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	Co <sub>0.5</sub> N	i0.5Fe2O4 Spinel Ferrites			
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Magnetic Susceptibility

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Introduction

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Spinel ferrites have got prime importance due to their versatile properties. These

magnetic materials have high resistivity (Goldman, 2006; Jalaiah, Mouli, Krishnaiah, Babu, & Rao, 2019) and low eddy current losses. The nanoparticles of spinel ferrites exhibit novel properties that are useful in biomedical applications. Spinel ferrites are low-cost and easy to fabricate for various engineering applications like recording media, microwave absorbers, sensors, etc (Kazimierczuk, 2009). Amongst the various methods available for the preparation of sol-gel technique is low cost and easy to handle. The homogeneous distribution of nanoparticles is obtained using the sol-gel method (Batoo, Kumar, & Lee, 2009; Cullity & Graham, 2011). Co-Ni spinel ferrites have attracted the attention of materials scientists (Abdel-Latif, 2012; Abdul-Aziz, Abrahem, & Khaleel, 2013; Asghar et al., 2018; Singha, Singhb, & Dosanjha, 2015; Velhal, Patil, Shelke, Deshpande, & Puri, 2015) due to high saturation magnetization and Curie temperature. Since Co is more anisotropic (Kambale, Shaikh, Kamble, & Kolekar, 2009; Ortiz-Quiñonez, Pal, & Villanueva, 2018) compared to Ni, Co-Ni spinel ferrites become superior to other spinels. The substitution of transition metal ions in the Co-Ni ferrites may augment the magnetic

Velhal *et al.*(Velhal et al., 2015) reported the Ni-doped Co spinel ferrites via lowtemperature auto-combustion technique and reported that increasing the Ni content in Cobalt ferrite decreases the magnetization because of the lower magnetic moment of nickel than cobalt. Gaffoor *et al.*(Gaffour & Ravinder, 2014) synthesized the Co-doped NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinel ferrites by the sol-gel route. They reported that increasing the Cobalt content in NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> increases the lattice parameter and crystallite size. Amirabadizadeh *et al.*(Amirabadizadeh & Amirabadi, 2013) synthesized the Al-doped Ni<sub>0.6</sub>Co<sub>0.4</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinel ferrites via the sol-gel route. They reported that by increasing the content of Al<sup>+3</sup> (0-0.7) in Ni-Co spinel ferrites, the crystallite size decreases from 29nm to 10nm. Similarly, the saturation magnetization decreases from 61-10 emu/g with increasing Al<sup>+3</sup> content in Ni-Co spinel ferrites. Farid *et al.* (M. Farid et al., 2015)reported the effect of Nd on the electrical properties of Ni-Co spinel ferrites prepared by the sol-gel route and observed that both the dc resistivity and activation energy increase with Nd doping in Ni-Co spinel ferrites.

In the present work, TI-substituted  $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}Fe_2O_4$  ferrites are prepared by the sol-gel technique. To the best of our knowledge, the TI-doped Co-Ni spinel ferrites have yet to be reported frequently in the literature. There was a need to investigate the TI-doped Co-Ni ferrites.

## 2. Experimental Procedure

Thallium (TI) doped Co<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinel ferrites were prepared via the sol-gel autocombustion method. Analytical grade starting materials were used; Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3.9</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O, TINO<sub>3</sub>, Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3.6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O, Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3.6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O, and citric acid. Stock solutions of all the nitrate salts and citric acid were prepared in 100 mL of distilled water in a beaker. These stock solutions were added to a 1000 mL beaker and stirred at 70°C continuously to obtain a homogeneous solution. Ammonium hydroxide was added dropwise in the solution to maintain the pH =7. After complete evaporation, a thick gel is formed; stirring was stopped, and the gel was burnt at about 400°C by the auto combustion process. The complete combustion of the ash gives ferrite powder (be implemented from June; Kumar et al., 2015; Sajjadi, 2005). The ash was ground and sintered at 1050°C for 5 hours in a box furnace. The following Fig. (1) shows the steps for the sol-gel method.

