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Supporting Information

Controlled Synthesis of 2D-2D Conductive Metal-Organic Frameworks/g-C₃N₄ Heterojunctions for Efficient Photocatalytic Hydrogen Evolution

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1. Experimental details

1.1 Photoelectrochemical and electrochemical measurements

The Mott-Schottky plot (M-S), transient photocurrent spectra (I-T) and electrochemical impedance spectra (EIS) were recorded on the CHI660E electrochemical workstation with a standard three-electrode system with the photocatalyst-coated ITO as the working electrode, Pt plate as the counter electrode, and a saturated calomel electrode as a reference electrode. The test samples (2 mg) were added to 1ml ethanol and 10 μ L Nation, and then sonicated for a while. The working electrodes were prepared by dropping the suspension (200 μ L) onto an ITO glass substrate electrode surface and dried at room temperature. The electrochemical test process selects 0.25 M Na_2SO_4 solution as the electrolyte solution and A 300 W Xenon lamp with a 420 nm cut-off filter as the light source.

1.2 Photocatalytic performance measurements

A sealed system that is composed of a quartz tube and a sealed system was charged with Ni-CAT-1/g- C_3N_4 nanosheet (10 mg), 100 μ L H_2PtCl_6 solution (3 wt%) as a co-catalyst, 100 mg of sodium ascorbate (SA) as the holes sacrificial agent and 50 mL PBS buffer solution and then mixture was sonicated for 5 min. The whole photocatalytic test is controlled at 10°C and irradiated with a 300 W Xe lamp (>420 nm) to achieve photocatalytic hydrogen production. The hydrogen evolution is detected by a gas chromatograph (GC7920, thermal conductivity detector (TCD), Ar carrier gas).

2. Supplementary Figures and Tables

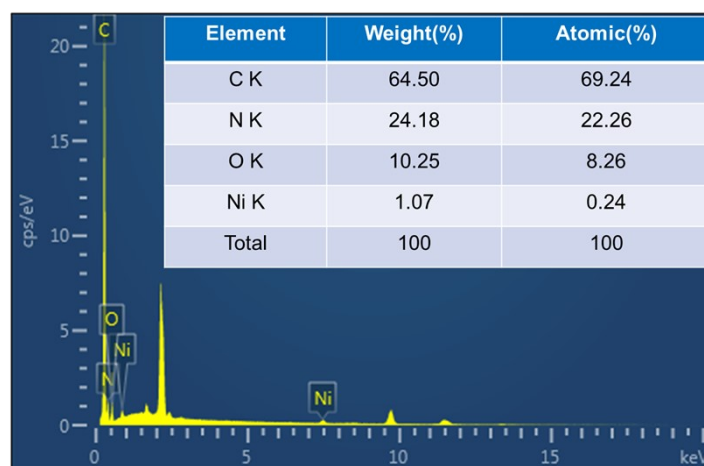


Figure S1 EDS spectra and element content of Ni-CAT-1/g- C_3N_4 composites.

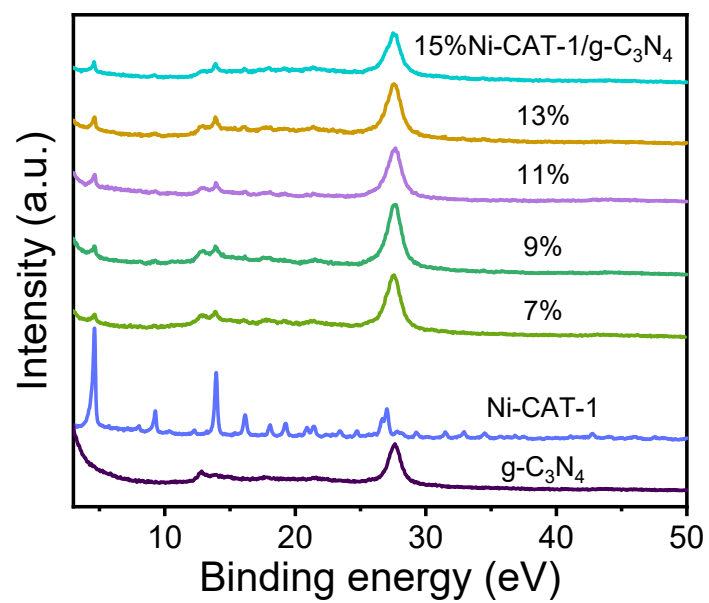


Figure S2 The XRD patterns of a series of Ni-CAT-1/g-C₃N₄ composites.

