

Supporting Information for

**Efficient plasmonic water splitting by
heteroepitaxial junction-induced faceting of
gold nanoparticles on anatase titanium(IV)
oxide nanoplate array electrode**

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Table S1. IPCE for water splitting on Au plasmonic photocatalyst electrodes

Plasmonic metal	Size	Semiconductor electrode	Crystal form of TiO ₂	IPCE (%)	Wavelength	Ref.
Au	5.2 nm	TiO ₂ NWA	anatase	0.03	520 nm	18
Au	4.7 nm	mp-TiO ₂	anatase	2.6×10^{-3}	560 nm	21
Au	5 nm	mp-TiO ₂	rutile	3×10^{-4}	600 nm	22
Au	< 20 nm	TiO ₂ NWA	rutile	~0.03	520 nm	23
Au	7.6	TiO ₂ NPLA	anatase	0.39	600 nm	This work
Au	6.2	TiO ₂ NWA	rutile	0.18	600 nm	This work

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Table S2. EIS parameters for Au/TiO₂ plasmonic Electrodes ^a

	R_s / Ω	CPE α	CPE C_0	R_{ct} / Ω
DP-Au/A-TiO ₂ NPLA	4.9×10	7.5×10^{-1}	8.1×10^{-5}	1.3×10^3
DP-Au/R-TiO ₂ NWA	4.4×10	8.5×10^{-1}	5.0×10^{-6}	9.0×10^3
CR-Au/A-TiO ₂ NPLA	9.3×10	9.3×10^{-1}	4.5×10^{-5}	2.4×10^5

^a Constant phase element (CPE) is expressed by the equation $Z_{CPE} = 1/C_0(j\omega)^\alpha$.

Table S3. Maximum enhancement factors ($|E|^2/|E_0|^2$) calculated for HS-Au/A-TiO₂, t-Oh-Au/A-TiO₂, and t-Oh-Au/R-TiO₂ at the LSPR peak wavelengths by the 3D-FDTD method

Model	d / nm	λ / nm	Monitor plane	Maximum E/E_0	Maximum $ E ^2/ E_0 ^2$
HS-Au/A-TiO ₂	7.9	702	xz	49.6	2.5×10^3
			xy	59.9	3.6×10^3
t-Oh-Au/A-TiO ₂	7.6	617	xz	91.6	8.4×10^3
			xy	192	3.7×10^4
		637	xz	254	6.5×10^4
			xy	292	8.5×10^4
		650	xz	331	1.1×10^5
			xy	333	1.1×10^5
		670	xz	103	1.1×10^4
			xy	336	1.1×10^5
t-Oh-Au/R-TiO ₂	6.2	672	xz	340	1.2×10^5
			xy	340	1.2×10^5
		706	xz	116	1.4×10^4
			xy	383	1.5×10^5

