

## Supporting Information

# Factors affecting photocatalytic activity of visible light responsive titanium dioxide doped with chromium ions

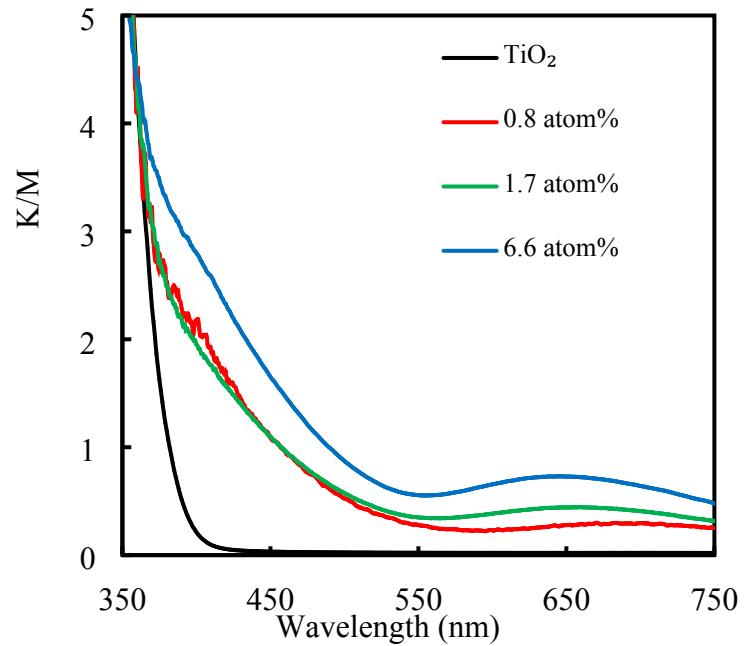
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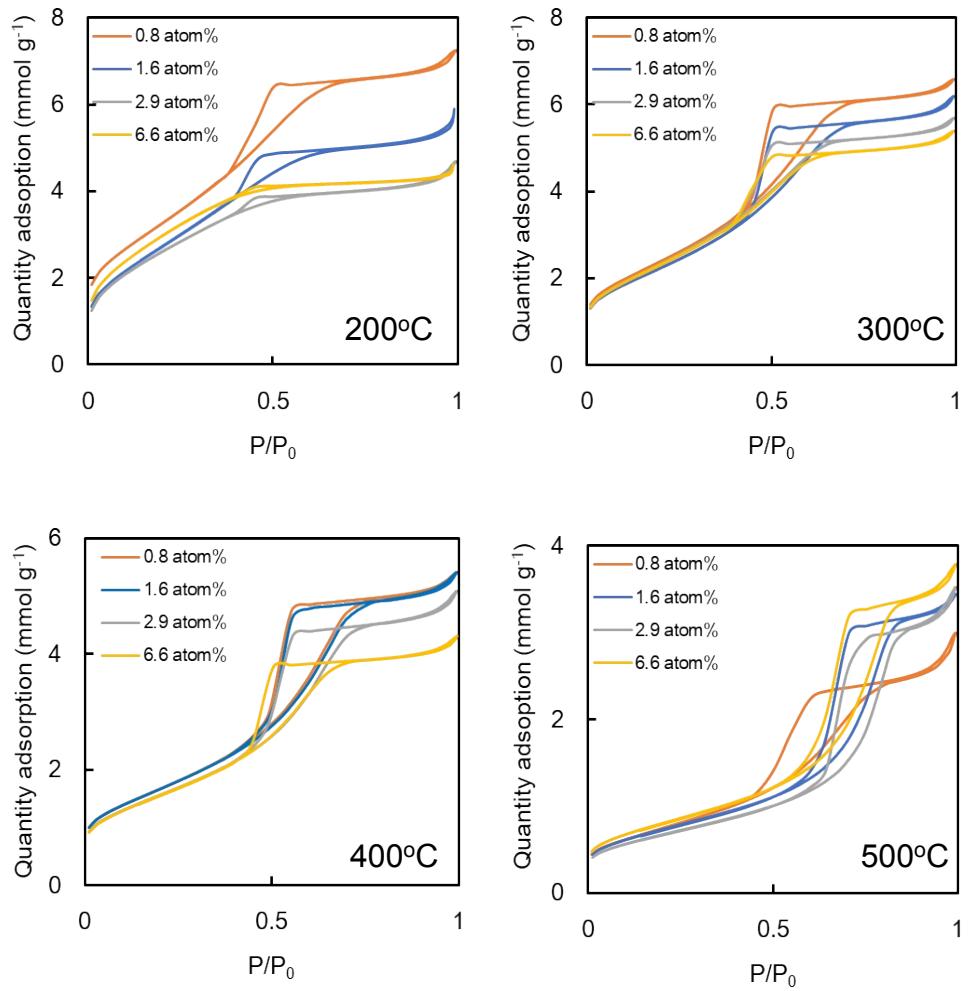
