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Advances in photo-assisted seawater splitting promoted by green iron oxide-carbon nitride photoelectrocatalysts

Fe_2O_3 /graphitic carbon nitride (gCN) photoelectrocatalysts for seawater splitting are developed by a hybrid plasma-assisted vapor phase/electrophoretic deposition. The best performances correspond to a Tafel slope of $\approx 100 \text{ mV dec}^{-1}$ and an overpotential $< 350 \text{ mV}$, enabling exclusion of the competitive hypochlorite formation. This behavior, accompanied by the remarkable durability, opens the door to a profitable exploitation of natural resources for clean energy production with no environmental footprint.

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