

# TiO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub>-carbon hybrid photocatalysts for diuron removal from water

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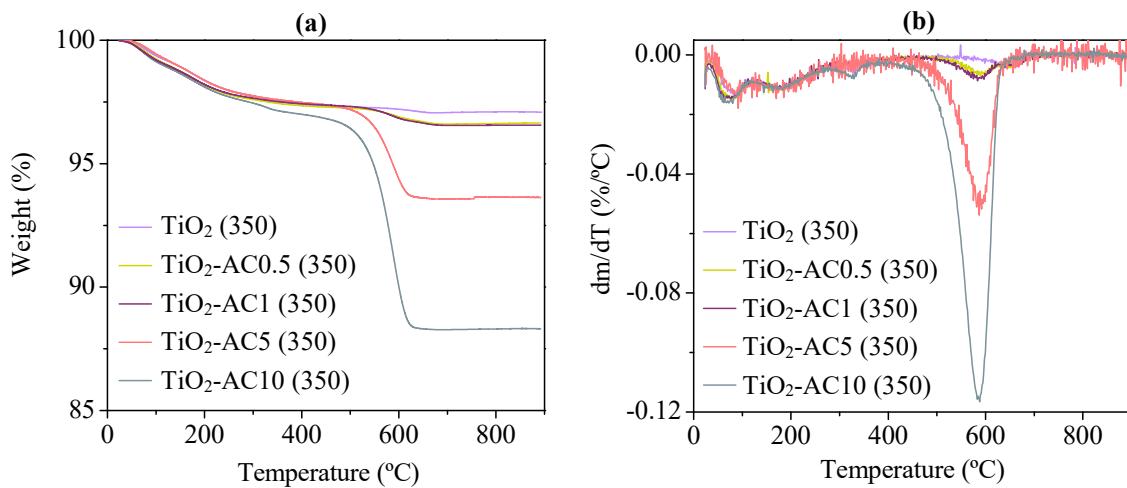
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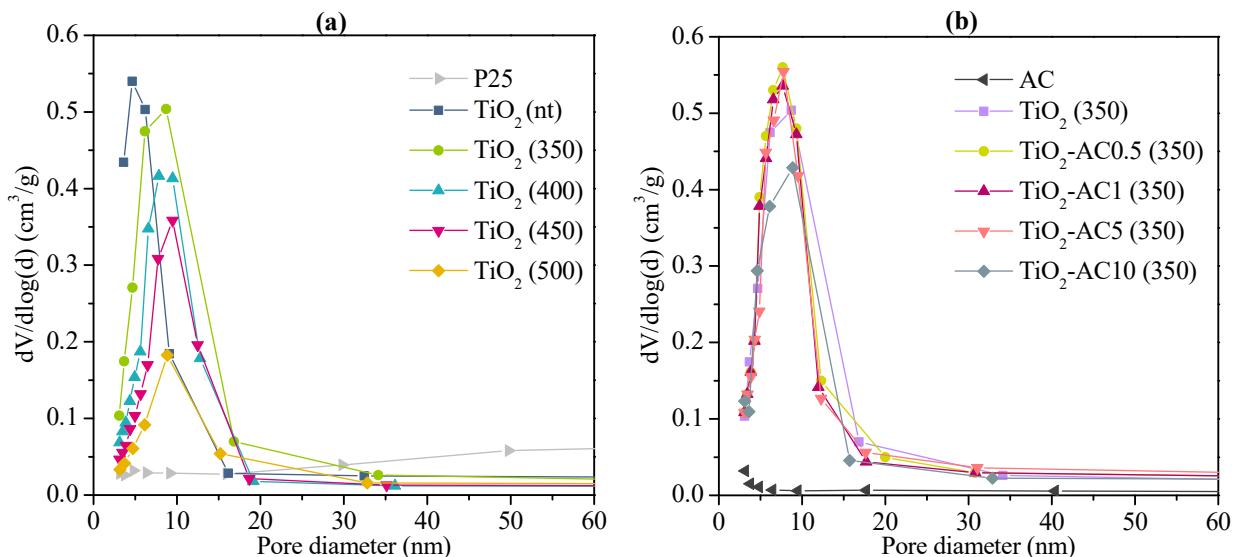
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## Supplementary Materials



