

Supporting Information

Defect-mediated dual-site synergy in Zn-CuInS₂ enables orbital-tailored high performance photocatalytic CO₂-to-ethylene conversion

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1. Supplementary Figures

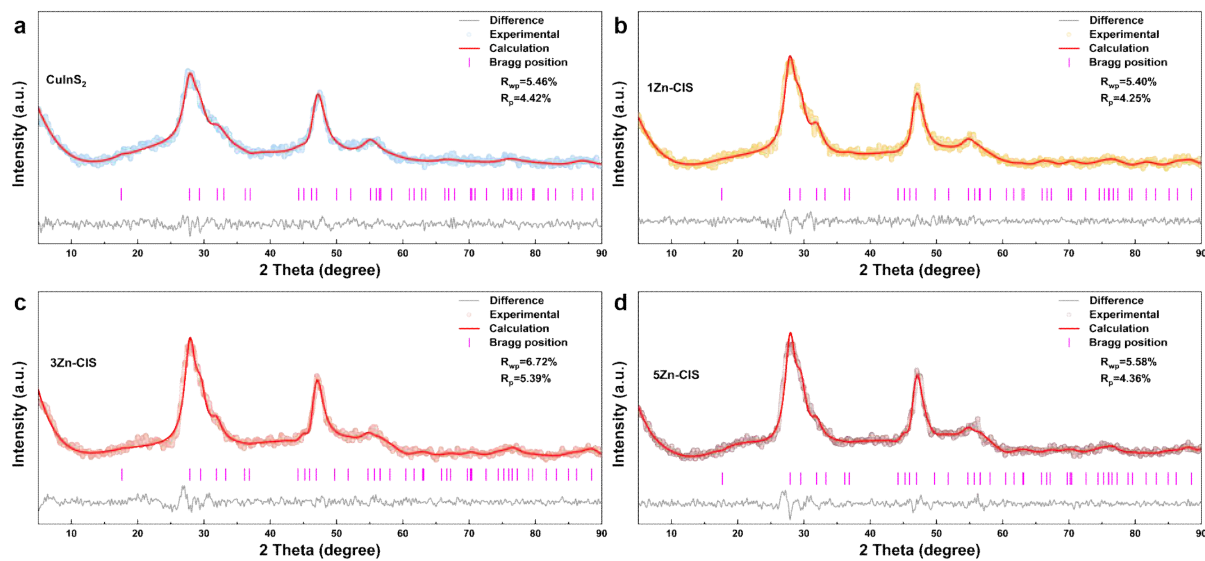


Fig. S1. The XRD data of (a) CuInS_2 , (b) 1Zn-CIS, (c) 3Zn-CIS and (d) 5Zn-CIS fitted by Rietveld refinement.

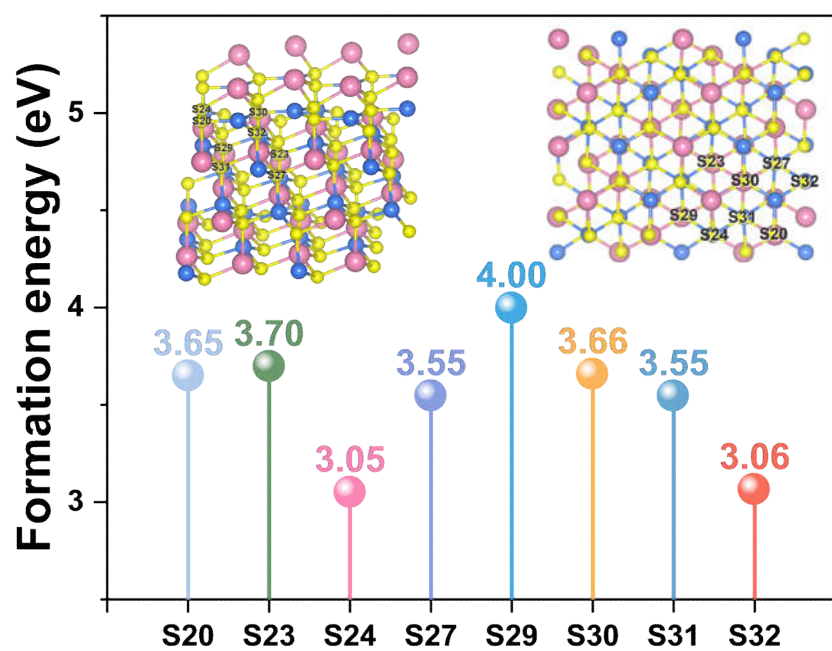


Fig. S2. The formation energy of S_v at different sites in the CuInS_2 model.

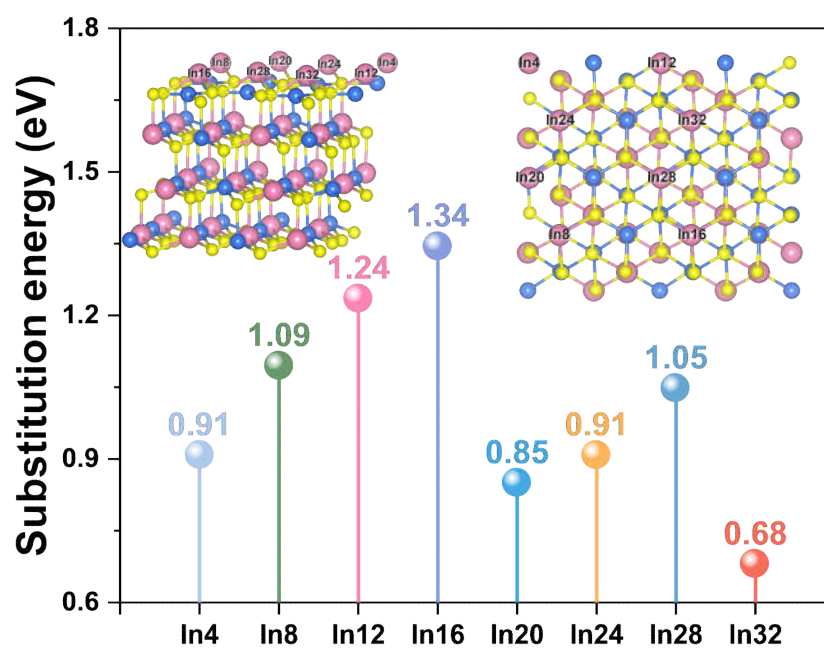


Fig. S3. The substitution energy of Zn replacing different In sites.

