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**Modification of MoS<sub>2</sub>/GO composites with ball milling and thermal treatment for catalytic application**

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Hydrogen production can be outlined as an important aspect of the modern economy. In order to be more clean and renewable, green hydrogen is most desirable, where expensive catalysts for water electrolysis are usually used. As alternative, transition metal dichalcogenides represent potentially good material, with room for further improvement. Molybdenum disulfide is a stable material with a reasonable amount of it available. The properties of the material can be easily tuned in order to increase its charge transport and create more active sites. The incorporation of defects and additives can be beneficial for the catalytic activity of MoS<sub>2</sub>. Graphene oxide (GO) is carbon nanomaterial, with a large surface area and when reduced, it could be used as a conductive additive. Furthermore, ball milling is a known low-cost, simple and scalable method to introduce defects in the structure. Therefore, combining these two approaches should result in a material with enhanced catalytic activity for hydrogen evolution reaction. The molybdenum disulfide was prepared by easy one-step hydrothermal synthesis. The graphene oxide was first obtained by modified Hummers' method and after that reduced by thermal treatment at 200 °C. Thus prepared constituents are combined in different mass ratios and composites were obtained by milling with a high-energy ball mill. The various milling parameters were optimized. The prepared composites were analyzed as catalysts for hydrogen evolution reaction in an acidic solution.