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High efficiency photo-oxidation of thioethers over **C₆₀@PCN-222 under air**

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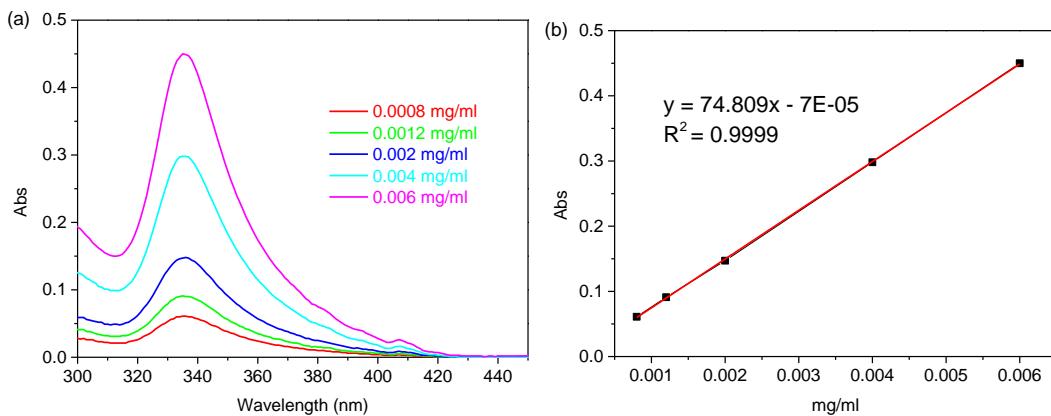


Fig. S1 A linear relationship between the C₆₀ concentration and its UV absorbance.

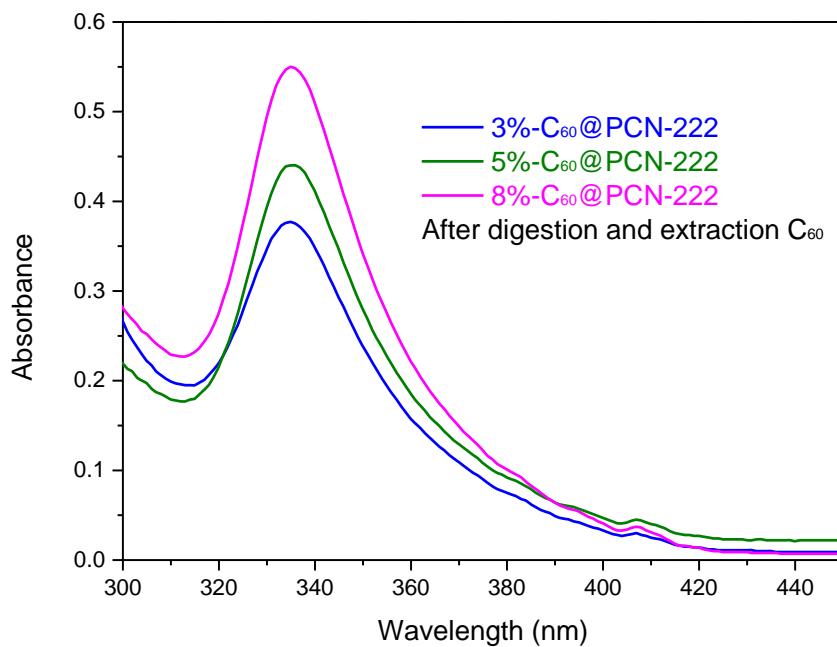


Fig. S2 UV analysis of C₆₀ content in a series of C₆₀@PCN-222 composites.

C₆₀ content calculation: C₆₀@PCN-222 samples were digested by 1 mol/L KOH solution, then 100 mL toluene were used to extract C₆₀ for several times, and then the extraction solution was analyzed by UV spectrum based on working curve in Fig. S1.

