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- D) Surface Engineering: Fabrication, Characterization, Properties and Applications of Protective Coatings and Modified Surfaces
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- G) Molecular Modeling Materials Science
- H) Structure-property Relationship of Advanced Metallic Materials
- I) Sol-gel Route to Prepare New Inorganic, Hybrid and Multifunctional Materials
- J) Solidification of Metals and Alloys
- K) Supramolecular Organic Materials for Electronic, Photonics and Nanotechnology
- L) Structure-Property Relationship of Ceramic Materials: Theoretical and Experimental Aspects
- M) Advances and Applications of Electron Microscopy
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- O) 1st Brazilian Symposium in Friction Stir Welding and Processing
- P) Graphene

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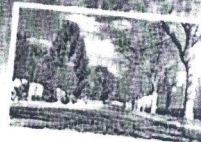
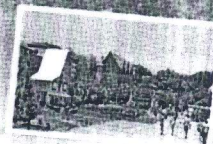
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April, 5th - Registrations open  
May, 30th - Submissions deadline  
June, 13th - Acceptance

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# Vanadium pentoxide nanostructures: optical properties and visible-light photocatalytic performance

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In the last decades, one-dimensional (1D) nanostructured materials, like nanowires, nanoribbon, and nanotubes have attracted the interest of many researchers due their improved properties when compared to similar isotropic structures [1-2]. Vanadium pentoxide ( $V_2O_5$ ) 1D-nanostructures as nanowires and nanorods have been obtained by decomposition of vanadium peroxide in hydrothermal conditions [3]. The synthesis of  $V_2O_5 \cdot nH_2O$  nanostructures obtained in hydrothermal conditions was described in greater detail in ref. 3. The optical properties and its relation to the photocatalytic performance of the as-obtained samples were investigated. The optical properties of the as-obtained samples were studied by photoluminescence (PL) spectroscopy and UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra (UV-vis DRS). The studied samples present a visible light emission at room temperature showing a PL with a broad emission between 550 and 800 nm. The UV-vis DRS allow us to infer that the observed visible light emissions should not be caused by the band edge transition, estimated around 2.4eV. Additionally, the local structure of these nanostructures was studied by Raman spectroscopy and X-ray Absorption spectroscopy (XAS). XAS and Raman results shows that the as-obtained  $V_2O_5$  1D nanostructures presents a higher local order of V-O coordination sphere than  $V_2O_5$  microstructures, where these local order depends of morphology of the obtained nanostructures. Also, the XAS and Raman results suggest that the observed difference in PL intensity may be related to the local order of V-O coordination sphere.  $V_2O_5$  1D nanostructures showed high photocatalytic activity, which was demonstrated by degradation of methylene blue (MB) solution under visible-light irradiation ( $\lambda > 420$  nm).

**Keywords:** vanadium pentoxide, hydrothermal synthesis, photocatalytic activity, luminescence.

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