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**Abstract:**

A novel strategy of W modification was applied to overcome the disadvantages of Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and ultra-active Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> with different W doping ratios were successfully synthesized by facile chemical precipitation method, among which 0.5%W-AP showed the best. Meanwhile, the stability and yield enhanced obviously. XRD, Raman and ESR etc. were employed to investigate the morphology, structure and optical properties of samples. It was proved W<sup>6+</sup> entered into the Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> lattice, occupied the position of P<sup>5+</sup> and doped in the form of WO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>. The significant improvement of photocatalytic performance of W doped Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> was attributed to the change of morphology, the decrease of particle size, the increase of crystallinity, the shrink of band gap energy and reduction of photo-induced carriers recombination rate with W doping. The photocatalytic mechanism analysis showed h<sup>+</sup> was the main oxidative species in the photocatalytic process, •O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> and •OH played minor roles. Under visible light irradiation, the impacts of the important operating parameters on the typical phenolic pollutants: phenol and bisphenol A were evaluated with 0.5%W-AP. It was confirmed that 68% and 82% of phenol and bisphenol A respectively were degraded within 15 min and 40 min under optimized photocatalytic parameters: 0.4 g/L catalyst dosage, 20 mg/L pollutant concentration, pH 5.7 and 125 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> irradiation intensity, and the corresponding K' were 2.14 and 5.50 times that of undoped samples. This work provides a new approach for the effective degradation towards phenolic pollutants by Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> with super high photocatalytic activity, high applicability and enhanced stability and yield.

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The manuscript reported a series of W doped Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> using the facile chemical precipitation method. The results showed that the 0.5%W-AP was the best. W<sup>6+</sup> entered into the Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> lattice, occupied the position of P<sup>5+</sup> and doped in the form of WO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>. W doping on Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> changes the morphology decreases particle size, increases crystallinity, lowers bandgap energy, and reduces the photo-induced carriers recombination rates that improve the photocatalytic and stability. The results were quite impressive however some investigation should be done by authors before publication. Here are my comments to improve the manuscript.

1. The content of W between 0 and 0.5% should be made to find the optimum of photocatalytic activity because decreasing W dopant increases the activity.
2. The photocatalytic activity of 0.5%-AP increased 3.30 times higher compared to AP, however, the recycling test for photocatalytic degradation was not satisfactory. The XRD profile also showed that metallic Ag was higher in 0.5%-AP (Fig.5d) indicating that the photocatalytic reaction in the sample of 0.5%-AP produced much more Ag<sup>0</sup>. I see that the rate of photocatalytic activity in recycles of AP-0.5% decrease significantly. It looks that the W dopant does not increase the stability. The authors should check again this result carefully.
3. Why do authors conclude that W doping influences both the valence band and conduction band of Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> as shown in the illustrated mechanism (Fig.6e)?
4. The authors mentioned the reasons for improved photocatalytic ability in W doped samples: (1) the crystallinity improvement and the bulk defects decrease caused by W doping were beneficial to the photocatalytic reactions. Can authors prove that the bulk defect decrease caused by W dopant?
5. The authors also mentioned the reasons for improved photocatalytic ability: (5) the lower carrier (h<sup>+</sup>, e<sup>-</sup>) recombination rates in W doped samples were possibly on account of the formation of surface defects. What kind of this surface defect?

