High Defect Nanoscale ZnO Films with Polar Facets for Enhanced Photocatalytic Performance

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100 Z-0 80 Z-1.64 Z-3.23 Absorbance (%) Z-11.76 60 40 20 0 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 Wavelength (nm)

Supporting Information

Fig. S1. Diffuse reflection absorbance of ZnO thin films prepared with different mixtures of methanol and acetic acid with additional volumes of acetic acid into the precursor mixtures being 0 mL (0 %vol, Z-0); 1 mL (1.64 %vol, Z-1.64); 2 mL (3.23 %vol, Z-3.23); and 8 mL (11.76 %vol, Z-11.76).

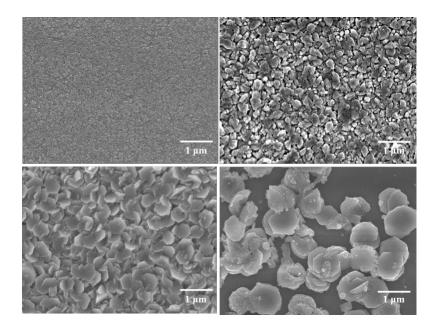


Fig. S2. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images showing the impact of annealing on the microstructure of the ZnO films with the additional volumes of acetic acid being : (a) 0 mL (0 %vol); (b) 1 mL (1.64 %vol); (c) 2 mL (3.23 %vol); and (d) 8 mL (11.76 %vol).

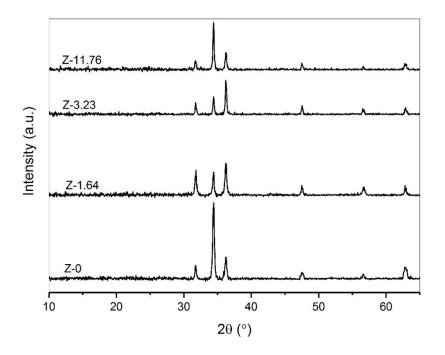


Fig. S3. (a) X-ray diffraction analysis of annealed ZnO films prepared with different mixtures of methanol and acetic acid. The additional volumes of acetic acid into the precursor mixtures were (a) 0 mL (0 %vol), Z-0; (b) 1 mL (1.64 %vol), Z-1.64; (c) 2 mL (3.23 %vol), Z-3.23; and (d) 8 mL (11.76 %vol), Z-11.76.