

Supporting Information

Assembly of Thiocalix[4]arene-Supported High-Nuclearity Cd₂₄ Cluster with Enhanced Photocatalytic Activity

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Characterizations and additional Figures

PXRD measurements

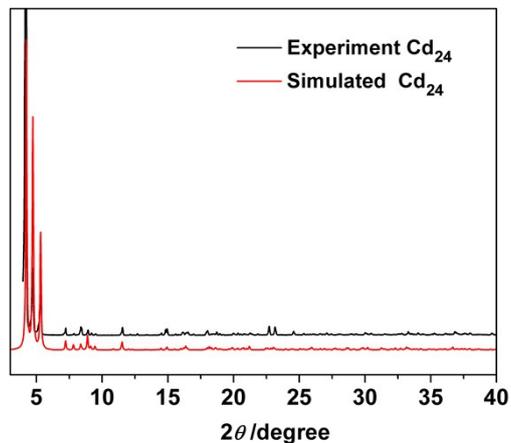


Fig S1. PXRD of compound Cd_{24}

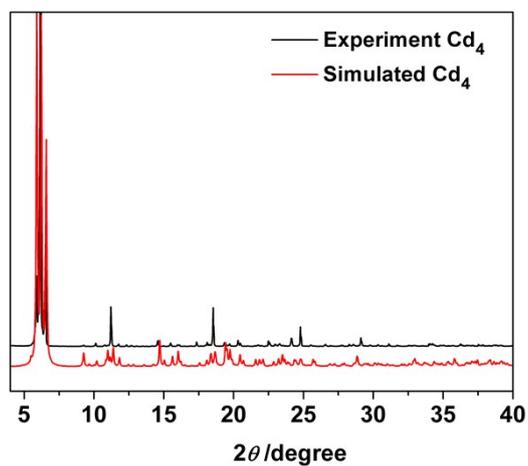


Fig S2. PXRD of compound Cd_4

Plot of Cd_4 unit

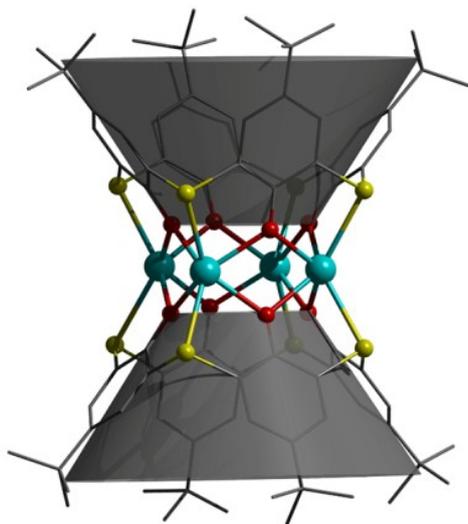


Fig. S3 Molecular structure of $[\text{Cd}_4(\text{TC4A})_2]$ (Cd_4)

