

3D reticulated carbon nitride materials high-uniformly capture 0D black phosphorus as 3D/0D composites for stable and efficient photocatalytic hydrogen evolution

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The apparent Quantum Efficiency Measurement

The apparent quantum efficiency (AQE) was measured using the same experimental setup for the photocatalytic hydrogen evolution, but with an additional band-pass filter to obtain monochromatic light. Band-pass filters (420) were equipped when conducting reactions under photons of different wavelengths and collecting apparent quantum efficiency (AQE) results. The amount of H₂ produced in the first 5 h was used to calculate quantum efficiency using the equation below. The apparent quantum efficiency (AQE) was calculated by using the following equation:

$$\text{AQE} = \frac{2 \times \text{the number of evolved hydrogen molecules}}{\text{the number of incident photons}} \times 100\%$$

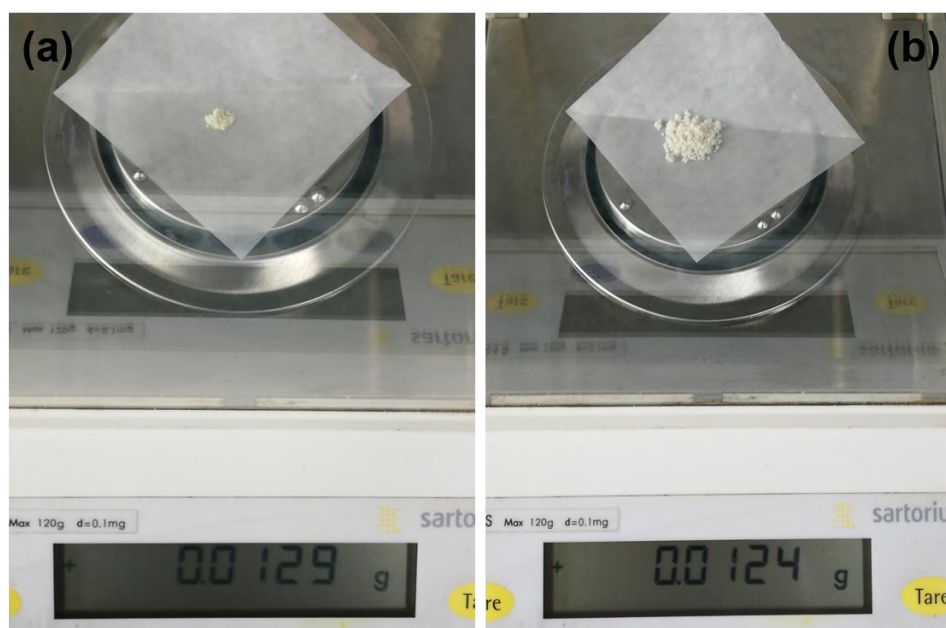


Fig. S1. Photographs of NCN and CN-4N.

