

Supporting Information

Three-Dimensional Homogeneous Ferrite-Carbon Aerogel: One Pot Fabrication and Enhanced Electro-Fenton Reactivity

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Text S1.

For studying the catalytic performance to decompose H_2O_2 of 5 wt% FCA, a series of heterogeneous Fenton oxidation with adding a dose of H_2O_2 (5 mM) are performed, including the changes of accumulated $\cdot\text{OH}$ concentration and metalaxyl TOC removal with reaction time in a Fenton system (no potential is applied). As shown in Figure S3, when the H_2O_2 solution is added to FCA, the strong catalytic ability to H_2O_2 decomposition is showed. The accumulated concentration of $\cdot\text{OH}$ reaches to 76 μM after 240 min, and the corresponding of metalaxyl TOC removal is 58% (Figure S4). Although the FCA shows good Fenton catalytic activity to degrade metalaxyl, the TOC removal is obviously lower than E-Fenton process (98%). The reason is the $\cdot\text{OH}$ is only produce from FCA cathode in heterogeneous Fenton, while both FCA cathode and BDD anode are contributed together to the $\cdot\text{OH}$ generation in Electro-Fenton system.

Furthermore, steady-state H_2O_2 concentration with 5 wt% FCA is also determined. From Figure S5, concentration of H_2O_2 electro-generated on the pure CA cathode increases to 35 mg L^{-1} after 240 min, indicating the CA is a proper electrode for Electro-Fenton reaction, while the corresponding value on the 5 wt% FCA is only about 6 mg L^{-1} . It is attributed that the electrogenerated H_2O_2 could be in situ catalytically decomposed to $\cdot\text{OH}$ promptly, and the accumulation of H_2O_2 is difficult on the FCA cathode.

