

Sustainable Ca-TiO₂ Paper Platforms: Exploiting Eggshell Biowaste for Environmental remediation

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Supporting information

Figure S1 evidences the presence of highly defective nanocrystals for the Ca-TiO₂ nanopowders.

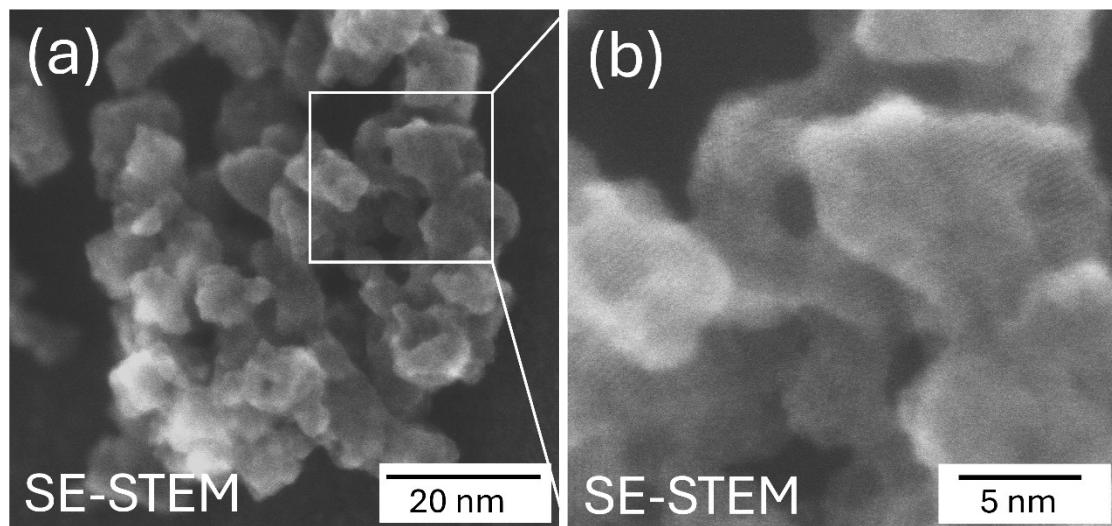


Figure S1. SE-STEM images of defective Ca-TiO₂ nanocrystals.

Figure S2 shows the Raman spectra obtained analyzing functionalized paper, TiO_2 and Ca-TiO_2 paper-based platforms.

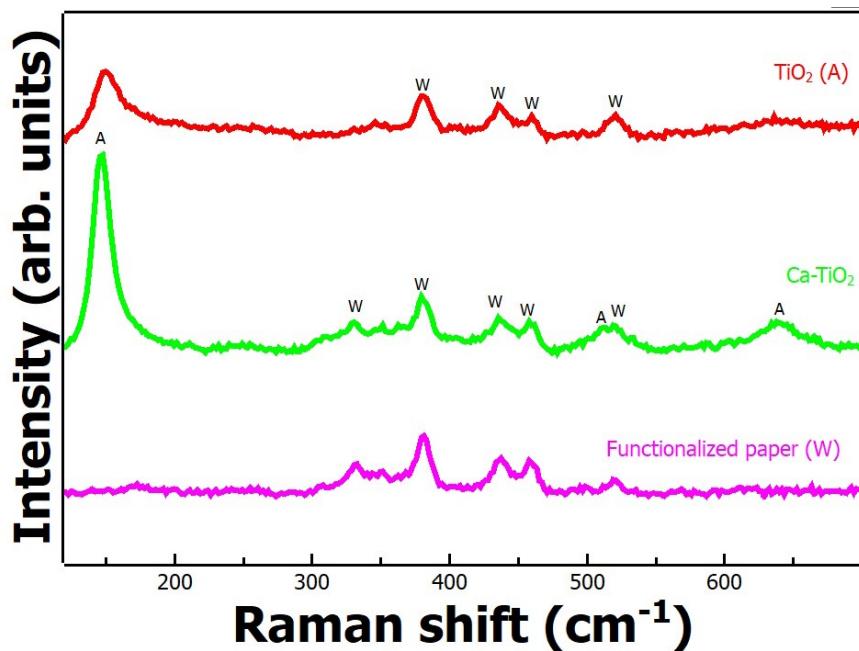


Figure S2. Raman spectra of the functionalized paper, and both TiO_2 and Ca-TiO_2 paper-based platforms..

Figure S3 shows the static contact angle measurements of functionalized paper and Ca-TiO_2 paper-based platforms.

