

Magnetically recoverable TiO₂/SiO₂/γ-Fe₂O₃/rGO composite with significantly enhanced UV-Visible light photocatalytic activity

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Due to the various amount of γ -Fe₂O₃ and rGO, abbreviated names are summarized in **Table S1**.

Table s1. γ -Fe₂O₃ and rGO loading for different samples.

γ -Fe ₂ O ₃ loading (g)		rGO loading (g)	
0.016	1- TSF	0.01	1- TSFG
0.032	2- TSF	0.02	2- TSFG
0.063	3- TSF	0.03	3- TSFG

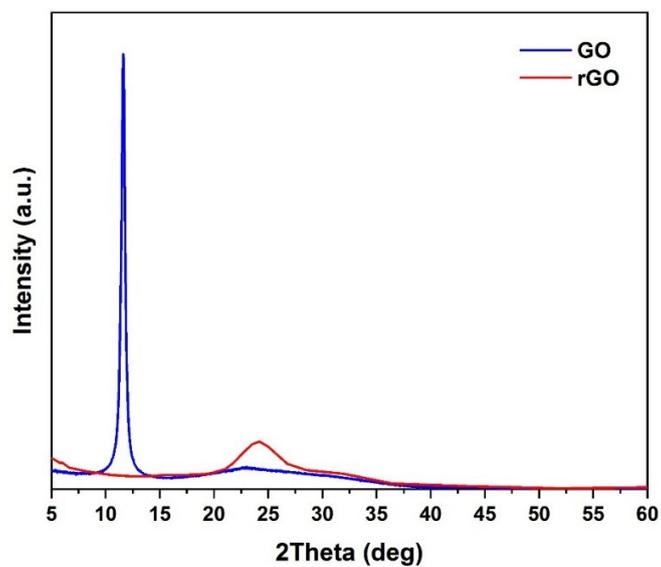


Fig. S1. XRD pattern of synthesized rGO.

Thermal stability

Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) and differential thermal analysis (DTA) trends of TSFG are presented in **Fig. S2** to investigate the effects of elevated temperatures upon the structure of the sample. A first mass loss is ascribed to dehydration during heating up to 150 °C⁸. The peak at 267 °C is related to the removal of residual hydroxyl groups⁴⁴. Moreover, the peak at 409 °C could be attributed to the anatase to rutile transformation. Also, the peak at 523 °C is observed, which can be related to the oxidation of rGO⁴⁵. Minimal weight loss was observed during heating above 650 °C. This issue can be an evidence for the good thermal stability of the prepared sample.

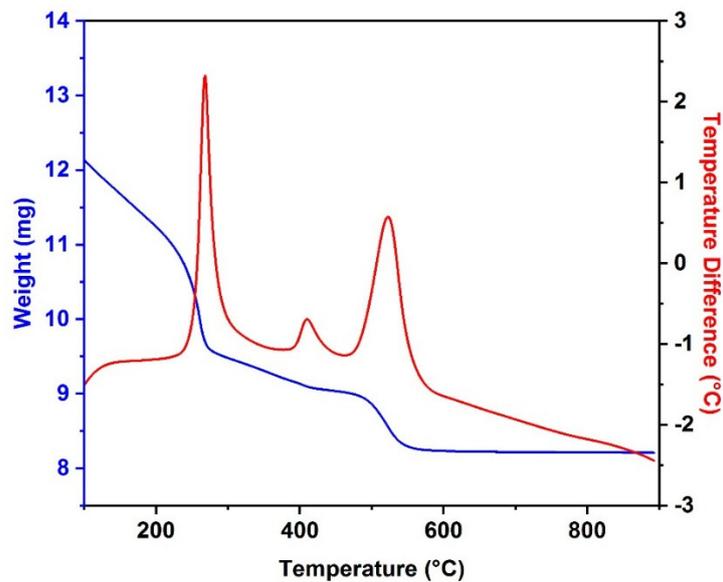


Fig. S2. Weight loss curve profiles determined by TGA and DSC for TSFG.

