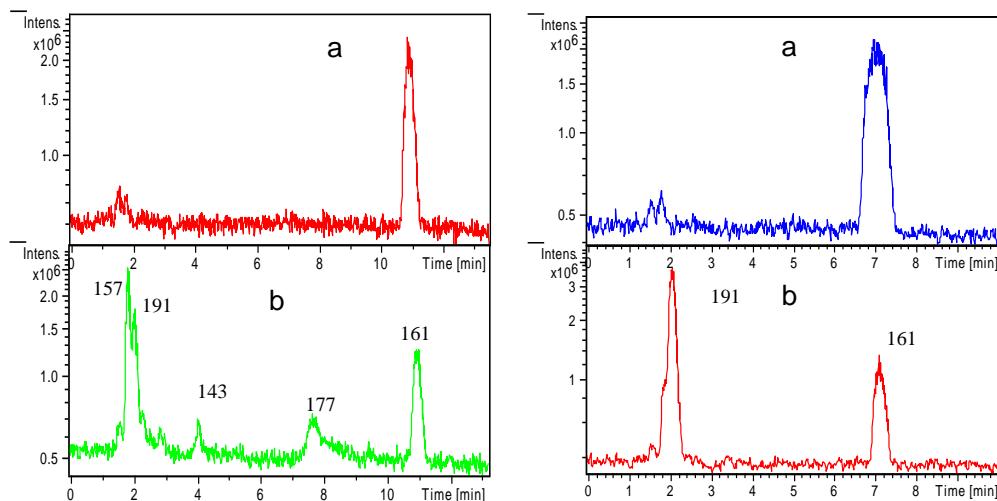


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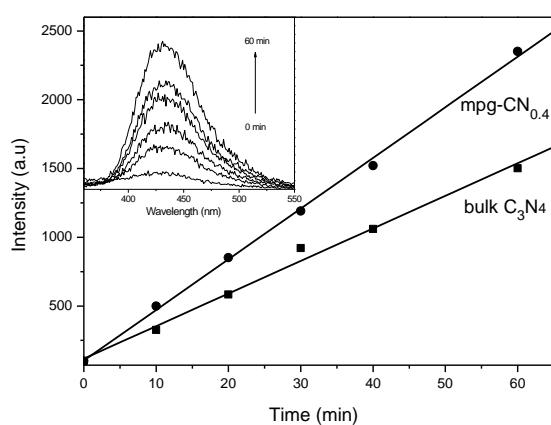
# Metal-free Photocatalytic Degradation of 4-Chlorophenol in Water by Mesoporous Carbon Nitride Semiconductors

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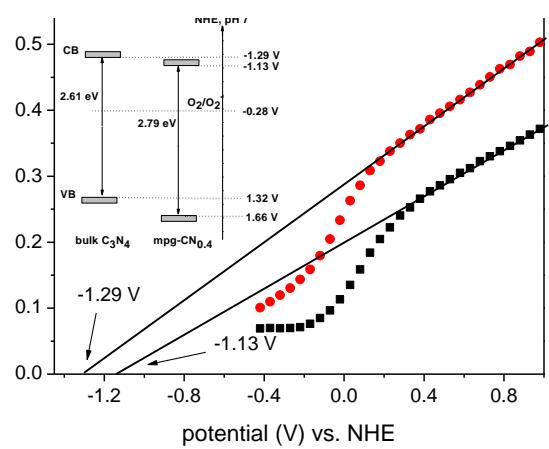
**Figure S1.** LC-MS chromatograms of 2,4-DCP solution (left) and 2,6-DCP solution (right) degraded by mpg-CN<sub>0.4</sub> under visible light irradiation at different irradiation intervals: (a) original 2,4-DCP / 2,6-DCP solution after adsorption-desorption equilibrium in the dark; (b) 2,4-DCP / 2,6-DCP solution after 60 min of irradiation.



**Figure S2.** Plots of the induced fluorescence intensity (426 nm) against visible light irradiation time. (Inset: Fluorescence spectra of terephthalic acid solution for mpg-CN<sub>0.4</sub>)



**Figure S3.** Mott-Schottky plots and band structure (inset: CB: conduction band, VB: valence band) of bulk C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (◆) and mpg-CN<sub>0.4</sub> (■).



**Table S1.** Removal (%) of the Parent Substrate (a), TOC (b) and Generated Cl<sup>-</sup> Concentration (c) under Visible Light Irradiation.

Substrate	<sup>a</sup> 100 × $\Delta [C]/[C]_0$	<sup>b</sup> 100 × $\Delta [TOC]/[TOC]_0$	<sup>c</sup> [Cl <sup>-</sup> ] mg/L
4-CP	94	56	4.1
2,6-DCP	72	41	7.6
2,4-DCP	61	40	8.2

<sup>a</sup> after 60min of irradiation; <sup>b,c</sup> after 180 min irradiation.

**Scheme S1.** Proposed early steps in the transformation pathways of 2,4-DCP under visible light irradiation.

