

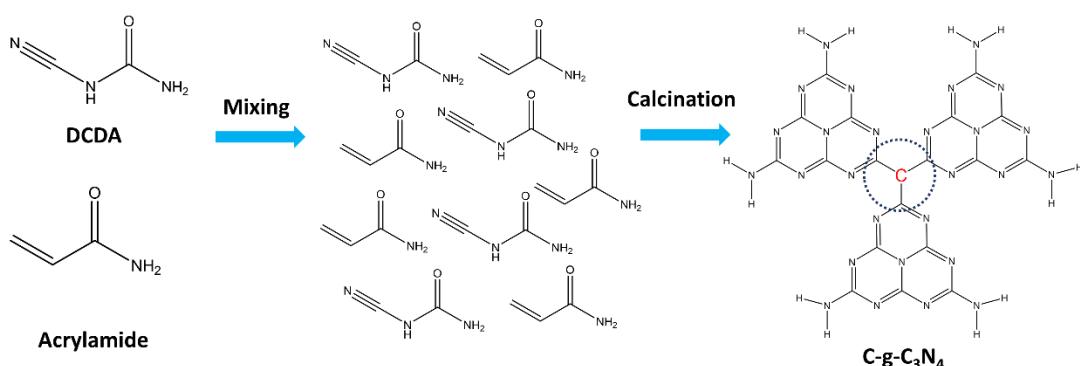
## Supporting Information

### Facile Synthesis of Porous C-Doped g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: Fast Charge Separation and Enhanced Photocatalytic Hydrogen Evolution

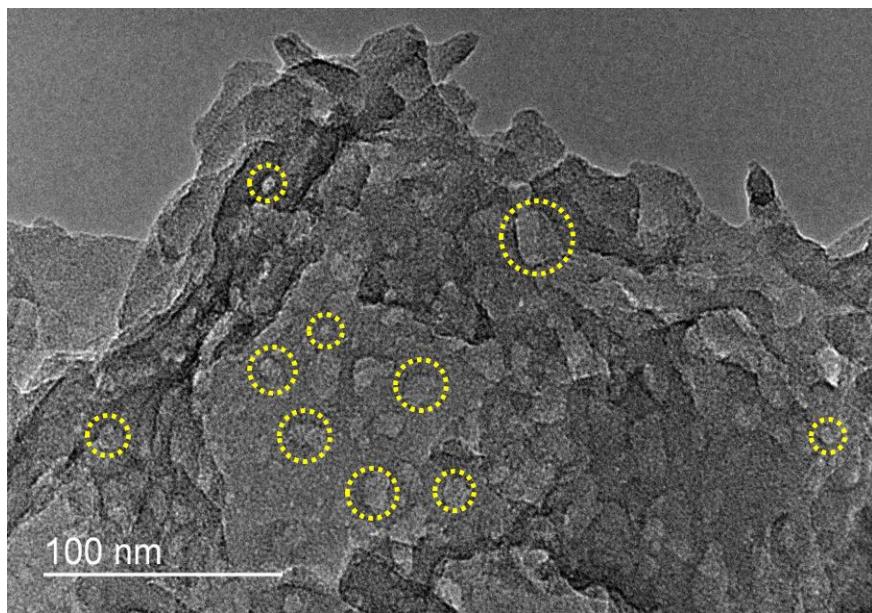
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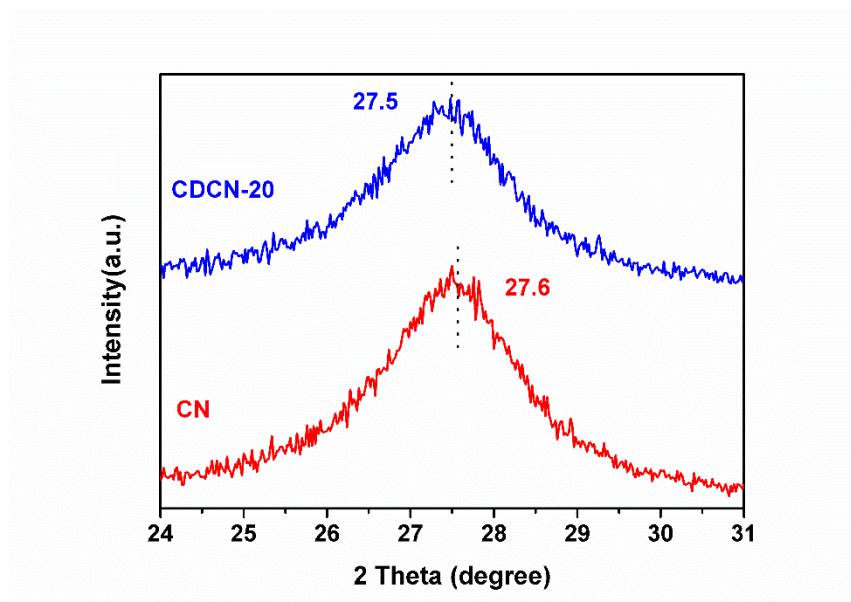


