

# One-pot sono-enhanced EG/EtOH-thermal design of nano-structured bismuth oxide formate and bismuth molybdenum oxide and their competitive evaluation in hetero-photocatalytic deletion of RhB under simulated sunlight

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In the present study, bismuth oxide formate (BiOCCOOH) and bismuth molybdenum oxide (Bi MoO<sub>6</sub>) nanophotocatalysts have been prepared by one-pot sono-enhanced EG/EtOH-thermal synthesis for the elimination of rhodamine B (RhB) under simulated sunlight. In comparison to the previous works, as-synthesized BiOCCOOH showed higher photodegradation potential towards RhB pollutant owing to the effect of ultrasound waves. Herein, BiOCCOOH could degrade 10 mg/L RhB to 96.91% unexpectedly during 120 min under simulated sunlight. But, the decolorization capability of Bi MoO<sub>6</sub> over 10 mg/L RhB was calculated to be 68%. Furthermore, BiOCCOOH and Bi MoO<sub>6</sub> as layered nanophotocatalysts have shown unique morphologies due to the presence of two solvents (ethylene glycol and ethanol) and the use of ultrasonic waves during synthesis which affected the growth of crystals and their sizes. Moreover, crystallographic and morphological analyses are used to demonstrate the true synthesis of nanophotocatalysts and the discussion of results gained.

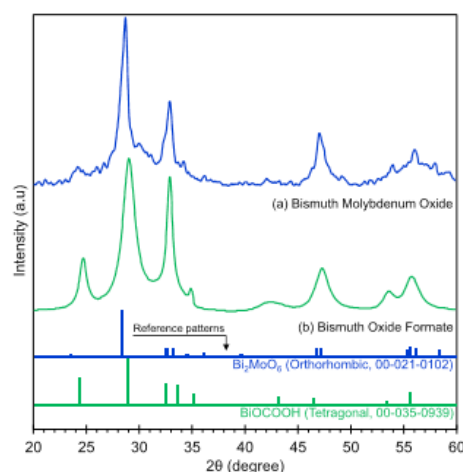
## Method

BiOCCOOH has been provided by Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>3</sub>COONa precursors. Also, for the preparation of Bi MoO<sub>6</sub> nanophotocatalyst, Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O and Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O have been used. Firstly, Bi(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O was dispersed in 80 mL ethanol and 40 mL ethylene glycol by ultrasonic waves with a power of 150 W for 30 min. Then, CH<sub>3</sub>COONa or Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O was added to the solution and it was dispersed via the ultrasound with the same power for 1 h. After that, the solution was mixed under stirring for 30 min. Next, to increase the dispersion of active sites, more sonication was considered. The solution was sonicated with the power of 150 W for 15 min and then 200 W for 15 min. Finally, the desired solution was obtained after it was sonicated with the power of 250 W for 30 min. Next, to increase the dispersion of active sites, more sonication was considered. The solution was sonicated with the power of 150 W for 15 min and then 200 W for 15 min. Finally, the desired solvo-

thermal was sonicated with the power of 150 W for 15 min and Fig. 1. XRD pattern of bismuth molybdenum oxide (Bi MoO<sub>6</sub>) and bismuth oxide formate (BiOCCOOH) nanophotocatalysts

## Introduction

By the development of industries, the amount of organic pollutants has also increased in environment significantly. Dye contaminants are one of them which are more resistant. To tackle this issue, various forms of techniques are applied, but the photocatalytic approach has attracted a lot of attention as one of the most environmentally friendly methods. Nanoscale Bi-based photocatalysts are promising candidates for visible-light driven photocatalytic environmental remediation and energy conversion. Herein, our aim is waste-water treatment. Therefore, we evaluated degradation efficiency of BiOCCOOH and BiMoO<sub>6</sub> over 10 mg/L RhB. As can be seen in the 3D surface analysis in figure 3, the width of the wall in sponge-like BiOCCOOH is about 45.4 nm which is the consequence of the sonication in uniform dispersion of phase and pore distribution. Therefore, availability of the pores with under simulated sunlight. But, the decolorization capability of Bi MoO<sub>6</sub> over 10 mg/L RhB was calculated to be 68% at the same condition. As a result, BiOCCOOH showed higher photodegradation potential towards RhB pollutant owing to the effect of ultrasound waves and its sponge-like morphology.



