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**Synthesis of silicate-bridged ZnO/g-C₃N₄ nanocomposites as
efficient photocatalysts and mechanism**

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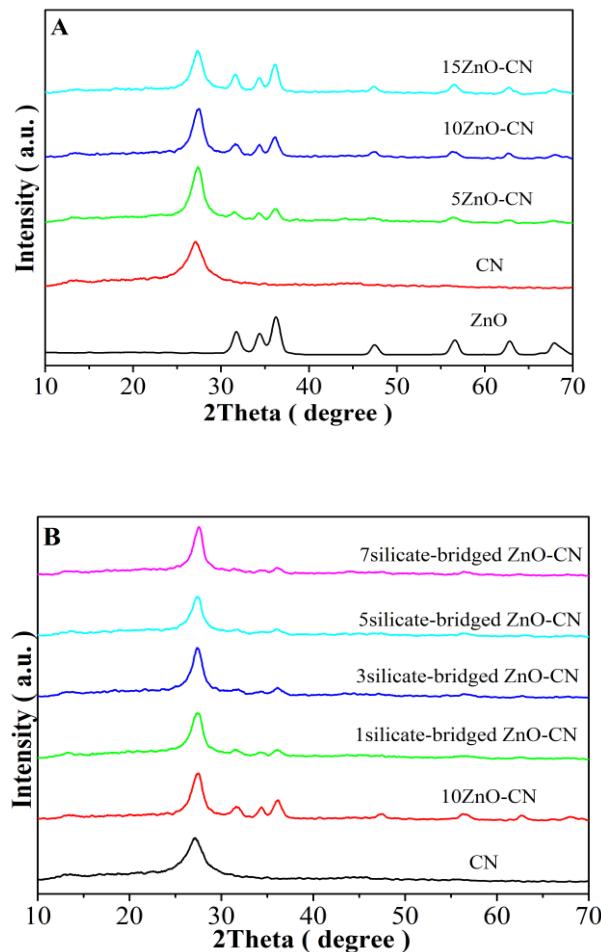


Fig. S1 XRD patterns of XZnO-CN (A) and Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN (B).

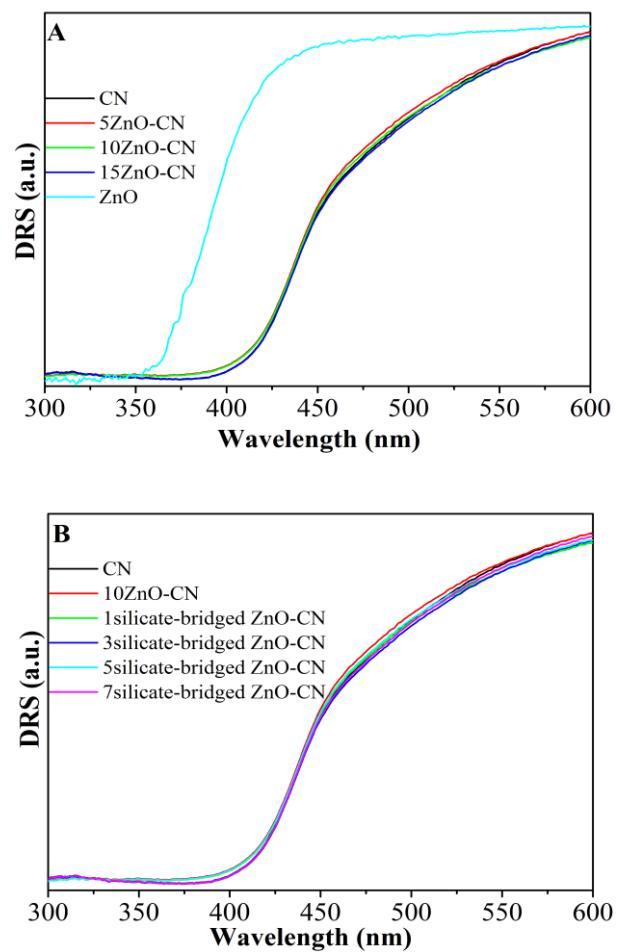
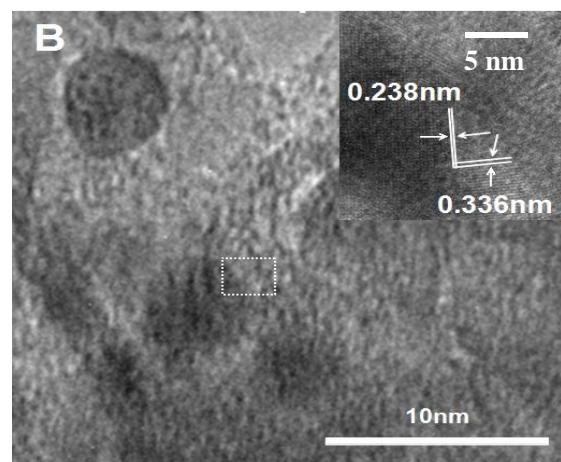
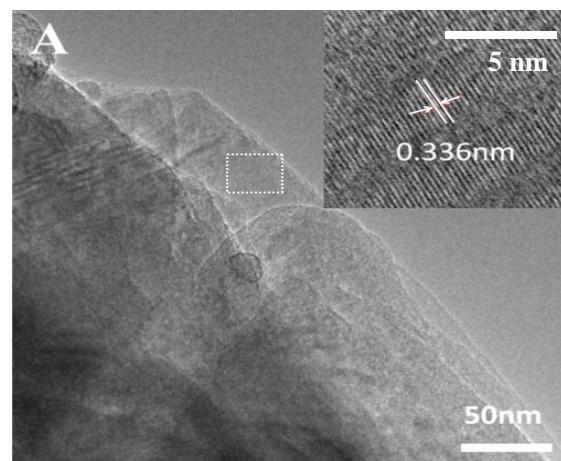


