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PHOTOCATALYTIC PROPERTIES OF BiFeO₃ PARTICLES SYNTHESIZED BY ULTRASOUND SOL-GEL ASSISTED ROUTE

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BiFeO₃ precursor powder was synthesized by ultrasound asissted solgel route at relatively low temperature, starting from Bi-nitrate, Fe-nitrate, and ethylene glycol. Structural, optical, and photocatalytic properties of obtained powder were investigated. X-ray diffraction analysis confirmed that thermal treatment of precursor powder at 500 °C, led to formation of pure phase BiFeO₃. The determined band gap was 2.20 eV, indicating its potential application as visible-light-response photocatalyst. The photocatalytic behaviour of BiFeO₃ powder was estimated by the degradation of Reactive Orange 16 (RO16), typical azo dye. Photocatalytic activities under different *p*H values were further studied. The result shows that the BiFeO₃ particles exhibit the highest photocatalytic activity in the solution with the lowest *p*H value.