

Supporting Information – 8 pages

Aliovalent Gallium Dopants Remove Ti^{3+} Defects and Improve Photocatalytic and Photoelectrochemical Water Oxidation Properties of LaTiO_2N

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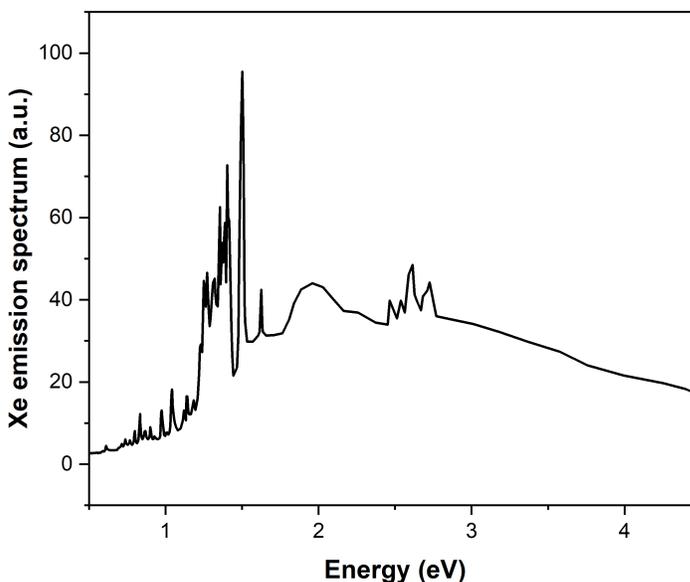


Figure S1. Emission spectrum of 300 W Xe arc lamp. The irradiance was calibrated to 100 mW cm^{-2} using the photocurrent from a commercial polycrystalline silicon photovoltaic cell.

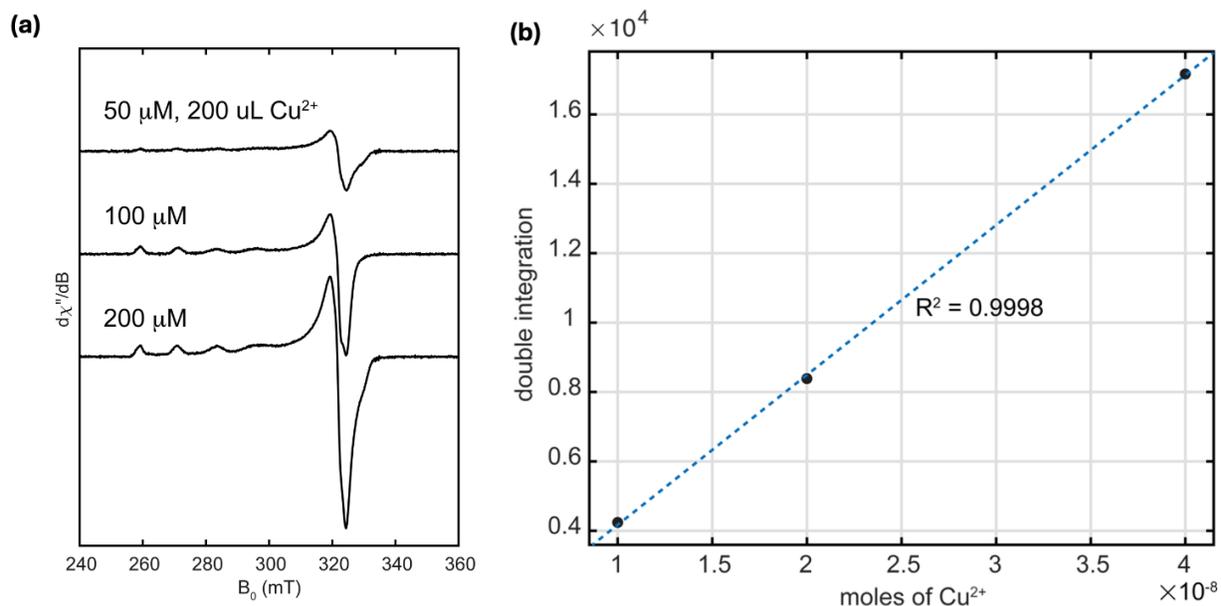


Figure S2. EPR spectra of CuSO_4 solutions in 20/80vol% ethylene glycol/ H_2O and plot of EPR peak area versus CuSO_4 concentration.

