

Photo-Thermal Synergistic CO₂ Hydrogenation towards CO over PtRh Bimetal-Decorated GaN Nanowires/Si

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Table S1 The measured amounts of Pt and Rh in the optimized PtRh NPs/GaN NWs/Si.

Pt ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$)	Rh ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$)	Total ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$)
0.05	0.06	0.11

Table S2 The summary of the activity of light-driven CO₂ hydrogenation toward CO over various catalysts.

Catalyst	Reaction conditions	CO rate (mol·g _{cat} ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)	Selectivity of CO (%)	TOF (h ⁻¹)	Ref.
PtRh/GaN NWs/Si	CO ₂ :H ₂ =12:1, (1 bar) 300W Xe lamp, 5.3 W·cm ⁻²	11.7	98.5	26,486	This work
Co@C-700	CO ₂ :H ₂ =1:1, (1 bar) 300W Xe lamp, 3 W·cm ⁻²	0.54	92.6	-	1
Co@CoN&C	CO ₂ :H ₂ =1:1, (0.55 bar) 300W Xe lamp	0.13	91.1	-	2
Ni ₃ N Nanosheets	CO ₂ :H ₂ =20:1, (1 bar) 300W Xe lamp, 3.006 W·cm ⁻²	1.21	99	-	3
K+-Co-C	CO ₂ :H ₂ =1:1, (1 bar) 300W Xe lamp, 2.8 W·cm ⁻²	0.76	99.8	16,740	4
Ru/Mo ₂ TiC ₂	CO ₂ :H ₂ :N ₂ =1:1:2, (1 bar) 300W Xe lamp, 3.8 W·cm ⁻²	0.084	99	-	5

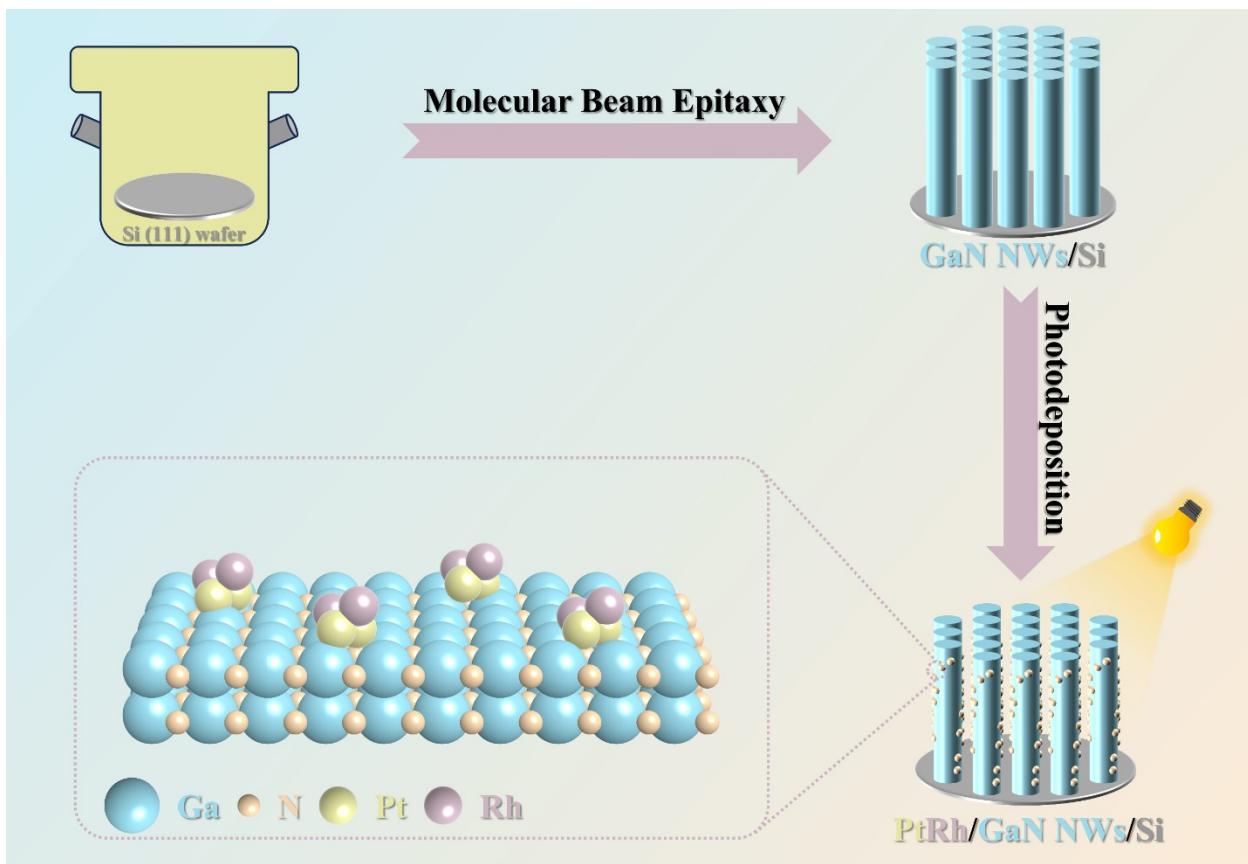


Fig. S1. Schematic diagram for assembling PtRh/GaN NWs/Si by coupling molecular beam epitaxy with photo-deposition.

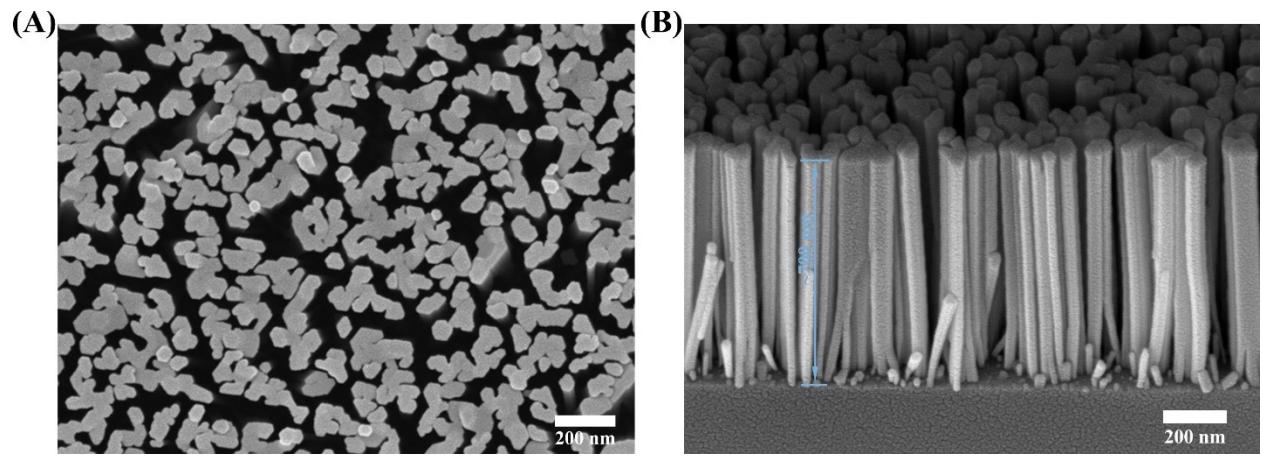


Fig. S2. (A) Top view and (B) side view of SEM images of GaN NWs/Si.

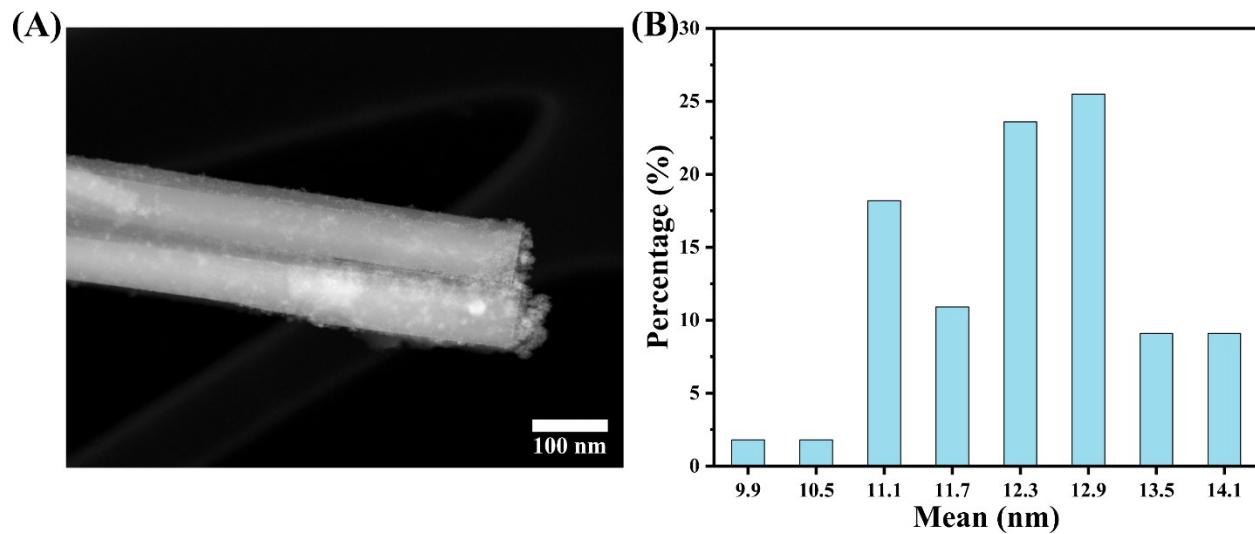


Fig. S3. (A) HADDF-STEM image and (B) the diameters distribution of PtRh/GaN NWs/Si with the PtRh loading content of $0.11 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$.

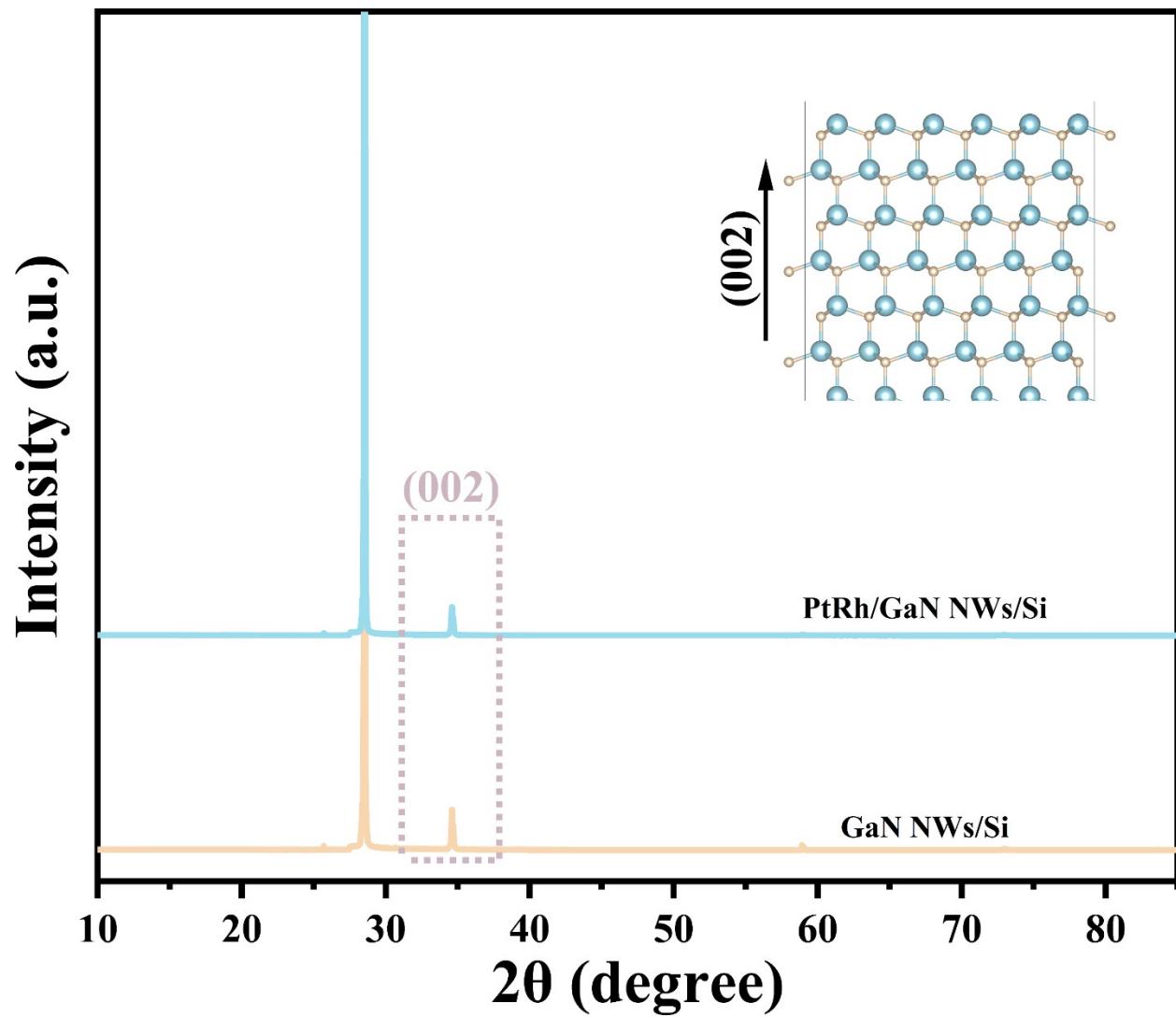


Fig. S4. XRD patterns of GaN NWs, and PtRh/GaN NWs supported by Si wafer, respectively.

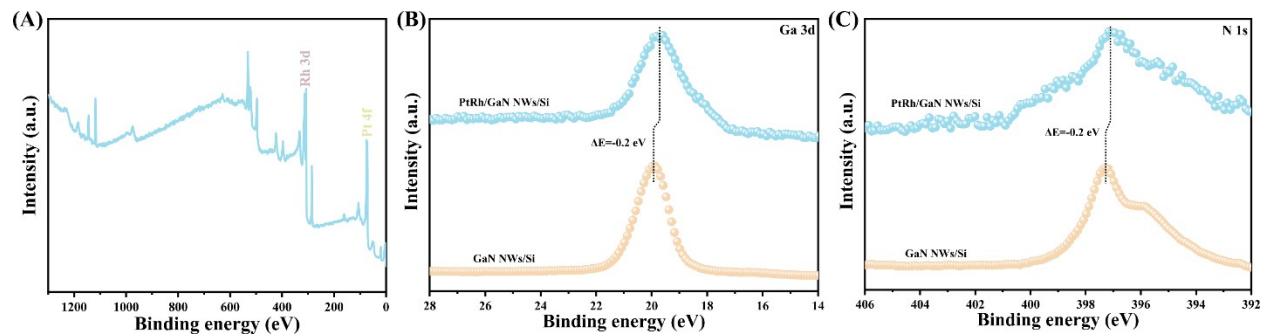


Fig. S5. XPS spectra of PtRh/GaN NWs/Si. (a) XPS survey, (b) Ga 3d, and (c) N 1s.

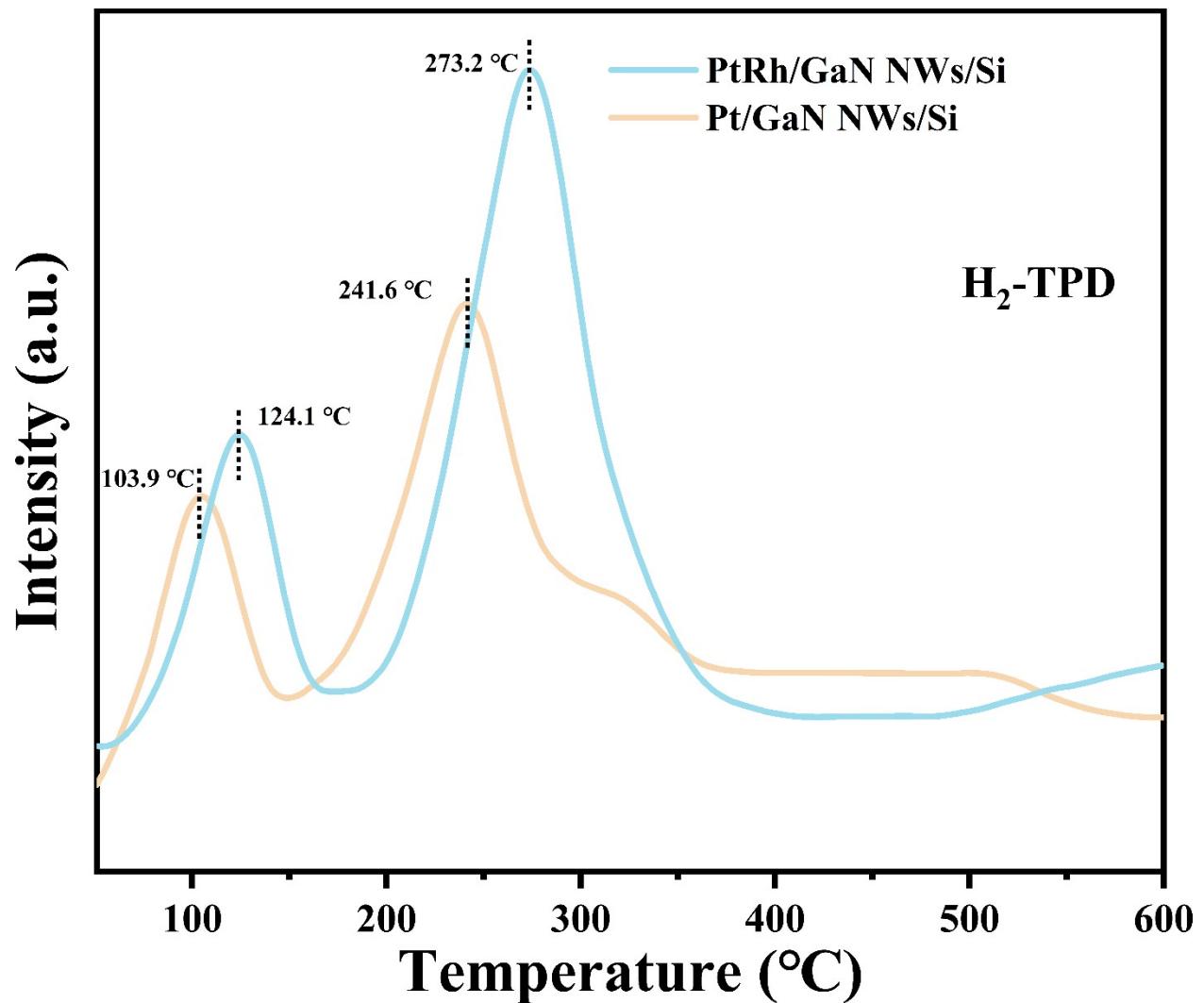


Fig. S6. H₂-TPD spectra of Pt/GaN NWs/Si and PtRh/GaN NWs/Si.

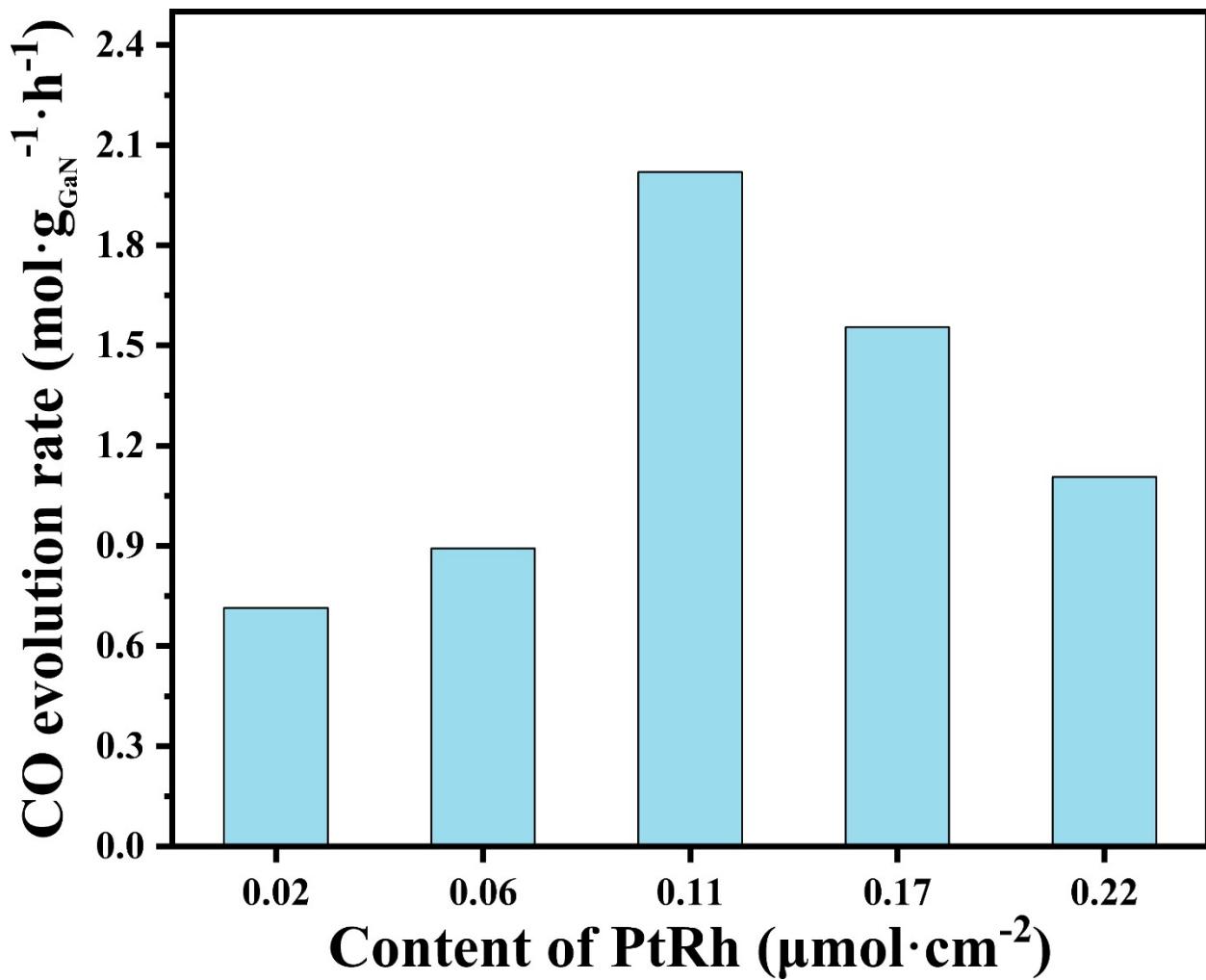


Fig. S7. Influence of the loading amount of PtRh on CO evolution rate over PtRh/GaN NWs/Si.
Light intensity: 4.3 W·cm⁻²; catalyst area: ~0.5 cm⁻²; Rh:(Rh + Pt) = 0.55; CO₂:H₂ = 3:1.

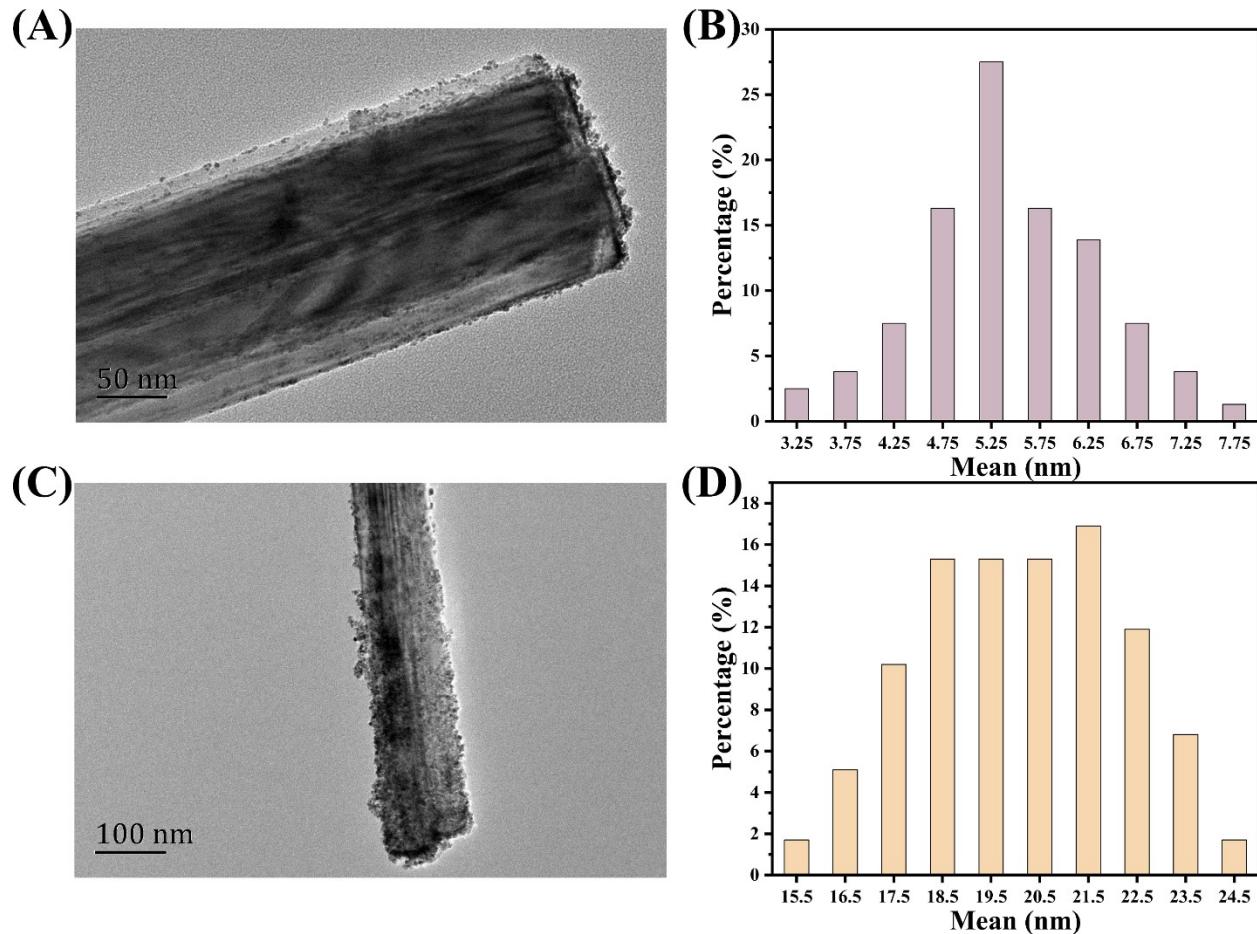


Fig. S8. TEM images of PtRh/GaN NWs/Si with the PtRh loading content of (A) 0.02 and (C) 0.22 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$. The diameters distribution of PtRh NPs over GaN NWs/Si surface with the PtRh loading content of (B) 0.02 and (D) 0.22 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$.

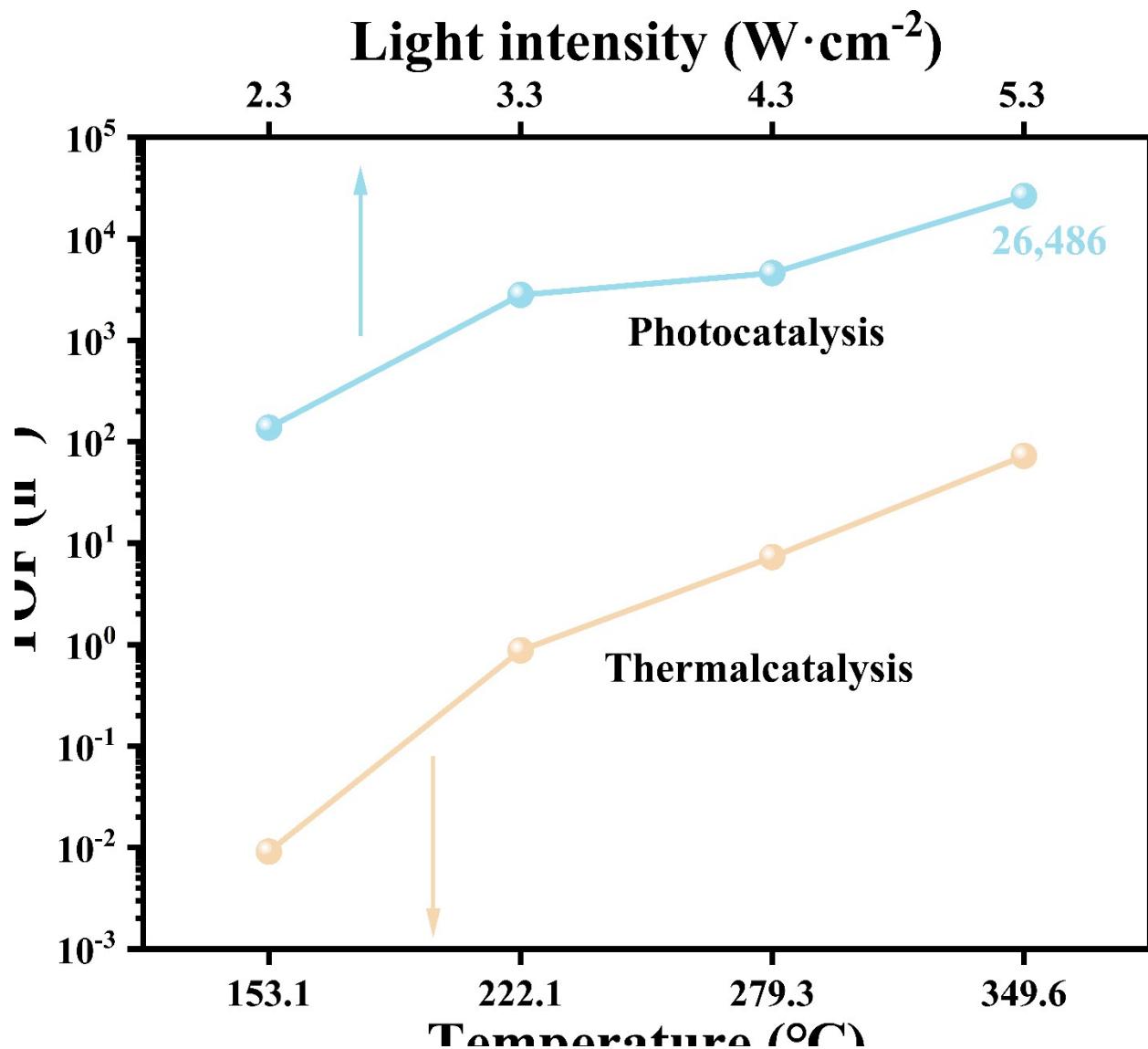


Fig. S9. TOF over PtRh/GaN NWs/Si under dark and concentrated light-illuminating conditions at different temperatures.

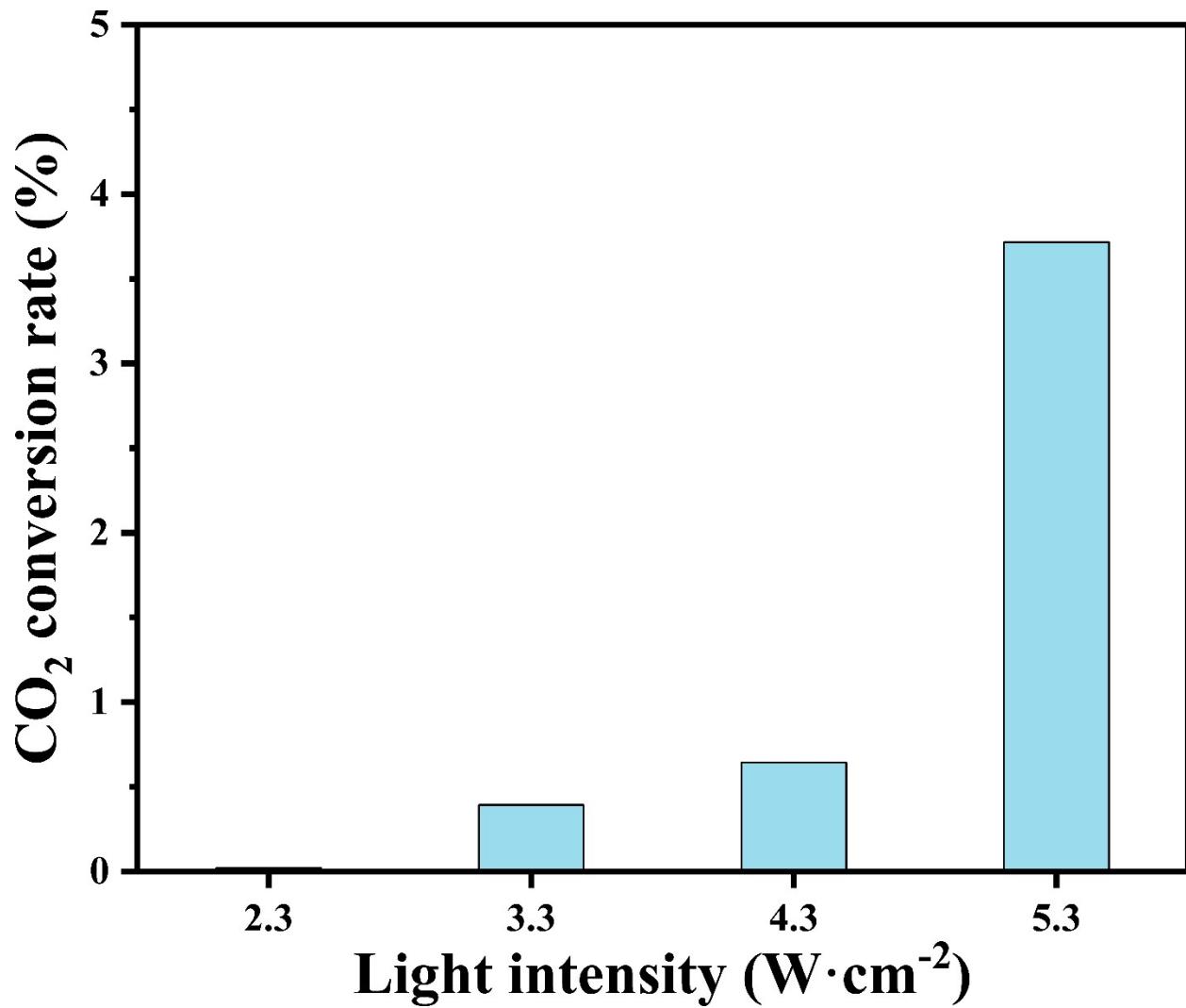


Fig. S10. CO₂ conversion rate over PtRh/GaN NWs/Si under concentrated light-illuminating conditions with different light intensities. Catalyst area: ~0.5 cm⁻²; Rh:(Rh + Pt) = 0.55; PtRh: 0.11 μmol·cm⁻²; CO₂:H₂ = 12:1, reaction time: 0.5 h.

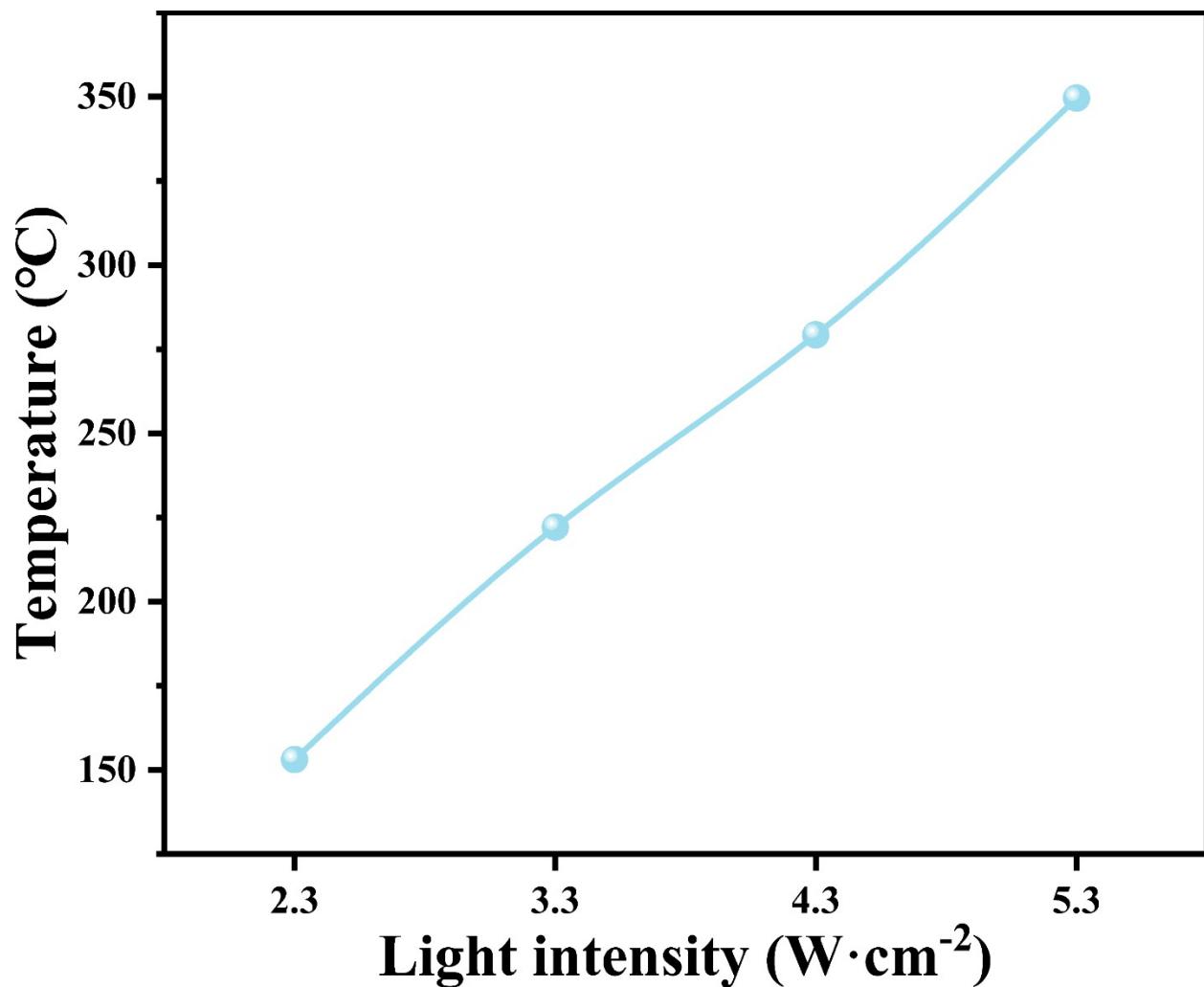


Fig. S11. Surface temperature of PtRh/GaN NWs/Si under various light intensities.

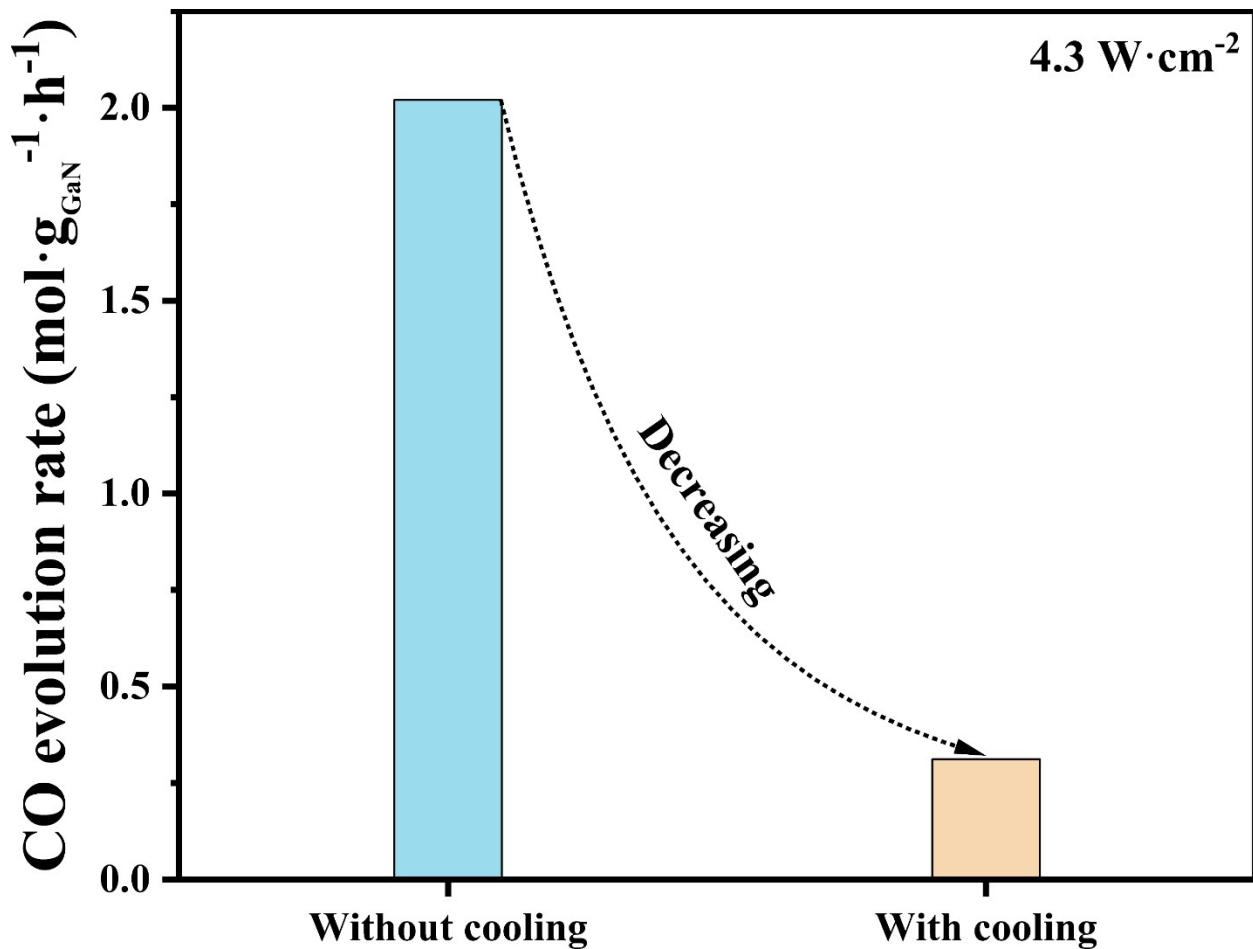


Fig. S12. CO evolution rate over PtRh/GaN NWs/Si with/without cooling. Light intensity: 4.3 $\text{W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$; catalyst area: $\sim 0.5 \text{ cm}^{-2}$; Rh:(Rh + Pt) = 0.55; PtRh: 0.11 $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$; $\text{CO}_2:\text{H}_2$ = 12:1.

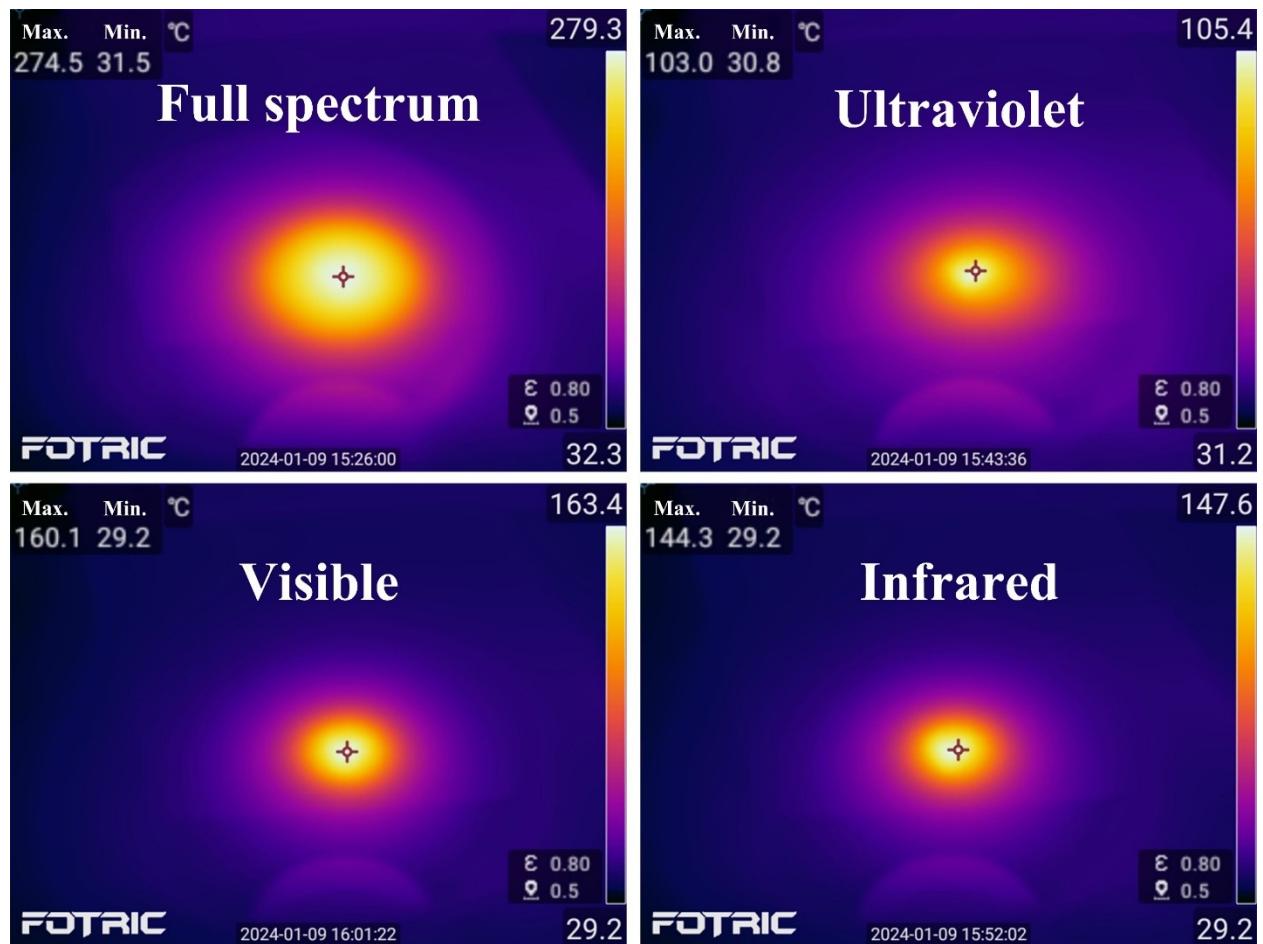


Fig. S13. Infrared thermal images over PtRh/GaN NWs/Si surface under light irradiation in different spectral ranges (full spectra, ultraviolet, visible, and infrared).

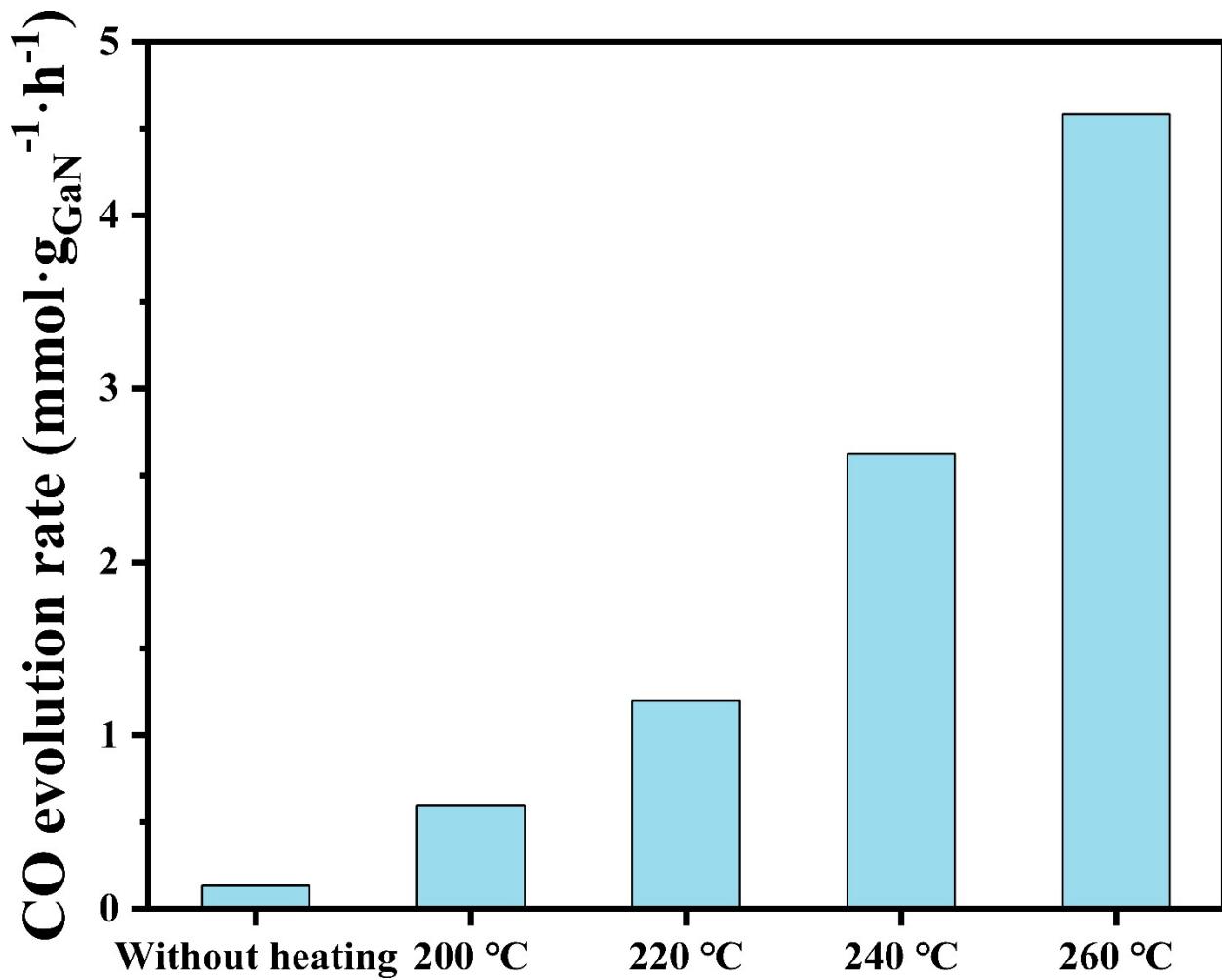


Fig. S14. The dependence of CO activity on temperature under ultraviolet light illumination. Light intensity: 2.1 W·cm⁻²; catalyst area: ~0.5 cm⁻²; Rh:(Rh + Pt) = 0.55; PtRh: 0.11 μmol·cm⁻²; CO₂:H₂ = 12:1.

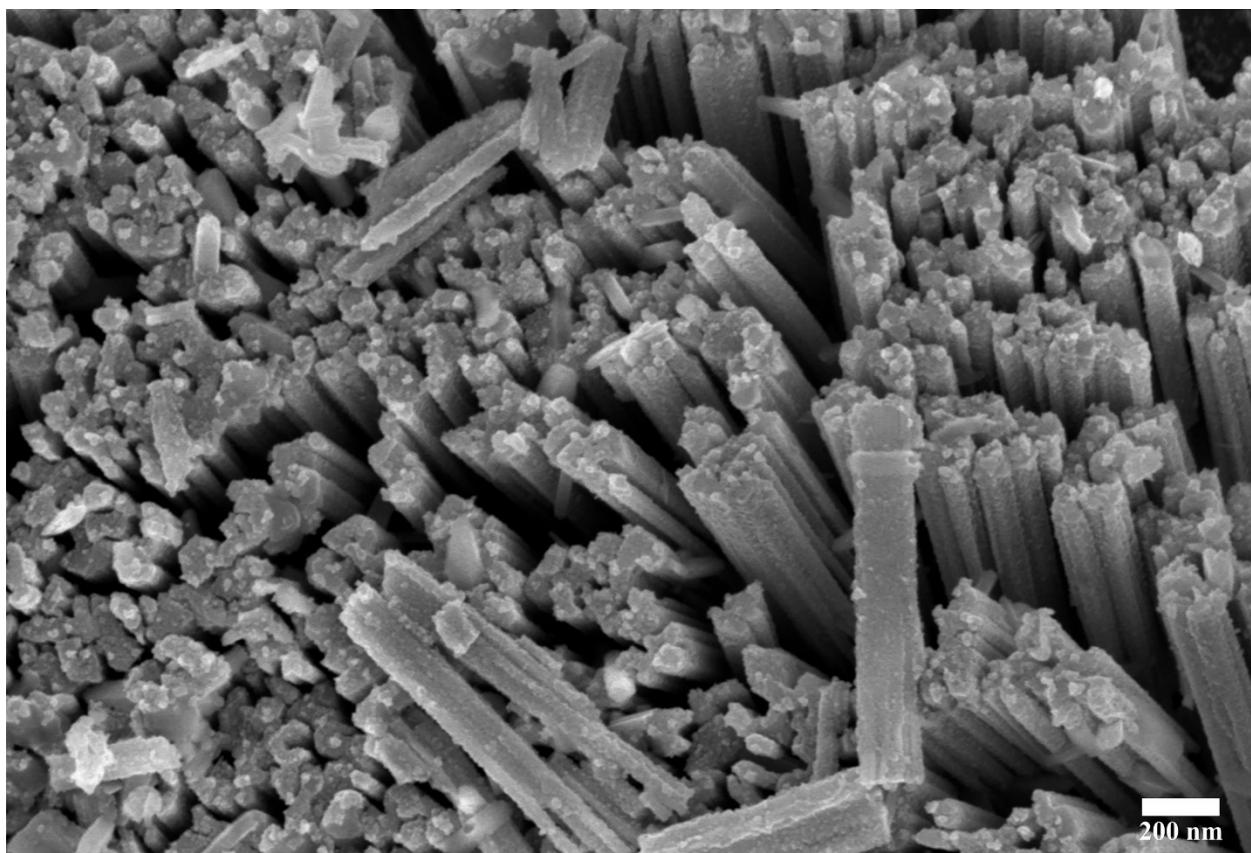


Fig. S15. (A) SEM image of PtRh/GaN NWs/Si after 16 h of durability testing.

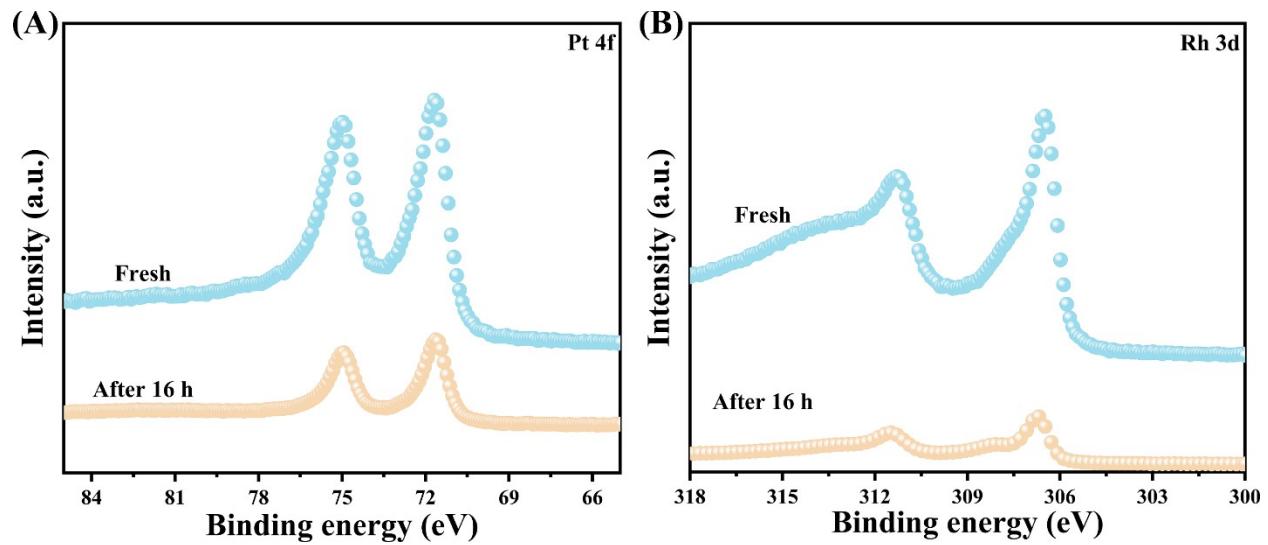


Fig. S16. XPS spectra of PtRh/GaN NWs/Si (fresh and after 16 h of durability testing. (A) Pt 4f. (B) Rh 3d.

