

## Supporting Information for

# Facile Alkali-assisted Synthesis of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> Materials and Their High-performance Catalytic Application in Solvent-free Cycloaddition of CO<sub>2</sub> to Epoxides

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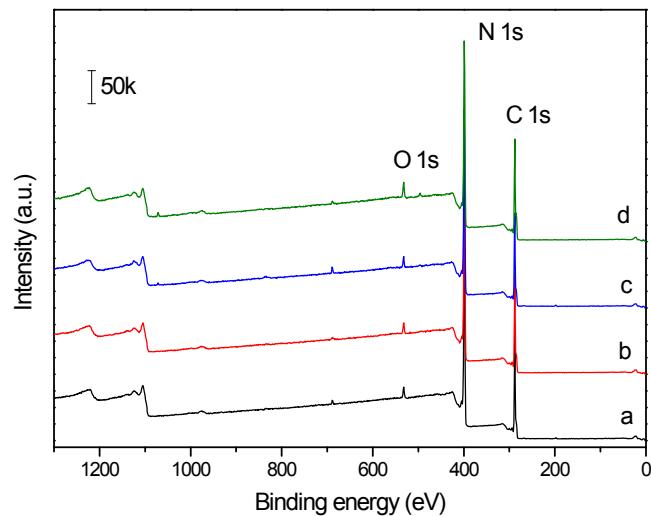
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**Table S1** Product mass of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> samples prepared by 9 g of GndCl.

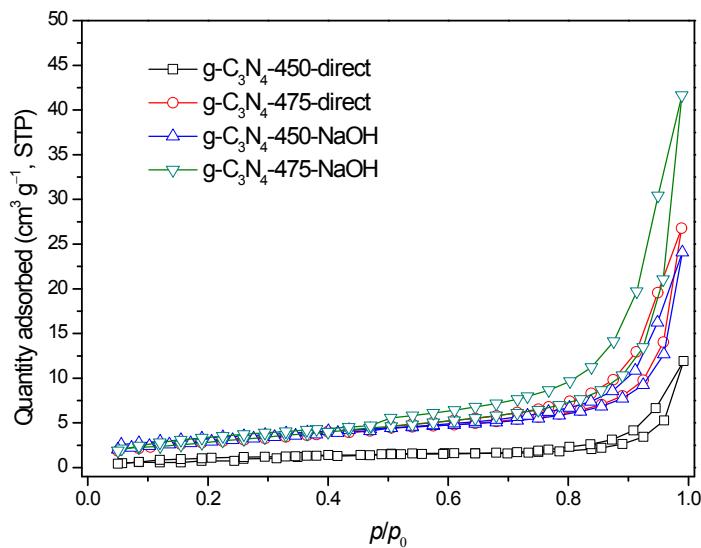
Sample	g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -T-direct					g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -T-NaOH				
	400	425	450	475	500	400	425	450	475	500
Mass (g)	4.0	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.0

**Table S2** Textural parameters of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> materials.

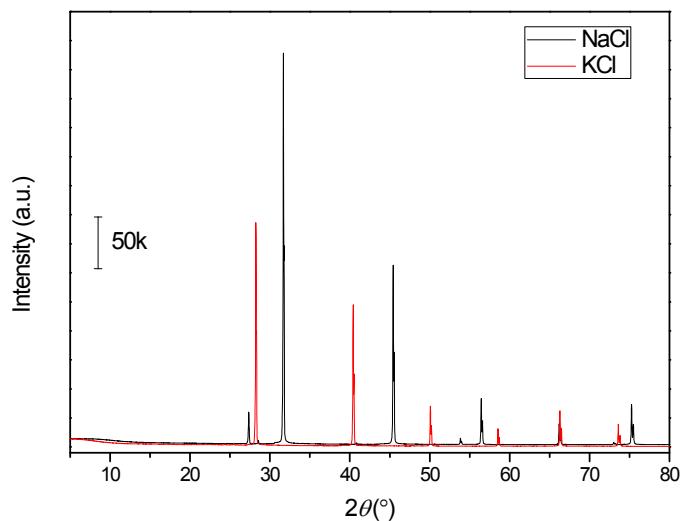
Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	D <sub>pore</sub> (nm)	V <sub>pore</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -450-direct	3	2.38	0.018
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -475-direct	11	2.83	0.041
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -450-NaOH	11	2.63	0.037
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -475-NaOH	16	2.44	0.064



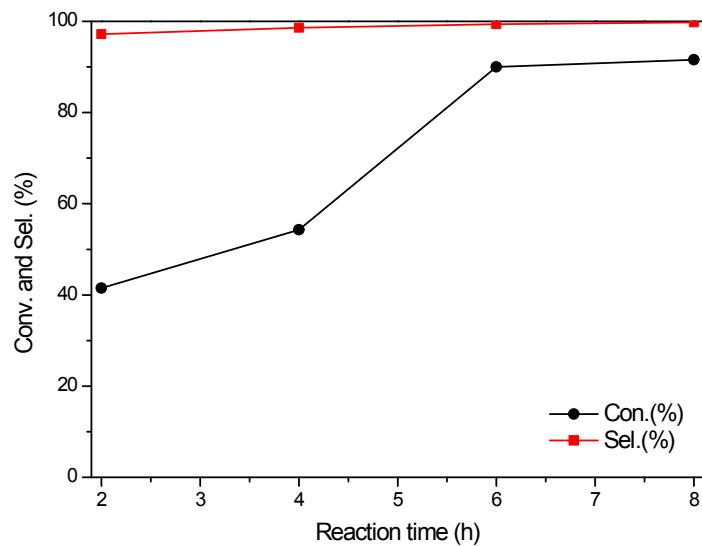
**Fig. S1** XPS survey of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-450-direct (a), g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-475-direct (b), g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-450-NaOH (c), and g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-475-NaOH (d) materials.



