

Supporting Information

Metallic WN Plasmonic Fabricated g-C₃N₄ Significantly Steered Photocatalytic Hydrogen Evolution under Visible and Near-Infrared Light

Warisha Tahir,^a Sami Ullah,^b Ikram Ullah,^a Jing-Han Li,^a Cong Ling,^a Xiao-Jie Lu,^a
Xiao-Jun Qian,^c Gang Wang,^{c*} Yueyin Pan,^{c*} and An-Wu Xu^{a*}

Table S1. Comparison of photocatalytic hydrogen evolution rate with previous literature.

Material	Synthetic Method	Co-Catalyst	H ₂ (μmol h ⁻¹)	Ref.
g-C ₃ N ₄ -TiO ₂	Photodeposition, Hydrothermal	TEOA/3 wt% Pt	79.28	[1]
O-g-C ₃ N ₄ -TiO ₂	Photo-deposition, Hydrothermal	TEOA/3 wt% Pt	29.35	[2]
g-C ₃ N ₄ -TiO ₂	Electro-spinning, Heat treatment	TEOA/1wt% Au, Ag or Pt	1.50	[3]
g-C ₃ N ₄ -NPBIm	Hydrothermal	TEOA/1 wt% Pt	46.97	[4]
g-C ₃ N ₄ -CoO	Hydrothermal	TEOA/3 wt% Pt	65.35	[5]
g-C ₃ N ₄ - CoFe ₂ O ₃	Hydrothermal	TEOA/1wt% Pt	18.61	[6]
g-C₃N₄-WN	Hydrothermal	TEOA/1 wt% Pt	72.15	Our work

Table S1. Fitting parameters of EIS results

Samples	R _s	R _{ct}
g-C ₃ N ₄ nanosheets	23.2	1492
WN/CN-1 photocatalyst	14.8	834

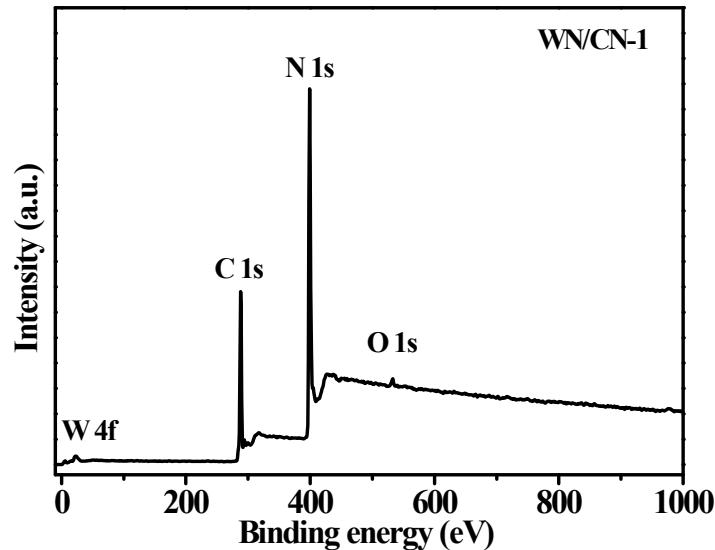


Figure S1. XPS spectrum of WN/CN-1 photocatalyst.

Figure S2. XPS-VBM of WN NPs.

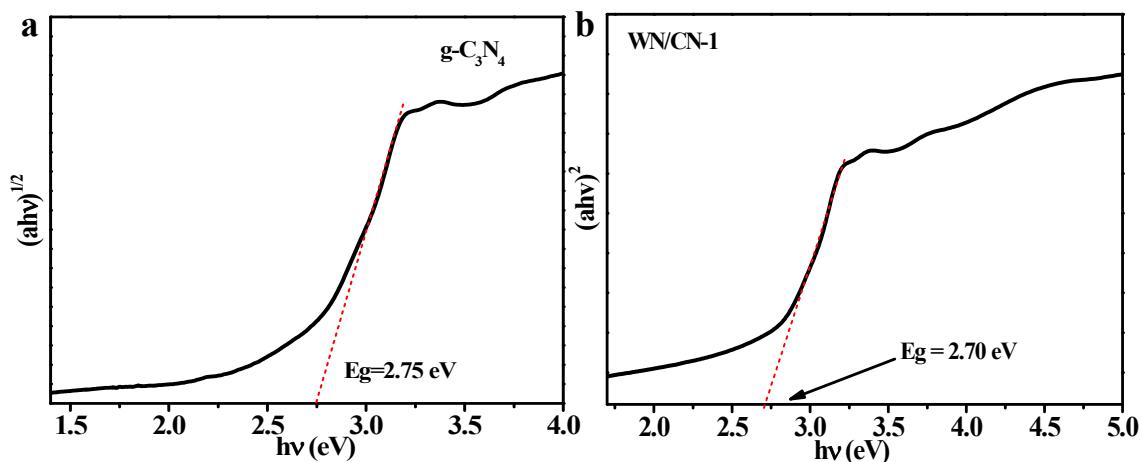


Figure S3. The Kubelka-Munk energy band gap graph of $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ (a) and WN/CN-1

