C and shows a single peak at 370°C.

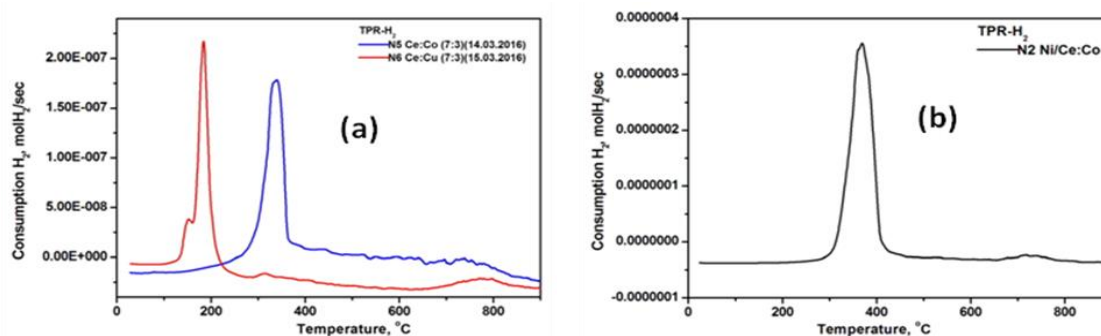


Fig 3: H<sub>2</sub>-TPR profiles for Ce-Cu, Ce-Co mixed oxides (a) and Ni/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CoOx (b).

#### XPS analysis:

The catalyst surface composition was studied by XPS. The binding energies of the typical spectra of O 1s, Ce 3d and Cu 2p of the CeO<sub>2</sub>-CuO catalyst with Ni loading of 5 wt% are shown in Figure 4. As shown in Figure 4(a), the O 1s peaks are centered at 529.3 eV, which is assigned to the lattice oxygen of the CeO<sub>2</sub> and CuO. In addition, there is a shoulder peak at *ca.* 531.2 eV in the catalyst, which may be attributed to the absorbed oxygen or oxygen in hydroxyl groups. In Figure 4(b), the Ce 3d shows mainly six peaks at about 882.6, 889.2, 898.9, 901.1, 907.7 and 916.7 eV, which can be assigned to the Ce<sup>4+</sup> species indicating that the main valence of CeO<sub>2</sub> in the catalyst is +4. It can also be observed that the peaks of Cu 2p<sub>3/2</sub> and Cu 2p<sub>1/2</sub> are centered at 933.1 and 953.1 eV, respectively. Furthermore, the shake-up peak (940.0 -945.0 eV) are characteristic for CuO.

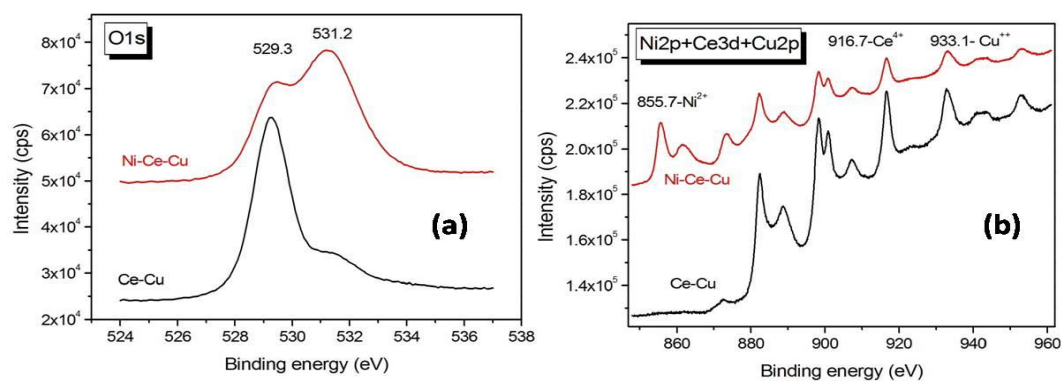


Fig 4: XPS spectra of O1s (a), Cu 2p and Ce 3d (b) of CeO<sub>2</sub>- CuO and Ni/CeO<sub>2</sub>-CuO catalyst.

## **Further works has been carried out collaboratively at BIC, Russia**

### *Material preparation*

Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports (M = Gd, La, Mg) were prepared by polymerizable complex method. The molar fraction (x) of doping cation (M) was varied from 0.1 to 0.9. For comparative purpose, the one-component oxides (CeO<sub>2</sub>, Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO) were also synthesized in a similar way. The calcination temperature of prepared supports was 500°C.

The Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> catalysts (Ni content - 2-15 wt.%) were prepared by incipient wetness impregnation of Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports (M = Gd, La, Mg, x = 0-1) with aqueous solutions of nickel nitrate. After impregnation, the samples were dried at 90°C and calcined in air for 4 h at 500°C. The number before nickel in the catalyst name corresponds to the Ni content (wt.%).

### *Material characterization*

The prepared materials (Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports, Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> catalysts) were characterized by X-ray spectral fluorescence analysis (ARL ADVANT'X analyzer, ThermoTechno Scientific, Switzerland), N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption (automated ASAP 2400 volumetric system, Micromeritics, USA), X-ray diffraction (HZG-4C diffractometer, Freiburger Präzisionmechanik, Germany), high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) (JEM-2010, JEOL Ltd., Japan) and thermal analysis (TA) in 5%H<sub>2</sub>/He (NETZSCH STA 449 C thermal analyzer, NETZSCH Gerätebau GmbH, Germany) in accordance with the procedures described previously.

### *Catalytic activity measurements*

The catalytic activity of Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports and Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> catalysts in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH was measured in a flow setup with a quartz reactor (14 mm inner diameter) at atmospheric pressure, temperature 200-700°C, a flow rate of 230 mL/min and the molar ratio between reagents C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH : H<sub>2</sub>O : O<sub>2</sub> : He = 1 : 3 : 0.5 : 1.

The analysis of reaction mixtures was performed using the online automatic gas chromatography (GC) system Kristall 2000 m (Russia) with flame ionization detector (FID) and thermal conductivity detector (TCD). C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> were separated using a stainless-steel packed column (length, 1.5 m; inner diameter, 3 mm; column temperature, 165 °C) filled with a polymer sorbent HayeSep S and analyzed via FID. H<sub>2</sub>, He, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> were separated using a stainless-steel packed column (length, 1.5 m; inner diameter, 3 mm; column temperature, 165°C) filled with SKT charcoal and analyzed by the TCD system, which was operating with helium as a carrier gas.

In order to minimize the hot spot formation in the catalyst bed, the 0.5 g sample (fraction of 0.25–0.50 mm) was diluted by 1.5 g of higher heat conductivity and thermal stability  $\beta$ -SiC of the same particle fraction. Before reaction, the catalyst was reduced in H<sub>2</sub>/He at a flow rate of 100 mL/min at 700°C for 60 min. Yields of H<sub>2</sub> and products (C<sub>i</sub> = CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub>) were determined as percent of products produced by the reaction from maximally possible amounts e.g.

$$Y_{H_2} = 100 \cdot V_{H_2}^{out} / (3 \cdot V_{C_2H_5OH}^{in} + V_{H_2O}^{in}),$$

where  $Y_{H_2}$  is a yield of H<sub>2</sub>, %;  $V_{H_2}^{out}$  is a molar rate of H<sub>2</sub> at the reactor outlet, mol/min;  $V_{C_2H_5OH}^{in}$  is a molar rate of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH introduced into the reactor, mol/min;  $V_{H_2O}^{in}$  is a molar rate of H<sub>2</sub>O introduced into the reactor, mol/min.

$$Y_{C_i} = 100 \cdot i \cdot V_{C_i}^{out} / 2 \cdot V_{C_2H_5OH}^{in},$$

where  $Y_{C_i}$  is a yield of C<sub>i</sub>, %;  $V_{C_i}^{out}$  is a molar rate of C<sub>i</sub> at the reactor outlet, mol/min;  $i$  – quantity of carbon atoms in C<sub>i</sub>;  $V_{C_2H_5OH}^{in}$  is a molar rate of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH introduced into the reactor, mol/min.

Selectivity of C<sub>i</sub> formation was determined as:

$$S_i = i \cdot V_{C_i}^{out} / \sum i \cdot V_{C_i}^{out},$$

where  $S_i$  is formation of C<sub>i</sub> product, %;  $i$  – quantity of carbon atoms in C<sub>i</sub>;  $V_{C_i}^{out}$  is a molar rate of C<sub>i</sub> at the reactor outlet, mol/min. The experimental error in the value of methane conversion and product yields is 10%.

The calculation of the thermodynamic outlet composition was made using an in-house software package based on the minimization of the Gibbs free energy method.

10. Detailed analysis of results indicating contributions made towards increasing the state of knowledge in the subject:

### **Characterization of supports and catalysts**

The Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports were synthesized by polymerizable complex method at variation of type (Gd, La, Mg) and molar fraction (x) of doping cation (M). In this work, we increased content of doping cation up to x = 0.8-1.0 and analyzed information for all Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> samples with x = 0-1. The chemical composition of calcined materials determined by X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy was in good agreement with specified value. The specific surface area ( $S_{BET}$ ) of Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> was changed as a function of chemical composition of materials in the wide range of values. With an increase of x from 0.1 to 0.9 it decreases from 95 to 20 m<sup>2</sup>/g for M = Gd, from 95 to 25 m<sup>2</sup>/g for M = La and from 70 to 45 m<sup>2</sup>/g for M =

Mg. So the  $S_{\text{BET}}$  has maximum value at low molar fraction of M and at  $x = 0.1-0.2$  grows in the following sequence of cations:  $\text{Mg} < \text{Gd} < \text{La}$ . Among one-component samples the  $\text{CeO}_2$  has relatively high value of  $S_{\text{BET}} - 75 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ , while the specific surface area of the rest was under  $25 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ . In particular, it is equal to 15, 25 and  $20 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  for  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MgO}$  samples, respectively. The obtained results indicate that the  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_y$  mixed oxides inherit the high  $S_{\text{BET}}$  of ceria in comparison with M-oxides ( $\text{M} = \text{Gd}, \text{La}, \text{Mg}$ ) and gain the stability against sintering. It is noted that specific surface area of  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_y$  materials synthesized by polymerizable complex method is higher than those of samples prepared by sol-gel or citrate complexation methods.

The partial substitution of  $\text{Ce}^{4+}$  with  $\text{M}^{n+}$  is confirmed by shifting of diffraction peaks toward lower (in case of  $\text{Gd}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{La}^{3+}$ ) or higher (in case of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ) angles due to the difference in cation radius of  $\text{Ce}^{4+}$  ( $0.97 \text{ \AA}$ ) and those of doping cations M ( $1.05 \text{ \AA} - \text{Gd}^{3+}$ ,  $1.16 \text{ \AA} - \text{La}^{3+}$ ,  $0.72 \text{ \AA} - \text{Mg}^{2+}$ ). The cubic fluorite structure of  $\text{CeO}_2$  is the sole constituent of the XRD patterns of  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_y$  oxides up to  $x = 0.4-0.6$  for Gd,  $x = 0.6$  for La and  $x = 0.5-0.9$  for Mg-containing solutions. In our case the existence of  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{Gd}_x\text{O}_y$  and  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{La}_x\text{O}_y$  solid solutions in the wider range of  $x$  is connected with the mode (polymerizable complex method vs. coprecipitation) and conditions (low calcination temperature  $500^\circ\text{C}$  vs.  $800-1300^\circ\text{C}$ ) of  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_y$  preparation. The phase composition of  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_y$  oxides ( $x = 0$  or  $1$ ), which are the one-component systems, after calcination at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  are cerium oxide  $\text{CeO}_2$  ( $x = 0$ ),  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3$  lanthanum oxycarbonate ( $x = 1$ ,  $\text{M} = \text{La}$ ),  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  gadolinium oxide ( $x = 1$ ,  $\text{M} = \text{Gd}$ ) and  $\text{MgO}$  magnesium oxide ( $x = 1$ ,  $\text{M} = \text{Mg}$ ), respectively.