**Figure S1.** (a) TG and (b) DTG curves for TiO<sub>2</sub> (350) and the TiO<sub>2</sub>-ACx (350) samples.



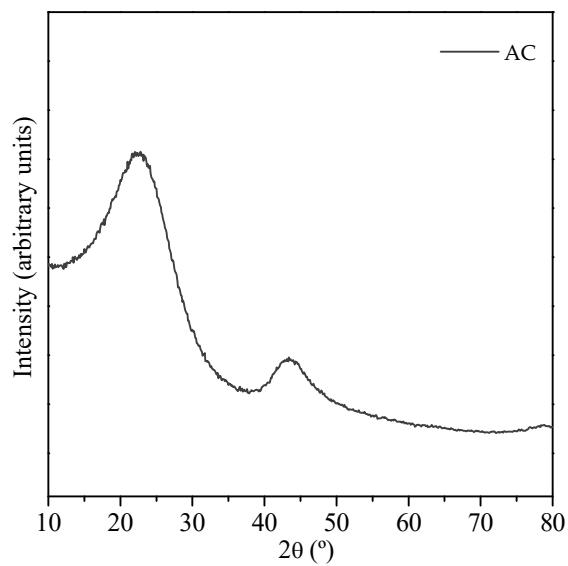
**Figure S2.** Pore size distribution determined from the nitrogen adsorption isotherms by means of the BJH method.

**Table S1.** Weight loss (wt. %) in the four temperature intervals observed in the TG-DTG profiles (Figure S2) and calculated carbon content.

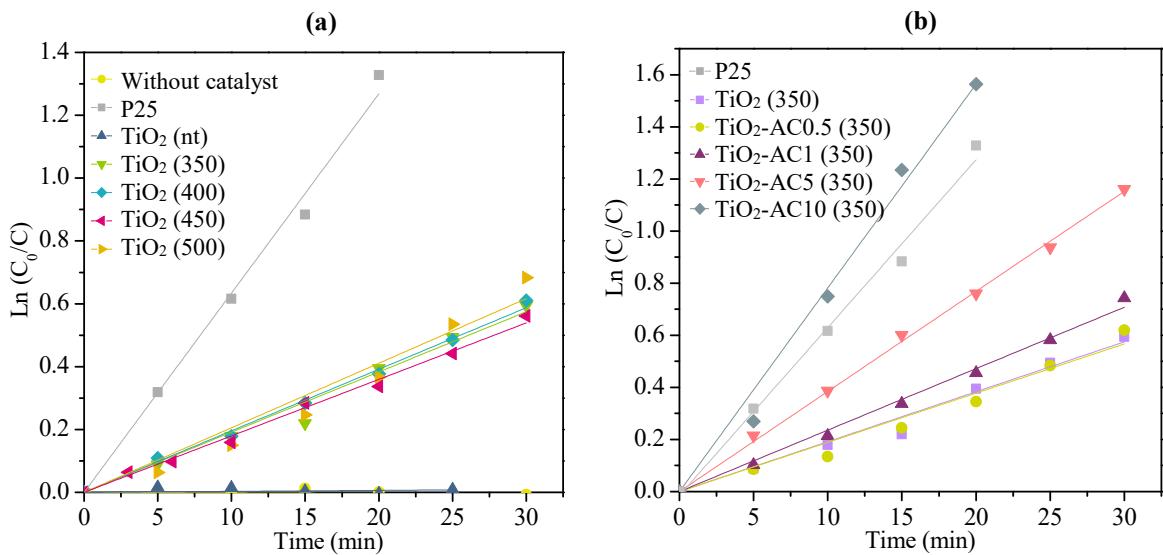
Sample	T interval (°C)	Weight loss (wt. %)				C content (wt. %)
		25-120	120-270	270-400	450-650	
TiO <sub>2</sub> (350)		0.8	1.3	0.5	0.2	0.0
TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC0.5 (350)		0.9	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.4
TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC1 (350)		1.0	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.5
TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC5 (350)		0.8	1.4	0.4	3.8	3.6
TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC10 (350)		1.1	1.3	0.6	8.5	8.3

**Table S2.** Textural properties for P25, TiO<sub>2</sub> (nt) and TiO<sub>2</sub> (T) samples (Set 1) and for AC, TiO<sub>2</sub> (350) and TiO<sub>2</sub>-ACx (350) samples (Set 2).

