

Simultaneously tuning charge separation and surface reaction kinetics on ZnIn₂S₄ photoanode by P-doping for highly efficient photoelectrochemical water splitting and urea oxidation

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Results and Discussion

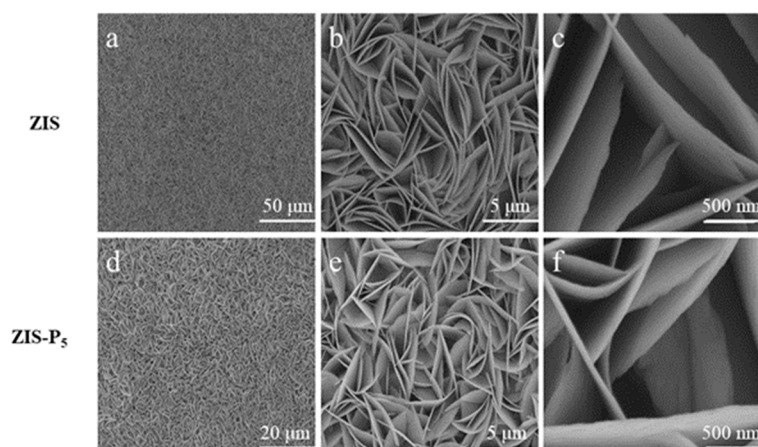


Figure S1. Field emission scanning electron microscopy images of ZIS and ZIS-P₅.

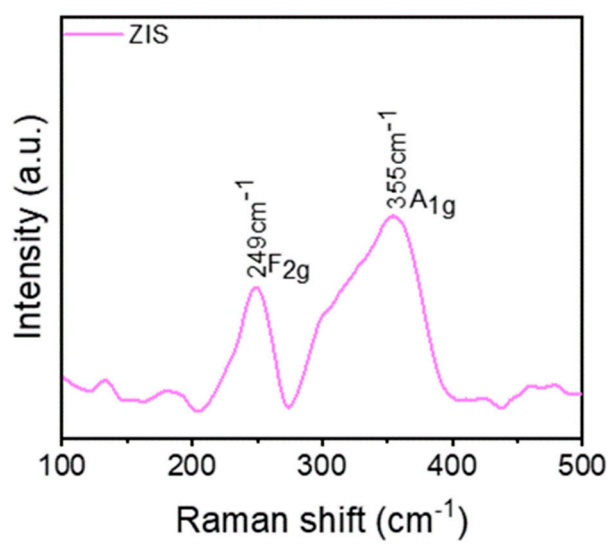


Figure S2. Raman spectra of different samples.

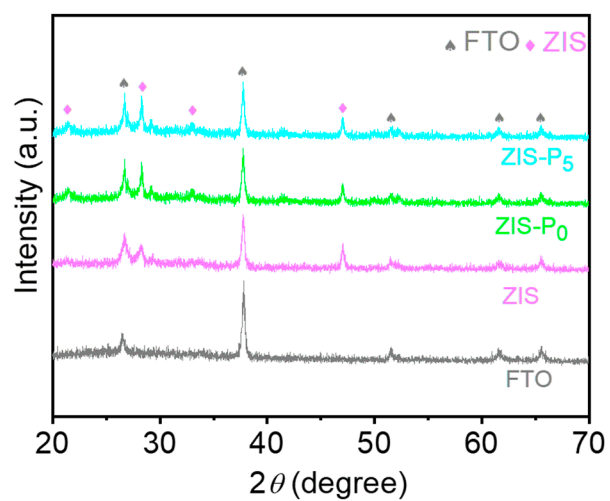


Figure S3. X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of different samples.

