Investigation of catalyst-assisted growth of nonpolar GaN nanowires via a modified HVPE process

Cai Zhang^{1,2}, Xiaoyuan Liu¹, Jing Li¹, Xinglai Zhang¹, Wenjin Yang¹, Xin Jin¹, Fei

Liu³, Jinlei Yao⁴, Xin Jiang¹ and Baodan Liu¹

¹Shenyang National Laboratory for Materials Science (SYNL), Institute of Metal Research (IMR),

Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), No. 72, Wenhua Road, Shenhe District, Shenyang, 110016,

China

²School of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Science and Technology of China, No.

72 Wenhua Road, Shenhe District, Shenyang, 110016, China

³State Key Laboratory of Optoelectronic Materials and Technologies and School of Electronics and Information Technology, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou 510275, P. R. China

⁴Jiangsu Key Laboratory of Micro and Nano Heat Fluid Flow Technology and Energy Application, School of Mathematics and Physics, Suzhou University of Science and Technology, Suzhou 215009,

China



Figure S1. XRD patterns of GaN nanowires grown at 980 °C under GaCl₃ flux rate of (a) 40 sccm,

(b) 30 sccm, (c) 15 sccm and (d) 10sccm, respectively.



Figure S2. Low magnification TEM image of an individual GaN nanowire corresponding to

Figure 2b.



Figure S3. SEM images of GaN nanowires grown at 980 °C and GaCl₃ flow rate of 10 sccm under

different NH₃ flow rate: (a) 30 sccm and (b) 15 sccm.



Figure S4. SEM images of GaN nanowires grown under fixed GaCl3 flow rate of 10 sccm under (a, d) 980 °C, NH₃ flow rate of 15 sccm; (b, e) 900 °C, NH₃ flow rate of 15 sccm; (c, f) 900 °C, NH₃ flow rate of 30 sccm.



Figure S5. (a) IFFT pattern of Au/GaN interface corresponding to 900 °C grown GaN nanowire;

(b)enlarged IFFT pattern showing lattice mismatching between cubic GaN and hexagonal GaN.



Figure S6. SEM and low-magnification TEM images of nonpolar GaN nanowires grown at 1050 °C.



Figure S7. Low-magnification TEM image of an individual GaN nanowire grown at 980 °C



Figure S8. Effect of (a) GaCl₃ flow rate and (b) growth temperature on the near-band emission

(NBE) peak of GaN nanowires by the modified HVPE method.



Figure S9. EDS spectrum of a randomly selected individual GaN nanowire grown at 1050 °C.