

**Supporting information**

**Synthesis of  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  oxynitrides with a tunable nitrogen content**

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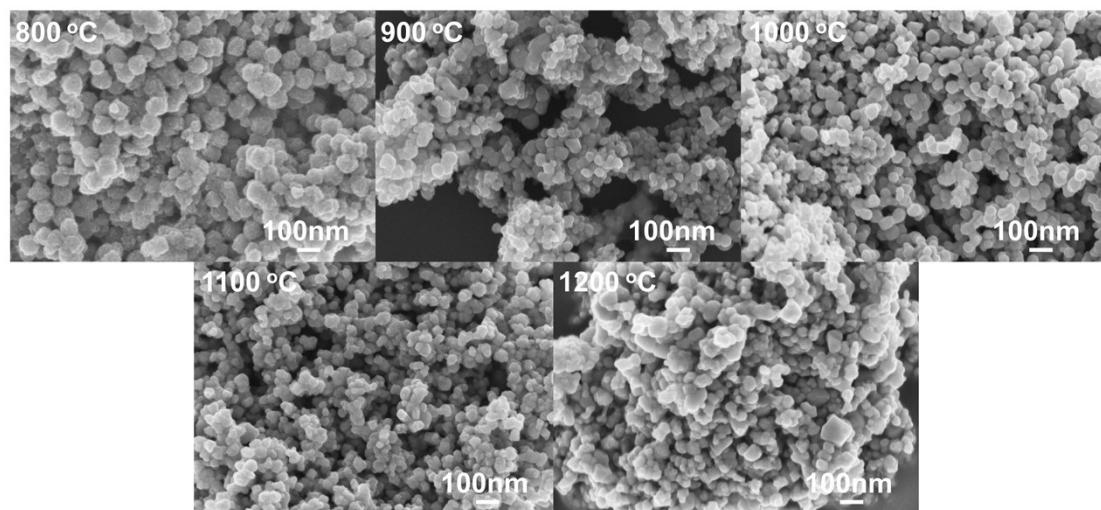
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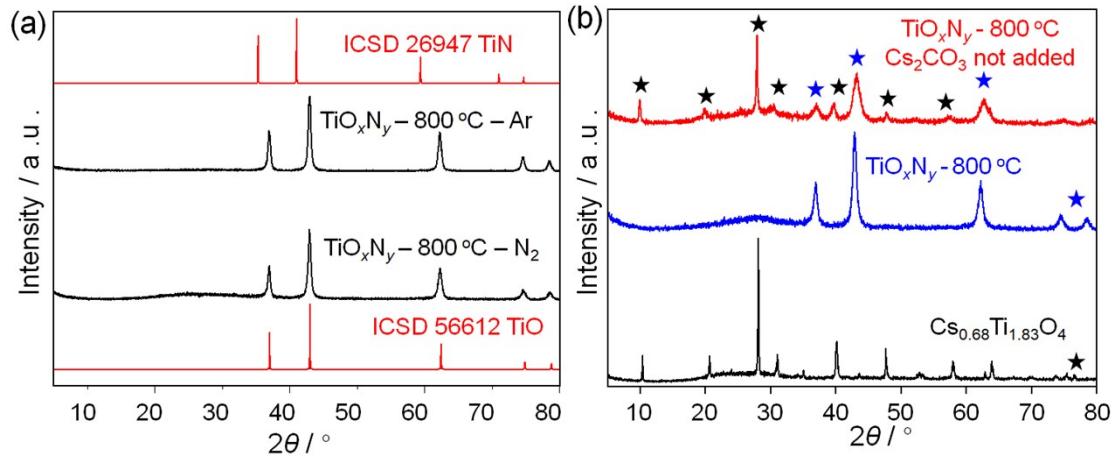
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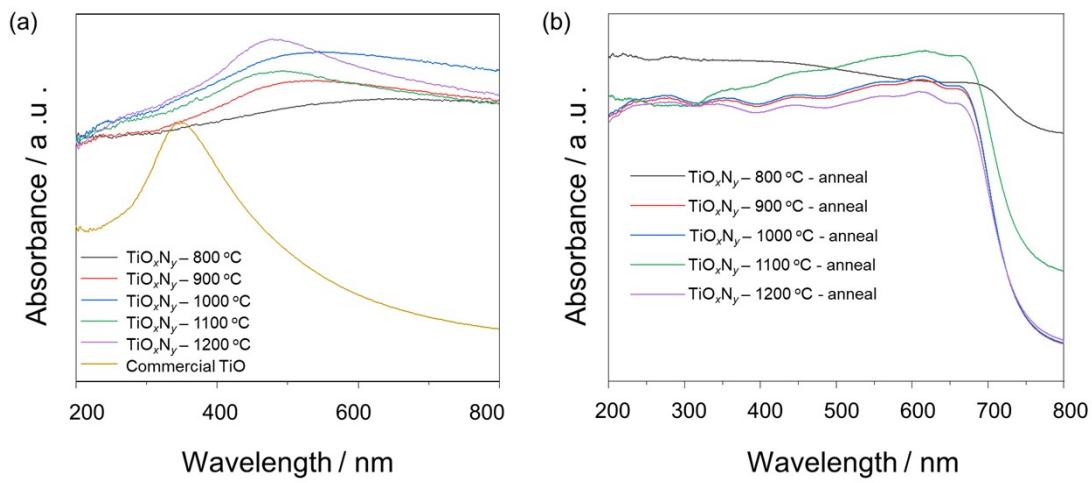
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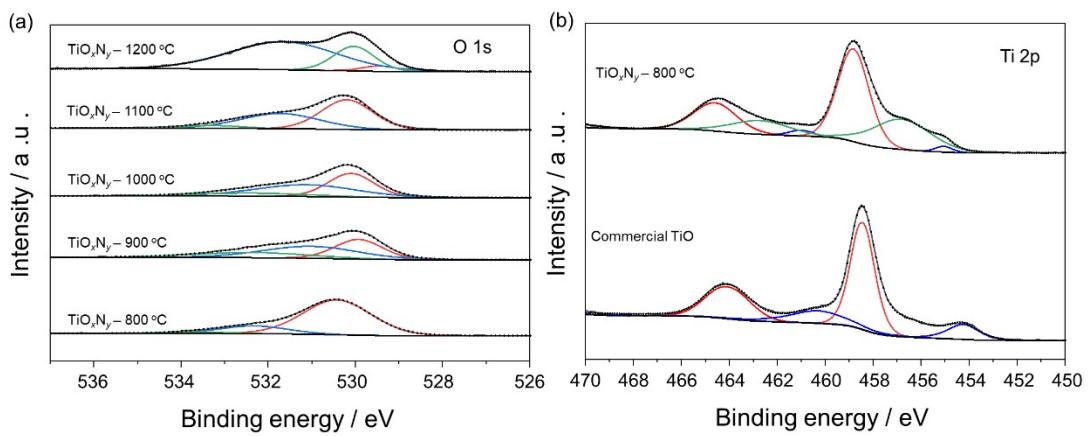
**Figure S1.** SEM images of oxynitrides  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  synthesized at 800–1200 °C.



