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Enhanced PMS/O₂ Activation by Self-Crosslinked Amine Gluteraldehyde/Chitosan-Cu Biocomposite for Efficient Degradation of HEPES as Biological Pollutant and Selective Allylic Oxidation of Cyclohexene

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Text. 1S. *Experimental reagent and materials*

Iron (II)-chloride tetrahydrate ($\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$), Iron (III)-chloride hexahydrate ($\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$), hydrochloric acid (HCl, 37%), sodium hydroxide solution (NaOH, 1.5 M), ethanol (EtOH), ammonia solution (NH_3 , 25%), tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS, $\text{Si}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_4$), *N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilan (APTS, $\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{Si}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$), acetic acid ($\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), chitosan ,glutaraldehyde solution ($\text{OHC}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CHO}$, 25%) and $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were obtained from Merck, Fluka and Sigma-Aldrich Co., Ltd., and utilized without further purification for MS/(AgC)-Cu NP preparation. Potassium peroxydisulfate (Oxone, PMS, $\text{KHSO}_5 \cdot 0.5\text{KHSO}_4 \cdot 0.5\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$), methylene blue (MB), methylene orange (MO), bisphenol A (BPA), *N,N*-dihydroxypyromellitimide (NDHPI, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$) and Cyclohexene (C_6H_{10}) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and utilized for dye degradation and aerobic oxidation processes without further purification.

Text. 2S. *Characterization of biocomposite*

the instrument for characterization and analyze of products are mentioned blow: ICP-AES (Perkin-Elmer ICP/6500); AAS (Analytik Jena-nov AA300); ICP-OES (SPECTRO ARCOS, Germany); Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET; BELSORP MINI II, BEL, Japan); TEM (Philips 501 microscope, 80 kV voltage); SEM (Tecnai F30TEM operating at 300 Kv); FT-IR (Shimadzu Varian 4300 Fourier Transform Infrared spectrometer, KBr pellets); UV-DRS (UV- 160 A, Shimadzu, Japan) TGA (Perkin-Elmer TG-DTA 6300, heating rate of 15 °C/min); XPS (PerkinElmer PHI 5000CESCA system, B.P= 9-10 Torr; XRD (Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer, CuK α radiation, 40 Kv, 20 mA) & VSM (BHV-55 VSM). LC-MS (HP 6890/5973 GC/MS, Shimadzu GC-16A gas chromatograph (GL-16, 5 m -3 mm OV-17 column, 60–220 °C (10 °C/min), Inj. 230 °C, Det. 240 °C).

Text 3S. Analytical methods

The dosage of HEPES was determined using High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) system equipped with an Amaze TH column (100 mm×3.0 mm, 3µm, 100 Å). A binary mixture of acetonitrile/ water/ammonium format at a certain ratio was applied as mobile phase. The flow rate of eluent was set at 0.6 mL/min, while the injection volume was set at 3.0 mL, thermostatted at 30 °C. Furthermore, Methyl orange (MO), Methylene Blue (MB), and Bisphenol A (BPA) were measured at 466 nm, 660 nm, and 265 nm, respectively, by a spectrometer (UV-1800 PC, Shanghai Mapada Spectrum Instrument Co.,LTD). The leached concentrations of Cu ions were quantified by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES, Perkin Elmer, Optima 8000, USA). The total organic carbon was measured by a TOC analyzer (Muti N/C 2000, Germany).

PMS decomposition measurement: The PMS concentrations were measured with a modified colorimetric method using potassium iodide by spectrophotometer. At selected time intervals, 0.1 mL of TC solution was periodically withdrawn with a syringe and dispersed into a prepared 4.9 mL KI:NaHCO₃ stock solution (4.15:1 w/w in 100 mL ultrapure water). After reaction for 5 min, the concentration of PMS was examined by observing the absorbance maxima peaks of PMS at 352 nm.

Reusability test: The spent MS-(AgC)/Cu was separated with an external magnet and washed with water/EtOH under ultrasonic conditions, and then reutilized in the next consecutive cycles.

Table 1S. Chemical structures and capabilities of the selected pollutants.

