

Supporting Information

Water splitting over transition metal-doped SrTiO₃ photocatalysts with response to visible light up to 660 nm

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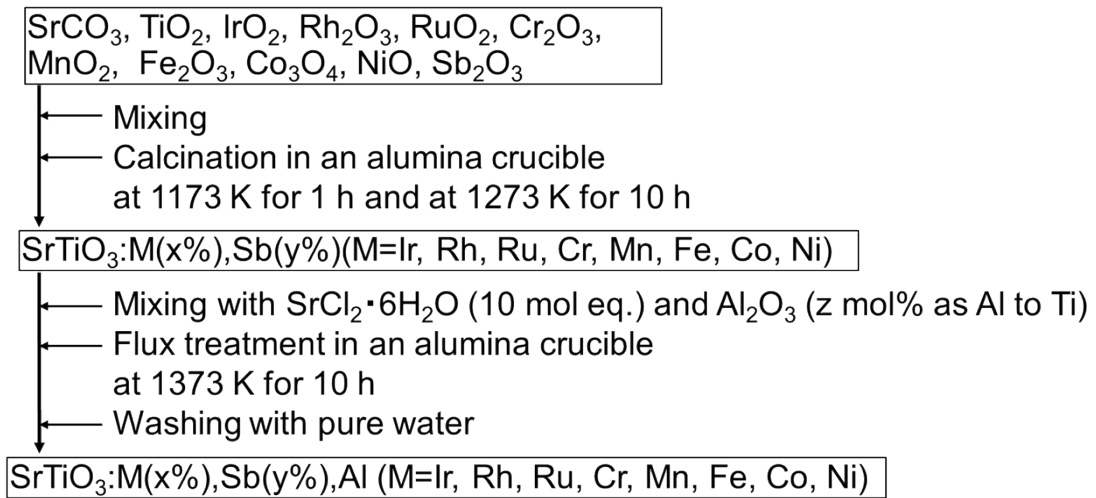


Figure S1. Flowchart of preparation of $\text{SrTiO}_3\text{:M}(x\%),\text{Sb}(y\%),\text{Al}$ (M=Ir, Rh, Ru, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni) by the SrCl_2 -flux treatment with/without Al_2O_3 addition after SSR.

