

## A comparative study between bulk and r.f. sputtered thin films of boron doped NiMnGa

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Study of ferromagnetic shape memory alloys is of interest, because of their smart behaviour and these can be good candidates for the sensors and actuators applications. NiMnGa is considered a prototype of these materials, but being brittle practically using it is difficult. We have doped boron because it stabilizes the martensite also to enhance its ductility and studied their magnetic and transport properties. The thin film samples were deposited at a constant r. f. power of 60 W for 60 min duration, on glass substrates kept at room temperature at different partial pressures 0.06, 0.01, 0.2 mb. The films were subsequently annealed at 773 K for 30 min and were characterized by using the X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDAX) and magnetization measurements. From the room temperature, XRD and SEM, EDAX of the thin films, the structure and composition of these samples were found to be preparation conditions dependant. From the SEM photographs, the thin films were found to be possessing fine grained microstructure on the glass and, grains were large in size at 0.06 mb partial pressure. The structural and magnetic transformation temperatures were determined using the magnetic and transport measurements for both bulk and thin film samples and the properties were compared. The results on such studies were presented in this paper.

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## Size-controlled green synthesis of copper nanoparticles using rose buds extract

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Synthesis of metal nanoparticles is an expanding research area due to the high potential applications for the development of novel technologies. The present work reports a fast, convenient and eco-friendly method for the synthesis of copper nanoparticles. In the present study, copper nanoparticles were synthesized by reducing Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions present in the aqueous solution of copper sulphate using rosebud extract.

Green synthesized copper nanoparticles were characterized using X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy, UV-visible absorption spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) and small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) techniques. XRD analysis reveals that there are three main characteristic diffraction peaks present at around  $2\theta=43^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$  and  $74^\circ$  which correspond to the (111), (200), (220) crystallographic planes of face-centered cubic crystals. The crystallite size is calculated using Scherer's formula and found to be around 30 nm. The FT-IR spectrum of copper nanoparticles exhibits the broad band observed at around 3480 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 617 cm<sup>-1</sup> that illustrates the stretching frequency of hydroxyl group (OH group) present in the surface of the copper nanoparticle. UV-Visible absorption spectrum of synthesized copper nanoparticles displayed an absorption peak at around 570 nm. SEM images of copper nanoparticles shows monodispersed distribution of particles with an average size of 30 nm. The particle size is calculated by using SAXS.

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