



Supplementary Materials

Defect Engineering Enhances the Charge Separation of CeO₂ Nanorods toward Photocatalytic Methyl Blue Oxidation

Jindong Yang ¹, Ning Xie ², Jingnan Zhang ¹, Wenjie Fan ³, Yongchao Huang ^{2,*} and Yexiang Tong ^{1,*}

¹ MOE Laboratory of Bioinorganic and Synthetic Chemistry the Key Lab of Low-Carbon Chemistry and Energy Conservation of Guangdong Province, School of Chemistry, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou 510006, China; usayjd@hotmail.com (J.Y.); zhangjn28@mail2.sysu.edu.cn (J.Z.)

² Institute of Environmental Research at Greater Bay Area, Key Laboratory for Water Quality and Conservation of the Pearl River Delta, Ministry of Education; Guangzhou Key Laboratory for Clean Energy and Materials, Guangzhou University, Guangzhou 510006, China; xiening0101@163.com

³ Analysis and Testing Center, South China Normal University, Guangzhou 510006, China; 20175033@m.scnu.edu.cn

* Correspondence: huangych@gzhu.edu.cn (Y.H.), chedhx@mail.sysu.edu.cn (Y.T.)

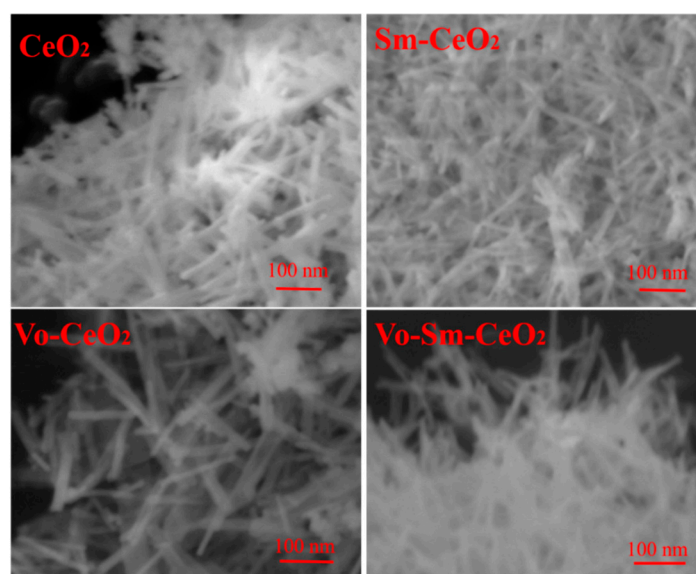


Figure S1. SEM images of CeO₂, Sm-CeO₂, Vo-CeO₂ and Vo-Sm-CeO₂.

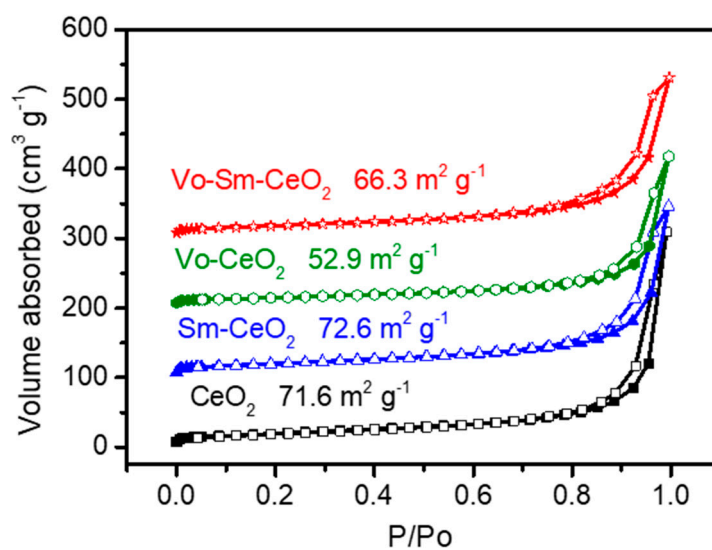


Figure S2. The N₂ adsorption spectra of all the samples.

