## **Supporting Information**

## Influence of defects on linear and nonlinear optical properties of Cu doped rutile TiO2 microflowers

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The crystallite size (D) of undoped and Cu doped  $TiO_2$  is calculated using Debye–Scherrer's formula as given below

$$D = \frac{0.9\,\lambda}{\beta cos\theta} \tag{1}$$

Where, D is the crystallite size,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of incident X-ray (1.5418 Å),  $\beta$  is the full-width half maxima (FWHM) in radian and  $\theta$  is the angle of diffraction.

The dislocation density is calculated using the relation,

$$\delta = \frac{1}{D^2} \tag{2}$$

Further by using the Bragg's diffraction law as shown in equation (4), the value of  $d_{110}$  is calculated and presented in Table S1.

$$2\mathrm{dsin}\theta = \mathrm{n}\,\lambda \qquad (3)$$

The value of  $d_{110}$  and the equation (5) is used for the calculation of lattice parameter "a". As rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> has a tetragonal structure, "a"="b".

Similarly,  $d_{101}$  is calculated using 101 peak. The value of "c " is obtained by using lattice parameter "a" and  $d_{101}$ .



**Figure S1:** (a) Variation of crystallite size (left side) and discolation density (right side) with Cu concentration. (b) Variation of lattice parameter with Cu concentration.

The value of microstrain ( $\epsilon$ ), calculated using the relation is obtained using equation (3), the lattice parameters (a=b, c) are presented in Table 1.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\beta}{4\tan\theta} \tag{4}$$

**Table S1**: Values of interplanar spacing  $d_{110}$  and microstrain for undoped and Cu doped TiO<sub>2</sub>.

Samples	d <sub>110</sub> (nm)	microstrain
Undoped TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.32602	0.004113
2% Cu: TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.32619	0.004114
4% Cu: TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.32620	0.004116
6% Cu: TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.32629	0.004121
8% Cu: TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.32634	0.004132
10% Cu: TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.32638	0.004135



Figure S2: XPS survey spectra of undoped and 6% Cu doped TiO<sub>2</sub>

Peak	Undoped TiO <sub>2</sub>	6% Cu doped TiO <sub>2</sub>
529.59	80.84	68.65
530.71	7.63	9.97
531.56	8.66	16.47
532.49	2.86	4.90

 Table S2: % Area of the peaks