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Improving the selectivity of photocatalytic NO_x abatement through improved O₂ reduction pathways using Ti_{0.909}W_{0.091}O₂N_x semiconductor nanoparticles: from characterisation to photocatalytic performance

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1 X-band CW EPR spectra under irradiation

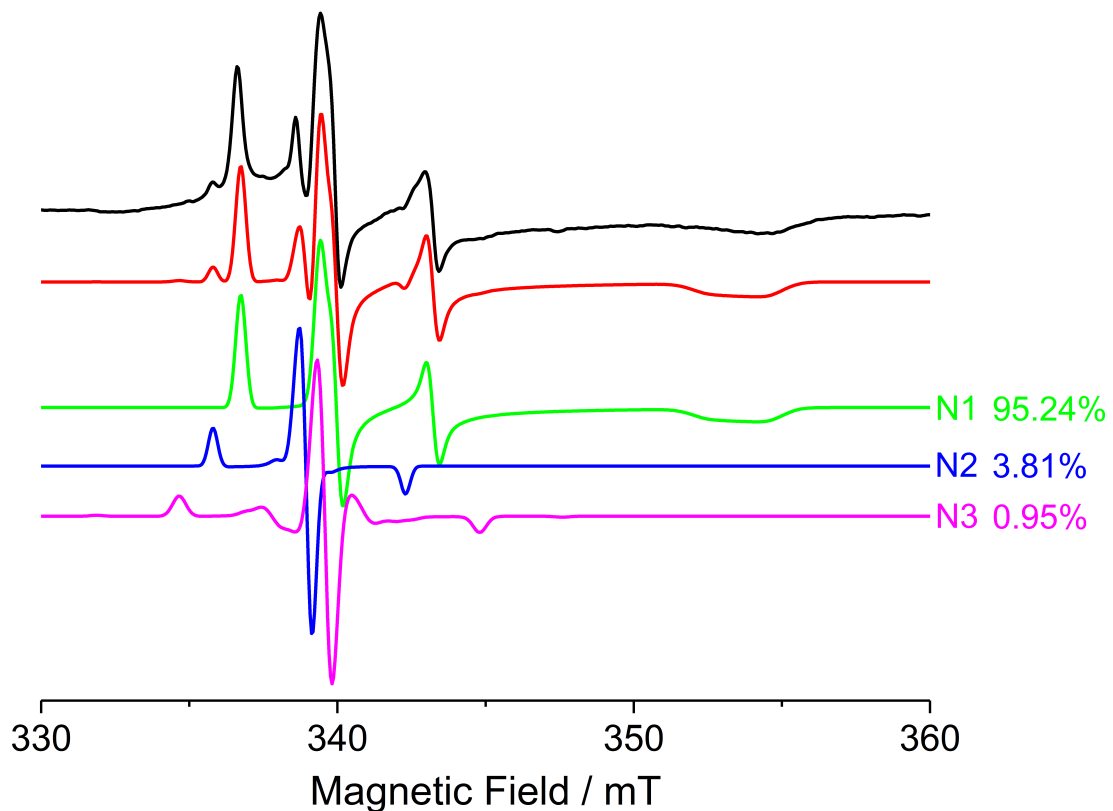


Figure S1: Experimental (black) and simulated (red) X-band CW EPR spectra of the $\text{Ti}_{0.909}\text{W}_{0.091}\text{O}_2\text{N}_x$ nanoparticles under irradiation with a 455 nm LED light source, measured at 50 K around the free spin region. The simulated spectrum is deconvoluted into its three components N1 (green), N2 (blue) and N3 (magenta). The relative spectral contributions are also reported in the Figure. The experimental spectrum was recorded at 100 kHz field modulation frequency; 0.2 mT field modulation amplitude; 2 μW microwave power and 72 dB receiver gain.

