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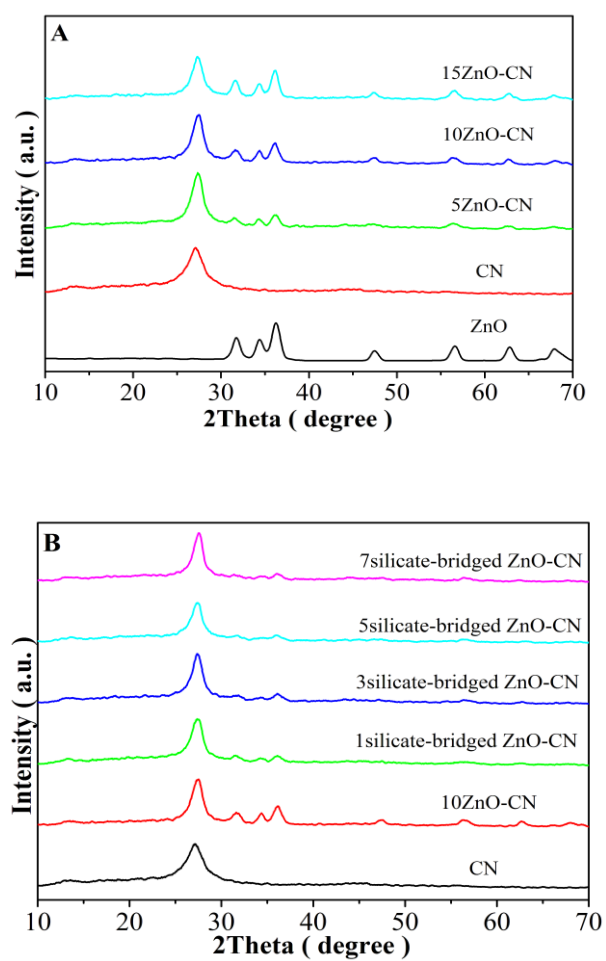
# Synthesis of silicate-bridged ZnO/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> nanocomposites as efficient photocatalysts and mechanism