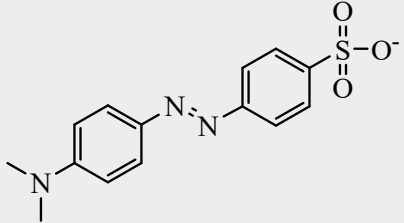
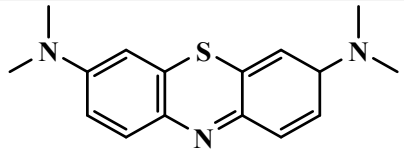
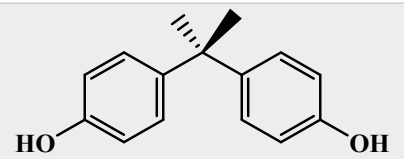
Sample	λ_{\max} (nm)	Mw (g/mol)	Name (IUPAC)	Molecular structure
Methylene orange (MO)	466	327.33	Sodium 4- {[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]diazenyl} benzene-1-sulfonate	
Methylene blue (MB)	664	319.85	[7-(Dimethyl- amino)phenothiazin-3-ylidene]-dimethyla- zanium chloride	
Bisphenol A (BPA)	265	228.29	4-[2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propan-2-yl]phenol	

Table 2S. Identified HEPES degradation intermediates in the PMS/MS-(AgC)/Cu.

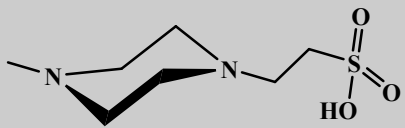




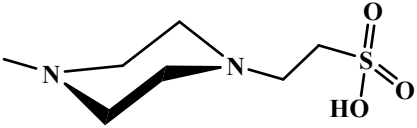
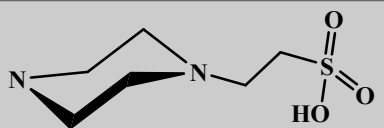
[In]	Name	ESI (+) MS (<i>m/z</i>)	Structure	Differences from HEPES
P1	1,4-diethylpiperazine	208.09		-CH ₂ -OH
P2	1,4-diethylpiperazine	142.15		-OH -SO ₃ H
P3	1-ethyl-4-methylpiperazine	128.13		-CH ₂ -OH -SO ₃ H
P4	Piperazine	86.08		-2 C ₂ H ₄ -OH -SO ₃ H
P5	2-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)ethane-1-sulfonic acid	222.10		-OH
P6	2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethane-1-sulfonic acid	208.09		-CH ₂ -OH
P7	2-(4-piperazin-1-yl)ethane-1-sulfonic acid	194.07		-C ₂ H ₄ -OH

Table 3S. Comparison of catalytic activity of MS-(AgC)/Cu with various catalytic systems.

