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Abstract	Saddle-like Ag ₃ PO ₄ particles of tetrahedron structure were successfully synthesized using a co-precipitation method by mixing H ₃ PO ₄ ethanol solution and AgNO ₃ ethanol aqueous solution, where the percentage of ethanol in AgNO ₃ ethanol aqueous solution was varied at 0, 50, 80, 90 and 100% (v/v). The photocatalytic performance of the synthesized samples was evaluated by photodegradation of Rhodamine B (RhB) under blue light irradiation (lambda = 455 nm). The results showed that the morphology of the Ag ₃ PO ₄ particles greatly changed depending on the ethanol content in the reaction solution. Excellent photocatalytic activity was observed at 80% (v/v) of ethanol, where the Ag ₃ PO ₄ showed saddle-like morphology derived from the tetrahedron structure. (C) 2016 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.
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