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The authors present the synthesis and functional characterization of TiO₂ fibers decorated with CsPbBr₃ QDs for use as a CO₂ photoreduction catalyst. In this work, they characterize the structure of their composite materials by XPS, XRD, TEM, and FTIR and subsequently perform performance testing of their new material. They hypothesize the superior performance of their material is due to the formation of an S-type charge transfer mechanism. They support this claim through DFT calculations. This work in general is performed well and represents a significant improvement in the state-of-the-art based on table 1. There are a few points that need to be addressed before I can recommend publication in Nature Communications:

1. Structure of CsPbBr₃ QDs. The authors refer to the QDs as monoclinic but their XRD pattern shows additional peaks that are not described by this phase (~27, 39, 45 degrees 2theta). Can the authors comment on potential secondary phases? Additionally the structure shown in figure 1a is the cubic phase this is not consistent with the structure reported in 1d and should be corrected.
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3. Pg. 17 lines 285-288, The sentence starting "The resulting...", is confusing and hard to understand. Please revise for clarity. The manuscript would also benefit from a careful read through for grammar errors.

-Laura Schelhas, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

Response to Reviewers' comments

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Response: In this work, we chose TiO₂ nanofibers as matrix to hybridize with CsPbBr₃ QDs for CO₂ photoreduction based on the following reasons: (i) TiO₂ nanofibres show no aggregation upon dispersion in solution and thereby retain their photocatalytical active sites exposed on the surface. (ii) Randomly stacked TiO₂ nanofibres readily form a loose network, facilitating the transports of gaseous reactants and products. (iii) The TiO₂ nanofibres are composed of small nanocrystals, possessing inter-particle voids and rough surface, which make TiO₂ nanofibres a favorable host to anchor CsPbBr₃ QDs.

According to our previous work (*Int. J. Hydrogen Energy*, 2014, 39, 15394-15402), anatase and rutile TiO₂ form S-scheme homojunction. As evidenced by DFT results (Figure 3d and e), the work function of anatase TiO₂ (101) was larger than that of rutile TiO₂ (110), indicating that electrons would flow from rutile to anatase and created an internal electric field (IEF) at anatase/rutile TiO₂ interfaces. Driven by the interfacial IEF, the photogenerated electrons in anatase TiO₂ CB spontaneously slid towards rutile TiO₂ VB and recombined with the holes in rutile TiO₂ VB. Such transportation of photoinduced charge carriers follows an S-like pathway (S-scheme homojunction) between anatase and rutile TiO₂ (Supplementary Figure 11 and Figure R1 below). When CsPbBr₃ QDs deposited on TiO₂ nanofibers, all possible schematic illustrations among anatase TiO₂, rutile TiO₂ and CsPbBr₃ QDs are shown in Supplementary Figure 12 and Figure R2 below. The corresponding discussions have been added in Page 17-18 in the revised manuscript.

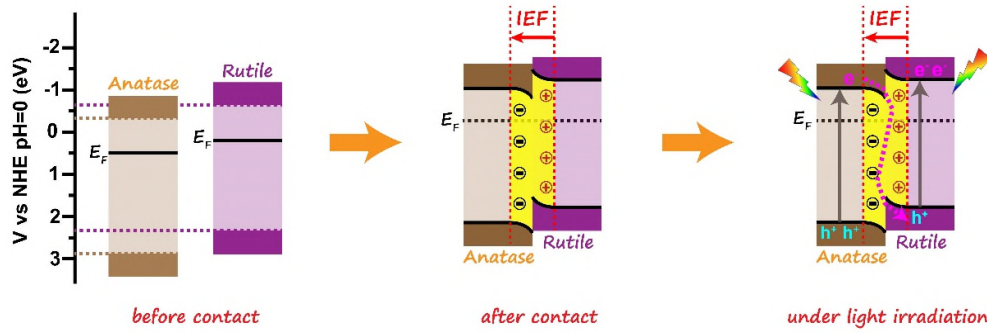


Figure R1. Schematic illustration of anatase/rutile homojunction: internal electric field-induced charge transfer, separation and the formation of S-scheme heterojunction under UV-visible light irradiation.

