

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis of ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> particles derived from ZIF-67 for photocatalytic hydrogen production

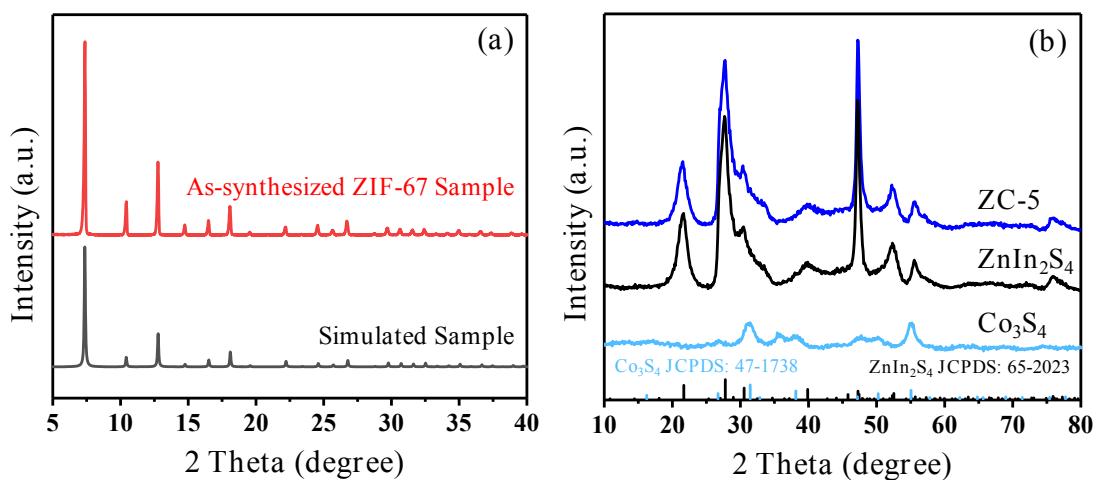
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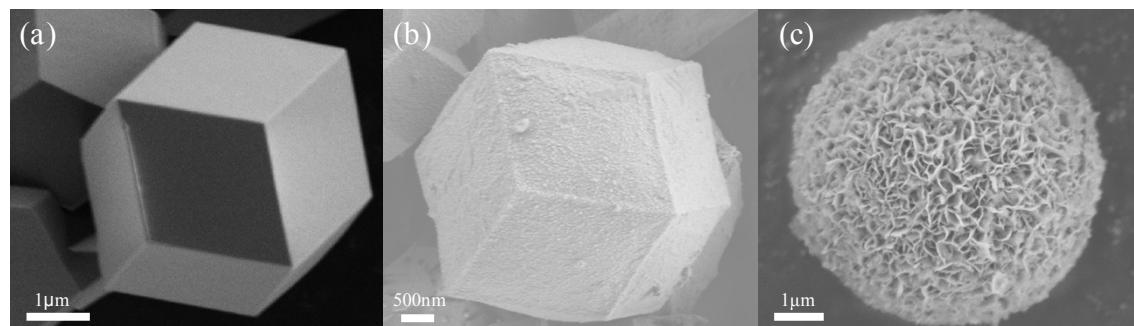
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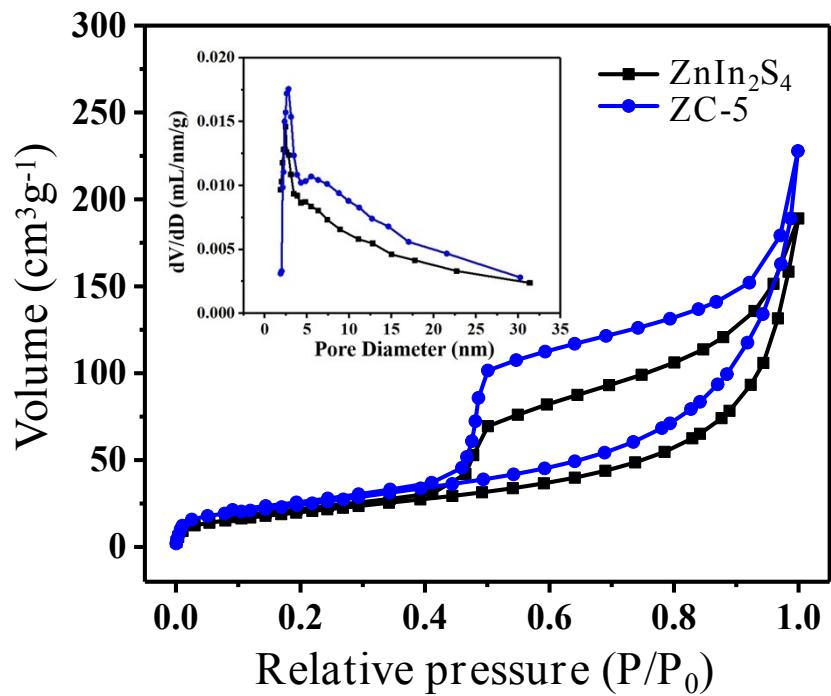
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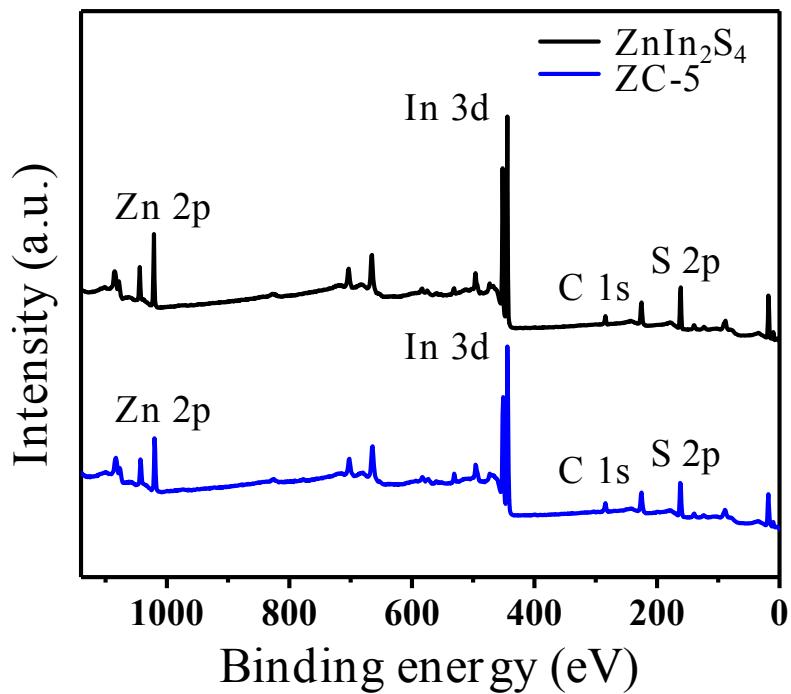
**Fig. S1** XRD patterns of samples ZIF-67 (a), ZC-5, ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (b).



