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Production of CdS nanoparticles with different methods and their usage in waste-water treatment

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Semiconductor and metal nanoparticles are in the focus of scientific research. It has been shown that their sizes determine their properties. Their unique electronic nature privilege them for a large variety of potential applications; e.g., biological labels and quantum-dot lasers and solar cells. The cadmium chalcogenides are the prototypical systems of the II–VI semiconductor compounds. Solid CdS is a yellow material due to its band gap of 2.32-2.58 eV. In this study, CdS nanoparticles with different sizes were synthesized using different methods. Sol-gel method was used for the preparation of spherical CdS and Ag/CdS nanoparticles with a diameter around 200 nm. In this method, PEG, which is capable of controlling the growth of nanocrystals owing to high viscosity and solubility in water, has been used as a stabilizer. Another method was hydrothermal synthesis which provided both cauliflower-type CdS nanoparticles and CdS nanoflower. Consequently, CdS nanostructures in different particle sizes and shapes were prepared successfully by using both methods. These particles were used for the photodegradation of a variety of dyes. The results are indicating possible potential usage of them in waste water treatment. The band gaps of CdS nanocrystals were obtained from the absorbance measurements via UV-Vis spectrophotometer. XRD, TEM and SEM instruments were used for the characterization of nanostructures. UV-Vis spectrophotometer was used to determine decolorization percent (W%) and the adsorption capacity (q) of CdS particles.

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