

Supplementary materials

A purely inorganic germanium–molybdenum–oxo cluster with ruthenium participation for visible-light-driven CO₂ reduction

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1 Supplementary Experimental Section.

1.1 Measurement of photocatalytic activity.

The photocatalytic reduction of CO₂ was conducted with a quartz glass reactor (CEL-APR100H-3, 100 mL) equipped with a Beijing China Education Au-light Technology Co., Ltd. 300 W xenon lamp (CEL-PF300-T6) with a UV-cutoff filter (≥ 420 nm) as the visible light source. In a typical experiment, 5 mg of the photocatalyst and 7.5 mg [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂·6H₂O were dispersed in 29 mL of the mixed solution of N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF; 16 mL), H₂O (8 mL), and triethanolamine (TEOA; 5 mL), and pre-degassed with CO₂ (99.999%) gas for 30 min to remove air before irradiation. Here TEOA serves as a sacrificial agent and [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂·6H₂O acts as a photosensitizer. The reaction mixture was kept stirred constantly with a magnetic bar to ensure complete mixing of the photocatalyst particles. The temperature of the reaction was maintained at 20 °C by a cooling water. The gas product (0.5 mL, taken from the reactor) was analyzed using a gas chromatograph equipped with an FID and a TCD detector (Agilent GC-8890). The selectivity of the formed CO and CH₄ is calculated according to the following equation:

$$\text{selectivity of } CH_4 = \frac{8R(CH_4)}{8R(CH_4) + 2R(CO)} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{selectivity of } CO = \frac{2R(CO)}{8R(CH_4) + 2R(CO)} \times 100\%$$

where R(CO) and R(CH₄) are the yields of reactively-formed CO and CH₄ respectively.

1.2 The calculation of gas production ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$) and gas generation rate ($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$).

$$\begin{aligned} CH_4 \text{ or } CO \text{ production } (\mu\text{mol}/\text{g}) &= \frac{c(\text{ppm}) \times 10^{-6} \times V(\text{mL}) \times 10^{-3}}{22.4(\text{L}/\text{mol}) \times m(\text{mg}) \times 10^{-3}} \times 10^6 \\ &= \frac{c(\text{ppm}) \times V(\text{mL})}{22.4(\text{L}/\text{mol}) \times m(\text{mg})} \\ CH_4 \text{ or } CO \text{ yield rate } (\mu\text{mol}/\text{g}/\text{h}) &= \frac{c(\text{ppm}) \times 10^{-6} \times V(\text{mL}) \times 10^{-3}}{22.4(\text{L}/\text{mol}) \times m(\text{mg}) \times 10^{-3} \times t(\text{h})} \times 10^6 \\ &= \frac{c(\text{ppm}) \times V(\text{mL})}{22.4(\text{L}/\text{mol}) \times m(\text{mg}) \times t(\text{h})} \end{aligned}$$

$c(\text{ppm})$: the concentration of CH₄ or CO;

$V(\text{mL})$: the spare volume of photoreactor;

$m(\text{mg})$: the mass of photocatalyst;

$t(\text{h})$: the reaction time.

1.3 The calculation of apparent quantum yield (AQY).

The AQY is determined using a similar method to that for the photocatalytic performance test. Photocatalyst (5 mg), [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂·6H₂O (7.5 mg), N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF; 16 mL), H₂O (8 mL), and triethanolamine (TEOA; 5 mL). The intensity of the incident light was tested by a photometer (CEL-NP2000-2A, Beijing China Education Au-light Technology Co., Ltd.), the irradiated area is 28.27 cm².

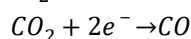
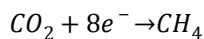
The apparent quantum efficiency yield (AQY) at 420 nm, 460 nm, 500 nm, and 550 nm is calculated on the basis of the following equation:

$$AQY\% = \frac{\text{Number of reacted electrons } (N_e)}{\text{Number of incident photons } (N_p)} \times 100\%$$

$$AQY\% = \frac{10^9 \times (\nu \times N_A \times K) \times (h \times c)}{(I \times A \times \lambda)} \times 100\%$$

$$= \frac{1.2 \times 10^8 (\nu \times K)}{(I \times A \times \lambda)} \times 100\%$$

According to the following chemical reactions:



the AQY for CH₄ and CO evolution under different wavelengths are evaluated by the following equation:

$$AQY(CH_4)\% = \frac{\text{Number of } CH_4 \text{ molecules} \times 8}{\text{Number of incident photons}} \times 100\%$$

$$AQY(CO)\% = \frac{\text{Number of } CO \text{ molecules} \times 2}{\text{Number of incident photons}} \times 100\%$$

ν : the reaction rate (mol·s⁻¹);

N_A : the Avogadro constant (6.02 × 10²³ mol⁻¹);

K : Number of Transferred electrons (CH₄ = 8; CO = 2);

h : the Planck constant (6.626 × 10⁻³⁴ J·s);

c : the speed of light (3 × 10⁸ m·s⁻¹);

I : the incident light intensity at certain wavelength (W·m⁻²);

A : the irradiated area (m²);

λ : the wavelength of incident light (nm);