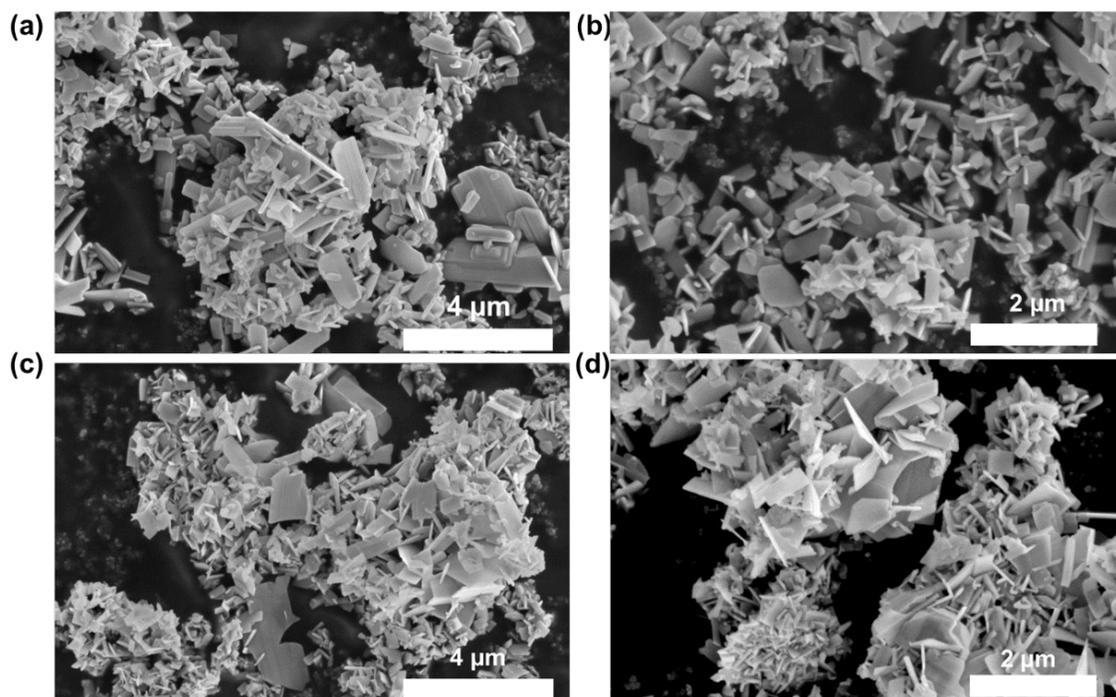


Figure S3. SEM images of $\text{La}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ and Ga-doped $\text{La}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ with different Ga concentrations. (a) $\text{La}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$; (b) 2% Ga- $\text{La}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$; (c) 5% Ga- $\text{La}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$ and (d) 10% Ga- $\text{La}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$.

