

On the role of Graphene oxide/titania catalyst to remove mixtures of pharmaceutical contaminants from water and wastewater

Supplementary Material

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1. Relevant CECs information

Table S1. Relevant properties of selected CECs^a.

| CEC name | | Molecular weight g mol ⁻¹ | k _D ^b M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹ | Ref. k _D | z ^c mol O ₃ / mol CEC | Ref. z | k _{HO} ^d M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹ x10 ⁻⁹ | Ref. k _{OH} | D _i ¹ m ² s ⁻¹ x10 ¹⁰ |
|--------------------------------|-----|---|--|------------------------|---|-----------|--|-------------------------|--|
| Acetaminophen (Paracetamol) | AAP | 151.16 | 4.11 x 10 ⁶ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7.10 | 3 | 7.94 |
| Antipyrine (Phenazone) | ANT | 188.23 | 6.15 10 ⁵ | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5.20 | 3 | 6.81 |
| Caffeine | CAF | 194.19 | 650 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5.90 | 6 | 6.86 |
| Ketorolac | KET | 255.27 | 3.4 10 ⁵ | 4 | 1 | - | 5.00 | 4 | 5.78 |
| Metoprolol | MET | 534.73 | 2000 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 7.30 | 8 | 5.19 |
| Diclofenac | DCF | 296.33 | 10 ⁶ | 9 | 2 | 10 | 7.50 | 3 | 5.50 |
| Hydrochlorothiazide | HCT | 297.83 | 3.0 x 10 ⁵ | 11 | 2 | 11 | 5.07 | 12 | 6.22 |
| Sulfamethoxazole | SMX | 253.28 | 4.15 x 10 ⁵ | 13 | 2 | 14 | 5.50 | 3 | 6.17 |

^aFor super index numbers see literature section 5 below. ^bRate constant of ozone-CEC direct reaction. ^cStoichiometric ratio of ozone-CEC reaction. ^dRate constant of hydroxyl radical-CEC reaction.

2. Characterization properties of GO-TiO₂

Table S2. Main properties of the studied catalyst

| | SBET m ² g ⁻¹ | Particle size nm | RAMAN DB/GB ^a | Band Gap eV |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 0.5GO/TiO ₂ | 157 | 8.2 | 1.25 | 1.66 |
| 1GO/TiO ₂ | 194 | 8.5 | 1.32 | 1.59 |
| 1.5GO/TiO ₂ | 226 | 8.7 | 1.36 | 1.55 |

The low band gap exhibited is associated with the presence of F and B residuals from the catalyst synthesis that benefits Vis-light absorption ranges of the solid. Further information related to catalyst properties influence in photocatalytic ozonation process and catalyst reusability can be found in a previous work¹⁵.