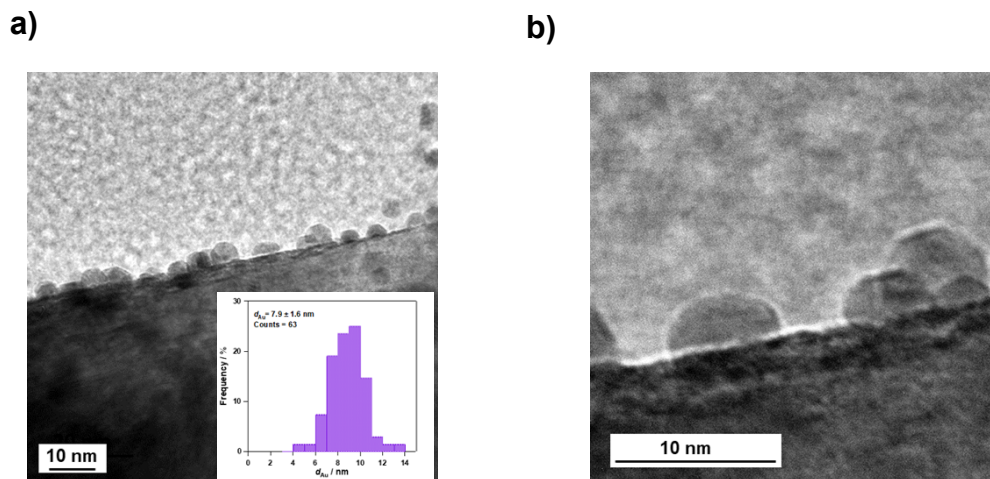


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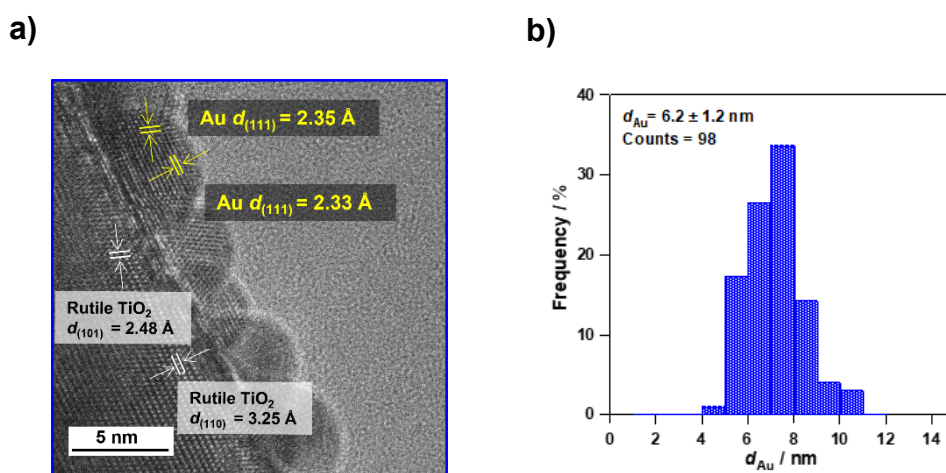


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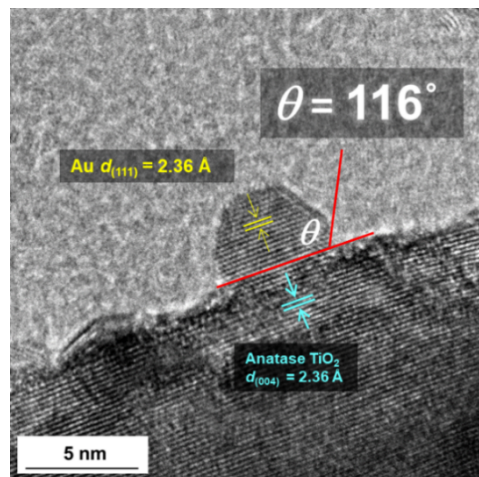


Fig. S3. Contact angle of Au NP on the A-TiO₂(001) surface.