<i>Pol.</i>	Catalytic System	<i>t</i> (min)	Oxidant [c]	Efficiency (%)	pH	[Ref]	
MB	SBMC [0.4 g/L] ¹	3	H ₂ O ₂ [39 mmol/L]	98.5	3.00	[1]	
	Magnesium porphyrin [5.0 mg] ²	25	H ₂ O ₂ [4.0 mL]	82.0	6.00	[2]	
	Fe@S-1 [50 mg] ³	30	H ₂ O ₂ [4.0 mL]	100	2.00	[3]	
	MgCoAl-LDH [1.0 mg] ⁴	40	PMS [1.0 mmol/L]	100	6.00	[4]	
	CuFe ₂ O ₄ @ZIF-67 [100 mg/L] ⁵	30	PMS [100 mg/L]	98.9	6.40	[5]	
	CuCo-ZIF [50 mg/L] ⁶	100	H ₂ O ₂ [0.1 mol/L]	98.0	3.00	[6]	
	Co ₃ O ₄ /CoO/NaHSO ₃ [0.6 g/L]	40	NaHSO ₃ [2.0 g/L]	90.7	6.38	[7]	
	Ce-doped UiO-67- 400/H ₂ O ₂ [1.0 g/L] ⁷	30	H ₂ O ₂ [7 mmol/L]	94.1	3.00	[8]	
	Fe ₄₁ Co ₇ Cr ₁₅ Mo ₁₄ C ₁₅ B ₆ Y ₂ [0.5 g/L]	30	H ₂ O ₂ [4 mmol/L]	98.0	5.00	[9]	
	Mg/Co (OH) ₂ [1.0 g/L]	120	H ₂ O ₂ [10 mg/L]	99.6	>7.0	[10]	
	NbCeO _x [20 mg] ⁸	60	H ₂ O ₂ [200 μL]	83.0	5.10	[11]	
	FeCo ₂ O ₄ -N-C-400 [0.010 g] ⁹	10	PMS [0.5 g/L]	100	Natural	[12]	
	FeMnO ₃ [0.2 g/L]	60	PMS [2.0 g/L]	98.0	6.70	[13]	
	Fe ₃ O ₄ @MnO ₂ [300 mg/L]	30	PMS [20 mM]	100	7.94	[14]	
	CS-Fe [10000 mg/L] ¹⁰	40	H ₂ O ₂ [1200 mg/L]	99.0	Natural	[15]	
	MS-(AgC)/Cu [0.5 g/L]	60	PMS [1.5 mM]	97.3	7.00	This work	
	MO	MOP ¹¹	20	H ₂ O ₂ [2.0 mL]	98.0	1.70	[16]
CC-MIL-10-DCD-1000 [0.1 g/L] ¹²		30	PMS [0.3 mM]	99.0	7.00	[17]	
ACP-800 [0.5 g/L] ¹³		80	PMS [1.6 mM]	100	3.50	[18]	
FOC [1.0 mg/mL] ¹⁴		50	H ₂ O ₂ [2.0 M]	100	3.00	[19]	
Ni/HAP/CoFe ₂ O ₄ [0.04 mg] ¹⁵		90	H ₂ O ₂ [1.0 mL]	90.0	3.50	[20]	
FeCo-MCM-41 [0.2 g]		60	PMS [0.075 mM]	95.65	5.60	[21]	
CuO NLS [7.0 mL, 53 μg/ml] ¹⁶			H ₂ O ₂ [1.0 mL]	100	-	[22]	
Cu ₂ O-Cu/C		20	H ₂ O ₂ [0.03 M]	100	3.00	[23]	
MS-(AgC)/Cu [0.5 g/L]		50	PMS [1.5 mM]	98.0	7.00	This work	
BPA		CuFe ₂ O ₄ -CoFe ₂ O ₄ [20 mg/L]	100	PMS [0.3 g/L]	99.3	7.01	[24]
	13%-Mn-FeBC [0.5 g/L] ¹⁷	120	PMS [4.0 mM]	100	12.0	[25]	
	CuO/Cu ₂ O [500mg/L] ¹⁸	10	PMS [150mg/L]	99	11.0	[26]	
	CuO-CN [0.5 g/L] ¹⁹	30	PMS [100 mg/L]	80	-	[27]	
	MS-(AgC)/Cu [0.5 g/L]	30	PMS [1.5 mM]	99.1	7.00	This work	
	HEPES	OBW/HP@CoNP [50 ppm] ²⁰	20	PMS [1.25 mM]	98	7.40	[28]
		MS-(AgC)/Cu [0.5 g/L]	30	PMS [1.5 mM]	98.3	7.00	This work

¹ Fenton sludge was converted into magnetic sludge-based biochar.² Magnesium (II) porphyrin with the ligand hexamethylenetetramine.³ Zeolite encapsulated Fe nanocatalyst.⁴ Layered double hydroxide(LDH).⁵ Zeolitic imidazolate framework-67(ZIF-67).

- ⁶ Zeolitic imidazolate framework(ZIF).
- ⁷ Ce-doped MOF (Metal–organic framework)/calcination temperature of catalyst 400 °C.
- ⁸ Mixed niobium-cerium oxide.
- ⁹ Calcined nitrogen-containing carbon//FeCo₂O₄ composites.
- ¹⁰ Fenton chitosan-Fe catalyst.
- ¹¹ Magnetite nanoparticles (Fe₃O₄-NPs)/orange peel.
- ¹² Dicyandiamide immobilized on the surface of carbon cloth.
- ¹³ Activated carbon using pistachio.
- ¹⁴ Fe₃C/Fe₃O₄/C.
- ¹⁵ Hydroxyapatite.
- ¹⁶ Cupric oxide nanoleaves.
- ¹⁷ x-Mn-FeBC, where x represents the mass percentage of KMnO₄ to DS (dry sludge).
- ¹⁸ A novel B-doped CuO/Cu₂O composite material.
- ¹⁹ Copper oxide/graphitic carbon nitride.
- ²⁰ Ostrich bone waste/Hydrogen peroxide.

