

**Defective TiO<sub>2</sub> composite photoanodes with surface-modified prussian  
blue for efficient photoelectrochemical water splitting**

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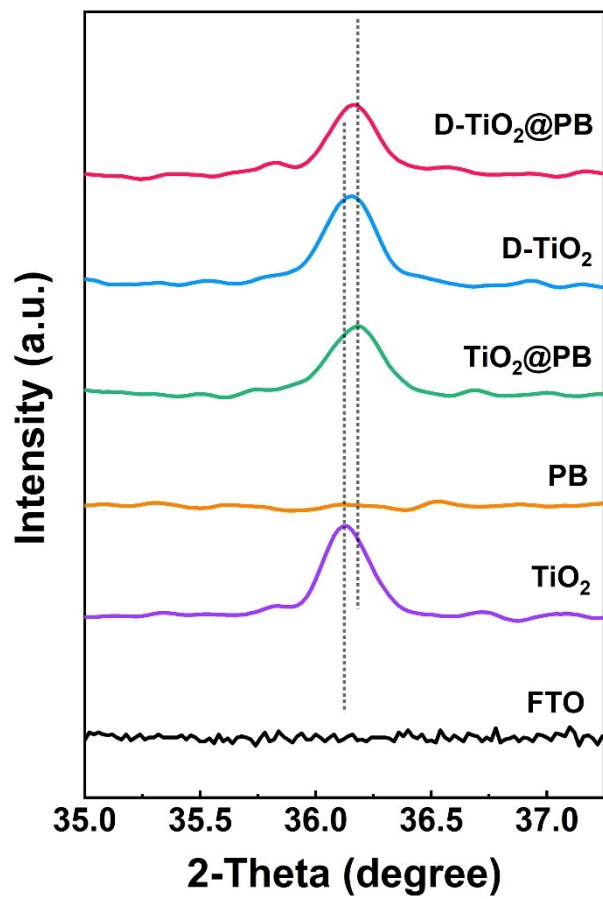


Fig. S1 XRD pattern of different samples in the  $2\theta$  range of  $35^\circ$ - $40^\circ$ .

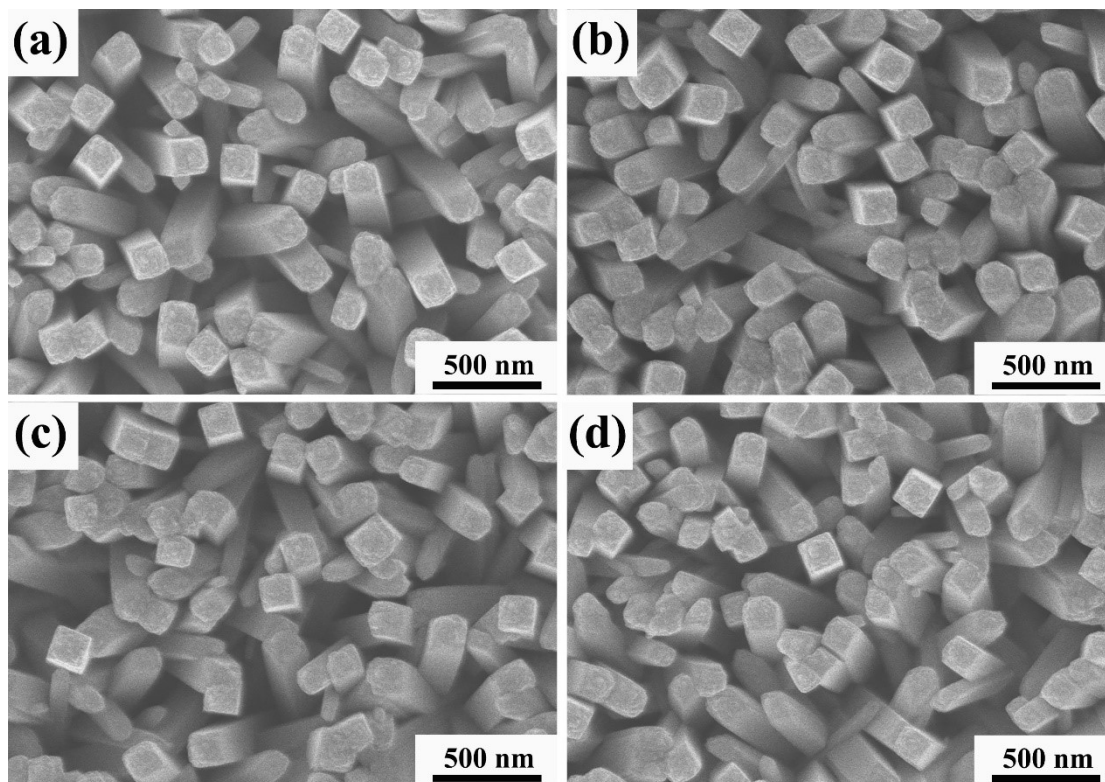


Fig. S2 SEM images of  $\text{TiO}_2$  with different electrochemical reduction times:

(a) 2 s, (b) 5 s, (c) 10 s, (d) 15s.

