## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Mesoporous Ag@TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanofibers and Their Photocatalytic Activity for

## **Hydrogen Evolution**

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Samples	Crystallite (101)	Crystallite (004)	Crystallite (200)	Average crystal size (nm)
Unloaded Sample	21.1	26.9	22.2	23.4
Ag loaded sample A	19.1	24.2	18.3	20.5
Ag loaded sample B	20.6	25.8	21.8	22.7

Table S1. Crystal size of the  $TiO_2$  according to the XRD results of the three sample products



**Fig. S1.** A typical TEM image of the pure  $TiO_2$  Sample



Fig. S2. A typical HTRM image showing that the assembled Ag nanoparticle in the platform of porous  $TiO_2$  fibers of Sample A is hemispheric shape and the areas is 402 nm<sup>2</sup>. The green marked areas refer to the crystalline Ag nanoparticles.



Fig. S3. A typical HTRM image showing that the assembled Ag nanoparticle in the platform of porous  $TiO_2$  fibers of Sample B is sphaeroid shape and the areas is  $615nm^2$ . The green marked areas refer to the crystalline Ag nanoparticles.



**Fig. S4.** (a) A representative TEM image of the Ag loaded Smple B. (B) The corresponding particle size distribution of the silver NPs form (a) of Ag loaded Smple B. (c-d) Representative TEM images of the Ag loaded Smple A.

Material	Preparation	Irradiation conditions	Reaction solution	Activity (μmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
Cu/TiO <sub>2</sub> spherical particles	impregnation	6 W UV lampe	methanol/ water	333.5	1
Pt/TiO <sub>2</sub> Nanosheets	hydrothermal	350-W Xe arc lamp	ethanol/w ater	334	2
Au/TiO <sub>2</sub>	photodeposition	500 W xenon (Xe) lamp	2- propanol/ water solution	1320	3
Ag-TiO <sub>2</sub>	sol-gel	6 W UV lampe	methanol/ water	356.75	4
Pt/TiO <sub>2</sub> (B) Nanofiber	wet impregnation	15 W UV lamp	Neat ethanol	477	5
Pt/TiO <sub>2</sub> (B) nanofiber	impregnation	15 W UV lamps	neat ethanol	2380	6
Au/Pt/TiO2 composite nanofibers	electrospinning	300 W Xe lamp	aqueous solution	233.16	7
Au-Pt/TiO <sub>2</sub> nanoparticles	chemical reduction	300 W xenon arc lamp	water/met hanol	1183	8
Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub> mesoporous nanofibers	foaming-assisted electrospinning	300 W Xe	water/met hanol	537.5	Current work

Table S2. Comparison of the related work for photocatalytic  $H_2$  production

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