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## **CoMoO<sub>4</sub> as a novel heterogeneous catalyst of peroxyomonosulfate activation for the degradation of organic dyes**

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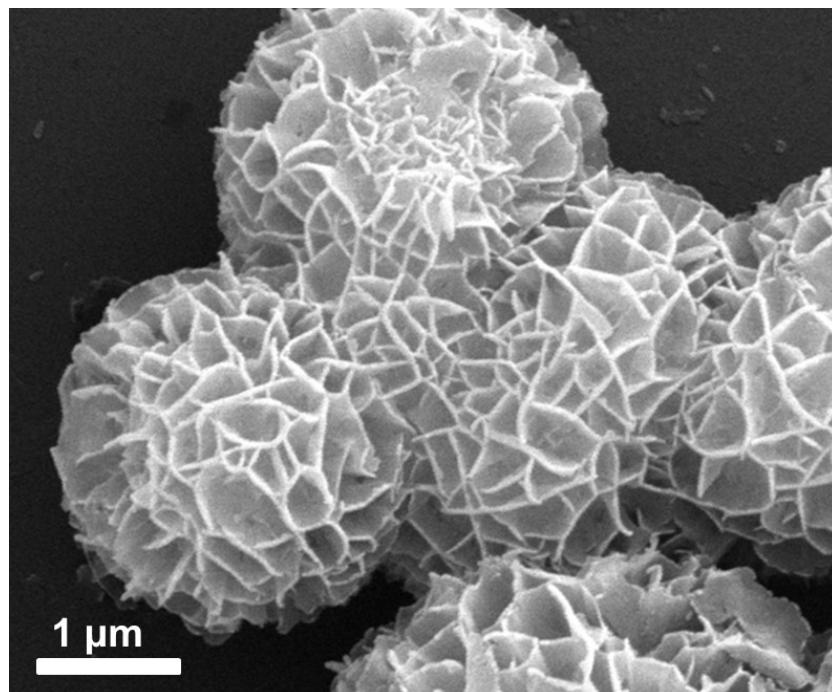
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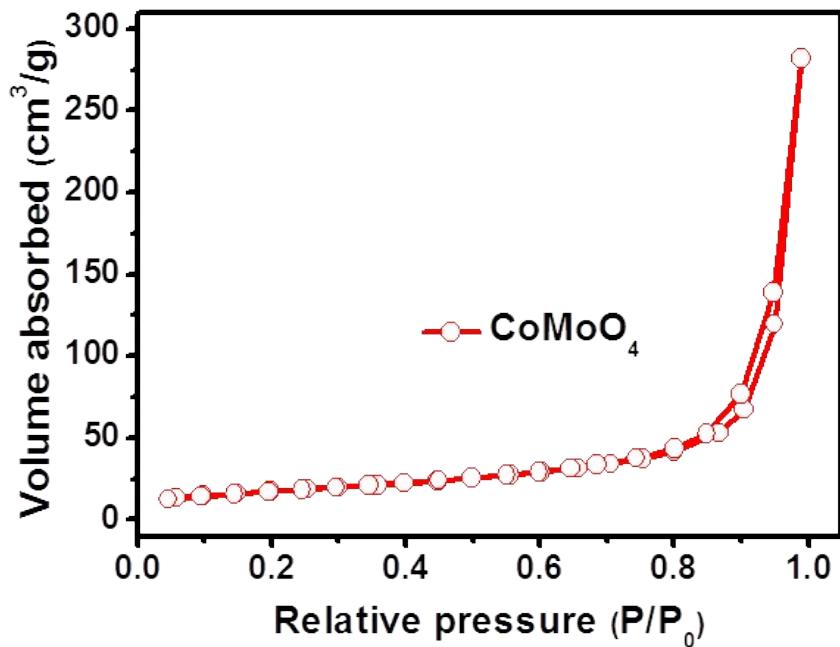
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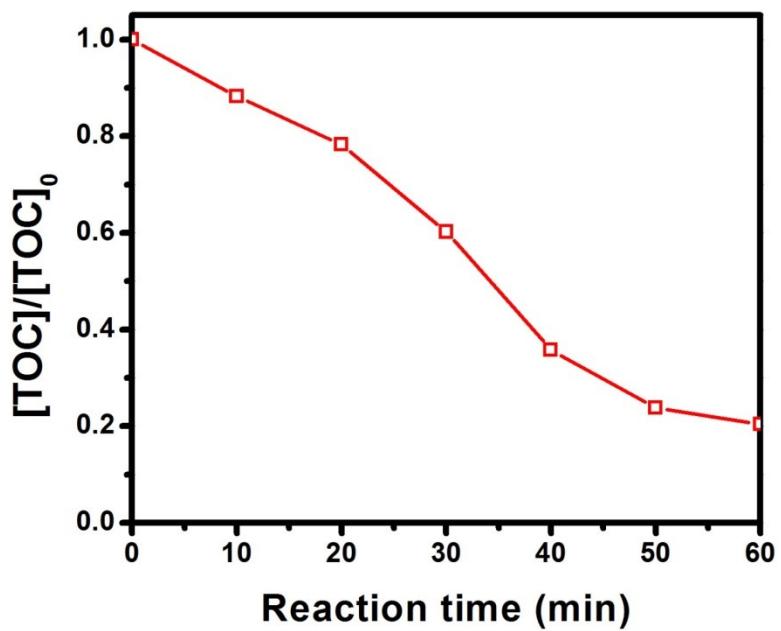


