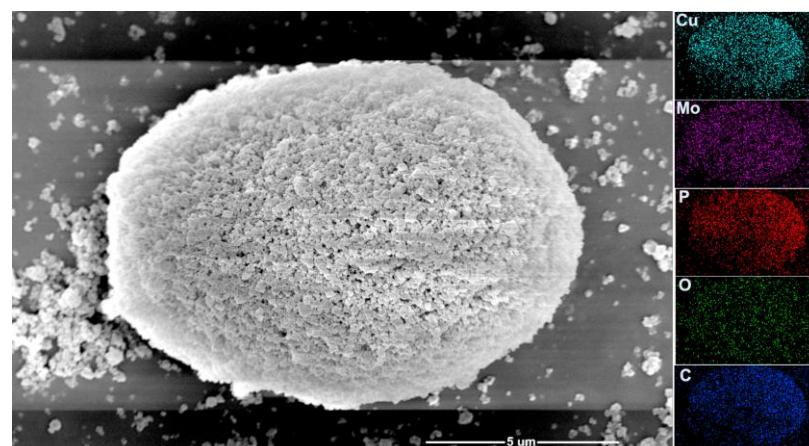


## Supplementary Information

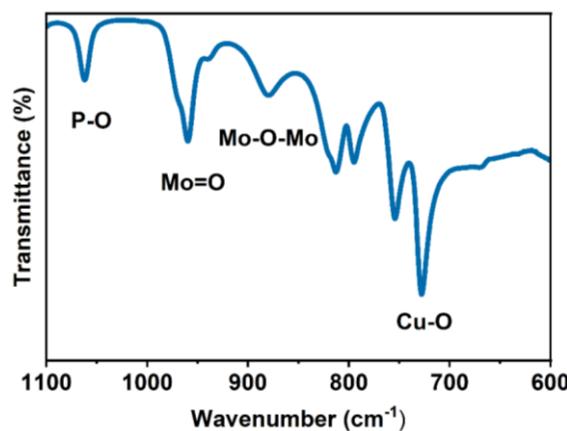
### Polyoxometalate-Encapsulated Metal-Organic Framework for Photocatalytic Uranium Isolation

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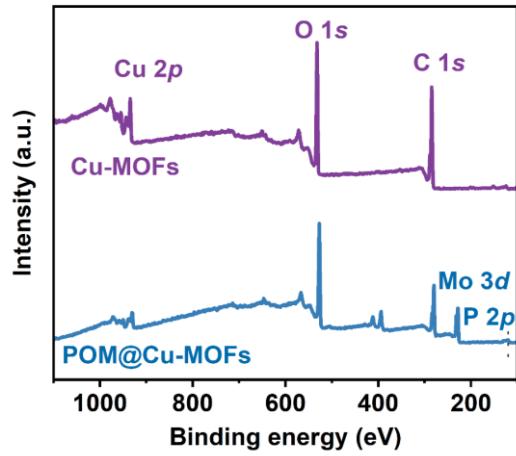
### Results and Discussion



