

## Cu-Fe bimetallic MOF enhanced selectivity of photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for product CO

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### Supplementary Figures

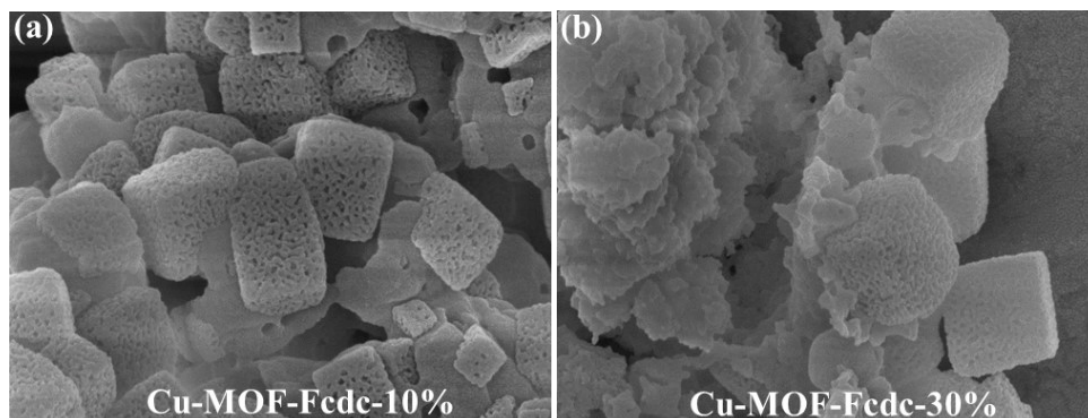


Fig. S1 SEM images of Cu-MOF-10% (a) and Cu-MOF-Fcdc-30% (b).

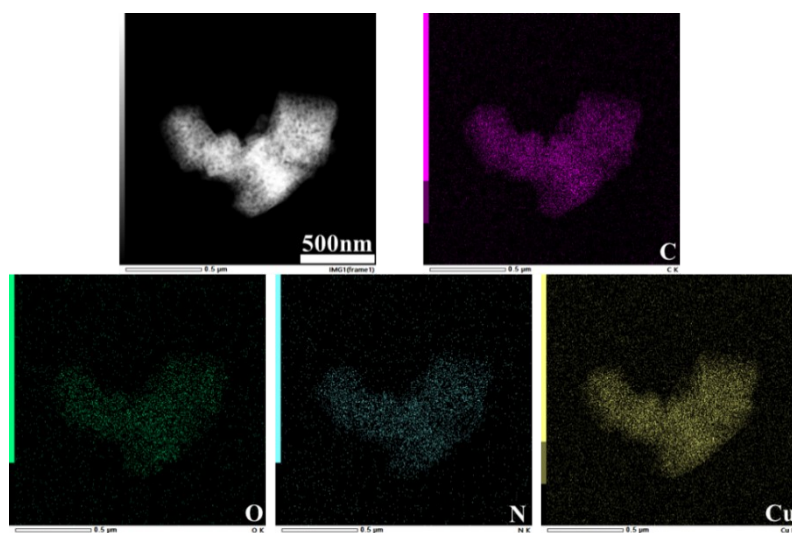


Fig. S2 TEM elemental mappings of Cu-MOF.