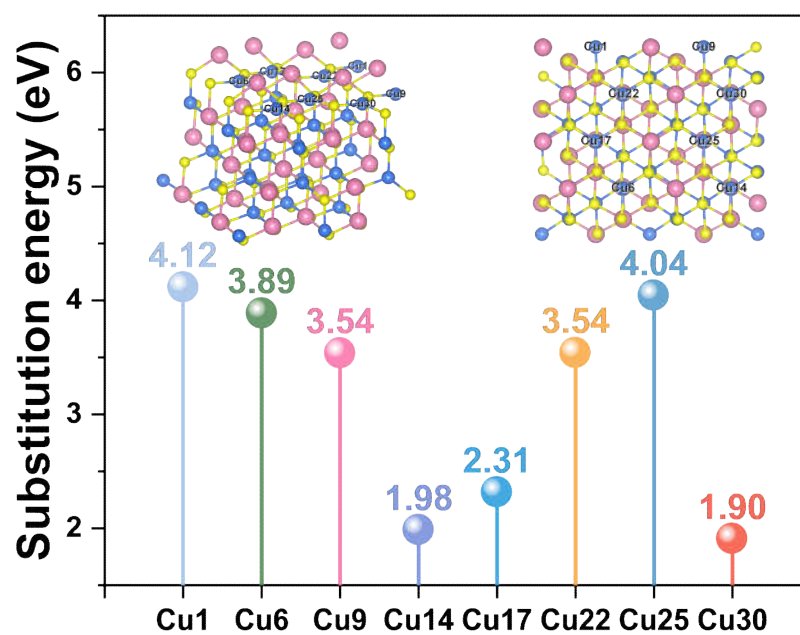


Fig. S4. The substitution energy of Zn replacing different Cu sites.

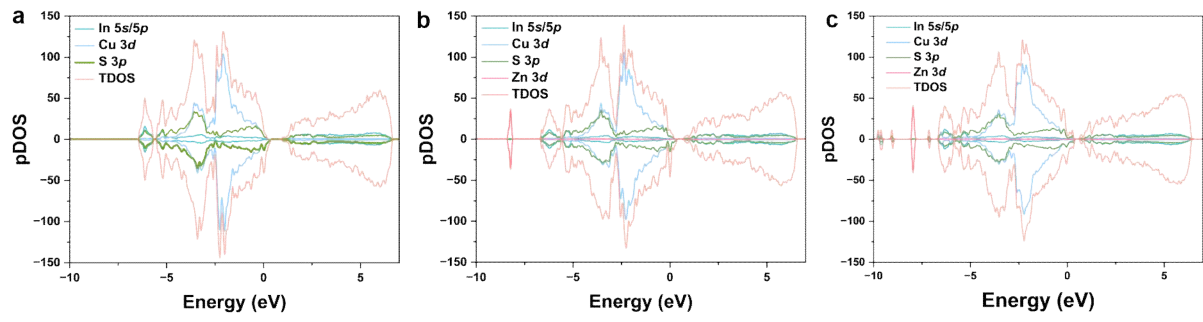


Fig. S5. The pDOS of (a) CuInS₂, (b) Zn-CIS without S_v and (c) Zn-CIS with S_v.

