Synthesis and Functionalization of MnFe₂O₄ Nano–Hollow Spheres for Optical and Catalytic Properties

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Abstract : Herein, we synthesize $MnFe_2O_4$ nano-hollow spheres (NHSs) of average diameter 100 nm through a facile template free solvothermal process and carry out a time dependent morphological study to investigate their process of core excavation. Further, a surface engineering of as-synthesized $MnFe_2O_4$ NHSs has been executed with organic disodium tartrate dihydrate ligand and interestingly, the surface modified $MnFe_2O_4$ NHSs are found to capable of emerging multicolor fluorescence starting from blue, green to red. The magnetic measurements through vibrating sample magnetometer demonstrate that room temperature superparamagnetic nature of $MnFe_2O_4$ NHSs remains unaltered after surface modification. Moreover, functionalized $MnFe_2O_4$ NHSs are found to exhibit excellent reusable photocatalytic efficiency in the degradation of cationic dye, methylene blue with rate constant of $2.64 \times 10 - 2$ min.

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