

Controlling the Photocorrosion of Zinc Sulfide Nanoparticles in Water by Doping with Chloride and Cobalt Ions

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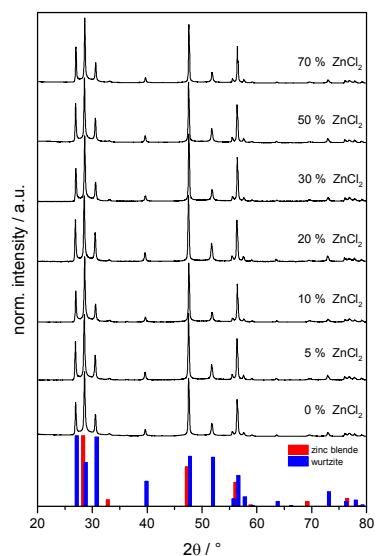


Figure S1. XRD patterns of ZnS with different levels of ZnCl₂ substitution after drying and annealing at 800 °C and acidic post-treatment.

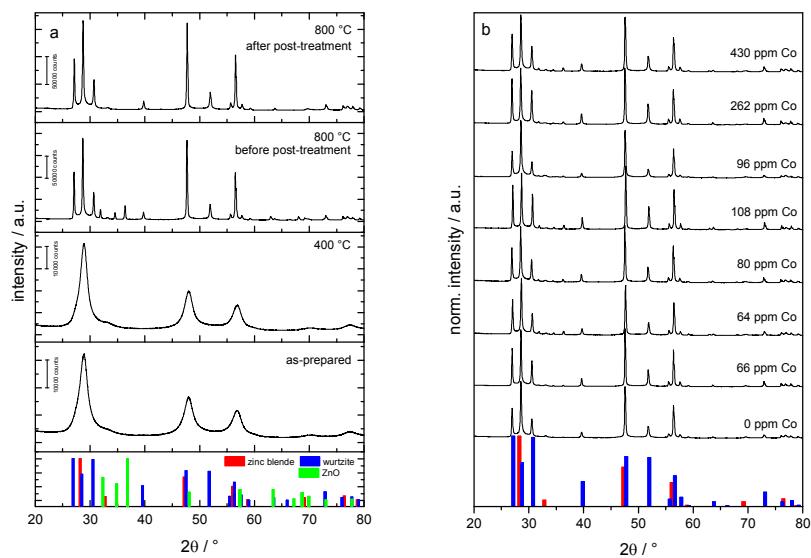


Figure S2. XRD patterns of ZnS doped with 262 ppm Co annealed at different temperatures (a) and with different levels of Co doping, annealed at 800 °C (b).

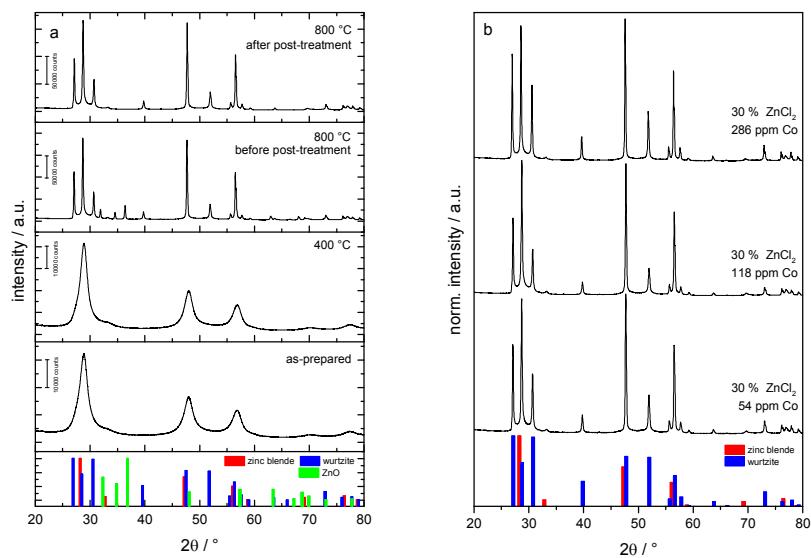


Figure S3. XRD patterns of ZnS co-doped with Cl and Co. (a) 30 % ZnCl₂ and 118 ppm Co annealed at different temperatures. (b) Effect of different Co doping.

