

# Controllable Phase Transformation and Enhanced Photocatalytic Performance of Nano-TiO<sub>2</sub> by Using Oxalic Acid

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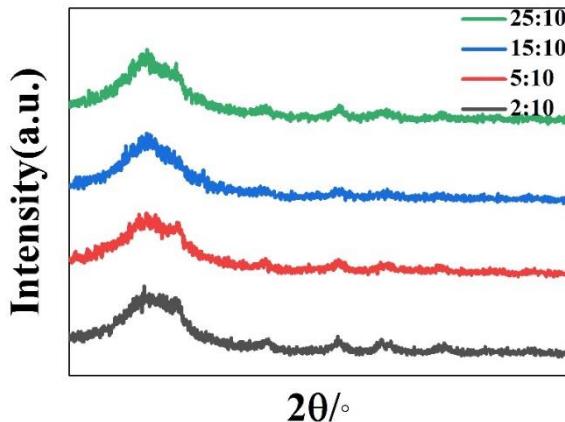
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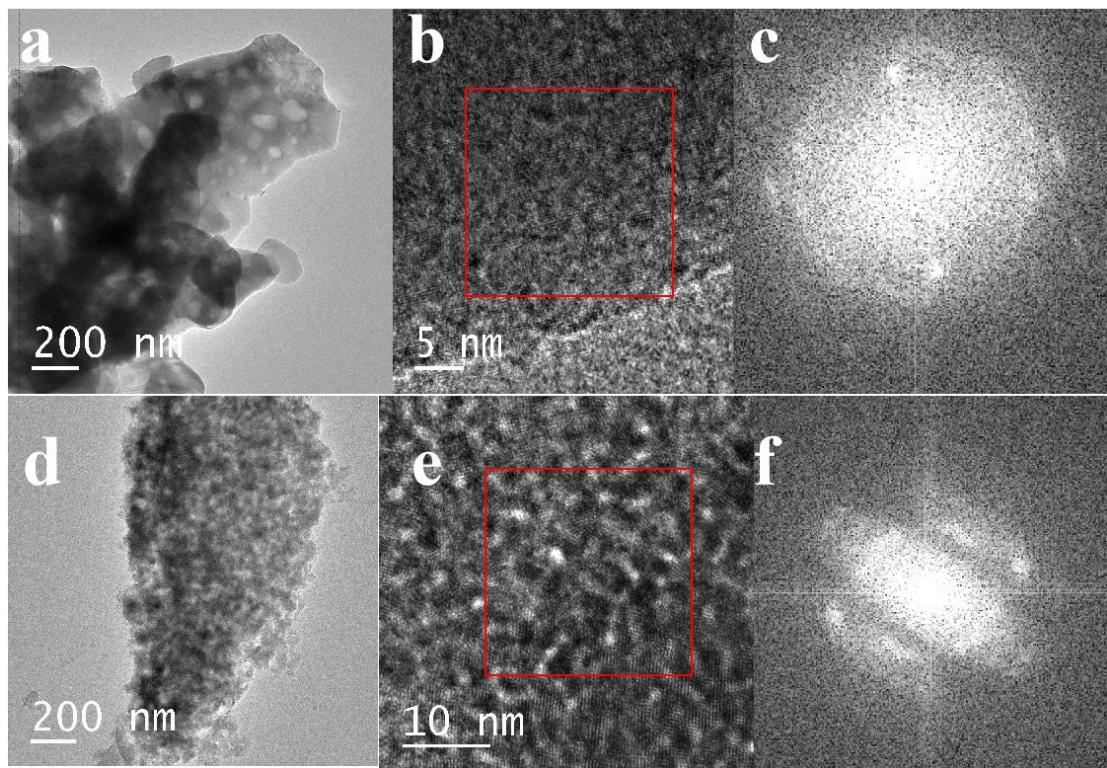
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**Table S1.** The dosages of solution A and B with different molar ratios of OA to TBOT.