**Fig. S1.** The possible polymerization process to generate C-g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.

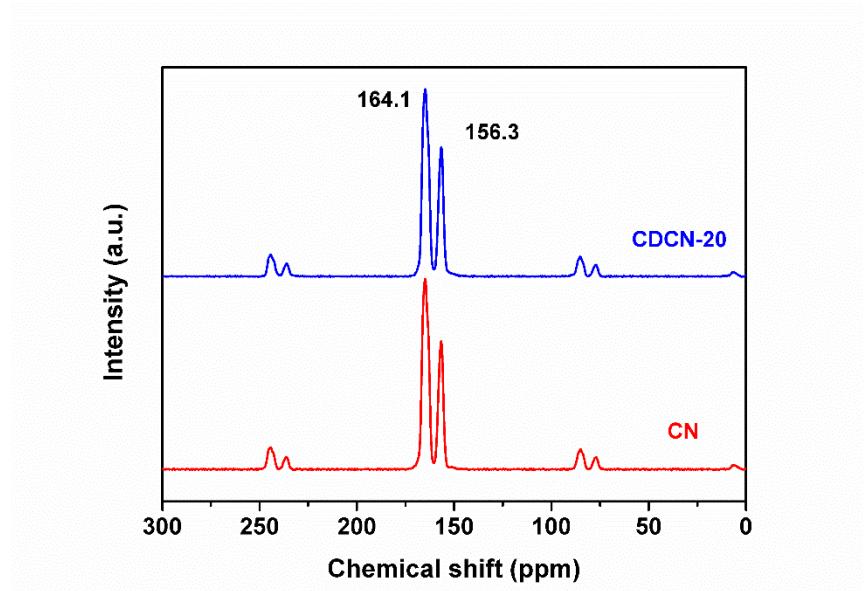


**Fig. S2.** The enlarged TEM images of CDCN-20.

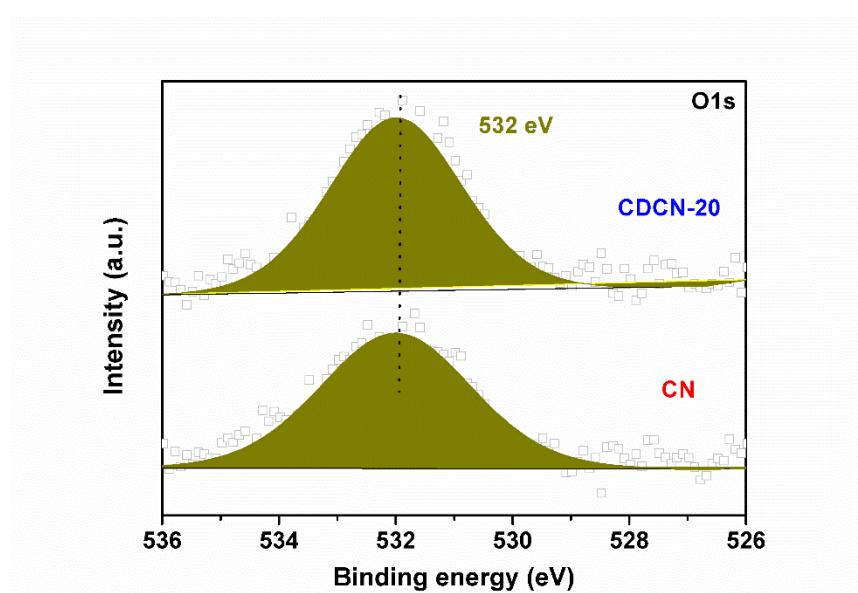
From the enlarged TEM images, we can surely observe that CDCN-20 show porous and thinner nanosheet structure by adding the acrylamide as gas bubble.