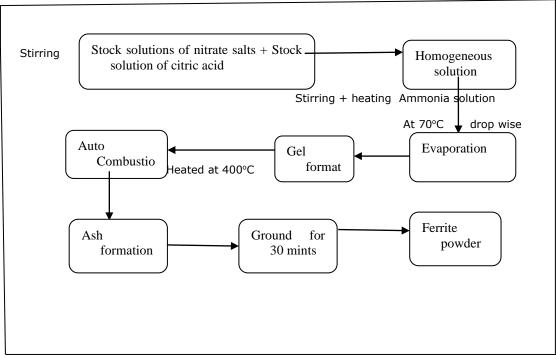


Figure 1: Flow chart of sol-gel process

# 2.1. Characterizations Techniques 2.1.1.X-ray Diffraction

X-ray diffraction is used to determine the phase purity of samples; d-values, lattice constant, and hopping length may be determined from XRD data. Bragg's law is used to determine the d-values of a specimen. Bragg's law is given below (de Almeida et al.; Suryanarayana, Norton, Suryanarayana, & Norton, 1998):

$$2dsin\theta = n\lambda$$

(1)

Where  $\theta$  is the Bragg angle, and d is the inter-planer spacing. The lattice constant is determined by using the following equation (Kumar et al., 2015):

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$$a = \frac{\lambda}{2\sin\theta}\sqrt{h^2 + k^2 + l^2} \tag{2}$$

Where a = lattice constant,  $\lambda = 1.54$ Å and  $\theta =$ Bragg's angle, and hkl are Miller indices. The volume of the spinel unit cell is determined by using the formula:

$$V = a^3(\mathring{A}^3) \tag{3}$$

The distance between magnetic ions or hopping length is calculated by using the formulae (BABBAR, 1997):

$$L_A = 0.25 \ a \sqrt{3}$$
(4)  
$$L_B = 0.25 \ a \sqrt{2}$$
(5)

Where  $L_A$ = Hopping length in A-site,  $L_B$ = Hopping length in B-site, and `a' is lattice constant.

# 2.1.2. Magnetic Susceptibility

The term magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi$ ) of magnetic materials is defined as the ratio of magnetization (M) to magnetic field intensity (H) (Nikam et al., 2015):

$$\chi = \frac{M}{H} \tag{6}$$

The magnetic susceptibility of ferrites also depends on the temperature, called the Curie-Weiss law. At Curie temperature, ferrites' magnetic susceptibility becomes constant, which is paramagnetic (Callister Jr, 2007).

## 2.1.3. Construction of Colpitts Oscillator as Susceptometer

The LC oscillator can be used to find the magnetic susceptibility. The tank circuit of LC oscillators consists of two capacitors and an inductor. When the oscillator works, the solenoid's magnetic field is set up. When a magnetic material is put in the solenoid, it gets magnetized. The magnetic field strength is increased, and hence the inductance of the solenoid is increased (Kazimierczuk, 2009; Properties). The frequency of the LC oscillator is determined as (Boylestad & Nashelsky, 2009):

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \tag{7}$$

Since the capacitance (C) is constant, the frequency of LC oscillator is inversely proportional to the square root of inductance:

$$f \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}}$$
 (8)

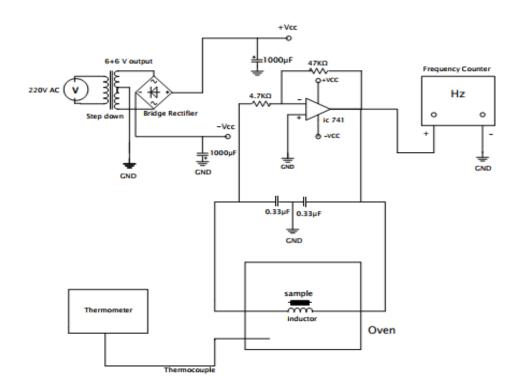
The inductance of the solenoid is increased when the ferrite sample is placed in the solenoid field, hence the frequency of LC oscillator is decreased. The circuit diagram for the Colpitts oscillator as susceptometer is shown in Fig.(2). The susceptometer was constructed using the following circuit diagram to measure the magnetic susceptibility.

