

Supporting Information

Experimental and Theoretical Insights into Influence of Hydrogen and Nitrogen Plasma on the Water Splitting Performance of ALD Grown TiO_2 Thin Films

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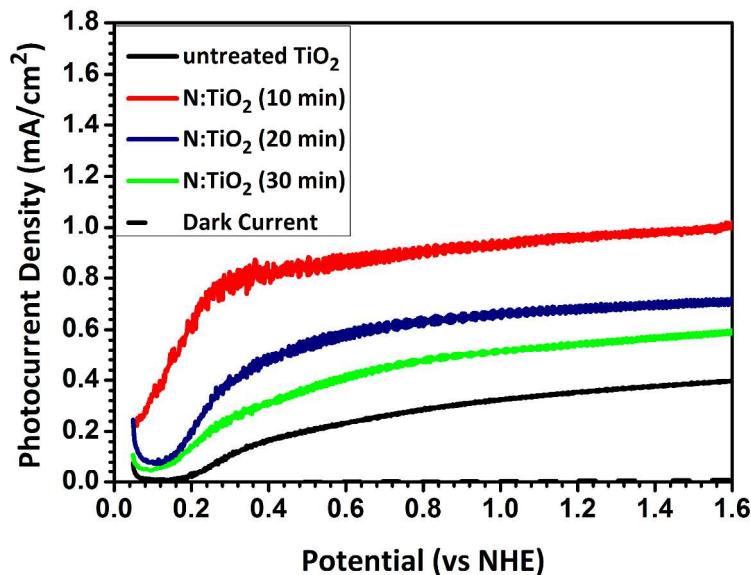


Figure S1: I-V curves of N_2 plasma treated TiO_2 for prolonged plasma exposure times.

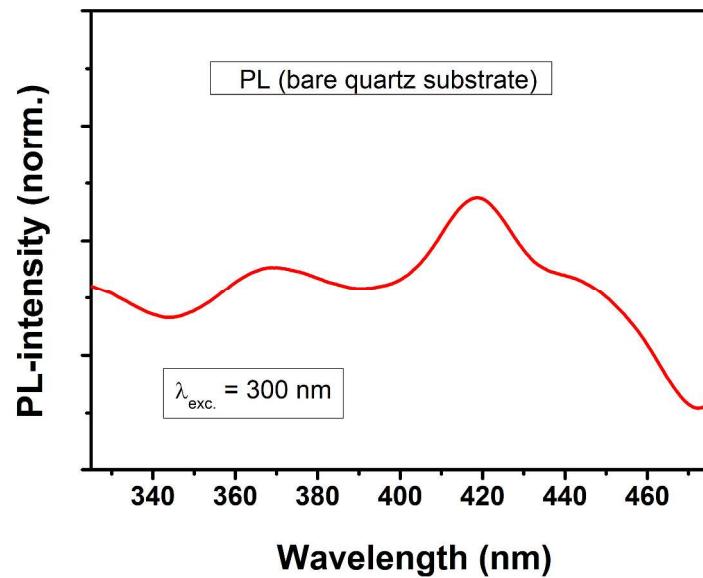


Figure S2: PL spectrum of bare quartz substrate.

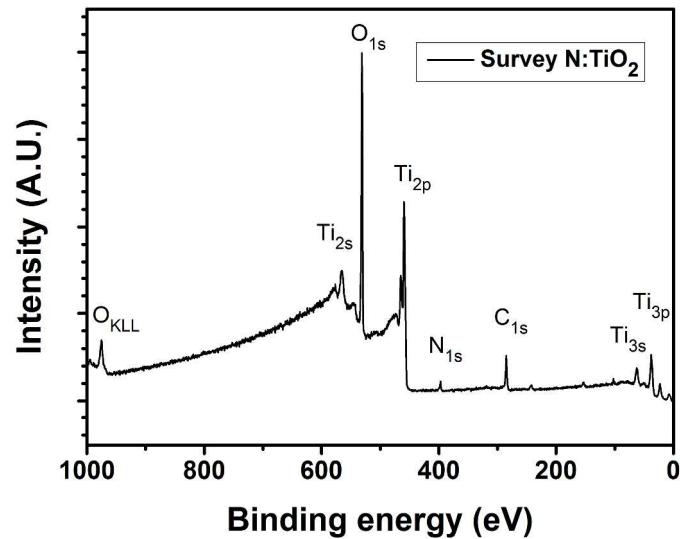


Figure S3: XPS survey spectrum of N₂ plasma treated TiO₂.

Table S1. Comparison of calculated structural parameters such as lattice parameters (Å) and bond distances (Å), and band gap (eV) with available experimental data.

| | | Calc. | Exp. |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------|
| Lattice Parameter (Å) | <i>a</i> | 3.774 | 3.782 (Ref. 66) |
| | <i>c</i> | 9.522 | 9.502 |
| Bond Distances (Å) | Ti(1) - O | 1.929 | 1.932 |
| | Ti(2) - O | 1.979 | 1.979 |
| Band Gap (eV) | E_g | 3.3 eV | 3.4 eV (Ref. 67) |