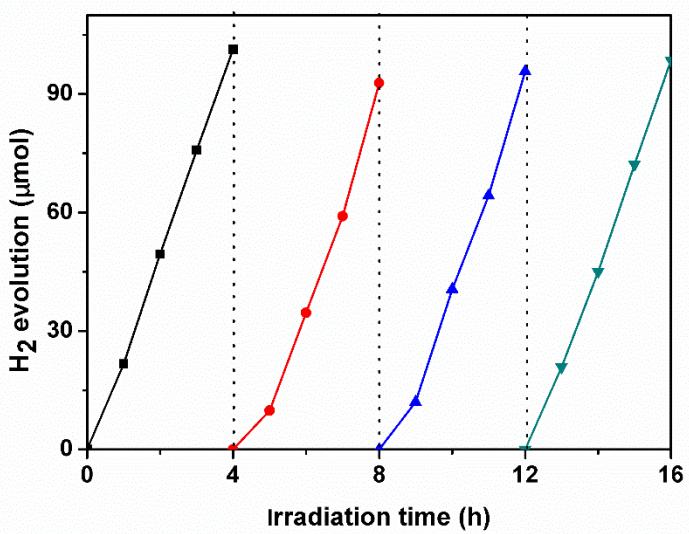
**Fig. S3.** The (0 0 2) peak of XRD patterns of CN and CDCN-20.



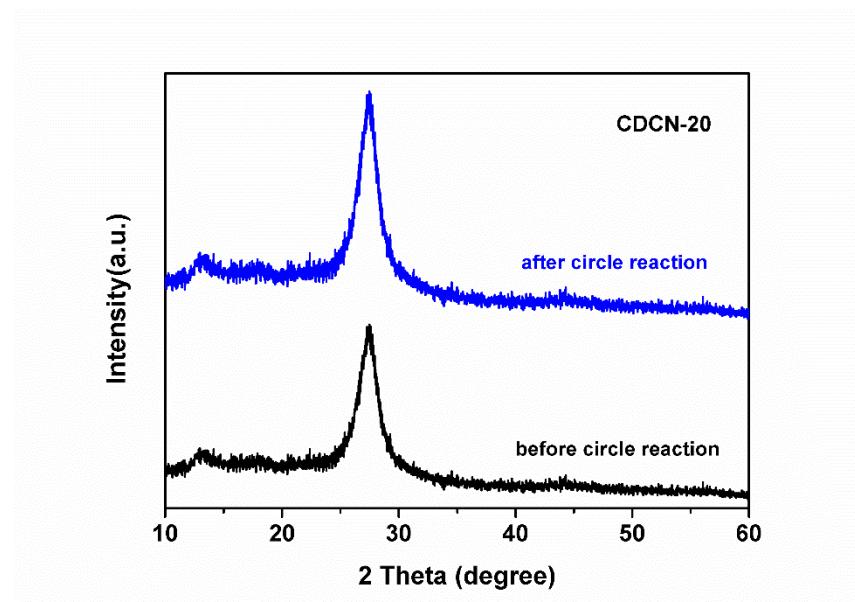
**Fig. S4.** The solid state  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP MAS NMR spectra of CN and CDCN-20.