The tank circuit of the Colpitts oscillator consists of two capacitors and an inductor in the form of a solenoid. The frequency of the Colpitts oscillator is determined as follows:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC_{eq}}} \tag{9}$$

Where,

$$C_{eq} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} \tag{10}$$



### Figure 2: Colpitts Oscillator as Susceptometer circuit diagram

The values of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> were  $0.33\mu$ F, and the solenoid had 550 turns twisted on ceramic paper with copper wire gauge 26 SWG. The length of the solenoid was 5cm, and the volume was 55 cm<sup>3</sup>. The op-amp as inverting amplifier was used for oscillations because the tank circuit provides the 180° phase inversion, and the 180° phase inversion is also provided by inverting amplifier. Thus the total phase inversion is 360°, which satisfies the Barkhausen criterion condition for oscillations. When the sample is inserted into the magnetic field of the solenoid, the frequency changes; this change in frequency was converted into magnetic susceptibility using the following equation (Figueroa et al., 2012; Vannette, 2009):

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{V_S}{V_C} 4\pi\chi \tag{11}$$

Where f = frequency of oscillator without sample, V<sub>S</sub> = volume of sample, V<sub>C</sub>= volume of a coil (solenoid),  $\chi$  = magnetic susceptibility. The  $\Delta f$  changes in the oscillator frequency:  $\Delta f = f' - f$ , Where f' = oscillator frequency with a sample.

The change in frequency  $(\Delta f)$  with the ferrite sample is negative. This negative sign is canceled with the negative sign of the right-hand side of equation (7); hence the magnetic susceptibility is positive for ferrites. The volume magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi$ ) of spinel ferrites was determined by:

$$\chi = -\frac{2\Delta f}{f} \frac{V_C}{4\pi V_S} \tag{12}$$

The volume magnetic susceptibility (dimensionless) is converted to mass susceptibility ( $\chi_m$ ) as (Cullity & Graham, 2011):

$$\chi_m = \frac{\chi}{\rho} \left( \frac{m^3}{kg} \right) \tag{13}$$

$$\chi_m = \frac{\chi}{\rho} X \frac{1000}{4\pi} \left(\frac{cm^3}{g}\right) \tag{14}$$

Where  $\rho = mass/volume = bulk$  density of the specimen. The mass susceptibility ( $\chi_m$ ) was converted into molar susceptibility  $(\chi_{mol})$  as (Raghasudha, Ravinder, & Veerasomaiah, 2013):

$$\chi_{mol} = \chi_m \ X \ Molecular \ weight\left(\frac{cm^3}{mol}\right) \tag{15}$$

## 2.1.4. Dielectric Study

The capacitance and dissipation of spinel ferrite specimens were measured through LCR model 8108 with a frequency range 20 Hz to 1 MHz. The capacitance of the specimen was converted to dielectric constant ( $\epsilon'$ ) by using the following formula (Pervaiz & Gul, 2012):

$$\varepsilon' = \frac{Ct}{\varepsilon_0 A} \tag{16}$$

Where  $\varepsilon'$  = dielectric constant,  $\varepsilon_0$  = permittivity of free space (8.85 x 10<sup>-12</sup> F/m), C= capacitance of the sample, and t = pellet thickness. The dielectric loss was measured from the following equation: (17)

 $\varepsilon'' = \varepsilon' \tan \delta$ 

Where  $\varepsilon''$  = dielectric loss and tan $\delta$  = loss tangent.

## 2.1.5. Resistivity Measurement

The well-known two-probe method was used to find the resistivity of spinel ferrites. For this purpose, the Keithley source meter model 2400 was used. The temperature varied from 300 to 520K during the measurements. The following relation was used to find the resistivity of spinel ferrites (Arshad et al., 2018): (18)

$$\rho = R^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Where  $\rho$ = resistivity of pellet, R= resistance of pellet, A= area of the pellet, and t = thickness of the pellet. The resistance (R) was measured from the slope of the I-V graph.