1.4 Electrochemical measurements.

All the electrochemical studies were performed on an electrochemical workstation (CHI-760E, Shanghai, China) with a standard three-electrode system with a glassy carbon as the working electrode, a Pt plate as the counter electrode, and an Ag/AgCl electrode as the reference electrode. The as-synthesized samples (5 mg) were added into 470 μL ethanol and 30 μL Poly (diallyldimethylammonium chloride) mixed solution under sonication for 30 min. Subsequently, 30 μL of the mixed solution was covered onto the side of ITO glass, and dried in room temperature. Photocurrent-time (I-t) curve and electrochemical impedance spectra were measured in 0.5M Na₂SO₄ aqueous solution, where the I-t curve was performed under intermittent irradiation with a 300 W Xenon lamp source. High-purity N₂ was passed through the solution for at least 30 min to remove oxygen before the test.

1.5 photoluminescence (PL) measurements.

Photoluminescence (PL) spectra are scanned on a photoluminescence spectrometer (FLS980) under an excitation wavelength of 368 nm. The photoluminescent quenching of [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂·6H₂O (7.5 mg) were performed in 6 mL of the mixed solution of N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF; 4 mL), H₂O (2 mL) upon the addition of increasing amounts of **Ru₂Ge₂Mo₂₀** (0.0 mg, 0.5 mg, 1.0 mg, 1.5 mg, and 2.0 mg). The photoluminescent quenching of [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂·6H₂O (7.5 mg) were performed in 6 mL of the mixed solution of N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF; 4 mL), H₂O (2 mL) in different the amounts of TEOA (0 mM, 20 mM, 50 mM, and 100 mM).

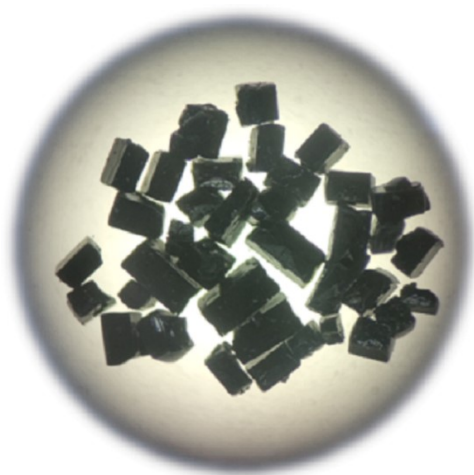


Fig. S1 The crystal image of $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$ under an optical microscope.

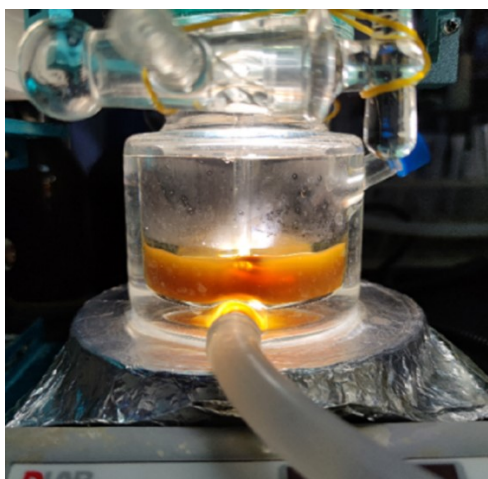


Fig. S2 The photograph of the CO_2 photoreduction quartz glass reactor.

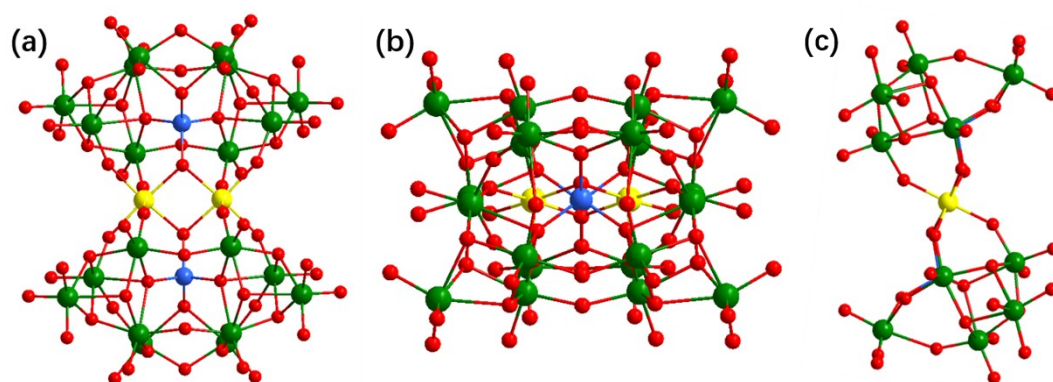


Fig. S3 (a) x-axis and (b) z-axis and (c) y-axis ball-and-stick representation of the $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$.

