

Improved the Light Adsorption and Separation of Charge Carriers to Boost Photocatalytic Conversion of CO₂ by Using Silver Doped ZnO Photocatalyst

Pham Thi Thu Hoai ^{1,*}, Nguyen Thi Mai Huong ¹, Pham Thi Huong ^{2,*} and Nguyen Minh Viet ³

¹ Faculty of Food Technology, University of Economics—Technology for Industries (UNETI), Hanoi 11622, Vietnam

² Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Gachon University, 1342 Seongnam-daero, Seongnam 13120, Korea

³ VNU Key Laboratory of Advanced Material for Green Growth, Faculty of Chemistry, VNU University of Science, 334 Nguyen Trai Street, Hanoi 114000, Vietnam

* Correspondence: ptthoai@uneti.edu.vn (P.T.T.H.); phambary@gachon.ac.kr (P.T.H.)

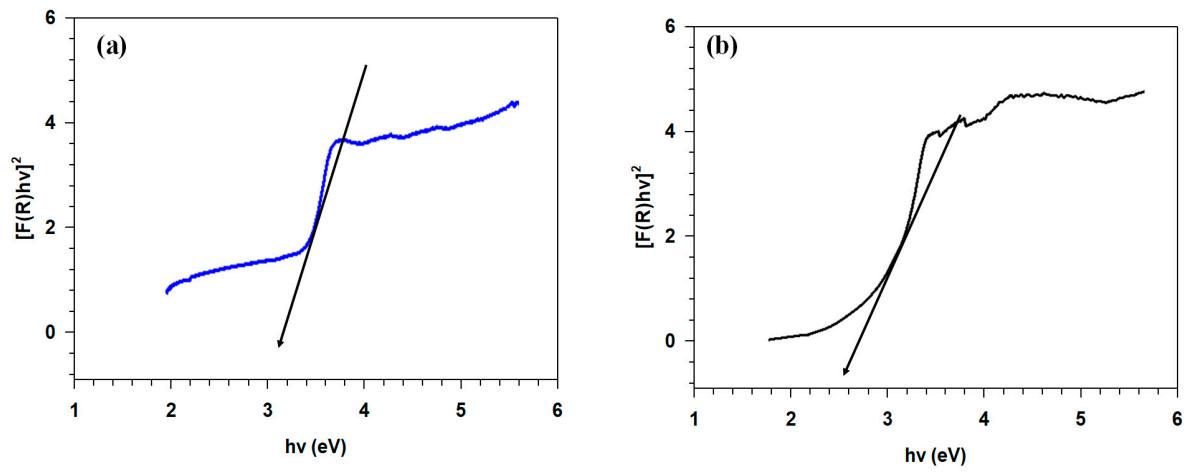


Figure S1. Touc plot of (a) ZnO and (b) Ag-ZnO.