# 2.1.6. Activation Energy

The activation energy of spinel ferrites was determined by using the Arrhenius equation given below (Ramarao et al., 2018):

 $\rho = \rho_o \exp\left(\frac{E_a}{k_P T}\right)$ (19)

Where  $\rho$  is the resistivity of spinel ferrite at temperature T,  $\rho_0$ = resistivity of the sample at room temperature,  $E_a$  = activation energy, and  $k_B$  = 1.38066 x 10<sup>-23</sup> J/k (Boltzmann's constant). By solving the equation (17), the activation energy was determined as(Devmunde et al., 2016):

(20)

 $E_a = 0.1987 X slope of the graph (eV)$ 

#### **Results and Discussion** 3. 3.1. X-ray Diffraction

Fig. 3 shows the XRD patterns of  $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}TI_xFe_{2-x}O_4$  spinel ferrites with x = 0.0, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, and 0.2. The XRD analysis of TI-doped CoNi ferrites prepared by sol-gel auto combustion method and sintered at 1050°C for 5hours revealed the cubic spinel structure. The peaks were identified by comparing the d-values with JCPDS card No. 21-1152. Five peaks characteristic of the fcc structure were observed (220). (311), (400), (422), and (333) with no extra peak that revealed the single-phase cubic spinel structure of TI-doped CoNi ferrites (Asghar et al., 2018). This is because the TI is soluble in the lattice, which is substituted in small amounts with interval x=0.05. Since the minute amount of TI is substituted, no shift in the XRD peaks is observed even though the ionic radius of TI is larger than Fe. The lattice constant of Tl doped ferrites and unit cell volume are given in Table 1.

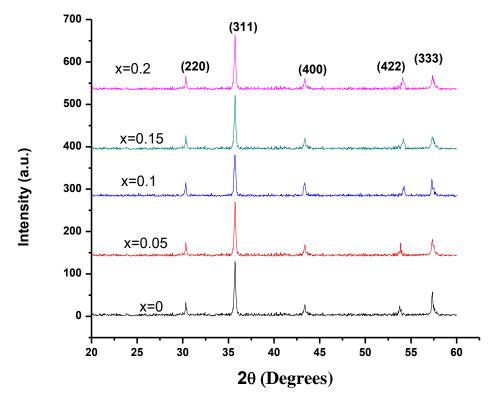
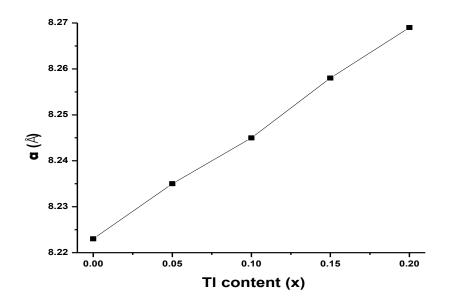


Table 1				
XRD param	eter of ferrite	compostions with	varied Thallium	content
Thallium	Ferrite	a(Å)	Unit cell	L <sub>A</sub> (Å)

Thallium content (x)	Ferrite composition	a(A)	Unit cell volume (ų)	L <sub>A</sub> (A)	L <sub>B</sub> ( <b>A)</b>
0.0	Co <sub>0.5</sub> Ni <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	8.223	556.02	3.561	2.907
0.05	Co <sub>0.5</sub> Ni <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>1.95</sub> Tl <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	8.235	558.46	3.566	2.911
0.10	Co <sub>0.5</sub> Ni <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>1.9</sub> Tl <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	8.245	560.5	3.570	2.915
0.15	Co <sub>0.5</sub> Ni <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>1.85</sub> Tl <sub>0.15</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	8.258	563.15	3.576	2.919
0.2	$Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}Fe_{1.8}Tl_{0.2}O_4$	8.269	565.4	3.581	2.923

The lattice constant of Co-Ni ferrites increased from 8.223 to 8.269Å with the doping of TI<sup>+3</sup> ions in CoNi ferrites because of the larger ionic radius of the TI<sup>+3</sup> ions (1.025Å) than that of Fe<sup>+3</sup> ions (0.67Å) as shown in Fig (4).



# Figure 4: Variation of lattice constant 'a' Vs Tl concentration for $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}Tl_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ (x=0.0-0.2) ferrites

Lattice constantly followed Vegard's law (Suryanarayana et al., 1998). The hopping lengths LA and LB were calculated using equations (4) and (5) and are listed in Table 1. It is observed that the hopping lengths LA and LB increase due to lattice distortion produced when TI is substituted.