TGA analysis of Cd_{24} and Cd_4

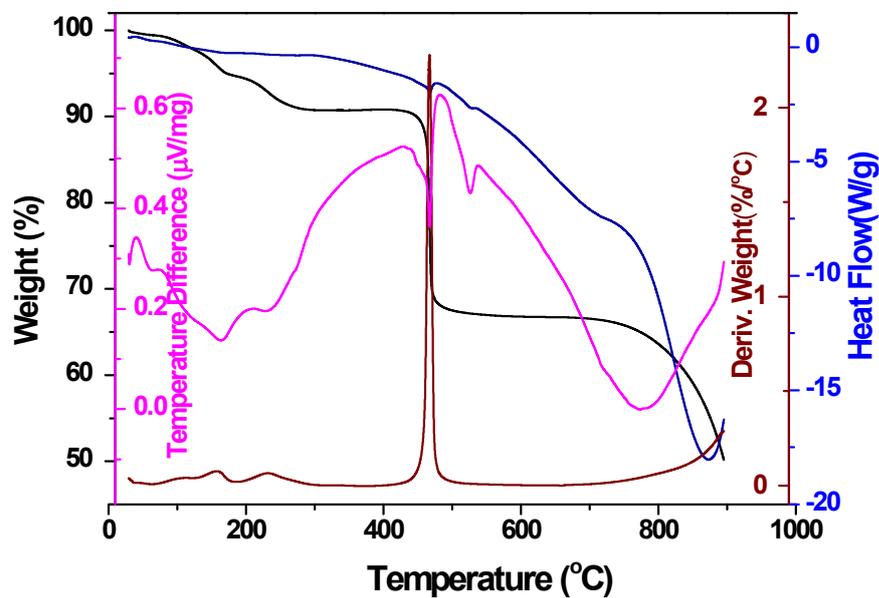


Fig. S4 The TGA curves of Cd_{24}

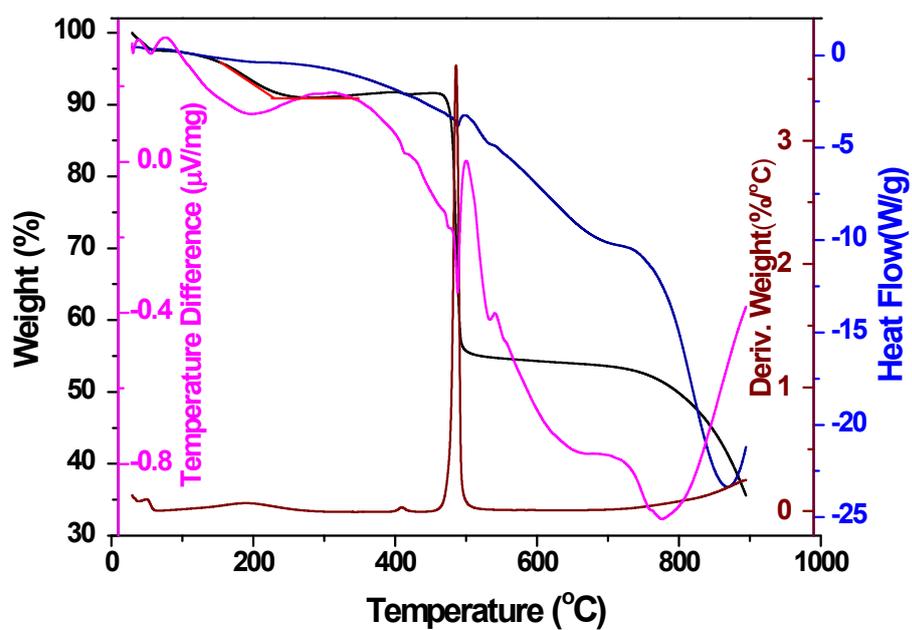


Fig. S5 The TGA curves of compound Cd_4 .

Calculating hydrogen evolution rates

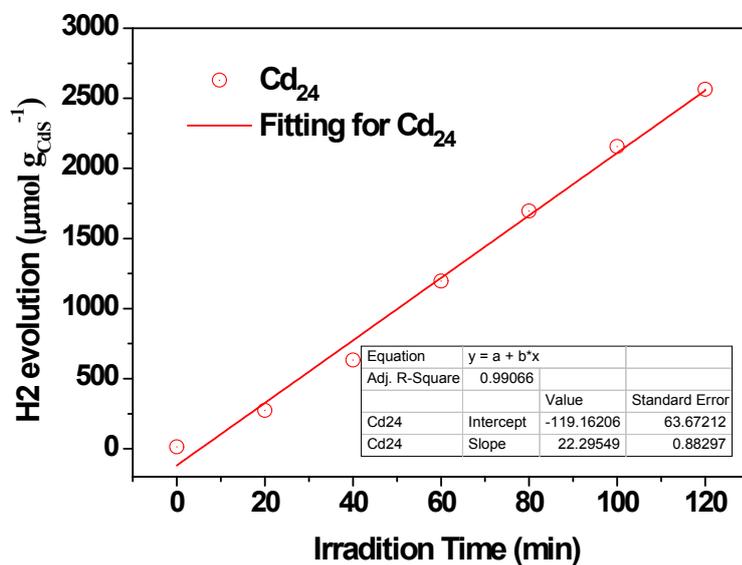


Fig. S6 Calculating hydrogen evolution rates of Cd_{24} considering the molecule CdS proportions (37.24%, $1.36 \text{ mmol g}_{\text{CdS}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$).

