**Supporting Information (3 pages)** 

## Depletion layer controls photocatalytic hydrogen evolution with p-type gallium phosphide particles

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**Figure S1** (a) EDX mapping layered SEM image, (b) EDX spectrum and (c) EDX mapping of individual elements of obtained p-GaP particles.



**Figure S2** Cyclic voltammetry measurement of (a) p-GaP wafer and (b) p-GaP particle film in 0.1 M K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



Figure S3 SPS spectra of p-GaP wafer with front side or back side illuminated.



Figure S4 SPS spectra of p-GaP particle films with different film thickness.



Figure S5 (a) PXRD pattern and (b) TEM image of Ni<sub>2</sub>P capped with PVP.



**Figure S6** (a) SEM and (b) EDX mapping of individual elements in optimized 4 wt%  $Ni_2P$  /p-GaP photocatalyst particles. According to energy dispersive X-ray analysis, the  $Ni_2P$  loading is 4.3 %.