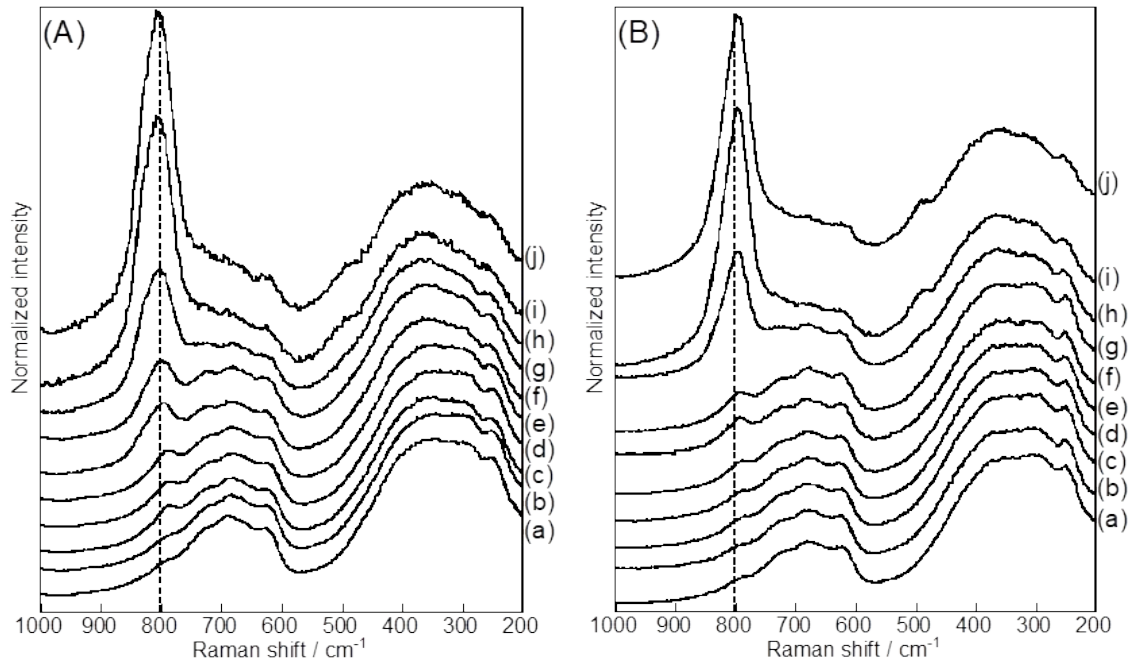


Figure S2. Raman spectra of SSR-prepared $\text{SrTiO}_3:\text{Ir}(x\%),\text{Sb}(2x\%),\text{Al}$ with the flux treatment without Al_2O_3 addition. Samples were doped with (a) $x=0$, (b) $x=0.001$, (c) $x=0.008$, (d) $x=0.009$, (e) $x=0.01$, (f) $x=0.025$, (g) $x=0.05$, (h) $x=0.1$, (i) $x=0.2$, (j) $x=0.3$. Excitation wavelengths of (A) and (B) were 532 nm and 785 nm, respectively.

Table S1. Molar ratio of Ir and Sb in SSR-prepared SrTiO₃:Ir,Sb with or without the flux treatment without Al₂O₃ addition determined by XRF

Photocatalyst	SrCl ₂ -flux treatment	Molar ratio %	
		[Ir]/([Ti]+[Ir]+[Sb])	[Sb]/([Ti]+[Ir]+[Sb])
SrTiO ₃	×	0	0
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.025%),Sb(0.05%)	×	Trace	Trace
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.05%),Sb(0.1%)	×	0.016	0.078
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.1%),Sb(0.2%)	×	0.046	0.16
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.2%),Sb(0.4%)	×	0.13	0.31
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.3%),Sb(0.6%)	×	0.26	0.52
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SrTiO ₃	○	0	0
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.025%),Sb(0.05%)	○	Trace	Trace
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.05%),Sb(0.1%)	○	0.015	0.081
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.1%),Sb(0.2%)	○	0.047	0.16
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.2%),Sb(0.4%)	○	0.14	0.37
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.3%),Sb(0.6%)	○	0.24	0.49