**Fig S1** SEM pattern of uncalcined precursor.

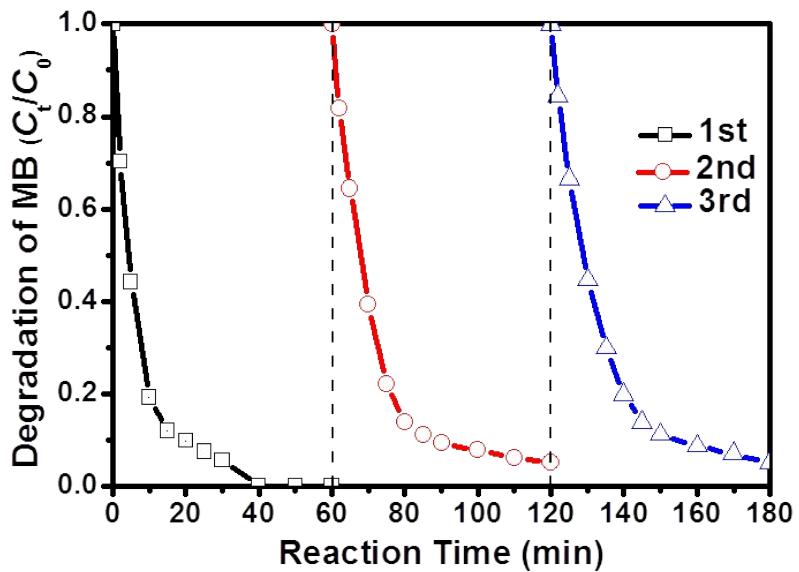




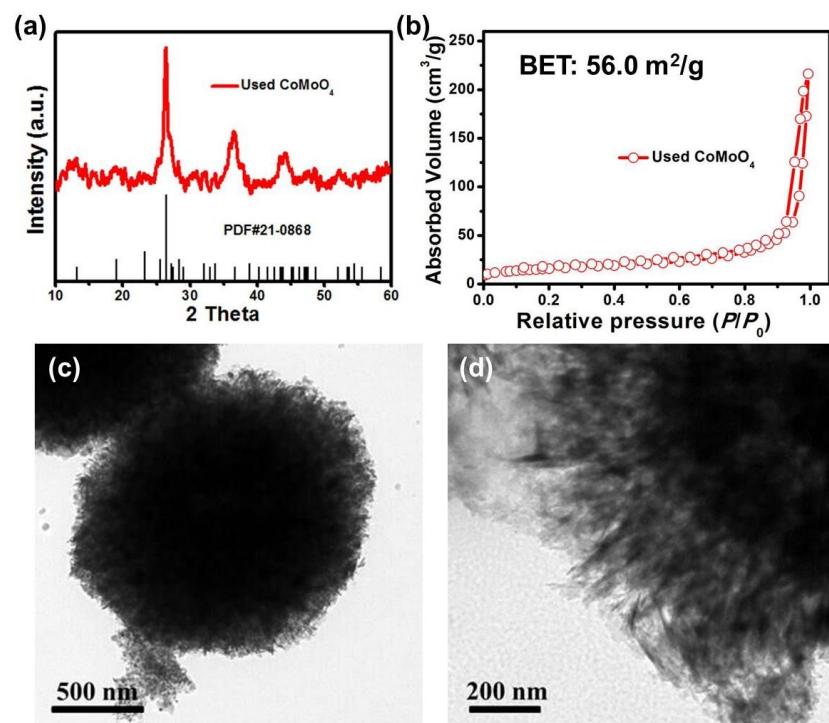
**Fig S2** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm of CoMoO<sub>4</sub>.