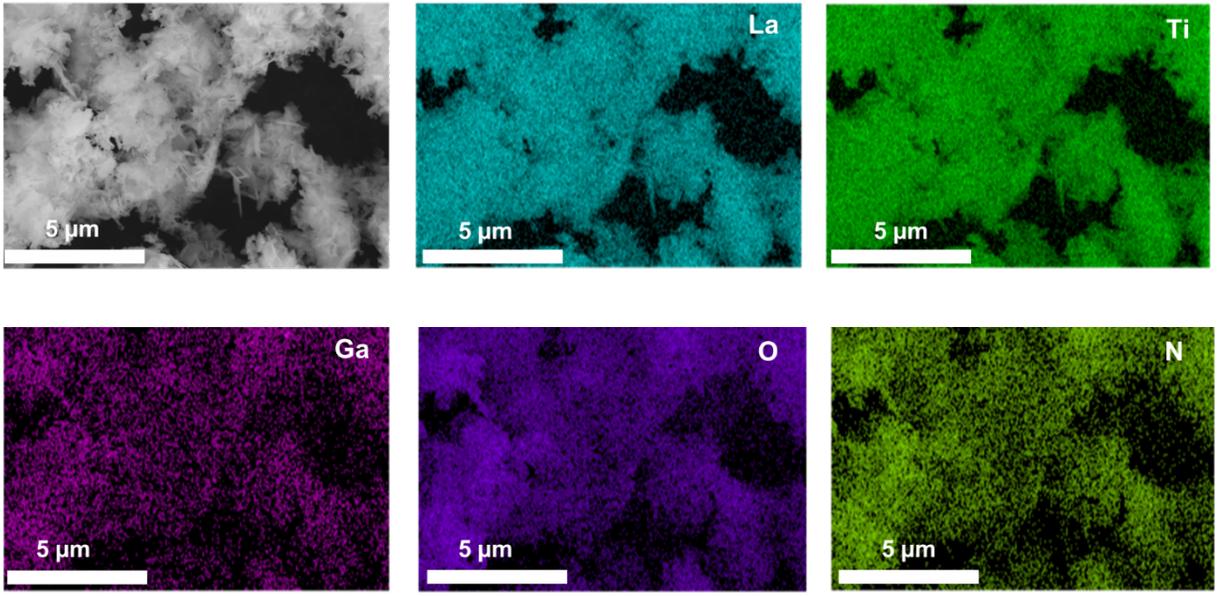


Figure S4. SEM-EDS elemental maps of 5% Ga-doped LaTiO₂N.

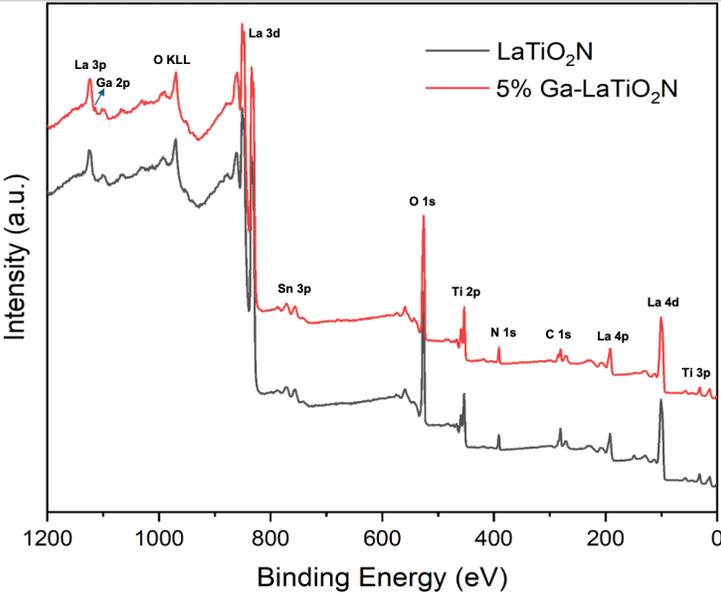
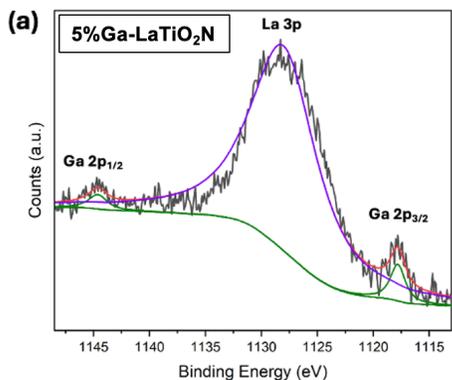
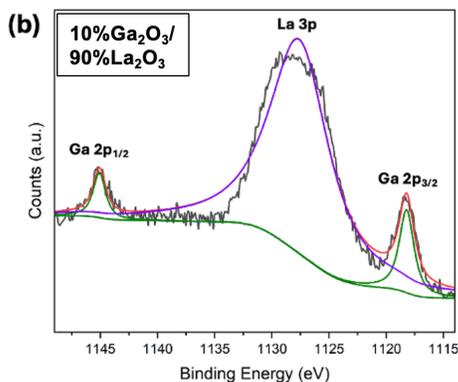