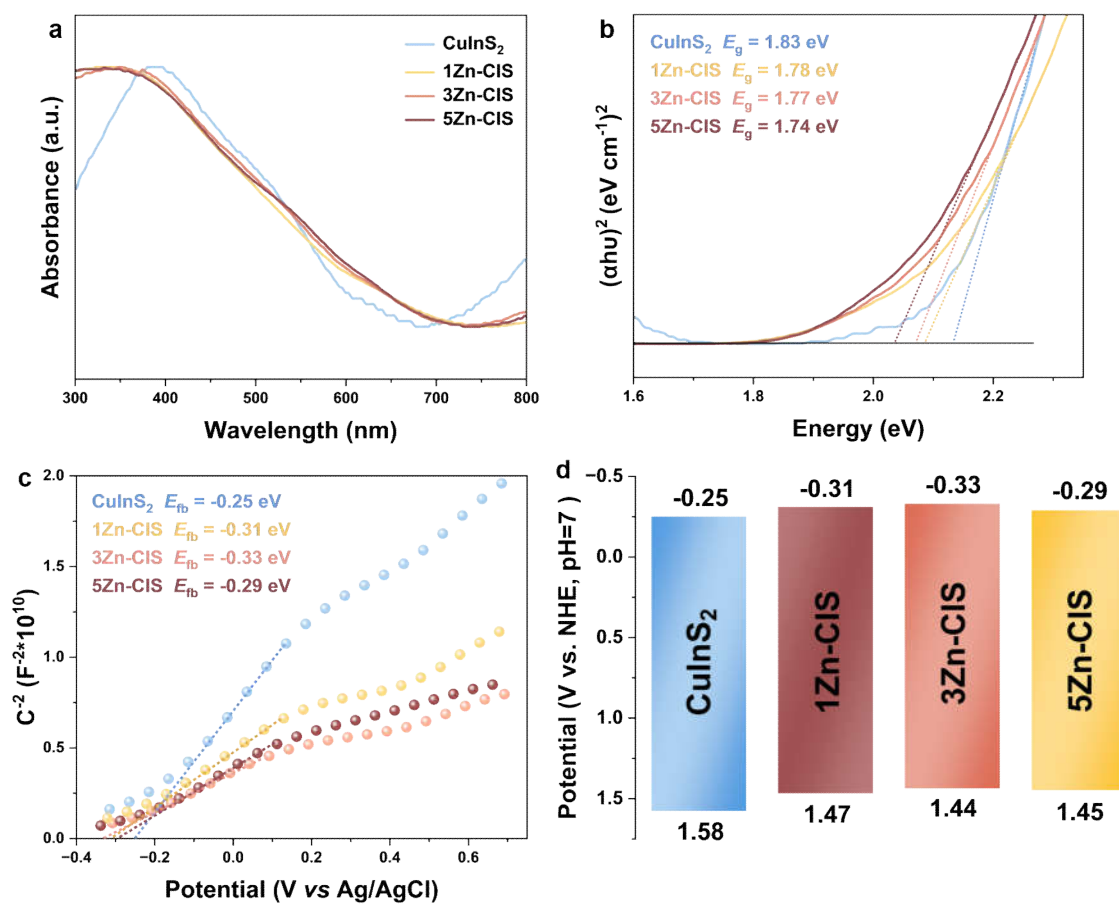


Fig. S6. (a) UV-vis DRS, (b) Tauc plot, (c) M-S plot and (d) band structure diagram of CuInS₂, 1Zn-CIS, 3Zn-CIS and 5Zn-CIS.

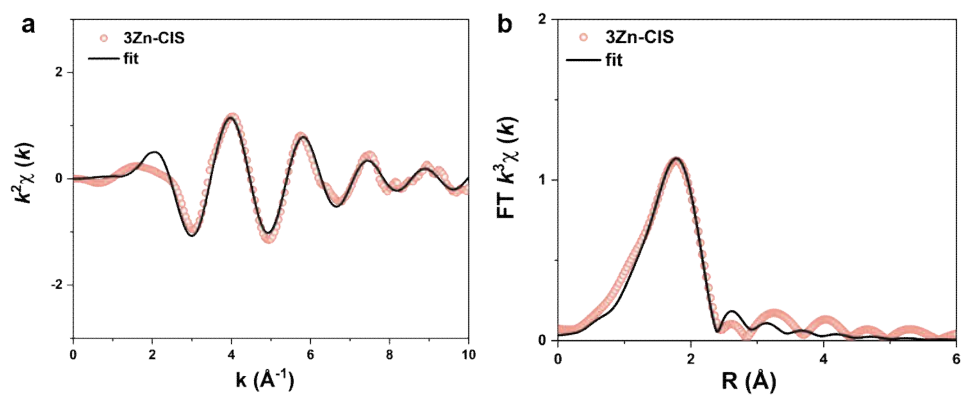


Fig. S7. (a) EXAFS fitting curve for 3Zn-CIS in the k -space, (b) EXAFS fitting curve for 3Zn-CIS in the R -space.

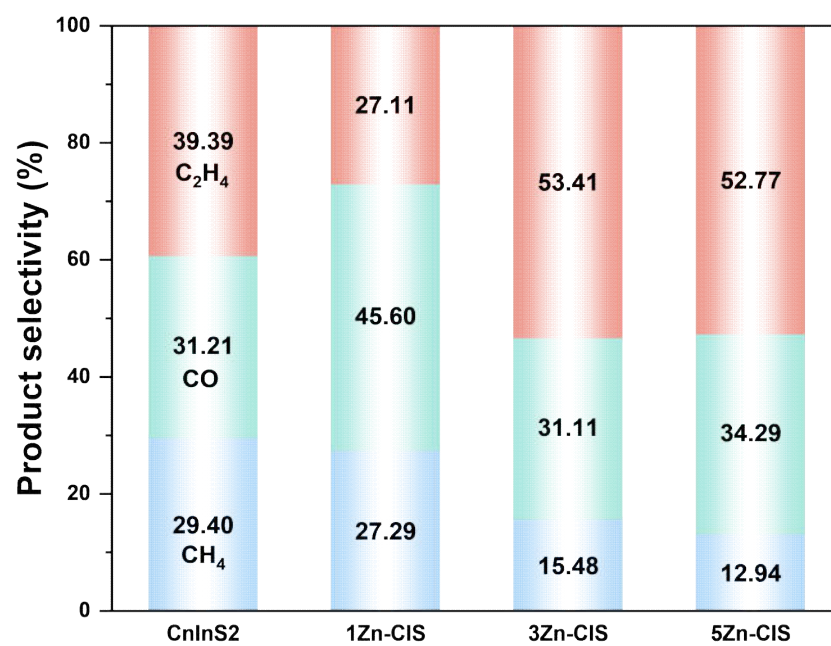


Fig. S8. The product selectivity of CuInS₂ and Zn-CIS.