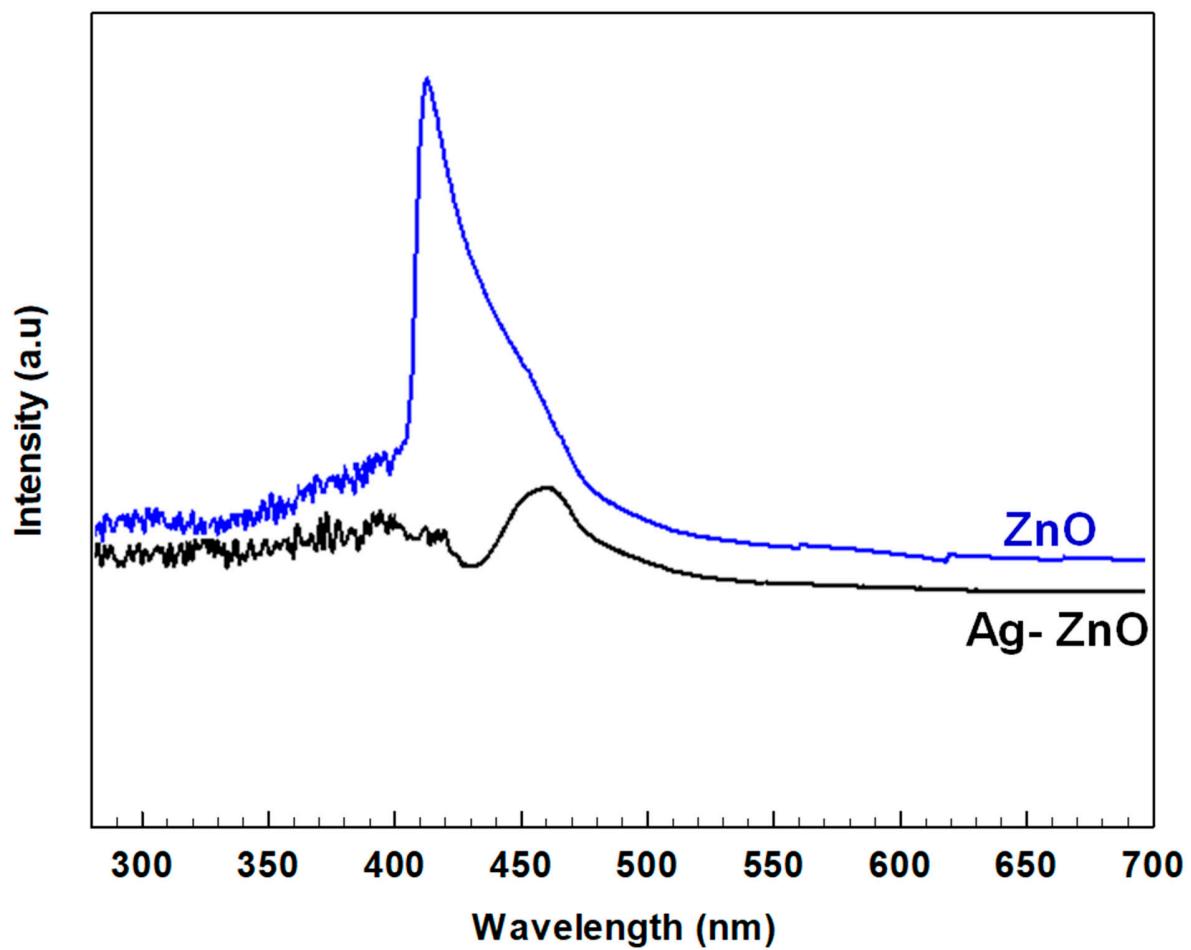


Figure S2. Photoluminescence analysis of ZnO and Ag-ZnO.