Figure S5. Survey XPS data for LaTiO₂N and 5%Ga-LaTiO₂N. The Sn signal originates from the FTO substrate.



| Peak | Position | Area |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Ga 2p _{1/2} | 1144.6 | 1712.434 |
| Ga 2p _{3/2} | 1117.8 | 3504.301 |
| La 3p | 1128.0 | 85019.520 |

$$\text{Area ratio of Ga/La} = (1712.434 + 3504.301)/85019.520 = 0.0614$$



| Peak | Position | Area |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Ga 2p _{1/2} | 1145.0 | 5621.022 |
| Ga 2p _{3/2} | 1118.0 | 12270.130 |
| La 3p | 1127.6 | 126111.700 |

$$\text{Area ratio of Ga/La} = (5621.022 + 12270.130)/126111.700 = 0.14$$

Figure S6. High resolution XPS spectra and peak fits in the Ga 2p region for (a) 5%Ga-LaTiO₂N and for (b) a homogeneous mixture of pure La₂O₃ and pure Ga₂O₃ (1:10 Ga/La mole ratio) with corresponding data in tables. The 10%(mol) Ga containing reference sample has an observed Ga : La XPS peak area ratio of 0.14. Based on the 0.0614 Ga : La XPS peak area ratio, the Ga concentration of the 5%Ga-doped LaTiO₂N is 4.38%.

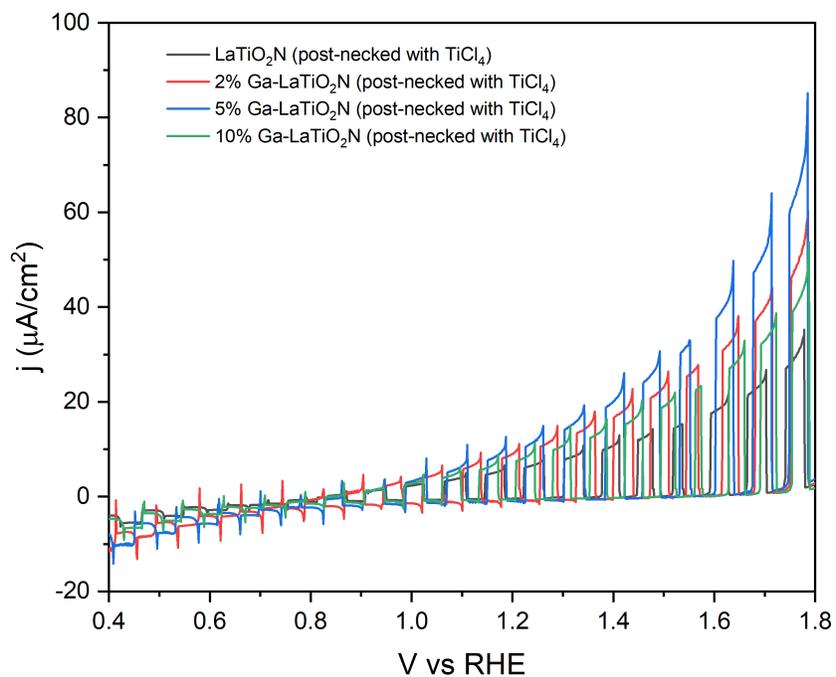


Figure S7. Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) scans for LaTiO₂N and Ga-doped LaTiO₂N photoelectrodes under chopped at 100 mW cm⁻² visible light ($\lambda \geq 420$ nm) in 0.5 M Na₂SO₄ electrolyte.

