

Supporting Information

**Cu,Nd-co-doped Co₃O₄ for efficient photothermal synergistic catalysis
of CO₂ hydrogenation at ambient pressure**

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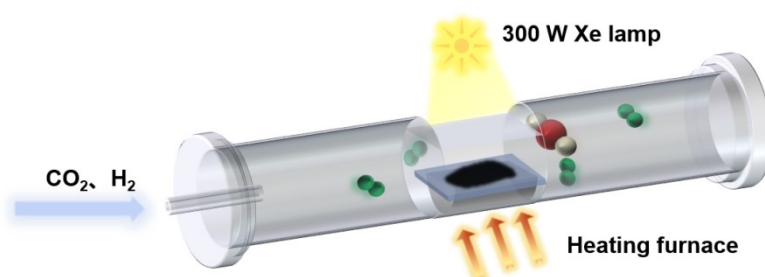


Fig. S1. Illustration of the designed photothermal reactor.

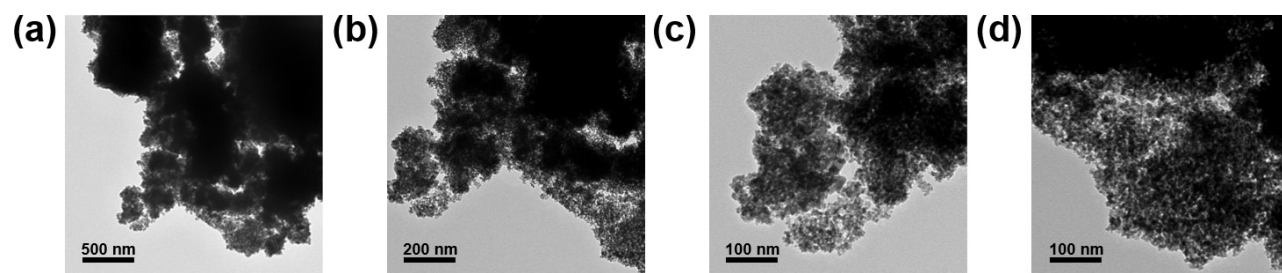


Fig. S2. TEM images of the CCNO-9 catalyst.

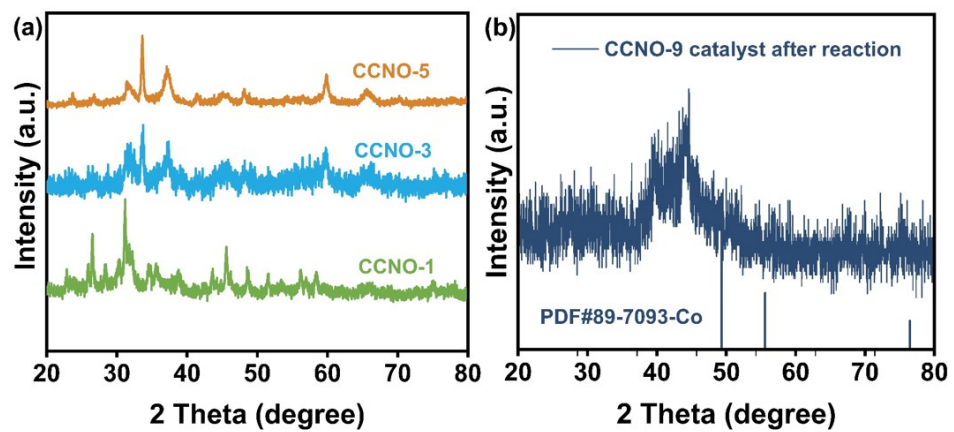


Fig. S3. XRD patterns of (a) CCNO-1, CCNO-3, CCNO-5 samples, and (b) the used CCNO-9.