The volume of unit cell for  $\text{Ce}_{1-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_y$  is changed in accordance with radius and content of doping cation. The average crystallite size (coherent scattering region, CSR) was estimated by applying the Scherrer equation to the characteristic (111) peak of  $\text{CeO}_2$  from the XRD. These results indicate that it is sensitive to the molar fraction of doping cations. With an increase of the molar fraction of the doping cation from 0 to 0.9, the crystallite size decreases from 12 to 3 nm (Fig. 5), thus supporting the literature data. According to the HRTEM data, the crystallites form polycrystalline agglomerates mainly in the form of plates. The values of CSR are equal to 12 nm, 15 nm and 20 nm for  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MgO}$  samples, respectively.

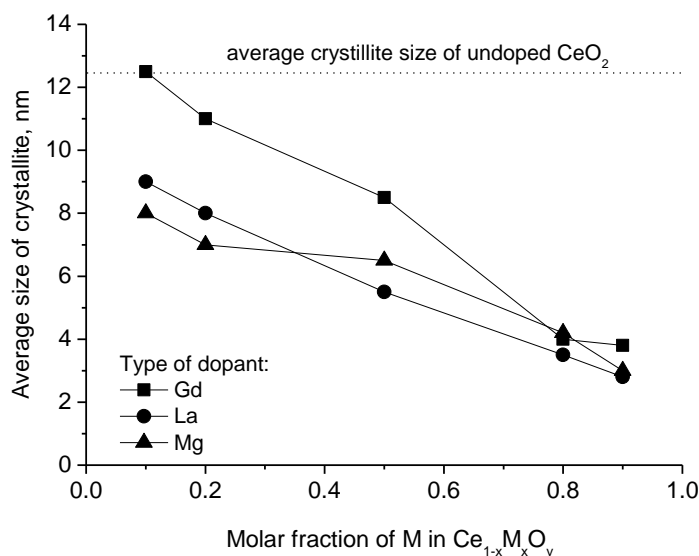


Fig. 5 The crystallite size of  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  supports versus molar fraction (x) of dopant M = Gd, La, Mg.

The prepared  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  oxides were used as supports for Ni-containing particles as active component of catalysts for ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$ . Compared with  $S_{BET}$  of  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  supports, the corresponding  $S_{BET}$  value for Ni/ $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  catalysts decreases that can be attributed to the blockage of the pores in the support by NiO or some phase transformations. This effect is intensified by increasing of the Ni content in the catalyst composition. Thus, with an increase of Ni content from 2 to 15 wt.% the reduction of the specific surface area increases from 15 to 30%. Nevertheless the tendency in the surface area dependence on type and content of dopant was maintained. In particular, higher values of specific surface area are found for Ni catalysts based on  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  supports with low molar fraction of dopants or containing La as dopant.

At low Ni content (2 and 5 wt.%) XRD patterns of Ni/ $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  catalysts (M = Gd, La, Mg; x = 0.1-0.9) showed only the diffraction peaks corresponding to the fluorite type cubic phase of support. There is no evidence of NiO phase in the XRD patterns indicating that in this case NiO species are highly dispersed. At higher Ni loading (10 and 15 wt.%) for Ni/ $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  samples the existing phases were cerium based oxide and Ni-containing phase (Fig. 6a). It is noted that the introduction of nickel does not practically affect the lattice parameter as well as crystallite size of the  $CeO_2$ -based phase of support. With respect to the

Ni catalyst supported on the one-component systems ( $x = 0$  or  $1$ ) the formation of NiO phase is only found in case of  $\text{CeO}_2$  support (Fig. 2b). In the  $\text{Ni/La}_2\text{O}_3$  samples in addition to  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3$  the  $\text{LaNiO}_3$  phase was formed while in the  $\text{Ni/Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{Ni/MgO}$  samples the observed phases were phases of supports –  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_3$  (a mixture of monoclinic and cubic types) and  $\text{MgO}$ , respectively.

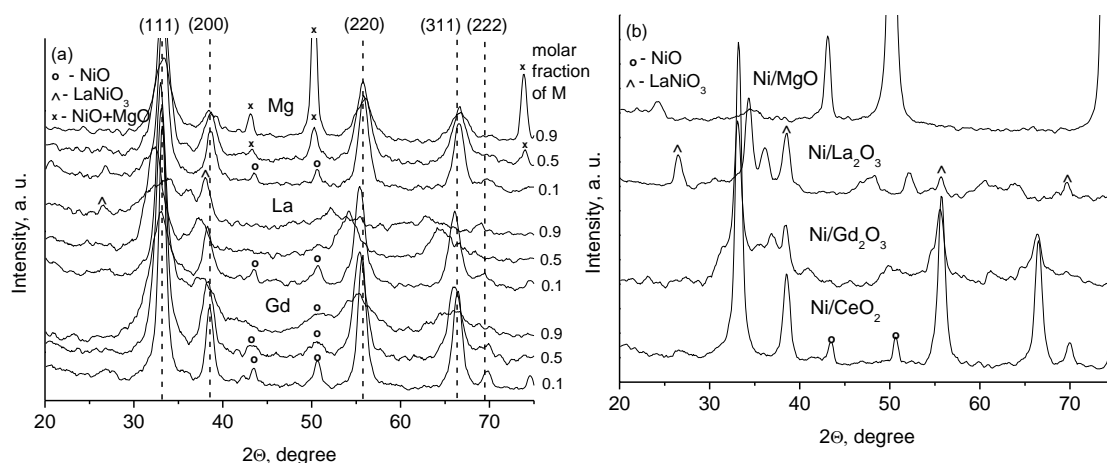


Fig. 6. X-ray diffraction patterns of  $\text{Ni/Ce}_x\text{M}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  catalysts ( $\text{M} = \text{Gd}, \text{La}, \text{Mg}; x = 0-1$ ). Ni content is 10 wt.%. (a)  $x = 0.1; 0.5; 0.9$ ; (b)  $x = 0; 1$ . The broken vertical lines indicate the characteristic peaks of cubic ceria (JCPDS 43-1002).

As follows from the XRD results the form of stabilization of the Ni active component depends on the composition of  $\text{Ce}_x\text{M}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  support (Fig. 6a). The first type of Ni species are nickel oxide particles. This form of stabilization is realized in the case of cerium dioxide doped with Gd ( $x = 0.1-0.9$ ), La ( $x = 0.1-0.8$ ) or Mg ( $x = 0.1-0.2$ ). It should be noted that irrespective of dopant type the intensity of the XRD line of the NiO phase decreases with an increase of dopant content (Fig. 6a). Another form of stabilization is Ni-La-O and Ni-Mg-O solid solutions and their formation is observed for supports containing high molar fraction of La ( $x = 0.9$ ) or Mg ( $x = 0.5-0.9$ ), respectively. Particularly, the XRD spectra of  $\text{Ni/Ce}_{0.1}\text{La}_{0.9}\text{O}_{1.55}$  showed the peaks relevant to support and  $\text{LaNiO}_3$ , while the formation of NiO-MgO solid solution is indicated by the value of the lattice parameter of NiO. It was in the range  $4.201-4.218 \text{ \AA}$  which is notably higher than those for "pure" NiO ( $4.177 \text{ \AA}$ ). The average particle size of NiO decreases with a decrease of Ni content, with an increase of molar fraction of dopant in  $\text{Ce}_x\text{M}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  support and in the following sequence of dopants: Mg

> Gd > La (Fig. 7). So for  $10\text{Ni}/\text{Ce}_x\text{Gd}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  catalysts the change of  $x$  from 0 to 0.9 leads to a decrease of NiO particle size from 25 to 4 nm. In case of  $10\text{Ni}/\text{Ce}_x\text{La}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  samples with the increase of molar fraction of La from 0 to 0.2, the size of the NiO particles decreases from 25 to 15 nm, and when the  $x = 0.5-0.8$  nickel oxide is in the atomically dispersed state. A somewhat different dependence is observed for Mg-containing materials (Fig. 7) that is connected with the stabilization of Ni in different forms: NiO oxide at  $x = 0-0.2$  and NiO-MgO solid solution at  $x = 0.5-0.9$  (Fig. 6a). First, at low values of  $x$  in  $\text{Ce}_x\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  support there is a decrease in particle size of NiO, however, with the formation of solid solution at higher value of  $x$ , the size of the Ni-containing phase increases. From Fig. 7 it follows that differences in NiO particle size have no correlation with value of specific surface area of supports. Specifically the improvement of NiO dispersion with a growth of  $x$  occurs at a decrease of  $S_{\text{BET}}$  of  $\text{Ce}_x\text{M}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  supports. Thus at other things being equal dispersion of nickel oxide is substantially controlled by chemical composition of the support.

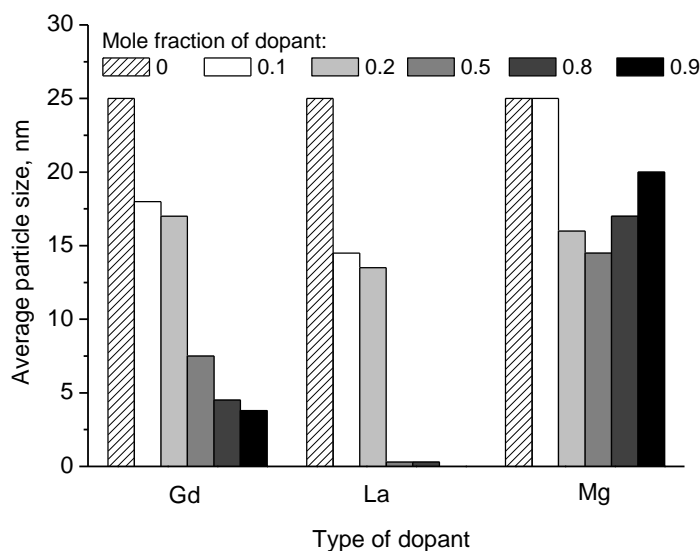


Fig. 7. Effect of support composition on the average particle size of Ni-containing phase in  $10\text{Ni}/\text{Ce}_x\text{M}_{1-x}\text{O}_y$  catalysts. Ni-containing phase is NiO for  $M = \text{Gd}$  ( $x = 0-0.9$ );  $M = \text{La}$  ( $x = 0-0.8$ );  $M = \text{Mg}$  ( $x = 0-0.2$ ). Ni-containing phase is NiO-MgO solid solution for  $M = \text{Mg}$  ( $x = 0.5-0.9$ ).

It is shown that Rh metal dispersion increases from 47 to 83% with a decrease of  $\text{CeO}_2$  crystallite size from 29.3 to 6.5 nm. Analogously in our case the increase of molar



fraction of dopant is accompanied by a decrease of crystallite size of  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  support (Fig. 5) that leads to enhancement of NiO dispersion (Fig. 7). More effective reduction of particle size of the Ni active component occurs at using of La as a dopant. When the crystallite size of the  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  support is equal to  $\sim 4$  nm the size of the Ni-containing species is 4.5 nm, atomically dispersed and 17 nm for Gd, La and Mg-containing catalysts, respectively (Fig. 5, Fig. 7). The electron microscopy data confirm the results of the X-ray phase analysis. From TEM images of 10Ni/ $Ce_{0.2}M_{0.8}O_y$  catalysts (Fig. 8) it follows that the  $Ce_{0.2}M_{0.8}O_y$  support is present as well-crystallized solid solution on the base of  $CeO_2$  with crystallite size of 3-5 nm. The average lattice inter-planar spacing of 0.3059 nm ( $M = Gd$ ), 0.3229 nm ( $M = La$ ) and 0.3058 nm ( $M = Mg$ ) correspond to the crystal face of the doped ceria. The Ni-containing particles of 5-10 nm and 10-20 nm in size were found on the surface of 10Ni/ $Ce_{0.2}Gd_{0.8}O_{1.6}$  (Fig. 8a) and 10Ni/ $Ce_{0.2}Mg_{0.8}O_{1.2}$ , respectively, whereas the 10Ni/ $Ce_{0.2}La_{0.8}O_{1.6}$  catalyst contains NiO particles of 2 nm in size (Fig. 8b) and Ni clusters of 0.5 nm in size (Fig. 8c). STEM/EDX elemental mapping identified nickel clusters well dispersed within the  $Ce_{0.5}La_{0.5}O_{1.75}$  support. The insertion of  $M^{n+}$  cations ( $M = Gd, La, Eu, Y, Pr, Sn$ ) in the  $CeO_2$  structure as well as the decrease of  $CeO_2$  crystallite size provokes an increase in the oxygen vacancies concentration of material. In turn, the contact of supported active species with the surface oxygen defects of support allows special metal-support interaction. The observed results seem to suggest that the surface defects of  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  are anchors for fixing the Ni-containing species, which ensures their resistance to sintering and, consequently, high dispersion.