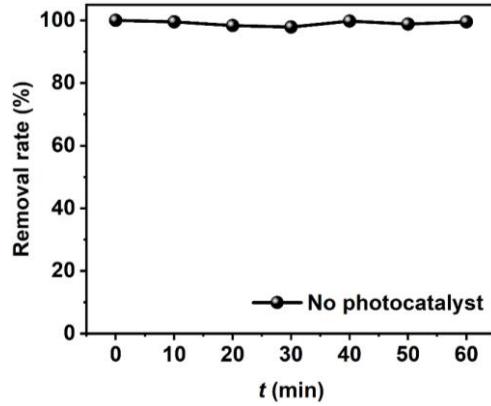
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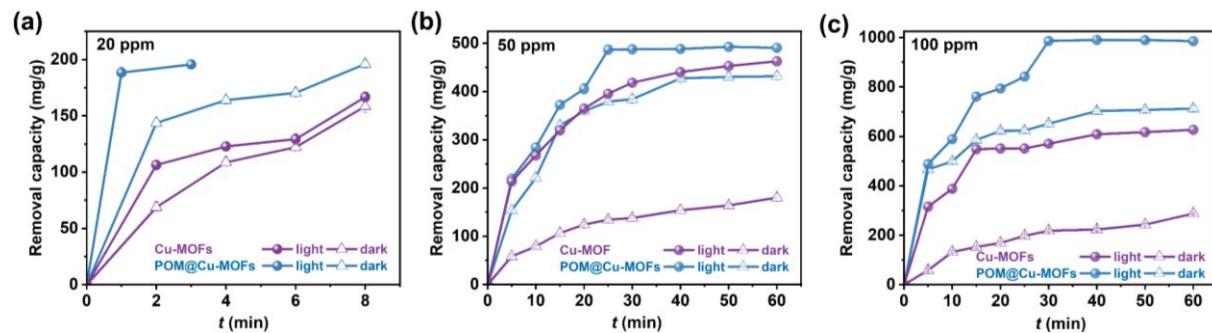
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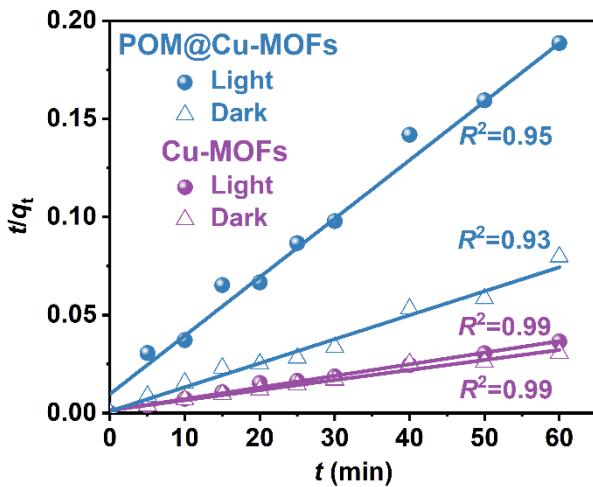
**Figure S3.** The survey scan of XPS spectra of Cu-MOFs and POM@Cu-MOFs.



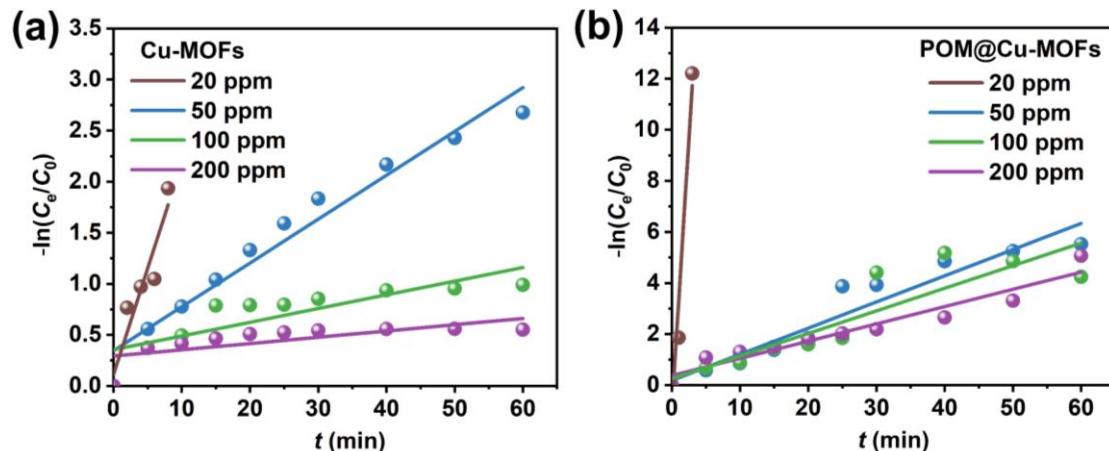
**Figure S4.** Removal performance of U(VI) without photocatalyst ( $C_{\text{U(}VI\text{)}} = 50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $pH = 4.0$ ,  $C_{\text{Ca}^{2+}} = 0.001 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ).