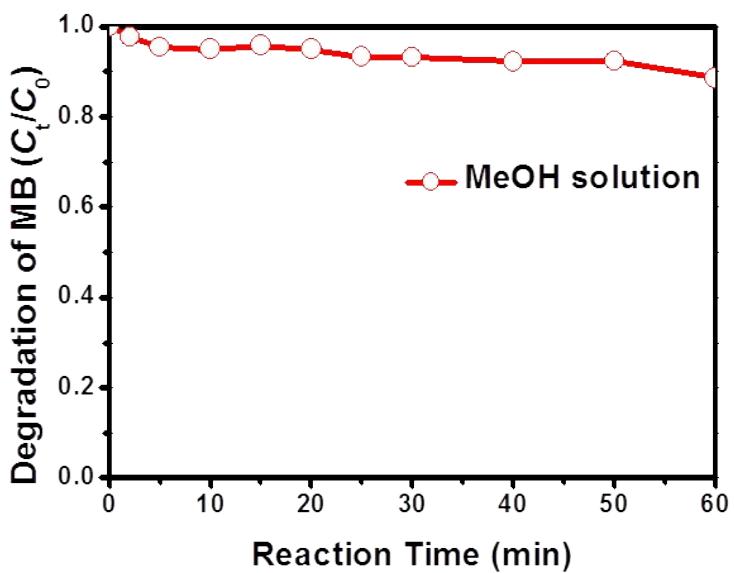
**Fig S3** TOC removal in MB degradation catalyzed by CoMoO<sub>4</sub>/PMS systems. Conditions: [MB]<sub>0</sub> = 100 mg/L, volume (MB) = 50 mL, [Oxone] = 2 mM, catalyst amount = 0.05 g (0.10 g/L), temperature=25°C, without pH adjustment.



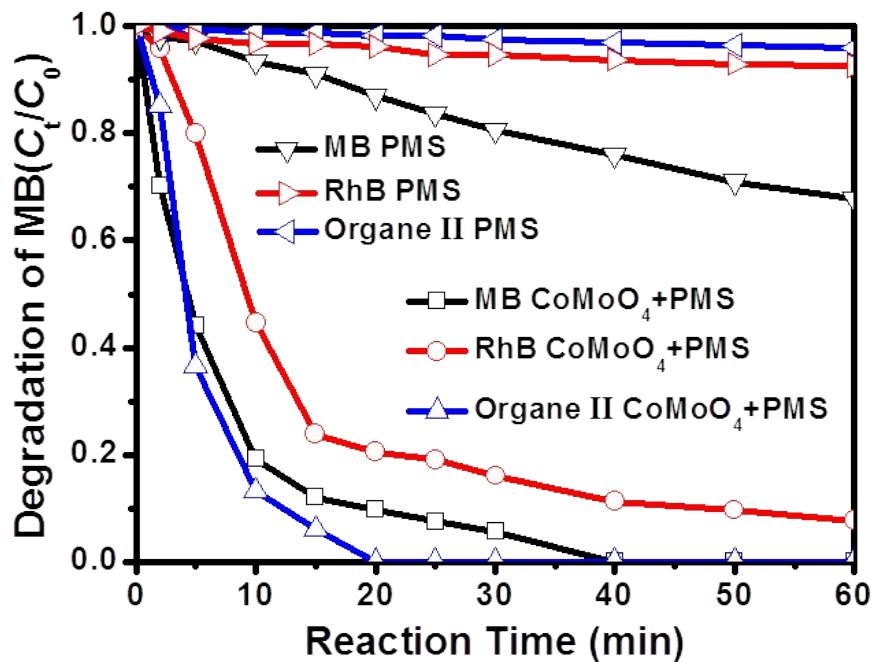
**Fig S4** Degradation of MB in CoMoO<sub>4</sub>/PMS system for catalyst recycling experiment. Conditions: [MB]<sub>0</sub> = 100 mg/L, volume (MB) = 50 mL, [Oxone] = 2mM, catalyst amount = 0.05 g (0.10 g/L), temperature=25°C, without pH adjustment.