3. Preliminary studies

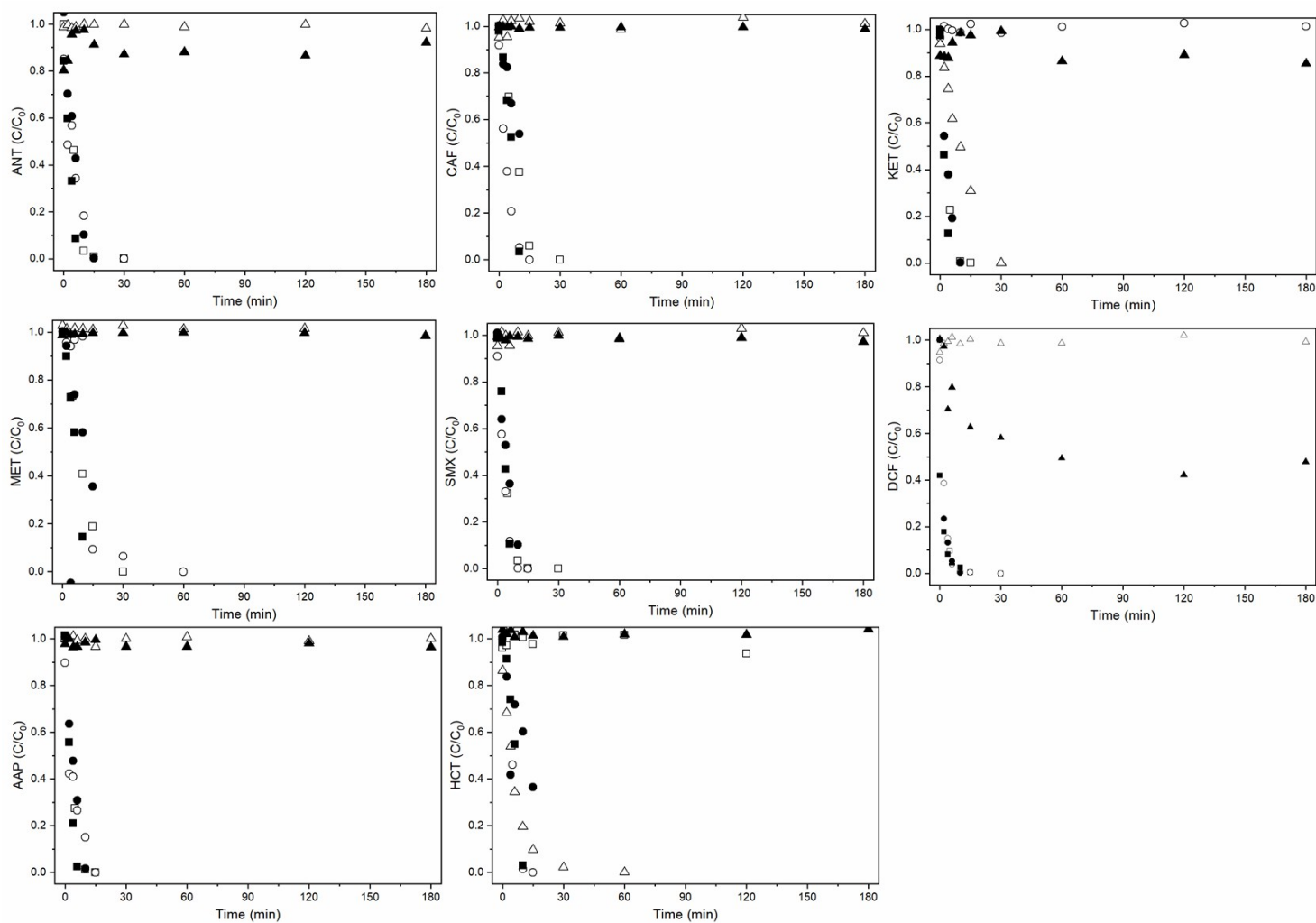


Figure S 1. Individual CECs variation with time under different processes in UPW. CEs concentration: 10 ppm of each one, Catalyst: 1GO/TiO₂-LPD 0.25 g L⁻¹, Fluency: 244 W m⁻². PhCatOz(■), PhOz (○), CatOz (●), Oz(△), PhCatOx(▲), PhOx (□).

