

Supporting information

**Accelerating Fe(III)/Fe(II) redox cycling by Zn<sup>0</sup> in micro-nano dendritic Fe-Zn alloy for enhanced Fenton-like degradation of phenol**

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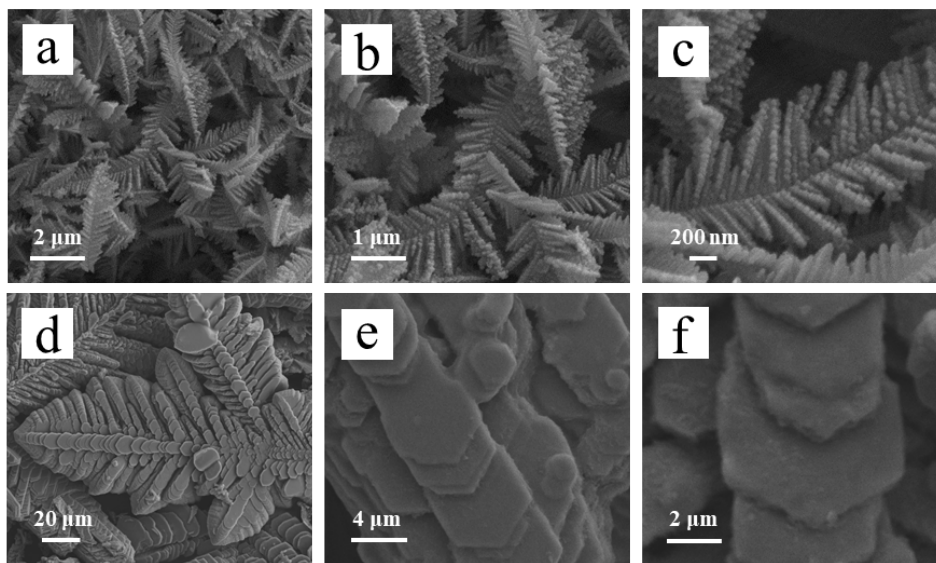
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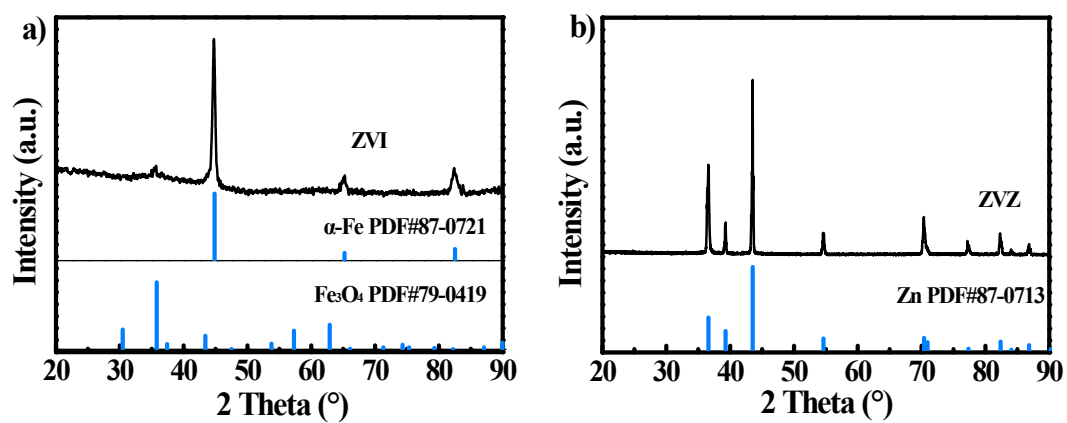
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**Fig. S1** SEM images of (a-c) ZVI and (d-f) ZVZ.



