

수처리용 WO_3 기반 가시광촉매 개발 및 광촉매의 구조-효율 관계 규명

To develop $WO_3/g-C_3N_4$ (WCN) for water treatment by investigating structure-photocatalytic efficiency relationships

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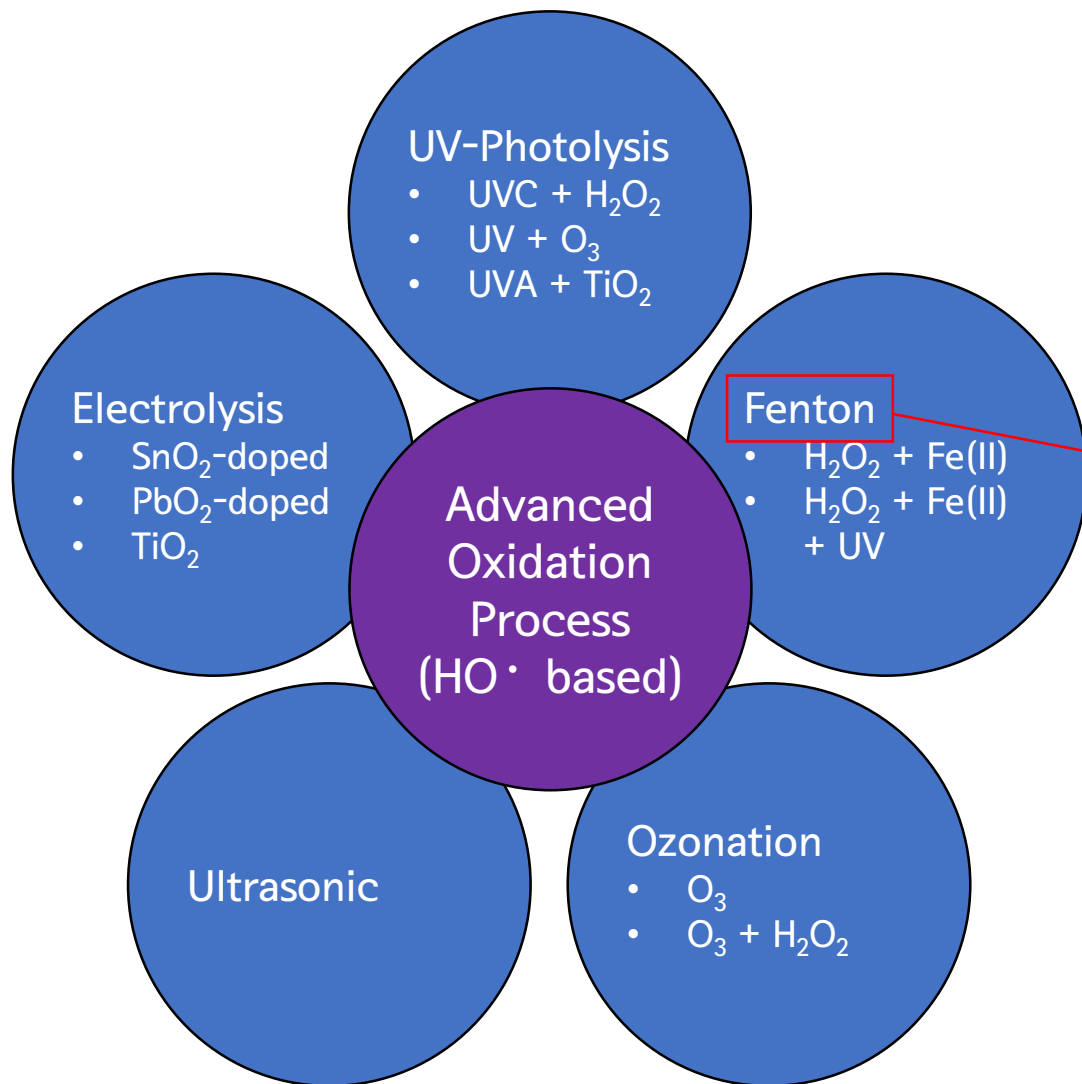
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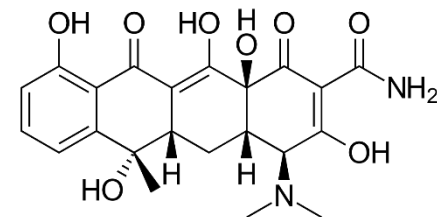
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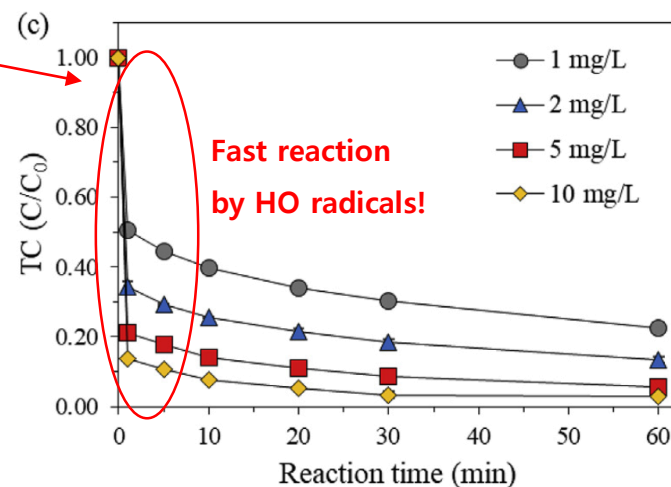
❖ AOPs (Advanced Oxidation Processes)



Tetracycline



[TC]₀ = 100 mg/L, [H₂O₂] = 20 mg/L



(Han *et al.*, 2020)

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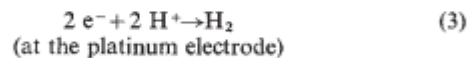
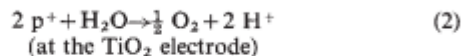
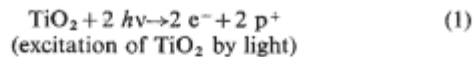
❖ Photocatalyst

(Fujishima *et al.*, *Nature*, 1972)

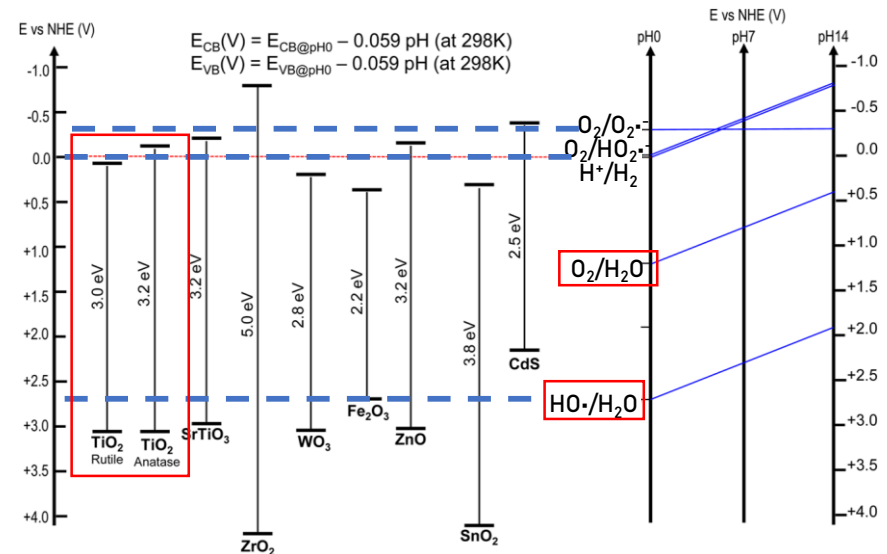
Electrochemical Photolysis of Water at a Semiconductor Electrode

ALTHOUGH the possibility of water photolysis has been suggested by many workers, a useful method has not been developed. Because water is transparent to visible light, it cannot be decomposed directly, but only by radiation with wavelengths shorter than 190 nm (ref. 1).