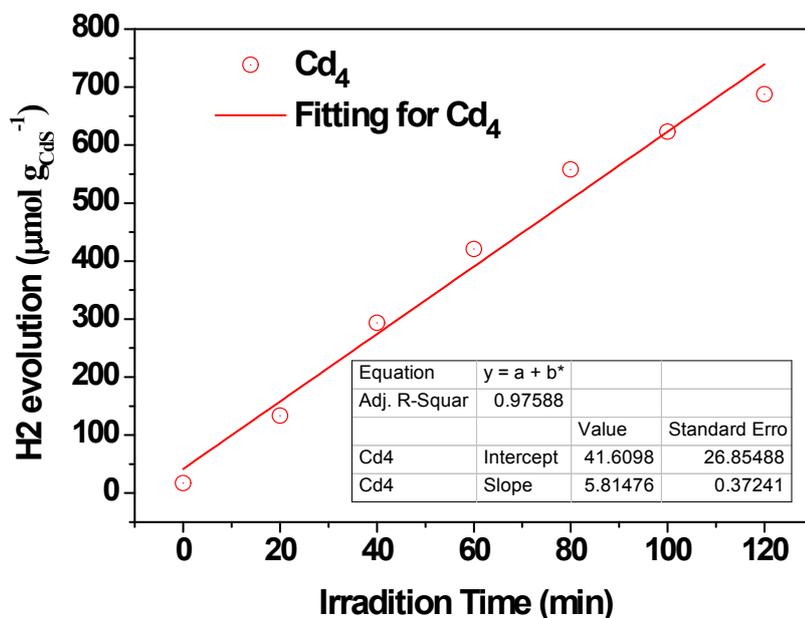


Fig. S7 Calculating hydrogen evolution rates of Cd_4 considering the molecule CdS proportion (27.82%, $0.35 \text{ mmol g}_{\text{CdS}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$).

Diffuse reflectance spectra

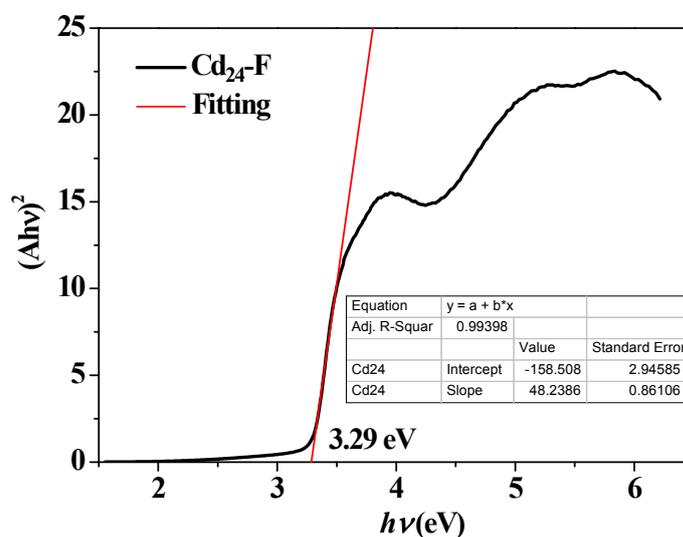


Fig. S8 The diffuse reflectance UV-vis-NIR spectra of K-M function vs. energy (eV) for $\text{Cd}_{24}\text{-F}$ (calculated band gap: 3.26 eV, defined as semiconductor with a direct band gap)

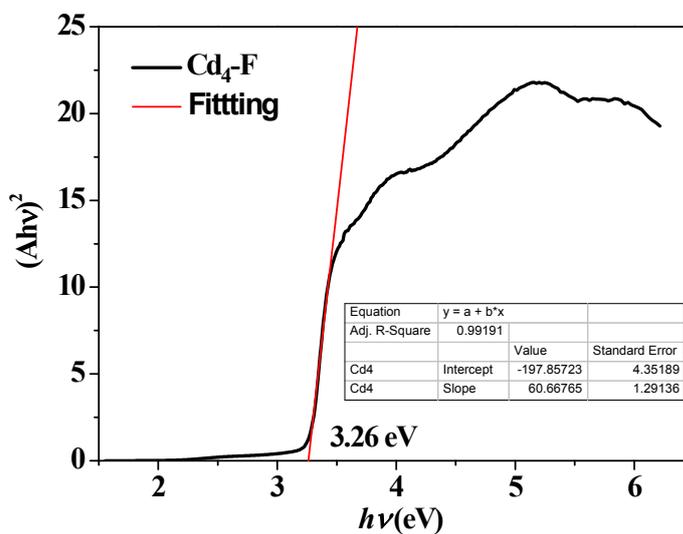


Fig. S9 The diffuse reflectance UV-vis-NIR spectra of K-M function vs. energy (eV) for $\text{Cd}_4\text{-F}$ (calculated band gap: 3.26 eV, defined as semiconductor with a direct band gap).