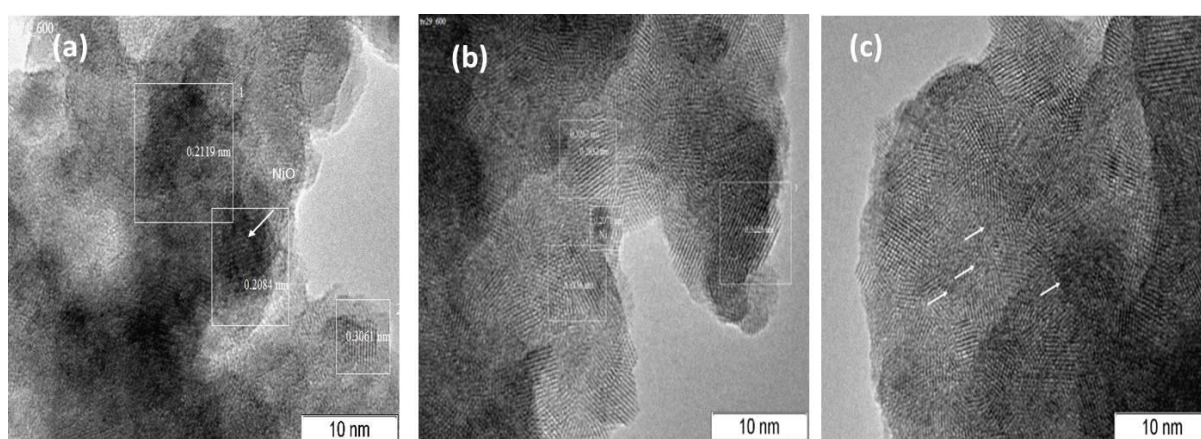


Fig. 8. TEM images of 10Ni/ $Ce_{0.2}Gd_{0.8}O_y$  (a) and 10Ni/ $Ce_{0.2}La_{0.8}O_y$  (b, c) and catalysts.

The thermal analysis in 5%H<sub>2</sub>/He was carried out to reveal the relation between the reducibility of Ni active component and composition of catalyst. As a typical example, Fig. 9 (a, b) shows TG (thermogravimetric), DTG (differential thermogravimetric) and DTA (differential thermal analysis) curves of Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> and 15Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> samples.

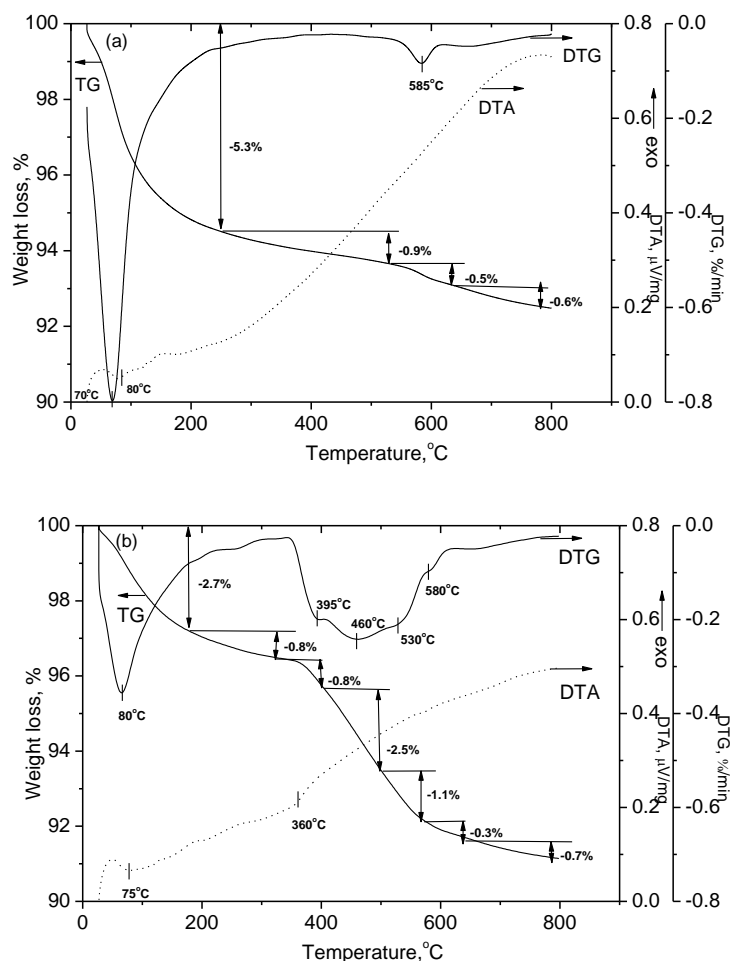


Fig. 9. TG, DTG and DTA curves of Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> support (a) and 15Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> catalyst (b).

For Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> support in the low-temperature region ( $T < 200^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) an endothermic effect which is observed, accompanied by sample weight loss due to elimination of the adsorbed water. In the high-temperature region distinct thermic effects do not exist, but weight loss of the sample occurs at 585°C ( $-\Delta m/m = 0.5 \text{ wt. } \%$ ). According to H<sub>2</sub>-TPR, reduction of doped CeO<sub>2</sub> exhibits two regions of hydrogen consumption which may be assigned to reduction of surface species (300-600°C) and bulk particles (600-900°C). It can

be assumed that the observed weight loss in the region  $T > 200^{\circ}\text{C}$  is related to the reduction of the  $\text{Ce}^{4+}$  cations, localized on the surface of the particles. TA curves of 15Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> catalyst differs from those of Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> support, mainly at the temperature range of 350-550<sup>o</sup>C where significant weight loss of the sample is observed ( $-\Delta m/m = 4.4$  wt. %) (Fig. 8b). This effect may be connected with Ni<sup>n+</sup> reduction. The lower Ni content (from 15 to 2 wt. %) leads to expected decrease in weight changes ( $-\Delta m/m$  from 4.4 to 0.8 wt. %) due to the reduction of Ni<sup>2+</sup> cations (Fig. 10a). Irrespectively of Ni content, there is a peak at 580<sup>o</sup>C that is attributed to reduction of support. Fig. 10a shows that with an increase of Ni content a shift towards lower temperatures of the peak connected with NiO reduction occurs. The temperature of the beginning of Ni<sup>2+</sup> reduction is equal to 400 and 350<sup>o</sup>C for 2 wt.% and 15 wt.% samples, respectively. This finding allows us to conclude that reducibility of nickel cations increases with an increase of Ni content in the catalyst. It may be connected with the increase of NiO particle size and the decrease of metal-support interaction.

The variation of Ce<sub>x</sub>M<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> support composition also affects the reducibility of Ni active component (Fig. 10b-d). It can be seen that reducibility of Ni<sup>2+</sup> becomes worse at the use of Mg-containing support (Fig. 10d). Based on the XRD data (Fig. 6), it can be assumed that this is due to formation of NiO-MgO solid solution, the reduction of which occurs above 600<sup>o</sup>C. The process of Ni cation reduction shifts to higher temperature region with increase of molar fraction of the dopant (Fig. 10b,c). This indicates that high dopant concentration in support impedes reducibility of Ni<sup>2+</sup> cations. As it was mentioned above, the increase of M content in Ce<sub>x</sub>M<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> induces the decrease of crystallite size of support, increase of surface defect concentration and, thus, enhancement of metal-support interaction. So the observed improvement in dispersion of Ni active component is accompanied by a decrease in its reducibility due to the increase in the degree of interaction between nickel and the Ce<sub>x</sub>M<sub>1-x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> support. The observed changes in the physicochemical properties of the catalysts should lead to a change in their catalytic properties.

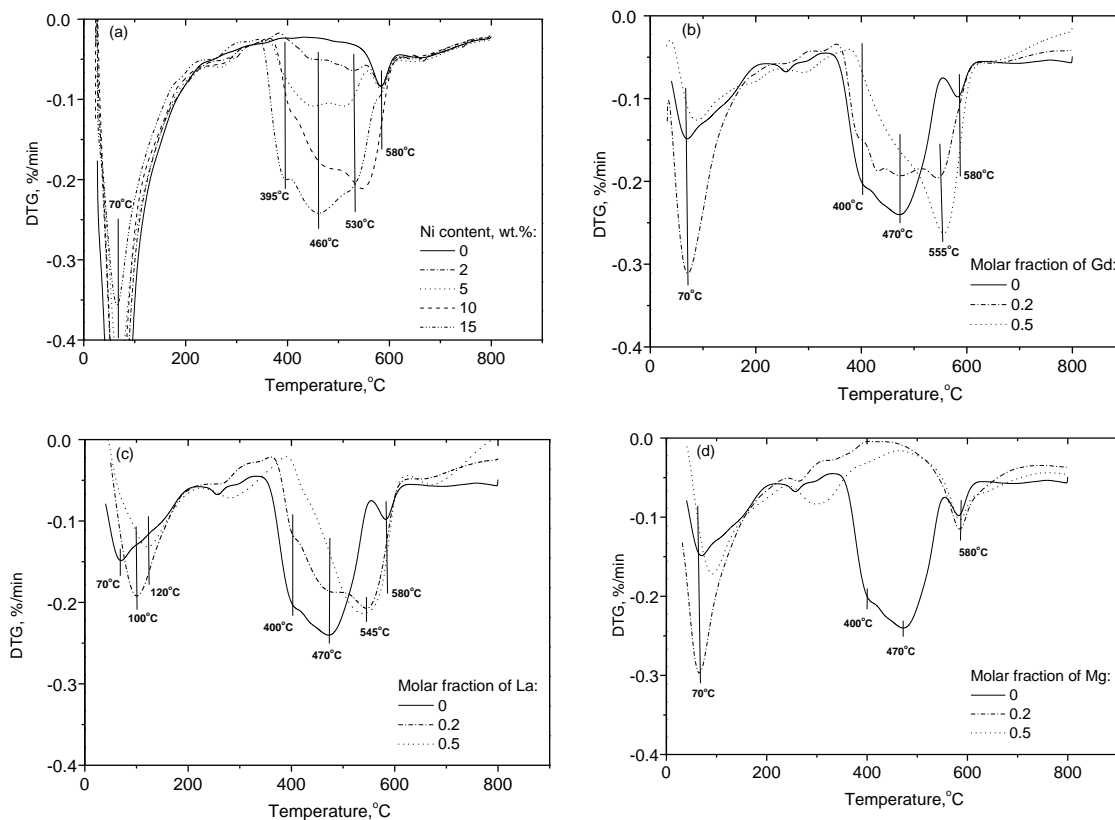


Fig. 10. DTG curves of Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> (a), 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>Gd<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> (b), 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> (c) and 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>Mg<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> (d) catalysts.

### Catalytic activity of supports and catalysts in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH reaction

The effect of chemical composition of Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> and Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> materials (M = Gd, La, Mg; x = 0-1) on their catalytic performance in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH reaction is shown in Fig. 11-17 and Tables 2. Over Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports (M = Gd, La, Mg; x = 0-1) the ethanol conversion (X<sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH</sub>) and hydrogen yield (Y<sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub>) rise with an increase of the reaction temperature (Fig. 11). The CeO<sub>2</sub> oxide and Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> mixed oxides (x = 0.1-0.9) are characterized by higher ethanol conversion in the low-temperature region in comparison to X<sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH</sub> over Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and MgO samples. However over all Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports (x = 0-1) complete conversion of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH could be only obtained at 700°C. Supports themselves provide 10-15% yield of H<sub>2</sub> at reaction temperature of 600°C and their performance has trend to improve in the following sequence: MgO < Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ~ La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> < Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> < CeO<sub>2</sub>.

Irrespective of support composition, in addition to hydrogen, the formation of a wide range of carbon-containing products (C-products) was observed: acetaldehyde, acetone,

ethylene, methane and carbon oxides. As a typical example, Fig. 12 shows the selectivity of C-products formation in the ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$  over  $Ce_{0.8}La_{0.2}O_{1.9}$  support.