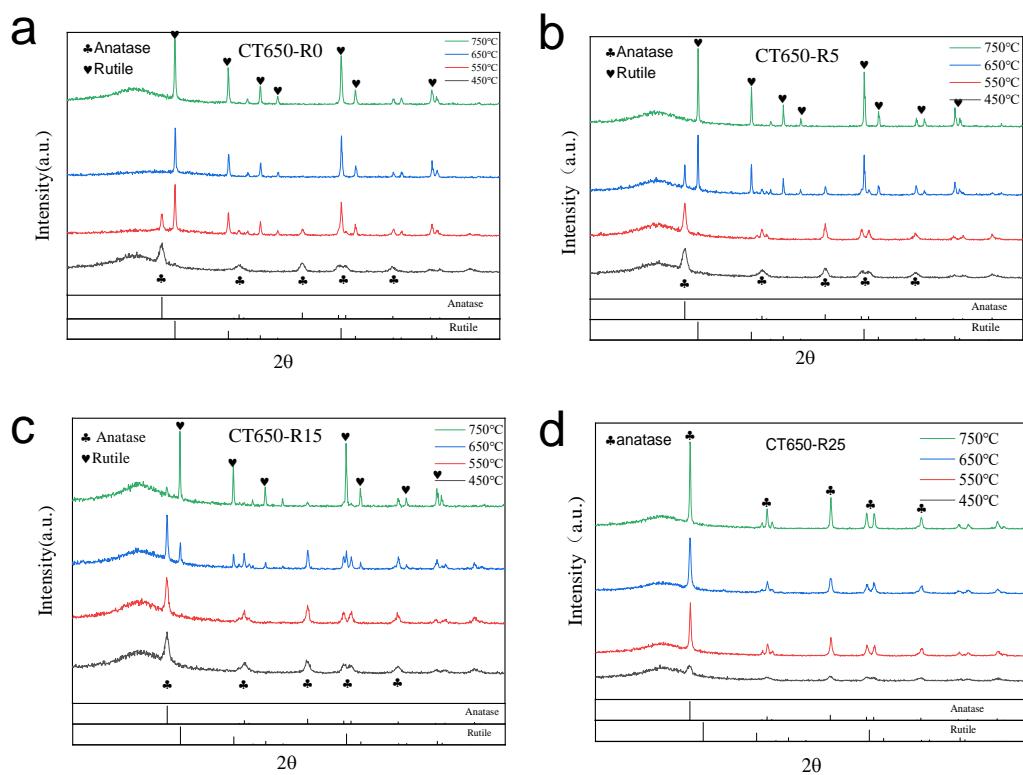
Solution Ratio	Solution A (mL)	Solution B (mL)	
		OA (mL)	H <sub>2</sub> O (mL)
0: 10	20	0	60
5: 10	20	10	50
15: 10	20	30	30
25: 10	20	50	10



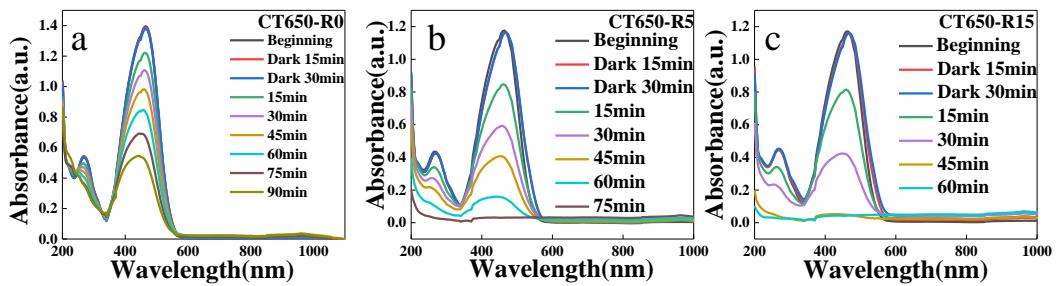
**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of precursors R0, R5, R15 and R25.



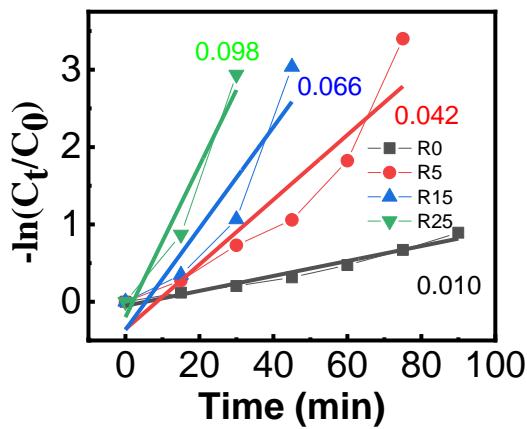
**Figure S2.** The (a, d)TEM, (b, e) HR-TEM and (c, f) corresponding Fast Fourier transform (FFT) images of the precursor R0 and R25.



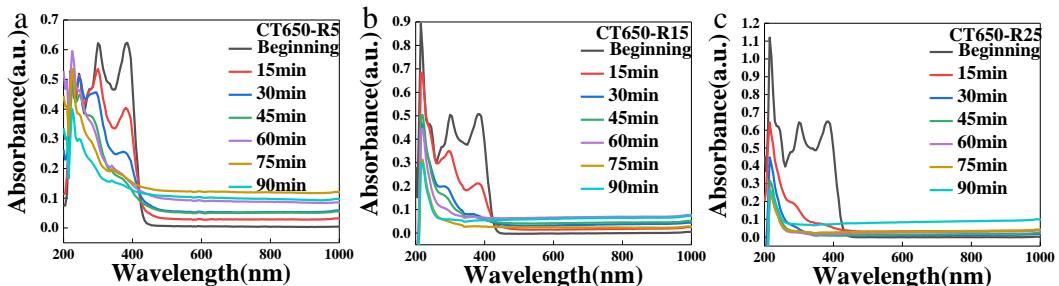
**Figure S3.** XRD patterns of  $\text{TiO}_2$  obtained from precursors (a) R0, (b) R5, (c) R15 and (d) R25 after calcination at 450°C, 550°C, 650°C and 750°C.



