# Supplementary Information for

# Photocatalytic aerobic oxidation of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H bonds

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#### S1. Materials and measurements

All starting materials, reagents and solvents used in experiments were commercially available, high-grade purity materials and used without further purification. 3,5-dibromoaniline (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>), propanoic acid (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>COOH), 1,6,7,12-Tetrachloroperylene Tetracarboxylic Acid Dianhydride (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>), ammonium cerium nitrate (Ce(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>), glycine (NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH) were purchased from Aladdin. Sodium chloride (NaCl), Benzoic acid (BA, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>COOH), 1-naphthoic acid (NA, C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>COOH), 9-anthroic acid (9-AC, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>COOH) were purchased from Shanghai Haohong Scientific Co. Ltd. Toluene was purchased from Energy Chemical. Phenethyl ethanol, anisole sulfide, benzylamine and their derivatives were purchased from Adamas Reagent Co. Ltd.

	CeBTTD-B	CeBTTD-N	CeBTTD-A
Empirical formula	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>14</sub> CeCl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>16</sub> CeCl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>23</sub> CeCl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>10</sub>
Formula weight	723.41	785.48	878.60
Temperature/K	150	150	150
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	C2/c	C2/c	Pnma
a/Å	41.87(2)	41.778(16)	16.7769(4)
b/Å	13.940(7)	13.452(5)	42.5051(9)
c/Å	14.711(8)	15.098(6)	11.4038(3)
$lpha/^{\circ}$	90	90	90
$eta / ^{\circ}$	104.626(16)	99.819(13)	90
γ/°	90	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	8308(2)	8361(5)	8132.1(3)
Ζ	8	8	8
$ ho_{ m calc}{ m g/cm^3}$	1.157	1.248	1.435
$\mu/mm^{-1}$	9.998	9.978	10.329
<i>F</i> (000)	2840.0	3096	3496.0
Reflections collected	10206	16611	40067
Independent reflections	$\begin{array}{l} 3944[R_{int}=0.0757,\\ R_{sigma}=0.0931] \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} 4205[R_{int}=0.0718,\\ R_{sigma}=0.0651] \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} 8027 \; [R_{int} = \\ 0.0884,  R_{sigma} = \\ 0.0769] \end{array}$
Data/restraints/parameters	3944/36/372	4205/355/463	8027/568/688
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.082	1.064	1.037
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0824, wR_2 = 0.2301$ $R_2 = 0.1084, wR_2 = 0.2301$	$R_1 = 0.0813, wR_2 = 0.2182$ $R_2 = 0.1038, wR_2 = 0.2182$	$R_1 = 0.0756, wR_2 = 0.2087$ $R_2 = 0.1173, wP_2 = 0.1173, wP_2 = 0.1173, wP_2 = 0.1173, wP_2 = 0.01173, wP_2 = 0.001173, wP_2 = 0$
Final R indexes [all data]	0.2563	0.2458	0.2482
argest diff. peak/hole / e	1.09/-1.99	1.12/-1.20	0.83/-1.32

**Supplementary Table 1.** Crystal data and structure refinement of CeBTTD (-B, -N and -A), respectively.

 ${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \Sigma |F_{o}|. {}^{b}wR_{2} = |\Sigma w (|F_{o}|^{2} - |F_{c}|^{2})| / \Sigma |w(F_{o})^{2}|^{1/2}$ 

Atom1	Atom2	Length/ Å	Atom1	Atom2	Length/ Å
Ce1	O6 <sup>1</sup>	2.478	Cel	O4	2.561
Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	2.724	Cel	03	2.573
Cel	01	2.464	Cel	O1w	2.497
Cel	O2 <sup>3</sup>	2.436	Cel	O2w	2.539
Cel	O5 <sup>2</sup>	2.558			

Supplementary Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) of CeBTTD-B.

<sup>1</sup>+X, 1-Y, 1/2+Z, <sup>2</sup>3/2-X, -1/2+Y, 3/2-Z, <sup>3</sup>3/2-X, 1/2-Y, 1-Z.

Supplementary Table 3. Selected bond angles of CeBTTD-B.

Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Angle/°	Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Angle/°
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Ce1	O6 <sup>2</sup>	72.7(4)	O2 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	03	138.1(4)
<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	Ce1	O5 <sup>2</sup>	120.2(4)	O2 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	O1w	71.6(4)
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Ce1	O4	133.7(5)	O2 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O2w	72.3(5)
<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	Ce1	03	86.9(4)	O5 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	49.3(4)
<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	O1w	83.1(4)	O5 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	O4	82.3(5)
<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	Ce1	O2w	146.0(4)	O5 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	03	129.2(4)
O1	Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	70.1(4)	O4	Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	126.1(4)
O1	Ce1	O6 <sup>1</sup>	71.7(4)	O4	Cel	03	51.7(4)
O1	Cel	O5 <sup>2</sup>	75.7(4)	03	Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	142.6(4)
O1	Ce1	O4	76.8(4)	O1w	Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	136.1(4)
01	Cel	03	74.0(4)	O1w	Cel	O5 <sup>2</sup>	148.1(4)
01	Ce1	O1w	135.5(4)	O1w	Ce1	O4	97.1(4)
01	Ce1	O2w	140.8(4)	O1w	Ce1	O3	68.6(4)
O2 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	$O6^1$	76.0(4)	O1w	Cel	O2w	75.6(4)
O2 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O6 <sup>2</sup>	67.4(3)	O2w	Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	105.2(5)
O2 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	01	132.3(4)	O2w	Cel	O5 <sup>2</sup>	73.3(4)
O2 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O5 <sup>2</sup>	92.0(4)	O2w	Cel	O4	75.9(6)
O2 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O4	147.9(4)	O2w	Ce1	03	108.9(5)

<sup>1</sup>+X, 1-Y, -1/2+Z, <sup>2</sup>3/2-X, -1/2+Y, 3/2-Z, <sup>3</sup>3/2-X, 1/2-Y, 1-Z

Atom1	Atom2	Length/ Å	Atom1	Atom2	Length/ Å
Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	2.487	Cel	O3	2.560
Cel	O6 <sup>3</sup>	2.713	Cel	O4	2.546
Cel	$O2^1$	2.442	Cel	O1w	2.509
Cel	O5 <sup>3</sup>	2.521	Cel	O2w	2.545
Cel	01	2.435			

Supplementary Table 4. Selected bond lengths (Å) of CeBTTD-N.

<sup>1</sup>1/2-X, 3/2-Y, 1-Z, <sup>2</sup>+X, 1-Y, -1/2+Z, <sup>3</sup>1/2-X, 1/2+Y, 3/2-Z

Supplementary Table 5. Selected bond angles of CeBTTD-N.

Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Angle/°	Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Angle/°
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	O6 <sup>2</sup>	72.7(4)	O2 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O1w	71.6(4)
<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	O6 <sup>3</sup>	74.3(4)	01	Ce1	O6 <sup>3</sup>	71.1(3)
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	O5 <sup>3</sup>	121.7(3)	O1	Ce1	$O2^2$	133.1(3)
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	03	85.2(3)	O1	Ce1	O5 <sup>3</sup>	76.4(4)
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	O4	131.7(4)	O1	Ce1	03	73.4(3)
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	O1w	83.2(4)	O1	Ce1	04	76.6(4)
O6 <sup>1</sup>	Cel	O2w	146.4(4)	O1	Ce1	O1w	136.3(4)
$O2^2$	Cel	O6 <sup>1</sup>	76.6(3)	01	Ce1	O2w	141.1(4)
$O2^2$	Cel	O6 <sup>3</sup>	67.8(3)	O3	Ce1	O6 <sup>3</sup>	143.1(3)
$O2^2$	Cel	O5 <sup>3</sup>	92.9(3)	O4	Ce1	O6 <sup>3</sup>	127.1(4)
$O2^2$	Cel	03	136.9(3)	O4	Ce1	03	51.0(4)
$O2^2$	Cel	O4	148.4(4)	O1w	Ce1	O6 <sup>3</sup>	135.5(3)
$O2^2$	Cel	O1w	70.0(4)	O1w	Cel	O5 <sup>3</sup>	146.5(4)
$O2^2$	Cel	O2w	72.4(4)	O1w	Cel	03	69.3(4)
O5 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	O6 <sup>3</sup>	49.5(3)	O1w	Ce1	04	96.5(4)
O5 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	03	129.4(3)	O1w	Cel	O2w	74.4(4)
O5 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	04	83.2(4)	O2w	Ce1	O6 <sup>3</sup>	104.9(4)
O5 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	O2w	73.0(4)	O2w	Ce1	03	109.0(4)
01	Cel	O6 <sup>1</sup>	71.5(3)	O2w	Cel	O4	76.4(5)