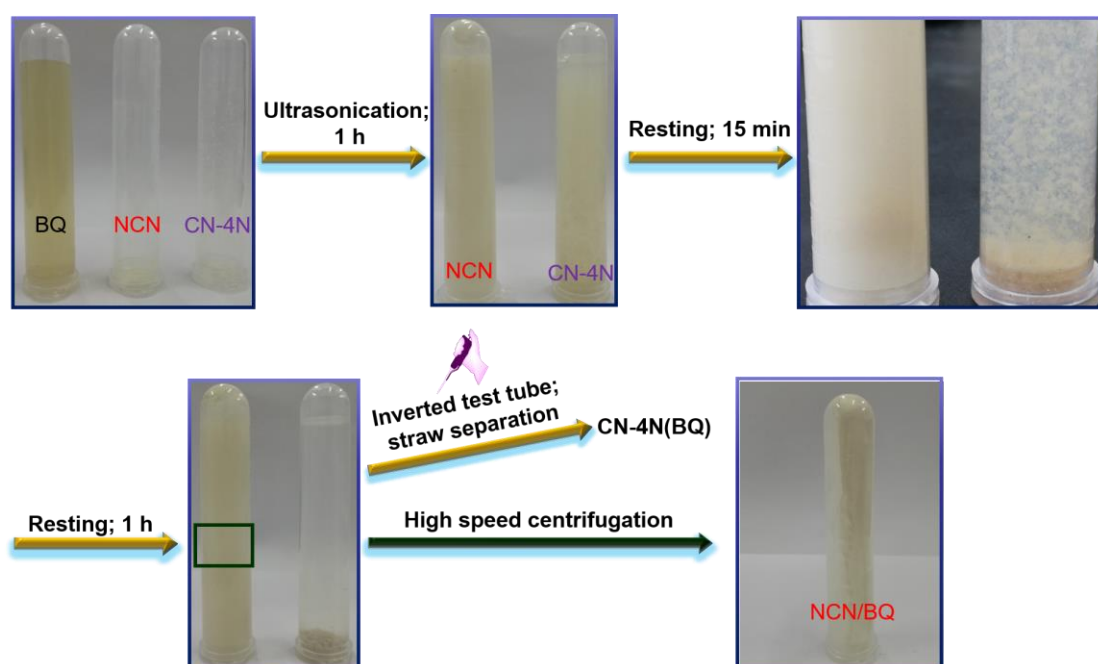


Fig. S2. Synthesis diagram of NCN/BQ and CN-4N(BQ) with self-capturing property.