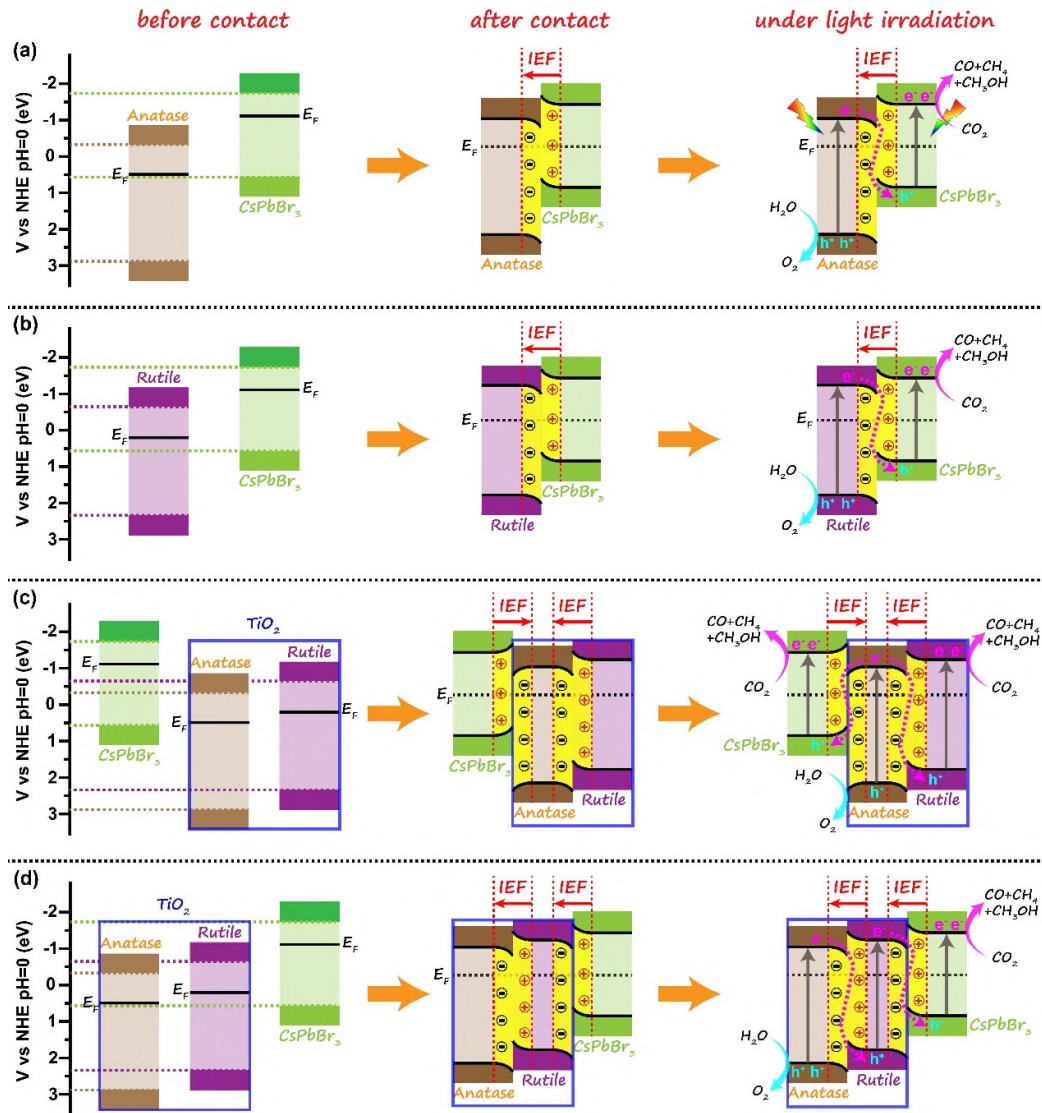


Figure R2. Schematic illustrations of all possible $\text{TiO}_2/\text{CsPbBr}_3$ heterojunctions: (a)