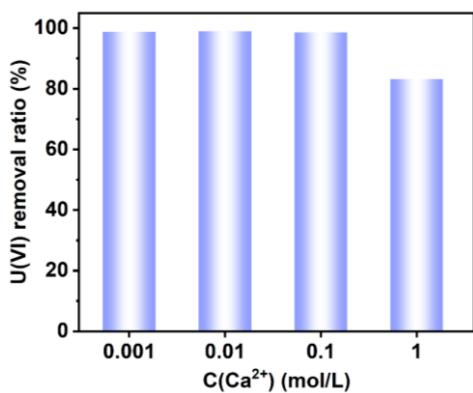
**Figure S5.** Uranium removal by Cu-MOFs and POM@Cu-MOFs using the photocatalytic reduction method compared to the adsorption method in the dark with initial uranium concentrations of (a)  $\sim 20 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , (b)  $\sim 50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , (c)  $\sim 100 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$  ( $m/V = 0.1 \text{ g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $pH = 4.0$ ,  $C_{\text{Ca}^{2+}} = 0.001 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ).



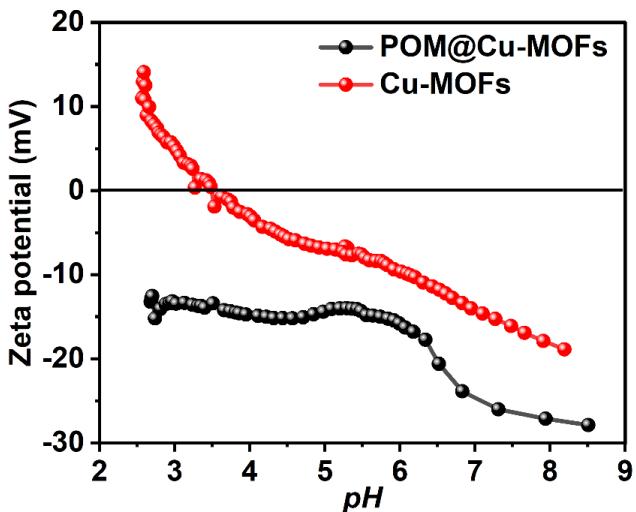
**Figure S6.** The pseudo-second-order kinetics model for Cu-MOFs and POM@Cu-MOFs photocatalytic isolation of U(VI) with an initial uranium concentrations of  $\sim 200 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ .



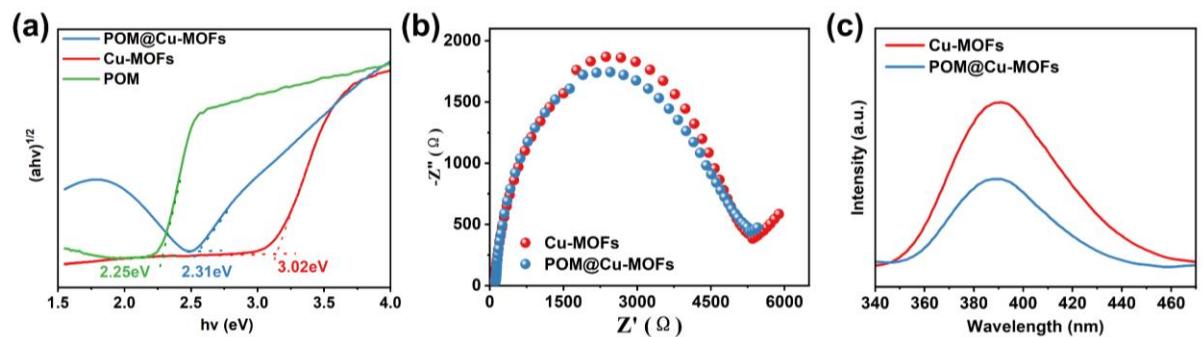
**Figure S7.** Corresponding pseudo-first-order kinetics model for photocatalytic isolation of U(VI) with different concentrations over (a) Cu-MOF and (b) POM@Cu-MOF catalysts.



