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## SYNTHESIS OF CaCu $_3$ Ti $_4$ O $_{12}$ BY MODIFIED SOL-GEL METHOD WITH HYDROTHERMAL

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CaCu<sub>3</sub>Ti<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub> powders were synthesized by modified Sol-gel method with Hydrothermal using Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>• 4H<sub>2</sub>O, Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>• 3H<sub>2</sub>O, Ti(OC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and freshly extracted egg white (ovalbumin) in aqueous medium. The precursor was calcined at 800, 900 and 1000 °C in air for 8 h to obtain nanocrystalline powders of CaCu<sub>3</sub>Ti<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>. The calcined CaCu<sub>3</sub>Ti<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub> powders were characterized by XRD, TEM, and EDX. The XRD results indicated that all calcined samples have a typical perovskite CaCu<sub>3</sub>Ti<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub> structure and a small amount of CaTiO<sub>3</sub>, CuO and TiO<sub>2</sub>. TEM micrographs showed particle size 100 –500 nm and EDX results showed elements of CaCu<sub>3</sub>Ti<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub> powders have calcium, copper, titanium and oxygen.

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