CsPbBr₃ QDs contacted with anatase TiO₂, (b) CsPbBr₃ QDs contacted with rutile TiO₂, (c) CsPbBr₃ QDs contacted with anatase TiO₂ and anatase TiO₂ contacted with rutile TiO₂, (d) CsPbBr₃ QDs contacted with rutile TiO₂ and rutile TiO₂ contacted with anatase TiO₂.

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Response: As you suggested, the photocatalytic activity of TiO₂/CsPbBr₃ was further evaluated under Xe lamp irradiation with a UV cutoff ($\lambda > 420$ nm). Under this condition, no photocatalytic products (CO, CH₄ or CH₃OH) were detected, agreeing with the Reviewer's suggestion and further verified the proposed reaction mechanism.

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Response: Perovskite materials are normally unstable in humid air or in aqueous solution. However, unlike other reaction systems in which perovskite materials were in direct contact with water or oxygen, the photocatalytic CO₂ reduction in the revised manuscript was performed in gas atmosphere in a homemade container, where humid air was completely removed by high-purity N₂ flux prior to the experiment. The CO₂ gas was *in situ* produced through the reaction of NaHCO₃ powder and H₂SO₄ and diffused through a channel to the TiO₂/CsPbBr₃ photocatalysts (Figure R3). Under this condition, the perovskite QDs were not in contact with water/oxygen and thus remained stable after a few reaction cycles. Please refer to the Supporting Information for more experimental details.

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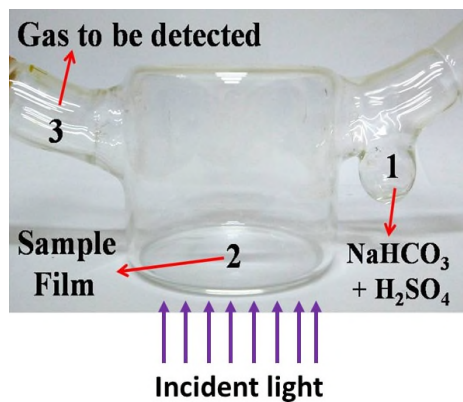


Figure R3. Homemade quartz reactor for photocatalytic CO₂ conversion.

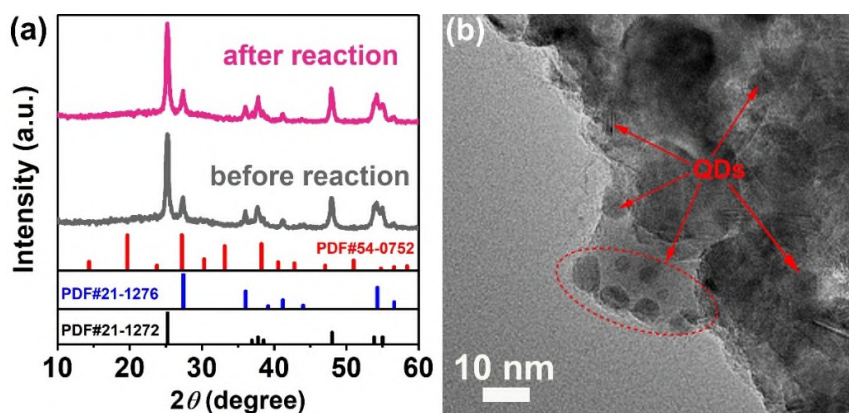


Figure R4. (a) XRD patterns of TC2 before and after reaction. (b) TEM image of TC2 after reaction.

