

How can MAGNETISM contribute to environmental sustainability?

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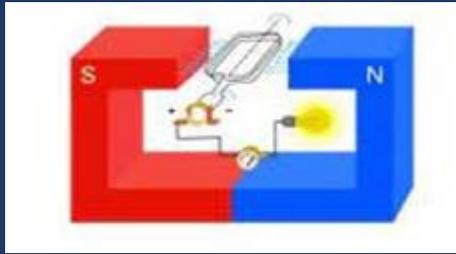
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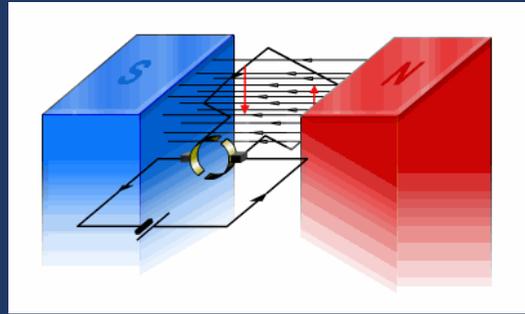
MAGNETISM & Environmental Sustainability

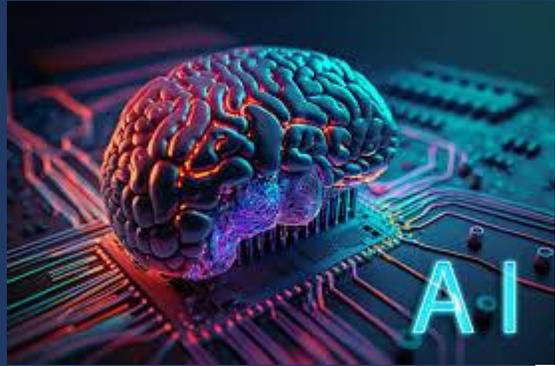


ELECTRIC GENERATOR



ELECTRIC MOTORS





Technology

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AI >

Artificial intelligence is already an environmental problem

The energy and water consumption of Google and Microsoft, the main developers of generative AI, as well as their carbon emissions, have skyrocketed for the second consecutive year

SPINTRONICS

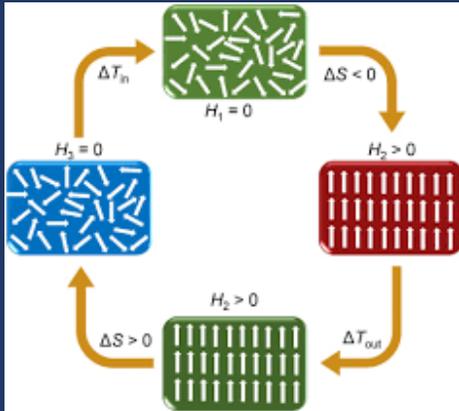
SPINRED2



Explorando el uso de la espintrónica para el desarrollo de dispositivos de bajo consumo de energía



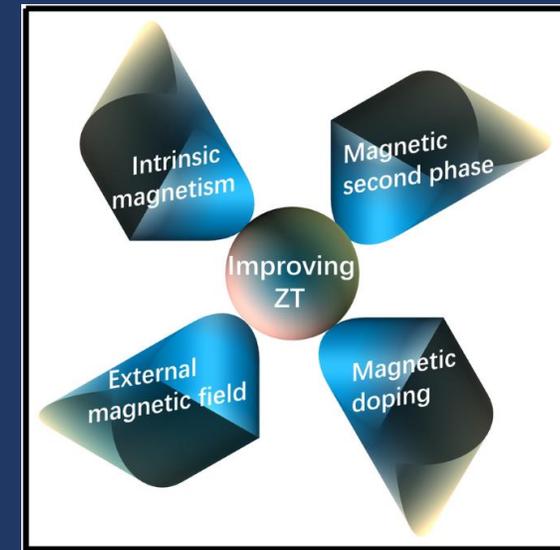
MAGNETIC REFRIGERATION



MAGNETOCALORIC EFFECT



THERMOELECTRICITY



<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12598-020-01652-6>

Research group: Propiedades Físicas y Aplicaciones de Materiales

<http://www.unavarra.es/propiedades-aplicaciones-materiales>

Departamento de Ciencias



(1) VIBRATIONAL ENERGY HARVESTERS

(2) WATER REMEDIATION

A humble contribution.....



(1) VIBRATIONAL ENERGY HARVESTING



ENERGY HARVESTING

process by which energy is derived from external sources (e.g., solar power, thermal energy, wind energy and kinetic energy, also known as ambient energy), captured, and stored for small, wireless autonomous devices, like those used in **wearable electronics** and **wireless sensor networks**

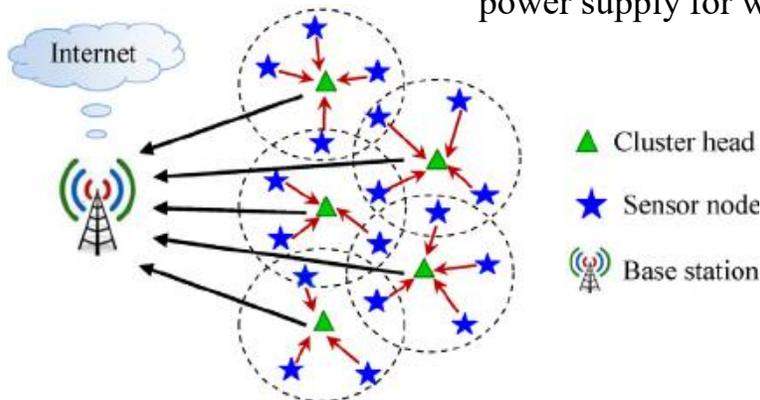


conversion of **ambient energy** present in the environment into electrical energy

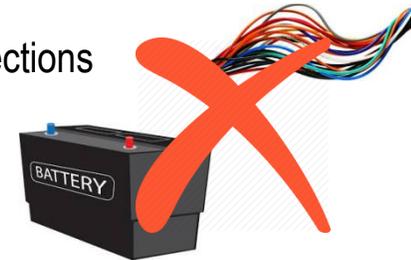
Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)



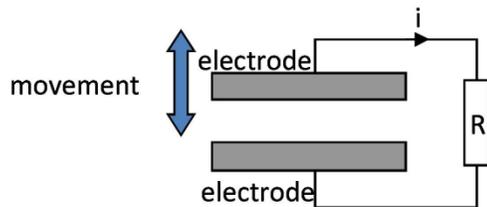
power supply for wireless self-powered microsystems



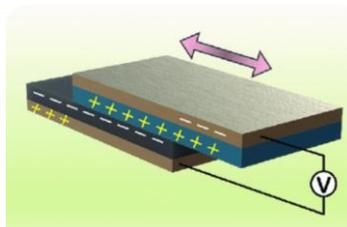
wired energy connections
battery power



Electrostatic



Triboelectric

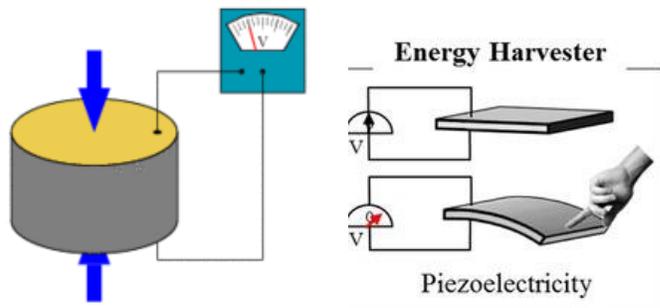


Piezoelectric

$f_r = 49 \text{ Hz}$

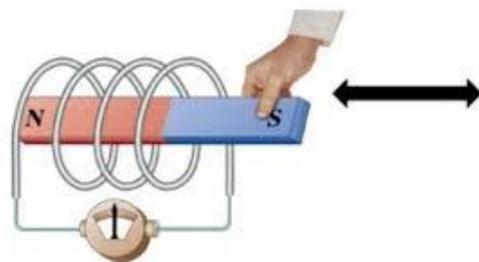


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Electromagnetic

Faraday-Lenz law



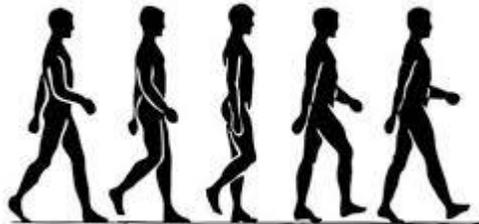
Transduction Mechanism	Power density	Advantages	Disadvantages
Piezoelectric	4-250 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^3$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High voltage and high energy density • No external voltage • Small mechanical damping • Simple design , resonant frequency easily tuned) • Easy voltage rectification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly variable output • Low output current and power (high impedance) • Degradation of the piezoelectric material over time • Self-discharge at low frequencies • Difficult integration with microelectronics
Electromagnetic	300-800 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^3$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High output currents and power • Robustness (long-life) • Small mechanical damping • Low-cost design • MEMS compatibility with planar coil and springs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively large size (difficulties to miniaturize the size to microscale and to integrate with microelectronics) • Coil ohmic losses • Low output voltage, complicated rectification • Decrease of the efficiency at lower frequency



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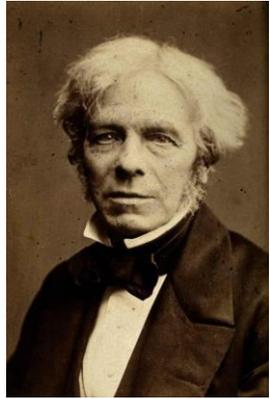
Source of vibration	Frequency (Hz)	Acceleration (m/s ²)
Door frame after door closes	125	3
Windows near busy road	100	0.7
Base of machine tool	70	10
Air conditioning vents in office building	60	0.2 - 1.5
Car instrument panel	13	3
HVAC ducts, fan belt cages	15.5 - 60.6	< 3
Bridge vibrations	< 15	< 0.5



Frequency \approx 1 Hz

Frequency \approx 6-30 Hz

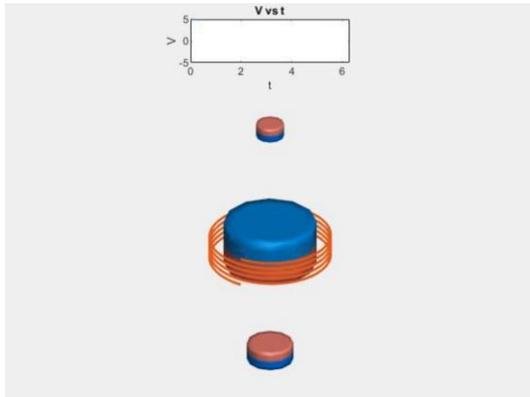
Frequency \approx 2 Hz



DESIGN AND OPTIMIZATION OF SMALL ELECTROMAGNETIC HARVESTERS FOR VIBRATIONAL ENERGY SCAVENGING TED2021-130884B-I00



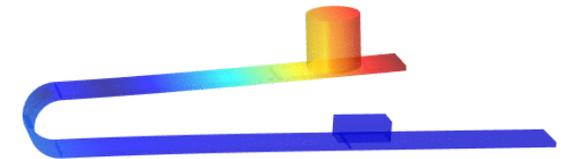
Magnetic levitation harvesters



RESONANT SYSTEMS

Matching with the frequency of the environmental vibration

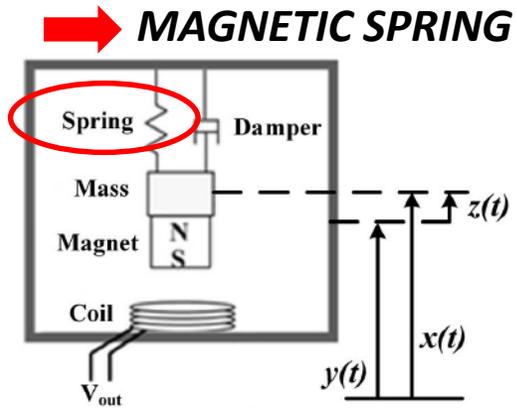
Magnetostrictive harvesters



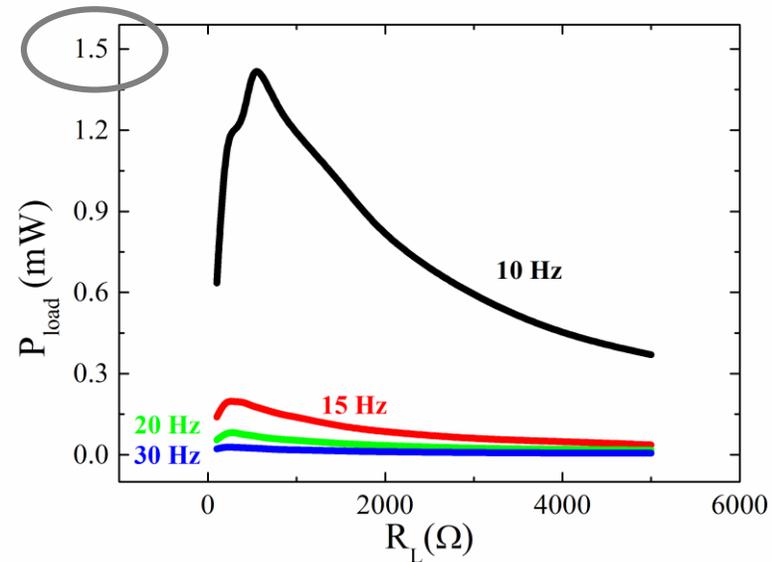
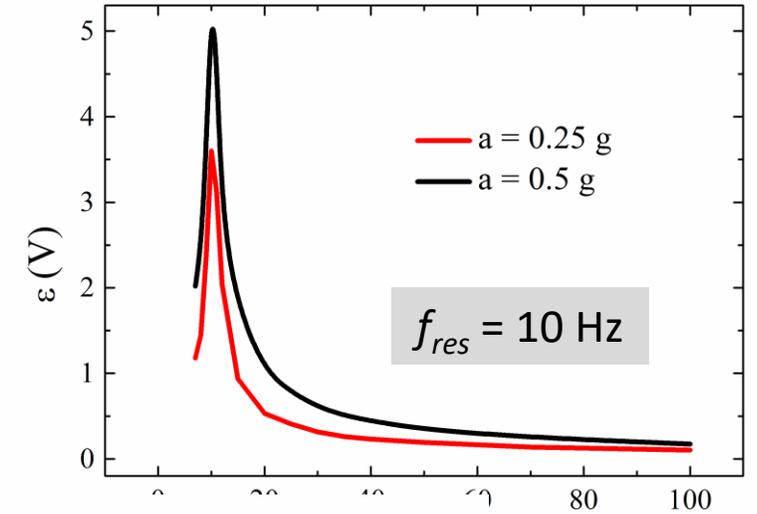
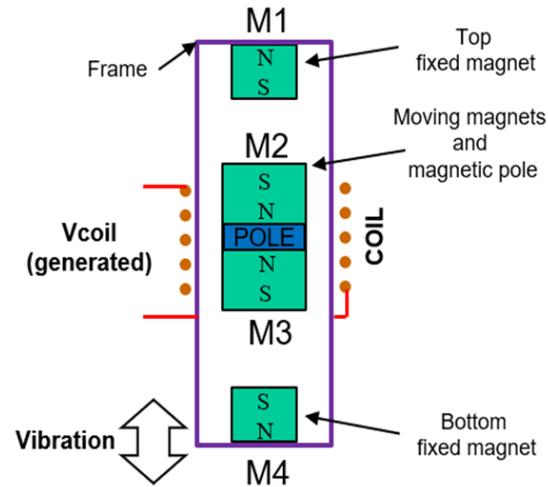
MAGNETIC LEVITATION HARVESTERS

