

## *Supporting Information for*

# **In-Situ g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> Self-Sacrificial Synthesis of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/LaCO<sub>3</sub>OH Heterostructure with Booming Interfacial Charge Transfer and Separation for Photocatalytic NO Removal**

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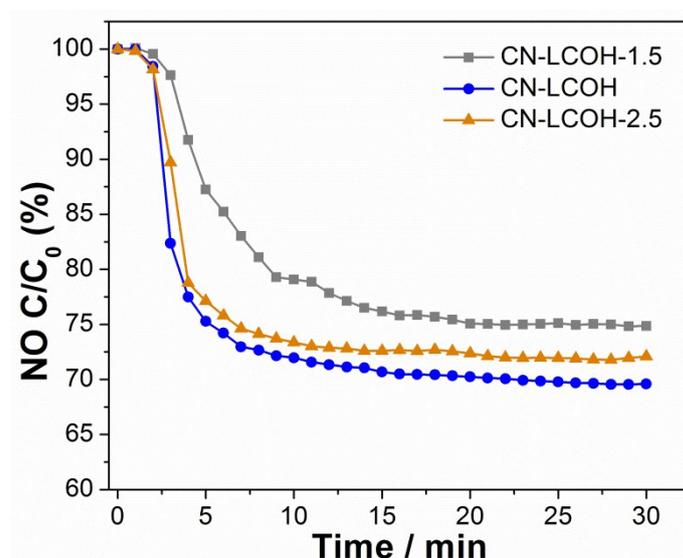
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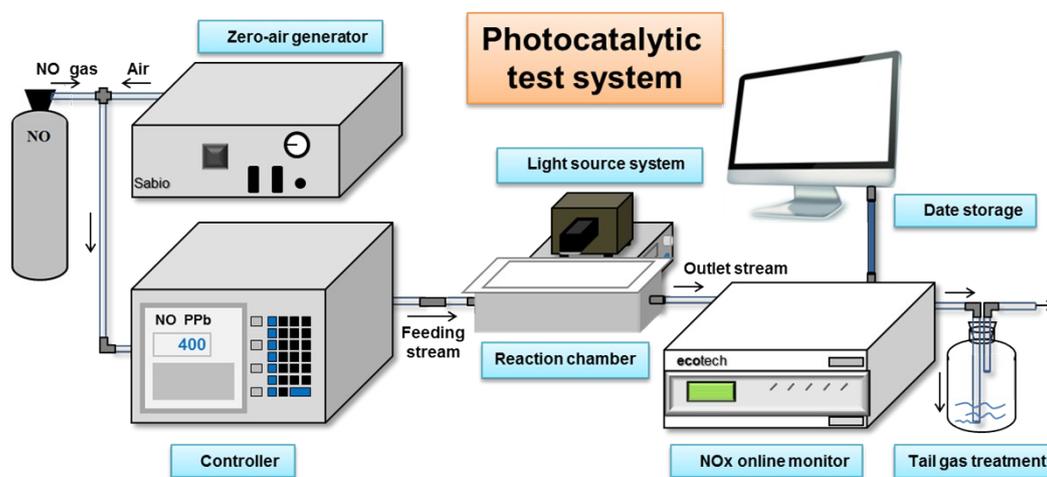
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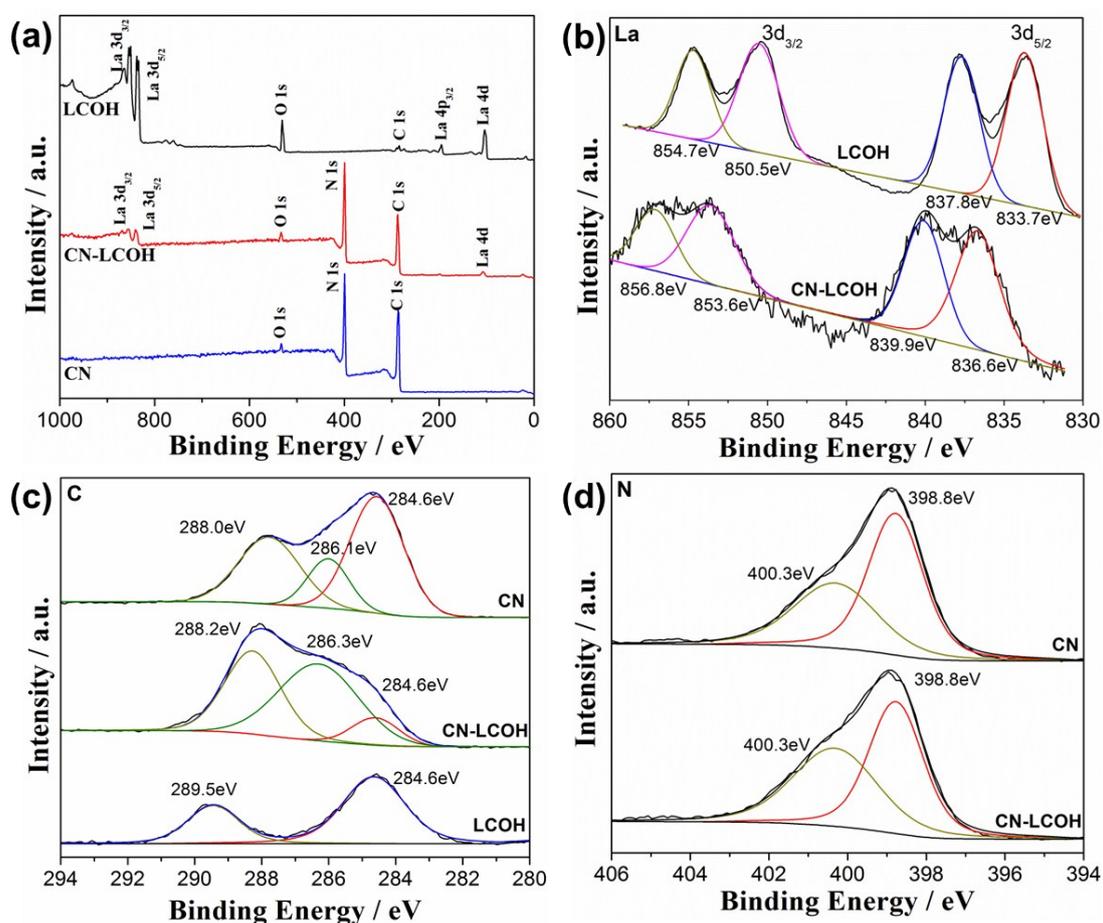
