

TiO₂/WO₃ composite photocatalysts from different precursor functionalities for photocatalytic activity

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TiO₂ is outstanding photocatalyst because of its superior photoactivity, chemical stability, and reasonable price. But TiO₂ has some defects like large band gap and fast electron/hole recombination. Composite structure is widely used method for solving these problems. WO₃ is proper material to narrowing band gap and separating electron hole pairs. Many researchers studied about optimum amount of WO₃ species but the optimum condition of composition was fewly reported. At this study, the suitable TiO₂ precursor for making composite structure with WO₃ was considered. We used three TiO₂ precursors, titanium n-propoxide, titanium isopropoxide, and titanium n-butoxide. The WO₃ precursor, tungsten isoproxpoide was fixed material. The samples were characterized by XRD, XPS, TEM, UV-Vis, and Solar simulator.