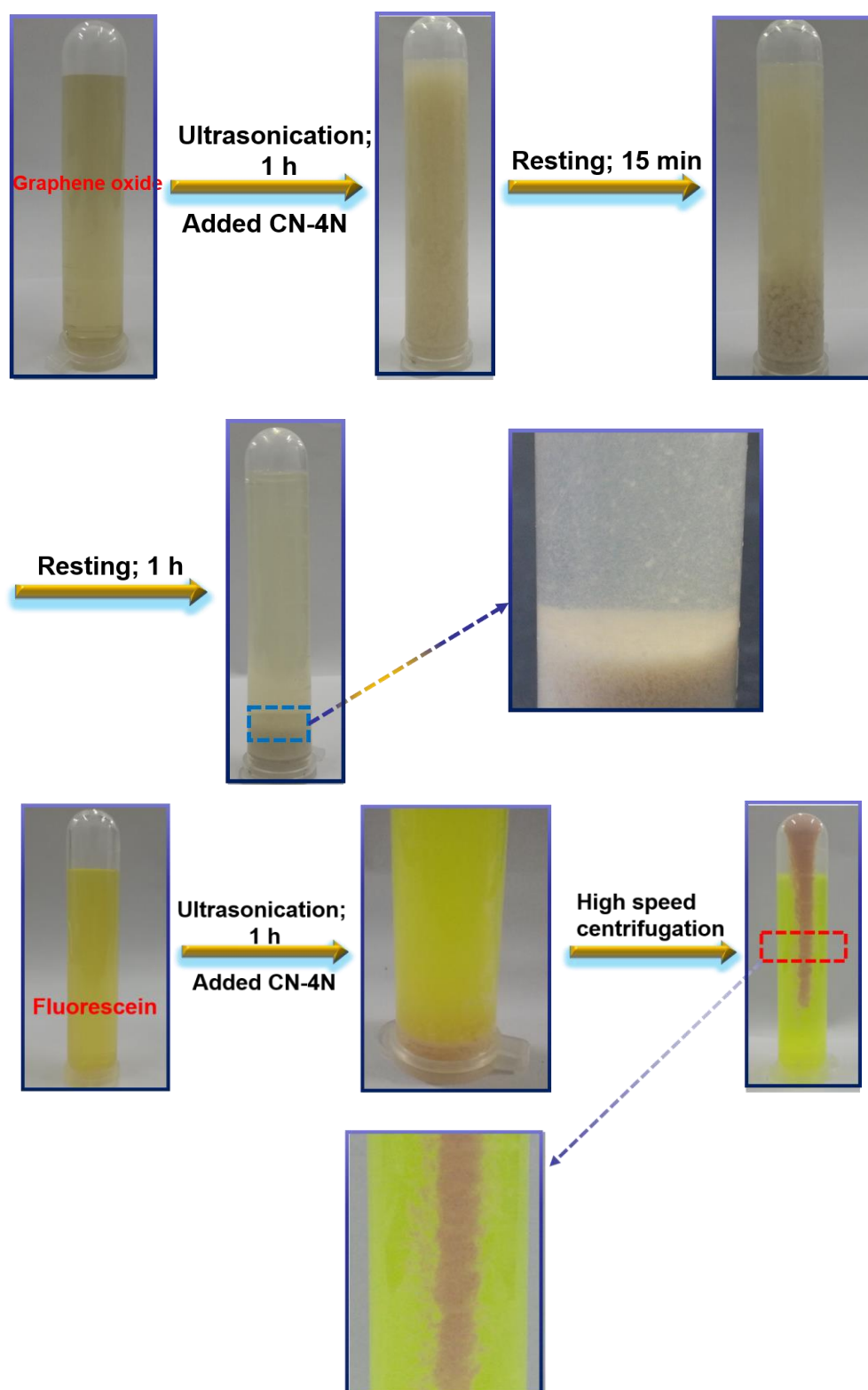


Fig. S3. Synthesis diagram of CN-4N(Graphene oxide) and CN-4N(Fluorescein) with self-capturing property.

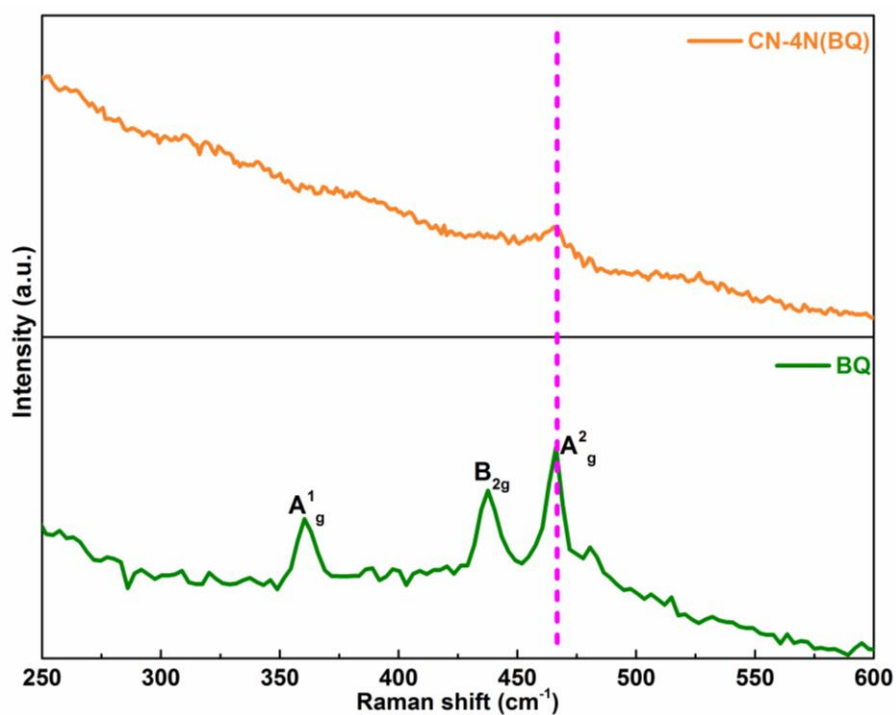


Fig. S4. Raman spectra of BQ and CN-4N(BQ).

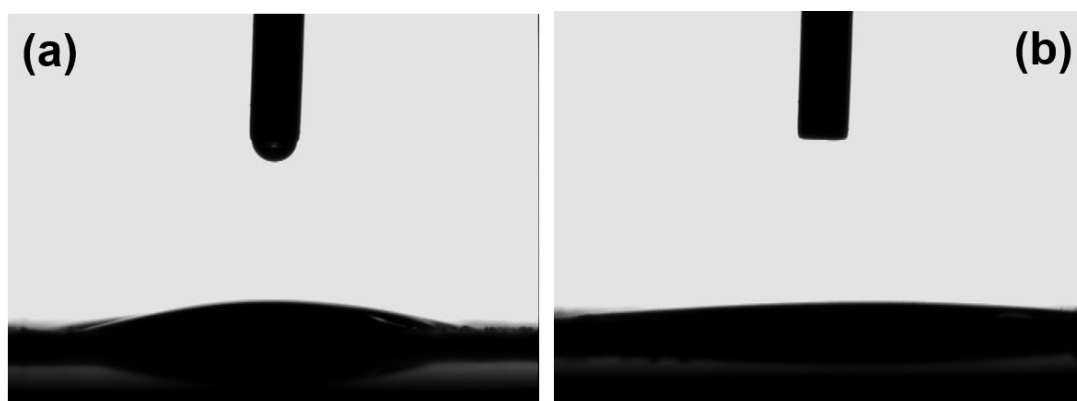


Fig. S5. The differences in hydrophilicity of NCN (a) and CN-4N (b) using contact angle measurements. Volume of the droplet is 5 μL .

