

Supplement Information

**In situ SERS monitoring of photocatalyst by Au-decorated Fe₃O₄@TiO₂
nanocomposites: novel perspective and insight**

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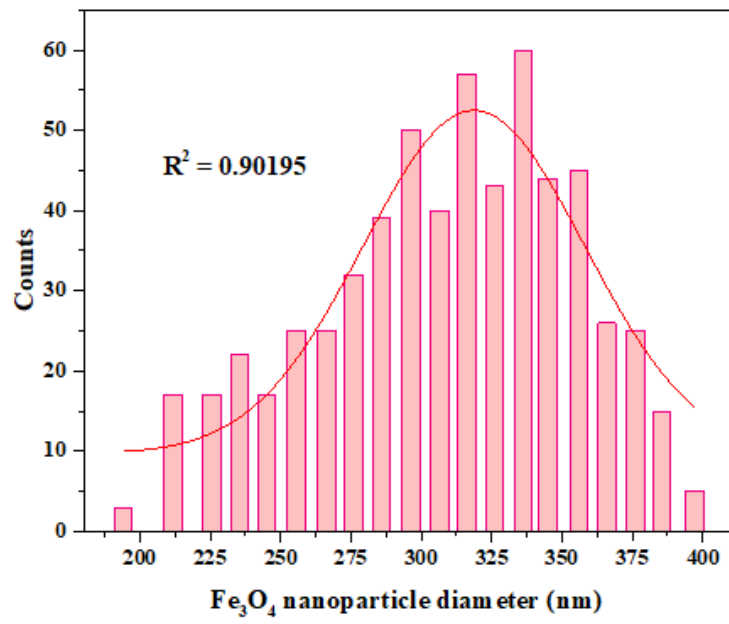


Fig. S1. The size distribution of the Fe₃O₄ NPs.

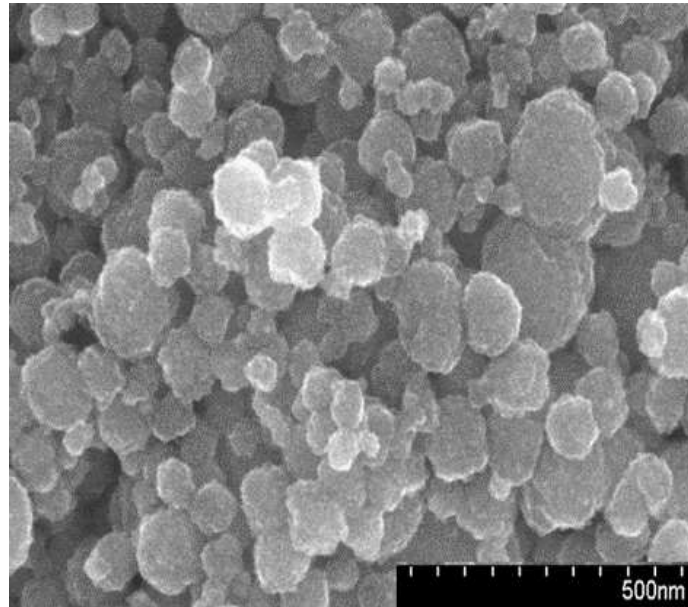


Fig. S2. UHR-SEM image of Fe₃O₄ NPs.

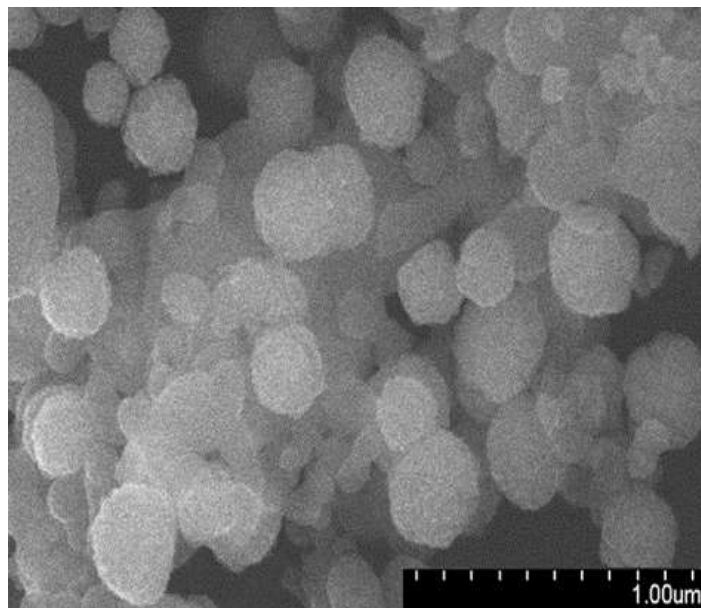


Fig. S3. UHR-SEM image of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TiO}_2$ NPs.

