

## Supporting Information

### Assembling CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles on ZIF-8 via hydrothermal method to promote CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction performances

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**CeO<sub>2</sub> content calculation.** The CeO<sub>2</sub> content for the ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> composites was measured using thermogravimetric analysis.

**For the ZIF-8:**

$$\frac{m(\text{ZnO})}{m(\text{ZIF-8})} = 37.54\%$$

$$m(\text{ZnO}) = 0.3754 \times m(\text{ZIF-8})$$

**For the ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub>:**

$$\frac{m(\text{ZnO}) + m(\text{CeO}_2)}{m(\text{ZIF-8}) + m(\text{CeO}_2)} = 59.81\%$$

$$\frac{0.3754 \times m(\text{ZIF-8}) + m(\text{CeO}_2)}{m(\text{ZIF-8}) + m(\text{CeO}_2)} = 59.81\%$$

$$0.3754 \times m(\text{ZIF-8}) + m(\text{CeO}_2) = 0.5981 \times (m(\text{ZIF-8}) + m(\text{CeO}_2))$$

$$0.4019 \times m(\text{CeO}_2) = 0.2227 \times m(\text{ZIF-8})$$

$$m(\text{CeO}_2) = 0.55 \times m(\text{ZIF-8})$$

$$\frac{m(\text{CeO}_2)}{m(\text{ZIF-8@CeO}_2)} = \frac{m(\text{CeO}_2)}{m(\text{ZIF-8}) + m(\text{CeO}_2)} = \frac{0.55 \times m(\text{ZIF-8})}{m(\text{ZIF-8}) + 0.55 \times m(\text{ZIF-8})} = \frac{0.55}{1 + 0.55} = 35\%$$

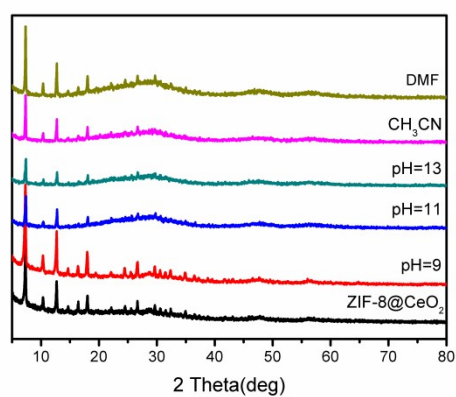


Fig. S1 XRD patterns of the sample ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> in water with varied pH, or common solvents.

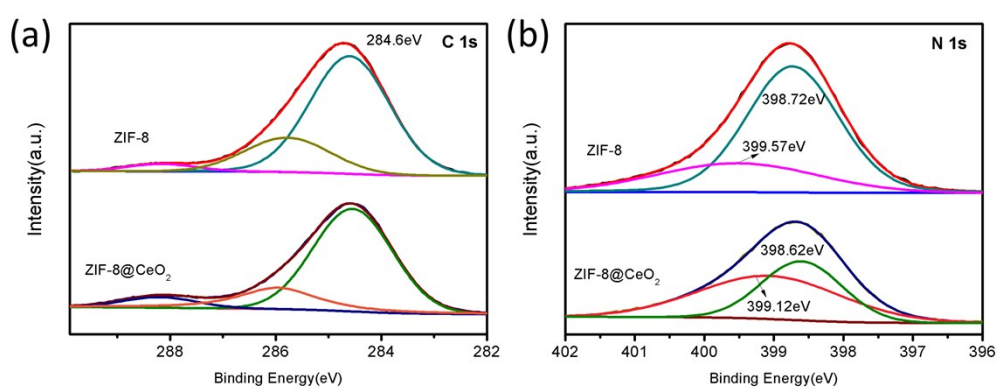


Fig. S2 High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) C 1s and (b) N 1s for samples respectively.

