Supplementary Information

Bimetal CoNi-Metal-Organic Frameworks@molybdenum disulfide Core-shell Z-Scheme Heterojunctions with Broad-Spectrum Response Toward Optimized Photocatalytic Performance

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Experimental section

Materials

Cobalt chloride hexahydrate $(CoCl₂·6H₂O)$ and nickel chloride hexahydrate $(NiCl₂·6H₂O)$ were purchased from Tianjin Kemer Chemical Reagent Co., LTD. The phthalic acid (BDC), ammonium molybdate ($(NH₄)₂M₀O₄$), and thiouroid ($CH₄N₂S$) were purchased from Aladdin BioTechnologies Inc. N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF) and ethanol (ET) were purchased from Shanghai Maclin Biochemical Technology Co., LTD.

Characterizations

The powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were acquired on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer by using Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5406$ Å). Scanning electron micros-copy (SEM) images were obtained with a Philips XL-30-ESEM-FEG instrument operating at 20 kV. Transmission electron microscope (TEM) JEOL JEM-2010 at an accelerating voltage of 200 kV was also used to record the electron micrographs of the samples. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was measured on a PHI-5700 ESCA instrument with Al-K α X-ray source. UV-vis diffuse reflection spectra (DRS) were recorded on a UV-vis spectrophotometer (UV-2550, Shimadzu) with an integrating sphere attachment, and BaSO₄ was used as the reference material. Fourier transform infrared spectra (FT-IR) were detected with a PerkinElmer spectrum one system. The N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms at 77 K were collected on an AUTOSORB-1 (Quantachrome Instruments) nitrogen adsorption apparatus. Surface area was estimated by BET method and pore-size distribution was measured

from the adsorption branch of the isotherm using the Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) method. The steady-state photoluminescence (PL) spectra were measured with a PE LS 55 spectrofluoro-photometer at excitation wavelength of 325 nm. Scanning Kelvin probe (SKP) measurements (SKP5050 system, Scotland) were performed at normal laboratory conditions. The electron spin resonance (ESR) spectra under visible light irradiation were tested with ESR spectrometer (Bruker model A300). The temperature of the sample was measured using the Testo 865 infrared thermograph.

Photocatalytic degradation

In order to test the photocatalytic ability under visible light irradiation (light source is 300 W Xenon lamp), we degrade Persistent Organic Dyes Rhodamine B at room temperature (20 \pm 2 °C). In a typical experiment, 30 mg of photocatalyst and 15 mg of PMS was added to a Rhodamine B solution $(30 \text{ mL}, 10 \text{ mg L}^{-1})$, and then the suspension was placed in the dark for 30 min to ensure adsorption equilibrium. The suspension was irradiated with a 300 W Xenon lamp equipped with a filter ($\lambda \geq 420$ nm). The residual concentration of Rhodamine B was analyzed by a T6 UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

Photocatalytic hydrogen evolution

The photocatalytic hydrogen evolution was tested in an online photocatalytic hydrogen evolution system (Au Light, Beijing, CEL-SPH2N) at room temperature. In a typical process, 50 mg of photocatalysts were suspended in 100 mL aqueous closed gas circulation reaction cell which include 80 mL deionized water and 20 mL of methanol used as the sacrificial reagent. Afterward, the suspension was purged with

 N_2 for several times to remove O_2 and CO_2 . After that, the suspension solution was irradiated by a 300 W Xeon-lamp equipped with an AM 1.5 G filter (Oriel, USA), and use an on-line gas chromatography (SP7800, TCD, molecular sieve 5 Å, N_2 carrier, Beijing Keruida, Ltd) to analyze the hydrogen periodically with the interval of every 1h.