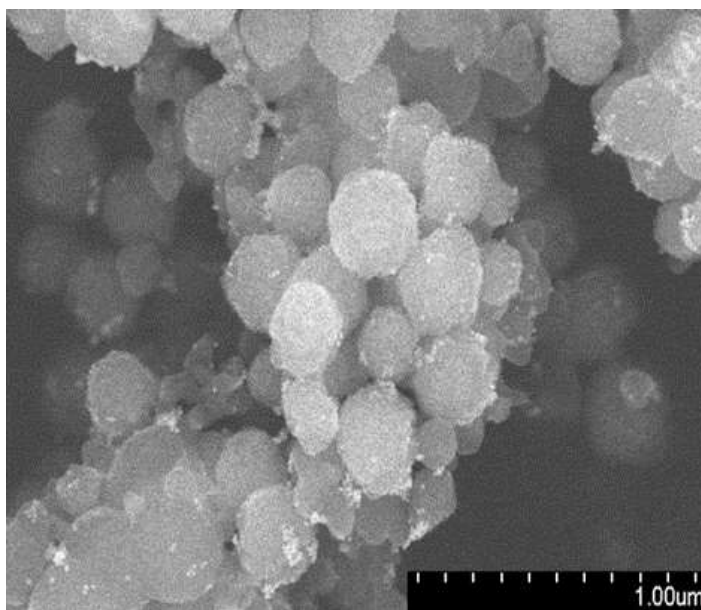


Fig. S4. UHR-SEM image of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TiO}_2\text{-Au}$ NPs.

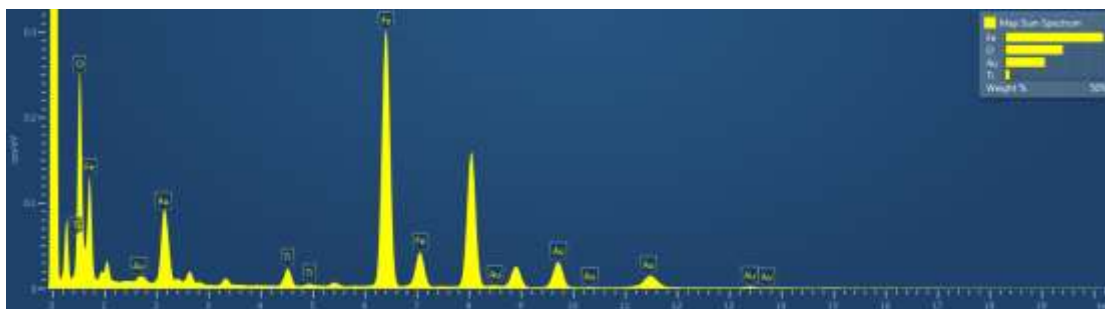


Fig. S5. EDS spectrum of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TiO}_2\text{-Au}$ NP from Fig. 1C.