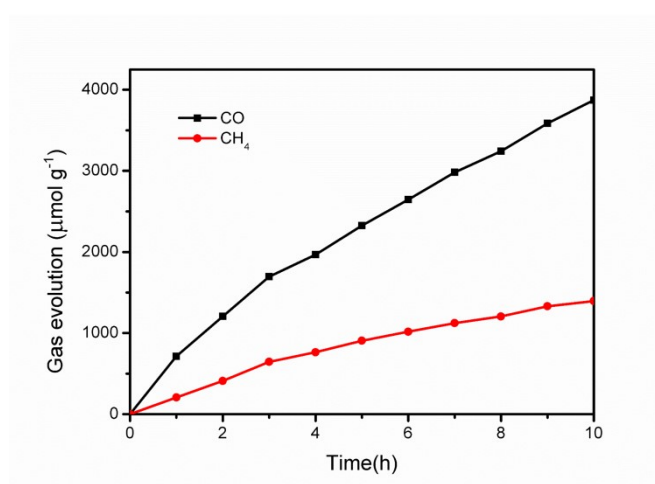


Fig. S3 The long-time performance test of the ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub>.

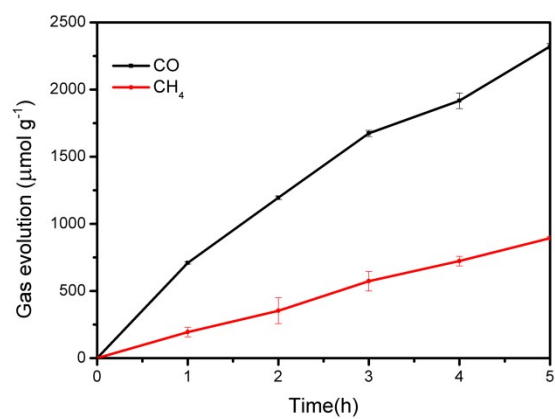


Fig. S4 The error bar of ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> performance test.

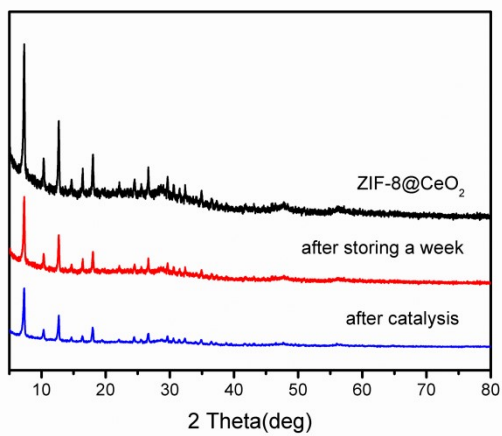


Fig. S5 XRD patterns of the sample pristine ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub>, ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> after storing without protecting from natural light and ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> after catalysis.

