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#### Two-Dimensional Based Hybrid Materials for Photocatalytic Conversion of Carbon Dioxide into Hydrocarbon Fuels: a Mini Review

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Carbon dioxide conversion to chemicals and fuels based on two-dimensional based hybrid materials will present a thorough discussion of the physics, chemistry, and electrochemical science behind the new and important area of materials science, energy, and environmental sustainability. The tremendous opportunities for two-dimensional based hybrid materials in the photocatalytic carbon dioxide conversion field come up from their huge number of applications. In the carbon dioxide conversion field, nanostructured metal oxide with a two-dimensional material composite system must meet assured design and functional criteria, as well as electrical and mechanical properties. The whole content of the proposed review is anticipated to build on what has been learned in elementary courses about synthesizing two-dimensional materials, metal oxide with composites, carbon dioxide conversion as well as fuels and the major mechanisms involved during each application. The impact of hybrid materials and synergistic composite mixtures which are used extensively or show promising outcomes in the photocatalytic carbon dioxide conversion field will also be discussed.

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#### Introduction

The severe environmental issues like the greenhouse effect and climate transform due to significantly rising meteorological carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) level (via ignition of vestige fuel, desertification, and person stimulates). Additionally, energy utilization is likely to attain around 2 times the present energy utilization by 2050. To overcome these problems and reduce the meteorological CO<sub>2</sub> concentration via the conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> can be

utilized to decrease the  $CO_2$  emission and into hydrocarbon fuels. Moreover,  $CO_2$  is a gorgeous preliminary precursor material for generating chemical energy, because of its profusion, economical, and less toxicity. Owing to its solidity, additional energy is supported to convert  $CO_2$  into hydrocarbon or chemical fuels. Diverse methods have been utilized for  $CO_2$  transformation which comprises thermal, chemical, photocatalytic, electrocatalytic, and biological conversion. Amid such techniques, the photocatalytic and electrocatalytic in  $CO_2$  conversion acts as a noteworthy function to determine energy disaster and global warming. The development pays the photocatalytic (light-driven) and electrocatalytic alternation of  $CO_2$  to value-added chemical fuels (methane: CH<sub>4</sub>, carbon monoxide: CO, formaldehyde: CH<sub>2</sub>O, methanol: CH<sub>3</sub>OH, and ethanol: C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH) [1-4].

For this process to suit cheaply feasible, dissimilar scientifically progress have to be prepared. Modern works determined on discovering dissimilar catalysts and products that can be fabricated. Diverse categories of catalysts that can catalyze the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction reaction (CRR) have been produced and investigated. Transition metals (Pt, Pd, Rh, Ag, Au, and Ni), oxides (ZnO, NiO, CuO, CeO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, RuO<sub>2</sub>, and SnO<sub>2</sub>, etc.), carbides, chalcogenides, and metal-organic frameworks have revealed possible as catalysts for CRR [5, 6].

Recently, 2D hybrid materials have earned wideranging notice as an electrode for diverse purposes such as batteries, proton reduction, oxygen reduction, and fuel cells. 2D hybrid materials have a large surface area, carrier mobility, thermal conductivity, and current and heat conduction. Graphene displays several exclusive properties, which comprise a tremendously huge theoretical specific surface area (2630 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>), excellent optical transparency (~97.7%), as well as elevated mechanical strength (1 TPa) and thermal conductivity (~ 5000 Wm<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) [7]. Graphene-based nanocomposites exhibit various purposes in the field of photocatalysis, electrochemical devices, energy storage, and conversion systems, etc. Particularly, Graphene-based nanocomposites showed impending performance in the CRR owing to its tremendous conductivity and absorption capability [8, 9]. MXenes, an original 2D transition metal carbides, and nitrides have newly fascinated important consideration and 2D MXene layers are typically fabricated via eradicating the "A" group layers from the MAX layered phase with hydrofluoric acid (HF), which produces diverse terminal functional groups (-O, -OH, and -F) on the surface. Owing to their outstanding electrical conductivity, elemental composition adjustability, and convenient surface functional groups, MXenes have exposed huge impending in numerous appliance fields (hydrogen evolution, oxygen evolution, and oxygen reduction reactions). Importantly, MXenes also demonstrate incredible impending in the CRR [10].

Furthermore, 2D-based (Graphene and MXene)

nanomaterials with distinct morphology also participate in a significant function in their performance toward CRR. The overall CRR efficiency can be improved via of 2D-based the fabrication efficient hybrid nanomaterials (catalyst). Plentiful reports have been dedicated to the preparation of metal oxide / composite catalysts for the CRR process. To develop the performance of catalyst material, dissimilar intensification strategies are obtainable which comprise composite with 2D based nanomaterials [11].