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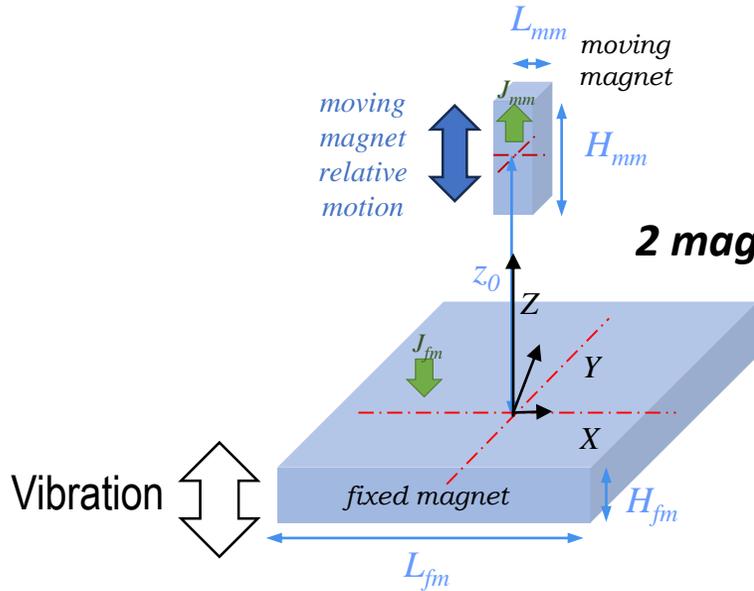
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2 magnets in repulsion $\rightarrow \vec{F}_{mag}$

$$k_{mag}(z_0) = - \left. \frac{dF_{mag}}{dz} \right|_{z=z_0}$$

$$f_{res} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_{mag}(z_0)}{m}}$$

ANALITICAL

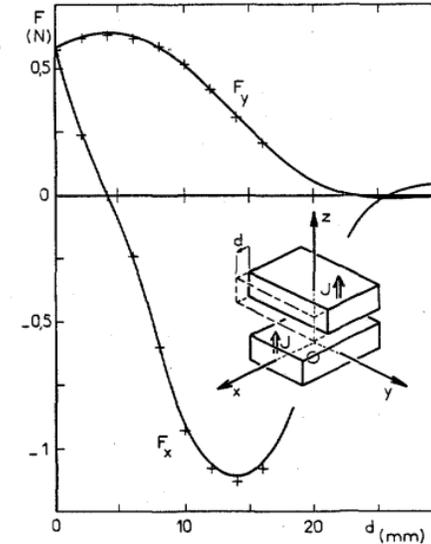


FIG.2 Experimental verification (analytically calculated curves and measured points).

G. Akoun and J.-P. Yonnet, "3D analytical calculation of the forces exerted between two cuboidal magnets," *IEEE Trans. Magn.*, vol. 20, no. 5, pp. 1962–1964, Sep. 1984, doi: 10.1109/TMAG.1984.1063554.



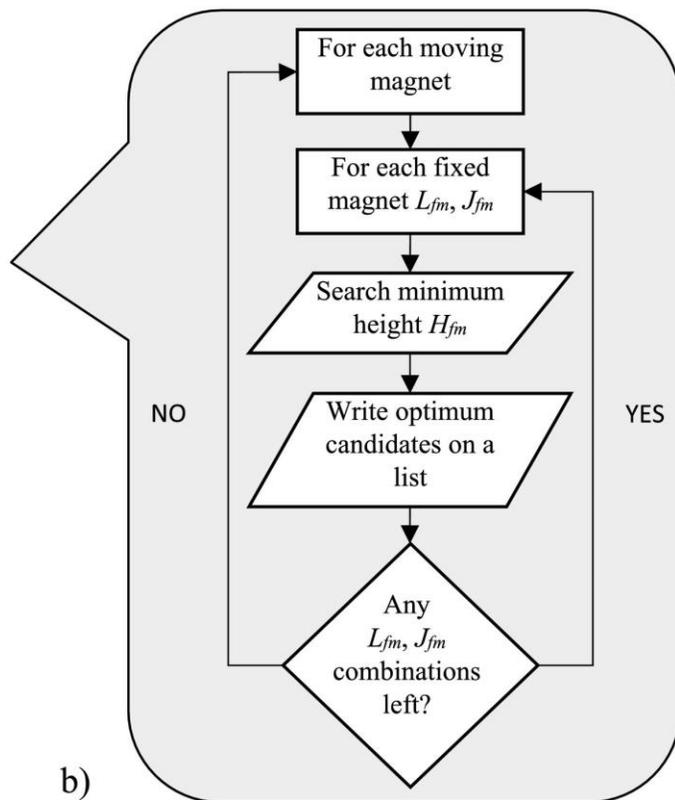
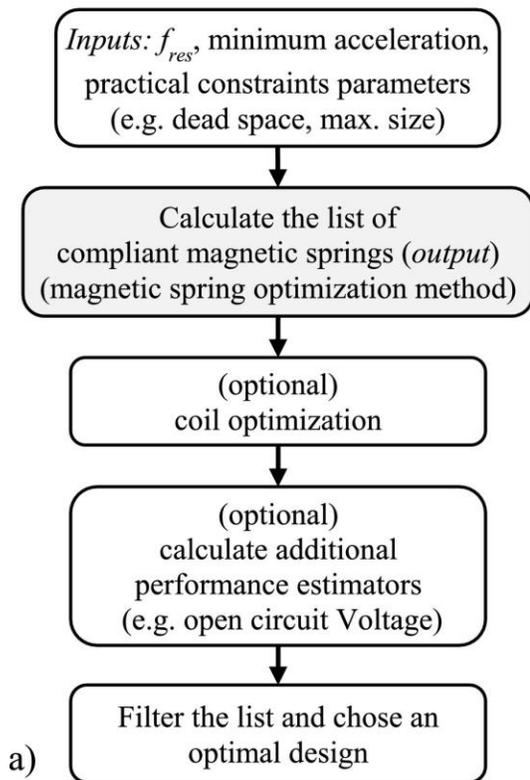
How many different magnet configurations provide the desired resonance frequency?

AUTOMATED SEMI-ANALYTICAL DESIGN \rightarrow

MAGNETIC LEVITATION HARVESTERS

$$V(t) = k_e \frac{dz}{dt}; \quad k_e = -\frac{d\phi}{dz}$$

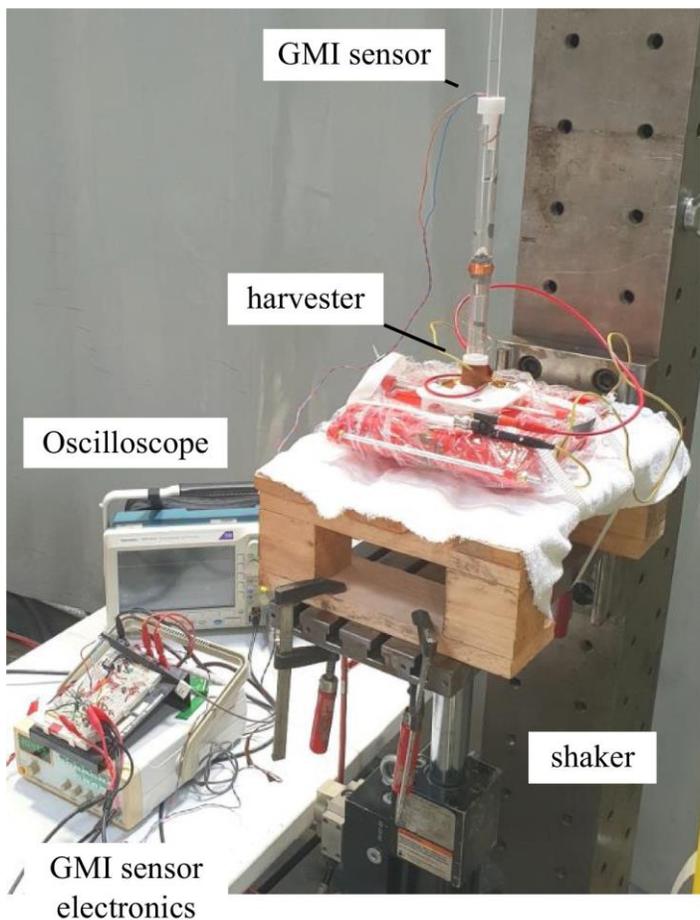
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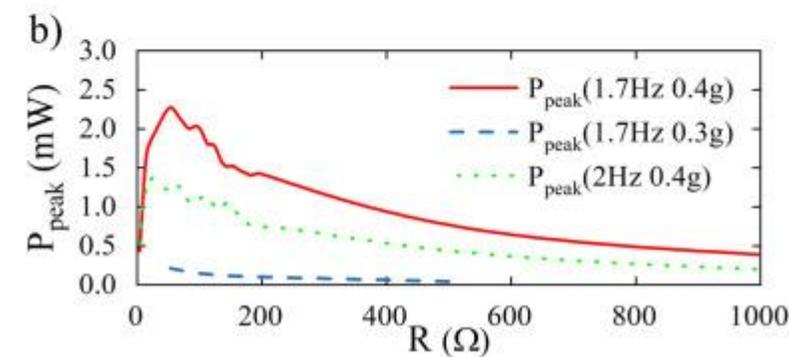
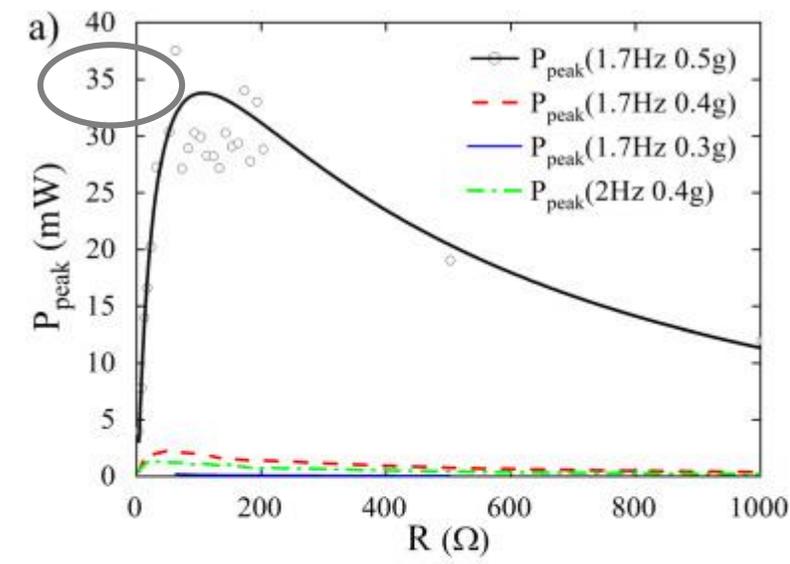
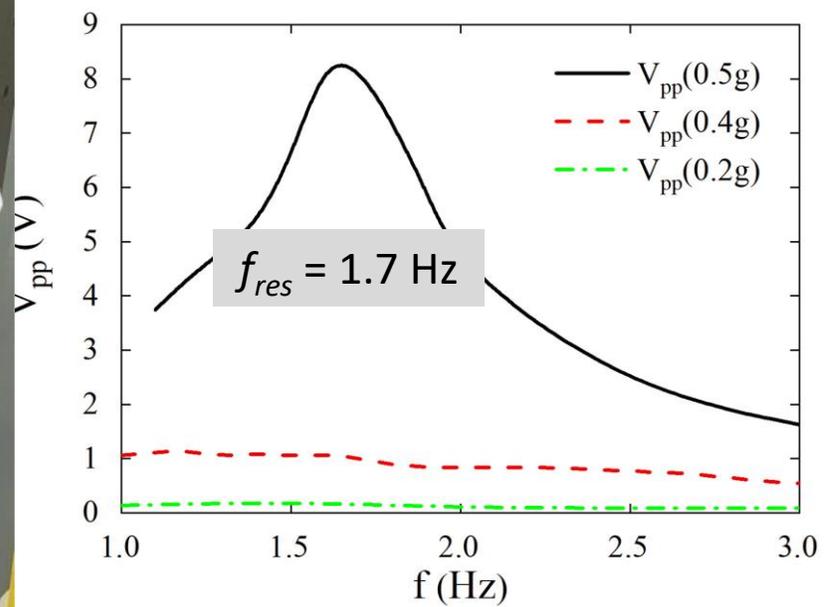
$L_{fm} \times H_{fm}$ (mm)	$L_{mm} \times H_{mm}$ (mm)	J_{fm} (T)	J_{mm} (T)	z_0 (mm)	f_{res} (Hz)	V_{pi} (V)
190x10	4x8	0.4	0.4	61	1.06	1.8
240x5	4x8	1.3	0.4	82	1.1	1.8
230x7	4x8	0.4	1.3	77	1.09	5.8
250x2.5	4x8	1.3	1.3	80	0.92	6.8
170x8	4x16	0.4	0.4	54	1.04	1.9
240x5	4x16	1.3	0.4	81	1.08	1.8
230x7	4x16	0.4	1.3	77	1.07	6.0
250x2.5	4x16	1.3	1.3	80	0.89	7.2
190x10	6x8	0.4	0.4	61	1.06	2.6
240x5	6x8	1.3	0.4	82	1.10	2.5
230x7	6x8	0.4	1.3	78	1.09	8.3
250x2.5	6x8	1.3	1.3	80	0.92	9.8

$L_{fm} \times H_{fm}$ (mm)	$D_{mm} \times H_{mm}$ (mm)	Fixed magnet	Moving magnet	z_0 (mm)	f_{res} (Hz)
200x20	15x30	Ferrite Y35	NdFeB N42	158	1.9

The design for the final prototype, checked by 3D FEA. Rectangular fixed magnet, cylindrical moving magnet (D_{mm} : moving magnet diameter)

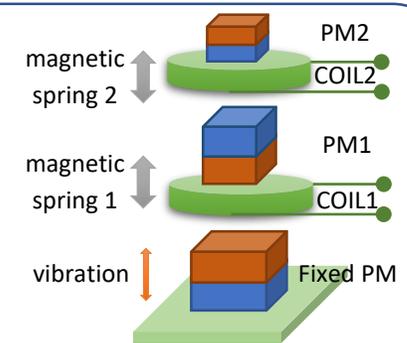


MAGNETIC LEVITATION HARVESTERS
Experimental Characterization

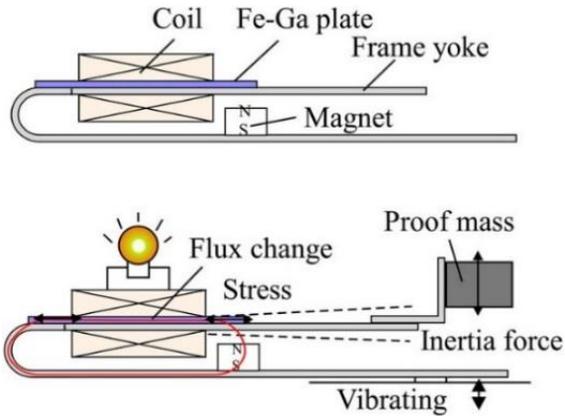


✓ Reduction of the harvester size

✓ 2DoF magnetic levitation based harvester

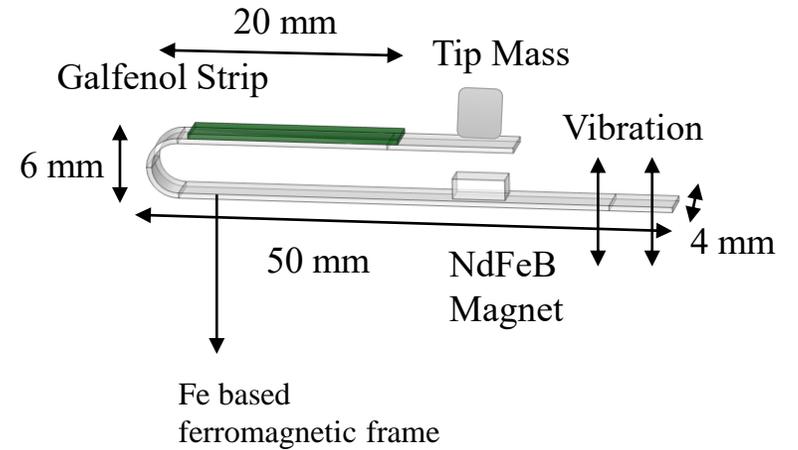
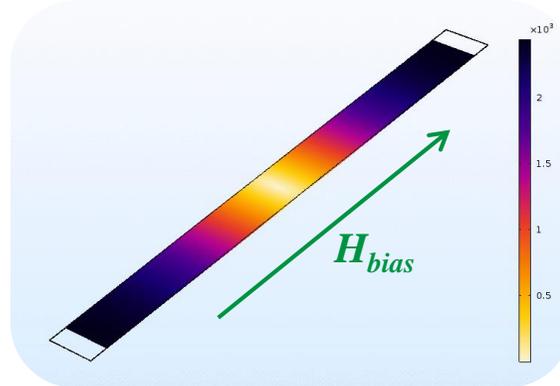


MAGNETOSTRICTIVE HARVESTERS



T. Ueno, AIP Adv. 9 (2019) 035018.

Magnetostriction-Magnetoelasticity



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Optimum activation of Fe-Ga strip?

EXPERIMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

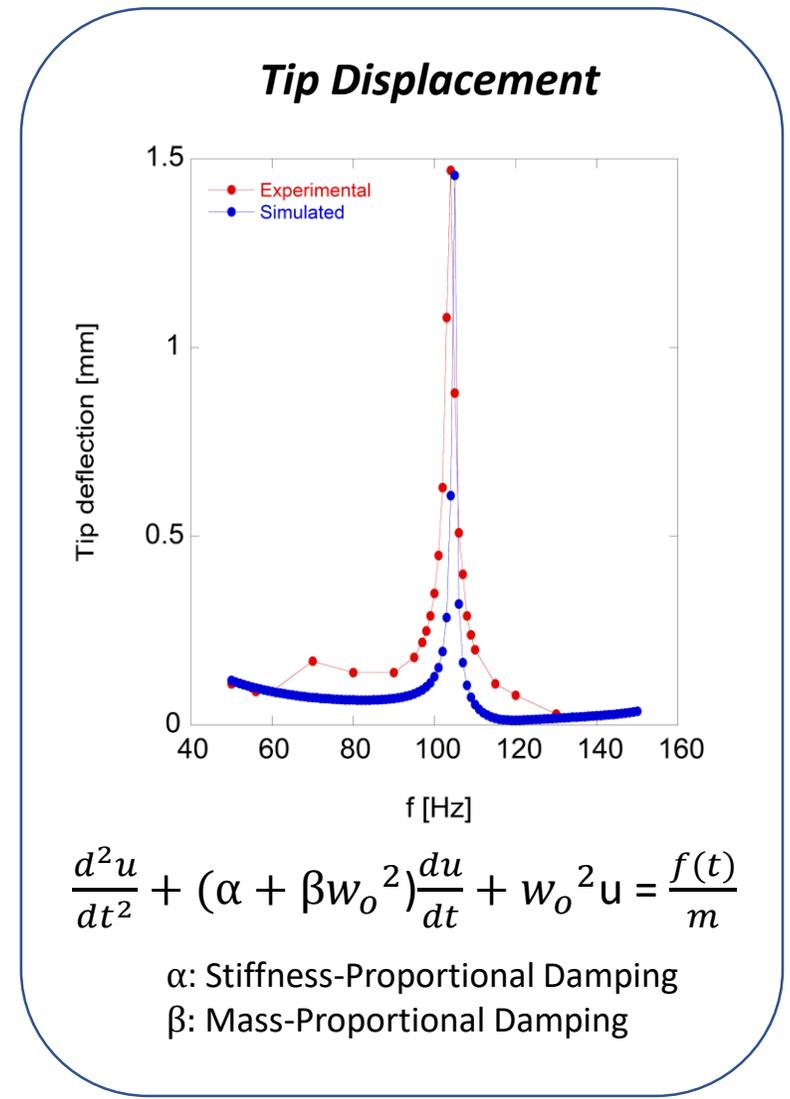
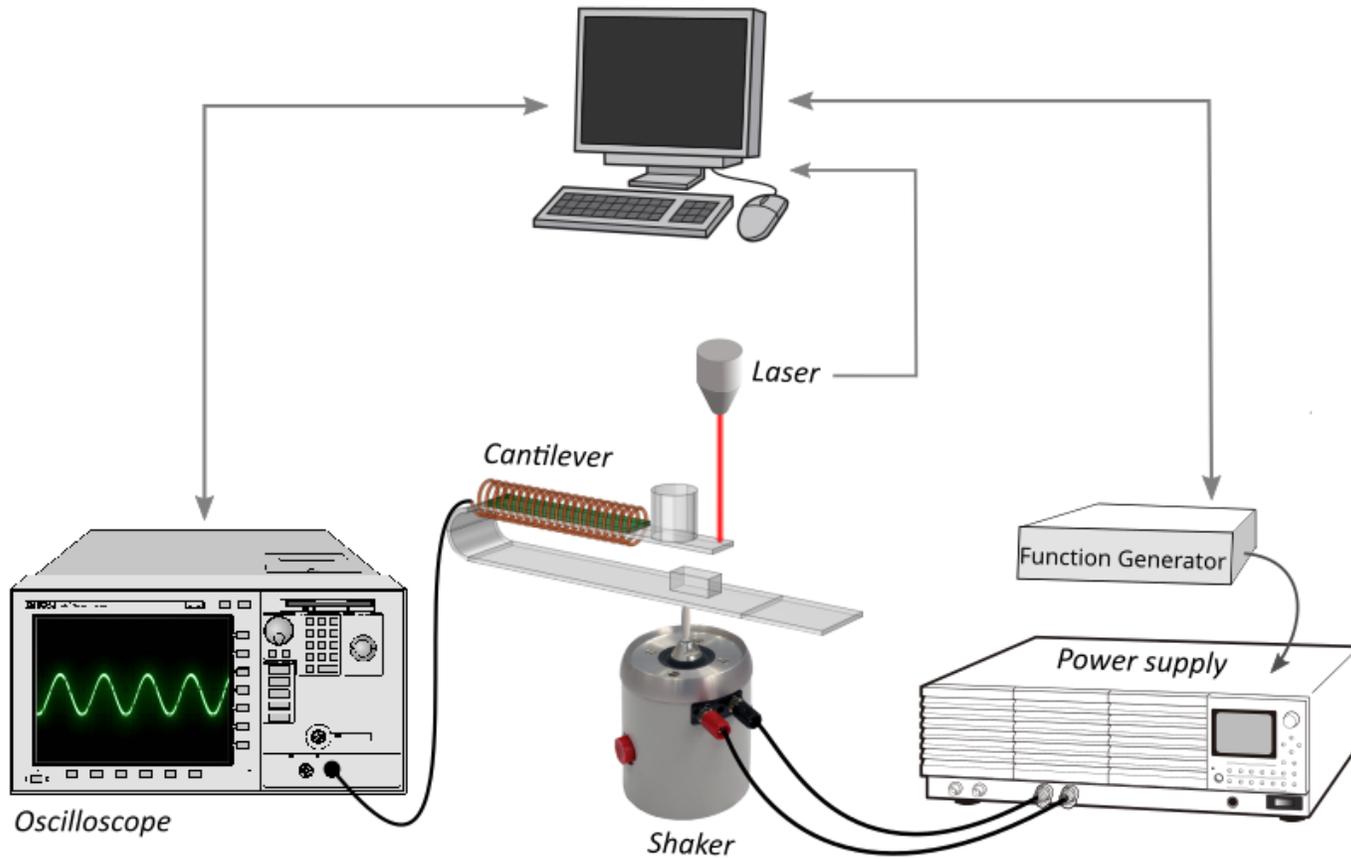
FINITE ELEMENT METHOD (FEM) SIMULATIONS

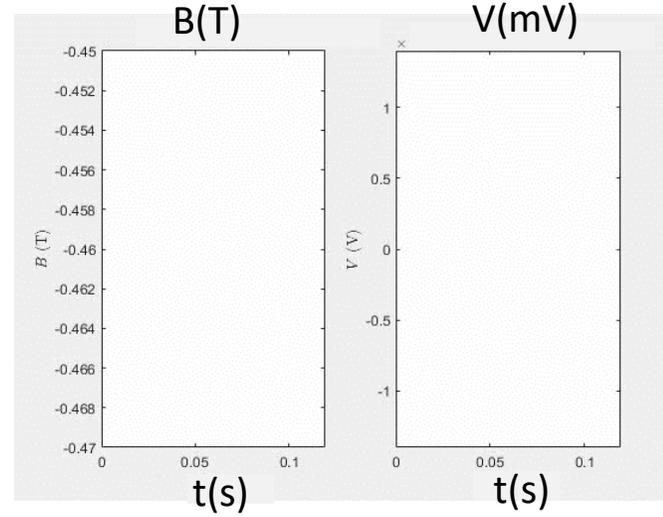
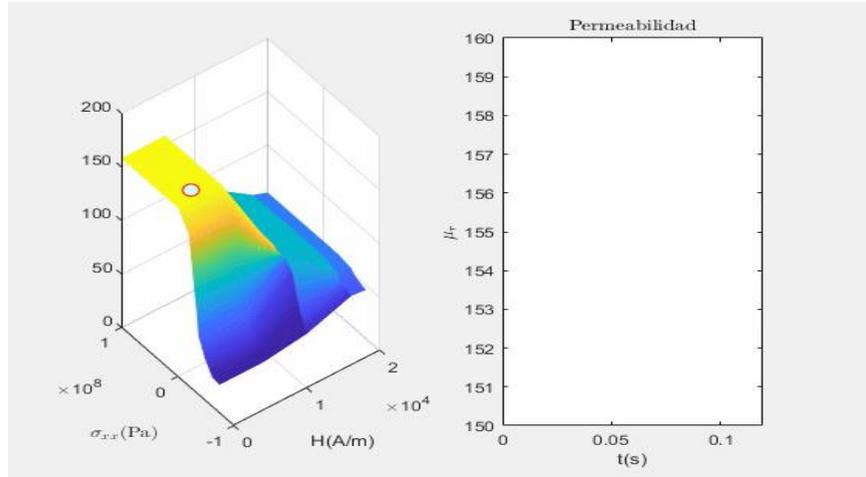
MATLAB+FEMTools
Open source software

- Mechanical simulation Energy lost due to damping
- Electromagnetic simulation B distribution

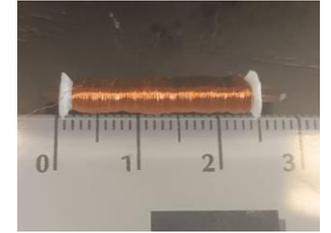
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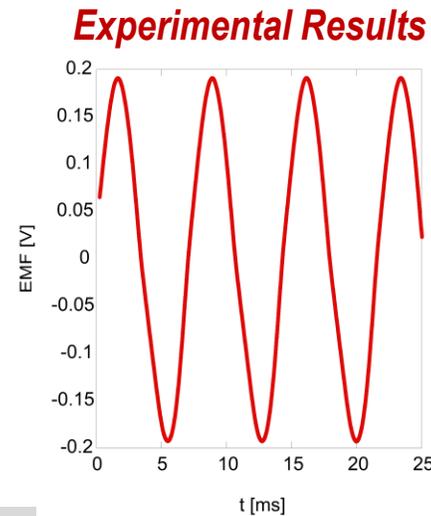
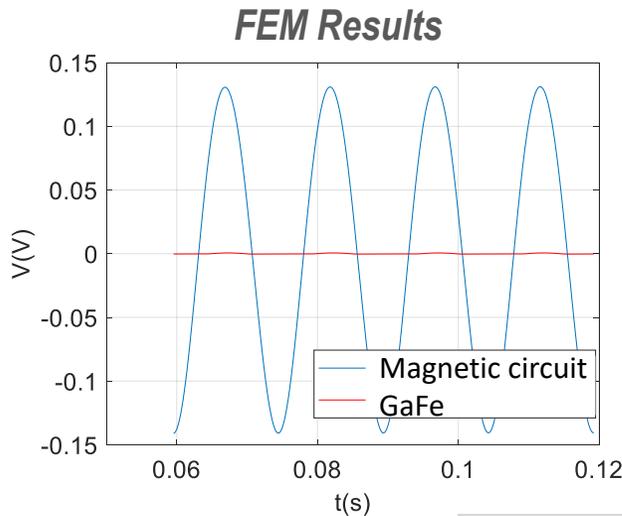




Optimized Parameters:
 Coil Size: 3500 turns
 Wire Size: 0.05 mm
 Length of the pickup coil:
 23 mm

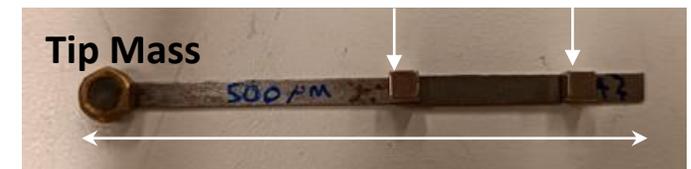


NEGLIGIBLE GaFe CONTRIBUTION!!!



Higher amplitudes of the stress tensor(S)

Permanent magnets



$L = 10$ cm

$a \sim 1$ g

$f_{res} = 100$ Hz



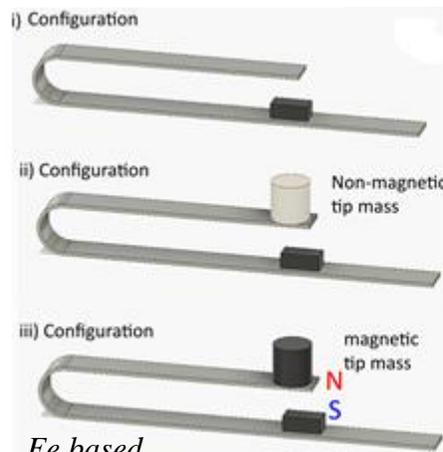
Optimum energy harvesting without GaFe strip?

D. Gandia, E. Garaio, J.J. Beato-López, I. Royo-Silvestre, C. A. de la Cruz Blas, S. Tainta, C. Gómez-Polo, Energy Convers. Manag.: X, 24 (2024) 100705.

