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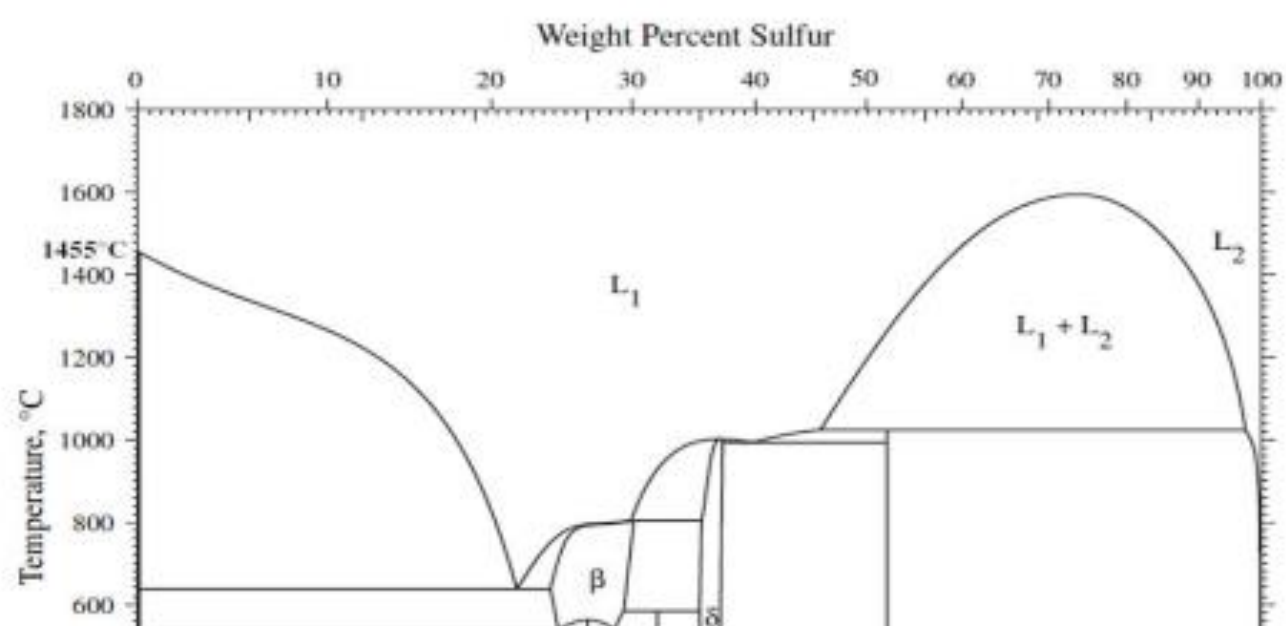
INTRODUCTION

Nickel sulphide as one of the transition metal sulphide has got a lot of attention due to its distinctive electronic structure, first order phase transition from low temperature antiferromagnetic to a high temperature paramagnetic, catalytic activity, sulphurisation and exhibit various application such as for solar cells devices, common cathode for rechargeable batteries, and on¹.



Figure 1 nickel sulphide.

Nickel sulphide display various compositional structure and magnetic phase behaviour depending on its stoichiometry. The phases that are known are Ni_3S_2 , $\text{Ni}_{3+x}\text{S}_2$, Ni_4S_3+x , Ni_6S_5 , Ni_7S_6 , Ni_9S_8 , Ni_3S_4 , NiS_2 , NiS as shown in figure 2.²² The phases that are known are β -NiS phase which is low temperature rhombohedral (β -NiS) crystal structure. The high temperature is (α -NiS) crystal structure. (α -NiS) is antiferromagnetic which show a metal insulator transition with a change in magnetic susceptibility. Below a Neel temperature α -NiS magnetic moment is around $1.7\mu\text{B}$, but above Neel temperature magnetic moment is zero. It is suggested that antiferromagnetic particles during uncompensated number of spins of two sub-lattice should be paramagnetic and weak ferromagnetic. Formation of nickel vacancies are related to the structure of NiAs NiS catalyst which shows good catalyst properties.



shows linkage of ions in unit cell. The metal ions and anions are located on interpenetrating simple hexagonal lattice.⁴ The transition metal atoms take position in the octahedral holes in close packed hexagonal array of anions. Each transition metal atom is in the trigonal prism geometry. The octahedra share faces which result with formation of a chain. NiAs has the ability to accommodate additional transition metal atom in the trigonal bipyramidal holes and can be distorted randomly or on the C axis perpendicularly.

In millerite rhombohedral structure metal distance is 2.25 Å distance which is too small indicating intermetallic bonding. The rhombohedral along C axis shows a triangle of sulphur atoms arranged at lattice points. The nickel atoms are coordinated to form two sides of the corner to give trigonal prismatic coordination. Each C sulphur is in five-fold shown in figure 3.

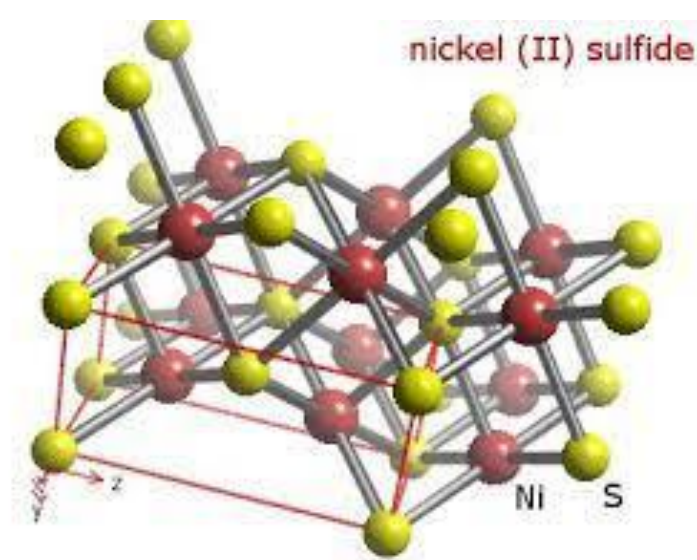


Figure 3 Solid state structure of nickel sulphide.

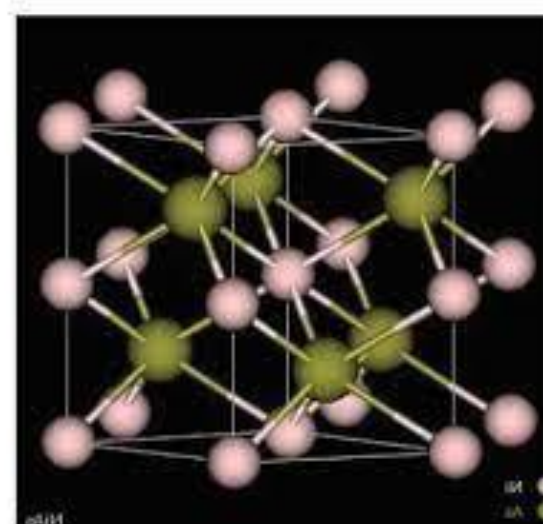


Figure 4 NiAs type structure of nickel sulphide



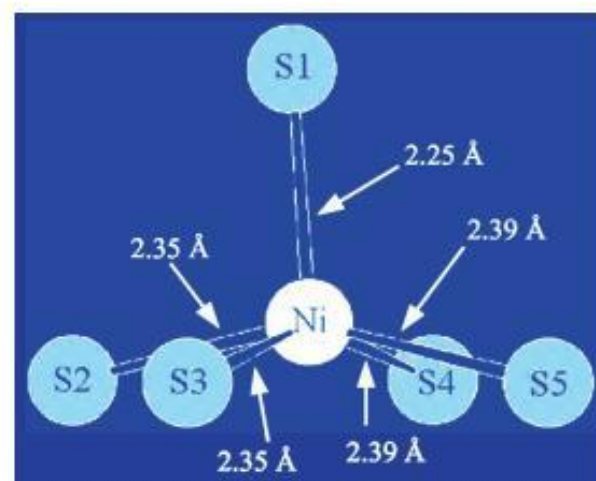


Figure 7 The local structural environment of the Ni atom which is penta coordinated with S

Ni atom have five nearest neighbourhood S atom occupy the corner with a geometry of square pyramidal. L atom which is penta co-ordinated with S atom millerite NiS .In this pyramidal geometry.⁵

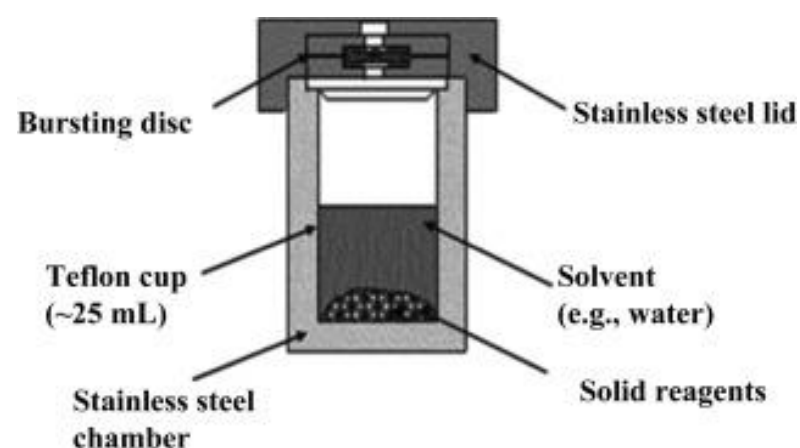
2) Synthesis methods

2.1) Hydrothermal method

Rekha Bhardwaj, Ranjanajha medha Bushan and Ajay kumar had used this method to synthesised nickel sulphide below:

