

The elemental composition and chemical status of the obtained photocatalysts was studied by XPS, as exhibited in Figs. 2 and S2. Fig. 2a-f is the XPS spectrum of the individual element, including the signal of C, N, O, Mg, In, and S. The XPS spectrum of C 1s (Fig. 2a) for OCN could be divided into three peaks located at 284.8 eV, 286.45 eV, and 288.0 eV. While in the case of OCM3, these three peaks are at 284.8 eV, 286.50 eV, and 288.3 eV. These three peaks can be indexed into the adventitious carbon, C-O bond (Oh et al., 2015; Fu et al., 2014), and N—C-N type aromatic carbons (Yu et al., 2017). For N 1s (Fig. 2b), the XPS spectrum of OCN can be deconvoluted into three peaks at 398.5 eV, 399.8 eV, and 400.9 eV, respectively, while deconvolution of N 1s spectrum for OCM3 are at 398.9 eV, 400.1 eV, and 401.2 eV, respectively. These three peaks belong to the C-N—C, N-(C)3, and N-H (Zhang et al., 2012). As for the O 1s spectrum in OCN (Fig. 2c), the deconvolution of the peaks is located at 530.7 eV, 531.9 eV, and 533.2 eV, respectively. While in OCM3, the divided peaks are at 530.7 eV, 532.3 eV, and 533.6 eV, respectively, which belong to C=O (Yan et al., 2020), C-O-C (Liu et al., 2011), and adsorbed oxygen species, respectively. This result indicates that O atoms are doped into the framework of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>. Notably, on the one hand, compared with the OCN, the binding energy of the C 1s, N 1s, and O 1s in OCM3 have a slight shift toward the higher binding energy. On the other hand, compared with pure MIS, the XPS peaks of Mg 1s, In 3d and S 2p in OCM3 exhibit a tiny move toward the lower binding energy, implying that after the hybrid of OCN and MIS, the electrons transferred from OCN to MIS (Low et al., 2017; Xu et al., 2020). This electron transfer pathway is the same as direct Z-scheme heterojunctions, which could promote the separation of the photoinduced charge carriers.