

**Electronic Supplementary Information for**

**A photocatalyst foam for superior visible-light photocatalytic  
hydrogen evolution**

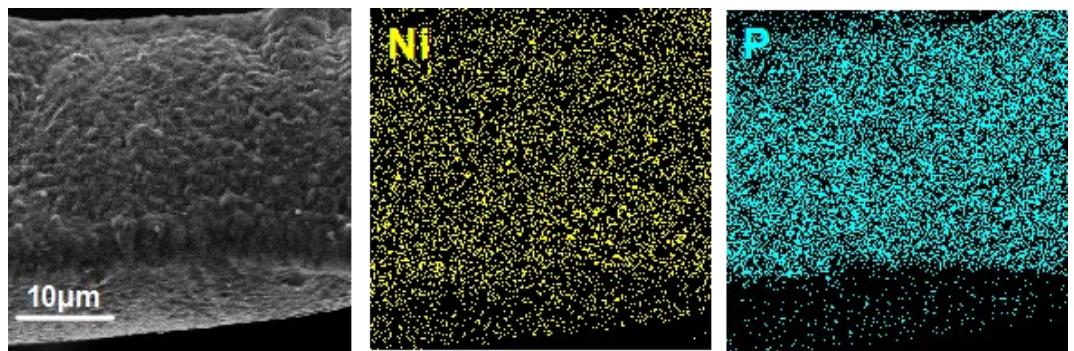
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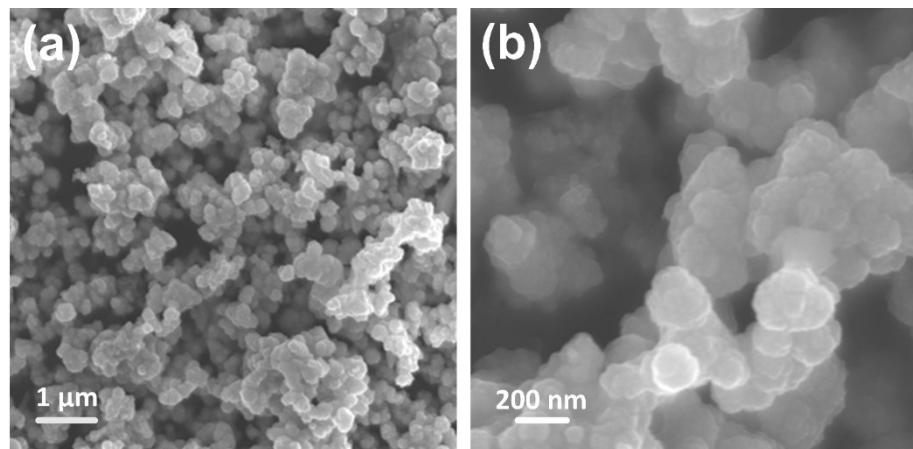
