

ZnO/Al₂O₃/CuO Ternary Composites: A Bandgap-Engineered Solution for High-Efficiency Photocatalytic Hydrogen Generation

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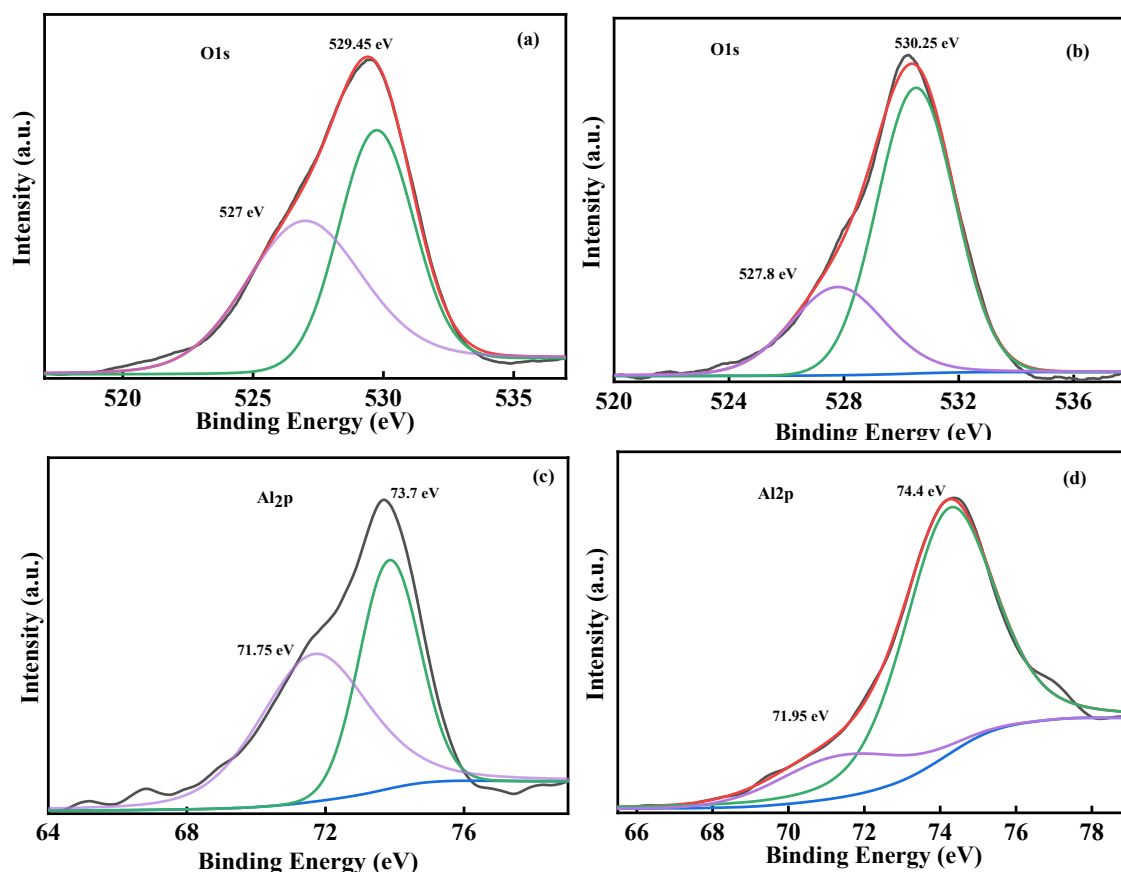
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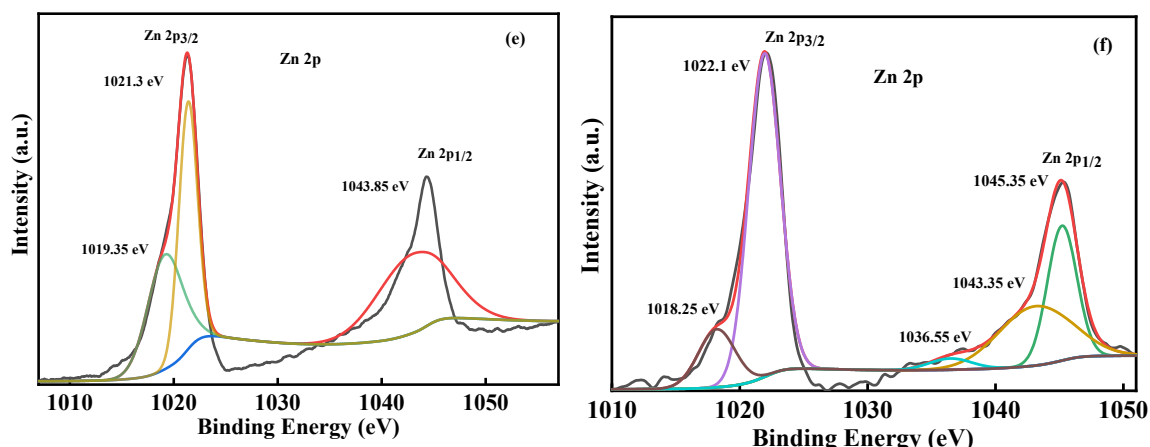