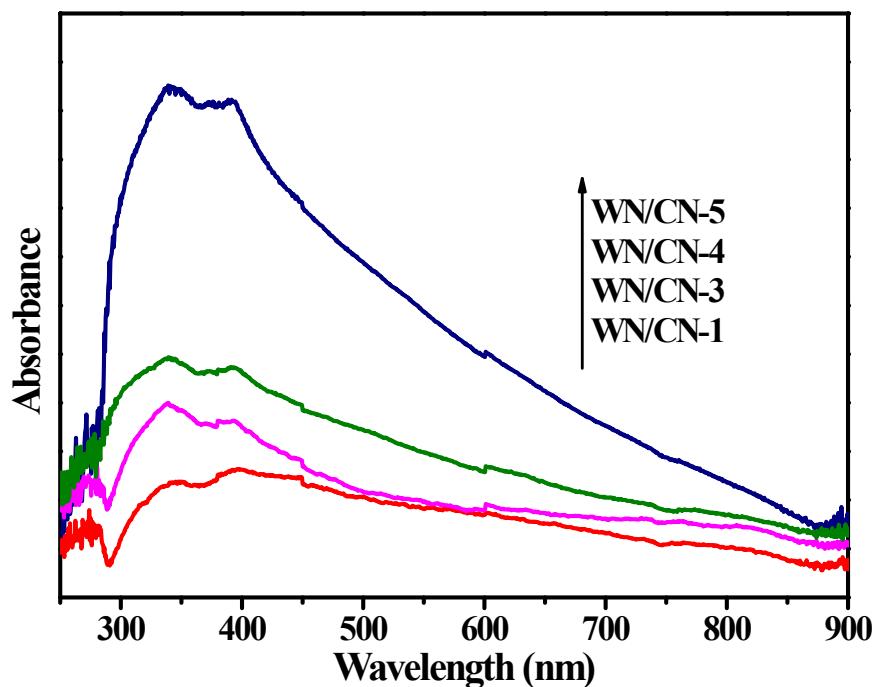


Figure S4. UV-vis absorption spectra of WN/CN-x composites with different weight contents of WN NPs in aqueous solution.

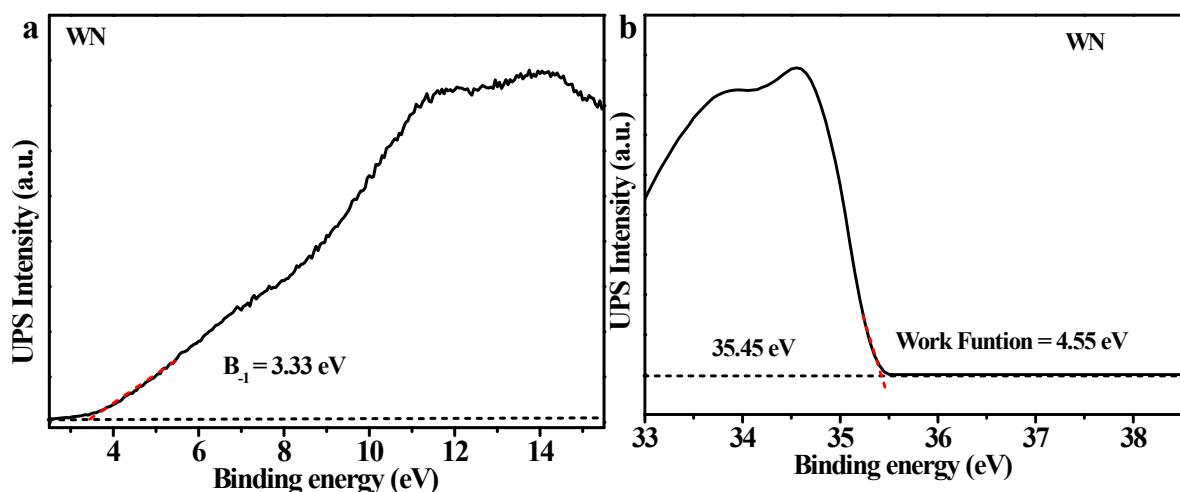


Figure S5. UPS spectrum of WN NPs.

