

Supporting Information

Vertical 3D Printed Pd/TiO₂ Arrays for High Efficiency Photo-assisted Catalytic Water Treatment

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Supplementary Figures:

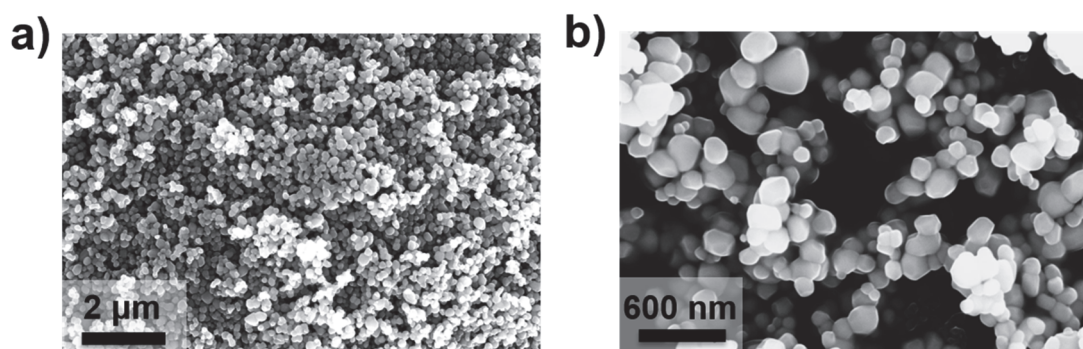


Figure S1. SEM images of raw TiO₂ particles with submicron diameters.

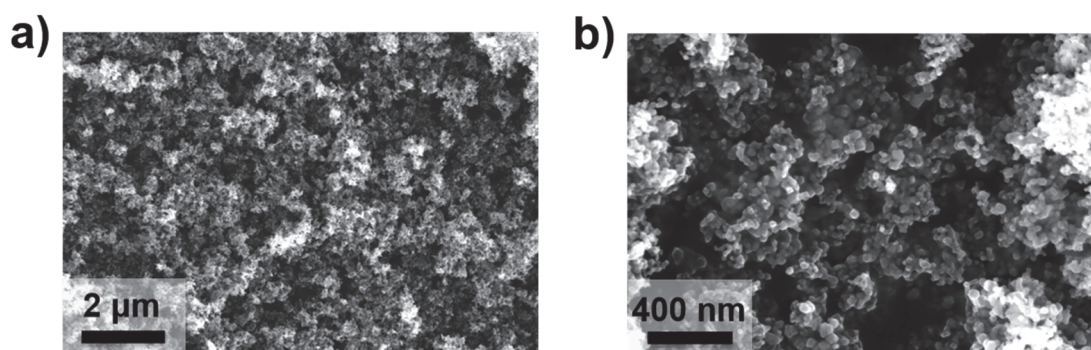


Figure S2. SEM images of raw TiO₂ nanoparticles.

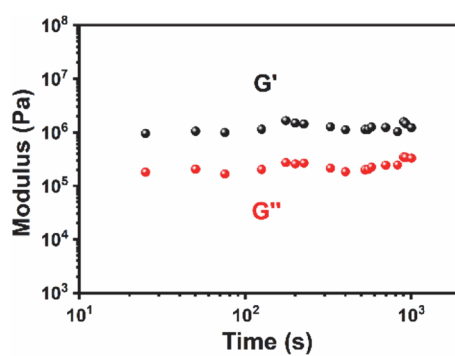


Figure S3. Dynamic modulus (G' and G'') evolution as a function of time for the TiO₂ ink with a solid content of 56 wt%.