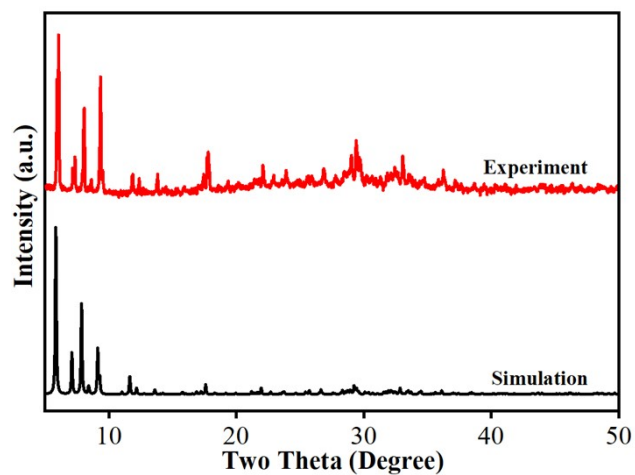


Fig. S4 Simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$.

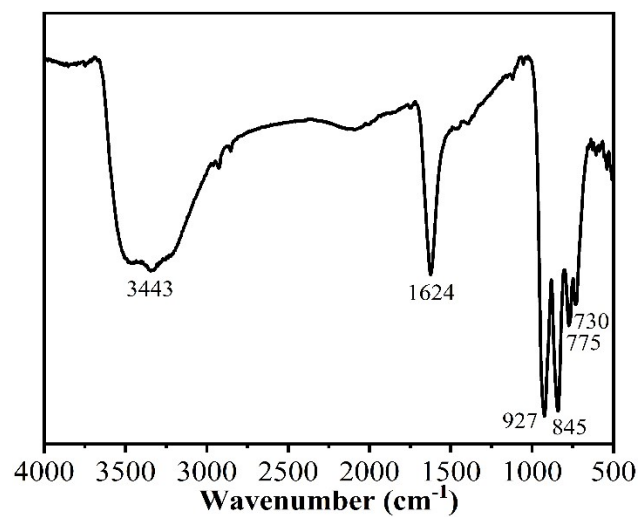


Fig. S5 IR spectrum of $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$.

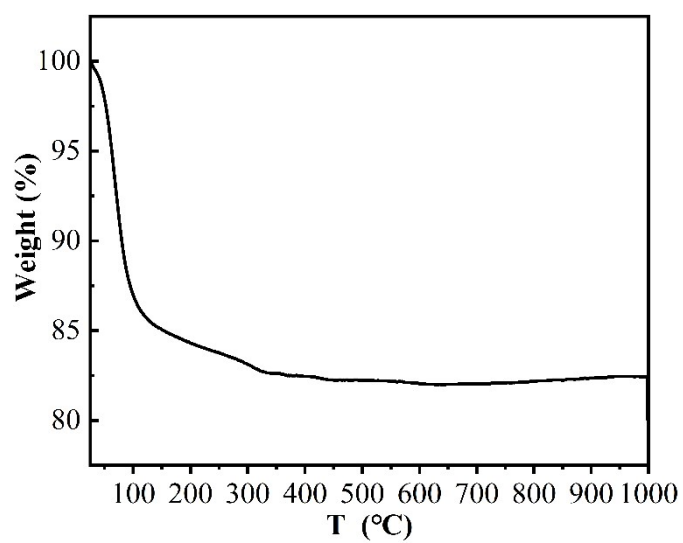


Fig. S6 TG curves of the $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$.

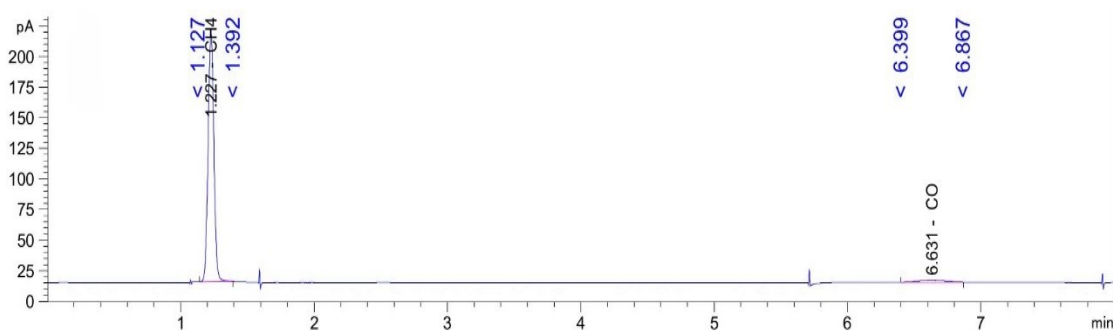


Fig. S7 GC profiles of CO₂ reduction after reaction 6 h under normal condition.
 Chromatographic column information: HP-5 column, 30 m × 320 μm × 0.25 μm
 Detection information: oven (80 °C), TCD (250 °C), FID (275 °C)