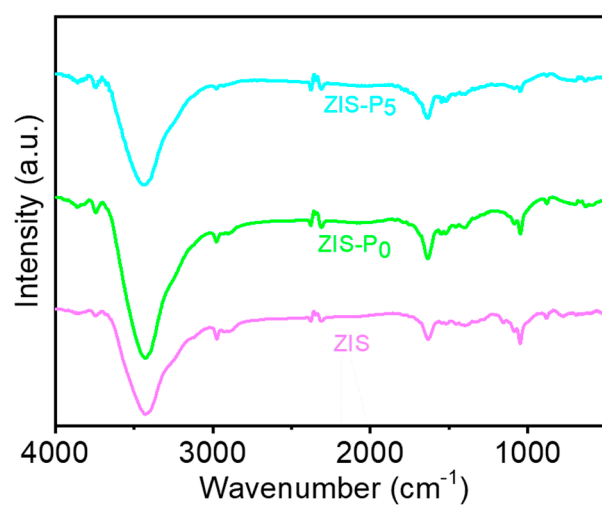


Figure S4. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra of different photoanodes.

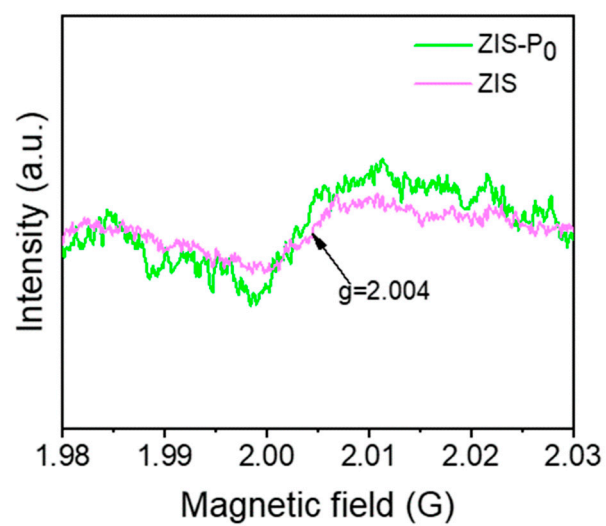


Figure S5. Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectra of different samples.