0.3 M nickel acetate tetra hydrate and sulphur powder was dissolved in deionised water. Stirred for 5 hour and autoclave 140 degree Celsius for 14 hour. Black colour precipitate formed washed the precipitate with ethanol. The product was produced with structure geometry rhombohedral. Sheet and cuboid nanostructure with size of grain was

Niasari –Ghaleh Banaiean , Fatemeh davar Hamid emadi, they had studied nickel sulphide by hydrothermal method and thio glycolic acid 200 mL distilled water autoclave taflon in electric oven. black ppt formed with rhombohedral structure with 30nm in size⁷. Another scientists Yuan Gao,Ka Wang and Shancheng Yan had studied nickel sulphide by hydrothermal method and they followed the procedure as follows: 1mM Ni(NO₃)₂·6H₂O added into taflon autoclave and 25 mL deionised water was added. The autoclave was heated 180 degree Celsius ppt formed rhombohedral in structure with polyhedral block structure and 25 nm



10 mL nickel acetate and 2ml 0.1 mL triethanolamine(TEA) was added to that 10mL 1M Na₂S dropwise stirred and washed with ethanol. The black colour ppt was formed. NiS produced polycrystalline with orthorhombic shaped nanoparticle was formed with particle size was 20 nm.⁸

2.3) Sonochemical method

Matjaz krishi, Brina Dojer, Saso Gujergyeti, Janja krishti had studied nickel sulphide catalyst by sonochemical method. The procedure followed is described below: 2.49g of Ni (CH₃COO)₂ · 4H₂O and 0.75g C₂H₅NS was added in 50 mL water under ambient atmosphere for 1 hour using a sonicator of vcx600 at a different amplitude 30%, 50%, 70% and 90% after the some minute of sonication and amplitude. Ppt obtained was centrifused and washed with ethanol and dried. At 30% and 50%, shows incomplete reaction with green colour solution but 70% and 90%. Shows complete reaction. Further 70% used for synthesis. The nickel sulphide produce is crystalline in nature with rhohoderal phase and rhohoderal shaped with 13 -14 nm.⁹

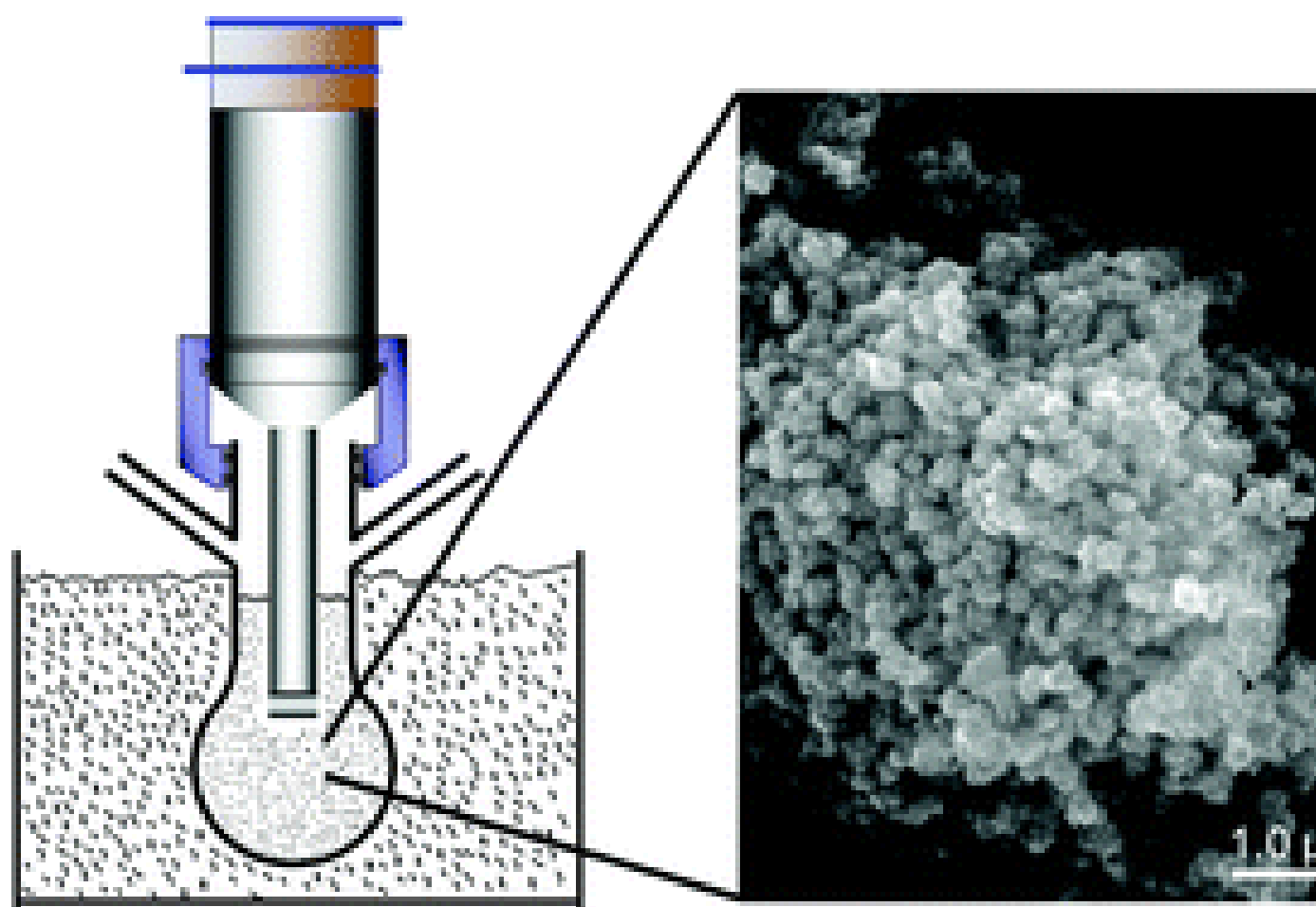


Figure 9 shows diagram of sonochemical method

2.4) Cyclic microwave radiation

Masoud salvati- niasari –Ghaleh Banaiean ,Mona fared Hamid emadi morkza Enhessari had studied nickel sulphide by cyclic microwave radiation method and the procedure they follows is given below .

This synthesis were performed in two step.

First step prepartation of Ni(HAP)₂ as a precursor

6g of Ni(OAC)₂ was dissolved in 50 ml of ethanol in a beaker .Then 8.2 mL of 2- hydroxyl acetaphenone was added to the solution of 2- hydroxy acetaphenone added dropwise to the solution of Ni(OAC)₂ and stirred for 1 hour as a Ni ions source.

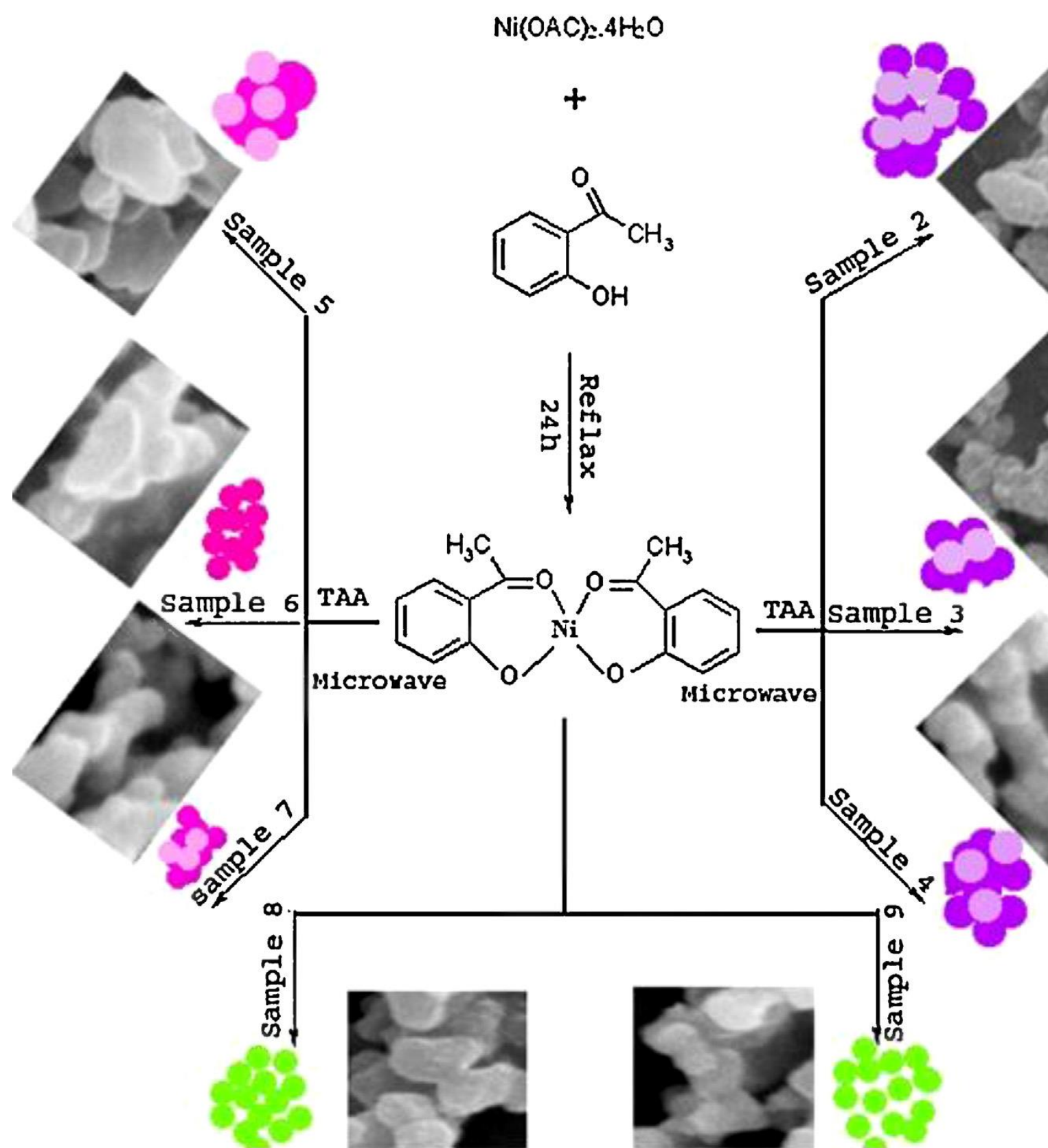


Figure 10

2.5) Synthesis by using imidazole dithio carbonate complexes

P.A. Ajabade, A. NQOMBOLO had studied nickel sulphide catalyst by imidazole dithio carbonate complexes given below

