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Supporting Information

Light-assisted rapid preparation of Ni/g-C₃N₄ magnetic composite for robust photocatalytic H₂ evolution from water

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Figure S1. SEM image of Ni/g-C₃N₄ on FTO conductive glass.



Figure S2. XRD patterns of sample E, F and G obtained by control experiments in Table 1.



Figure S3. TEM images of Ni/g- C_3N_4 at low magnification (left) showing the distribution of nanoparticle sizes.



Figure S4. Comparison of photocatalytic activity of Ni-7.4 wt%/g-C₃N₄ and Pt-7.4 wt%/g-C₃N₄. The system contains 10 mg photocatalyst, 10 mL 30 vol% TEOA aqueous solution. The data were obtained by photocatalytic process of 3 h using 300 W Xe lamp with an AM 1.5G filter as light source. Preparation of Pt/g-C₃N₄: 7.4 wt% Pt was loaded on g-C₃N₄ in-situ by photoreduction method using H₂PtCl₆.



Figure S5. The photograph of outdoor equipment of sunlight-driven water splitting by Ni-7.4wt%/ g-C₃N₄ system in Wuxi city on June. 12, 2015. Outdoor temperature: $24 \sim 33^{\circ}$ C, time: 09:30-17:00.



Figure S6. XRD of Ni-7.4%/g- C_3N_4 before and after photocatalysis.



Figure S7. IR of Ni-7.4%/g- C_3N_4 before and after photocatalysis.



Figure S8. EDX-Mapping of Ni-7.4%/g- C_3N_4 after 48 h photocatalysis.



Figure S9. TEM (a) and HRTEM (b) image of Ni-7.4wt%,/g- C_3N_4 after 48 h photocatalysis.



Figure S10. The photograph of using magnets to attract samples.

Cocatalysts	Mass fraction	sacrificial agent	Light source	Activity (µmolg ⁻¹ h ⁻¹)	Quantum yield	Ref.
[Ni(TEOA)] ₂ Cl ₂	2.0 wt% of Ni ²⁺	triethanolamine	500 W Xe lamp	2435	1.51 % (400 nm)	S1
Ni(OH) ₂	0.5 mol%	triethanolamine	350 W Xe lamp	152	1.1% (420 nm)	S 2
NiS	1.1 wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	482	1.9 % (440 nm)	S 3
Co ^{III} (dmgH) ₂ pyCl	/	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	216.7	0.62% (365 nm)	S4
NiS ₂	2.0 wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	406	/	S5
Ni-Tu-TETN	/	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	510	0.2% (420 nm)	S 6
NiS	1.5 mol%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	447.7	/	S7
Ni(dmgH) ₂	3.5 wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	236	/	S 8
MoS_2	2.89 wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	252	/	S 9
Ni	10wt%	triethanolamine	500W Xe lamp	168.2	/	S 10
NiS	0.97wt%	triethanolamine	150 W Xe lamp	84	1.4%	S11

Table S1. Photocatalytic H_2 evolution on g- C_3N_4 with non-noble-metal cocatalysts.

					(420 nm)	
Ni/NiO	2 wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	200	/	S12
C ₃ N ₃ S ₂ Ni	0.1 wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	110	2.6 % (420 nm)	S13
Ni	0.73 wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	103	/	S 14
Ni	7.4wt%	triethanolamine	300 W Xe lamp	4318	2.01% (400 nm)	This work

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