FT-IR spectra

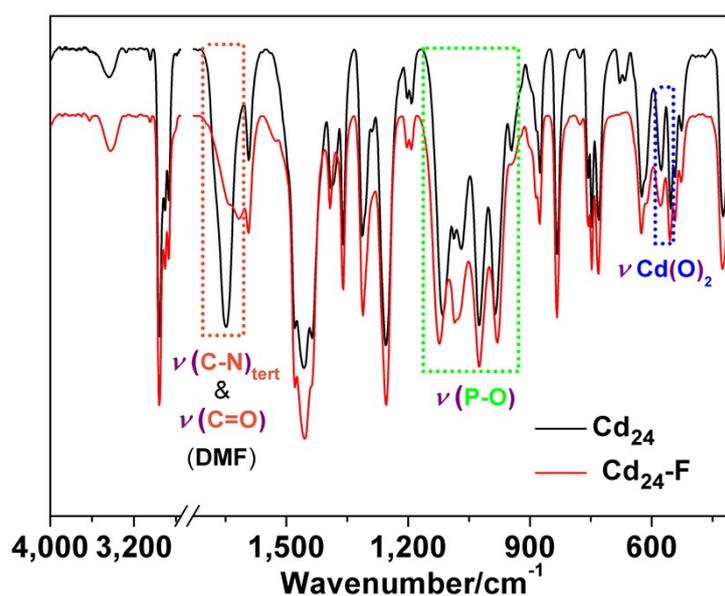


Fig. S10 FT-IR spectra of Cd_{24} and $\text{Cd}_4\text{-F}$, which indicated the release of DMF both coordinated and in the crystal lattice after photocatalytic water splitting experiments.

MALDI-TOF mass spectra

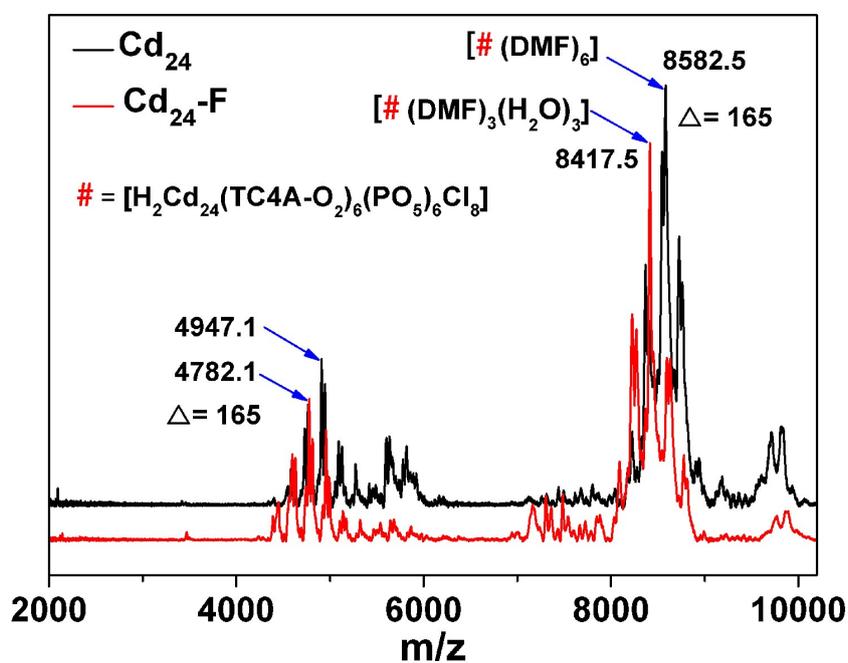


Fig. S11 MALDI-TOF mass spectra of Cd_{24} and $\text{Cd}_4\text{-F}$ showing the partially release of coordinated DMF after photocatalytic water splitting experiments.

