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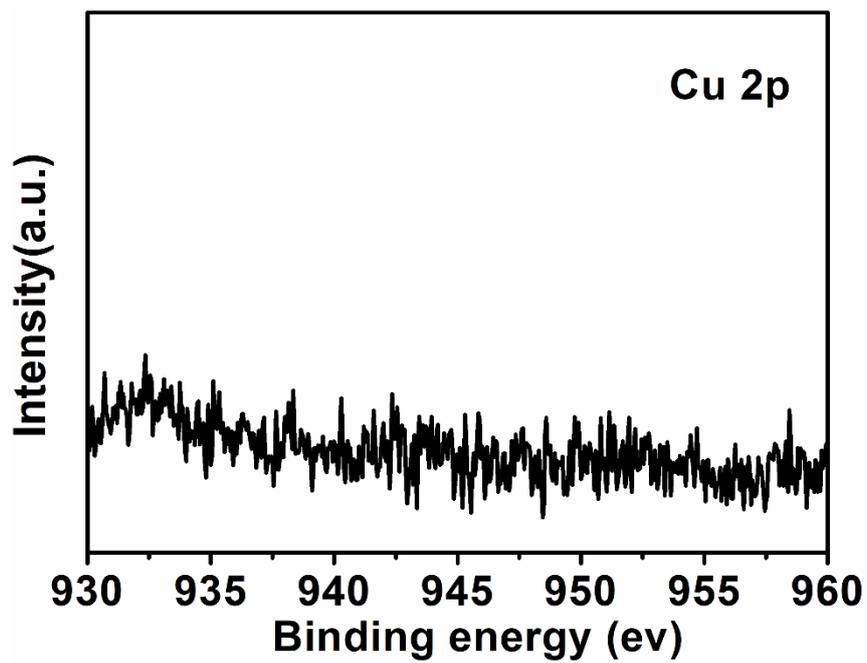
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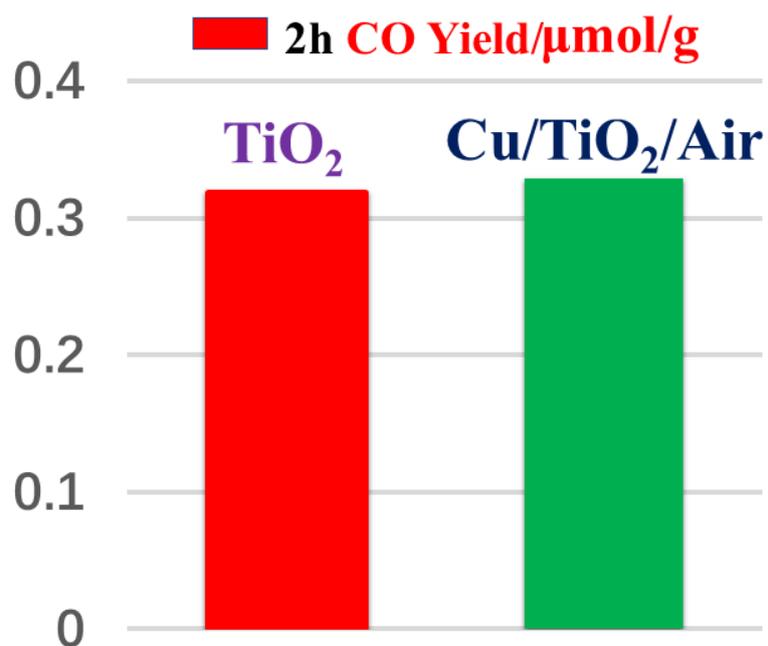
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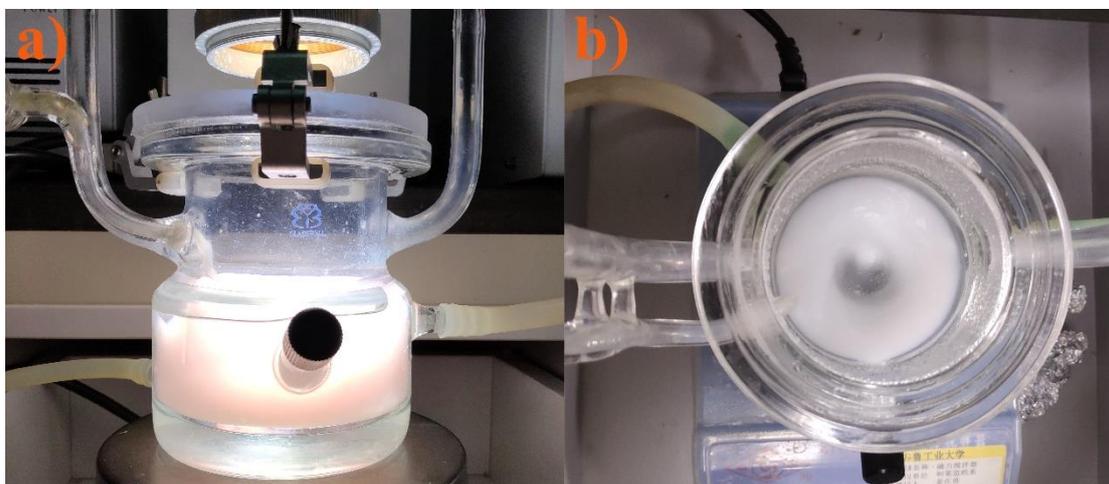
*Figure S1.* A photo of the experiment of in-situ photodeposition in air. The color of suspension remained white.