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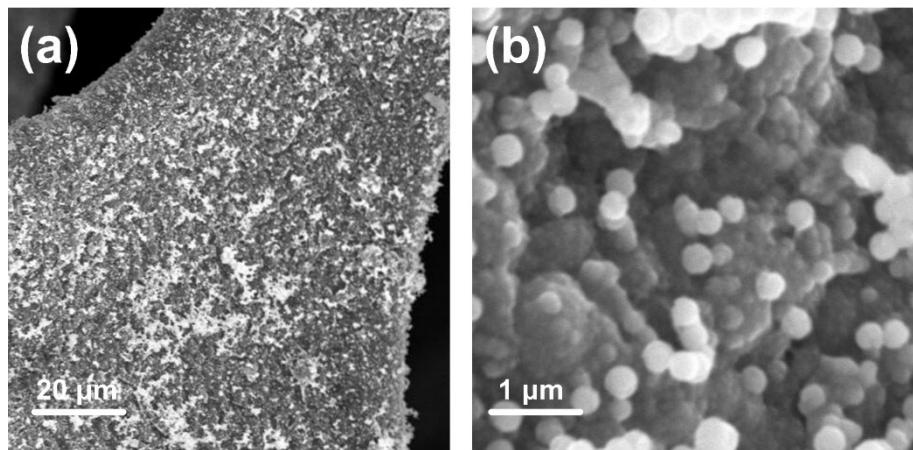
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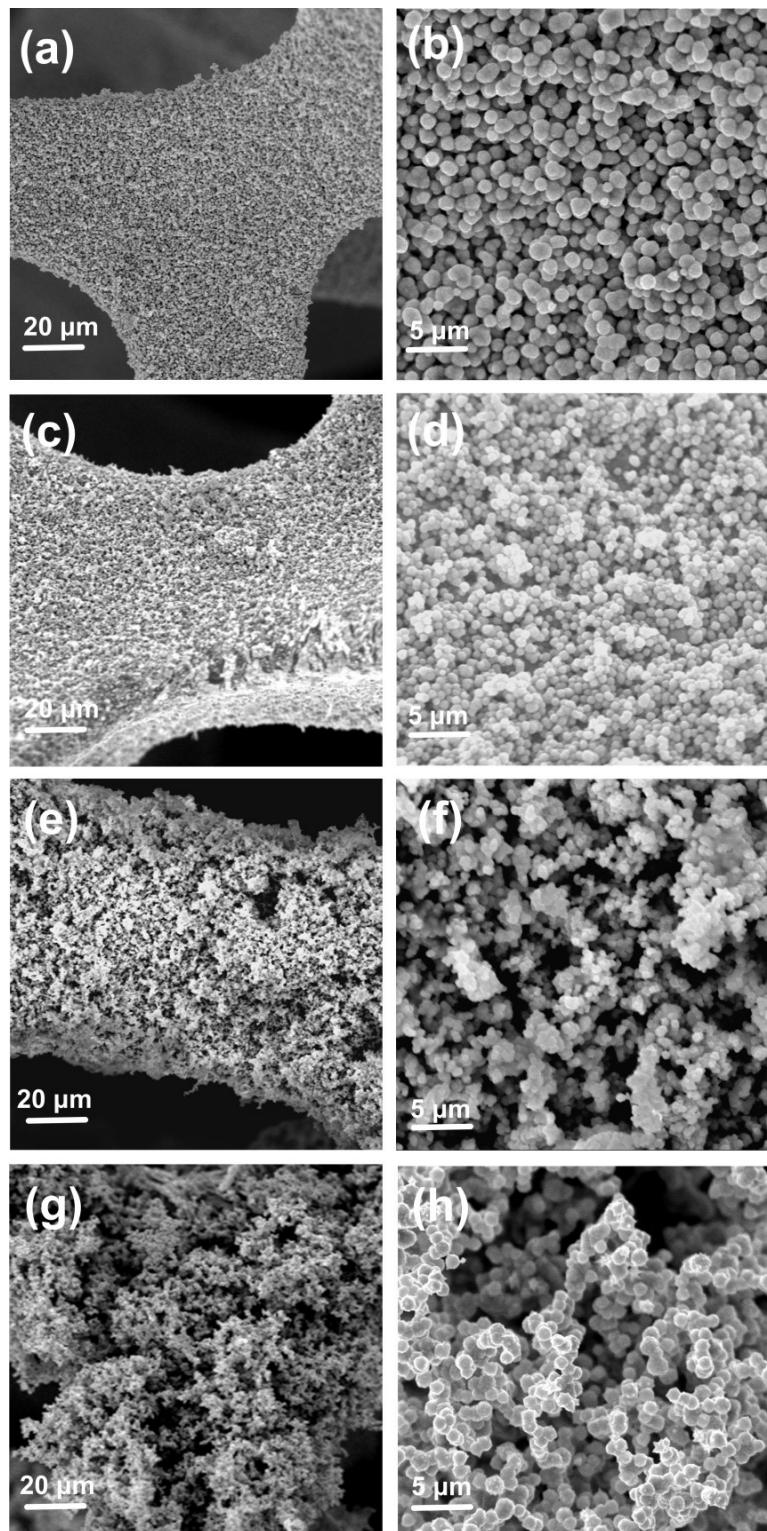
**Fig. S1** SEM image of the NF-P and the corresponding EDX elemental maps (Ni and P).