**Fig. S2** XRD patterns of (a) ZVI and (b) ZVZ.

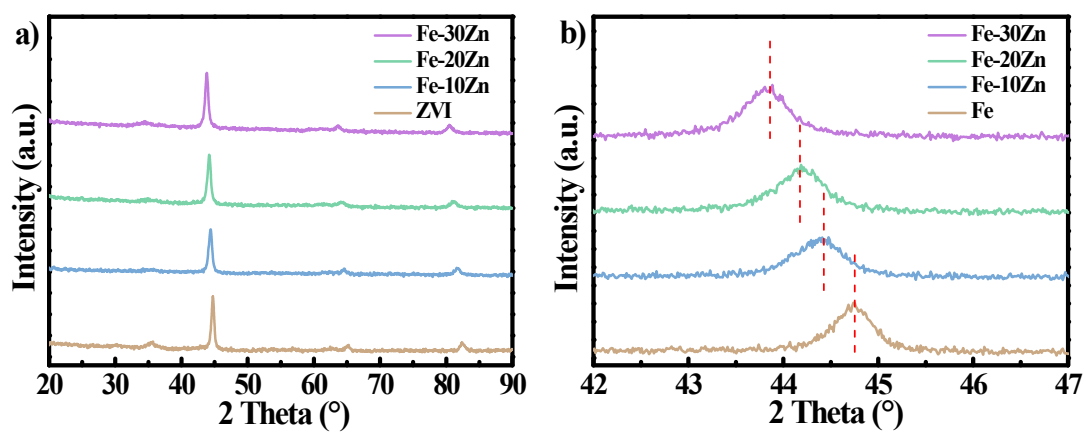


Fig. S3 XRD patterns with different electrolyte composition.

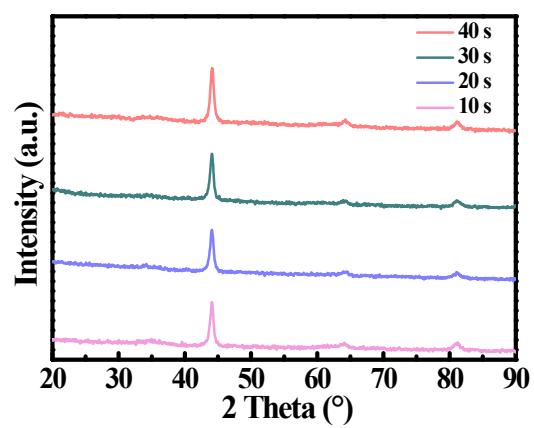


Fig. S4 XRD patterns with different deposition time.

