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**Nonstoichiometry, Amorphicity and Microstructural Evolution  
During Phase Transformations of Photocatalytic Titania Powders**

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TABLE S1: Linear absorption co-efficients for anatase (an), rutile (ru) and amorphous (am) titania as a function of X-ray energy. Following Brindley (30) it is expected that polycrystalline diffracting particles experience excessive microabsorption that will invalidate quantitative phase analysis when  $\mu D > 0.01$ . The combination of X-ray energy and particle diameter where reliable Rietveld scale factors can be extracted, provided the phases are distributed homogeneously, is shaded.

E (keV)	mass absorption co-efficient (cm <sup>2</sup> .g <sup>-1</sup> )*		linear absorption co-efficient (cm <sup>2</sup> )**			D (nm)			
			$\mu_{an}$	$\mu_{ru}$	$\mu_{am}$	400	200	100	50
	Ti	O				$\mu_{an}D$ (for anatase)			
5	683.8	47.9	1707.9	1823.77	1587.75	0.068	0.034	0.017	0.009
6	432.3	27.7	1076.43	1149.46	1000.7	0.043	0.022	0.011	0.005
7	317.3	19.67	789.02	842.55	733.51	0.032	0.016	0.008	0.004
8	202.3	11.63	501.23	535.23	465.97	0.020	0.010	0.005	0.003
9	156.5	8.79	359.73	384.13	334.42	0.014	0.007	0.004	0.002
10	110.7	5.95	273.62	292.18	254.37	0.011	0.005	0.003	0.001

\* <http://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData/XrayMassCoef/tab3.html>

\*\* Titania densities used: anatase (an) 3.98 g.cm<sup>3</sup>; rutile (ru) 4.25 g.cm<sup>3</sup>; amorphous (am) 3.70 g.cm<sup>3</sup>

TABLE S2: Quantitative phase analysis, inclusive of the non-diffracting component that was derived from the refined weight percent of a standard alumina spike (20 wt%).

Calcination (°C)	$\lambda$ (Å)	Non-diffracting (wt%)	Anatase (wt%)	Rutile (wt%)
<b>300</b>	neutro	10.0 <sub>6</sub>	89.9 <sub>4</sub>	0
	1.436	7.2 <sub>1</sub>	92.7 <sub>9</sub>	0
	1.541	6.8 <sub>0</sub>	93.2 <sub>0</sub>	0
	1.659	11.0 <sub>5</sub>	88.9 <sub>5</sub>	0
	1.789	12.3 <sub>4</sub>	87.6 <sub>6</sub>	0
	1.948	13.8 <sub>7</sub>	86.1 <sub>3</sub>	0
<b>400</b>	neutro	7.7 <sub>3</sub>	92.2 <sub>7</sub>	0
	1.436	8.3 <sub>1</sub>	91.6 <sub>9</sub>	0
	1.542	5.7 <sub>9</sub>	94.2 <sub>1</sub>	0
	1.659	12.5 <sub>0</sub>	87.5 <sub>0</sub>	0
	1.789	14.0 <sub>7</sub>	85.9 <sub>3</sub>	0
	1.938	19.1 <sub>5</sub>	80.8 <sub>5</sub>	0
	2.102	21.0 <sub>4</sub>	78.9 <sub>6</sub>	0
	2.290	22.3 <sub>8</sub>	77.6 <sub>2</sub>	0
	<b>500</b>	1.436	15.0 <sub>5</sub>	84.9 <sub>5</sub>
	1.542	18.1 <sub>0</sub>	81.9 <sub>0</sub>	0
	1.659	22.7 <sub>7</sub>	77.2 <sub>3</sub>	0
	1.790	23.0 <sub>4</sub>	76.9 <sub>6</sub>	0
	1.938	24.1 <sub>1</sub>	75.8 <sub>9</sub>	0
	2.102	24.4 <sub>9</sub>	75.5 <sub>1</sub>	0
	2.291	33.7 <sub>6</sub>	66.2 <sub>4</sub>	0
<b>600</b>	neutro	8.8 <sub>2</sub>	72.5 <sub>4</sub>	18.6 <sub>4</sub>
	1.435	30.6 <sub>7</sub>	55.7 <sub>5</sub>	13.5 <sub>8</sub>
	1.540	32.2 <sub>8</sub>	54.9 <sub>0</sub>	12.8 <sub>2</sub>
	1.658	35.2 <sub>9</sub>	52.4 <sub>5</sub>	12.2 <sub>6</sub>
	1.790	41.5 <sub>1</sub>	46.9 <sub>4</sub>	11.5 <sub>5</sub>
	1.936	45.9 <sub>1</sub>	43.6 <sub>0</sub>	10.4 <sub>8</sub>
	2.102	47.1 <sub>6</sub>	42.0 <sub>3</sub>	10.8 <sub>1</sub>
	2.291	51.4 <sub>6</sub>	40.2 <sub>9</sub>	8.2 <sub>5</sub>
<b>800</b>	1.436	44.1 <sub>4</sub>	0	55.8 <sub>6</sub>
	1.241	47.1 <sub>1</sub>	0	52.8 <sub>9</sub>
	1.659	52.1 <sub>9</sub>	0	47.8 <sub>1</sub>
	1.790	56.0 <sub>4</sub>	0	43.9 <sub>6</sub>
	1.938	59.1 <sub>0</sub>	0	40.9 <sub>0</sub>
<b>1000</b>	neutro	10.2 <sub>8</sub>	0	89.7 <sub>2</sub>
	1.435	49.1 <sub>1</sub>	0	50.8 <sub>9</sub>
	1.541	53.9 <sub>1</sub>	0	46.0 <sub>9</sub>
	1.658	57.7 <sub>2</sub>	0	42.2 <sub>8</sub>
	1.789	61.5 <sub>7</sub>	0	38.4 <sub>3</sub>
	1.937	64.3 <sub>3</sub>	0	35.6 <sub>7</sub>
	2.101	68.3 <sub>1</sub>	0	31.6 <sub>9</sub>
	2.290	71.4 <sub>5</sub>	0	28.5 <sub>5</sub>