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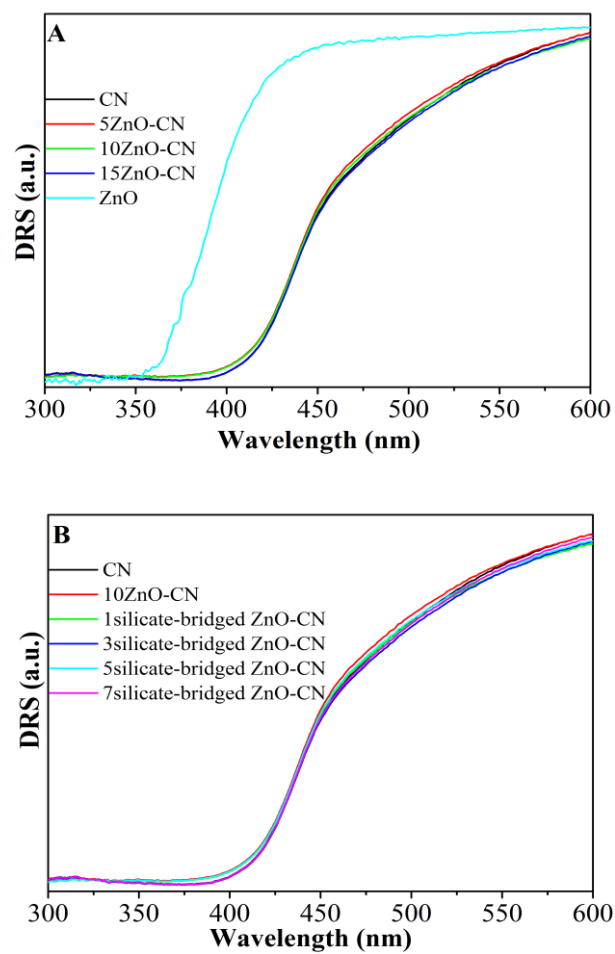
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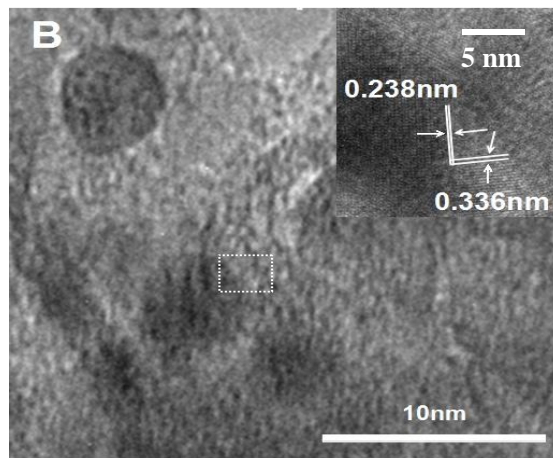
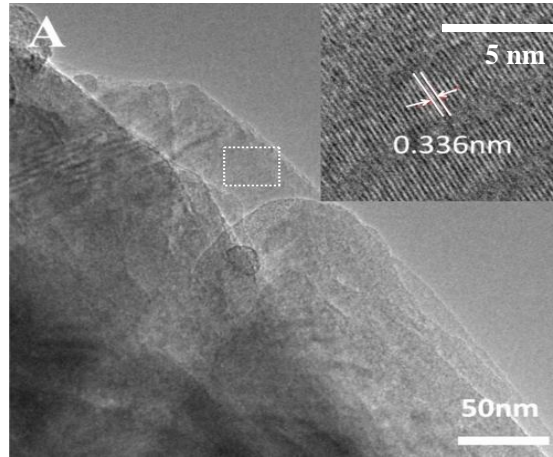
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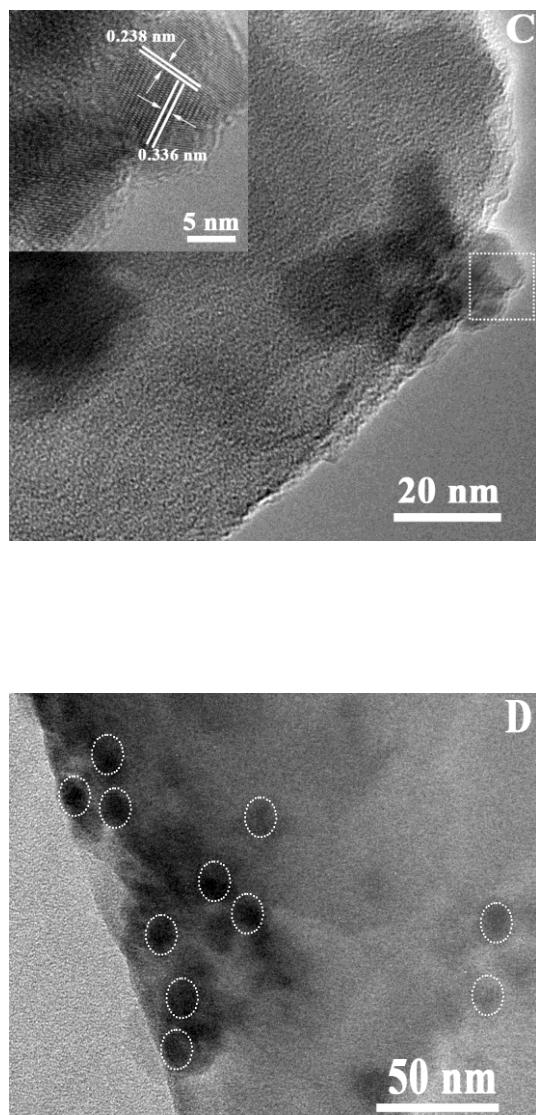