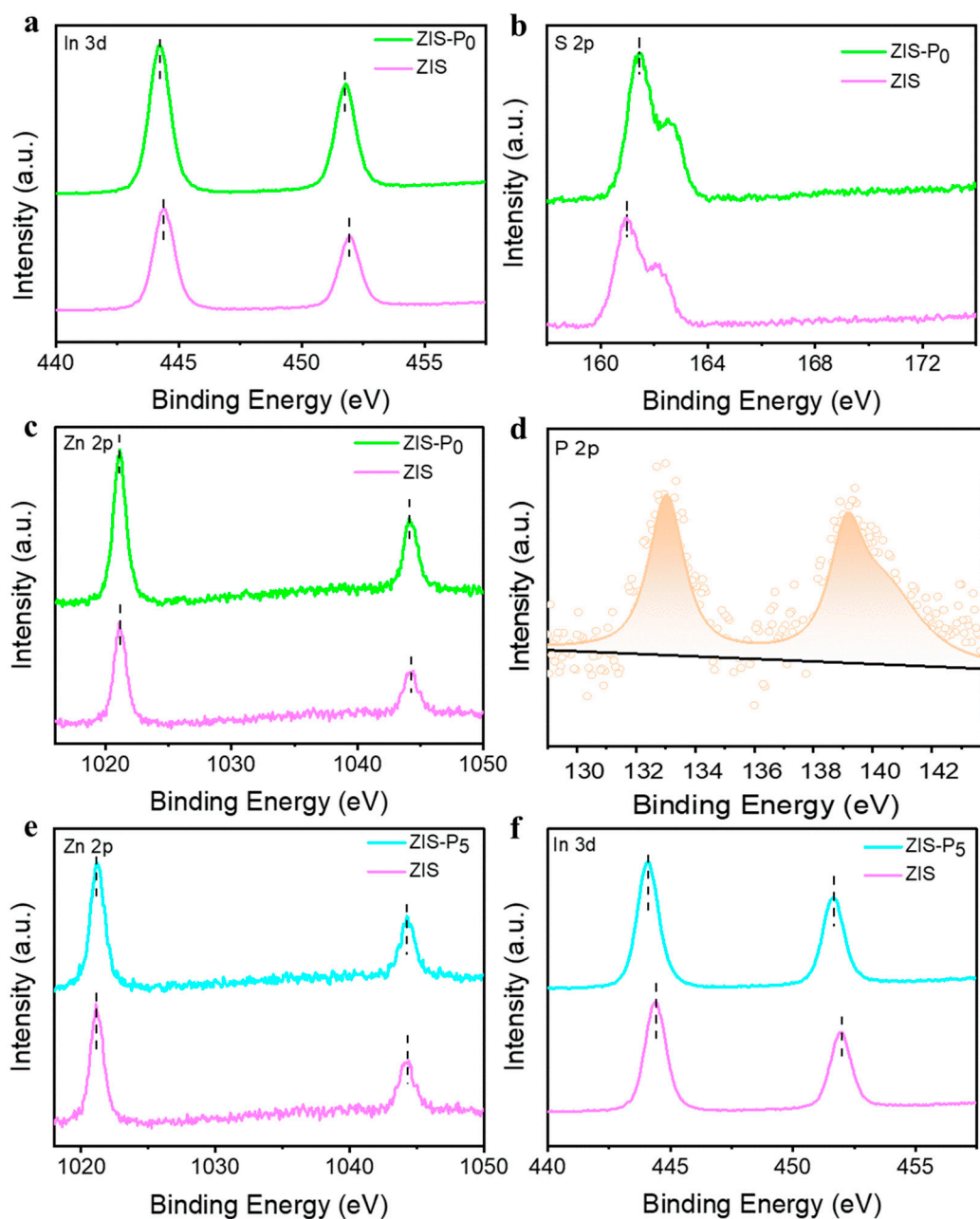


Figure S6. (a, b, c) X-ray photoelectron (XPS) spectra of ZIS based photoanodes. (d, e, f) X-ray photoelectron (XPS) spectra of different samples.

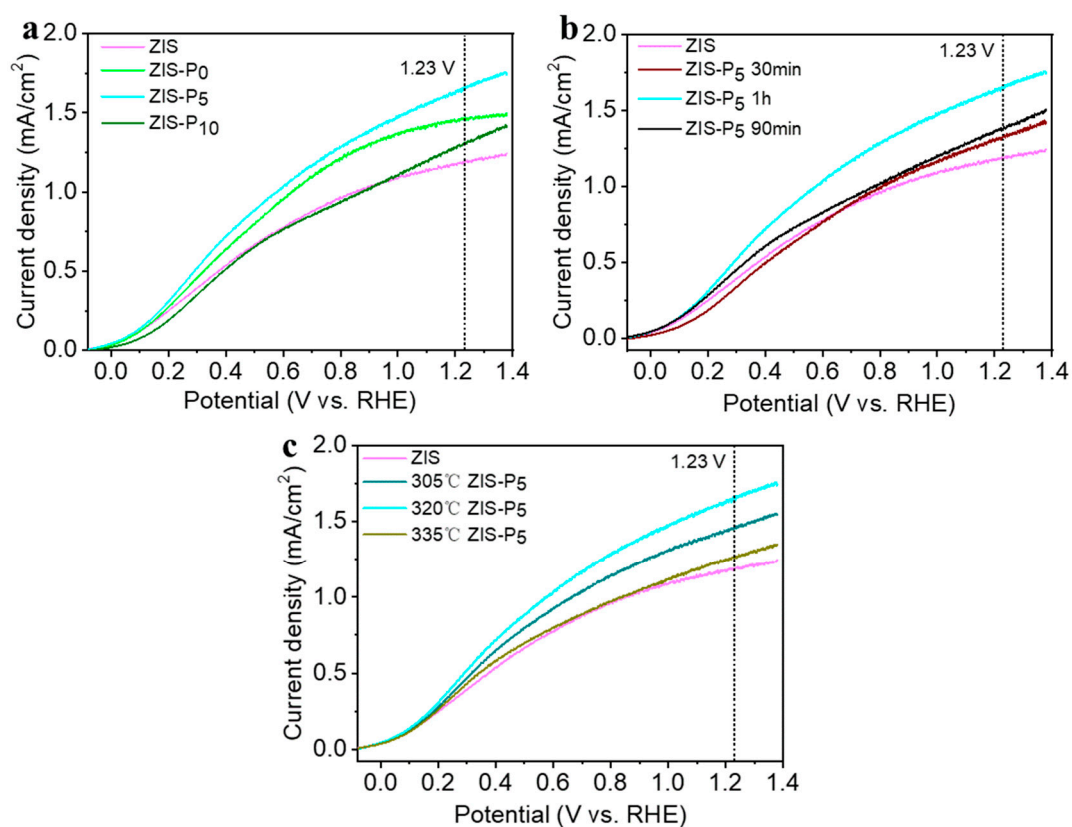


Figure S7. (a, b, c) Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) curves of different samples.