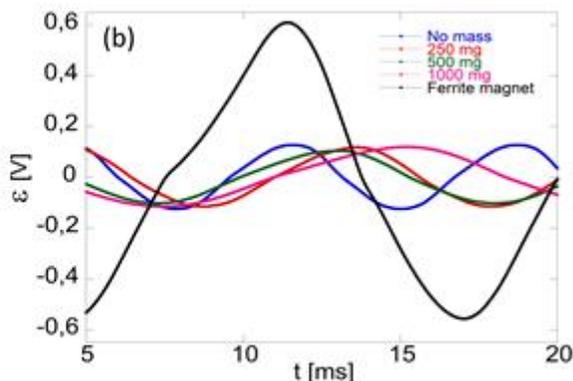
Tip mass

Ferrite Magnet

$$f_{res} = 77 \text{ Hz}$$

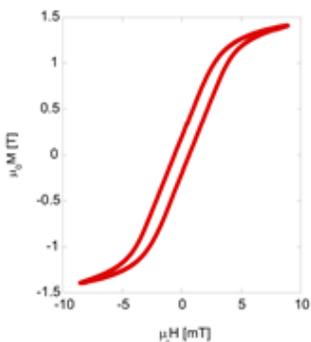


Fe based ferromagnetic frame



$a \sim 1 \text{ g}$

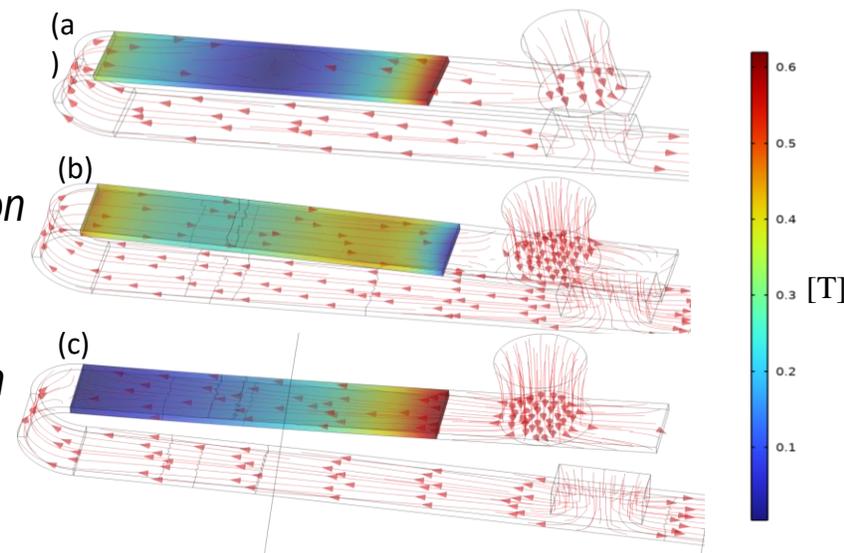
Changes on the magnetic flux (effective B) under vibration



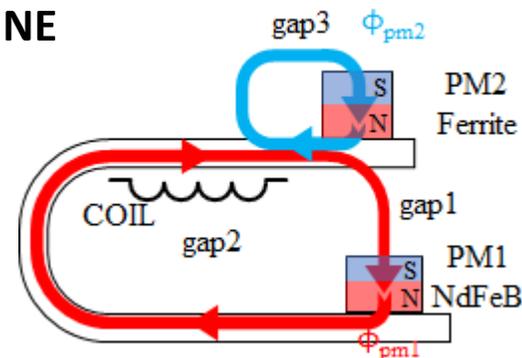
Rest position

Minimum separation

Maximum separation

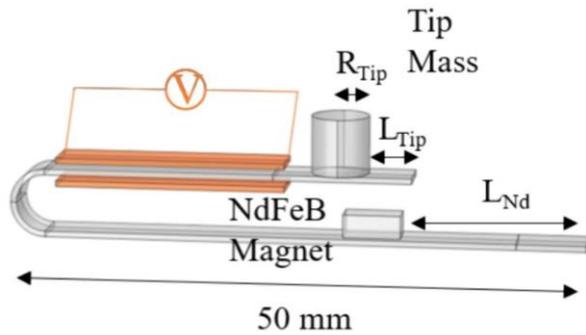


OCCURRENCE OF A NEUTRAL LINE ($B \approx 0$)



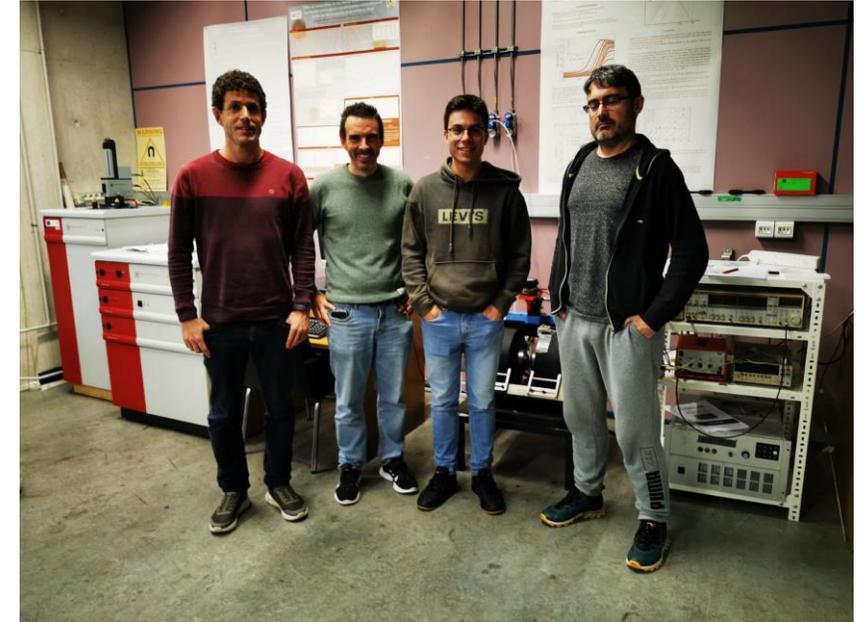
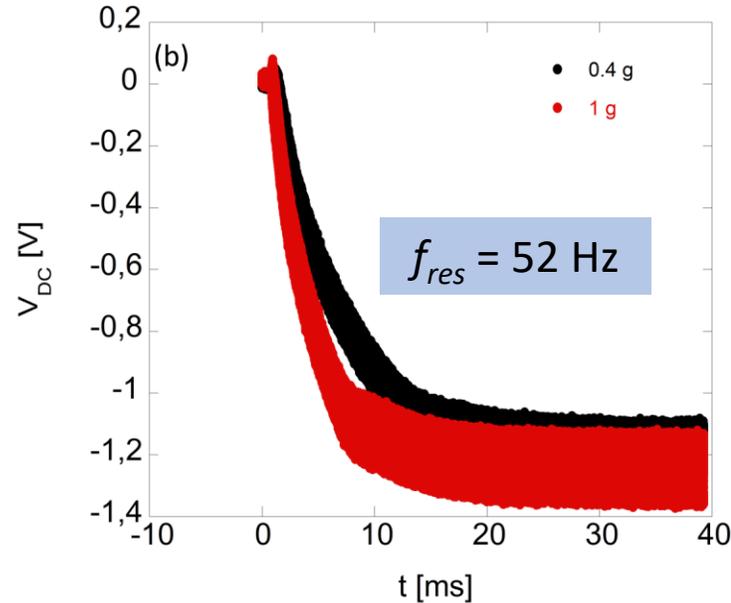
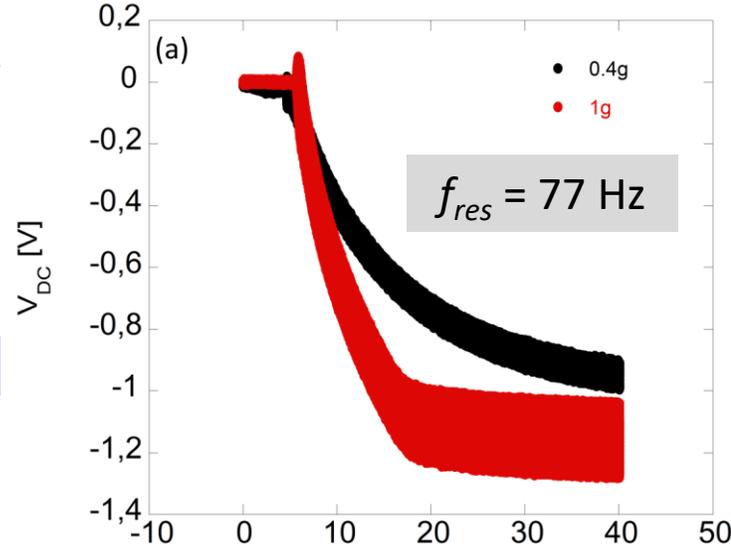
FEM Results

R_{tip} (mm)	Mass (mg)	f_r (Hz)
1.5	170	111
2.5	480	77
3.0	690	68
4.0	1220	63
5.0	1920	51



Experimental Results

DC Rectified voltage



Symposium: Advanced Materials and Devices for Energy Harvesting and Conversion

Design and optimization of small electromagnetic harvesters for vibrational energy scavenging

(2) WATER REMEDIATION



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

- 42% of household wastewater is not treated properly, damaging ecosystems and human health. ([UN-Water, 2023](#))

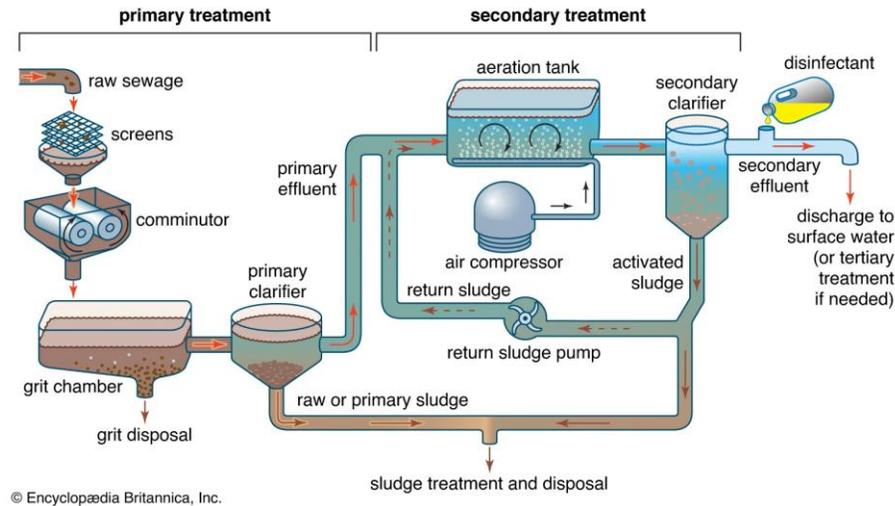


- Only 11% of the estimated total of domestic and industrial wastewater produced is currently being reused. ([UNEP, 2023](#))

- Several water-related diseases, including cholera and schistosomiasis, remain widespread across many developing countries, where only a very small fraction (in some cases less than 5%) of domestic and urban wastewater is treated prior to its release into the environment. ([UN WWDR, 2017](#))

PRIMARY

wastewater is temporarily held in a settling tank where heavier solids sink to the bottom while lighter solids float to the surface.



WATER WASTE TREATMENTS

SECONDARY

Degradation of the biological content of the waste through aerobic biological processes (bacteria).

Removal of 85% of the organic matter



TERTIARY

Removal of pathogens & Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) bacteria, viruses, and parasites

Pollutants that have been detected in water bodies, that may cause ecological or human health impacts, and typically are not regulated under current environmental laws

Biocides, disinfection-by-products, Industrial chemicals, personal care products, **pharmaceuticals (antibiotics)**
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

ADVANCED OXIDATION PROCESSES (AOPs) →

WATER WASTE TREATMENTS
ADVANCED OXIDATION PROCESSES (AOPs)

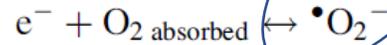
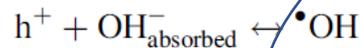
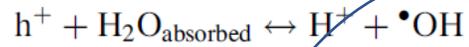
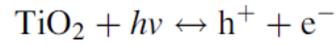
SEMICONDUCTOR PHOTOCATALYSIS

TiO₂, ZnO

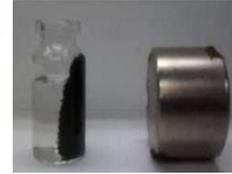
UV absorption



Visible light
absorption



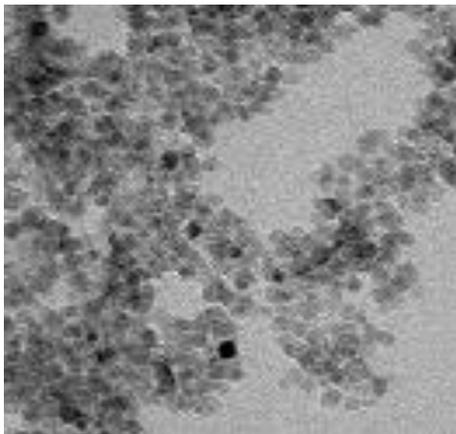
Free radicals → **decomposition**
organic substances



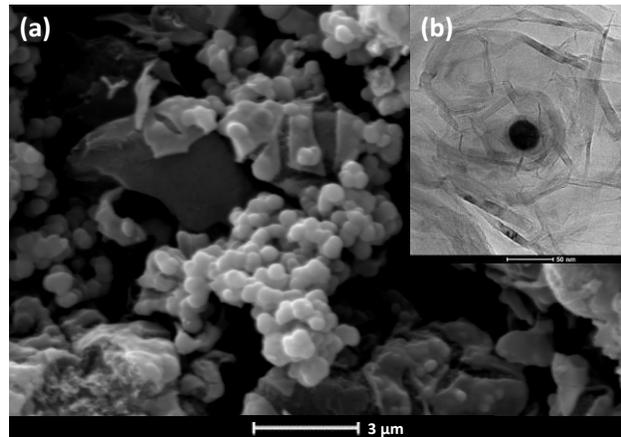
Effective
**Magnetic
Filtration**

REUSE AND RECYCLING

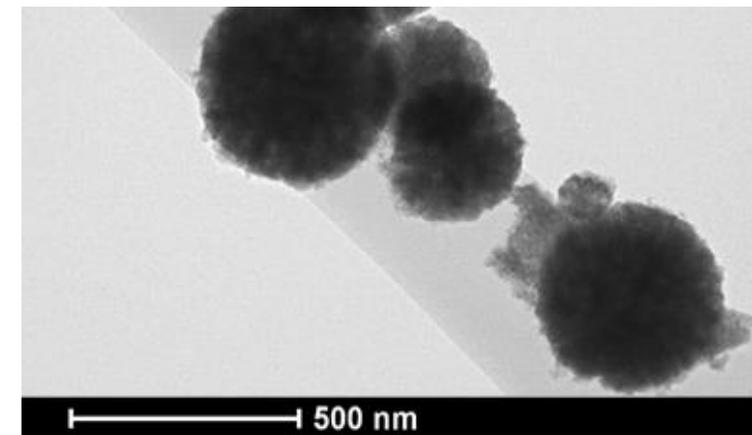
N-TiO₂ nanoparticles



Fe@C@TiO₂ nanostructures



Fe₃O₄@TiO₂ nanoparticles

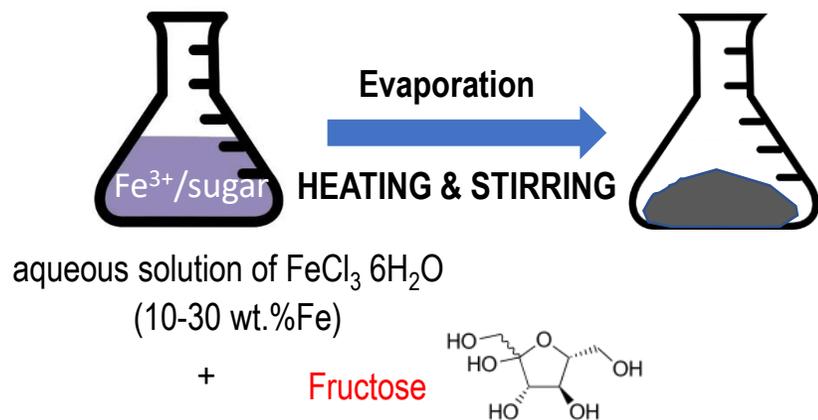


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Fe@C@TiO₂ NANOSTRUCTURES

SYNTHESIS

1) Fe@C



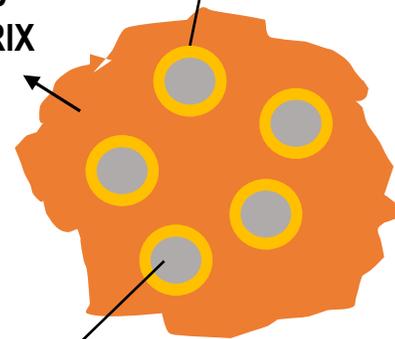
ANNEALING

Ar (1h)
800°C

AMORPHOUS
CARBÓN MATRIX

GRAPHITIC
COATING

Fe based core
(α-Fe/Fe₃C)

