## **Supporting Information**

## TiO<sub>2</sub>/NiO Hybrid Shells: p-n Junction Photocatalysts with Enhanced Activity under Visible Light

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*Figure S1.* TEM images of (a)  $SiO_2$  particles, (b)  $SiO_2/TiO_2$  core/shell hybrids, (c)  $SiO_2/TiO_2/NiO$  hybrids, and (d)  $TiO_2/NiO$  hollow hybrids.



*Figure S2.* TEM image of  $TiO_2/NiO$  hollow hybrids. Synthetic conditions: 0.1 mL TBOT, 0.015 mol L<sup>-1</sup> NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O.



Figure S3. XPS spectrum of N2.



*Figure S4.* (a) Evolution of RhB concentration and (b) apparent reaction rate constant versus reaction time under visible light irradiation using TiO<sub>2</sub>/NiO hollow hybrids as photocatalysts with different shell thickness.



*Figure S5.* The reusability of  $TiO_2/NiO$  hollow hybrids as photocatalysts in the degradation of RhB under visible light irradiation.



*Figure S6.* PL spectral changes with different irradiation times on sample N3 in a  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> basic solution of terephthalic acid.

*Table S1* TOC result for the degradation of RhB using TiO<sub>2</sub>/NiO hollow hybrids as catalyst under visible light irradiation.

Time (min)	0	20	60	100	120	150
TOC (ppm)	10.34	7.382	6.592	3.463	2.311	1.992



*Figure S7* Evolution of RhB concentration and TOC versus reaction time under visible light irradiation.