

Photocatalytic Water Purification in Rural India



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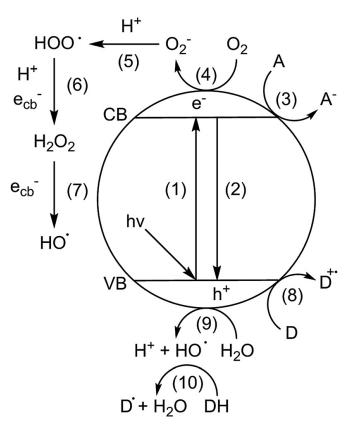




- World Health Organisation: "748 million people rely on unimproved water sources." (77 million in India)
- India: water-stressed nation by 2020; Around 37.7 million Indians are affected by waterborne diseases annually, 1.5 million children are estimated to die of diarrhoea alone and 73 million working days are lost due to waterborne disease each year.
- The United Nations: "in 15 years time there will be a global fresh water shortfall of 40%."



Semiconductor Photocatalysis





TiO₂

- Only absorbs UV
- Rapid charge recombination
- Powder needs separated

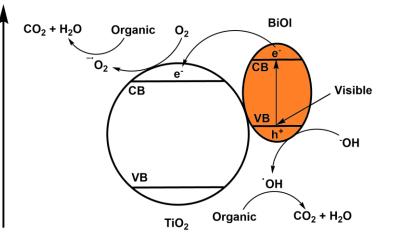
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Electron Energy

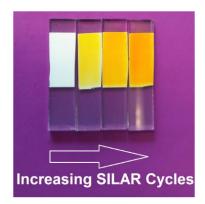
Heterojunction Photocatalysis

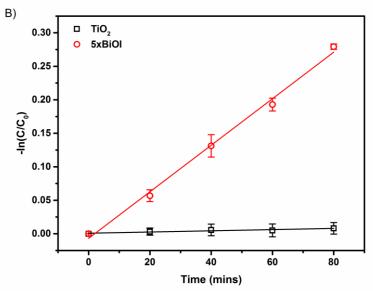














TiO₂-Carbon Materials

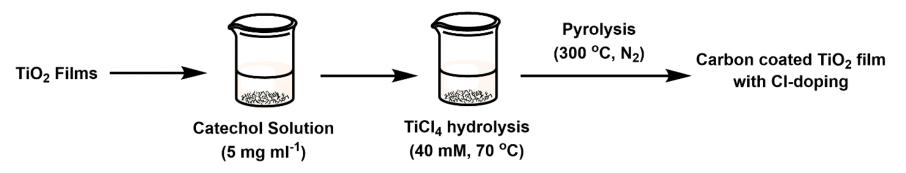


Figure 1. Preparation of the carbon coated and Cl-doped films.

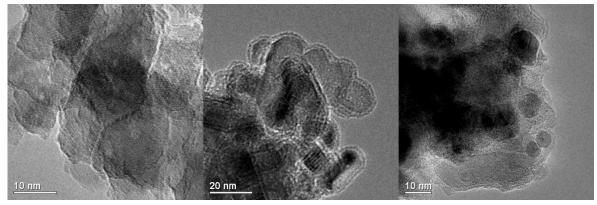


Figure 4. TEM images of TiO₂ (left), C-TiO₂ (mid) and C-TiCl₄-TiO₂ (right).

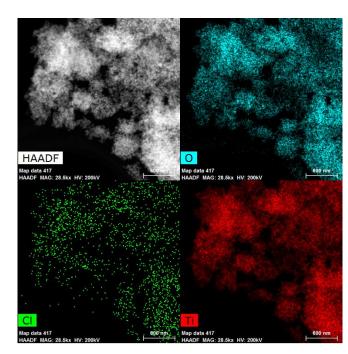
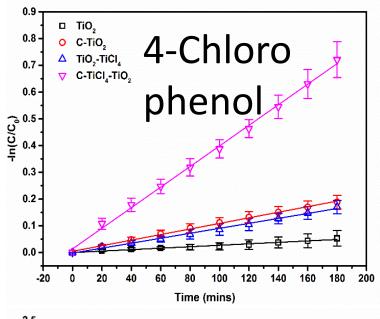
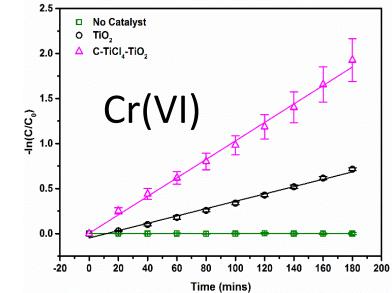


Figure 5. TEM-EDS maps of $\text{C-TiCl}_4\text{-TiO}_2$, showing the high angle annular dark field image (HAADF), oxygen (blue), chlorine (green) and titanium (red) maps of the area.

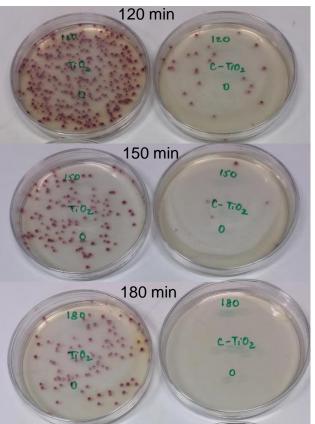


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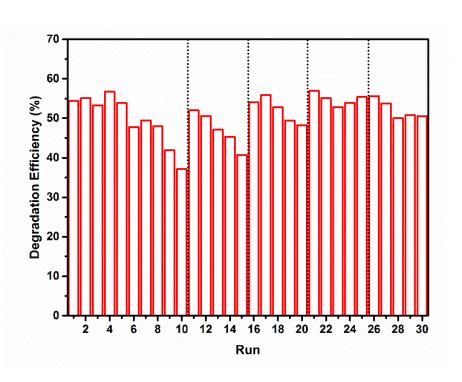


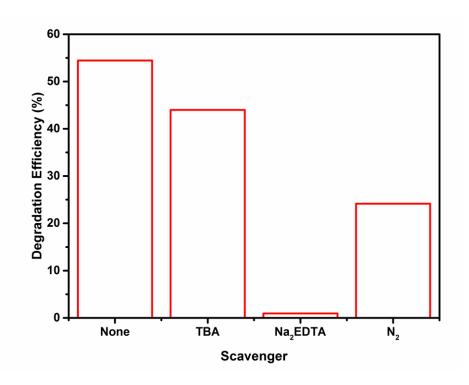






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Excellent stability

Mainly holes are active

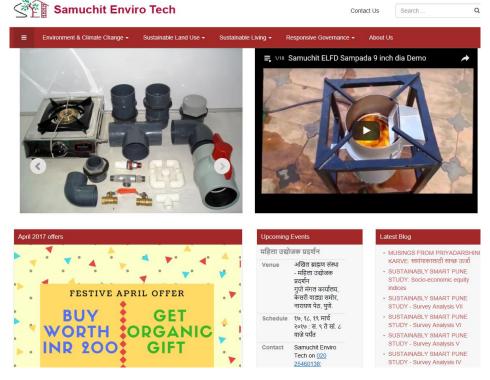


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Future Focus

- Rural India Drinking water
 - Domestic level
 - Catalyst on beads, mesh, fabric, plastic
 - Add to clear bottle, stand in the sun
- Rural India Waste water
 - Much more challenging
 - Pretreat with adsorbant (biochar)
 - Village level system
- Other photocatalytic water purification contexts