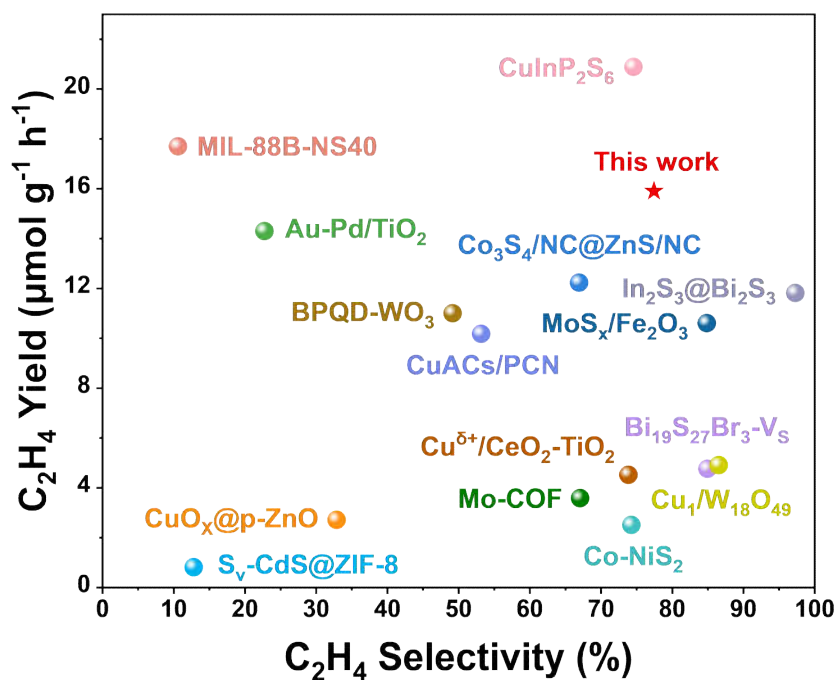


Fig. S9. The performance comparasion of C_2H_4 in our work with that in the previous literatures ($Cu^{\delta+}/CeO_2-TiO_2$ [1], $CuACs/PCN$ [2], $Au-Pd/TiO_2$ [3], $S_v-CdS@ZIF-8$ [4], $CuO_x@p-ZnO$ [5], $Co-NiS_2$ [6], $Mo-COF$ [7], $CuInP_2S_6$ [8], MoS_x/Fe_2O_3 [9], $Cu_1/W_{18}O_{49}$ [10], $\alpha-Fe_2O_3/GR/Bi_2O_2S$ [11], $V_S-NiCo_2S_4-NF$ [12], $MIL-88B-NS40$ [13], $BPQD-WO_3$ [14], $Bi_{19}S_{27}Br_3-V_S$ [15], $Co_3S_4/NC@ZnS/NC$ [16], $In_2S_3@Bi_2S_3$ [17]).

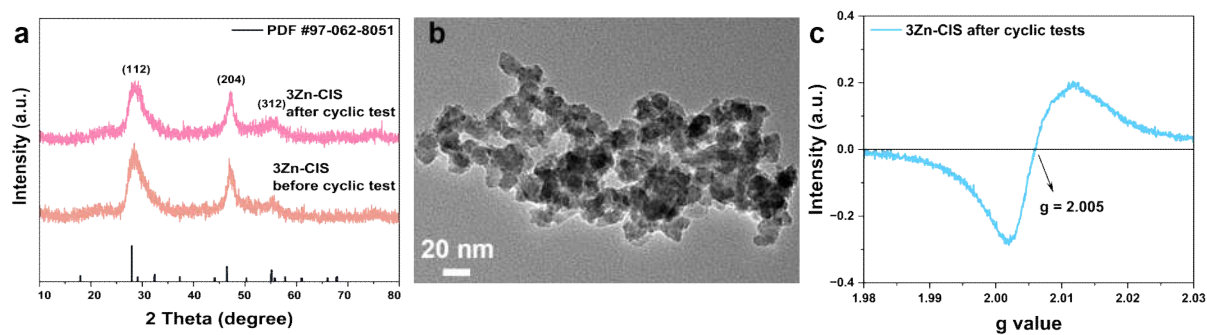


Fig. S10. (a) XRD pattern before and after cyclic stability test; (b) TEM image and (c) ESR after cyclic stability test.