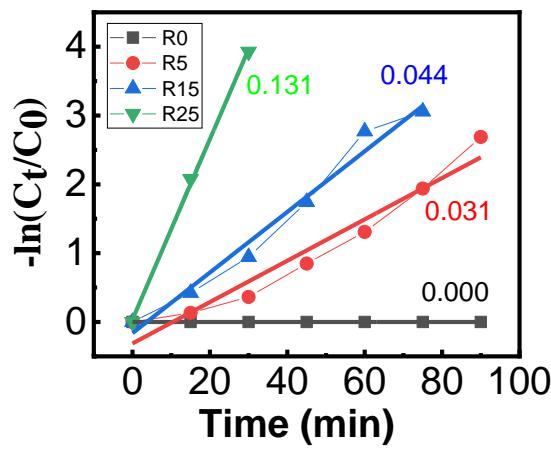
**Figure S4.** The absorbance of MO degraded by the CT650-R0, CT650-R5 and CT650-R15 samples.



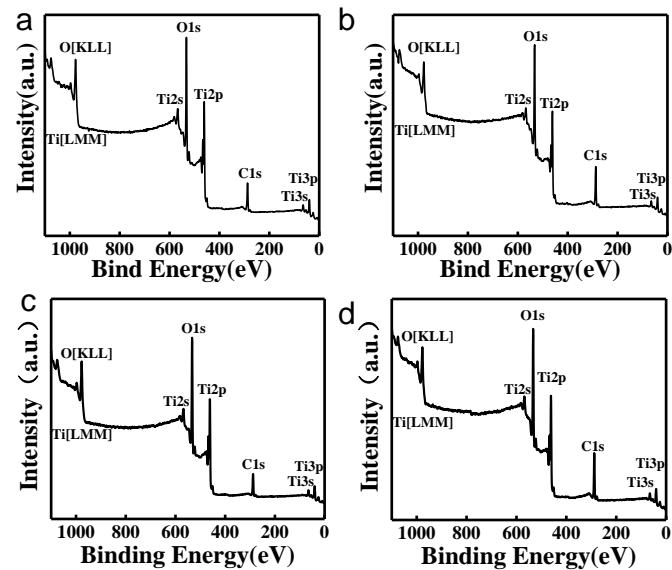
**Figure S5.** The  $-\ln(C_t/C_0)$  of MO versus time degraded by the CT650-R0, CT650-R5, CT650-R15 and CT650-R25 samples.



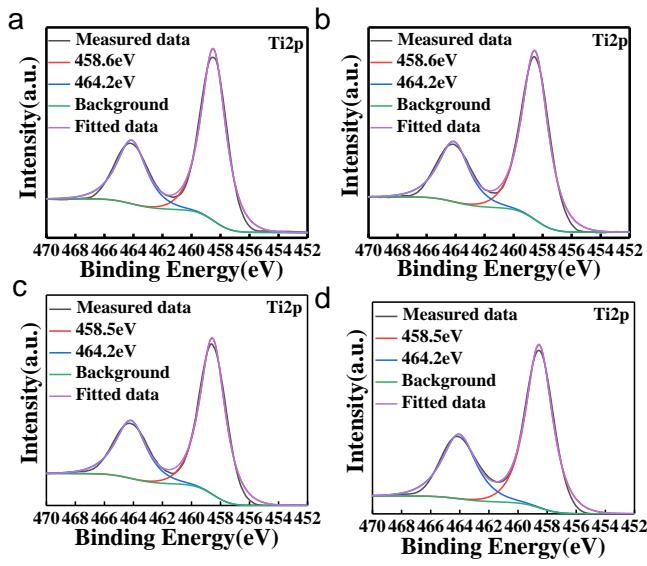
**Figure S6.** The absorbance of TC degraded by the CT650-R5, CT650-R15 and CT650-R25 samples.