4. Kinetic considerations

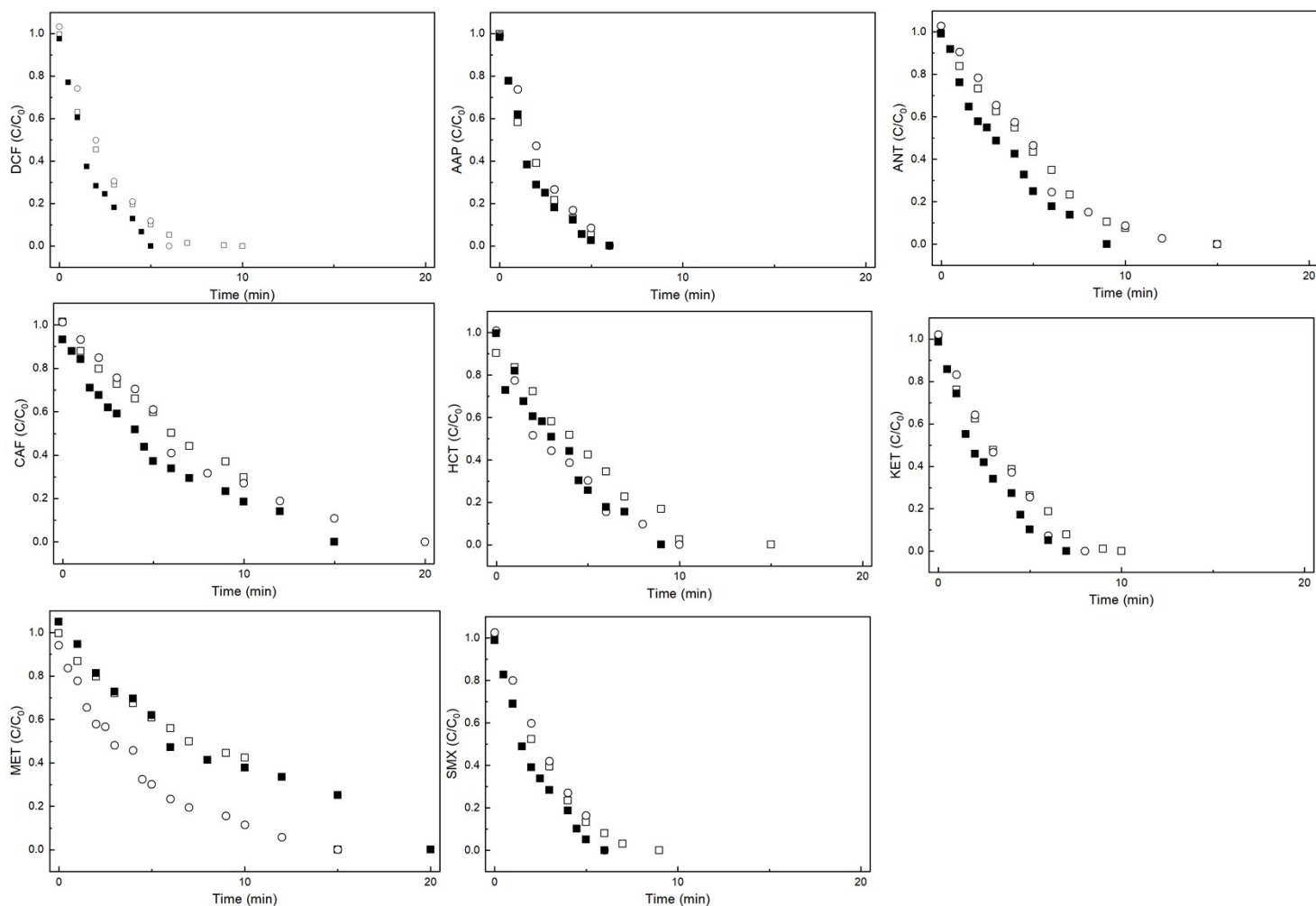


Figure S2. Individual CECs variation with time under different processes in SEMWW. CECs concentration: 10 ppm of each one. Catalyst: 1.5GO/TiO₂ 0.4 g L⁻¹, Fluency: 303 W m⁻². PhCatOz (■), PhOz (○), Oz (□).

Table S3. Concentrations of ozone in the gas exiting the reactor and values of instantaneous reaction factor, F_i , at 1-minute reaction in the three ozone processes studied.

| Process | $C_{O_3g} \times 10^5 \text{ M}$ | F_i | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | AAP | ANT | CAF | SMX | KET | MET | HCT | DCF |
| Ozonation | 3.23 | 7.59 | 4.33 | 3.43 | 3.60 | 3.04 | 2.55 | 3.62 | 4.13 |
| Photolytic Ozonation | 3.00 | 9.97 | 4.88 | 3.77 | 3.89 | 3.40 | 2.82 | 2.75 | 6.73 |
| Photocatalytic Ozonation | 1.76 | 8.36 | 3.99 | 4.76 | 4.30 | 2.85 | 2.56 | 6.46 | 4.36 |

F_i calculated from equations (10) to (12) with $He=115 \text{ atm L mol}^{-1}$ ¹⁶. D_M and z values from table S1. $D_{O_3}= 1.39 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ¹⁷. C_M from data in Figure S2.

Table S4. Ha numbers of the reactions between ozone and CECs while present in water during ozonation in SEMWW^a.