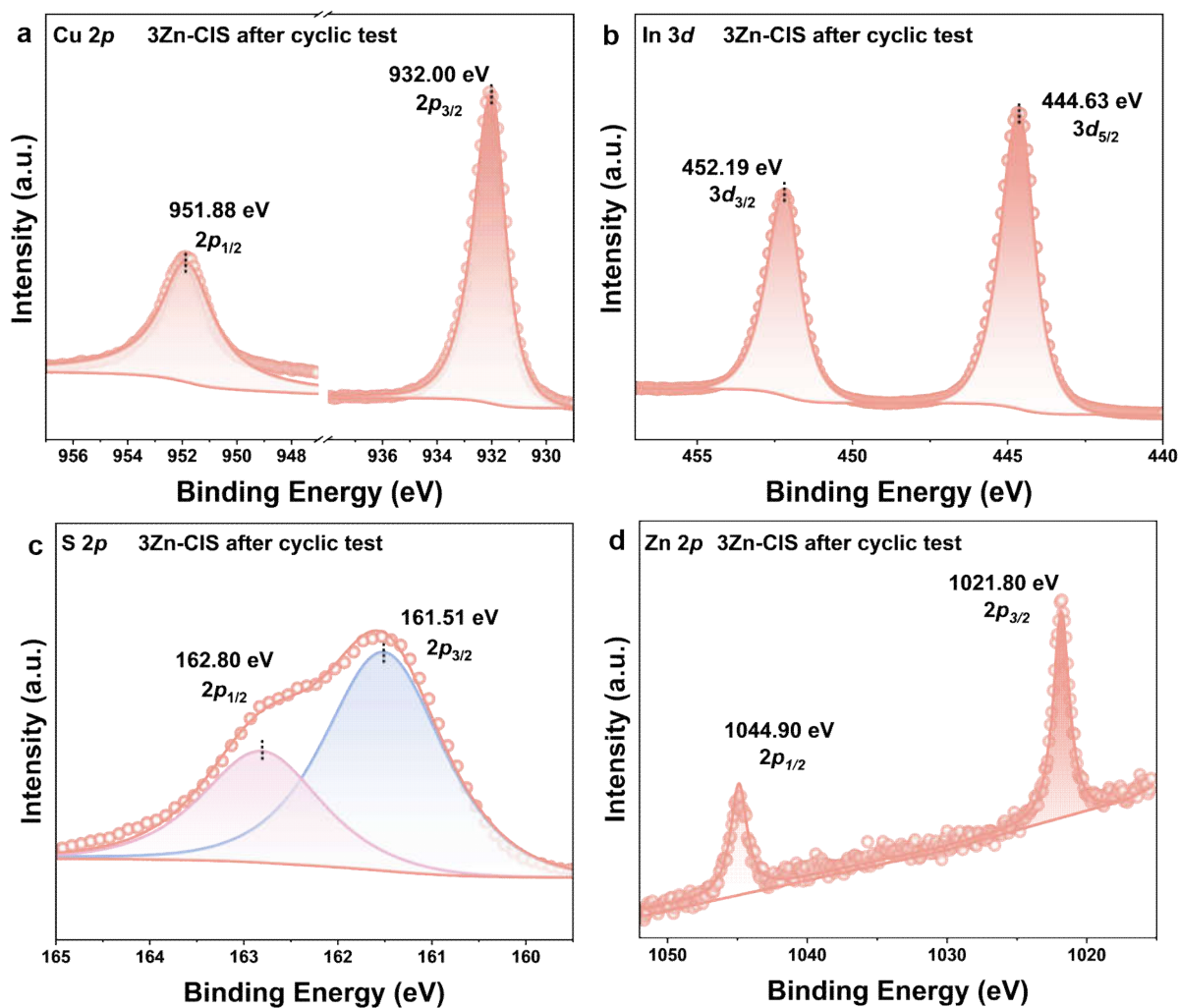


Fig. S11. The XPS spectra (a) Cu 2p, (b) In 3d, (c) S 2p and (d) Zn 2p after cyclic stability test.

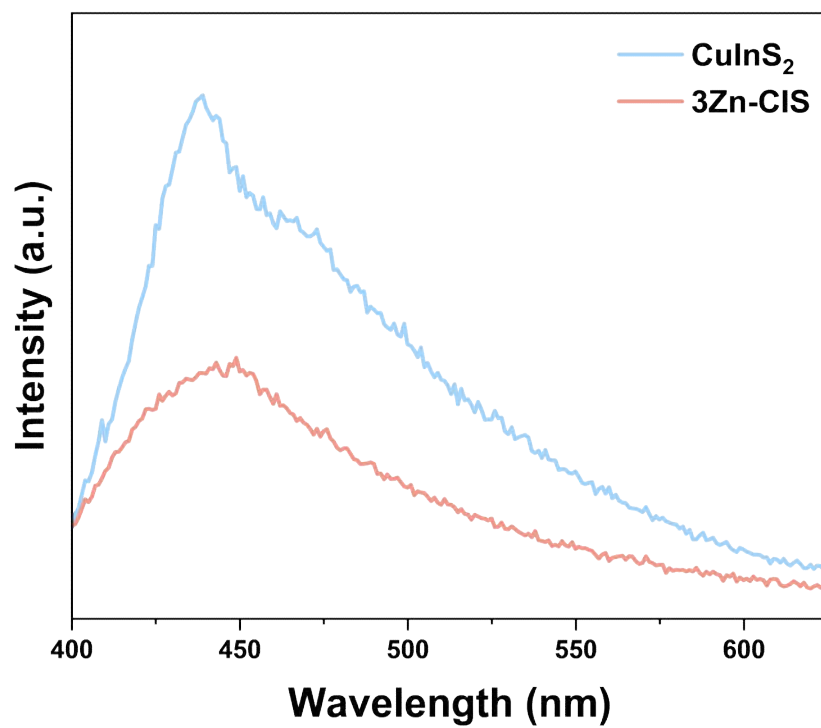


Fig. S12. PL spectrum of CuInS₂ and 3Zn-CIS.

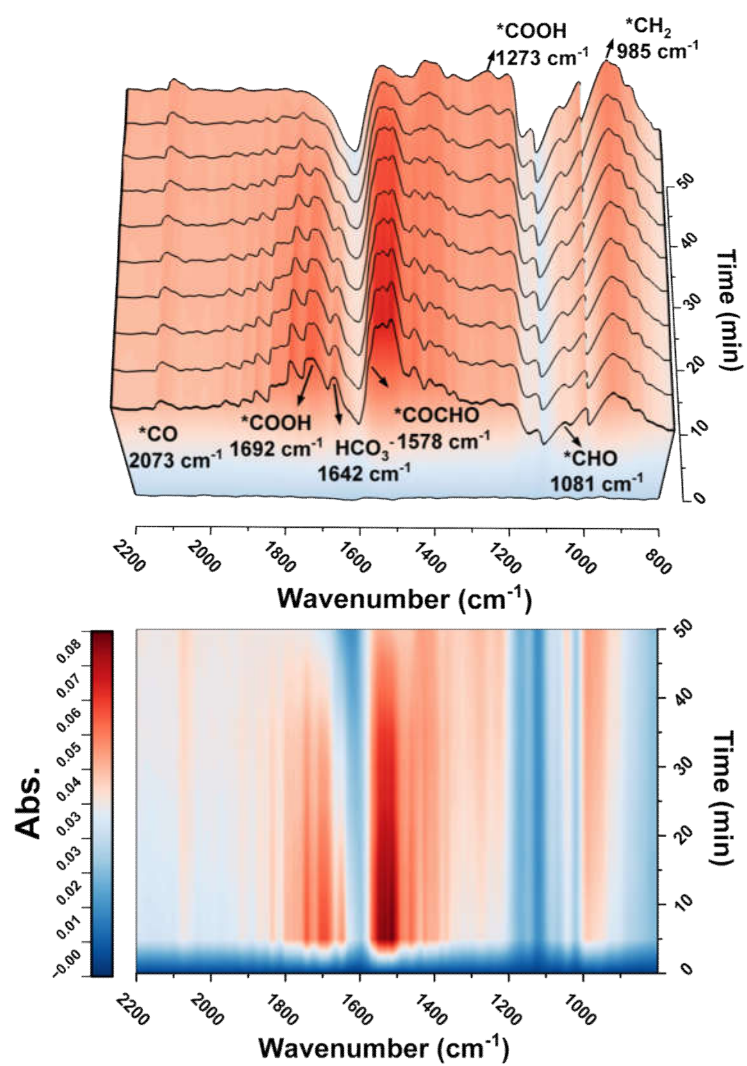


Fig. S13. *In situ* DRIFTS spectra of CuInS₂.

