

Electronic Supplementary Information for:

**Tuning electronic levels in photoactive hydroxylated titania
nanosystems: combining the ligand dipole effect and quantum
confinement**

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Table S1. Comparison of total energies for hydroxylated anatase slab models with Γ point and $5 \times 5 \times 1$ \mathbf{k} -point sampling.

	Degree of hydroxylation		
	0%	50%	100%
Γ point	-1972829.149	-1985324.399	-1997809.979
$5 \times 5 \times 1$	-1972828.579	-1985323.859	-1997809.445
ΔE per TiO_2 unit (eV)	-0.00791	-0.00749	-0.00741

Figure S1. Evolution of the LUMO+5, LUMO+4, LUMO+3, LUMO+2, LUMO+1, HOMO-1, HOMO-2, HOMO-3, HOMO-4, HOMO-5 orbital energies corresponding to faceted $(\text{TiO}_2)_{35}$ NP.

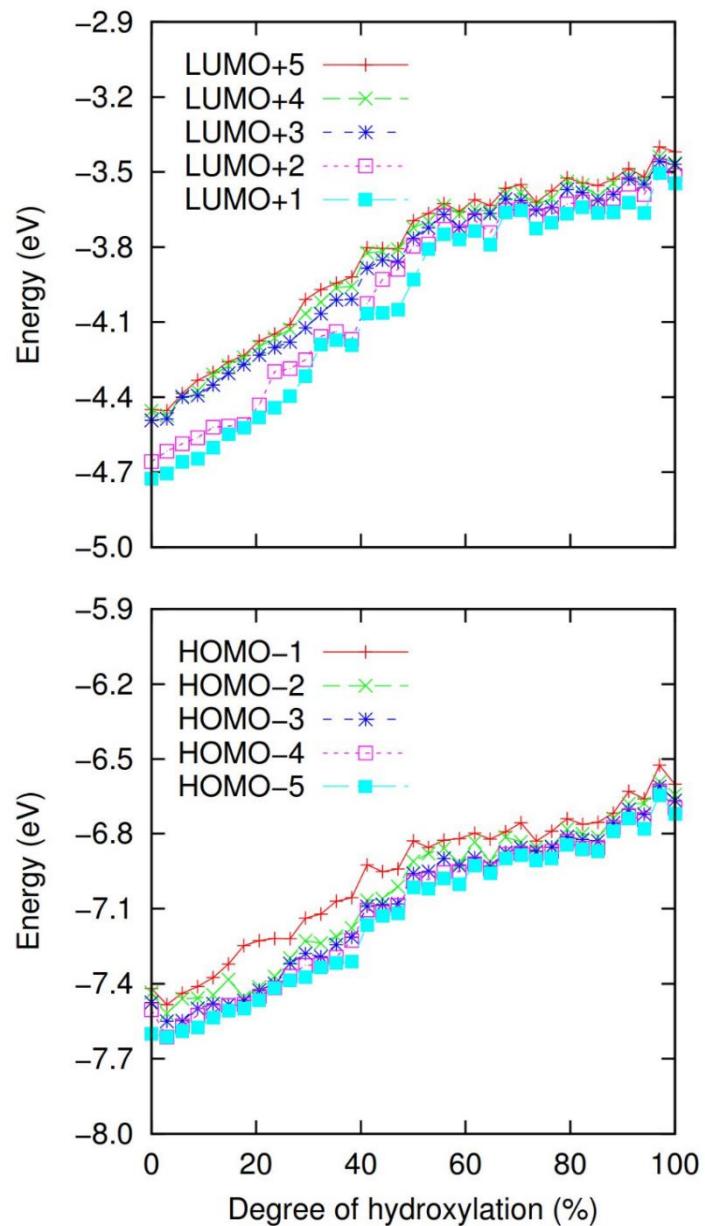


Figure S2 Evolution of HOMO, LUMO and a deeper lying energy level for the faceted $(\text{TiO}_2)_{35}$ and $(\text{TiO}_2)_{165}$ NPs. Besides of proving again the electrostatic nature of the ligand dipole effect, the considerably slower slopes in the HOMO and LUMO levels with respect to the deeper orbitals (i.e. HOMO-250 for the $(\text{TiO}_2)_{35}$ NP and HOMO-500 for the $(\text{TiO}_2)_{165}$ NP) shows the stabilization happening due to defects healing effect upon hydroxylation.

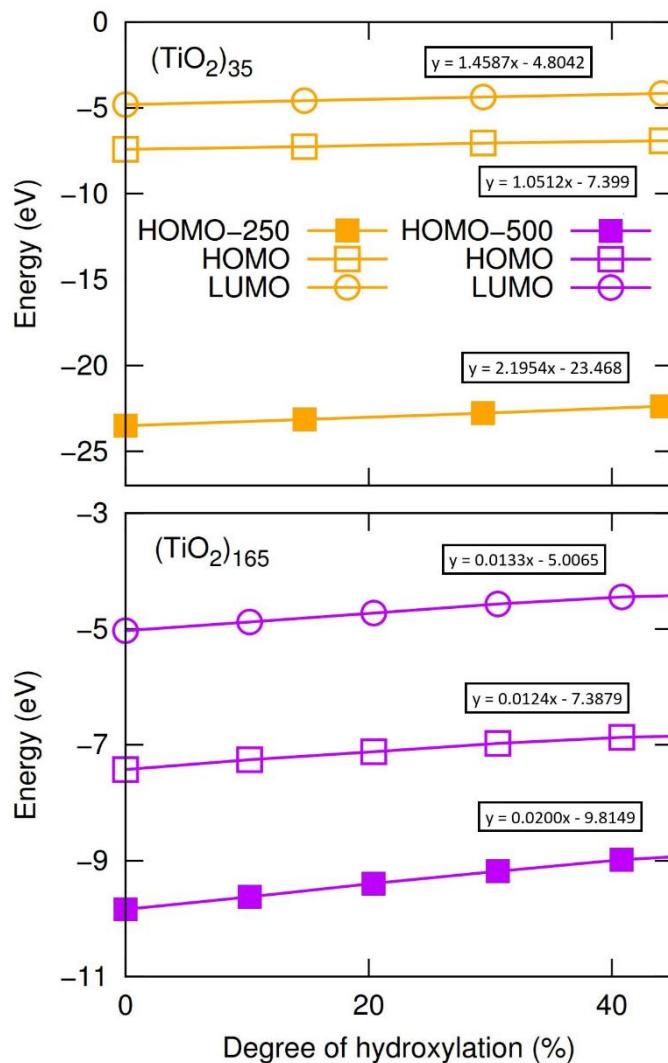


Figure S3 Evolution of both the average value of α and ΔQ_{OH} with respect to the degree of hydroxylation for the $n = 35$ and $n = 165$ $(\text{TiO}_2)_n$ anatase NPs is provided in the SI.