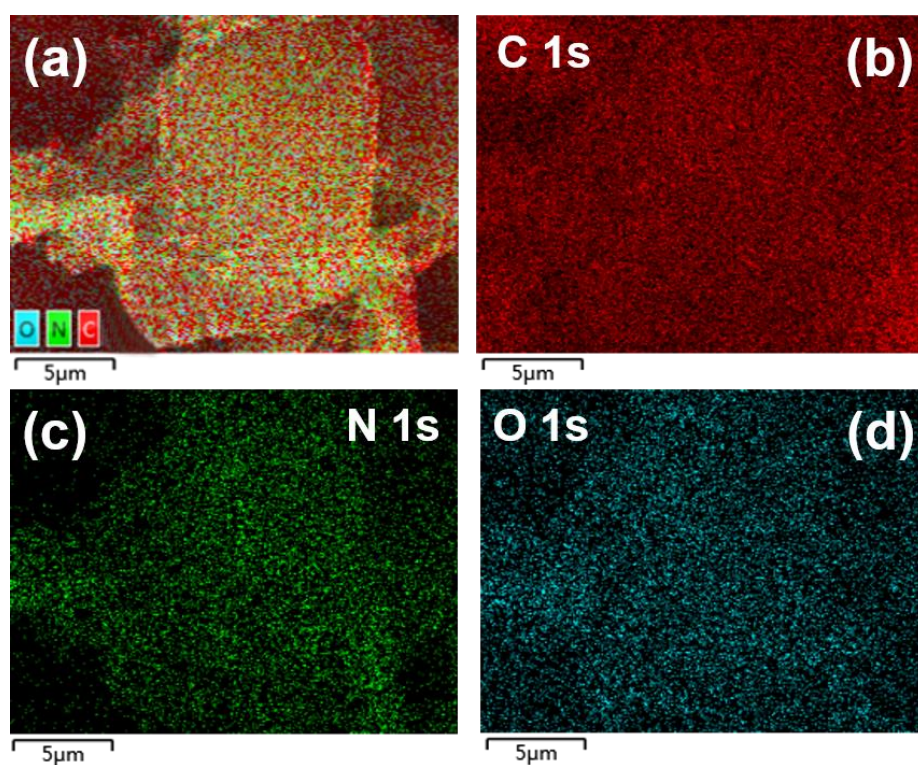


Fig. S6. Elemental mapping pattern of CN-air.

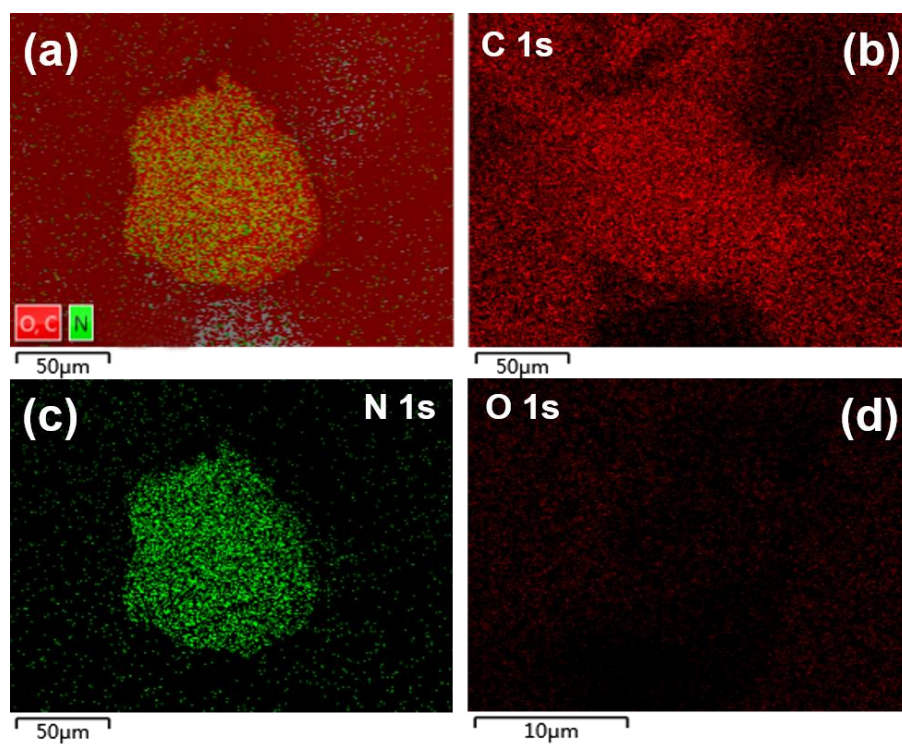


Fig. S7. The size distributions of pristine CN-4N.

