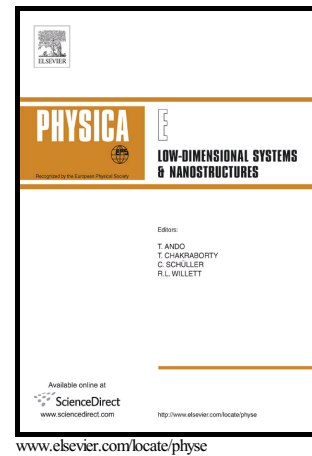


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**Abstract**

We have focused on the structural and magnetic properties of hazardous acid free synthesis of anatase titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) phase nanoflower and reduced graphene oxide-TiO<sub>2</sub> (rGO-TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposite using hydrothermal process. Because, strong acids free synthesis is environmental friendly and reduce overall cost of synthesized samples. In the synthesis of rGO-TiO<sub>2</sub>, synthesized TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoflower and graphene oxide (GO) were used as reagents. The resulting materials have analyzed using different techniques such as, X-ray diffraction (XRD), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), Raman spectroscopy and Fourier Transformation Infrared spectrophotometer for confirmation of flower like morphology, crystalline phase and chemical composition. Moreover, VSM analysis has revealed the ferromagnetism induced in the rGO-TiO<sub>2</sub> composite at room temperature. The values of saturation magnetization were found to be 0.002 and  $\sim 0.243 \pm 0.04$  emu/g for TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoflower and rGO-TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposite, respectively. In comparison of pure TiO<sub>2</sub>, rGO-TiO<sub>2</sub> exhibited larger magnetization at room temperature. This is because presences of various edge and site defects such as topological and point defects like vacancies, which create localized unpaired spins in reduced graphene oxide (rGO), induce the ferromagnetism behavior in rGO-TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposite.

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