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Synergistic Effect of Noble Metal free Ni(OH)₂ co-catalyst and Ternary ZnIn₂S₄/g-C₃N₄ Heterojunction for Enhanced Visible Light Photocatalytic Hydrogen Evolution

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Photocatalyst	Nomenclature
g-C ₃ N ₄	CN
ZnIn ₂ S ₄	ZIS
2.5 % g-C ₃ N ₄ -ZnIn ₂ S ₄	2.5CNZ
5 % g-C ₃ N ₄ -ZnIn ₂ S ₄	5 CNZ
10 % g-C ₃ N ₄ -ZnIn ₂ S ₄	10 CNZ
20 % g-C ₃ N ₄ -ZnIn ₂ S ₄	20 CNZ
5 % g-C ₃ N ₄ -ZnIn ₂ S ₄ -Ni _x	5CNZ-Ni _{0.5}
X= 0.5, 1.0, 2.0)	5CNZ-Ni _{1.0}
	5CNZ-Ni _{2.0}
g-C ₃ N ₄ -Ni _{1.0}	CN-Ni _{1.0}
ZnIn ₂ S ₄ -Ni _{1.0}	ZIS-Ni _{1.0}

Table S1: Nomenclature of the photocatalysts used in the present study.



Figure S1. XRD pattern of CN, ZIS and its composites with different wt% of Ni deposition.



Figure S2. FTIR spectra of CN, ZIS and its composites with different wt% of Ni deposition.



Figure S3. DR UV-Vis spectra of CN, ZIS and its composites.



Figure S4. N_2 sorption isotherms of CN, ZIS, 5CNZ and 5CNZ-Ni_{1.0}.



Figure S5. H₂ evolution activity: (a) optimization of wt% of Ni, (b) synergistic effect of Ni and 5CNZ in comparison with pristine catalysts CN and ZIS.



Figure S6. XRD pattern of used and fresh catalyst (5CNZ-Ni_{1.0}).