Colloidal Semiconducctor Nanocrystals for Solar-driven CO2 Conversion

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Solar-driven carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  photo-reduction into chemical fuels provides a sustainable way to produce renewable energy sources by consuming the ever-increasing greenhouse gas Nevertheless, due to intrinsic inertness ( $\sim$ 750 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> of C=O bond dissociation energy) of linear  $CO_2$  molecule. Here, in an attempt to establish a universal guideline for rational design of stable photocatalyst with high photo-conversion efficiency and selectivity for  $CO_2$  conversion. We systematically investigate the structure-photocatalytic properties correlations using binary CdS colloidal nanocrystal (NC) as a model system. The colloidal CdS nanocrystal is chosen not only for the tunable band structure ( $\geq$ 2.41 eV) which can potentially afford visible light harvesting and sufficient energetic e<sup>-</sup> and h<sup>+</sup>, but also for the versatile controllability over its morphology, crystal structure and surface termination, which provides a broad monitoring window enable us to clarify the structure-property relationship in complex  $CO_2$  photo-reduction process