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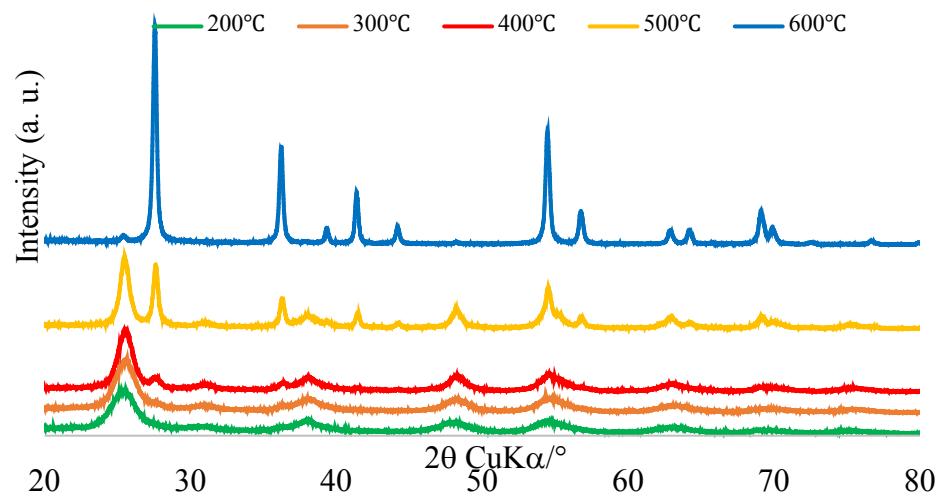
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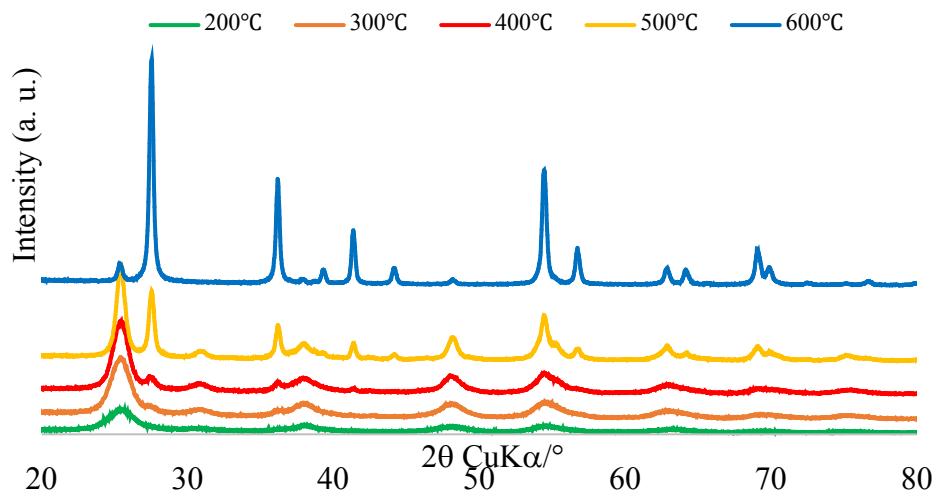
**Fig. S1** UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub> and 0.8 – 6.6 atom% Cr-TiO<sub>2</sub> sintered at 200°C.