Table 4S. Comparison of catalytic activity of MS-(AgC)/Cu in selective aerobic oxidation of cyclohexene with various catalytic systems.

No.	Catalytic System	X, %	S, %			[Ref]
			CY-epoxy	CY-ol	CY-one	
1	CoFe ₂ O ₄ , 80 °C, 6h, CH ₃ CN, O ₂	63.0	8.0	9.0	25.0	[29]
2	PVDA1-PMo ¹ , 130°C, 7h, CH ₃ CN, O ₂	85.7	-	-	51.9	[30]
3	Ti-Beta zeolite, 59.85 °C, 2 h, CH ₃ CN, H ₂ O ₂	27.9				[31]
4	MoCeNR ² , 80°C, 2 h, Toluene, TBHP	98.9	97.3	0.90	1.80	[32]
5	Cu-g-C ₃ N ₄ ³ , 75 °C, 6 h, CH ₃ Cl, O ₂	82.0	55.0			[33]
6	Cu-MOF-74, 25°C, 24 h, O ₂	35.0	-	25.0	61.0	[34]
7	Co-MOF-74, 25°C, 24h, O ₂	31.0	-	35.0	59.0	[34]
8	SBA15. DAFO.Pd(II) ⁴ , 60 °C, 12 h, CH ₃ CN, H ₂ O ₂	89.3	-	9.10	16.3	[35]
9	LaCuODA ⁵ , 75 °C, 24h, O ₂	67.0	-	40.0	55.0	[36]
10	LaCoODA ⁶ , 75 °C, 24 h, O ₂	85.0	-	25.0	75.0	[36]
11	CuO FL ⁷ , 80°C, 24 h, CH ₃ CN, O ₂	97.6	-	-	64.1	[37]
12	ZnMOF-74, 80°C, 4 h, O ₂	66.5	12.5	65.4	13.9	[38]
13	NiMOF-74, 80°C, 4 h, O ₂	59.0	8.70	74.3	13.3	[38]
14	CoMOF-74, 80°C, 4 h, O ₂	52.3	18.9	29.4	22.2	[38]
15	Co(II)-L@nano-SiO ₂ , 75°C, 8 h, CH ₃ CN, O ₂	61.0	6.50	10.3	46.9	[39]
16	AgCN ⁸ , 60 °C 20 h, CH ₃ CN, H ₂ O ₂	~100	76.0	-	-	[40]
17	Ti-PMO-S10 ⁹ , 70 °C, 25 h, CH ₃ CN, TBHP	30.5	93.8	-	3.2	[41]
18	Ru/TiO ₂ NFs ¹⁰ , 75 °C, 4.5 h, O ₂	95.0	7.00	11.0	80.0	[42]
19	LaCoO ₃ , 80°C, 6 h, TBHP /O ₂	89.8	-	-	47.8	[43]
20	Co ₅ Ce ₅ / γ-Al ₂ O ₃ , 80 °C, 6 h, O ₂	84.0	-	30.0	38.0	[44]
21	MS-(AgC)/Cu, NDHPI, 80 °C, ACN, O ₂	91.8	5.40	9.10	85.3	This work

¹Heteropolyacid-based poly ionic liquids.

²Nanorods.

³ Catalysts consisting of Cu single atoms anchored on graphitic carbon nitride.

⁴4, 5-diazofluorene-9-one (DAFO).

⁵ {[La₂Cu₃(μ-H₂O)(ODA)₆(H₂O)₃].3H₂O}_n.

⁶ {[La₂Co₃(ODA)₆(H₂O)₆].12H₂O}_n / m; i: flower (FL).

⁷Flowers (FLs).

⁸Silver cyanide.

⁹Ti-containing Periodic Mesoporous Organosilica (PMO).

¹⁰Ruthenium- Nanofibers (NFs).

Table 5S. Commercial price used for fabrication of MS-(AgC)/Cu.

