

## **Supporting Information**

### **Low-cost Y-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanosheets film with highly reactive {001} facets from CRT waste and enhanced photocatalytic removal of Cr(VI) and methyl orange**

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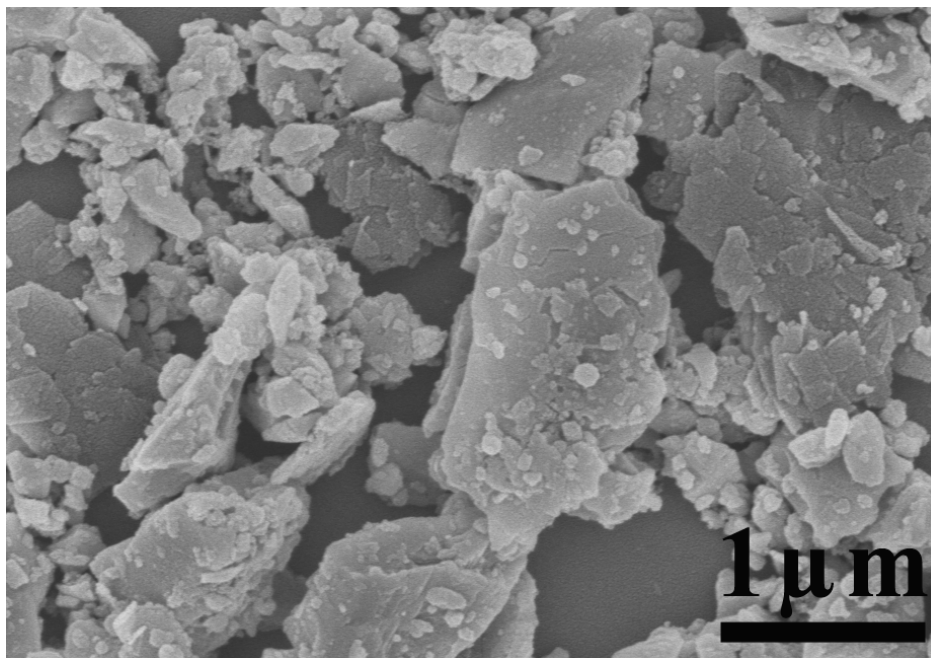
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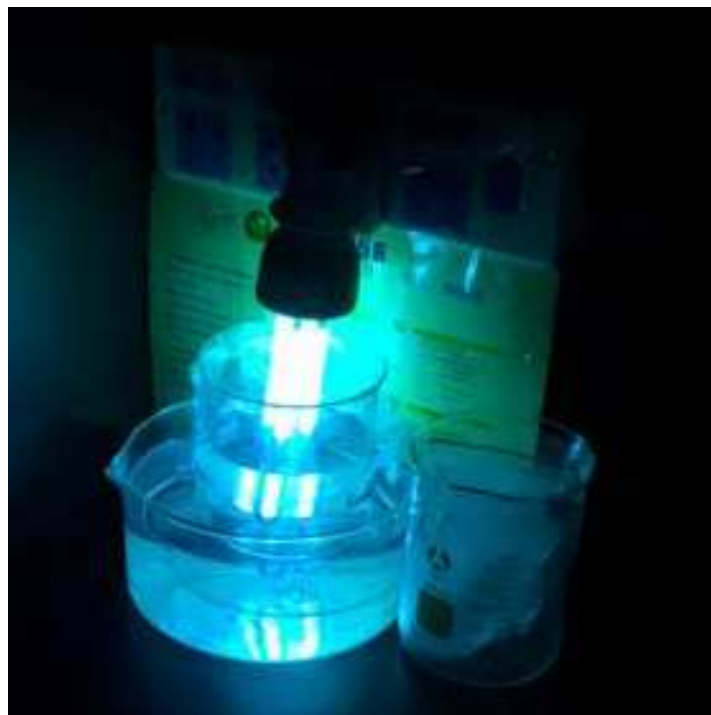
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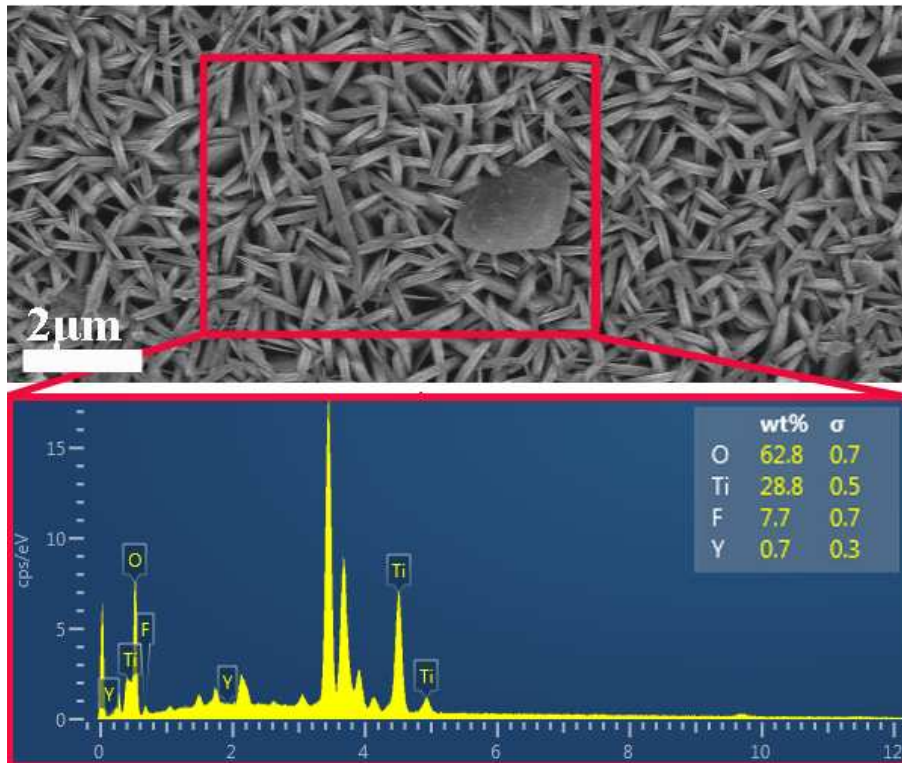
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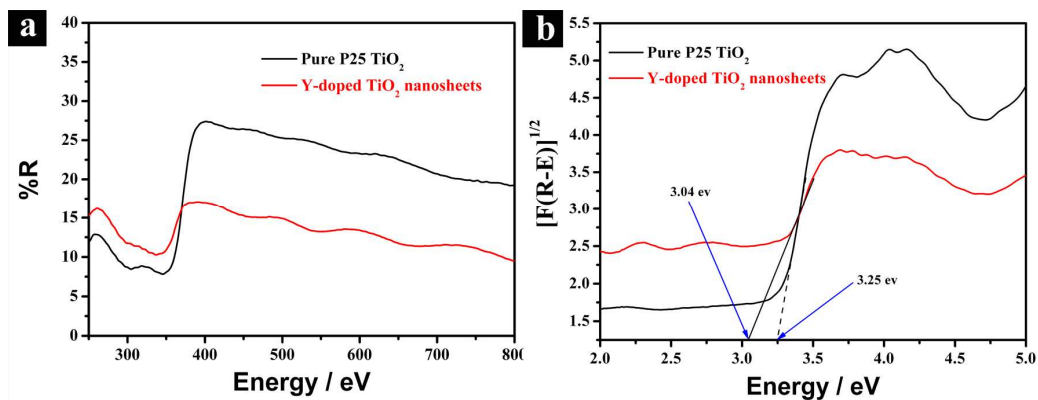
**Figure S1. SEM image of CRT phosphors waste.**