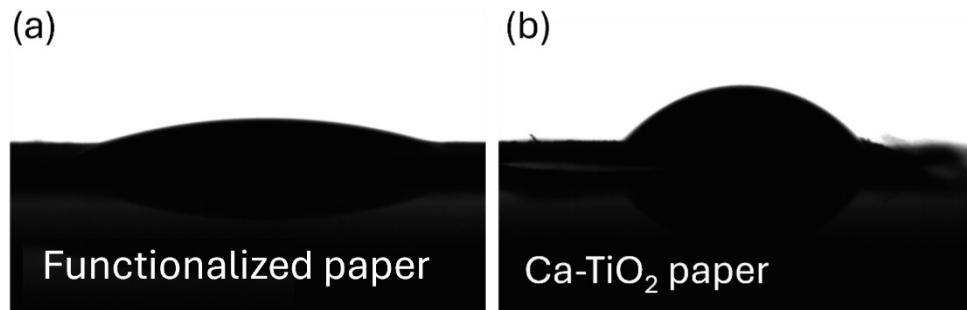


Figure S3. Static contact angle of (a) Whatman functionalized paper and (b) Ca-TiO_2 paper-based platform.

Figure S4 shows the calibration line of tetracycline obtained from RT UV-VIS absorption spectra with various concentrations of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 ppm.

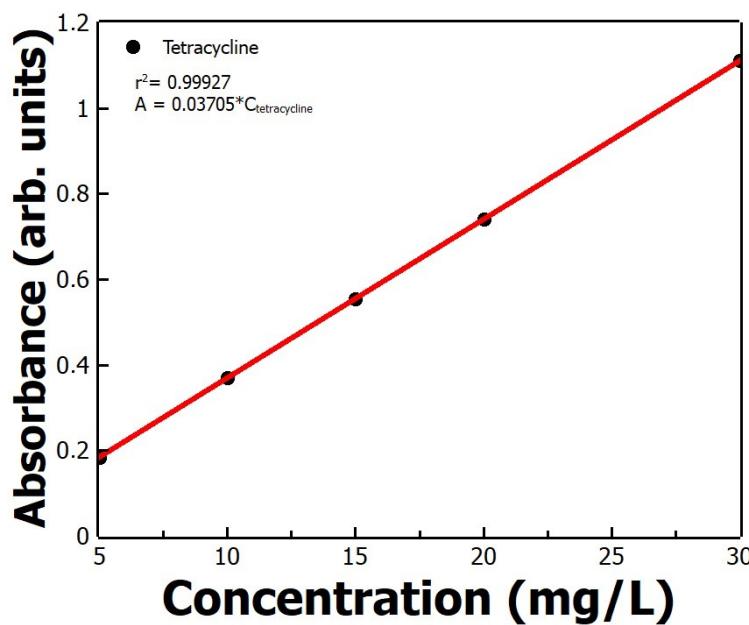


Figure S4. Calibration line of tetracycline obtained from RT UV-VIS absorption spectra with various concentrations of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 ppm.

Figure S5 shows the SEM images of the Ca-TiO₂ paper-based platform before and after ten consecutive photocatalytic cycles. It is clear the accumulation of residues or tetracycline by-products. No regeneration process has been carried out between cycles.

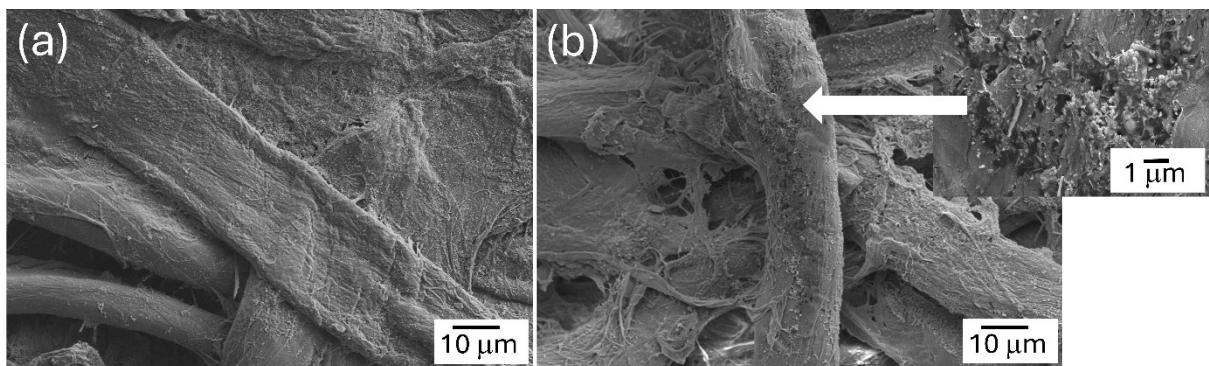


Figure S5. SEM images of the Ca-TiO₂ paper-based platform (a) before and (b) after ten cycling experiments.