Raman spectra

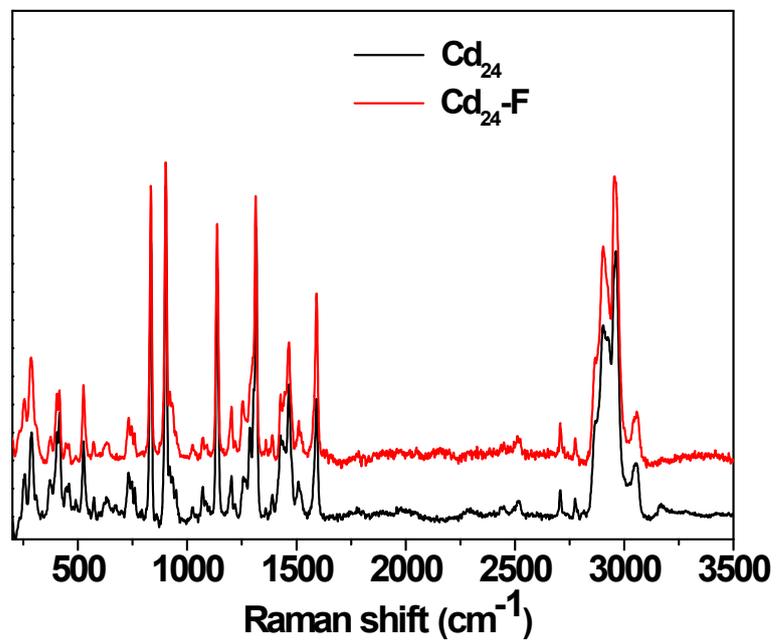


Fig. S12 The Raman spectra of Cd₂₄ and Cd₂₄-F, showing the satiability of photocatalyst of Cd₂₄.

Tables

Table S1 Crystallographic data and structure refinement for complexes **Cd₂₄** and **Cd₄**

Complex	Cd ₂₄	Cd ₄
CCDC number	1582708	1582709
Formula	C ₂₈₈ H ₃₇₈ Cd ₂₄ Cl ₈ N ₁₆ O ₈₂ P ₆ S ₂₄	C ₈₈ H ₁₀₈ Cd ₄ N ₂ O ₁₁ S ₈
Mr	9312.50	2075.84
Crystal system	Trigonal	Monoclinic
space group	R-3 (<i>No.</i> 148)	<i>C</i> ₂ / <i>c</i> (<i>No.</i> 15)
Temperature (K)	120(2) K	298(2) K
<i>a</i> (Å)	22.4712(7)	32.7990(15)
<i>b</i> (Å)	22.4712(7)	19.0653(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	62.0494(18)	31.1251(13)
<i>α</i> (°)	90	90
<i>β</i> (°)	90	114.228(2)
<i>γ</i> (°)	120	90
Volume (Å ³)	27134.4(19)	17748.9(14)
<i>Z</i>	3	8
<i>D</i> _c (g/cm ³)	1.710	1.554
<i>μ</i> (mm ⁻¹)	1.675	1.192
Reflections collected	45339	113983
Unique data	10623	15696
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.022	0.040
<i>GOF</i> on <i>F</i> ²	1.047	1.024
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0491	0.0478
<i>wR</i> ₂	0.1435	0.1423

$${}^aR_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; {}^b wR_2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum [w(F_o^2)^2]} \right\}^{1/2}$$

Table 2 Selected bonds lengths (Å) and angles (°) for compound **Cd₂₄** and **Cd₄**.

Cd₂₄		Cd₄	
Cd1–O9	1.974 (6)	Cd1–O4 ⁱ	2.268 (3)
Cd1–O1	2.193 (4)	Cd1–O4	2.268 (3)
Cd1–O10	2.217 (6)	Cd1–O1 ⁱ	2.283 (3)
Cd1–O4	2.239 (4)	Cd1–O1	2.283 (3)
Cd1–O6	2.278 (4)	Cd1–S1	2.6779 (11)
Cd1–O8 ⁱ	2.286 (4)	Cd1–S1 ⁱ	2.6779 (11)
Cd1–O5	2.436 (5)	Cd2–O4 ⁱ	2.231 (3)
Cd1–S1	2.7604 (17)	Cd2–O2	2.243 (3)
Cd2–O11	1.948 (5)	Cd2–O1	2.301 (3)
Cd2–O5 ⁱⁱ	2.169 (4)	Cd2–O3 ⁱ	2.303 (3)
Cd2–O1	2.237 (4)	Cd2–S2	2.6849 (12)
Cd2–O8 ⁱ	2.281 (4)	Cd2–S4 ⁱ	2.7188 (12)
Cd2–O2	2.309 (4)	Cd3–O2 ⁱ	2.218 (3)
Cd2–O9 ⁱⁱ	2.516 (6)	Cd3–O2	2.218 (3)
Cd2–O9	2.581 (5)	Cd3–O3	2.312 (3)
Cd2–Cl2	2.6087 (8)	Cd3–O3 ⁱ	2.313 (3)
Cd2–S2	2.6980 (17)	Cd3–S3 ⁱ	2.6690 (11)
Cd3–O6 ⁱ	2.206 (4)	Cd3–S3	2.6690 (11)
Cd3–O11	2.229 (6)	Cd4–O8	2.232 (3)
Cd3–O2	2.290 (4)	Cd4–O6 ⁱ	2.247 (3)
Cd3–O3	2.309 (4)	Cd4–O5	2.259 (4)
Cd3–O7 ⁱⁱ	2.346 (5)	Cd4–O5	2.290 (4)
Cd3–O10 ⁱ	2.553 (6)	Cd4–S5	2.6932 (12)
Cd3–Cl1	2.6248 (18)	Cd4–S6 ⁱ	2.7216 (12)
Cd3–S3	2.6233 (17)	Cd5–O6	2.238 (3)
Cd4–O7	2.202 (4)	Cd5–O8 ⁱ	2.248 (3)

