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## **Support Information**

## Surface P-N bonds induced local spatial charge separation and enhanced photocatalytic hydrogen production in graphitic carbon nitride

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Fig. S1 The process for preparation of P-N bond modified g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> in the tube furnace.



Fig. S2 SEM images of (a)CN and (b) PCN-2



Fig. S3 P 2p spectra of PCN-2 after Ar<sup>+</sup> for 40s



Fig. S4 (a)Ball-and-stick model of monolayer from top and side views (a) g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>,
(b)P=O doped g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, (c)P-OH doped g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.



Fig. S5 (a) PDOS of monolayer  $g-C_3N_4$ , and band decomposed charge density of (b) VBM and (c) CBM of monolayer  $g-C_3N_4$ , respectively. The isovalue is 0.0007 au

Sample	N/P atomic ratio	Yield of post-calcination
PCN-1 (1:5-400-3h)	100:1	78%
PCN-2 (1:7.5-400-3h)	79:1	70%
PCN-3 (1:10-400-3h)	75:1	67%
PCN-4 (1:7.5-300-3h)	123:1	96%
PCN-5 (1:7.5-350-3h)	110:1	95%
PCN-6 (1:7.5-450-3h)	68:1	65%
PCN-7 (1:7.5-400-2h)	85:1	75%
PCN-8 (1:7.5-400-4h)	71:1	67%

Table S1 The surface N/P atomic ratio and yield of the PCN samples tested by XPS

Table S2 The performance comparison of the catalysts from the different references.

Catalyst	AQE at 420nm	Photocatalytic H <sub>2</sub> evolution Rate (µmol·h <sup>-1</sup> )	Amount of photocatalyst (mg)	Reference
Suface P-N bonds modified g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	8.96%	1.8mmol·h <sup>-1</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup>	30	This work
P -Doped C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> nanosheet	3.56%	1596µmol·h <sup>-1</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup>	50	1
P-doped g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> hexagonal microtubes	5.68%	670µmol·h <sup>-1</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup>	100	2
Carbon rich g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	4.52%	39.6 µmol·h <sup>-1</sup>	10	3
P and cyano groups modified g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	1.3%	77.9µmol·h <sup>-1</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup>	100	4
Surface hydroxylation modified g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	9.2%	$0.31 \text{ mmol}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$	50	5
Carbon-doped g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	6.8%	125.1µmol·h <sup>-1</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup>	20	6
non-metal group doping g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	7.45%	$\approx 1.3 \text{ mmol} \cdot h^{-1} \cdot g^{-1}$	100	7
P, Na Co-doping g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	-	$114.2 \mu mol \cdot h^{-1}$	50	8
Ammonia etching g- C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	-	317.6µmol·h <sup>-1</sup>	50	9
P-doped g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> nanotubes	-	303.97µmol·h <sup>-1</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup>	30	10

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