For electrochemical decomposition of water, a potential difference of more than 1.23 V is necessary between the anodic electrode, at which the anodic processes occur, and the cathodic electrode, where cathodic reactions take place. This potential difference is equivalent to the energy of radiation with a wavelength of approximately 1,000 nm. Therefore, if the energy of light is used effectively in an electrochemical system, it should be possible to decompose water with visible light. Here we



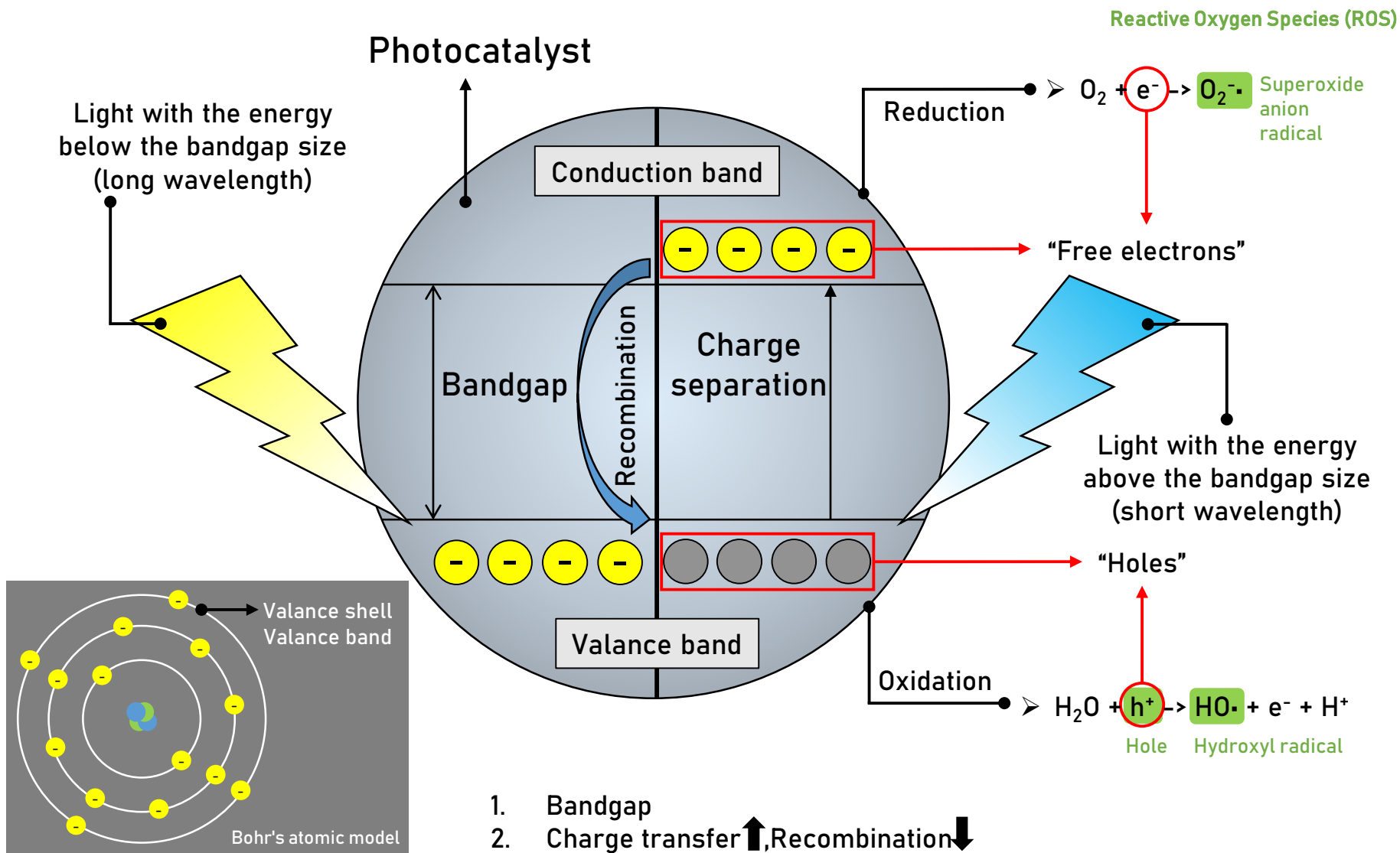
The overall reaction is



(D.D. Dionysiou *et al.*, 2016)

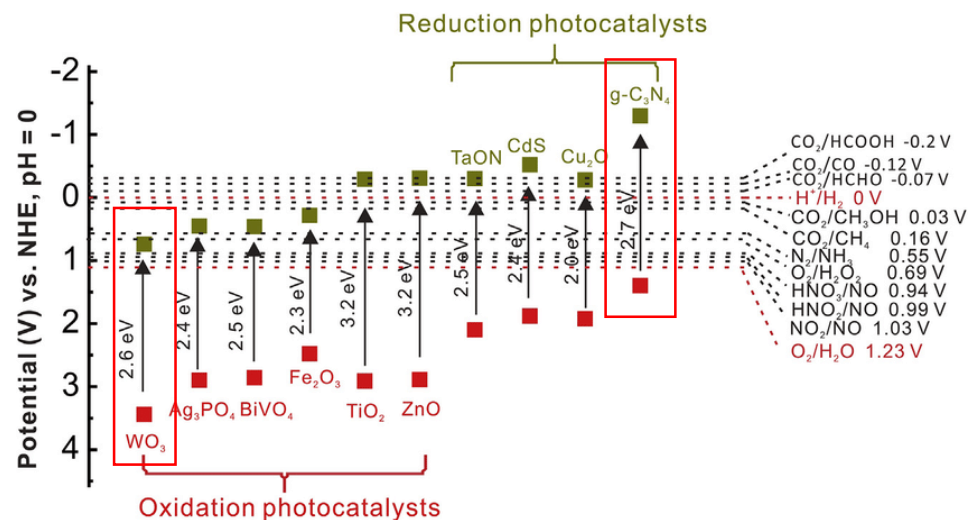
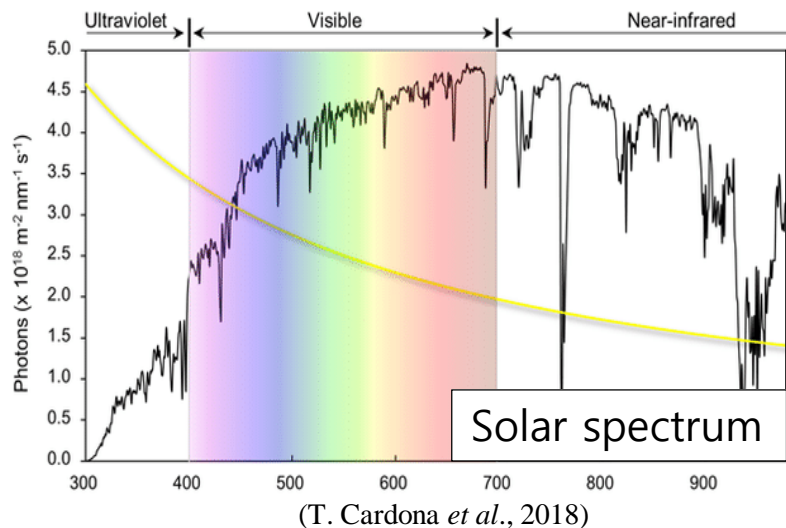
Background (2/5)

❖ Photocatalysis mechanism



Background (5/5)

❖ Visible light-based photocatalyst



- Visible light is abundant in sunlight and has the advantage of less input energy compared to UV generation. And LED has less heat generation and power consumption, and long lifespan.
- WO₃ and *g*-C₃N₄ have band potential suitable for the use of visible light.
- Therefore, WO₃/*g*-C₃N₄ (WCN) composite is being studied as an eco-friendly visible photocatalyst for water treatment.

Literature review (1/2)

❖ Removal of organic compound using WCN under visible light irradiation

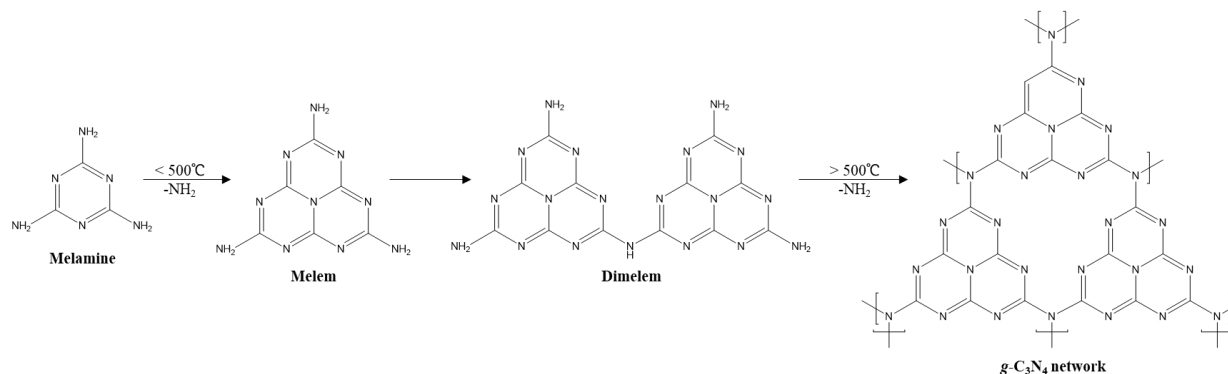
※ MB: methylene blue, Rh B: Rhodamine B, CPX: ciprofloxacin, OG: orange G RbX: Remazol brilliant red X-3BS

