



Abstract

Typical conventional methods of producing oxide powders of metals include a direct denitration method, a sol-gel method, a precipitation method and so forth. These methods have, however, advantages and disadvantages and are not satisfactory. The indirect methods, such as a sol-gel method, a precipitation method, require a large number of steps such as solid-liquid separation, drying, roast-reduction and so on, resulting inevitably in enlargement and complication of production equipment. The direct denitration method comprises heating nitrate solutions of the metals to convert the nitrate solutions to oxide powders and, according to the type of heating, this method further employs a fluidized bed or heater. The simplification and improved durability of the processing equipment are essential particularly in this case, because the control and protective maintenance of the equipment are made indirectly. This study describes work done using microwave as the heat source for the directly conversion the metal nitrate solution to oxide powder.

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3.2 Nd Fig. 4 가 10 /min Nd 가 400°C . Nd 250°C oxynitrate 가 700°C . 가 가 가 oxy-nitrate . $Nd(NO_3)_3 xH_2O - Nd(NO_3)_3 + xH_2O$ $NdONO_3 + yNO + zNO_2 + O_2$ Nd(NO₃)₃ _ 2NdONO₃ - Nd₂O₃ + yNO + zNO₂ + O₂ (y+z=2) Nd NO, NO_2 , **O**₂ 가 Nd . Fig. 5 flus gas 86 ml/min 10°C/min . NO NO_2 peak Nd 가 nitrate oxynitrate oxy-nitrate . NO NO_2 NO 가 가 NO₂ z . 3.3 Nd Nd ([Nd]=0.01M, [HNO₃]=1.0M) 100ml(Nd₂O₃ 0.1682g) 3ml/min quartz .

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Fig. 6 . 가 가 nitrate가 20 . 450°C Nd 25%, 600°C 12%, 750°C 3%, 850°C 0% 가 Nd₂O₃ . Fig. 7 XRD 가 . Nd₂O₃ cubic(XRD JCPDS data card No. 21-0579) Nd



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Fig. 1 Conversion of RE nitrate solution to oxide



Microwave Cavity

Fig. 2 Microwave heating experimental cavity system.



Fig. 3 Microwave heating for nitric acid solution at power 0.53 kw.



Fig. 4 Thermal Analysis result for Nd(NO₃)₃.6H₂O heated at 10^oC/min in air.



Fig. 5 Evolution of NO and NO₂ gas with temperature by thermal decomposition of neodymium nitrate hydrate at heating rate 10°C/min.



Fig. 6 Temperature program for microwave heating.



Fig. 7 Powder X-ray patterns of Nd oxide product.