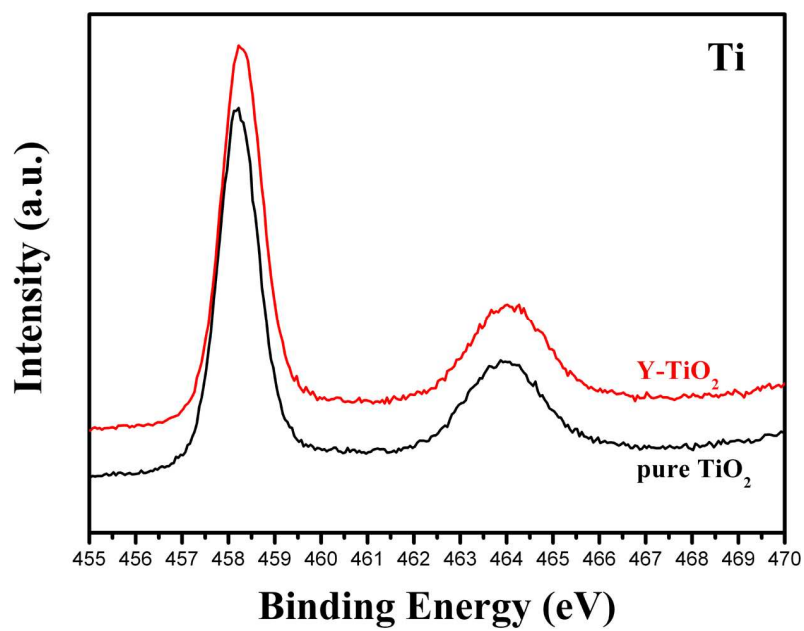
**Figure S2. The separation of Y and Eu from the as-obtained rare earth mixtures using photochemical reduction method.**



