# BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub>复合物的制备及可见光催化性能

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摘要:采用水热法合成出具有不同 V、P 物质的量之比的 BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> 复合物。 $n_{\nu}/n_{P}$  分别为:0.1/9.9、0.5/9.5、1/9、3/7、5/5。采用 XRD、FE-SEM、EDS、拉曼、可见光光度计、漫反射以及电化学等测试手段对 BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> 复合物进行表征。在可见光条件下降解 亚甲基蓝来评价 BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> 复合物的光催化活性。结果显示,当  $n_{\nu}/n_{P}$ <3/7 的时候,BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> 复合物的光催化活性随着 BiVO<sub>4</sub> 含量的增加而增加,当  $n_{\nu}/n_{P}$ =3/7 的时候,复合物具有最佳的光催化性能,反应速率常数 k 为 0.005 1 min<sup>-1</sup>,是纯 BiPO<sub>4</sub> 的 23.2 倍。BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> 复合物的光催化机制主要是由于 BiVO<sub>4</sub> 的加入,提高了电子—空穴的分离率,进而提高了光催化活性。

关键词:水热法: BiVO4; BiPO4; 光催化活性: 电子-空穴对

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# Preparation of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> Composites With Enhanced Visible-Light-Driven Photocatalytic Properties

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**Abstract:** BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites with different  $n_V/n_P$  molar ratios were synthesized by a simple one-pot hydrothermal method. The  $n_V/n_P$  molar ratios were 0.1/9.9, 0.5/9.5, 1/9, 3/7, and 5/5, respectively. The BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were characterized by X-ray diffraction, field emission scanning electron microscope, energy-dispersive spectroscopy, Raman spectrum, UV-Vis spectrophotometer, UV-Vis diffuse reflectance spectroscopy, and electrochemical impedance spectra. The photocatalytic activities of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were evaluated by the degradation of methylene blue (MB) under visible light irradiation ( $\lambda$ >420 nm). When the ratios of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were less than 3/7, the photocatalytic activities of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were enhanced with an increasing amount of BiVO<sub>4</sub>. The result showed that the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composite ratio for  $n_V/n_P$ = 3/7 possessed the highest photocatalytic activity. The BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composite ratio for  $n_V/n_P$ =3/7 possessed the maximal k value of 0.005 1 min<sup>-1</sup>. It is 23.2 times of the pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>. The photocatalytic mechanism of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites could be mainly ascribed to the existence of BiVO<sub>4</sub> which could accelerate the separation and migration efficiency of photogenerated carriers.

Keywords: hydrothermal; BiVO<sub>4</sub>; BiPO<sub>4</sub>; photocatalytic activity; electron-hole pairs

### 0 Introduction

Since the new century, environmental pollution became one of the toughest issues, and human beings need to face it. Photocatalysts can replace the traditional pollutant control technology because of full use of sunlight, complete degradation without secondary pollution and other advantages. At present,

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TiO<sub>2</sub> was the most widely studied photocatalysts. Because of their outstanding photocatalytic activity<sup>[1-4]</sup>, TiO<sub>2</sub>-based photocatalysts had been proven to be one of the promising photocatalysts. But TiO<sub>2</sub>-based photocatalysts were hard to overcome the issue of high recombination rates of photogenerated electron-hole pairs. Therefore, how to carry out efficient photocatalytic materials had become an important issue of photocatalysts.