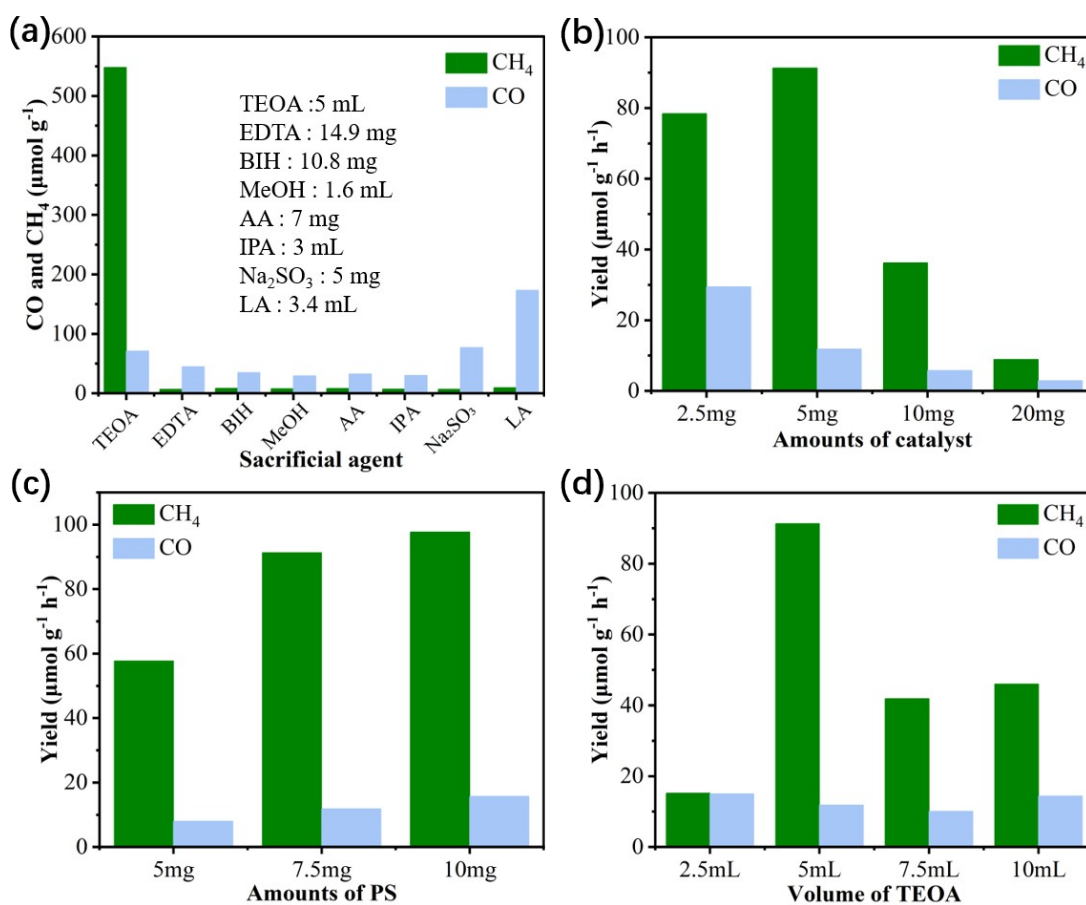


Fig. S8 CH₄ and CO production rates of photocatalytic CO₂ reduction with (a) different sacrificial donors, different amounts of (b) catalyst and (c) PS and (d) TEOA.

As shown in **Fig. S8c–d**, an excess of PS or TEOA would lead to an insignificant increase or decrease in the evolution rate of products.

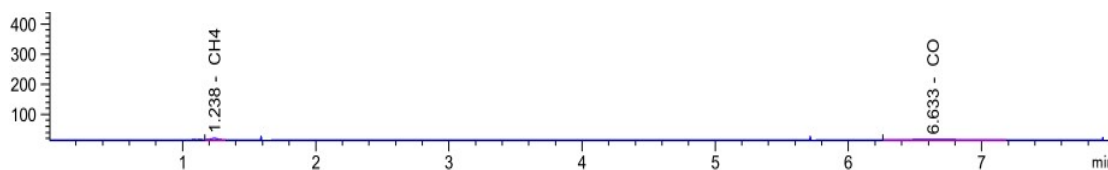


Fig. S9 GC profiles of CO₂ reduction after reaction 6 h under Ar condition.

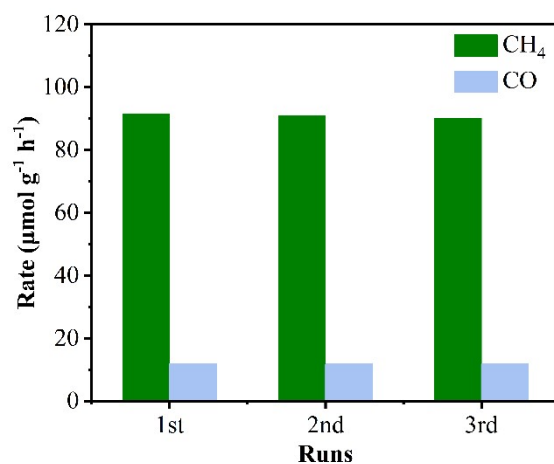


Fig. S10 Recyclability experiments.