<sup>1</sup>+X, 1-Y, -1/2+Z, <sup>2</sup>1/2-X, 3/2-Y, 1-Z, <sup>3</sup>1/2-X, 1/2+Y, 3/2-Z

Atom1	Atom2	Length/ Å	Atom1	Atom2	Length/ Å
Cel	O9	2.477	Cel	07	2.557
Cel	O10	2.581	Cel	O4 <sup>3</sup>	2.458
Cel	O3 <sup>2</sup>	2.467	Cel	O8	2.499
Ce1	O6	2.451	Cel	O11	2.522
Cel	<b>O6</b> <sup>1</sup>	2.719	Cel	O12	2.462

Supplementary Table 6. Selected bond lengths (Å) of CeBTTD-A.

<sup>1</sup>1-X, 1-Y, 1-Z, <sup>2</sup>1/2+X, +Y, 1/2-Z, <sup>3</sup>1/2-X, 1-Y, 1/2+Z.

Supplementary Table 7. Selected bond angles of CeBTTD-A.

Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Angle/°	Atom1	Atom2	Atom3	Angle/°
09	Cel	O10	68.5(6)	07	Ce1	O6 <sup>1</sup>	146.2(2)
09	Ce1	O6 <sup>1</sup>	137.6(4)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	09	71.1(4)
09	Cel	07	74.8(4)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O10	74.2(6)
09	Cel	08	79.3(5)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O3 <sup>2</sup>	136.2(2)
O10	Ce1	O6 <sup>1</sup>	82.0(5)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O6 <sup>1</sup>	72.0(2)
O10	Cel	07	121.9(5)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	07	126.2(3)
O3 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	09	144.5(3)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	08	148.8(2)
O3 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	O10	133.3(4)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Cel	O11	68.7(5)
O3 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	O6 <sup>1</sup>	76.2(2)	O4 <sup>3</sup>	Ce1	O12	78.2(6)
O3 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	07	72.2(2)	O8	Ce1	O10	86.3(6)
O3 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	08	75.0(2)	O8	Ce1	<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	129.8(2)
O3 <sup>2</sup>	Cel	011	134.6(6)	08	Cel	07	50.9(2)
O6	Cel	09	109.8(5)	08	Cel	011	87.3(6)
O6	Cel	O10	144.9(6)	011	Cel	<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	140.7(5)
O6	Cel	O3 <sup>2</sup>	71.9(2)	O11	Cel	07	64.4(5)
O6	Cel	O6 <sup>1</sup>	77.6(2)	O12	Ce1	O3 <sup>2</sup>	139.0(6)
O6	Cel	07	81.8(2)	O12	Ce1	<b>O</b> 6 <sup>1</sup>	103.3(7)
O6	Cel	O4 <sup>3</sup>	72.5(3)	O12	Ce1	07	108.2(7)
O6	Cel	08	128.6(2)	012	Cel	08	75.1(7)
O6	Cel	O11	89.0(6)	O12	Cel	O11	70.4(8)
O6	Ce1	012	148.8(6)				

<sup>1</sup>1-X,1-Y,1-Z, <sup>2</sup>1/2+X,+Y,1/2-Z, <sup>3</sup>1/2-X,1-Y,1/2+Z



5-Aminoisophthalic Acid 1,6,7,12-Tetrachloroperylene Tetracarboxylic Acid Dianhydride



N,N-Bis(3,5-dicarboxyl)-1,6,7,12-Tetrachloroperylene-3,4,9,10-Tetracarboxylic Diimide

Supplementary Figure 1. The synthetic route of H<sub>4</sub>BTTD.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** The photograph of **a** CeBTTD-B, **b** CeBTTD-N and **c** CeBTTD-A under an optical microscope.



