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**Shedding Light into the Soft and Efficient Free Radical Induced Reduction
of Graphene Oxide: Hidden Mechanisms and Energetics**

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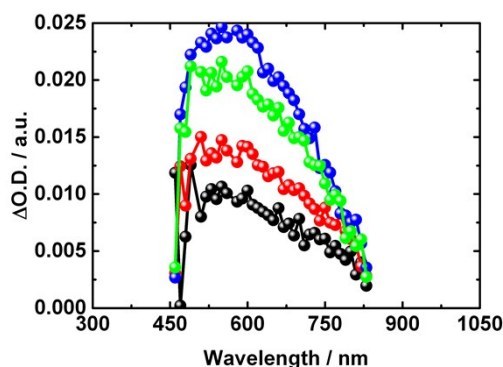


Figure S1. Differential absorption spectra obtained upon electron pulse radiolysis (100 Gy, 15 ns FWHM) of $0.8 \text{ mg} \times \text{ml}^{-1}$ **oxo-G₁** in N_2O saturated aqueous solution in containing with time delays of 5 μs (black spectrum), 10 μs (red spectrum), 25 μs (green spectrum) and 50 μs (blue spectrum) after the electron pulse.

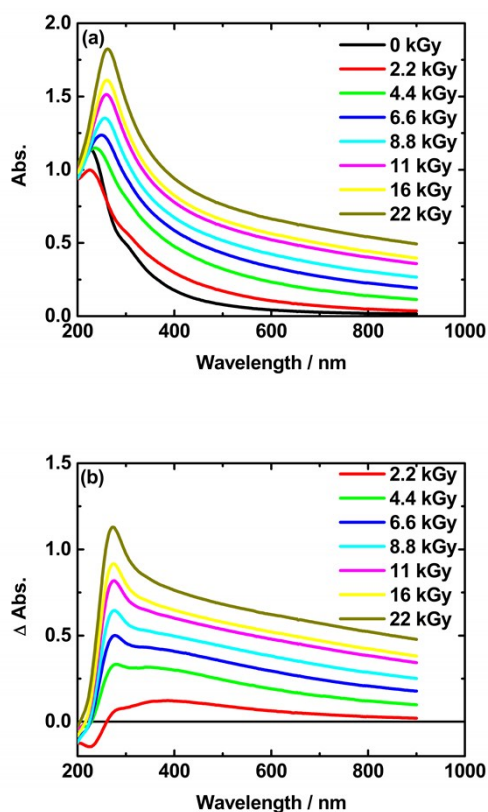


Figure S2. a) UV-Vis spectra of nitrogen saturated aqueous **CT-GO** solutions (0.4 mg/ml) containing 2 wt% 2-propanol upon electron beam radiation with different absorbed radiation doses. The samples were diluted with water (1:9) after irradiation and measuring the UV-vis spectra in order keep the absorption in a reasonable measurable range. b) Corresponding change in absorption obtained from the spectra in (a) by subtracting the spectra before irradiation from the spectra measured after irradiation.