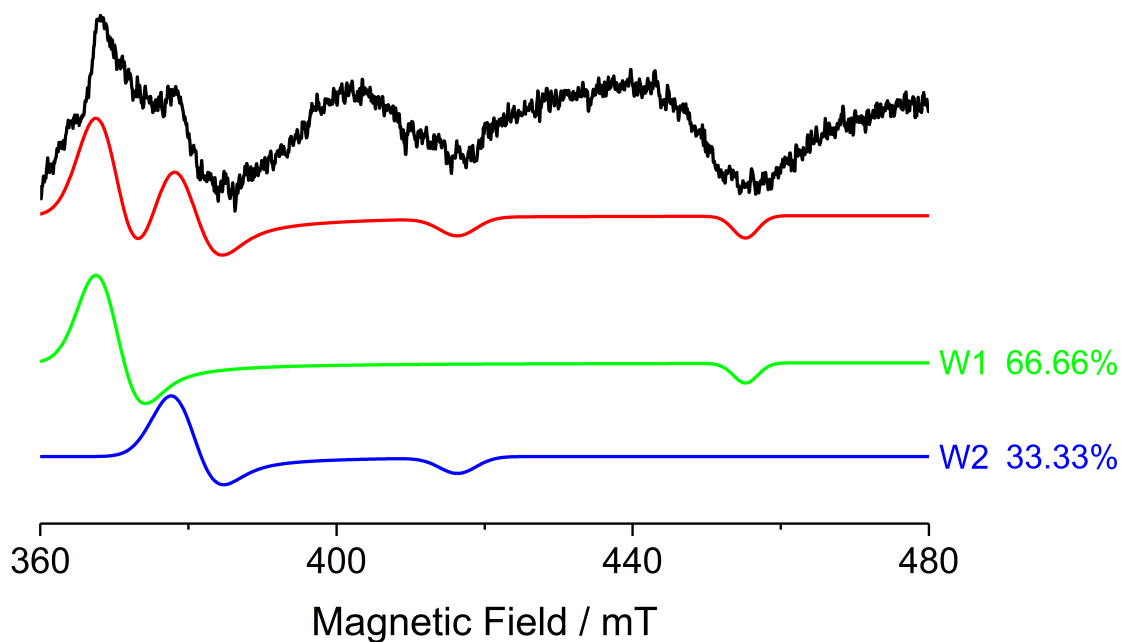


Figure S2: Experimental (black) and simulated (red) X-band CW EPR spectra of the $\text{Ti}_{0.909}\text{W}_{0.091}\text{O}_2\text{N}_x$ nanoparticles under irradiation with a 455 nm LED light source, measured at 50 K at high fields. The simulated spectrum is deconvoluted into its two components W1 (green), W2 (blue). The relative spectral contributions are also reported in the Figure. The experimental spectrum was recorded at 100 kHz field modulation frequency; 0.2 mT field modulation amplitude; 2 μW microwave power and 72 dB receiver gain.

2 Dyson line simulation and analysis

The EPR spectrum at low fields reported in Figure 11 of the main manuscript was simulated using a Dyson function with three parameters:¹

$$P_D \propto \left[\frac{\Delta B + \alpha(B - B_0)}{4(B - B_0)^2 + \Delta B^2} + \frac{\Delta B + \alpha(B + B_0)}{4(B + B_0)^2 + \Delta B^2} \right] \quad (\text{S1})$$

that was differentiated with respect to the magnetic field B to obtain the signal amplitude *s.a.* of the derivative of resonance (first harmonic):

$$s.a. = \frac{dP_D}{dB} \quad (\text{S2})$$

In equation S1, α , also called asymmetry parameter, represents the ratio of signal amplitude of the left peak A to the right peak B in the derivative of resonance; ΔB is the Dyson linewidth and B_0 is the Dyson line position in mT. Simulation was performed as best fit of Equation S2 to the experimental spectrum in Figure 11, from which the optimised parameters (reported in Figure 11) α , ΔB and B_0 were derived. The fitting was performed using a non-linear least square method based on the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm, with: function tolerance 10^{-6} , maximum number of iterations 400, maximum function evaluations 1500.

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