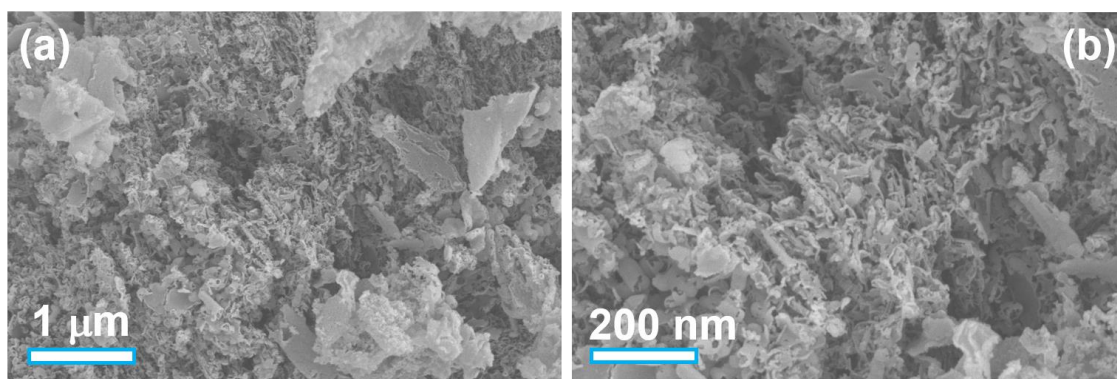


Fig. S8. SEM image of CN-4Ar.

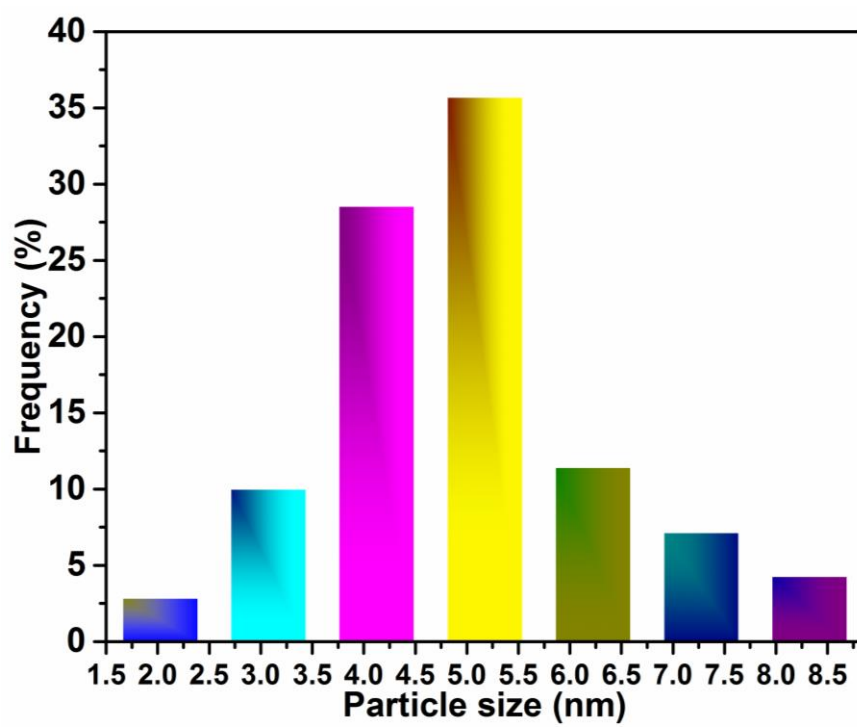


Fig. S9. The size distributions of pristine BQ.

