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## Well-dispersed Au co-catalyst deposited on rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> photocatalyst via electron traps

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**Fig. S1.** XRD patterns of rutile  $TiO_2$  particles (HT-0514) and those with Au deposited by the PD method at different [AuCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> concentrations. The diffraction peaks correspond to rutile phase  $TiO_2$  (JCPDS pdf No. 75-1537) and Au (JCPDS pdf No. 04-0784) are indicated.



Fig. S2. SEM images of Au-TiO<sub>2</sub> sample prepared by the ETD method at 50  $\mu$ mol L<sup>-1</sup> [AuCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>. The Au nanoparticles counted for the size histogram in Fig. 3d are indicated with the yellow arrows. Scale bars indicate 100 nm.



**Fig. S3.** SEM images of Au-TiO<sub>2</sub> sample prepared by the PD method at 50  $\mu$ mol L<sup>-1</sup> [AuCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>. The Au nanoparticles counted for the size histogram in Fig. 3e are indicated with the yellow arrows. Scale bars indicate 100 nm.



**Fig. S4.** SEM images of Au-TiO<sub>2</sub> sample on an adhesive carbon tape before and after immersion for 10 min in a solution containing  $I_2$  and KI, in which Au is soluble. The sample was prepared by the ETD method at 50 µmol L<sup>-1</sup> [AuCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.



Fig. S5. SEM images of Au-TiO<sub>2</sub> sample on an adhesive carbon tape before and after immersion for 10 min in a solution containing I<sub>2</sub> and KI, in which Au is soluble. The sample was prepared by the PD method at 50  $\mu$ mol L<sup>-1</sup> [AuCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.