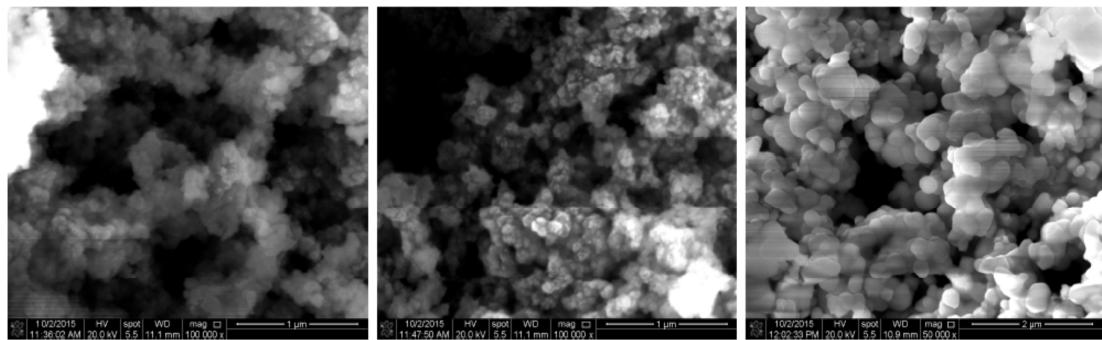


Figure S4. SEM images of Cl-doped ZnS obtained after drying (left) and after calcination at 400 °C (middle) and 800 °C (right).

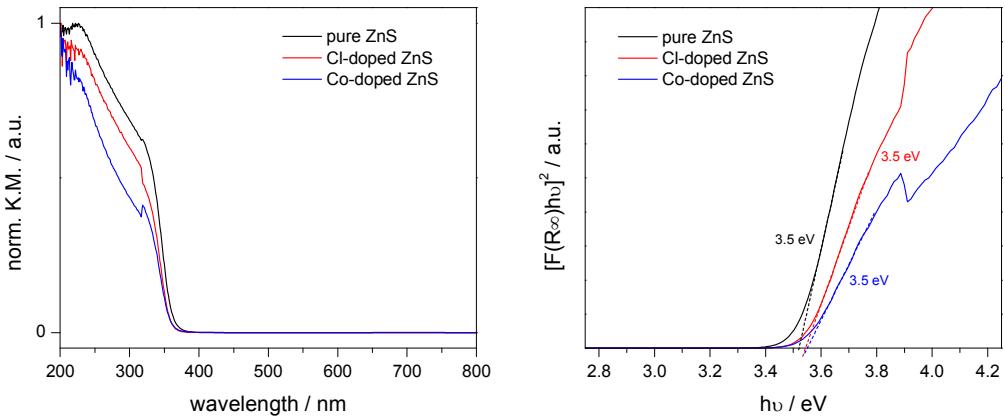


Figure S5. UV/Vis diffuse reflectance spectra (Kubelka-Munk function, left) and bandgap determination (Tauc plot, right) for as-prepared pure ZnS, Cl-doped ZnS and Co-doped ZnS.

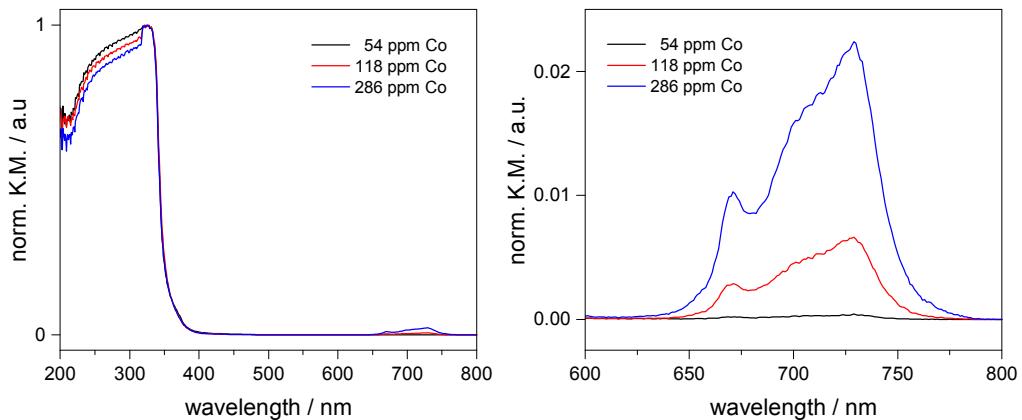


Figure S6. Full range (a) and enlarged (b) UV/Vis diffuse reflectance spectra of 30 % ZnCl_2 ZnS co-doped with different amounts of Co annealed at 800 °C.