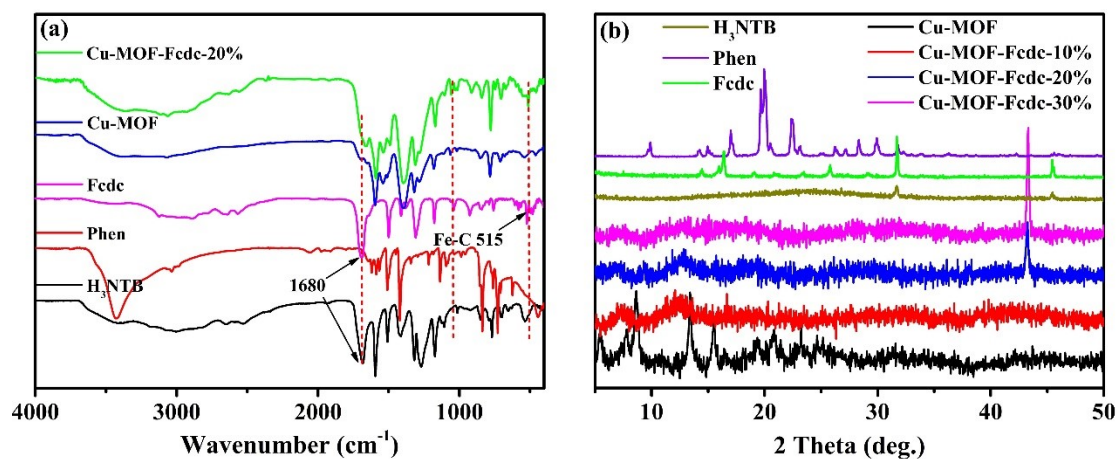


Fig. S3 The IR spectra (a) and XRD curves (b) of the series samples.

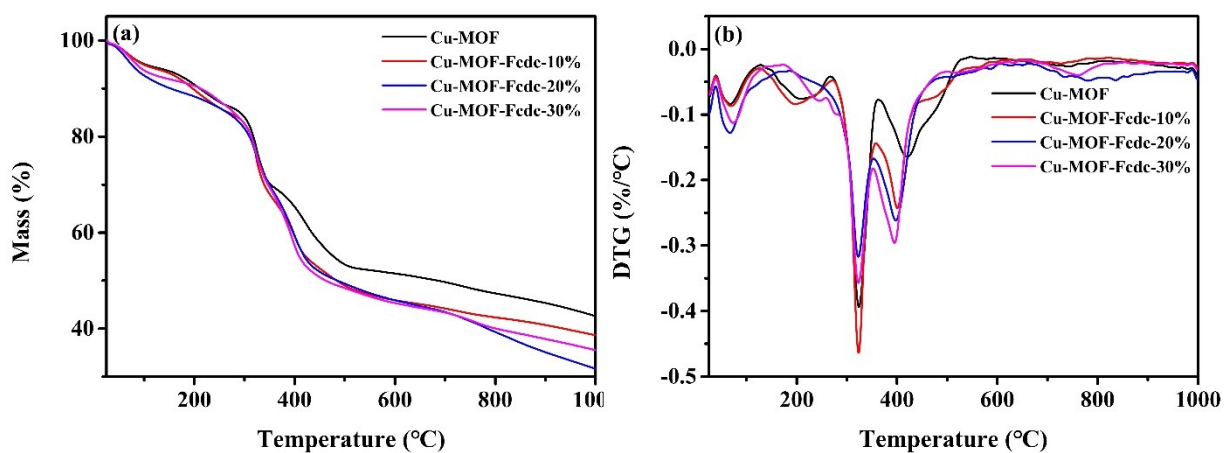


Fig. S4 The TG (a) and DTG (b) curves of Cu-MOF and Cu-MOF-Fcdc (-10%, 20%, and 30%).

