## Tuning the visible-light photocatalytic degradation activity of thin nanosheets constructed porous $g-C_3N_4$ microspheres by decorating ionic liquid modified carbon dots: roles of heterojunctions and surface charges

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Fig. S1 (a) FTIR spectrum and (b) XRD pattern of MOF.



Fig. S2 (a) Full-scan XPS and corresponding high-resolution (b) C1s, (c) N1s and (d) O1s XPS spectra of CDs.



Fig. S3 (a) SEM and (b) high-resolution SEM images of CDs-1.6/C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.

## Table S1

Element compositions of CDs, g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> and CDs-1.6/C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> calculated by their XPS spectra.

Sample	C%	N%	O%
CDs	70.72	11.36	17.92
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	44.45	54.39	1.16
CDs-1.6/C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	45.60	53.14	1.26



Fig S4 Time-resolved transient PL decay curves of  $g-C_3N_4$  and CDs-1.6/C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> samples under the excitation wavelength of 405 nm.



**Fig S5** The absorption behaviors of  $g-C_3N_4$  and CDs-1.6/C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> towards various pollutants of (a) MO, (b) MB, (c) RhB and (d) p-NP.



Fig. S6 Mott-Schottky plots of  $g-C_3N_4$  and  $CDs-1.6/C_3N_4$ .



Fig. S7 VB XPS spectra of  $g-C_3N_4$  and  $CDs-1.6/C_3N_4$ .