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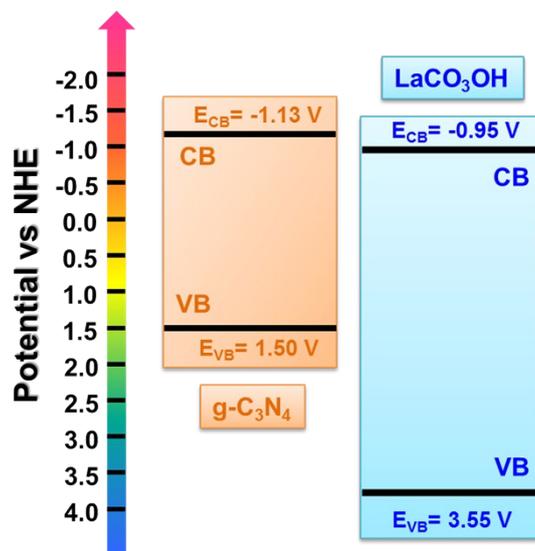
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Samples	N wt %	Weight ratio		Molar ratio	Weight ratio
		LCOH %	CN %		
CN-LCOH-1.5	50.20	22.11	77.89	12.09	28.39
CN-LCOH	48.82	24.23	75.77	13.62	31.99
CN-LCOH-2.5	43.72	32.16	67.84	20.19	47.41
CN-LCOH-1	48.65	24.52	75.48	13.83	32.49
CN-LCOH-2	48.53	24.70	75.30	13.97	32.27



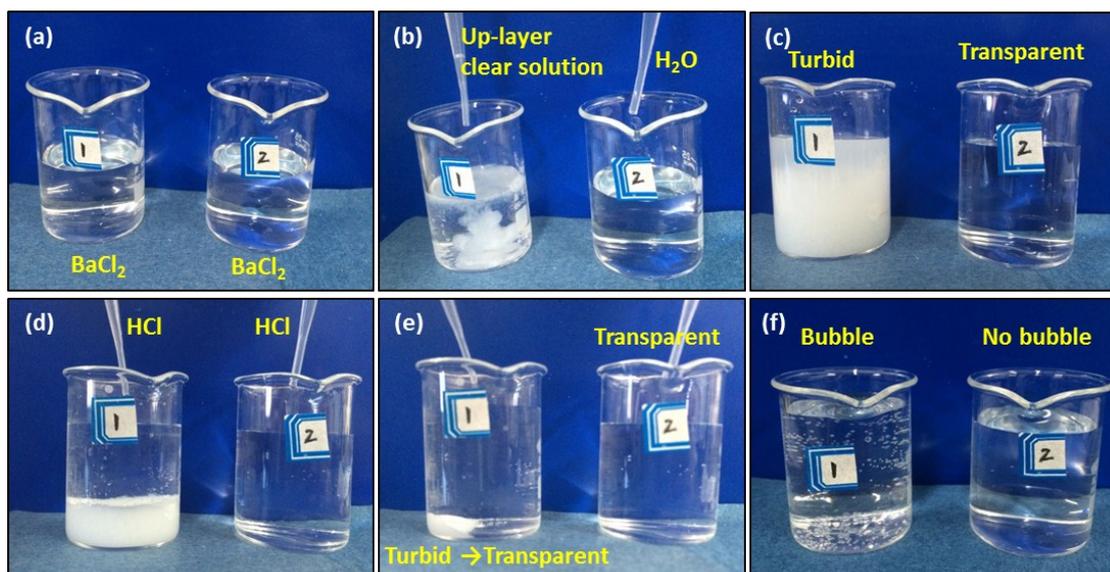
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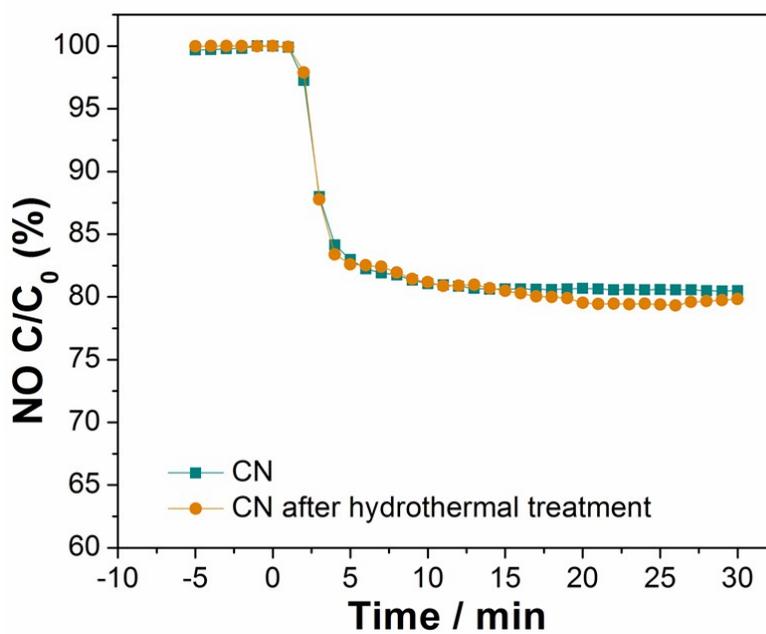
