

Supporting Information

Growth of Macroporous TiO₂ on B doped g-C₃N₄ Nanosheet: A Z-Scheme Photocatalyst for H₂O₂ Production and Phenol Oxidation under Visible Light

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Table S1: Literature survey on various TiO₂/g-C₃N₄ systems

Photocatalyst	Synthesis method	Activity	Reference
TiO ₂ /C ₃ N ₄	Hydrothermal	H ₂ and O ₂ generation of 50.2 and 24.3 μmol/h	1
TiO ₂ /C ₃ N ₄	Mechanical mixing	57 % N ₂ O conversion in 16h	2
TiO ₂ -C ₃ N ₄	Hydrothermal	94.6 % RhB degradation in 60 min	3
C/X-TiO ₂ @C ₃ N ₄ (X = N, F, Cl)	Sol-gel-pyrolysis	74.7% p-chlorophenol degradation in 6h	4
N,S-TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄	Thermal process	125 μmol/h H ₂ evolution	5
TiO ₂ /B doped g-C ₃ N ₄	Sonication followed by calcination methods	87% of 20 ppm phenol in 2h, H ₂ O ₂ production 22 μmol/h	Present work

Table S2: Crystallite size of different photocatalyst based on Williamson- Hull and Scherer method.

Photocatalyst	Crystallite size (D) (nm) W-H analysis	Crystallite size (D) (nm) Scherer analysis
P25	28.81	28.74
TiO ₂	57.27	59.16
E-BCN	1.38	2.1
TBCN-4	24.31	23.24
TBCN-8	69.30	64.97
TBCN-12	49.5	48.41

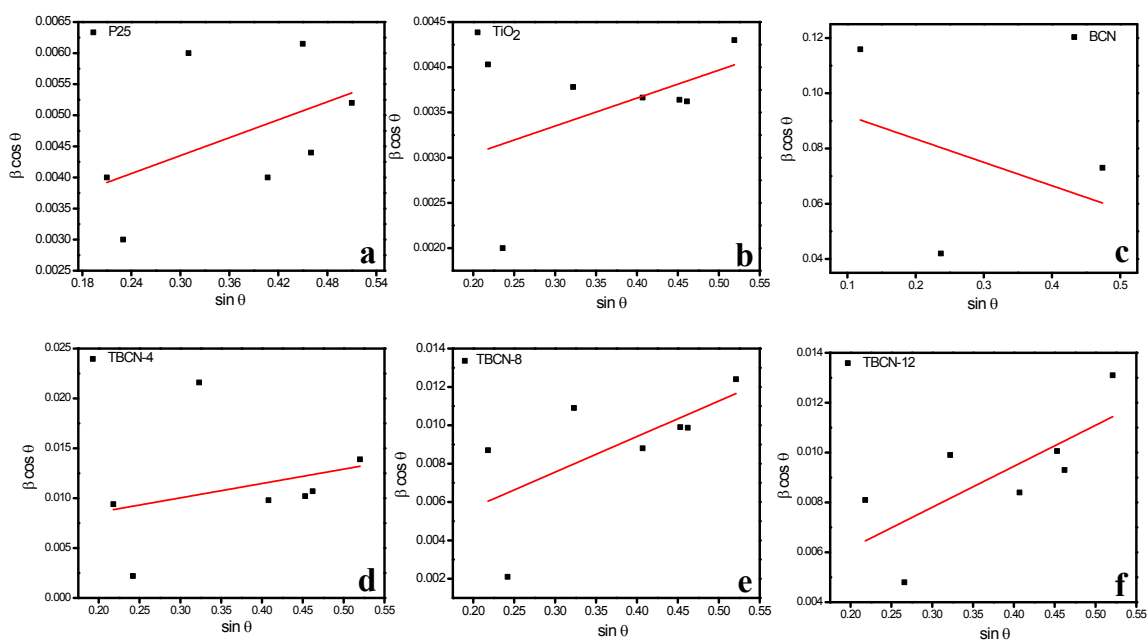


Figure S1: W-H plot of different photocatalyst.