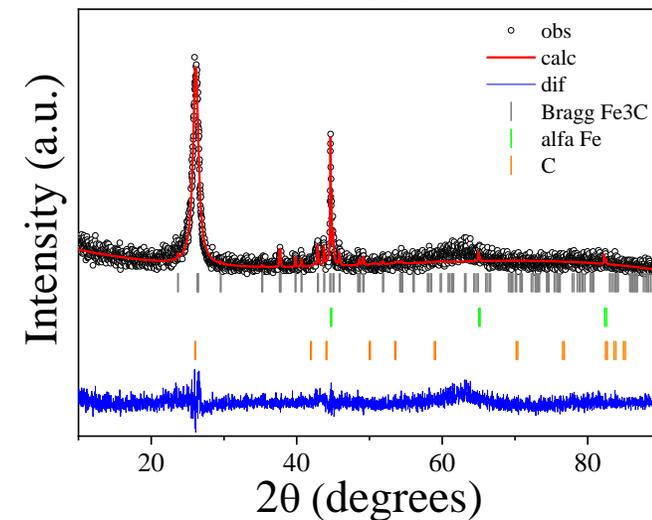


L. Cervera et al., J. Alloys
Compd., 863 (2021) 158065

X-Ray Diffraction

Bruker D8 advance

10 wt% Fe



STRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION

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10 wt% Fe

12 wt% Fe

14 wt% Fe

18 wt% Fe

20 wt% Fe

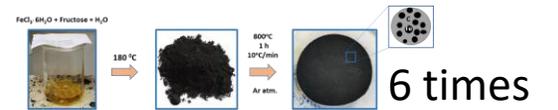
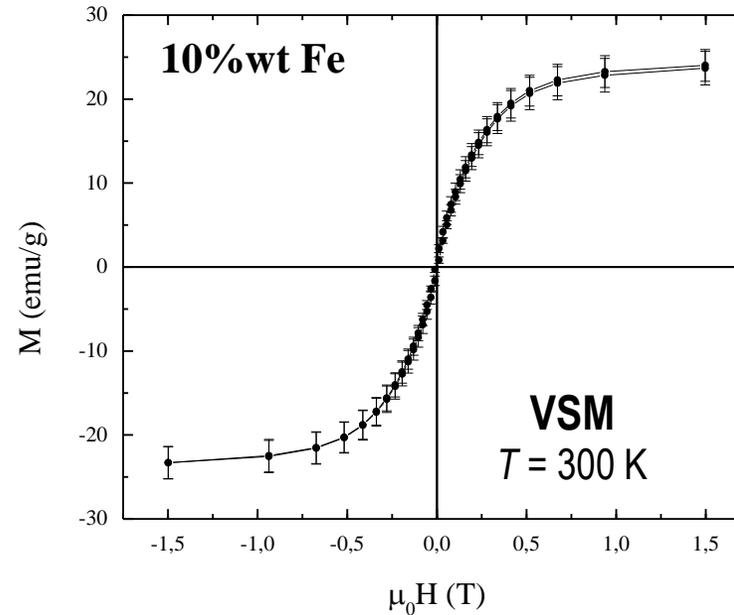
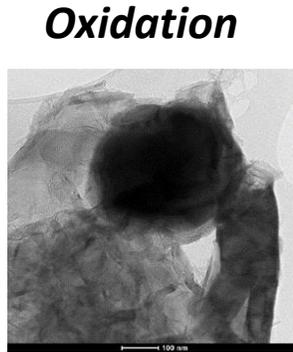
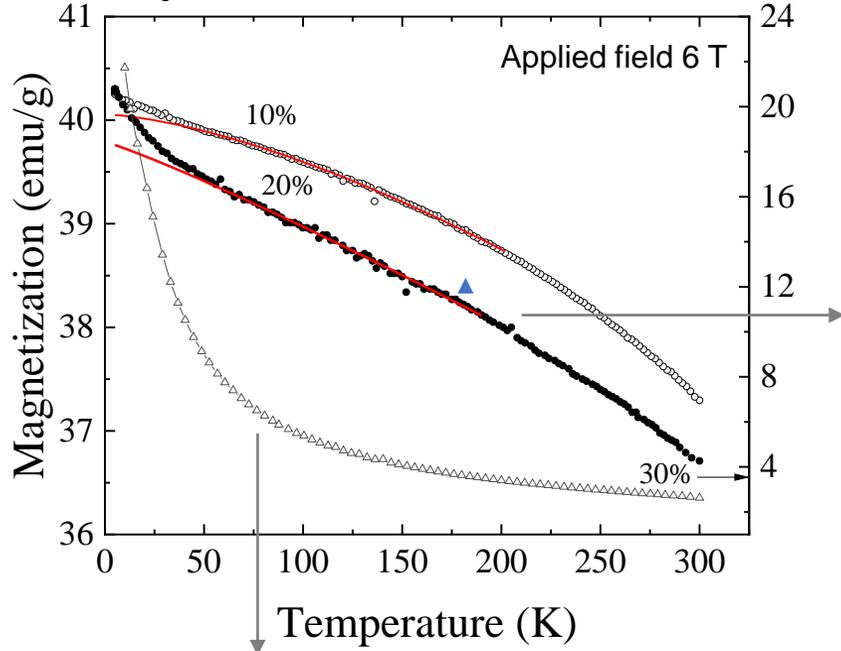
30 wt% Fe

Fe@C@TiO₂ NANOSTRUCTURES

MAGNETIC CHARACTERIZATION

1) Fe@C

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Quantum Design XL-7



2) Fe@C@TiO₂

(2) WATER REMEDIATION

Oxidation

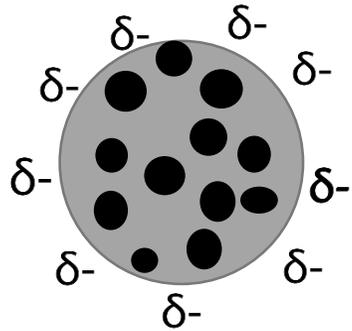


Fe@C@TiO₂ NANOSTRUCTURES

SYNTHESIS

2) Fe@C@TiO₂

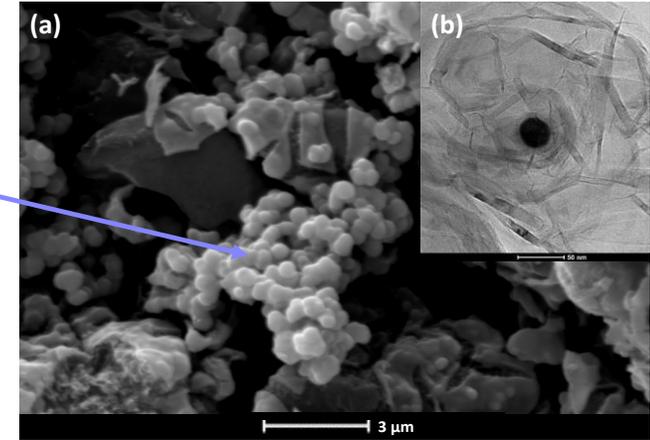
10 wt%Fe



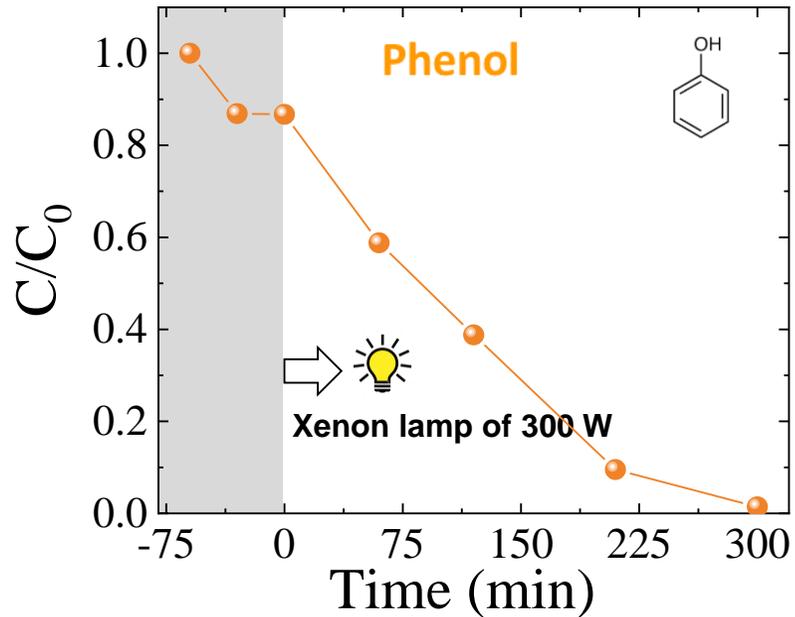
450 °C
2 h (air)



Ti(Obu)



PHOTOCATALYTIC CHARACTERIZATION



REUSE AND RECYCLING



✓ *Antibiotics degradation*

✓ *Use of carbon waste*

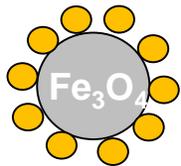
Fe₃O₄@TiO₂ NANOPARTICLES

SYNTHESIS

Core-Shell nanoparticles (Two step – synthesis)



(A) Fe₃O₄@TiO₂



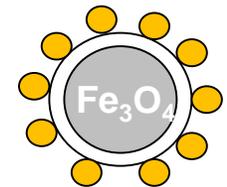
2 mL
NPs + TBOT/H⁺
100 mg



12 h
60 °C

Calcination
400-550 °C
3 h

(B) Fe₃O₄@SiO₂@TiO₂



1- Dropping addition
A1, B1

One-step immersion-2
A2, B2



Effect of SiO₂ coating?

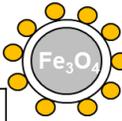
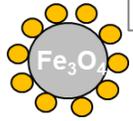
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Fe₃O₄@TiO₂ NANOPARTICLES

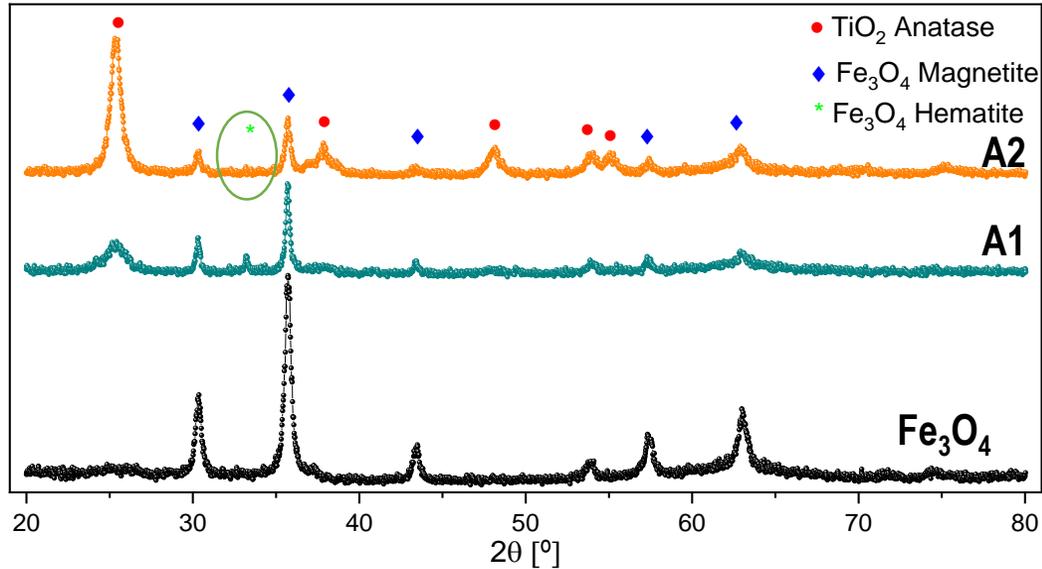
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STRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION

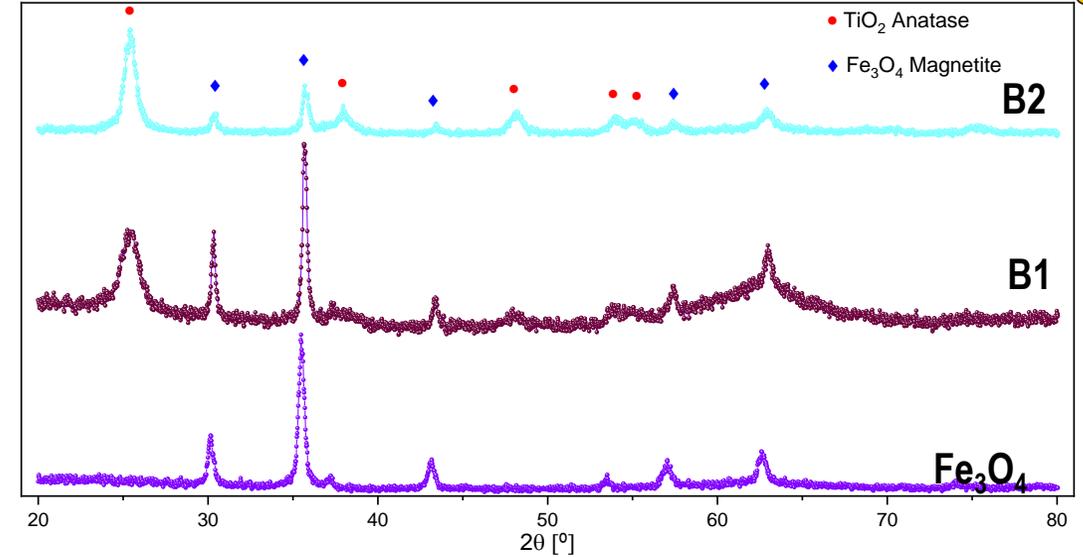
$T_{ann} = 450 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$



(A) Fe₃O₄@TiO₂



(B) Fe₃O₄@SiO₂@TiO₂



(2) WATER REMEDIATION

Protective effect of SiO₂ against Fe oxidation

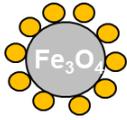
Optimum T_{ann} reduced Fe oxidation in **A** samples ←