| t. min | AAP | ANT | CAF | SMX | KET | MET | HCT | DCF |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 0 | 14.72 | 5.14 | 0.14 | 3.06 | 3.42 | 0.16 | 1.84 | 6.55 |
| 1 | 11.25 | 4.72 | 0.13 | 2.55 | 2.99 | 0.15 | 1.77 | 6.02 |
| 2 | 9.21 | 4.42 | 0.12 | 2.22 | 2.71 | 0.14 | 1.65 | 5.64 |
| 3 | 6.84 | 4.08 | 0.12 | 1.93 | 2.36 | 0.14 | 1.48 | 5.21 |
| 4 | 5.29 | 3.82 | 0.11 | 1.49 | 2.13 | 0.13 | 1.39 | 4.88 |
| 5 | 3.37 | 3.40 | 0.11 | 1.12 | 1.75 | 0.12 | 1.26 | 4.34 |
| 6 | - | 3.05 | 0.10 | 0.87 | 1.48 | 0.12 | 1.14 | 3.89 |
| 8 | - | 2.49 | 0.09 | 0.53 | 0.96 | 0.11 | 0.92 | 3.18 |
| 10 | - | 1.68 | 0.08 | - | 0.35 | 0.11 | 0.79 | - |
| 12 | - | 1.42 | 0.08 | - | - | 0.10 | - | - |

^aFrom equation (9) with k_D values from Table S1, CECs concentration from Figure S2, $k_L=3.92 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$. $Ha > 0.3$ means fast or moderate kinetic regime. $Ha < 0.3$ means slow kinetic regime.

Table S5. Ha numbers of the reactions between ozone and CECs while present in water during photolytic ozonation in SEMWW^a.

| t. min | AAP | ANT | CAF | SMX | KET | MET | HCT | DCF |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 0 | 14.67 | 5.24 | 0.14 | 3.11 | 3.46 | 0.16 | 1.95 | 5.89 |
| 1 | 12.65 | 4.91 | 0.13 | 2.74 | 3.12 | 0.16 | 1.70 | 4.99 |
| 2 | 10.12 | 4.57 | 0.13 | 2.37 | 2.74 | 0.14 | 1.39 | 4.08 |
| 3 | 7.59 | 4.17 | 0.12 | 1.99 | 2.34 | 0.14 | 1.29 | 3.20 |
| 4 | 6.04 | 3.91 | 0.12 | 1.60 | 2.08 | 0.13 | 1.20 | 2.64 |
| 5 | 4.26 | 3.52 | 0.11 | 1.24 | 1.72 | 0.13 | 1.07 | 1.98 |
| 6 | - | 2.55 | 0.09 | - | 0.92 | 0.11 | 0.76 | - |
| 8 | - | 2.00 | 0.08 | - | - | 0.10 | 0.60 | - |
| 10 | - | 1.53 | 0.07 | - | - | 0.10 | - | - |
| 12 | - | 0.85 | 0.06 | - | - | 0.09 | - | - |
| 15 | - | - | 0.05 | - | - | 0.08 | - | - |

^aFrom equation (9) with k_D values from table S1, CECs concentration from Figure S2, $k_L=3.92 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$. $Ha > 0.3$ means fast or moderate kinetic regime. $Ha < 0.3$ means slow kinetic regime.

Table S6. *Ha numbers of the reactions between ozone and CECs while present in water during photocatalytic ozonation in SEMWW^a.*

| t. min | AAP | ANT | CAF | SMX | KET | MET | HCT | DCF |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 0 | 13.97 | 4.86 | 0.17 | 3.28 | 3.18 | 0.17 | 2.87 | 5.60 |
| 1 | 11.09 | 4.26 | 0.17 | 2.74 | 2.76 | 0.15 | 2.60 | 4.41 |
| 2 | 7.55 | 3.71 | 0.15 | 2.06 | 2.17 | 0.13 | 2.23 | 3.02 |
| 3 | 6.00 | 3.41 | 0.14 | 1.75 | 1.87 | 0.12 | 2.05 | 2.42 |
| 4 | 4.94 | 3.18 | 0.13 | 1.42 | 1.67 | 0.12 | 1.91 | 2.03 |
| 5 | 2.27 | 2.44 | 0.11 | 0.75 | 1.02 | 0.09 | 1.46 | - |
| 6 | - | 2.06 | 0.11 | - | 0.73 | 0.08 | 1.21 | - |
| 7 | - | 1.82 | 0.10 | - | - | 0.08 | 1.13 | - |
| 9 | - | - | 0.07 | - | - | 0.07 | - | - |
| 10 | - | - | 0.06 | - | - | 0.06 | - | - |
| 12 | - | - | 0.04 | - | - | - | - | - |

^aFrom equation (9) with k_D values from table S1, CECs concentration from Figure S2, $k_t=3.92 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ $Ha > 0.3$ means fast or moderate kinetic regime. $Ha < 0.3$ means slow kinetic regime

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