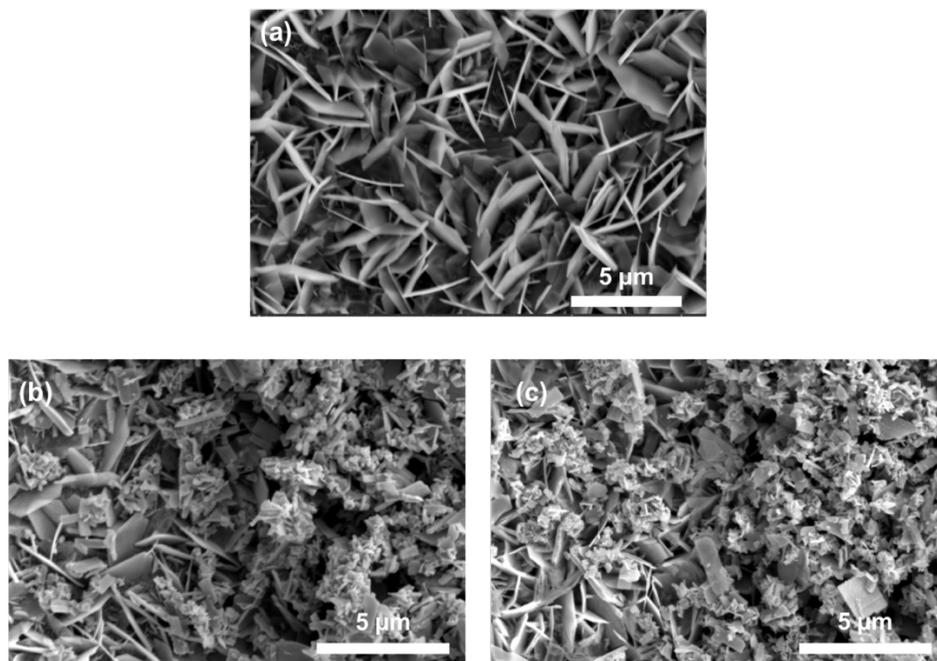


Figure S8. SEM images of (a) ZnO on FTO, (b) at the edges of FTO/ZnO/LaTiO₂N, and (c) for FTO/ZnO/5% Ga-doped LaTiO₂N.

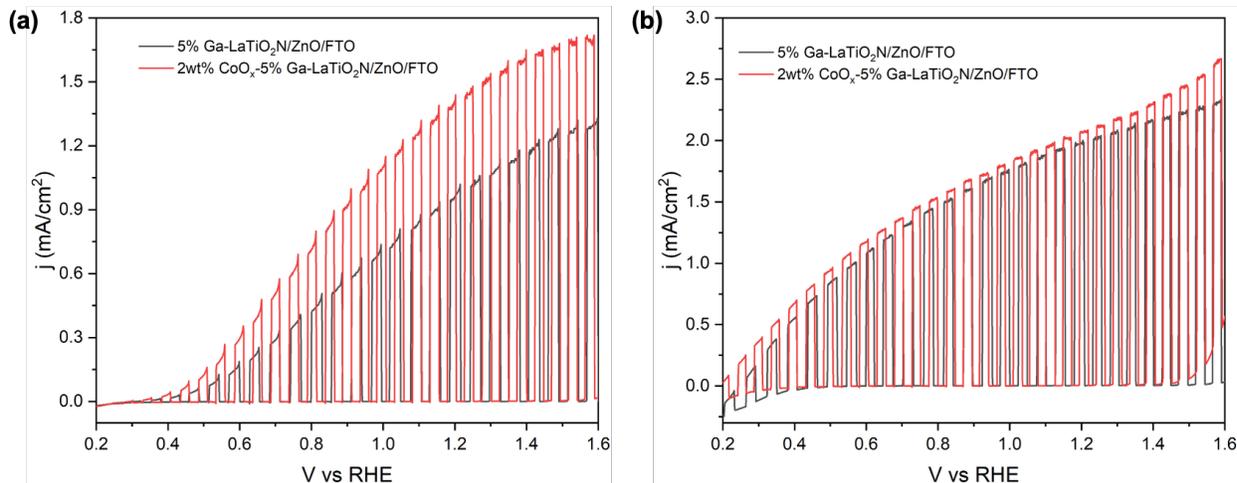


Figure S9. Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) scans for photoelectrodes containing 5% Ga-doped FTO and 2 wt% CoO_x loaded 5% Ga- LaTiO_2N under 100 mW cm^{-2} illumination from a 300 W Xe arc lamp in (a) 0.5 M Na_2SO_4 electrolyte and (b) 1 M NaOH electrolyte.