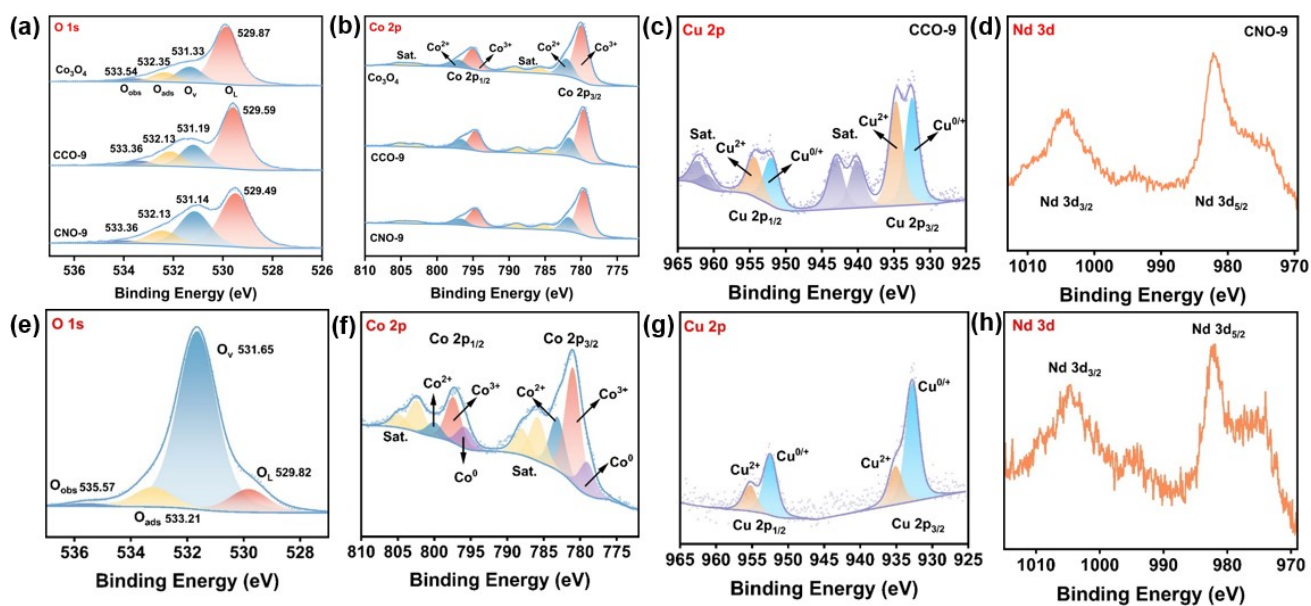


Fig. S4. XPS spectra of (a) O 1s, (b) Co 2p, (c) Cu 2p, (d) Nd 3d for Co_3O_4 , CCO-9, CNO-9, and the used CCNO-9 catalyst.

Table S1. Catalytic performances of photothermal CO₂ reduction over different developed catalysts

Entry	Catalysts	Reaction condition	Temperature (°C)	CH ₄ Activity (mmol·g _{cat} ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)	TOF (h ⁻¹)	αCO ₂ (%)	Ref
1	Ru/H _x MoO _{3-y}	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/1, 300 W Xe Lamp, a flow-reactor system	140	20.8	/	/	1
2	Rh/Al nanoantenna	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/3, solar simulator, 1.5 MPa	200	550.0	/	/	2
3	Co ₇ Cu ₁ Mn ₁ O _x	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/3, 300 W Xe lamp, a batch reactor	200	14.5	/	27.4	3
4	CCNO-9	CO ₂ /H ₂ =2/3, 300 W Xe lamp, a batch reactor	200	47.0	/	33.4	This work
5	CoOx@C-350	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe Lamp, 0.1 MPa, a flow-reactor system	200	2.9	/	51.9	4
6	Ni/CeO ₂	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, a continuous flow fixed-bed quartz tube	225	147.1	511.2	84.2	5
7	Ru-Al ₂ O _{3-x} -L	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, a flow-reactor system	236.4	87.0	/	27.1	6
8	In ₂ O ₃ @Ni	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, 1.2 bar	250	1.0	/	/	7
9	Ru/TiO _x	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, a batch reactor	259.3	15.8	/	/	8
10	Ni/0.5-TiO ₂ @NC	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, a fixed-bed quartz glass tube reactor	275	65.3	/	71.6	9
11	FeNiCrMnCo/GaN	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/10, 300 W Xe lamp, 0.1 MPa	290	199.0	168	/	10
12	3RT-H	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, UV light, a fixed bed flow reactor	300	19	30.8	/	11
13	Ru/HNT	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, a flow-reactor system	300	1704.0	/	68.0	12
14	Ru@Ni ₂ V ₂ O ₇	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, 0.1 MPa	350	114.9	/	91.0	13
15	MnNiZrRuCe HEMG	CO ₂ /H ₂ =1/4, 300 W Xe lamp, a flow-reactor system	330	139.4	/	81	14

Table S2. The analysis results of N₂ adsorption/desorption isotherms for catalysts

Entry	Catalyst	S_{BET}^a (m ² /g)	D_p^b (nm)	V (cm ³ /g)
1	CCO-9	42	11	0.16
2	CNO-9	44	10	0.14
3	CCNO-7	45	12	0.15
4	CCNO-9	42	12	0.16
5	CCNO-11	39	12	0.15

^a BET-specific surface area. ^b BJH method.