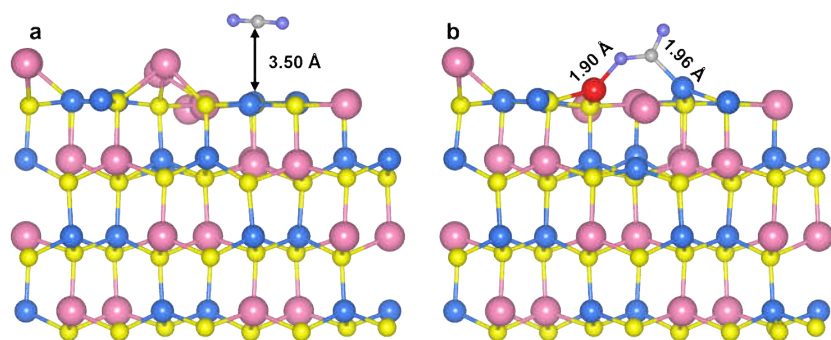


Fig. S14. The CO₂ adsorption model of (a) CuInS₂ and (b) Zn-CIS.

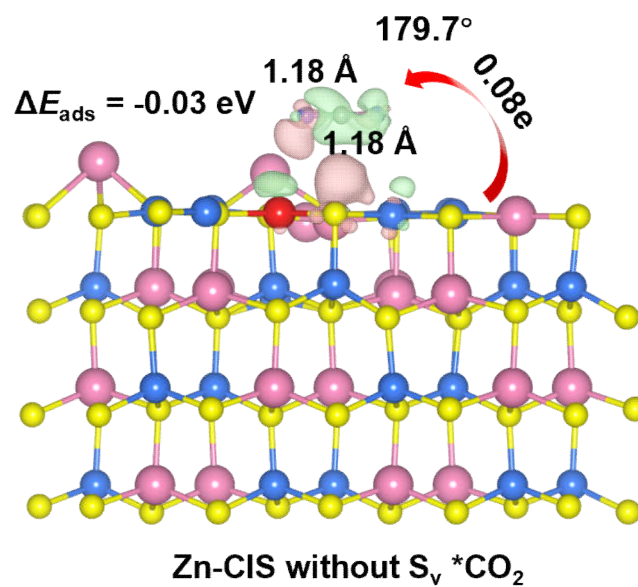


Fig. S15. CO₂ adsorption model, differential charge and bader charge of Zn-CIS without S_v (the electron-density isosurface was plotted at 0.0004 e Å⁻³, the pink and green zones indicate electron accumulation and depletion)

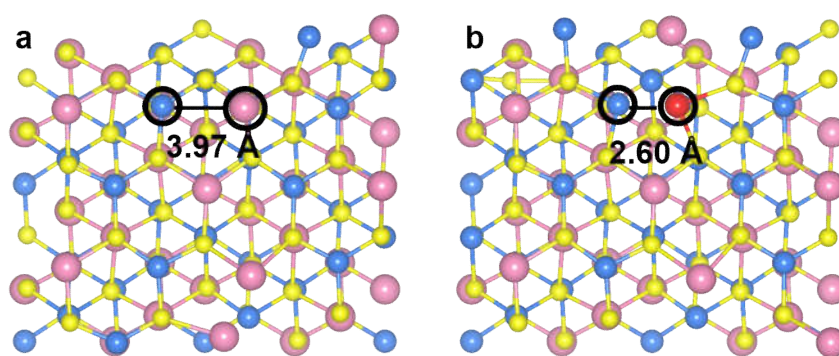


Fig. S16. The top view of CuInS₂ model and Zn-CIS model.