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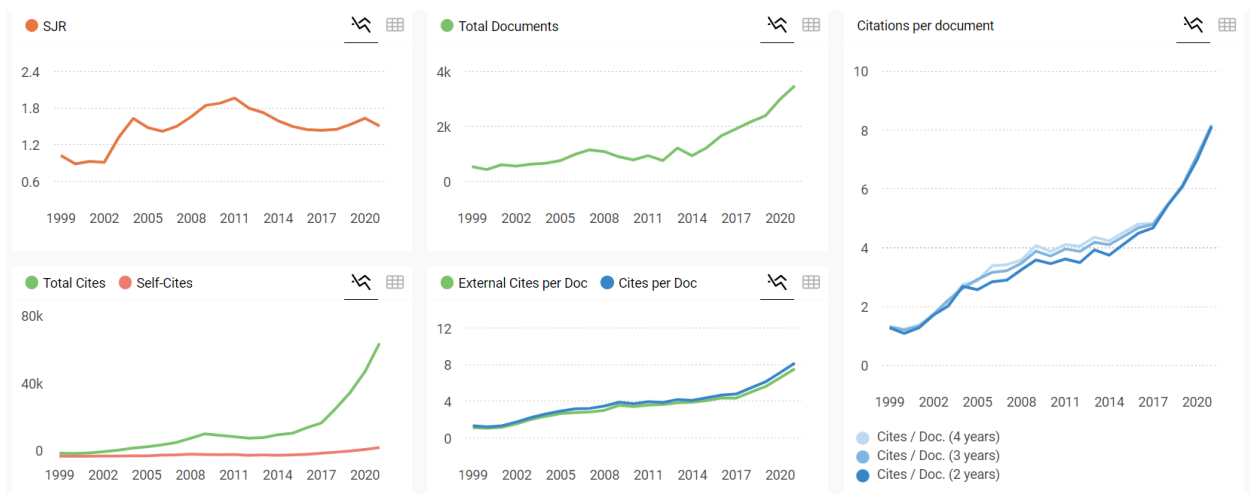
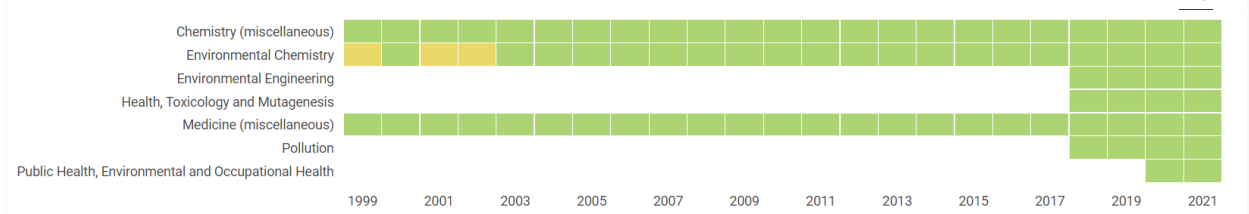
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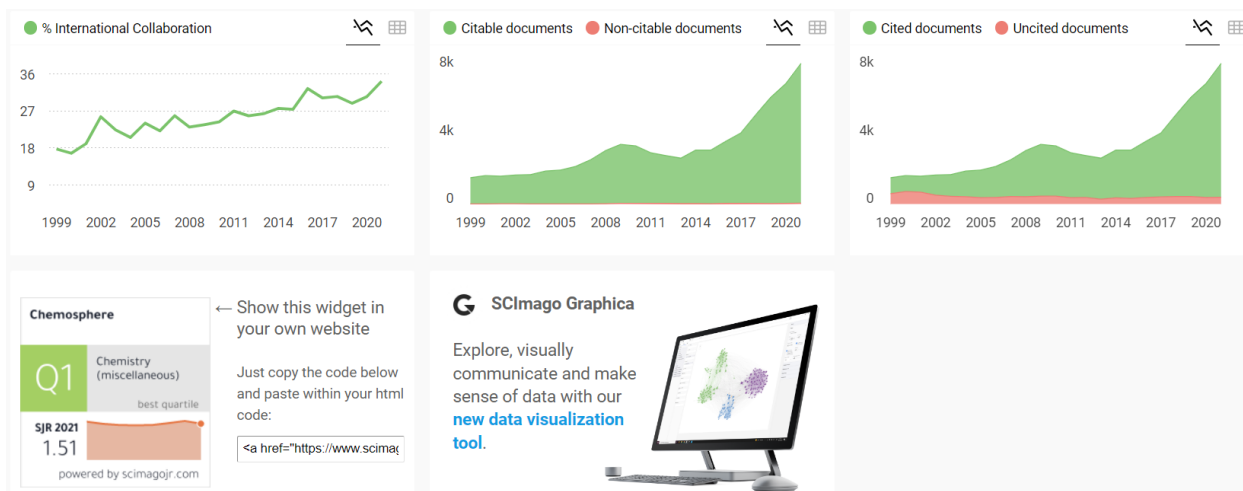
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