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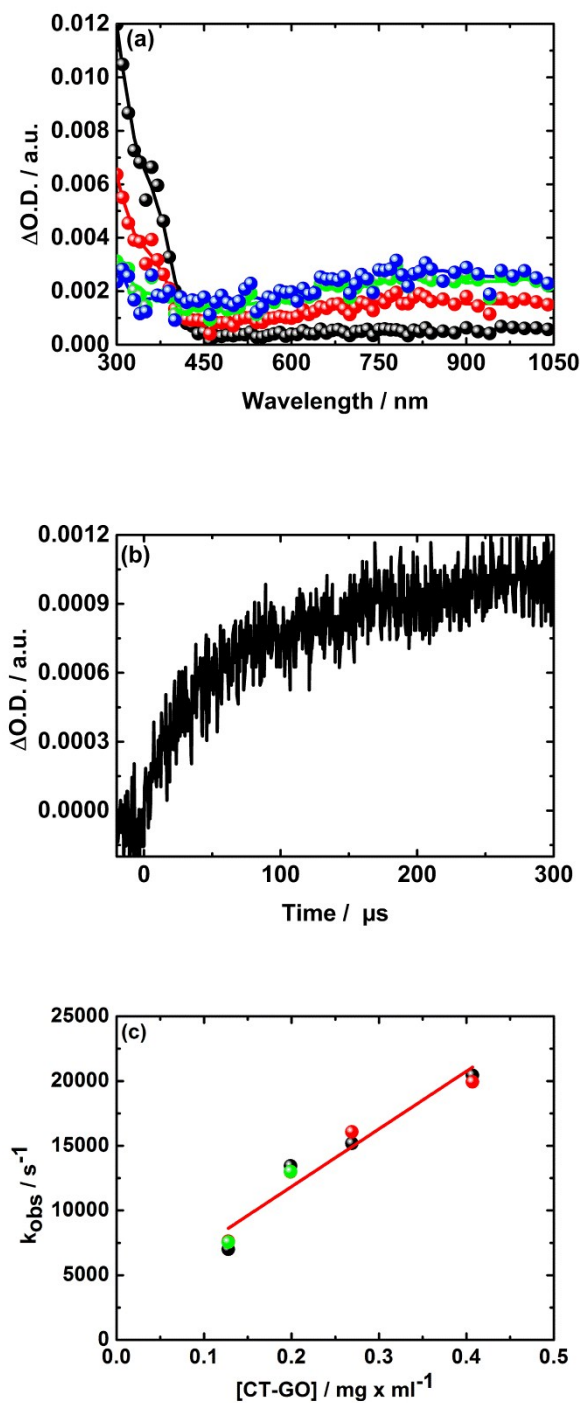


Figure S3. (a): Differential absorption spectra obtained upon electron pulse radiolysis (100 Gy, 15 ns FWHM) of $0.13 \text{ mg} \times \text{ml}^{-1}$ **CT-GO** in N_2O saturated aqueous solution in containing of $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ HCOONa with time delays of $10 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ (black spectrum), $50 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ (red spectrum), $200 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ (green spectrum) and $300 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ (blue spectrum) after the electron pulse. (b): Corresponding absorption time profiles at 700 nm . (c): Plot of the pseudo-first-order rate constants taken from the 700 nm absorption time profiles vs. the **CT-GO** concentration measured with an absorbed dose of $100 \text{ Gy} / \text{pulse}$ (black), $50 \text{ Gy} / \text{pulse}$ (red) and $20 \text{ Gy} / \text{pulse}$ (green).

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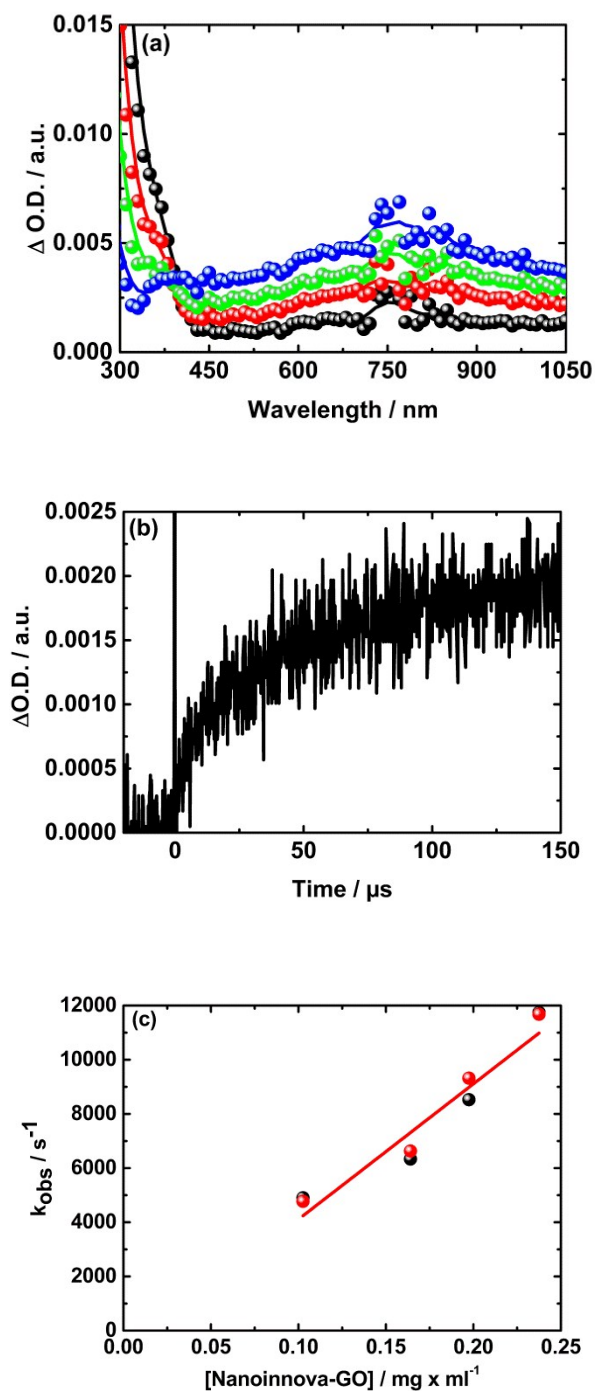


