

## Supplementary Material

### **Zinc and sulfur functionalized biochar as a peroxydisulfate activator via deferred ultraviolet irradiation for tetracycline removal**

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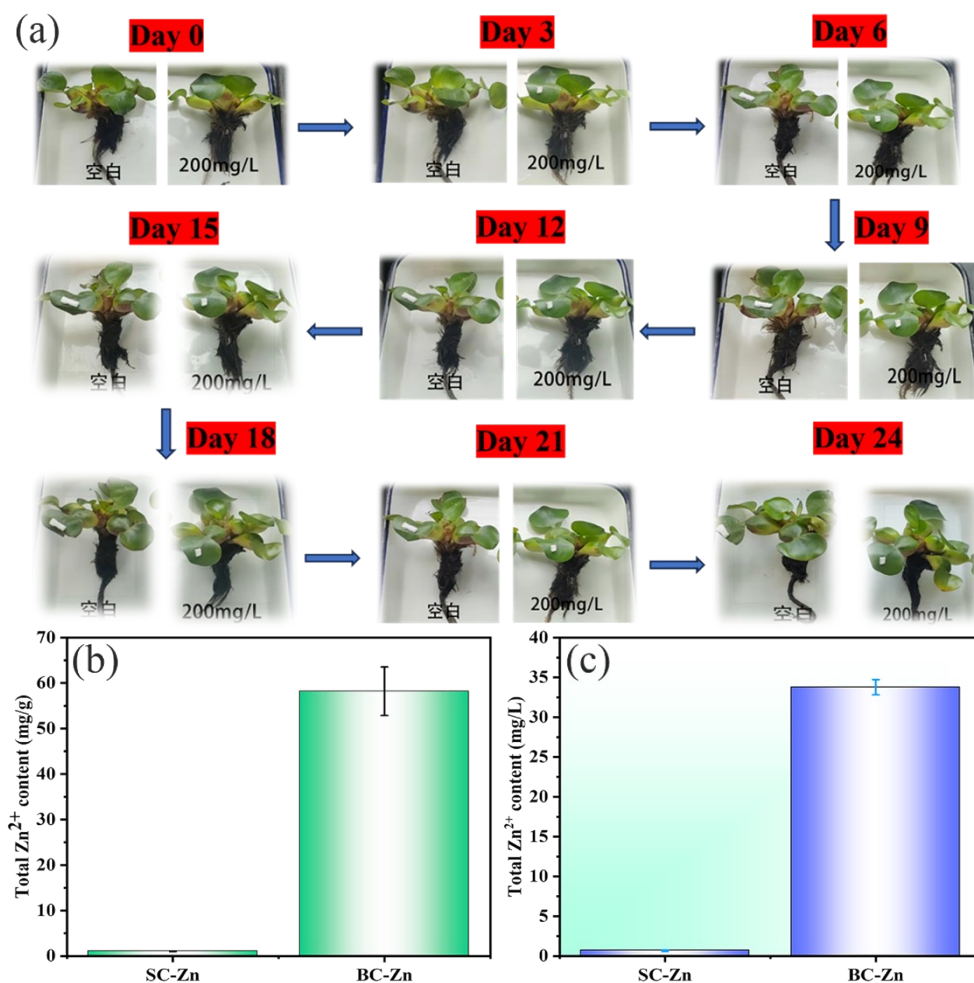
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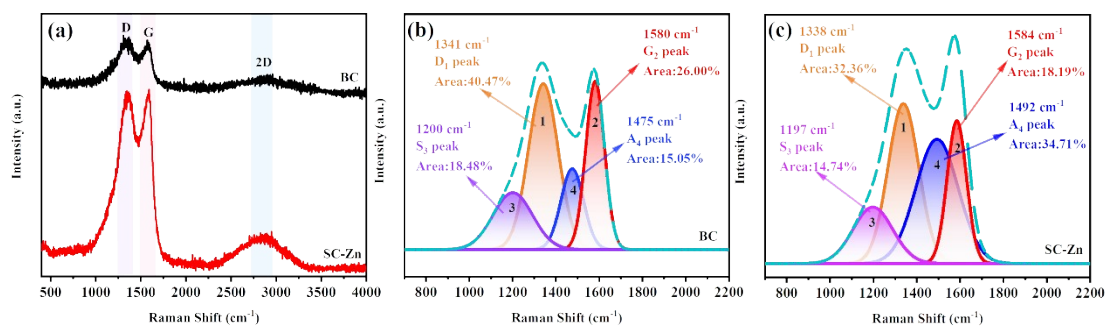
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### **Text S1 Determination of zinc content of SC-Zn, BC-Zn and reaction solutions**