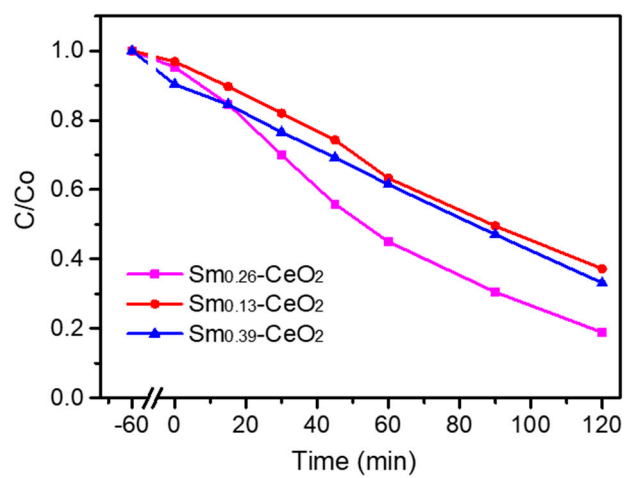


Figure S3. Photocatalytic performance of Sm doping CeO₂.

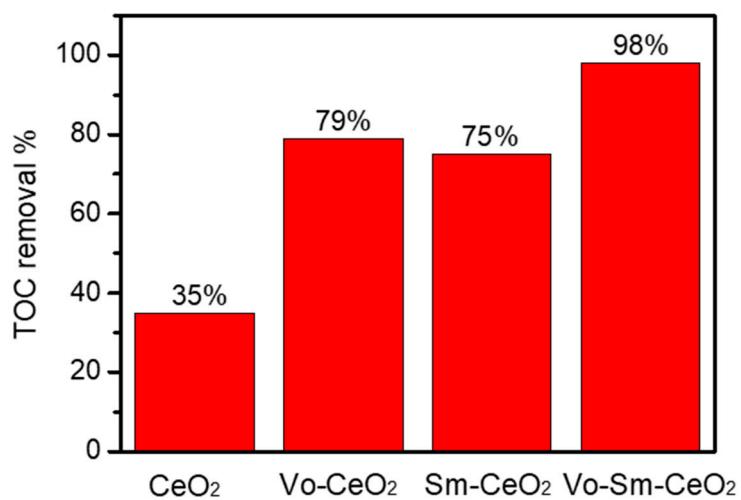


Figure S4. TOC removal efficiency CeO₂, Sm-CeO₂, Vo-CeO₂ and Vo-Sm-CeO₂ at 120 min.

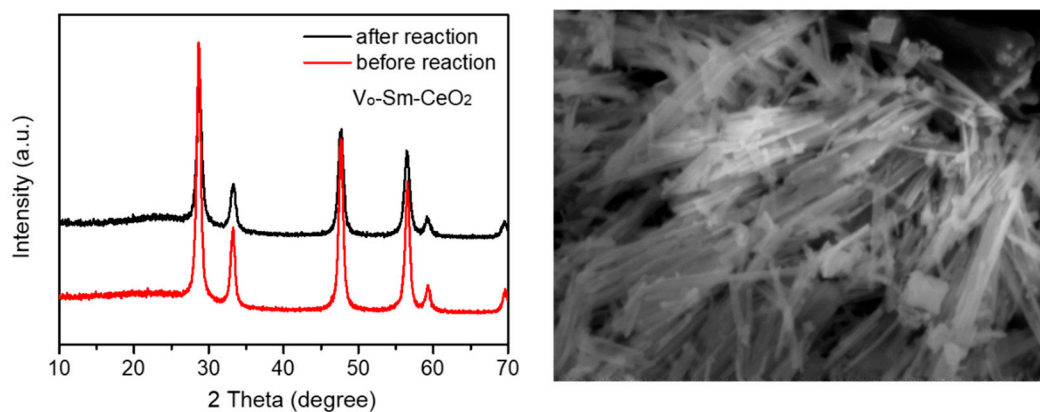


Figure S5. XRD spectra and SEM image of Vo-Sm-CeO₂ after five cycles test.

Table S1. The performance of Vo-Sm-CeO₂ is also compared with other reported Ce based photocatalysts.