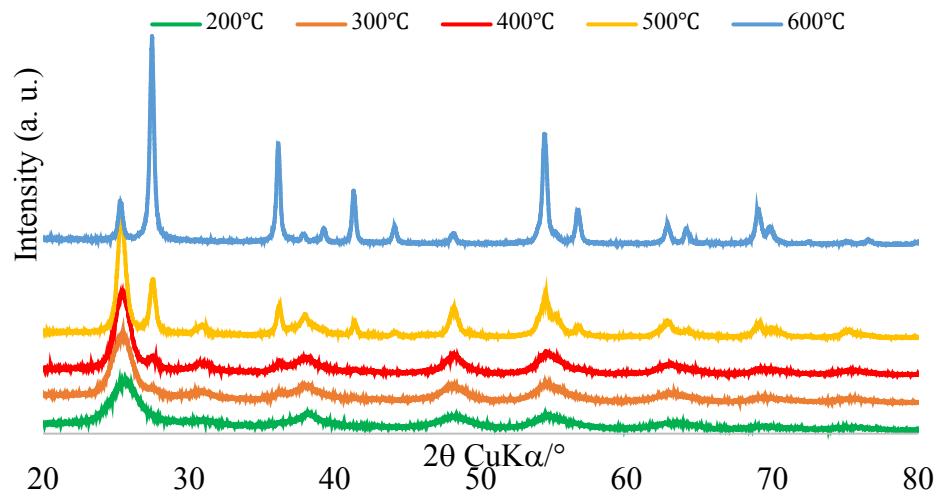
**Fig. S2** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of 0.8 – 6.6 atom% Cr-TiO<sub>2</sub> sintered at 200 - 500°C.