Fig. S2 DRS spectra of XZnO-CN (A) and Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN (B).



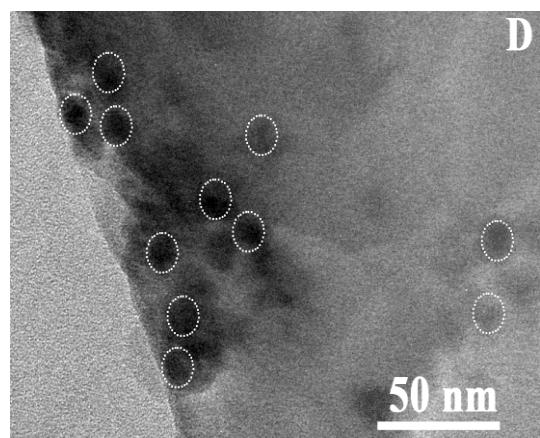
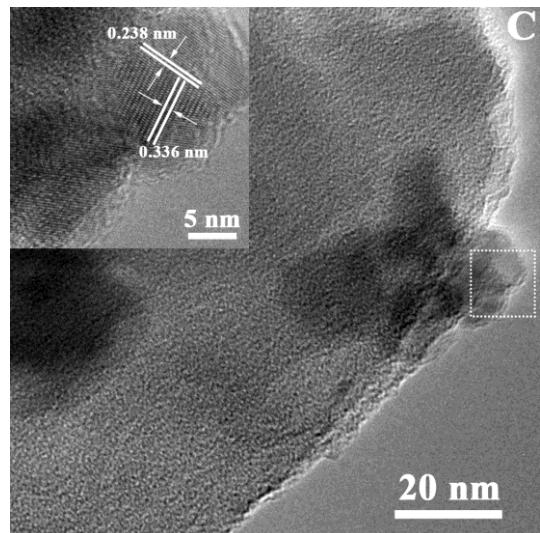


Fig. S3 TEM images of CN (A), 10ZnO-CN (B), 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN (C) and low resolution TEM image of 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN (D). (Inset indicates HRTEM images of CN, 10ZnO-CN and 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN).

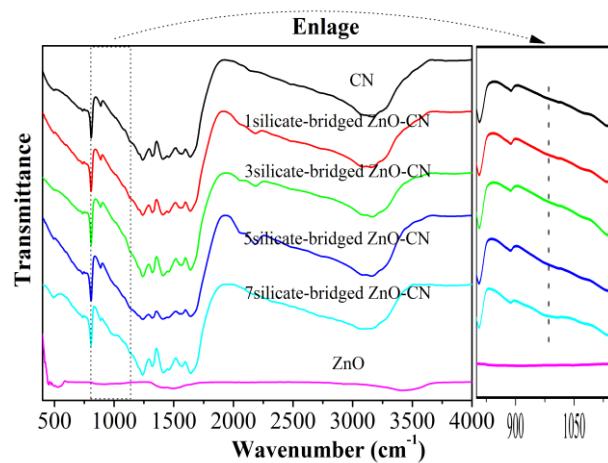


Fig. S4 FTIR spectra of ZnO, 10ZnO-CN and Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN and the inset is the localized amplification of the wavenumber of 800-1150.