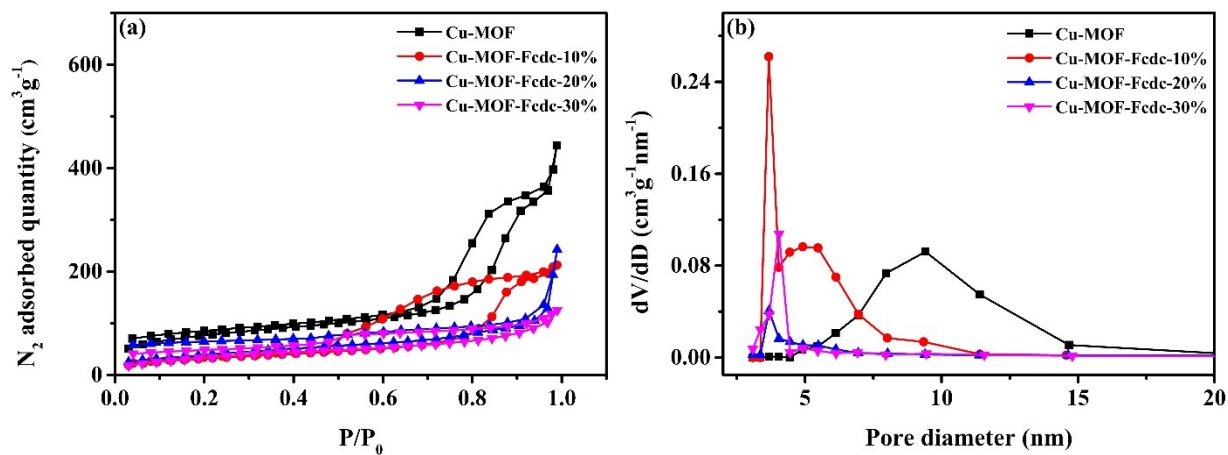
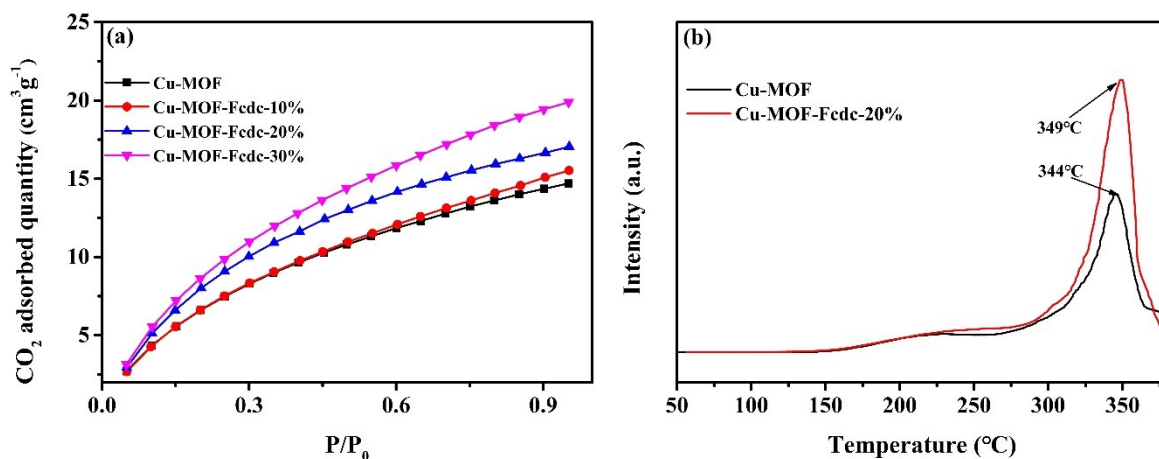
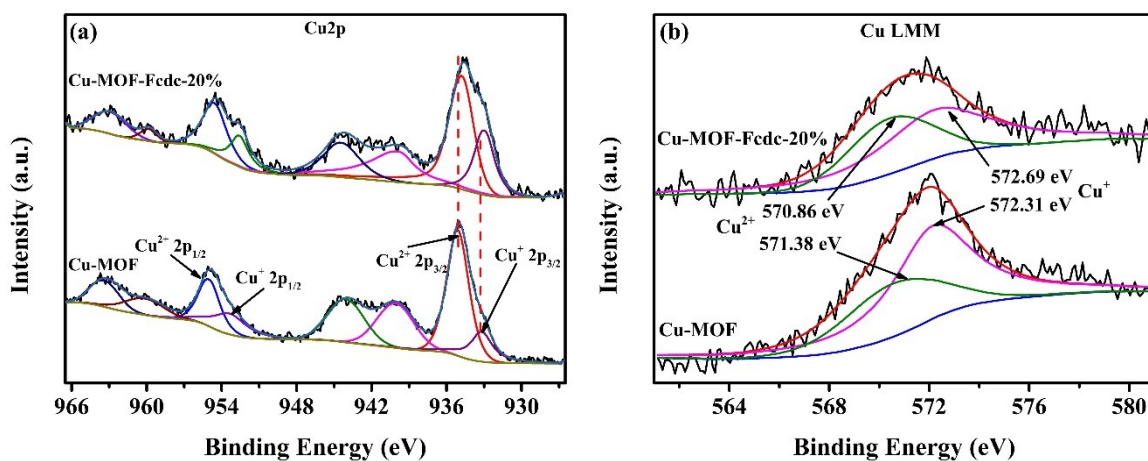