Year	Authors	Journal	Dosage (g/L)	Bandgap (eV)	WCN Synthesis Temp. (°C)	Target Compound	Initial Conc. (mg/L)	Light source	Reaction time (min)	Removal efficiency (%)	ROS
2014	S. Chen et al.	Appl. Catal. B	2	2.7	500->520	MB	30	Xe Lamp (500 W, >400 nm)	60	87.90%	$O_2^{\cdot-}$ > HO^{\cdot}
2017	X. Liu et al.	Appl. Surf. Sci.	0.5	2.61, 2.67	550	MB	50	Xe Lamp (300 W, >400 nm)	90	95%	$O_2^{\cdot-}$
	L. Cui et al.	Appl. Surf. Sci.		2.69	550	Rh B	5	Xe Lamp (500 W, >420 nm)	120		
2018	B. Chai et al.	Appl. Surf. Sci.	1	2.73	550	Rh B	5	Xe Lamp (300 W, >420 nm)	180	90.40%	$O_2^{\cdot-}$ > h^+ > HO^{\cdot}
	T. Xiao et al.	Appl. Catal. B		2.73, 2.64	550	CFS TC	25	Xe Lamp (300 W, >420 nm)	120	82.00%	$O_2^{\cdot-}$, HO^{\cdot}
2019	A.I. Navarro-Aquilar et al.	J. Photochem. Photobiol. A	1	2.66	500	CPX OG	10 20	Xe Lamp (35 W)	240	98.00%	h^+ $O_2^{\cdot-}$
	J. Chen et al.	J. Alloys Compd.	0.33	2.7	550	Rh B	10	Xe Lamp (500 W, >420 nm)	100	96%	$O_2^{\cdot-}$ > HO^{\cdot} > h^+
	J. Singh et al.	J. Alloys Compd.	0.5	2.16	550	MB RbX	5 45	CFL lamp (65 W)	160	97.82%	$O_2^{\cdot-}$ > HO^{\cdot}

Literature review (2/2)

❖ GCN synthesis temperature and photocatalytic efficiency

Year	Authors	Journal	Bandgap (eV)	GCN Synthesis Temp. (°C)	Photocatalytic activity	Photocatalytic efficiency	Light source
2015	I. Papailias <i>et al.</i>	Appl. Surf. Sci.	2.76-2.37	450, 550, 650	NO oxidation	CN-450 > CN-550 > CN-650	UV, visible light
2017	Z. Lu <i>et al.</i>	Chem. Eng. J.	2.76-2.5	450, 500, 550, 600	NO oxidation	CN-500 > CN-450 > CN-550 > CN-650	150 W tungsten halogen lamp (UV&vis)
2022	B. Rani <i>et al.</i>	Chemosphere	2.87-2.83	450, 550(1h), 550(2h)	MB, RhB removal	M-450 > M-550(1h) > M-550(2h)	UV (254 nm)



- There have been very few studies on the relationship between structure of WO₃/g-C₃N₄ and photocatalytic efficiency for removal of organic compound.

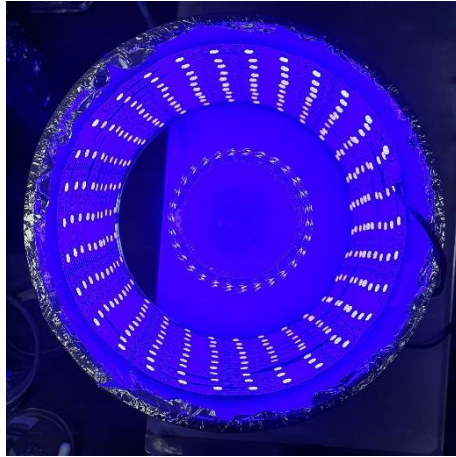
To develop $\text{WO}_3/g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ (WCN) for removing of Rhodamine B by investigating structure-photocatalytic efficiency relationships

- To characterize of WCNs for morphology, configuration and bandgap analysis photocatalyst through thermal-condensation of melamine and WO_3 at different temperatures
- To compare of photocatalytic efficiencies of WCNs by removing rhodamine B
- To investigate relationships between structure and photocatalytic efficiency of WCNs

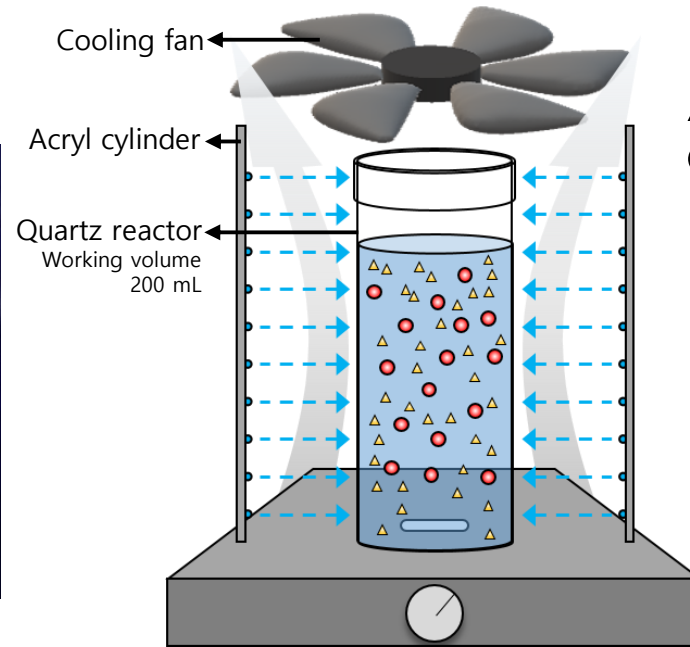
Novelty: Investigation of relationship of the structure of WCN and photocatalytic efficiency

Photocatalytic experiment (1/2)

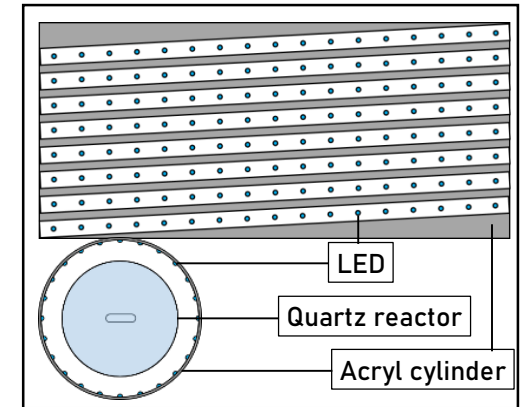
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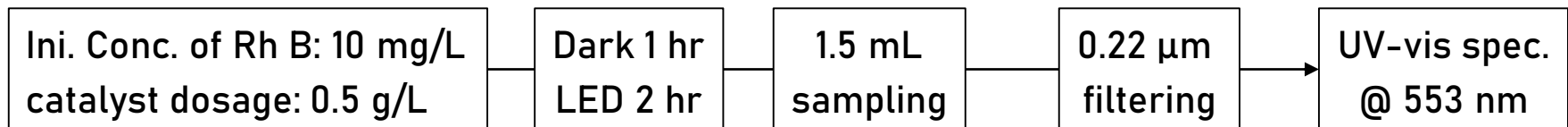
Top view of photoreactor