TABLE S3: Attenuation of anatase and rutile wt% derived from the Rietveld scale factors as function of X-ray energy. For each temperature, the absorption attenuation was estimated from the  $I/I_0 = e^{-\mu t}$  for crystals fixed to the Rietveld refined size determined at  $E = 8.64$  keV, and this correction applied for all energies.

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Calcination (°C)	Rietveld Crystal Size (nm)	E (keV)	$\lambda$ (Å)	Anatase			Rutile		
				wt%	Rel. Atten.	Abs. Atten.	wt%	Rel. Atten.	Abs. Atten.
<b>300</b>	<b>7</b>	6.40	1.936	78.46	0.996	0.996			
		6.93	1.790	78.70	0.999	0.999			
		7.48	1.658	78.15	0.992	0.992			
		8.05	1.540	79.22	1.005	1.005			
		8.64	1.453	78.81	1.000	1.000			
<b>400</b>	<b>10</b>	6.40	1.936	76.23	0.968	0.967			
		6.93	1.790	78.55	0.997	0.996			
		7.48	1.658	78.53	0.997	0.996			
		8.05	1.540	79.38	1.007	1.006			
		8.64	1.453	78.79	1.000	0.999			
<b>500</b>	<b>19</b>	6.40	1.936	75.85	0.974	0.964			
		6.93	1.790	76.09	0.977	0.967			
		7.48	1.658	76.33	0.980	0.970			
		8.05	1.540	77.21	0.992	0.982			
		8.64	1.453	77.85	1.000	0.990			
<b>600</b>	<b>40/122</b>	6.40	1.936	56.16	0.936	0.916	13.61	0.925	0.861
		6.93	1.790	57.09	0.952	0.932	14.18	0.963	0.899
		7.48	1.658	59.43	0.991	0.971	13.99	0.950	0.886
		8.05	1.540	60.18	1.003	0.983	14.14	0.961	0.897
		8.64	1.453	59.99	1.000	0.980	14.72	1.000	0.936
<b>800</b>	<b>330</b>	6.40	1.936				64.07	0.904	0.740
		6.93	1.790				65.72	0.927	0.763
		7.48	1.658				67.58	0.954	0.790
		8.05	1.540				69.54	0.981	0.817
		8.64	1.453				70.86	1.000	0.836
<b>1000</b>	<b>400</b>	6.40	1.936				60.84	0.883	0.764
		6.93	1.790				62.62	0.909	0.789
		7.48	1.658				64.87	0.942	0.822
		8.05	1.540				66.69	0.968	0.848
		8.64	1.453				68.90	1.000	0.881