**Figure S3.** Upper row is SEM image of anatase  $\text{Y}^{3+}/\text{TiO}_2$  nanosheets film of synthesized by solvothermal approach at 200 °C for 12 h, and lower row is EDAX image obtained from the region enclosed by the red box in SEM image.



**Figure S4. (a) UV-vis diffuse reflectance (DRS) spectra and (b) the plots of  $[F(R-E)]^{1/2}$  vs. photon energy of samples  $Y^{3+}/TiO_2$  and pure P25 TiO<sub>2</sub>.**



**Figure S5. High-resolution XPS spectrum of Ti 2p on the surface of Y<sup>3+</sup>/TiO<sub>2</sub> and pure P25 TiO<sub>2</sub>.**

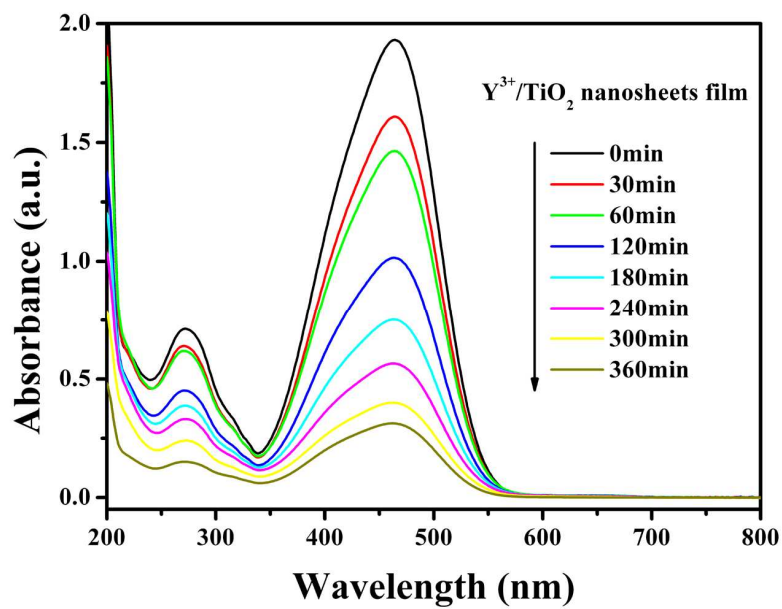


Figure S6. UV-vis spectral changes of MO in the presence the  $Y^{3+}/TiO_2$  nanosheets films as a function of UV light illumination time.