Cd4–O12	2.260 (5)	Cd5–O7	2.253 (4)
Cd4–O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.294 (4)	Cd5–O7 ⁱ	2.302 (4)
Cd4–O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.343 (5)	Cd5–S7	2.7165 (12)
Cd4–Cl1 ^{iv}	2.7202 (19)	Cd5–S8 ⁱ	2.6746 (13)
Cd4–S4 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.5976 (16)		
Cd3–Cl1–Cd4 ⁱⁱ	87.70 (5)	Cd1–O1–Cd2	101.58 (11)
Cd2 ^{iv} –Cl2–Cd2	116.47 (4)	Cd3–O2–Cd2	105.51 (12)
Cd2 ^{iv} –Cl2–Cd2 ⁱⁱ	116.47 (4)	Cd2 ⁱ –O3–Cd3	100.61 (11)
Cd2–Cl2–Cd2 ⁱⁱ	116.47 (4)	Cd2 ⁱ –O4–Cd1	104.31 (12)
Cd1–O1–Cd2	104.19 (17)	Cd4 ⁱ –O5–Cd4	106.87 (15)
Cd3–O2–Cd2	110.87 (17)	Cd5–O6–Cd4 ⁱ	106.44 (14)
Cd3–O3–Cd4 ⁱ	119.12 (19)	Cd5–O7–Cd5 ⁱ	107.05 (16)
Cd1–O4–Cd4 ⁱ	107.91 (18)	Cd4–O8–Cd5 ⁱ	106.62 (14)
Cd2 ^{iv} –O5–Cd1	131.6 (2)		
Cd3 ⁱⁱⁱ –O6–Cd1	116.11 (19)		
Cd4–O7–Cd3 ^{iv}	108.99 (18)		
Cd2 ⁱⁱ –O8–Cd1 ⁱⁱⁱ	99.87 (16)		
Cd1–O9–Cd2 ^{iv}	138.5 (3)		
Cd1–O9–Cd2	99.4 (2)		
Cd2 ^{iv} –O9–Cd2	121.0 (2)		
Cd1–O10–Cd3 ⁱⁱⁱ	105.6 (2)		
Cd2–O11–Cd3	130.1 (3)		

Symmetry codes: (i) $x-y+1/3, x-1/3, -z+2/3$; (ii) $-y+1, x-y, z$; (iii) $y+1/3, -x+y+2/3, -z+2/3$; (iv) $-x+y+1, -x+1, z$ for Cd₂₄; Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$ for Cd₄.

Table S3. Comparison on the photocatalytic performance of some coordination compound based catalysts for photocatalytic H₂ production.*

