

Supporting Information

**Surface Modification of Anatase Nanoparticles with Fused Ring  
Catecholate Type Ligands: A Combined DFT and Experimental  
Study of Optical Properties**

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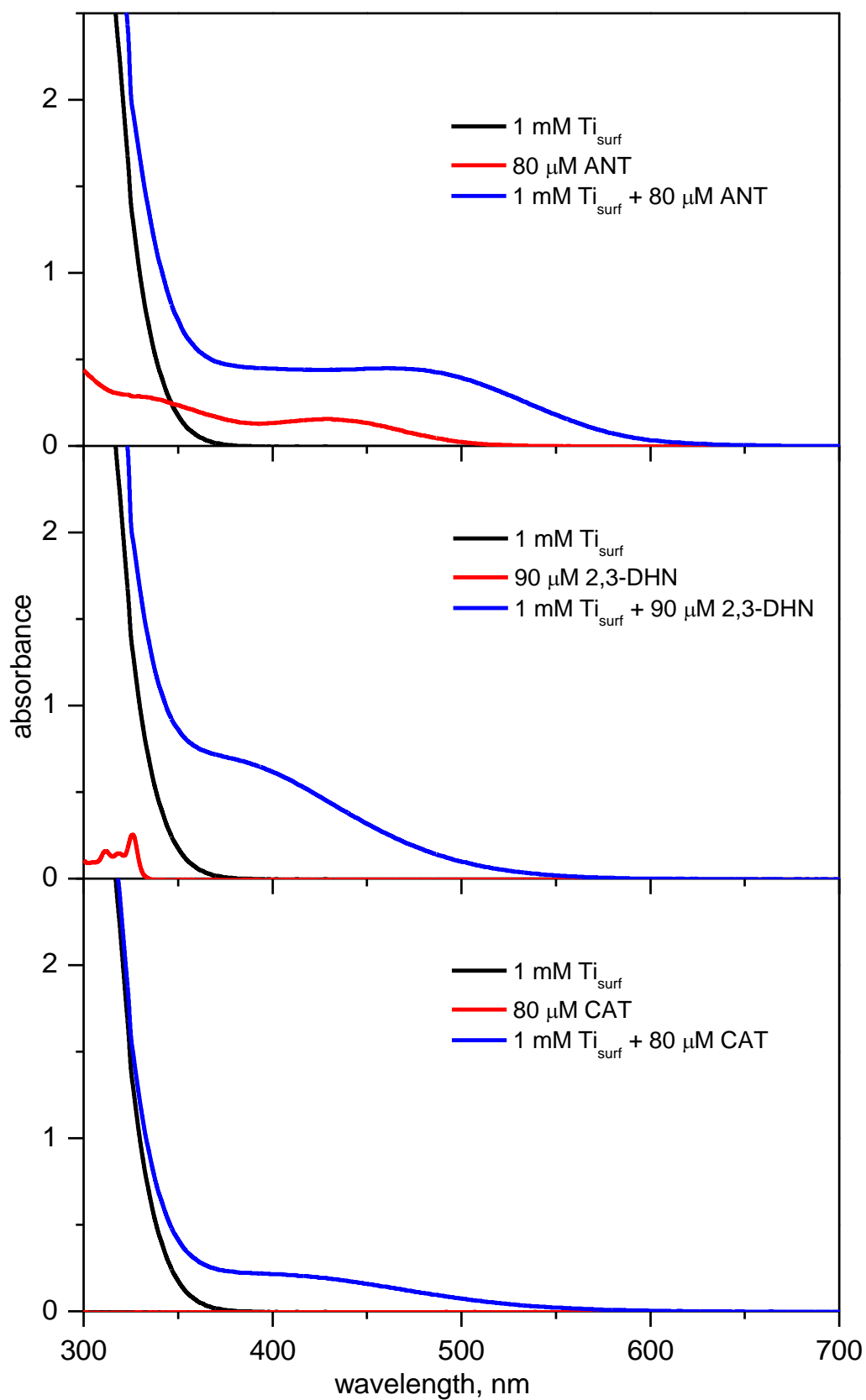
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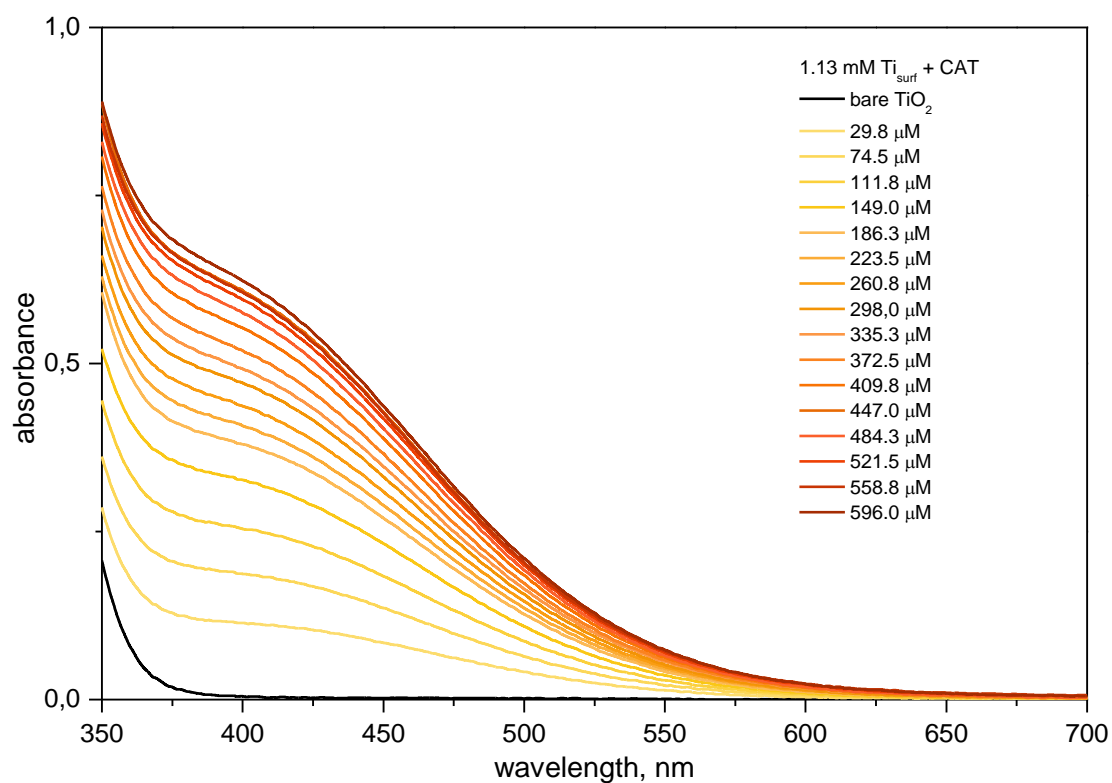
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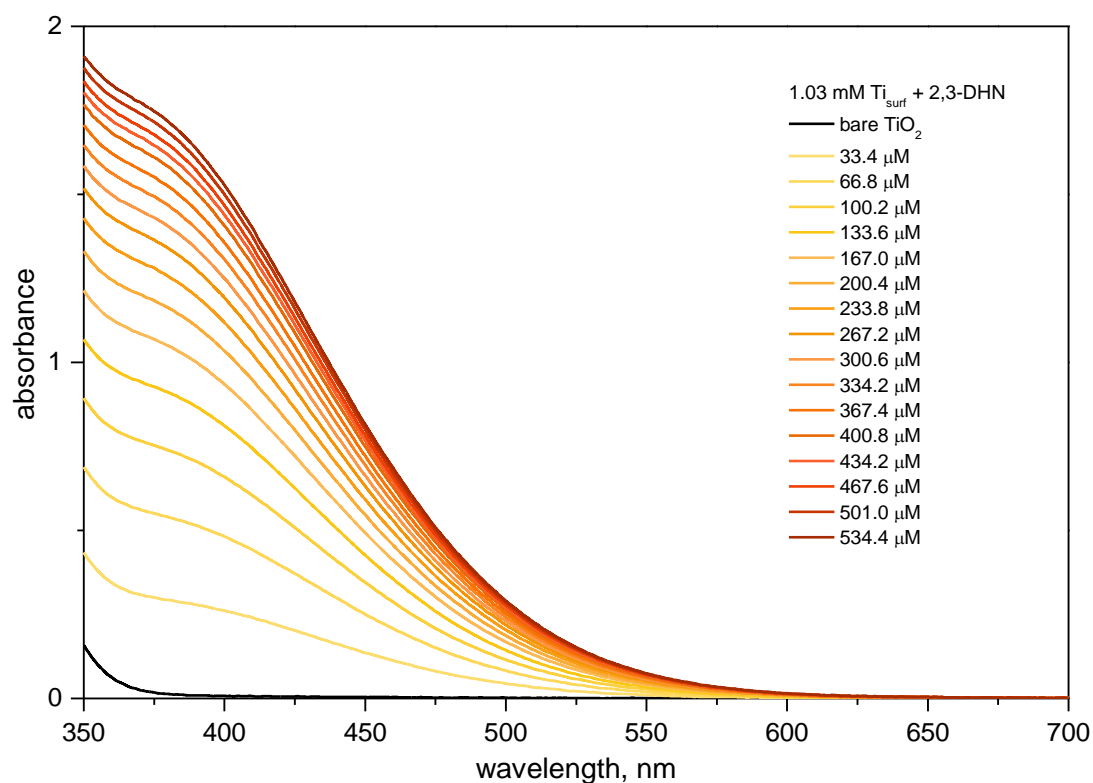
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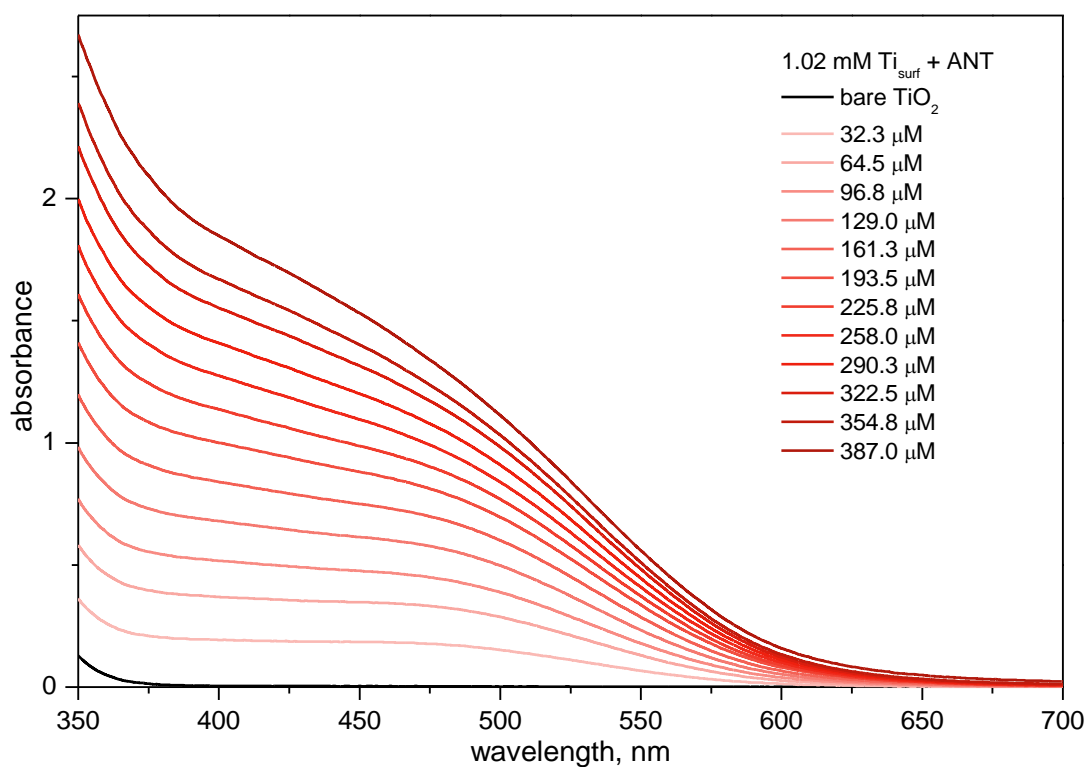
**Fig. S1** Absorption spectra of  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles (black), free ligands (red) and ligand- $TiO_2$  CT-complexes (blue) with 15% coverage in methanol/water=90/10, pH = 2.



**Fig. S2** Absorption spectra of 4 mM TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles before and after surface modification with catechol (0 – 0.6 mM in 0.04 mM steps) in methanol/water=90/10, pH = 2 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification).



**Fig. S3** Absorption spectra of 4 mM TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles before and after surface modification with 2,3-dihydroxynaphthalene (0 – 0.55 mM in 0.035 mM steps) in methanol/water=90/10, pH = 2 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification).



**Fig. S4** Absorption spectra of 4 mM TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles before and after surface modification with anthrabin (0 – 0.4 mM in 0.035 mM steps) in methanol/water=90/10, pH = 2 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification).