

Electronic Supplementary Information

**AlN/Ti₂CO₂ van der Waals heterostructure: a direct Z-scheme
photocatalyst for efficient photocatalytic water splitting**

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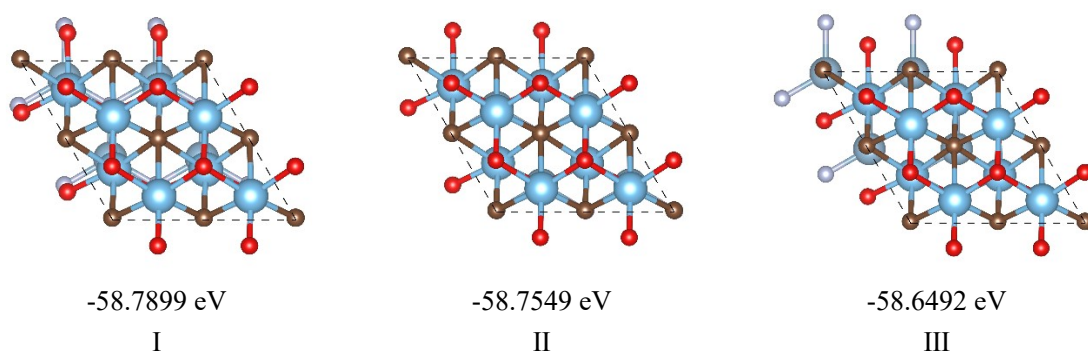


Figure S1. The structures of AlN/Ti₂CO₂ heterostructures with different configurations and their free energies.

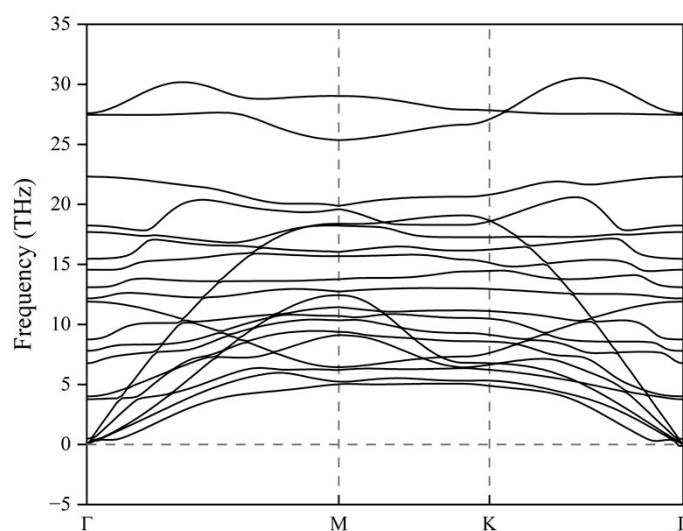


Figure S2. The phonon spectrum of AlN/Ti₂CO₂ heterostructure.

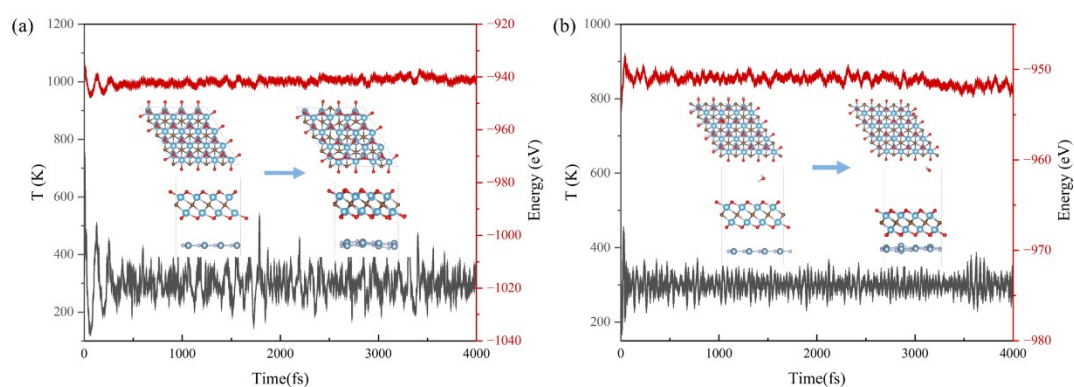


Figure S3. The fluctuations in temperature (black, left axis) and total energy (red, right axis) during AIMD simulations at 300 K for the AlN/Ti₂CO₂ heterostructure with vacancies (a) and the AlN/Ti₂CO₂ heterostructure adsorbed with water molecules (b).

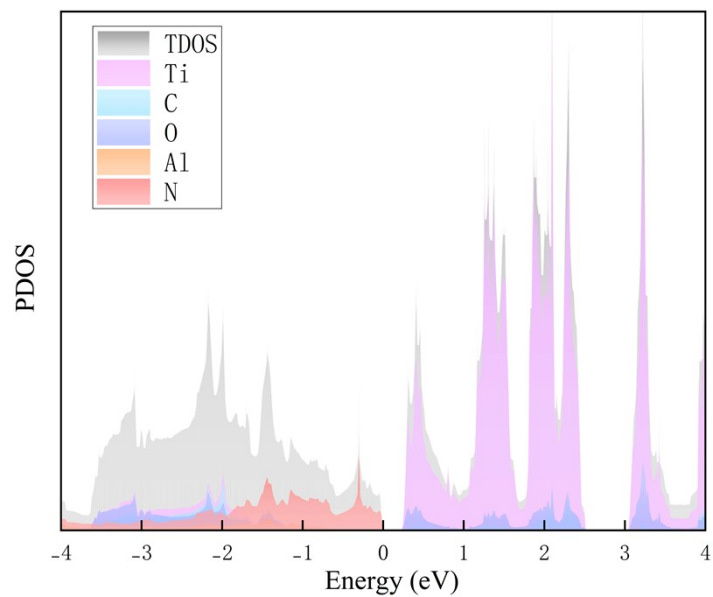


Figure S4. Projected density of states for AlN/Ti₂CO₂ heterojunctions.

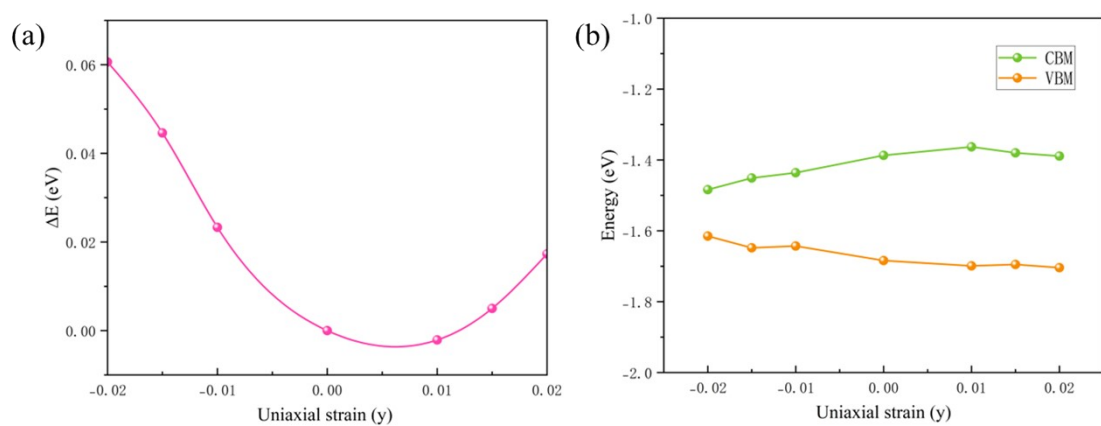


Figure S5. (a) The energy change, and (b) the band edge positions (CBM and VBM) of the heterostructures as a function of the uniaxial strain applied along y direction.