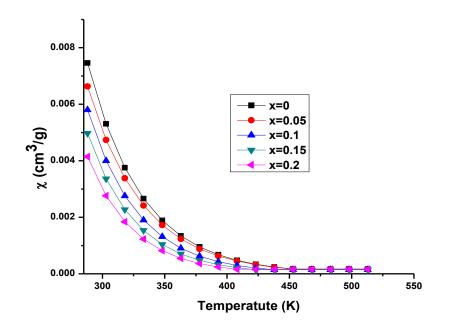
## 3.2. Magnetic Susceptibility

The temperature-dependent magnetic susceptibility of TI-doped Co-Ni spinel ferrites was determined through the Colpitts oscillator susceptometer at 10 kHz frequency in the temperature range 290-520K.Fig.5shows the temperature-dependent magnetic susceptibility of TI-doped Co-Ni ferrites.Fig.5 shows that the maximum magnetic susceptibility is 7.46x10<sup>-3</sup> cm<sup>3</sup>/g for a sample with x=0, and the minimum magnetic susceptibility is for the specimen with x=0.2. The magnetic susceptibility continuously decreases with increasing TI contents in ferrite. There are two sublattices in spinel ferrite called A and B-sublattice. Both the sublattices are antiferromagnetically aligned. The total magnetization (M) of spinel ferrites is given by equation (Shinde, 2016):

$$M = M_B - M_A$$

(21)

where  $M_B$  = magnetization of B-sublattice and  $M_A$  = magnetization of A-sublattice.



# Figure 5: Magnetic susceptibility Vs temperature for $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}TI_xFe_{2-x}O_4$ (x=0.0-0.2)

According to Neel's theory of ferrimagnetism, the A-B interactions are strongest in spinel ferrites than in A-A and B-B interactions. The TI is non-magnetic and prefers B-sites due to its larger ionic radius (1.03Å) (Goldman, 2006). By increasing the content of TI<sup>+3</sup> ions in Co-Ni spinel ferrite the magnetization of B-sublattice ( $M_B$ ) decreased. Hence the total magnetization (M) is decreased. Thus due to the decrease of magnetization, the magnetic susceptibility is decreased with increasing content of TI<sup>+3</sup> ions. The magnetic susceptibility at room temperature, effective magnetic moments, and Curie temperature of ferrite specimens are given in Table 2. The Curie temperature of Co-Ni ferrite decreases with the increasing content of TI<sup>+3</sup> ions. The A-B interactions decrease with increasing TI content in CoNi ferrites which causes the decrease in magnetization. Whereas the Curie temperature decreases with TI contents. Fig.5 also shows that the magnetic susceptibility decreases with temperature. At lower temperatures, ferrites' thermal atomic vibrations are small, and the coupling of magnetic forces is large. In ferrites, the magnetic moments are aligned due to coupling magnetic forces. The susceptibility is high at lower temperatures due to large

54.21

50.27

1.276

1.097

coupling magnetic forces. When the temperature is increased, the thermal atomic vibrations are increased and dominate the magnetic coupling forces that disturb the alignment of domains in ferrites. Thus the magnetic susceptibility decreases with temperature. The magnetic susceptibility is dropped to a minimum value above Curie temperature. The domains are oriented randomly above Curie temperature and the ferrite sample becomes paramagnetic (Callister Jr, 2007; Kazimierczuk, 2009). Fig.6 (a) & (b) show the plots of TI content Vs magnetic susceptibilities at 300K and Curie temperatures, respectively.