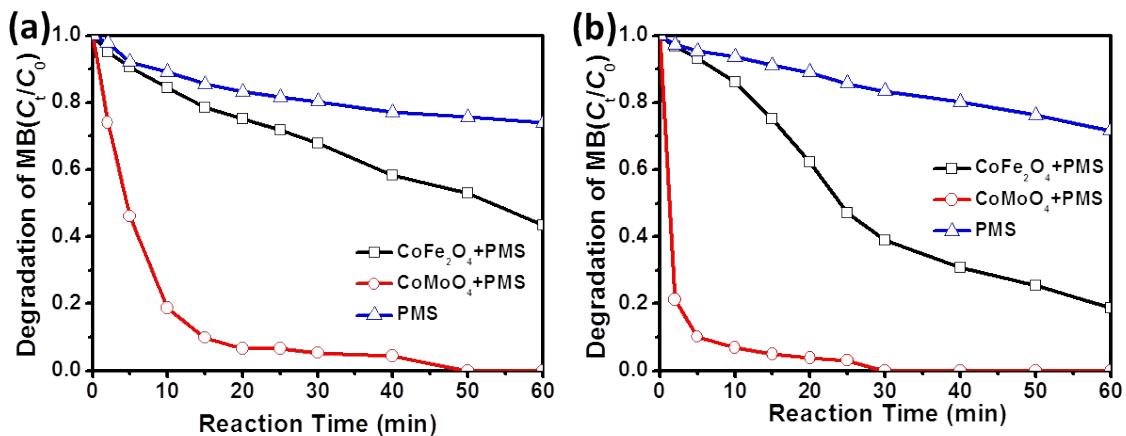
**Fig S5** XRD pattern (a), N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm (b), TEM images (c and d) of the used CoMoO<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig S6** MB degradation in MeOH solution. Conditions:  $[MB]_0 = 100 \text{ mg/L}$ , volume (MB) = 50 mL,  $[\text{Oxone}] = 2\text{mM}$ , catalyst amount = 0.05 g (0.10 g/L), temperature=25°C, without pH adjustment.



**Fig S7** Degradation in various dyes by CoMoO<sub>4</sub>/PMS system. Conditions: [dye]<sub>0</sub> = 100 mg/L, volume (dye) = 50 mL, [Oxone] = 2mM, catalyst amount = 0.05 g (0.10 g/L), temperature=25°C, without pH adjustment.



**Fig S8** MB degradation by CoMoO<sub>4</sub>/PMS system under some actual water background: tap water (a), surface water (b). Conditions: [MB]<sub>0</sub> = 100 mg/L, volume (MB) = 50 mL, [Oxone] = 2mM, catalyst amount = 0.05 g (0.10 g/L), temperature=25°C, without pH adjustment.

## Tables

**Table S1** The performances of various catalysts in PMS activation for MB degradation.

Catalyst	MB (mg/L)	PMS (mM)	Cat. dosage (g/L)	MB:PMS:Cat. (mg/L:mM:g/L)	Time <sup>a</sup> (min)	REF
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.50	0.50	0.05	1:0.0670:0.0067	10	1
activated RGO	10.0	1.64	0.06	1:0.1640:0.0060	60	2
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /titanate	10.0	0.50	0.50	1:0.0500:0.0500	10	3
RGO-CO <sub>2</sub>	10.0	3.29	0.05	1:0.3290:0.0050	175	4
CuFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /AC	20.0	6.50	0.50	1:0.3250:0.0025	60	5
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @OMS-2	20.0	2.63	0.40	1:0.1315:0.0200	15 (95.0%)	6
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Mn <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /rGO	50.0	1.97	0.10	1:0.0394:0.0020	30 (93.5%)	7
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @MnO <sub>2</sub>	30.0	20.0	0.30	1:0.6670:0.0100	30	8
Co/IBA	37.4	2.00	1.00	1:0.0535:0.0267	10	9
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	18.7	0.50	0.20	1:0.0267:0.0107	40	10
Cu/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	7.50	2.50	0.10	1:0.3333:0.0133	30	11
PPy/CNTs-CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	100.0	4.00	1.00	1:0.0400:0.0100	60 (95.0%)	12
Cobalt phosphonate	93.5	5.00	0.10	1:0.4810:0.0011	25	13
<b>CoMoO<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>1:0.0200:0.0010</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Herein</b>

<sup>a</sup> Time required for complete degradation of MB.

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**Table S2** Kinetic rate constants of MB degradation at different temperature.

Temperature	15°C	25°C	30°C	35°C
K/min <sup>-1</sup>	0.05627	0.14387	0.23567	0.42979

**Table S3** Parameters of actual water bodies

	Tap water	Surface water
TOC (mg/L)	5.62	6.46
TN (mg/L)	1.39	1.50
Al (mg/L)	0.450	0.272
Ca (mg/L)	10.532	24.457
Cu (mg/L)	0.016	0.004
Fe (mg/L)	0.075	0.023
Mg (mg/L)	1.566	6.157
Mn (mg/L)	0.005	0.002