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Decoration of Bi₄O₅I₂ Nanoparticles on Zinc Oxide: Novel Visible-Light-Driven Photocatalysts for Efficiently Degradation of Dye

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Nowadays, removal of organic dyes from wastewaters is an importance issue [1]. Among various techniques, heterogeneous photocatalysis has been considered as a promising green technology to address different challenges facing human beings [2]. ZnO is a semiconductor photocatalyst that possesses favorable electrical, mechanical and optical properties [3]. Photocatalytic efficiency of this photocatalyst has some drawbacks such as high recombination rate of e⁻/h⁺ pairs and stimulate only with UV light. Developing the visible-light-induced photocatalysts has become an important research topic. Bismuth oxyiodides (Bi₄O₅I₂) due to features such as suitable band gap, stability, and excellent photocatalytic activity under visible light has attracted much attention [4]. This research synthesizes ZnO/Bi₄O₅I₂ nanocomposite and studies their photoactivity for eliminating RhB as a typical azo dye under visible-light irradiation. Morphology of nanocomposite was studied by SEM analysis. The ZnO/Bi₄O₅I₂ (30%) sample displayed high ability for degradation of RhB, which was almost 19 times as high as the bare ZnO. The photocatalytic ability of the ZnO/Bi₄O₅I₂ (30%) can be attributed to the rapid separation of photogenerated charges due to the construction of heterojunction between two semiconductors.

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