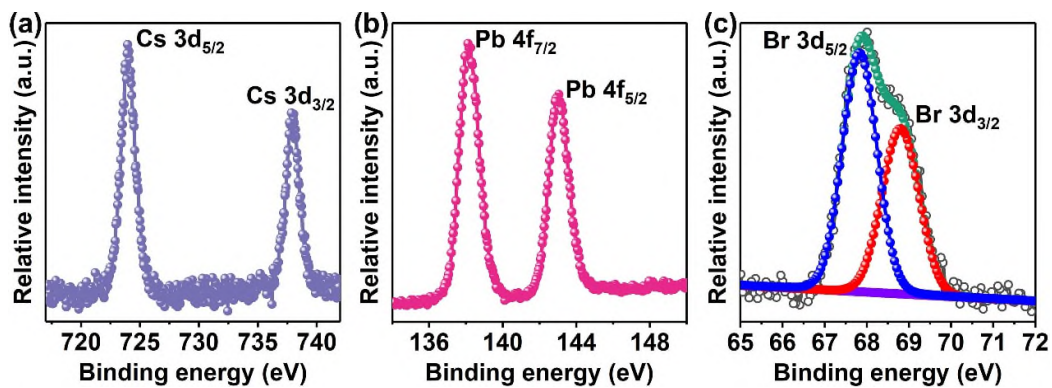


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Response: It is worth pointing out that high photoluminescence indicates high *radiative* recombination between charge carriers, while *non-radiative* recombination does not give photoluminescence. Generally, strong photoluminescence indicates low defect states of the material, specifically perovskite QDs in the present work. Therefore, it is desirable to use the as-synthesized QDs to construct heterojunction with TiO_2 to improve the photocatalytic activity. In the $\text{TiO}_2/\text{CsPbBr}_3$ S-scheme heterostructure, there exists a built-in electric field at interfaces, which drives electrons from TiO_2 conduction band (CB) to combine with holes in CsPbBr_3 valence band (VB). The remaining electrons and holes thereby achieved a spatial separation, significantly promoting CO_2 photoreduction because of their stronger reduction ability in the S-scheme heterojunction.

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Response: Following your suggestion, we have measured the N_2 sorption isotherms of other TC samples (Supplementary Figure 3 and Figure R6). All the TCx showed highly similar pore size distributions in a range of 10~20 nm, much larger than the

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According to the Reviewer's suggestion, we have updated the results and corresponding discussion in the revised manuscript.

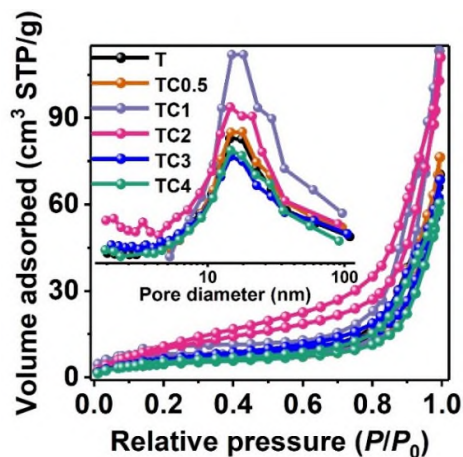


Figure R6. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm and the corresponding pore size distribution (inset) of T, TC0.5, TC1, TC2, TC3 and TC4.

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(ii) The penetration depth of infrared radiation is in micrometer scale (*Analyst*, 2015, 140, 2093–2100), which is much larger than the size of QDs (6–9 nm). Therefore, the absorbance decrease of the (Ti)-OH band should not be assigned to the QDs coverage.

(iii) The absorption bands at 2950, 2920 and 2850 cm⁻¹ correspond to the vibrations of the C–H groups (*Adv. Mater.*, 2016, 28, 8718–8725), indicating the presence of organic groups on CsPbBr₃ QDs. The C–H stretching vibration band shifted 4 cm⁻¹ toward higher wavenumber upon hybridization with TiO₂, implying the interaction between QDs and TiO₂.

