

1 **Electronic Supporting Information**

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3 **Synergistic microstructure engineering by induced ZB/WZ twin
4 boundaries and S vacancies in $Zn_{0.5}Cd_{0.5}S$ solid solution containing
5 ZIF-8 as substrate for highly efficient photocatalytic hydrogen
6 production**

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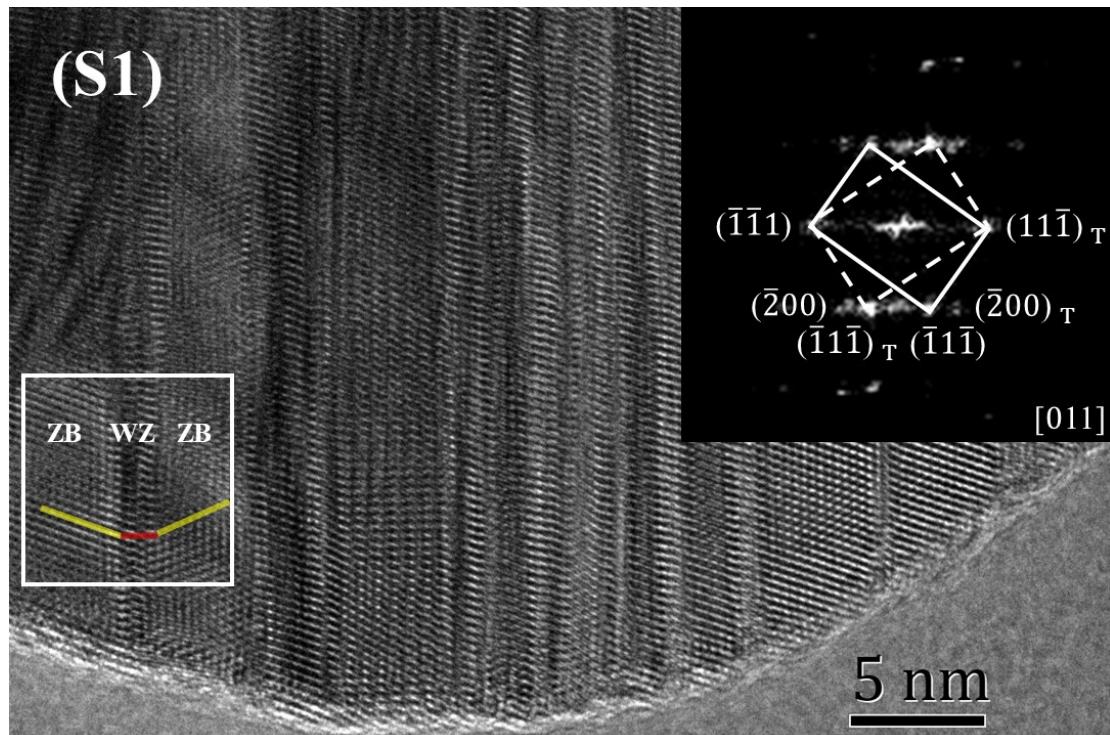
28 **Experimental section**

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30 **Table S1.** The preparation detail information of ZCS, ZCS-V, T-ZCS and T-ZCSv.