Samples	Solution	Light Source	Photocatalytic Efficiency	Ref.
Vo-Sm-CeO ₂ (0.02 g)	100 mL MB (10 mg/L)	300 W Xe lamp coupled with a 420 nm cut-off filter	*T ₅₀ =30 min *T ₁₀₀ =90 min	Our sample
Ce _x Co _{1-x} O ₂ nanoparticle (0.01 g)	200 mL MB (10 ppm)	150 W Xenon lamp	T ₂₉ = 180 min	1
ZnO/CeO ₂ /10 wt.% NGP (0.03 g)	100 mL MB (20 mg/L)	150 W Xenon lamp	T ₈₄ =120 min	2
CeCa ₅ quantum dots (0.2 g)	100 mL MB (5 × 10 ⁻³ M)	150 W Xenon lamp	T ₈₄ =50 min	3
CeO ₂ Nps (0.1g)	100 mL MB (10 ppm)	125 W UV-light	T ₉₄ =180 min	4
AgNWs@Ce O ₂ -2 (0.05g)	100 mL MB (10 ppm)	300 W Xe lamp	T ₈₀ =150 min	5
ZnO/CeO ₂ (90:10) (0.5g)	500 mL MB	250 W projection lamp	T ₉₇ =150 min	6
CeO ₂ /Tb ₂ O ₃ nanotubes (0.01g)	15 mL MB (0.3 mM)	50W Xenon lamp	T ₉₃ =75 min	7
5 wt% Zn- CeO ₂ (0.5g)	500 mL MB (3 × 10 ⁻⁵ mol/L)	400 W sodium lamp	T ₈₅ =180 min	8
CeO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ (13.0%) (0.1g)	100 mL MB (10 mg/L)	300 W Xe lamp with a 400 nm cutoff filter	T ₉₅ =120 min	9
RGO/CeO ₂ (0.015g)	100 mL MB (1 × 10 ⁻⁵ M)	direct sunlight	T ₅₀ =90 min	10
CeO ₂ nanoparticles (0.05g)	100 mL MB (12ppm)	20 W UV light	T ₉₄ =27 min	11
Gd-CeO ₂ nanoparticles (0.1g)	100 mL MB (1.7 × 10 ⁻⁶ M)	900W UV-light source	T ₉₈ =300min	12

*T₅₀ means the time needs for photocatalytic degradation of 50% MB.

Reference

- George S E, George M, Alex J, et al. Nonlinear optical and photocatalytic dye degradation of Co doped CeO₂ nanostructures synthesized through a modified combustion technique. *Ceramics International*, 2020.
- Tju H, Shabrany H, Taufik A, et al. Degradation of methylene blue (MB) using ZnO/CeO₂/nanographene platelets (NGP) photocatalyst: Effect of various concentration of NGP[C]//AIP Conference Proceedings. AIP Publishing LLC, 2017, 1862(1): 030037.
- Ramasamy V, Mohana V, Rajendran V. Characterization of Ca doped CeO₂ quantum dots and their applications in photocatalytic degradation. *OpenNano*, 2018, 3: 38-47.
- Yadav L S R, Lingaraju K, Prasad B D, et al. Synthesis of CeO₂ nanoparticles: photocatalytic and antibacterial activities. *The European Physical Journal Plus*, 2017, 132(5): 239.
- Wu L, Fang S, Ge L, et al. Facile synthesis of Ag@ CeO₂ core-shell plasmonic photocatalysts with enhanced visible-light photocatalytic performance. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*, 2015, 300: 93-103.

6. Rajendran S, Khan M M, Gracia F, et al. Ce³⁺-ion-induced visible-light photocatalytic degradation and electrochemical activity of ZnO/CeO₂ nanocomposite. *Scientific Reports*, 2016, 6: 31641.
7. Arul N S, Mangalaraj D, Kim T W. Photocatalytic degradation mechanisms of CeO₂/Tb₂O₃ nanotubes. *Applied Surface Science*, 2015, 349: 459-464.
8. Khan M A M, Khan W, Ahamed M, et al. Microstructural properties and enhanced photocatalytic performance of Zn doped CeO₂ nanocrystals. *Scientific reports*, 2017, 7(1): 1-11.
9. Huang L, Li Y, Xu H, et al. Synthesis and characterization of CeO₂/g-C₃N₄ composites with enhanced visible-light photocatalytic activity. *Rsc Advances*, 2013, 3(44): 22269-22279.
10. Kaur J, Anand K, Anand K, et al. Reduced graphene oxide/CeO₂ nanocomposite with enhanced photocatalytic performance[C]//AIP Conference Proceedings. AIP Publishing LLC, 2015, 1661(1): 080009.
11. Tuyen L T T, Quang Khieu D, Long H T, et al. Monodisperse uniform CeO₂ nanoparticles: Controlled synthesis and photocatalytic property. *Journal of Nanomaterials*, 2016, 2016.
12. El Rouby W M A, Farghali A A, Hamdedein A. Microwave synthesis of pure and doped cerium (IV) oxide (CeO₂) nanoparticles for methylene blue degradation. *Water Science and Technology*, 2016, 74(10): 2325-2336.



© 2020 by the authors. Submitted for possible open access publication under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>).