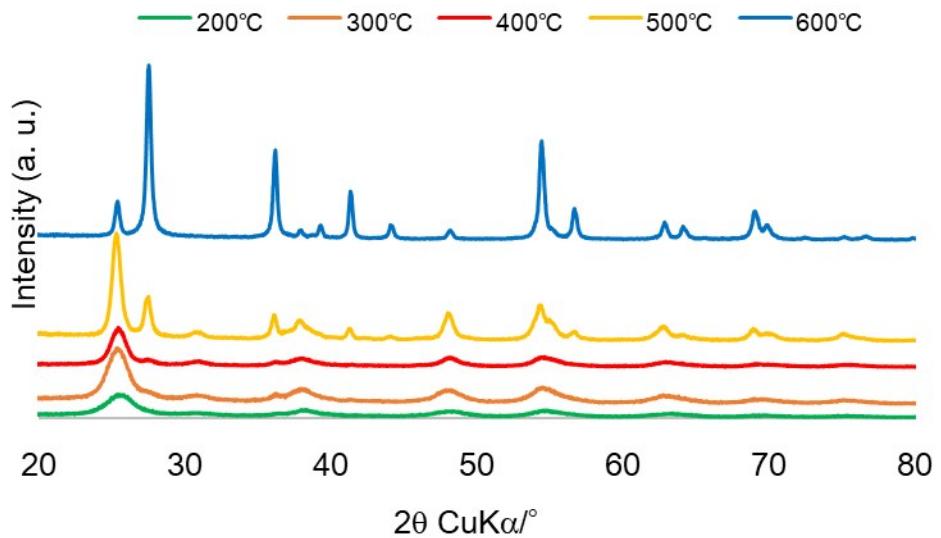
0.8 atom%



1.7 atom%

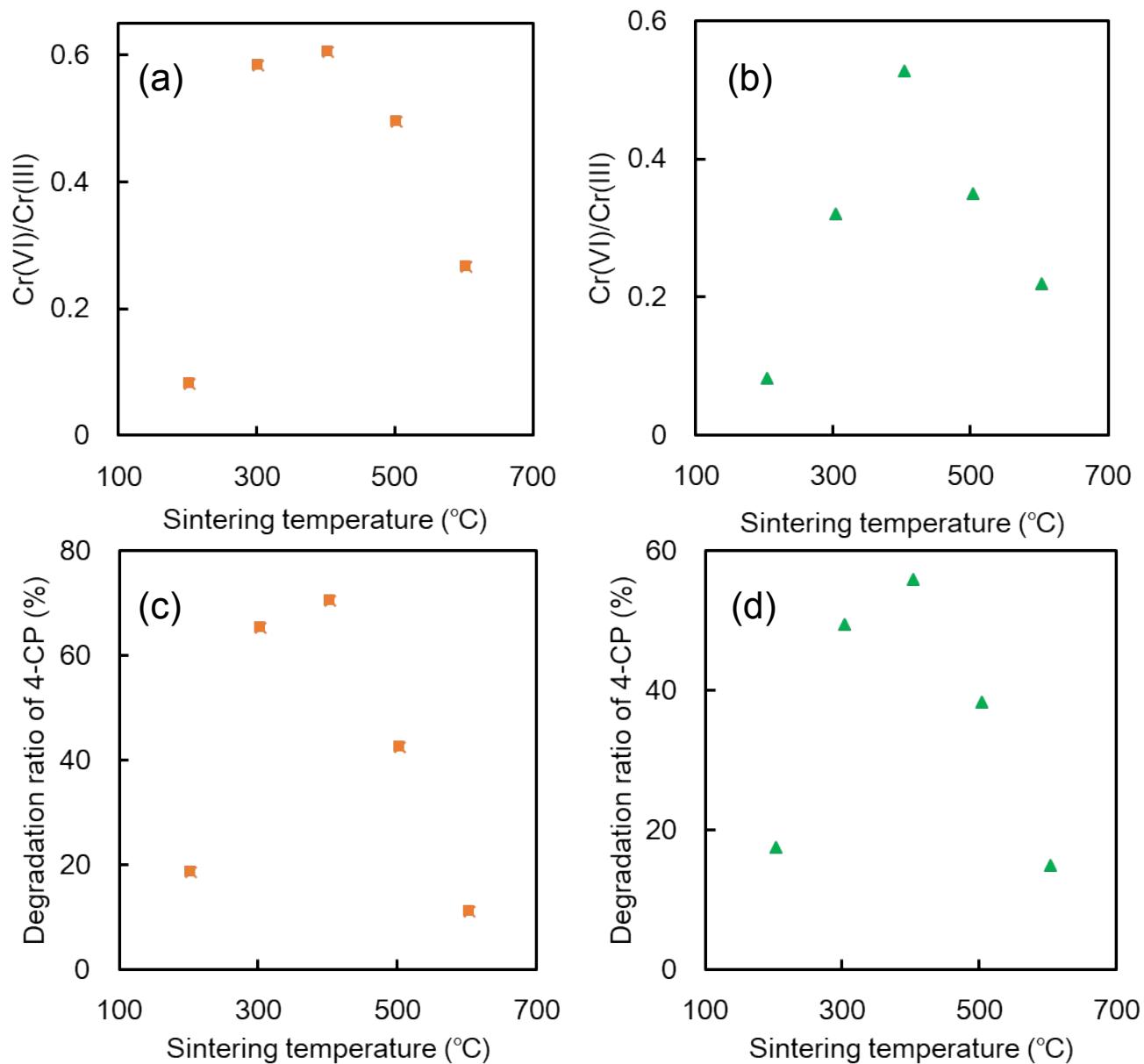


2.9 atom%

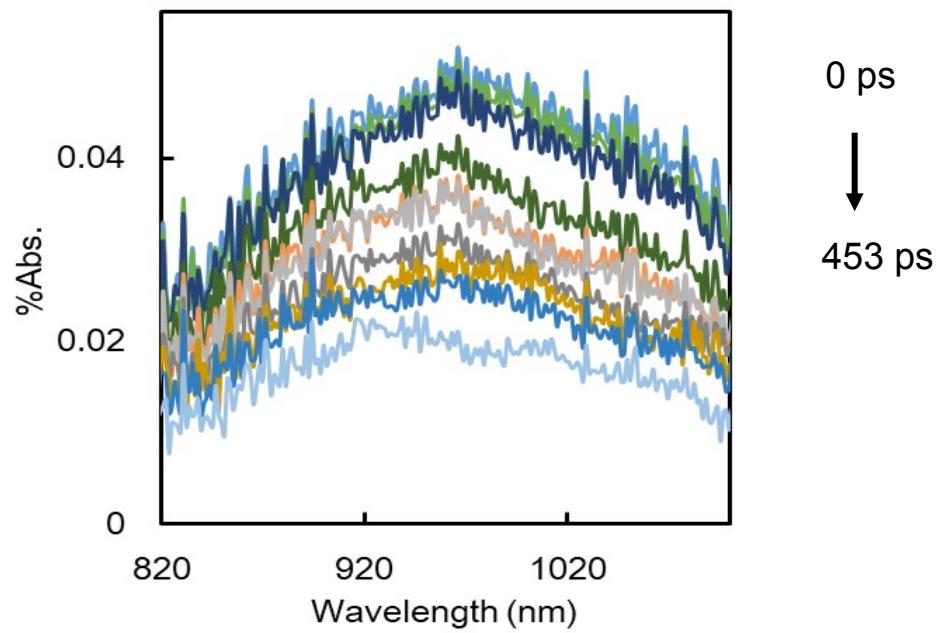


6.6 atom%

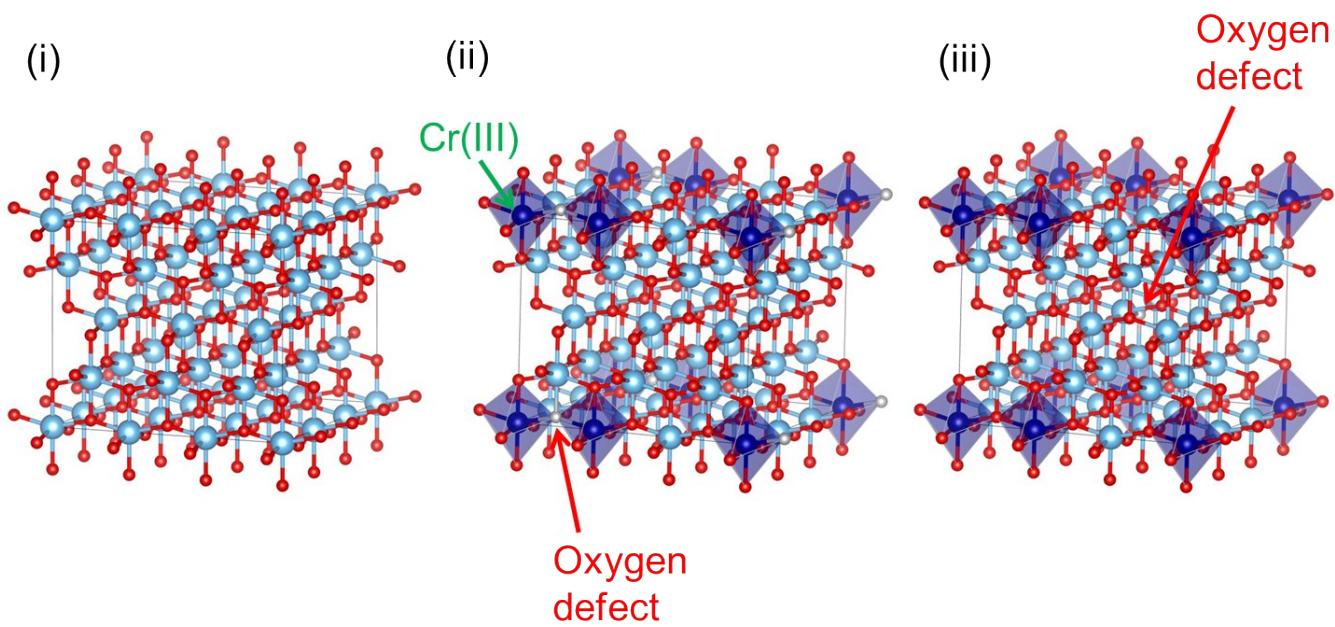
**Fig. S3** XRD patterns of 0.8 – 6.6 atom% Cr-TiO<sub>2</sub> sintered at 200 - 600°C.



**Fig. S4** Plots of Cr(VI)/Cr(III) ratios or 4-CP degradation ratio against sintering temperature for 2.9 atom% (a), (c) and 6.6 atom% Cr-TiO<sub>2</sub> (b), (d), after visible light irradiation for 150 min.



**Fig. S5** TDR spectra observed after 80 fs laser flash for 6.6 atom% Cr-TiO<sub>2</sub> sintered at 400°C.



**Fig. S6** Local structure models of (i) anatase  $\text{TiO}_2$   $3 \times 3 \times 1$  supercell; (ii) model\_a: two neighboring Ti(IV) were replaced with Cr(III) and oxygen between the atoms was withdrawn; and (iii) model\_b: two neighboring Ti(IV) sites were replaced with Cr(III) and distant oxygen was withdrawn.