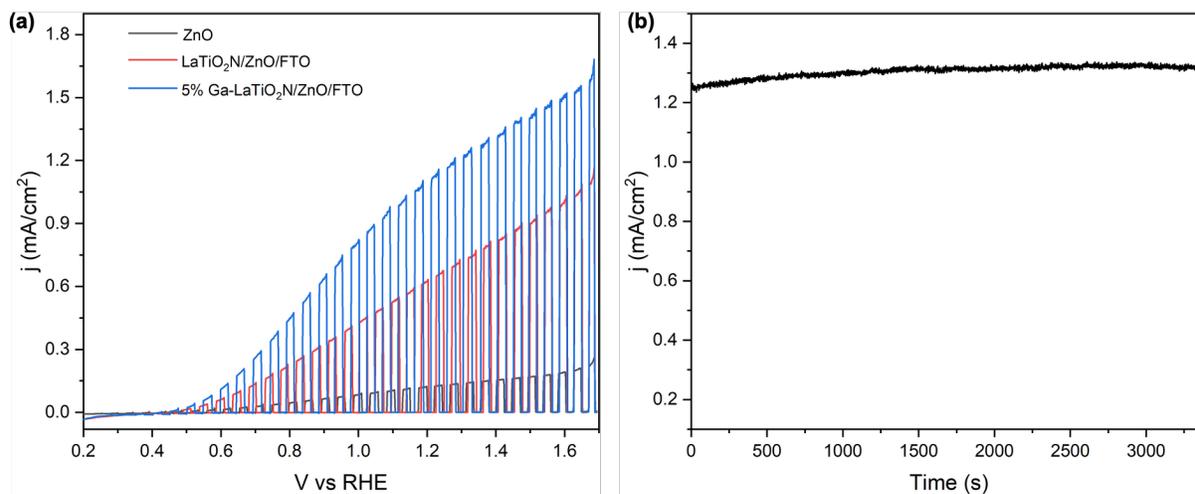


Figure S10. (a) PEC performance of as-prepared FTO/ZnO/ LaTiO_2N and 5% Ga- LaTiO_2N /ZnO/FTO photoelectrodes under 100 mW cm^{-2} illumination (back illumination) in 0.5 M KBi electrolyte (pH=13). (b) Stability assessment for FTO/ZnO/5% Ga- LaTiO_2N photoelectrode through chronoamperometric measurements at 1.30 V vs RHE in 0.5 M KBi solution (pH=13) under 100 mW cm^{-2} illumination. Based on a current of 1.2 mA cm^{-2} over a 3250 s period, $10 \mu\text{mol}$ of O_2 were evolved, corresponding to a turnover number of 3.7 for a $\sim 1.0 \mu\text{m}$ thick LaTiO_2N film on the 1.0 cm^2 electrode.