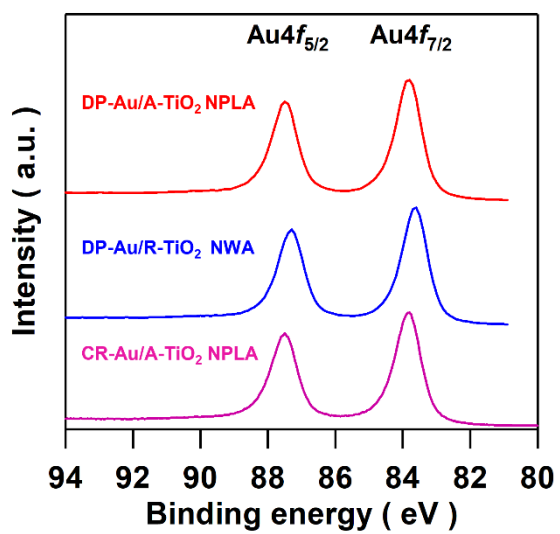


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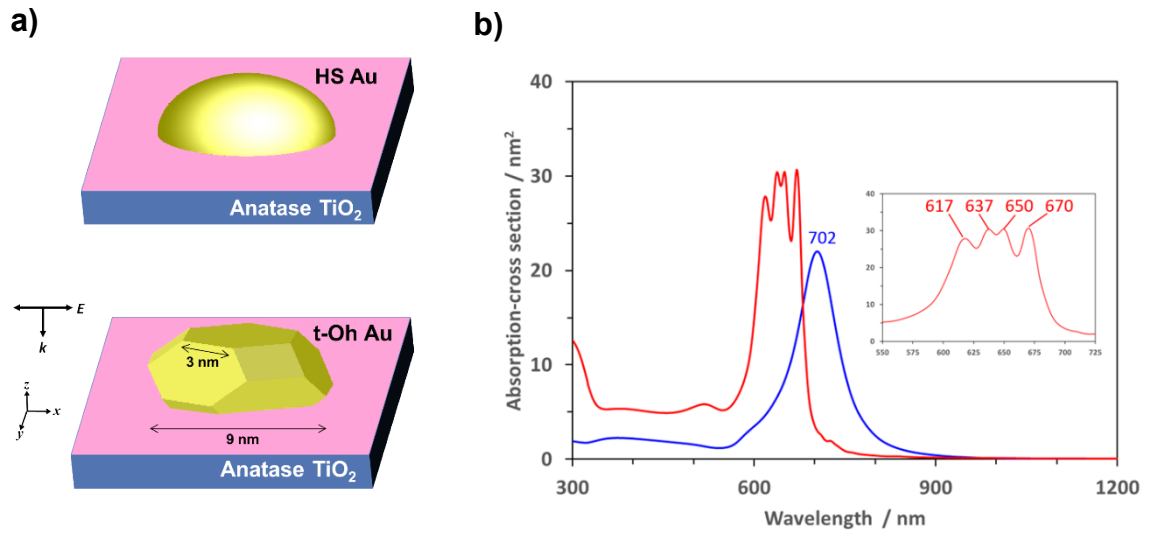


Fig. S5. (a) FDTD calculation models for CR-Au/A-TiO₂ (HS-Au/A-TiO₂) and DP-Au/A-TiO₂ NPLA (t-Oh-Au/A-TiO₂) (b) FDTD-simulated absorption spectra of the HS-Au/A-TiO₂ (blue) and t-Oh-Au/A-TiO₂ (red).

