

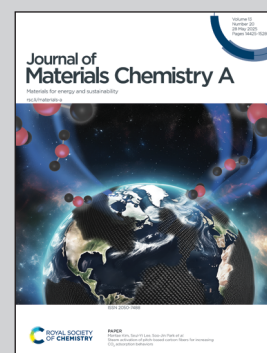
Showcasing a study on the development of promising photoelectrodes by a group of researchers led by Professor Mendes from Laboratory for Process Engineering, Environment, Biotechnology and Energy (LEPABE), Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal.

Unlocking the potential of semi-transparent Ta_3N_5 photoelectrodes for high-performance, reproducible solar redox flow cells

This work pioneers the development of reproducible semi-transparent tantalum nitride photoelectrodes for high-performing solar redox flow cell (SRFC) applications. The electrophoretic deposition process was systematically optimized by investigating the effects of deposition time and annealing temperature under an NH_3 atmosphere. The incorporation of a thin, compact Ta-doped TiO_2 underlayer enabled an unprecedented balance between photopotential and photocurrent. Notably, bare Ta_3N_5 photoelectrodes – without co-catalysts or nanostructuring – achieved a photocurrent density of approximately $4.0 \text{ mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ and a power density of around $1.1 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$.

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