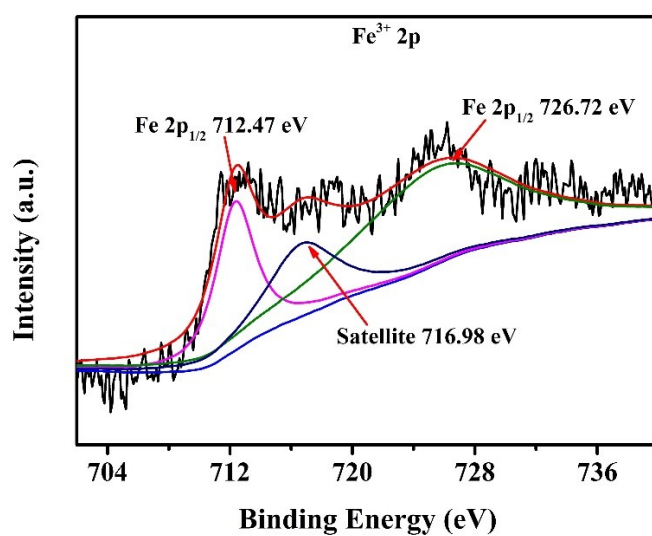
Fig. S5 The N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms of Cu-MOF and Cu-MOF-Fcdc (-10%, 20%, and 30%) (a), and the corresponding pore size distribution curves (b).



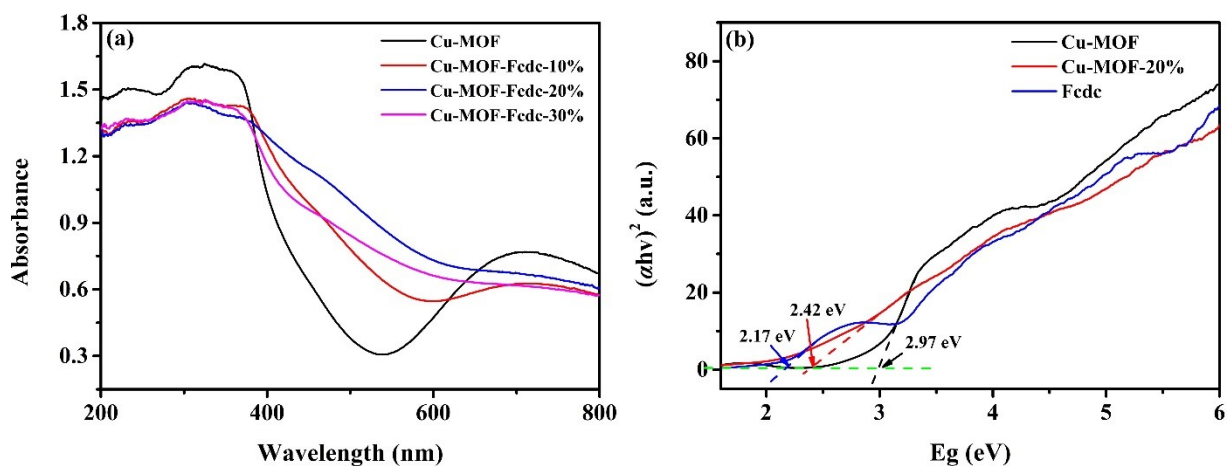
**Fig. S6** The CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms of Cu-MOF and Cu-MOF-Fcdc (-10%, 20%, and 30%) (a), and CO<sub>2</sub>-TPD curves (b).