In this review, the various 2D-based hybrid materials (catalysts) for  $CO_2$  conversion are summarized. Additionally, the influence of various 2D-based hybrid catalytic materials and photocatalytic conversion technique for  $CO_2$  conversion is described with applications.

# I. Synthesis of 2D-based nanocomposites

The preparation and assembly of 2D graphene/MXene-based nanocomposites offer persuasive research, mainly communicated to organize their morphology and properties for realistic purposes. In this part, we will spotlight on the fabrication of 2D graphene/MXene-based nanocomposites.

### 1.1 Fabrication of graphene oxide (GO) – Modified Hummers method

GO was fabricated by improved Hummers method [12]. In this, a 9:1 combination of concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (360:40 mL) was inserted to a combination of graphite flakes (3.0 g) and KMnO<sub>4</sub> (18.0 g), constructing a minor exotherm to 308 - 313 K. The solution was then heated to 323 K and stirred for 12 h and cooled to room temperature and transfered onto ice (400 mL) with 30 %  $H_2O_2$  (3 mL). Then it was centrifuged (4000 rpm for 4 h). The solid material was cleaned with 200 mL of water, 30 % HCl, and ethanol. Then it was again washed with 200 mL of ether. The solid attained was dried at 60°C overnight. The final product was labeled as graphene oxide (GO). Fig. 1 represents the general mechanism wherein graphite was first oxidized by improved Hummer's method and it was reduced by hydrothermal / chemical method finally reduced graphene oxide [13].



Fig. 1. Mechanism for the preparation of reduced graphene oxide from graphite.

### **1.2** Synthesis of reduced graphene oxide (rGO) – Hydrothermal method

The obtained graphene oxide (GO) from improved Hummers method was taken (100 mg) and mixed with ethanol (30 mL) and double distilled water (60 mL). This solution was sonicated for 4 h and autoclaved at 393 K for 12 h in a 100 mL autoclave bottle. The obtained solution was centrifuged at 4000 rpm with water and ethanol. Then the solid was dried at 333 K in an oven for overnight. The final product was named as rGO.

### **1.3** Preparation of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposite with rGO (T0/rGO)– Hydrothermal method

The nanocomposite of  $TiO_2$  NPs with rGO was fabricated by the hydrothermal method (Fig. 3). 0.01 g of GO and 0.1 g of  $TiO_2$  NPs (TO) were added to the mixture of water (60 mL) and ethanol (30 mL). The solution was sonicated for 4 h. Then it was autoclaved at 393 K for 12 h in a 100 mL autoclave bottle. Then it was centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 2 h. The product was dried at 333 K for 12 h. Then obtained solid was labeled as TO/rGO.

#### 1.4 Synthesis of MXene

 $Ti_3C_2T_x$  MXene fabrication: 2.0 g of  $Ti_3AlC_2$  was gradually included to 40 mL of 40 % fluorhydric acid (HF) solutions and the reaction combination was combined using stirrer at 60 °C for 18 hrs. The solid product was collected by centrifuge, cleaned with double distilled water, and lyophilized.

$$Ti_{3}AlC_{2} + 3HF \rightarrow Ti_{3}C_{2} + AlF_{3} + 3/2H_{2}$$
$$Ti_{3}C_{2} + 2H_{2}O \rightarrow Ti_{3}C_{2}(OH)_{2} + H_{2}$$
$$Ti_{3}C_{2} + 2HF \rightarrow Ti_{3}C_{2}F_{2} + H_{2}$$

The preparation of all other MXene sheets Alenclosing MAX phases, the above scheme was applied. Especially, the etching circumstances (HF concentration and time) are essential to modify a provided different MAX phase widely, controlled by the particle size and temperature. For instance, diminishing the MAX phase particle size by mechanical attrition can resourcefully decrease the crucial etching time and/or concentration of HF [14, 15]. Further, deviations in M-Al bond energies for disparate MAX phases also require dissimilar etching circumstances. For the case, In Ti<sub>2</sub>AlC with superior Ti-Al correlated with Nb-Al bond energy in Nb<sub>2</sub>AlC lead to enhanced concentration of HF and extensive etching time [16]. Hence, proper etching circumstances are mandatory to accomplish superior products and terminate the swap of MXenes from MAX phases. In recent times, the convention of NH<sub>4</sub>HF<sub>2</sub> as an etchant in substitute for the destructive HF was reported by Hamil et al. [17]. Ghidiu et al. has illustrated the newest superior-yield procedure for the timely synthesis of plentiful MXene sheets [18].

