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## Electronic Supplementary Material

## Self-Assembly of Layered Wurtzite ZnS Nanorods/Nanowires as Highly Efficient Photocatalysts

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**Figure S1** TEM images of intermediate product obtained at  $240^{\circ}$ C for (a) 30 min ; (b) 45min; (c) 60 min (d) 80 min (inset, the hexagonal cross-section of a single ZnS NRs obtained at  $240^{\circ}$ C for 1.5 h).

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Figure S2 TEM images ZnS NRs prepared at different reaction time: (a) 2h, (b) 10h.

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Figure S3 (a) TEM image of a single tower-like layered ZnS nanorod; (b) HRTEM images of the interlayer part of a single tower-like layered ZnS nanorod (marked by a blue rectangle in a)..



**Figure S4** Schematic illustration for the growth mechanism of the extended tower-like layered ZnS NRs.

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Figure S5 TEM images of ZnS products prepared in different volume ratio between the methanol and benzyl alcohol  $(V_{methanol}:V_{benzyl alcohol})$ 

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Figure S6 The typical XPS spectrums of the synthesized layered ZnS nanorod: (a) survery spectrum,

(b) Zn <sub>2p3</sub> region spectrum and (c) S <sub>2P</sub> region spectrum

The components of the ZnS nanorods are characterized by XPS technique, as indicated in Figure S2. The results show that the products are composed of Zn and S in ratios of 0.89:1, which is inconsisten with the results of EDS.

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Figure S7. The installation of photocatalytic reactor: (a) The controllable electric source. (b) The homothermal reactor equipped with Xenon lamp (XQ 350W). (c) Cut-off filters (d) Magnetic stirring.