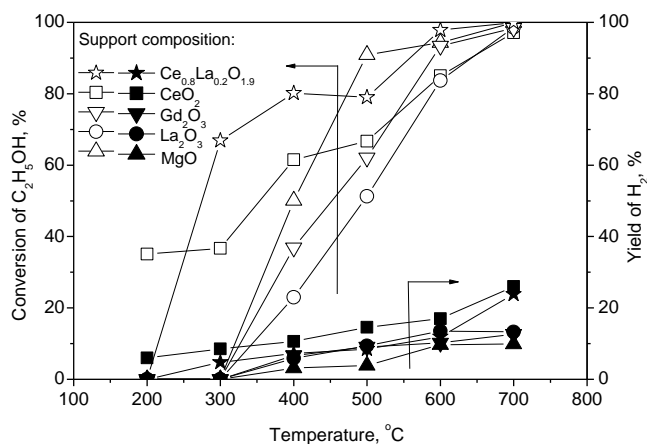


Fig. 11. Ethanol conversion (open symbols) and hydrogen yield (bold symbols) in ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$  vs. reaction temperature over supports of different chemical composition.

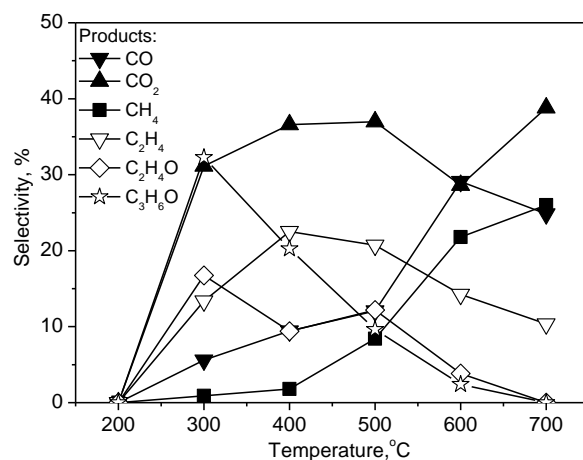


Fig. 12. Selectivity for C-products obtained in the ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$  over  $Ce_{0.8}La_{0.2}O_{1.9}$  support.

As a rule, with an increase of the reaction temperature the selectivity of  $C_2H_4O$  and  $C_3H_6O$  formation decreases, selectivity to  $CO$  and  $CH_4$  increases, while those of the rest C-product have volcano-type dependence (Fig. 12). In particular, at  $600^\circ C$   $Gd_2O_3$  and  $La_2O_3$  are noted for high selectivity of  $C_2H_4$  and  $C_3H_6O$  formation, respectively, while at  $400^\circ C$   $MgO$  is highly selective to  $C_2H_4O$  which is subsequently decomposed to  $CO$  и  $CH_4$ . Among studied samples the lowest selectivity of ethylene formation is observed over  $MgO$  which correlates with its basic properties. In this case the rate of  $C_2H_5OH$  dehydrogenation to acetaldehyde is

faster than  $C_2H_5OH$  dehydration to ethylene. The C-product distribution over  $Ce_{1-x}M_xO_y$  samples lies close to those on  $CeO_2$  at low molar fraction of the dopant. Comparatively large selectivity of  $C_2-C_3$  product formation and relatively low selectivity of  $CH_4$  formation (Fig. 12) indicate that supports have weak capability of breaking C-C bond in ethanol. The introduction of Ni in  $Ce_{1-x}M_xO_y$  support changes the material performance in ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$ . As follows from Fig. 13a, at low Ni content the composition of products and its temperature dependence are still similar to those in the presence of support. Upon the increase of Ni content from 2 to 15 wt.% the inhibition of formation of ethylene and acetone occurs, as well as promotion of decomposition of acetaldehyde (Fig. 13b, Fig. 14a). So at high Ni content (10-15 wt.%), irrespectively of composition of  $Ce_{1-x}M_xO_y$  support ( $x = 0.1-0.9$ ), at  $600^\circ C$  the amount of these compounds is below detected limit and C-products consist of  $CH_4$  and carbon oxides only (Fig. 13b, Tables 2). It is noted that in this case, the high yield of methane is already observed at low values of reaction temperature and it decreases with a growth of reaction temperature (Fig. 13b). Dependence of  $Y_{CH_4}$  and  $Y_{CO}$  vs. temperature shows the increase of contribution of methane steam reforming reaction with increasing of reaction temperature. The comparison of the obtained product yields over 10Ni catalyst (Fig. 13b) with thermodynamic equilibrium yields (Fig. 13d) shows that these values are close to each other. On the contrary, at low Ni content the significant deviation is observed (Fig. 13a, Fig. 13d). It means that in this case the reaction studied is far from the equilibrium state and it is controlled by kinetic limitations.

The increase of Ni content also leads to a decrease of temperature of complete ethanol conversion and an increase of hydrogen yield (Fig. 13, Fig. 14b). In particular, over Ni/ $Ce_{0.8}La_{0.2}O_{1.9}$  catalyst upon the increase of Ni content from 2 to 15 wt.%  $X_{C_2H_5OH}$  decreases from 700 to  $300^\circ C$  (Fig. 13) while  $Y_{H_2}$  at  $600^\circ C$  grows from 15 to 60% (Fig. 14b). The performance of samples with 10 and 15 wt.% Ni is comparable and 10 wt.% Ni may be regarded as appropriate content for high catalyst performance in the studied reaction. In general the optimal Ni content depends on support composition and reaction conditions. For example, the 30 wt.% Ni is selected as optimal value for Ni/ $CeO_2-ZrO_2$  catalysts for SR of  $C_2H_5OH$ . It can be seen (Fig. 14b) that the best hydrogen yield in ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$  is achieved in the presence of Ni catalysts on the basis of  $Ce_{0.8}La_{0.2}O_{1.9}$  support while the least activity was shown by the catalysts based on  $Ce_{0.8}Mg_{0.2}O_{1.8}$  support. These 10Ni/ $Ce_{0.8}M_{0.2}O_y$  samples have a similar average size of NiO particles (Fig. 11) but different ability in reduction (Fig. 10) that consequently can affect the catalyst performance (Fig. 14b).

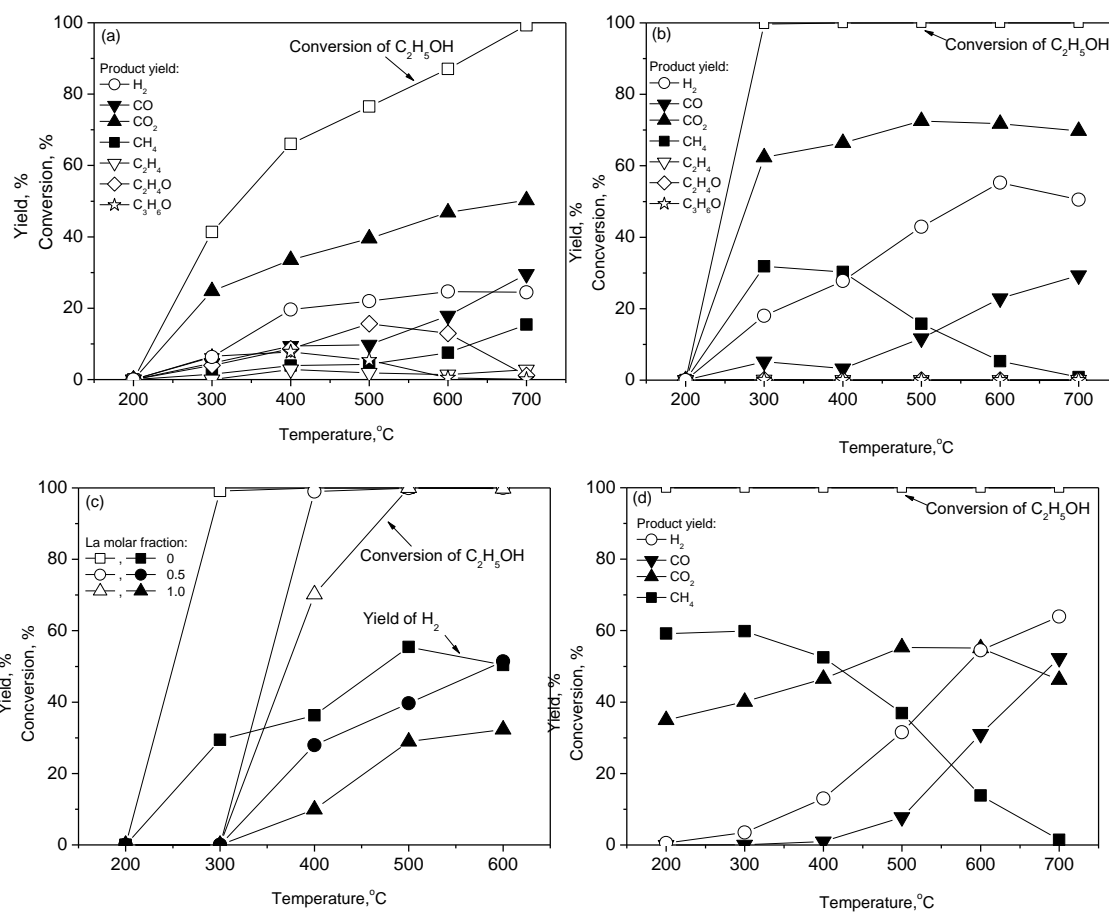


Fig. 13. Ethanol conversion and yield of products obtained in the ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$  over 2Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> (a), 10Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> (b), 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> (c) and thermodynamic equilibrium values (d).

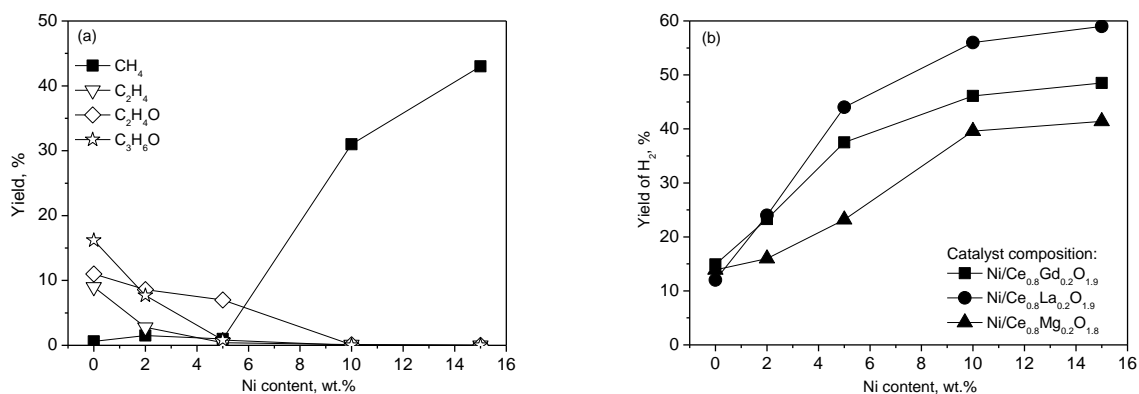


Fig. 14. Effect of Ni content on the yield of products obtained in the ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$  over Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> (a) and Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Mg<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> (b) catalysts. Reaction temperature - 300°C (a), 600°C (b).

At high Ni content (10-15 wt.%) the features of the supports own activity in the reaction is mainly exhibited by catalysts on the individual oxides while the performance of catalysts on mixed oxides differs more strongly in the low-temperature region of the reaction. In this case dopant type and content have impact on catalyst performance mainly through regulation of active component properties. The optimal value of molar fraction depends on the dopant type (Fig. 15). For example, with a decrease of molar fraction of lanthanum in the support, the temperature dependence of the hydrogen yield shifts to the low-temperature region, and the yield of hydrogen increases (Fig. 13c, Table 2). This correlates with an increase of nickel particle size (Fig. 11) and improvement of reducibility of nickel cations (Fig. 14c). It is in agreement with the findings in earlier reports.