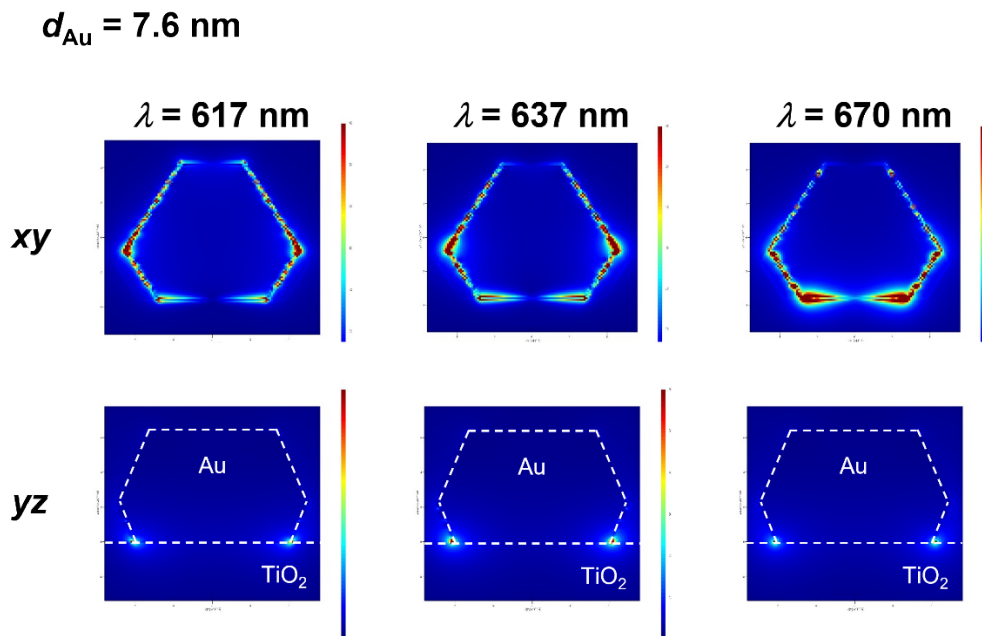


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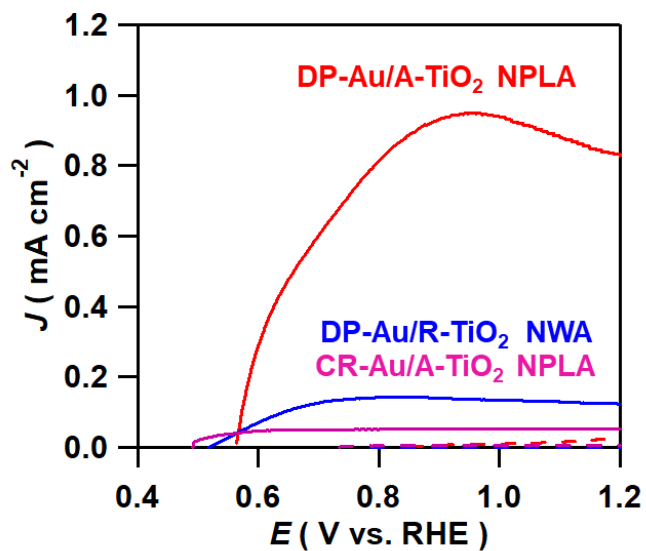


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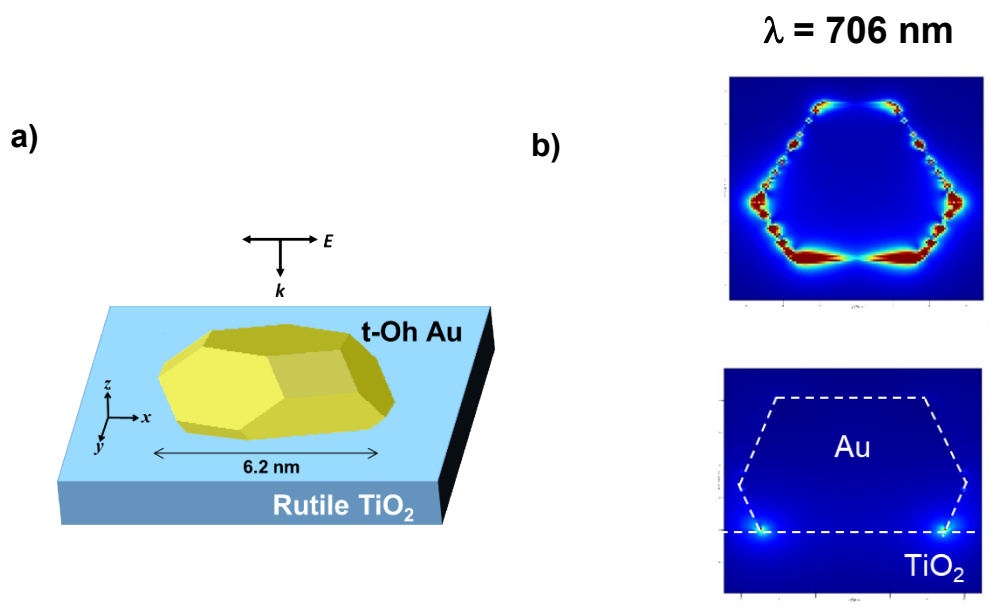


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