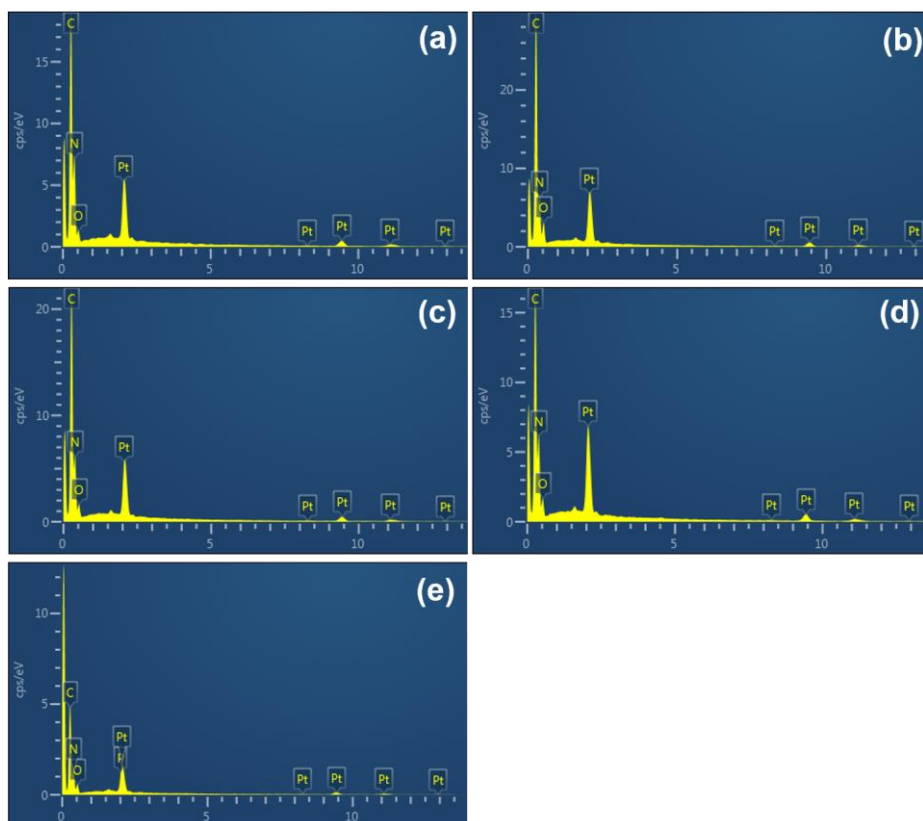


Fig. S10. EDS spectra of NCN, CN-air, CN-4Ar, CN-4N, and CN-4N(BQ), respectively.

Table S1 The C/N atomic ratio, oxygen atom, phosphorus atom, S_{BET} , and pore volume of as-obtained samples.

Sample	C/N atomic ratio	Oxygen atom (%)	Phosphorus atom (wt %)	S_{BET} (m^2/g)	Pore Volume
NCN	0.72	2.41	-	11.2	0.054
CN-4N	0.78	1.74	-	183.6	1.07
CN-4N(BQ)	0.75	2.84	1.16	178.1	1.13

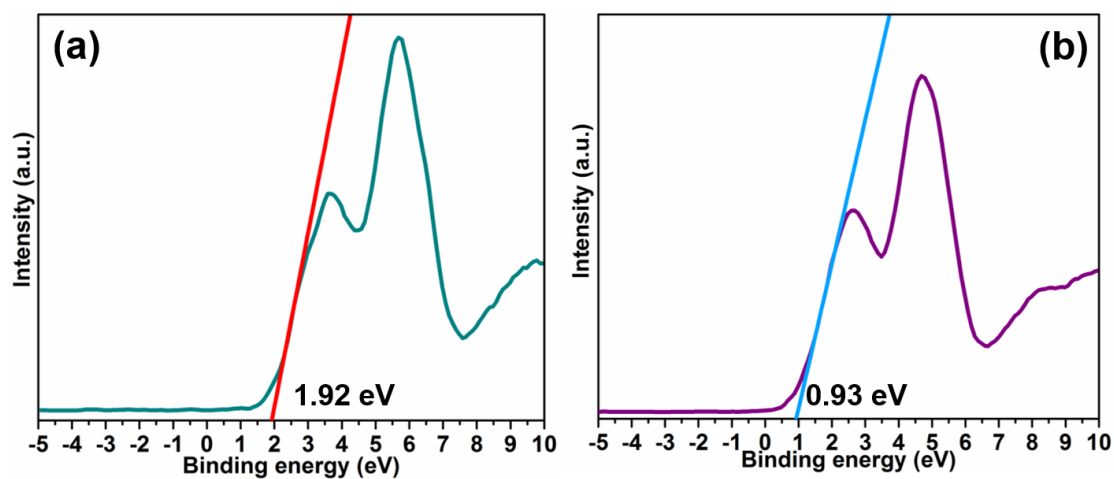


Fig. S11. The VB XPS of (a) CN-4N and (b) BQ.