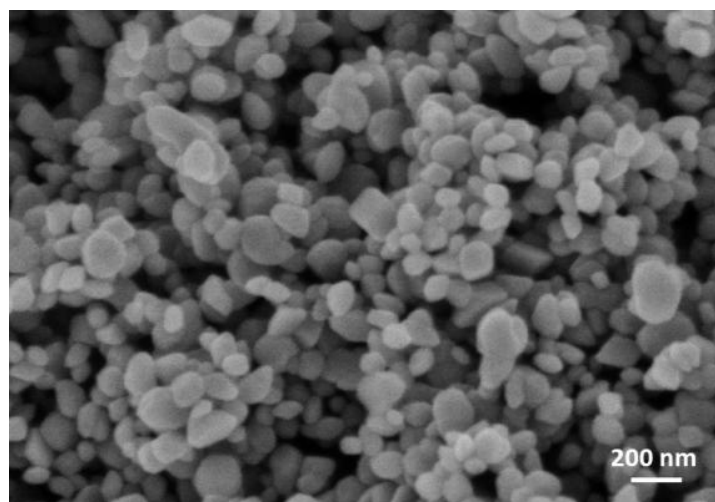


Figure S1. SEM images of fresh Fe@Fe₂O₃/CA electrodes

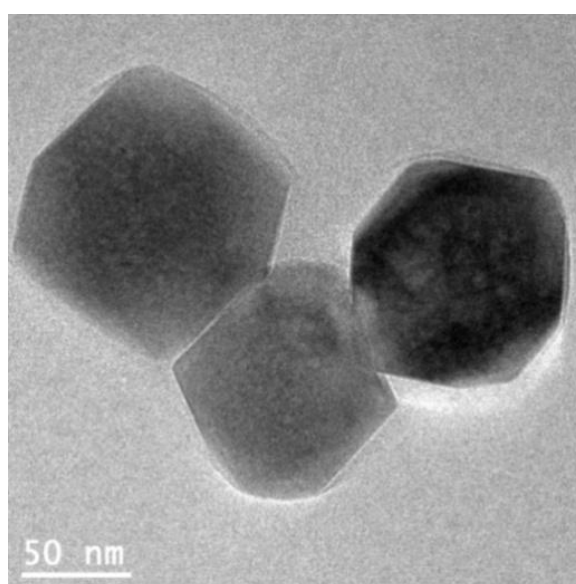


Figure S2. TEM images of fresh Fe@Fe₂O₃ nanoparticle on the Fe@Fe₂O₃/CA

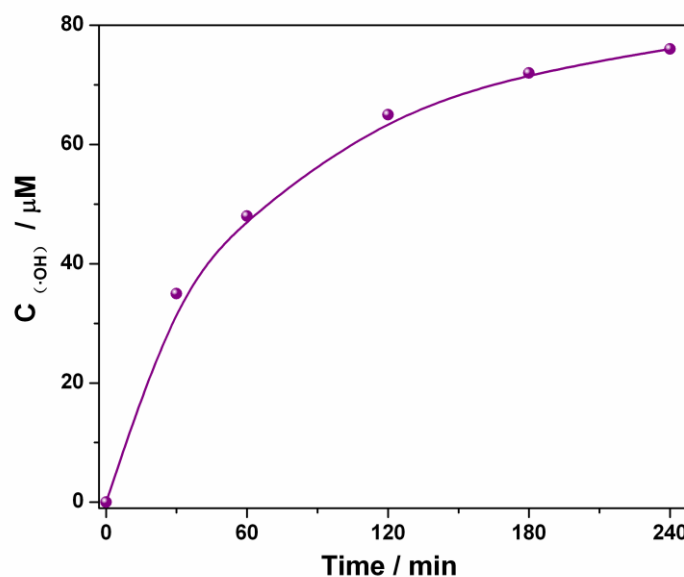


Figure S3. Changes of accumulated $\cdot\text{OH}$ concentration with reaction time
(placing 5 wt% FCA in 5 mM H_2O_2 solution, pH = 6.0)

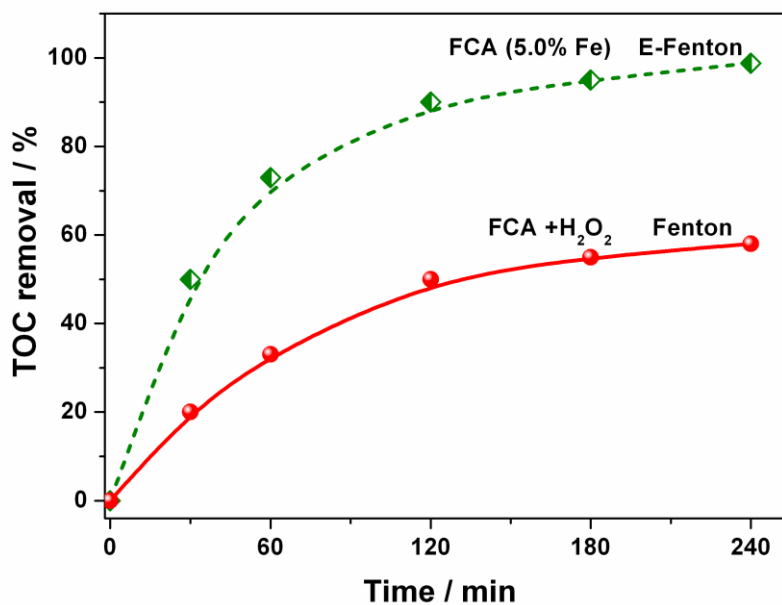


Figure S4. Changes of metalaxyl TOC removal with reaction time using different treatment (pH = 6.0, applied current 10 mA cm^{-2} , $0.1 \text{ M Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ in Electro-Fenton system; pH = 6.0, 5 mM H_2O_2 in Fenton system)