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The generation of CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> from the decomposition of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> was proved by an experiment as follows:

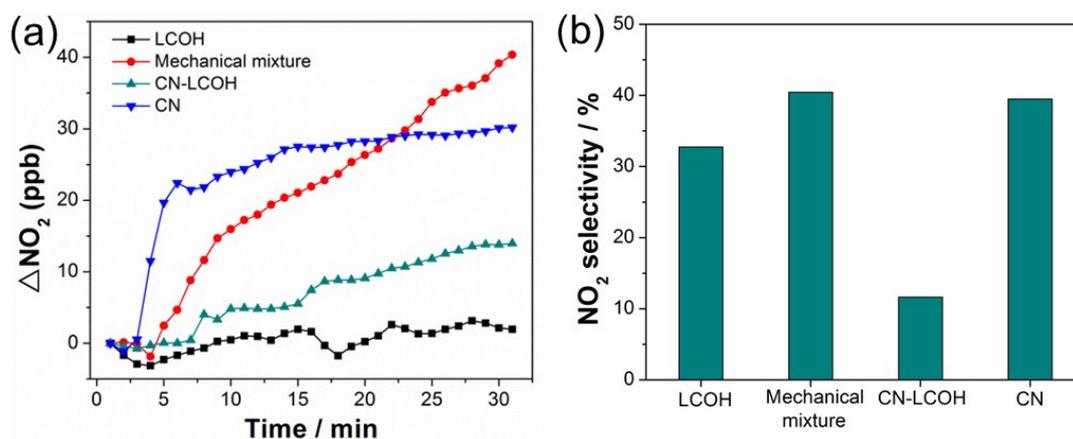
Repeated the part 2 in experimental section without adding La(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O at 160 °C for 12h. After cooling down to room temperature naturally, the up-layer clear solutions were added dropwise into 20 mL 0.24 M BaCl<sub>2</sub> solution (label 1) and the transparent solution became turbid (Fig. S3a-c). For comparison, deionized water was used instead of the up-layer clear solution and remained other conditions unchanged (label 2). Subsequently, after adding 0.02 M HCl, the turbid solution (label 1) became transparent again and formed amounts of bubbles (Fig. S3d-f), which further illustrated the fact that the CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> do exist in the solution and was generated from the decomposition of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.



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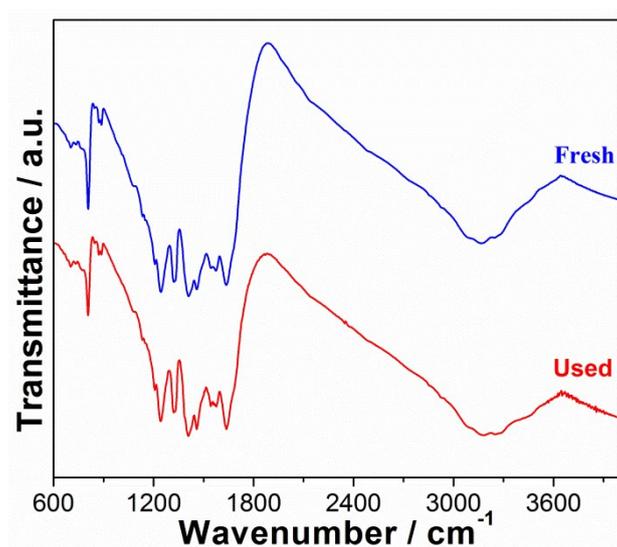


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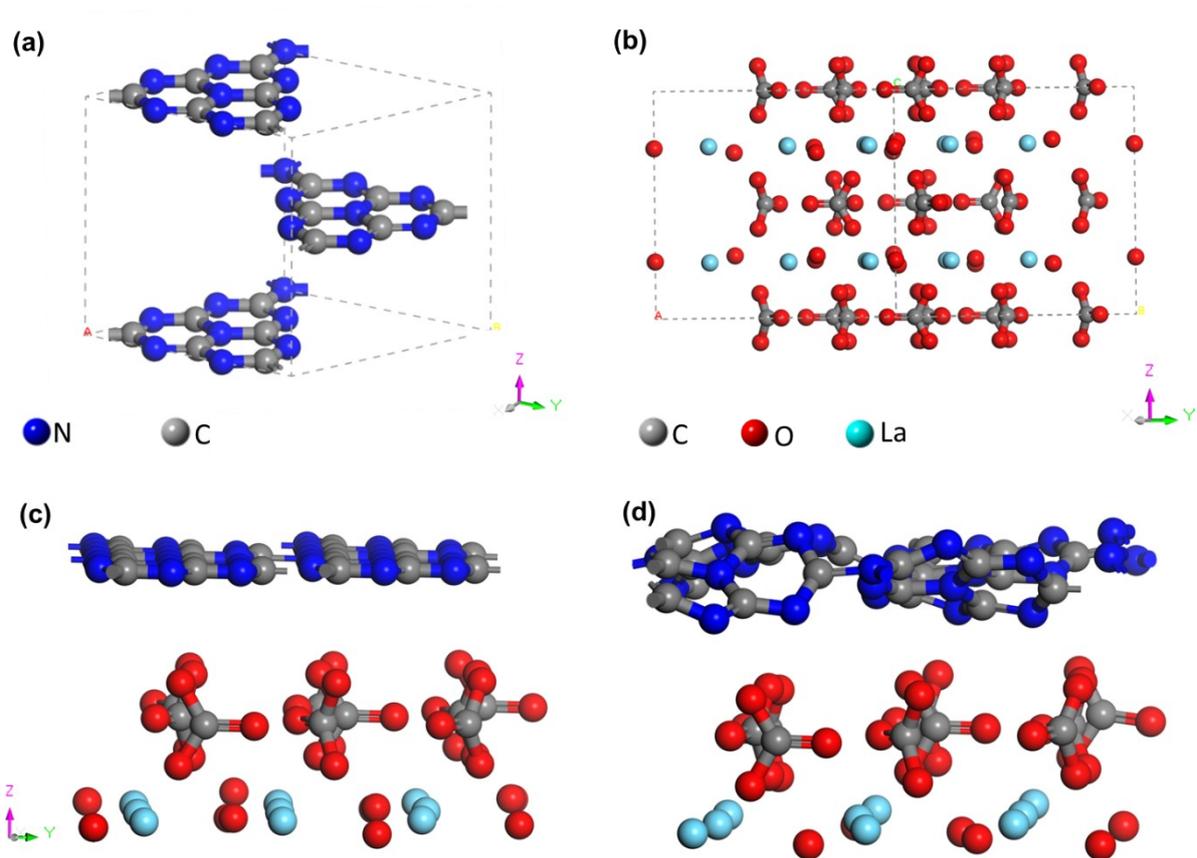
The  $\text{NO}_2$  selectivity was calculated according to the following equation <sup>1</sup>:

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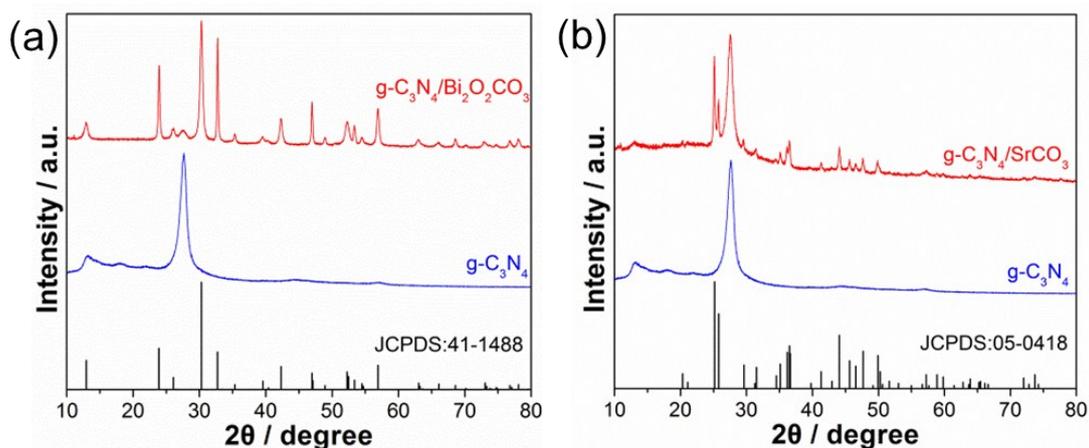
where  $C_{\text{NO}_2}$  represents the production of  $\text{NO}_2$ , ppb,  $C_0$  is the initial concentration of  $\text{NO}$ , ppb, and  $C$  is the final concentration of  $\text{NO}$ , ppb.