**Supplementary Figure 3.** Asymmetric unit in the single-crystal structure of CeBTTD-B. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50% probability. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Ce, yellow, Cl, green, O, red, C, gray, N, blue.



**Supplementary Figure 4. a** The coordination environment of Ce<sub>2</sub> in CeBTTD-B. Each Ce<sub>2</sub> in CeBTTD-B was coordination with four BTTD<sup>4-</sup>, two BA<sup>-</sup> and two coordinated water molecules. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Ce, yellow, Cl, green, O, red, C, gray, N, blue. **b** The three-dimensional structural and **c** the corresponding topology diagrams of CeBTTD-B, which the yellow balls represent {Ce<sub>2</sub>} and black balls represent BTTD<sup>4-</sup>, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 5.** Asymmetric unit in the single-crystal structure of CeBTTD-N with the disordered ligands. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50% probability. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Ce, yellow, Cl, green, O, red, C, gray, N, blue.



**Supplementary Figure 6. a** The coordination environment of Ce<sub>2</sub> in CeBTTD-N. Each Ce<sub>2</sub> in CeBTTD-N was coordination with four BTTD<sup>4-</sup>, two NA<sup>-</sup> and two coordinated water molecules. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Ce, yellow, Cl, green, O, red, C, gray, N, blue. **b** The three-dimensional structural and **c** the corresponding topology diagrams of CeBTTD-N, which the yellow balls represent  $\{Ce_2\}$  and black balls represent BTTD<sup>4-</sup>, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 7.** The dihedral angle between two benzene rings in BTTD<sup>4-</sup> ligand in CeBTTD HMMJs. **a** The planes of the two benzene rings in BTTD<sup>4-</sup> of CeBTTD-B are almost perpendicular, and the dihedral angle is calculated to be 87.1 degree. **b** The planes of the two benzene rings in BTTD<sup>4-</sup> of CeBTTD-N are completely coincident, and the dihedral angle is 0 degree. **c** There is only a very small angle between the two planes of the benzene rings in BTTD<sup>4-</sup> of CeBTTD-A and the dihedral angle is calculated to be 4.7 degrees. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Supplementary Figure 8.** Asymmetric unit in the single-crystal structure of CeBTTD-A with the disordered ligands and solvent molecules. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50% probability. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Ce, yellow, Cl, green, O, red, C, gray, N, blue.





**Supplementary Figure 9. a** The coordination environment of Ce<sub>2</sub> in CeBTTD-A. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Ce, yellow, Cl, green, O, red, C, gray, N, blue. **b** The three-dimensional structural and **c** the corresponding topology diagrams of CeBTTD-A, which the yellow balls represent {Ce<sub>2</sub>} and black balls represent BTTD<sup>4-</sup>, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 10.** The experimental (red) and simulated (black) PXRD patterns of CeBTTD-B.



**Supplementary Figure 11.** The experimental (red) and simulated (black) PXRD patterns of CeBTTD-N.



**Supplementary Figure 12.** The experimental (red) and simulated (black) PXRD patterns of CeBTTD-A.



**Supplementary Figure 13.** The FTIR spectra of CeBTTD-B (green), CeBTTD-N (blue) and CeBTTD-A (red), respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 14.** The TGA curves of CeBTTD-B (green), CeBTTD-N (blue) and CeBTTD-A (red), respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 15. a** XPS survey spectra and High-resolution peaks of Ce 3d spectrum of **b** CeBTTD-B, **c** CeBTTD-N and **d** CeBTTD-A, respectively. There is no satellite peak located around 916.0 eV, which suggest that Ce ions in CeBTTD HMMJs are all in +3 oxidation state.<sup>1</sup>



**Supplementary Figure 16.** UV-Visible diffuse reflection spectra for CeBTTD-B and its motifs (BA and H<sub>4</sub>BTTD).