TABLE S4: Linear absorption co-efficients for anatase and rutile. Mass attenuation was calculated using a fixed particle size (D) of 0.01 micron and plotted against the Rietveld phase proportion (Figure 4). Changing D altered the spread of the wt% as a function of energy, but did not change the intercept when  $\exp^{(\Delta\mu)D} = 1$  and microabsorption was absent. For the core-shell 5microstructures observed  $\Delta\mu$  is negative for the shielded phases (anatase and rutile) and positive for the accessible phase (primary gel or aperiodic intermediate).

300°C								600°C							
Energy	$\mu_{an}$	$\mu_{rut}$	$\mu_{an} - \mu_{rut}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %		Energy	$\mu_{an}$	$\mu_{rut}$	$\mu_{an} - \mu_{rut}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %	
6.4	961.47	893.83	-67.64	0.01	0.9993	86.13		5.41	1449.75	1347.76	-101.99	0.01	0.9990	40.29	
6.92	840.75	781.6	-59.15	0.01	0.9994	87.66		5.9	1139.7	1059.52	-80.18	0.01	0.9992	42.03	
7.47	622.32	578.54	-43.78	0.01	0.9996	88.95		6.4	961.47	893.83	-67.64	0.01	0.9993	43.6	
8.04	460.38	427.99	-32.39	0.01	0.9997	93.2		6.92	840.75	781.6	-59.15	0.01	0.9994	46.94	
8.63	396.74	368.83	-27.91	0.01	0.9997	92.79		7.47	622.32	578.54	-43.78	0.01	0.9996	52.45	
								8.04	460.38	427.99	-32.39	0.01	0.9997	54.9	
								8.63	396.74	368.83	-27.91	0.01	0.9997	55.75	
Energy	$\mu_{gel}$	$\mu_{am}$	$\mu_{gel} - \mu_{am}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %		Energy	$\mu_{gel}$	$\mu_{am}$	$\mu_{gel} - \mu_{am}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %	
6.4	961.47	893.83	67.64	0.01	1.0007	13.87		5.41	1548.1	1347.76	-200.34	0.01	0.9980	8.25	
6.92	840.75	781.6	59.15	0.01	1.0006	12.34		5.9	1217.02	1059.52	-157.5	0.01	0.9984	10.81	
7.47	622.32	578.54	43.78	0.01	1.0004	11.05		6.4	1026.69	893.83	-132.86	0.01	0.9987	10.48	
8.04	460.38	427.99	32.39	0.01	1.0003	6.8		6.92	897.79	781.6	-116.19	0.01	0.9988	11.55	
8.63	396.74	368.83	27.91	0.01	1.0003	7.21		7.47	664.54	578.54	-86	0.01	0.9991	12.26	
								8.04	491.62	427.99	-63.63	0.01	0.9994	12.82	
								8.63	423.66	368.83	-54.83	0.01	0.9995	13.58	
400°C								800°C							
Energy	$\mu_{an}$	$\mu_{rut}$	$\mu_{an} - \mu_{rut}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %		Energy	$\mu_{an}$	$\mu_{rut}$	$\mu_{an} - \mu_{rut}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %	
5.41	1449.75	1347.76	-101.99	0.01	0.9990	77.62		5.41	1449.75	1347.76	101.99	0.01	1.0010	51.46	
5.9	1139.7	1059.52	-80.18	0.01	0.9992	78.96		5.9	1139.7	1059.52	80.18	0.01	1.0008	47.16	
6.4	961.47	893.83	-67.64	0.01	0.9993	80.85		6.4	961.47	893.83	67.64	0.01	1.0007	45.91	
6.92	840.75	781.6	-59.15	0.01	0.9994	85.93		6.92	840.75	781.6	59.15	0.01	1.0006	41.51	