Photoactivity measurements

- Photoactivity under UV light

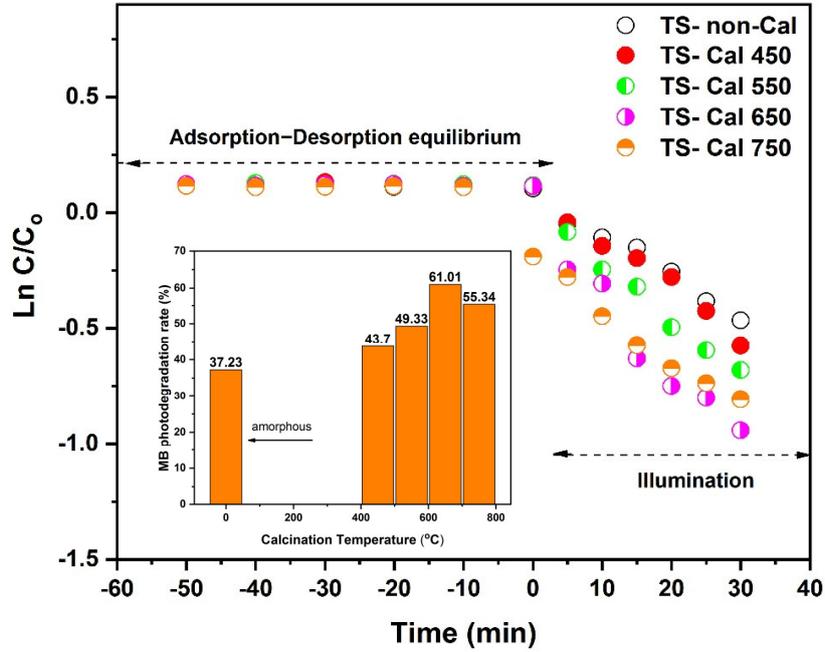


Fig. S3. Photoactivity under UV illumination of $\text{TiO}_2/\text{SiO}_2$ before and after heat treatment at 450 °C to 750 °C for 120 min in a furnace.

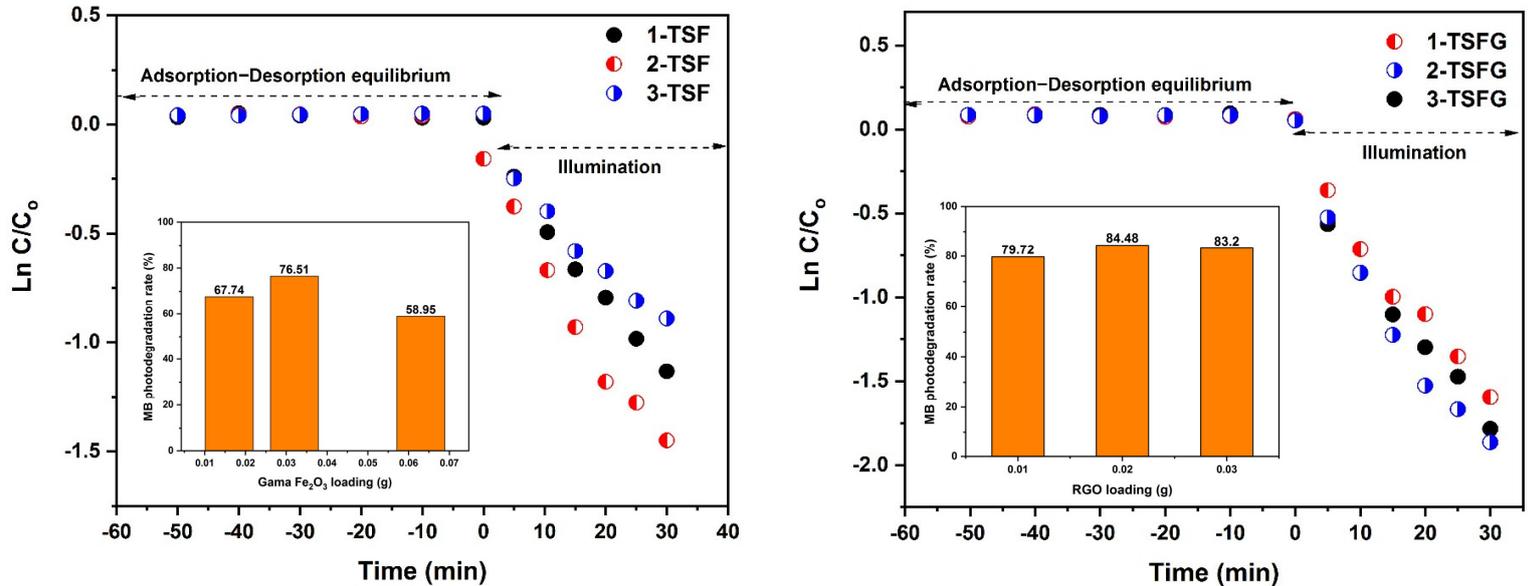


Fig. S4. The photocatalytic activity for degradation of Methylene blue under UV illumination for different loadings of TSF and TSFG systems.