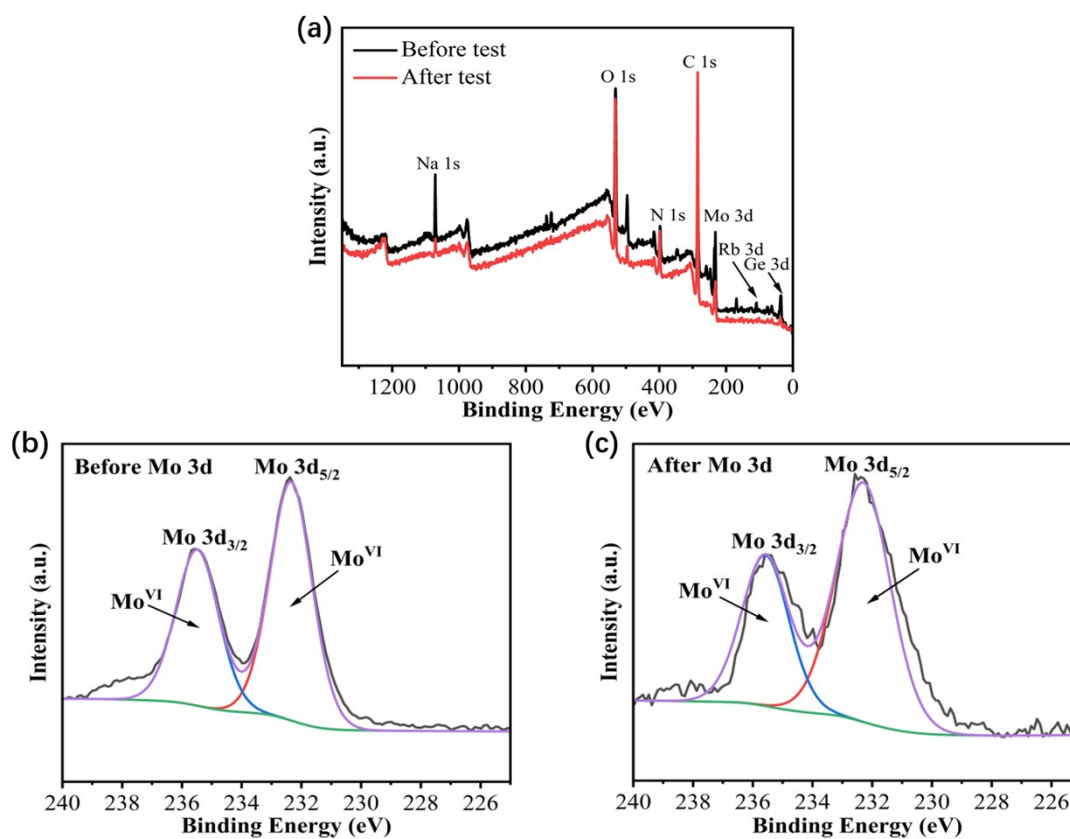


Fig. S11 (a) XPS spectra of the $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$ before (black) and after (red) cycled reactions in survey scan. Mo3d XPS spectra (b) before and (c) after photocatalysis of the $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$.^{1,2}

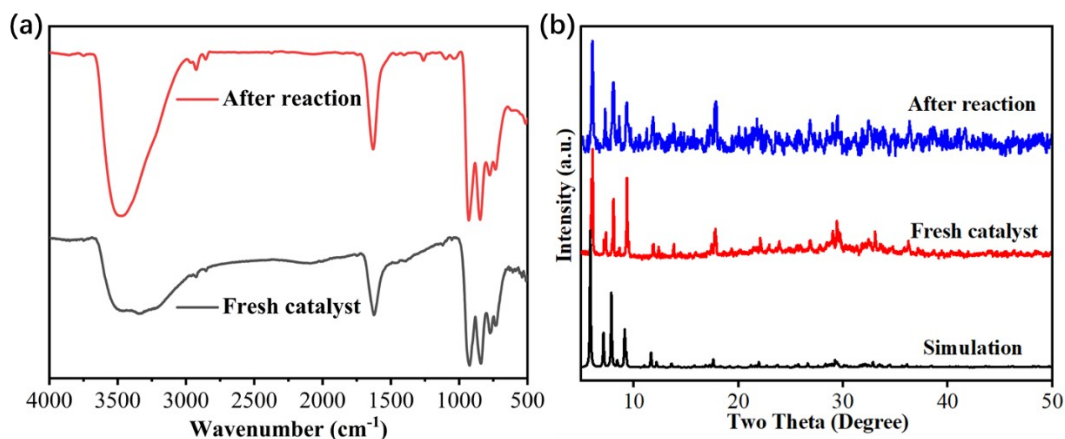


Fig. S12 (a) IR and (b) PXRD spectra of the $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$ before and after the photocatalytic reaction.

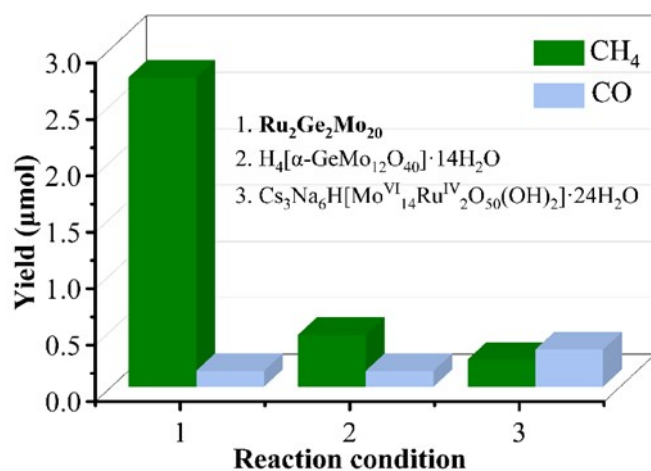


Fig. S13 Comparison results of different catalysts.

