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**Abstract:** In the present work, N doped BiFeO<sub>3</sub> (N-BFO) nanoparticles have been synthesized via a sol-gel rapid calcination technique using melamine (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>) as the N precursor. It is found that N-doping could effectively narrow the band gap of BFO, which obviously enhanced the visible light adsorption capability. Meanwhile, N-doping could lead to significant increase in the magnetization of BFO. Particularly, the saturation magnetization ( $M_s$ ) was increased up to 0.35emu/g (as compared to that of pure BFO: 0.07emu/g) when 12.5 mmol N doping precursor was used (12.5N-BFO). The catalytic performance of N-BFO nanoparticles was evaluated through the degradation of bisphenol A (BPA) under visible light irradiation. 12.5N-BFO was found to be an efficient catalyst of BPA, and the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10mmol/L) or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10mmol/L)/L-cysteine (0.25mmol/L) can further enhance the degradation efficiency up to 60% and 94% within 120 min, respectively. The 12.5N-BFO nanoparticles were very stable during photocatalytic processes and their

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