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Abstract:

The AgCl/SmOCl composites photocatalyst was prepared by a simple photoreduction method with

SmOCl and AgNO3 as raw materials. The morphologie and crystal structure of SmOCl remain

unchanged after combined with AgCl. The photocatalytic activity of the AgCl/SmOCl composites was

evaluated by the degradation of Rhodamine B (RhB) solution under simulate sunlight. Compared with

the SmOCl samples, the AgCl/SmOCl composites remarkable exhibited enhanced (about 16-fold)

photocatalytic activity in the decomposition of Rhodamine B. After 40 min of simulate sunlight

irradiation 95% of RhB was decomposed. The enhanced AgCl/SmOCl performance was contributed to

the new Z-scheme structure.

**Keywords:** Microstructure; Nanocomposites; AgCl /SmOCl; Z-scheme; photocatalyst.

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