Figure S4. (a): Differential absorption spectra obtained upon electron pulse radiolysis (100 Gy, 15 ns FWHM) of 0.10 mg x ml⁻¹ **NI-GO** in N₂O saturated aqueous solution in containing of 5 x 10⁻³ M HCOONa with time delays of 5 μs (black spectrum), 20 μs (red spectrum), 50 μs (green spectrum) and 150 μs (blue spectrum) after the electron pulse. (b): Corresponding absorption time profiles at 700 nm. (c): Plot of the pseudo-first-order rate constants taken from the 700 nm absorption time profiles vs. the **NI-GO** concentration measured with an absorbed dose of 50 Gy / pulse (red) and 20 Gy / pulse (black).

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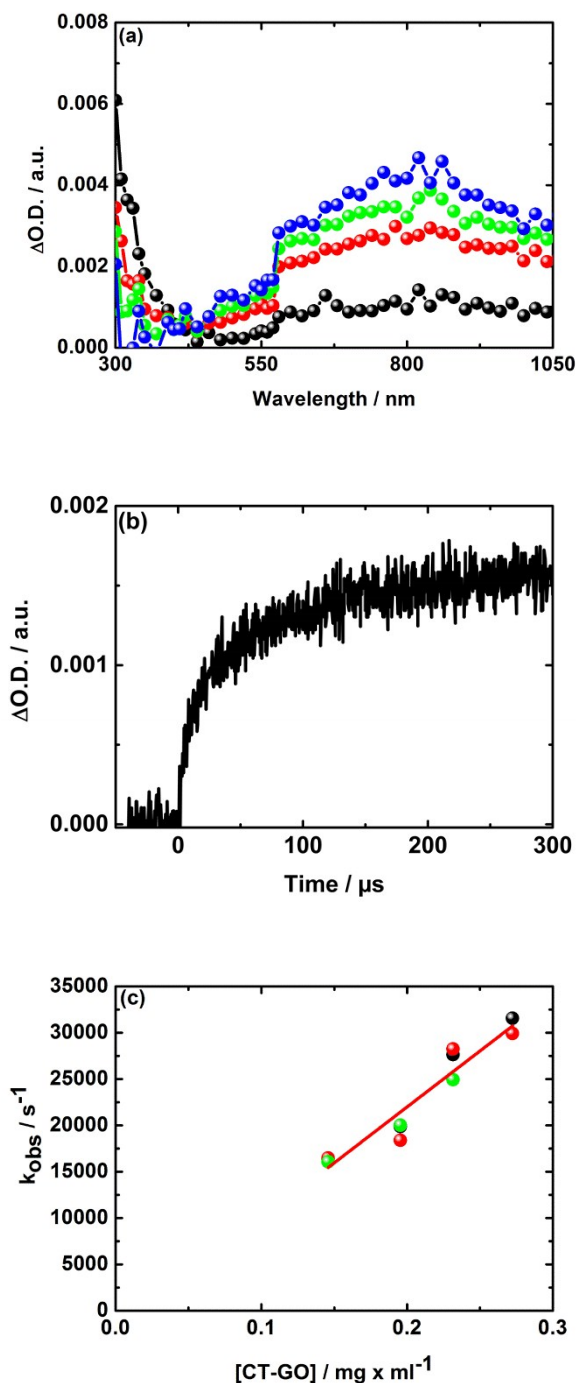