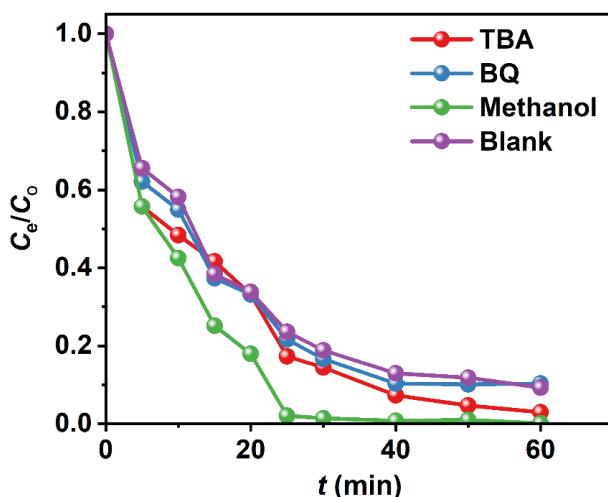
**Figure S8.** Effect of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  concentration on photocatalytic removal of uranium ( $C_{\text{U(VI)}} = 50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $m/V = 0.1 \text{ g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 4.0$ ).



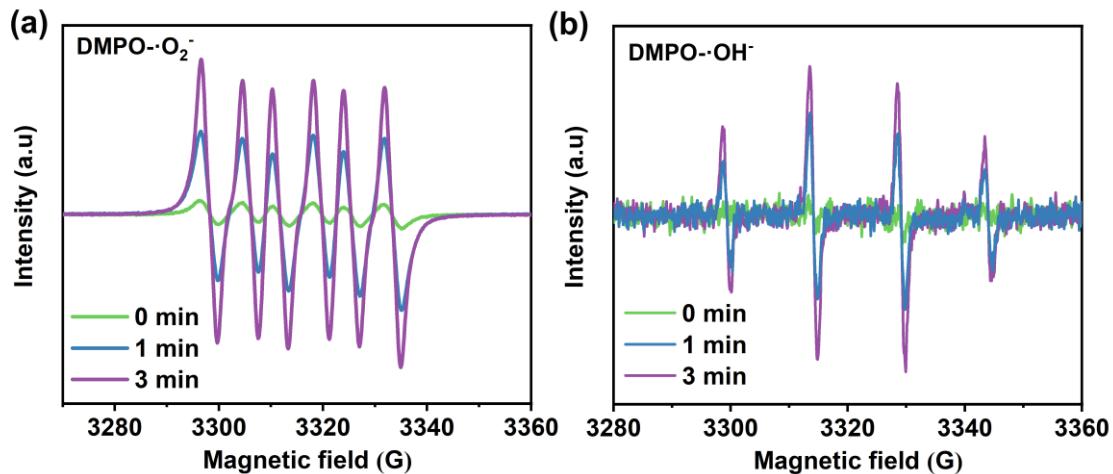
**Figure S9.** Surface zeta potentials of Cu-MOFs and POM@Cu-MOFs.



