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Abstract

CeO<sub>2</sub>, NiO and their nanocomposite were synthesized using facile

sonochemical technique. XRD assure single phase CeO<sub>2</sub> and NiO while the

nanocomposite consists of the two phases only. CeO2 nanoparticles possess cubic

shape, NiO was formed in nanorods, and CeO<sub>2</sub> decorated the NiO nanorods in the

nanocomposite. The magnetic behavior of the nanocomposite lies between those of

the two parents with a ferromagnetic tendency. Metal oxide nanoparticles acted as

catalyst in the formation of carbon nanofibers (CNFs), while the nanocomposite leads

to the production of carbon nanotubes. The photocatalyst (CeO<sub>2</sub>-NiO) achieved

complete dye degradation (100%) in light for the tested dye at 50 min. The decay

products were analyzed using GC mass confirming mineralization of Bb red dye.

Keywords: nanorods; nanocomposite; water remediation; magnetic; photocatalysis.

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