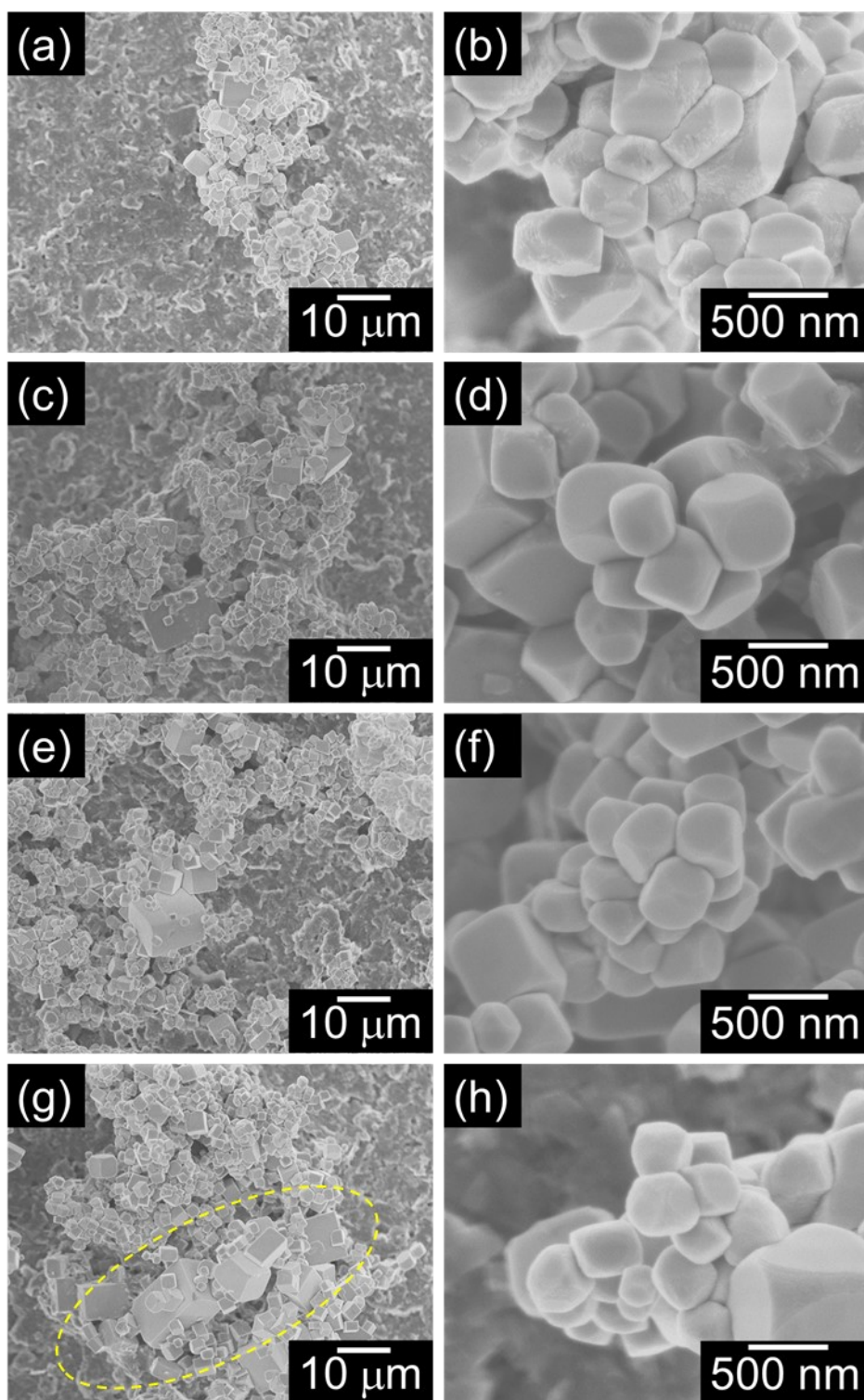


Figure S3. SEM images of SSR-prepared $\text{SrTiO}_3:\text{Ir}(0.009\%),\text{Sb}(y\%)$ with the flux treatment without Al_2O_3 addition. Samples were doped with (a) $y=0$, (c) $y=0.009$, (e) $x=0.018$, (g) $x=0.027$. (b), (d), (f), (h) are the magnified images of (a), (c), (e), (g), respectively.

Table S2. Effect of an amount of Al₂O₃ addition in the flux on photocatalytic water splitting over SrTiO₃:Ir(0.009%),Sb(0.018%),Al prepared by the flux treatment after SSR under visible light irradiation.

Amount of Al ₂ O ₃ addition (mol% as Al to Ti)	Water splitting activity/ $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}$	
	H ₂	O ₂
0	41	21
0.5	47	23
1	62	30
1.5	56	26
2	60	28
3	53	25
5	50	23

Photocatalyst: 0.2 g, cocat.: RhCrO_x(Rh 0.1 mol%, Cr 0.1 mol%) impregnation, reactant solution: Pure water (120 mL), light source: a 300 W Xe lamp ($\lambda > 440$ nm), cell: a top-irradiation cell with a Pyrex window, system: a gas-tight circulation system.

Table S3. Photocatalytic water splitting under visible light irradiation over various cocatalysts-loaded SrTiO₃:Ir(0.009%),Sb(0.018%),Al prepared by the flux treatment with Al₂O₃ (1%) addition after SSR

Entry	Cocatalyst (mol% as metal)	Water splitting activity/ $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1}$	
		H ₂	O ₂
1	none	0.01	0.005
2	RhCrO _x (0.05)	46	21
3	RhCrO _x (0.08)	54	26
4	RhCrO _x (0.1)	62	30
5	RhCrO _x (0.2)	18	8.8
6	IrO ₂ (0.2)	0.009	0
7	CoO _x (0.9)	0.05	0.02
8	RuO ₂ (0.5)	0.5	0.2
9	Rh ₂ O ₃ (0.1)	12	5.6
10	Cr ₂ O ₃ (0.1)	0.13	0.07

Photocatalyst: 0.2 g, cocatalyst: RhCrO_x, Rh₂O₃, and Cr₂O₃ (Impregnation in air at 623 K for 1 h), IrO₂, CoO_x, and RuO₂ (Impregnation in air at 673 K for 2 h), reactant solution: pure water (120 mL), light source: a 300 W Xe lamp ($\lambda > 440$ nm), cell: a top-irradiation cell with a Pyrex window, system: a gas-tight circulation system.