Table 2 Magnetic susceptibility vs temperature content of prepared samples				
Composition	□□cm³/g)	Curie Temp. Tc (K)	μ <sub>eff</sub>	□ <sub>mol</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)
Co <sub>0.5</sub> Ni <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	7.46X10 <sup>-3</sup>	453	63.47	1.749
Co <sub>0.5</sub> Ni <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>1.95</sub> Tl <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	6.63	450	60.78	1.604
$Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}Fe_{1.9}Tl_{0.1}O_4$	5.80	438	57.71	1.446

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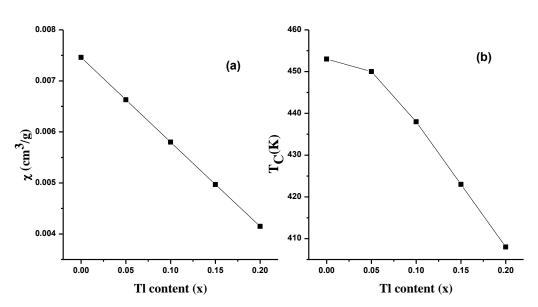


Figure 6: (a) Plot of TI content Vs Magnetic susceptibility at 300K for  $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}TI_xFe_{2-x}O_4$  (x=0.0-0.2) ferrites (b) Plot of TI content Vs Curie temperature of Co-Ni ferrites

The effective magnetic moment ( $\mu_{eff}$ ) of Co<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Tl<sub>x</sub>Fe<sub>2-x</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (x=0.0-0.2) spinel ferrites was calculated using the following formula [28, 34](Zatsiupa et al., 2014):  $\mu_{eff} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_B}{N_A \mu_B^2}} X \sqrt{\chi_{mol} T}(\mu_B)$ (22)  $\mu_{eff} = 2.828 \sqrt{\chi_{mol} T}(\mu_B)$ (23)

Where  $\mu_{eff}$  = Effective magnetic moment in Bohr magnetrons,  $k_B$ = Boltzmann constant (1.38 x 10<sup>-16</sup> erg/K), N<sub>A</sub>= Avogadro's number (6.022 x 10<sup>23</sup>), and  $\mu_B$ = Bohr magnetron (9.274 x 10<sup>-21</sup> erg/G). The effective magnetic moment was observed to decrease with doping non-magnetic (TI<sup>+3</sup>) ions in Co-Ni spinel ferrites, as listed in Table2.

## 3.3. Dielectric Constant

 $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}Fe_{1.85}TI_{0.15}O_4$ 

Co<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Fe<sub>1.8</sub>Tl<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

4.97

4.15

The frequency-dependent dielectric properties were determined in the frequency range from 20Hz to 1MHz using equations (16) & (17). Fig.(7a) shows the plot of dielectric constant vs frequency. The dielectric constant ( $\epsilon'$ ) and dielectric loss ( $\epsilon''$ ) were observed to decrease with frequency and also observed to decrease with the concentration of TI<sup>+3</sup> ions. The interfacial polarization and conductivity of ferrites are due to the presence of Fe<sup>+3</sup> and Fe<sup>+2</sup> cations on the B-sites. With increasing the TI<sup>+3</sup> ions in Co-Ni ferrites, the content of Fe<sup>+3</sup> ions decreases on the B-sites because the TI<sup>+3</sup> ions prefer B-sites due to their larger

ionic radius. Thus the interfacial polarization is reduced, causing the dielectric constant's value to drop (M. T. Farid, Ahmad, Murtaza, Ali, & Ahmad, 2016).

According to the Maxwell-Wagner model (1951) (Batoo et al., 2009), ferrites consist of two layers; the conducting grains and highly resistive grain boundaries. At lower frequencies, the resistive grain boundaries are more active and resist electrons hopping between  $Fe^{+2}$  and  $Fe^{+3}$  cations, causing interfacial polarization. At higher frequencies, the conducting grains are more active and allow the hopping of electrons from  $Fe^{+2}$  to  $Fe^{+3}$ cations; thereby, polarization decreases. Thus, the dielectric constant is decreased at higher frequencies (Batoo et al., 2009; Devmunde et al., 2016). According to Maxwell-Wagner theory, the dielectric loss is also reduced due to decreased space charge polarization, as shown in Fig. (7b).