Sample name	Sample usage (mg)	Toluene (mL)	UV-vis absorbance	c. (mg/mL)	C ₆₀ /C ₆₀ @PCN-222
3%-C ₆₀ @PCN-222	15	100	0.37	0.0049	0.032
5%-C ₆₀ @PCN-222	12	100	0.43	0.0059	0.049
8%-C ₆₀ @PCN-222	9	100	0.55	0.0073	0.081

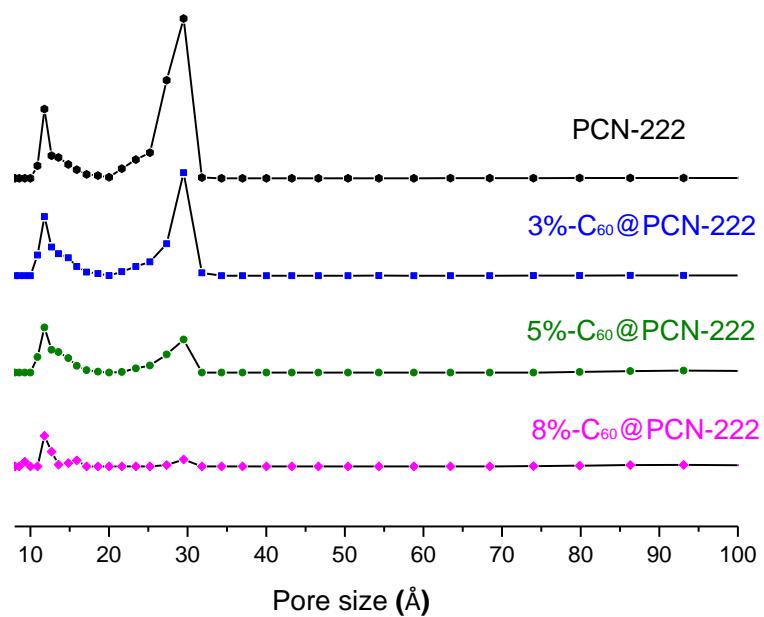


Fig. S3 DFT pore size distribution for as-synthesized PCN-222 and C₆₀@PCN-222 composites with different C₆₀ contents based on N₂ adsorption isotherms at 77 K.

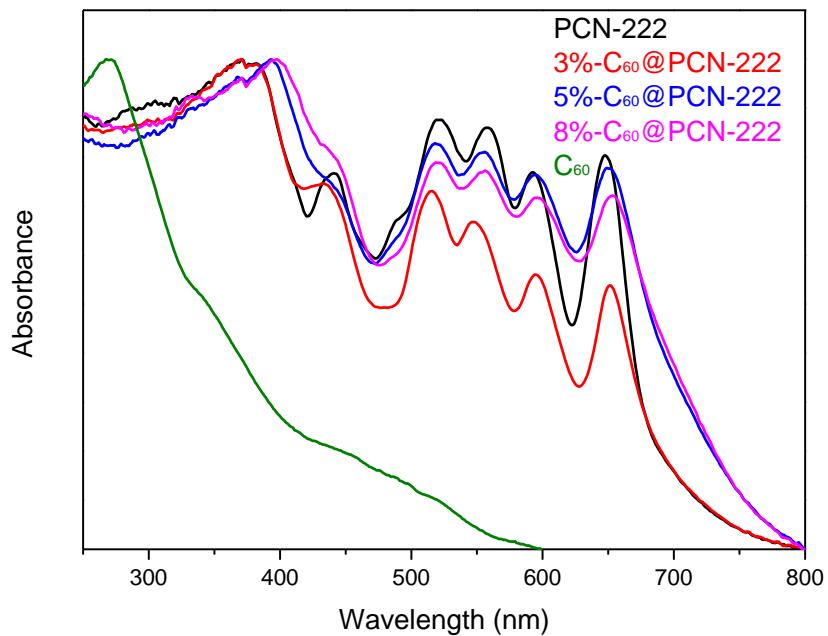


Fig. S4 Solid-state UV-vis spectra of PCN-222 and 3%/5%/8%-C₆₀@PCN-222 at room temperature.

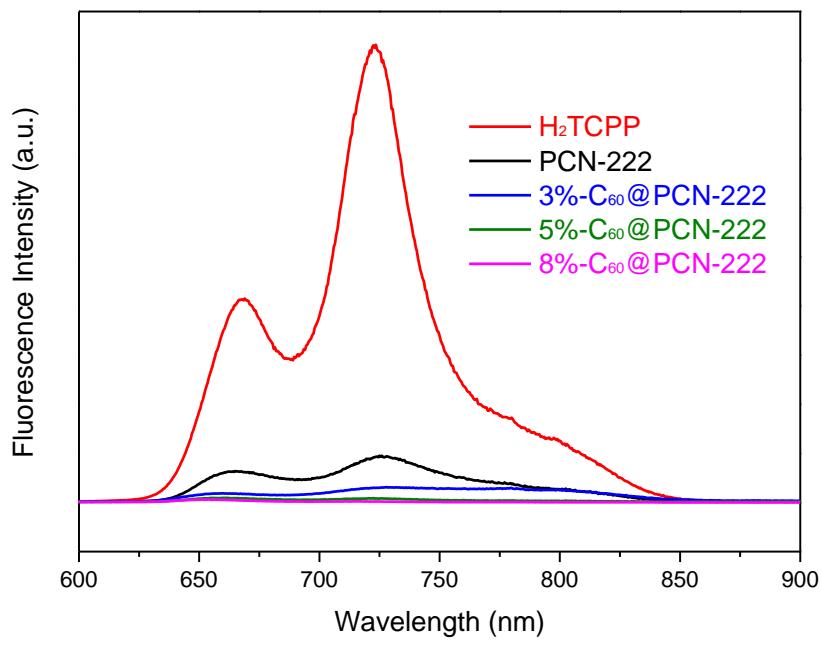


Fig. S5 Room-temperature PL spectra of H₂TCPP, PCN-222, 3%/5%/8%-C₆₀@PCN-222 composites ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$ nm).

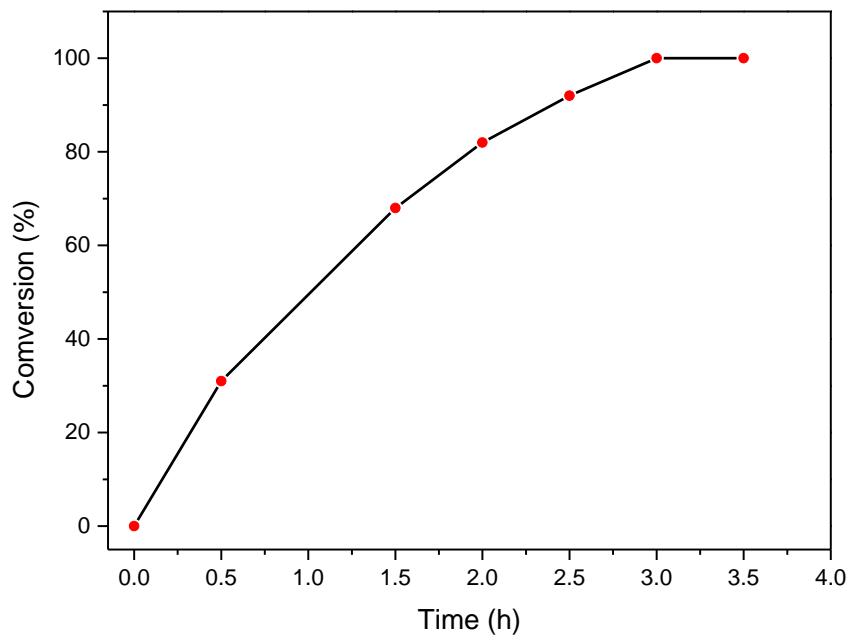


Fig. S6 Time course of the products distribution for the photocatalytic oxidation of thioanisole.