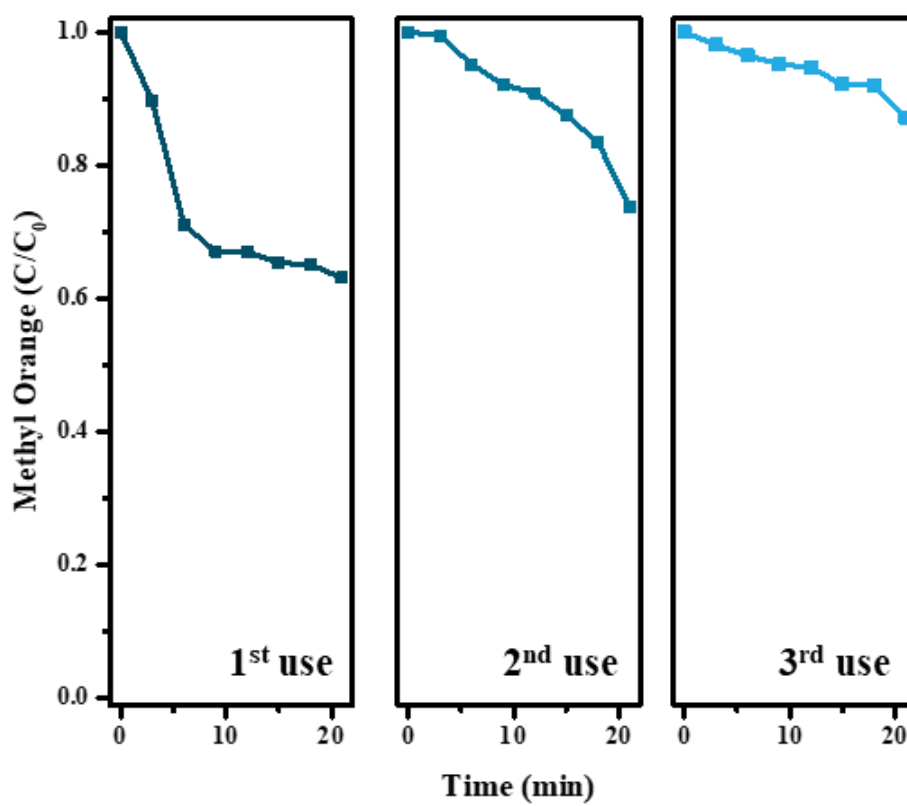


Fig. S6. Repeated photocatalytic degradation of MO by TiO_2 NPs. (TiO_2 NPs loading: 5.0 g/L; MO concentration: 5.0×10^{-5} M; NaBH_4 concentration: 0.2 M).

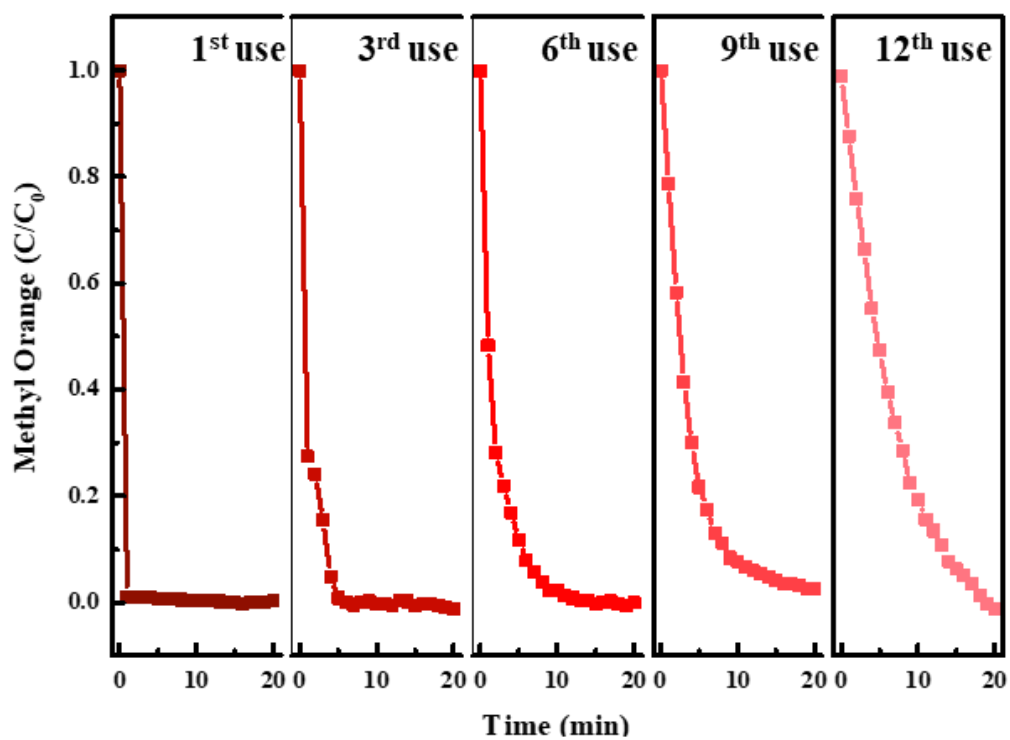


Fig. S7. Repeated photocatalytic degradation of MO by Fe₃O₄@TiO₂-Au NPs. (Fe₃O₄@TiO₂-Au NPs loading: 5.0 g/L; MO concentration: 5.0 × 10⁻⁵ M; NaBH₄ concentration: 0.2 M)