Currently, inorganic bismuth compounds (eg  $BiOX^{[5]}$ ,  $BiVO_4^{[6-8]}$ ,  $Bi_2WO_6^{[9-10]}$ ,  $Bi_2MoO_6^{[11-12]}$  and BiPO<sub>4</sub><sup>[13-14]</sup>) were widespread concerned because of their high electron-holes separation rate. BiPO<sub>4</sub> was a new type of photocatalysts. BiPO<sub>4</sub> had been reported that had excellent photocatalytic activity under UV light than TiO<sub>2</sub> (P25) for the degradation of methylene blue (MB)<sup>[15]</sup>. Zhu et al. reported PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> was favorable for the separation of photo-induced e<sup>-</sup>/h<sup>+</sup> and PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> can improve the photocatalytic activity of BiPO<sub>4</sub><sup>[16]</sup>. Due to the wide band gap, BiPO<sub>4</sub> had no visible light response. It must be the largest hindrance for the further applications of BiPO<sub>4</sub>. Thus, it was an important mission to broaden the visible light absorption region of BiPO<sub>4</sub>. Up to now, for obtaining visible light induced, much work had been done for BiPO<sub>4</sub>, including C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> [17], AgPO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub><sup>[18-19]</sup>, BiOI/BiPO<sub>4</sub><sup>[20]</sup>, and Bi<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>6</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub><sup>[21]</sup>. BiVO<sub>4</sub> had a narrow gap-band energy (~2.4 eV) and had been considered to be one of the most promising photocatalysts. BiVO4 was usually selected as a sensitizer photocatalyst because of its high visiblelight response. BiVO<sub>4</sub> could degrade pollutants and evolve  $H_2$  and  $O_2$  under visible light ( $\lambda > 420$  nm). However, as stated previously, the poor separation of photoinduced e<sup>-</sup>/h<sup>+</sup> had a restriction on the photocatalytic activity of pure BiVO<sub>4</sub>. Therefore, we envisaged that constructing BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> heterostructured photocatalysts<sup>[22-23]</sup>, which could be a promising method to improve the photocatalytic performance and broaden the visible light absorption region of BiPO<sub>4</sub>. However, until now, there were few reports about BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites photocatalysts.

In this study, BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites photocatalysts were synthesized by hydrothermal method. The

photocatalytic activities of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were evaluated by the degradation of methylene blue (MB) under visible light ( $\lambda$ >420 nm). Besides, detailed photocatalytic mechanism of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> Composites had been discussed.

# 1 Experimental

# 1.1 Experimental drugs and equipment required for the experiment

All chemicals were analytical purity and were used without further purification. Bismuth nitrate pentahydrate (Bi (NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O) was obtained from Tianjin Kermel Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. Risodium phosphate dodecahydrate (Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O) was obtained from Shenyang Federal Reagent Factory and ammonium metavanadate (NaVO<sub>3</sub>) was obtained from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. Methylene blue (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S·3H<sub>2</sub>O) was obtained from Tianjin Bodi Chemical Co., Ltd. Deionized water was used in all experiments.

The purity and crystallinity of pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>, pure BiVO<sub>4</sub> and BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were characterized by X-ray diffraction (XRD) on Rigaku DMAX- Ultima+ diffractometer with Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$ =0.154 06 nm). Raman spectrum was excited with the 514 nm line of an Ar<sup>+</sup> laser at an incident power of 20 mW. The morphologies of the samples were examined by a field emission scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM) with SUPRA 55 SAPPHHIRE. UV-Vis diffuse reflectance (DRS) measurements were measured spectroscopy using a TU-1901 UV-Vis spectrophotometer equipped with an integrating sphere attachment. The analysis range was from 200 to 800 nm, and BaSO<sub>4</sub> was used as a reflectance standard. Electrochemical experiments were performed in a flat cell having 0.1 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution by a remote controlled potentiostat/ galvanostat (VMP3 EG&G Princeton Research).

# 1.2 Preparation of photocatalysts

The BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites with different BiVO<sub>4</sub> contents were synthesized by hydrothermal method. In a typical process, the precursor solution was prepared by dissolving 2 mmol Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.02 mmol NaVO<sub>3</sub>, 1.98 mmol Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O; 0.1 mmol NaVO<sub>3</sub>,