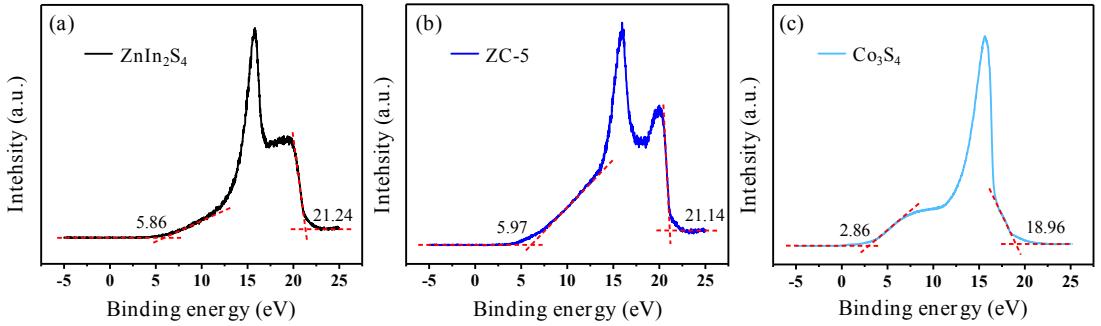
**Fig. S2** SEM images of prepared ZIF-67 (a), Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (b) and pure ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (c).