T_{ann} (°C)	Crystallite size TiO ₂ (nm)				Crystallite size Fe ₃ O ₄ (nm)			
	Sample				Sample			
	A1	B1	A2	B2	A1	B1	A2	B2
w. c.			3.4	7.8			19.9	17.9
400			2.9	6.9			17.8	17.9
450	6.1	7.4	10.7	10.3	28.6	24.7	28.9	20.2
500	7.4	7.6	12.6	10.3	25.1	24.1	24.8	20.3
550	9.7	10.5				24.6		

SiO₂ coating promotes slightly smaller Fe₃O₄ crystallite sizes

$Fe_3O_4@TiO_2$ NANOPARTICLES

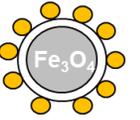
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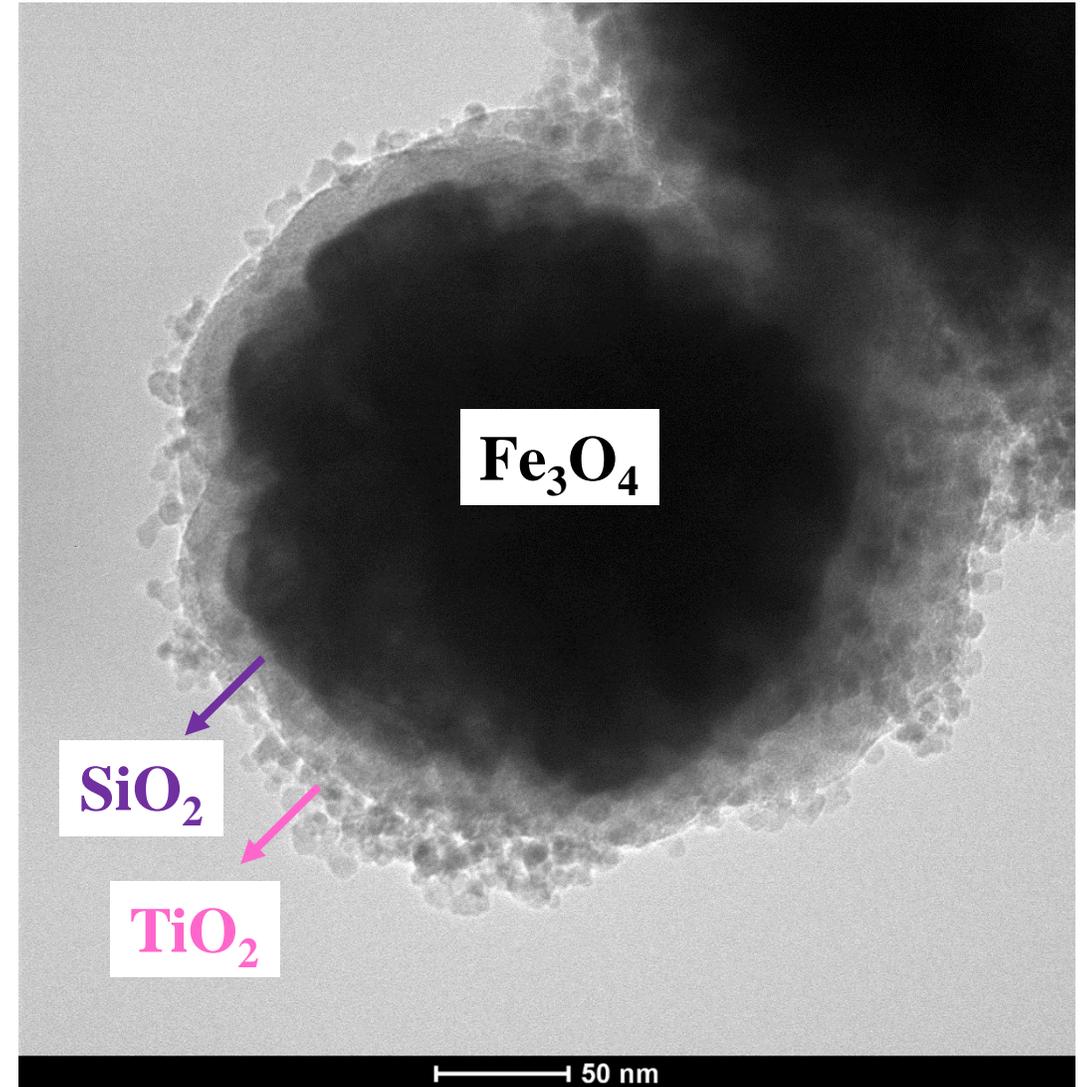
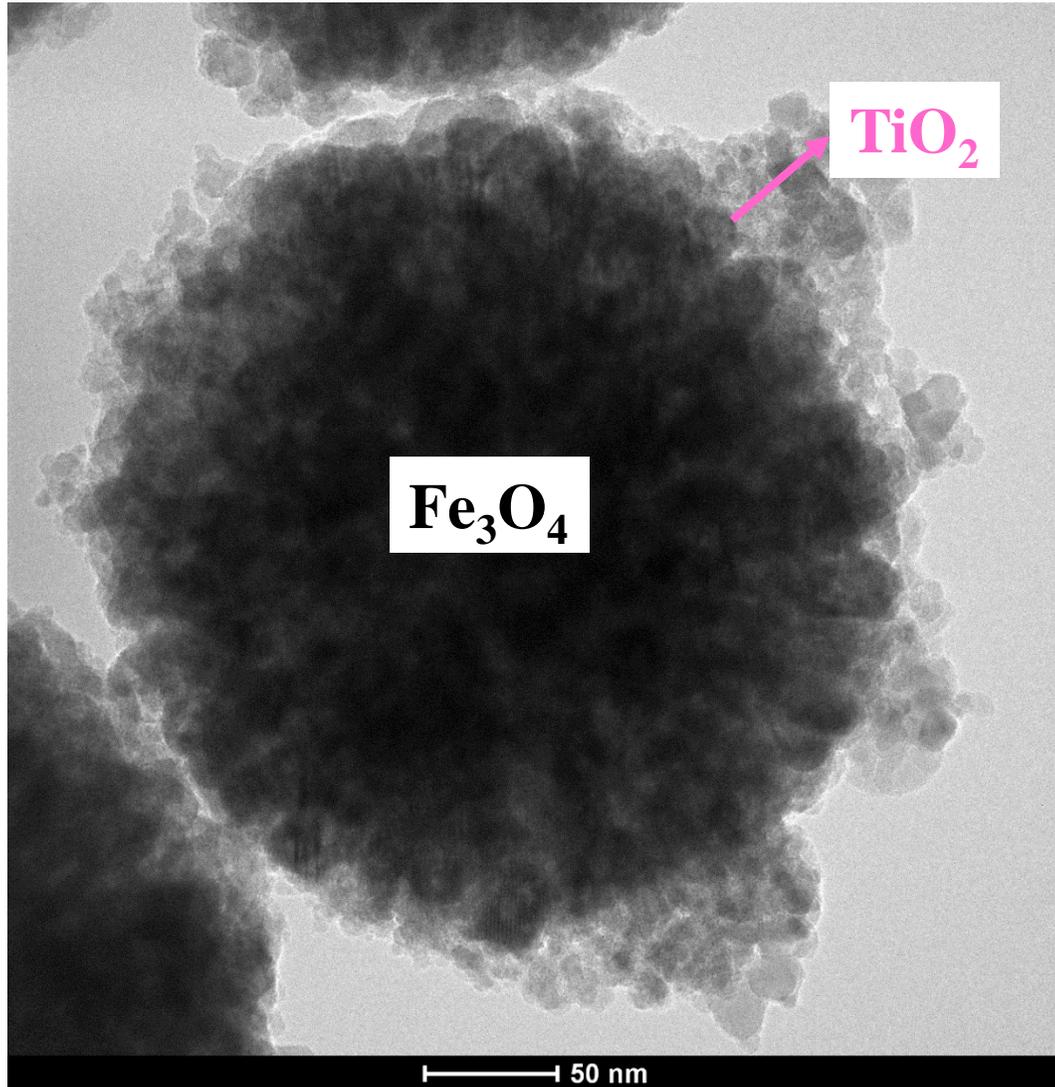
A2: $Fe_3O_4@TiO_2$

$T_{ann} = 450\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

B2: $Fe_3O_4@SiO_2@TiO_2$



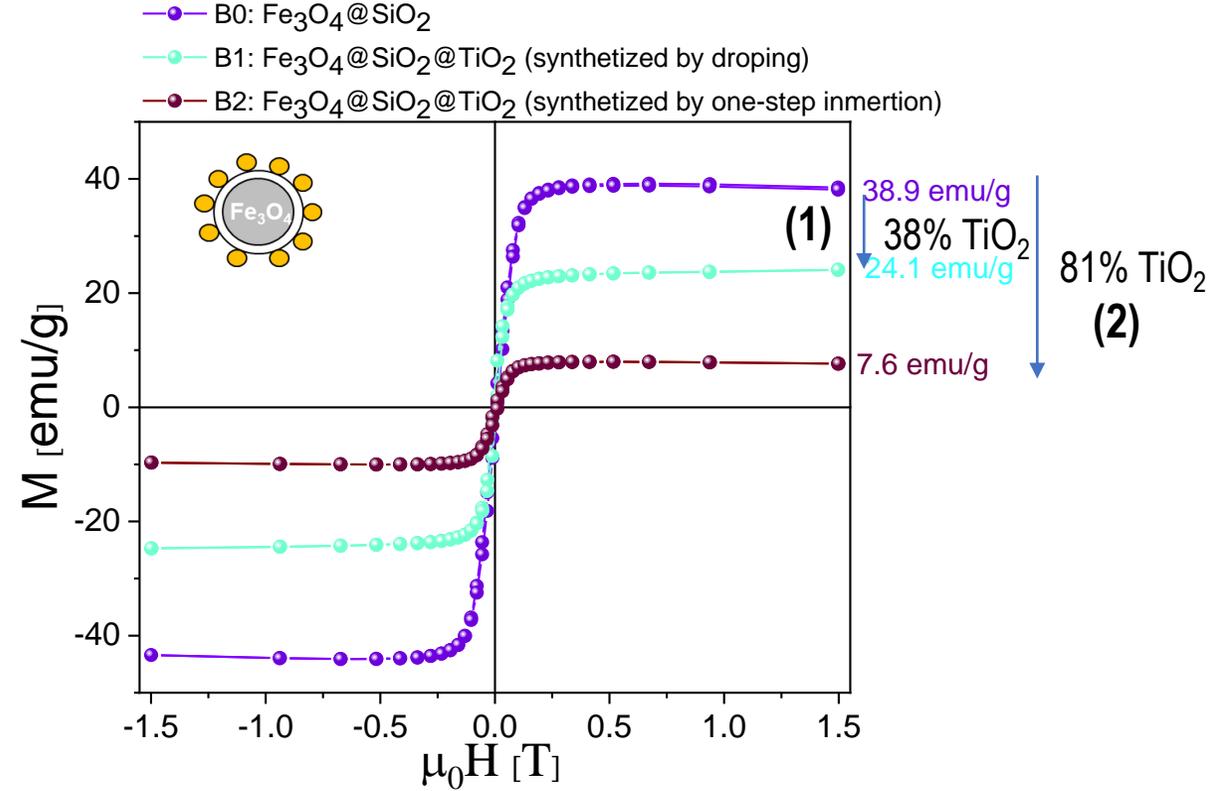
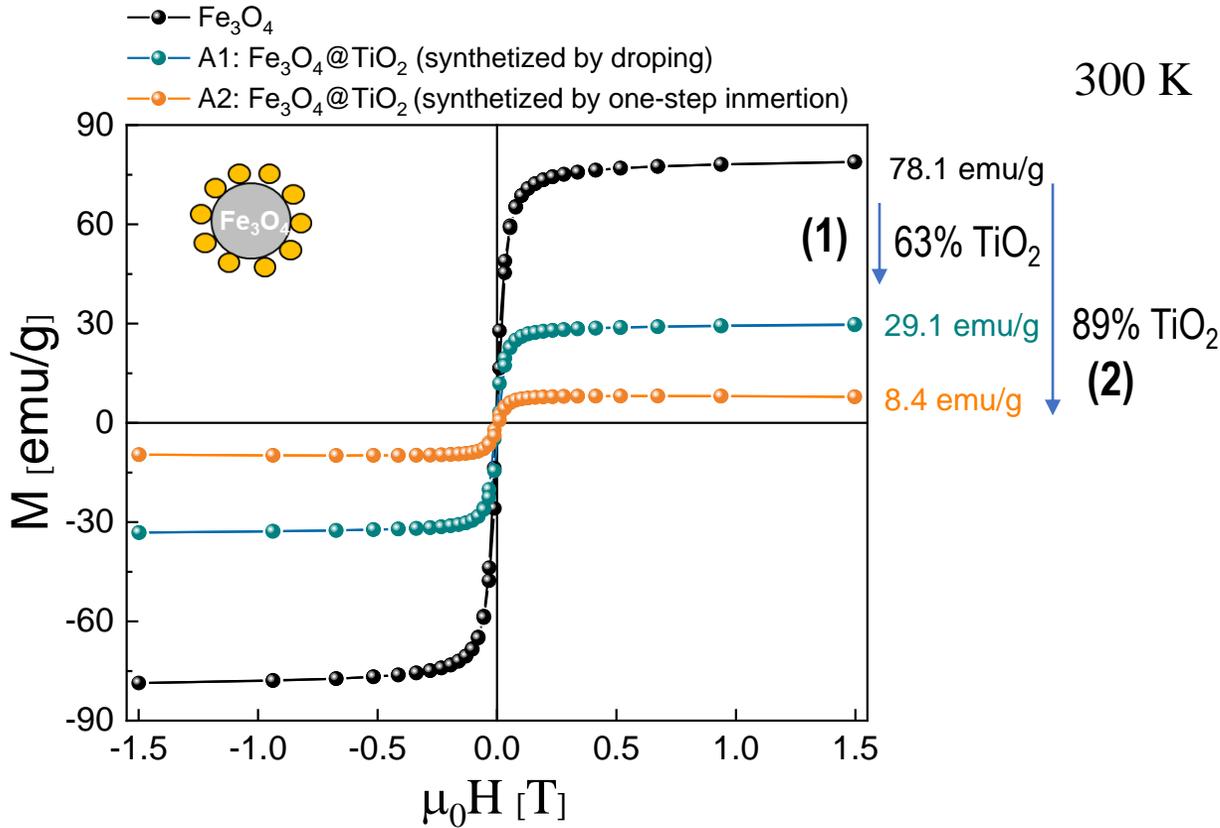
(2) WATER REMEDIATION