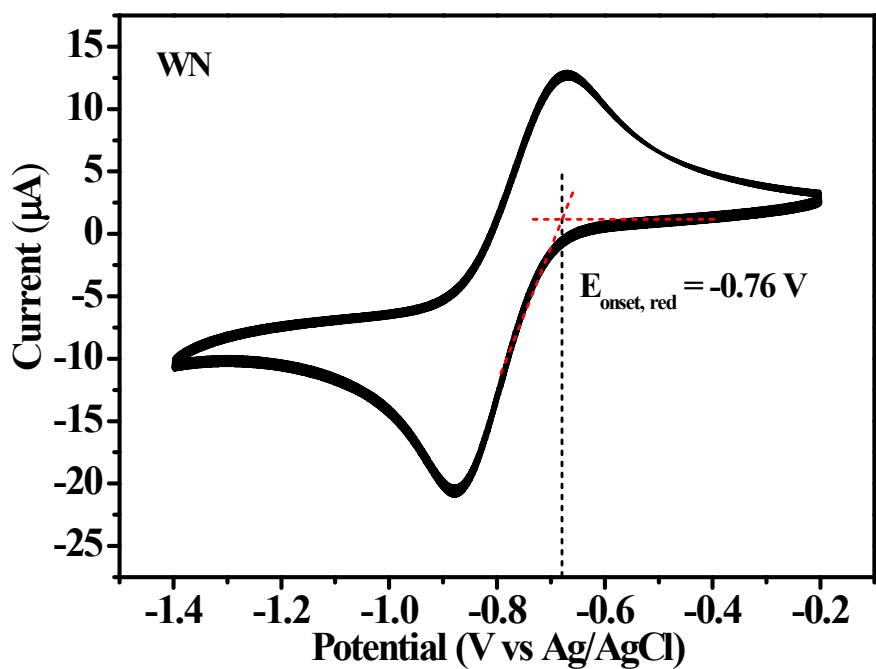


Figure S6. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements of WN NPs.(b).

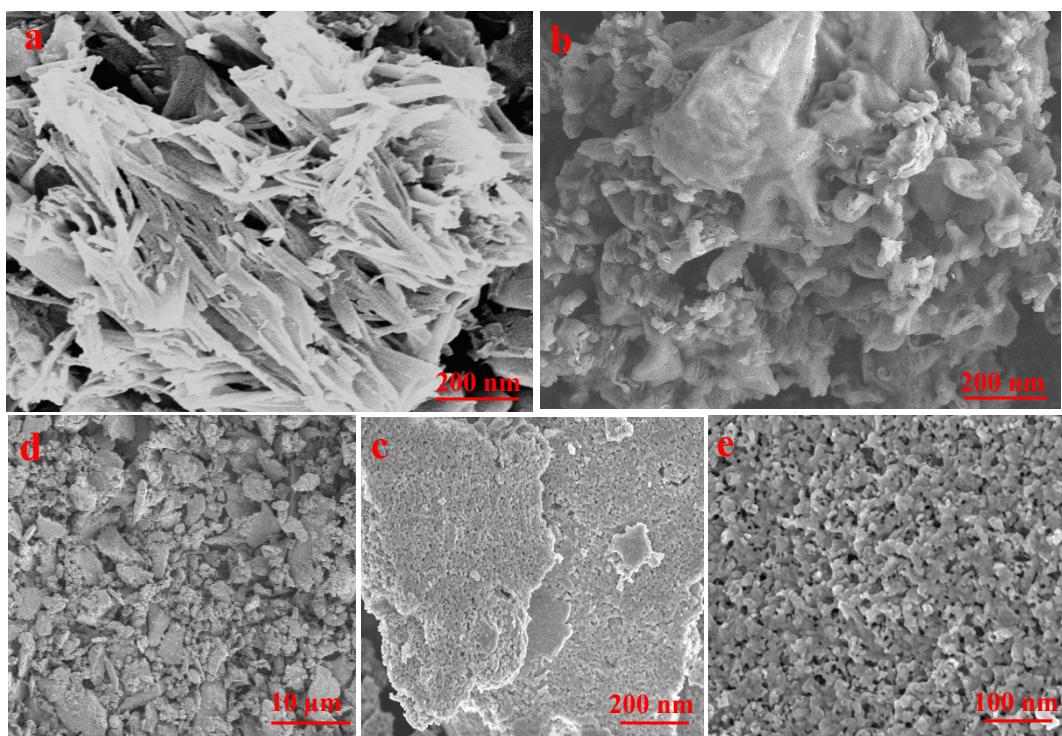


Figure S7. SEM images of $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ (a), WN/CN-1(b) and WN NPs (c-e).