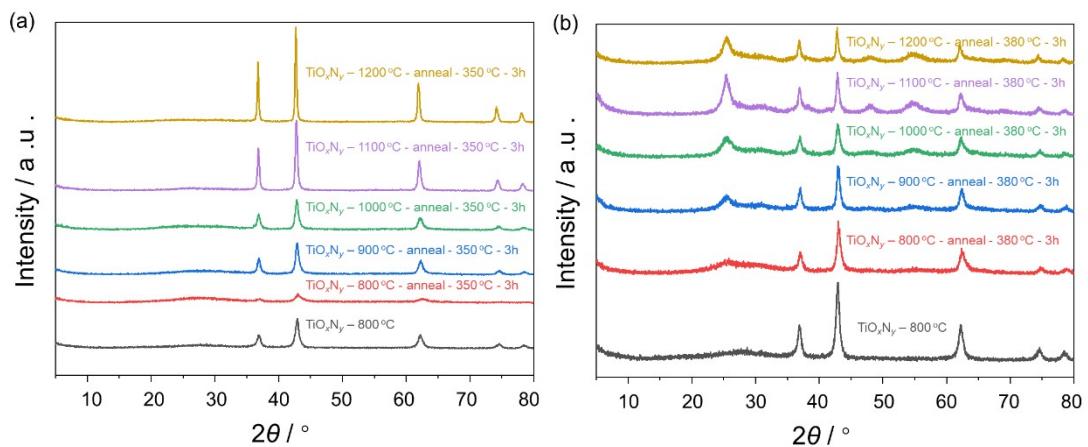
**Figure S2.** XRD pattern of (a)  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  synthesized at 800 °C under N<sub>2</sub>, Ar atmosphere, (b)  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  synthesized at 800 °C with and without Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. (★:  $\text{Cs}_{0.68}\text{Ti}_{1.83}\text{O}_4$  phase, ★:  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  phase).