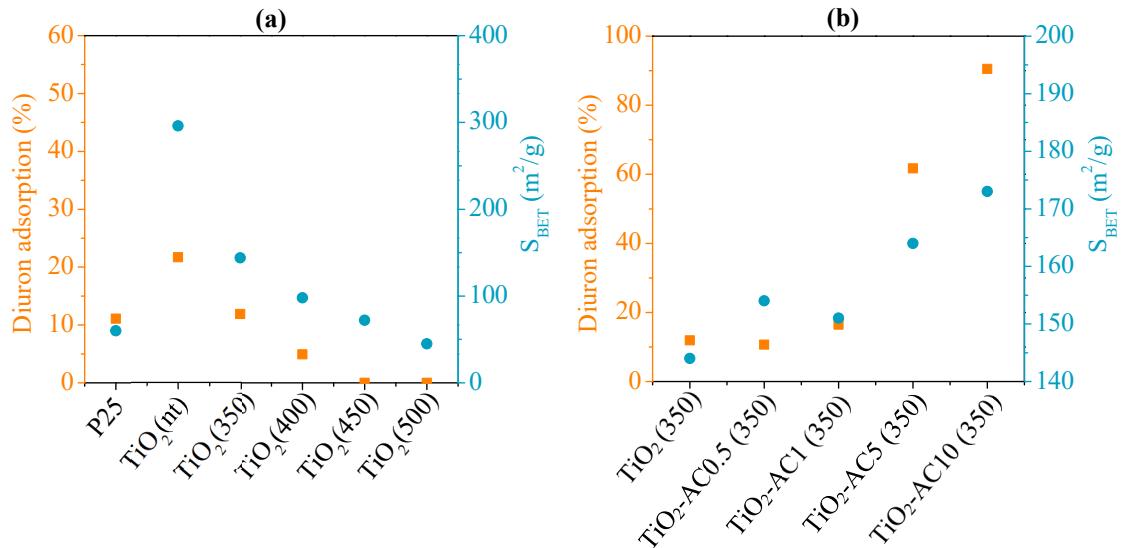
Set	Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	V <sub>DR N<sub>2</sub></sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>meso</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>T</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
1	P25	57	0.02	0.12	0.17
	TiO <sub>2</sub> (nt)	296	0.11	0.17	0.32
	TiO <sub>2</sub> (350)	144	0.05	0.18	0.25
	TiO <sub>2</sub> (400)	98	0.04	0.13	0.18
	TiO <sub>2</sub> (450)	72	0.05	0.10	0.15
	TiO <sub>2</sub> (500)	45	0.02	0.07	0.09
2	AC	491	0.25	0.02	0.27
	TiO <sub>2</sub> (350)	144	0.05	0.18	0.25
	TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC0.5 (350)	154	0.06	0.18	0.27
	TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC1 (350)	151	0.06	0.15	0.25
	TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC5 (350)	164	0.06	0.16	0.26
	TiO <sub>2</sub> -AC10 (350)	173	0.07	0.15	0.25



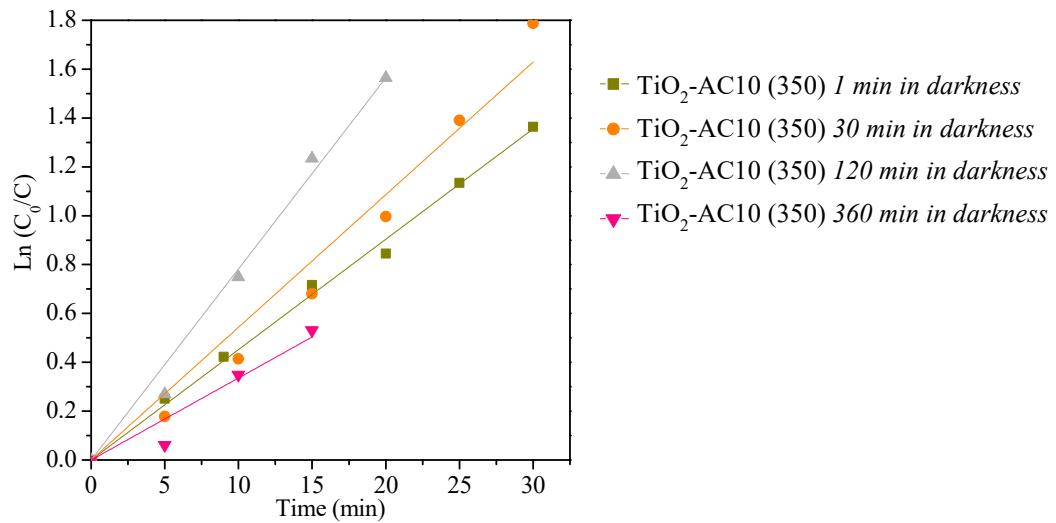
**Figure S3.** XRD pattern for AC.