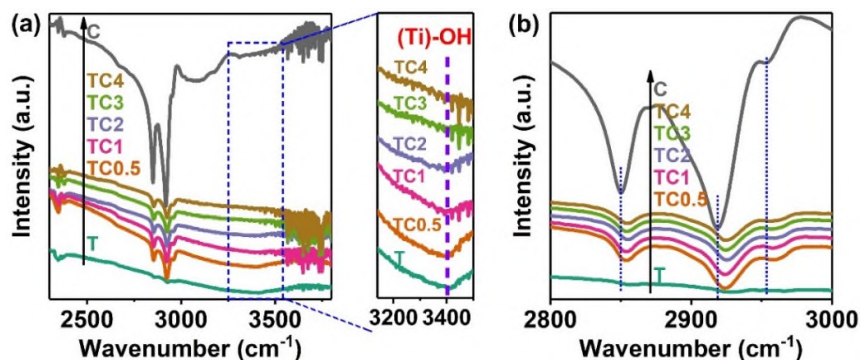


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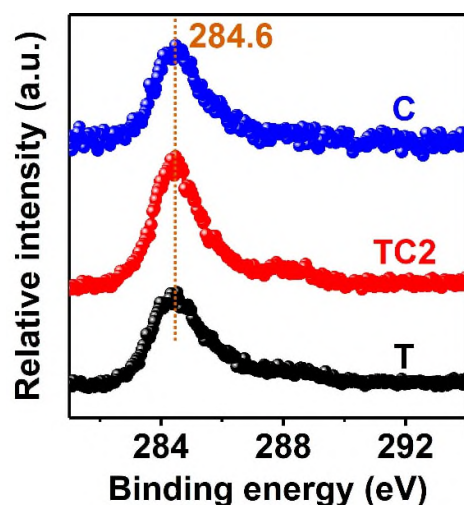


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Response: The photocatalytic experiments were conducted in a batch mode. In the revised manuscript, we have adopted a gas-phase CO₂ photoreduction reaction for improved photocatalytic CO₂ reduction and to exclude the influence of acetonitrile on

the activity. The experimental details are as follows and added in the Supporting Information.

The photocatalytic reduction of CO₂ was carried out in a 200 mL home-made quartz reactor with two openings which were sealed using a silicone rubber septum. A 350 W Xe arc lamp (XD350, Changzhou Siyu, China) was used as the light source and positioned 10 cm above the photocatalytic reactor. In a typical photocatalytic experiment, 20 mg of the sample was put into the glass reactor and 10 mL of hexane was added. The catalyst was dispersed by ultrasonication for about 1 min to form suspension. After evaporation of hexane at 80 °C for 2 h, the sample was deposited on the bottom of the reactor in the form of thin films. Before irradiation, the reactor was purged with N₂ (99.9999%) for 30 min to remove air and ensure that the reaction system was under anaerobic conditions. CO₂ and H₂O vapor were *in situ* generated by the reaction of NaHCO₃ (0.084 g, introduced into the reactor before seal) and H₂SO₄ aqueous solution (0.3 mL, 2 M) which was introduced into the reactor using a syringe. The temperature in the reactor stabilized at 45 °C upon irradiation. 400 μL of mixed gas was taken from the reactor at given intervals (1 h) during the irradiation and used for gas component analysis by Shimadzu GC-2014C gas chromatograph (Japan) equipped with a flame ionized detector (FID), thermal conductivity detector (TCD) and a methanizer. Blank experiments were carried out in the absence of CO₂ or light irradiation to confirm that CO₂ and light were two key influencing elements for photocatalytic CO₂ reduction. Control experiments were also used to verify whether the carbon resource was derived from CO₂ or the catalyst itself.

H₂ was not detected in the reactions, indicating that the hydrogen evolution reaction was suppressed over the TiO₂/CsPbBr₃ heterostructure. The further cause is the absence of co-catalyst

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Response: As mentioned in the last response, a gas-phase CO₂ photoreduction reaction was employed in the revised manuscript. CO₂ was *in situ* generated through the reaction of NaHCO₃ and H₂SO₄, instead of the CO₂ cylinder during the previous process. The quartz reactor was purged by high-impurity N₂ (99.9999%) to completely remove the air. GC analysis showed that no O₂ was detected before the photocatalytic reaction started. Therefore, we are very confident that O₂ evolved from the reaction.