Herein,  $Ti_3C_2Tx$  was prepared via dissolving  $Ti_3AlC_2$ powders in solutions of HCl and LiF, then gave heating to the combination for 45 h at 40 °C, and then washed the sediment to eradicate the resulted product and enhanced the pH. Furthermore, the preparation of diverse  $Ti_2CT_x$ morphology was attained currently through the specific surfactant, intercalating agent,. Though, many investigates are insisting in order to get a finesynchronized morphology, imaginative sizes, construction, and also cessation cluster creation process.

## II. Characterization of 2D based hybrid materials

2.1. Characterization of 2D graphene based nanocomposites

### 2.1.1 Structural and morphological analysis of 2D graphene based nanocomposites

The nanocomposite (NC) was synthesized by a lowtemperature solution process. The XRD patterns of GO, Ce nanoparticles (CN), and the CN/GO NC are illustrated in Figure 2a. Figure 4a shows the crystalline structure of CN with the cubic crystal structure of CeO<sub>2</sub> (JCPDS 65-2975). XRD pattern of the CN/GO NC (Figure 4a) displays the crystalline structure of CN which validates the occurrence of CN in the prepared NC. It is revealing that the refractive index of the CN/GO composite with a sharper peak in relationship to that of CN, which is accredited to a greatly well-organized CN crystallinity in the NC. Alternatively, it is monitored that the distinctive XRD pattern of GO around 25° considerably decreases in the CN/GO NC, which is attention to be owing to the disorder of stacking of GO sheets in the NC [19].

In Fig. 2b showed the XRD pattern of the S-TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO (STR) NC with 5 % wt. (rGO), illustrates a smaller crystallinity degree of various anatase, in relation to the diffraction pattern of pristine anatase TiO<sub>2</sub>, in addition to a change in peak locations, representing lattice defects provoked by the insertion of sulfur. The intensity diminish of crystallinity is noteworthy starting the worsening of the peaks in the STR diffraction pattern, i.e., the peak intensity of the (1 0 1) diminished and the peak has widened, while the planes of (1 0 3), (1 1 2), (1 0 5), and (2 1 1) *h k l* indices are hardly discernable [20].

The peaks materialized at 1352 and 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the D-mode and G-mode respectively (Fig. 2c). The Gmode signifies the occurrence of residual functional groups (imperfect reduction of the initial material). Furthermore, the Raman intensities ratio ( $I_d/I_g$ ) of ~ 1.4 was estimated. There is no vibrational mode detection for the anatase phase [20].

Fig 2d showed the Raman spectrum of the synthesized TiO<sub>2</sub> and TSFG samples. The TiO<sub>2</sub> anatase phase displayed attribute scatterings at 145, 393, and  $638 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Fig. 2d), while the TiO<sub>2</sub> rutile phase displayed distinctive scatterings at 445 (Eg). The mainly attention information that can be extracted from the Raman studies is that the position of the distinctive scatterings altered in the TSFG sample. Furthermore, no Raman peaks equivalent to SiO<sub>2</sub> can be examined; hence, either Si<sup>4+</sup> displays in the changed locations in the TiO<sub>2</sub>, or it is present as amorphous SiO<sub>2</sub>. Peaks at 513 and 700 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be featured to  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, correspondingly. Furthermore for the sample of TSFG, both the D and G bands of GO usually positioned at 1323 and 1570 cm<sup>-1</sup>, have moved to lower frequencies in relationship with GO (Fig. 2b). This is major confirmation that GO was



**Fig. 2.** XRD pattern of (a) CN/GO NC, (b) S-TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO NC, (c) Raman spectrum of S-TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO NC, (d) TiO<sub>2</sub> and TSFG, (e) TEM image of CN/GO NC and (f) SEM image of S-TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO NC. Reprinted with permission from [Ref. 19, 20, 21].



**Fig. 3.** (a) DRS spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub> and STR, (b) PL spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub> and STR composite, (c) optical energy bandgap of the synthesized samples and (d) PL spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub> and TSFG samples. Reprinted with permission from [Ref. 20, 21].

effectively reduced and was therefore present as rGO [21].

