Efficient Photocatalytic C-C Decoupling of β-O-4 Lignin Model by Cation-coordinated Graphitic Carbon Nitride

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Graphitic carbon nitride(g- C_3N_4) is the promising green material which can alternate molecular catalysts. Because the Ir, Ru-based molecular catalysts are expensive and harmful, replacement of them is meaningful. Moreover, by carbon-carbon decoupling reaction with g- C_3N_4 , highly value-added products can be given from nature polymer, such as lignin. In this research, carbon-carbon decoupling reaction rate of lignin β -O-4 model is enhanced by maximizing adsorption. Additional adsorption is driven by strong cation-pi interaction between aromatic reactants and coordinated cations in g- C_3N_4 heptazine(tri-s-triazine) melon structure. It is known that cation-pi interaction of

Li⁺ and aromatic ring is strongest, and K⁺ ion is weakest among Li, Na, K cations. Li, Na, K cations were doped and the reaction rate enhancement tendency was exhibited according to cation-pi interaction strength order. The reaction yield was measured by Gas chromatography, and catalysts were characterized with UV-vis spectroscopy, XRD.