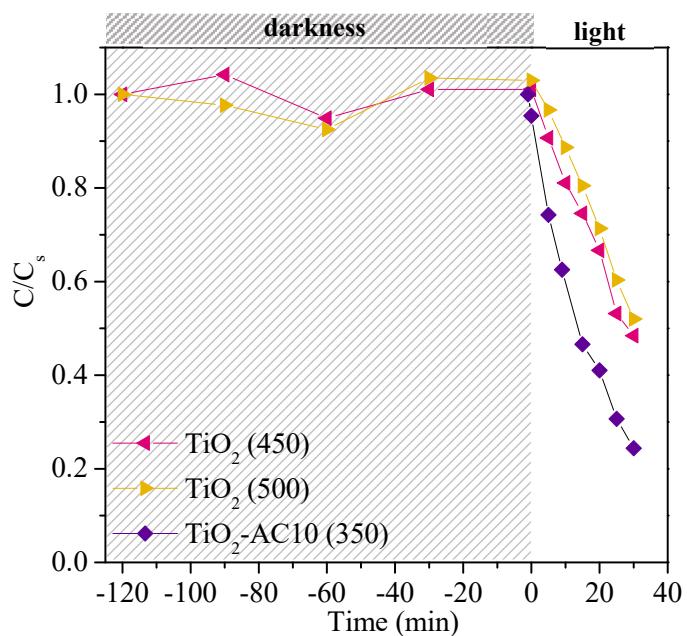
**Figure S4.**  $\ln(C_0/C)$  vs. irradiation time for: **(a)** P25,  $\text{TiO}_2$  (nt) and  $\text{TiO}_2$  (T) photocatalysts and **(b)** P25 and  $\text{TiO}_2\text{-AC}x$  (350) ( $x = 0, 0.5, 1, 5$  and  $10$  wt. %) hybrid photocatalysts. Reaction: degradation of diuron under simulated solar light.



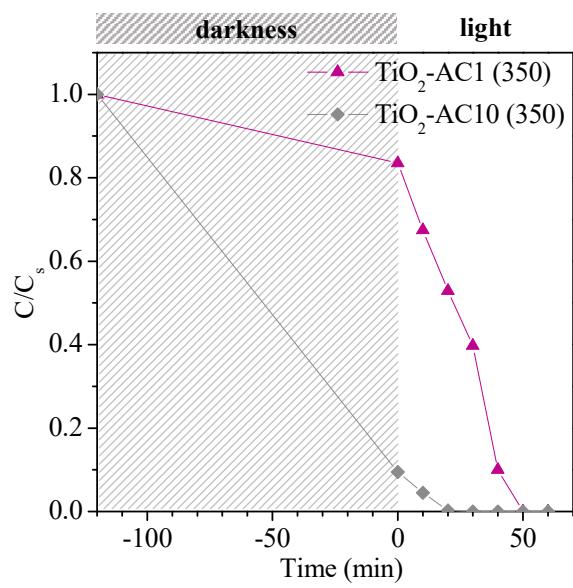
**Figure S5.** Diuron adsorption (as % respect to the initial diuron concentration) after 2h in dark and  $S_{BET}$  values for: **(a)** P25, TiO<sub>2</sub> (nt) and TiO<sub>2</sub> (T) photocatalysts and **(b)** TiO<sub>2</sub>-ACx (350) (x = 0, 0.5, 1, 5 and 10 wt. %).