SC-Zn and BC-Zn need to be digested before zinc content determination, and the digestion method was as follows: SC-Zn and BC-Zn were first put into an oven at 80 °C for drying for 24 h, and the dried samples were passed through a 200-mesh standard sieve for later use. Accurately weigh 0.1g each of SC-Zn and BC-Zn into a 50 ml PTFE sample cup, add 8ml of 65%-68% HNO<sub>3</sub>, wait for the white smoke to dissipate, then add 1ml of 40% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and finally add 2 ml of 30% HF, wait for 10min to cover the dissolution cup and put it into the digestion instrument for digestion (the digestion procedure was as follows: the first procedure: digestion at a temperature of 150 °C for 10min, after gradually increasing the temperature to 180 °C into the second procedure to digest at this temperature for 5 min, gradually increasing to 210 °C to the third procedure digestion for 30 min), after digestion, filtering, adding deionized water to be measured in a 100 ml volumetric flask, and the zinc content was determined with ICP-MS. The solution after the reaction of SC-Zn/PDS/UV (deferred) system and BC-Zn/PDS/UV (deferred) system was removed with a syringe for 7 ml, and then filtered with a 0.45 μm polyether sulfone resin (PES) filter to determine the zinc content. Each set of experiments was performed three times and the experimental error bars of the data were calculated.



**Fig. S1.** (a) Photograph of the record of water hyacinth during ZnSO<sub>4</sub> enrichment process (experimental conditions: ZnSO<sub>4</sub>: 0 mg/L, 200 mg/L, room temperature), (b) Zn<sup>2+</sup> content of fresh SC-Zn and BC-Zn (c) the concentration of Zn<sup>2+</sup> in the reaction solution after SC-Zn and BC-Zn remove TC (experimental conditions: catalyst: 0.3 g/L, PDS: 1.2 mM, TC: 250 mg/L, room temperature).



**Fig. S2.** (a) Raman general spectra and deconvoluted Raman spectra of (b) BC, (c) SC-Zn.

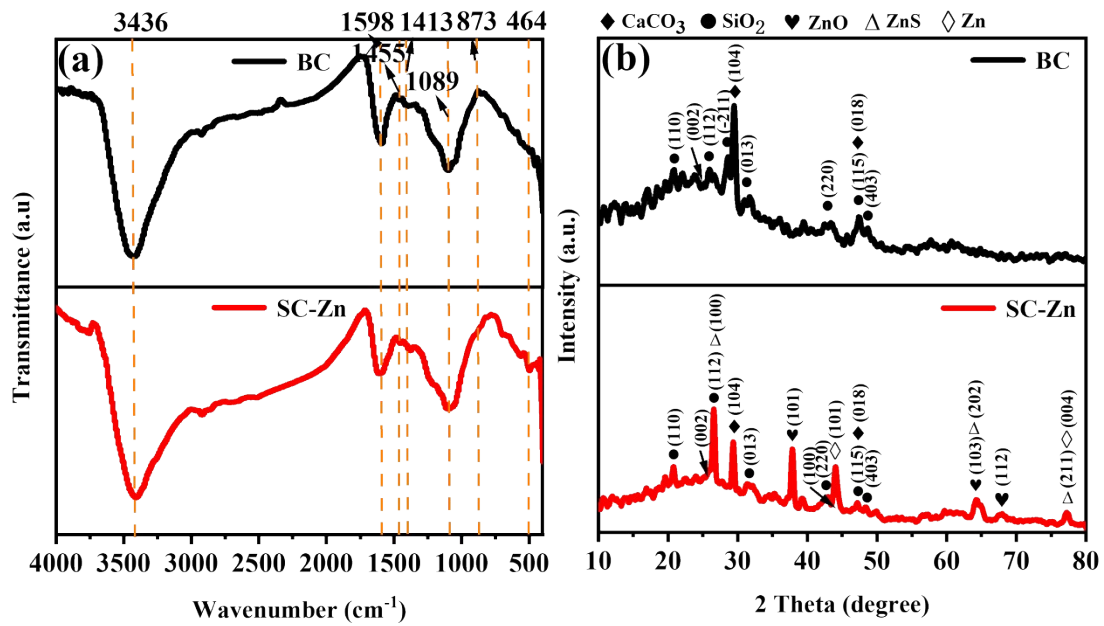


Fig. S3. (a) FTIR spectra of BC and SC-Zn and (b) XRD spectra of BC and SC-Zn.