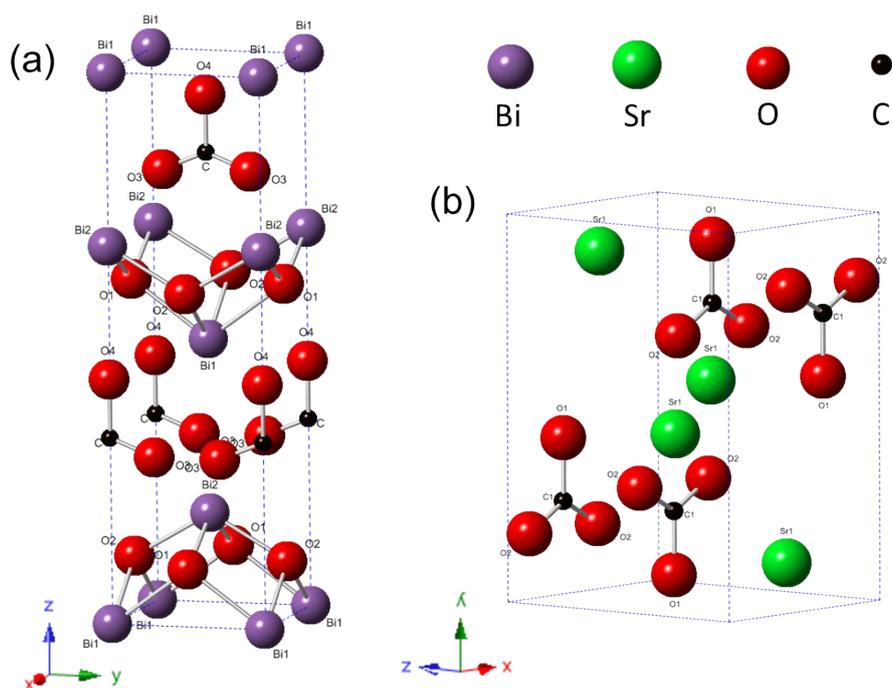
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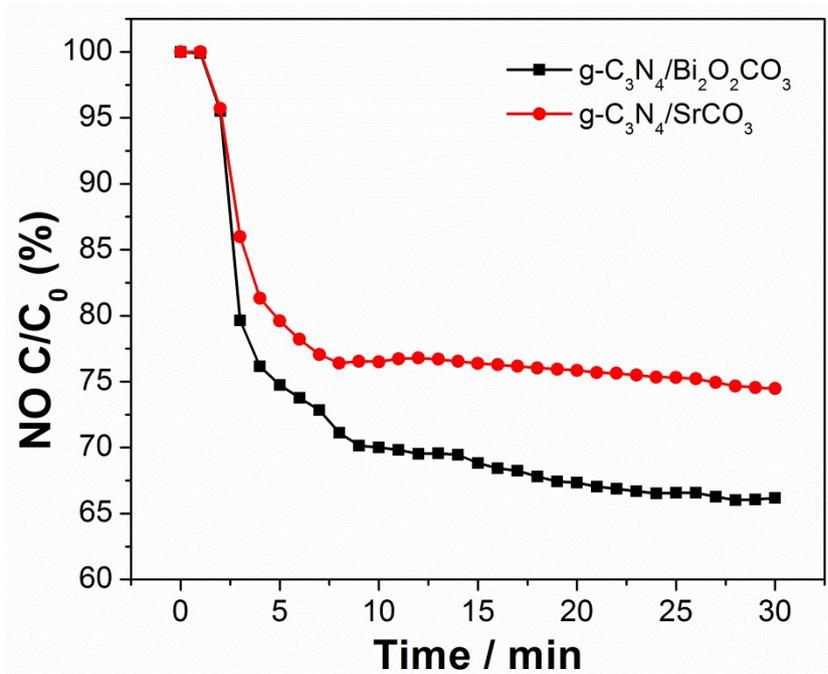
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