

Synthesis and characterization of sodium titanosilicate, $\text{Na}_2\text{TiSiO}_5$

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Abstract Nanometer-sized $\text{Na}_2\text{TiSiO}_5$ particles were synthesized by the modified sol-gel method, from NaOH, Na_2SiO_3 and TiCl_4 in ideal cation stoichiometry for $\text{Na}_2\text{TiSiO}_5$. The synthesized product was characterized by structural (XRD), spectroscopic (FTIR) and thermal analyses (TG). Electron microscopy (SEM and HRTEM) was used to evaluate the morphology of synthesized $\text{Na}_2\text{TiSiO}_5$. It was found that bulk quantities of nano-sized particles of $\text{Na}_2\text{TiSiO}_5$ could be obtained at temperatures below 800°C using the sol-gel method. The HRTEM photographs reveal nanoparticles in the size range of 3 – 16 nm with mean diameter found at 7.45 nm.

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