Material	CAS. Number	V (mL) or W (g)	Price (\$·g ⁻¹)
FeCl ₂ ·4H ₂ O	13478-10-9	0.20 g	0.020
FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	10025-77-1	0.40 g	0.063
HCl	Dr Mojallali, Co.	3.0 mL	0.003
NaOH	Arvand parak, Co.	6.00 g	0.053
NH ₄ OH	Dr Mojallali, Co.	4.0 mL	0.013
EtOH	Simin Tak, Co.	40 mL	0.030
TEOS	78-10-4	0.6 mL	0.050
APTS	13822-56-5	0.1 mL	0.050
Chitosan	9012-76-4	0.10 g	0.017
AcOH	64-19-7	0.4 mL	0.030
Glutaraldehyde	Simin Tak, Co.	2.0 mL	0.040
Cu(OAc) ₂	6156-78-1	0.25 g	0.017
Total price (\$·g⁻¹)			0.386

Table 6S. Screening data for the cost of the various systems for degradation of 1m³ HEPES.

No.	Pollutant/m ³	Catalytic system	Cost (\$ /m ³)	[Ref]
1	Tetracycline	PS+ γ -Fe ₂ O ₃ -CeO ₂	0.106	[45]
2	Ketoprofen	PS+Fe ²⁺	0.517	[46]
3	Ketoprofen	PS+Thermal	44.41	[46]
4	Ketoprofen	PS+UV	0.176	[46]
5	HEPES	PMS+MS-(AgC)/Cu	27.57	This work

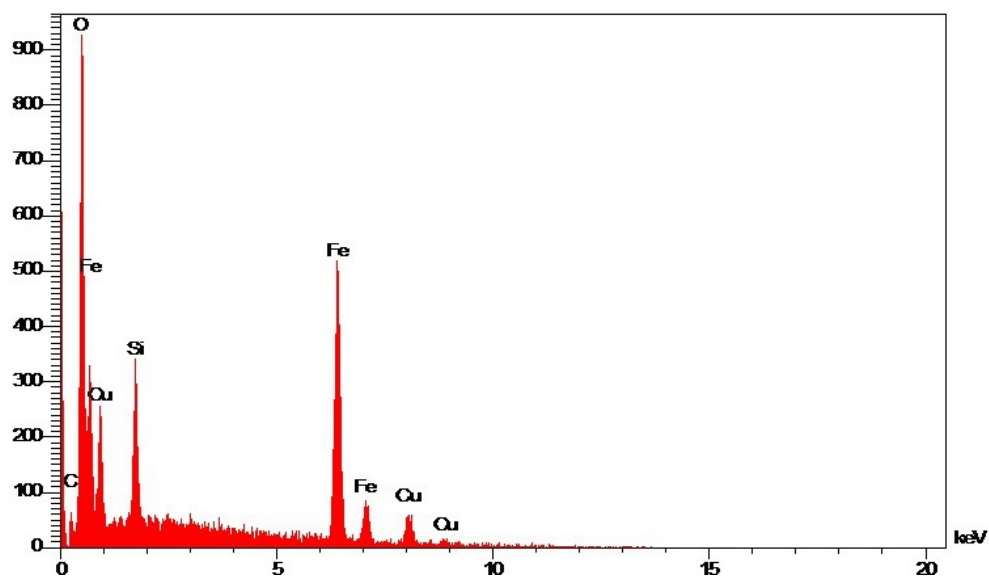


Fig 1S. EDS spectrum of MS-(AgC)/Cu.

