

Solar-Powered Electrocoagulation for the Removal of Atrazine with and without  
Microplastics

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**Table S1** First ( $k_1$ ) and second order ( $k_2$ ) kinetic constants and linear correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) values for Al electrode.

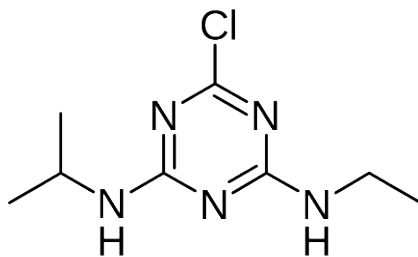
Parameters	Range	$k_1$ ( $R^2$ ) $10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$	p-value $10^{-3}$ (First order)	$k_2$ ( $R^2$ ) $10^{-2}$ L/mg. min	p-value $10^{-3}$ (Second order)
Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	1	0.43 (0.86)	20.82	0.05 (0.87)	18.94
	3	0.69 (0.90)	12.2	0.09 (0.92)	8.05
	5	0.98 (0.95)	4.69	0.17 (0.95)	3.79
	7	2.04 (0.92)	9.65	0.49 (0.87)	18.37
	10	1.87 (0.92)	8.58	0.51 (0.89)	15.46
ATZ concentration (mg/L)	3	2.29 (0.90)	12.01	1.90 (0.86)	22.3
	5	2.20 (0.95)	4.59	1.20 (0.93)	7.06
	10	1.90 (0.92)	8.58	0.51 (0.89)	15.5
	15	1.65 (0.95)	4.5	0.24 (0.94)	5.84
	20	1.80 (0.96)	3.22	0.20 (0.95)	4.47
Initial pH	3	1.96 (0.92)	9.07	0.45 (0.89)	14.7
	5	2.18 (0.93)	7.53	0.55 (0.90)	13.56
	7	2.10 (0.93)	7.32	0.52 (0.90)	13.18
	9	1.88 (0.93)	6.59	0.43 (0.91)	10.63
	11	1.86 (0.93)	7.65	0.42 (0.90)	13.49
NaCl concentration (mg/L)	100	0.41 (0.97)	1.48	0.05 (0.97)	1.45
	200	0.52 (0.90)	1.28	0.07 (0.91)	11.21
	300	0.81 (0.92)	8.85	0.12 (0.91)	10.51
	400	1.20 (0.93)	6.4	0.22 (0.92)	9.32
	500	2.10 (0.94)	5.43	0.51 (0.91)	11.1

**Table S2** First ( $k_1$ ) and second order ( $k_2$ ) kinetic constants and linear correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) values for Cu electrode.

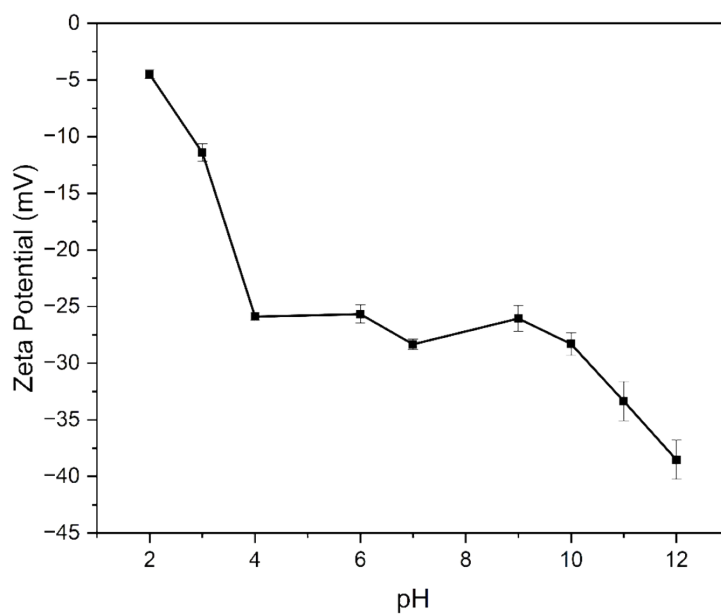
Parameters	Range	$k_1$ ( $R^2$ ) $10^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$	p-value $10^{-3}$ (First order)	$k_2$ ( $R^2$ ) $10^{-2}$ L/mg. min	p-value $10^{-3}$ (Second order)
Current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	1	0.43 (0.97)	1.31	0.05 (0.98)	0.63
	3	0.75 (0.98)	0.65	0.11 (0.98)	1.14
	5	1.01 (0.95)	3.45	0.18 (0.96)	2.28
	7	2.29 (0.94)	4.84	0.62 (0.91)	10.42
	10	2.03 (0.92)	8.64	0.63 (0.88)	16.6
ATZ concentration (mg/L)	3	2.39 (0.90)	12.46	2.07 (0.85)	24.03
	5	2.30 (0.95)	4.21	1.34 (0.94)	5.67
	10	2.10 (0.93)	6.53	0.67 (0.9)	12.16
	15	1.70 (0.95)	4.26	0.26 (0.96)	2.66
	20	1.79 (0.96)	2.56	0.20 (0.95)	3.69
Initial pH	3	2.02 (0.93)	7.62	0.48 (0.90)	12.63
	5	2.22 (0.93)	7.97	0.56 (0.89)	14.59
	7	2.17 (0.92)	8.84	0.72 (0.88)	17.04
	9	1.91 (0.93)	6.72	0.44 (0.91)	10.67
	11	1.90 (0.93)	7.12	0.44 (0.90)	12.86
NaCl concentration (mg/L)	100	0.45 (0.95)	3.99	0.06 (0.95)	3.53
	200	0.60 (0.95)	4.69	0.09 (0.95)	3.75
	300	0.91 (0.93)	7.98	0.15 (0.92)	9.41
	400	1.30 (0.95)	4.75	0.25 (0.93)	6.81
	500	2.30 (0.94)	4.96	0.62 (0.91)	10.64