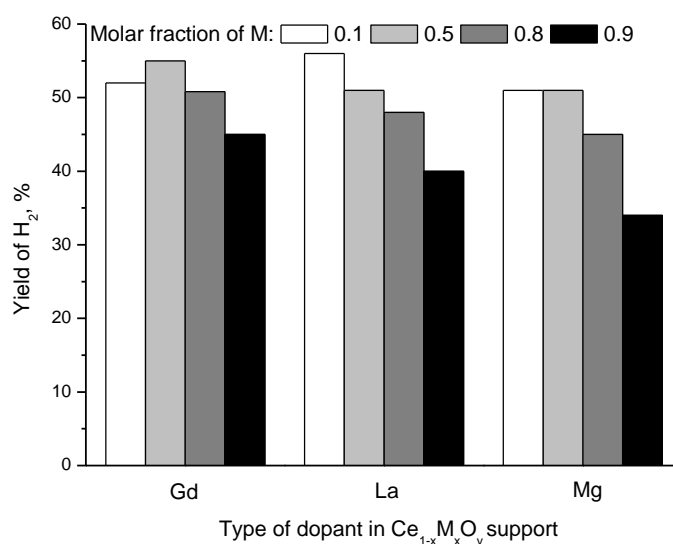


Fig. 15. Effect of support composition on the H<sub>2</sub> yield in the ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH at 600°C over 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> catalysts.

Table 2: Effect of La molar fraction on performance of 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> catalysts in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH at 600°C

| Ni/Ce <sub>1-x</sub> La <sub>x</sub> O <sub>y</sub> | X <sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH</sub> | Y <sub>H<sub>2</sub></sub> | Y <sub>CO</sub> | Y <sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> | Y <sub>CH<sub>4</sub></sub> |
|---|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| x = 0   | 100                                       | 50                         | 24              | 71                          | 5                           |
| x = 0.1   | 100                                       | 56                         | 45              | 54                          | 1                           |
| x = 0.2   | 100                                       | 56                         | 33              | 64                          | 4                           |
| x = 0.5   | 100                                       | 51                         | 32              | 66                          | 1                           |
| x = 0.8   | 100                                       | 48                         | 23              | 66                          | 11                          |
| x = 0.9   | 100                                       | 40                         | 20              | 69                          | 11                          |
| x = 1   | 100                                       | 32                         | 19              | 70                          | 11                          |



Fig. 16 summarizes the relationship between the NiO particle size, reducibility of Ni<sup>n+</sup> cations and performance of Ni-catalysts in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH. The variation of Ce<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> support composition leads to change of degree of interaction between Ni active component and support. The increase of metal-support interaction appears as change in form of stabilization of Ni-containing phase and temperature (T) of Ni<sup>n+</sup> reduction: at x = 0-0.2 → NiO (13-25 nm) → T= 470-500°C, at x = 0.5-0.8 → NiO (< 8 nm) → T= 540-580°C and at x = 0.9-1 → LaNiO<sub>3</sub> → T= 650°C. As the strength of metal-support interaction increases, an increase in the dispersion and stability against sintering of the active component is observed. This has a positive effect on the hydrogen yield. However, the reducibility of nickel cations worsen, which, on the contrary, negatively affects the catalyst performance because of less concentration of Ni<sup>0</sup> active sites under reaction conditions. In this connection, a volcano-type dependence of the hydrogen yield on the degree of metal-support interaction is observed. It is reported that both the moderate metal-support interaction and the right ability to be reduced contribute to the high performance of Ni/Mg<sub>0.75</sub>Ti<sub>0.25</sub>O and Ni/Mg<sub>0.5</sub>Ti<sub>0.5</sub>O catalysts in tri-reforming of methane. So, yield of H<sub>2</sub> can be controlled by the selection of the support providing appropriate strength of metal-support interaction. It is expected that long-term stability should be enhanced with growth of degree of metal-support interaction that is a subject of our next study.

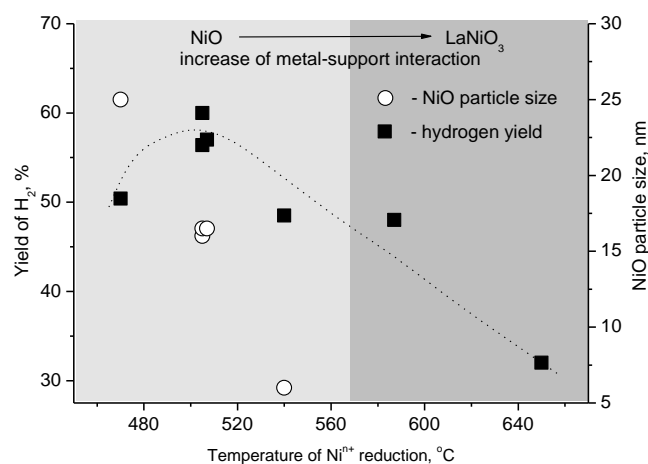


Fig. 16. Relationship between the NiO particle size, reducibility of Ni<sup>n+</sup> cations and performance of 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> catalysts in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH.

The developed catalyst shows the stable performance in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (Fig. 17). It is noted that these experiments were conducted without pre-reduction of catalysts. The data of Fig. 17 indicates that catalysts are capable of self-activation. The samples are reduced under reaction mixture that provides the formation of Ni<sup>0</sup> active sites. The decrease of reducibility of Ni<sup>2+</sup> cations in 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> in comparison to those in 10Ni/CeO<sub>2</sub> leads to appearance of induction period of reaction.

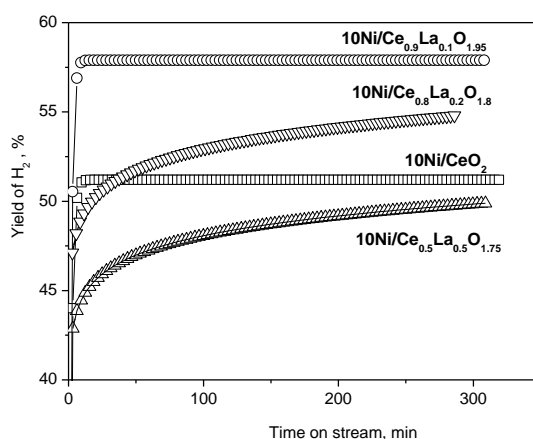


Fig. 17. Catalytic activity of 10Ni/Ce<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> catalysts in the ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH versus time on stream at 600°C.

Our catalysts produce up to 3.5 mol of H<sub>2</sub>/mol of ethanol. This is a good result compared with published data, according to which the hydrogen yield is varied from 2.1 to 4.5 mol of H<sub>2</sub>/mol of ethanol. At 600°C the 10Ni/Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>1.9</sub> catalyst provides stable yield of hydrogen (~ 50%) at full ethanol conversion (~100%), which is close to estimated thermodynamic values, confirming its good potential for hydrogen production.

#### 11. Conclusions summarizing the achievements and indication of scope for future work:

Nickel catalysts on Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> supports were prepared and their physicochemical and catalytic properties in ATR of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH were studied against Ni content (0-15 wt.%) and composition of Ce<sub>1-x</sub>M<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> support (M = Gd, La, Mg).

Irrespective of support composition, the increase of Ni content up to 10-15 wt.% provides increase of H<sub>2</sub> yield and decrease of C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-products yield. At low nickel content

support composition determines the selectivity of by-products formation, especially in low-temperature region.

The rising of dopant content in  $Ce_xM_{1-x}O_y$  solid solution induces the decrease of its crystallite size and intensifies the Ni-support interaction. It causes improvement of Ni dispersion but decreases  $Ni^{n+}$  cation reducibility. The growth of  $H_2$  yield in ATR of  $C_2H_5OH$  over  $Ni/Ce_{1-x}M_xO_y$  catalysts is observed in the following sequence of dopants:  $Mg < Gd < La$  or with a decrease of molar fraction of dopant up to an optimal value that correlates with enhancement of active component reducibility.

## 12. S&T benefits accrued

### i. List of Research publications

| S No | Authors  | Title of the paper  | Name of the Journal                    | Volume | Pages   | Year |
|------|--|---|--|--------|---------|------|
| 1    | E.V. Matus, A.S. Shlyakhtina, O.B. Sukhova, I.Z. Ismagilov, V.A. Ushakov, S.A. Yashnik, A.P. Nikitin, P. Bharali, M.A. Kerzhentsev, Z.R. Ismagilov | Effects of preparation methods on the physicochemical and functional properties of $Ni/CeO_2$ catalysts                                   | Kinetics and Catalysis                 | 19     | 221-230 | 2019 |
| 2    | M.A. Kerzhentsev, E.V. Matus, I.Z. Ismagilov, O.B. Sukhova, P. Bharali, Z.R. Ismagilov   | Control of $Ni/Ce_{1-x}M_xO_y$ Catalyst Properties Via the Selection of Dopant $M = Gd, La, Mg$ . Part 1. Physicochemical Characteristics | Eurasian Chemico-Technological Journal | 20     | 283-291 | 2018 |
| 3    | M.A. Kerzhentsev, E.V. Matus, I.Z. Ismagilov, O.B. Sukhova, P. Bharali, Z.R. Ismagilov   | Control of $Ni/Ce_{1-x}M_xO_y$ catalyst properties via the selection of dopant $M = Gd, La, Mg$ . Part 2. Catalytic activity              | Eurasian Chemico-Technological Journal | 20     | 293-300 | 2018 |

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|---|---|--|---------------------------------|----|---------|------|
| 4 | M.A. Kerzhentsev, E.V. Matus, I.Z. Ismagilov, V.A. Ushakov, O.A. Stonkus, T.V. Larina, G.S. Kozlova, P. Bharali, Z.R. Ismagilov | Structural and morphological properties of $Ce_{1-x}M_xO_y$ (M= Gd, La, Mg) supports for the catalysts of autothermal ethanol conversion | Journal of Structural Chemistry | 58 | 126-134 | 2017 |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|----|---------|------|

ii. Manpower trained on the project

- a) Research Scientists or Research Associates NIL
- b) No. of Ph.D. produced Two (Degree awarded)
- c) Other Technical Personnel trained NIL

iii. Patents taken, if any NIL

13. Financial Position:

| No  | Financial Position/ Budget Head | Funds Sanctioned | Expenditure | % of Total cost |
|-----|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| I   | Salaries/ Manpower costs        | 3,30,000         | 3,26,200    | 98.85           |
| II  | Equipment                       | NIL              | NA          | NA              |
| III | Supplies & Materials            | 1,95,355         | 1,89,423    | 96.96           |
| IV  | Contingencies                   | 2,00,000         | 1,99,846    | 99.92           |
| V   | Travel                          | 11,78,000        | 3,62,669    | 30.79           |
| VI  | Overhead Expenses               | 2,00,350         | 2,00,350    | 100             |
| VII | Others, if any /Interest        | 1,00,055         | NA          | NA              |
|     | Total                           | 22,03,760        | 12,78,488   |                 |

14. Procurement/ Usage of Equipment Not applicable

a) Not applicable

| S No | Name of Equipment | Make/Model | Cost (FE/ Rs) | Date of Installation | Utilization Rate (%) | Remarks regarding maintenance/ |
|------|-------------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
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b) Plans for utilizing the equipment facilities in future

Not applicable

Name and Signature with Date:

a. Dr. Pankaj Bharali  
(Principal Investigator)

b. Not applicable  
(Co-Investigator)

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**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR..2015-2016.....

(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank NIL
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total NIL

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |            |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                         |   | 1                              | 2          | 3            |                                 |                      |                       |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii)  | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| NIL  | 6904/-                  | NIL                                       | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189             | 05.08.2015 | 11,01,320/-  | 11,08,224/-                     | 7,50,129/-           | 3,58,095/-            |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid-<br>General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation<br>of capital | Total      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 6,62,396/-                | 87,733/-             | NIL                                  | 7,50,129/- |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 3,58,095/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 3,58,095/-

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled /are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

- (i) The main accounts and other subsidiary accounts and registers (including assets register) are maintained as prescribed in the relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions (mention the Act/Rules)


and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.

- (ii) There exist internal controls for safeguarding public funds/assets, watching outcomes and achievements of physical targets against the financial inputs, ensuring quality in asset creation etc. & the periodic evaluation of internal controls is exercised to ensure their effectiveness.
- (iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions and scheme guidelines.
- (iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.
- (v) The benefits were extended to the intended beneficiaries and only such areas/districts were covered where the scheme was intended to operate.
- (vi) The expenditure on various components of the scheme was in the proportions authorized as per the scheme guidelines and terms and conditions of the grants-in-aid.
- (vii) It has been ensured that the physical and financial performance under.....(name of the scheme has been according to the requirements, as prescribed in the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and the performance/targets achieved statement for the year to which the utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes give at Annexure- I duly enclosed.
- (viii) The utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – II duly enclosed (to be formulated by the Ministry /Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications.)
- (ix) Details of various schemes executed by the agency through grants-in-aid received from the same Ministry or from other Ministries is enclosed at Annexure—II (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications).