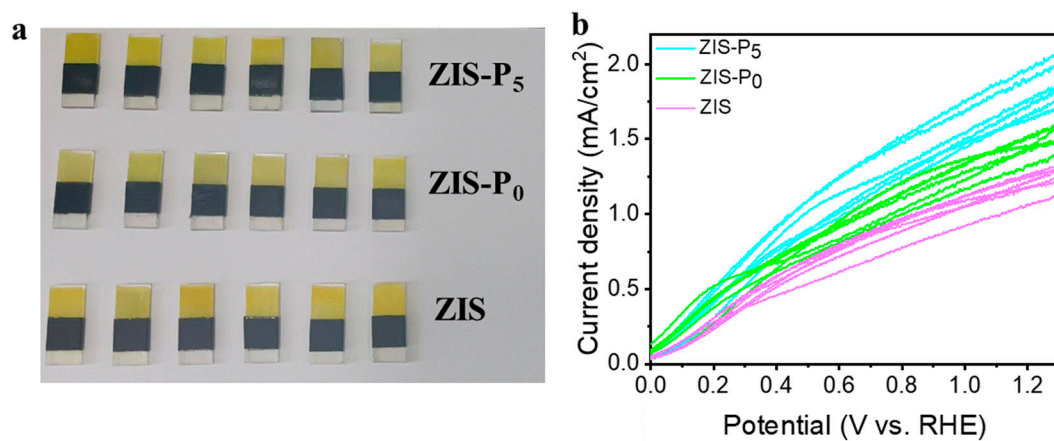


Figure S8. (a) Images of different samples. (b) Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) curves of different samples.

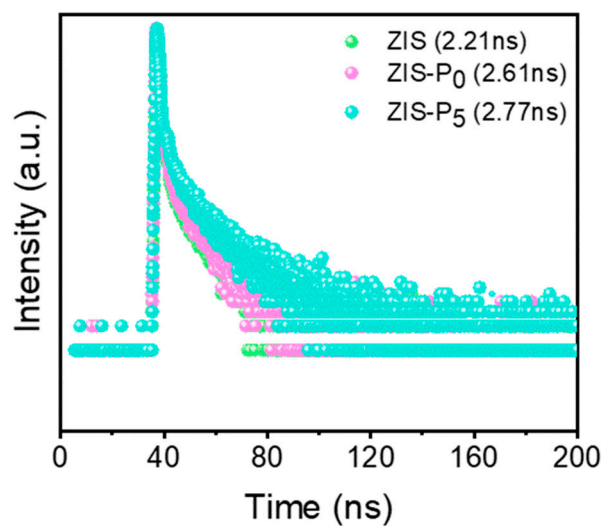


Figure S9. Time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL) spectra of different samples.

