## **Novel Nanocomposite Materials for Efficient Photocatalytic** Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> to Fuels

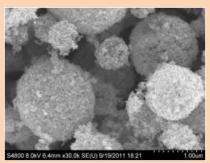
 $CO_2, H^+$ 

➤ CO. CH4.

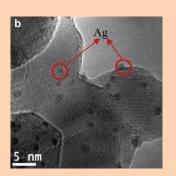
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We aim to develop novel nanocomposite materials to convert CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O to fuels (e.g., CO and CH<sub>4</sub>) under UV-visible illumination

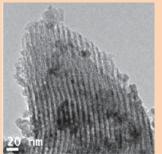
- Cu, Ag, or Ce modified TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles as the photocatalysts
- Ordered mesoporous SBA-15 as the catalyst support
- In-situ DRIFTS analyses to understand the reaction mechanism



SEM of TiO<sub>2</sub> microsphere

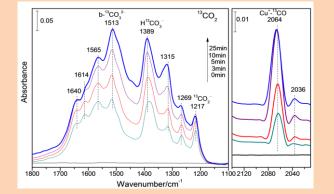


TEM of Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub>

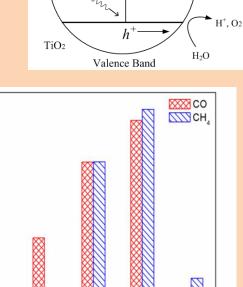


TEM of Ce-TiO<sub>2</sub>/SBA-15

Product Yield (µmol/g TiO2)



In situ DRIFT spectra of <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> interaction on the surface of Cu(I)/TiO<sub>2-x</sub>



Conduction Band

hv

Rate of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO and CH<sub>4</sub> using Ce-TiO<sub>2</sub>/SBA15 catalyst under **UV-vis illumination** 

0.03Ce 1Ti 2Si