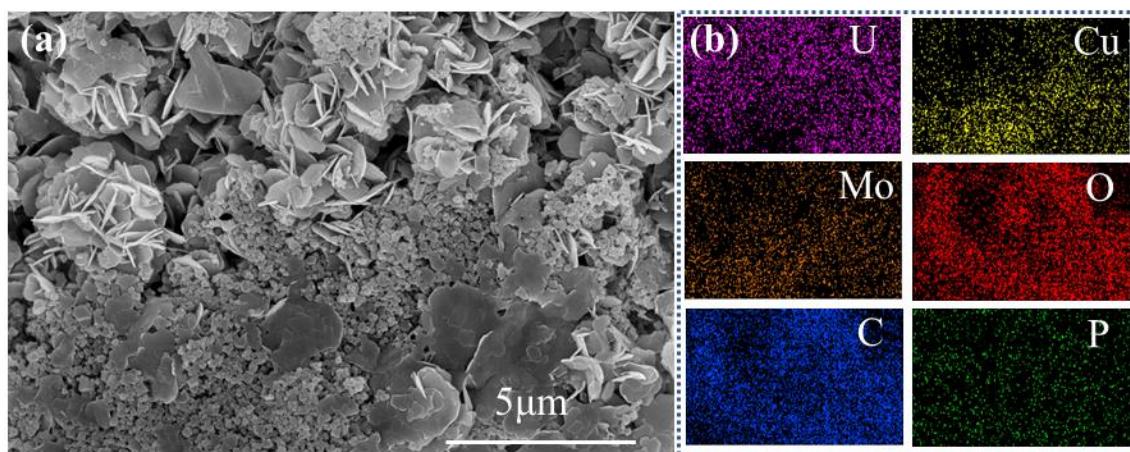
**Figure S10.** (a) Plots of transformed Kubelka-Munk function versus photon energy. (b) Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy Nyquist plots of Cu-MOFs and POM@Cu-MOFs. (c) PL spectroscopy of Cu-MOFs and Cu-MOF@POM.



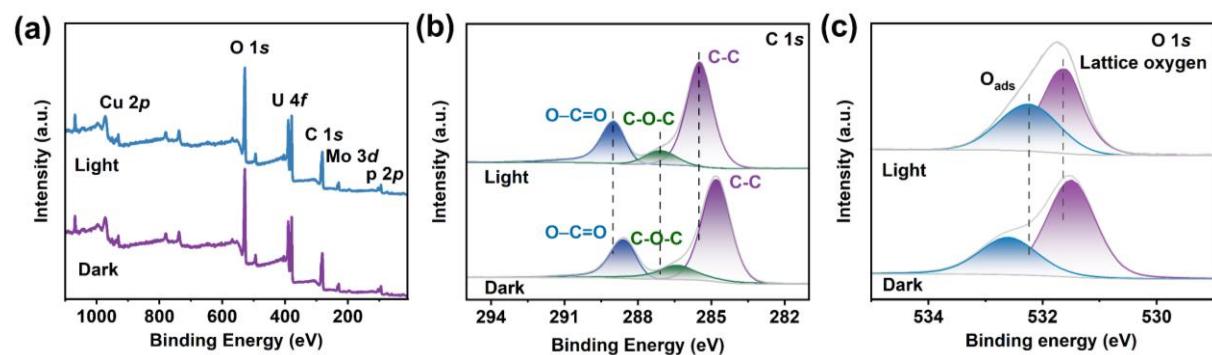
**Figure S11.** Effect of radical quenching on phenol degradation with POM@Cu-MOFs.



**Figure S12.** ESR signals of (a)  $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$  and (b)  $\cdot\text{OH}$  in the POM@Cu-MOFs before and after illumination.



**Figure S13.** SEM image of POM@Cu-MOFs after photocatalytic reduction (a) and EDS mapping (b).



**Figure S14.** Comparison of the XPS spectra of POM@Cu-MOFs after photocatalytic reduction and absorption: (a) survey spectra, (b) C 1s, and (c) O 1s.

**Table S1.** Comparison of adsorption capacity of various materials for U(VI) ions

Sorbents	Condition	pH	m/V (g/L)	$C_0$ (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	$q_e$ (mg/g)	Ref.
PMo <sub>12</sub> /UiO-66	Photocatalysis	5.5	0.2	160	225.36	[S1]
SCU-19	Photocatalysis	4	0.5	400	728.34	[S2]
PN-PCN-222	Photocatalysis	4	0.25	400	1289.3	[S3]
Bi <sub>2</sub> WO <sub>6</sub>	Photocatalysis	6.5	0.057	30	246.75	[S4]
GO-POM	Adsorption	4	0.2	50	232.04	[S5]
CS-NZVI	Adsorption	5	0.1	30.94	591.72	[S6]
POM@Cu-MOFs	Photocatalysis	4	0.1	200	1637.39	This work

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