Synthesis is done by two steps

First step synthesis of nickel(II) imidazole dithiocarbonate complexes

It was prepared by 2.5 mmol NiCl_2 dissolved in 10 mL methanol added 10 mL of imidazole dithiocarbonate solution with distilled water and recrystallized with solvent.

Second step preparation of nickel sulphide nanoparticles

0.40 g metal precursor dissolved in 4 mL TOP and then injected 3 g hot hexadecylamine at 220°C Cel

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Step 2. Synthesis of Ni(II) Dithiocarbamate Complexes. 5mmol

(0.45g) of potassium salts of anisidine dithiocarbamate, dibenzyl dithiocarbamate (0.57 g), and butyl dithiocarbamate (0.45g) dissolved in 10mL of methanol in a beaker. 2.5mmol (0.59 g) of NiCl₂ was dissolved in methanol in a separate beaker. The two solutions were mixed and stirred for 1–3 hours. Product filtered and washed with water followed by diethyl ether and dried. The complexes were [Ni(L1)2] from anisidine dithiocarbamate, [Ni(L2)2] from dibenzyl dithiocarbamate, and [Ni(L3)2] from butyl dithiocarbamate ligand.

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Step 3 Synthesis of NiS Nanoparticles.

The nickel complexes (0.2 g) were dissolved in 2mL tri-n-octylphosphine (TOP) and injected into 20 mL of a solution of HDA (6.0 g) in methanol at 220°C. The temperature was maintained for 1 hour at 220°C. After this, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature to precipitate the NiS nanoparticles. The HDA-capped NiS nanoparticles were separated by centrifugation, washed with methanol and dried. The nanoparticles are labelled as NiS1 from nickel(II) anisidine dithiocarbamate complex ([Ni(L1)2]), [NiS2] from nickel(II) dibenzyl dithiocarbamate complex ([Ni(L2)2]), and NiS3 from nickel(II) butyl dithiocarbamate complex ([Ni(L3)2]). The nanoparticles are black in colour with square planar to spherical in shape with 12-38 nm particle size¹².

2.7) Synthesis by benzimidazole dithiocarbamate Ni(II) Complex

C. S. THANGWANE, T. XABA*, M. J. MOLOTO had used this method to synthesise nickel sulphide nanoparticles.

Step 1 sodium hydroxide (0.78 g, 0.02 mol) dissolved in distilled water and cold benzimidazole (2.36 g, 0.02 mol) added drop-wise into the solution. Then carbon disulphide (1.52 ml, 0.02 mol) drop-wise stirred for further 12 hrs at 25 °C. A 40 ml solution of nickel(II) chloride hexahydrate (0.02 mol) added drop-wise into the corresponding dithiocarbamate ligand. The mixture was refluxed for 4 hours at 60 °C.

Step 2 2-methylbenzimidazole dithiocarbamate nickel(II) complex was prepared by the same procedure as above.

Step 3 The complex (0.3 g) dissolved in 5.0 ml of tri-octylphosphine (TOP). The solution was injected into 20 mL of a solution of HDA (6.0 g) in methanol. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 220°C. The mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature. The ppt formed was black in colour.

The ppt formed was black in colour rhombohedral spherical or rod shaped structure with 10-15 nm in size.¹³

2.8) Solid phase method

Ni(acac)₂ and alkyl thiol were dissolved in toluene. Then a solution of nickel(II) chloride hexahydrate (0.02 mol) in methanol was added drop-wise into the solution. The mixture was stirred for 12 hours at 25 °C. The ppt formed was black in colour with 70nm. (98960B.Pdf, n.d.)

2.9) Hot injection method

Rajan Karthikeyan,[†] Dheivasigamani Thangaraju,[‡] Natarajan Prakash,[†] and Yasuhiro

Hayakawa had done this method of synthesis of nickel sulphide and procedure of synthesis as follows

1mmol Ni(NO₃)₂·6H₂O was added to octylamine (10mL) in a three-necked flask heated 100 degree Celsius.

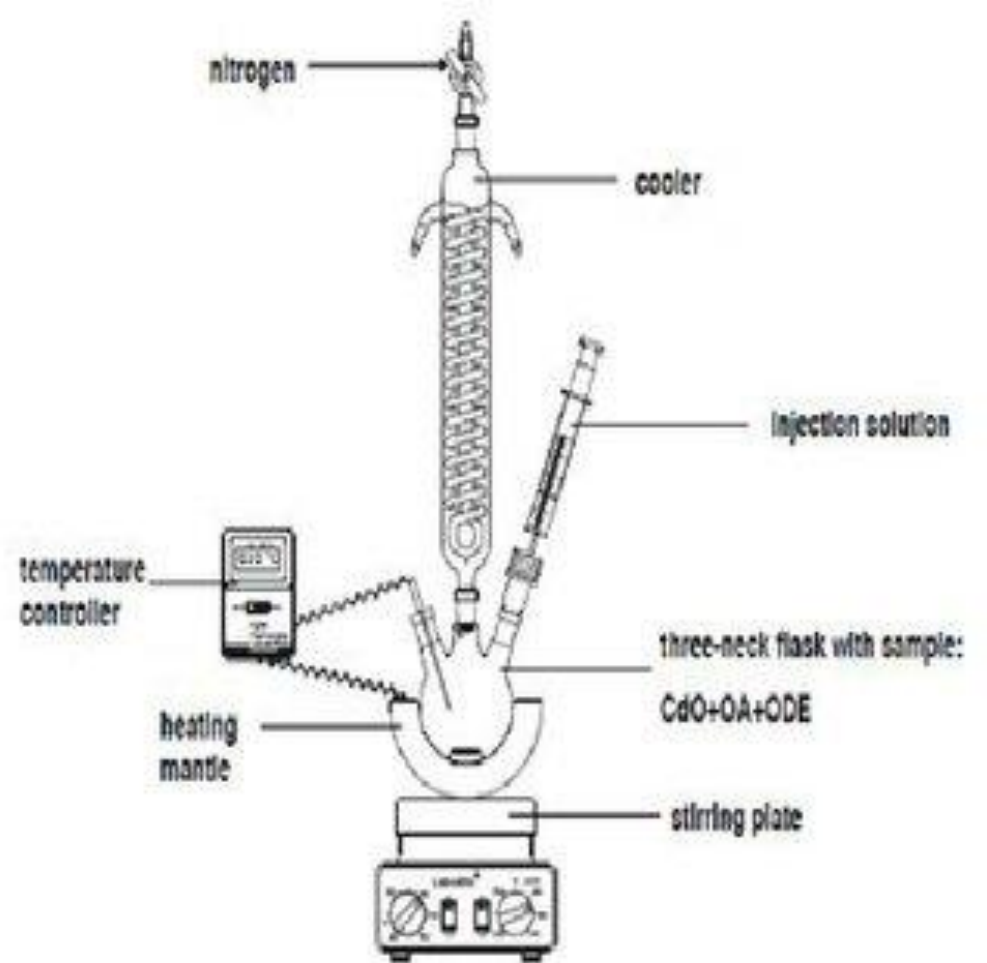


Figure11 shows schematic diagram of hot injection method

2.10) In situ sulphurisation and electrospinning method

Ibrahim M. Maafa had synthesised nickel sulphide by above method and procedure he had followed is given below

In Polyvinylpyrroliden ethanol was added into that nickel acetate tetrahydrate and HH_4S dropwise. In the electrospinning equipment the black ppt formed nanofibre or nanorod type structure with diameter 100-200 nm.

