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## Photodeposition as a facile route to tunable Pt photocatalysts for hydrogen production: on the role of methanol

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**Fig. S1.** UV-vis absorption spectra of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts as a function of methanol concentration during PD.



**Fig. S2.** (a) Particle size distributions, and (b) mean Pt particle size determined by HRTEM and H<sub>2</sub> chemisorption of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> as a function of methanol concentration during PD.



Fig. S3. Dark-field STEM images of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> as a function of methanol concentration during PD, and bright-field TEM highlighting (110) rutile titania lattice fringes for 50% MeOH photodeposited sample.



**Fig. S4.** Cl 2p XPS spectrum of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts as a function of methanol concentration during PD.



**Fig. S5.** O 1s XP spectra of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts as a function of methanol concentration during PD.



**Fig. S6.** Pt-L<sub>III</sub> fluorescence XAS spectra of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts as a function of methanol concentration during PD



**Fig. S7.** Transmission Pt L<sub>III</sub>-edge k<sup>3</sup>-weighted chi data. Pt foil and oxide references shown for comparison.





**Fig. S8.** Dark-field STEM images of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> prepared via (a-b) 0% MeOH and (c-d) 100% MeOH PD before and after photocatalytic hydrogen production evidencing significant sintering occurs when reduction is induced via evolved hydrogen versus electron transfer during PD.



**Fig. S9.** High resolution XRD patterns of 0.5 and 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts as a function of methanol concentration during PD. No platinum reflections are observable for the 0.5 wt% catalyst.



**Fig. S10.** High resolution XRD patterns of 1 wt% Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts post-photocatalytic hydrogen production as a function of methanol concentration during PD. No sintering occurs for the 100 % MeOH Pd catalyst, in contrast to that photodeposited in the absence of methanol for which large metallic nanoparticles are apparent.