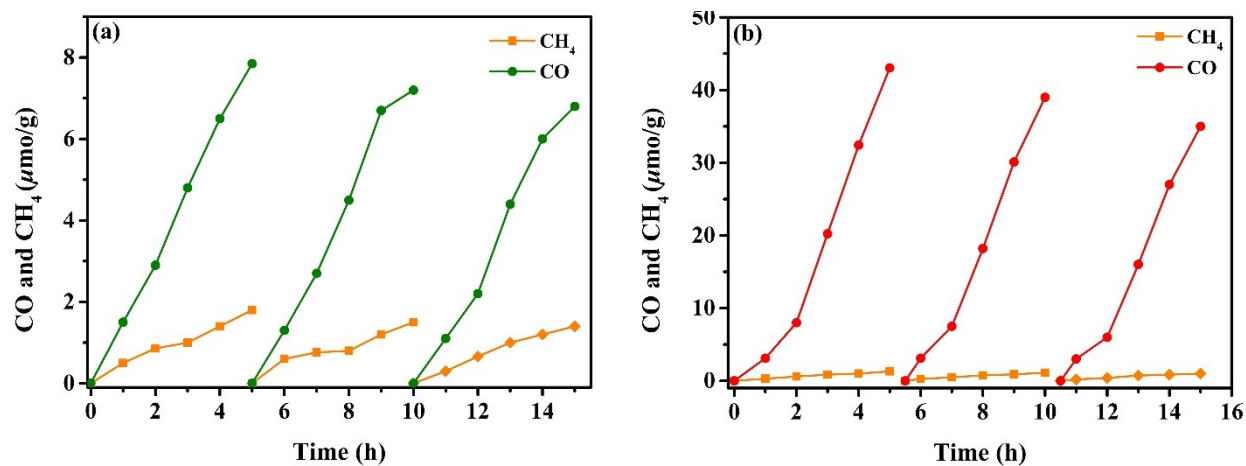
**Fig. S7** (a) The Cu 2p XPS spectra of Cu-MOF and Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20%; (b) The Cu LMM Auger spectra.



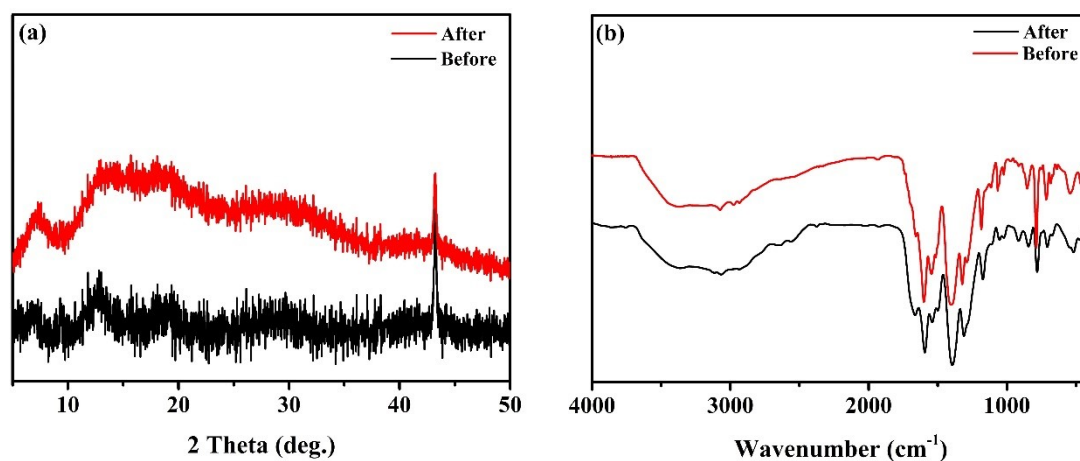
**Fig. S8** The Fe 2p (Fe<sup>3+</sup>) XPS spectra of Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20%.



