

Fabrication of transition metal hydroxide nanoplates in an aqueous phase

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Transition metal hydroxide (Co(OH)₂, Ni(OH)₂) nanoplates were synthesized by reacting metal salt with polymer and amine in an aqueous phase. This process is cheaper than other method because the experimental conditions have a relatively low reaction temperature (95 °C) and short reaction time (3h) without any post-treatment such as calcination and heating in an autoclave. The synthesized nanoplates were characterized by transmission electron microscopy (TEM), selected area electron diffraction (SAED), and X-ray diffraction (XRD). The TEM images indicated that as-prepared Co(OH)₂ and Ni(OH)₂ nanoplates have a uniform size and hexagonal morphology. The corresponding SAED pattern demonstrated that the hexagonal planes of as-prepared Co(OH)₂ and Ni(OH)₂ nanoplates are single crystalline. Also, we investigated change of pH during the reaction.