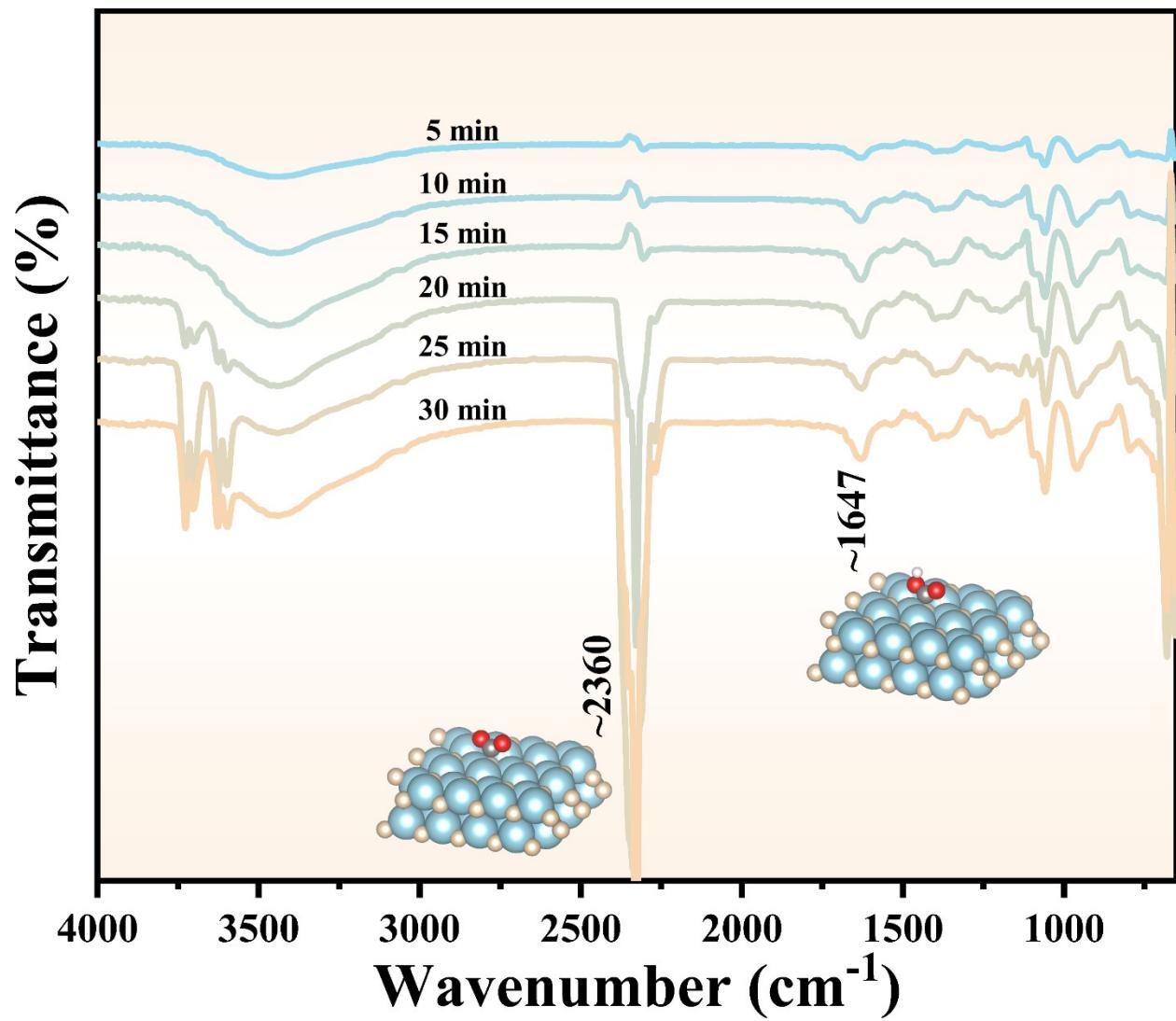


Fig. S17. *Operando* DRIFT spectra of CO_2 hydrogenation over PtRh/GaN NWs/Si under dark conditions at 280 °C. Ga, blue; N, orange; C, gray; O, red; and H, white.

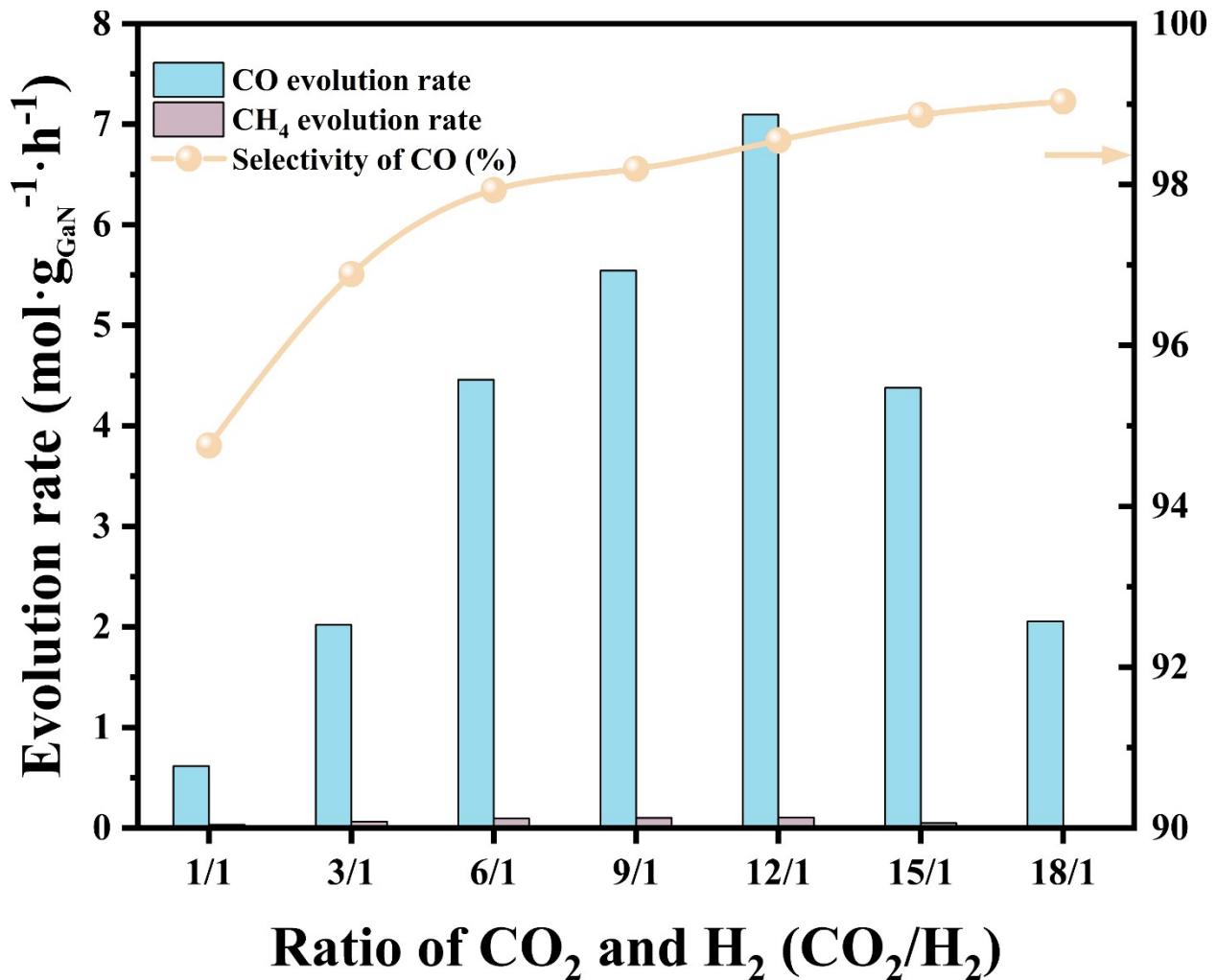


Fig. S18. Influence of CO_2/H_2 ratios on the product evolution rate and selectivity. Light intensity: $4.3 \text{ W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$; catalyst area: $\sim 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$; $\text{Rh:(Rh + Pt)} = 0.55$; PtRh ; $0.11 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$.

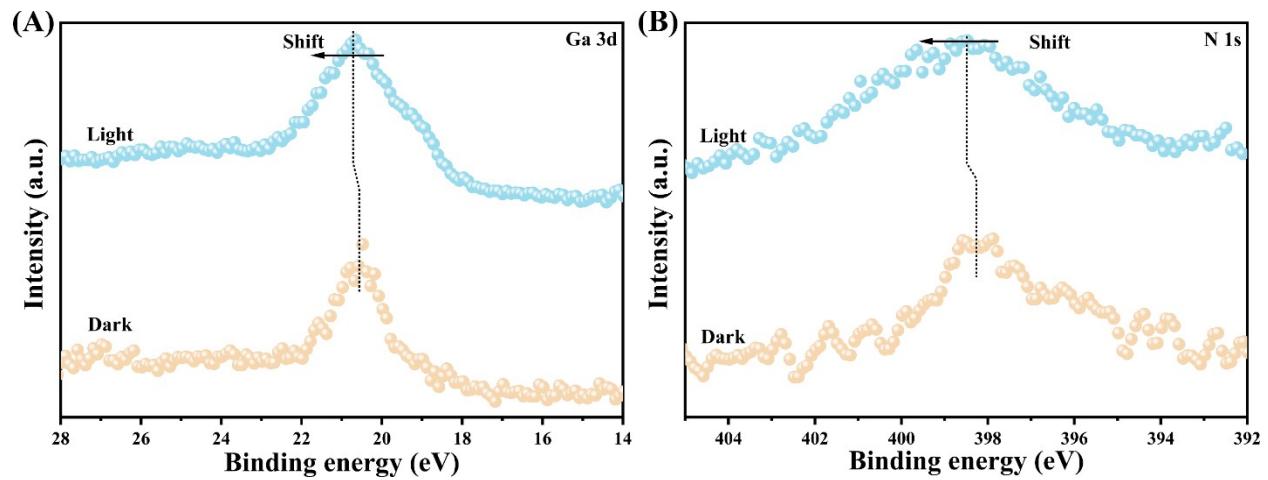


Fig. S19. ISI-XPS spectra of (A) Ga 3d, (B) N 1s.