- LED (420-430 nm)
- ▲ Rhodamine B (Rh B)
- photocatalyst

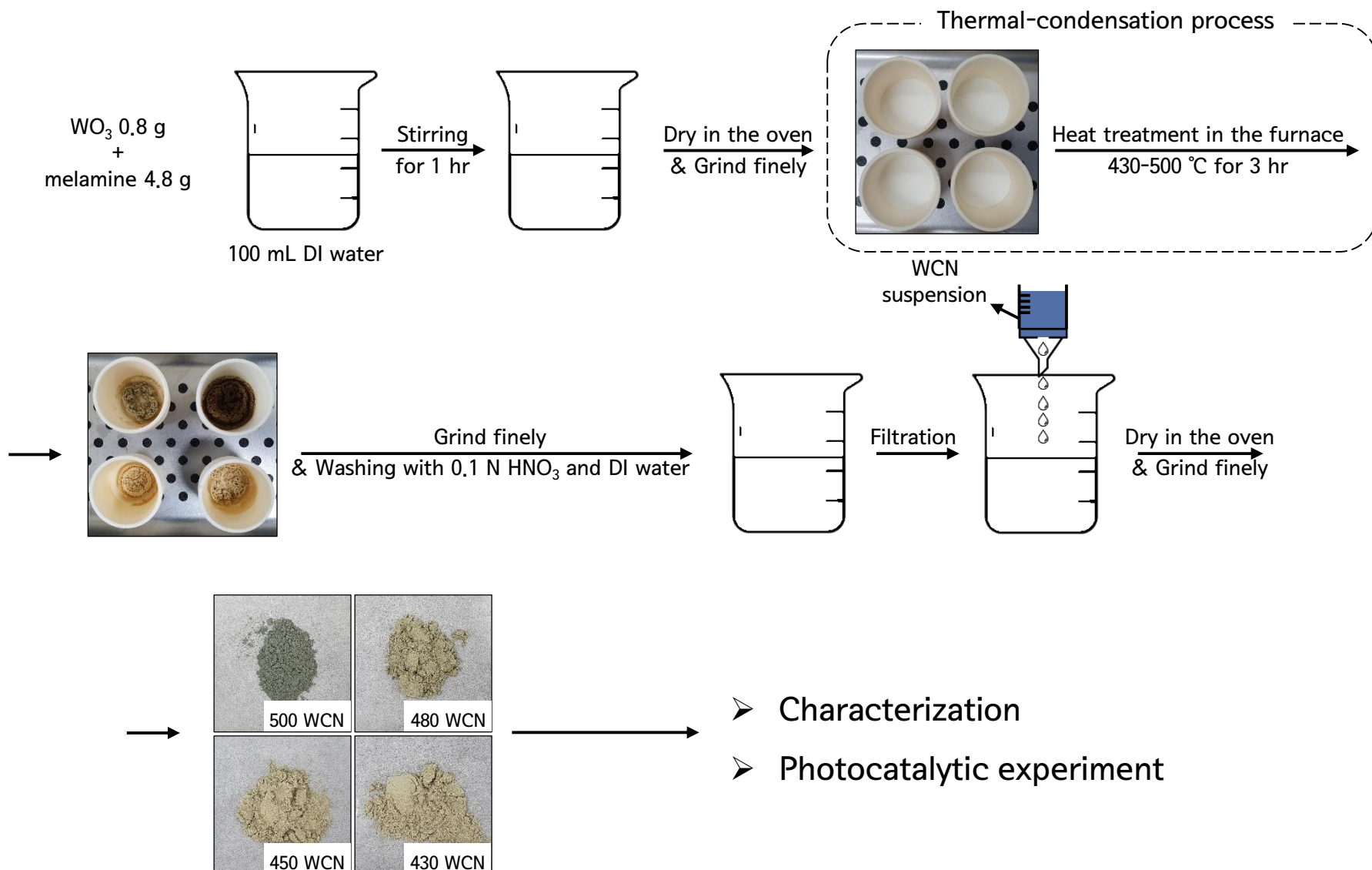


❖ Photocatalytic experiment



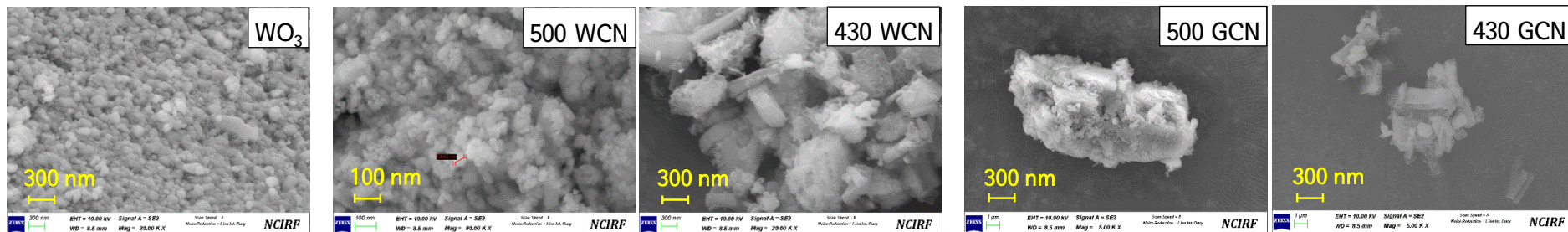
Photocatalytic experiment (2/2)

❖ Synthesis of $\text{WO}_3/g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ (WCN)

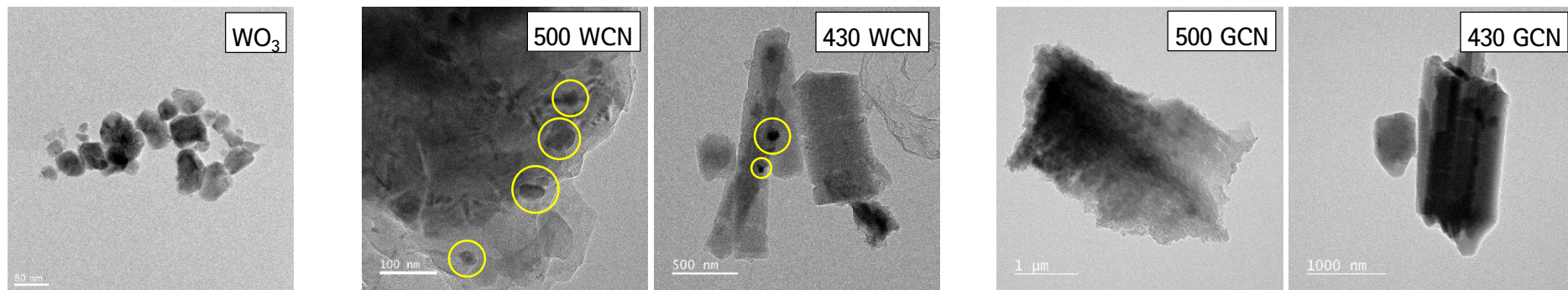


Material characterization

❖ SEM analysis



❖ TEM analysis

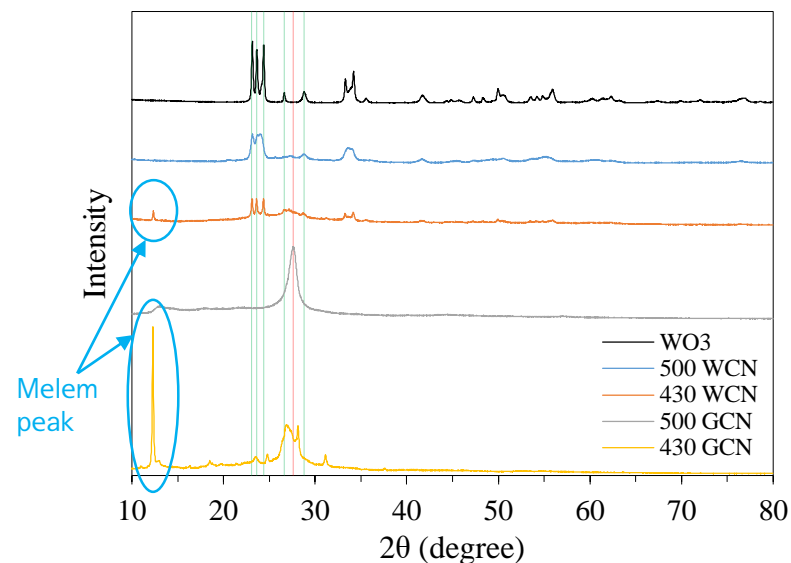


- WO₃ had a granular shape and GCN had a bulk sheet shape.
- As synthesis temperature decreased, more rod shapes were observed.
- Granular WO₃ particles were embedded in GCN.
- As in the SEM images, the rod shape was found as the synthesis temperature decreased.

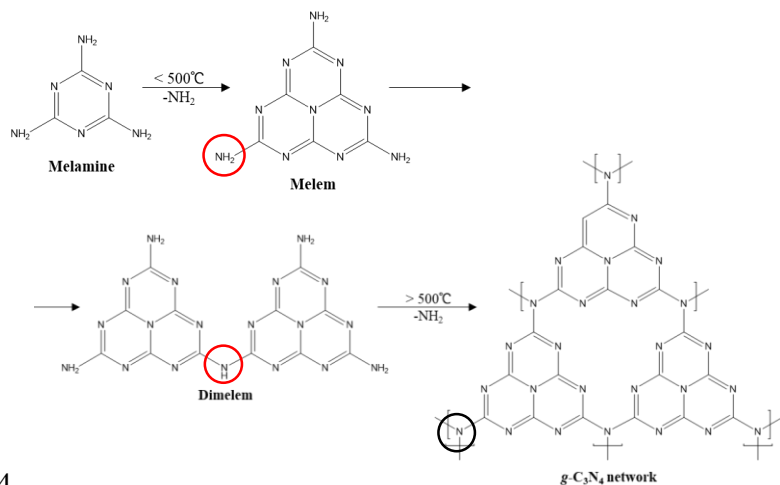
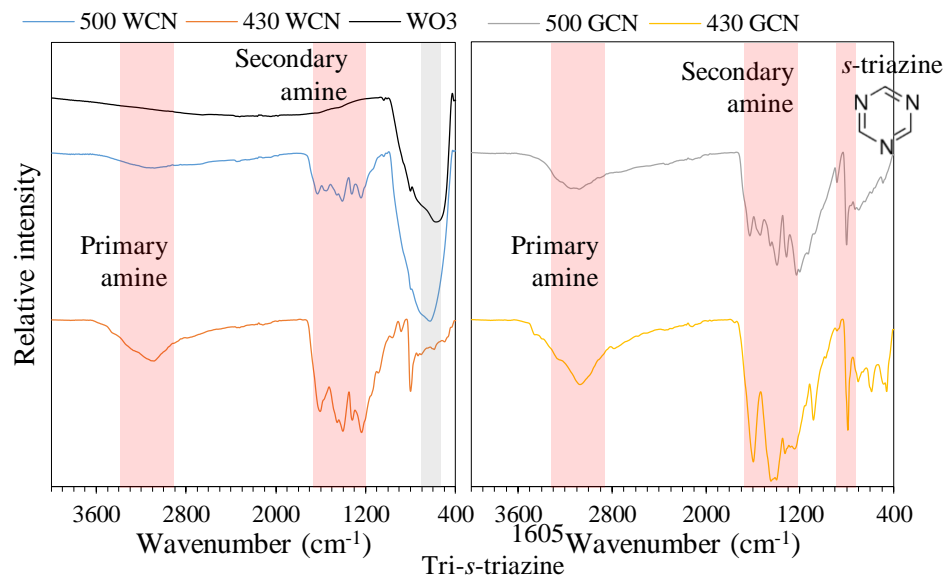
Material characterization