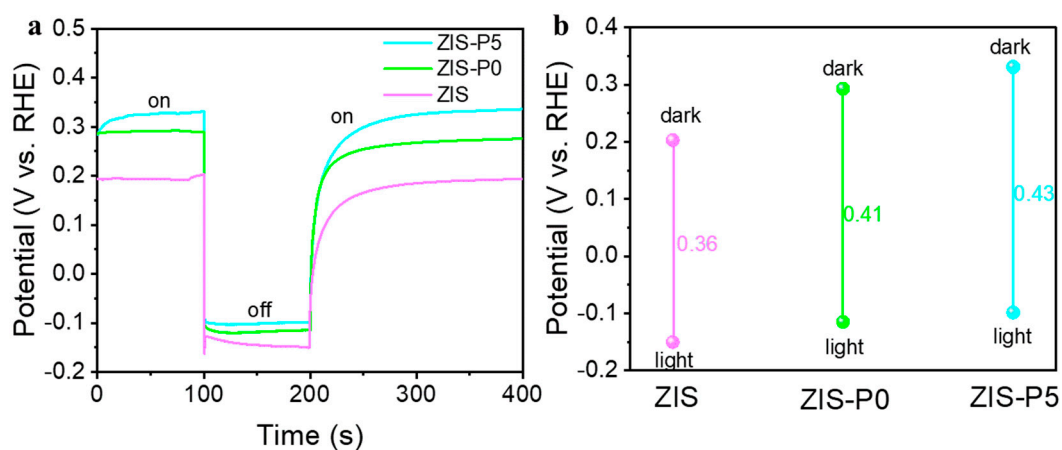


Figure S10. The open circuit potential (OCP) versus time curves measured in 0.5 M PBS solution. (b) The OCP values under both dark and light conditions.

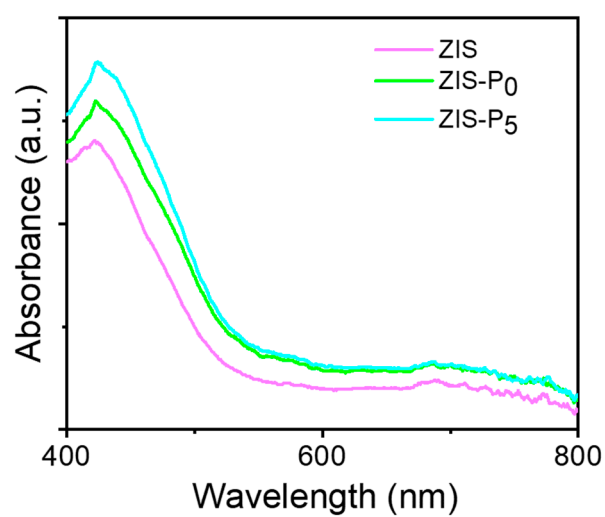


Figure S11. Ultraviolet-visible absorption spectra of different samples.

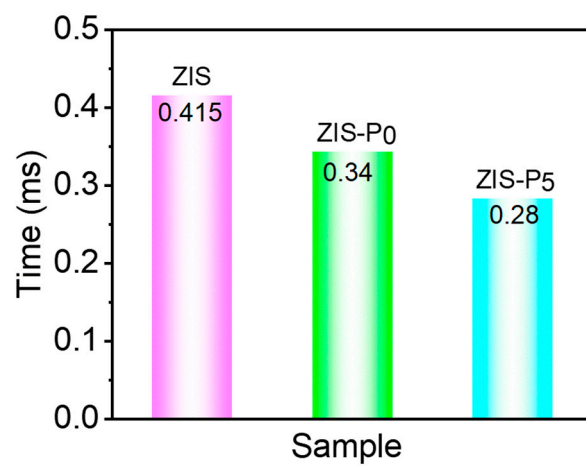


Figure S12. Transient times of different samples.