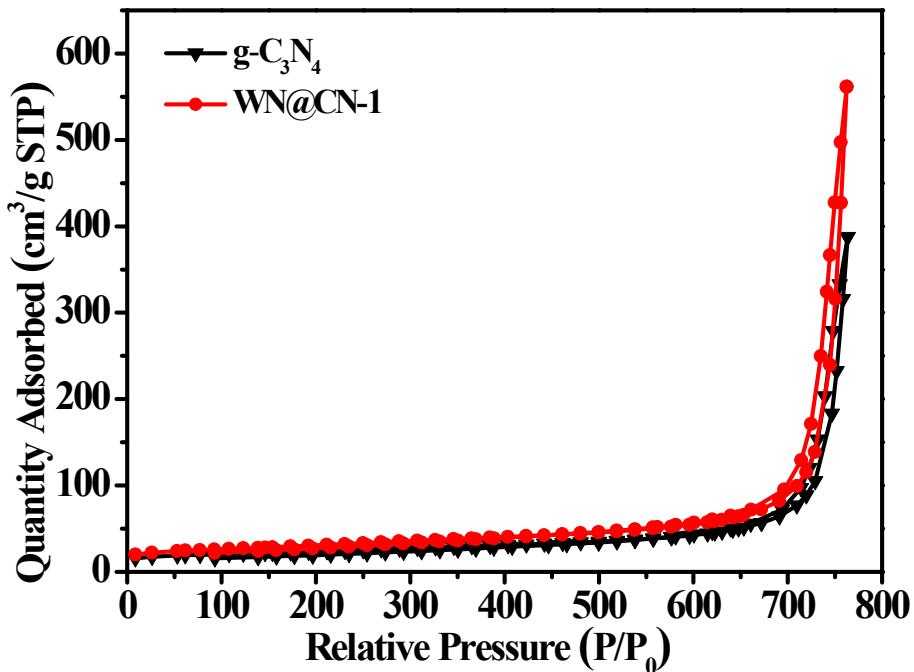


Figure S8. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ and WN/CN-1.

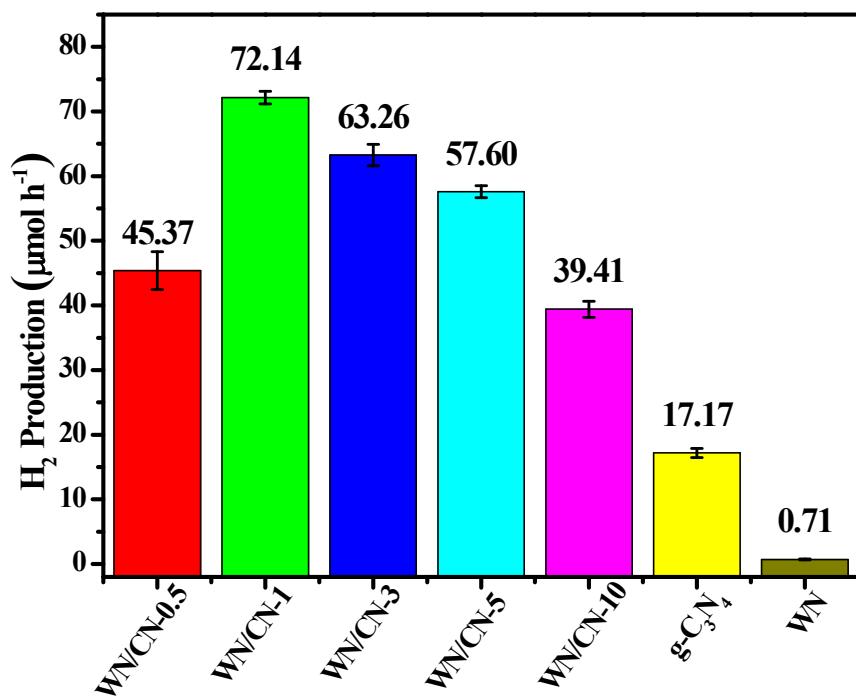


Figure S9. H_2 evolution comparison of a series of WN/CN-x samples with different contents of WN NPs and $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ under visible region.