❖ XRD analysis

----- g -C₃N₄ peak - - - - - monoclinic WO₃ peak



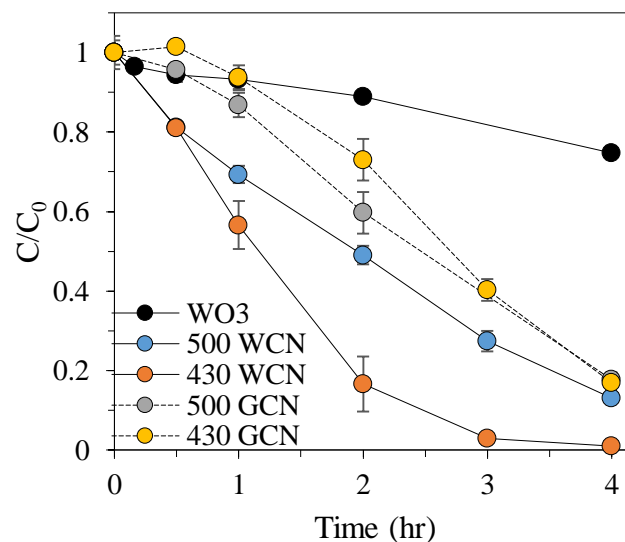
❖ FT-IR analysis



- The peak of monoclinic WO₃ was well maintained and that of melem was observed in 430 WCN (13.1°).
- As the treatment temperature decreased, the peak of g -C₃N₄ was split (27.6°), and that of melem was clearly observed (13.1°). (I. Papailias *et al.*, 2015)
- As the treatment temperature decreased, the intensity of primary (3092 cm⁻¹) and secondary amine (1400-1460 cm⁻¹) peak increased. (I. Papailias *et al.*, 2015, B. Chai *et al.*, 2018).

Photocatalytic experiment

❖ Removal of Rh B using WCNs



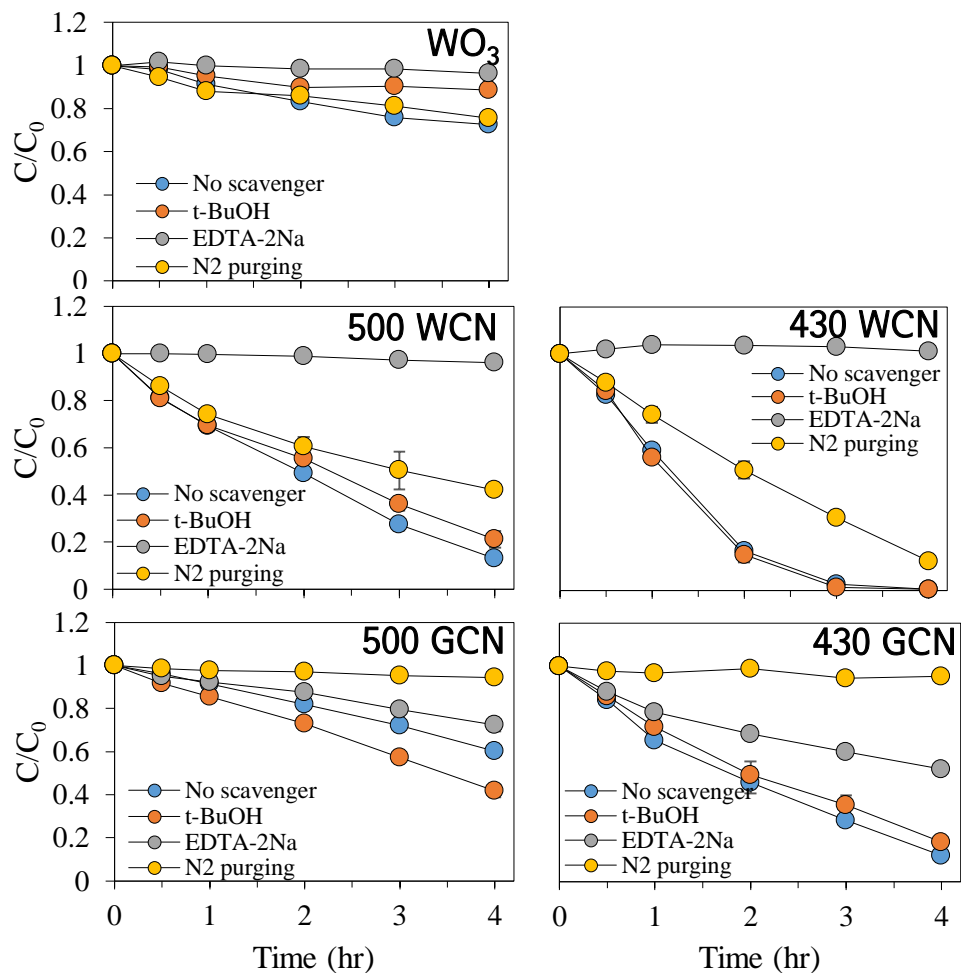
	WO ₃	500 WCN	430 WCN	500 GCN	430 GCN
k (hr⁻¹)	0.1583	0.4057	1.038	0.3772	0.3309
R ²	0.605	0.983	0.9448	0.903	0.8074

- All WCNs had better photocatalytic efficiencies than WO₃ and GCNs.
- 430 WCN showed higher photocatalytic efficiencies than 500 WCN.

Photocatalytic experiment

❖ Reactive oxygen species (ROS) scavenging test

t-BuOH (HO[•] scavenger), EDTA-2Na (h⁺ scavenger), N₂ purging (O₂ removal)



➤ Inhibition effect on the removal of Rh B:

EDTA-2Na >> N₂ purging > *t*-BuOH

➤ Valence band hole is main ROS in vis-

LED/WCN system (h⁺ >> O₂^{-•} > HO[•])

Research Plans

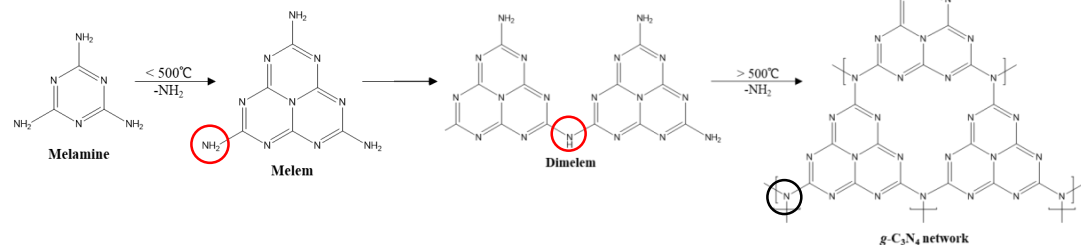
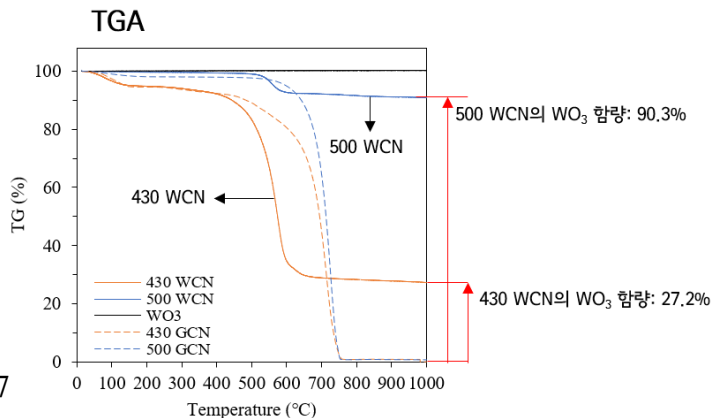
- 500 WCN보다 430 WCN에서 condensation 정도가 낮은 carbon nitride 함량이 많고, 이러한 구조의 차이가 광촉매 효율의 차이로 이어질 것으로 예상하고 있음.

(합성온도별 WO₃와 CN의 비율을 같게 통제한 후 구조의 차이를 확인할 예정)

- TGA 및 ICP 분석을 통해 WO₃와 CN이 존재하는 비율을 비교 (500 WCN vs 430 WCN)

비율을 같게 합성한 후 (변인 통제) WCN의 구조 및 특성들을 비교

- SS NMR을 이용한 ¹³C, ¹⁵N 분석을 통해 합성한 WCN의 구조를 더 구체적으로 파악
- 430 WCN은 500 WCN에 비해 덜 condensation된 구조로 적은 수의 heptazine (3개의 CN고리)과 WO₃로 구성되어 있을 것으로 예상됨.