**Table S3** Recovery test of the developed HPLC analysis method (n=3).

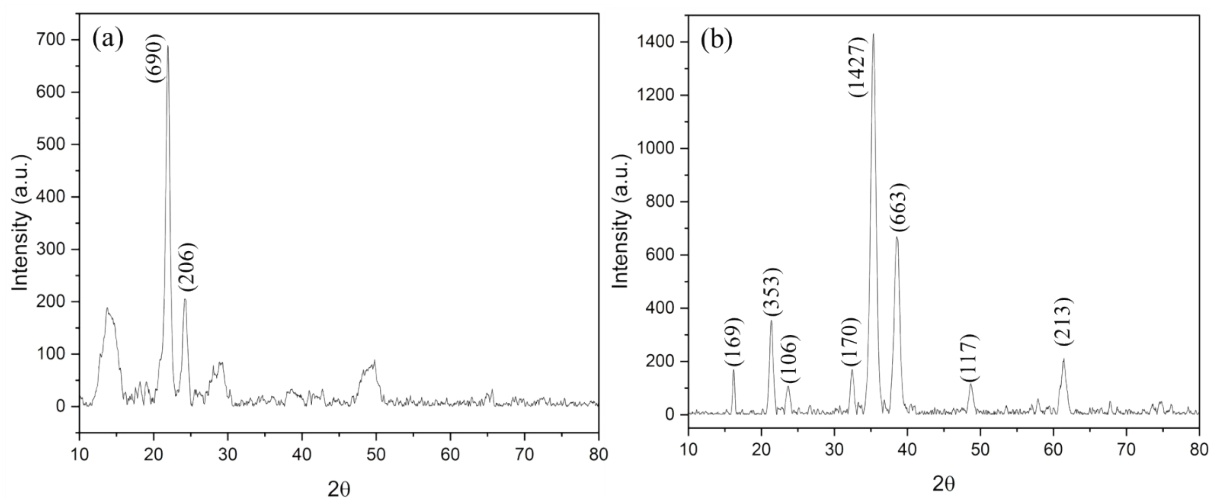
<b>Water Matrix</b>	<b>Standard spiked (mg/L)</b>	<b>Found (mg/L)</b>	<b>Recovery (%)</b>	<b>Average recovery (%)</b>
Ground water	5	4.59	91.95	98.75
	10	10.35	103.47	
	15	15.13	100.84	
Lake water	5	4.72	94.35	102.87
	10	11.09	110.89	
	15	15.51	103.39	
River water	5	4.974	99.44	104.25
	10	11.06	110.62	
	15	15.40	102.69	
Wastewater	5	4.90	98.05	101.84
	10	10.31	103.05	
	15	15.66	104.42	



**Fig. S1** Molecular structure of atrazine.



**Fig. S2** Zeta potential of ATZ solution.



**Fig. S3** XRD spectrum of sludge containing MPs generated from (a) Al-Al electrodes, and (b) Cu-Cu electrodes.