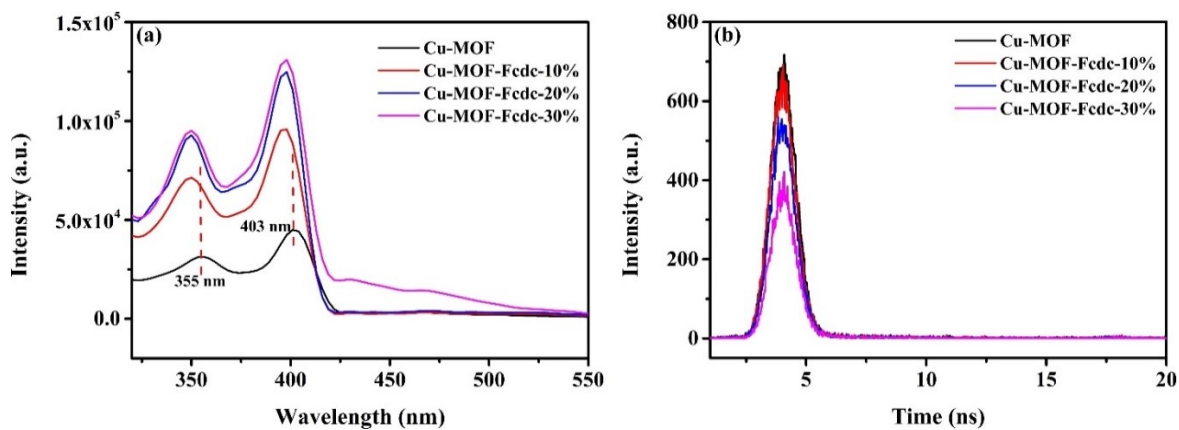
**Fig. S9** (a) The UV-vis DRS spectra of Cu-MOF and Cu-MOF-Fcdc (-10%, 20%, and 30%), and (b) The Tauc curves of Cu-MOF, Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20% and Fcdc ligand.



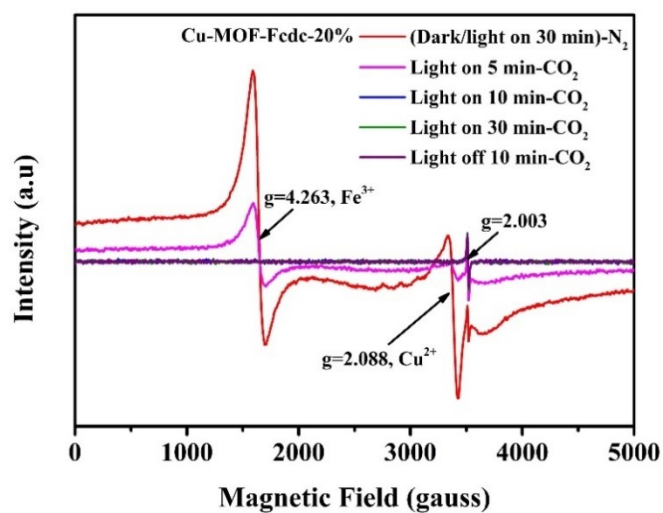
**Fig. S10** The yields of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO for Cu-MOF (a) and Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20% (b) as composite photocatalysts in the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction process.



**Fig. S11** XRD curves (a) and FTIR spectra (b) of Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20% before and after photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.



**Fig. S12** PL emission spectra (a) and lifetime decay curves (b) for Cu-MOF and Cu-MOF-Fcdc (-10%, 20%, and 30%).



**Fig. S13** The EPR spectra of Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20% illuminated in CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

## Tables

**Table S1.** The contents of Cu and Fe elements in different Cu-MOF-Fcdc(10%, 20%, and 30%) by SEM.

Samples	Cu、 Fe (mmol)	Wt%	At%
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-10%/SEM			
Cu	0.1	9.59	2.22
Fe	0.01	0.99	0.26
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20% /SEM			
Cu	0.1	15.45	3.75
Fe	0.02	3.20	0.88
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-30%/SEM			
Cu	0.1	8.44	1.95
Fe	0.03	3.09	0.81