Background

❖ Pharmaceutical compounds (PhCs)

(H. Cheung *et al.*, 2019)

이성(異性) 생식세포를 보유한 붕어 비율은 2003~2006년엔 5~8% 수준이었다. 10년 만에 비율이 대폭 상승한 것이다. 이 연구를 진행한 전남대 이정식 교수는 "강물에 든 의약품질이나 농약, 산업공정에서 나오는 화학물질 등 내분비계를 교란하는 각종 환경호르몬에 물고기가 오랜 시간 노출되면서 이 같은 병리적 현상이 발생한 것으로 보인다"고 말했다.

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전국 6개 하천 지점에 서식하는 중성화(中性化) 붕어 현황

관호는 이성생식세포 발견/ 조사 개체(마리)

남한강	단양(1/5)	20.0%
낙동강	여주(4/10)	40.0%
영산강	안동(5/11)	45.5%
	왜관(4/15)	26.7%
	담양(3/10)	30.0%
	광주(3/11)	27.3%

※전남대 조현서 교수팀이 2013년 환경부 의뢰로 조사한 결과
 ※2003~2006년 중성화 붕어 출현율(4.8~8%)의 4~6배 자료: 환경부

평균 **32.3%**

산업단지 인근 소하천·연안지역에 서식하는 중성화 어류 현황 단위: %

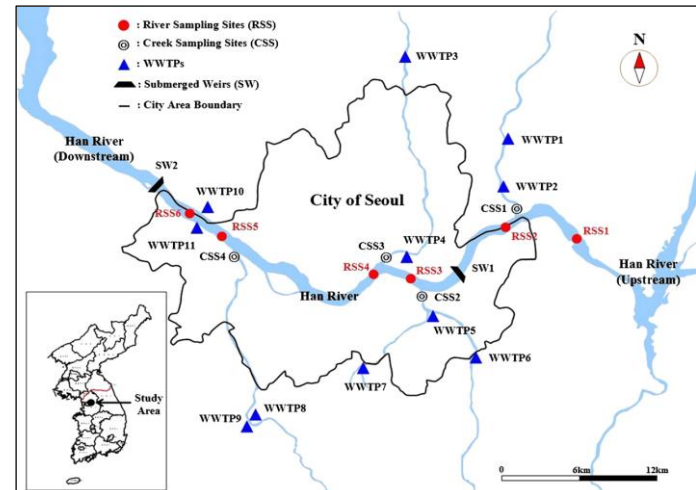
붕어	31.3%
주둥치	31.3
가슴어	30.8
누치	26.0
플랑크톤	18.8
치리	9.5
문절망둑	5.0
송어	0.8
농어	0.0

※전남대 이정식 교수팀이 2009년 환경부 의뢰로 조사한 결과
 ※산업단지는 시화·안산, 울산·온산, 여수·광양 지역 자료: 환경부

평균 **17.1%**

그래픽=김성규 기자

- The use of PhCs is steadily increasing worldwide.
- PhCs are being discharged into the water system, threatening the ecosystem and human health.



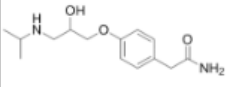
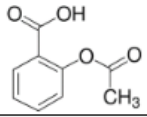
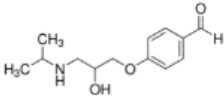
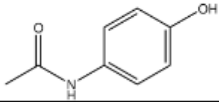
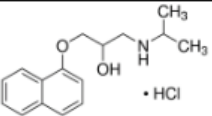
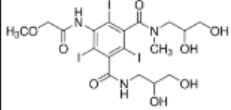
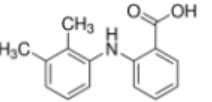
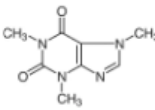
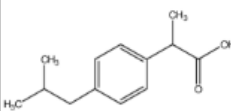
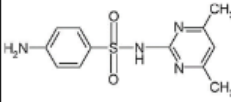
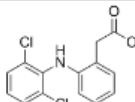
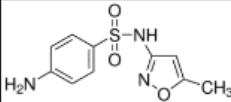
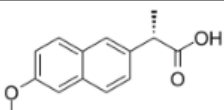
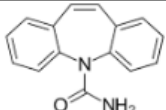
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Iopromide	1013	1800	33	3745	8100	780
Atenolol	83	150	2.4	475	600	250
Naproxen	197	310	100	403	590	210
Carbamazepine	105	150	49	358	400	280
Caffeine	40	68	25	228	330	170
Ibuprofen	57	100	5.3	183	360	81
Sulfamethoxazole	56	88	15	160	190	120
Diclofenac	44	68	8.4	132	160	56

(Y. Yoon *et al.*, 2010)

14 Pharmaceutical compounds (PhCs)

negative

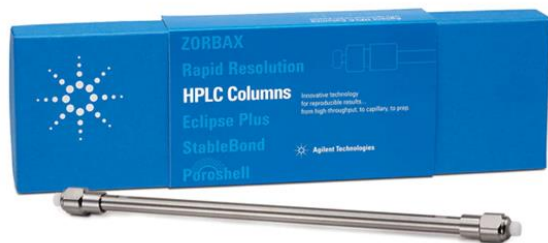
positive

Compound	Chemical formula	MW	Structure	pKa	Compound	Chemical formula	MW	Structure	pKa
Atenolol (ATN)	고혈압 치료제 C ₁₄ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃	266.336		9.48/11.1	Acetylsalicylic acid (ASA)	소염진통제 C ₉ H ₈ O ₄	180.158		3.41
Metoprolol (MTP)	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ NO ₃	267.364		9.68	Acetaminophen (AAP)	진통제 C ₈ H ₉ NO ₂	151.163		9.38
Propranolol (PPN)	C ₁₆ H ₂₁ NO ₂	259.34		9.49	Iopromide (IPM)	조영제 C ₁₈ H ₂₄ I ₃ N ₃ O ₈	791.112		11.09
Mefenamic acid (MFA)	소염진통제 C ₁₅ H ₁₅ NO ₂	241.28		3.73	Caffeine (CAF)	신경 각성제 C ₈ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂	194.19		6.1/10.4
Ibuprofen (IBP)	C ₁₃ H ₁₈ O ₂	206.29		4.41	Sulfamethazine (SMZ)	항생제 C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₂ S	278.33		2.6/7.59
Diclofenac (DCF)	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ NO ₂	296.148		4.15	Sulfamethoxazole (SMX)	C ₁₀ H ₁₁ N ₃ O ₃ S	253.279		1.7/5.6
Naproxen (NPX)	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ O ₃	230.26		4.19	Carbamazepine (CBZ)	뇌전증 조절증 치료제 C ₁₅ H ₁₂ N ₂ O	236.269		2.3/7

Analysis of 14 PhCs using LC/MS-MS



[LC/MS-MS] Agilent 1290 Infinity II /
6470 triple quadrupole



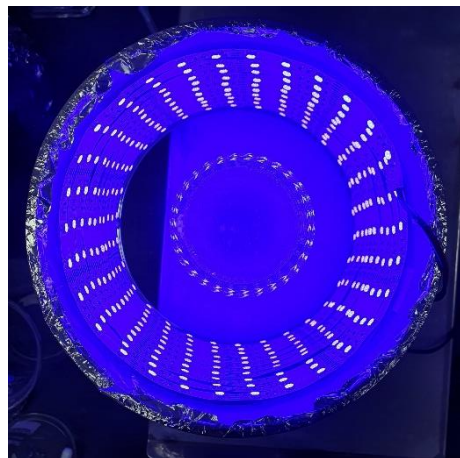
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Positive mode					
Compound		Precursor ion (m/z)	Product ion (m/z)	Fragmentor (V)	Collision energy (eV)
Atenolol	ATN	267.2	145	161	29
Metoprolol	MTP	268.2	74.1	161	25
Propranolol	PPN	260.2	116	122	17
Caffeine	CAF	195.1	138	122	21
Carbamazepine	CBZ	237.1	194	161	21
Sulfamethazine	SMZ	279.1	186	122	17
Sulfamethoxazole	SMZ	254.1	92	122	29
Mefenamic acid	MFA	242.1	224	224	17
Acetaminophen	AAP	152.1	110	110	17
Iopromide	IPM	791.9	572.8	196	24