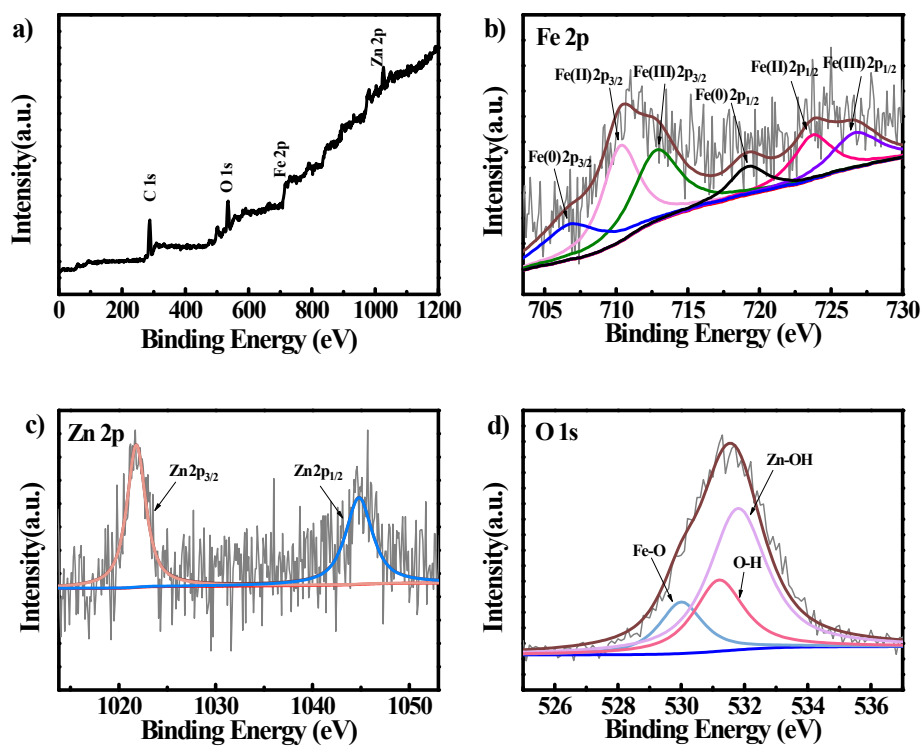


Fig. S5 XPS spectra of Fe-20Zn: (a) wide scan, (b) Fe2p (c) Zn2p, and (d) O1s.

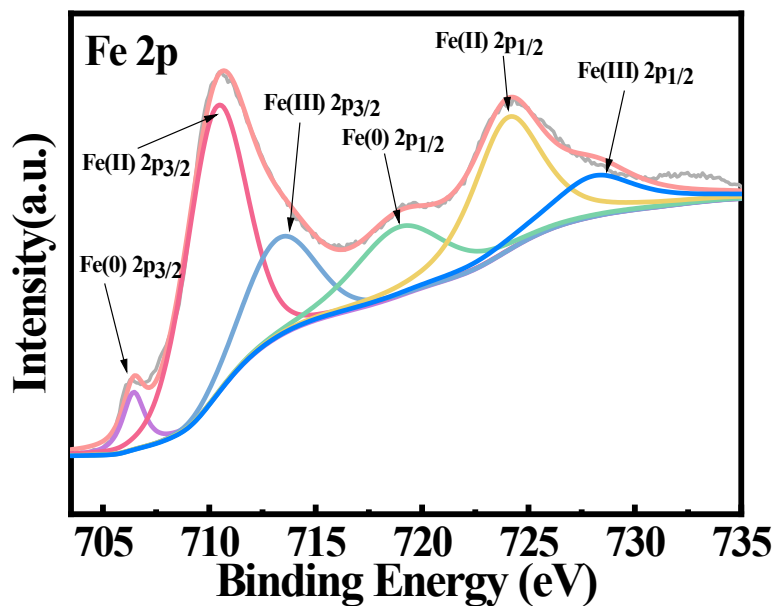
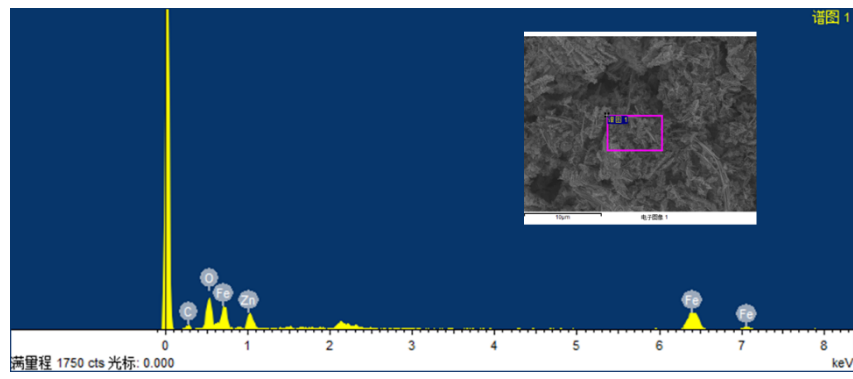
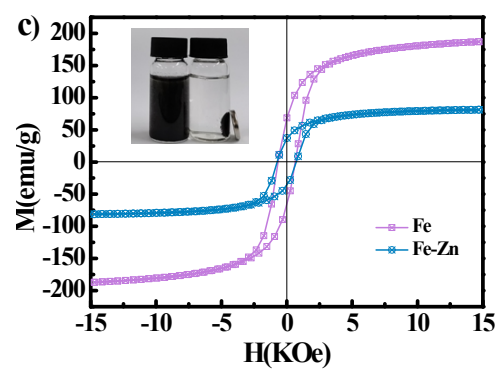