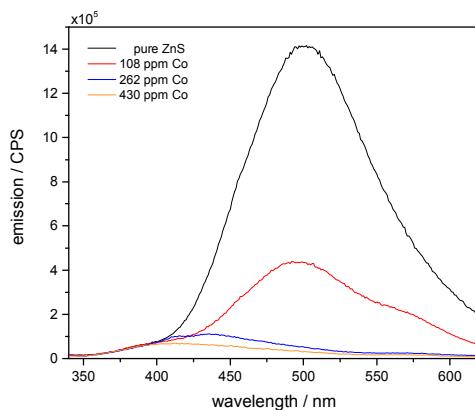


Figure S7. Photoluminescence emission spectra of differently Co-doped ZnS obtained at 800 °C.

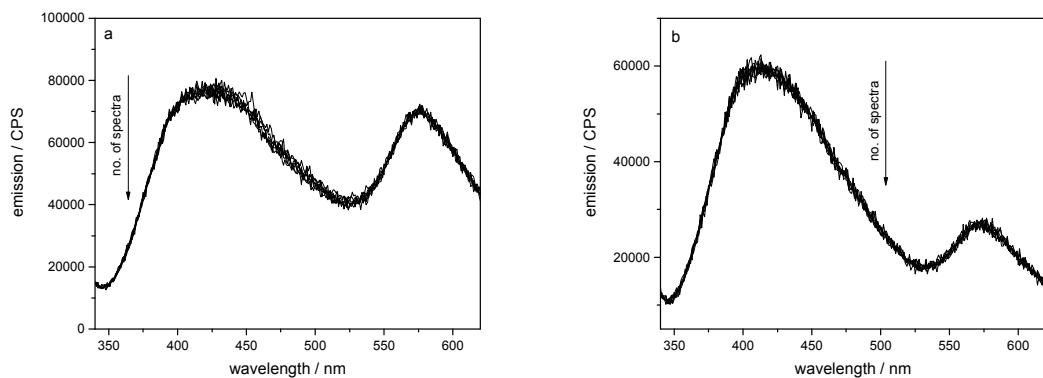


Figure S8. Consecutive photoluminescence emission spectra of Cl/Co-doped ZnS with 30 % $ZnCl_2$ and 118 ppm Co (a) and 286 ppm Co (b).

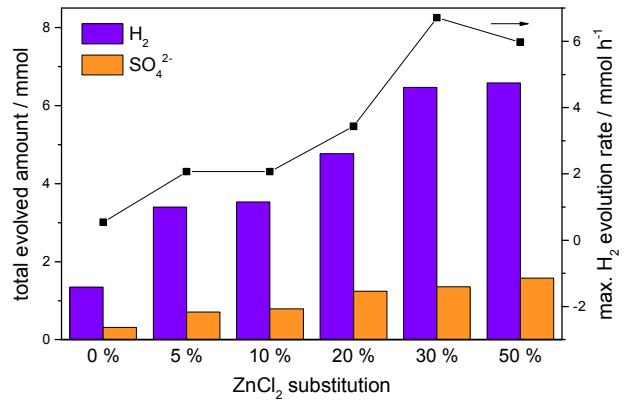


Figure S9. Photocatalytic H_2 evolution and SO_4^{2-} formation during irradiation of differently Cl-doped ZnS annealed at 800 °C. $m_{\text{cat}} = 500 \text{ mg}$, $t = 2.5 \text{ h}$, $V_{\text{susp.}} = 580 \text{ mL}$, 500 W Hg lamp.