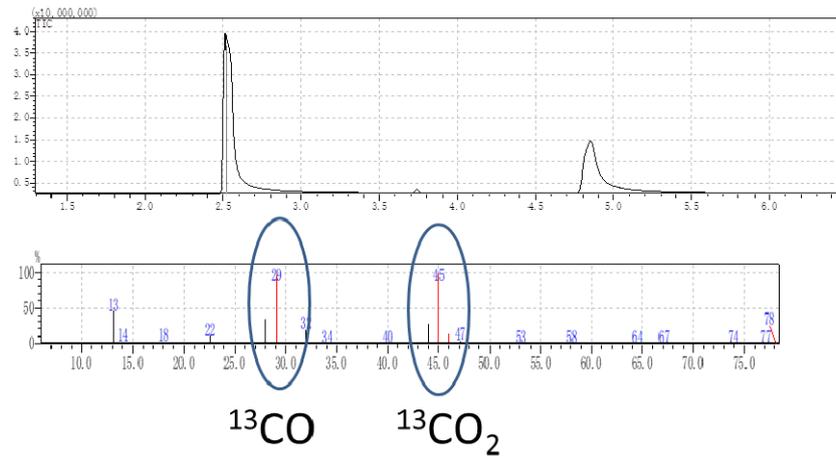
*Figure S2.* High-resolution XPS spectra of the Cu 2p region of Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>/Air.



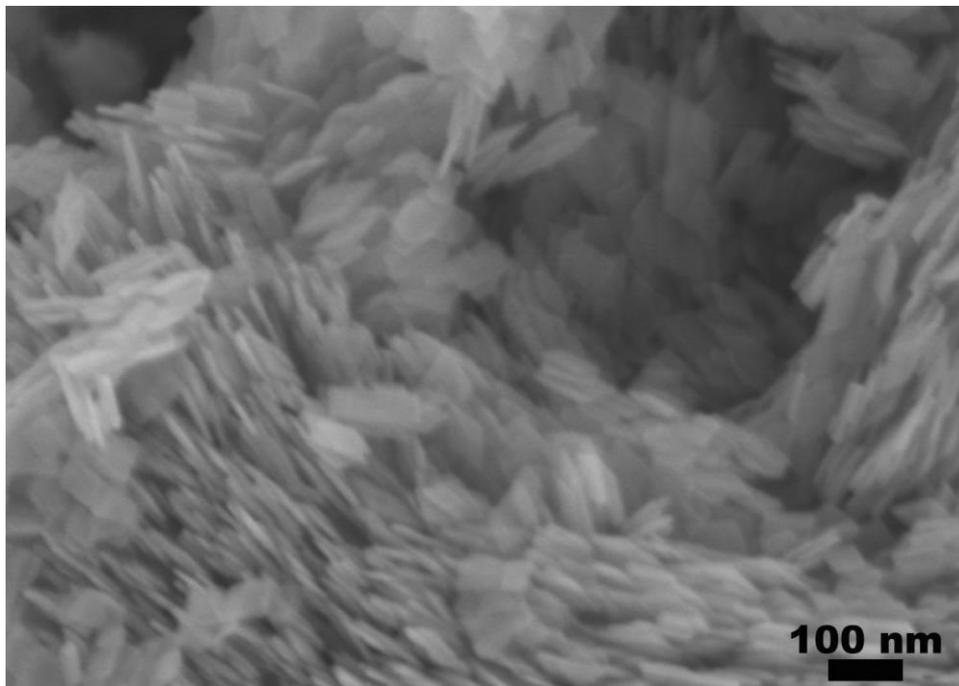
*Figure S3.* Photocatalytic  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction activities of pristine  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{Cu/TiO}_2/\text{Air}$ .