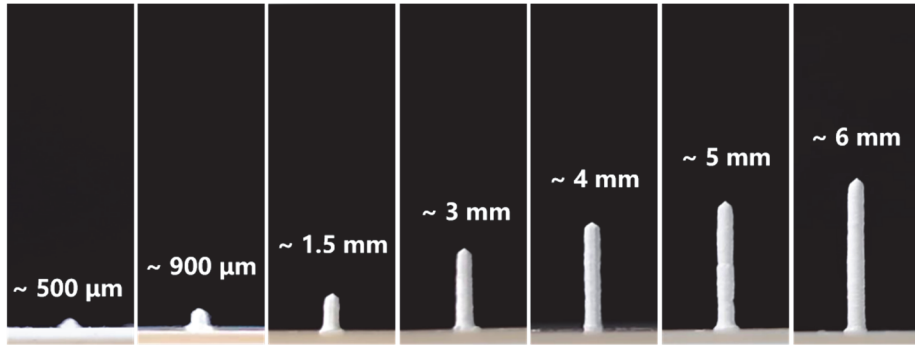


Figure S4. Optical images of TiO₂ vertical pillars with different heights, demonstrating the flexibility and controllability of vertical 3D printing.

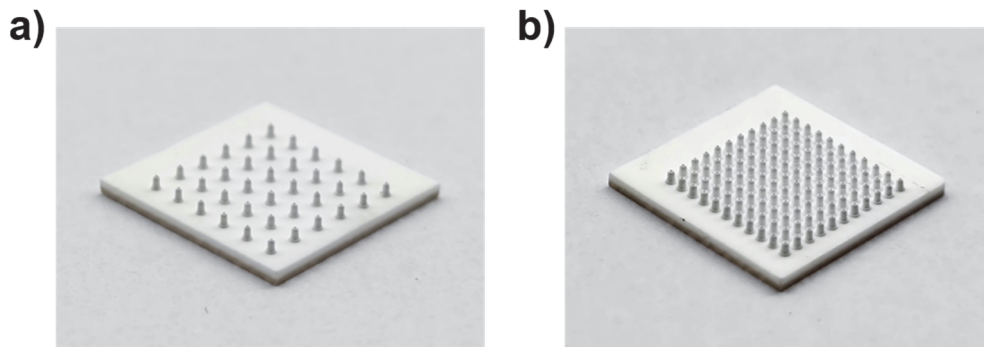


Figure S5. Optical images of TiO₂ pillar arrays with different packing densities.

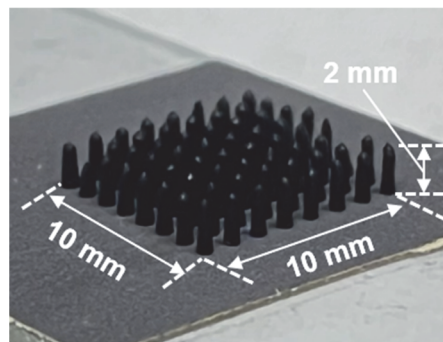


Figure S6. Photograph of a vertically printed graphene array.

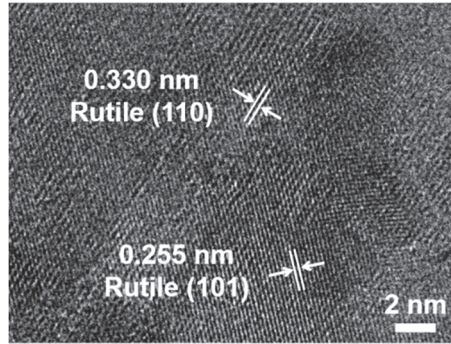


Figure S7. The lattice fringe spacing of a TiO₂ nanorod.

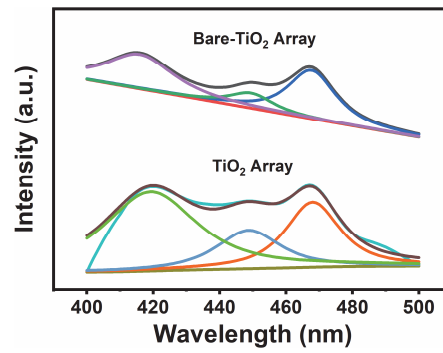


Figure S8. Photoluminescence spectra of the bare-TiO₂ array and hierarchical TiO₂ array.