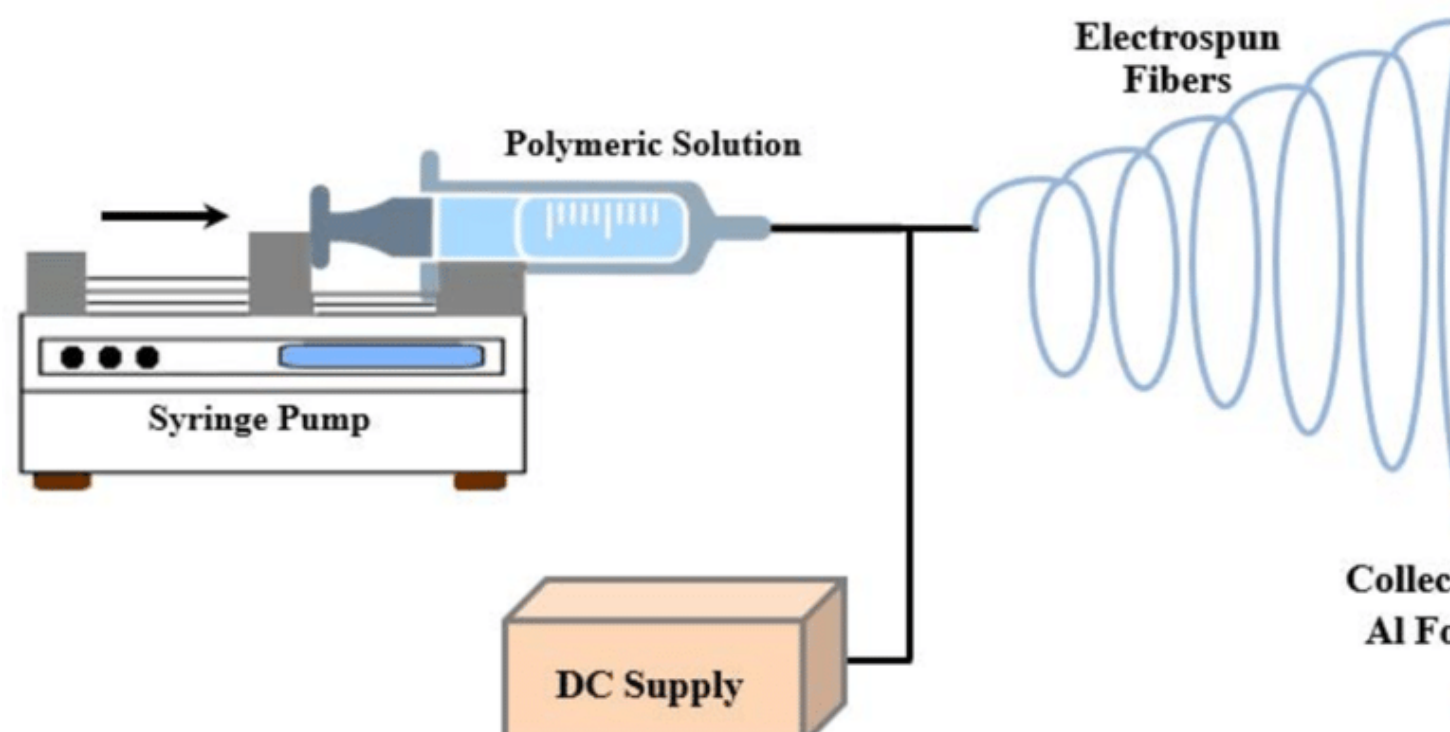


Figure 12 show schematic diagram of electrospinning method

nm and in nanopowder form.¹⁶

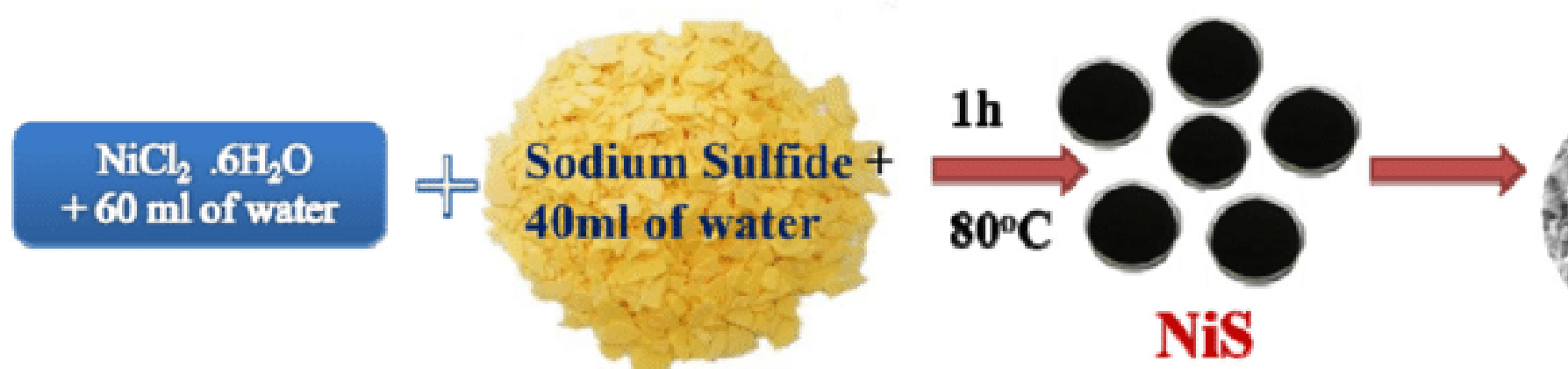


Figure 13 shows schematic diagram of coprecipitation method

2.12) Laser irradiation method

Tai-Feng Hung^{a,b,*}, Zu-Wei Yin^{a,c}, Sophia B. Betzler^a, Wenjing Zheng^{a,d}, Jiwoong Yang^a, Haimei Zheng^a, Yina^c, Sophia B. Betzler^a, Wenjing Zheng^{a,d}, Jiwoong Yang^a, Haimei Zheng^a had used the above mentioned catalyst and the procedure they follow is given below

10 mmol CH_3CSNH_2 was dissolved in DI water under magnetic stirrer and to that 3mL $(\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3\text{N}$ was added. irradiated the mixture with laser the pulse energy of 700 mJ, frequency of 10 Hz, and pulse width of $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ drying in air. NiS nanostructure synthesized in 2h, 4h, and 6h were hereafter abbreviated as NiS-2h, NiS-4h, and NiS-6h. The nanopowder with size 20-30nm.¹⁷

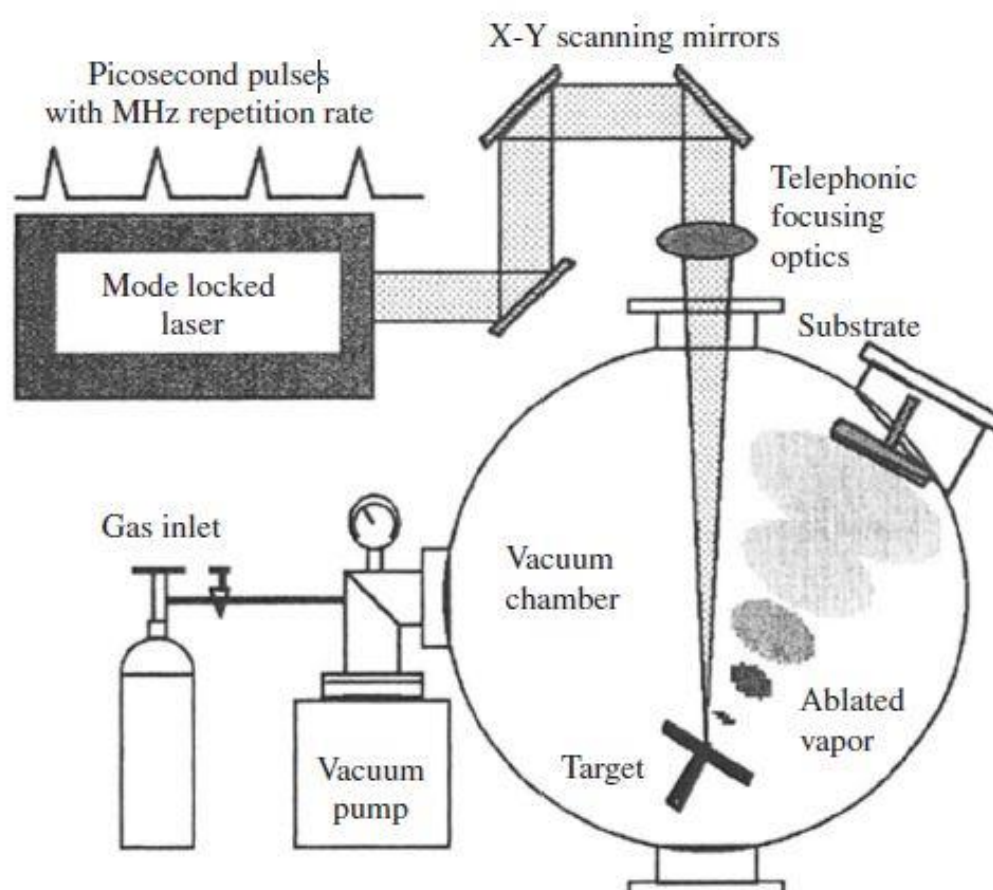


Figure14 shows schematic diagram of laser ablation method

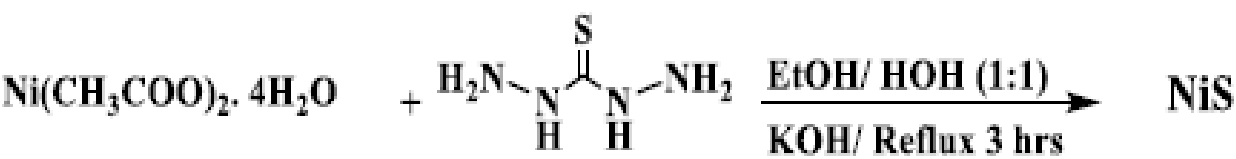


Fig 15reaction formation of NiS

Ni9S8 orthorhombic phase with particle size 15.76nm.