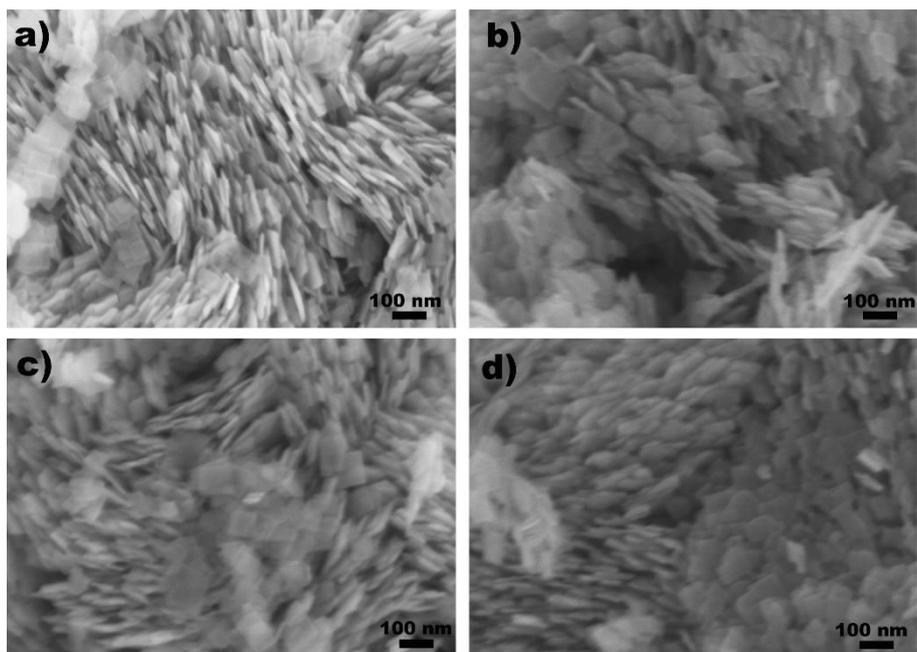
*Figure S4.* Photos taken (a) after completing the experiment of in-situ photodeposition in  $\text{CO}_2$  atmosphere, showing the red-pink colour of the suspension solution and (b) after the suspension was stirred in air showing the mere white colour.



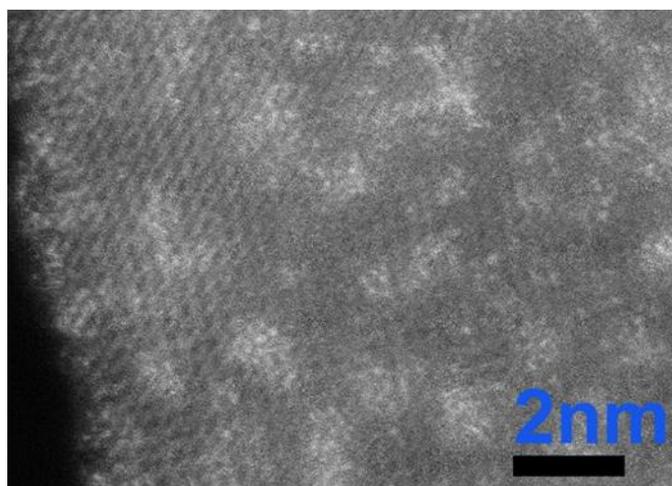
*Figure S5.* Isotope ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ) tracing experiments.