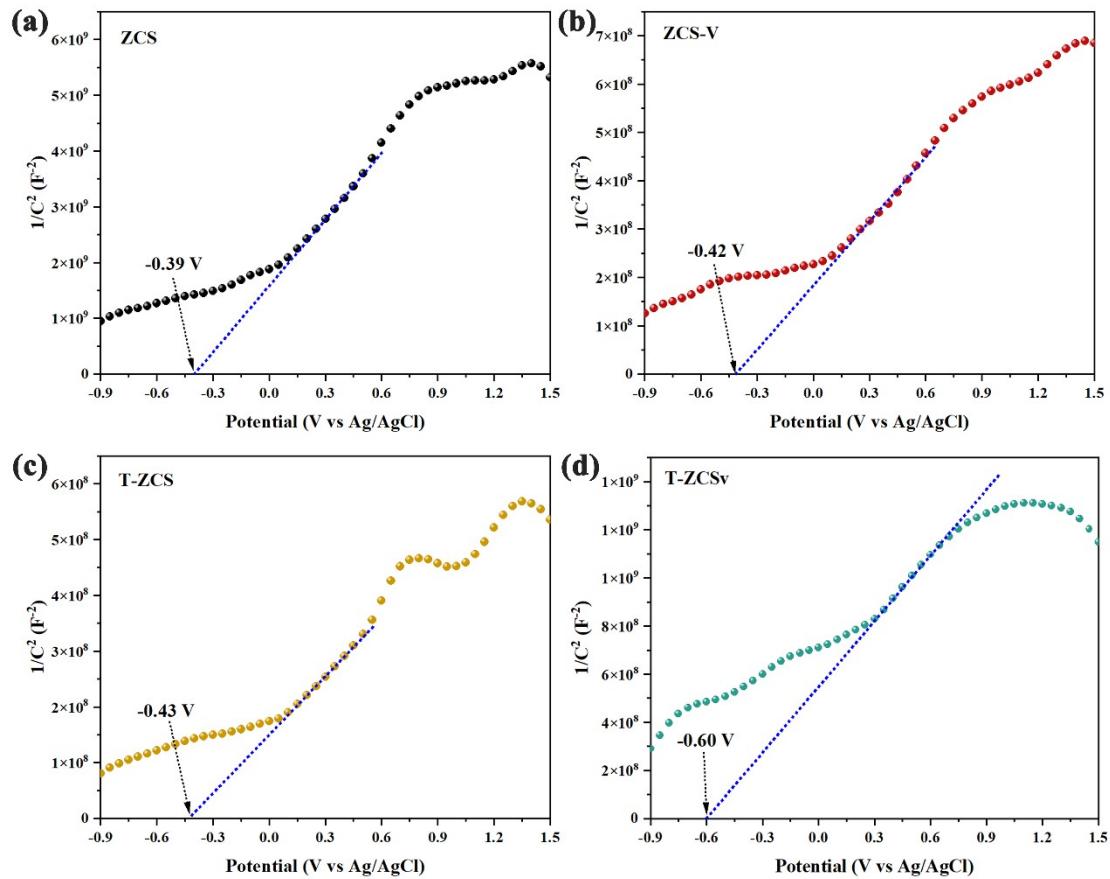
Samples	Materials	Solvent	Reaction conditions
ZCS	cadmium acetate dihydrate zinc acetate dihydrate thiourea	water	220 °C, 12 h
ZCS-V	cadmium acetate dihydrate zinc acetate dihydrate thiourea	water and N ₂ H ₄ ·H ₂ O	220 °C, 12 h
T-ZCS	cadmium acetate dihydrate zinc acetate thioacetamide	alcohol	160 °C, 24 h.
T-ZCSv	zinc acetate dihydrate thioacetamide	water and NaOH (4M)	180 °C, 24 h.

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33 **Figure S1.** The wurtzite structure with two or three diatomic layers for T-ZCSv nanocrystals.



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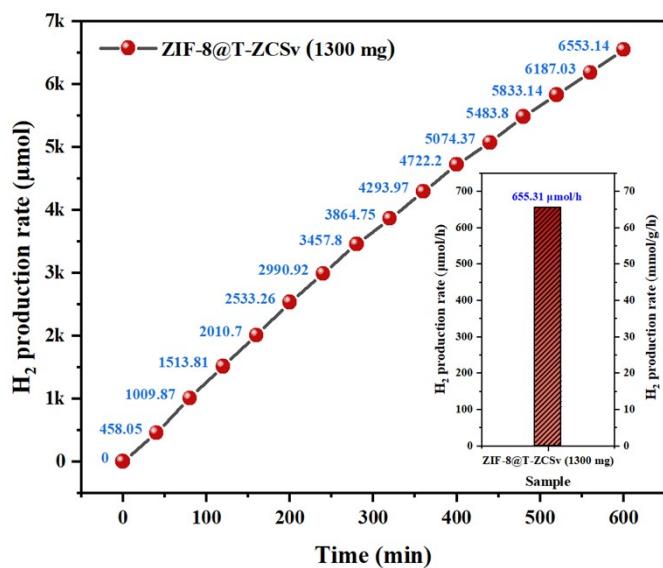
36 **Figure S2.** Mott-Schottky curves of (a) ZCS, (b) ZCS-V, (c) T-ZCS and (d) T-ZCSv samples

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38 **Table S2.** The corresponding energy band structure of various samples

Samples	E_g (eV)	E_{CB} (V)	E_{VB} (V)
ZCS	2.31 eV	-0.39 V	1.92 V
ZCS-V	2.51 eV	-0.42 V	2.09 V
T-ZCS	2.47 eV	-0.43 V	2.04 V
T-ZCSv	2.60 eV	-0.60 V	2.00 V