2.14) Non hydrolytic method of Nickel Sulphide

Mitchell G. S. da Silva, Celisnolia M. Leite, Marco A. L. Cordeiro, Valmor R. Mastelaro, and Edson R. Leite
hydrolytic method in this method N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)
Was used as solvent, nickel(II) acetylacetonate [Ni(acac)₂] as Ni precursor, and 1-dodecanethiol (DDT) and
reaction was taken palce in MW reactor under irradiation power 1000 w for 1 hour the ppt formed was w

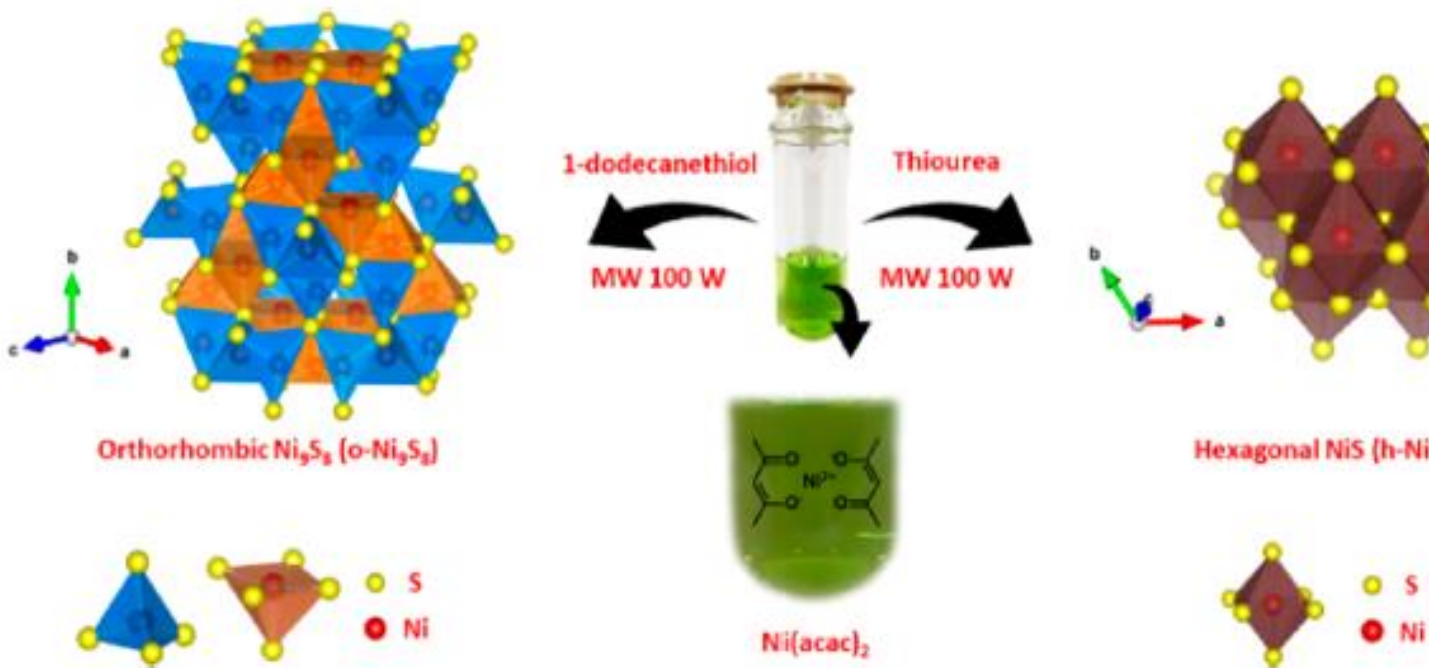


Figure 16 Synthesis of h-NiS and o-Ni9S8

When DDT was used as sulphur source orthorhombic nickel sulphide (o-Ni₉S₈) and thiourea used as sulphur source hexagonal nickel sulphide .¹⁹

2.15) Solvothermal process

Binxia Yuan had used this technique to synthesise nickel sulphide and there procedure are explain in below
that sulphur powder and 10mL oleylamine solvent was added and than heated oven for 260 degree Celsius
ethanol. The structure is hexagonal or orthorhombic with particle size is 6-10nm.²⁰

temperature	NiS molar ratio	Residence time	Product
260	1:10	1	NiS2

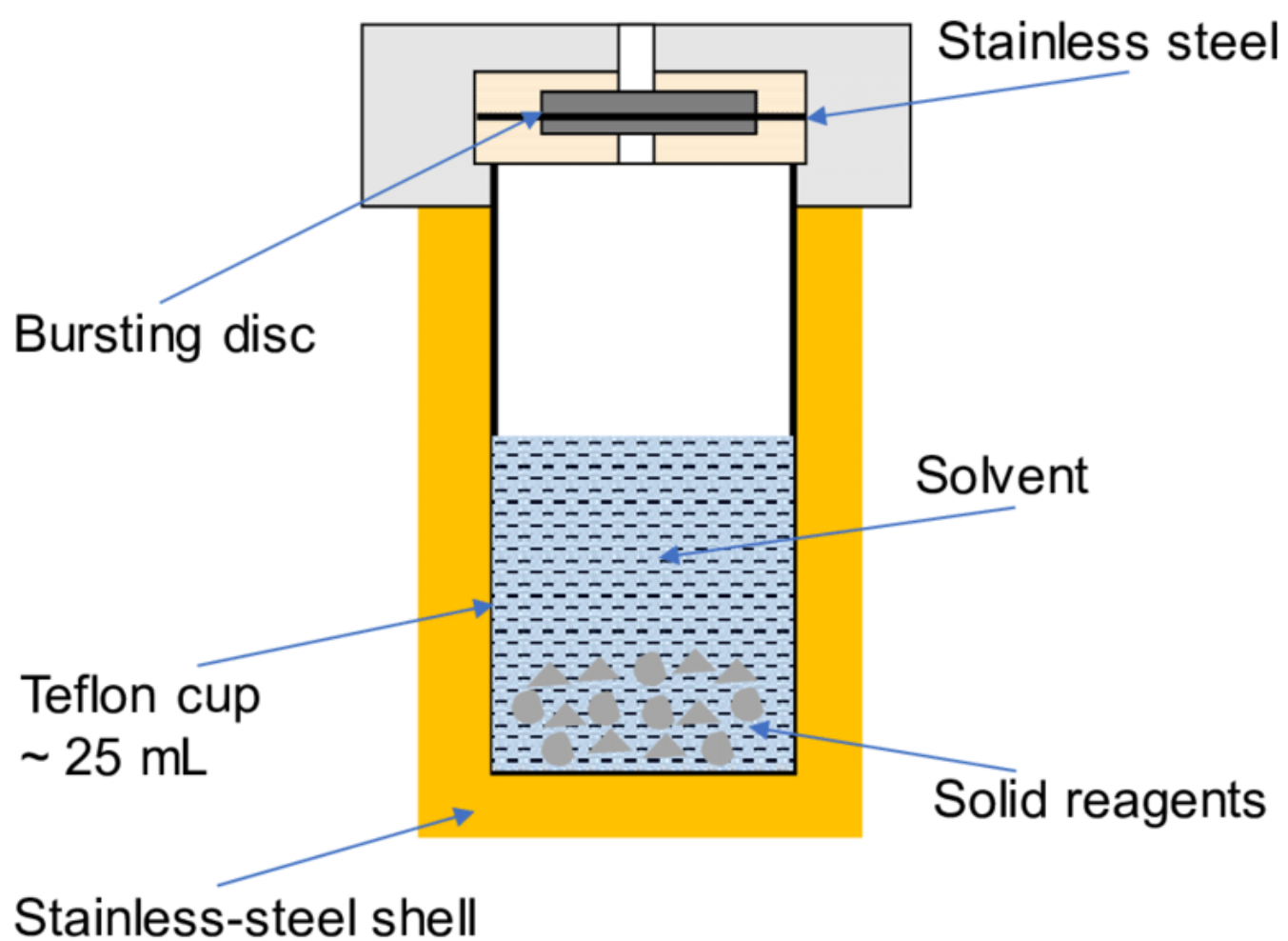


Figure 17 shows schematic diagram of solvothermal process

2.16) Phase controlled synthesis method

Gozde Barim, Sara R. Smock, Priscilla D. Antunez, Daniela Glaser and Richard L. Brutchey had studied nickel sulphide phase and procedure of this synthesis are given below

N,N'-disubstituted thiourea into that hot solution of NiI_2 in oleylamine and 1-dodecanethiol was added black ethanol and dried. The rhombohedral heazlewoodite structure and spherical shaped 10-45 nm in particle size