Photoelectrochemical measurements

Photoelectrochemical measurements of photocatalysts were detected in a threeelectrode system with the CHI760E electrochemical workstation. The electrolyte selected KOH solution (1 M), the reference electrode selected Ag/AgCl and the opposite electrode selected Pt. Then, 0.1 g of photocatalysts were mixed with 3 mL of ethanol at stirring for 10 min, and sprayed on the FTO-glass of 1×2 cm² further heating and drying. The photocurrent tests were extra monitored under AM 1.5G light exposure.

Fig. S1 The XRD pattern of CoNi-MOF.

Fig. S2 The XPS full scan of CoNi-MOF@MoS₂.

Fig. S3 The XPS spectra of N 1s for CoNi-MOF and CoNi-MOF@MoS₂, respectively.

Fig. S4 SEM images of MoS_2 (a), $CoNi-MOF@MoS_2-0.075$ (b), $CoNi-MOF@MoS_2-$ 0.12 (c).

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Fig. S5 EDX elemental spectrum of CoNi-MOF@MoS₂.

Fig. S6 N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms for CoNi-MOF, MoS₂, and CoNi- $MOF@MoS₂$ (a) and the corresponding BJH pore size distributions (b).

Fig. S7 The photocatalytic degradation of MO by MoS₂, CoNi-MOF, PMS, CoNi-

MOF@MoS₂ with PMS.

Fig. S8 First order reaction rate constants (K) of RhB and MO photocatalytic degradation.

Fig. S9 First order kinetic curves of RhB (a) and MO (b) degradation by different photocatalysts.

Fig. S10 TOC removal efficiency of as-prepared samples for the degradation of RhB

Fig. S11 The XRD patterns of CoNi-MOF@MoS₂ before and after photocatalytic reaction, respectively.

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Fig. S12 Long-term stability cycling tests of photocatalytic degradation RhB and MO

by CoNi-MOF@MoS_2 .

Fig. S13 Trapping experiments of RhB (a) and MO (b) degradation by CoNi- $\text{MOF@MoS}_2 + \text{PMS}$ photocatalyst.

Fig. S14 Mott-Schottky plots of CoNi-MOF (a) and MoS₂ (b).

Photocatalysts	Light source	$H2$ evolution rate	Ref.
$Co_3O_4/NaTaO_3$	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	8.05 \mu mol h ⁻¹ g ⁻¹	$[1]$
$Co-MOF/p-g-C_3N_4$	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	73.42 μ mol h ⁻¹ g ⁻¹	$\lceil 2 \rceil$
CPPB QDs/Ni-MOF	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	153.6 μ mol h ⁻¹	[3]
$C-MoS2/g-C3N4$	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 400 \text{ nm})$	157.14 \mu mol h^{-1} g ⁻¹	$[4]$
$MoS_2/g-C_3N_4$	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	280 µmol h^{-1} g ⁻¹	$\lceil 5 \rceil$
CoNi-MOF@MoS2	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420$ nm)	478.6 µmol h^{-1} g ⁻¹	This work

Table. S1 Comparison of photocatalytic H₂ evolution rates between CoNi- $MOF@MoS₂$ and other different photocatalysts under visible light irradiation.

Photocatalysts	Pollutant	Degradation time (min)	Degradation rate $(\%)$	Ref.
$g - C_3N_4/Ag/ZnO$	RhB	210	70	[6]
AgInS ₂ /CN/PAN	RhB	60	94.48	$[7]$
ZrU@IL-1/PAN NFs	RhB	40	67	[8]
$Fe-g-C_3N_4$	RhB	45	95.5	$[9]$
BC/2ZIS/WO ₃	MB	60	80.5	[10]
CoNi-MOF@MoS2	Organic dye	40	99.3	This work

Table S2. Comparison toward degradation of refractory organic pollutants by with various photocatalysts.

Table S3. The band gap energies (Eg), conduction band (CB) and valence band (VB) potentials (NHE) for CoNi-MOF and $MoS₂$.

Samples	E_{g} (eV)	CB (V)	VB (V)
CoNi-MOF	2.33	-0.76	1.57
MoS ₂	2.2	-0.42	1.78

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