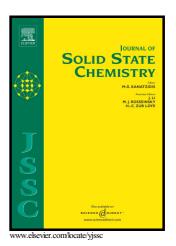
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Abstract: A series of novel binary TiO2/BiOX (X=Cl, Br, I) and ternary

TiO₂/CQDs/BiOBr hybrid photocatalysts were prepared through a facile hydrothermal

method. TiO₂/BiOX heterostructures were fabricated by varying the halogen ions. The

photocatalysts were characterized by X-ray diffraction, scanning electron microscopy,

transmission electron microscopy, UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectroscopy, and X-ray

photoelectron spectroscopy. Among the binary TiO₂/BiOX, TiO₂/BiOBr showed the

most preferable photocatalytic activities due to suitable band gap alignment and photo

stability, reaching almost 80% MO degradation during 180 min irradiation under

simulated sunlight. Moreover, the effects of synthesis temperature, Ti/Bi ratio on the

composition and structure were investigated, the results indicated TiO₂/BiOBr with

Bi/Ti=10% prepared at 120 °C possessed the best photocatalytic performance. Carbon

quantum dots were introduced to accelerate electrons transfer at interface or prevent

charges recombination on the surface, resulting a much better photocatalytic

performance for TiO₂/CQDs/BiOBr hybrid photocatalysts.

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