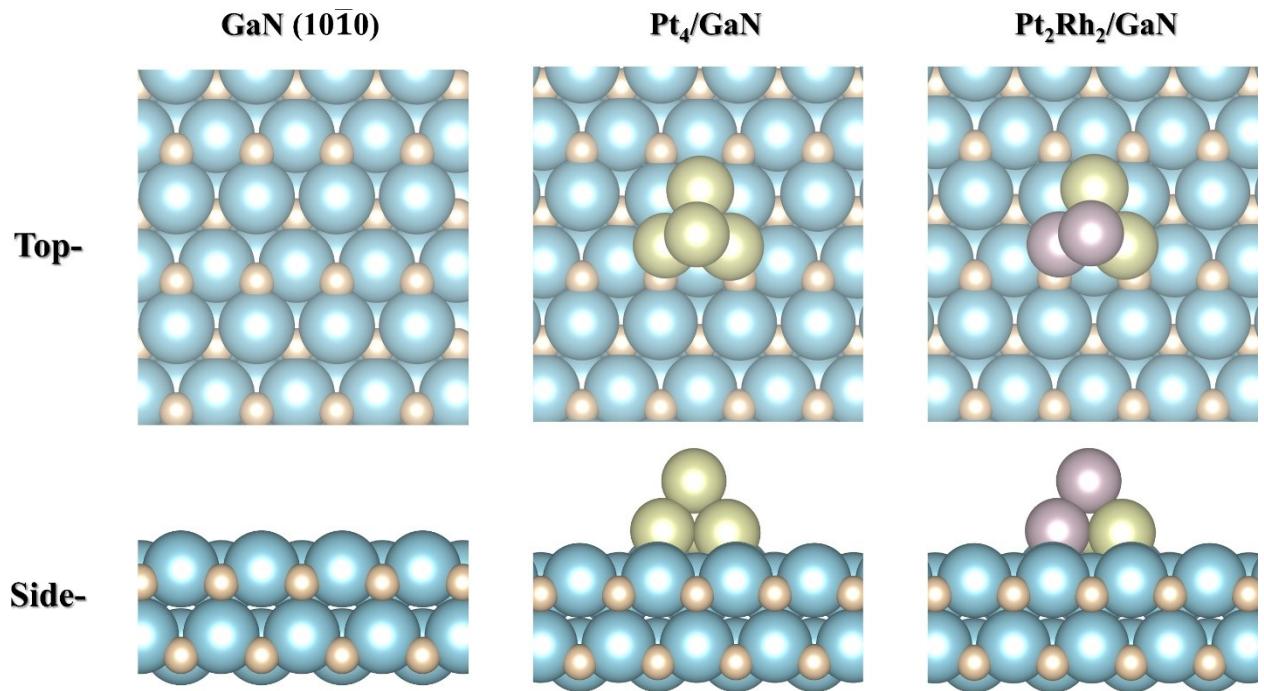


Fig. S20. The top and side views of optimal structural models of GaN (10̄10), Pt₄/GaN, and Pt₂Rh₂/GaN, respectively. Ga, blue; N, orange; Pt, green; and Rh, purple.

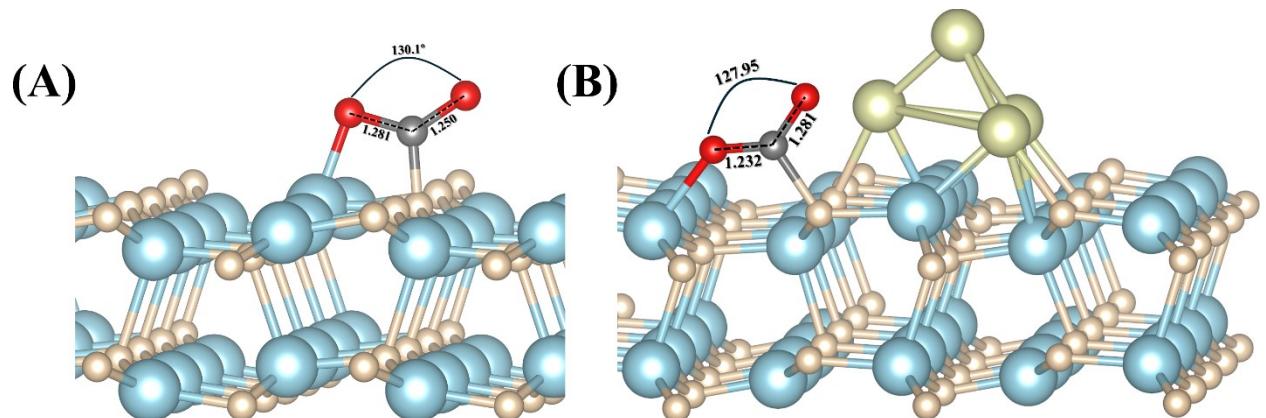


Fig. S21. CO₂ adsorption configuration over GaN (10\bar{1}0) and Pt₄/GaN. Ga, blue; N, orange; Pt, green; C, gray; and O, red.

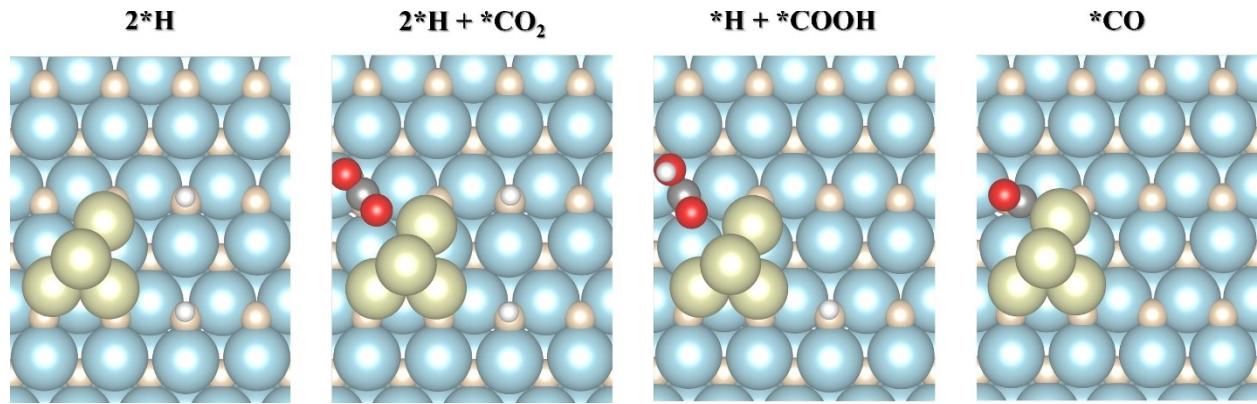


Fig. S22. Optimized geometry of each reaction intermediate for CO_2 hydrogenation on Pt_4/GaN .
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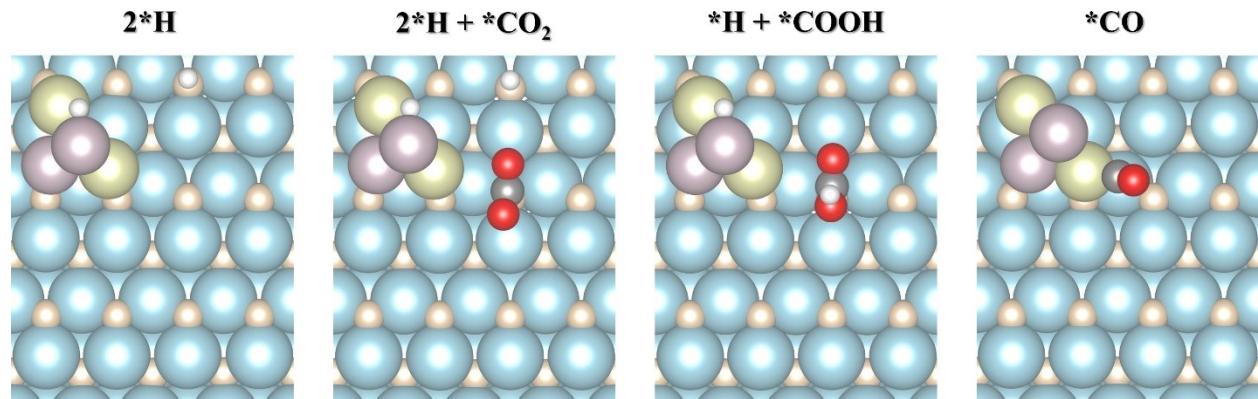


Fig. S23. Optimized geometry of each reaction intermediate for CO₂ hydrogenation on Pt₂Rh₂/GaN. Ga, blue; N, orange; Pt, green; Rh, purple. C, gray; O, red; and H, white.

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