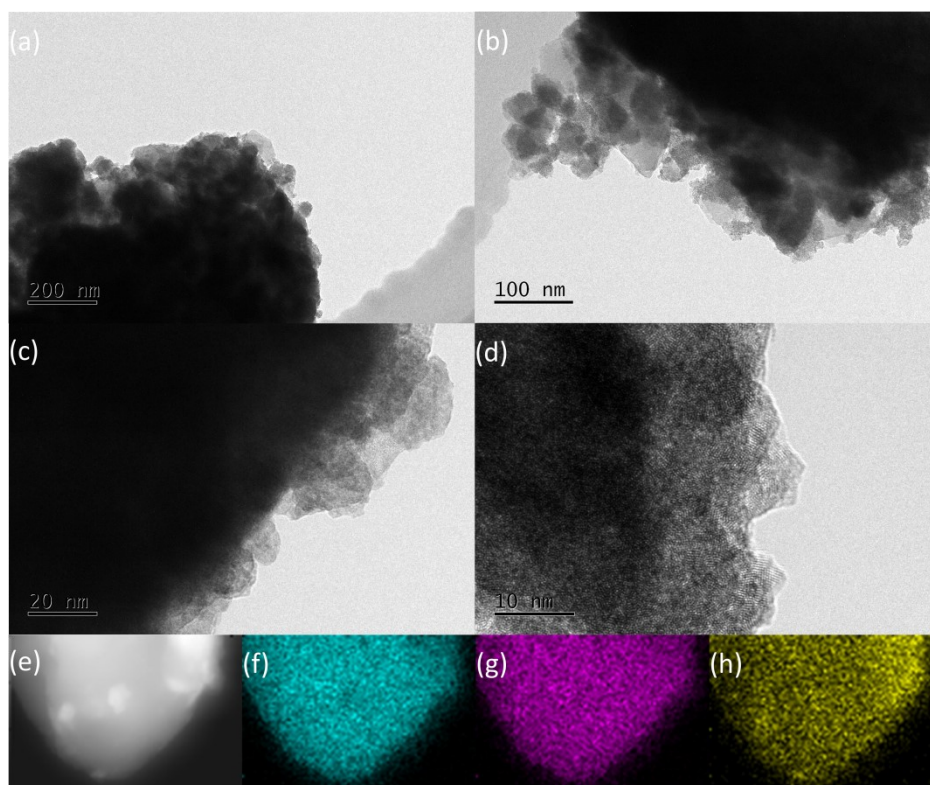


Fig. S6 (a) and (b) The TEM image of the used ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> composite, (c) and (d) High-magnification TEM image of the used ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub>, (e) Scanning TEM image and EDS mapping analysis of (f) Zn (blue), (g) Ce (purple) and (h) O (yellow) of the used ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub>.

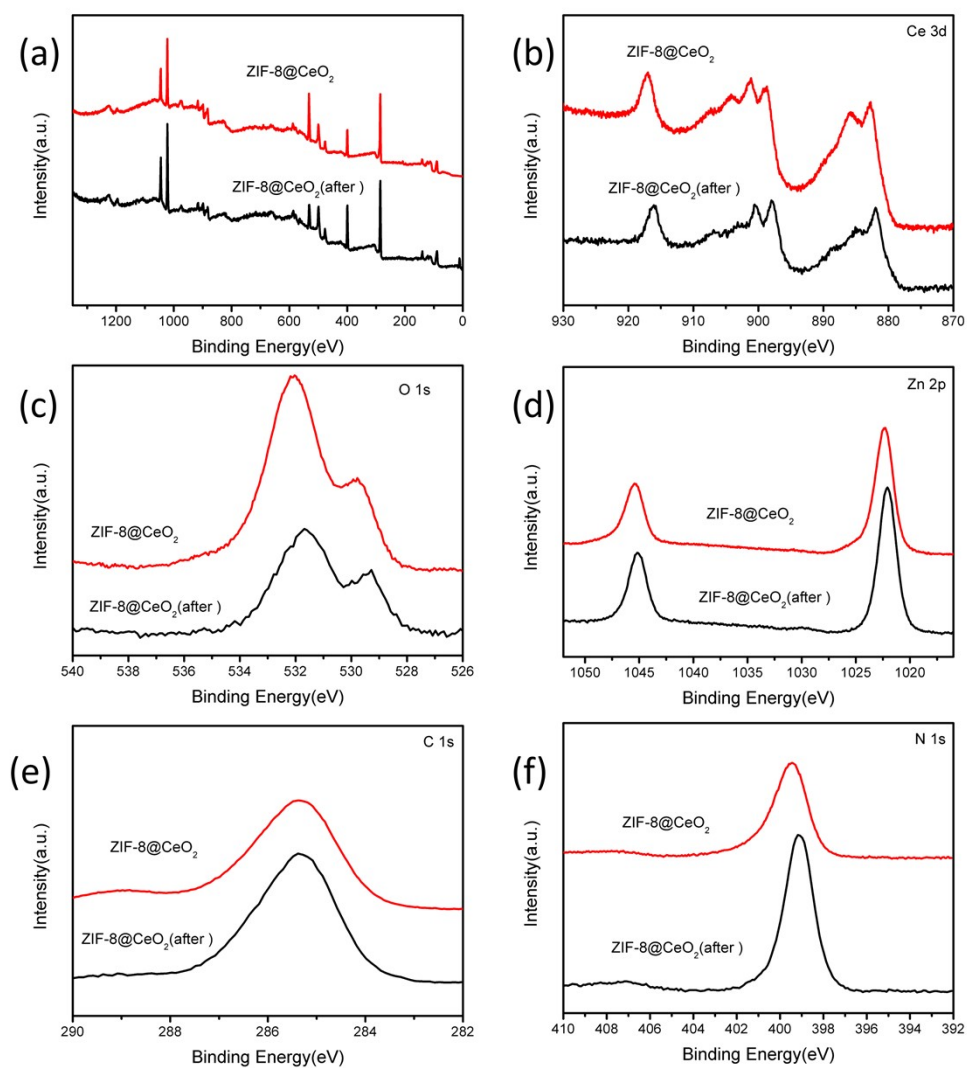


Fig.S7 XPS spectra of ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> before and after photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction reactions.