1.9 mmol Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O; 0.2 mmol NaVO<sub>3</sub>, 1.8 mmol Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> · 12H<sub>2</sub>O; 0.6 mmol NaVO<sub>3</sub>, 1.4 mmol Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> · 12H<sub>2</sub>O and 1 mmol NaVO<sub>3</sub>, 1 mmol Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively. Then the precursor solution was putted in 35 mL of distilled water. After stirring for 30 min, the resultant precursor solution was transferred into a 50 mL teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave. The autoclave was sealed and heated to 170 °C for 24 h and allowed to cool down to room temperature naturally. The precipitate was washed with absolute ethanol and distilled water for many respectively, and dried at 70 °C in air. In order to facilitate the expression, the composite ratios were named for  $n_V/n_P = 0.1/9.9$ , 0.5/9.5, 1/9, 3/7, 5/5 as 0.1VP, 0.5VP, 1VP, 3VP, 5VP, respectively. For comparison, pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> sample was synthesized by adopting the method. BiPO<sub>4</sub> was synthesized by 2 mmol Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O and 2 mmol Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O. The reaction process could be simply expressed as shown in Fig.1.

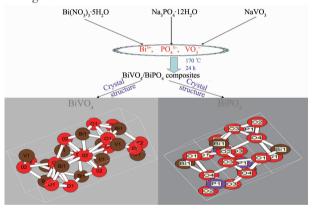


Fig.1 Reaction process and the crystal structure of  $BiVO_4 \ and \ BiPO_4$ 

### 1.3 Photocatalytic activity tests

To carry out the photocatalytic activity of pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> and BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites, the sample of 50 mg was suspended in a MB dye aqueous solution (100 mL,  $10^{-5}$  mg·L<sup>-1</sup>). After stirring for 30 min to reach an equilibrium adsorption state in the dark, the solution was irradiated with a 500 W Xe arc lamp. The lamp provided visible light ( $\lambda$ >420 nm) with a cut off filter. At given time intervals, the solution (4 mL) was sampled and centrifuged. Then, the filtrates were analyzed by recording variations of the absorption

band maximum (664 nm) in a UV-Vis spectra of MB by using a TU-1901 UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

The degradation efficiency was calculated as  $follows^{[24]}$ :

$$n = \frac{A_0 - A}{A_0} \times 100\% \tag{1}$$

Where  $C_0$  was the absorbance of original methylene blue (MB) solution and C was the absorbance of the methylene blue (MB) solution after visible light irradiation for 180 min. According to the Langmuir-Hinshelwood kinetics model, the photocatalytic process of methylene blue (MB) could be expressed as the following apparent pseudo-first-order kinetics equation:

$$\ln \frac{C_0}{C} = kt$$
(2)

Where k was the apparent pseudo-first-order rate constant,  $C_0$  was the original methylene blue (MB) concentration and C was methylene blue (MB) concentration in aqueous solution at time.

# 2 Results and discussion

#### 2.1 Photocatalytic activity

The photocatalytic activities of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> samples were measured on the degradation of methylene blue (MB) in deionized water under visible light irradiation ( $\lambda$ >420 nm) in Fig.2. It can be seen that pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> had less visible light photocatalytic activity for methylene blue (MB) degradation, due to the wide band gap (300 nm) of BiPO<sub>4</sub>. After the depositing of BiVO<sub>4</sub>, BiPO<sub>4</sub> can degrade methylene blue (MB) under visible light, which showed that BiVO<sub>4</sub> was a good visible light sensitizer to BiPO4. The efficient visible light absorption abilities of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/ BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites ensured that the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites generated sufficient electron-hole pairs under visible irradiation. In particularly, 3VP displayed the best photocatalytic activity. Fig.2a showed the degradation efficiency of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites and the rate constant k. It could be seen that 3VP could degrade 60.2% methylene blue (MB) by 3 h illumination. It was calculated that 3VP possessed the maximal k value of 0.005 1 min<sup>-1</sup> which

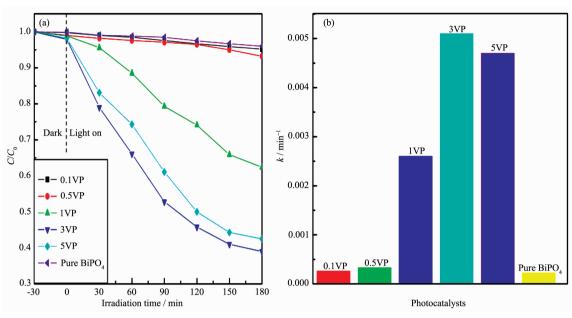


Fig.2 (a) Photodegradation efficiencies of MB as a function of irradiation time for different samples;

(b) Rate constant k of MB degradation for the as-prepared samples

was 23.2 times of the pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> in Fig.2b.