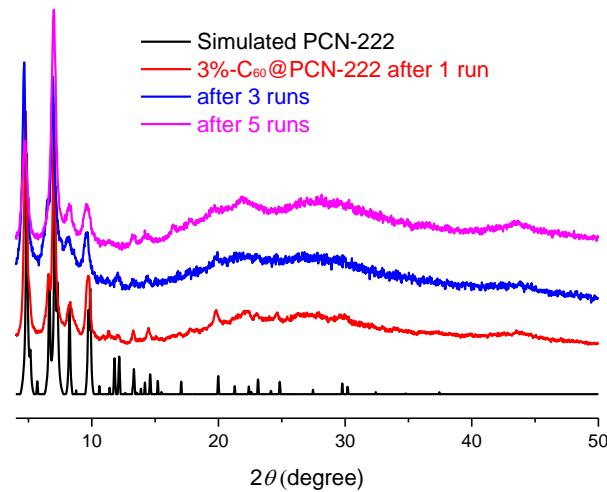


Fig. S7 PXRD profiles of 3%-C₆₀@PCN-222 after catalytic reaction

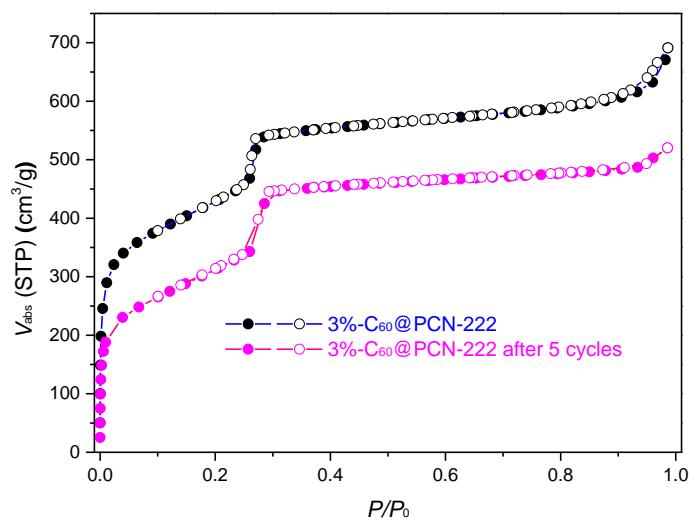
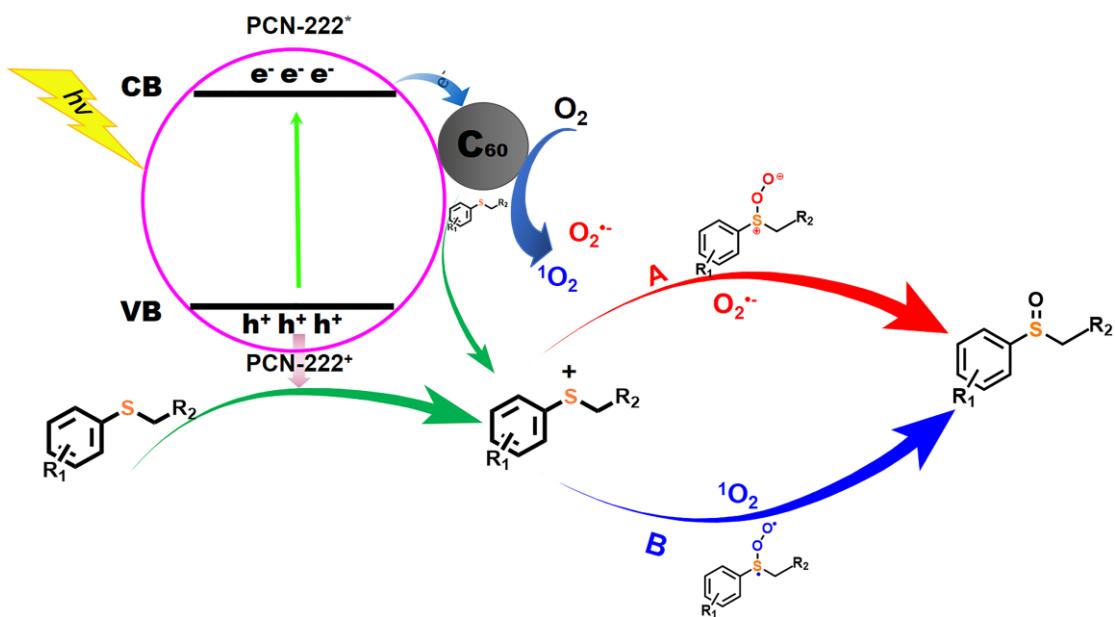


Fig. S8 N₂ sorption isotherms for 3%-C₆₀@PCN-222 before reaction and after 5 catalytic cycles at 77 K



Scheme S1. The proposed mechanism for the selective oxidation of sulfides into sulfoxides with air in the merger of visible light photocatalysis of $\text{C}_{60}@\text{PCN-222}$.