**Supplementary Figure 17.** UV-Visible diffuse reflection spectra for CeBTTD-N and its motifs (NA and H<sub>4</sub>BTTD).



**Supplementary Figure 18.** Mott-Schottky plot measurement for CeBTTD-B. Inset: Energy diagram of the HOMO and LUMO levels of CeBTTD-B.



**Supplementary Figure 19.** Mott-Schottky plot measurement for CeBTTD-N. Inset: Energy diagram of the HOMO and LUMO levels of CeBTTD-N.



**Supplementary Figure 20.** Photoluminescence (PL) emission spectra of CeBTTD HMMJs and ligands under excitation at 400 nm.



Supplementary Figure 21. Standard curves of a toluene, b benzyl alcohol, c benzaldehyde and d benzoic acid by GC analysis.

	Photocatalyst r.t.	- ()^ + ()	Сон
Entry	Photocatalyst	<b>Reaction Condition</b>	Conversion (%)
1	CeBTTD-A	normal	99
2	CeBTTD-N	normal	trace
3	CeBTTD-B	normal	trace
4	CeBTTD-A	no substrate	trace
5	CeBTTD-A	N <sub>2</sub> replace O <sub>2</sub>	trace
6	no catalyst	normal	trace
7	CeBTTD-A	dark	trace
8	9-AC (homogeneous photocatalyst)	normal	48
9	H4BTTD	normal	trace
10	H4BTTD : 9-AC (2 mg : 1 mg)	normal	70
11	H4BTTD : 9-AC : CeCl <sub>3</sub> (2 mg : 1 mg : 2 mg)	normal	72

**Supplementary Table 8.** The photocatalytic performance of toluene oxidation with different photocatalysts.

Normal condition: 5 mg photocatalyst, 0.1 mmol substrate, 24 hours, 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN as the reagent, 300 W xenon light irradiation (300-1100 nm), 1 atm O<sub>2</sub>.

	R to Ce	eBTTD-A r.t. R	) * R#	ОН
D	A tracenhore	Yield	l (%)	Conversion
ĸ	Atmosphere	R-ph-CHO	<b>R-ph-COOH</b>	(%)
nЦ	$O_2$	trace	98	98
<i>p</i> -11	Air	2	93	95
р-	$O_2$	trace	99	99
OCH <sub>3</sub>	Air	trace	97	97
n-CN	$O_2$	10	62	72
<i>p</i> -CN	Air	7	50	57
πE	$O_2$	trace	98	98
р-г	Air	2	96	98
C1	$O_2$	3	95	98
<i>p</i> -CI	Air	19	66	85
Л	$O_2$	13	76	89
<i>p</i> -Вr	Air	22	53	75
. D.	$O_2$	22	55	77
<i>0</i> -Br	Air	10	45	55
			CC	OH-ph-COOH
n CU-	$O_2$	trace	trace	74
р-Сп3	Air	trace	trace	53

**Supplementary Table 9.** Photocatalytic performance of oxidation of toluene derivatives with CeBTTD-A as the photocatalyst.

Condition: 5 mg photocatalyst, 0.1 mmol substrate, 24 hours, 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN as the reagent, 300 W xenon light irradiation (300-1100 nm).



**Supplementary Figure 22.** The PXRD pattern of CeBTTD-A before (blue) and after (red) the photocatalytic tests.



**Supplementary Figure 23.** The FTIR spectra for CeBTTD-A before (blue) and after (red) the photocatalytic tests.



**Supplementary Figure 24.** Standard curves of **a** ethylbenzene and **b** acetophenone by GC analysis.

		otocatalyst	
Entry	Photocatalyst	<b>Reaction Condition</b>	Conversion (%)
1	CeBTTD-A	normal	99
2	CeBTTD-N	normal	1
3	CeBTTD-B	normal	trace
4	CeBTTD-A	no substrate	trace
5	CeBTTD-A	N <sub>2</sub> replace O <sub>2</sub>	trace
6	no catalyst	normal	trace
7	CeBTTD-A	dark	trace
8	9-AC (homogeneous photocatalyst)	normal	35
9	H4BTTD	normal	trace
10	H4BTTD : 9-AC (2 mg : 1 mg)	normal	65
11	H4BTTD : 9-AC : CeCl <sub>3</sub> (2 mg : 1 mg : 2 mg)	normal	63

**Supplementary Table 10.** The photocatalytic performance of ethylbenzene oxidation with different photocatalysts.

Normal condition: 5 mg photocatalyst, 0.1 mmol substrate, 12 hours, 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN as the reagent, 300 W xenon light irradiation (300-1100 nm), 1 atm O<sub>2</sub>.