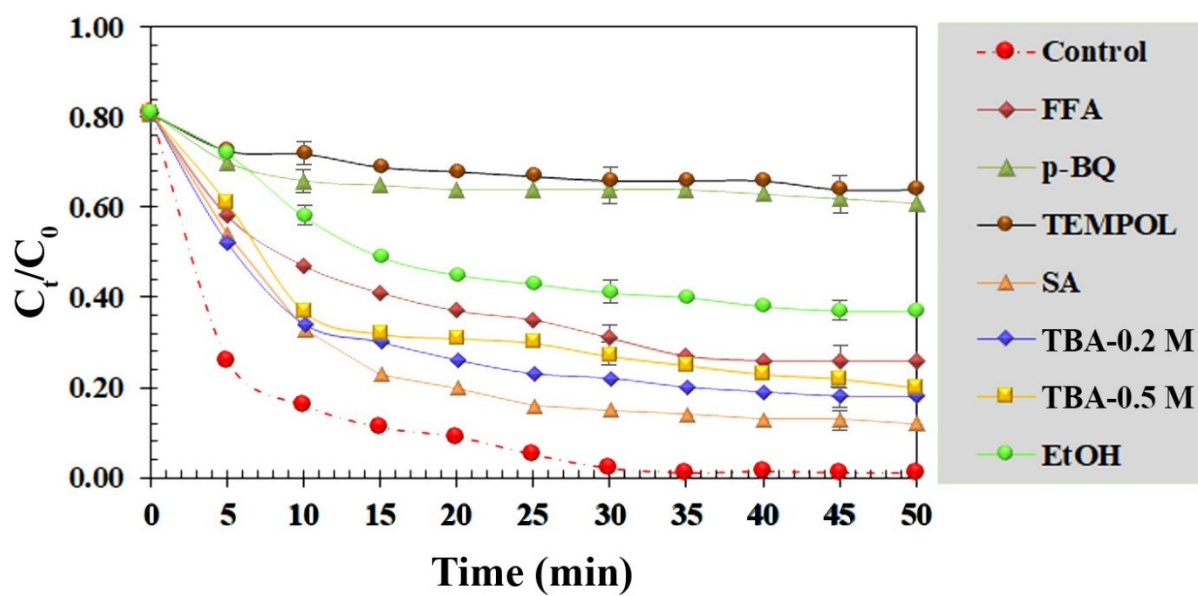


Fig.2S. Effect of quenching scavengers on degradation efficiency (%) for HEPES degradation $[[MS-(AgC)/Cu]_0 = 0.5 \text{ g/L}, [HEPES]_0 = 10 \text{ mg/L}, \text{pH} = 7.0, T = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}, [PMS]_0 = 1.5 \text{ mM}]$.

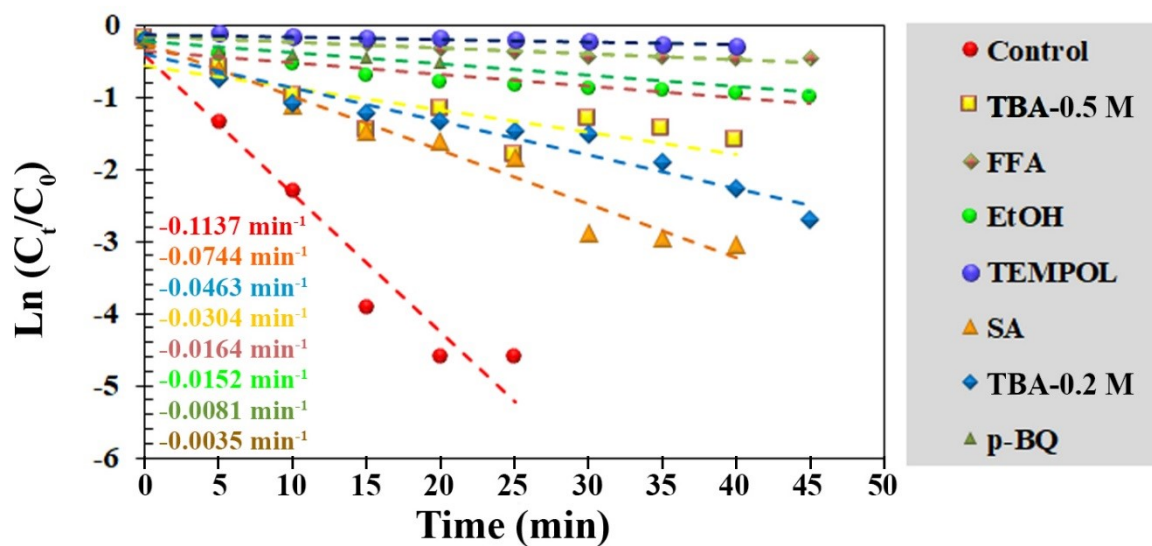


Fig.3S. Effect of quenching scavengers on The reaction rates of HEPES degradation [[MS-(AgC)/Cu]₀ = 0.5 g/L, [HEPES]₀ = 10 mg/L, pH = 7.0, T = 25 °C, [PMS]₀ = 1.5 mM)].