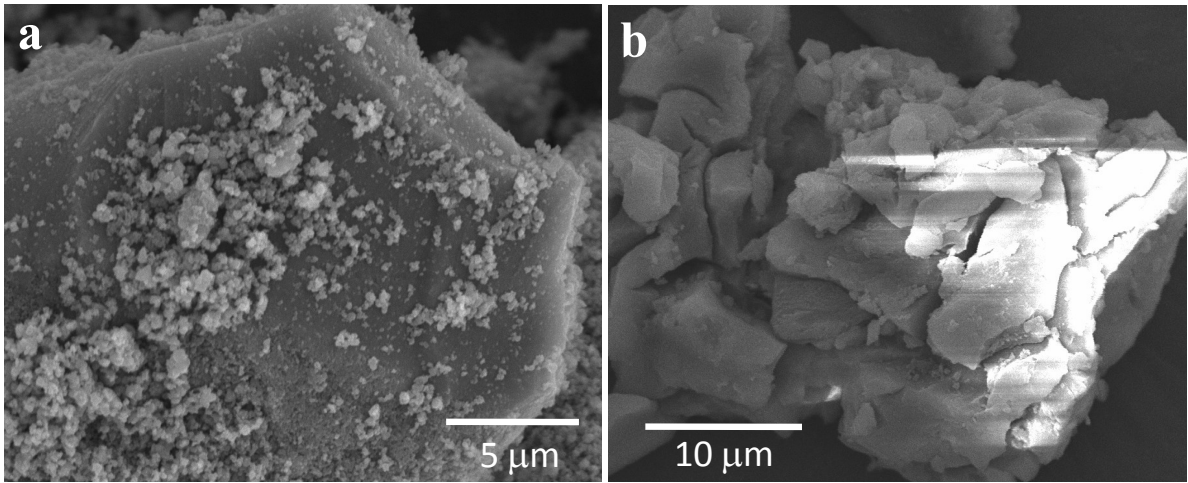


Figure S2: SEM images of neat TiO₂ and BCN.