(Reaction condition: **1** or **2** or **3** (0.001 mmol), $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (7.5 mg), solution (DMF = 16 mL, H_2O = 8 mL, TEOA = 5 mL), CO_2 (0.1 MPa), ≥ 420 nm, 20 °C, 6 h.)

Table S1 Crystallographic data of the $\text{Ru}_2\text{Ge}_2\text{Mo}_{20}$.

Empirical formula	$\text{Na}_{12}\text{Rb}_2\text{H}_{88}\text{Ge}_2\text{Ru}_2\text{Mo}_{20}\text{O}_{120}$
Formula weight	4721.4132
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pn</i> nm
<i>a</i> / Å	12.5569(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	19.0577(5)
<i>c</i> / Å	24.7605(8)
$\alpha = \beta = \gamma / ^\circ$	90
Volume / Å ³	5925.3(3)
<i>Z</i>	2
ρ_{calc} g / cm ³	2.597
μ / mm ⁻¹	3.765

$F(000)$	4316.0
Crystal size / mm ³	0.16 × 0.08 × 0.06
Data/parameters	5403/18/369
R_{int}	0.0951
GOF on F^2	1.138
$R_1, wR_2 [I \geq 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0722, 0.1602
$R_1, wR_2 [\text{all data}]$	0.0866, 0.1677

Table S2 Major bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of the **Ru₂Ge₂Mo₂₀**.

Bond	Length	Bond	Length	Bond	Length
Ge1–O1	1.761(12)	Mo2–O11	1.757(9)	Mo5–O2	1.788(8)
Ge1–O6	1.757(9)	Mo2–O16	1.688(9)	Mo5–O3	1.898(4)
Ge1–O6	1.757(9)	Mo3–O11	2.291(9)	Mo5–O4	2.002(8)
Ge1–O13	1.764(13)	Mo3–O12	1.915(10)	Mo5–O6	2.295(8)
Mo1–O5	1.788(8)	Mo3–O13	2.225(8)	Mo5–O8	2.071(9)
Mo1–O6	2.282(9)	Mo3–O14	1.935(7)	Mo5–O10	1.717(9)
Mo1–O7	2.052(9)	Mo3–O20	1.733(11)	Mo5–Rb1	4.105(2)
Mo1–O8	2.025(9)	Mo3–O21	1.726(9)	Mo5–Rb1	4.208(3)
Mo1–O12	1.897(10)	Mo4–O4	2.266(9)	O1–Ru1	2.059(8)
Mo1–O15	1.726(10)	Mo4–O7	2.219(10)	O2–Ru1	2.003(8)
Mo2–O4	2.085(9)	Mo4–O8	2.181(9)	O5–Ru1	1.996(8)
Mo2–O6	2.305(8)	Mo4–O17	1.745(10)	Mo2–O9	1.897(4)
Mo2–O7	2.030(10)	Mo4–O18	1.746(10)	Mo4–O19	1.748(10)
Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
O1–Ge1–O13	109.5(6)	O16–Mo2–O6	170.7(4)	O18–Mo4–O19	104.6(5)
O6–Ge1–O1	108.1(3)	O16–Mo2–O7	100.5(5)	O19–Mo4–O4	90.0(4)
O5–Mo1–O6	84.3(3)	O16–Mo2–O9	99.2(5)	O19–Mo4–O7	91.3(4)
O5–Mo1–O8	90.5(4)	O16–Mo2–O11	103.9(5)	O19–Mo4–O8	154.8(4)
O5–Mo1–O12	99.0(4)	O12–Mo3–O11	79.7(4)	O2–Mo5–O3	97.1(4)
O7–Mo1–O6	75.2(3)	O12–Mo3–O13	83.9(4)	O2–Mo5–O4	155.1(4)
O8–Mo1–O6	75.5(3)	O12–Mo3–O14	152.3(5)	O2–Mo5–O6	82.9(3)
O8–Mo1–O7	75.7(4)	O13–Mo3–O11	79.1(4)	O2–Mo5–O8	88.6(4)
O12–Mo1–O6	81.9(4)	O14–Mo3–O11	81.4(5)	O3–Mo5–O4	90.9(4)
O12–Mo1–O7	87.3(4)	O14–Mo3–O13	72.8(4)	O3–Mo5–O6	85.8(4)
O12–Mo1–O8	154.5(4)	O20–Mo3–O11	85.5(4)	O3–Mo5–O8	158.6(4)
O15–Mo1–O5	102.2(4)	O20–Mo3–O12	101.4(5)	O4–Mo5–O6	74.1(3)
O15–Mo1–O6	172.5(4)	O20–Mo3–O13	162.6(5)	O4–Mo5–O8	76.1(4)
O15–Mo1–O7	97.7(4)	O20–Mo3–O14	97.1(5)	O8–Mo5–O6	74.4(3)
O15–Mo1–O8	100.6(4)	O21–Mo3–O11	170.9(4)	O10–Mo5–O2	102.7(4)
O15–Mo1–O12	100.4(5)	O21–Mo3–O12	96.7(5)	O10–Mo5–O3	99.5(5)