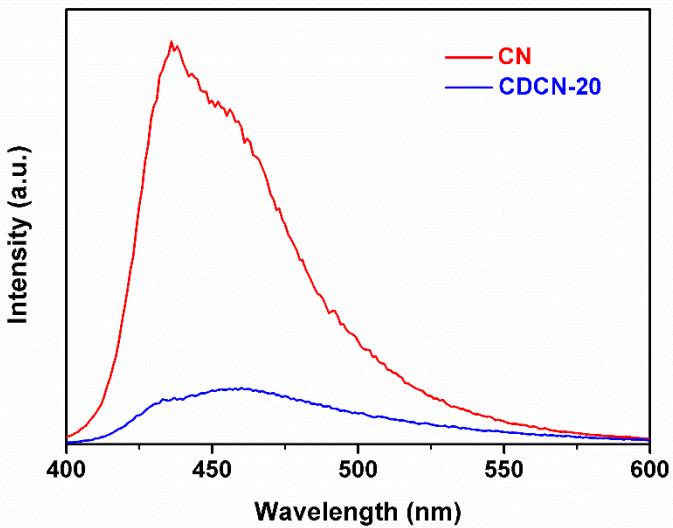
**Fig. S5.** High-resolution XPS spectra of O1s of CN and CDCN-20.



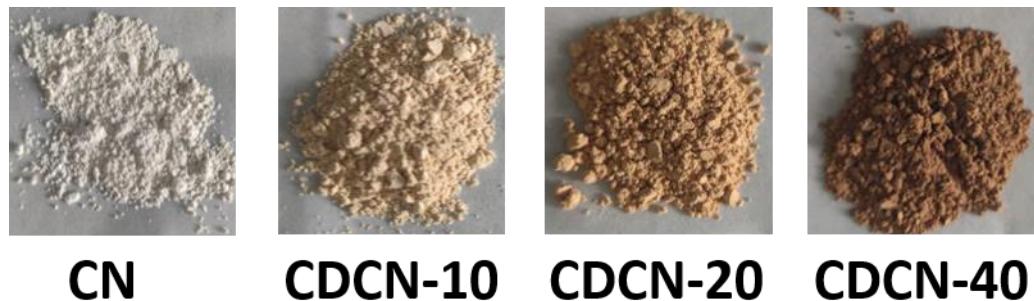
**Fig. S6.** long-term H<sub>2</sub> evolution by CDCN-20 under visible light irradiation.