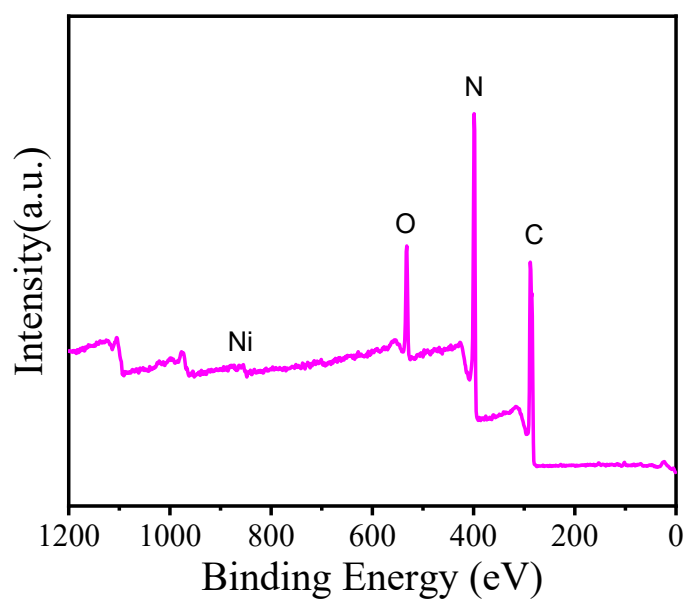


Figure S3 XPS survey spectrum of Ni-CAT-1/g-C₃N₄ composites.

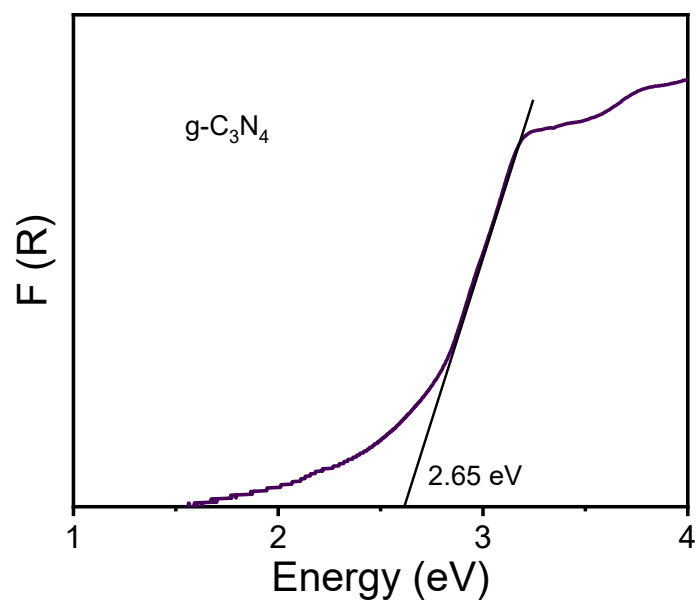


Figure S4 Tauc plots of g-C₃N₄.

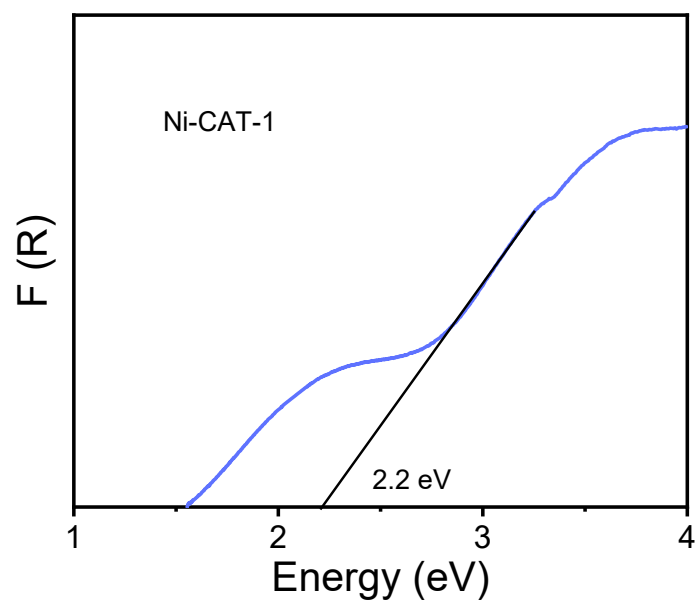


Figure S5 Tauc's plots of Ni-CAT-1.

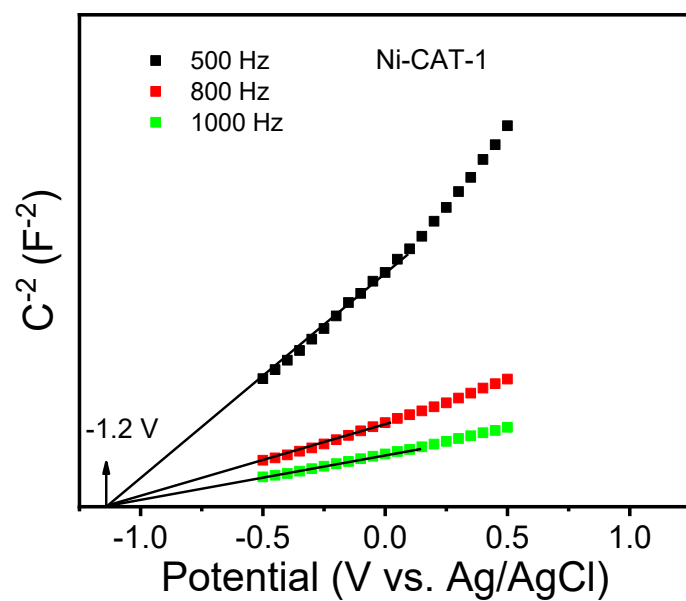


Figure S6 Mott-Schottky plot of Ni-CAT-1.

