

## Synthesis and structural analysis of Ni<sub>0.45</sub>Cu<sub>0.55</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> by Williamson–Hall and size–strain plot methods

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Abstract. This paper describes synthesis and structural properties of Ni<sub>0.45</sub>Cu<sub>0.55</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanopowder, obtained by coprecipitation route. XRD pattern reveals cubic structure with lattice parameter 8.305 Å. We report crystallite size (*D*), micro strain ( $\varepsilon$ ), dislocation density ( $\rho_D$ ), and hopping lengths ( $L_A$  and  $L_B$ ). We also report preferential orientation by texture coefficients [*T*c (*h k l*)]. The Williamson-Hall plot and stress-strain plot also employed to understand the mechanical properties of materials.

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