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Supporting information

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## Ammonia Decomposition over Low-loading Ruthenium Catalyst Achieved through "Adiabatic" Plasma Reactor

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**Figure S2**. Q-V Lissajours curves of NH<sub>3</sub> discharge at different powers between 4-23 W in adiabatic (left) and nonadiabatic (right) plasma reactor (with a catalyst).



Figure S3. The standard deviation of temperature at different powers from the fitted exponential equation for both adiabatic (left) and nonadiabatic plasma reactors.



**Figure S4**. Influence of Ru loading on NH<sub>3</sub> conversion achieved in adiabatic (Left panel) and nonadiabatic (right panel) plasma reactors. The reaction was carried out with 20 mL/min of undiluted NH<sub>3</sub> and 0.1 g of catalyst.



**Figure S5**. Response of N<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> outlet flow to step changes from Ar to NH<sub>3</sub> and back to Ar with plasma ON. The experiment was carried out with 20 mL/min of undiluted NH<sub>3</sub>, 0.1 g of Ru<sub>0.5</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst, and plasma power of around 14 W.



**Figure S6**. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm and pore size distribution of the Ru<sub>0.05</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> after plasma catalytic NH<sub>3</sub> decomposition.



Figure S7. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm and pore size distribution of the Ru<sub>0.5</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> after plasma catalytic NH<sub>3</sub> decomposition.



**Figure S8**. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm and pore size distribution of the Ru<sub>1</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> after plasma catalytic NH<sub>3</sub> decomposition.



Figure S9. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm and pore size distribution of the Ru<sub>5</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> after plasma catalytic NH<sub>3</sub> decomposition.



**Figure S10**. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm and pore size distribution of the Ru<sub>0.5</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> after thermocatalytic NH<sub>3</sub> decomposition.

| Catalyst                                | Power | Temperature | GHSV                                       | Conversion (%) | Reference |
|---|-------|-------------|--|----------------|-----------|
|   | (W)   | (°C)        | (ml <sub>NH3</sub> /(g <sub>cat</sub> ·h)) |                |           |
| 0.5 % Ru/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 19    | 475         | 12000                                      | 99             | This work |
| 1 % Ru/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>   | 17    | 425         | 12000                                      | 99             | This work |
| 1.5% Ru/La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | 16    | 300         | 2400                                       | 65             | 1         |
| 1.5% Ru/La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | 20    | 375         | 2400                                       | 99             | 1         |
| Mo <sub>2</sub> N                       | 26.4  | 450         | 3000                                       | 99             | 2         |
| Co/fumed SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 30    | 450         | 2727                                       | 99             | 3         |
| 6Fe-4Ni                                 | 41    | 460         | 14400                                      | 61             | 4         |
| 6Fe-4Ni                                 | 41    | 500         | 14400                                      | 99             | 4         |

**Table S1**. Comparison of catalytic performance of plasma catalytic NH<sub>3</sub> decomposition with the state-of-the-art catalysts.

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