Supporting Information

Promoting CO₂ electroreduction to CO by a graphdiyne

stabilized Au nanoparticles catalyst

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Figure S1. TEM image of GDY.



Figure S2. (a)TEM and (b) HRTEM images of Au/GO composite.



Figure S3. XRD patterns for Au/GDY and Au/GO.



Figure S4. High-resolution XPS spectra of C 1s for GDY.



Figure S5. High-resolution XPS spectra of Au 4f for Au/GO



Figure S6. $FE_{\rm H2} \, of \, GDY, \, Au/GO \, and \, Au/GDY$



Figure S7. GC-MS result of ¹³CO produced over Au/GDY from ¹³CO₂ isotope experiment



Figure S8. Exchange current density (j₀) of Au/GDY and Au/GO



Figure S9. Typical cyclic voltammograms at different scan rates. Au/GDY (left) and Au/GO (right) with scan rates ranging from 20 mV s⁻¹ to 100 mV s⁻¹.



Figure S10. The capacitive currents as a function of scan rates



Figure S11. The equivalent circuit model of Au/GDY



Figure S12. The time-dependent current density curve of Au/GDY at -0.75 V



Figure S13. TEM images of Au/GDY after stability test

Table S1. Au loading and ECSA for Au/GDY and Au/C

| | Au/GDY | Au/C |
|-----------|--------|------|
| Au (wt.%) | 28 | 25 |

Table S2. Summary of Au electrocatalysts studied for electrochemical reduction of CO_2 to CO

| Catalyst | Electrolyte | Potential (V vs. RHE) | FE _{CO} | j _{co} (mA cm ⁻²) | Ref |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|--------------|
| Au/GDY | 0.5 M KHCO ₃ | -0.75 | 94.6% | 16 | This work |
| Au-CeOx/C | 0.1 M KHCO ₃ | -0.59 | 72% | 12.9 | [1] |
| NGQDs- SCAu | 0.5 M KHCO ₃ | -0.65 | 91% | ~11.4 | [2] |
| Au-C ₃ N ₄ | 0.5 M KHCO ₃ | -0.6 | 91% | ~9 | [3] |

| Au-CDots- C ₃ N ₄ | 0.5 M KHCO ₃ | -0.6 | 75% | 4.8 | [4] |
|--|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-------|------|
| Au-2@CN | 0.5 M KHCO ₃ | -0.58 | 88% | 1.06 | [5] |
| 8 nm Au NPs | 0.5 M KHCO ₃ | -0.67 | 90% | NA | [6] |
| Au-Cb NPs | 0.1 M KHCO ₃ | -0.57 | 83% | ~9.5 | [7] |
| AuNPs/GDL | 0.5 M NaHCO ₃ | -0.55 | 77% | ~11.6 | [8] |
| AuNP GNR | 0.5 M NaHCO ₃ | -0.57 | 90% | NA | [9] |
| Au/Py- CNTs-O | 0.1 M KHCO ₃ | -0.58 | 93% | ~6.5 | [10] |

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