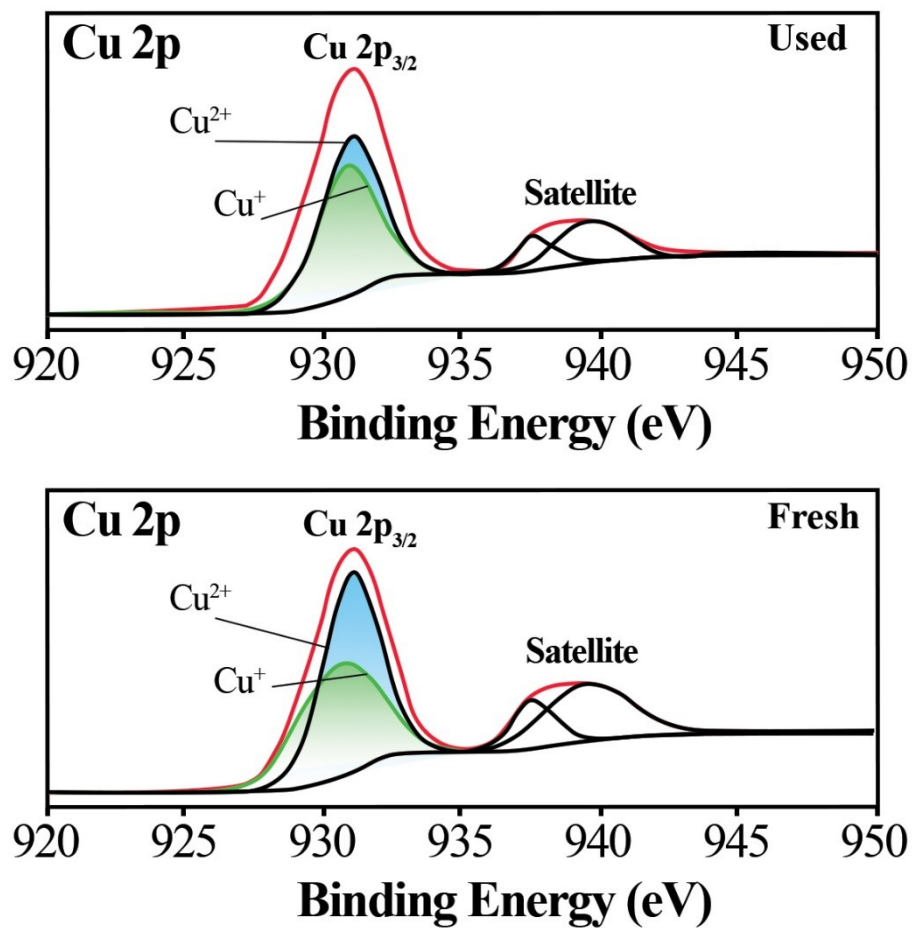


Fig.4S. XPS spectrum of Cu2p in (A) fresh, and (B) used MS-(AgC)/Cu.