O4–Mo2–O6	72.4(3)	O21–Mo3–O13	92.3(5)	O10–Mo5–O4	99.2(4)
O7–Mo2–O4	77.3(4)	O21–Mo3–O14	98.9(6)	O10–Mo5–O6	171.6(4)
O7–Mo2–O6	75.1(3)	O21–Mo3–O20	103.4(5)	O10–Mo5–O8	99.3(4)
O9–Mo2–O4	87.6(4)	O7–Mo4–O4	70.0(3)	Ge1–O1–Ru1	122.3(4)
O9–Mo2–O6	83.6(4)	O8–Mo4–O4	68.7(3)	Ru1–O1–Ru1	95.0(5)
O9–Mo2–O7	156.7(4)	O8–Mo4–O7	69.3(3)	Mo5–O2–Ru1	145.6(5)
O11–Mo2–O4	155.8(4)	O17–Mo4–O4	155.3(4)	Mo5–O3–Mo5	146.9(7)
O11–Mo2–O6	84.5(4)	O17–Mo4–O7	88.5(4)	Mo2–O4–Mo4	100.0(4)
O11–Mo2–O7	90.1(4)	O17–Mo4–O8	92.8(4)	Mo5–O4–Mo2	115.3(4)
O11–Mo2–O9	97.0(5)	O17–Mo4–O18	104.5(5)	Mo5–O4–Mo4	102.9(4)
O16–Mo2–O4	98.7(4)	O17–Mo4–O19	102.9(5)	Mo1–O5–Ru1	143.6(5)
Ge1–O6–Mo2	118.9(4)	O18–Mo4–O4	92.3(4)	Ge1–O6–Mo1	120.3(4)
Ge1–O6–Mo5	122.9(4)	O18–Mo4–O7	156.3(4)	Mo5–O8–Mo4	103.6(4)
Mo1–O6–Mo2	95.5(3)	O18–Mo4–O8	90.0(4)	Mo2–O9–Mo2	142.9(7)
Mo1–O6–Mo5	95.9(3)	Mo1–O7–Mo4	102.6(4)	Mo2–O11–Mo3	145.3(5)
Mo5–O6–Mo2	97.3(3)	Mo2–O7–Mo1	112.5(5)	O5–Ru1–O2	86.3(3)
O2–Ru1–O2	178.7(5)	O5–Ru1–O1	91.5(3)	O5–Ru1–O2	92.7(3)
Ge1–O13–Mo3	125.5(4)	Mo1–O8–Mo4	104.9(4)	O5–Ru1–O2	86.3(3)
Mo3–O13–Mo3	95.5(5)	Mo1–O8–Mo5	112.1(4)	O5–Ru1–O2	92.7(3)
Mo3–O14–Mo3	116.7(6)	O1–Ru1–O1	85.0(5)	O5–Ru1–O5	92.3(5)
Mo3–O20–Na3	157.4(7)	O2–Ru1–O1	89.6(4)	O5–Ru1–O1	174.6(4)

Table S3 Calculated values of bond valence of Mo, Ge, Ru and O atoms in anion **Ru₂Ge₂Mo₂₀**.

Atom Lable	BVS	Atom Lable	BVS
Mo1	5.93	O8	1.886
Mo2	6.142	O9	2.099
Mo3	6.044	O10	1.707
Mo4	6.046	O11	1.894
Mo5	5.968	O12	2.049
Ru1	3.067	O13	1.822
Ge1	3.875	O14	1.894
O1	1.881	O15	1.666
O2	1.780	O16	1.846
O3	1.854	O17	1.583
O4	1.737	O18	1.578
O5	1.952	O19	1.570
O6	2.053	O20	1.635
O7	1.863		

Table S4 Comparison of similar photocatalytic CO₂ reduction systems based on POMs and some other materials.