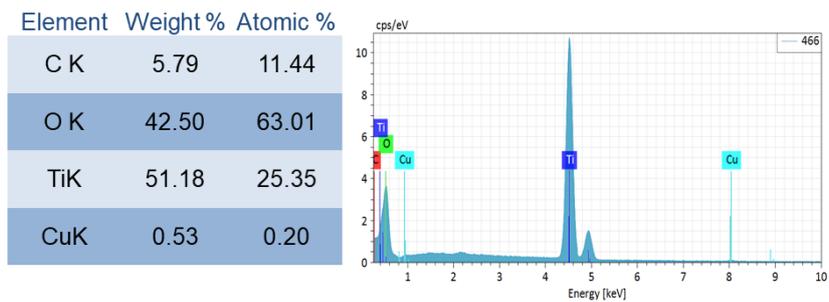
*Figure S6.* An SEM image of pristine  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanosheets.



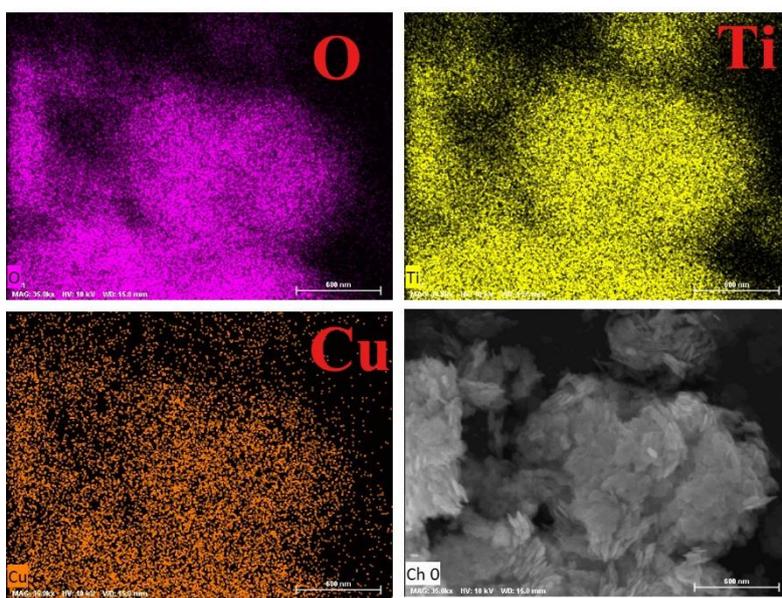
**Figure S7.** SEM images of (a) Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-1, (b) Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-2, (c) Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-3 and (d) Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-4.



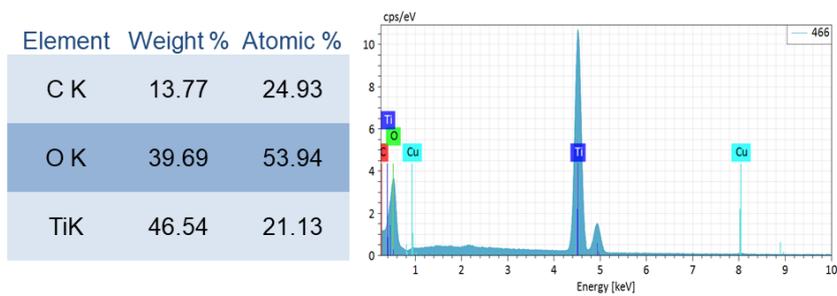
**Figure S8.** A zoomed-in atomic-resolution STEM image of a Cu-rich region of Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-2, showing the clusters are not crystalline.



