### **Supplementary Data**

# A novel p–n $Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S/NiWO_4$ heterojunction for highly efficient

## photocatalytic H<sub>2</sub> production

Sample	Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S (mg)	$NiCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (mg)	$Na_2WO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ (mg)
Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S/NiWO <sub>4</sub> -10 wt%	200	15	21
Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S/NiWO <sub>4</sub> -30 wt%	200	47	65
$Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S/NiWO_4$ -50 wt%	200	77	107
Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S/NiWO <sub>4</sub> -70 wt%	200	109	151
Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S/NiWO <sub>4</sub> -90 wt%	200	140	194
$Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S$	200	0	0
NiWO <sub>4</sub>	0	140	194

#### Table S1. The added amount of samples and reagents

Table S2.  $S_{BET}$ , pore volume and pore diameter of  $Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S$ , NiWO<sub>4</sub> and  $Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S/NiWO_4$ -30 wt% composite

Sample	$S_{BET}^{a} (m^2 g^{-1})$	Pore Volume <sup>b</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore Diameter <sup>b</sup> (nm)
Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S	29.63	0.054	1.18
NiWO <sub>4</sub>	172.16	0.112	1.50
Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S/NiWO <sub>4</sub> -30 wt%	40.48	0.074	2.52

<sup>a</sup>Gained by BET test.

<sup>b</sup> Relative pressure (P/P<sub>0</sub>) of 0.99.

Photocatalyst	Light source	Sacrificial reagent	$H_2$ production rate (mmol h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Cd <sub>0.8</sub> S/NiWO <sub>4</sub>	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda \ge$ 420 nm)	Na <sub>2</sub> S/Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	17.76	This work

Table S3. H<sub>2</sub> production activities of some related metal tungstates-based heterojunction

Zn <sub>0.7</sub> Cd <sub>0.3</sub> S/NiWO <sub>4</sub>	5W LED $(\lambda \ge 420 \text{ nm})$	$Na_2S/Na_2SO_3$	15.95	[51]
CdS/NiWO4	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda \ge 420 \text{ nm})$	lactic acid	5.07	[52]
NiWO₄/CdS/Pt	550W Xe lamp $(\lambda \ge 420 \text{ nm})$	lactic acid	0.88	[53]
CdS/NiWO₄/CoP	5 W LED	lactic acid	47.7	[S4]
CdS/InWO₄ CdS/CdWO₄	( $λ ≥$ 420nm) 5W LED	lactic acid	6.15	[55]
	( $\lambda \ge$ 420 nm) 500W Xe lamp	$Na_2S/Na_2SO_3$	1.805	[S6]
CdS/CdWO <sub>4</sub>	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	lactic acid	9.17	[\$7]
CdS/CoWO <sub>4</sub>	300 W Xe lamp	Na <sub>2</sub> S/Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	15.91	[58]
	( $\lambda \ge$ 420 nm)			



Fig. S1. XPS survey spectrum of  $Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S/NiWO_4$ -30 wt% composite



Fig. S2. XPS–VB of (a)  $Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S$  and (b) NiWO<sub>4</sub>



Fig. S3. Mott–Schottky polts of (a)  $Mn_{0.2}Cd_{0.8}S$  and (b) NiWO<sub>4</sub>.

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