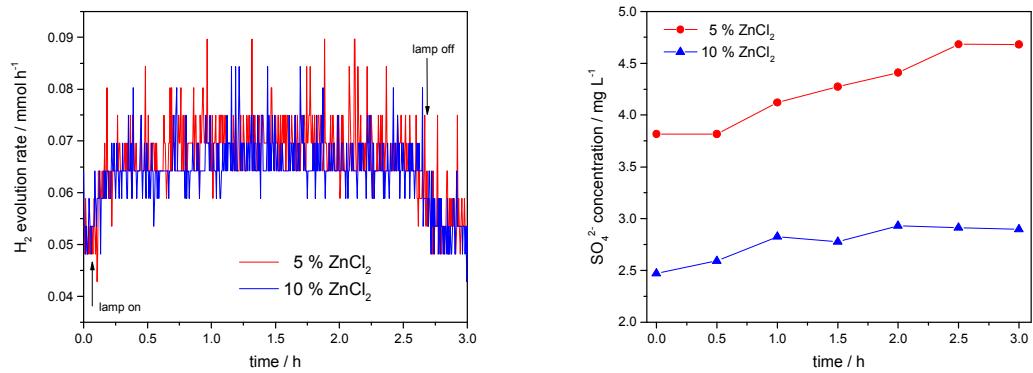


Figure S10. Photocatalytic H_2 evolution and SO_4^{2-} formation during irradiation of differently Cl-doped ZnS annealed at 400 °C. $m_{\text{cat}} = 500 \text{ mg}$, $t = 2.5 \text{ h}$, $V_{\text{susp.}} = 580 \text{ mL}$, 500 W Hg lamp.

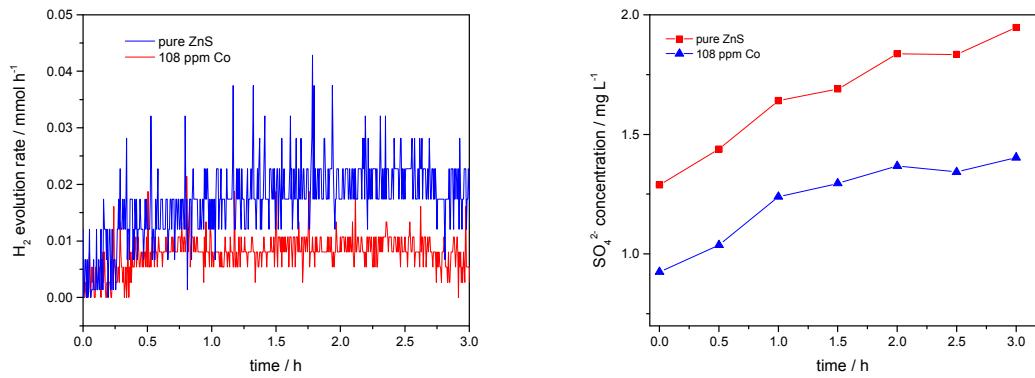


Figure S11. Photocatalytic H_2 evolution (a) and SO_4^{2-} formation (b) during irradiation of pure and Co-doped ZnS annealed at 400 °C.

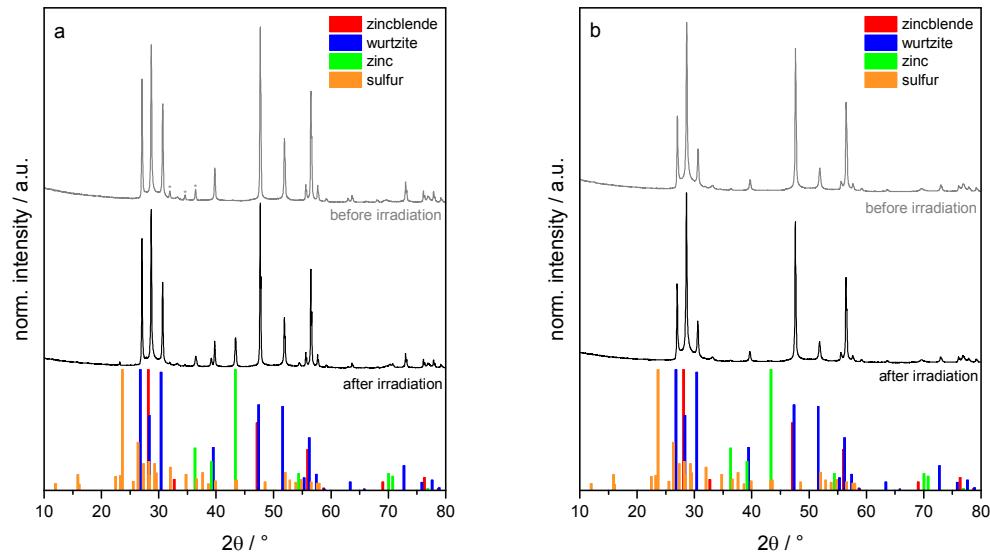


Figure S12. XRD patterns of ZnS doped with 108 ppm (a) and 262 ppm Co (b) annealed at 800 °C before and after photochemical experiments. The * denotes peaks from residual ZnO.

