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## **Supplementary Materials**

## Construction of a novel Cu<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>3</sub>F/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> heterojunction as a high-

## activity Fenton-like photocatalyst driven by visible light

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| Catalyst   | Dosage | Target    | C <sub>0</sub> | V    | Reaction  | Catalytic | Declined | Ref.     |
|--|--------|-----------|----------------|------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
|  | (mg)   | pollutant | (mg/L)         | (mL) | time(min) | cycles    | activity |          |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /C/Cu <sub>2</sub> O                  | 20     | MB        | 100            | 50   | 60        | 3         | 3.2%     | 1        |
| Cu/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @CRC                               | 50     | MB        | 200            | 50   | 60        | 5         | 5%       | 2        |
| CuFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>     | 250    | MB        | 50             | 250  | 270       | 4         | little   | 3        |
| CuCr2O4/CeO2   | 50     | RhB       | 20             | 60   | 16        | 3         | 7%       | 4        |
| Cu-C-CN  | 20     | MB        | 10             | 50   | 150       | 5         | little   | 5        |
| CuO/LaFeO3   | 15     | RhB       | 6              | 100  | 180       | 5         | little   | 6        |
| BW/BF/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>                                | 10     | RhB       | 10             | 100  | 90        | 4         | little   | 7        |
| LFO-15Cu   | 100    | МО        | 10             | 100  | 60        | 4         | 4.4%     | 8        |
| g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /NH <sub>2</sub> -Iron               | 50     | MB        | 30             | 50   | 120       | 4         | little   | 9        |
| Cu-CNK-OH  | 20     | RhB       | 10             | 50   | 20        | 5         | 6.3%     | 10       |
| Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH)PO <sub>4</sub> /g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> | 20     | RhB       | 10             | 50   | 40        | 5         | little   | 11       |
| ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>    | 25     | MB        | 20             | 50   | 60        | 5         | ≈5%      | 12       |
| CuS/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>                                  | 40     | RhB       | 30             | 100  | 60        | 3         | little   | 13       |
| Fe-doped g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>                             | 20     | RhB       | 10             | 100  | 45        | 5         | 5.7%     | 14       |
| Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>3</sub> F/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>  | 10     | RhB       | 20             | 50   | 25        | 5         | ≈1%      | Our work |

**Table S1.** Comparison of the degradation of organic pollutants by other copper-based or and CN-based catalysts using photo-assisted Fenton-like effect.

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Fig. S1. SEM images of (a)pure  $g-C_3N_4$ , (b)pure  $Cu_2(OH)_3F$ . TEM images of (a)pure  $g-C_3N_4$ , (b)pure  $Cu_2(OH)_3F$ .



Fig.S2. element mappings of CFO/CN-40



Fig.S3. Transient photocurrent response of the Cu<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>3</sub>F, g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> and CFO/CN-40.



Fig.S4. EIS Nyquist plots of the  $Cu_2(OH)_3F$ , g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> and CFO/CN-40.