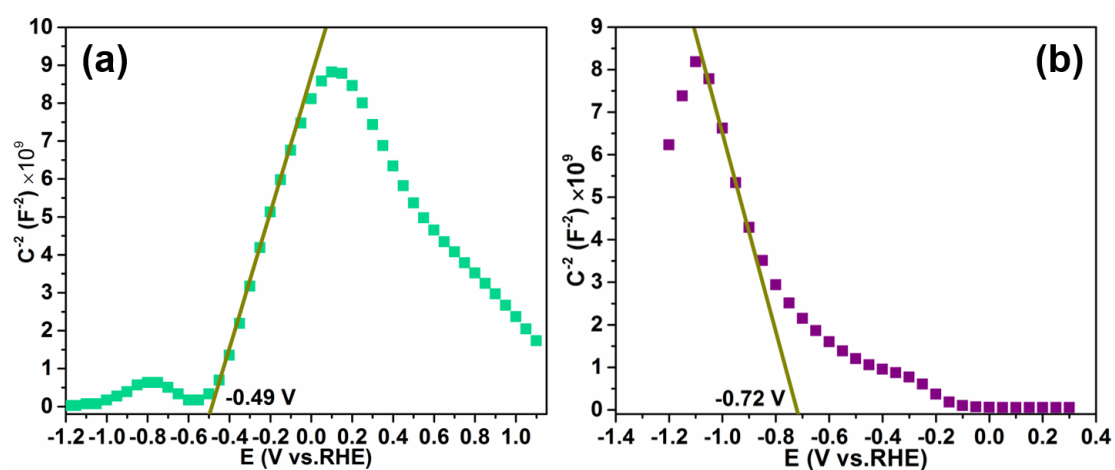


Fig. S12. Mott-Schottky plots for (a) CN-4N and (b) BQ electrodes.

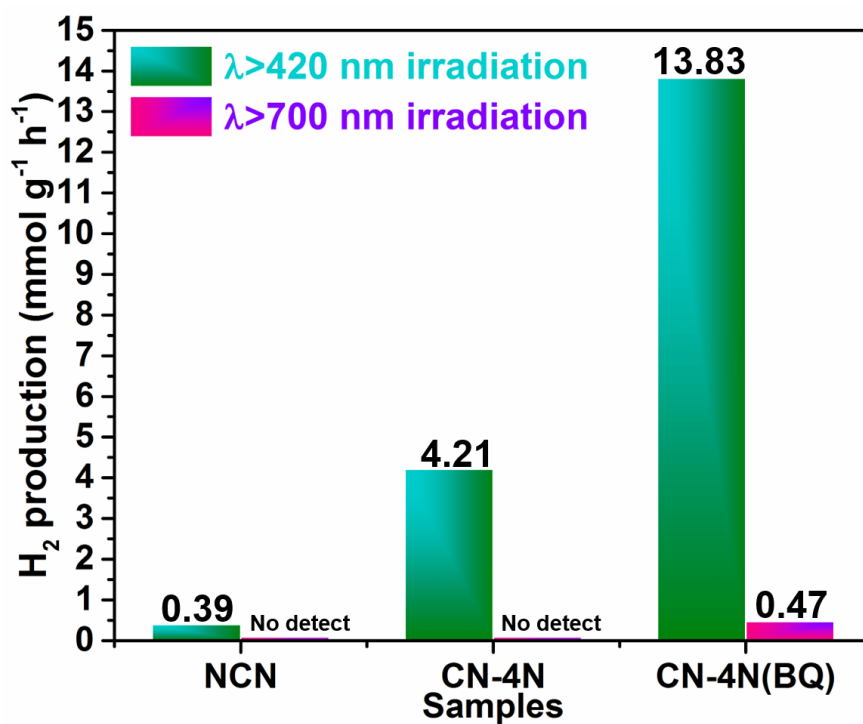


Fig. S13. Photocatalytic H₂ production from water on photocatalysts under $\lambda > 420$ nm and $\lambda > 700$ nm irradiation.