Table S1. Comparison of the photocatalytic oxidation activities of thioanisole to phenyl methyl sulfoxide.

Catalytic	Oxid.	T. (h)	Abs. (nm)	Photo intensit y	Con. (%)	Sel. (%)	TOF (h ⁻¹)	Ref.
3%-C ₆₀ @PCN-222	air	3	$\lambda > 400$	50 mW/cm ²	100	100	80 ^b	This work
5%-C ₆₀ @PCN-222	air	2	$\lambda > 400$	50 mW/cm ²	100	100	71.4 ^b	This work
8%-C ₆₀ @PCN-222	air	2	$\lambda > 400$	50 mW/cm ²	100	100	45.5 ^b	This work
MOF-6	air	22	--	26 W fluorescent lamp	73	100	16.6	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2011, 133, 13445
Ru ^{II} _{chro} –Cu ^{II} _{cat} ^a	air	20	--	blue LEDs		90	2	<i>ChemSusChem</i> 2017, 10, 3358
pTCT	air	12	--	26 W white CFL	> 99	97	0.007	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> 2018, 6, 15154
1 (MOF)	H ₂ O ₂	4	$\lambda > 420$	300 W Xe lamp	99	95	16.7	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces</i> 2019, 11, 3016.
Ru ^{II} (TMP)(CO) ^a	PhI(OAc) ₂	100	$\lambda_{\text{max}}=420$	--	100	99	31.25	<i>Applied Catalysis A: General</i> 2014, 478, 275.
4%C ₆₀ /g-C ₃ N ₄	O ₂	6	$\lambda > 400$	1 W /cm ²	100	100	20	<i>ChemSusChem</i> 2018, 11, 2444
TBA ₄ H[γ -PV ₂ W ₁₀ O ₄₀]	O ₂	24	$\lambda > 400$	xenon lamp	100	92	0.0004	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> 2018, 54, 7127
DBFL ^a	O ₂	8.3	--	110 W /m ²	100	100	0.005	<i>ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng.</i> 2018, 6, 15254
SnPor@PAF	O ₂	0.5	--	90 mW/cm ²	31	99	19872	<i>Adv. Synth. Catal.</i> 2018, 360, 4402

Au ₃₈ S ₂ (SAdm) ₂ ^a	O ₂	12	532	~34 mW/cm ²	58	100	20.83	<i>ACS Catal.</i> 2017, 7, 3368
ARS-TiO ₂	O ₂	10	$\lambda > 450$	300 W Xe lamp	81	91	75	<i>Angew. Chem.</i> 2016, 128, 4775
Degussa P ₂₅ TiO ₂	O ₂	22	$\lambda > 400$	300 W Xe lamp	81	93	0.05	<i>Chem. Sci.</i> 2015, 6, 5000
TiO ₂	O ₂	4	$\lambda > 400$	300 W Xe lamp	83	92	0.15	<i>Chem. Sci.</i> 2015, 6, 1075
0.5 wt.% Pt/BiVO ₄	O ₂	5.5	$\lambda > 420$	300 W Xe lamp	96	98	36	<i>Journal of Catalysis</i> 2015, 332, 95
1 (MOF)	O ₂	12	--	350 W Xe lamp	> 99.9	> 99.9	0.84	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i> 2011, 50, 5318
cdcn(30)	O ₂	6	--	white LEDs	61.8	99	2.1	<i>Catal. Sci. Technol.</i> 2017, 7, 587
mpg-C ₃ N ₄	O ₂	4	$\lambda > 420$	a mercury lamp (150 W)	97	98	0.62	<i>Green Chem.</i> 2012, 14, 1904

^a homogeneous photocatalyst

^b Turnover frequency (TOF) = [moles of **1b**] / [(moles of C₆₀) × (reaction time)]