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## View Abstract

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TITLE: Synthesis and characterization of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-HfO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles by magnetization and hyperfine interactions measurements

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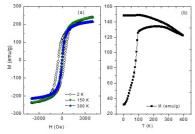


Fig. 1: Results for  $Fe_3O_4$ -HfO<sub>2</sub> NPs (a) Magnetic measurement, ZFC and FC magnetization curves, were carried out for the sample doped with Hf between 2-300K with an applied field of 500Oe and (b) M x H measurements at different temperatures.

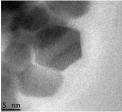


Fig. 2: TEM image showing spherical and hexagonal NPs ascribed to Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and HfO<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

## ABSTRACT BODY:

Abstract Body: Nanoparticles (NPs) that combine biocompatibility and enhanced physical characteristics for biomedical applications are currently an area of intense scientific research. Hafnium oxide NPs is an innovative approach in the anticancer treatment by radiotherapy due to their low toxicity and enhancement of local dose in the tumor reducing the total radiation dose for the patient [1]. The combination of this amazing property with the excellent magnetic hyperthermia performance of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs can produce a promising nanomaterial for cancer therapy. In the present work, we have synthesized NPs samples of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> doped with 10%Hf and HfO<sub>2</sub> doped with 10% Fe by chemical procedures. The samples had their morphological, structural, and magnetic properties characterized by some results being displayed in Fig. 1. The crystal structure of the samples was characterized by X-ray Diffraction (XRD), whose results present a single phase. Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) images show spherical and hexagonal NPs with an average size of 12 nm as displayed in Fig. 2. The magnetic property was investigated by magnetization measurement. The results from the temperature dependence of ZFC-FC magnetization show a large peak in the ZFC curve corresponding to a broad distribution of blocking temperatures as shown in Fig. 1(b). Fortunately, when irradiated with neutrons in a research reactor, the nuclear reaction  $^{180}$ Hf(n,y) $^{181}$ Hf yields the probe nucleus  $^{181}$ Hf( $^{181}$ Ta) used by the perturbed angular correlations (PAC) technique to measure hyperfine interactions. Both samples show electric quadrupole interaction characteristics of the HfO2 phase indicating that the Fe replaces Hf in HfO2 NPs, but rather than substituting Fe, Hf form HfO<sub>2</sub> NPs diluted in Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs. Moreover, a pure time-dependent magnetic dipole interaction below 300 K was observed for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NPs mixed with 10% of HfO<sub>2</sub>.

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