**Fig. S1** XRD patterns of XZnO-CN (A) and Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN (B).

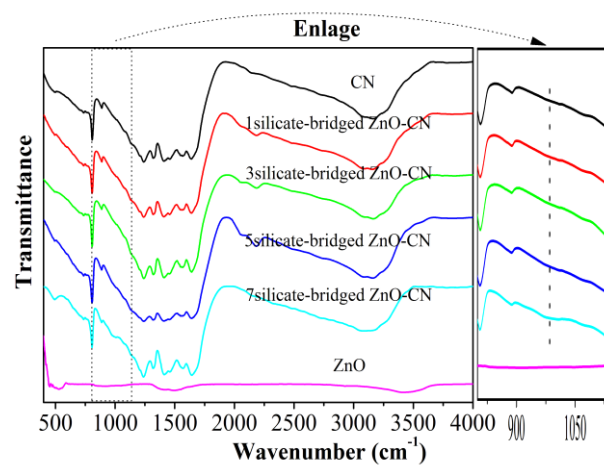


**Fig. S2** DRS spectra of XZnO-CN (A) and Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN (B).

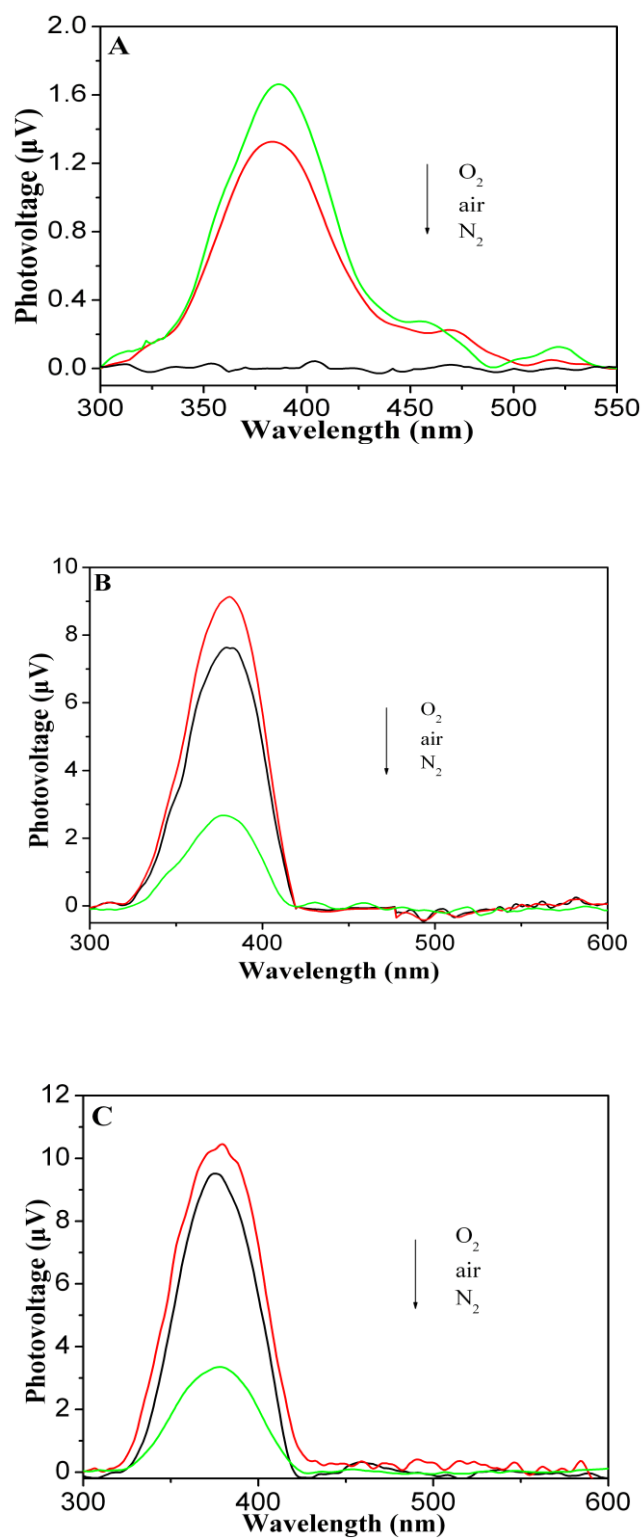




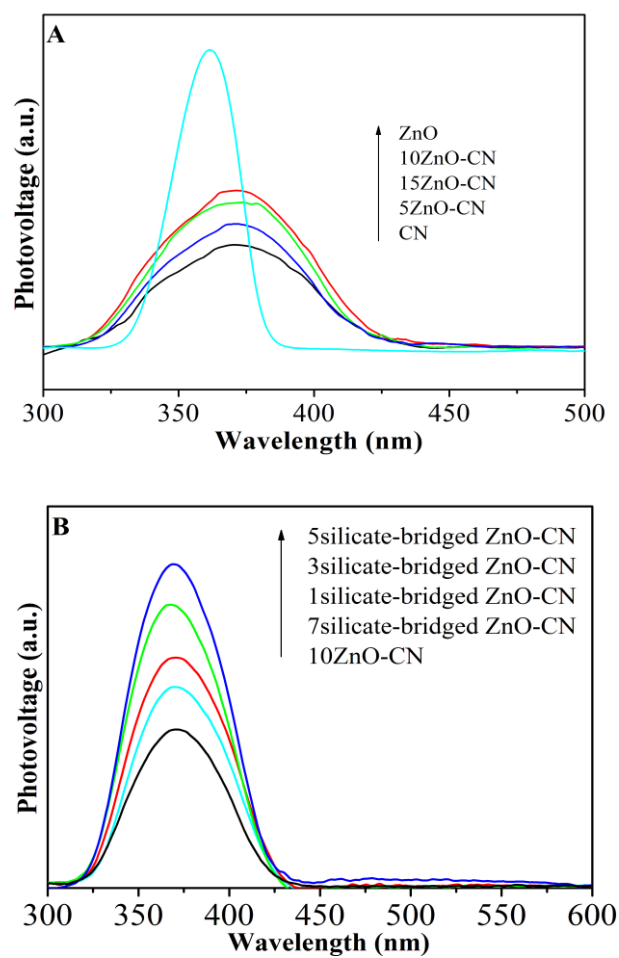
**Fig. S3** TEM images of CN (A), 10ZnO-CN (B), 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN (C) and low resolution TEM image of 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN (D). (Inset indicates HRTEM images of CN, 10ZnO-CN and 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN).