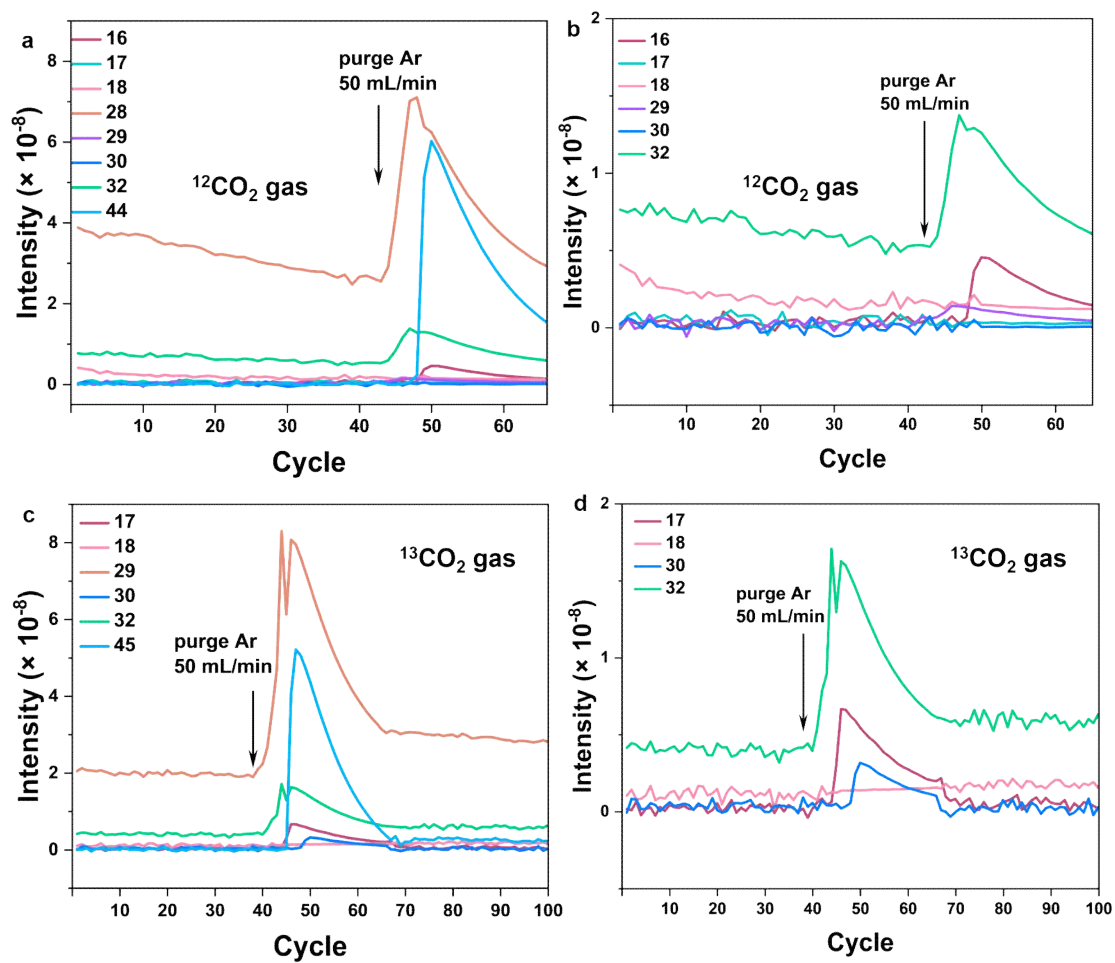


Fig. S17. The mass spectrometry spectrum of $^{12}\text{CO}_2$ (a, b) and $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ (c, d) isotope experiments on 3Zn-CIS.

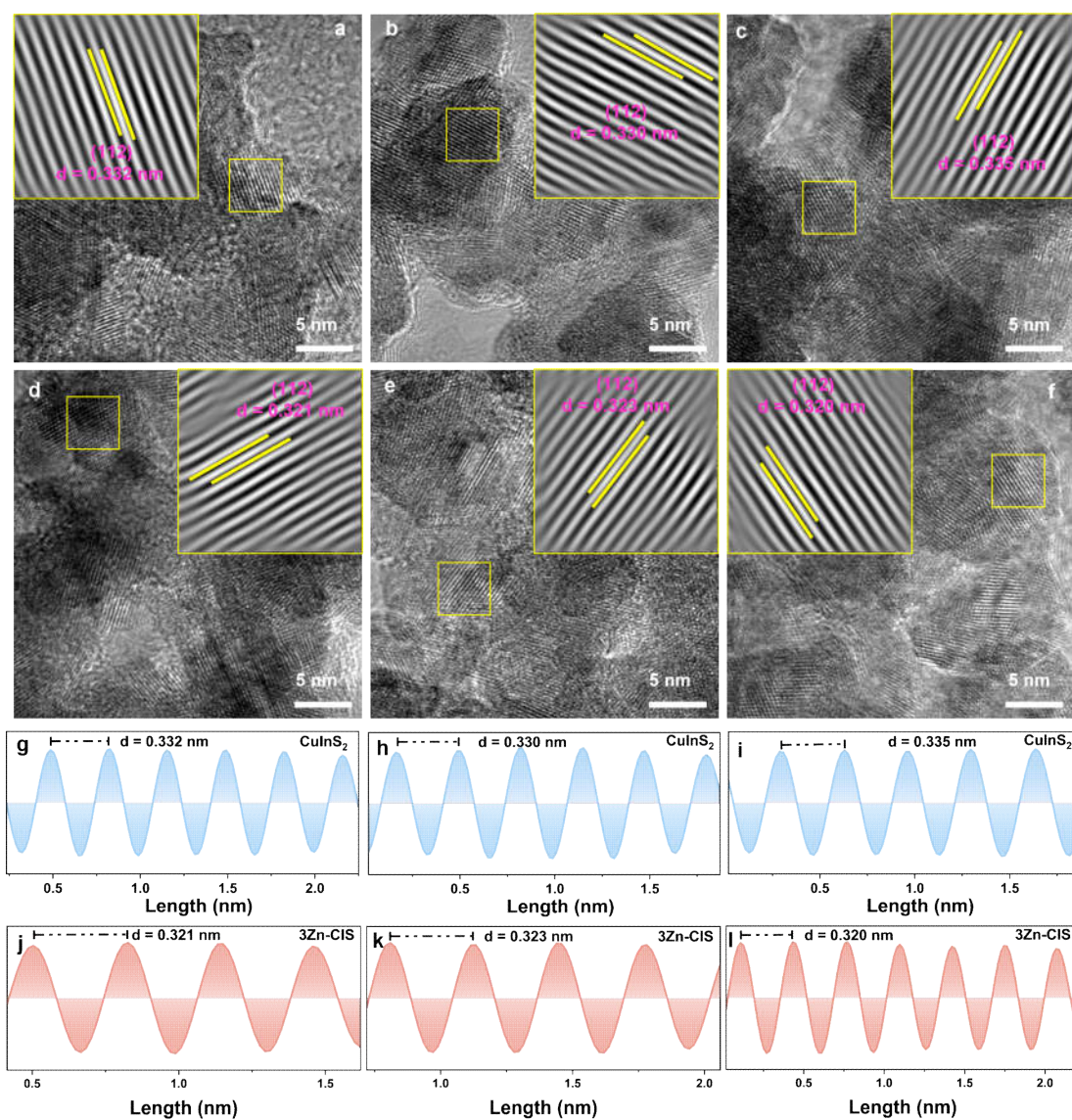


Fig. S18. The HRTEM images and corresponding interplanar spacing of CuInS_2 (a, g; b, h; c, i) and 3Zn-CIS (d, j; e, k; f, l).

2. Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Mass percent of Zn element of xZn-CIS from ICP-OES.

Sample	Mass percentage (%)
1Zn-CIS	0.87
3Zn-CIS	1.69
5Zn-CIS	2.07

Table S2. Crystallographic data of the CuInS₂ and xZn-CIS by Rietveld refinement.

Sample	<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>b</i> (Å)	<i>c</i> (Å)	<i>α</i> (°)	<i>β</i> (°)	<i>γ</i> (°)	cell volume (Å³)
CuInS ₂	5.474	5.474	10.629	90	90	90	318.45
1Zn-CIS	5.467	5.467	10.624	90	90	90	317.5
3Zn-CIS	5.460	5.460	10.619	90	90	90	316.6
5Zn-CIS	5.458	5.458	10.611	90	90	90	316.17

Table S3. EXAFS fitting parameters at the Zn K-edge for various samples ($S_0^2=0.850$)

Sample	shell	CN ^a	R ^b (Å)	σ^{2c} (Å ²)	ΔE_0^d (eV)	R factor
Zn foil	Zn–Zn	6*	2.64 ± 0.01	0.0101	1.3 ± 0.6	0.006
ZnS	Zn–S	4*	2.32 ± 0.02	0.0050	2.9 ± 0.4	0.016
3Zn-CIS	Zn–S	$3.06 \pm 0.2^*$	2.27 ± 0.08	0.0079	-6.9 ± 0.2	0.001

^aCN: coordination numbers; ^bR: bond distance; ^c σ^2 : Debye-Waller factors; ^d ΔE_0 : the inner potential correction. R factor: goodness of fit. Error bounds that characterize the structural parameters obtained by EXAFS spectroscopy were estimated as CN $\pm$ 20%; R $\pm$ 1%; $\sigma^2 \pm$ 20%.

Table S4. Comparison of the recently published catalysts for photocatalytic CO₂ to C₂H₄

Catalysts	Reaction conditions	Light sources	C ₂ H ₄ production rate(μmol·g ⁻¹ ·h ⁻¹)	C ₂ H ₄ Selectivity (%)	refs
Cu ^{δ+} / CeO ₂ -TiO ₂	10 mg photocatalysts in 30 mL H ₂ O, 0.1 MPa CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp, 200 mW·cm ⁻² (320 > λ > 850 nm)	4.51	73.9	[1]
CuACs/PCN	5 mg photocatalyst in 45 mL H ₂ O and 5 mL TEOA, CO ₂ gas, C ₃₀ H ₂₄ Cl ₂ N ₆ Ru·6H ₂ O	300 W Xe-lamp	10.17	63.02	[2]
Au-Pd/TiO ₂	0.26 MPa CO ₂ , 0.1 mL H ₂ O	300 W Xe-lamp, 853 mW·cm ⁻²	14.3	22.75	[3]
Sv-CdS@ZIF-8	80 KPa CO ₂ , 2 mL H ₂ O 20 mg photocatalysts, 25 °C	300 W Xe-lamp (λ > 420 nm)	0.8	12.8	[4]
CuO _x @p-ZnO	0.5 MPa CO ₂ and H ₂ O, 5 mg photocatalysts	350 W Xe-lamp, 100 mW·cm ⁻² (320 > λ > 780 nm)	22.3	57.49	[5]
Co-doped NiS ₂	10 mg photocatalysts, 10% CO ₂ 90% N ₂ , 1 atm	300 W Xe-lamp, 100 mW·cm ⁻² (AM 1.5G solar simulator)	2.5	74.3	[6]
Mo-MOF	10 mg photocatalysts, 5 mL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp (λ > 420 nm)	3.57	67.1	[7]
CuInP ₂ S ₆	4-5 mg photocatalysts, 0.4 mL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp (AM 1.5G solar simulator)	20.89	74.6	[8]
MoS _x /Fe ₂ O ₃	2 mg photocatalysts, 1 mL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp, 100 mW·cm ⁻²	10.6	86.17	[9]
Cu ₁ /W ₁₈ O ₄₉	5 mg photocatalysts, 200 μL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp, 453 mW·cm ⁻²	4.9	67.9	[10]
α-Fe ₂ O ₃ /GR/Bi ₂ O ₃ S	CO ₂ gas and 300 μL H ₂ O, 80 kPa	300 W Xe-lamp, 100 mW·cm ⁻² (λ > 420 nm)	2.88	36.5	[11]
V _S -NiCo ₂ S ₄ -NF	5 mg photocatalysts, 0.5 mL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp, 150 mW·cm ⁻²	35.4	84.6	[12]
MIL-88B-NS40	5 mg photocatalysts, 2 mL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp, 200 mW·cm ⁻² (λ > 420 nm)	17.7	10.6	[13]
BPQD-WO ₃	10 mg photocatalysts, 0.4 mL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp	11	49.2	[14]
Bi ₁₉ S ₂₇ Br ₃ -V _S	20 mg photocatalysts, 1 mL H ₂ O, 80 KPa CO ₂ , 5 °C	300 W Xe-lamp	4.75	85	[15]
Co ₃ S ₄ /NC@ZnS/NC	35 mg photocatalysts, CO ₂ gas, 25°C	300 W Xe-lamp, 920 mW·cm ⁻² (λ > 420 nm)	12.23	66.98	[16]
In ₂ S ₃ @Bi ₂ S ₃	5 mg photocatalysts, 1 mL H ₂ O, CO ₂ gas	300 W Xe-lamp	11.81	97.35	[17]
Zn-CuInS ₂	10 mg photocatalyst, 1.68 g NaHCO ₃ and 15 mL 0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄ , 25 °C	300 W Xe-lamp, 600 mW·cm ⁻² (λ > 420 nm)	15.9	77.5	This work

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