

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Synthesis of $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ self-doped $\text{TiO}_2$ nanocrystals based on Le Chatelier's principle and their application in solar light photocatalysis

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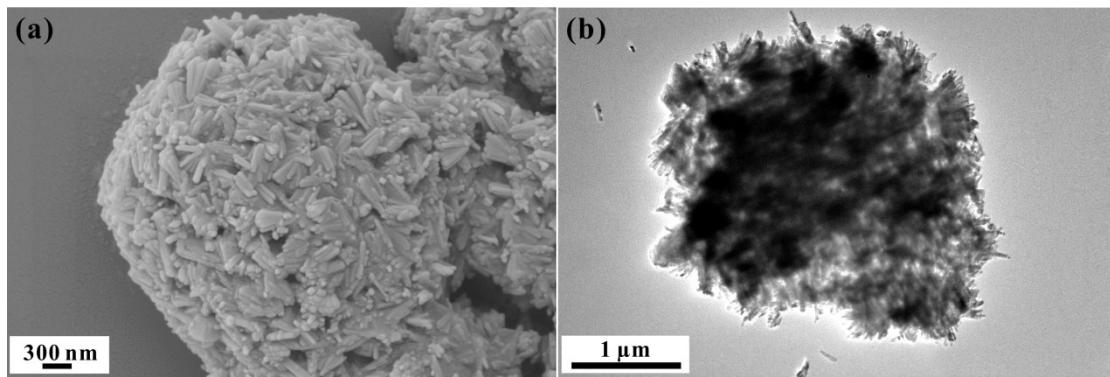


Fig. S1 (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of the pristine  $\text{TiO}_2$  ( $r=0$ ) sample synthesized without using  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{TiF}_6$ .

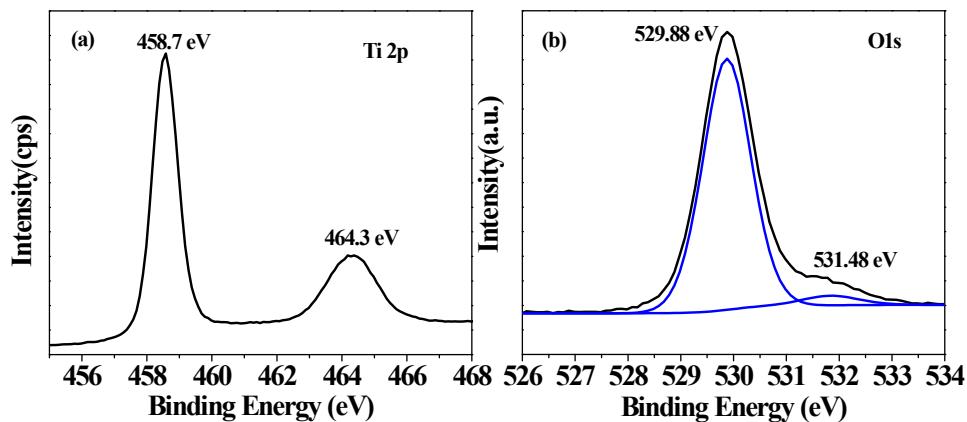


Fig. S2 XPS spectra of  $\text{Ti}2\text{p}$  and  $\text{O}1\text{s}$  for pristine  $\text{TiO}_2$  ( $r=0$ ) sample.

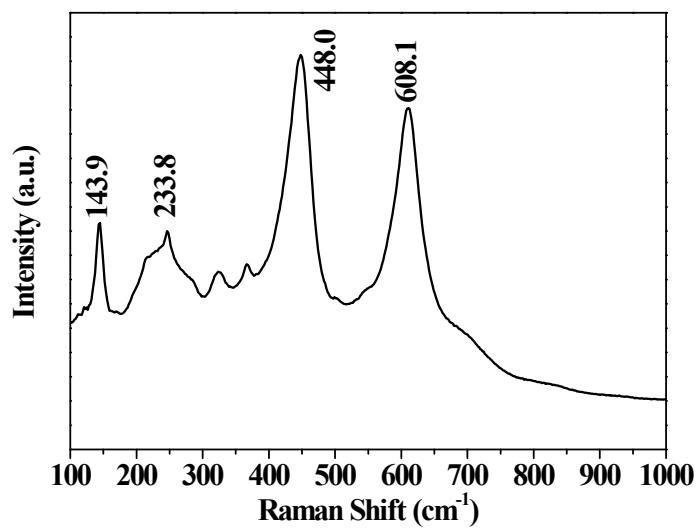


Fig. S3 Raman spectrum of pristine  $\text{TiO}_2$  ( $r=0$ ) sample.