Supplementary Figure 25. Photocatalytic performance for aerobic oxidation of cyclohexene. Reaction condition: 0.1 mmol substrates, 5 mg CeBTTD-A as the photocatalyst, air or  $O_2$  as reaction atmosphere, 24 hours, 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN as the reagent, 300-1100 nm xenon light source.



Supplementary Figure 26. a The reaction equipment and b the illumination equipment for the solvent-free ten-gram-scale reaction of ethylbenzene oxidation. The photocatalytic experiment was carried out on a 300 W xenon lamp ( $\lambda$ =300~1100 nm). Before the catalytic tests, 100 mg CeBTTD-A as the photocatalyst and 10 g ethylbenzene were added in 250 mL three-necked flask. Through controlling by air generator and flowmeter, fresh air is injected into the reaction system at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. Meanwhile, the reaction environment was controlled at room temperature by using thermostatic waterbath and cooling water circulation.

			Tempe-	Pressure		Ethyl-	Y	ield	Illuminat	DC
	Catalyst	Oxidant	rature (°C)	(bar)	Solvent	benzene (mmol)	%	µmol/ g	ion	Ref.
1	CeBTTD-A	Air	rt.	1	Solvent-free	94.2	91.4	861	300-780 nm	This work
2	CF3SO2Na	O2	rt.	1	CH3CN	10	89	22.81	400-405 nm blue light	2
3	Chlorinated BiOBr/TiO <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	rt.	1	Solvent-free	8.17		14.21	420-780 nm	3
4	VO@g-C3N4	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	rt.	1	CH₃CN	1	99	39.62	40 W domestic bulb	4
5	[Fe(TPA)(MeC N)2](ClO4)2/RF T	Air	rt.	1	CH3CN, H2O, HClO4	0.02	74	62.8	440 nm	5
6	Cs <sub>3</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>9</sub> /SBA -15	Air	rt.	1	Solvent-free	41.03	0.16	65.8	≥420 nm	6
7	TTMBPY · 3Br	Air	rt.	1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.1	82	64.06	365 nm LED	7
8	[BSPy][Otf]	O <sub>2</sub>	rt.	1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	1	92	50.36	365 nm	8
9	<i>p</i> -BiOBr	O <sub>2</sub>	rt.	1	H2O, t- BuOH	0.2	93	9.3	>400 nm	9
10	a-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	40	1	CH3CN, NHPI	0.1	74	7.4	455 nm LED	10
11	Cercosporin	O <sub>2</sub>	rt.	1	KBr, CH3OH	0.25	78	73.03	23 W CFL	11
12	Imide- acridinium salt PC III	Air	rt.	1	CH3CN, H2O	0.1	96	24.62	457 nm LEDs	12
13	SA-Fe-TCN	O2	60	1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN, NHPI, TEA	0.5	99	9.9	> 420 nm	13
14	Cu-PMOF-3 (Fe)	Air	60	1	CH3CN, NHPI	0.2	82	41		14
15	bisCu	O <sub>2</sub>	70	5	CH <sub>3</sub> CN, NHPI	5	72	72		15
16	Mo(VI)-V(V)	O <sub>2</sub>	75	1	CH3COOH, NHPI	1	80	61.54		16
17	Pt-BNP	O <sub>2</sub> , TBHP	80	1	H <sub>2</sub> O	9.43	93	58.13		17

**Supplementary Table 11.** Comparison of the photocatalytic aerobic oxidation of ethylbenzene activities of the reported heterogeneous materials.