This table shows various synthesis methods of nickel sulphide

Sr. no	Method	Procedure	Precipitate colour	Structure	Nanostructure type	Particle size (nm)
1	Hydrothermal method	0.3 M nickel acetate tetra hydrate + sulphur powder dissolved in deionised water + stir 5 hour + transfer 250 ml teflon lined autoclave 140 degree Celsius for 14 hour. ppt formed washed with ethanol.	Black	Rhombohedral	sheet and cuboid	34
		$\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and thio glycolic acid 200 mL distilled water, autoclave teflon	black	Rhombohedral	Nanorod	30

	method	0.75g C ₂ H ₅ NS in 50 mL water.mixture sonicated 1 hour .ppt obtained washed with ethanol and dried 24 hour.				
4	Cyclic microwave radiation	6g of Ni(OAC) ₂ in a 50 ml of ethanol dissolved it 8.2 mL of 2-hydroxy acetaphenone added the solution stirred for 24 hours Ni(HAP) ₂ 0.2g of Ni(HAP) ₂ in 30 mL ethylene glycol separately added in Ni(HAP) ₂ solution stir 1hour carried out 5 cycle in microwave each cycle 30 s and 60soff Ppt formed washed withwater and ethanol	Black		Quasi spherical shaped	13-
5	Synthesis by using imidazole dithiocarbomate complexes	2.5mmol NiCl ₂ dissolve in 10 mL methanol +imidazole dithiocarbonate solid ppt formed stir for 3 hour washed with distilled water recrystallise with solvent. 0.40 g metal precursor+ 4mL TOP dissolved +injected 3 g hot hexadecylamine 220degree Celsius.kept in Constant temperature unde nitrogen flow . ppt formed will washed with methanol.	black	Rhombohedral	Spherically shaped	5.1-11.6
6	Synthesis by Ni(II) dithiocarbomate complex	Step 15mmol of anisidine (6.16 g), dibenzylamine (10 mL),+ butylamine (5 mL) + 5mmol of potassium hydroxide (2.18 g) ice water and stirred, 5mmol (3 mL) of cold carbon disulphide dropwise 5mmol	black	Square planar	Spherical	12-

		(0.2 g) were dissolved in 2mL tri-n-octylphosphine (TOP) and injected into 2 g of hot hexadecylamine (HDA) at 220°C. The temperature was maintained for 1 hour Ppt formrd centrifused				
7	Synthesis by benzimidazole dithiocabomate Ni(II) Complex	Step1 sodium hydroxide (0.78 g, 0.02 mol) dissolve distilled water + cold benzimidazole (2.36 g, 0.02 mol) in an ice bath. stirred 1 hour + carbon disulphide (1.52 ml, 0.02 mol) drop-wise stirred for further 12 hrs at 25 °C. A 40 ml solution of nickel chloride (2.37 g, 0.01 mol) added drop-wise into the corres dithiocarbamate ligand. The mixture was refluxed for 4 hours at 60 °C in a water bath. The ppt formed Step 2 2-methylbenzimidazole dithiocarbamate nickel(II) complex was prepared by the sausing 2-methylbenzimidazole (2.64 g, 0.02mol) Step 3 The complex (0.3 g) dissolved in 5.0 ml of tri-octylphosphine (TOP). The solution was Inject hot solution of hexadecylamine (HDA) (6.0 g) in a three-necked flask + excess methanol ppt formed	Black ppt	Rhobohedral	Spherical/rod shaped	10-
8	Solid phase method	Ni(acac) ₂ +alkyl sulfylhydryl+ vaccenic acid solvent	balck	Rhombohedral	nanorod	25-
9	Temperature controlled injection method	1mmol Ni(NO₃)₂·6H₂O +oleylamine (10mL) in three necked flask heated 100degree Celsius form nickel oleyamine	black	Ortorhombic	spherical	8-20

		oven 100 degree Celsius for 24 hours The method is repeated at pH 14 by adding sodium hydroxide and temperature 500 degree Celsius				
12	Laser ablation method	10 mmol CH ₃ CSNH ₂ dissolved in DI water +3mL(HOCH ₂ CH ₂) ₃ N and 4mmol (NiCH ₃ COO) ₂ .4H ₂ O added. irradiated the mixture with laser the ppt formed rinsed with C ₂ H ₅ OH drying in air.	Black		Nanopowder	20-
13	Synthesis by using thiocarbohydrazide as a sulphur source	Aqueous hydrazine hydrate+ carbon disulphide according to taguchi method Ni (CH ₃ COO) ₂ .4H ₂ O (0.005 M) in warm ethanol added to thiocarbohydrazide (0.005 M)+10 mL potassium hydroxide +heat	Black			
14	Non Hydrolytic method	N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) + nickel(II) acetylacetonate [Ni(acac) ₂] as Ni precursor, + 1-dodecanethiol (DDT) and thiourea as S precursors.iradited sample in microwave wash ppt with ethnl	black	Hexagonal	Platelet shaped	30-
15	Solvothermal method	1mmol NiCl ₂ .6H ₂ O+ sulphur powder+10mL oleylamine solvent + heated oven+ppt formed washed ethanol	Black	Hexagonal Orthorombic	Rice like structure	6-1

3.Characterisation

3.1XRD

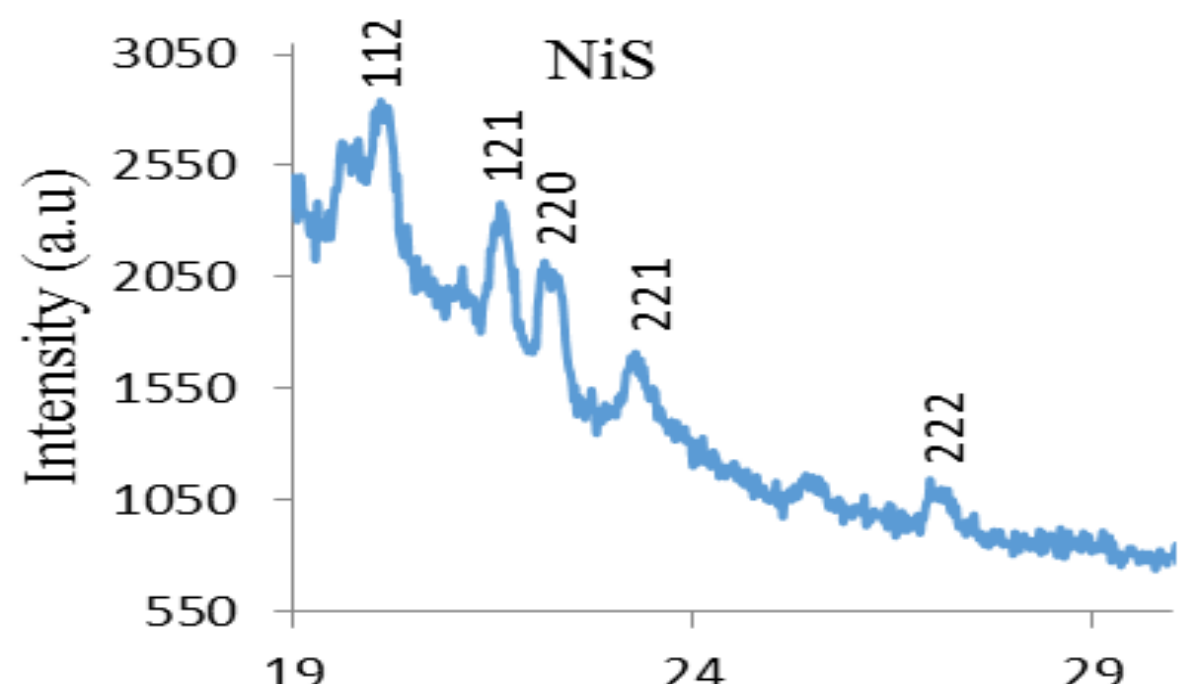
The crystal structure was characterised by powder X-ray diffraction with a scan rate of 0.04 degree S invers degree using Rigaku (Japan) X- ray diffractometer as shown

Ina figure



Figure 18 shows the image of XRD instrument

The structure and lattice parameter of NiS were determined by Nickel sulphide. Nickel sulphide prepared by was found to be black in colour. The XRD results indicated that all the peaks are indexed mostly to rhombohedral structure and the cell parameter is $a=9.924 \text{ \AA}$ and $c=3.150 \text{ \AA}$. The crystalline nature phase was observed at 2θ values corresponding to (211) (121) (220) and (222) indices respectively⁶



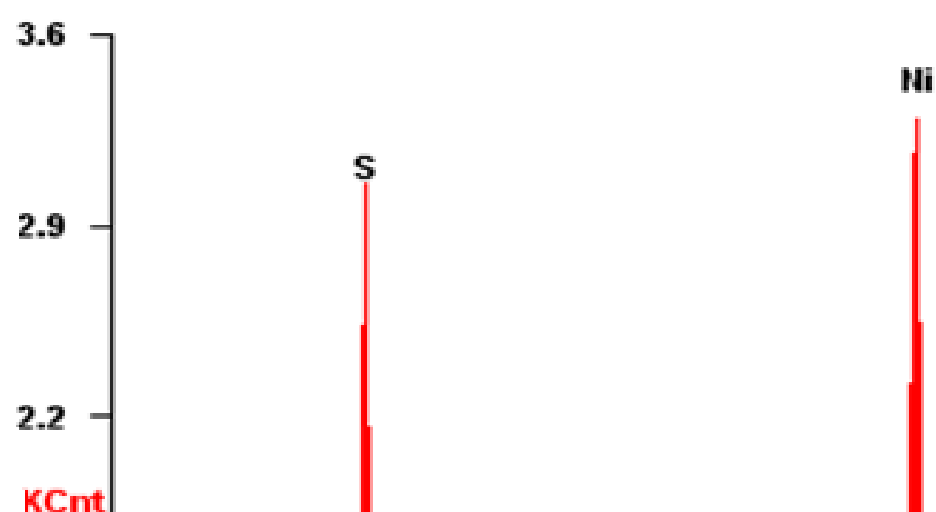
3.2 EDS

Energy dispersive spectra were processed using energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) attached to a J system Six software



