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Synthesis, characterization and size control of vanadium oxide nanorods

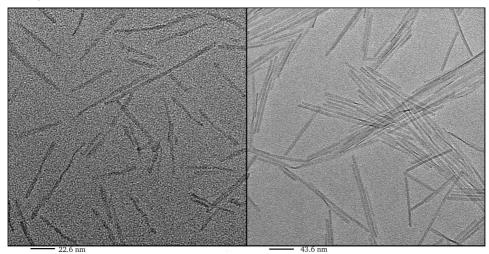
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 V_2O_5 is a catalyst widely used in various chemical reactions, such as in partial oxidation reactions or in the selective reduction of NO_x .

In this work the synthesis of vanadium oxide nanorods has been performed by reverse micelle technique[1]. The nanorods are formed istantaneously (cf. Figure 1 left) and are stabilized by the microemulsion. Their average length is 50 nm and their width is 3 nm.

After 4 days in the solution the nanorods grow and their length can reach few hundreds of nanometers and the average width is 8 nm (cf. Figure 1 right).



 $\textbf{Fig 1} \ \ \textit{Vanadium oxide nanorods sythetized in reverse micelles: just after synthesis (left) \\ \text{and 4 days later (right)}$

[1] M. P. Pileni, Langmuir, 1997, 13, 3266