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diatomaceous earth. These powders were characterized, and their visible light photocatalytic activity for decomposition of some organic dyes was tested in acidic, close-to-neutral and alkaline conditions. Fenton-like catalysis was also tested for those materials. Influence of synthesis method, microstructure, ageing and composition on dye degradation helped in proposing the mechanism of adsorption and photocatalytic processes.

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## NANOCRYSTALLINE IRON-MANGANITE (FeMnO<sub>3</sub>) APPLIED FOR HUMIDITY SENSING

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Nanocrystalline iron manganite was synthesized using a sol-gel self-combustion method with glycine as fuel, followed by calcination at 900 °C for 8 hours. Structural characterization was performed using X-ray diffraction (XRD) and field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM). It confirmed the formation of nanocrystalline iron-manganite with a perovskite structure. Humidity sensing properties of bulk and thick film samples of the obtained nanocrystalline iron manganite powder were analyzed. Organic vehicles were added to the powder to form a thick film paste that was screen printed on alumina substrate with test PdAg interdigitated electrodes. Impedance response of bulk and thick film samples was analyzed in a humidity chamber in the relative humidity range 30-90% in the frequency range 42 Hz to 1 MHz in view of applying iron-manganite for humidity sensing applications.