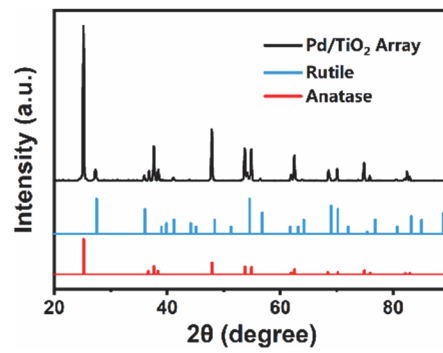


Figure S9. XRD patterns of Pd/TiO₂ array in contrast to rutile TiO₂ and anatase TiO₂.

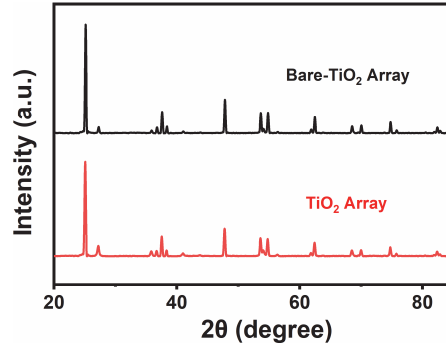


Figure S10. XRD patterns of vertically printed TiO₂ pillar array without (top) and with (bottom) nanorods.

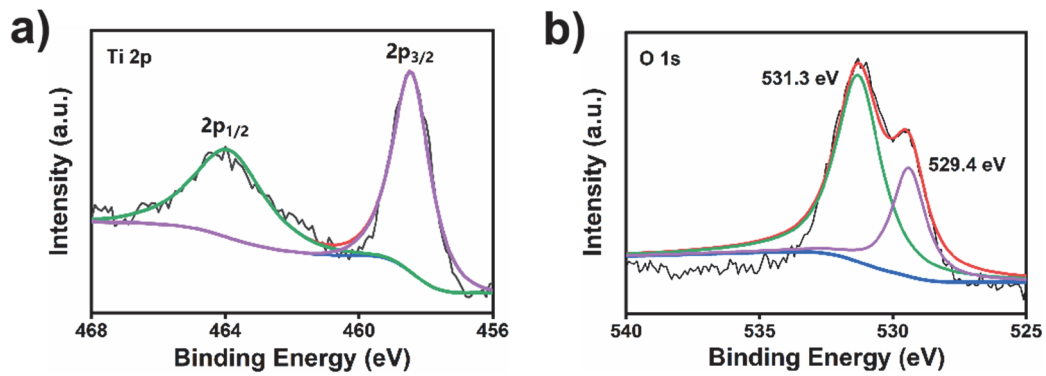


Figure S11. XPS survey spectra of Ti 2p peaks and O 1s peaks.

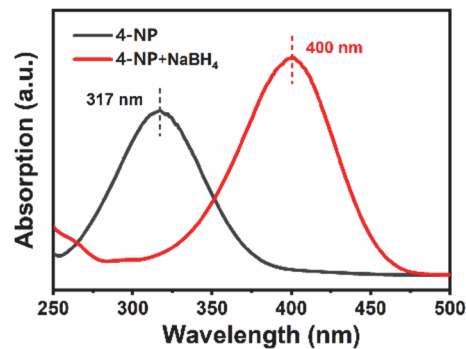


Figure S12. UV-vis spectra of pure 4-NP aqueous solution as well as the mixed solution of 4-NP and NaBH₄. The addition of NaBH₄ enabled the absorption peak to redshift from 317 nm to 400 nm.