**Fig. S7.** XRD patterns of CDCN-20 before and after circle reaction.

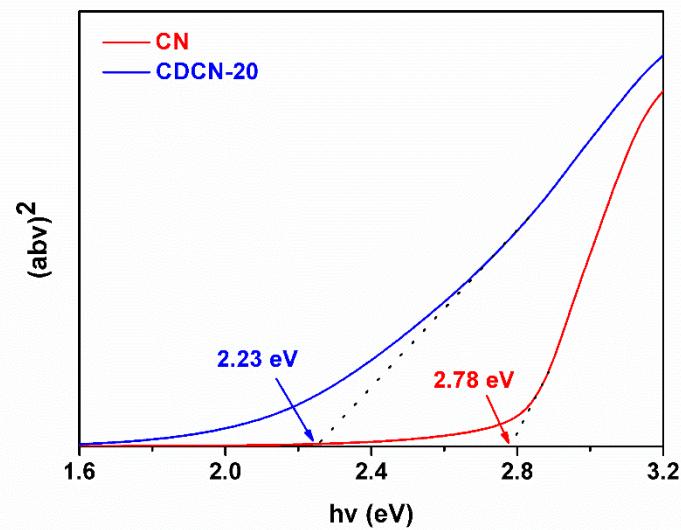


**Fig. S8.** Photoluminescence spectra of CN and CDCN-20.

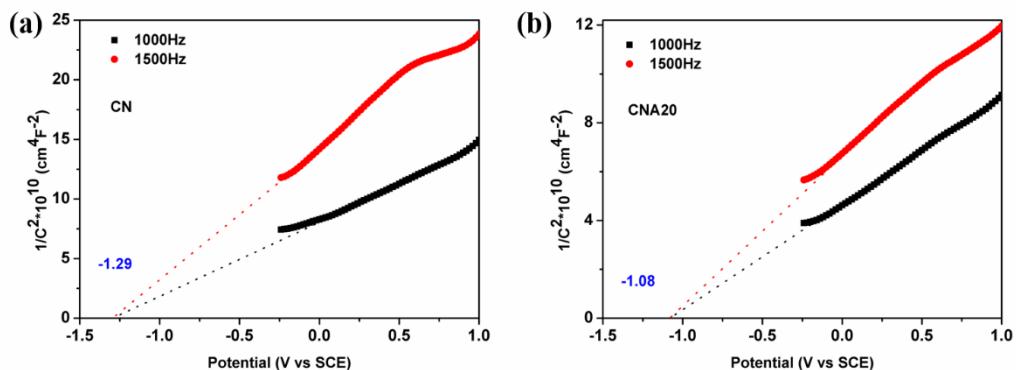


**Fig. S9.** The color variation of the g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> based material.

Adding trace amount of acrylamide can cause the change of the product color from light yellow to dark brown.



**Fig. S10.** Band energy level of CN and CDCN-20.



**Fig. S11.** Mott–Schottky plots of CN (a) and CDCN-20 (b) under different frequency 1000 Hz and 1500 Hz.

**Table S1** Results of organic elemental analyses for CN and CDCN-x (x=10, 20 and 40).

sample	N/%	C/%	H/%	C/N <sup>a</sup>
CN	58.03	33.21	2.381	0.6677
CDCN-10	58.73	34.11	2.39	0.6776
CDCN-20	58.12	33.8	2.233	0.6785
CDCN-40	54.67	34.72	2.58	0.7409

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**Table S2** Area ratios of the C and N atoms in different chemical states of CN and CNA20 samples.

Sample	C1s			N1s		
	Position(ev)	Assign	Ratio(at%)	Position(ev)	Assign	Ratio(at%)
CN	284.8	C-C	10.9	398.8	C-N=C	75.9
	288.1	N=C-N	89.1	400.1	N-C <sub>3</sub>	24.1
CDCN-20	284.8	C-C	15.6	398.8	C-N=C	76.8
				400.1	N-C <sub>3</sub>	
	288.1	N=C-N	84.4	401.1	C-N-H	23.2
				401.1	C-N-H	

**Table S3** Comparison of the photocatalytic performance and synthetic approach of CDCN-20 with other C-doped photocatalysts reported recently in the literature.

Photocatalyst	Precursor	synthesis	Application	Enhanced photocatalytic activity/pristine	Ref.
CDCN-20	Dicyandiamide Acrylamide	Thermal polymerization	H <sub>2</sub> evolution	3.4 times	This work
C-g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	Melamine pretreated with absolute ethanol	Polycondensation	RhB degradation	4.47 times	[1]
5M-CF	Melamine and melamine porous resin foam	Polycondensation	NO removal	3.8 times	[2]
CCN	Glucose Melamine	Hydrothermal	4-nitropheol degradation	Enhanced	[3]
C <sub>2</sub> /g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Glucose	Hydrothermal	MB degradation	1.32 times	[4]
C <sub>2</sub> GCN	Dicyandiamide β-cyclodextrin	Thermal polymerization	H <sub>2</sub> evolution	5 times	[5]
C-g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	Melamine and cyanuric acid were dissolved in ethylene	Annealing	H <sub>2</sub> evolution	15 times	[6]
CCN-0.2	Melamine cyanuric acid Chitosan	Thermal polymerization	H <sub>2</sub> evolution	29.1 times	[7]
BTPMC g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	Urea Kapok fibre	Thermal condensation	BPA Degradation	Enhanced	[8]
CN-C	Urea Saccharose	Co-pyrolysis	NO removal	1.7 times	[9]

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