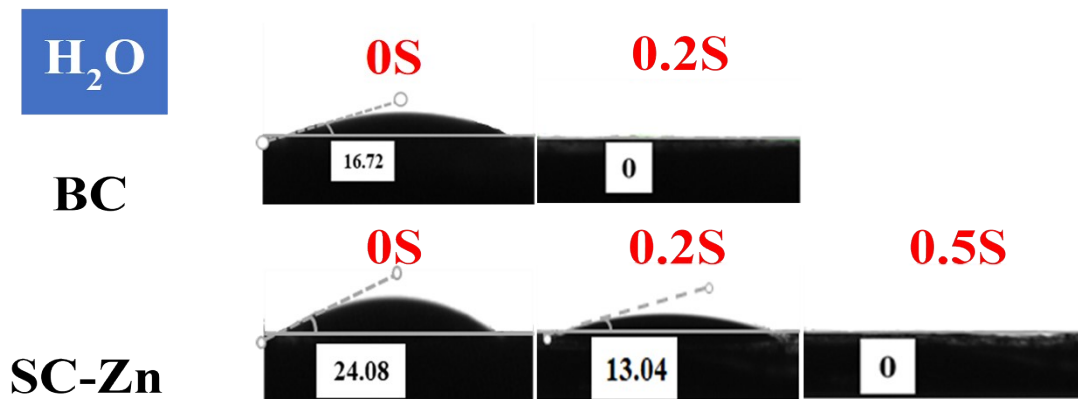
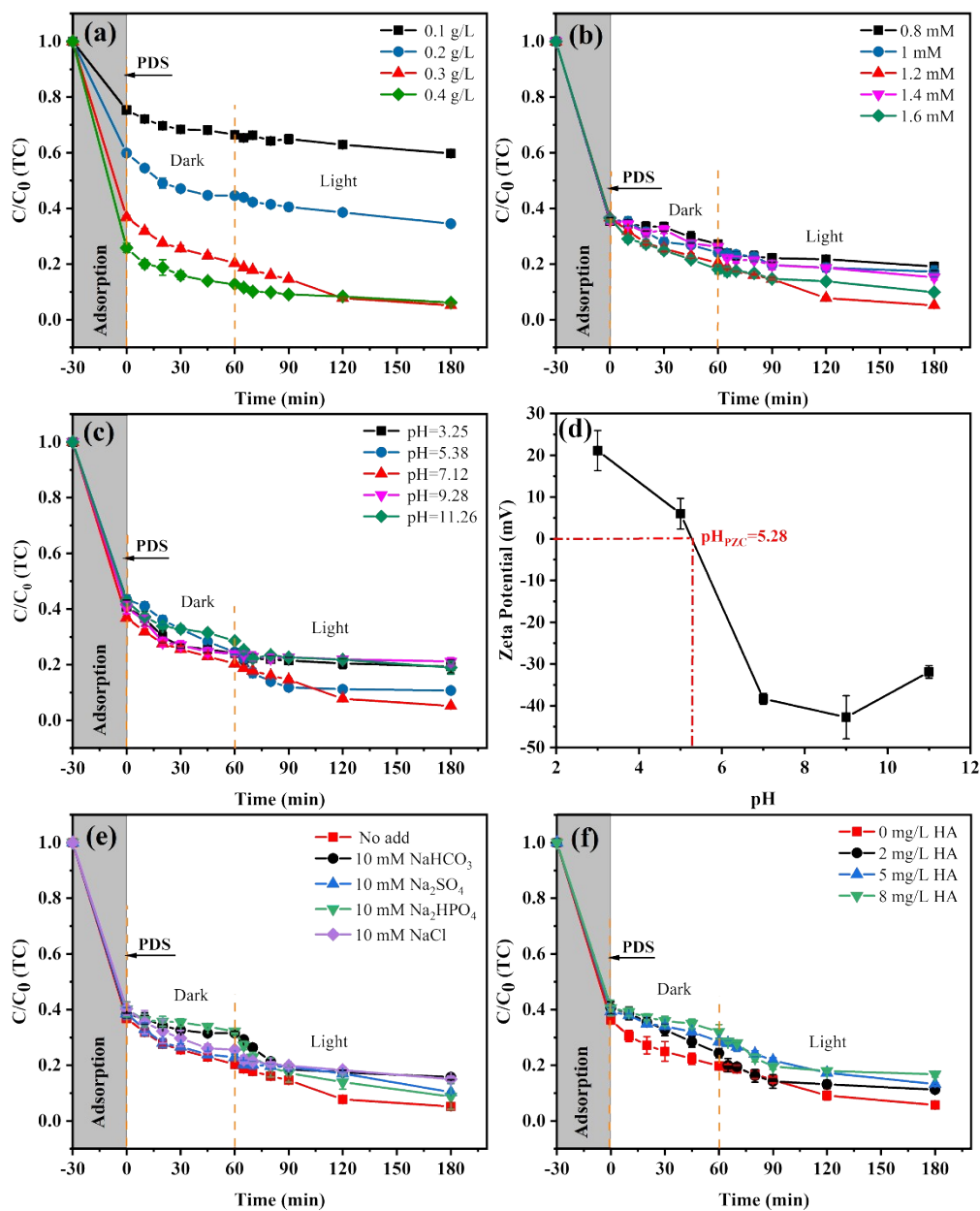
