Surface control of metal nanocrystal for efficient  $CO_2$  conversion using  $CO_2$  and CO gas as surface ligand

In this study, we control the surface of metal co-catalyst for efficient  $CO_2$  conversion by introducing of adsorbed gas ligand such as CO and  $CO_2$  during the photo-deposition process on  $TiO_2$  film. In order to examine the photocatalytic activity of surface tuned metal, we perform the  $CO_2$  conversion reaction using varying metal/ $TiO_2$  samples. When CO act as gas ligand during the metal growth, resulting metal enhance to or inhibit photocatalysis for  $CO_2$  conversion. Based on cyclic voltammetry and in-situ FTIR results, we expect that this contrasted result is strongly relevant to CO binding energy of metal. On the other hand,  $CO_2$  conversion rate is increased regardless of type of metal, when  $CO_2$  act as gas ligand. It is responsible for high adsorption property of metal with  $CO_2$ , since specific facet, which has strong binding energy with  $CO_2$ , is developed during the metal growth under  $CO_2$  gas.