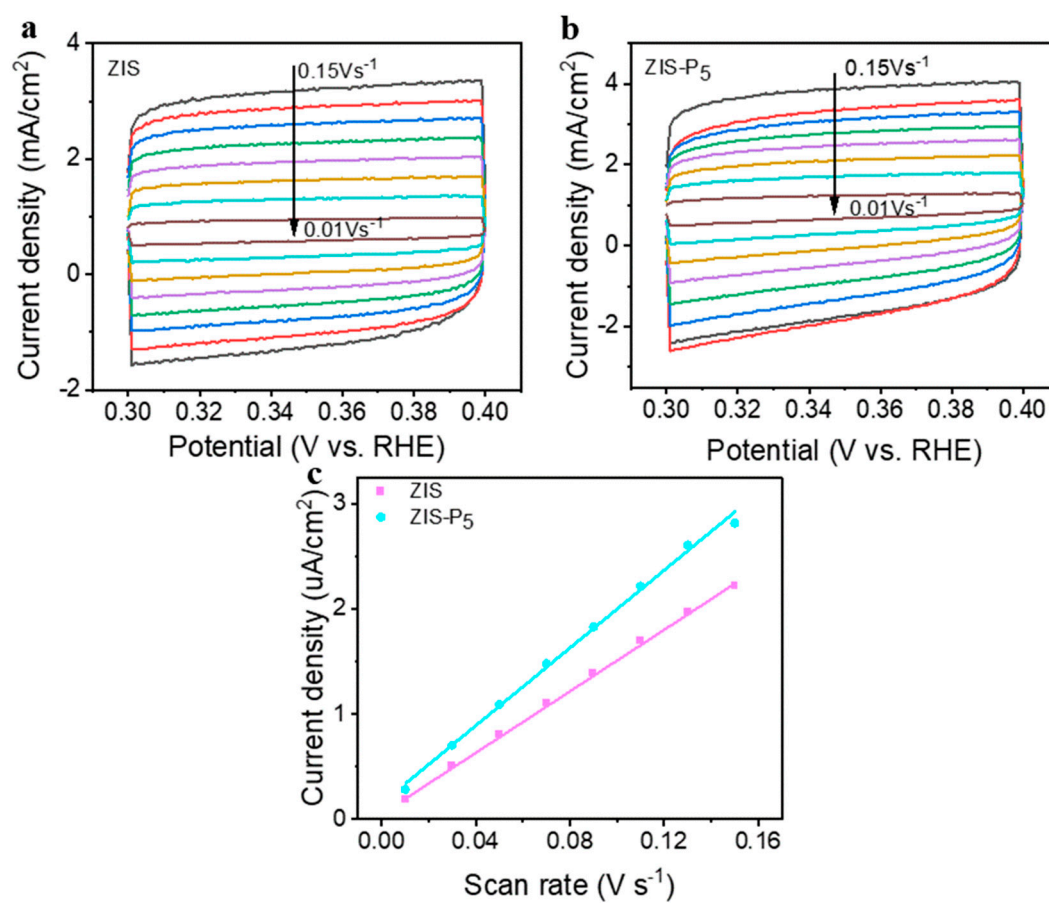


Figure S13. (a, b, c) Cyclic voltammograms curves of different samples measured at scan rate ranging from 0.01-0.15 V s^{-1} .

Table S1. Summary of recent significant progress of ZIS-based photoanodes.

Photoanodes	Photocurrent at 1.23 V vs. RHE	Journal	Year
Co-Pi/ZnIn ₂ S ₄ /Pt	0.89 mA/cm ²	<i>Applied Catalysis B: Environmental</i>	2019
ZnIn ₂ S ₄ homojunction	0.53 mA/cm ²	<i>Journal of Alloys and Compounds</i>	2020
Co-Mg: ZnIn ₂ S ₄	0.92 mA/cm ²	<i>Journal of Alloys and Compounds</i>	2021
TiO ₂ /ZnIn ₂ S ₄ /Zn _{0.6} Ca _{0.4} In ₂ S ₄	1.07 mA/cm ²	<i>Surfaces and Interfaces</i>	2021
ZnIn ₂ S ₄ /Cu ₂ S/NiFe-LDH	1.56 mA/cm ²	<i>Chemical Engineering Journal</i>	2023
MODs/ZnIn ₂ S ₄	1.47 mA/cm ²	<i>Angewandte Chemie International Edition</i>	2024
ZnIn ₂ S ₄ -P ₅	1.66 mA/cm ²	<i>This work</i>	2024

Table S2. Electrochemical impedance spectra of different samples under light conditions.

Sample	ZIS	ZIS-P ₀	ZIS-P ₅
R_s / (Ω)	42.3	41.9	40.9
R_{ct} / ($K\Omega$)	4.04	1.77	0.931

Table S3. Electrochemical impedance spectra of different samples under dark conditions.

Sample	ZIS	ZIS-P ₀	ZIS-P ₅
$R_s / (\Omega)$	49.9	47.4	49.9
$R_{ct} / (K\Omega)$	22.5	19.8	14.9

Table S4. Electrochemical impedance spectra of different samples under light conditions.

Sample	ZIS	ZIS-P ₀	ZIS-P ₅
$R_s / (\Omega)$	38.6	40.8	35.6
$R_{ct} / (K\Omega)$	3.48	1.61	0.664

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