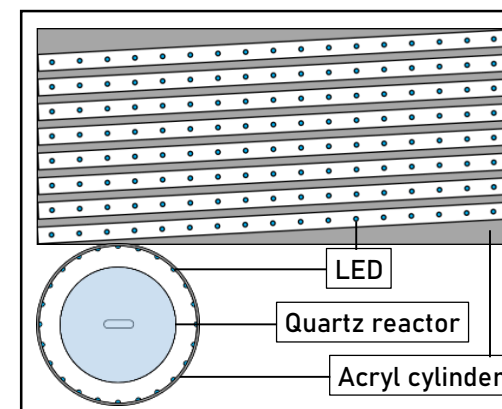
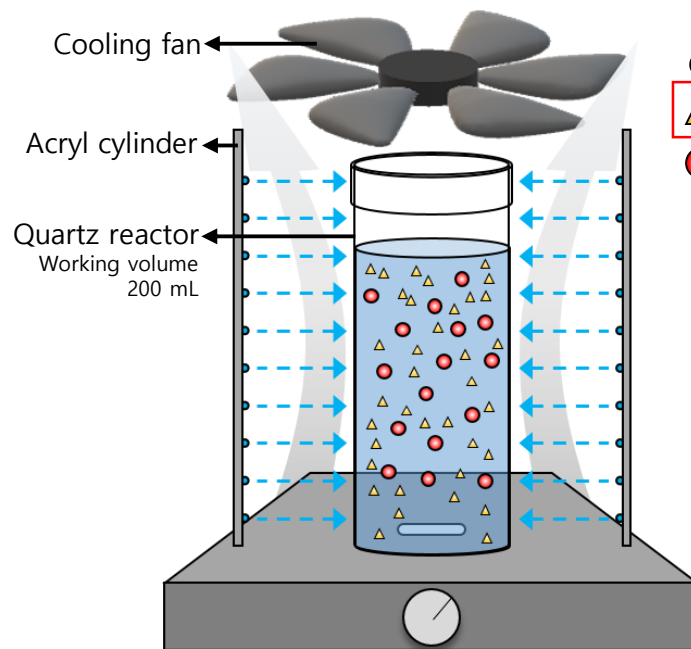
Negative mode					
Compound		Precursor ion (m/z)	Product ion (m/z)	Cone voltage (V)	Collision energy (eV)
Acetylsalicylic acid	ASA	137	93.1	83	17
Diclofenac	DCF	294	250	83	9
Naproxen	NPX	229.1	169	83	33
Ibuprofen	IBP	205.1	161.1	83	5

Photocatalytic experiment

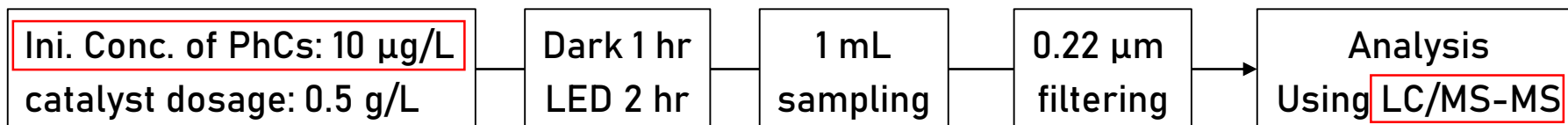
❖ Photoreactor



Top view of photoreactor



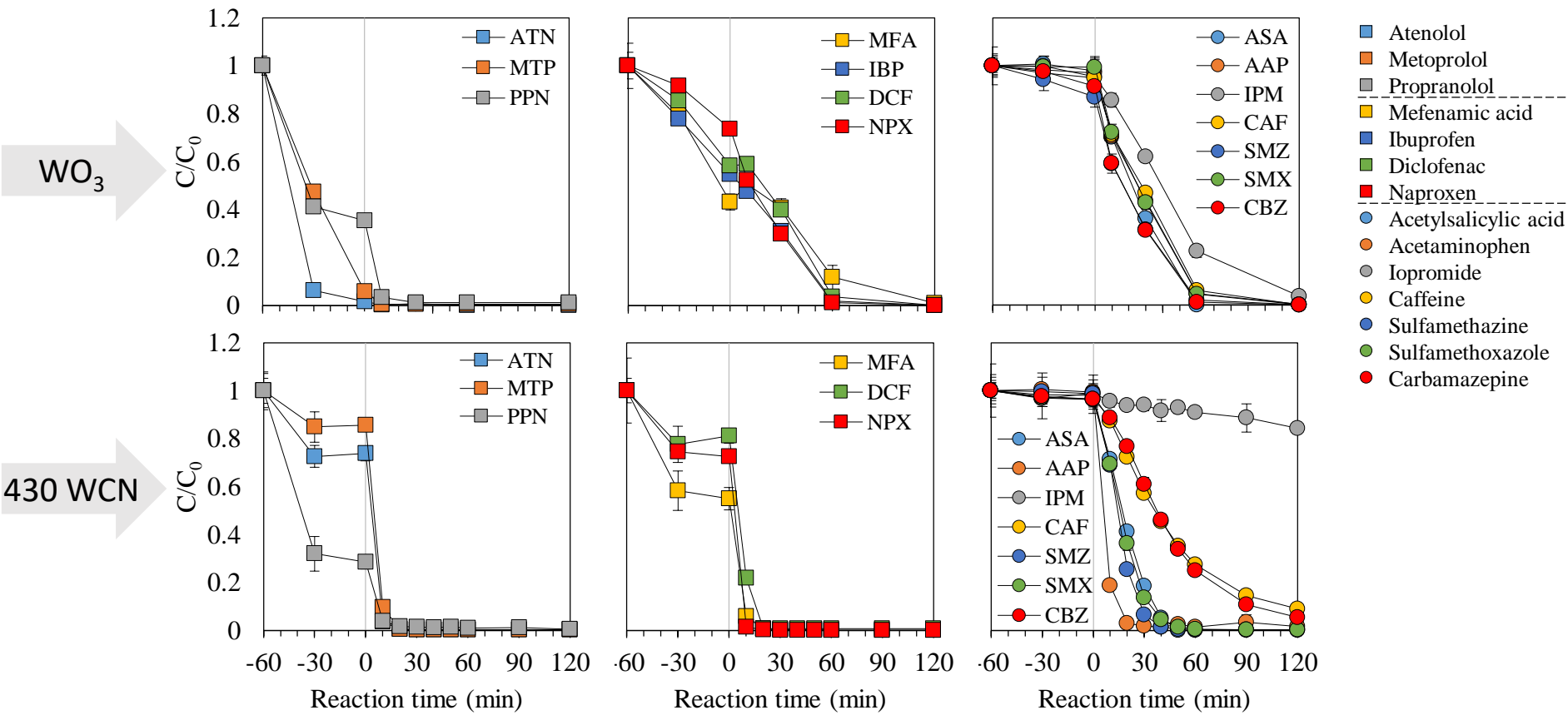
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Photocatalytic experiment

❖ WO₃와 430 WCN의 14 PhCs 제거 효율 비교

촉매에 의한 PhCs의 흡착량에 따른 분류



- 흡착률이 낮은 물질 중 ASA, AAP, SMZ, SMX의 광촉매에 의한 제거율은 WO₃ 보다 430 WCN에서 더 높았음.
- 예상과는 다르게 CAF, CBZ는 430 WCN 에서 더딘 제거속도를 보였고, IPM의 경우 430 WCN에서 제거율이 현저히 감소하였음.
- 이는 HO· 기반인 WO₃와 h⁺, O₂^{-·} 기반인 430 WCN의 제거 기작 차이 때문인 것으로 보이며, 특히 IPM은 h⁺, O₂^{-·}와의 반응성이 매우 낮은 것으로 생각됨.

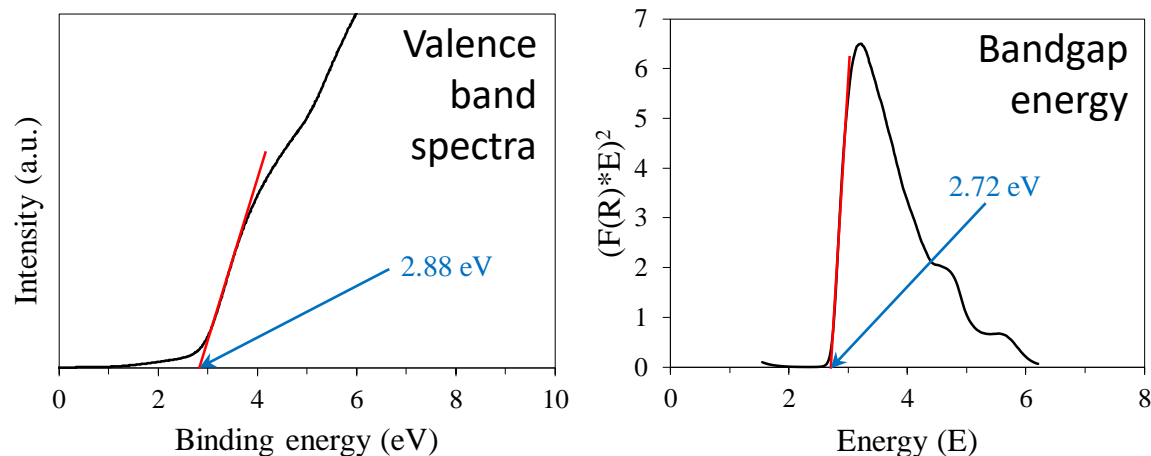
Summary

- WO_3 보다 개선된 WCN 가시광촉매를 합성하였고 이를 14 PhCs의 제거를 통해 확인하였음.
- $\text{HO}\cdot$ 이 main ROS인 WO_3 와 달리 WCN은 h^+ 가 main ROS인 것으로 확인되었고, 이러한 ROS 생성 기작 차이로 인해 14 PhCs의 제거 양상도 다르게 나타남.
- 모든 PhCs들을 효과적으로 제거하기 위해 기존보다 우수한 성능의 WCN의 개발 필요성을 확인하였음.