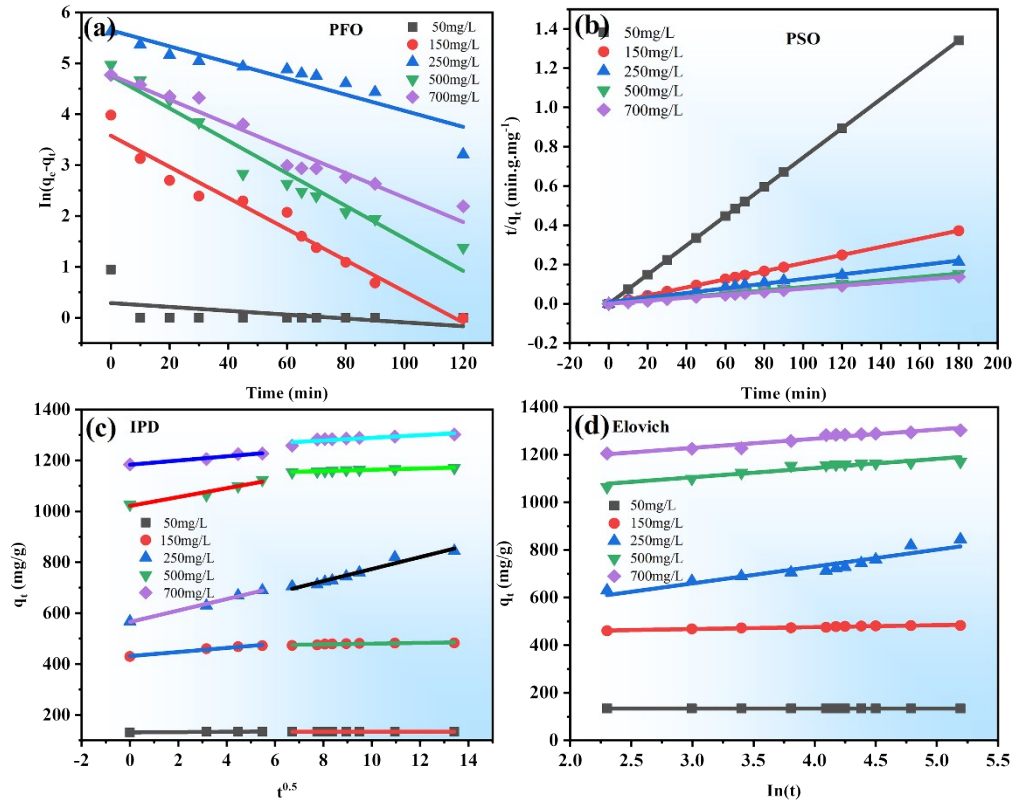