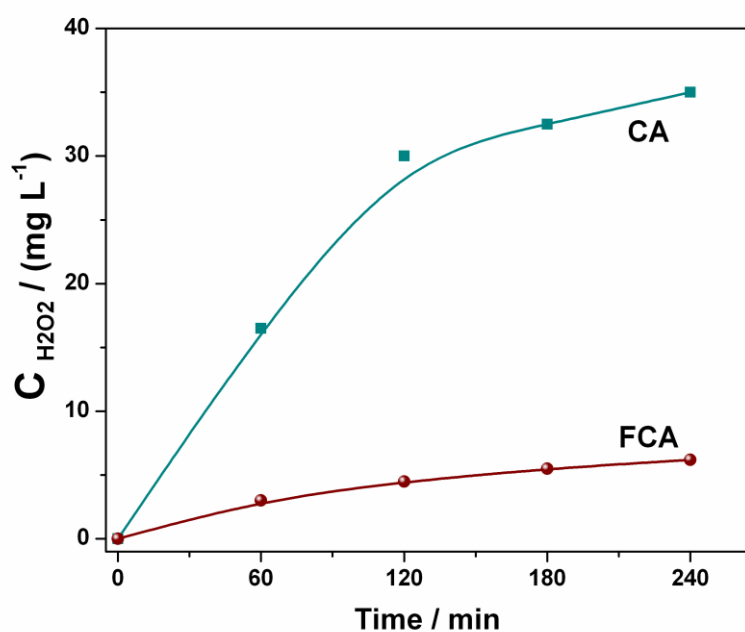


Figure S5. Steady-state concentration of H₂O₂ electrogenerated on 5 wt% FCA

(pH = 6.0, applied current 10 mA cm⁻², 0.1 M Na₂SO₄)

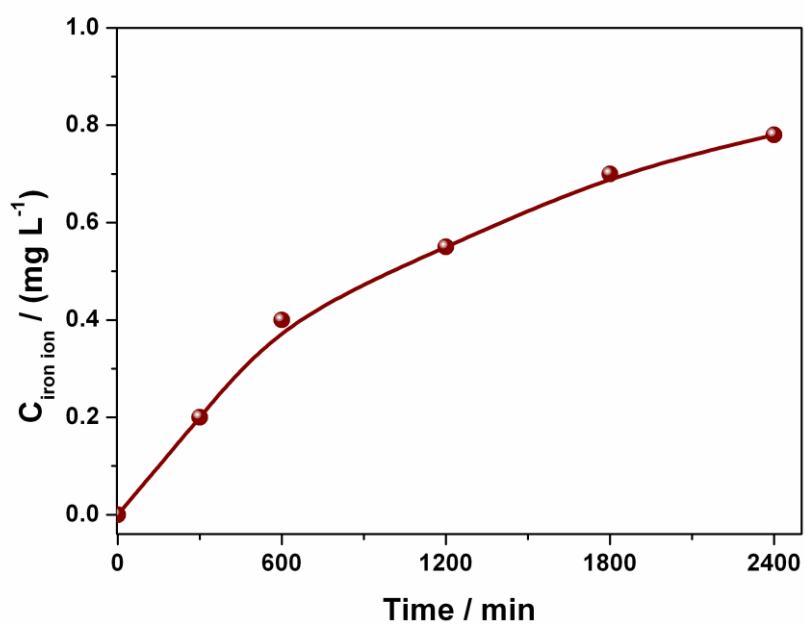


Figure S6. Concentration of leached Fe³⁺ with time

(immersing 5 wt% FCA in the diluted HCl solution, pH = 3.0)

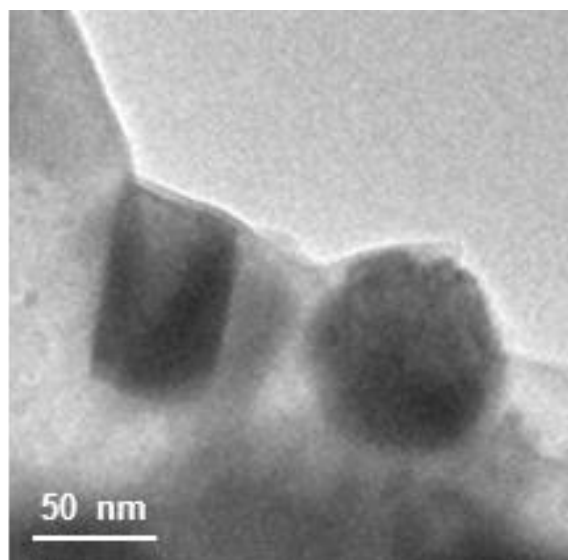


Figure S7. TEM image of 5 wt% FCA with immersing in the diluted HCl solution
(pH = 3.0, 2400 min)