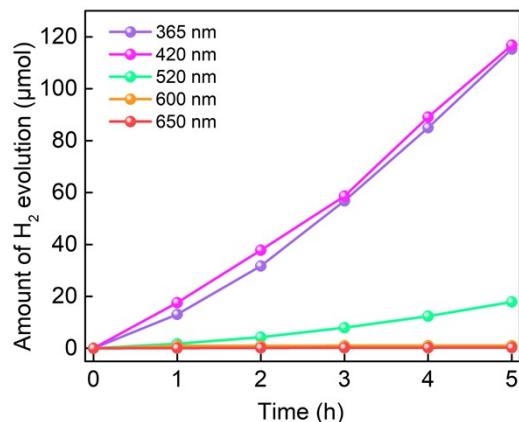
**Fig. S2** SEM images of the pristine CdS particles.



**Fig. S3** SEM images of the CdS/NF, where the CdS particles were directly grown on the surfaces of the pristine NF.



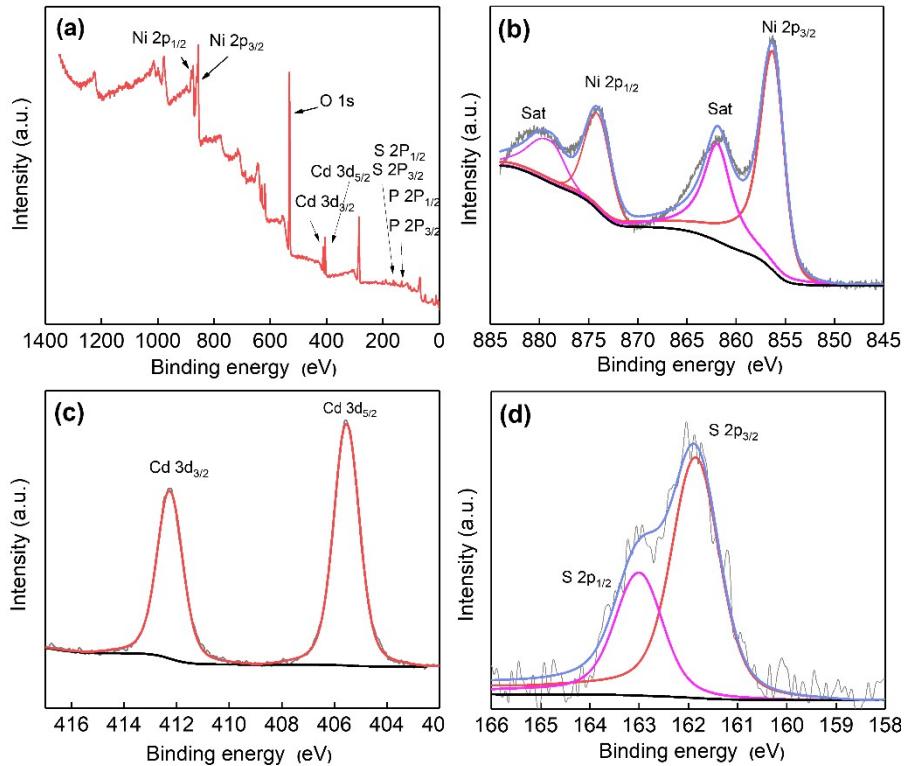
**Fig. S4** SEM images of CdS/NF-P-0.1 (a, b), CdS/NF-P-0.15 (c, d), CdS/NF-P-0.2 (e, f) and CdS/NF-P-0.3 (g, h).



**Fig. S5** Time courses of photocatalytic H<sub>2</sub> evolution on CdS/NF-P-0.25 under light irradiation of different wavelengths.

**Table S1** Comparison of catalytic H<sub>2</sub> evolution activity of CdS/NF-P photocatalyst foam with different CdS-based photocatalysts in semiconductor-based photocatalytic H<sub>2</sub> evolution systems.

Photocatalyst	Reaction conditions	Light source	H <sub>2</sub> evolution rate (mmol h <sup>-1</sup> g <sub>catalyst</sub> <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
CS/CdS	0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> S and 0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	3.88	1
CdS <sub>0.5</sub> Se <sub>0.5</sub> -DETA	Lactic acid (10 vol.%)	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	8.11	2
MoS <sub>2</sub> /CdS	Lactic acid (10 vol.%)	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	5.24	3
Black TiO <sub>2</sub> /CdS	0.35 M Na <sub>2</sub> S and 0.25 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	6	4
Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CdS	Lactic acid (10 vol.%)	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	1.18	5
ZnO/CdS/MoS <sub>2</sub>	0.35 M Na <sub>2</sub> S and 0.25 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	10.24	6
Mo <sub>2</sub> C/CdS	0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> S and 0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	1.6	7
SiC/CdS	1M Na <sub>2</sub> S and 1M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	0.6	8
Pt/CdS	Lactic acid (10 vol.%)	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	24.15	9
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> /CdS	Lactic acid (25 vol.%)	300W Xe lamp (>420 nm)	11.3	10
CdS/NF-P	Lactic acid (10 vol.%)	10W LED (380nm≤λ≤780 nm)	4.82	This work



**Fig. S6** (a) XPS survey spectrum and (b) Ni 2p, (c) Cd 3d, and (d) S 2p XPS spectra of the CdS/NF-P after 35 h of photocatalytic HER.

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