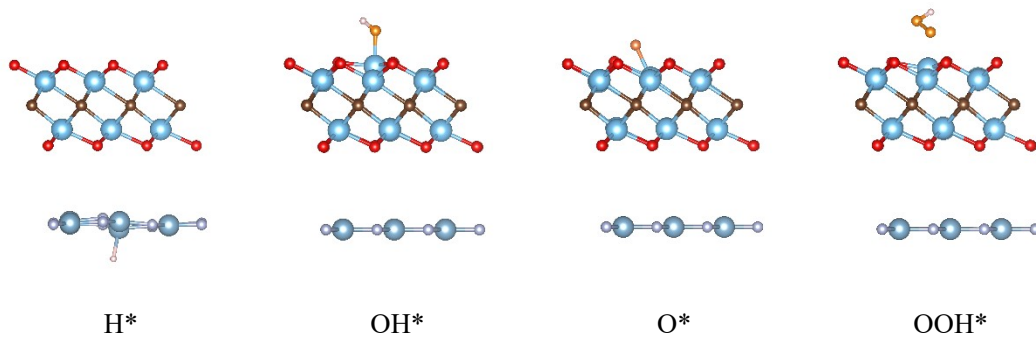


Figure S6. The intermediate structure of H*, OH*, O*, and OOH*

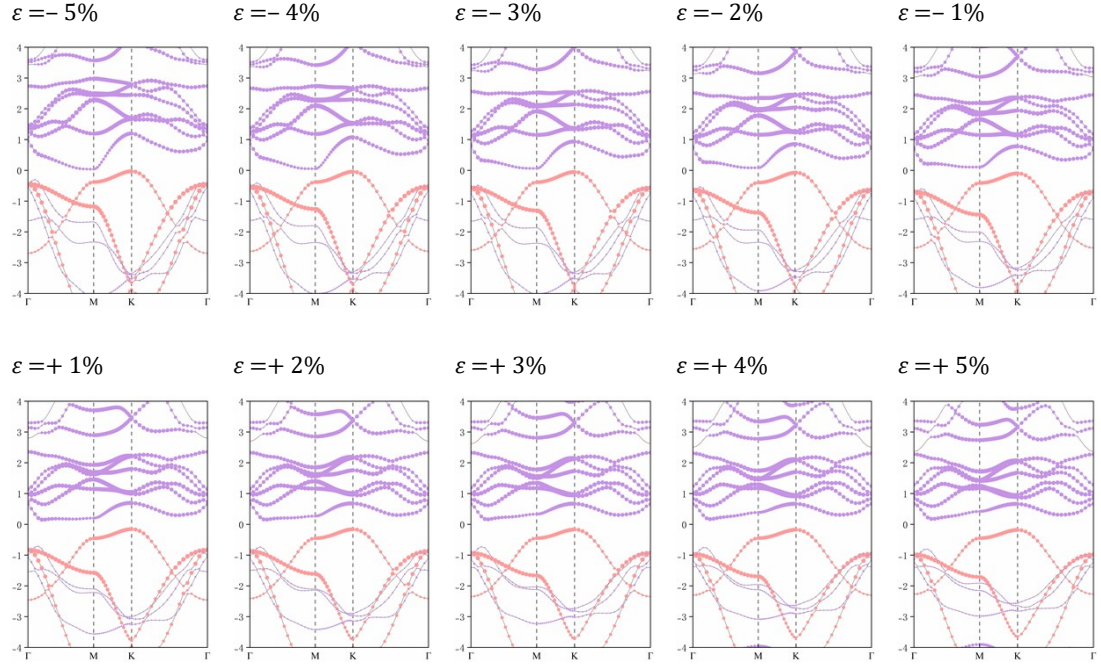


Figure S7. The band structures of the AlN/Ti₂CO₂ heterojunction under strains.