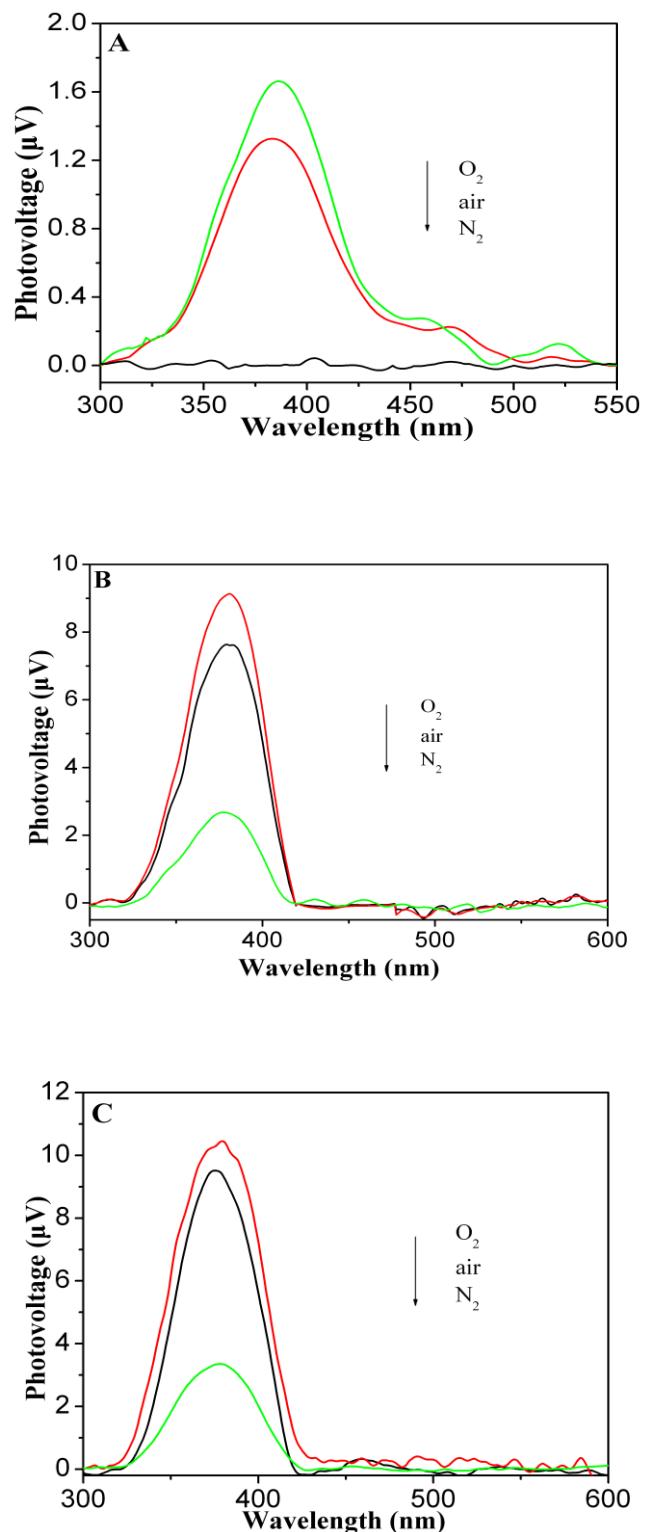


Fig. S5 SS-SPS responses of CN (A), 10ZnO-CN (B) and 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN in different atmospheres.

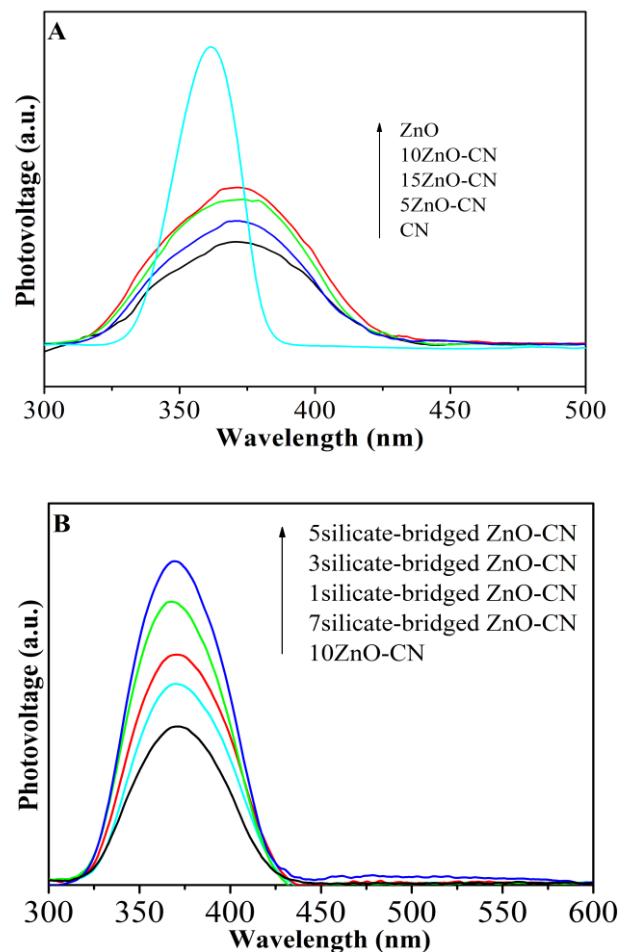


Fig. S6 SS-SPS responses of XZnO-CN (A) and Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN (B) in air.