Photocatalysts	Sacrificial agent	Co-catalyst	H ₂ evolution (reference)	Catalyst weight (mg)	H ₂ evolution ($\mu\text{mol}/\text{g}_{\text{cat}}/\text{h}$)	Stability evidence	Ref.
Cd ₄	TEOA	-	-	50	95.7	Reuse, UV-vis, IR, Multi-TOF, Raman	This work
Cd ₂₄	TEOA	-	-	50	477.5		
Uio-66(Zr)	CH ₃ OH	-	~1.0 mL(3h)	45	~281	Laser flash photolysis	S1
Uio-66-(NH ₂) (Zr)	CH ₃ OH	-	~0.85 mL(3h)	45	~331		
Uio-66(Zr)	TEOA	-	none	50	none	Reuse, PXRD	S2
	TEOA	1%Pt	3.9 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{g}/\text{h}$	50	3.9		
	TEOA	RhB:1.63 mg/g	2.7 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{g}/\text{h}$	50	2.7		
	TEOA	RhB:7.43 mg/g	33.9 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{g}/\text{h}$	50	33.9		
	TEOA	RhB:2.54 mg/g+1%Pt	5.6 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{g}/\text{h}$	50	5.6		
	TEOA	RhB:7.43 mg/g+ 1%Pt	116.0 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{g}/\text{h}$	50	116.1		
MIL-125(Ti)	TEOA	Pt	none	10	none	Reuse	S3
MIL-125(Ti)-NH ₂	TEOA	-	5 μmol (3h)	10	166.7		
	TEOA	Pt	33 μmmol (9h)	10	367		
MIL-125(Ti)-NH ₂	TEOA	-	2.3 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{h}$	10	230	Reuse, PXRD, FT-IR	S4
	TEOA	0.5%Pt	3.3 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{h}$	10	333		
	TEOA	1%Pt	14 μmmol (3h)	10	467		
	TEOA	1.5%Pt	15.5 μmmol (3h)	10	517		
	TEOA	2%Pt	13 μmmol (3h)	10	433		
MIL-125(Ti)-NH ₂	TEOA	-	7 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{g}/\text{h}$	30	7	Reuse, FT-IR	S5
	TEOA	2 % rGO	35 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{h}/\text{g}_{\text{cat}}$	30	35		
	TEOA	4 % rGO	50 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{h}/\text{g}_{\text{cat}}$	30	50		
	TEOA	6 % rGO	91 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{h}/\text{g}_{\text{cat}}$	30	91		
	TEOA	8 % rGO	67 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{h}/\text{g}_{\text{cat}}$	30	67		
	TEOA	10 % rGO	66 $\mu\text{mmol}/\text{h}/\text{g}_{\text{cat}}$	30	66		
MIL-101(Cr)	TEOA	Ni	0.22 μmmol (2h)	50	2.2	-	S6

	TEOA	Mo	0.15 μ mmol(2h)	50	1.5		
	TEOA	Ni,Mo	0.84 μ mmol(2h)	50	8.4		
NH ₂ -Uio-66(Zr/Ti)-	TEOA	Pt	2.4 μ mmol/mol	50	0.094	-	S7
NH ₂ -Uio-66(Zr/Ti)-120-16	TEOA	Pt	3.5 μ mmol/mol	50	0.14		
NH ₂ -MIL-101(Cr)	TEOA	-	~3 μ mmol(6h)	10	~50	Reuse	S8
	TEOA	RhB +0.5%Pt	28 μ mmol(6h)	10	467		
	TEOA	RhB +1%Pt	31.5 μ mmol(6h)	10	525		
	TEOA	RhB +1.5%Pt	35 μ mmol(6h)	10	583		
	TEOA	RhB +2%Pt	30.5 μ mmol(6h)	10	508		
	TEOA	RhB +3%Pt	25 μ mmol(6h)	10	417		
Ti-MOF-Ru(tpy) ₂	TEOA	-	2.1 μ mmol (6h)	10	35	Reuse, PXRD	S9
	TEOA	Pt	10.9 μ mmol (6h)	10	181.7		
Al-PMOF	EDTA	Pt	200 μ mmol/g/h	3.5	200	PXRD, SEM	S10
Zn _{0.986(12)} TCPP[Al(OH) ₂]	EDTA	Pt	100 μ mmol/g/h	3.5	100		
MIL-125-NH ₂	TEOA	-	17 μ mmol/g/h	6	17	PXRD, SEM	S11
	TEOA	0.97%Co1	267 μ mmol/g/h	6	267		
	TEOA	1.7% Co2	381 μ mmol/g/h	6	381		
	TEOA	1.93% Co3	553 μ mmol/g/h	6	553		
Gd-MOF	TEOA	-	7.71 μ mmol/h	50	154.2	PXRD	S12
	TEOA	1.5 wt% A	10.6 μ mmol/h	50	212		
Uio-66-[FeFe]	Ascorbic acid	[Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺	3.5 μ mmol	5	280	-	S13
(FeFe)@ZrPF	Ascorbic acid	-	3.5 μ mmol (2 h)	~5	350	-	S14
NH ₂ -MIL-125(Ti)	TEA	-	2.5 μ mmol (25 h)	5	20	Reuse	S15
Co-NH ₂ -MIL-125(Ti)	TEA	-	37.5 μ mmol (20 h)	5	375		
Uio-66(Zr)	L-ascorbic acid	0.16 %Pt	none	10	none	Reuse	S16
	L-ascorbic acid	0.16 %Pt +ErB(30mg)	4.6 μ mmol/h	10	460		
Uio-67(Zr)	EDTA-2Na	Pt	0.35 μ mmol (4h)	5	17.5	-	S17
	EDTA-2Na	Pt-Ru	0.5 μ mmol (4h)	5	25		