Figure S1. High-resolution XPS spectra of the core levels for (a) O 1s of ZnO/Al₂O₃/CuO, (b) O 1s of ZnO/Al₂O₃, (c) Al 2p of ZnO/Al₂O₃/CuO, (d) Al 2p of ZnO/Al₂O₃, (e) Zn 2p of ZnO/Al₂O₃/CuO, and (f) Zn 2p of ZnO/Al₂O₃ nanocomposites.

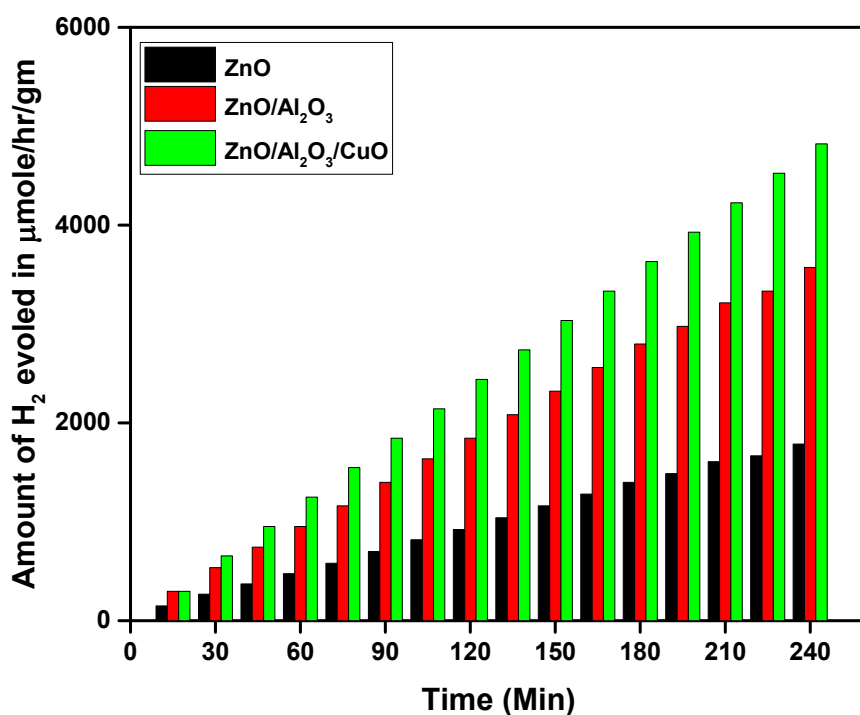


Figure S2: H₂ evolution rate via water splitting under visible light using ZnO and ZnO/Al₂O₃ and ZnO/Al₂O₃/CuO nanocomposite