Catalysts	Reactants	Light source	Photosensitizer sacrificial reagent	Major products (μmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹)	Ref.
Na ₁₂ Rb ₂ [Ru ₂ O ₂ (GeMo ₁₀ O ₃₆) ₂]·44H ₂ O	CO ₂ , DMF, H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CH ₄ 91.31 CO 11.85	This work
NENU-605	CO ₂ , H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CH ₄ 0.894 CO 0.267	3
NENU-606				CH ₄ 1.747 CO 0.295	
V ₁₂ B ₁₈ -Co	CO ₂ , MeCN, H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 5700 H ₂ 3800 HCOOH 168	4
V ₁₂ B ₁₈ -Ni				CO 3200 H ₂ 300 HCOOH 260	
[Co _{2.67} (SiW ₁₂ O ₄₀)(H ₂ O) ₄ (Htrz) ₄]·Cl _{1.33} [Co ₃ (SiW ₁₂ O ₄₀ (H ₂ O) ₅ (Htrz) ₆ Cl)]·Cl·6H ₂ O	CO ₂ , MeCN, H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 5235 H ₂ 4840 CO 6167 H ₂ 6070	5
(C ₂ H ₅ OH)(C ₃ H ₅ N ₂) ₆ [Co ₃ (H ₆ P ₄ Mo ₆ O ₃₁) ₂]·H ₂ O	CO ₂ , MeCN	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 723.6	6
Na ₆ [Co(H ₂ O) ₂ (H ₂ tib) ₂]{Co[Mo ₆ O ₁₅ (HPO ₄) ₄] ₂ }·5H ₂ O Na ₃ [Co(H ₂ O) ₃][Co ₂ (bib)(H ₂ bib) _{2.5}]{HCo[Mo ₆ O ₁₄ (OH)(HPO ₄) ₄] ₂ }·4H ₂ O	CO ₂ , H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 1.09 CH ₄ 0.042	7
(H ₂ bpp) _{1.5} {Na[Mo ₆ O ₁₂ (OH) ₃ (HPO ₄)(H ₂ PO ₄) ₃] ₂ }·3H ₂ O				CO 0.937 CH ₄ 0.035	
[Ni ₆ (trz) ₂ (Htrz) ₁₃][H ₆ P ₄ Mo ₁₀ O ₅₀]·7H ₂ O	CO ₂ , MeCN, H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 689.86 H ₂ 158.39	8
[Co(H ₂ O) ₆][Co-POM]	CO ₂ , MeCN, H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	syngas 33700	9
K ₁₀ [Zn ₄ (H ₂ O) ₂ (PW ₉ O ₃₄) ₂]·24H ₂ O	CO ₂ , KHCO ₃ solution	300W Xe lamp (λ≥400nm)	TrI ₃ Na ₂ SO ₃	CH ₄ 0.693	10
H ₇ Na ₁₉ (H ₂ O) ₂₆ {Ni ₁₂ (OH) ₉ (PO ₄) ₄ (A-α-SiW ₉ O ₃₄)[W ₄ O ₁₀ (OH)(PO ₂ (OH) ₂)(A-α-SiW ₉ O ₃₄) ₂]}·4C ₂ H ₅ N·27H ₂ O	CO ₂ , MeCN, H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 1950 (1h) H ₂ 410 (1h)	11
H _{26.3} K _{2.5} Na(H ₂ O) ₁₆ [Ni ₆ (OH)(BO ₃) ₂ (dien) ₂ (B-α-SiW ₁₀ O ₃₇) ₂]·24H ₂ O	CO ₂ , MeCN	300W Xe lamp (420-800nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 6988 (1h) H ₂ 1315 (1h)	
(Ru(bpy)₃-Mn) (Fe-Mn)	CO ₂ , H ₂ O	280W Xe lamp (λ≥415nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CH ₄ 0.6 CO 0.104 CH ₄ 1.44 CO 0.115	12
Co ₂ [Co ₂₀ Mo ₁₆ P ₂₄]	CO ₂ , MeCN, H ₂ O	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	syngas 137900	13
[Co@{Co ₁₆ Mo ₁₆ }]	CO ₂ , MeCN	300W Xe lamp (λ≥420nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CO 6764.3 (2h) 4489.3 (8h)	14
[K(H ₂ O) ₂ Fe ^{II} _{0.33} Co _{0.67} (H ₂ O) ₂ (DAPSC)] ₂ {[Fe ^{II} _{0.33} Co _{0.67} (H ₂ O)(DAPSC)] ₂ [Fe ^{II} _{0.33} Co _{0.67} (H ₂ O) ₄] ₂ [Na ₂ Fe ^{III} ₄ P ₄ W ₃₂ O ₁₂₀]}·21.5H ₂ O	CO ₂ , MeCN	300W Xe lamp (420-800nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CH ₄ 135 H ₂ 568.3 CO 6881.5	15
[Co(H ₂ O) ₂ DABT] ₂ [CrMo ₆ (OH) ₅ O ₁₉]	CO ₂ , MeCN	300W Xe lamp (420-800nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CH ₄ 44.75 H ₂ 110.75 CO 1935.34	16
[Zn(H ₂ O) ₂ DABT] ₂ [CrMo ₆ (OH) ₅ O ₁₉]				CO 82.018	
H ₄₇ Na ₂ Co ₄ Mo ₂₄ (PO ₄) ₁₁ O ₇₂ ·15H ₂ O	CO ₂ , MeCN	300W Xe lamp (420-800nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	CH ₄ 56.5 CO 1848.3	17
Ni MOLs				syngas 12.78 mmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	
ZIF-76				syngas 9 mmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	
Ni TDA MOFs	CO ₂ , MeCN, H ₂ O	5 W white LED light (420-800nm)	[Ru(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O TEOA	syngas 6.38 mmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	18
Co TDA MOFs				syngas 4.92 mmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	
Ni MOLs				syngas 4.59 mmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	

Table S5 The apparent quantum yield of CH₄ and CO at different wavelength over **Ru₂Ge₂Mo₂₀**.

λ (nm)	CH ₄ (μmol)	CO (μmol)	I ($\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)	AQY _{CH₄} (%)	AQY _{CO} (%)
420	0.0628	0.0902	72.70	0.0093	0.0034
460	0.2385	0.1725	76.25	0.0308	0.0056
500	0.0431	0.1035	54.70	0.0071	0.0043
550	0.0410	0.0739	78.20	0.0042	0.0020

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