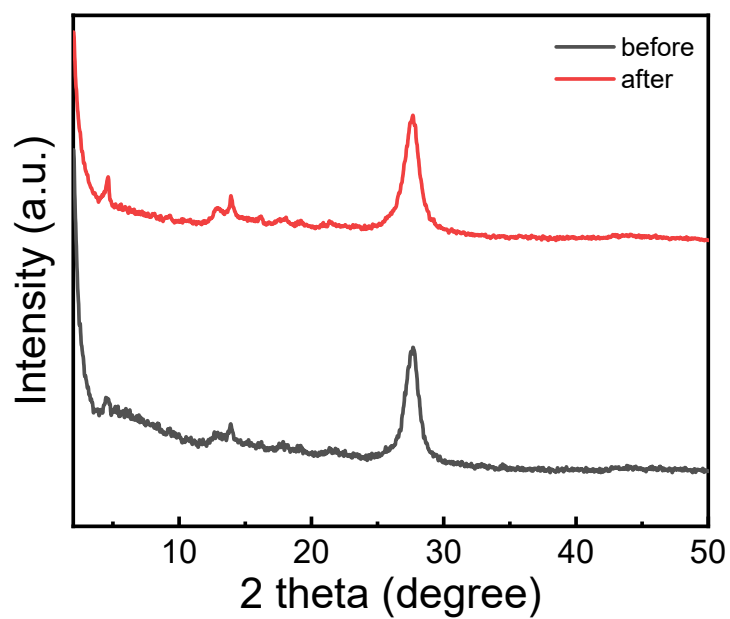


Figure S7 PXRD patterns of Ni-CAT-1/g-C₃N₄ composites before and after photocatalysis.

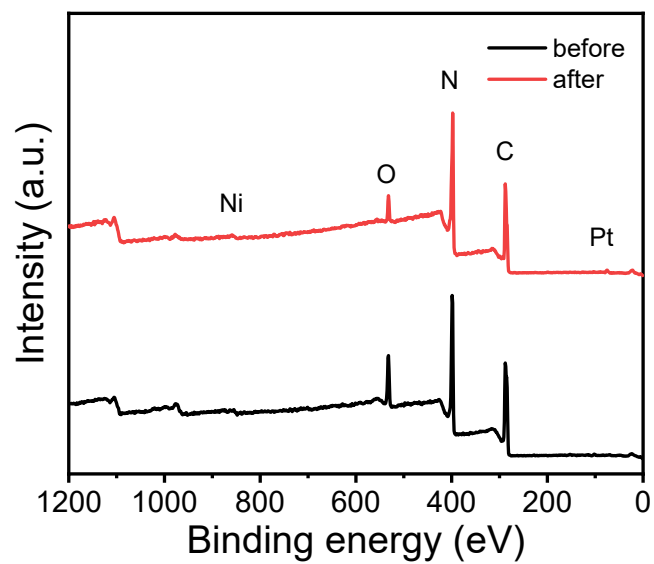


Figure S8 XPS survey spectrum of Ni-CAT-1/g-C₃N₄ composites before and after photocatalysis.

Table S1 Comparison of Photocatalytic Hydrogen Evolution Performance with Literature Reports

Catalyst	Sacrificial agent	Co-catalyst	Light source	HER (mmol g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹)	Refs
PAN/g-C ₃ N ₄	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ > 400 nm)	0.37	1
g-C ₃ N ₄ /PDI	AA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	1.65	2
5N-PTEtOH/g-C ₃ N ₄	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	2.424	3
PCzF/g-C ₃ N ₄	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	0.628	4
C ₃ N ₄ -PEDOT	TEA	Pt	high energy Xe lamp (λ > 400 nm)	0.327	5
1NP-3Mg-CN	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	1.496	6
BP/A-CN	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	0.86	7
Zr-MOF/g-C ₃ N ₄	AA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	1.252	8
TAPT/CN	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	1.98	9
CCN	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 400 nm)	1.224	10
UCNs	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 400 nm)	2.59	11
W ₁₈ O ₄₉ /g-C ₃ N ₄	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	0.912	12
5PPFBT/CN-OH	TEOA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	2.662	13
Ni-CAT-1/g-C ₃ N ₄	SA	Pt	300 W Xe lamp (λ ≥ 420 nm)	2.76	This work

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