

## Layered Double Hydroxide nanotubes (LDHs) doped for enhanced photocatalysis

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Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is crucial for life, released naturally by respiration and decomposition. Since the Industrial Revolution in the late 18th century, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have surged beyond acceptable limits, prompting many countries to invest heavily in reducing these emissions.

The structure of layered double hydroxides (LDH) is based on the sheet mineral brucite (MgO). Isomorphous substitution of divalent ions in the neutral brucite sheet with tri- or tetravalent ions creates a positive layer charge, which can be balanced by the adsorption of anions between the layers. LDH nanotubes have a large surface area, and the replacement of metals in the LDH layers with metals possessing photocatalytic properties, such as copper, enables potential applications in CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. HDL nanotubes have a large surface area (figure 1), and the replacement of metals in the HDL layers with metals such as copper increases the surface area and also allows for potential applications in CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.

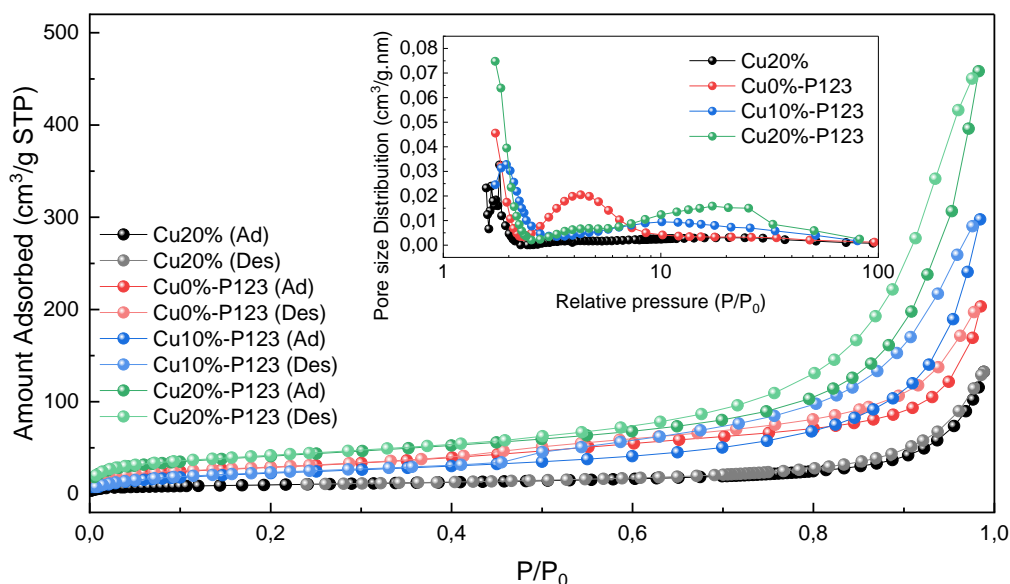


Figure 4 Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms and corresponding pore size distribution plots.

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