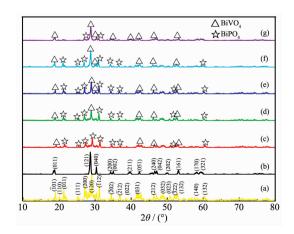
As reported in the previous literature [25-29], generally, there was an optimal ratio of the two components in composite photocatalysts. When the component ratio of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites was changed that not only mainly affected the number of effective heterojunctions and also influenced the separation efficiency of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites. In case of the optimal content of 3VP, the most appropriate BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> heterojunction was formed. The BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> heterojunction could facilitate the high efficient separation of photoinduced electrons and holes, and endow the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composite with higher photocatalytic activity under visible light irradiation (λ>420 nm).

#### 2.2 Structural characterization

The purity and crystallinity of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were characterized by XRD. The Fig.3 showed the XRD patterns of the as-prepared BiPO<sub>4</sub>, BiVO<sub>4</sub> and BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites. The BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites exhibited a coexistence of both BiPO<sub>4</sub> and BiVO<sub>4</sub> phase. All the peaks for the samples were readily indexed to the monoclinic structure of BiPO<sub>4</sub> (JCPDS No.15-0767). As it could be seen in the pattern of BiVO<sub>4</sub> sample, the diffraction peaks could

be perfectly indexed to BiVO<sub>4</sub> phase (JCPDS No.21-0121). For the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites, all diffraction peaks of BiPO<sub>4</sub> were clearly observed, indicating that the solvothermal did not influence the crystal structure of BiPO<sub>4</sub>. When the  $n_{\rm V}/n_{\rm P}$  was 3/7, the strong characteristic diffraction peaks of sample BiPO<sub>4</sub> and monoclinic BiVO<sub>4</sub> were simultaneously found. With an increasing amount of BiVO<sub>4</sub>, more BiVO<sub>4</sub> diffraction peaks appeared.

To investigate the chemical bonding of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites, Raman spectra were



(a) pure  $BiPO_4$ ; (b) pure  $BiVO_4$ ; (c) 0.1VP; (d) 0.5VP; (e) 1VP; (f) 3VP; (g) 5VP

Fig.3 XRD patterns of the as-prepared samples

obtained and shown in Fig.4. The 3VP was selected for the study. In the Raman spectra, the observed intense band at 206 cm $^{-1}$  corresponded to the Bi-O stretching vibration<sup>[30]</sup>. The band at 825 cm $^{-1}$  could be assigned to the symmetric vibration of V-O and the band at 323 cm $^{-1}$  could be assigned to the asymmetric stretching of VO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-[31]</sup>. The v2 vibration of the PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> occurred at 362 cm $^{-1}$  [30].

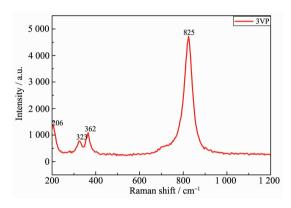


Fig.4 Raman spectrum of the as-prepared 3VP composite

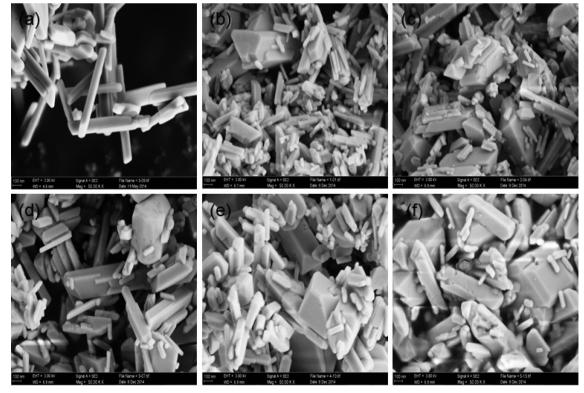
Combined with XRD results, all the evidences revealed the coexistence of both BiPO<sub>4</sub> and BiVO<sub>4</sub>

phase.