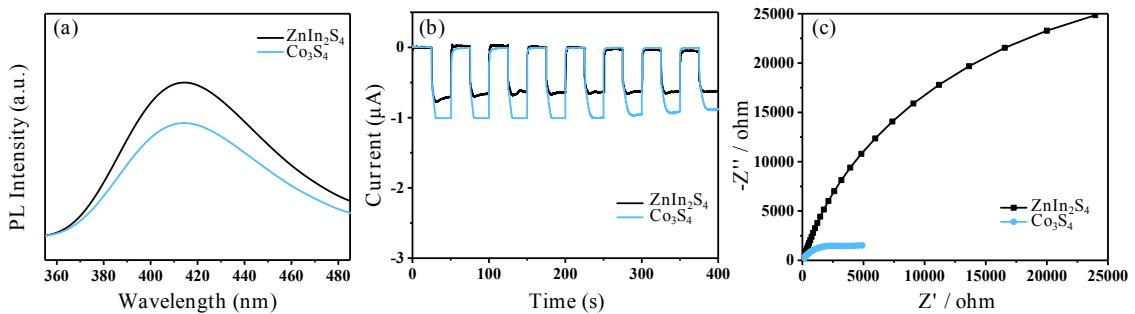
**Fig. S3** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of pure ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and ZC-5 composite. Inset: the corresponding BJH pore-size distribution plots calculated from the desorption branch.



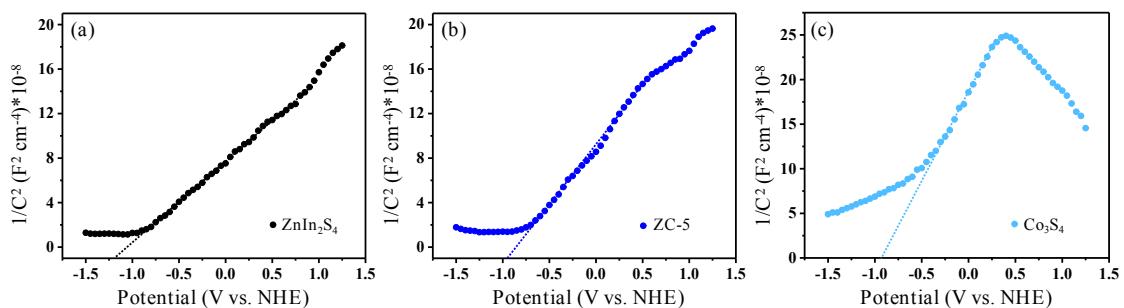
**Fig. S4** Wide-scan XPS spectra of pure ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and ZC-5.



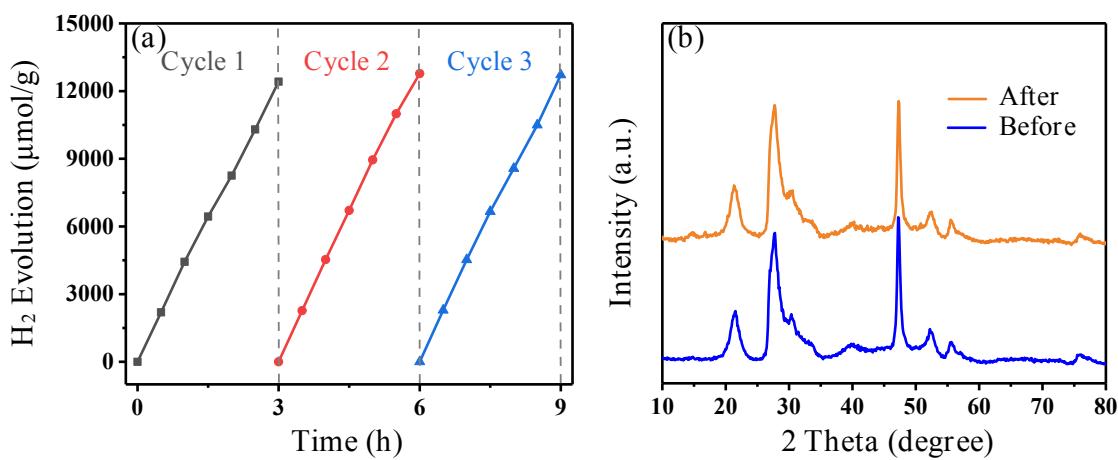
**Fig. S5** UPS spectra of pure ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (a), ZC-5 (b) and Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (c).



**Fig. S6** Photo-luminescence (PL) spectra of ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (a); Photocurrent-time curves of ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> under the irradiation of simulated sunlight (b); Nyquist impedance plots of EIS for ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (c).



**Fig. S7** Mott-Schottky plots for ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (a), ZC-5 (b) and Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (c) in 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution.



**Fig. S8** Photocatalytic hydrogen evolution over the ZC-5 photocatalyst for three cycles (a); The XRD patterns of ZC-5 before and after photocatalytic reaction (b).