

Confined Synthesis of BiVO₄ Nanodots and ZnO Clusters Co-decorated 3DOM TiO₂ for Formic Acid Production from Xylan-based Hemicellulose Photorefinery

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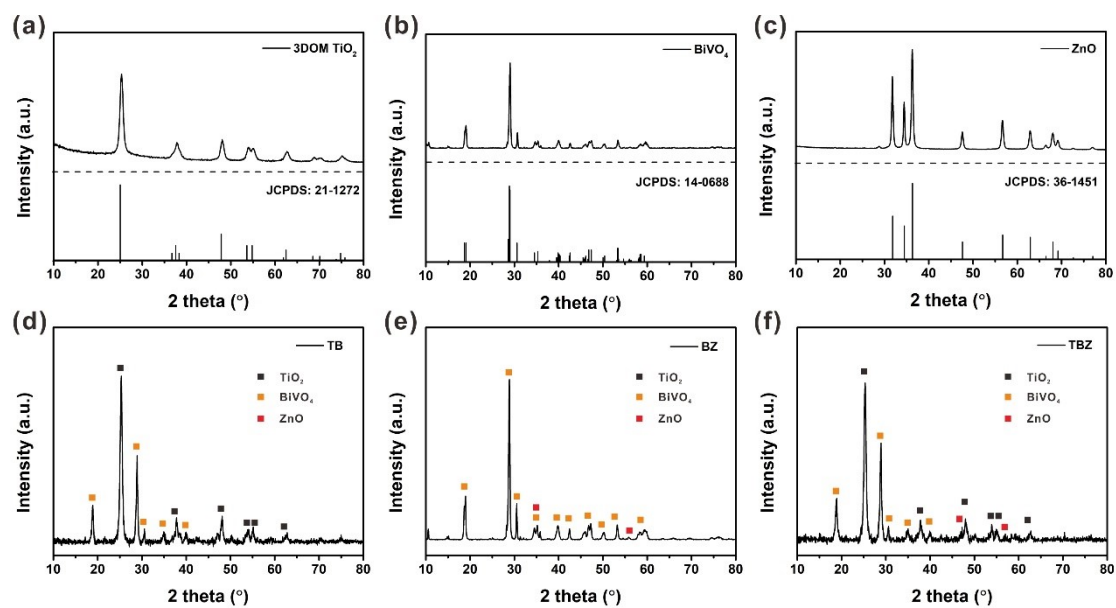


Fig. 1. XRD patterns of (a) 3DOM TiO₂, (b) BiVO₄, (c) ZnO, (d) TB, (e) BZ, (f) TBZ.

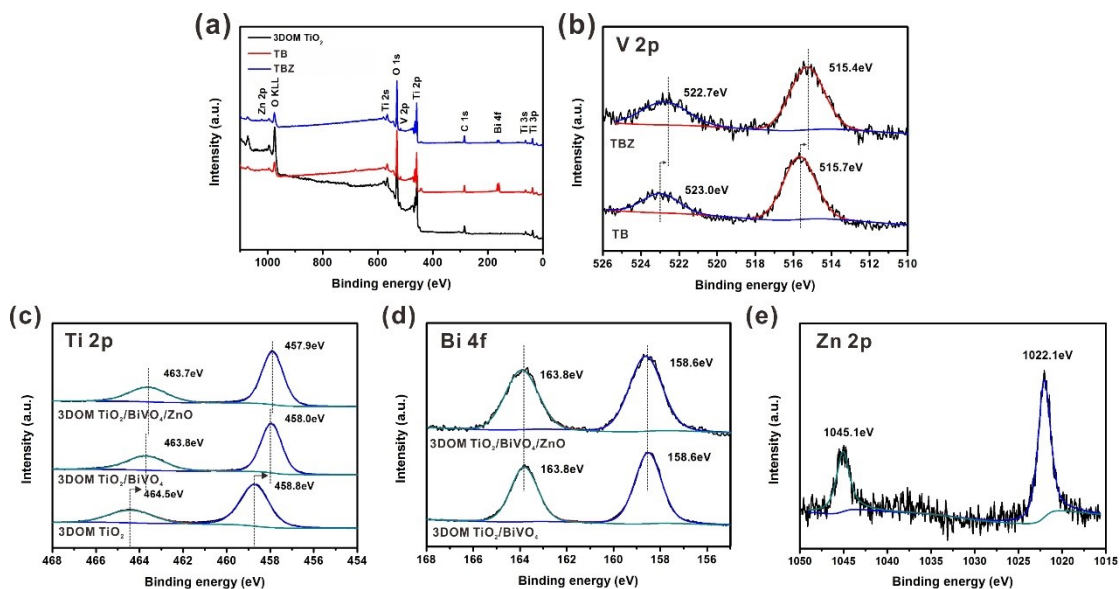


Fig. 2. (a) XPS survey spectra of 3DOM TiO₂, TB and TBZ, high-resolution XPS spectra of (b) V 2p, (c) Ti 2p, (d) Bi 4f and (e) Zn 2p.

