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BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

Halloysite Nanotubes as Support for Metal-Based Catalysts

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Halloysite nanotubes (HNTs) are a natural, biocompatible, environmental friendly and cheap double-layered aluminosilicate mineral that has a predominantly hollow tubular structure. The general stoichiometry of halloysite is $\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot 4(\text{H}_2\text{O})$. The layer units consist of a tetrahedral SiOH sheet stacked with an edge shared octahedral AlO_6 sheet with an internal aluminol group AlOH . A water layer exists between the adjacent two layers.¹

Thanks to their structural features, HNTs are suitable for a potential application as support for catalytic composites.

Recently, we reported the synthesis of novel palladium-based catalytic systems using halloysite nanotubes modified with imidazolium or triazolium moieties as supports for PdNPs and we successfully employed these supported catalysts in the Suzuki reaction under microwave irradiation.²

Herein we report an efficient strategy to prepare HNTs-based catalyst through direct chemical grafting with stimuli-responsive polymer (PNIPAAm) coordinating PdNPs. The HNT-PNIPAAm/PdNPs was tested as catalyst in the Suzuki reaction under microwave irradiation.³

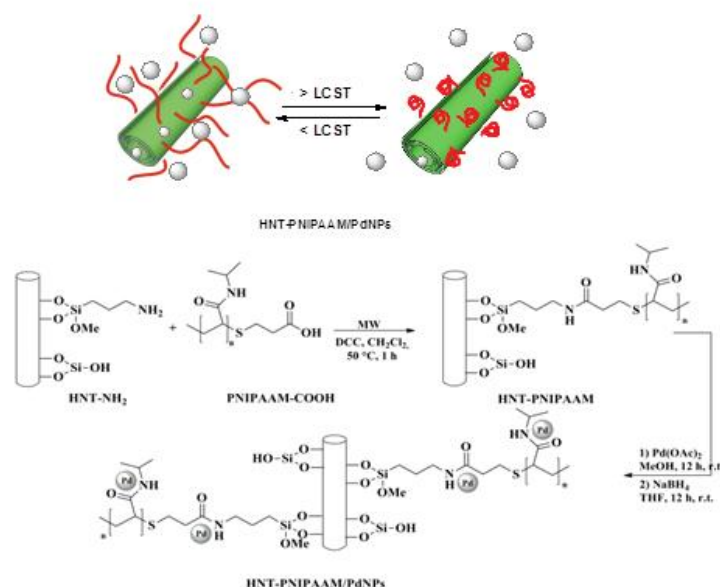


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the synthesis of HNT-PNIPAAm/PdNPs catalyst.

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