Al-TCPP	TEOA	-	1.5 μ mmol/g/h	5	1.5	Reuse, PXRD, TEM, HAADF-STEM	S18
	TEOA	Pt coordination	129 μ mmol/g/h	5	129		
MIL-100(Fe)	CH ₃ OH	-	5.9 μ mmol/g/h	45	5.9	Reuse	S19
	CH ₃ OH	0.5% Pt	53 μ mmol/g/h	45	53		
	CH ₃ OH	0.8% Pt	109 μ mmol/g/h	45	109		
	CH ₃ OH	1% Pt	98 μ mmol/g/h	45	98		
	CH ₃ OH	4% Pt	74 μ mmol/g/h	45	74		
Cd-MOF	TEOA	-	3.13 μ mmol/h	10	313	Reuse, PXRD	S20
CdS@Cd-MOF	Na ₂ SO ₃ -Na ₂ S	gel-to-crystal	729 μ mmol/g/h	20	729	-	S21
Cd-MOF@TiO ₂	Na ₂ SO ₃ -Na ₂ S	gel-to-crystal	217 μ mmol/g/h	20	217		
ZAVCI MOF	ethanol	-	20 μ mmol/g/h	30	20	Reuse	S22
CdS@ ZAVCI MOF	ethanol	-	16 μ mmol/g/h	30	16		
CdS@ ZAVCI MOF	ethanol	Pt	398-418 μ mmol/g/h	30	398-418		
MIL-101(Cr)	Lactic acid	0.5%Pt	none	20	none	Reuse, PXRD	S23
CdS@MIL-101(Cr) (5)	Lactic acid	0.5%Pt	22 μ mmol/g	20	1100		
CdS@MIL-101(Cr) (10)	Lactic acid	0.5%Pt	75.5 mol/g _{CdS} /h	20	7550		
Ui66(Zr)	Na ₂ SO ₃ -Na ₂ S	Pt	none	50	none	Reuse, PXRD, BET	S24
CdS@ Ui66(Zr)	Na ₂ SO ₃ -Na ₂ S	Pt	11.2mol/g _{CdS} /h	50	1702		
CdS@Ti-MCM-41	Na ₂ SO ₃	-	250 umol/g _{CdS} /h	200	21.8	Reuse, UV-vis	S25
	Na ₂ SO ₃	2%Pt	875 umol/g _{CdS} /h	200	76.1		
CdS@MCM-48	ethanol	-	0.22mmol/g/h	40	220	-	S26
CdS/Ti(0.02)-MCM-41	TEA	-	47.11 μ mmol (5h)	200	47.1	-	S27
Cu-en-[PNb ₁₂ O ₄₀ (VO) ₆]	CH ₃ OH	0.75% Pt	44.35 μ mmol/g/h	100	44.35	Reuse, PXRD	S28
Cu-enMe-[PNb ₁₂ O ₄₀ (VO) ₆]	CH ₃ OH	0.75% Pt	43.86 μ mmol/g/h	100	43.86		
Cu ^I ₁₂ -[α -PW ₁₂ O ₄₀] MOF	ethanol	1% Pt	192 μ mmol/g/h	100	192	Reuse, PXRD	S29
Co-pn-[PNb ₁₂ V ₂ O ₄₀ (VO) ₄]	CH ₃ OH	1% H ₄ PtCl ₆	19.25 μ mmol/g/h	50	19.25	Reuse, PXRD, IR	S30
Co-pn-[PNb ₁₂ O ₄₀ (VO) ₆]	CH ₃ OH	1% H ₄ PtCl ₆	29.25 μ mmol/g/h	50	29.25		
Cr ₃ [Ta ₃ P ₂ W ₁₅ O ₆₂]	CH ₃ OH	-/ 1.2 mg H ₄ PtCl ₆	30.9/198.3 μ mmol/g/h	27	198.3	UV-vis, IR	S31
Cr ₄ [Ta ₃ P ₂ W ₁₅ O ₆₂]	CH ₃ OH	-/ 1.2 mg H ₄ PtCl ₆	17.8/89.2 μ mmol/g/h	27	89.2		

*Note: The photocatalytic water splitting performance of the coordination compounds without co-catalyst are highlighted in red.

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