Figure 20 shows image of EDS instrument

The EDS analysis (Fig.21) was employed to determine the chemical composition of the products and to do calculation of the peak areas the atomic ratio can be found out , the above synthesis method shows that the products is 49:51, which further confirms that the products are nickel sulph



3.3 Micro Raman studies

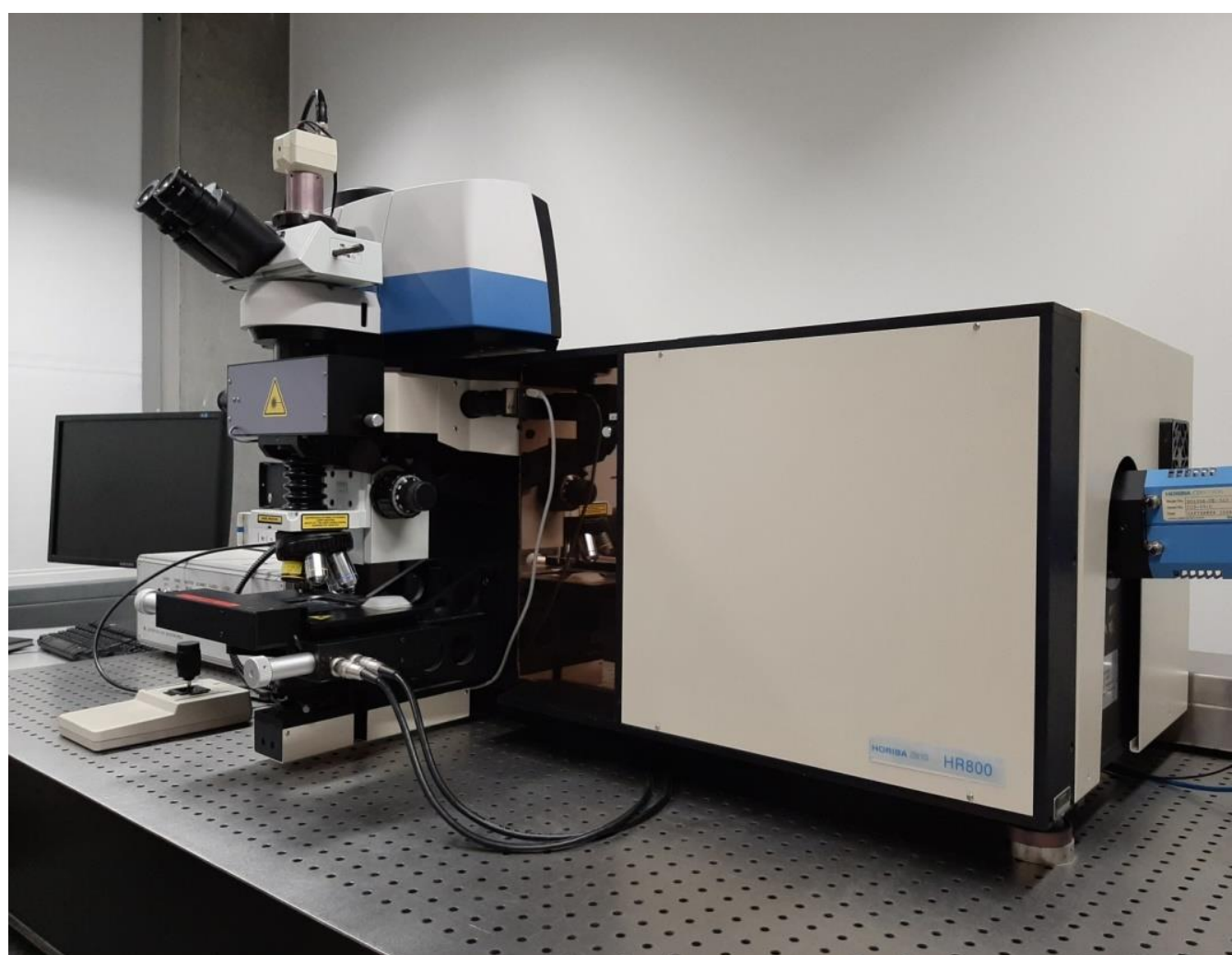


Figure 22 shows image of Micro Raman instrument

The Raman spectrum of nanoparticles of nickel sulphide synthesised by above mentioned method was shown. It shows peaks around 205, 465, 608, 984 and 1087 cm^{-1} . These peak positions were observed to be red shifted due to the quantum confinement effect.⁶