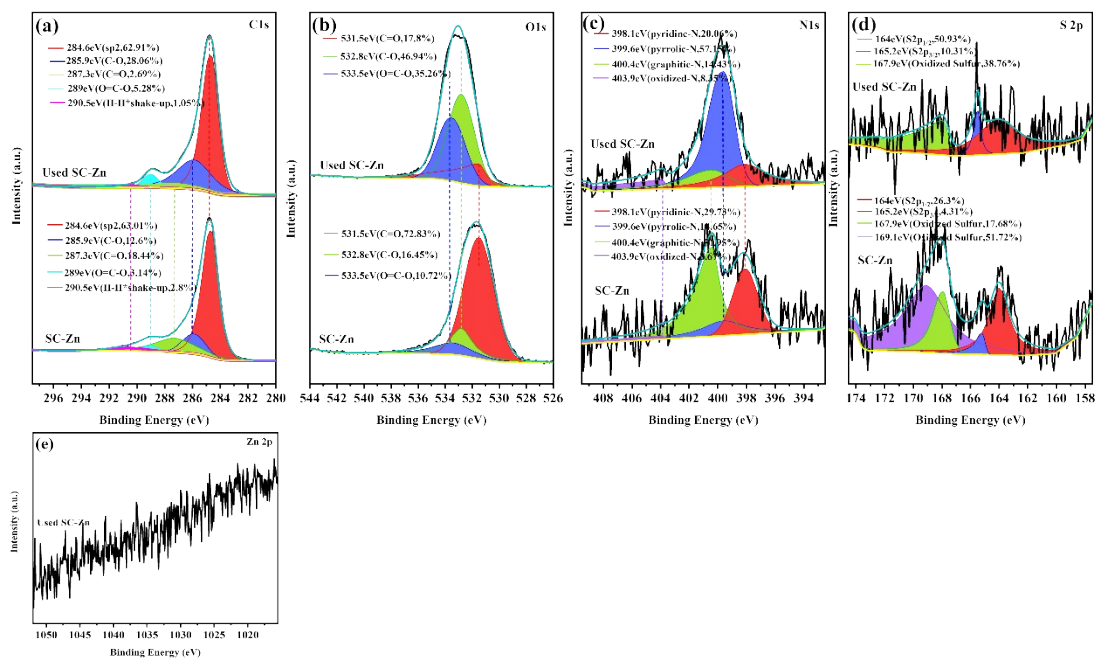
Fig. S4. Surface wetting behavior of BC and SC-Zn.