Date:

Place:

Signature

  
Name  
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)  
*Finance Officer*  
*Tezpur University*

Signature

  
Name  
Head of the Organisation  
*Registrar*  
*Tezpur University*

**(TO BE FILLED IN BY DST)**

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH  
UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

- |  |                    |    |                              |
|--|--------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 1. Sanction Letter No.                                 | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189 | 6. | Grant Received in each year: |
| 2. Total Project Cost Rs.                              | 24,61,800/-        | a. | I year Rs . 11,01,320/-      |
| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs.                  |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs.                 |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, Rs. 6,904/- if any |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 11,08,224/-        |

**Month                      Year**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b>  |
|-------------------------|---|
| October 2015            | 12,023  |
| November 2015           | 14,000 + 3,733 + 8,486 + 5,143 = 31,362   |
| December 2015           | 14,000  |
| January 2016            | 14,000 + 62,575 + 12,379 = 88,954   |
| February 2016           | 14,000 + 29,999 + 13,316 = 57,315   |
| March 2016              | 29,688 + 15,458 + 7,576 + 87,735 + 7,546 + 28,000 + 7,803 + 3,62,669 = 5,46,475 |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>7,50,129</b>   |

**Note:**


1. Expenditure under the sanctioned heads, at any point of time, should not exceed funds allocated under the head, without prior approval of DST i.e. Figures in Column (vii) should not exceed corresponding figures in Column (iii)
2. Utilisation Certificate for each financial year ending 31st March has to be enclosed, along with request for carry-forward permission to next year

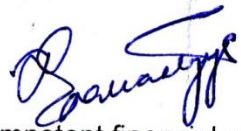


**Annexure IInd Continued**

| Sl. No. | Sanctioned Heads**   | Funds Allocated (*) | Expenditure Incurred |          |          |                 | Balance as on date (Col. iii - vii) | Required Funds till 31 March | Remarks (if any) |
|---------|--|---------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|         |  |                     | I Yr.                | II Yr.   | III Yr.  | Total (iv+v+vi) |                                     |                              |                  |
| i.      | ii.  | iii.                | iv.                  | v.       | vi.      | vii.            | viii.                               | ix.                          | x.               |
| 1.      | Salaries   | 3,30,000            | 87,733               | NA       | NA       | 87,733          | 2,42,267                            | 3,30,000                     |                  |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments   | NIL                 | -                    | -        | -        | -               | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables   | 1,00,000            | 99,758               | -        | -        | 99,758          | 242                                 | 1,00,000                     |                  |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad   | 4,71,200            | 3,62,669             | -        | -        | 3,62,669        | 1,08,531                            | 7,06,800                     |                  |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists<br>- Per diem @ Rs. _____<br>- Accommodation | NA                  | -                    | -        | -        | -               | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 6.      | Contingencies  | 1,00,000            | 99,849               | -        | -        | 99,849          | 151                                 | 1,00,000                     |                  |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses  | 1,00,120            | 1,00,120             |          |          | 1,00,120        | 0                                   | 1,23,680                     |                  |
| 8.      | Interest earned  | 6,904               | -                    | -        | -        | -               | 6,904                               | -                            |                  |
|         | <b>Total</b>   | <b>11,08,224</b>    | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>7,50,129</b> | <b>3,58,095</b>                     | <b>13,60,480</b>             |                  |

Note : \* Please indicate heads and allocation as per original / revised (if any) sanction order approving/ revising the project

  
 Name & Signature  
 Principal Investigator: **Dr. Pankaj Bhargava**  
 Date: **6/2/2019**

  
 Signature of Competent financial authority  
 Date: **Finance Officer**  
**Tezpur University**

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**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR..2016-2017.....

(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 3,58,095/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total 3,58,095/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |           |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | 2                       | 3   | 4                              |           |              | 5                               | 6                    | 7                     |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii) | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| 3,58,095/-   | 15/-                    | NIL                                       | -                              | -         | NIL          | 3,58,110/-                      | 3,57,662/-           | 448/-                 |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid- General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation of capital | Total      |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1,89,662/-             | 1,68,000/-           | NIL                               | 3,57,662/- |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 448/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 448/-

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled /are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

- (i) The main accounts and other subsidiary accounts and registers (including assets register) are maintained as prescribed in the relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions (mention the Act/Rules)


and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.

- (ii) There exist internal controls for safeguarding public funds/assets, watching outcomes and achievements of physical targets against the financial inputs, ensuring quality in asset creation etc. & the periodic evaluation of internal controls is exercised to ensure their effectiveness.
- (iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions and scheme guidelines.
- (iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.
- (v) The benefits were extended to the intended beneficiaries and only such areas/districts were covered where the scheme was intended to operate.
- (vi) The expenditure on various components of the scheme was in the proportions authorized as per the scheme guidelines and terms and conditions of the grants-in-aid.
- (vii) It has been ensured that the physical and financial performance under.....(name of the scheme has been according to the requirements, as prescribed in the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and the performance/targets achieved statement for the year to which the utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes give at Annexure- I duly enclosed.
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- (ix) Details of various schemes executed by the agency through grants-in-aid received from the same Ministry or from other Ministries is enclosed at Annexure—II (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications).

Date:

Place:

Signature

Name   
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)  
*Finance Officer*  
*Tezpur University*

Signature

  
Name  
Head of the Organisation  
*Registrar*  
*Tezpur University*

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2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
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- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH  
UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

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|--|--------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Sanction Letter No.                                 | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189 | 6. | Grant Received in each year:        |
| 2. Total Project Cost Rs.                              | 24,61,800/-        | a. | I year Rs . 11,01,320/-             |
| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs. NIL                     |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs.                        |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, Rs. 6,904/- + 15/- if any |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 11,08,239/-               |

**Month                      Year**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b>             |
|-------------------------|--|
| March 2016              | 14,000   |
| April 2016              | 14,000   |
| May 2016                | 14,000   |
| June 2016               | 14,000   |
| July 2016               | 14,000   |
| August 2016             | 14,000   |
| September 2016          | 14,000   |
| October 2016            | 14,000   |
| November 2016           | 14,000   |
| December 2016           | 14,000+18,084 = 32,084                             |
| January 2017            | 14,000+9,532+9,500+10,350 = 43,382                 |
| February 2017           | 14,000   |
| March 2017              | 14,000+28,000+10,084+5,314+66,267+32,531= 1,56,196 |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>3,57,662</b>                                    |

**Note:**

- Expenditure under the sanctioned heads, at any point of time, should not exceed funds allocated under the head, without prior approval of DST i.e. Figures in Column (vii) should not exceed corresponding figures in Column (iii)
- Utilisation Certificate for each financial year ending 31st March has to be enclosed, along with request for carry-forward permission to next year



**Annexure IInd Continued**

| Sl. No. | Sanctioned Heads**   | Funds Allocated (*) | Expenditure Incurred |                  |          |                  | Balance as on date (Col. iii - vii) | Required Funds till 31 March | Remarks (if any) |
|---------|--|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|         |  |                     | I Yr.                | II Yr.*          | III Yr.  | Total (iv+v+vi)  |                                     |                              |                  |
| i.      | ii.  | iii.                | iv.                  | v.               | vi.      | vii.             | viii.                               | ix.                          | x.               |
| 1.      | Salaries   | 3,30,000            | 87,733               | 1,68,000         | NA       | 2,55,773         | -                                   | 3,30,000                     |                  |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments   | NIL                 | -                    | -                | -        | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables   | 1,00,000            | 99,758               | 89,665           | -        | 1,89,423         | 430                                 | 1,00,000                     |                  |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad   | 4,71,200            | 3,62,669             | -                | -        | 3,62,669         | -                                   | 7,06,800                     |                  |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists<br>- Per diem @ Rs. _____<br>- Accommodation | NA                  | -                    | -                | -        | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 6.      | Contingencies  | 1,00,000            | 99,849               | 99,997           | -        | 1,99,846         | 3                                   | 1,00,000                     |                  |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses  | 1,00,120            | 1,00,120             | -                | -        | 1,00,120         | 0                                   | 1,23,680                     |                  |
| 8.      | Interest earned  | 6919                | -                    | -                | -        | -                | 15                                  | -                            |                  |
|         | <b>Total</b>   | <b>11,08,239</b>    | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>3,57,662*</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>11,07,791</b> | <b>448</b>                          | <b>13,60,480</b>             |                  |

Note : \* The 2<sup>nd</sup> year expenses were made utilizing the carry forward amount of 2015-2016 distributed to meet the expenses of Manpower, Consumable and Contingency as per rule. We did not receive grant in 2016-2017.

Name & Signature

Principal Investigator: *Dr. Rankey Blarati*

Date:

*6/2/2019*

Signature of Competent financial authority

Date:

*Finance Officer*  
*Tezpur University*

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(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 448/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total 448/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |            |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                         |   | 1                              | 2          | 3            |                                 |                      |                       |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii)  | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| 448/-  | 13/-                    | NIL                                       | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189             | 23.10.2017 | 10,02,385/-  | 10,02,846/-                     | 1,70,697/-           | 8,32,149/-            |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid-General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation of capital | Total      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1,00,230/-            | 70,467/-             | NIL                               | 1,70,697/- |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 8,32,149/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,32,149/-

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled /are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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Date:

Place:

Signature



Name  
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)

*Finance Officer  
Tezpur University*

Signature



Name  
Head of the Organisation

*Registrar  
Tezpur University*

**(TO BE FILLED IN BY DST)**

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

## Annexure - II

### **REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

- |  |                    |    |   |
|--|--------------------|----|---|
| 1. Sanction Letter No.                                 | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189 | 6. | Grant Received in each year:              |
| 2. Total Project Cost Rs.                              | 24,61,800/-        | a. | I year Rs . 11,01,320/-                   |
| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs. 10,02,385/-                   |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs. NIL                          |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, Rs. 6,904/- + 15/- +13/- if any |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 21,10,637/-                     |

Month

Year

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b> |
|-------------------------|--|
| March 2018              | 70,467 + 1,00,230 = 1,70,697           |
|                         |  |
|                         |  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>1,70,697</b>                        |

#### **Note:**

1. Expenditure under the sanctioned heads, at any point of time, should not exceed funds allocated under the head, without prior approval of DST i.e. Figures in Column (vii) should not exceed corresponding figures in Column (iii)
2. Utilisation Certificate for each financial year ending 31st March has to be enclosed, along with request for carry-forward permission to next year




**Annexure IInd Continued**

| Sl. No. | Sanctioned Heads**  | Funds Allocated (*)   | Expenditure Incurred |                  |                 |                  | Balance as on date (Col. iii - vii) | Required Funds till 31 March | Remarks (if any) |
|---------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|         |   |                       | I Yr.                | II Yr.*          | III Yr.         | Total (iv+v+vi)  |                                     |                              |                  |
| i.      | ii.   | iii.                  | iv.                  | v.               | vi.             | vii.             | viii.                               | ix.                          | x.               |
| 1.      | Salaries  | 3,30,000              | 87,733               | 1,68,000         | 70,467          | 3,26,200         | 3,800                               | -                            |                  |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments  | NIL                   | -                    | -                | -               | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables  | 1,00,000+<br>95,355   | 99,758               | 89,665           | -               | 1,89,423         | 5,932                               | -                            |                  |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad  | 4,71,200+<br>7,06,800 | 3,62,669             | -                | -               | 3,62,669         | 8,15,331                            | -                            |                  |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists<br>- Per diem @<br>Rs. _____<br>- Accommodation | NA                    | -                    | -                | -               | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 6.      | Contingencies   | 1,00,000+<br>1,00,000 | 99,849               | 99,997           | -               | 1,99,846         | 154                                 | -                            |                  |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses   | 1,00,120+<br>1,00,230 | 1,00,120             | -                | 1,00,230        | 2,00,350         | 0                                   | -                            |                  |
| 8.      | Interest earned   | 6,932                 | -                    | -                | -               | -                | 6,932                               | -                            |                  |
|         | <b>Total</b>  | <b>21,10,637</b>      | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>3,57,662*</b> | <b>1,70,697</b> | <b>12,78,488</b> | <b>8,32,149</b>                     | <b>-</b>                     |                  |


Note : \* The 2<sup>nd</sup> year expenses were made utilizing the carry forward amount of 2015-2016 distributed to meet the expenses of Manpower, Consumable and Contingency as per rule. We did not receive 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on time. Later on submission of PCR, it was intimated by DST that it was disbursed without any SO or intimation and asked to revise the UC/SE. However, it took long time to get SO. Immediately after that lockdown started and the process was delayed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment was received only on 03/11/2017, i.e. after completion of project.