Fe₃O₄@TiO₂ NANOPARTICLES

MAGNETIC CHARACTERIZATION

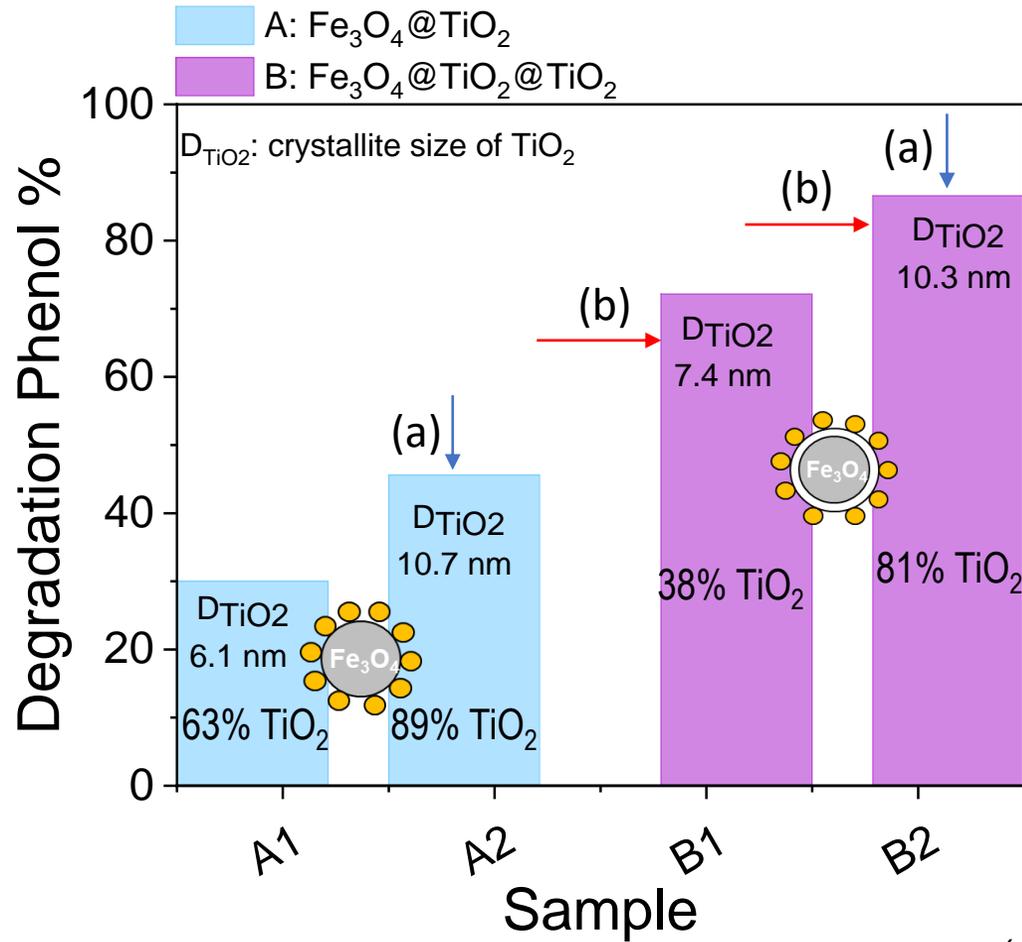
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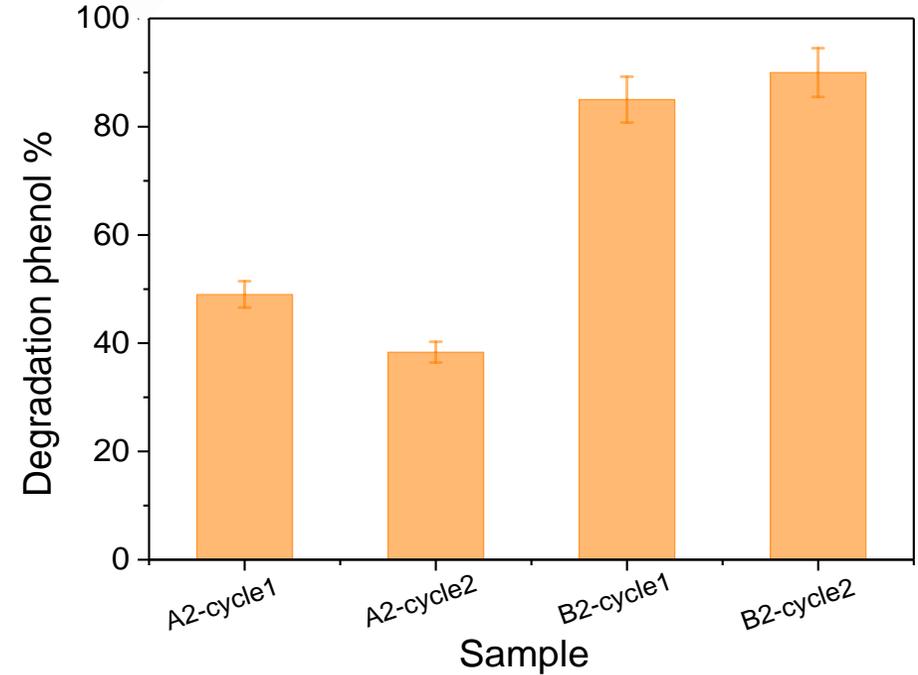
One-step (2) of TBOT provides a higher amount of TiO₂

Fe₃O₄@TiO₂ NANOPARTICLES

PHOTOCATALYTIC CHARACTERIZATION



REUSE AND RECYCLING



(b) SiO₂ coating improves photocatalytic performance

(a) One-step immersion (2) of TBOT provides a higher photocatalytic degradation (higher % TiO₂ and larger crystallite size)

$$\text{Degradation Phenol \%} = \frac{C(300 \text{ min}) - C_0}{C_0} \times 100$$

(2) WATER REMEDIATION

N-TiO₂ NANOPARTICLES

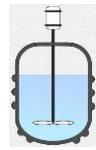
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SYNTHESIS

solvothermal method

Y. C. Zhang *et al.*, Appl. Catal. B, 142–143 (2013) 249-258.

39mL of EtOH
+
0 – 2 mL HNO₃



10 min

+ 2.0 mL Ti (IV) butoxide



20 min

Teflon stainless steel autoclave



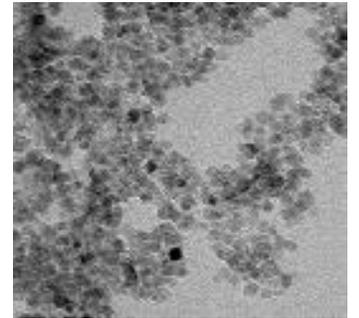
180 °C for 12 h

washing with EtOH
deionized water



Centrifugation

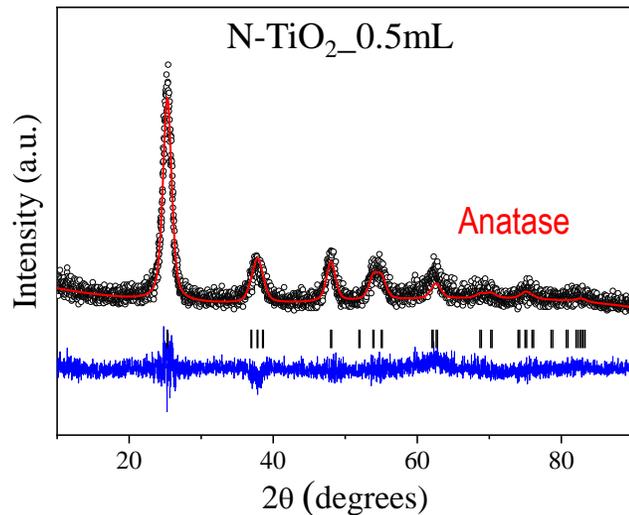
dried in vacuum
at 100 °C for 4 h



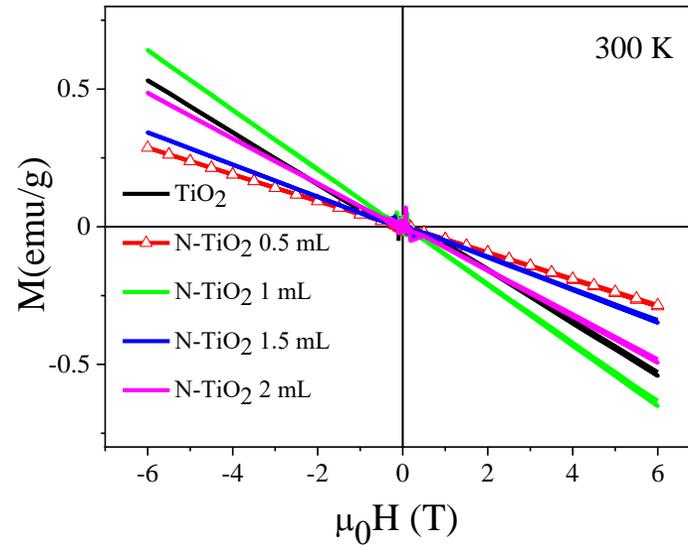
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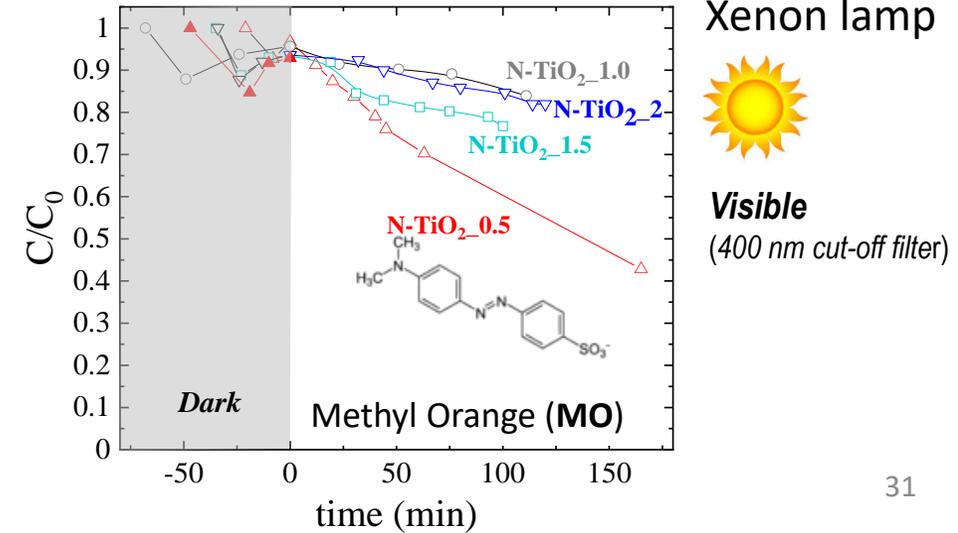
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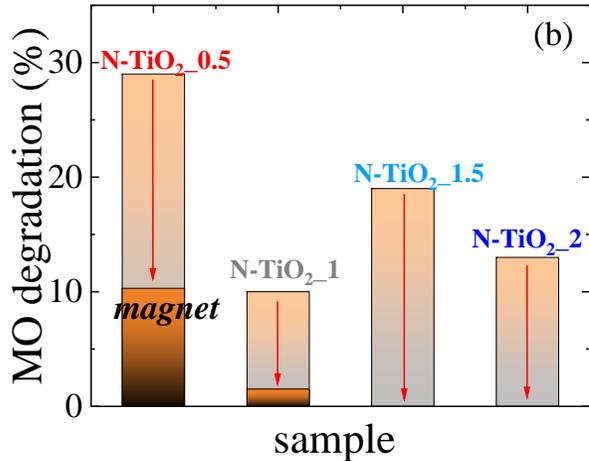
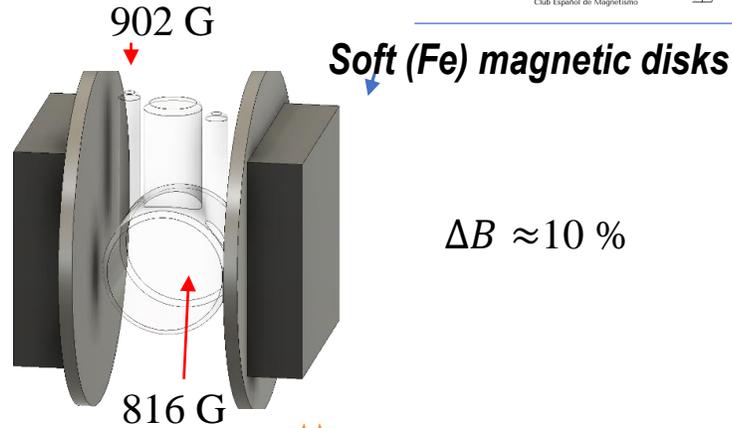
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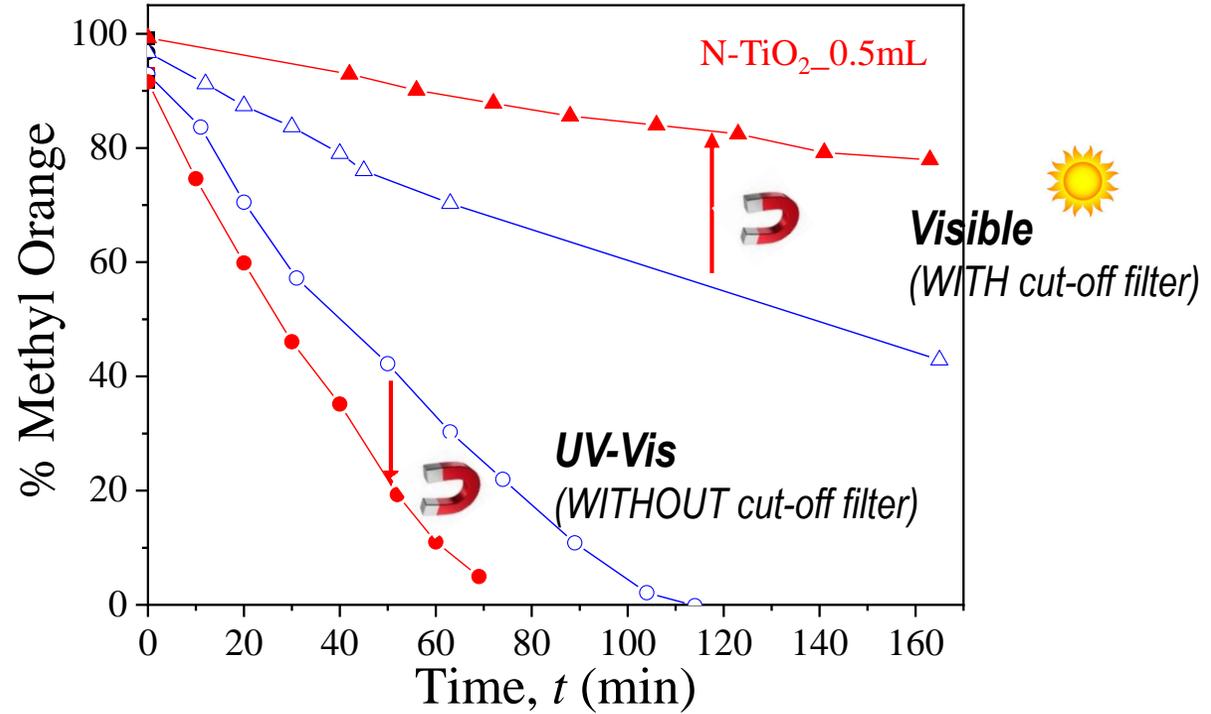
PHOTOCATALYSIS



Effect of DC magnetic field on photocatalysis?



