



Surface Aspects of Semiconductor Photochemistry

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Dear Colleagues,

The study of photochemical systems that use sunlight to catalyze chemical reactions for the environment remediation or for concentrating solar energy into renewable fuels is a key topic for granting sustainability. While photon absorption, hole/electron separation and diffusion are not surface phenomena, the final steps of the complete process (i.e., the reactive events) are played at surfaces and ruled by them.

So, an approach to a rational design of semiconductor photocatalysts cannot give up the assistance of surface science based tools and methods. They can provide both a deep and direct probing of the reaction sites, and, adopting time-resolved tools, provide dynamical details of reactions at the surfaces. Such information is of value for the optimization of several strategic processes, e.g., water splitting, CO₂ reduction and artificial photosynthesis.

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