Figure S5. (a): Differential absorption spectra obtained upon electron pulse radiolysis (100 Gy, 15 ns FWHM) of $0.15 \text{ mg} \times \text{ml}^{-1}$ CT-GO in N_2O saturated aqueous solution in the presence of 5 vol% 2-propanol with time delays of 15 μs (black spectrum), 50 μs (red spectrum), 100 μs (green spectrum) and 250 μs (blue spectrum) after the electron pulse. (b): Corresponding absorption time profiles at 700 nm. (c): Plot of the pseudo-first-order rate constants taken from the 700 nm absorption time profiles vs. the CT-GO concentration measured with an absorbed dose of 100 Gy / pulse (black), 50 Gy / pulse (red) and 20 Gy / pulse (green).

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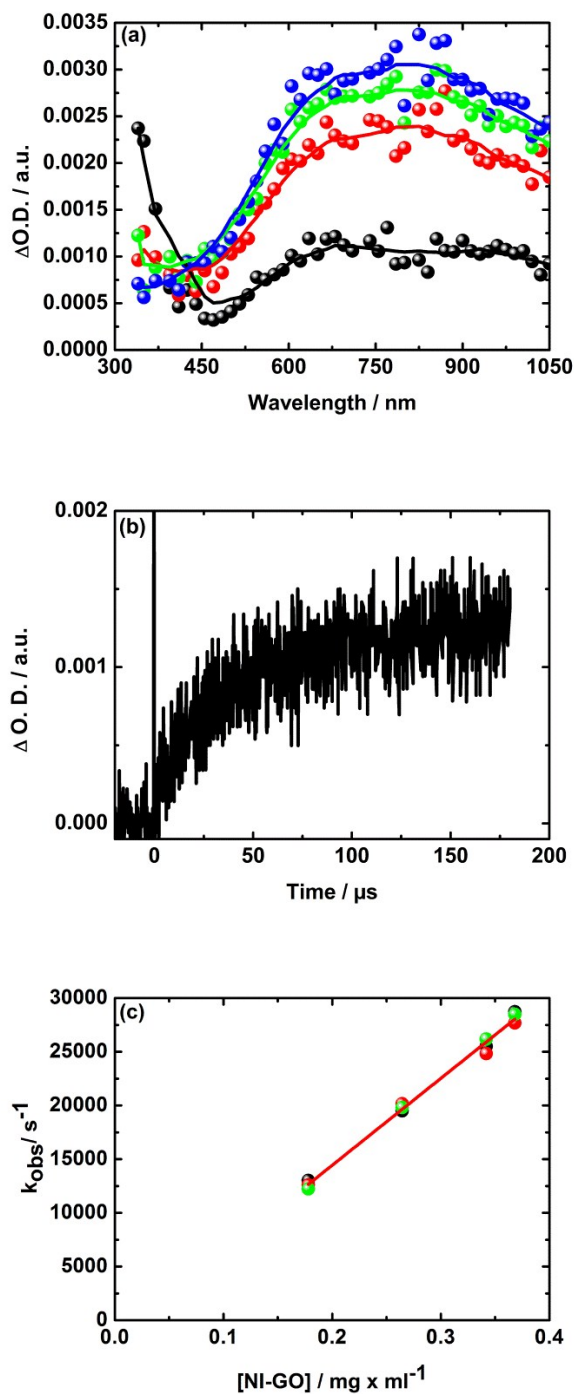


Figure S6. (a): Differential absorption spectra obtained upon electron pulse radiolysis (100 Gy, 15 ns FWHM) of $0.34 \text{ mg} \times \text{ml}^{-1}$ NI-GO in N_2O saturated aqueous solution in the presence of 5 vol% 2-propanole with time delays of 10 μs (black spectrum), 50 μs (red spectrum), 100 μs (green spectrum) and 150 μs (blue spectrum) after the electron pulse. (b): Corresponding absorption time profiles at 700 nm. (c): Plot of the pseudo-first-order rate constants taken from the 700 nm absorption time profiles vs. the NI-GO concentration, measured with an absorbed dose of 100 Gy / pulse (black), 50 Gy / pulse (red) and 20 Gy / pulse (green).