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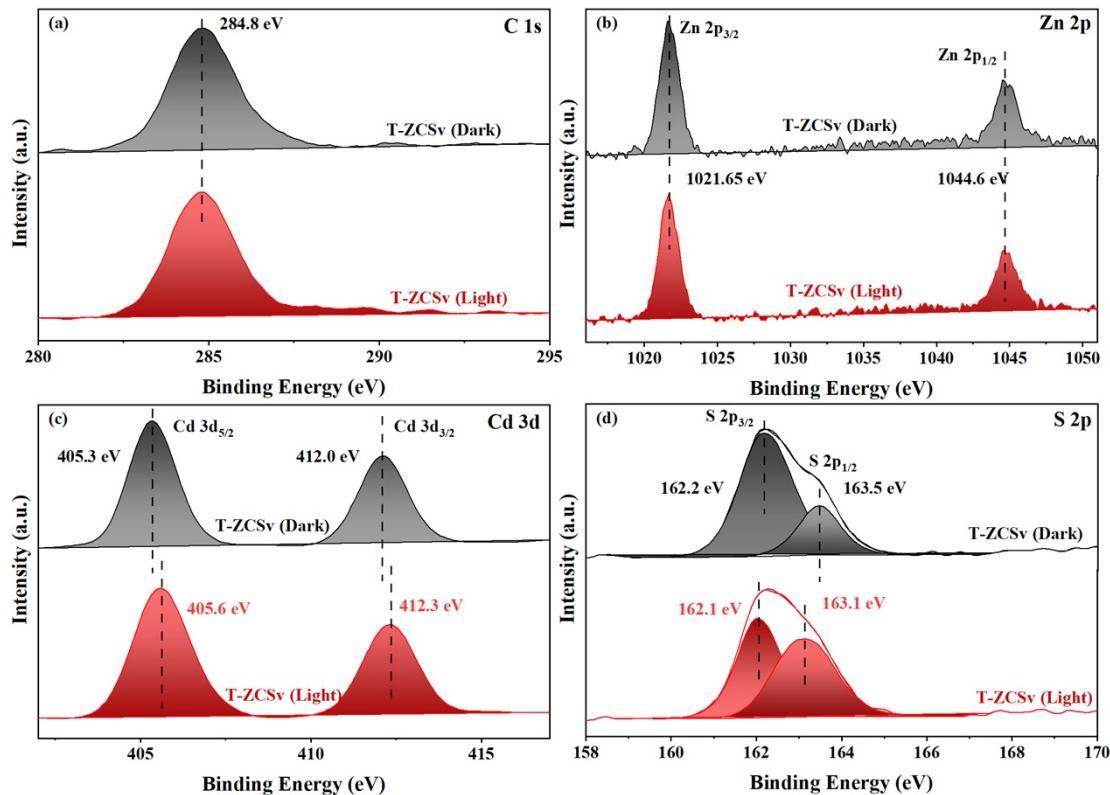
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41 **Figure S3.** long-term activity and photocatalytic hydrogen generation rate of the ZIF-8@T-ZCSv
42 (1300 mg) with 10 hours

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44 **Table S2.** Comparison of the H₂ evolution rates (HER) of ZnCdS based composites.

Samples	Light Sources			Catalyst (mg)	Water (mL)	Sacrificial reagent	HER (μmol/h)	Ref
	(W)	Type	(nm)					
ZIF-8@T-ZCSv (1300mg)	300	Xe	420	10	50	0.25 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.35M Na ₂ S·9H ₂ O	583.25	This work
Zn _{0.5} Cd _{0.5} S/ZnO/Zn _{0.5} Cd _{0.5} S cages	300	Xe	-	20	50	1.05 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.75M Na ₂ S	572	1
Cd _{0.6} Zn _{0.4} S twinned crystals	300	Xe	420	50	80	0.15 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.15 M Na ₂ S	472	2
2Ni/4NiS/ZCS	300	Xe	420	100	75	25 mL lactic acid	415.1	3
3%MoS ₂ /Zn _{0.5} Cd _{0.5} S	300	Xe	420	50	50	0.25 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.35M Na ₂ S·9H ₂ O	388.2	4
CZS/NMF-4	5	LED	-	10	-	30 mL 10% lactic acid	346.24	5
NBZ-3	5	Xe	-	10	-	30 mL 10% lactic acid	304.2	6
T-ZCS	300	Xe	420	10	100	0.25 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.35 M Na ₂ S	302.9	7
ZIF-67/Zn _{0.5} Cd _{0.5} S	5	LED	-	10	-	30 mL 10% lactic acid	232.64	8
C _{0.42} Z _{0.58} S-3 polyhedrons	300	Xe	400	50	100	0.50 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.75M Na ₂ S	205	9
ZnCdS–NiCoP10	5	LED	-	10	-	30 mL 10% lactic acid	157.94	10
hollow Zn _{0.6} Cd _{0.4} S cage	350	Xe	420	25	50	1.05 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.75M Na ₂ S	142	11
8 Pt-Zn _{0.5} Cd _{0.5} S with ZB/WZ	500	Xe	400	30	120	0.1 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.1 M Na ₂ S	114.3	12
Zn _{0.5} Cd _{0.5} S QDs	300	Xe	400	25	50	1.05 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.75M Na ₂ S	92.5	13
P-ZnCdS nanocages	300	Xe	400	20	100	0.45 M Na ₂ SO ₃ and 0.25M Na ₂ S	57.21	14
ZnCdS-CdS-3	350	Xe	420	10	100	Na ₂ S (1.2 g) and Na ₂ SO ₃ (0.63 g)	27	15



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47 **Figure. S4.** The high-resolution in situ XPS spectra of pristine T-ZCSV for C 1s (a), Zn 2p (b), Cd
48 3d (c), S 2p (d).

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