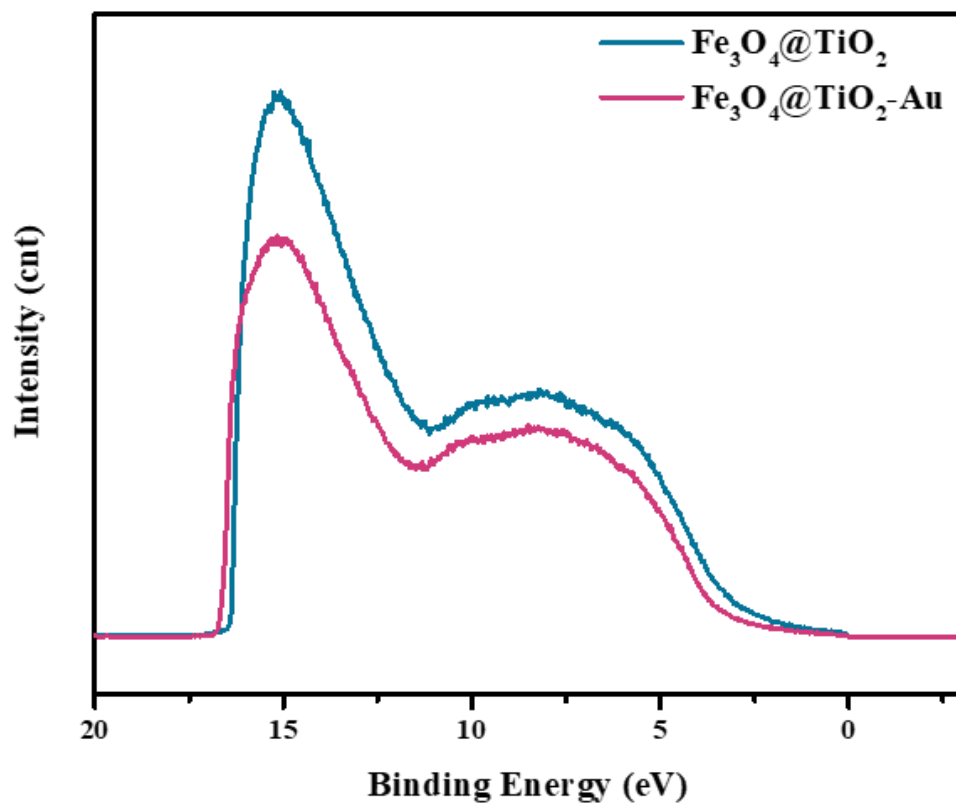
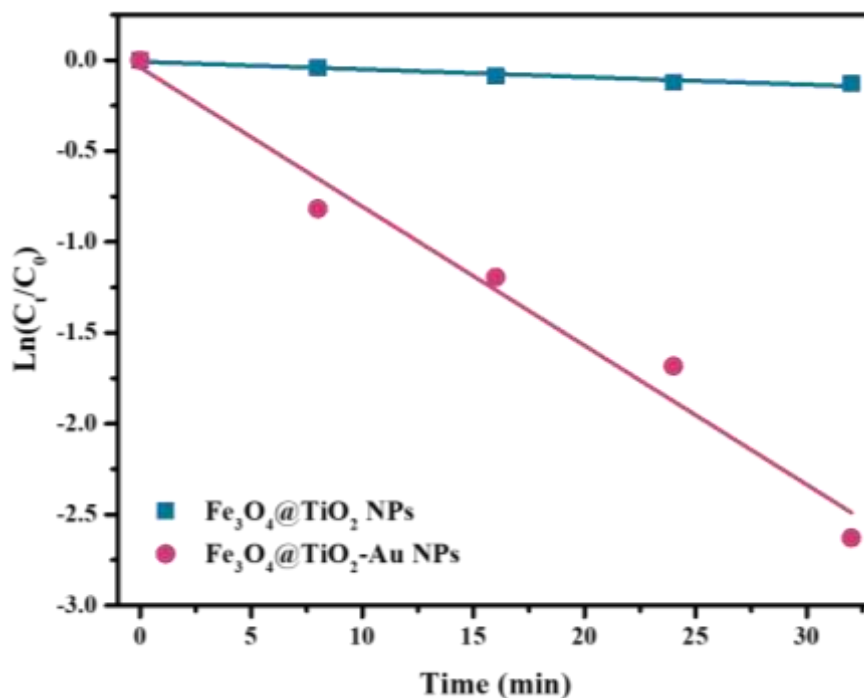


Fig. S8. UPS spectra of Fe₃O₄@TiO₂ NPs and Fe₃O₄@TiO₂-Au NPs.

Table S1. Band assignments of the SERS spectra of 4-MBA

| Raman shift (cm^{-1}) | | | Band assignments* |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Au NPs | TiO ₂ NPs | Fe ₃ O ₄ @TiO ₂ -Au NPs | |
| | Fe ₃ O ₄ @TiO ₂ NPs | | |
| 1072 | 1072 | 1072 | In-plane ring breathing, $\nu(\text{C-S})$, a ₁ |
| 1132 | 1132 | 1132 | $\delta(\text{C-H})$, b ₂ |
| 1178 | 1181 | 1181 | $\delta(\text{C-H})$, a ₁ |
| | 1289 | 1289 | $\delta(\text{C-H})$, $\nu(\text{C-C})$ |
| 1584 | 1595 | 1590 | $\nu(\text{C-C})_{\text{Ph}}$ |

* ν , stretching; δ , deformation; Ph, phenyl ring

**Fig. S9.** Curves of the linear relationship between the concentration of MO and the reaction time according to the intensity changes of a band at 1392 cm^{-1} .