Figure 2e shows the bright-field TEM image of CN/GO composite. For the CN/GO NC, which is displayed in Figure 2e, CNs are homogeneously

dispersed all over the GO sheets. Accordingly, it is validated that the low-temperature solution procedure can be fruitfully employed to fabricate the CN/GO NC [19]. In figure 2f, the SEM images of STR NC showed the collected  $TiO_2$  particles are sandwiched with rGO

sheets. Nevertheless, such segment transport boundaries were renowned by other authors submitting related fabrication processes of the composites [20].

### 2.1.2 Optical properties of 2D graphene based nanocomposites

 $TiO_2$  bandgap was established to be 3.21 eV (Fig. 3a), whereas the bandgap for the STR NC was 2.92 eV [20]. The decrease of the bandgap is due to the doping of sulfur and insertion rGO. Moreover, Wang et al. has reported similar bandgap for S-TiO<sub>2</sub>, therefore S doping and rGO accomplish the same bandgap narrowing threshold [22].

In Figure 3b, shows the photoluminescence spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub>, S-TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO NC with different concentrations. The doping of sulfur and rGO inclusion within the TiO<sub>2</sub> matrix exhibited more inhibition of charge recombination. TiO<sub>2</sub> demonstrated a peak at 531 nm which is equivalent to recombination electron and hole by surface adsorbed oxygen. The remarkable decrease of emission is due to the doping of sulfur and insertion rGO in the TiO<sub>2</sub> matrix. Liu et al. have reported the impurity levels can trap photo-generated charges by the sulfur doping, which is additional donated by insertion rGO performing as an electron-sink. Nevertheless, the quantity of rGO appears to be a vital role, as the counts of deliberated PL diminished with the quantity of rGO rising contained by the STR NC. Nevertheless, rising rGO (2.75 to 5 wt. %) from conveys deteriorating returns. The larger amount of rGO guides to a contradictory effect, i.e., enhance in recombination, as rGO can perform as a recombination center [20].

Figure 3c displays the direct bandgap values that were established by extrapolating the linear section of the Tauc's plot of  $(\alpha h\nu)^{1/2}$  against the h $\nu$ . The bandgap for TiO<sub>2</sub> and  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is 3.3 and 2.3 eV, correspondingly. E<sub>g</sub> was computed as 3.03 eV (TS) and 2.87 eV (TSF),

validating the decrease in bandgap fabricated by the adding of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Still, E<sub>g</sub> is the least for the sample of TSFG (2.26 eV) [21].

Photoluminescence (PL) experiments were executed to inspect the recombination probability of bare TiO<sub>2</sub> and TSFG photocatalysts (Fig. 3d). The PL intensity of the TSFG photocatalyst was importantly lesser than that of the bare TiO<sub>2</sub>. This could be communicated to the lesser e<sup>-</sup>/h<sup>+</sup> recombination probability of the TSFG photocatalyst. Owing to the creation of a heterojunction between TiO<sub>2</sub> and  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, the photogenerated electrons and holes were divided more effectually and competently. Alternatively, rGO speeded up the carrier mobility at the TiO<sub>2</sub>-  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> heterojunction, rising the photogenerated e<sup>-</sup>/h<sup>+</sup> separation and thus probably enhancing the photocatalytic performance [21].

## 2.2. Characterization of 2D MXene based nanocomposites

### 2.2.1 Structural and morphological analysis of 2D MXene based nanocomposites

In Figure 4a, showed the diffraction pattern of MXene and their composites. The  $2\theta$  values of MXene situated at 9.0 and  $18.32^{\circ}$  corresponding to (0 0 2) and (0 0 4) planes, signifying flourishing MXene preparation. The diffraction peaks of CuO are well-matched with the monoclinic phase of CuO (JCPDS card no: 05-0661). XRD peaks (Fig. 4a) exhibited both phases of MXene and CuO and confirm the formation of MXene/CuO NC, and the peak intensity enhanced with the enlarged CuO content, representing the flourishing preparation of the MXene/CuO NC [23].

The XRD pattern of the hydrothermally prepared NCs (Fig. 4b) showed both phases of hexagonal ZnO and MXene. The planes of hexagonal ZnO and MXene phases are well- matched with the standard JCPDS card no (65-2908 & 52-0875). The ZnO and MXene peaks



**Fig. 4.** XRD pattern of (a) MXene/CuO and (b) ZnO-Fe-MXene NC, (c) FTIR spectra of ZnO-Fe-MXene NC, SEM images of (d) MXene/CuO. (e) ZnO-MXene and (c) ZnO-Fe-MXene NC. Reprinted with permission from [Ref. 23, 24].