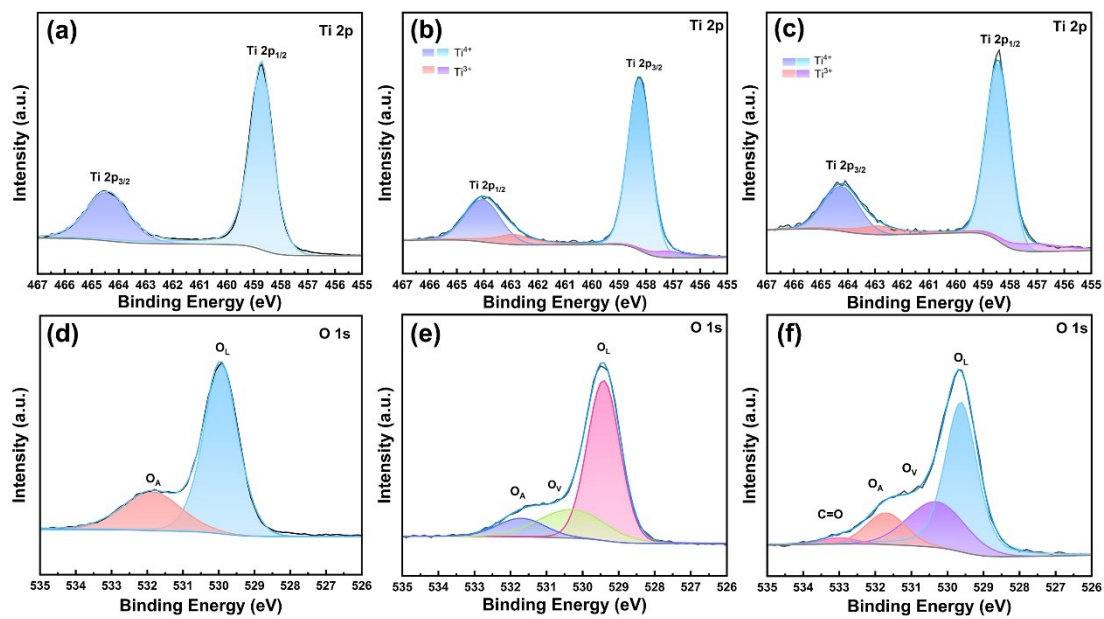


Fig. S3 The XPS spectra for the Ti (a-c), O (d-f) of  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{D-TiO}_2$  and  $\text{D-TiO}_2@PB$ .

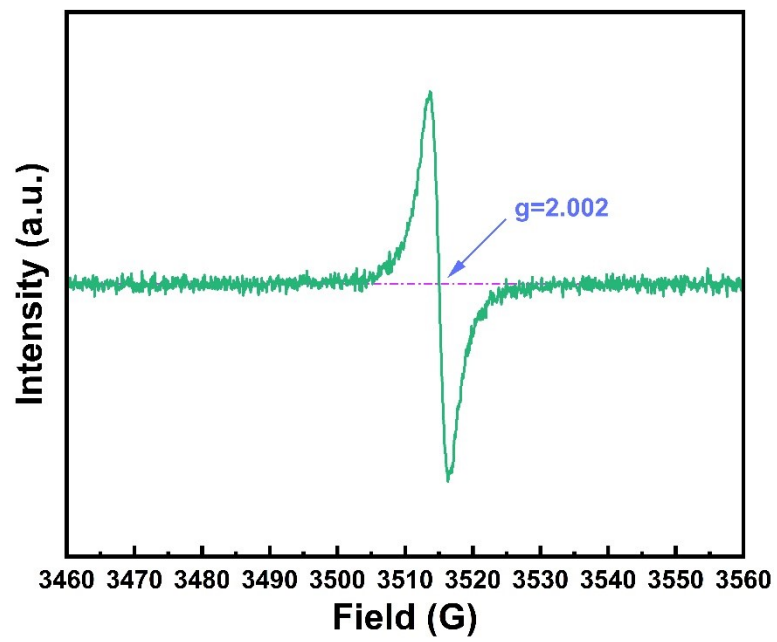


Fig. S4 The EPR spectra of D-TiO<sub>2</sub>.