#### 2.3 Morphological analysis

The morphology and microstructure of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites were characterized by FE-SEM. The FE-SEM images of the as-synthesized samples were given in Fig.5. The FE-SEM image (Fig.5a) of pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> showed that pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> had regular nanorods and had a clean surface. The nanorods had a length about 700 nm. After checking the relevant literature, pure BiVO<sub>4</sub> exhibited an irregular decahedron shape<sup>[6-8]</sup>. Many irregular particles or particle aggregates of BiVO<sub>4</sub> were observed to adhere to BiPO<sub>4</sub> (Fig.5b, c, d, e, f). In Fig.5, it can be seen that with the increasing of the content of BiVO<sub>4</sub>, the bulk morphology of the composite were increased, and the shape nanorods of the composite were decreased. When the  $n_{\text{V}}/n_{\text{P}}$  was 3/7, the composite had the best performance.

To determine the exact ratio of  $n_V/n_P$ , EDS was carried out to further identify the elemental composition of 0.1VP, 0.5VP, 1VP, 3VP and 5VP in Table 1. For example, the EDS pattern of the 3VP clearly indicated that, besides the V, Bi and O



(a) Pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>; (b) 0.1VP; (c) 0.5VP; (d) 1VP; (e) 3VP; (f) 5VP

Fig.5 FE-SEM images of the as-prepared samples

Table 1 Characterization of the ratio of V/P

Sample	$n_{\rm V}/n_{\rm P}$ (preparation process)	$n_{\rm V}/n_{\rm P}$ (exact)
0.1VP	0.01	0
0.5VP	0.05	0.04
1VP	0.11	0.09
3VP	0.43	0.439
5VP	1	1.14

diffraction peaks corresponding to BiVO<sub>4</sub>, the P, Bi and O diffraction peaks coming from BiPO<sub>4</sub> were also observed, confirming that the samples were composed of both BiVO<sub>4</sub> and BiPO<sub>4</sub>. Meanwhile the molar ratio of  $n_V/n_P$  was 0.439, which was matched the ratio of the value of 3/7. The exact ratio of  $n_V/n_P$  was more or less the same as the one calculated from the preparation process.

#### 2.4 Optical characterization

The optical absorption properties played a critical role in determining the photocatalytic performance of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites. The optical properties of pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> and 3VP were measured by UV-Vis diffuse reflectance spectra (DRS) in Fig.6. It could be clearly seen that BiPO<sub>4</sub> could merely respond to the UV light. The absorption band edge of BiPO<sub>4</sub> was around 300 nm. After the depositing of BiVO<sub>4</sub>, the light absorption of 3VP was significantly broadened to the visible light range around 460 nm. Compared with the pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>, 3VP photocatalyst showed a notable red-shift in the the absorption edge. This phenomenon may be due to the interaction between BiVO<sub>4</sub> and BiPO<sub>4</sub>, which subsequently resulted in a higher

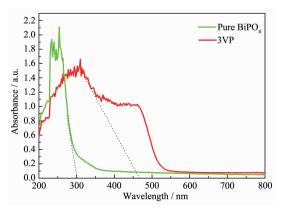


Fig.6 UV-Vis DRS of the as-prepared samples: pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>, 3VP

photocatalytic activity under visible light irradiation.

#### 2.5 Electrochemical analysis

Electrochemical impedance spectra (EIS) measurements were conducted to investigate the separation efficiency of the photoinduced charge carriers and the charge transfer resistance. Fig.7 showed the EIS Nyquist plots of 3VP and pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>. It was known that when the diameter for arc radius was smaller, the charge transfer efficiency was higher<sup>[32]</sup>. The diameter for arc radius of 3VP lighting was smaller than that of without lighting, which indicated a decrease in the charge-transfer resistance and leaded an effective electronhole pair separation. The radius of 3VP was smaller than that of pure BiPO<sub>4</sub> of lighting, implying that the charge transfer efficiency of 3VP was higher than that of pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>. Therefore, it could be concluded that the existence of BiVO4 could accelerate the separation efficiency of photogenerated carriers of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites.