**Fig. S5.** Remove the influencing factors of TC (a) Catalyst dosage, (b) PDS dosage, (c) pH, (d) ( $pH_{PZC}$ ), (e) Coexisting ions and (f) Natural organic matter. ((a) Experimental conditions: PDS:1.2 mM, TC:250 mg/L, T=25 °C, pH=7.12, (b) SC-Zn: 0.3 g/L, TC:250 mg/L, T=25 °C, pH=7.12, (c) SC-Zn:0.3 g/L, PDS:1.2 mM, TC:250 mg/L, T=25 °C, (e) and (f) SC-Zn:0.3 g/L, PDS:1.2 mM, TC:250 mg/L, T=25 °C, pH=7.12)



**Fig. S6.** Kinetic models (a) PFO, (b) PSO, (c) IPD, (d) Elovich.



**Fig. S7.** XPS spectra after reaction (a) C1s, (b) O1s, (c) N1s, (d) S2p and (e) Zn2p.

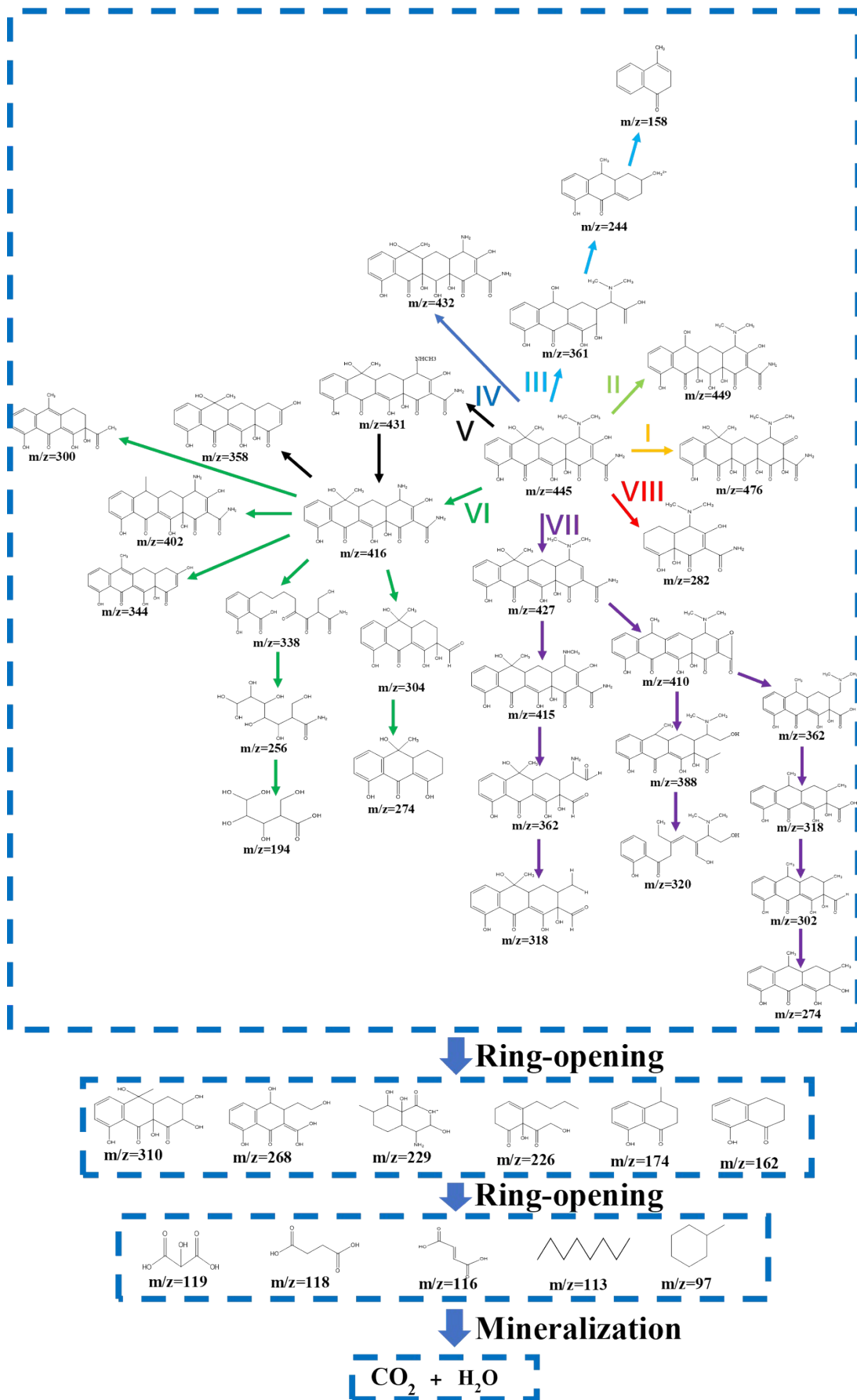
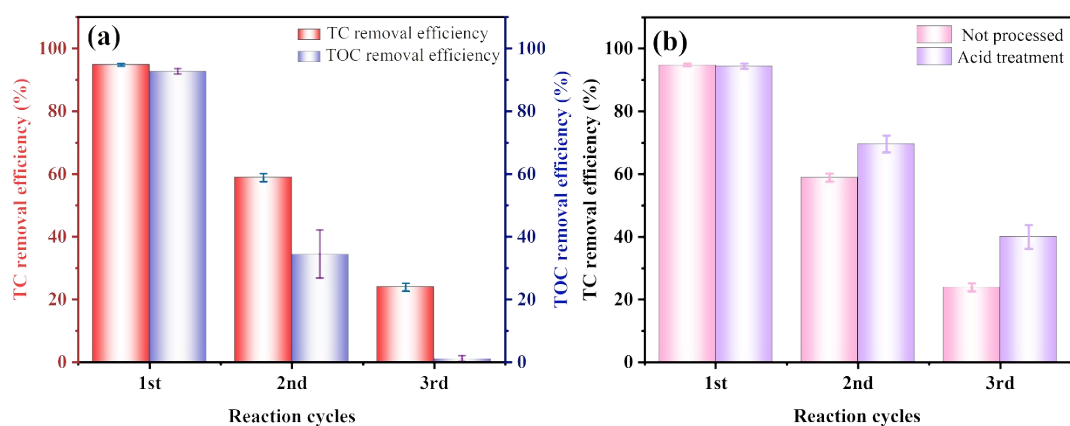
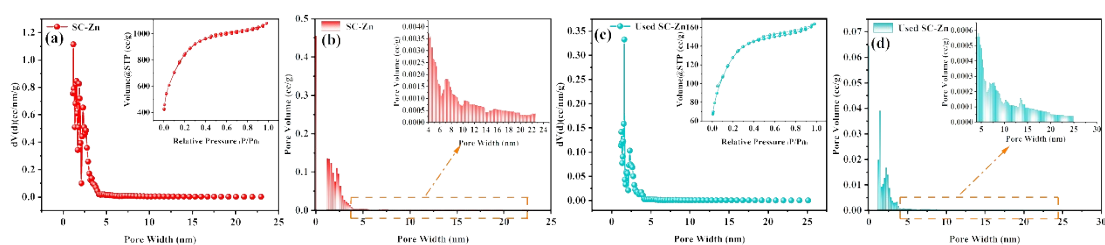