7.47	622.32	578.54	-43.78	0.01	0.9996	87.5		7.47	622.32	578.54	43.78	0.01	1.0004	35.29	
8.04	460.38	427.99	-32.39	0.01	0.9997	94.21		8.04	460.38	427.99	32.39	0.01	1.0003	32.28	
8.63	396.74	368.83	-27.91	0.01	0.9997	91.69		8.63	396.74	368.83	27.91	0.01	1.0003	30.67	
Energy	$\mu_{gel}$	$\mu_{am}$	$\mu_{gel} - \mu_{am}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %		Energy	$\mu_{gel}$	$\mu_{am}$	$\mu_{gel} - \mu_{am}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %	
5.41	1449.75	1347.76	101.99	0.01	1.0010	22.38		5.41	1548.1	1347.76	200.34	0.01	1.0020	51.46	
5.9	1139.7	1059.52	80.18	0.01	1.0008	21.04		5.9	1217.02	1059.52	157.5	0.01	1.0016	47.16	
6.4	961.47	893.83	67.64	0.01	1.0007	19.15		6.4	1026.69	893.83	132.86	0.01	1.0013	45.91	
6.92	840.75	781.6	59.15	0.01	1.0006	14.07		6.92	897.79	781.6	116.19	0.01	1.0012	41.51	
7.47	622.32	578.54	43.78	0.01	1.0004	12.5		7.47	664.54	578.54	86	0.01	1.0009	35.29	
8.04	460.38	427.99	32.39	0.01	1.0003	5.79		8.04	491.62	427.99	63.63	0.01	1.0006	32.28	
8.63	396.74	368.83	27.91	0.01	1.0003	8.31		8.63	423.66	368.83	54.83	0.01	1.0005	30.67	
500°C								1000°C							
Energy	$\mu_{an}$	$\mu_{rut}$	$\mu_{an} - \mu_{rut}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %		Energy	$\mu_{gel}$	$\mu_{am}$	$\mu_{gel} - \mu_{am}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %	
5.41	1449.75	1347.76	-101.99	0.01	0.9990	66.24		5.41	1548.1	1347.76	-200.34	0.01	0.9980	28.55	
5.9	1139.7	1059.52	-80.18	0.01	0.9992	75.51		5.9	1217.02	1059.52	-157.5	0.01	0.9984	31.69	
6.4	961.47	893.83	-67.64	0.01	0.9993	75.89		6.4	1026.69	893.83	-132.86	0.01	0.9987	35.67	
6.92	840.75	781.6	-59.15	0.01	0.9994	76.96		6.92	897.79	781.6	-116.19	0.01	0.9988	38.43	
7.47	622.32	578.54	-43.78	0.01	0.9996	77.23		7.47	664.54	578.54	-86	0.01	0.9991	42.28	
8.04	460.38	427.99	-32.39	0.01	0.9997	81.9		8.04	491.62	427.99	-63.63	0.01	0.9994	46.09	
8.63	396.74	368.83	-27.91	0.01	0.9997	84.95		8.63	423.66	368.83	-54.83	0.01	0.9995	50.89	
Energy	$\mu_{gel}$	$\mu_{am}$	$\mu_{gel} - \mu_{am}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %		Energy	$\mu_{gel}$	$\mu_{am}$	$\mu_{gel} - \mu_{am}$	D (micron)	$\exp(\Delta\mu)t$	wt %	
5.41	1449.75	1347.76	101.99	0.01	1.0010	33.76		5.41	1548.1	1347.76	200.34	0.01	1.0020	71.45	
5.9	1139.7	1059.52	80.18	0.01	1.0008	24.49		5.9	1217.02	1059.52	157.5	0.01	1.0016	68.31	
6.4	961.47	893.83	67.64	0.01	1.0007	24.11		6.4	1026.69	893.83	132.86	0.01	1.0013	64.33	
6.92	840.75	781.6	59.15	0.01	1.0006	23.04		6.92	897.79	781.6	116.19	0.01	1.0012	61.57	
7.47	622.32	578.54	43.78	0.01	1.0004	22.77		7.47	664.54	578.54	86	0.01	1.0009	57.72	
8.04	460.38	427.99	32.39	0.01	1.0003	18.1		8.04	491.62	427.99	63.63	0.01	1.0006	53.91	
8.63	396.74	368.83	27.91	0.01	1.0003	15.05		8.63	423.66	368.83	54.83	0.01	1.0005	49.11	