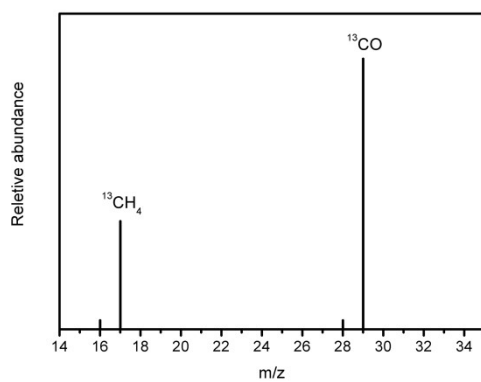


Fig.S8 The mass spectra of <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>4</sub> and <sup>13</sup>CO generated under <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

Table S1 Ce 3d XPS data CeO<sub>2</sub> and ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub>.

Sample	Ce <sup>3+</sup> / (Ce <sup>3+</sup> + Ce <sup>4+</sup> )	Ce <sup>4+</sup> / (Ce <sup>3+</sup> +Ce <sup>4+</sup> )
CeO <sub>2</sub>	18.96%	81.04%
ZIF-8@CeO <sub>2</sub>	22.76%	77.24%

Table S2 A series of control experiments based on reaction conditions<sup>[a]</sup>

Catalyst	Solvent	Sacrificial agent	Source of radiation	Reaction	CO/ $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$	CH <sub>4</sub> / $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$
ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	378.86	138.64
ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	in the dark	CO <sub>2</sub>	n.d <sup>[a]</sup>	n.d
ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	Ar	n.d	n.d
ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O	—	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	11.80	n.d
ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	10.78	n.d
ZIF-8	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	9.48	n.d
—	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	122.73	38.39
MOF-808	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	275.68	109.05
MIL-101(Cr)	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	427.52	137.20
ZIF-67	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	378.63	136.89

[a]Not detectable.

Table S3 A series of control experiments of ZIF-8@CeO<sub>2</sub> based on reaction conditions.

Catalyst	Solvent	Sacrificial agent	Source of radiation	Reaction	CO/ $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$	CH <sub>4</sub> / $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$
ZIF-8@CeO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	465.01	181.27
ZIF-8@CeO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	in the dark	CO <sub>2</sub>	n.d <sup>[a]</sup>	n.d
ZIF-8@CeO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	Ar	n.d	n.d
Physical mixture of ZIF-8 and CeO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	TEOA	200nm< $\lambda$ <800nm	CO <sub>2</sub>	306.04	114.79

[a]Not detectable.

Table S4 The CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction performance compared with reported works.

Photocatalyst	Light source/ Solvent/ Sacrificial agent	Major products evolution rate	Reference
CeO <sub>2</sub> @ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O/TEOA=5:1	CO 465.01 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> 181.27 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	This study
TiO <sub>2</sub> /AuCu/ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O	CO 82.99 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> 3.91 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>Nano Energy</i> 62 (2019) 426–433
ZIF-8@TiO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O(g)	CO 10.512 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> H <sub>2</sub> 7.2 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>Applied Catalysis B: Environmental</i> 270 (2020) 118856
CeO <sub>2</sub> /ATP	NaOH solution /CH <sub>3</sub> CN	CO 309.44 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> 184.33 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>Catal. Sci. Technol.</i> , 2019, 9, 3788–3799 / 3795
Co-ZIF-9/TiO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O(g)	CO 17.58 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> 1.98 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> H <sub>2</sub> 2.6 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> , 2016, 4, 15126– 15133
TiO <sub>2</sub> /UiO-66	H <sub>2</sub> O(g)	CO 1.9 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> 17.9 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>Applied Catalysis B: Environmental</i> 270 (2020) 118856
ZnO/ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> OH 6843 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>Journal of CO2 Utilization</i> 43 (2021) 101373
Ni@CdS@Zn/Co-ZIF-8	H <sub>2</sub> O/TEOA	CO 307.9 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> H <sub>2</sub> 1731.4 μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2022, 14, 28123–28132