**Fig. 5.** Absorbance spectra of (a) BTC, BTTC with different calcination temperature (b) MXene/NIPAm sample. Reprinted with permission from [Ref. 25, 26].

display in the ZFM NC and also give the confirmation of NC construction.

The FTIR spectrum acquired for the hydrothermally prepared NCs is illustrated in Figure 4c. This study authenticated the -CH, -OH, and -CO bending and stretching vibrations of the prepared NCs. The peaks are noticed at 1125 and 2922 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the bending vibration of the carbonyl group ( $CO_3^{2-}$ ). The bending and stretching vibrations of hydroxyl groups are situated at 1362 - 3443 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The peaks at 545 - 600 cm<sup>-1</sup> are due to the stretching mode Zn–O and Ti–O [24].

Fig. 4d showed the morphology of MXene/50% CuO NC. FESEM images showed the CuO nanoparticles with less than 100 nm were arbitrarily deposited on the  $Ti_3AlC_2$  nanosheets and were stabilized via van der Walls interactions [23].

Fig. 4 e-f exhibited the SEM micrographs of the hydrothermally prepared NCs. From the SEM images, the prepared composites showed a flower-like structure with an average grain size in the range of 100 nm. The inclusion of Fe and MXene emerges a remarkable change in the morphology of ZnO. TiCs is inaccessible on the surface of ZnO that may have embarrassed the development of tiny particles [24].

### 2.2.2 Optical properties of 2D MXene based nanocomposites

Figure 5a shows the DRS spectra of the prepared BTC and BTTC-x samples. Noticeably, the synthesized BTC discloses the lowest absorption intensity between all the samples, signifying the prepared sample acquires the worst absorption capability in the visible and UV ranges. In correlation, all the prepared BTTC-x samples have better light absorption ability than BTC, signifying that hydrothermal oxidation reaction of titanium carbides is favourable for the enhancement of optical absorption performance. TiO<sub>2</sub> intrinsic light absorption edge at 400 nm can be examined, which is supplied to the emergence of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles [25].

The UV-Vis spectra (figure 5b) explained a continuing enhance in MXene absorption and also flourishing inclusion into the polymer network (NIPAm).

Fig. 5b showed the results corresponding to the MXene on the surface or in immediacy to the interphase [26].

#### III. 2D based hybrid materials for photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> transformation to hydrocarbon fuels

The application of photocatalysis in CO<sub>2</sub> conversion takes part in a noteworthy function to determine the energy crisis and global warming. The development utilizes a light-driven photocatalytic renovation of CO2 to value-added chemical fuels including CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, CH<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH. The pure TiO<sub>2</sub>, surface tailored TiO<sub>2</sub> and their NCs can be utilized for transforming  $CO_2$  to hydrocarbon fuels, where the creation of  $C_2H_5OH$ is two times advanced than that of CH<sub>3</sub>OH. The surface tailored TiO<sub>2</sub> showed the CH<sub>3</sub>OH and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH production yields are 351 & 134 µmol/gcath. The pure TiO<sub>2</sub> showed the CH<sub>3</sub>OH and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH production yields are 208 & 143  $\mu$ mol/g<sub>cat</sub>h. From these results, the surface tailored TiO<sub>2</sub> nanomaterials have higher  $CO_2$ transformation activity correlated to the pure TiO<sub>2</sub> nanomaterials [27].

The CH<sub>3</sub>OH and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH production yields of the TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO, altered TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO, TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO/CeO<sub>2</sub>, and TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO/CeO<sub>2</sub> NCs is calculated altered via photocatalytic transformation method. Among these NCs, the modified TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO/CeO<sub>2</sub> photocatalytic NC displayed the uppermost production yield of CH<sub>3</sub>OH and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (641 and 271 µmol/g<sub>cat</sub>h) compared to prepared other NCS. The highest production yield of TiO<sub>2</sub>/rGO/CeO<sub>2</sub> photocatalytic NC is due to the optical bandgap of the NC (3.02 eV), multi-step charge transportation, low-electron hole recombination rate, superior specific surface area, high electron mobility and larger interfacial contact area [27].

The photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> transformation performance of the TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> (TT550) NC is highlighted. The production rate of CH<sub>4</sub> is 0.22  $\mu$ mol h<sup>-1</sup> by TT550 NC. The prepared TT550 NC production rate was 3.7 times higher than of trade TiO<sub>2</sub> (P25) [28, 38-40]. Additionally,

Summary of newly reported 2D based photocatalysis for CO2 reduction performance							
Photocatalyst	Method of synthesis	Light source	CO yield	CH <sub>4</sub> yield	CH3OH yield	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH yield	Ref.
(Pt/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) @ rGO	Self assembly	300 W Xe lamp	41.3 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	0.4 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	[29]
Cu <sub>2</sub> O/rGO	Microwave- assisted	150 W Xe lamp	46 ppm g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	-	[30]
rGO-BiO	Hydrothermal route	300 W Xe lamp	4.5 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	21.75 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	[31]
rGO/CuO	Simple chemical method	20 W white cold LED flood light	-	-	1228 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>		[32]
Cu <sub>2</sub> O/G/TNA	Electrodeposit ion	300 W Xe lamp	-	-	45 μmol cm <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	[33]
TiO <sub>2</sub> /NrGO	Hydrothermal approach	400 W Xe lamp	50 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	-	[34]
TiO <sub>2</sub> /MoS <sub>2</sub> /graph ene aerogel (TGM)	Hydrothermal approach	300 W Xe lamp	92.33 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	-	[35]
TiO <sub>2</sub> /rGO/CeO <sub>2</sub>	Ultrasonic- assisted	15 W UC-C mercury lamp	-	-	401 µmolg <sub>cat</sub> h	147 μmolg <sub>cat</sub> h	[27]
Modified TiO <sub>2</sub> /rGO/CeO <sub>2</sub>	Ultrasonic- assisted	15 W UC-C mercury lamp	-	-	641 µmolg <sub>cat</sub> h	271 µmolg <sub>cat</sub> h	[27]
$TiO_2/C_3N_4/Ti_3C_2$	Hydrothermal route	350 W Xe lamp	4.39 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	1.20 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	[36]
Ti <sub>3</sub> AlC <sub>2</sub>		200 W Hg lamp	0.61 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	0.05 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	[37]
Ti <sub>3</sub> AlC <sub>2</sub> /TiO <sub>2</sub>	Sonication/self		2.97 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	0.59 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	[37]
Pg-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> / Ti <sub>3</sub> AlC <sub>2</sub> /TiO <sub>2</sub>	assembly		4.97 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	0.64 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	-	-	[37]

Summary of newly reported 2D based photocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction performance

the superior photocatalytic  $CH_3OH$ ,  $C_2H_5OH$ , and  $CH_4$  production performance of the prepared composite with previously reported 2D based hybrid materials (Table 1).

#### **Conclusion and Outlook**

It is essential to note here that photocatalytic and electrochemical reduction of carbon dioxide to hydrocarbon fuels is a motivating and impending research area as such; the growth of surprisingly proficient and economical 2D based hybrid catalysts is talented. While, the major attention of this study was to offer photocatalysts that is capable and efficient in transformation of  $CO_2$  into hydrocarbon fuels. This review summarizes the advancement of  $CO_2$  reduction over 2D based hybrid photocatalysts. The appropriate selections of 2D based hybrid material are important in order to achieve the favoured hydrocarbon products such as CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, CH<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH.

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#### Двовимірні гібридні матеріали для фотокаталітичного перетворення вуглекислого газу у вуглеводневі палива: міні-огляд

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Перетворення вуглекислого газу в хімічні речовини та паливо на основі двовимірних гібридних матеріалів є сьогодні важливим питанням для ґрунтовних обговорень у фізиці, хімії та електрохімії за новими та важливими галузями матеріалознавства, енергетики та екологічної стійкості. Величезні можливості для двовимірних гібридних матеріалів в області фотокаталітичного перетворення вуглекислого газу виникають завдяки широким можливостям їх застосування. У галузі перетворення вуглекислого газу наноструктуровані оксиди металу з двовимірною композитною системою матеріалу повинні відповідати гарантованим конструктивним та функціональним критеріям, а також відповідним електричним та механічним властивостям. Відповідно, запропонований огляд базується на вивчених на цей час даних про синтез двовимірних наноматеріалів, оксиду металу із композитами, вимог щодо перетворення вуглекислого газу, використання двовимірних матеріалів з нанокомпозитами при перетворенні вуглекислого газу, як палива та основні механізми, задіяні при цьому. Також обговорено вплив гібридних матеріалів та синергетичних композиційних сумішей, які широко використовуються або мають перспективи в області фотокаталітичного перетворення вуглекислого газу.

Ключові слова: 2D-наноматеріали; характеристика; фотокаталітичне перетворення вуглекислого газу; паливо.