Supporting Information

Hydrogen-induced defective crystalline carbon nitride with enhanced bi-

directional charge migration for persulfate photoactivation

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Figure S1. (a) SEM, (b) TEM image of g-C₃N₄.



Figure S2. AFM image of g-C₃N₄.



Figure S3. (a) XPS survey spectra for $g-C_3N_4$ and $H_2-g-C_3N_4$, (b) High resolution XPS spectrum of O1s in H_2 - $g-C_3N_4$.



Figure S4. FTIR spectra of g-C₃N₄ and H₂-g-C₃N₄.



Figure S5. Effect of different calcination temperatures (a) and ventilation rate (b) on the efficiency of synergistic reactions. (c)The effect of BPA concentration and (d) inorganic anions on the synergistic degradation of BPA.



Figure S6. The change of persulfate concentration in the reaction solution as the reaction progresses.



Figure S7. (a) Recycle tests of BPA degradation over H-g- C_3N_4 in the presence of persulfate and light irradiation. (b) SEM image of H-g- C_3N_4 after reactions.



Figure S8. UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra of g-C₃N₄ and H₂-g-C₃N₄.



Figure S9. Pore size distribution curve of g-C₃N₄ and H₂-g-C₃N₄.



Figure S10. VB XPS spectra of g-C₃N₄ and H₂-g-C₃N₄.



Figure S11. Photocurrent density curves of $g-C_3N_4$ and $H_2-g-C_3N_4$.



Figure S12. TEMP spin-trapping ESR spectra over H₂-g-C₃N₄ in different solvents.



Figure S13. Degradation curves of BPA at different pH values over H₂-g-C₃N₄.



Figure S14. Pollutant removal efficiency by adsorption and photocatalytic.



Figure S15. Proposed degradation pathway of BPA by H_2 -g- C_3N_4 +PS+Light system.

Table S1. The binding energy of two atomic layer of $g-C_3N_4$ and $H_2-g-C_3N_4$.

| | E_{1L} | E_{2L} | ΔE_{bind} |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| g-C ₃ N ₄ | -12394.89 | -24795.31 | -5.52 |
| H ₂ -g-C ₃ N ₄ | -12120.85 | -24248.82 | -7.11 |

Table S2. XPS survey spectra of g-C₃N₄ and H₂-g-C₃N₄.

| | | XPS | | C/N | N-H | N-(C)3 | C-N=C |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Sample | | | | ratio | | | |
| | (C) % | (N) % | (O) % | | % | % | % |
| g-C ₃ N ₄ | 46.89 | 50.75 | 2.35 | 0.92 | 10.50 | 17.19 | 72.31 |
| H_2 -g- C_3N_4 | 49.48 | 43.01 | 6.75 | 1.15 | 22.35 | 30.42 | 47.23 |

| Catalyst | Light source | Catalyst Dosage (g/L) | PS/PMS Dosage (mM) | BPA Concentration (mg/L) | Complete Degradation time (time) | Rate constant (k, min ⁻¹) | Ref |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| BM200 | 300 W Xenon lamp | 0.25 | 0.2 | 10 | 40 | 0.15 | 31 |
| ECN60 | 300 W Xenon lamp ($\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$) | 0.33 | 40.0 | 20 | 20 | 0.136 | 32 |
| OVs-Zn ₂ SnO ₄ | 300W Xe-arc lamp (λ >420 nm) | 0.1 | 30.81 | 5 | 60 | 0.026 | 33 |
| N,S:CQD/MIL -101(Fe) | 350 W Xenon lamp $(\lambda > 400 \text{ nm})$ | 0.4 | 3.0 | 20 | 60 | 0.0551 | 34 |
| g-C ₃ N ₄ /MIL- 101(Fe) | 300 W Xenon lamp ($\lambda > 400 \text{ nm}$) | 0.5 | 1.0 | 10 | 60 | 0.0589 | 35 |
| Fe-POM/001- TiO ₂ | 300 W Xenon lamp 200 mw/cm ² | 0.5 | 1.85 | 50 | 25 | 0.195 | 36 |
| BiOI/Bi ₂ W _{0.25} Mo _{0.75} O ₆ | 300 W xenon lamp | 1.0 | 1.5 | 15 | 30 | 0.06531 | 37 |
| TGNF5@TOB C | 300 W Xenon lamp ($\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$) | 0.5 | 2.0 | 10 | 60 | 0.0522 | 38 |
| CNBC | 300 W Xenon lamp ($\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$) | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5 | 60 (35%) | 0.0559 | 39 |
| Ag–Fe@BAB | 250 W LED lamp $(\lambda = 400 \text{ nm})$ | 1.0 | 0.5 | 10 | 80 | 0.056 | 40 |
| g-C ₃ N ₄ -NS | 150 W Xenon lamp (λ =400 nm) | 0.5 | 5.0 | 5 | 60 | 0.0469 | 41 |
| FeOOH@g- C ₃ N ₄ | 300 W Xenon lamp (λ≥420 nm) | 0.4 | 2.0 | 20 | 60 | 0.0568 | 42 |
| PDI-P9 | 800 W Xenon lamp ($\lambda > 420 \text{ nm}$) | 0.5 | 1.5 | 5 | 15 | 0.248 | 43 |
| SCF@GCN | low-pressure Hg UV-Clamp $(\lambda = 240-260 \text{ pm})$ | 0.3 | 4.0 | 20 | 15 | 0.34 | 44 |
| MIL-88B | visible light 200 mw/cm ² | 0.6 | 2.0 | 10 | 25 | 0.107 | 45 |
| H_2 -g- C_3N_4 | 300 W Xenon lamp 200 mw/cm ² | 0.50 | 1.85 | 50 | 15 | 0.367 | This Work |

Table S3. The comparison of performances of photocatalysts for BPA degradation efficiencies.

Table S4. BET surface areas and pore volumes of $g-C_3N_4$ and $H_2-g-C_3N_4$.

| Sample | BET surface areas | pore volumes | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| | $m^2.g^{-1}$ | $\mathrm{cm}^3.\mathrm{g}^{-1}$ | | |
| g-C ₃ N ₄ | 9.82 | 0.02 | | |
| H ₂ -g-C ₃ N ₄ | 65.56 | 0.14 | | |

| material | τ_1 (ns) | τ_2 (ns) | τ_3 (ns) | $\tau_{\rm ave}({\rm ns})$ |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| C ₃ N ₄ (439nm) | 1.87 | 6.207 | 45.37 | 9.48 |
| H ₂ -g-C ₃ N ₄ (439nm) | 6.73 | 31.25 | 1.69 | 8.99 |

Table S5. Lifetime Components of $g-C_3N_4$ and $H_2-g-C_3N_4$.