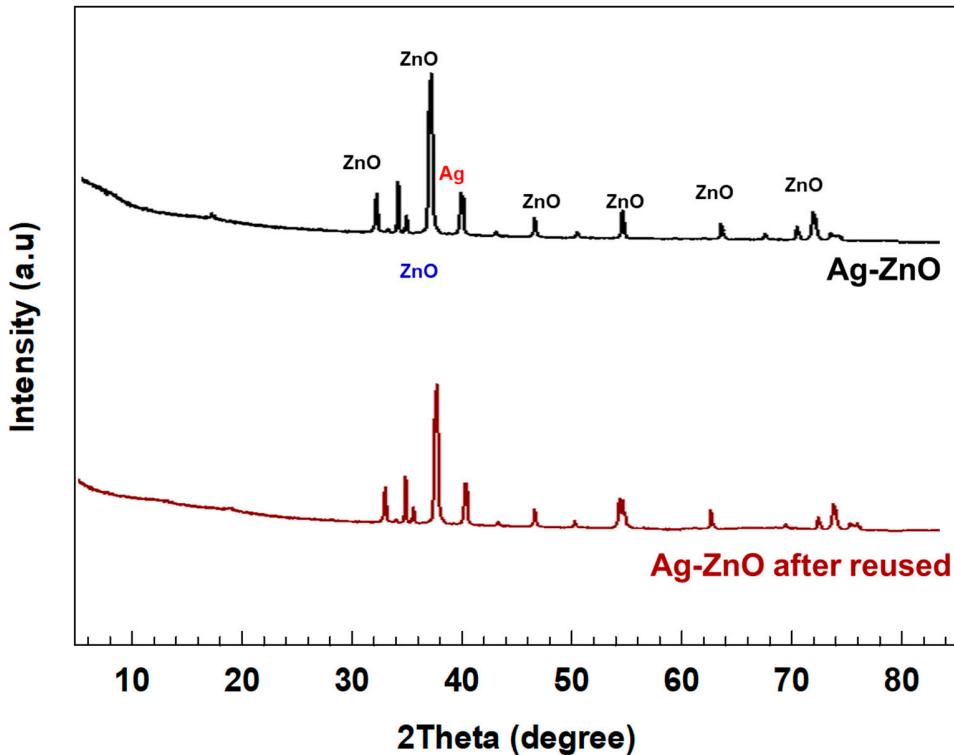


Figure S3. XRD patterns of Ag-ZnO and reused Ag-ZnO photocatalysts.

Table S1. The photocatalytic CO₂ conversion of different photocatalysts.

Materials	CO (μmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹)	CH ₄ (μmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹)	Ref.
ZnO/g-C₃N₄ (UV light)	38.7	5	[34]
Cu-TiO₂ (UV light)	763	18	[35]
Cu/g-C₃N₄ (UV light)	10.2	-	[36]
Au@CdS/TiO₂ (UV light)	41.6	0.6	[37]
Ag-ZnO/g-C₃N₄ (UV light)	36	14	[38]
Pt²⁺-Pt⁰/TiO₂ (UV light)	55	64	[39]
ZnO (Solar light)	3.2	0.56	This study
Ag-ZnO (Solar light)	9.8	2.4	This study

References

- 34 He, Y.; Wang, Y.; Zhang, L.; Teng, B.; Fan, M. High-efficiency conversion of CO₂ to fuel over ZnO/g-C₃N₄ photocatalyst. *Appl. Catal. B: Environ.* **2015**, *168–169*, 1–8.
- 35 Tahir, M.; Tahir, B. Dynamic photocatalytic reduction of CO₂ to CO in a honeycomb monolith reactor loaded with Cu and N doped TiO₂ nanocatalysts. *Appl. Surf. Sci.* **2016**, *377*, 244–252.
- 36 Sun, Z.; Fang, W.; Zhao, L.; Wang, H. 3D porous Cu-NPs/g-C₃N₄ foam with excellent CO₂ adsorption and Schottky junction effect for photocatalytic CO₂ reduction. *Appl. Surf. Sci.* **2020**, *504*, 144347.
- 37 Wei, Y.; Jiao, J.; Zhao, Z.; Liu, J.; Li, J.; Jiang, G.; Wang, Y.; Duan, A. Fabrication of inverse opal TiO₂-supported Au@CdS core–shell nanoparticles for efficient photocatalytic CO₂ conversion. *Appl. Catal. B: Environ.* **2015**, *179*, 422–432.
- 38 Arif, U.; Ali, F.; Bahader, A.; Ali, S.; Zada, A.; Raziq, F. Efficient visible light activities of Ag modified ZnO/g-C₃N₄ composite for CO₂ conversion. *Inorg. Chem. Commun.* **2022**, *145*, 109944. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.inoche.2022.109944>.
- 39 Xiong; Wang, H.; Xu, N.; Li, H.; Fang, B.; Zhao, Y.; Zhang, J.; Zheng, C. Photocatalytic reduction of CO₂ on Pt²⁺-Pt⁰/TiO₂ nanoparticles under UV/Vis light irradiation: A combination of Pt²⁺ doping and Pt nanoparticles deposition. *Int. J. Hydrot. Energy*, **2015**, *40*, 10049–10062.