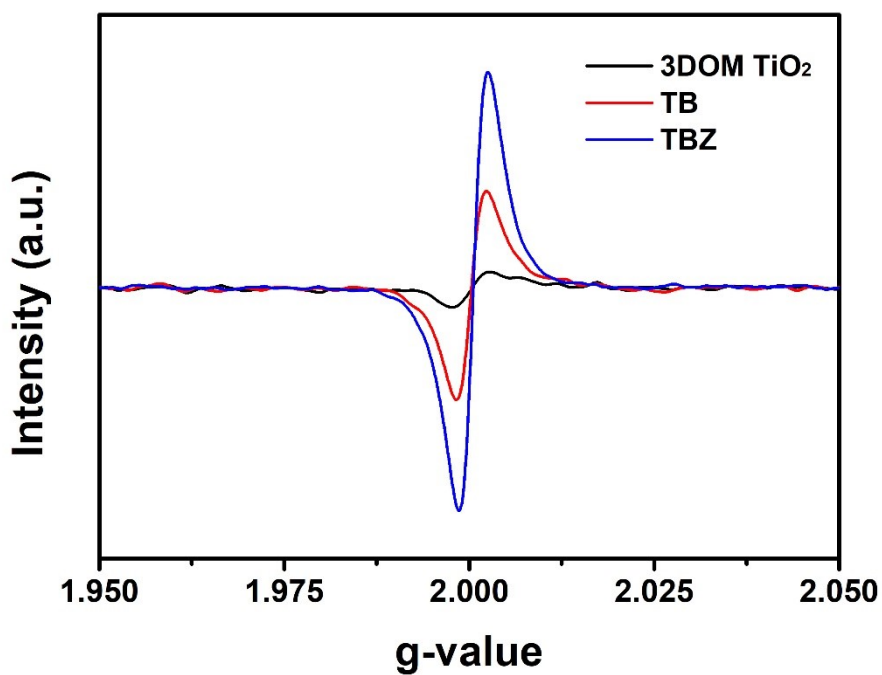


Fig. 3. ESR spectra of oxygen vacancies in different photocatalysts.

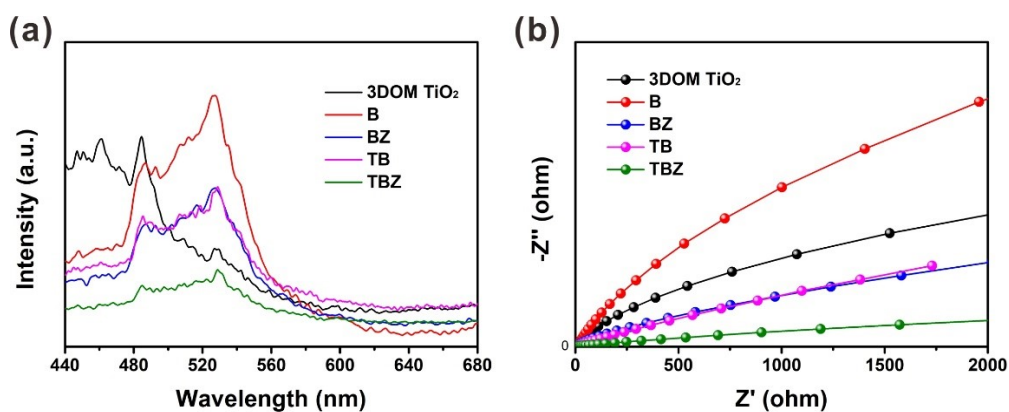


Fig. 4. (a) PL spectra with 420 nm excitation wavelength and (b) EIS Nyquist plots of all the photocatalysts.