- Photoactivity under Visible light

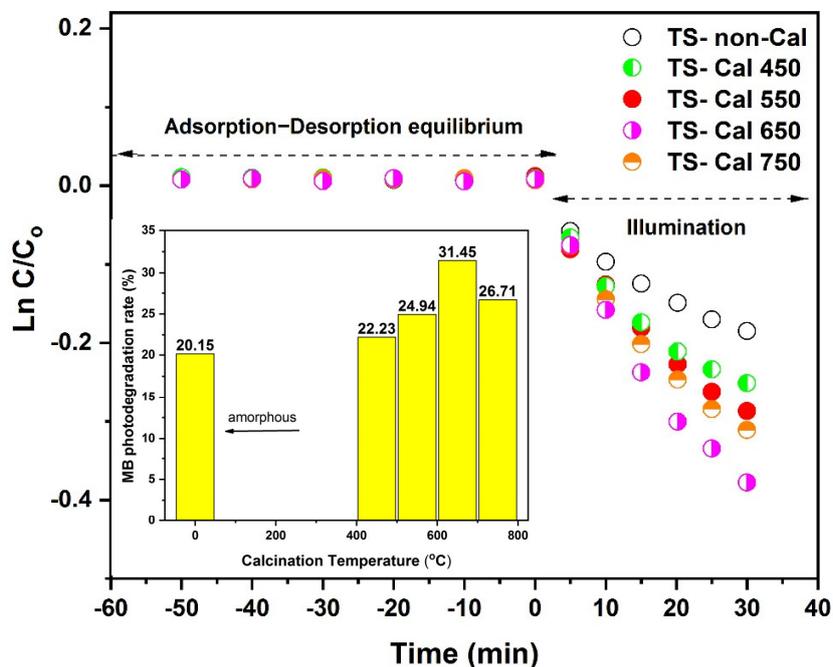


Fig. S5. Photoactivity under Visible illumination of TiO₂/SiO₂ before and after heat treatment at 450 °C to 750 °C for 120 min in a furnace.

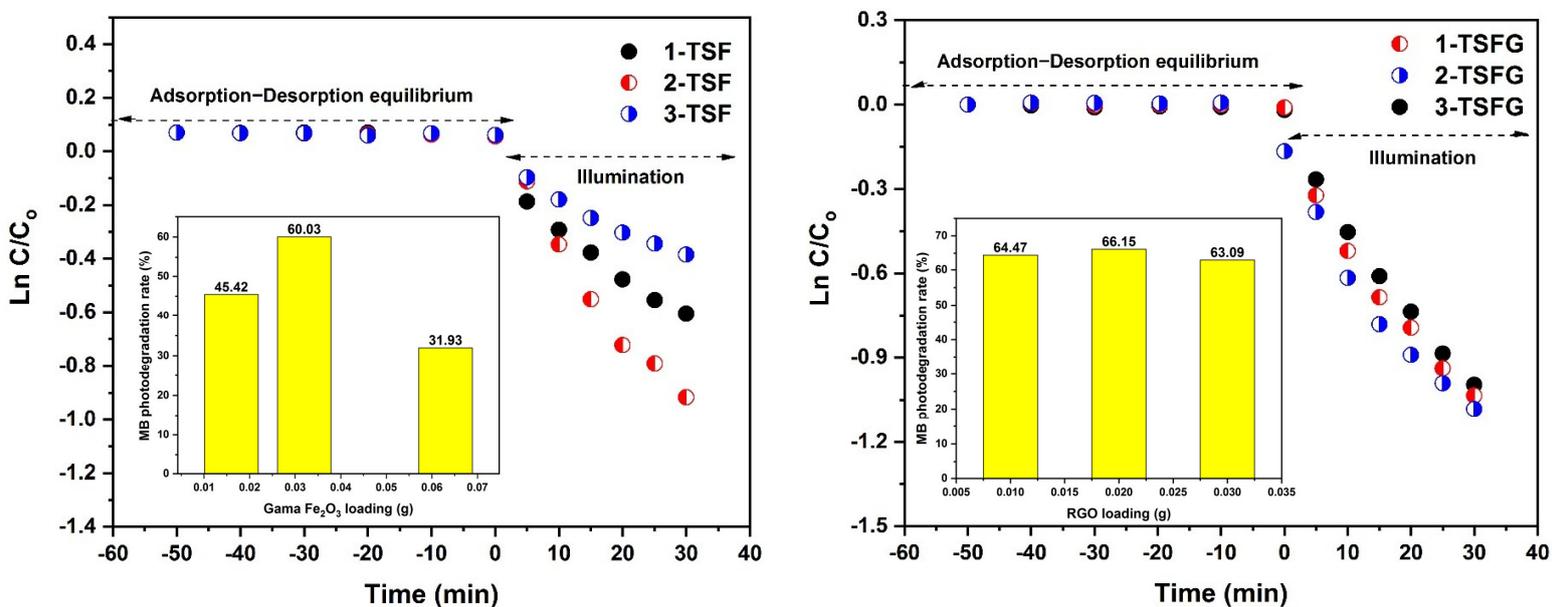


Fig. S6. The photocatalytic activity for degradation of Methylene blue under Visible illumination for different loadings of TSF and TSFG systems.