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Response: Following the review's comment, we evaluated the photocatalytic CO₂ reduction activity of bare QDs. Similar to pure TiO₂, bare QDs (sample C) exhibited much lower photocatalytic reaction rate. The result and discussion are presented in Figure 4a and Figure R9 in the revised manuscript.

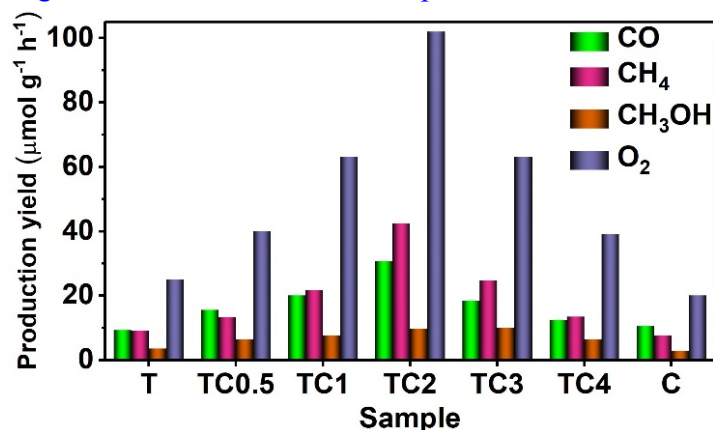


Figure R9. Photocatalytic activities of CO₂ reduction over TiO₂, TC and bare CsPbBr₃ QDs (sample C).

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Response: In fact, both TiO₂ and QDs were photo-excited and electrons were generated in QDs as well to perform the CO₂ reduction. We have modified the scheme (Figure 4g) in the revised manuscript for clarification.

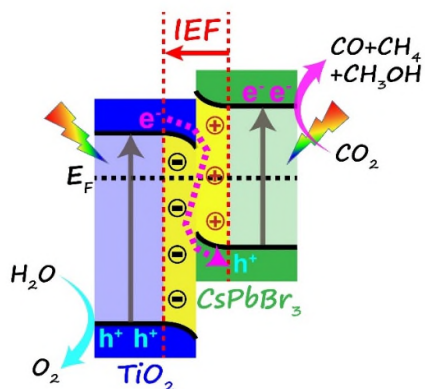


Figure R10. Schematic illustration of TiO₂/CsPbBr₃ heterojunction: the formation of S-scheme heterojunction under UV-visible light irradiation for CO₂ photoreduction.

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under water and UV light. XRD of used heterojunctions must be included in the paper discussion.

Response: We performed four circling runs to evaluate the recyclability of the sample. The experimental protocol was the same as the original photocatalytic CO₂ reduction (Supporting Information). In the first run, 400 μL of mixed gas was taken for component analysis with Shimadzu GC-2014C gas chromatograph at 1-hour time interval. The reactor was then dried at 60 °C in the vacuum oven for 1 h to remove possibly-absorbed CO₂, H₂O and products. The procedure was repeated for the second, third and fourth cycling runs. The sample was directly reused without further cleaning.

We have characterized the recycled photocatalyst using XRD, TEM and XPS. As demonstrated in our response to Question 3 of Reviewer 1, the XRD pattern (Supplementary Figure 8a and Figure R4a) of the recycled photocatalyst showed no detectable phase change. The TEM image confirms that the QDs did not show any obvious aggregation after cycled photocatalytic reactions and the morphology was well maintained (Supplementary Figure 8b and Figure R4b). The chemical states of the used photocatalyst were also consistent with those of the fresh one, as examined by XPS (Supplementary Figure 9 and Figure R5). These results demonstrate the high chemical and structural stabilities of the TiO₂/CsPbBr₃ hybrid upon the gas-phase photocatalytic CO₂ reduction.