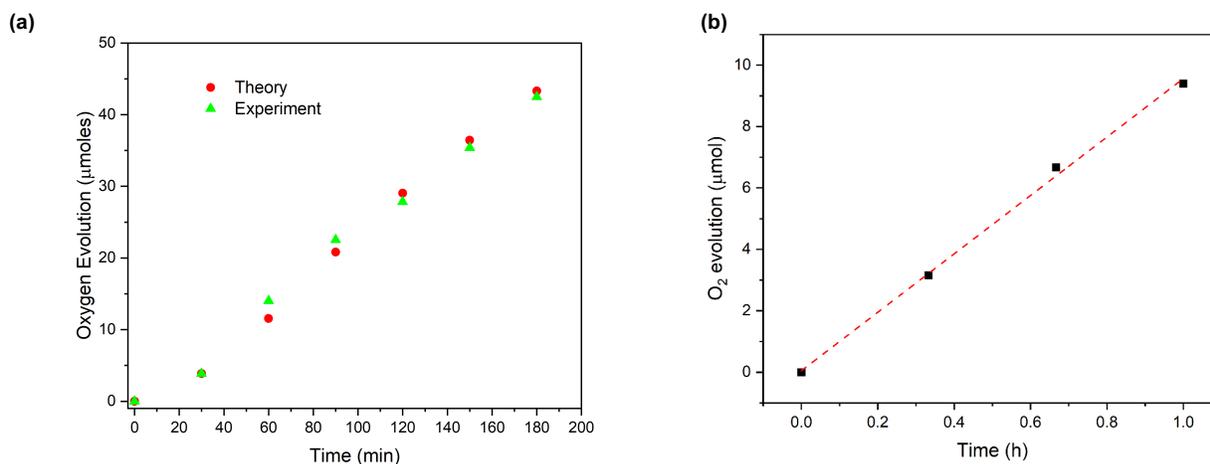


Figure S11. (a) Faradaic efficiency of FTO/ZnO/5%Ga-LaTiO₂N photoelectrode in KBi solution. Oxygen values are summarized in **Table S1**. (b) O₂ evolution from 100 mg of 2 wt % CoO_x-loaded 5% Ga-doped LaTiO₂N in 100 mL of 0.5 M AgNO₃ aqueous solution under 400 nm LED illumination (spectrum in **Figure S12**, light intensity: 15 mW cm⁻². Illumination area: 1.32 cm²). Oxygen values are summarized in **Table S2**.

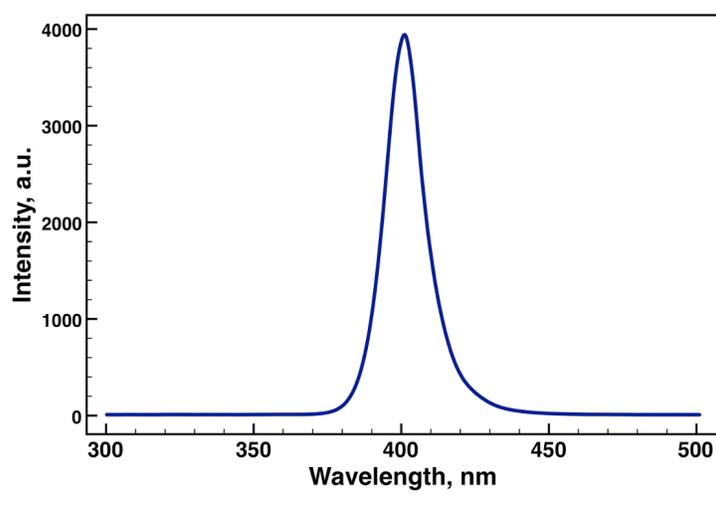


Figure S12. 400 nm LED emission spectrum (FWHM: ~ 15.4 nm).

Table S1. Oxygen Evolution data for FTO/ZnO/5%Ga-LaTiO₂N photoelectrode

| Time/min | O ₂ /μmol (experiment) | O ₂ /μmol (Theory) |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | - | - |
| 30 | 3.86 | 3.86 |
| 60 | 14.02 | 11.55 |
| 90 | 22.55 | 20.83 |
| 120 | 27.86 | 29.04 |
| 150 | 35.37 | 36.45 |
| 180 | 42.49 | 43.30 |

Table S2. GC analysis for the AQE measurement. The photoreactor has a direct connection to the gas chromatograph (GC).

| Time (min) | Integration area of O ₂ gas peak | O ₂ /μmol |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 5.89 | 3.32 |
| 40 | 11.51 | 6.79 |
| 60 | 15.41 | 9.59 |