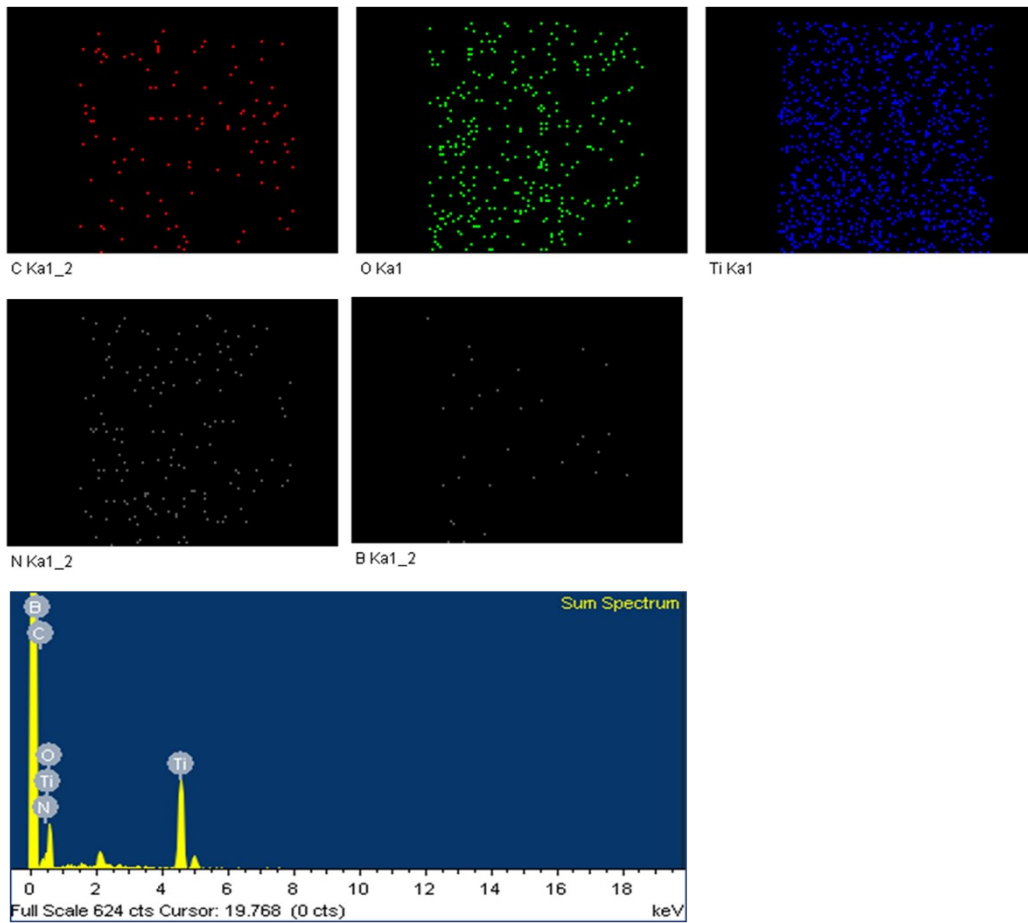


Figure S3: Elemental mapping and EDX spectra of TBCN nanocomposites.

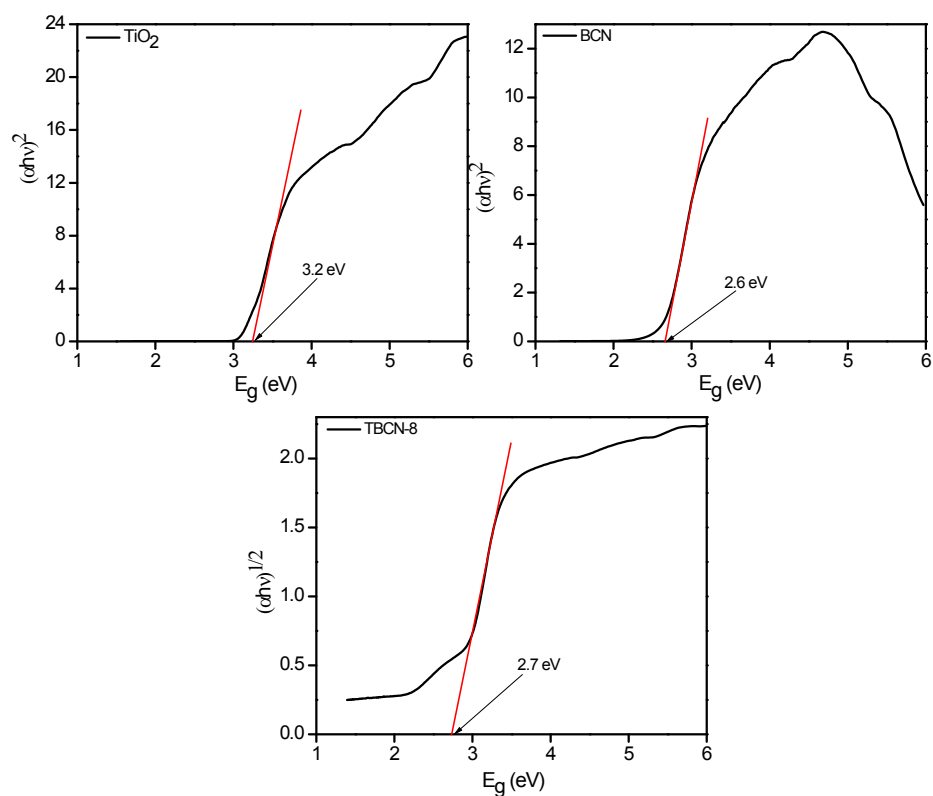


Figure S4: (a, b) Direct band gap plot of BCN and pure TiO_2 (c) Indirect band gap plot of TBCN-8 nanocomposites.