Fig. S6 High-resolution Fe 2p XPS spectrum of ZVI

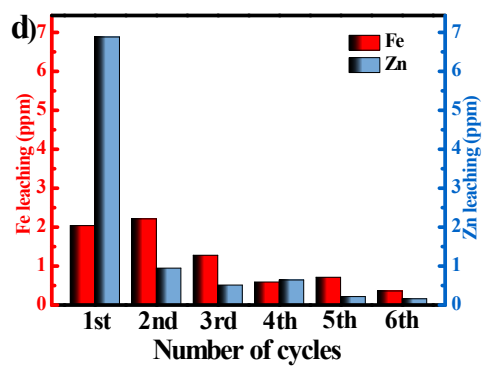


**Fig. S7** EDS spectrum of Fe-20Zn

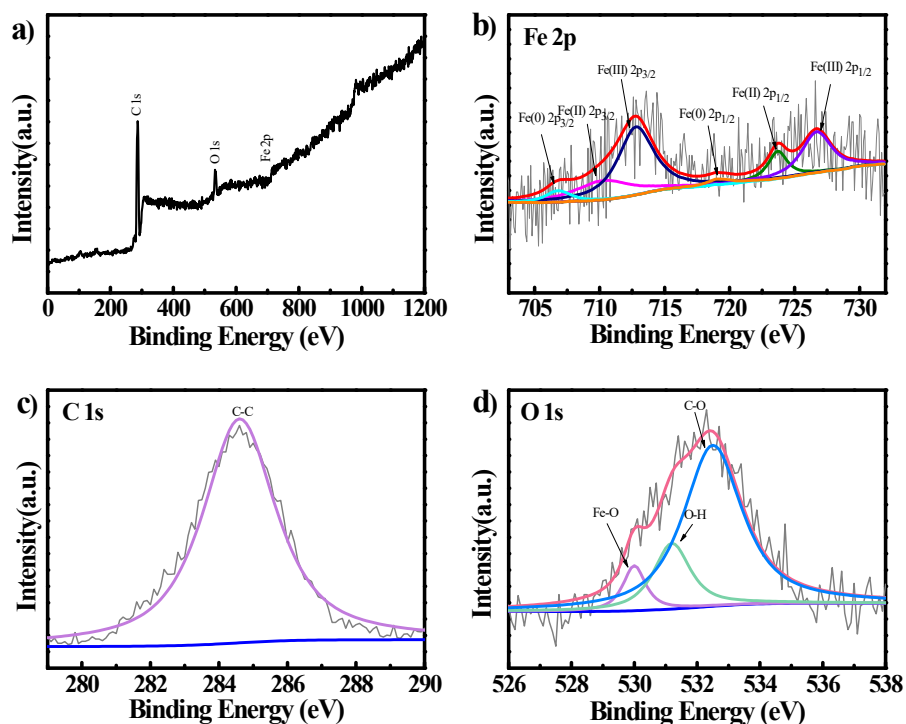


**Fig. S8** The hysteresis loops of Fe and Fe-20Zn.





**Fig. S9** Iron and zinc leaching amount in six cycles.



**Fig. S10** XPS spectra of used Fe-20Zn: (a) wide scan, (b) Fe2p (c) C1s, and (d) O1s.

**Table S1** Comparison of phenol degradation performance with previous studies

Catalysts	Catalyst		Phenol concentration (mg/L)	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> dosage (mM)	Time (min)	Efficiency (%)	External energy	Ref.
	pH	Dosage (g/L)						
E100	4.0	0.1	35	6	60	99%	-	[1]
IB-350	3.6	1.0	100	45	35	99%	-	[2]
RFAM	6.0	0.5	100	10	60	95%	light	[3]
N-AC/ZVI	3.0	1.0	150	22	60	80%	-	[4]
Fe-20Zn	4.0	0.1	30	6	20	100%	-	This work

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