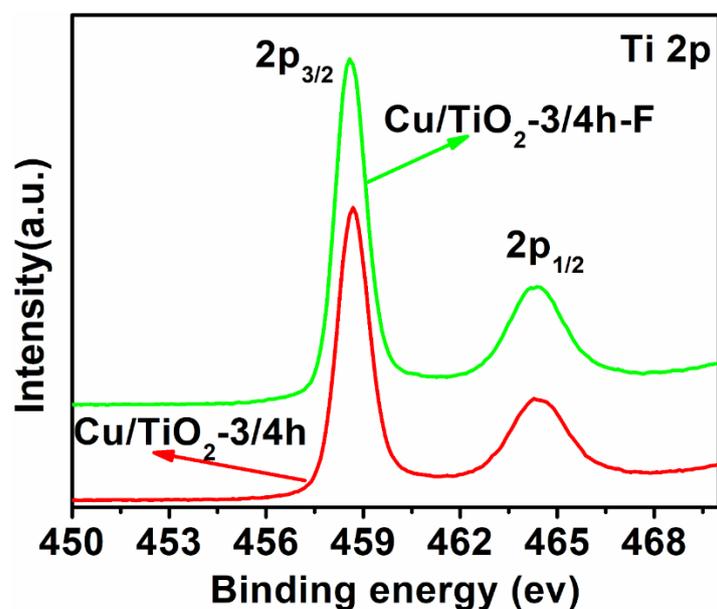
**Figure S9.** EDS analysis of Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-2.



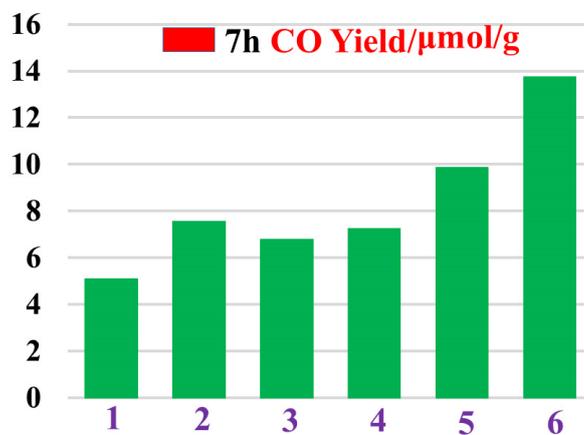
**Figure S10.** EDS mapping images of Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-2.



**Figure S11.** EDS analysis of Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-2/24h.

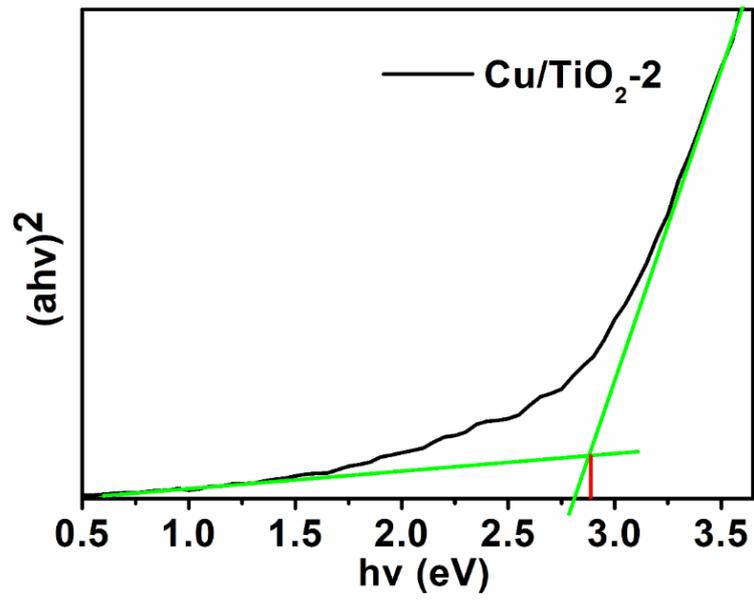


**Figure S12.** High-resolution XPS spectra of Ti 2P region, showing the similar binding energies of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  are 458.6 and 464.4 eV, respectively, in both samples.



**Figure S13.** Photocatalytic  $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}$  reduction activity of  $\text{Cu/TiO}_2\text{-2}$  for six consecutive runs.

In each cycle, the reaction solution was continuously bubbled with high purity  $\text{CO}_2$  gas for 15 min. The  $\text{CO}$  production was not deactivated but rather activated over cycling, likely due to the enrichment of dissolved  $\text{CO}_2$ .



*Figure S14.* The valence band XPS spectrum of Cu/TiO<sub>2</sub>-2.