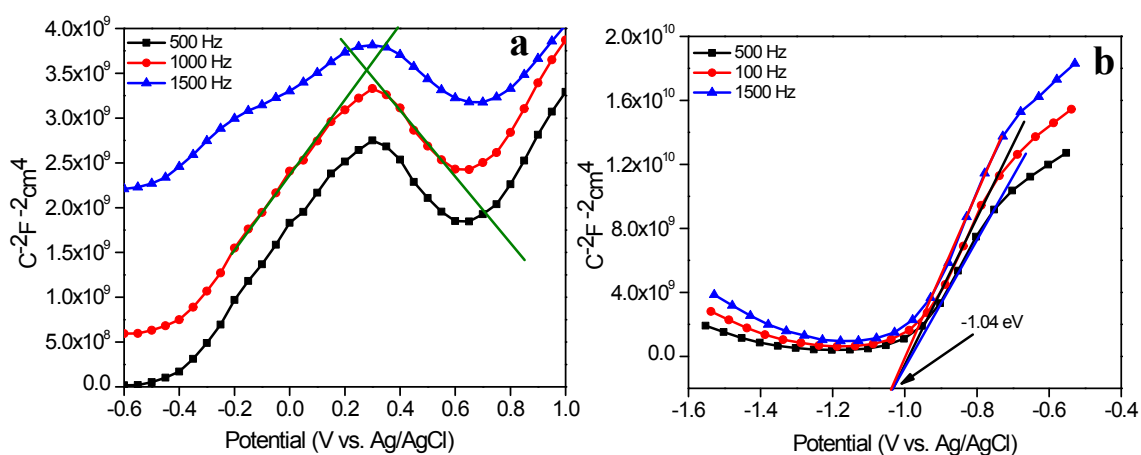


Figure S5: (a) Mott-Schottky plot of TBCN-8 composites (b) MS plot of TiO_2 with different frequencies (500, 1000 and 1500 Hz).

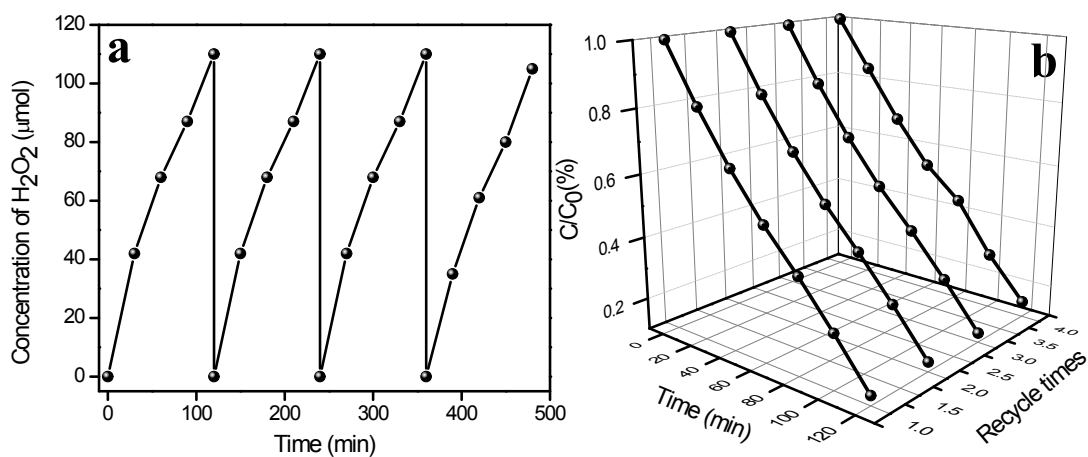


Figure S6: (a) Stability plot of H₂O₂ concentration for consecutive four cycle (b) Reusability plot of phenol oxidation up to 4 cycles.