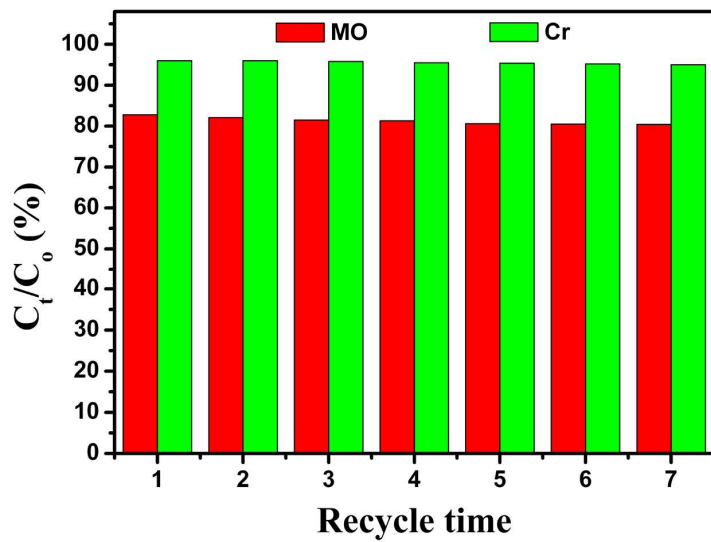
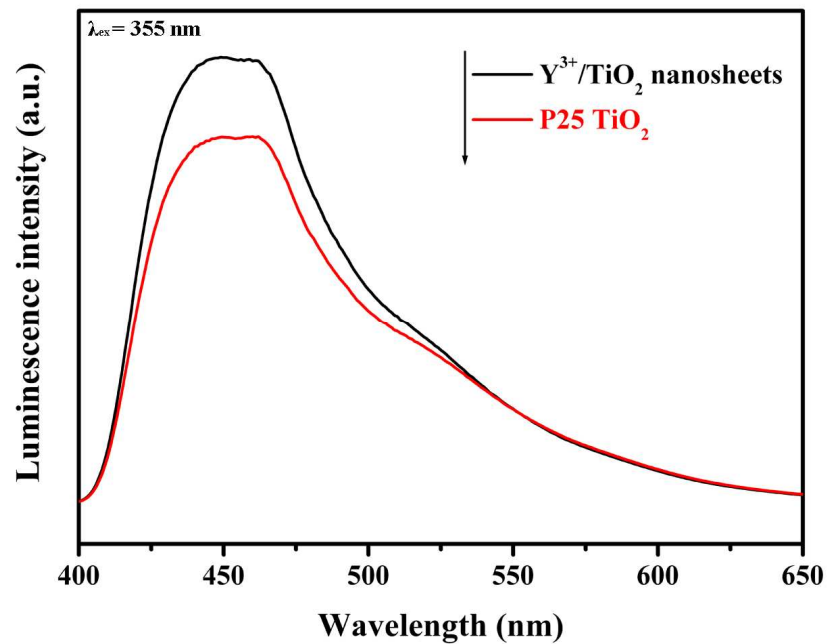


Figure S7. Results of recycling studies. Conditions:  $[MO]_0 = 10$  mg/L;  $V_{MO} = 20$  mL;  $[Cr(VI)]_0 = 10$  mg/L;  $V_{Cr(VI)} = 20$  mL;  $S_{catalyst} = 2\text{ cm} \times 4\text{ cm}$ ; 30 W UV light irradiation; irradiation time for MO and Cr(VI) is 360 min and 300 min, respectively.



**Figure S8.** PL spectra of the as-prepared  $\text{Y}^{3+}/\text{TiO}_2$  and pure P25  $\text{TiO}_2$ , which clearly indicates that a more efficient transfer and separation of photogenerated electrons and holes caused by doped  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  ions.

**Table S1. Chemical compositions (wt %) of recycled  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{EuSO}_4$  and the as-obtained yttrium sulfate. (XRF analysis).**

	$\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{SO}_3$	$\text{ZnO}$	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{SiO}_2$	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	$\text{PbO}$	$\text{BaO}$	$\text{K}_2\text{O}$
Recycled $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_3$	94.46	5.28	N.D.	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05	N.D.	N.D.
$\text{EuSO}_4$	1.44	59.45	39.08	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	0.03	N.D.	N.D.
Yttrium sulfate	48.5	0.03	51.35	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.01	N.D.	N.D.

N.D.: not detectable.