**Figure S3.** UV-vis spectroscopy. (a) Commercial TiO and  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  synthesized at 800-1200 °C. (b)  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  annealed at 350°C for 3h.



**Figure S4.** (a) Analysis energy spectrum of  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  at different temperatures by XPS (O 1s). (b) Analysis energy spectrum of  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  synthesized at 800°C and commercial TiO by XPS (Ti 2p).



**Figure S5.** XRD patterns of  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  annealed in air at different temperatures (a) 350 °C, (b) 380 °C.

## Regulating the bandgap

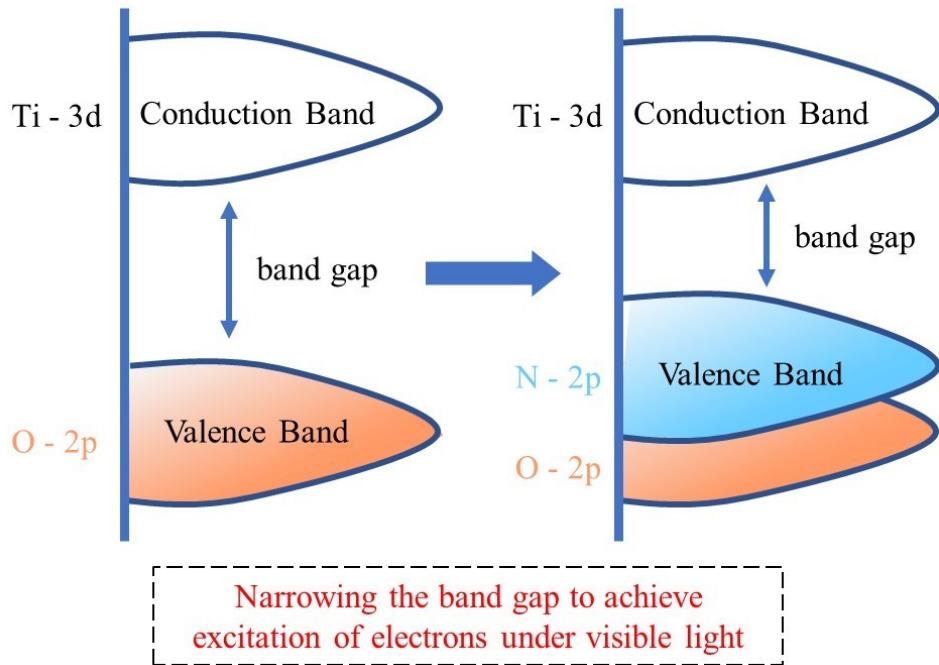


Figure S6. Schematic diagram of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{TiO}_{x,y}\text{N}_y$  energy bands

**Table S1.** The weight percent of N and C of oxynitride was obtained by elemental analyzer.

	N / wt%	C / wt%
800 °C	13.05	8.02
900 °C	17	6.994
1000 °C	16.3	11.77
1100 °C	19.72	1.92
1200 °C	19.92	2.02

**Table S2.** Lattice parameters and atomic occupancy of  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  synthesized at 800 - 1100 °C determined by Rietveld analysis.

	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -800 °C	4.2299	4.2299	4.2299
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -900 °C	4.235	4.235	4.235
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -1000 °C	4.23489	4.23489	4.23489
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -1100 °C	4.2363	4.2363	4.2363

**Table S3.** Refined structural parameters of synchrotron XRD data for  $\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$  synthesized at 800 - 1100 °C.

	Atom	Coordinates			$U_{\text{iso}} / \text{\AA}^2$	site
		x	y	z		
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -800 °C	Ti	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.002	4a
	N	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b
	O	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -900 °C	Ti	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.002	4a
	N	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b
	O	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -1000 °C	Ti	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.003	4a
	N	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b
	O	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b
$\text{TiO}_x\text{N}_y$ -1100 °C	Ti	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.003	4a
	N	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b
	O	0.50000	0.50000	0.50000	0.001	4b