**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.

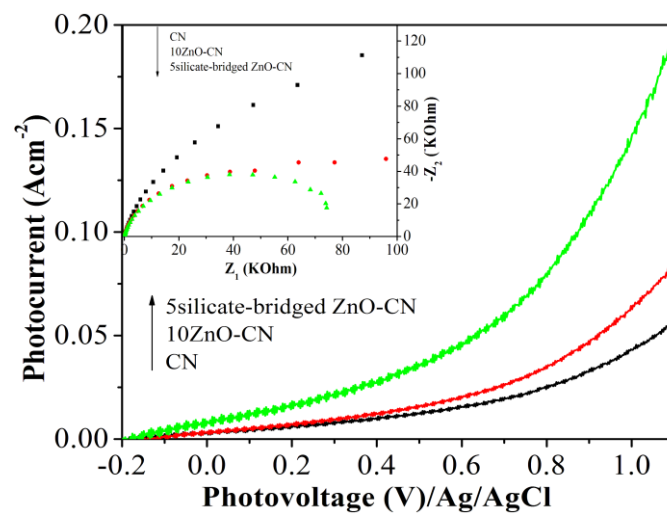


**Fig. S5** SS-SPS responses of CN (A), 10ZnO-CN (B) and 5silicate-bridged ZnO-CN in different atmospheres.

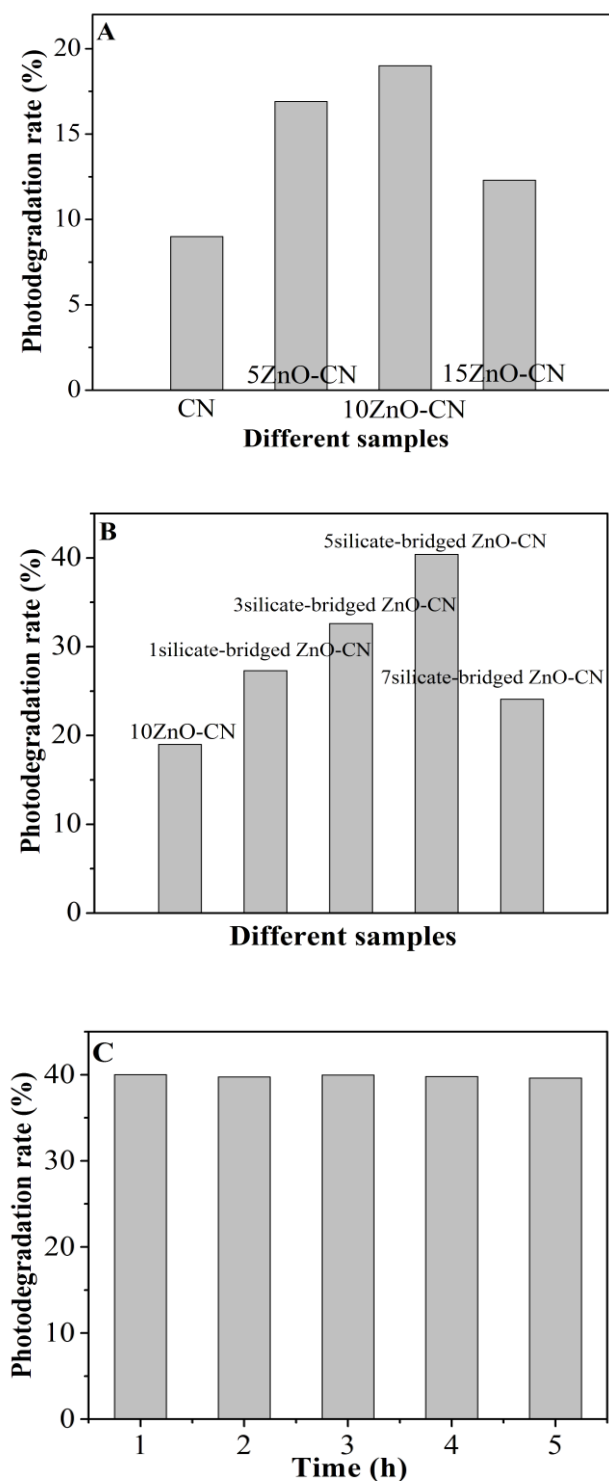


**Fig. S6** SS-SPS responses of XZnO-CN (A) and Ysilicate-bridged ZnO-CN (B) in air.





**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).