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Abstract	SrBi ₄ Ti ₄ O ₁₅ is one of four-layered Aurivillius compound family member that can be used as photocatalyst material that works in the violet light region. To expand its work function range can be conducted by doped with metal elements to SrBi ₄ Ti ₄ O ₁₅ as results reduced its band gap energy. In this research, we synthesized vanadium doped SrBi ₄ Ti ₄ O ₁₅ (SrBi ₄ Ti ₄ -nVnO ₁₅ (n= 0, 0.05, 0.1, and 0.15)) by molten salt method (used KCl salt). The diffractogram sample showed that the target compounds SrBi ₄ Ti ₄ -nVnO ₁₅ (n= 0, 0.05, 0.1, and 0.15) had been successfully synthesized with the space group A21am without impurities. The SEM micrographs showed the particle shape of SrBi ₄ Ti ₄ -nVnO ₁₅ (n= 0, 0.05, 0.1, and 0.15) was plate-like (sheets) and V dopant did not cause agglomeration. The result of Kubelka-Munk equation calculation showed that the V dopant can reduced the band gap energy value from 3.04 eV (408 nm) to 2.84 eV (437 nm)
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