Name & Signature  
Principal Investigator:

Date: 26/04/2023

  
Dr. Pankaj Bhandal

Signature of Competent financial authority  
Date:

  
10/11/2023  
Finance Officer  
Jaspur University

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**FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION INCLUDING**  
**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR..2018-2019.....

(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 8,32,149/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,32,149/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |           |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | 2                       | 3   | 4                              |           |              | 5                               | 6                    | 7                     |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii) | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| 8,32,149/-   | 25,060/-                | NIL                                       | -                              | -         | -            | 8,57,209/-                      | NIL                  | 8,57,209/-            |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid-General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation of capital | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| NIL                   | NIL                  | NIL                               | NIL   |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 8,57,209/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,57,209/-

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled /are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

- (i) The main accounts and other subsidiary accounts and registers (including assets register) are maintained as prescribed in the relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions (mention the Act/Rules)

and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.

- (ii) There exist internal controls for safeguarding public funds/assets, watching outcomes and achievements of physical targets against the financial inputs, ensuring quality in asset creation etc. & the periodic evaluation of internal controls is exercised to ensure their effectiveness.
- (iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions and scheme guidelines.
- (iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.
- (v) The benefits were extended to the intended beneficiaries and only such areas/districts were covered where the scheme was intended to operate.
- (vi) The expenditure on various components of the scheme was in the proportions authorized as per the scheme guidelines and terms and conditions of the grants-in-aid.
- (vii) It has been ensured that the physical and financial performance under.....(name of the scheme has been according to the requirements, as prescribed in the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and the performance/targets achieved statement for the year to which the utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes give at Annexure- I duly enclosed.
- (viii) The utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – II duly enclosed (to be formulated by the Ministry /Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications.)
- (ix) Details of various schemes executed by the agency through grants-in-aid received from the same Ministry or from other Ministries is enclosed at Annexure—II (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications).

Date:

Place:

Signature



Name  
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)

*Finance Officer  
Tezpur University*

Signature



Name  
Head of the Organisation

*Registrar  
Tezpur University*

**(TO BE FILLED IN BY DST)**

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH  
UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

- |  |                    |    |  |
|--|--------------------|----|--|
| 1. Sanction Letter No.                                 | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189 | 6. | Grant Received in each year:                       |
| 2. Total Project Cost Rs.                              | 24,61,800/-        | a. | I year Rs . 11,01,320/-                            |
| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs. 10,02,385/-                            |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs. NIL                                   |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, Rs. 6,904/- + 15/- +13/- if any +25060/- |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 21,35,697/-                              |

**Month**

**Year**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b> |
|-------------------------|--|
| April 2018-March 2019   | NIL                                    |
|                         |  |
|                         |  |

**Note:**

1. Expenditure under the sanctioned heads, at any point of time, should not exceed funds allocated under the head, without prior approval of DST i.e. Figures in Column (vii) should not exceed corresponding figures in Column (iii)
2. Utilisation Certificate for each financial year ending 31st March has to be enclosed, along with request for carry-forward permission to next year



**Annexure IInd Continued**

| Sl. No. | Sanctioned Heads**  | Funds Allocated (*)   | Expenditure Incurred |                  |                 |                                     | Balance as on date (Col. iii - vii) | Required Funds till 31 March | Remarks (if any) |                 |
|---------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|         |   |                       | I Yr.                | II Yr.*          | III Yr.         | IV Yr.                              |                                     |                              |                  | Total (iv+v+vi) |
| i.      | ii.   | iii.                  | iv.                  | v.               | vi.             |                                     | vii.                                | viii.                        | ix.              | x.              |
| 1.      | Salaries  | 3,30,000              | 87,733               | 1,68,000         | 70,467          | No expense made during these period | 3,26,200                            | 3,800                        | -                |                 |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments  | NIL                   | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                                   | -                            | -                |                 |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables  | 1,00,000+<br>95,355   | 99,758               | 89,665           | -               |                                     | 1,89,423                            | 5,932                        | -                |                 |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad  | 4,71,200+<br>7,06,800 | 3,62,669             | -                | -               |                                     | 3,62,669                            | 8,15,331                     | -                |                 |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists<br>- Per diem @<br>Rs. _____<br>- Accommodation | NA                    | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                                   | -                            | -                |                 |
| 6.      | Contingencies   | 1,00,000+<br>1,00,000 | 99,849               | 99,997           | -               |                                     | 1,99,846                            | 154                          | -                |                 |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses   | 1,00,120+<br>1,00,230 | 1,00,120             | -                | 1,00,230        |                                     | 2,00,350                            | 0                            | -                |                 |
| 8.      | Interest earned   | 31,992                | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                                   | 31,992                       | -                |                 |
|         | <b>Total</b>  | <b>21,35,697</b>      | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>3,57,662*</b> | <b>1,70,697</b> |                                     | <b>12,78,488</b>                    | <b>8,57,209</b>              | <b>-</b>         |                 |

Note : \* The 2<sup>nd</sup> year expenses were made utilizing the carry forward amount of 2015-2016 distributed to meet the expenses of Manpower, Consumable and Contingency as per rule. We did not receive 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on time. Later on submission of PCR, it was intimated by DST that it was disbursed without any SO or intimation and asked to revise the UC/SE. However, it took long time to get SO. Immediately after that lockdown started and the process was delayed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment was received only on 03/11/2017, i.e. after completion of project.

Name & Signature  
Principal Investigator:  
Date:

  
Dr. Pardeep Bhandal  
26/04/2023

Signature of Competent financial authority  
Date:  
  
10/5/2023  
Finance Officer  
Tejpur University

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**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR..2019-2020.....

(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 8,57,209/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,57,209/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |           |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | 2                       | 3   | 4                              |           |              | 5                               | 6                    | 7                     |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii) | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| 8,57,209/-   | 6,289/-                 | NIL                                       | -                              | -         | -            | 8,63,498/-                      | NIL                  | 8,63,498/-            |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid- General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation of capital | Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| NIL                    | NIL                  | NIL                               | NIL   |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 8,63,498/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,63,498/-

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled /are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.

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- (iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions and scheme guidelines.
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Date:

Place:

Signature



Name  
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)

*Finance Officer  
Tezpur University*

Signature



Name  
Head of the Organisation

*Registrar  
Tezpur University*

**(TO BE FILLED IN BY DST)**

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH  
UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

- |  |                    |    |   |
|--|--------------------|----|---|
| 1. Sanction Letter No.                                 | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189 | 6. | Grant Received in each year:                                  |
| 2. Total Project Cost Rs.                              | 24,61,800/-        | a. | I year Rs . 11,01,320/-                                       |
| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs. 10,02,385/-                                       |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs. NIL  |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, Rs. 6,904/- + 15/- +13/- if any +25,060/-+ 6,289/-+ |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 21,41,986/-   |

**Month**

**Year**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b> |
|-------------------------|--|
| April 2019-March 2020   | NIL                                    |
|                         |  |
|                         |  |

**Note:**

1. Expenditure under the sanctioned heads, at any point of time, should not exceed funds allocated under the head, without prior approval of DST i.e. Figures in Column (vii) should not exceed corresponding figures in Column (iii)
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| Sl. No. | Sanctioned Heads**  | Funds Allocated (*)   | Expenditure Incurred |                  |                 |                                     |                  | Balance as on date (Col. iii - vii) | Required Funds till 31 March | Remarks (if any) |
|---------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|         |   |                       | I Yr.                | II Yr.*          | III Yr.         | IV-V Yr.                            | Total (iv+v+vi)  |                                     |                              |                  |
| i.      | ii.   | iii.                  | iv.                  | v.               | vi.             |                                     | vii.             | viii.                               | ix.                          | x.               |
| 1.      | Salaries  | 3,30,000              | 87,733               | 1,68,000         | 70,467          | No expense made during these period | 3,26,200         | 3,800                               | -                            |                  |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments  | NIL                   | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables  | 1,00,000+<br>95,355   | 99,758               | 89,665           | -               |                                     | 1,89,423         | 5,932                               | -                            |                  |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad  | 4,71,200+<br>7,06,800 | 3,62,669             | -                | -               |                                     | 3,62,669         | 8,15,331                            | -                            |                  |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists<br>- Per diem @<br>Rs. _____<br>- Accommodation | NA                    | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 6.      | Contingencies   | 1,00,000+<br>1,00,000 | 99,849               | 99,997           | -               |                                     | 1,99,846         | 154                                 | -                            |                  |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses   | 1,00,120+<br>1,00,230 | 1,00,120             | -                | 1,00,230        |                                     | 2,00,350         | 0                                   | -                            |                  |
| 8.      | Interest earned   | 38,281                | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | 38,281                              | -                            |                  |
|         | <b>Total</b>  | <b>21,41,986</b>      | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>3,57,662*</b> | <b>1,70,697</b> |                                     | <b>12,78,488</b> | <b>8,63,498</b>                     | <b>-</b>                     |                  |

Note : \* The 2<sup>nd</sup> year expenses were made utilizing the carry forward amount of 2015-2016 distributed to meet the expenses of Manpower, Consumable and Contingency as per rule. We did not receive 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on time. Later on submission of PCR, it was intimated by DST that it was disbursed without any SO or intimation and asked to revise the UC/SE. However, it took long time to get SO. Immediately after that lockdown started and the process was delayed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment was received only on 03/11/2017, i.e. after completion of project.

Name & Signature

Principal Investigator:

Date:

*Dr. Pankaj Bharal*

*Dr. Pankaj Bharal*

*26/04/2023*

Signature of Competent financial authority

Date:

*10/17/2023*

*Finance Officer  
Tezpur University*

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**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR..2020-2021.....

(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 8,63,498/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,63,498/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |           |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | 2                       | 3   | 4                              |           |              | 5                               | 6                    | 7                     |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii) | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| 8,63,498/-   | 20,949/-                | NIL                                       | -                              | -         | -            | 8,84,447/-                      | NIL                  | 8,84,447/-            |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid-General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation of capital | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| NIL                   | NIL                  | NIL                               | NIL   |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 8,84,447/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,84,447/-

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled /are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.