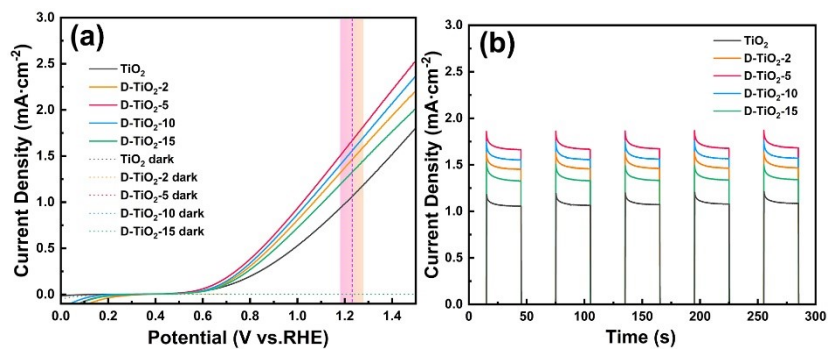


Fig. S5 (a) LSV curves of different photoanodes in the dark (dashed lines) and under full-spectrum light (solid lines). (b) Transient photocurrent response of prepared samples.

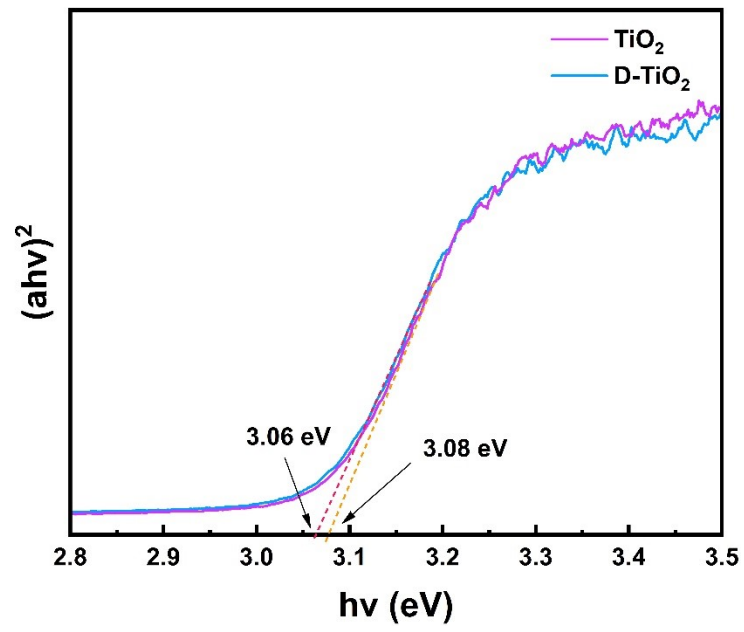


Fig. S6 the Kubelka-Munk function correlating to the  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{D-TiO}_2$ .

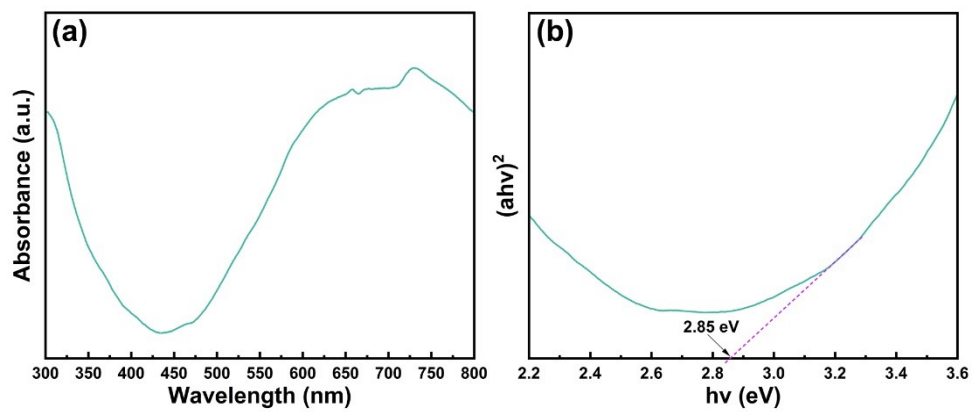


Fig. S7 (a) the UV-vis absorption spectra, and (b) the Kubelka-Munk function correlating to the PB.