Table S3. Catalytic performances of photothermal CO₂ reduction over different reported catalysts

Entry	Catalyst	Activity (mmol·g _{cat} ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)				Sele. (%)			α CO ₂ (%)
		CH ₄	C ₂₊	CO	Total	CH ₄	C ₂₊	CO	
1	CoCuAlO _x	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.3	80.9	10.5	8.6	1.0
2	CoCuNiO _x	1.3	1.1	1.5	3.9	33.8	28.1	38.1	3.2
3	CoCuGdO _x	/	/	/	0	/	/	/	0
4	CoCuInO _x	/	0.1	0.1	0.2	9.5	58.1	32.4	0.2
5	CoCuPrO _x	/	/	0.1	0.1	37.9	5.6	56.4	0.1
6	CoCuSmO _x	/	/	/	0	/	/	/	0
7	CoCuBiO _x	/	/	0.1	0.1	7.2	20.6	72.2	0.1
8	CoCuNdO _x	6.8	0.8	10.9	18.5	36.6	4.5	58.9	12.7
9	CoCuPtO _x	7.1	1.6	1.2	9.9	71.7	16.1	12.2	7.4
10	CoFeAlO _x	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.9	19.7	33.3	47.0	0.8
11	CoZrCeO _x	/	/	0.1	0.1	6.5	2.3	91.2	0.1
12	CoCeNiO _x	0.1	/	0.4	0.5	18.6	3.9	77.5	0.4
13	CoMnZnO _x	/	0.1	0.3	0.4	2.4	17.0	80.6	0.3
14	CoMnNdO _x	/	/	3.9	3.9	0.1	0.5	99.4	2.6
15	CoZrNdO _x	/	/	/	0.1	9.9	3.3	86.8	0.1
16	Cu-CeO ₂	/	/	1.9	2.0	1.8	0.6	97.6	1.3
17	CoZr/CeO ₂	/	/	/	0	/	/	/	0
18	BiMo ₂ O ₆	0.1	/	/	0.1	77.5	6.8	15.7	0.1
19	CoMo ₂ O ₆	/	/	0.5	0.5	3.1	2.9	94.0	0.3
20	Zr ₂ MoO ₆	0.1	0.1	/	0.2	49.6	41.7	8.7	0.1
21	LaNiO ₃	0.6	0	/	0.6	98.1	1.3	0.6	0.3
22	CeNiO ₃	0.3	0.1	/	0.4	69.4	26.0	4.6	0.2

Reaction conditions: catalyst 50 mg, 250 mL CO₂ and 2000 mL H₂, 3 h, 200 °C, 300 W Xe lamp.

Table S4. Effects of excitation wavelength on photothermal CO₂ hydrogenation over the CCNO-9 catalyst

Entry	Light sources	Wavelength range (nm)	Sele. (%)			Activity (mmol·g _{cat} ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)	αCO ₂ (%)
			CH ₄	C ₂₊	CO		
1	Full irradiation	300-1100	58.1	9.3	32.6	47.0	33.4
2	Visible light	>420	64.5	6.8	28.7	12.1	8.5
3	Sunlight	190-1100	73.8	11.4	14.8	39.6	28.5

Reaction conditions: CCNO-9 50 mg, 250 mL CO₂ and 2000 mL H₂, 3 h, 200 °C, 300 W Xe lamp.

Table S5. Quantitative analysis of CO₂ adsorption amounts over different catalysts

Entry	Catalysts	50-250 °C		250-500 °C		500-700 °C		Total (mmol/g)
		T _{max} (°C)	Adsorption quantity (mmol/g)	T _{max} (°C)	Adsorption quantity (mmol/g)	T _{max} (°C)	Adsorption quantity (mmol/g)	
1	CCNO-7	134.1	0.262	500.7	0.461	570.4	0.497	1.22
2	CCNO-9	159.2	0.382	500.3	0.608	699.4	0.669	1.66
3	CCNO-11	152.0	0.196	357.6	0.346	700.4	0.374	0.92
4	CCO-9	122.0	0.182	385.2	0.285	700.5	0.163	0.63
5	CNO-9	109.4	0.207	500.5	0.441	700.1	0.456	1.10

Table S6. Gibbs free energies of stepwise for CO₂ hydrogenation over the CCNO-9, CCO-9, and CNO-9 catalysts

Steps	Reaction intermediates and routes	ΔG (eV)		
		CCNO-9	CCO-9	CNO-9
1	$* + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow *\text{CO}_2$	-0.41	-0.32	-0.25
2	$2*\text{CO}_2 + *\text{H} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow *\text{HCO}_3 + \text{CO}$	0.19	0.15	0.16
3	$*\text{HCO}_3 + 2*\text{H} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow *\text{COOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.35	0.49	0.53
4	$*\text{COOH} + 7*\text{H} \rightarrow *\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.21	0.09	0.04
5	$*\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow * + \text{CH}_4$	0.17	0.10	0.03

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