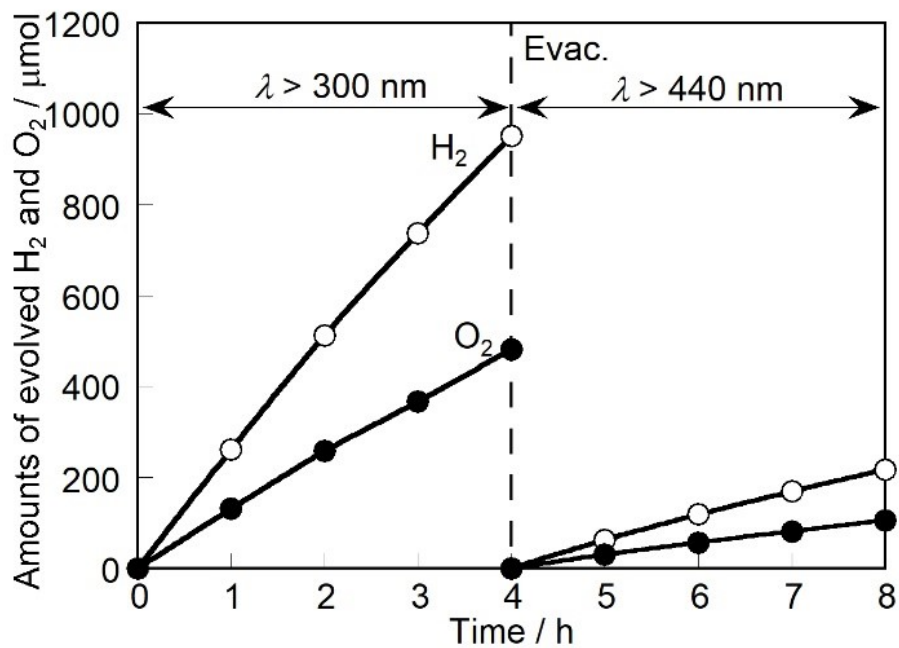


Figure S4. Photocatalytic water splitting over RhCrO_x-loaded SrTiO₃:Ir(0.009%),Sb(0.018%),Al prepared by the flux treatment with Al₂O₃ (1%) addition after SSR. Photocatalyst: 0.2 g, cocat.: RhCrO_x (Rh 0.1 mol%, Cr 0.1 mol%) impregnation, reactant solution: pure water (120 mL), light source: a 300 W Xe lamp, system: a gas-tight circulation system.

Table S4. Responsive wavelength, AQY and STH of various transition metals-doped SrTiO₃:Al and representative visible-light-driven single particulate photocatalysts for overall water splitting.

Photocatalyst	Responsive wavelength/nm	AQY % at 420 nm	STH %	
			Full ^a	Vis ^b ($\lambda > 440$ nm)
SrTiO ₃ :Ir(0.009%),Sb(0.018%)	660	0.73	0.33	0.030
SrTiO ₃ :Rh(0.02%),Sb(0.04%)	570	0.31	0.16	0.020
SrTiO ₃ :Ru(0.03%),Sb(0.06%)	600	0.33	0.16	0.019
SrTiO ₃ :Cr(0.01%)	660	—	0.31	0.0093

^aSTH (%) (Full)

$$= (100 \times ([\Delta G^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O})/\text{J mol}^{-1}] \times [\text{rate of H}_2 \text{ evolution}(\text{under full arc from a solar simulator})/\text{mol h}^{-1}])) / ([3600 / \text{s h}^{-1}] \times [\text{solar energy}/\text{W cm}^{-2}] \times [\text{irradiation area}/\text{cm}^2])$$

^bSTH (%) (Vis($\lambda > 440$ nm))

$$= (100 \times ([\Delta G^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O})/\text{J mol}^{-1}] \times [\text{rate of H}_2 \text{ evolution}(\text{under visible light from a solar simulator})/\text{mol h}^{-1}])) / ([3600/\text{s h}^{-1}] \times [\text{solar energy}/\text{W cm}^{-2}] \times [\text{irradiation area}/\text{cm}^2])$$