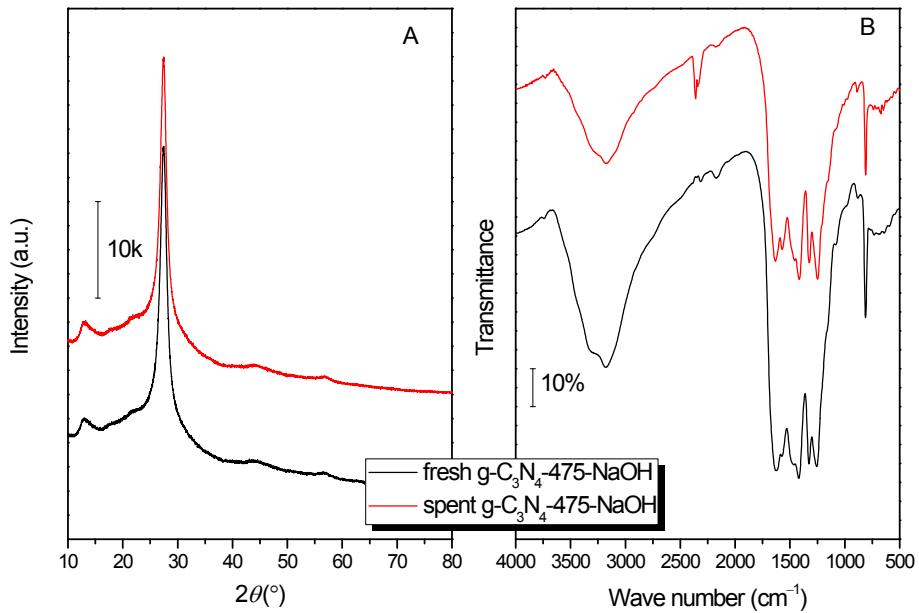
**Fig. S2** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption–desorption isotherms of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> samples.



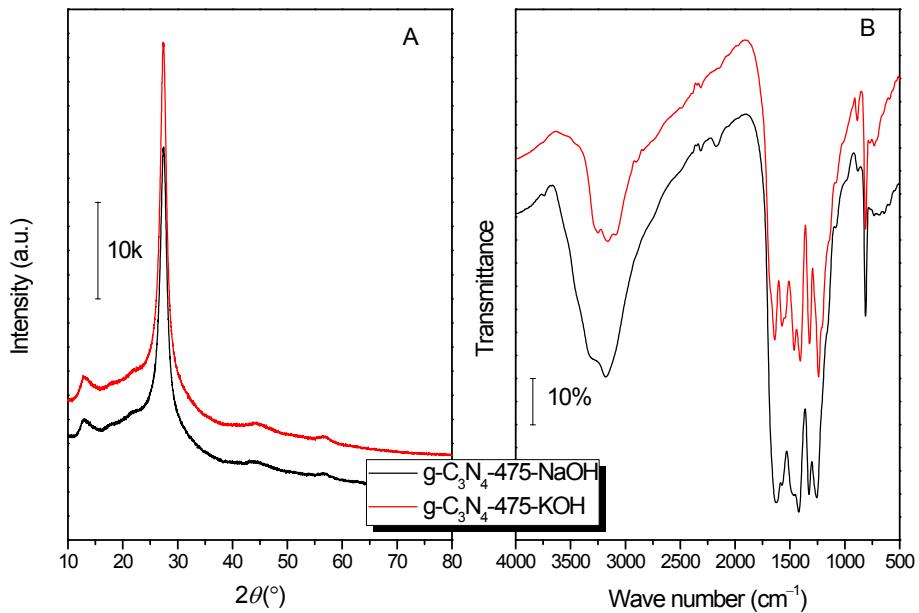
**Fig. S3** XRD pattern of white precipitation resulted from mixing GndCl with NaOH(black line) or KOH (red line) in ethanol solution.



**Fig. S4** Evolution of the catalytic activity of  $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ -475-NaOH during 8 h of reaction time. Reaction conditions:  $V_{\text{PO}} = 10 \text{ mL}$ ,  $p\text{CO}_2 = 2.0 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $T = 140 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $W_{\text{catal.}} = 0.4 \text{ g}$  and 38 mg of  $\text{ZnI}_2$  added.



**Fig. S5** XRD patterns (A) and FT-IR spectra (B) of the fresh and spent  $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ -475-NaOH catalysts subjected to five catalytic runs.



**Fig. S6** XRD patterns (A) and FT-IR spectra (B) of  $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ -475-NaOH and  $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ -475-KOH.