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## ORL-EC 2

### Bimetallic CuNi/BCY15 cermet anode for proton conducting solid oxide fuel cell

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Nowadays, the ceramic-metal composites (cermets) containing Y-doped barium cerate, BaCe<sub>0.85</sub>Y<sub>0.15</sub>O<sub>2.925</sub> (BCY15) as anode ceramic matrix and metal nickel are utilized as proton conducting solid oxide fuel cell (pSOFC) anodes. An efficient mode to improve the electrocatalytic activity of Ni-cermet is to combine it with other transition metal.

A low-temperature wet chemical approach for simultaneously impregnation of BCY15 with Ni and Cu metallic particles was presented aiming to avoid the traditional ceramic high-temperature processes. The bimetallic (CuNi/BCY15) and monometallic (Ni/BCY15) powders were studied by XRD, TPR and SEM techniques. The electrochemical characterization of the produced anode cermets was performed by electrochemical impedance spectroscopy after high-temperature sintering followed by H<sub>2</sub>-reduction.

The comparative study disclosed the positive effect of Cu presence in the bimetallic CuNi/BCY15 anode cermet that is related to (i) appearance of electronic conductivity still at the beginning of reduction under N<sub>2</sub> treatment followed by gradually increasing portions of H<sub>2</sub> and (ii) earlier start of the reduction as opposed to the monometallic Ni/BCY15.

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## ORL-EC 3

### Cobalt impregnated natural and acid modified montmorillonite as catalysts in heterogeneous catalytic oxidation of nicotine in the presence of Oxone®

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Nicotine i.e. (S)-3-(1-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl) pyridine is an alkaloid present in significant quantities in tobacco leaves and can be found in wastewaters as an aftermath of tobacco manufacturing. Natural Wyoming originated montmorillonite (Wy-M) and acid modified montmorillonite (Wy-M<sub>A</sub>) were impregnated by wetness capillary method using Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution. The amount of introduced cobalt corresponded to cation exchange capacity of each sample. The samples were calcinated at 450°C during 6 hours and denoted as Co/Wy-M and Co/Wy-M<sub>A</sub>. These catalysts were used for nicotine degradation in the presence of Oxone® (2KHSO<sub>5</sub>·KHSO<sub>4</sub>·K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). The changes in the chemical and phase composition of Wy-M, Wy-M<sub>A</sub>, Co/Wy-M and Co/Wy-M<sub>A</sub> were monitored using X-ray fluorescence (XRF) and X-ray diffraction (XRD), respectively. The powerful sulfate radicals for nicotine oxidation were generated by activation of Oxone® in the presence of transition metal cation (Co<sup>2+</sup>) incorporated into the catalysts structure. The process of nicotine oxidation was investigated at 30° C and 50 °C, while the nicotine concentration was monitored