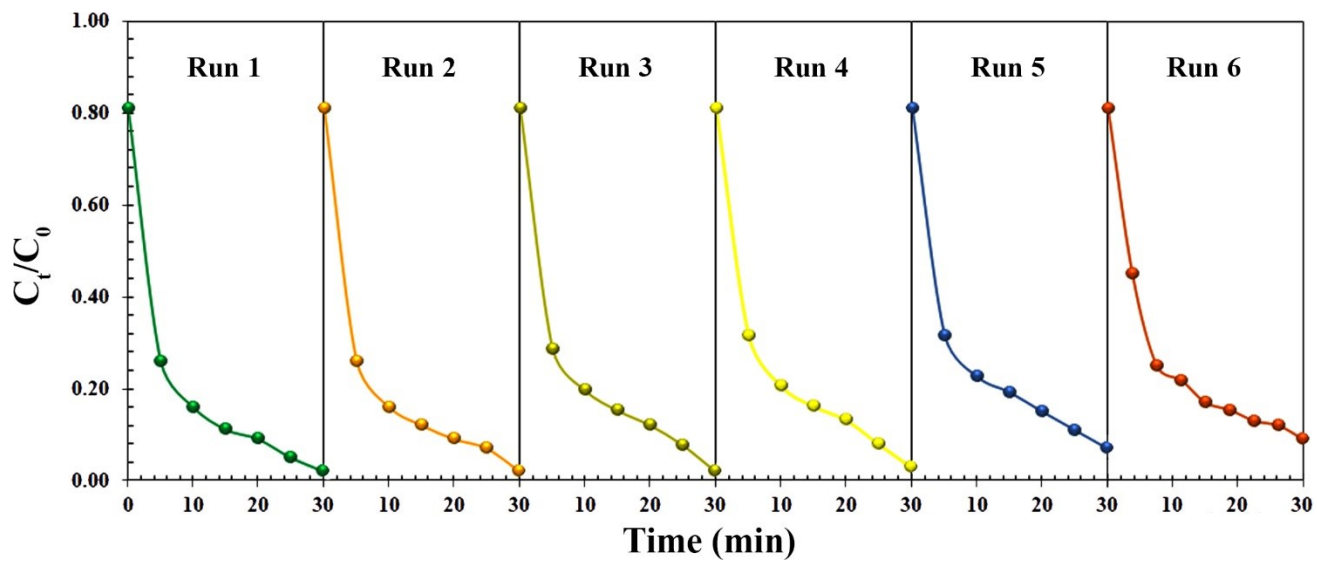


Fig. 5S. Long-term stability of MS-(AgC)/Cu in degradation of HEPES $[[\text{MS-(AgC)/Cu}]_0 = 0.5 \text{ g/L}$, $[\text{HEPES}]_0 = 10 \text{ mg/L}$, $\text{pH} = 7.0$, $T = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $[\text{PMS}]_0 = 1.5 \text{ mM}]$.

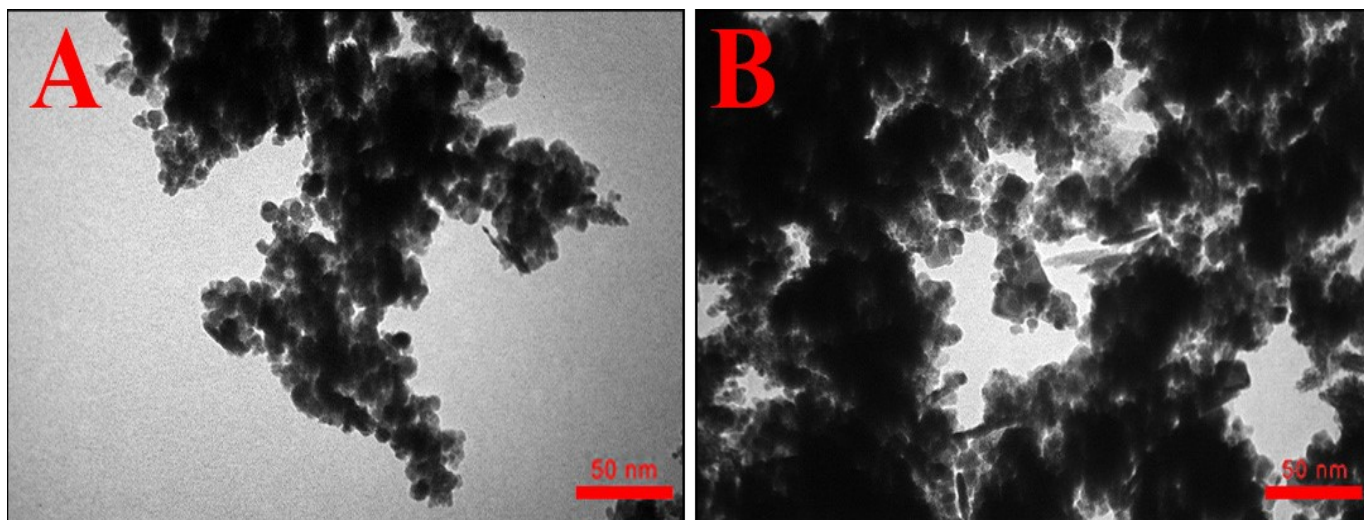


Fig. 6S. Selected TEM images of used MS-(AgC)/Cu for (A) four times, and (B) seven times in HEPES degradation.

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