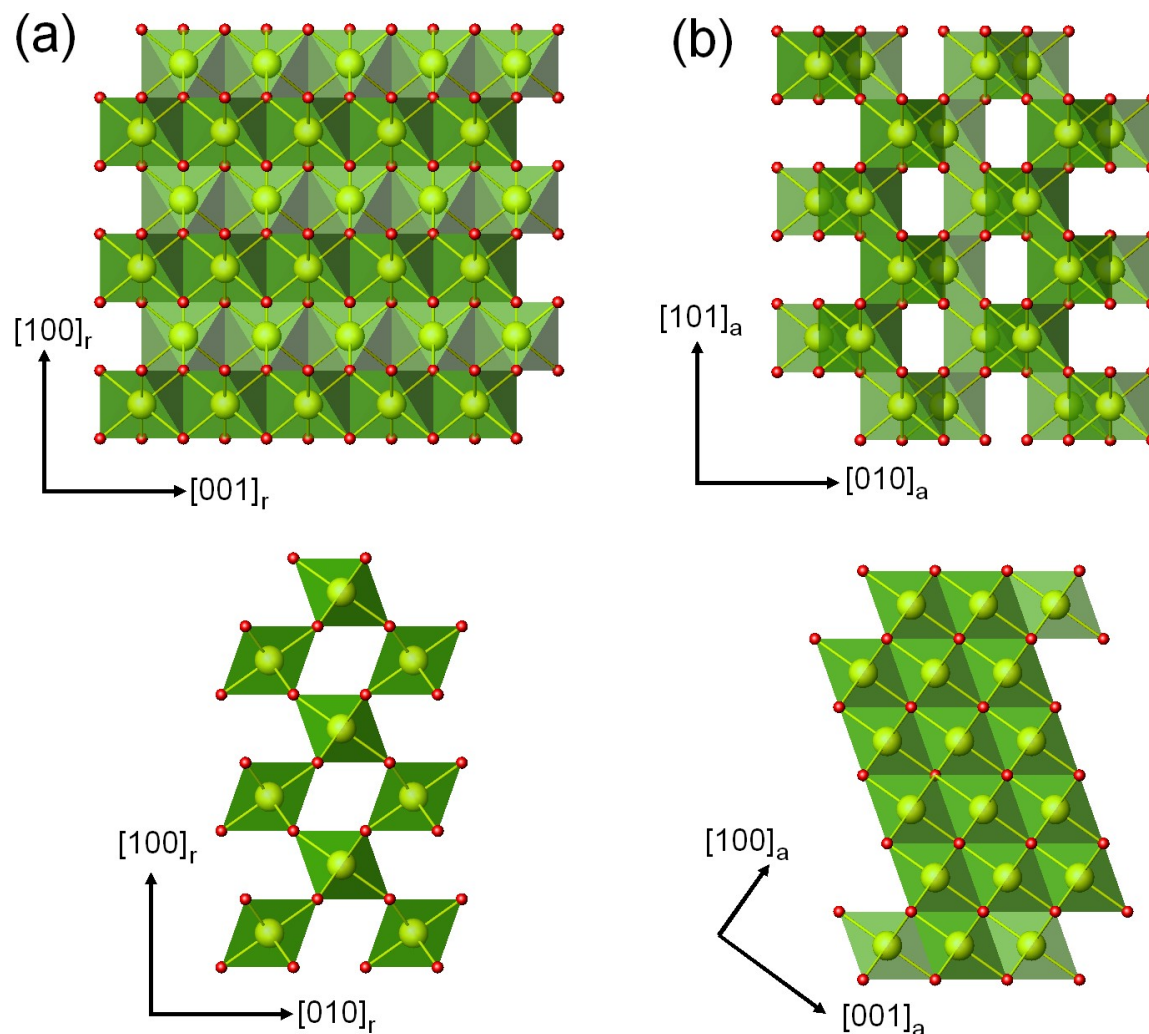


FIGURE S1. (a) Rutile and (b) anatase represented as ideal  $\text{TiO}_6$  octahedra and emphasizing the relationship between the close-packed planes that allow topotaxial interfaces, but which play an indirect role during phase interconversion as the transformation is mediated by an aperiodic intermediate compound.

