## **Electronic supplementary information (ESI)**

# Constructing TiO<sub>2</sub>@MOF S-scheme heterojunctions for enhanced photocatalytic degradation of antibiotic and Cr(VI) photoreduction

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#### Text S1: Photocatalytic experiments for Cr(VI) reduction

The photocatalytic experiments for aqueous Cr(VI) to Cr(III) were carried out under 300 W Xe irradiation at ambient conditions in a 150 mL quartz reactor containing 20.0 mg photocatalysts which were dispersed into 100 mL of a Cr(VI) aqueous solution (10.0 ppm). Prior to irradiation, the suspension was magnetically stirred for 60 min in the dark to ensure an adsorption–desorption equilibrium and then different volumes of 0.2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> were added to adjust the acidity in the reaction, with the pH values determined using a pH detector. During the reduction of aqueous Cr(VI), stirring was maintained to keep the mixture in suspension, 2.0 mL of suspension was withdrawn at regular intervals and the photocatalyst was separated by centrifugation. Then, the Cr(VI) content in the solution was determined colorimetrically by the diphenylcarbazide method (DPC) with a detection limit of 0.005 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. The Cr(VI) content in the solution at different illumination times was monitored by measuring its maximum absorbance (centered at 540 nm) using a UV visible spectrophotometer.

Empirical formula	$C_{10}H_{14}O_6P_2Zn$	Formula weight	357.52		
Crystal system	monoclinic	Space group	P 1 21/c 1 (14)		
a (Å)	4.5297(5)	b (Å)	19.0682(19)		
c (Å)	14.6610(15)	α (deg)	90		
β(deg)	96.314(4)	γ (deg)	90		
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1258.64(20)	Z	4		
$D(_{calc})(g \text{ cm}^{-3})$	1.88661	Mu(Mo-Ka)[mm <sup>-1</sup> ]			
F(000)	728	H,k,l max	4, 22, 16		
Temp , k	173(2)	Nref,Npar	2043, 174		
R, wR <sub>2</sub>	0.1152, 0.1287	S	1.044		

 Table S1 Crystallographic data for Zn-MOF.

	bond lengths(Å)		bond lengths(Å)
Zn1- O1	2.147(5)	Ol-Znl	2.015(5)
O3- Zn1	2.128(5)	O5- Zn1	1.984(5)
06- Zn1	1.928(6)	06- Zn1- O1	128.6(2)
O6- Zn1- O5	102.1(2)	O6- Zn1- O3	91.7(2)
O5- Zn1- O1	129.2(2)	O1- Zn1- O3	90.6(2)
O5- Zn1- O3	90.2(2)	O5- Zn1- O1	100.1(2)
O6- Zn1- O1	91.6(2)	O3- Zn1- O1	168.3(2)
O1- Zn1- O1	78.6(2)		



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Table S2 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for Zn-MOF.



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**Table S3** Specific surface areas, pore volume and mean pore diameters for  $P-TiO_2$ and  $P-TiO_2(@Zn-MOF_{2.0})$ .

Materials	$S_{BET} \left( m^2/g \right)$	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	Average diameter of mesoporous (nm)
P-TiO <sub>2</sub>	74.16	0.3326	17.94
P-TiO <sub>2</sub> @Zn-MOF <sub>2.0</sub>	71.06	0.3089	14.53



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Fig. S15 The fitted decay curves of  $P-TiO_2(a)$  and  $P-TiO_2@Zn-MOF_{2.0}(b)$ 

Table	<b>S4</b>	Comparison	of the	CIP	reduction	capacity	of P-TiO <sub>2</sub> @Zn-MOF <sub>2.0</sub>	with
other	phot	ocatalysts.						

Catalyst/ma	V (mL)/	Light source	Time	Result	К	Dof
Cataryst/mg	$C_0(mg\;L^{-1})$	Light source	(min)	(%)	(min <sup>-1</sup> )	Kel.
P-TiO <sub>2</sub> /Zn-MOF <sub>2.0</sub> /20	100/10	300 W Xe lamp	60	97.2	0.023	This work
MOF-derived C-TiO <sub>2</sub> /50	100/10	300 W Xe lamp	120	72.4	0.0085	[1]
$Bi_2MoO_6/GQDs/TiO_2$	5/10	300 W Xe lamp	150	90.21	0.015	[2]
Vo-TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ta <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub> -3 /50	50/10	300 W Xe lamp	90	95.7	0.0249	[3]
CTH-0.5/80	100/15	300 W Xe lamp	60	87	/	[4]

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Catalyst/mg	V (mL)/	Light source	Time	Result	Κ	Pof
	$C_0 (mg \; L^{-1})/pH$	Light source	(min)	(%)	$(\min^{-1})$	Kel.
P-TiO <sub>2</sub> /Zn-MOF <sub>2.0</sub> /20	100/10/1.98	300 W Xe lamp	60	92.8	0.045	This work
CuAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /TiO <sub>2</sub>	60/30/2.0	200 W tungsten	180	95	0.016	[5]
10Ag@C-TCZ/50	100/5/3.0	500 W Xe lamp	120	95.5	/	[6]
0.2CDs-TNs <sup>a</sup> /50	50/10/3.0	500 W Xe lamp	120	99.2ª	0.027	[7]
GO/TiO2 <sup>b</sup> /500	1000/10/2.0	8 W Hg lamp	420	99.6 <sup>b</sup>	0.4228	[8]
MIL-125(Ti)-derived	200/5/2.0	/	90	61.8	/	[9]
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Table S5 Comparison of the Cr(VI) reduction capacity of  $P-TiO_2/Zn-MOF_{2.0}$  with other photocatalysts.

<sup>a</sup> CDs-TNs = carbon dots-TiO<sub>2</sub> nanosheets. <sup>b</sup> GO/TiO<sub>2</sub> = a graphene oxide@TiO<sub>2</sub> composite.

Table S6 Ion contents and	properties of raw	electroplating wastewater.

item	concentration (mg/L)	item	concentration(mg/L)
pH value	1.98	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	35.83
TOC	98.72	$Ba^{2+}$	76.01
Cr(VI)	102.48	$SO_4^{2-}$	653.31
$Na^+$	61.63	$NO_3^-$	1501.42
$\mathbf{K}^+$	25.68		

Table S7 The fitted parameters obtained from decay curves of the samples

Sample	$E_{w}$	$\tau_1$ (ns)	$\tau_2$ (ns)	$\chi^2$
P-TiO <sub>2</sub>	350 nm	1.0585	-	0.98419
P-TiO <sub>2</sub> @Zn-MOF <sub>2.0</sub>	350 nm	0.5893	3.5054	0.99524

**Table S8** Comparison of calculation results and experimental results of VBM and CBM of materials.

Zn-MOF	VBM vs. NHE (eV)	CBM vs. NHE (eV)
Calculation results	3.84	-0.20
Experimental results	3.97	-0.17
P-TiO <sub>2</sub>		
Calculation results	2.80	-0.51
Experimental results	2.76	-0.53

Note: Absolute vacuum ( $E_{AVS}$ ) is 0 eV, and standard hydrogen electrode (Ee) is 4.6 eV.

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