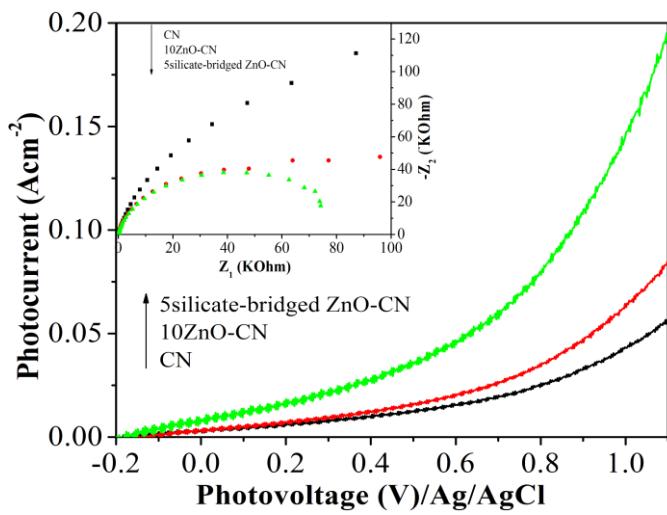


Fig.S7 I–V curves and the inset is the electrochemical impedance spectra (EIS) under irradiation.

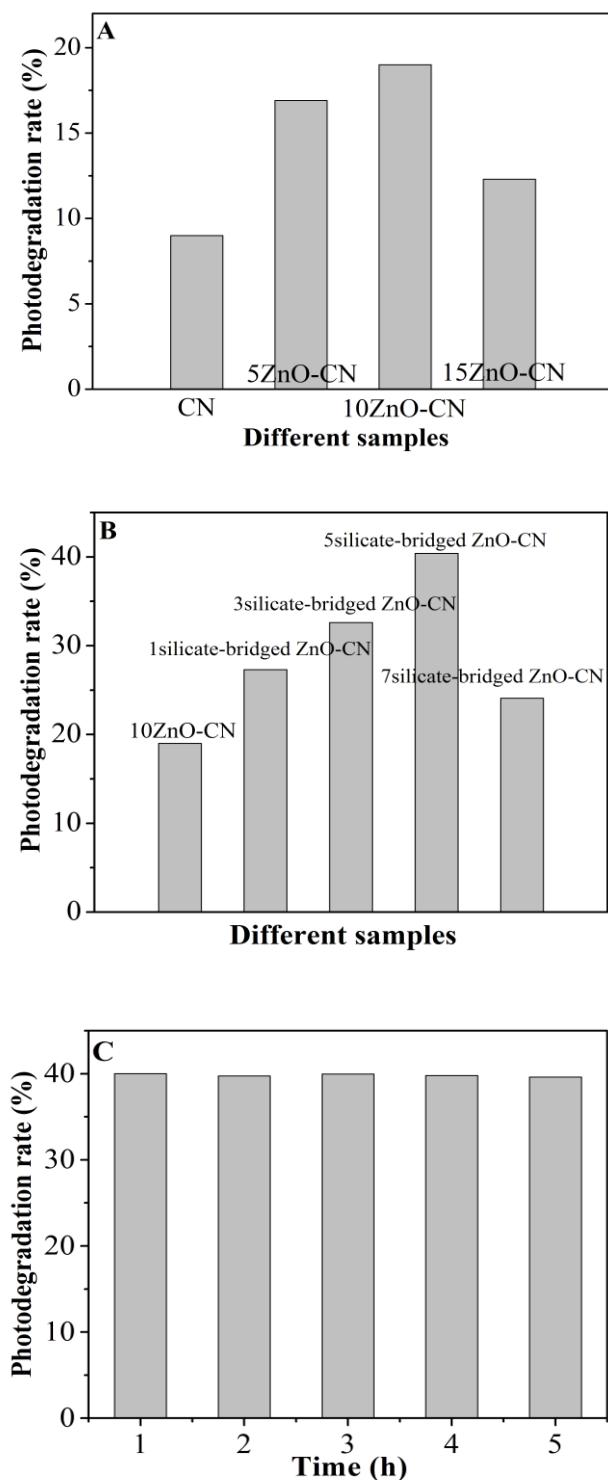


Fig. S8 Photocatalytic degradation rates of phenol of XZnO-CN (A), Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN (B) and the repeated processes of 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN for photodegradation of phenol(C).