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Exploring the mechanism of Fe(III)-activated Fenton-like reaction based on the quantitative study

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Text S1. Fenton mechanism equations

 $\cdot HO_2 +$

- $Fe^{2+} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + \cdot OH + OH^ k = 40 80 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ (S1)
- $\cdot \text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \cdot \text{OH}_2 \qquad \qquad k = 2.7 \times 10^7 \,\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1} \tag{S2}$

$$\cdot OH + Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + OH^{-}$$
 $k = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ (S3)

- $\cdot OH_2 + H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O + O_2 + \cdot OH \qquad k = 3 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ (S4)
- $Fe^{3+} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + \cdot HO_2 + H^+$ (S5)

$$Fe^{3+} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow Fe(HO_2)^{2+} + H^+$$
 $k = 3.1 \times 10^{-3} M^{-1} s^{-1}$ (S5a)

- $Fe(HO_2)^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + \cdot HO_2$ $k = 2.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (S5b)
- $Fe^{2+} + HO_2 + H^+ \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + H_2O_2$ $k = 1.2 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ (S6)

$$Fe^{3+} + HO_2 \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + O_2 + H^+$$
 $k = 1.2 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ (S7)

$$HO_2 \to O_2 + H_2O_2$$
 $k = 1 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ (S8)

Text S2. 4-CP degradation equations with different activators

$$C_6H_5OCl + H_2O_2 \xrightarrow{\text{light}} C_6H_6O_2 (HQ) \text{ or } C_6H_6O_2Cl (pCC) + H_2O$$
(S9)

$$C_6H_5OCl + 2H_2O_2 + Fe^{2+} \rightarrow C_6H_6O_2 \text{ or } C_6H_6O_2Cl + OH^- + Fe^{3+}$$
 (S10)

$$C_6H_5OCl + 4H_2O_2 + Fe^{3+} \rightarrow C_6H_6O_2 \text{ or } C_6H_6O_2Cl + H_2O + Fe^{3+} + 2 \cdot O_2H (S11)$$



Figure S1 ESR pattern in the Fe(III)/H_2O_2 system

Condition: $[Fe(III)]_0 = 2 \text{ mM}, pH_0 = 2.45, [H_2O_2]_0 = 1.6 \text{ mM}$





Figure S2. Yield profiles of ferrous ion in reaction of 4-CP with ferric (a) and Amperometric i-t curve ferric and mixture of ferric and 4-CP solution

Condition: $[4-CP]_0 = 0.4 \text{ mM}$ for (a) and 50 mM for (b), $[Fe(III)]_0 = 2 \text{ mM}$

for (a) and 100 mM for (b), $pH_0 = 2.45$





Figure S3. (a) Yield profiles of ferrous ion in reaction of BQ with ferric; (b) pseudo first-order kinetic fitting of BQ degradation

Condition: $[Fe(III)]_0 = 1 \text{ mM}, [HQ]_0 = [BQ]_0 = 0.4 \text{ mM}, [H_2O_2]_0 = 0.8 \text{ mM}, pH_0 = 2.45$