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Fig.1.XRDpattern of bismutmolybdenumoxide (Bi MoO ) and bismuth oxide formate (BiOCCOOH) nanophotocatalysts

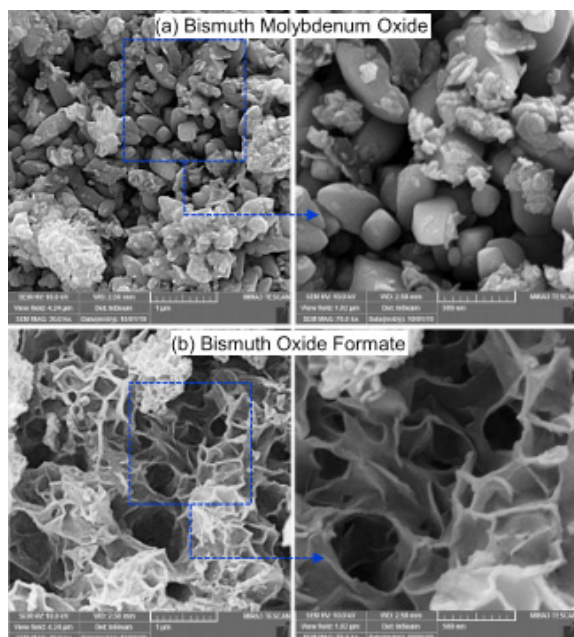


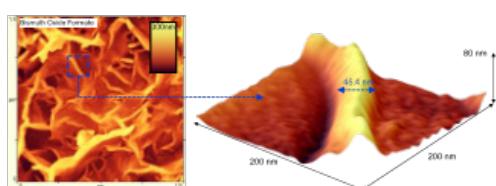
Fig. 2. FESEM images of bismuth molybdenum oxide(Bi MoO ) and bismuth oxide formate (BiOCCOOH)nanophotocatalysts.

### Results and discussion

Crystallographic analysis is used to demonstrate the true synthesis of nanophotocatalysts. According to the XRD analysis in figure 1, all the characteristic peaks of BiOCCOOH and Bi MoO are compatible with the tetragonal BiOCCOOH (JCPDS NO. 00-35-0939) and orthorhombic Bi MoO(JCPDS NO. 00-021-0102). The FESEM images of the nanophotocatalysts in figure 2 demonstrated that the Bi MoO is composed from particles and nanosheets. Also BiOCCOOH showed sponge-like morphology with large pores which results from the assistance of ultrasonic waves during the synthesis appropriate size in BiOCCOOH makes the diffusion of RhB molecules easier.

Fig. 3 3D surface analysis of bismuth oxide formate(BiOCCOOH) nanophotocatalyst. Moreover, the

adsorption and degradation performance of BiOCCOOH and Bi MoO has been presented in figure 4.



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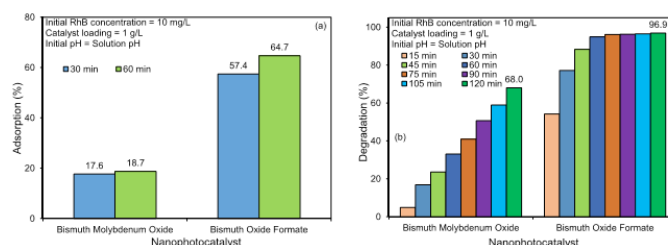


Fig.4.Performance of synthesized nanophotocatalysts toward degradation of RhB under simulated solar light (a) adsorption (%) and (b) degradation (%)It is obvious that BiOCCOOH could degrade 10 mg/L RhB up to 96.9% during 120 min radiation under simulated sunlight. But, the de-colorization capability of Bi MoO<sub>6</sub> over 10 mg/L RhB was calculated to be 68% at the same condition. As a result, BiOCCOOH showed higher photodegradation potential towards RhB pollutant owing to the effect of ultrasound waves and its sponge-like morphology.

### Conclusions

BiOCCOOH and Bi MoO nanophotocatalysts were prepared by sono-solvothermal method to investigate their photodegradation ability towards 10 mg/L RhB. The photocatalytic activity of BiOCCOOH is much higher than Bi MoO. This is due to the sponge-like morphology of BiOCCOOH with large pores which facilitated the diffusion of RhB molecules.

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