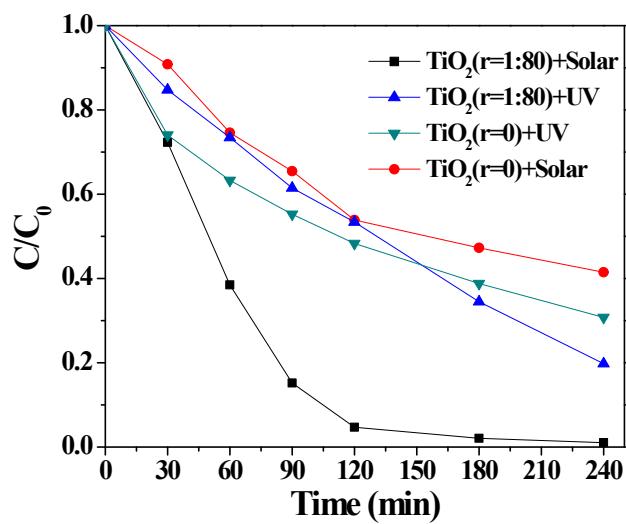


Fig. S4 The relative concentrations of MB solution as a function of irradiation time with different  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanocrystals as the photocatalysts under natural solar irradiation and UV irradiation, respectively.

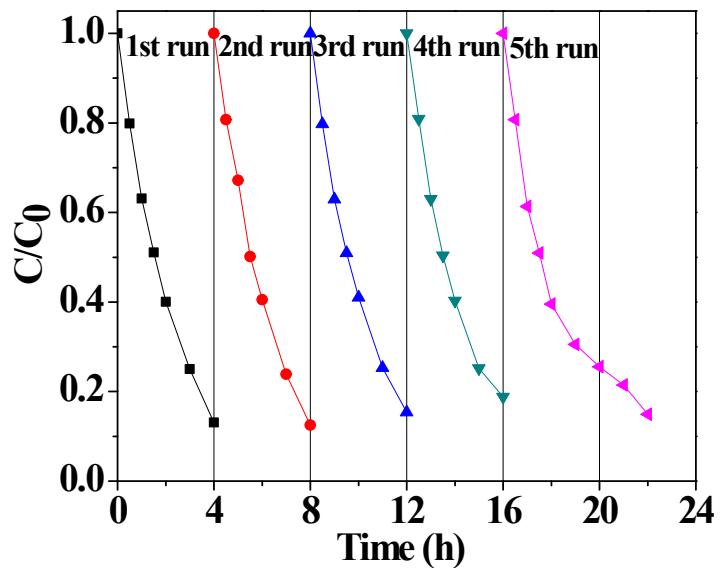


Fig. S5 Life recycle performance of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  self-doped  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanocrystals ( $r=1:80$ ) under simulated visible light irradiation.

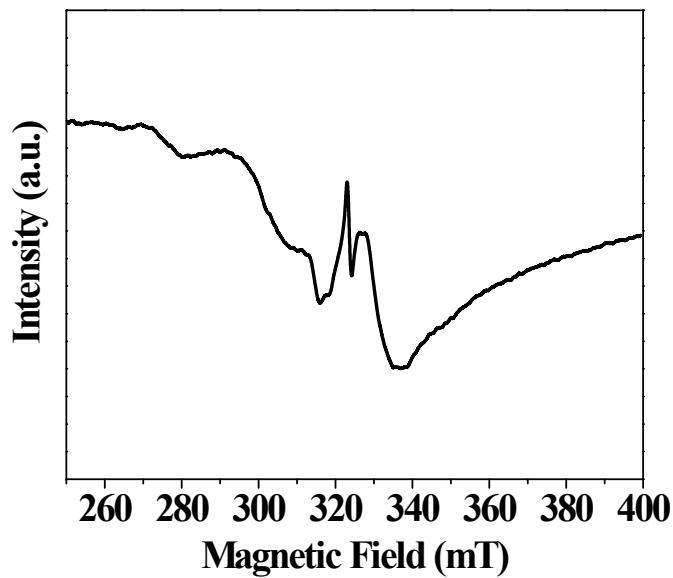


Fig. S6 The EPR spectrum of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  self-doped  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanocrystals after fifth run of photocatalytic reactions.