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Response: ¹³CO₂ isotope tracer experiment was conducted to verify the carbon source of the products by using ¹³C isotope-labeled sodium bicarbonate (NaH¹³CO₃, Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc., USA) and H₂SO₄ aqueous solution for the photocatalysis examinations. After 1 h of photocatalytic reaction, 500 μL of the mixed gas was taken out from the reactor and examined by a gas chromatography-mass spectrometer (GC-MS) (6980N network GC system-5975 inert mass selective detector, Agilent Technologies, USA) to analyze the products.

We have double-checked the isotope experiments and the signals of ¹³CO, ¹³CH₄ and ¹³CH₃OH, together with the spectra of the chromatograms have been shown in Figure 4b, Supplementary Figure 7b and below. These results confirmed that the production of CO, CH₄ and CH₃OH was from the CO₂ reduction, rather than from carbon contaminations. Experimental details are shown in Supporting Information.

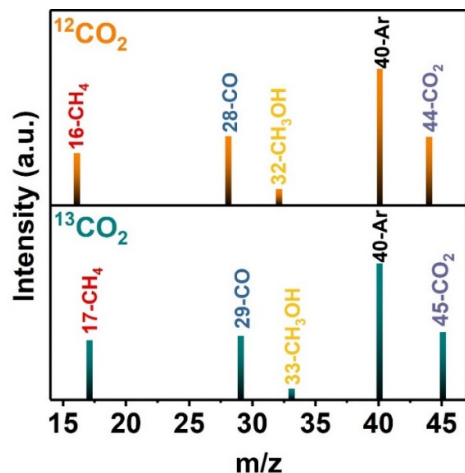


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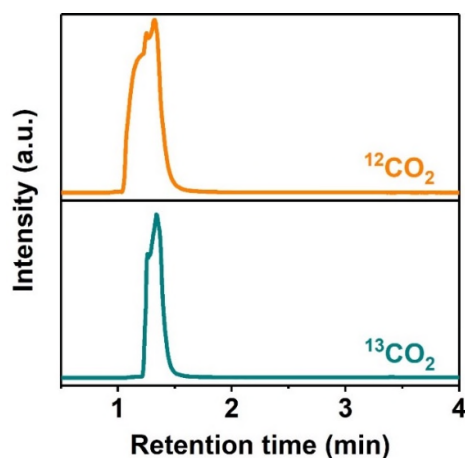


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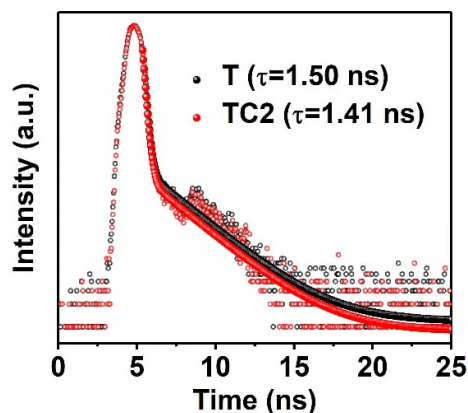


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Reviewers' comments:

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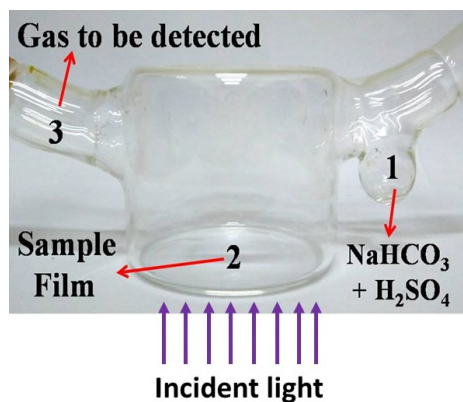


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Reviewer #3:

The authors have addressed my previous concerns and I can now recommend this work for publication in Nature Communications.

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