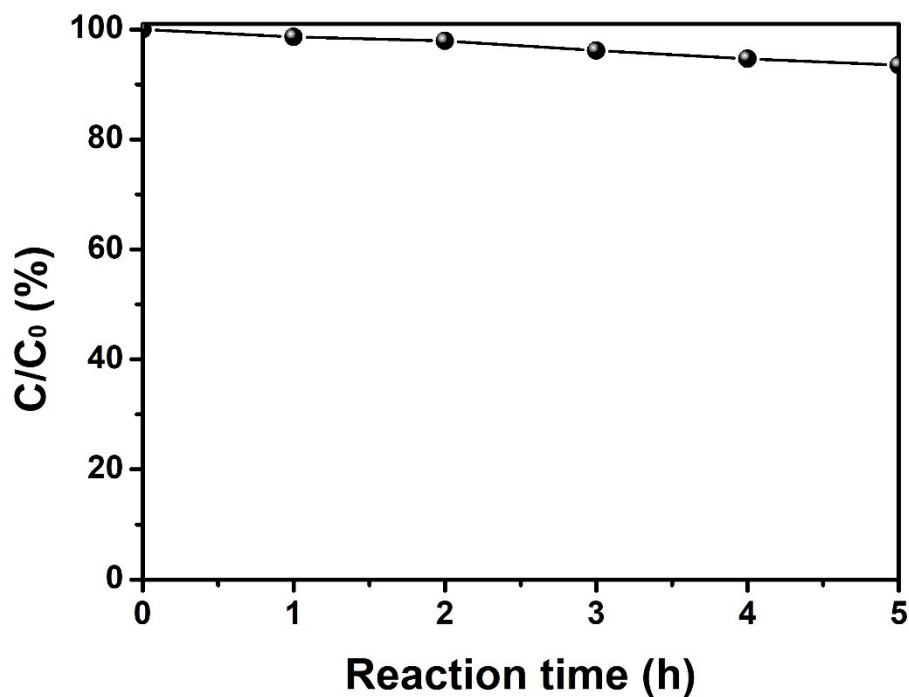


Fig. 5. Formic acid photodegradation over TBZ.

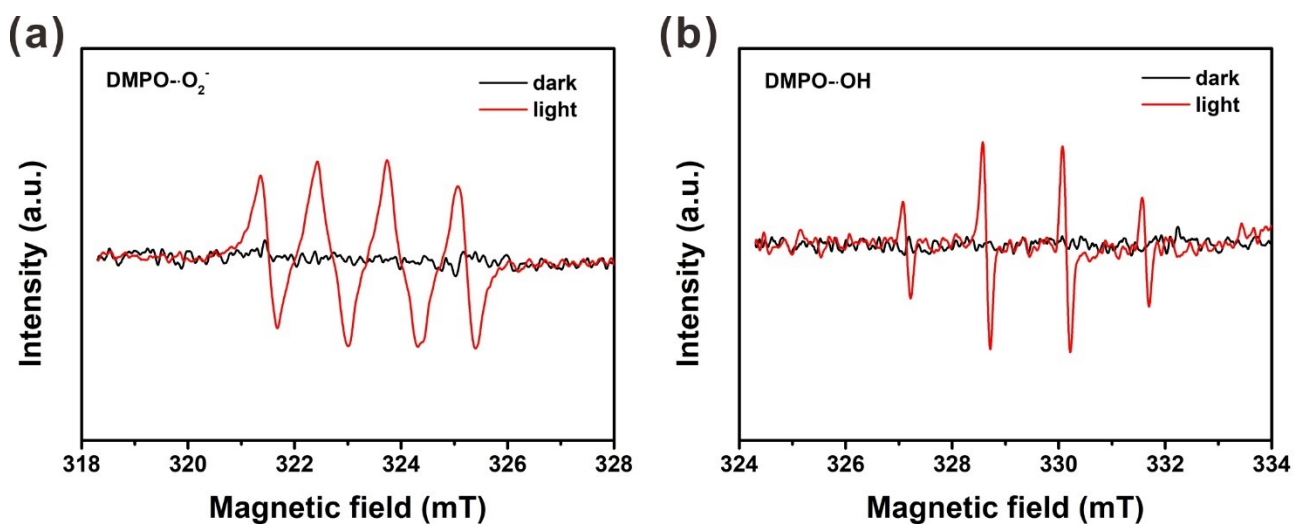


Fig. 6. ESR signal for the detection of (a) $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ and (b) $\cdot\text{OH}$ under dark and light condition over TBZ photocatalyst.

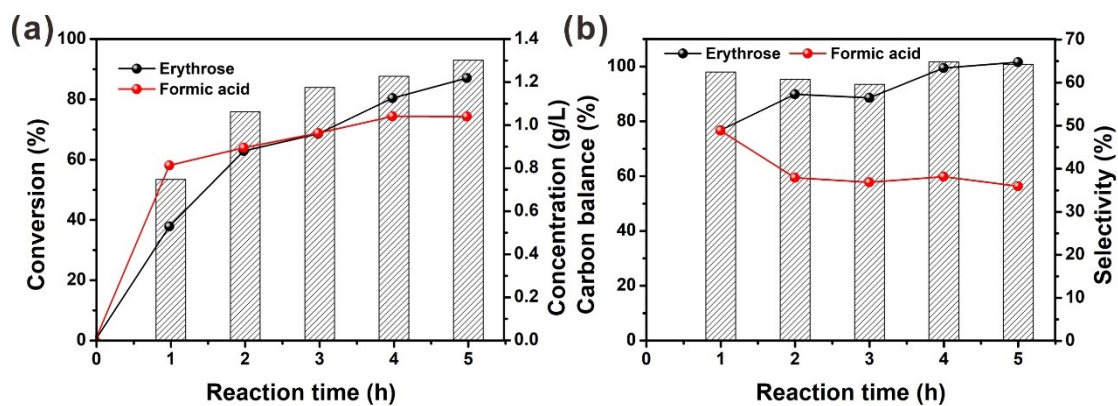


Fig. 7. (a) Arabinose conversion with product distributions, (b) calculated carbon balance and product selectivity over TBZ in O₂ atmosphere.