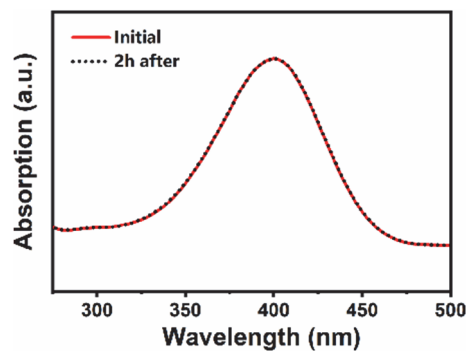


Figure S13. UV-vis spectra of the mixed solution of 4-NP and NaBH₄ in the absence of catalysts, initially and being placed in dark conditions for 2 hours.

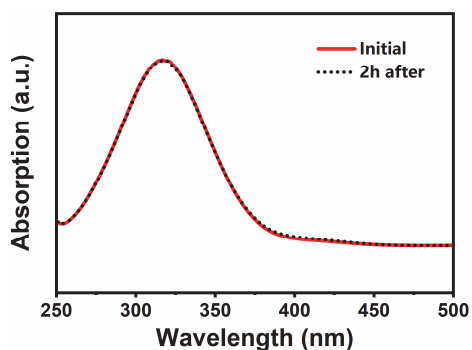


Figure S14. UV-vis spectra of the 4-NP solution with catalysts in the absence of NaBH₄, initially and being placed in dark conditions for 2 hours.

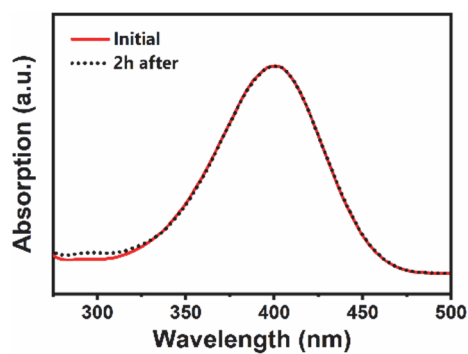


Figure S15. Under light irradiation, comparison of UV-vis spectra of the mixed solution of 4-NP and NaBH₄ at the initial time and after 2 hours in the absence of catalysts.

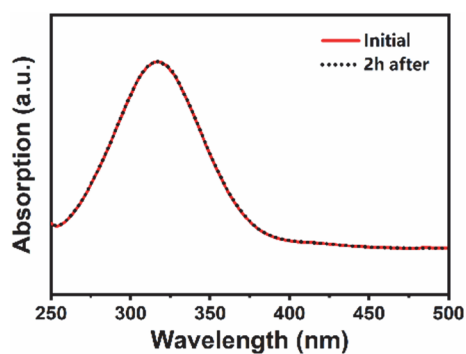


Figure S16. Under light irradiation, comparison of UV-vis spectra of the 4-NP solution with catalysts at the initial time and after 2 hours in the absence of NaBH₄.

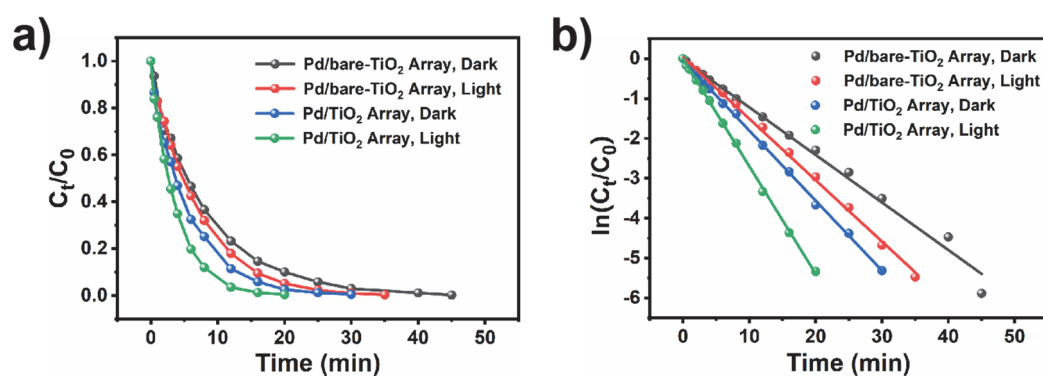


Figure S17. (a) Plots of C_t/C_0 vs the reaction time for the catalytic reduction of 4-NP to 4-AP using the Pd/bare-TiO₂ array and hierarchical Pd/TiO₂ array under light and dark conditions. b) Plots of $\ln[C_t/C_0]$ vs the reduction time.