Visible
(WITH cut-off filter)



Langmuir-Himshelwood model for heterogeneous catalysis

$$v = -\frac{dC}{dt} = k_r \frac{k_a C}{1 + C}$$

k_a : adsorption constant
 k_r : kinetic constant

$$k_{eff} = k_a k_r \quad K_a C \ll 1$$

Sample	k_r (molL ⁻¹ min ⁻¹) ×10 ⁻⁷	K_a (Lmol ⁻¹) ×10 ⁵	$k_r [+B]$ (molL ⁻¹ min ⁻¹) ×10 ⁻⁷	$K_a [+B]$ (Lmol ⁻¹) ×10 ⁵
N-TiO ₂ _0.5	3.7	4.3	5.8	2.5
N-TiO ₂ _1.0	5.6	1.6	11.5	0.6

↑ Kinetic constant k_r
↓ Adsorption constant k_a

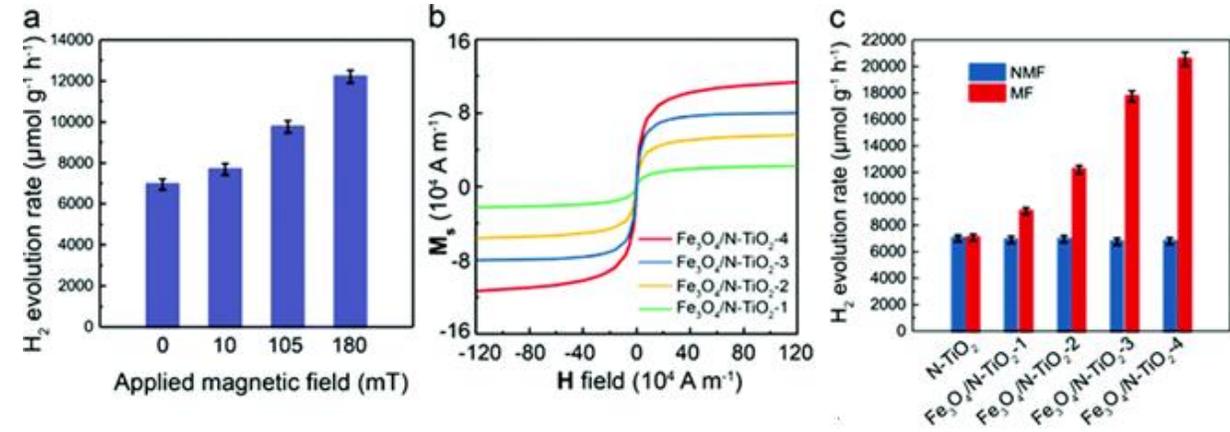
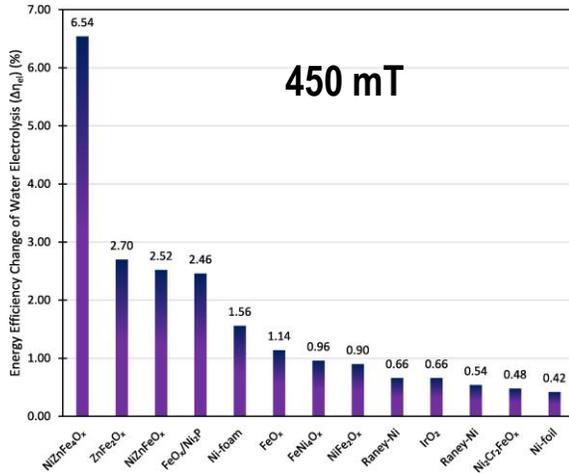
MAGNETIC FIELD EFFECTS



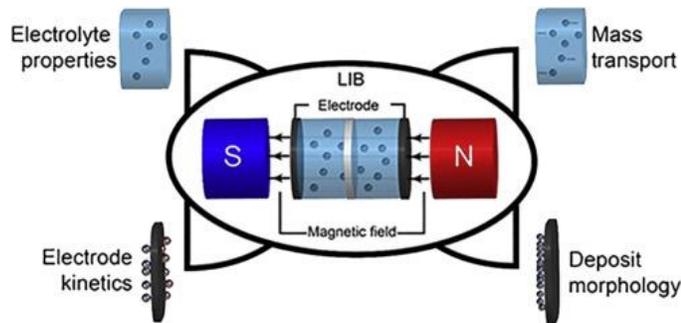
HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

More efficient way of clean hydrogen production: The synergetic roles of **magnetic effects** and effective catalysts.

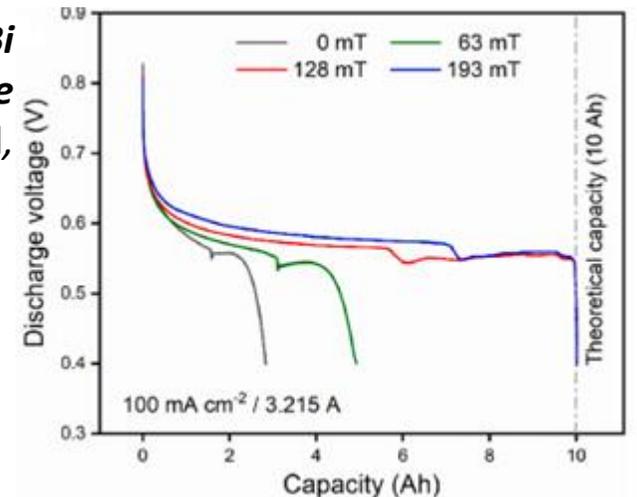
Mert Temiz et al. *Fuel*, 376 (2024) 132708



Local **magnetic spin** mismatch promoting photocatalytic overall water splitting with exceptional solar-to-hydrogen efficiency. Yiyang Li et al. *Energy Environ. Sci.*, 2022, 15, 265-277



Enhancing capacity utilization of Li|LiCl-KCl-CsCl|Bi (300 °C) liquid metal batteries through the application of **external magnetic fields**, X. Zhou et al, *J. Power Sources* 624 (2024) 235516.



Magnetically active lithium-ion batteries towards battery performance improvement. Carlos M. Costa, et al. *iScience*, 24, 6 (2021) 102691

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..... COMPLEX PHENOMENA

Research Advances in Magnetic Field-Assisted Photocatalysis.

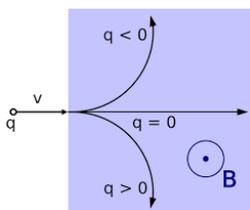
R. Li et al. , *Adv. Funct. Mater.* , 34 (2024) 2316725.

Magnetic field effect on heterogeneous photocatalysis

H. Okumura et al., *Catalysis Today*, 258, Part 2, **2015**, 634-647.

LORENTZ FORCE decrease in the electron-hole recombination (charge separation)

$$\vec{F}_L = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$



MHD (magneto-hydrodynamic) effect

magnetic forces mainly act on paramagnetic species and molecules (i.e. dissolved oxygen)

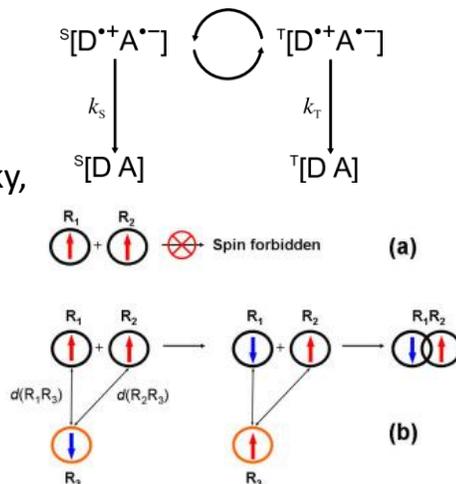
$$F = \frac{\chi}{\mu_0} B \frac{dB}{dz}$$

NON UNIFORM \vec{B}

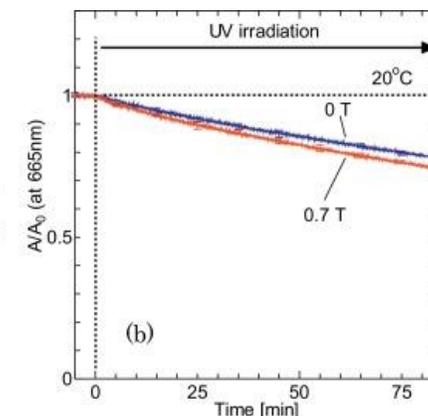
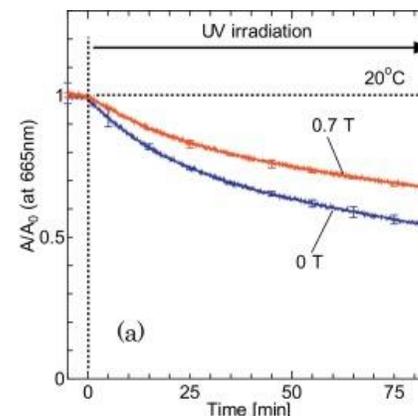
RADICAL PAIR mechanism

(Electron Spin Catalysis)

A.L. Buchachenko, V.L. Berdinsky, *Chem. Rev.* **2002**, 102, 3, 603–612)



ADSORPTION/SURFACE STATE

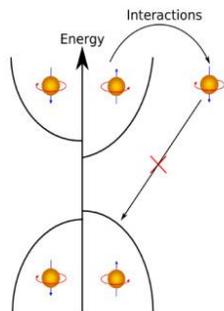


ZnO (a) dried, (b) moistened

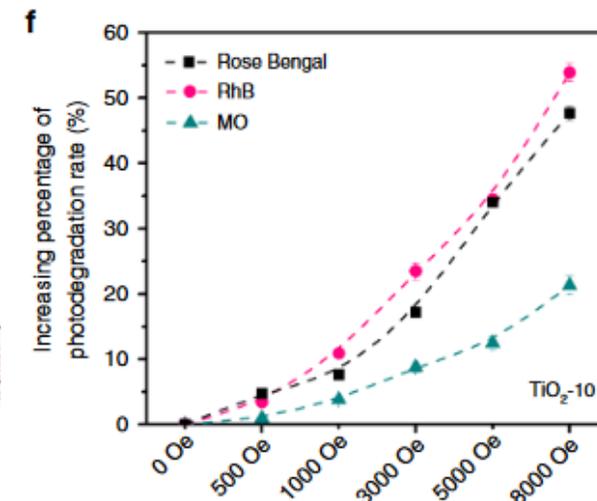
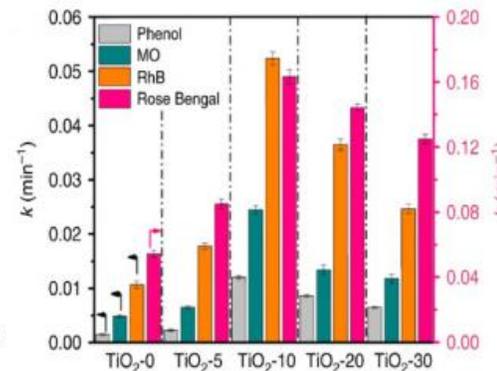
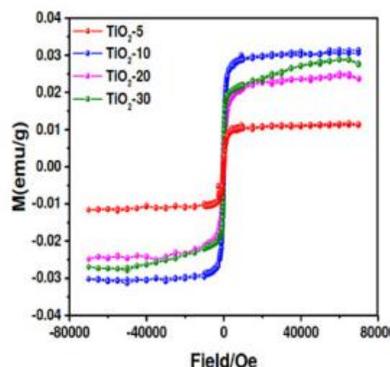
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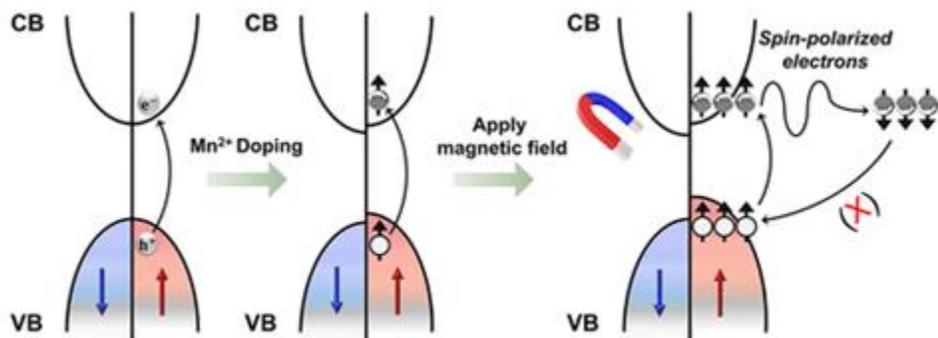
SPIN POLARIZATION photocatalyst



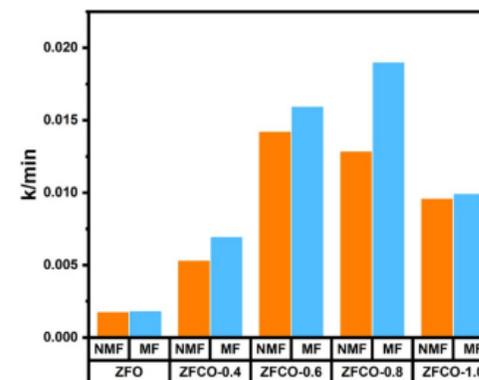
Manipulating spin polarization of titanium dioxide for efficient photocatalysis. L. Pan, et al. *Nat Commun* **11**, 418 (2020).



Spin-Polarized Photocatalytic CO₂ Reduction of Mn-Doped Perovskite Nanoplates, Cheng-Chieh Lin et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **144**, 34 (2022) 15718–15726.



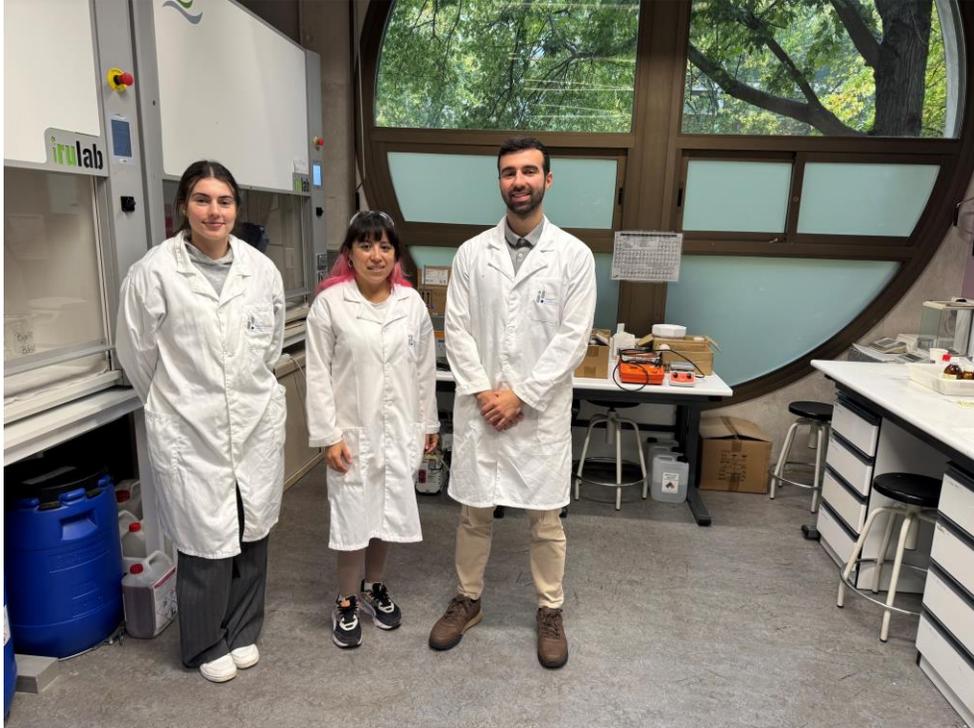
Manipulating spin-polarization of Co-doped ZnFe₂O₄ for photocatalytic TC degradation, Qijing Xie et al. *J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys.* **57** (2024) 165104.



WATER REMEDIATION

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(2) WATER REMEDIATION



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