The surface modification of CdS photocatalyst by inorganic ions for the improvement of CO_2 reduction

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Carbon dioxide (CO_2) conversion has been attracted many concerns due to the high greenhouse gas level in the atmosphere. The photocatalytic reduction of CO_2 is an attractive technology that uses directly solar energy to convert CO_2 into valuable chemicals in an environment-friendly way. However, the effective reduction process is not easy because the cathodic process has a high overpotential barrier with low selectivity to a certain product. Recent research focused on the utility of co-catalyst to improve the photocatalytic performance, while effect of inorganic surface ligand remained largely unexplored. In this study, the effect of the capping anion ligands on the photocatalysis will be studied.