**Table S2.** The Cu and Fe element contents of Cu-MOF and Cu-MOF-Fcdc (-10%, 20%, and 30%) by ICP-OES.

Samples	Cu content (mg/L)	Fe content (mg/L)	wt% (Fe)
Cu-MOF	85.00	0.00	0.00
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-10%	83.10	2.80	2.80%
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20%	78.60	3.70	3.70%
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-30%	66.40	4.90	4.90%

1.00 mg Cu-MOF sample was dissolved in 500.00  $\mu\text{L}$   $\text{HNO}_3$  and filled with water to 10.00 mL. Then, take 1.00 mL clear liquid and dilute it again to 10.00 mL for ICP-OES test. Perform the same operation as above for other samples.

**Table S3.** Summary of specific surface area, pore size and pore volume data of each sample

Samples	Surface Area m <sup>2</sup> /g	Pore Diameter/nm	Total pore volume cc/g
Cu-MOF	267.997	9.411	0.6866
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-10%	215.606	3.671	0.5616
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20%	144.557	3.677	0.375
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-30%	131.249	4.046	0.1936

**Table S4.** Activity data of photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub>RR in controlled experiments

Samples	CH <sub>4</sub> (μmol/g/h)	CO (μmol/g/h)	Selectivity
Cu-MOF	0.36	1.57	81.35%
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-10%	0.14	2.04	93.58%
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20%	0.26	8.61	97.07%
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-30%	0.31	6.42	95.39%
Cu-Fcdc	0.17	5.81	98.81%
Mixed Cu-MOF and Cu-Fcdc (m, 4:1= Cu:Fcdc)	1.26	0.76	37.62%
Cu-NTB-Fcdc-20%	0.75	2.79	78.81%
Cu-phen-Fcdc-20%	0.52	2.12	80.30%
Cu-MOF-Fca-20%	0.96	4.21	81.43%
Cu-MOF-Fc-20%	0.6	2.22	78.72%
Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20%-N <sub>2</sub>	0	0	

**Table S5.** Performance comparison of recently reported MOF- based photocatalysts applied in the literature for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO

Catalyst	Reaction medium	Light range	Products	Yield (μmol/g/h), Selectivity	Reference
Cu-MOF-Fcdc- 20%	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 360 nm, 210mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	CO CH <sub>4</sub>	8.61, 97.07% 0.26	This work
Co-MOF/Cu <sub>2</sub> O	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 420 nm,	CO	3.83, 100%	1



		480mW/cm <sup>2</sup>			
COF@Ti-MOF	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 360 nm,	CO CH <sub>4</sub>	78.7, 100%	2
Mn-MOF	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 360 nm, 100mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	CO CH <sub>4</sub>	50, 70.4% 21	3
Co-MOF/GR	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 420 nm, 300mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	CO CH <sub>4</sub>	20.25, 92.63% 1.61	4
CdS/Ni-MOF	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 360 nm, 300mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	CO CH <sub>4</sub>	1.75, 93.1% 0.13	5
Co <sub>0.1</sub> Ni <sub>0.9</sub> -MOF	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 360 nm	CO	38.74, 100%	6
Zn-MOF/BiV <sub>4</sub>	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 420 nm	CO CH <sub>4</sub>	4.30, 87.40% 0.62	7
PCN-250-Fe <sub>3</sub>	Gas-Solid, H <sub>2</sub> O	> 420 nm, 480mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	CO CH <sub>4</sub>	1.01, 19.84% 4.08	8

**Table S6.** PL lifetime of different samples

Samples	Cu-MOF	Cu-MOF-Fcdc-10%	Cu-MOF-Fcdc-20%	Cu-MOF-Fcdc-30%
A <sub>1</sub>	761.54	713.54	436.84	594.95
$\tau_1/ns$	0.57	0.61	0.74	0.60
R <sup>2</sup>	0.99	1.04	1.02	1.03

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