Table S3: 1st order kinetics results of phenol over as synthesized photocatalyst.

Catalysts	R ²	k _{obs} (min ⁻¹)	t _{1/2} (min)	% of phenol oxidation
TiO ₂	0.86	7.4*10 ⁻³	93.6	62
BCN	0.93	8.4*10 ⁻³	82.5	65
TBCN-4	0.94	9.4*10 ⁻³	73.7	70
TBCN-8	0.92	15.7*10 ⁻³	44.1	87
TBCN-12	0.95	10.9*10 ⁻³	63.5	75

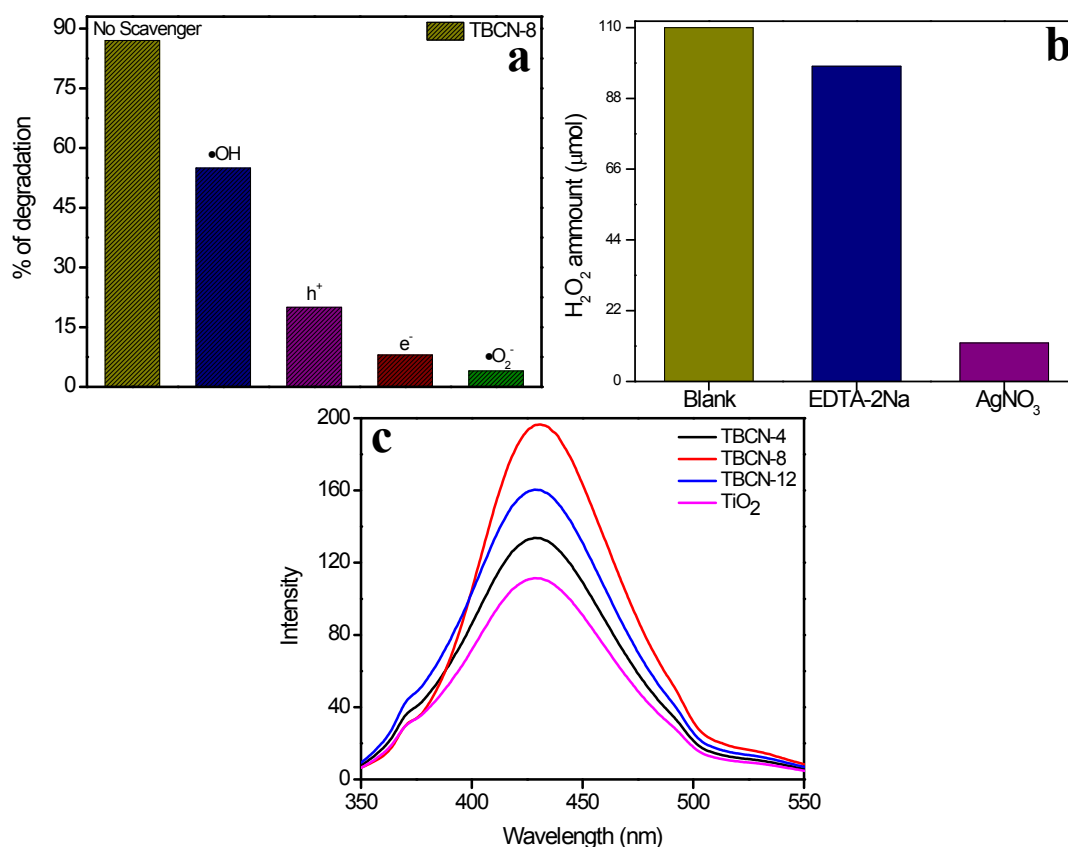


Figure S7: (a) Rate of phenol oxidation in the presence of different active species, which is responsible for photocatalytic degradation, processes (b) Scavenger test for photocatalytic H₂O₂ generation (c) Terephthalic acid tests for the generation of •OH radicals.

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