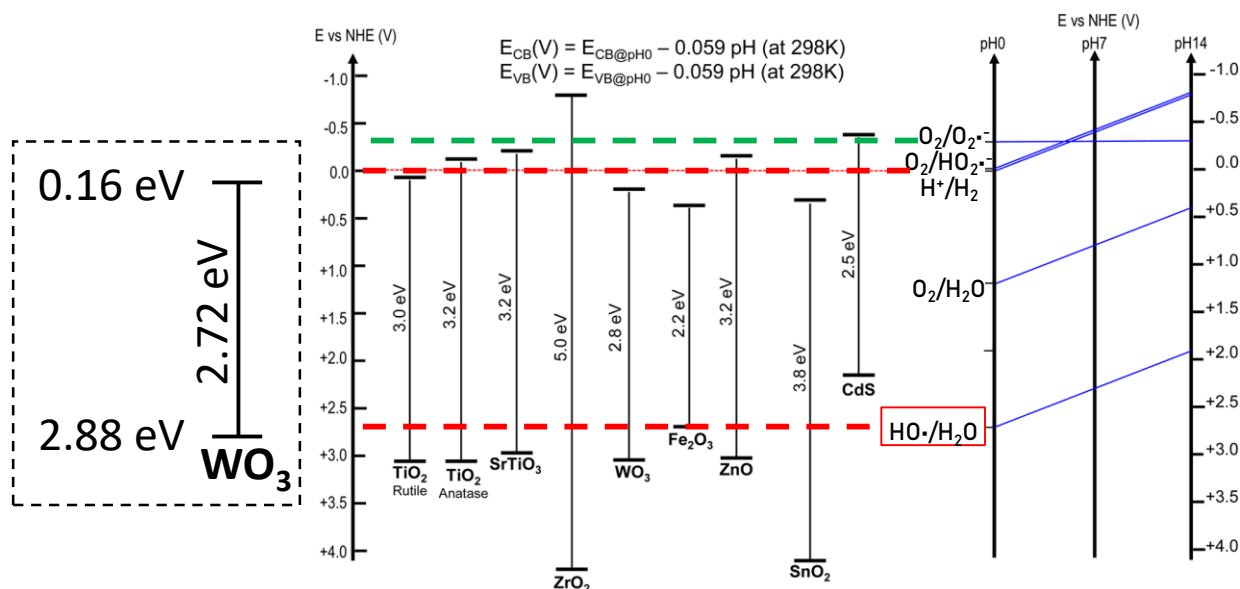
Thank You

Energy band potential of WO_3 photocatalyst

❖ Valence band, conduction band and bandgap energy



- Bandgap = VB – CB
- Bandgap energy: 2.72 eV
- VB potential: 2.88 eV
- CB potential: 0.16 eV

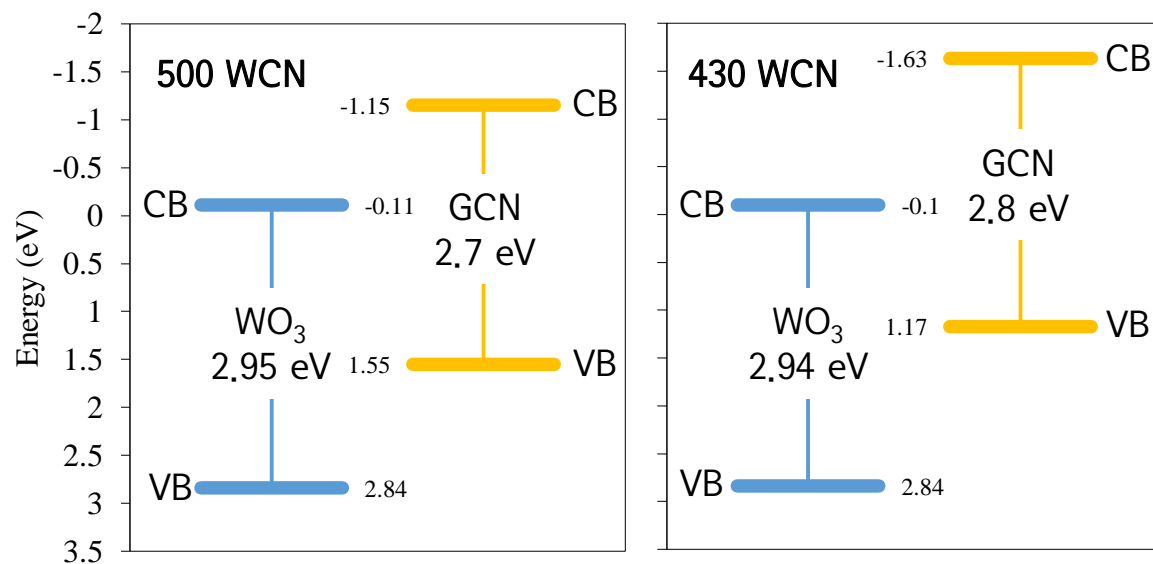


➤ Valence band of WO_3 has oxidative potential to oxidize H_2O to $\text{HO}\cdot$.

(D.D. Dionysiou et al., Photocatalysis: Applications, 2016)

Bandgap energy of photocatalysts

❖ Bandgap energy analysis using UV-DRS



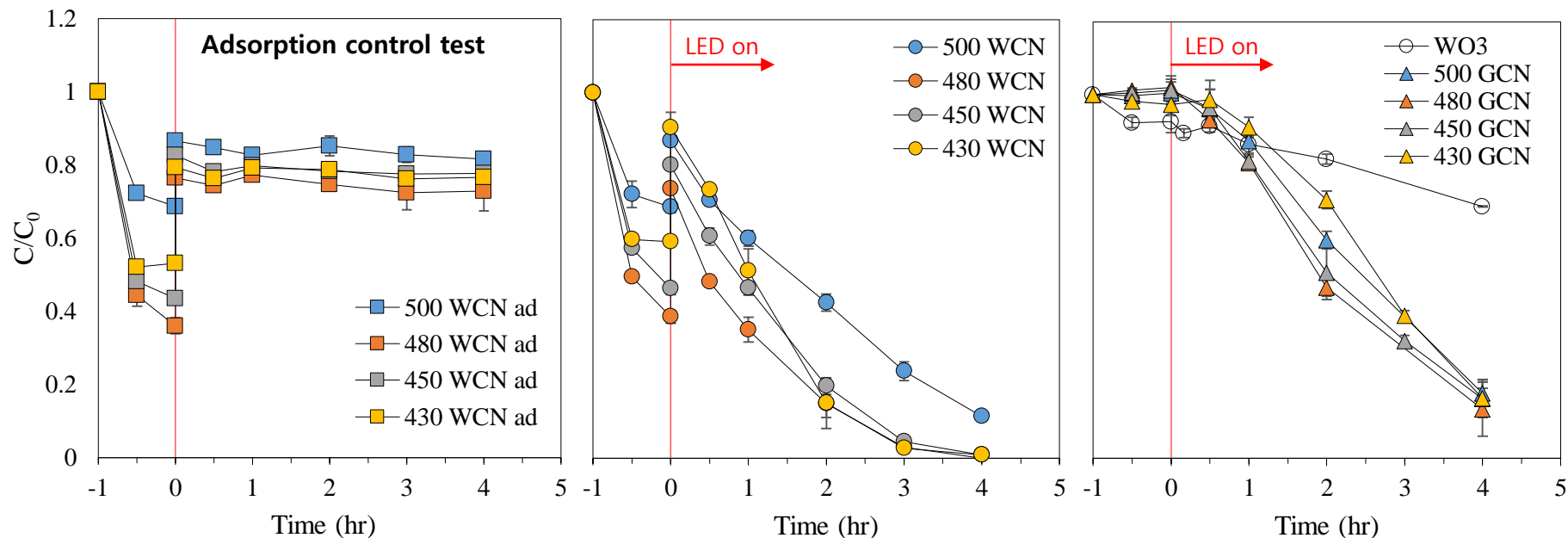
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Synthesis temperature (°C)	Bandgap energy (eV)		
	WCN	WO ₃	GCN
500	2.83	2.95	2.7
430	2.98	2.94	2.8

- As the treatment temperature decreased, the bandgap size of WCN and GCN gradually increased.
- However, there was no change in the bandgap size of heat-treated WO₃ photocatalysts.

Photocatalytic experiment

❖ Removal of Rh B using WCNs



	500 WCN	480 WCN	450 WCN	430 WCN	WO ₃	500 GCN	480 GCN	450 GCN	430 GCN
k (hr⁻¹)	0.4057	0.9704	0.9497	1.038	0.1583	0.3772	0.4484	0.4262	0.3309
R²	0.983	0.9579	0.9529	0.9448	0.605	0.903	0.9243	0.9154	0.8074

- All WCNs had better photocatalytic efficiencies than WO₃ and GCNs.
- Lower temperature WCNs (480-430 WCN) showed higher photocatalytic efficiencies than 500 WCN.