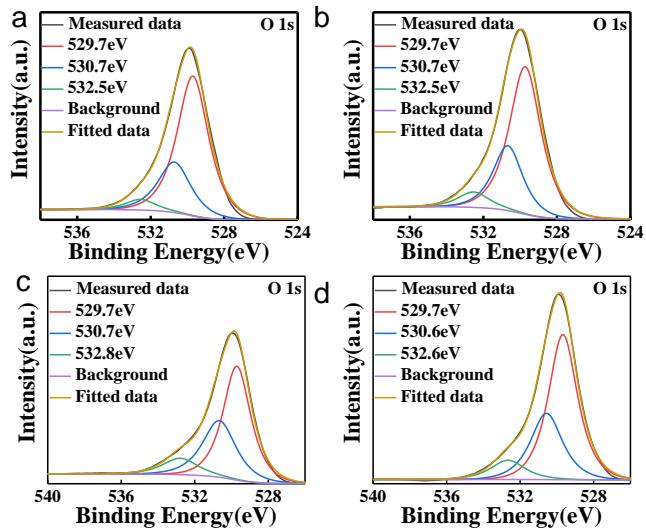
**Figure S7.** The  $-\ln(C_t/C_0)$  of TC versus time degraded by the CT650-R0, CT650-R5, CT650-R15 and CT650-R25 samples.



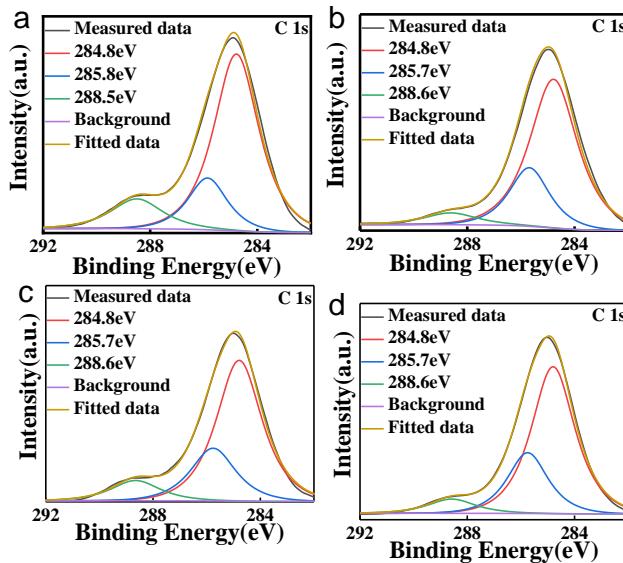
**Figure S8.** XPS total spectra of CT450-R25 (a), CT550-R25 (b), CT650-R25 (c) and CT750-R25 (d).



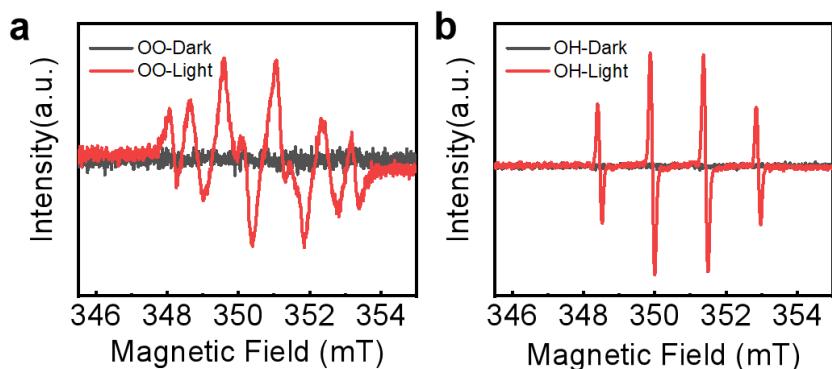
**Figure S9.** HR XPS spectra of Ti 2p of CT450-R25 (a), CT550-R25 (b), CT650-R25 (c) and CT750-R25 (d).



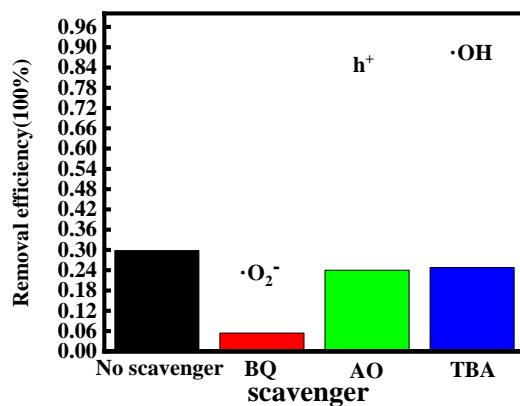
**Figure S10.** HR XPS spectra of O 1s of CT450-R25 (a), CT550-R25 (b), CT650-R25 (c) and CT750-R25 (d).



**Figure S11.** HR XPS spectra of C 1s of CT450-R25 (a), CT550-R25 (b), CT650-R25 (c) and CT750-R25 (d).



**Figure S12.** ESR spin signals of (a) superoxide ( $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ ) and (b) hydroxyl ( $\cdot\text{OH}$ ) radicals trapped by DMPO in CT650-R25 dispersion under the Xe lamp.



**Figure S13.** The degradation rate of CT650-R0 in the presence of different scavengers.