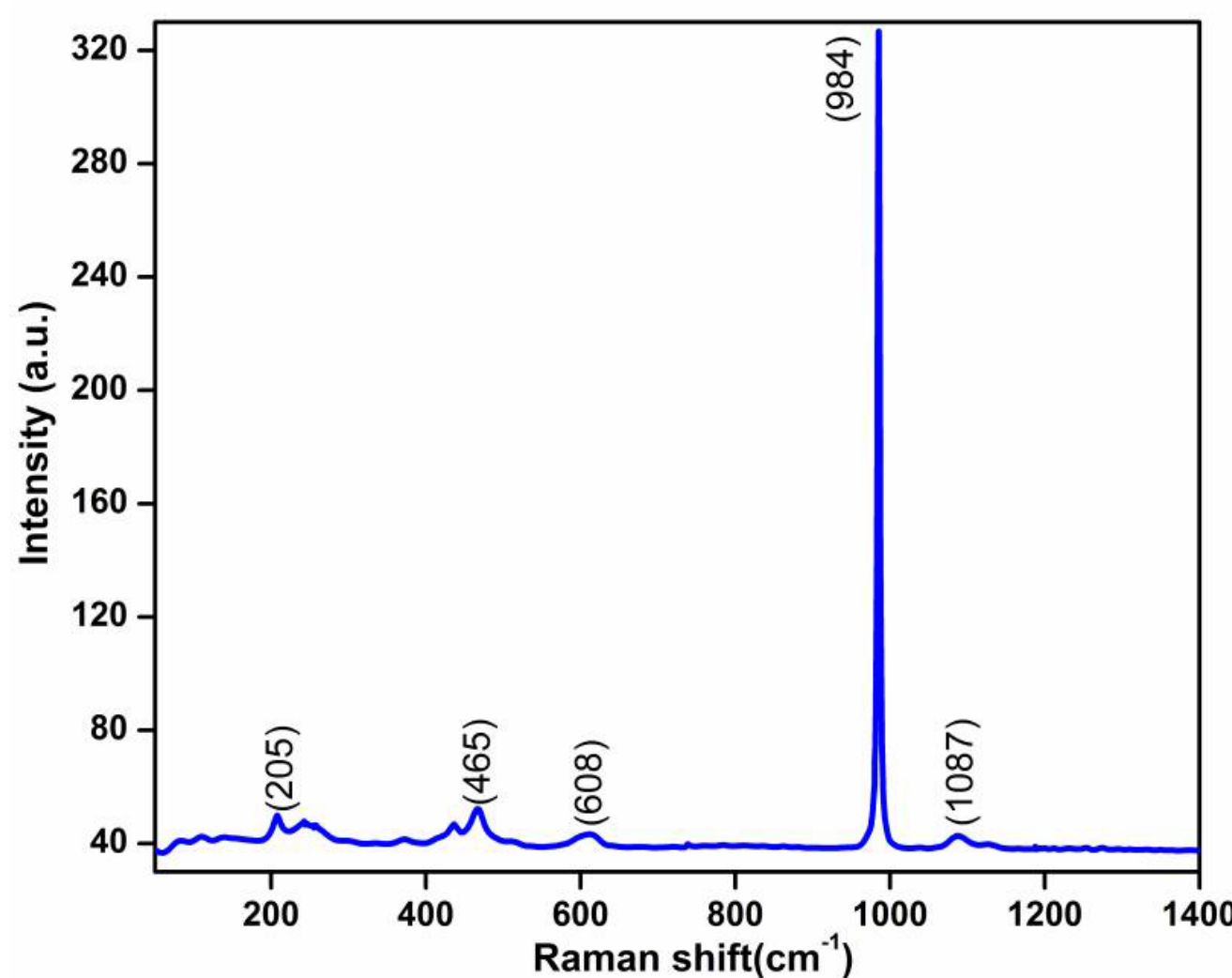


Figure 23 shows Micro Raman instrument

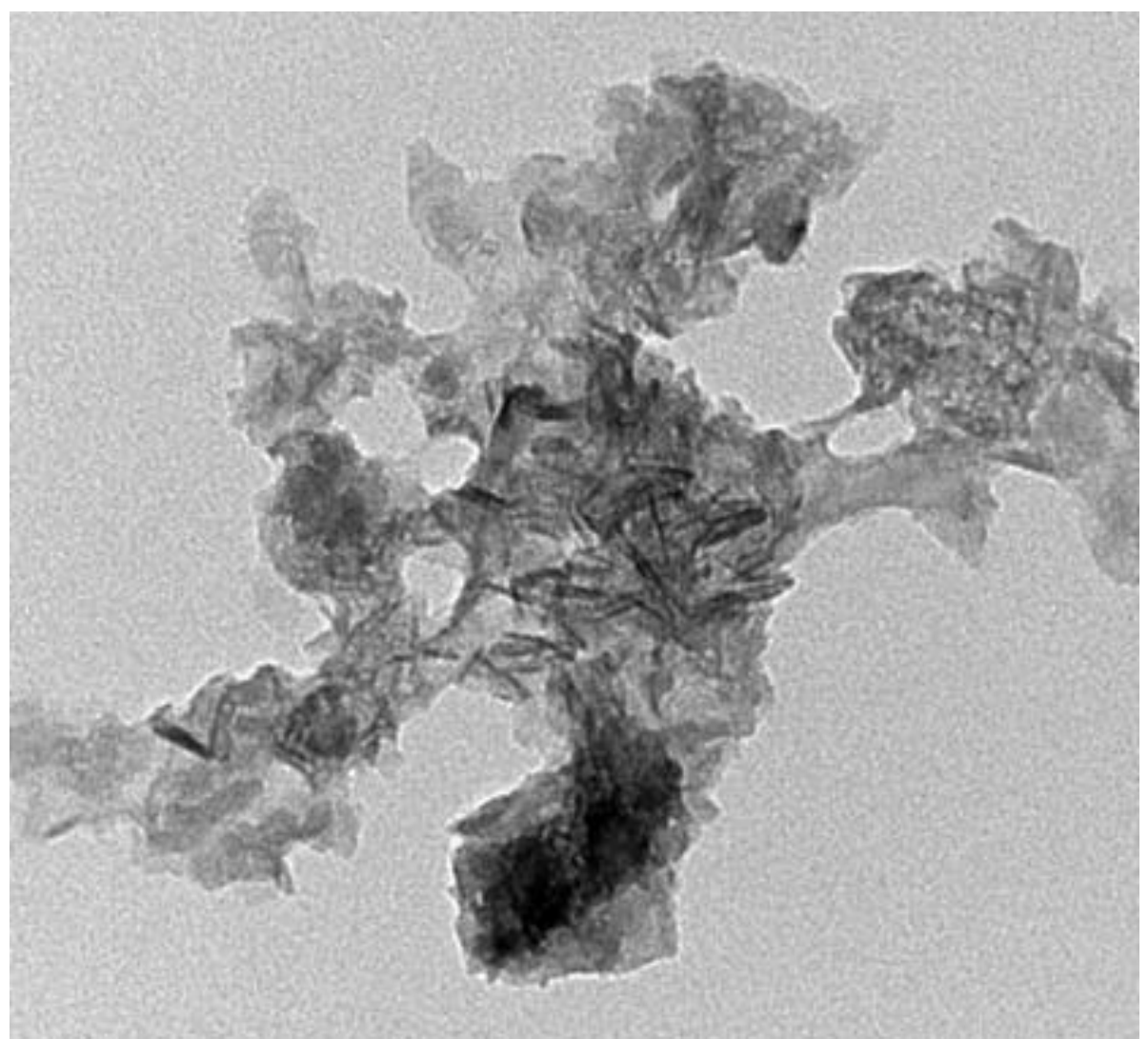
3.4 TEM

High resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) images recorded using JEOL JEM 2100 micro 200 kV as shown in figure



Figure 24 of high resolution electron microscope

The morphology and micro structure of NiS were characterised by TEM and SEM. The TEM image of NiS nanoparticle with size ranges from 5.11-80 nm and some of particle aggregate to layer particle.⁶



3.5 SEM

The scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images were obtained on a Joel, JSM-6390 LV apparatus, using a 15 kV at different magnifications. ⁶

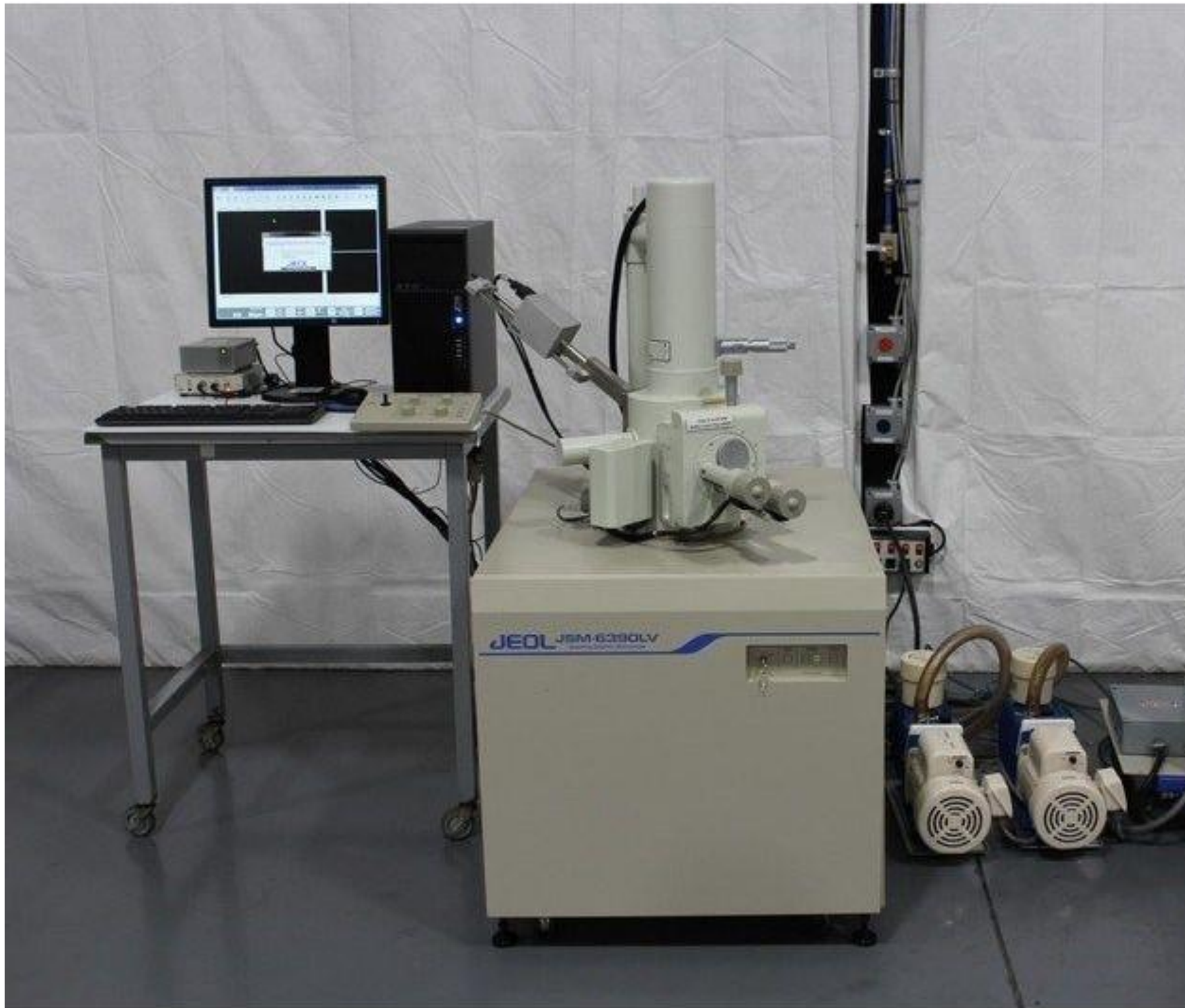
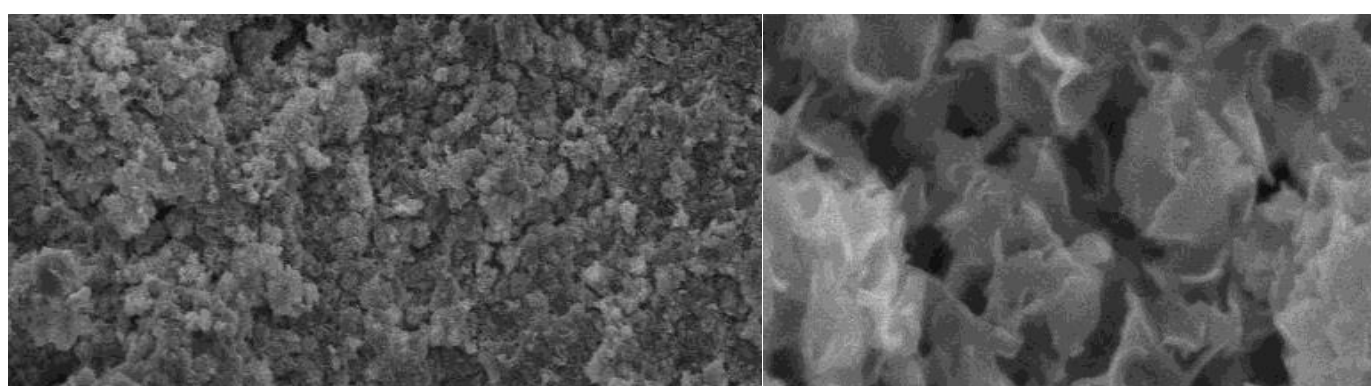


Figure: 26 Shows SEM instrument image

Surface morphology of the NiS were analysed scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The SEM images of NiS at low magnification, the morphology of the particles consist of small spherically shaped particles with some small voids. At high magnification, the morphology are fine and smooth with fine structure that are closely packed together but the structure is not very pronounced.



Conclusion

Nickel sulphide have been prepared by various method such as sonochemical method, coprecipitation method, etc. The method of synthesis of nickel sulphide various morphology of nickel sulphide have been studied i.e NiS, Ni₂S₃ etc. The good crystalline nature and SEM and TEM reveal the morphology sometimes NiS in rod shaped, spherical, etc. with various geometry such as rhombohedral, hexagonal, etc.

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