Fig. S8. TC degradation pathway inference



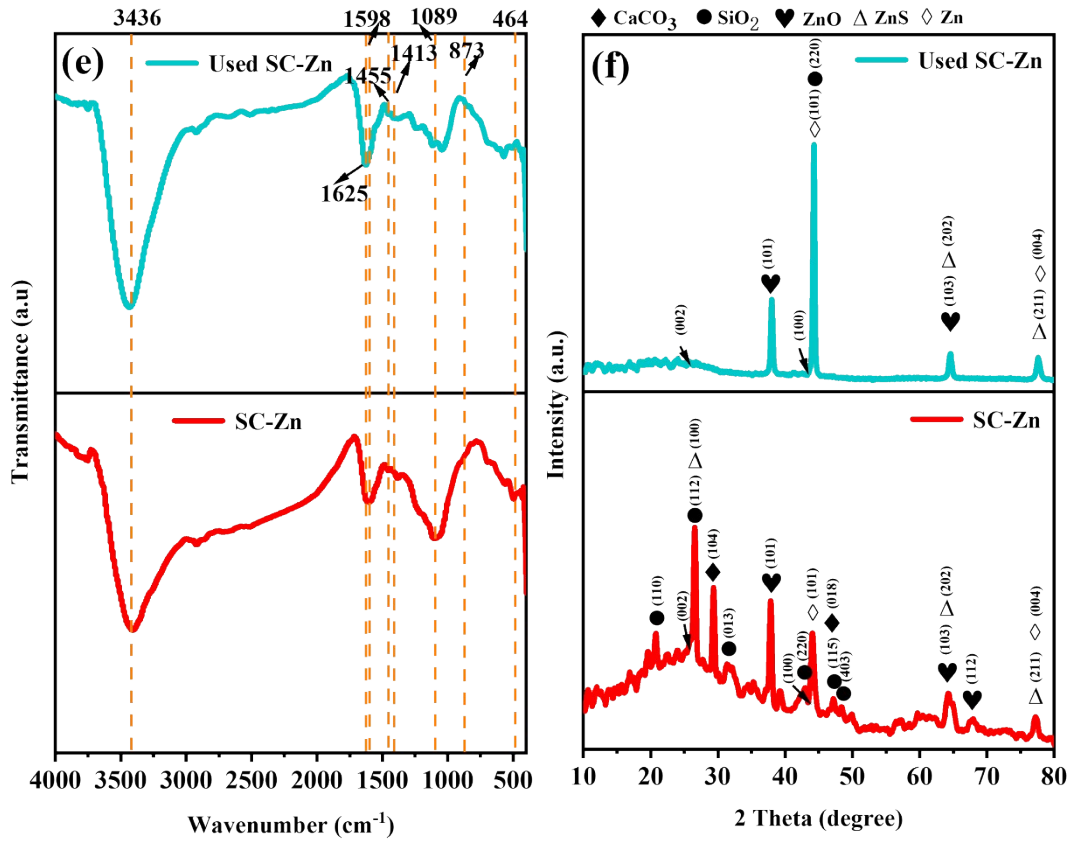


**Fig. S9.** Reusability and mineralization ability of (a) SC-Zn /PDS/UV (deferred) system and (b) diagram of SC-Zn catalyst activity recovery.



**Table S1** Specific surface area, total pore volume and pore distribution tables for SC-Zn and Used SC-Zn

Catalysts	DFT		
	surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Average pore diameter(nm)	Total pore volume(cc/g)
SC-Zn	2007.812	1.178	1.494
Used SC-Zn	303.603	1.614	0.228



**Fig. S10.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms (a) SC-Zn, pore size distributions (b) SC-Zn, (c) Used SC-Zn, (d) Used SC-Zn, (e) FTIR spectra of SC-Zn and Used SC-Zn, (f) XRD spectra of SC-Zn and Used SC-Zn.