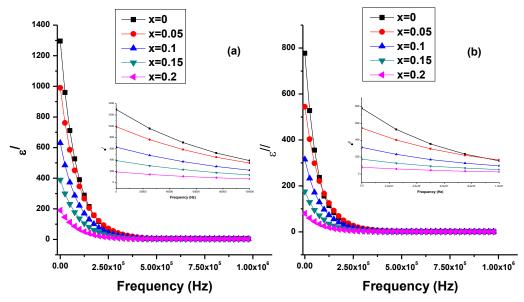


Figure 7: (a) Dielectric constant Vs frequency for Tl doped Co<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ferrites (b) Dielectric loss Vs frequency for Tl doped Co<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ferrites

## 3.4. DC Resistivity

Fig. (8) shows the Arrhenius resistivity plots for TI doped  $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}Fe_2O_4$  spinel ferrites measured by two probe methods. The resistivity of Co-Ni spinel ferrites was observed to increase with the doping of TI<sup>+3</sup> cations (Fig. (9a)).

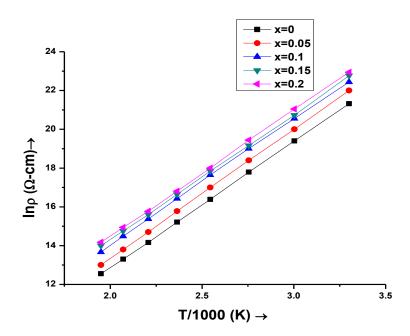


Figure 8: Arrhenius plots for Co<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Tl<sub>x</sub>Fe<sub>2-x</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ferrites

According to Verway's mechanism(Arshad et al., 2018), the conductivity of ferrites is due to the presence of  $Fe^{+2}$  and  $Fe^{+3}$  cations on the B-site. As the  $TI^{+3}$  contentsare increased, the concentration of  $Fe^{+3}$  cations decrease on the B-sites. The hopping length in B-site (L<sub>B</sub>) was found to increase with the doping of  $TI^{+3}$  ions, as mentioned in Table 1. Thus the hopping of electrons between  $Fe^{+2}$  and  $Fe^{+3}$  cations decreases. So the resistivity of Co-Ni spinel ferrite is increased with doping  $TI^{+3}$ . The resistivity of TI-doped Co<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> was also observed to decrease with increasing temperature, confirming these ferrites' semiconducting behavior (Bhandare, Jamadar, Pathan, Chougule, & Shaikh, 2011; Pervaiz & Gul, 2012). The activation energy of spinel ferrites was determined from Arrhenius plots as shown in Fig.(9b). The activation energy of Co-Ni spinel ferrite increases with the doping of  $TI^{+3}$  ions according to Verway's hopping mechanism (Devmunde et al., 2016)—the plot of activation energy Vs. TI contents follow the room temperature resistivity as shown in Fig.(9b).

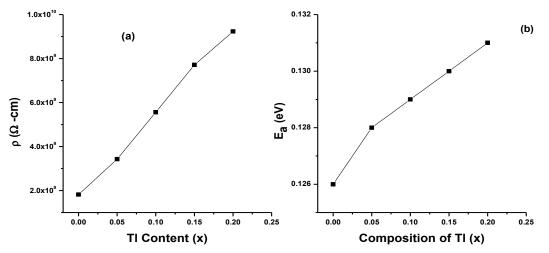


Figure 9: (a) Variation in resistivity Vs TI content for  $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}TI_xFe_{2-x}O_4$  ferrites (b) Plot of activation energy vs TI content for  $Co_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}TI_xFe_{2-x}O_4$  ferrites

# Conclusions

The lattice constant was observed to increase from 8.223 to 8.269 Å.The hopping length in the A-sites was found to increase from 3.561 to 3.581 Å, andin the B-sites increased from 2.907 to 2.923Å with doping Tl<sup>+3</sup> ions.The magnetic susceptibility at room temperature decreased from 7.46 x  $10^{-3}$  to  $4.15 \times 10^{-3}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/g, increasing the Tl content from 0 to 0.2. The effective magnetic moment was found to decrease from 63.47 to 50.27  $\mu$ B with doping Tl<sup>+3</sup> ions in Co-Ni spinel ferrites. The Curie temperature decreases from 453 to 408K with increasing the Tl contents in Co-Ni ferrites.According to the Maxwell-Wagner model, the dielectric constant and dielectric loss decrease with frequency. The dielectric constant decreases at 20 Hz from 1295 to 190 with increasing the contents of Tl from 0 to 0.2. The activation energy was observed to increase from 0.126 to 0.131 eV and follows room temperature resistivity.

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