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## Preparation of Nano-sized $\beta$ -Cu and Its Catalytic Effects on Ammonium Perchlorate

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**Abstract**: Nano  $\beta$ -Cu(copper  $\beta$ -resorcylate) were prepared via a facile wet mechanical grinding method, and were characterized by powder X-ray diffraction (XRD), field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). Meanwhile, the catalytic properties of nano  $\beta$ -Cu were investigated. Results reveal that the nano  $\beta$ -Cu is semi-spherical and homogeneous with a fairly uniform size of 100 nm. DSC results show that the nano  $\beta$ -Cu has significant catalytic effects on ultra-fine AP with different particle size. The peak temperature of decomposition in the high temperature range for 6 µm and 1 µm AP decreases to 373.1  $^{\circ}$ C and 351.2  $^{\circ}$ C, respectively, and the apparent decomposition heat increases to 1529 J  $\cdot$  g<sup>-1</sup> and 1513 J  $\cdot$  g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. And the reaction rate constant increases about 10 times. Compared with 6  $\mu$ m AP, nano  $\beta$ -Cu makes the peak temperature of the high temperature decomposition of 1 µm AP obviously lower, and the reaction rate constant much higher, indicating nano β-Cu exhibits much better catalytic efficiency for accelerating the thermal decomposition of 1 μm AP.

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