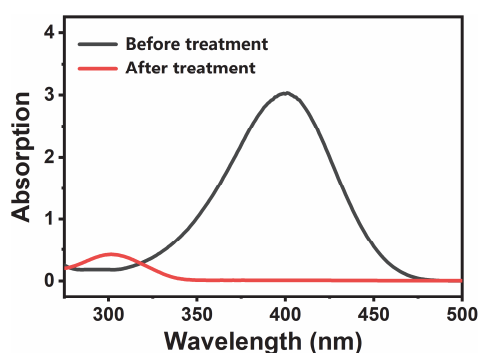


Figure S18. Comparison of UV-vis absorption spectra of reaction solutions before and after treatment.

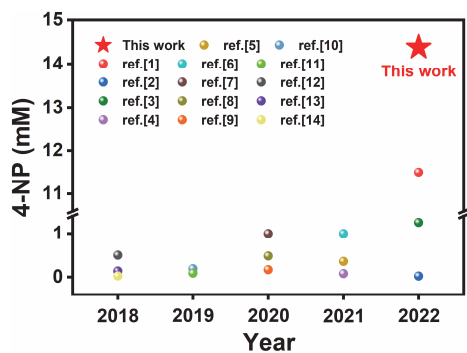


Figure S19. Comparison of the 4-NP concentration treated in this work with other works reported in recent years (non-exhaustive survey).¹⁻¹⁴

Supplementary videos:

Video S1. Dynamic display of the flow state when fluid passes through the TiO₂ vertical array (MP4).

Video S2. Dynamic display of the experimental device for the rapid and efficient treatment of 4-NP wastewater by hierarchical Pd/TiO₂ vertical arrays (Double speed video) (MP4).

Supplementary tables:

Table S1. G-code of the vertical 3D printing protocol.

1	Line Speed	1.2			
2	Z Clearance Setup	20	1		
3	Call Subroutine	70	8	95	10001
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6	Call Subroutine	70	9.5	95	10001
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21	Call Subroutine	70	17	95	10001
22	Call Subroutine	70	17.5	95	10001
23	Call Subroutine	70	18	95	10001
24	End Program				
25	Label No	1			
26	Line dispense Setup	0.2	0.5	0	0
27	Line Start	70	8	85	
28	Line End	70	8	84.2	
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66	Line End	79.5	8	84.2	
67	Line Start	80	8	85	
68	Line End	80	8	84.2	
69	End Program				

Table S2. The comparison of TOF value of 4-NP catalytic reduction by Pd/TiO₂ array with that of Pd-based catalysts reported in literature in the past five years (non-exhaustive survey).

Sample	4-NP (mM)	TOF (min ⁻¹)	Reference
Pd/3D-AC	14.38	1.68	15
Pd-D-SCG	0.12	1.53	16
CS-CNTs-PdNPs	0.067	0.035	17
Pd/LDHs	1.30	3.42	18
PNIPAM-Pd	0.147	6.7	19
MNPs-PDDA-HA/Pd	0.1	2.18	20
Pd@PPM2	0.1	0.99	21
Pd/TiO ₂	14.38	2.69	22
Pd@CHI	0.013	0.42	23
Pd/PNGO	0.19	6.115	24
Pd@polyCD	0.0056	0.0316	25
Pd/CNSs	0.09	2.63	26
Pd/TiO ₂	14.38	8.00/12.17	This work

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