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- (iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.
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Date:

Place:

Signature



Name  
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)

*Finance Officer  
Tezpur University*

Signature



Name  
Head of the Organisation

*Registrar  
Tezpur University*

**(TO BE FILLED IN BY DST)**

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH  
UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

- |  |                    |    |  |
|--|--------------------|----|--|
| 1. Sanction Letter No.                                 | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189 | 6. | Grant Received in each year:   |
| 2. Total Project Cost Rs.                              | 24,61,800/-        | a. | I year Rs . 11,01,320/-  |
| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs. 10,02,385/-  |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs. NIL   |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, if any Rs. 6,904/- + 15/- +13/- +25,060/-+ 6,289/-+20949/- |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 21,62,935/-  |

**Month**

**Year**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b> |
|-------------------------|--|
| April 2020-March 2021   | NIL                                    |
|                         |  |
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**Note:**

1. Expenditure under the sanctioned heads, at any point of time, should not exceed funds allocated under the head, without prior approval of DST i.e. Figures in Column (vii) should not exceed corresponding figures in Column (iii)
2. Utilisation Certificate for each financial year ending 31st March has to be enclosed, along with request for carry-forward permission to next year



**Annexure IInd Continued**

| Sl. No. | Sanctioned Heads**   | Funds Allocated (*)   | Expenditure Incurred |                  |                 |                                     |                  | Balance as on date (Col. iii - vii) | Required Funds till 31 March | Remarks (if any) |
|---------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|         |  |                       | I Yr.                | II Yr.*          | III Yr.         | IV-VI Yr.                           | Total (iv+v+vi)  |                                     |                              |                  |
| i.      | ii.  | iii.                  | iv.                  | v.               | vi.             |                                     | vii.             | viii.                               | ix.                          | x.               |
| 1.      | Salaries   | 3,30,000              | 87,733               | 1,68,000         | 70,467          | No expense made during these period | 3,26,200         | 3,800                               | -                            |                  |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments   | NIL                   | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables   | 1,00,000+<br>95,355   | 99,758               | 89,665           | -               |                                     | 1,89,423         | 5,932                               | -                            |                  |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad                                       | 4,71,200+<br>7,06,800 | 3,62,669             | -                | -               |                                     | 3,62,669         | 8,15,331                            | -                            |                  |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists - Per diem @ Rs. _____ - Accommodation | NA                    | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 6.      | Contingencies  | 1,00,000+<br>1,00,000 | 99,849               | 99,997           | -               |                                     | 1,99,846         | 154                                 | -                            |                  |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses  | 1,00,120+<br>1,00,230 | 1,00,120             | -                | 1,00,230        |                                     | 2,00,350         | 0                                   | -                            |                  |
| 8.      | Interest earned  | 59,230                | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | 59,230                              | -                            |                  |
|         | <b>Total</b>   | <b>21,62,935</b>      | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>3,57,662*</b> | <b>1,70,697</b> |                                     | <b>12,78,488</b> | <b>8,84,447</b>                     | <b>-</b>                     |                  |

Note : \* The 2<sup>nd</sup> year expenses were made utilizing the carry forward amount of 2015-2016 distributed to meet the expenses of Manpower, Consumable and Contingency as per rule. We did not receive 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on time. Later on submission of PCR, it was intimated by DST that it was disbursed without any SO or intimation and asked to revise the UC/SE. However, it took long time to get SO. Immediately after that lockdown started and the process was delayed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment was received only on 03/11/2017, i.e. after completion of project.

Name & Signature  
Principal Investigator: *Dr. Pankaj Bhanal*  
Date: *26/04/2018*

Signature of Competent financial authority  
Date: *15/05/2018*  
*Finance Officer*  
*Tezpur University*

**GFR 12 – A**  
**[(SEE RULE 238 (1))**  
**FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION INCLUDING**  
**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR..2021-2022.....

(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 8,84,447/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total 8,84,447/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |           |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | 2                       | 3   | 4                              |           |              | 5                               | 6                    | 7                     |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii) | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| 8,84,447/-   | 21,473/-                | NIL                                       | -                              | -         | -            | 9,05,920/-                      | NIL                  | 9,05,920/-            |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid-General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation of capital | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| NIL                   | NIL                  | NIL                               | NIL   |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 9,05,920/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 9,05,920/-

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled /are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

- (i) The main accounts and other subsidiary accounts and registers (including assets register) are maintained as prescribed in the relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions (mention the Act/Rules)

and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.

- (ii) There exist internal controls for safeguarding public funds/assets, watching outcomes and achievements of physical targets against the financial inputs, ensuring quality in asset creation etc. & the periodic evaluation of internal controls is exercised to ensure their effectiveness.
- (iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions and scheme guidelines.
- (iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.
- (v) The benefits were extended to the intended beneficiaries and only such areas/districts were covered where the scheme was intended to operate.
- (vi) The expenditure on various components of the scheme was in the proportions authorized as per the scheme guidelines and terms and conditions of the grants-in-aid.
- (vii) It has been ensured that the physical and financial performance under.....(name of the scheme has been according to the requirements, as prescribed in the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and the performance/targets achieved statement for the year to which the utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes give at Annexure- I duly enclosed.
- (viii) The utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – II duly enclosed (to be formulated by the Ministry /Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications.)
- (ix) Details of various schemes executed by the agency through grants-in-aid received from the same Ministry or from other Ministries is enclosed at Annexure—II (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications).

Date:

Place:

Signature



Name  
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)

*Finance Officer  
Tezpur University*

Signature



Name  
Head of the Organisation

*Registrar  
Tezpur University*

**(TO BE FILLED IN BY DST)**

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH  
UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

- |  |                    |    |   |
|--|--------------------|----|---|
| 1. Sanction Letter No.                                 | INT/RUS/RFBR/P-189 | 6. | Grant Received in each year:  |
| 2. Total Project Cost Rs.                              | 24,61,800/-        | a. | I year Rs . 11,01,320/-   |
| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs. 10,02,385/-   |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs. NIL  |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, if any Rs. 6,904/- + 15/- +13/- +25,060/-+ 6,289/-+20949/- +21473/- |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 21,84,408/-   |

**Month**

**Year**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b> |
|-------------------------|--|
| April 2021-March 2022   | NIL                                    |
|                         |  |
|                         |  |

**Note:**

1. Expenditure under the sanctioned heads, at any point of time, should not exceed funds allocated under the head, without prior approval of DST i.e. Figures in Column (vii) should not exceed corresponding figures in Column (iii)
2. Utilisation Certificate for each financial year ending 31st March has to be enclosed, along with request for carry-forward permission to next year



**Annexure IInd Continued**

| Sl. No. | Sanctioned Heads**  | Funds Allocated (*)   | Expenditure Incurred |                  |                 |                                     |                  | Balance as on date (Col. iii - vii) | Required Funds till 31 March | Remarks (if any) |
|---------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|         |   |                       | I Yr.                | II Yr.*          | III Yr.         | IV-VII Yr.                          | Total (iv+v+vi)  |                                     |                              |                  |
| i.      | ii.   | iii.                  | iv.                  | v.               | vi.             |                                     | vii.             | viii.                               | ix.                          | x.               |
| 1.      | Salaries  | 3,30,000              | 87,733               | 1,68,000         | 70,467          | No expense made during these period | 3,26,200         | 3,800                               | -                            |                  |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments  | NIL                   | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables  | 1,00,000+<br>95,355   | 99,758               | 89,665           | -               |                                     | 1,89,423         | 5,932                               | -                            |                  |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad  | 4,71,200+<br>7,06,800 | 3,62,669             | -                | -               |                                     | 3,62,669         | 8,15,331                            | -                            |                  |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists<br>- Per diem @<br>Rs. _____<br>- Accommodation | NA                    | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | -                                   | -                            |                  |
| 6.      | Contingencies   | 1,00,000+<br>1,00,000 | 99,849               | 99,997           | -               |                                     | 1,99,846         | 154                                 | -                            |                  |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses   | 1,00,120+<br>1,00,230 | 1,00,120             | -                | 1,00,230        |                                     | 2,00,350         | 0                                   | -                            |                  |
| 8.      | Interest earned   | 80,703                | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                | 80,703                              | -                            |                  |
|         | <b>Total</b>  | <b>21,84,408</b>      | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>3,57,662*</b> | <b>1,70,697</b> |                                     | <b>12,78,488</b> | <b>9,05,920</b>                     | <b>-</b>                     |                  |

Note : \* The 2<sup>nd</sup> year expenses were made utilizing the carry forward amount of 2015-2016 distributed to meet the expenses of Manpower, Consumable and Contingency as per rule. We did not receive 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on time. Later on submission of PCR, it was intimated by DST that it was disbursed without any SO or intimation and asked to revise the UC/SE. However, it took long time to get SO. Immediately after that lockdown started and the process was delayed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment was received only on 03/11/2017, i.e. after completion of project.

Name & Signature  
Principal Investigator: *Dr. Pankaj Bharati*  
Date: *26/04/2023*

Signature of Competent financial authority  
Date: *14/11/2023*  
*Finance Officer*  
*Tezpur University*

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**FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION INCLUDING**  
**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR..2022-2023.....

(period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 )

In respect of recurring/non-recurring

GRANT-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the scheme Principles of formation of nanostructured oxide materials and nanosized catalysts on their basis for hydrogen power production applications (DST-RFBR)
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants Recurring
3. Grants position at the beginning of the financial year
  - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 9,05,920/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
  - (iii) Total 9,05,920/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

| Unspent Balances of Grants received year [figure as at SI No 3(iii)] | Interest earned thereon | Interest deposited back to the government | Grant received during the year |           |              | Total Available funds (1+2-3+4) | Expenditure incurred | Closing Balance (5-6) |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | 2                       | 3   | 4                              |           |              | 5                               | 6                    | 7                     |
|  |                         |   | Sanction no. (i)               | Date (ii) | Amount (iii) |                                 |                      |                       |
| 9,05,920/-   | 19352/-                 | NIL                                       | -                              | -         | -            | 9,25,272/-                      | NIL                  | 9,25,272/-            |

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

| Grants-in-aid-<br>General | Grant-in-aid -Salary | Grants-in-aid-creation<br>of capital | Total |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| NIL                       | NIL                  | NIL                                  | NIL   |

6. Details of grants position at end of the year
  - (i) Cash in Hand /Bank 9,25,272/-
  - (ii) Unadjusted Advance NIL
  - (iii) Total 9,25,272/-

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Date:

Place:

Signature

Name  
Chief Finance Officer  
(Head of the Finance)

*Finance Officer  
Tezpur University*

Signature

Name  
Head of the Organisation

*Registrar  
Tezpur University*

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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature  
Designation  
Date

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT WITH  
UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

*(Year Means Financial Year i.e.. 1 st April to 31 st March of Next Year)*

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| 3. Sanctioned/Revised project cost (if applicable) Rs. | None               | b. | II year Rs. 10,02,385/-  |
| 4. Date of commencement of Project                     | 02.09.2015         | c. | III year Rs. NIL   |
| 5. Statement of Expenditure                            |                    | d. | Interest, Rs. 6,904/- + 15/- +13/- if any +25,060/-+ 6,289/-+20,949/- +21,473/-+19,352/- |
|  |                    | e. | Total Rs. 22,03,760/-  |

**Month**

**Year**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Expenditure incurred/ committed</b> |
|-------------------------|--|
| April 2022-March 2023   | NIL                                    |
|                         |  |
|                         |  |

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|---------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|         |  |                       | I Yr.                | II Yr.*          | III Yr.         | IV-VIII Yr.                         |                                     |                              |                  | Total (iv+v+vi) |
| i.      | ii.  | iii.                  | iv.                  | v.               | vi.             |                                     | vii.                                | viii.                        | ix.              | x.              |
| 1.      | Salaries   | 3,30,000              | 87,733               | 1,68,000         | 70,467          | No expense made during these period | 3,26,200                            | 3,800                        | -                |                 |
| 2.      | Permanent Equipments   | NIL                   | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                                   | -                            | -                |                 |
| 3.      | Supplies & Materials/consumables   | 1,00,000+<br>95,355   | 99,758               | 89,665           | -               |                                     | 1,89,423                            | 5,932                        | -                |                 |
| 4.      | Travel of Indian Scientists Abroad   | 4,71,200+<br>7,06,800 | 3,62,669             | -                | -               |                                     | 3,62,669                            | 8,15,331                     | -                |                 |
| 5.      | Hospitality of Foreign Scientists<br>- Per diem @ Rs. _____<br>- Accommodation | NA                    | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                                   | -                            | -                |                 |
| 6.      | Contingencies  | 1,00,000+<br>1,00,000 | 99,849               | 99,997           | -               |                                     | 1,99,846                            | 154                          | -                |                 |
| 7.      | Overhead Expenses  | 1,00,120+<br>1,00,230 | 1,00,120             | -                | 1,00,230        |                                     | 2,00,350                            | 0                            | -                |                 |
| 8.      | Interest earned  | 1,00,055              | -                    | -                | -               |                                     | -                                   | 1,00,055                     | -                |                 |
|         | <b>Total</b>   | <b>22,03,760</b>      | <b>7,50,129</b>      | <b>3,57,662*</b> | <b>1,70,697</b> |                                     | <b>12,78,488</b>                    | <b>9,25,272</b>              | <b>-</b>         |                 |

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Name & Signature  
Principal Investigator: *Dr. Pankaj Bharati.*  
Date: *26/04/2018*

Signature of Competent financial authority  
Date: *10/7/2018*  
*Finance Officer*  
*Ujjain University*