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In search of visible light active TiO₂ based photocatalysts used in advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) for wastewater treatment

TiO₂ has been extensively studied and identified as the best photocatalyst for the decomposition of many organic pollutants present in wastewater due to its high photocatalytic activity, chemical stability and nontoxicity. The drawbacks of TiO₂ are: (i) wide band gap energy of 3.2 eV, (active under UV light irradiation) and (ii) fast electron-hole recombination. Effective approaches to resolve these drawbacks are modifications of TiO₂, such as doping with other metal and non-metal elements or coupling with other semiconductors. Different strategies to modify TiO₂ based photocatalysts for the utilization of visible light and to increase their photocatalytic activity will be presented.

