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Hot-injection Colloidal Synthesis and Characterization of Nanocrystalline Marcasite Iron Ditelluride FeTe₂ EBIN BASTOLA, KHA-GENDRA BHANDARI, RANDY ELLINGSON, Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization (PVIC), Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Toledo — Colloidal semiconductor nanocrystalline (NC) materials are promising functional materials for advanced opto-electronic applications. Iron dichalcogenide nanocrystals such as iron pyrite (FeS_2) have been successfully applied as hole transport material to enhance the performance of solar cells. Here, we report a hotinjection colloidal synthesis of NC iron ditelluride (FeTe₂) using iron (II) bromide as an iron source and elemental tellurium (Te). The synthesized NC $FeTe_2$ are characterized by using X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) imaging, energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS), and Raman spectroscopy. These NC FeTe₂ exhibit orthorhombic crystal structure in marcasite phase. The SEM images show irregular shape and size, and based on the EDS analysis, the average atomic ratio of tellurium (Te) to iron (Fe) is 2.04. Additionally, we discuss optical and electronic properties of thin films of these as-synthesized NC FeTe₂ and its possible application.

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