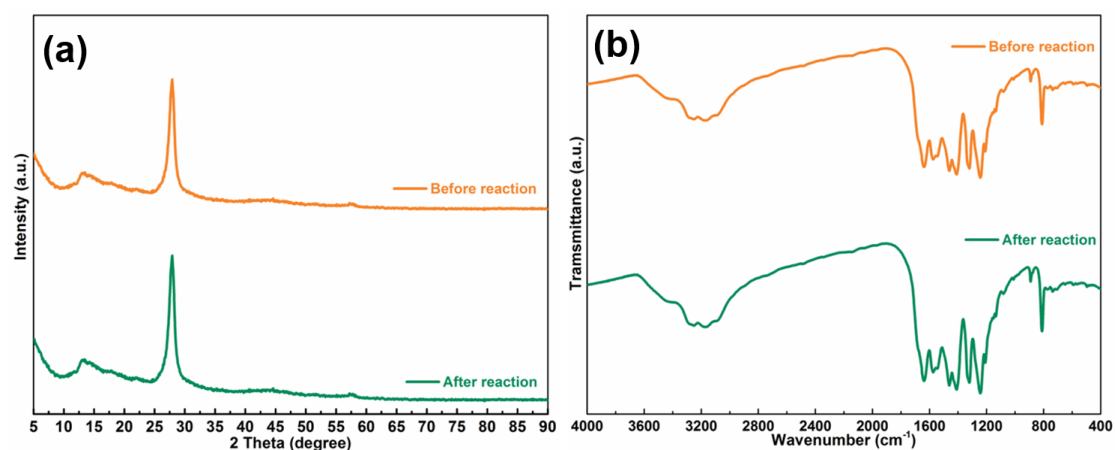


Fig. S14. XRD patterns (a) and FTIR spectra (b) of CN-4N(BQ) composite before and after the stability test.

Table S2 The comparison of photocatalytic H₂ production activity among some representative g-C₃N₄ photocatalysts reported in the literatures over recent years and *this work*.

Photocatalyst	H ₂ evolution rate (μmol h ⁻¹ g ⁻¹)	Light source (nm)	Sacrificial agent (vol %)	Enhancement factors vs. bulk
CeO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S1}	73.12	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	20% lactic acid; 0.5 wt% Pt cocatalyst	1.5
Ni ₂ P@BP/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S2}	852.2	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	10 vol% of TEOA	50
WO ₃ /g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S3}	12.3	250 W iron doped metal halide lamp λ ≥ 420	No added	No offered
Nano-InVO ₄ /g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S4}	212	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	20% methanol; 0.5 wt% Pt cocatalyst	No offered
CaIn ₂ S ₄ /g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S5}	102	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	0.5 M Na ₂ S and 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₃ 0.5 wt% Pt cocatalyst	3
BP/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S6}	427	320W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	25% methanol	No offered
carbon-doped TiO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S7}	5728	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	10 % TEOA 8% Pt cocatalyst	2.31
Ni ₂ P/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S8}	474.7	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	10% TEOA	No offered
Ca ₂ Nb ₂ TaO ₁₀ /g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S9}	870.8	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 400	10% TEOA	2.8
Ta ₂ O ₅ /g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S10}	36.4	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	20% methanol 0.5 wt% Pt cocatalyst	4.2
BQ/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S11}	1900	200 W Xe lamp	10% methanol	3.45
Amorphous carbon/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S12}	212.8	350W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	15% TEOA 1 wt% Pt cocatalyst	10
Organic carbon nanotubes/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S13}	166.7	150W Xe lamp λ ≥ 300	10% TEOA 1.5 wt% Pt cocatalyst	5
Ni ₃ N/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S14}	169	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	10% TEOA	No offered
BQ/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S15}	271	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	10% methanol	5.65
Ni ₃ C/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S16}	303.6	350W Xe lamp λ ≥ 420	17.6% TEOA	116.8
CQD/g-C ₃ N ₄ nanotubes ^{S17}	3538.3	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 400	33.3% methanol 3 wt% Pt cocatalyst	2.5
Ni ₂ P/g-C ₃ N ₄ ^{S18}	8400	300W Xe lamp λ ≥ 400	10% TEOA	25.4
0D Black phosphorus /3D reticulated carbon Nitride (This work)	13830	300W λ ≥ 420	10% TEOA 2 wt% Pt cocatalyst	35.4

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