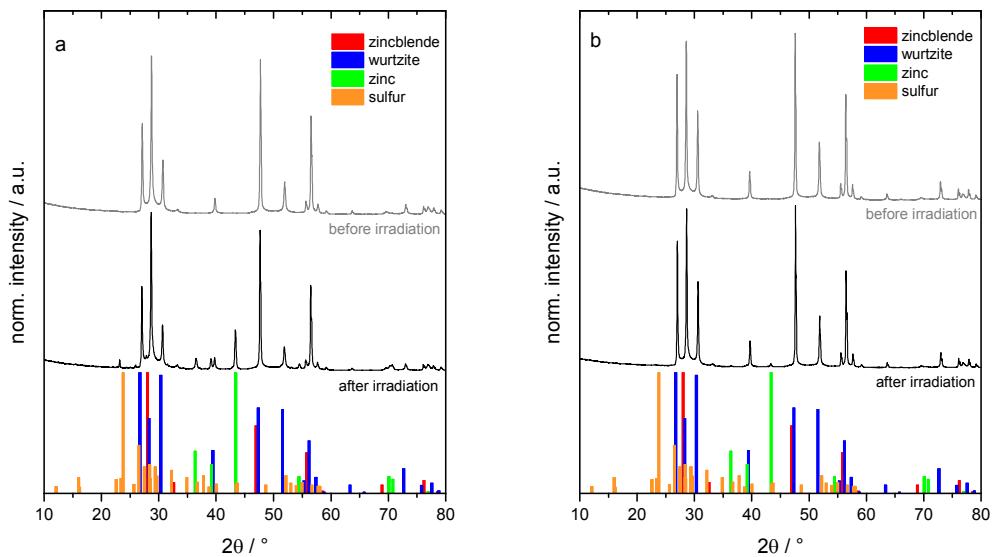


Figure S13. XRD patterns of 30 % ZnCl_2 ZnS co-doped with (a) 118 ppm Co and (b) 286 ppm Co before and after photochemical experiments.

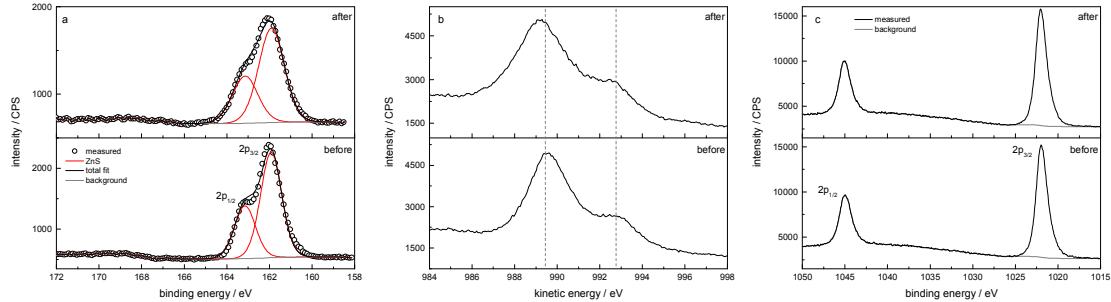


Figure S14. X-ray photoelectron spectra of Cl-doped ZnS before and after 2.5 h UV irradiation in the slurry-reactor. a) S 2p b) Zn LMM Auger c) Zn 2p.

Table S1. Evolved H₂ and SO₄²⁻ during photochemical experiments with Cl-doped ZnS (800 °C). m_{cat} = 500 mg, t = 2.5 h, V_{susp.} = 580 mL.

ZnCl ₂ substitution [%]	H ₂ max [mmol h ⁻¹]	H ₂ after 2.5 h [mmol h ⁻¹]	H ₂ total [mmol]	SO ₄ ²⁻ [mg mL ⁻¹]	SO ₄ ²⁻ total [mmol]
-	0.54	0.51	1.35	51.7	0.31
5	2.07	1.15	3.40	116.7	0.71
10	2.07	1.20	3.53		
20	3.43	1.28	4.77	176.2	1.25
30	6.71	1.24	6.47	224.3	1.35
50	5.97	1.38	6.58	262.0	1.58

Table S2. Surface atomic concentrations and S²⁻/SO₄²⁻ ratios of 30% ZnCl₂-ZnS before and after UV irradiation in ambient air derived from the XP spectra.

irradiation time [min]	atomic concentration[%]				S ²⁻ /SO ₄ ²⁻
	C	O	S	Zn	
0	17.9	8.1	37.0	37.0	∞
0.5	15.3	18.4	32.5	33.8	7.0
5	14.2	27.7	26.3	31.8	2.2
60	13.0	36.1	23.4	27.5	1.3