Electronic Supplementary Information:

Sunlight-Driven Photodegradation of Organic Pollutants

Catalyzed by TiO₂/(ZnS)_x(CuInS₂)_{1-x} Nanocomposites

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Table S1. Carbon concentration (mol%) of $TiO_2/(ZnS)_{0.8}(CuInS_2)_{0.2}$ nanocomposites before and after sintering with/without water vapor. The data were recorded using the Elementar Analysensysteme (GmbH VarioEL).

	before sintering	N ₂ +H ₂ O	N_2	
Content of carbon	30.80	5.697	9.33	



Figure S1. XRD patterns of oleic acid-capped TiO₂ (A) and $(ZnS)_{0.8}(CuInS_2)_{0.2}$ nanocrystals (B) as well as TiO₂/(ZnS)_{0.8}(CuInS₂)_{0.2} (C) nanocomposites after removal of oleic acid. The vertical lines at the bottom correspond to the standard XRD pattern of anatase TiO₂ (JCPDS No.21-1272).



Figure S2. Effect of pH value on the degradation efficiency of R6G catalyzed by $TiO_2/(ZnS)_{0.8}(CuInS_2)_{0.2}$ nanocomposites.



Figure S3. Degradation behavior of rhodamine B and methylene blue by $TiO_2/(ZnS)_{0.8}(CuInS_2)_{0.2}$ nanocomposites, individually. 5.0 mg of photocatalyst powder was added to 30 mL of dye (10 mg/L) aqueous solution in each case, and the experiments were performed under visible light. The UV light (λ <380 nm) was blocked by a UV filter.



Figure S4. UV/vis absorption spectra of methylene blue (MB) and rhodamine B (RB) as a function of irradiation time in the presence of $TiO_2/(ZnS)_{0.8}(CuInS_2)_{0.2}$ nanocomposites.