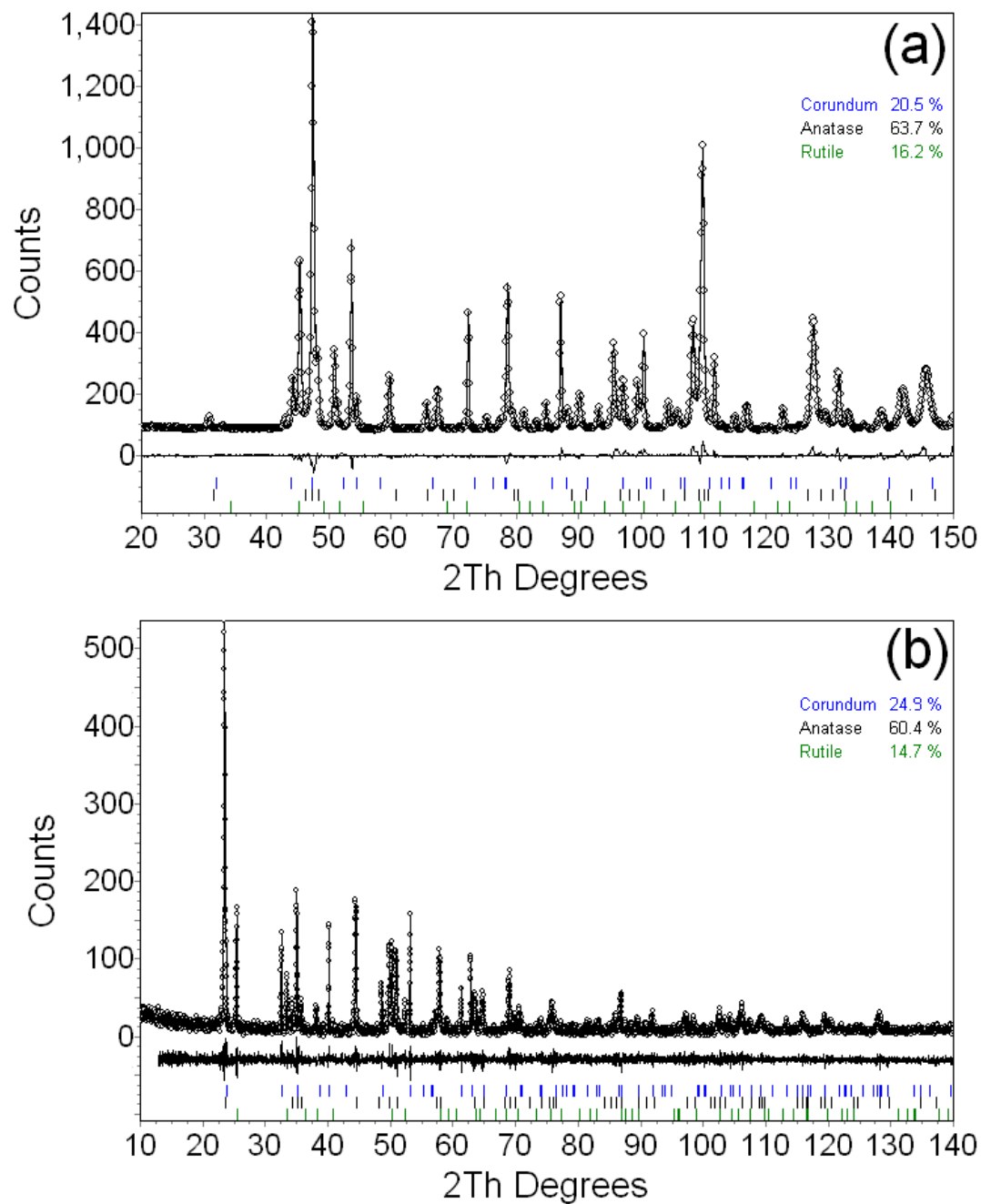


FIGURE S2. Rietveld plots for sol gel derived titania fired at 600°C for 2 hours and spiked with 20 wt% alumina as an internal standard. (a) Neutron data collected at  $\lambda = 1.911 \text{ \AA}$  (with a value of goodness of fit, GOF = 0.48). (b) Synchrotron X-ray data collected at  $\lambda = 1.435 \text{ \AA}$  (with a 5GOF value of 1.04).