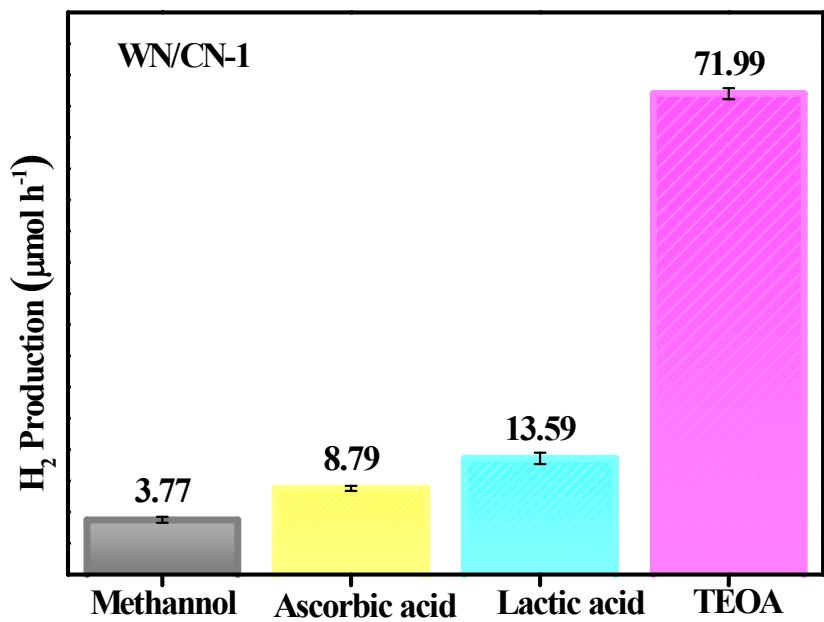


Figure S10. H₂ evolution comparison of a series of WN/CN-x samples with different sacrificial agents.

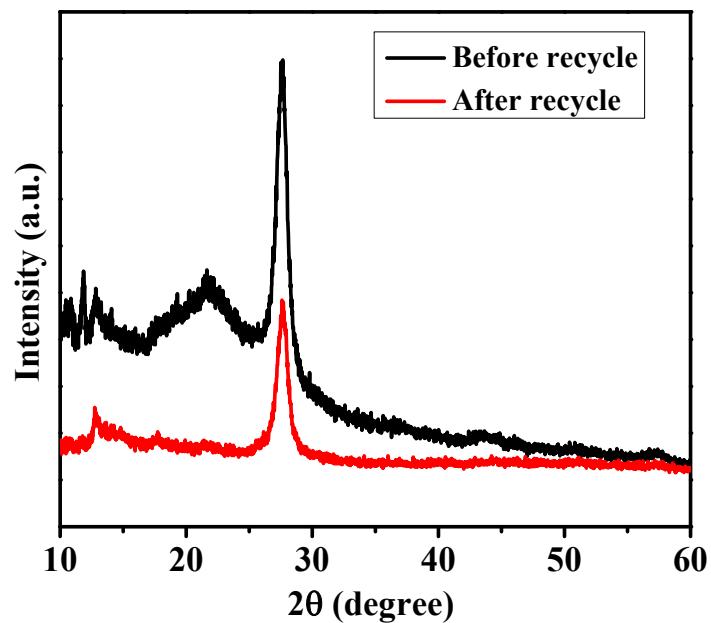


Figure S11. XRD spectra of WN/CN-1 composite before and after the photocatalytic experiment.

REFERENCES

1. M. A. Alcudia-Ramos, M. A. Fuentez-Torres, F. Ortiz-Chi, C. G. Espinosa-González, N. Hernández-Como, D. S. García-Zaleta, M. K. Kesarla, J. G. Torres-Torres, V. Collins-Martínez, S. Godavarthi, *Ceram. Int.*, 2020, **46**, 38-45.
 2. R. Zhong, Z. Zhang, H. Yi, L. Zeng, C. Tang, L. Huang, M. Gu, *Appl. Catal. B: Environ.*, 2018, **237**, 1130-1138.
 3. X. Wei, C. Shao, X. Li, N. Lu, K. Wang, Z. Zhang, Y. Liu, *Nanoscale*, 2016, **8**, 11034.
 4. M. Kombo, H.-B. Chong, L.-B. Ma, S. Sahar, X.-X. Fang, T. Zhao, C. Ling, X.-J. Lu, A.-W. Xu, *ACS Appl. Nano Mater.*, 2020, **3**, 10659-10667.
 5. Z. Mao, J. Chen, Y. Yang, D. Wang, L. Bie, B. D. Fahlman, *ACS Appl. Mater. Inter.*, 2017, **9**, 12427-12435.
- J. Chen, D. Zhao, Z. Diao, M. Wang, S. Shen, *Sci. Bull.*, 2016, **61**, 292-301.