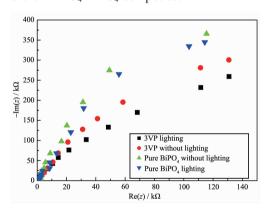


Fig.7 Nyquist plots for pure BiPO<sub>4</sub>, 3VP composite

# 2.6 Photocatalytic mechanism of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites

The enhancement of photocatalytic activity of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites was mainly due to the higher separation efficiency induced by the hybrid effect of BiVO<sub>4</sub> and BiPO<sub>4</sub>. A proposed schematic mechanism of the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites was shown in Fig.8. Through experiments, it was known that BiPO<sub>4</sub> had no or less visible light photocatalytic activity for MB degradation, which means that the electrons at the valence band (VB) of BiPO<sub>4</sub> could not inject into the conduction band (CB) of BiPO<sub>4</sub> under visible-light irradiation. After the depositing of BiVO<sub>4</sub>, at the

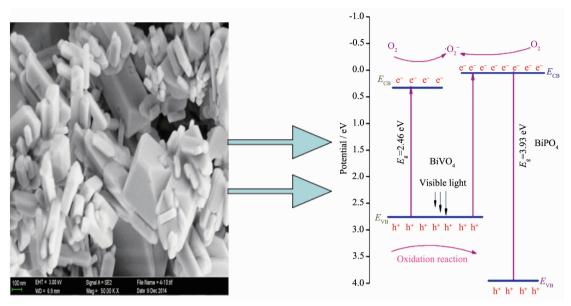


Fig.8 Schematic diagram of the separation and transfer of photogenerated charges in the BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites under visible light irradiation

beginning of the reaction, photogenerated electronhole pairs were formed on  $BiVO_4$ , under visible light irradiation ( $\lambda$ >420 nm). The electrons at the VB of  $BiVO_4$ , not only could inject into the CB of  $BiVO_4$ , but also the CB of  $BiPO_4$ . The electrons injected into the CB of  $BiPO_4$  not only revealed that  $BiPO_4$  took part in the degradation of MB reaction under visible light irradiation and also leaded to a much reduced electron-hole recombination and improved the photocatalytic efficiency of the  $BiVO_4/BiPO_4$  composites for MB degradation. The whole process was described as follows:

$$BiVO_4+h\nu \rightarrow BiVO_4(e^-)+BiVO_4(h^+)$$
 (3)

$$BiVO_4(e^-) \rightarrow BiVO_4(e^-) + BiPO_4(e^-)$$
 (4)

$$BiVO_4(e^-) + O_2 \longrightarrow BiVO_4 + O_2^-$$
 (5)

$$BiPO_4(e^-) + O_2 \longrightarrow BiPO_4 + O_2^-$$
 (6)

$$O_2^- + MB \rightarrow degradation product$$
 (7)

$$BiVO_4(h^+)+MB \rightarrow degradation product$$
 (8)

# 3 Conclusions

By the hydrothermal method, a series of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> were synthesized with different  $n_V/n_P$ . UV-Vis diffuse reflectance spectra could demonstrate that all the composites exhibited broad absorption in the visible region. The optimal  $n_V/n_P$  was 3/7. The k value was 0.005 1 min<sup>-1</sup> which was 23.2 times of the pure

BiPO<sub>4</sub>. The heterojunction structure of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> facilitated the efficient separation of photogenerated electron-hole pairs, greatly improving the photocatalytic efficiency of BiPO<sub>4</sub>. The synthesized of BiVO<sub>4</sub>/BiPO<sub>4</sub> composites provided a guideline for BiPO<sub>4</sub> transferred to visible light, increasing the utilization of sunlight.

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