18	Bioderived Cu <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	100	40	CH3CN, NHPI	1	93	9.3	18
19	(La,Sr) <sub>0.5</sub> - (Mn,Co) <sub>0.5</sub> O <sub>2.38</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	90	20	CH3COOH, NHPI	13.75	37	101.7 5	19
20	LC-N-8.9	TBHP	80	1	H <sub>2</sub> O	1	91	91.3	20
21	MFM-170	TBHP	65	1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.25	30	3	21
22	rac-1	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	rt.	1	CH3COOH, CH3CN	0.5	82	53.95	22
23	SDC-A	TBHP	80	1	Solvent-free	1	93	46.5	23
24	DACAQ/NHPI /HY	O <sub>2</sub>	80	3	CH <sub>3</sub> CN, NHPI	16.41	61	79.48	24
25	Fe-N-C-700	TBHP	rt.	1	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.5	99	49.5	25
26	[Fe(qpy)](ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Oxone	80	1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN, H <sub>2</sub> O	0.2	41	11.33	26
27	0.5%Pd@C- GluA-550	Air	120	1	Solvent-free	32.83	13	219.1 4	27
28	[(pymox- Me <sub>2</sub> )RuCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> B F <sup>4-</sup>	t- BuOOH	rt.	1	H <sub>2</sub> O	1	83	136.0 7	28

The green area represents the photocatalytic systems, the blue area represents the thermocatalytic systems.







**Supplementary Figure 28.** TA spectra of 9-AC, H<sub>4</sub>BTTD and CeBTTD-A probed within the region of 450-780 nm. excitation wavelength: **a** 9-AC (340 nm), **b** H<sub>4</sub>BTTD (400 nm) and **c** CeBTTD-A (400 nm).



**Supplementary Figure 29.** In situ high-resolution Ce *3d* XPS spectra of CeBTTD-A in dark (black curve) and light (red curve) conditions.



Supplementary Figure 30. Calculated absorption spectrum of CeBTTD-A.

$\lambda_{abs}$	f	Major Contributions	Major Assignments
547	0.428	H-3→L (96%),	BTTD→BTTD
484	0.031	H-1→L+1 (49%)	9-AC→BTTD
415	0.062	H→L+2 (76%)	9-AC→9-AC
412	0.074	H-1→L+2 (78%)	9-AC→9-AC
397	0.042	H-1→L+4 (86%)	9-AC→9-AC

Supplementary Table 12. Absorption peaks  $\lambda_{abs}$  [in eV (nm)], the oscillator strengths (*f*), major contributions and assignments (H and L represent HOMO and LUMO, respectively).



**Supplementary Figure 31.** The calculated major frontier molecular orbital distributions involved in excitation process of Supplementary Table 12.

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR and GC-MS analysis of products.



**Supplementary Figure 32.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using toluene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 33.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using toluene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 34.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 4-methylanisole as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 35.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 4-methylanisole as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 36.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using p-fluorotoluene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 37.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using p-fluorotoluene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 38.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 4chlorotoluene as substrate in Figure 4a.



Supplementary Figure 39. Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 4-chlorotoluene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 40.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using pbromotoluene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 41.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using p-bromotoluene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 42.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using p-tolunitrile as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 43.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using p-tolunitrile as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 44.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 2-bromotoluene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 45.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 2-bromotoluene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 46.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using paraxylene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 47.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using paraxylene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 48.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using ethylbenzene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 49.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using ethylbenzene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 50.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 4ethylanisole as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 51.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 4-ethylanisole as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 52.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 1-ethyl-4-fluorobenzene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 53.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 1-ethyl-4-fluorobenzene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 54.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 1-chloro-4-ethylbenzene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 55** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 1-chloro-4ethylbenzene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 56.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 1-bromo-4-ethylbenzene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 57.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 1-bromo-4ethylbenzene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 58.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 4ethylbenzonitrile as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 59.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 4-ethylbenzonitrile as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 60.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 2-bromoethylbenzene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 61.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 2-bromoethylbenzene as substrate.



**Supplementary Figure 62.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reaction product using 1,4diethylbenzene as substrate in Figure 4a.



**Supplementary Figure 63.** Mass spectrum of the reaction product using 1,4diethylbenzene as substrate.

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