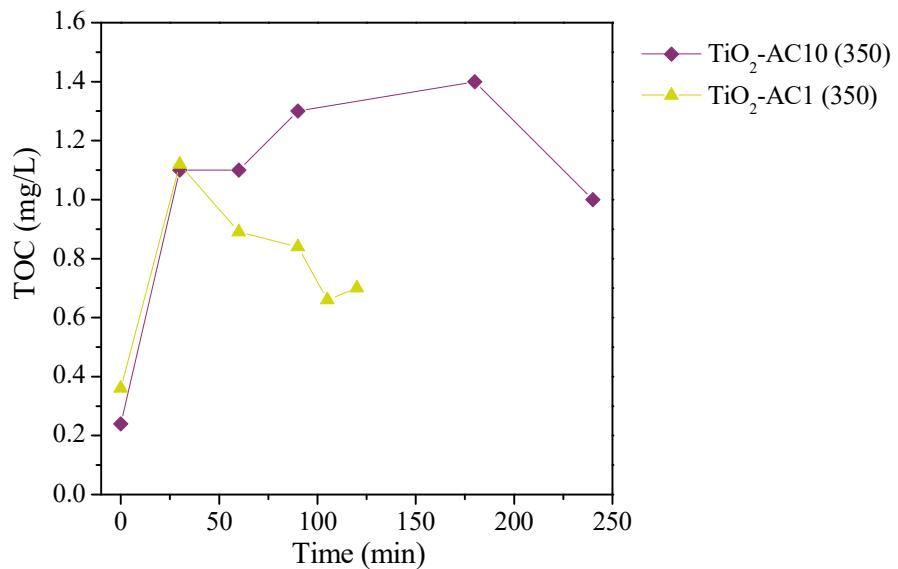
**Figure S6.**  $\text{Ln}(\text{C}_0/\text{C})$  vs. irradiation time for  $\text{TiO}_2\text{-AC10}$  (350) sample after 1, 30, 120 or 360 min in dark conditions. Reaction: diuron degradation under simulated solar light.



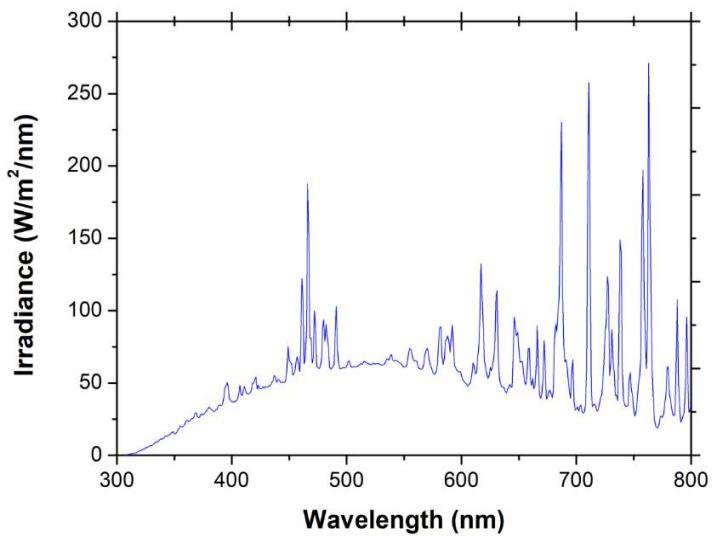
**Figure S7.** Evolution of the relative diuron concentration *vs* time in dark and under illumination conditions for  $\text{TiO}_2$ -AC10 (350) sample (1 min in darkness) and for  $\text{TiO}_2$  (450) and  $\text{TiO}_2$  (500) samples (2 h in darkness).



**Figure S8.** Relative diuron concentration *vs* time in darkness (2 h) and under illumination conditions (1 h) for TiO<sub>2</sub>-AC1 (350) and TiO<sub>2</sub>-AC10 (350) samples (after 1 h irradiation the complete removal of diuron was observed).



**Figure S9.** TOC values vs irradiation time determined during reuse of TiO<sub>2</sub>-AC1 (350) and TiO<sub>2</sub>-AC10 (350) hybrid photocatalysts. Reaction: diuron degradation under simulated solar light.



**Figure S10.** Spectral distribution of the simulated solar light. Measurements have been performed using a wideband RPS900-W rapid portable spectroradiometer from International Light Technology.