

Electronic supplementary information

Surface defect engineered CeO_{2-x} by ultrasound treatment for superior photocatalytic H₂ production and water treatment

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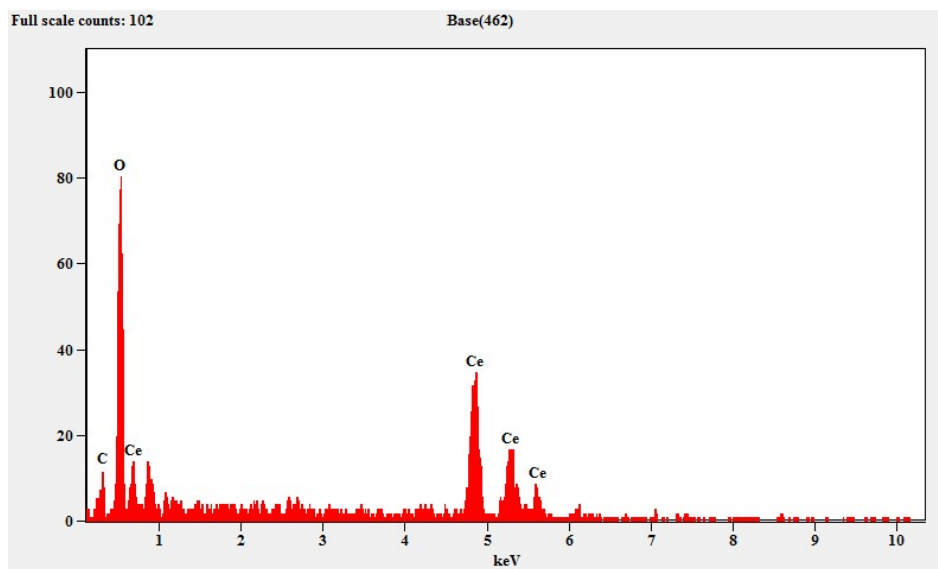


Figure S1. EDAX study of U-CeO_{2-x} sample.

Table S1. Relative surface concentration of Ce^{3+} and oxygen vacancy based on XPS analysis.

Catalyst	Ce^{3+} %	Ce^{4+} %	O_c %	H_2 production ($\mu\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}$)	BB degradation (in %)	Phenol degradation (in %)
CeO_2	54.44	45.56	-	950	44	39
U- CeO_{2-x}	59.54	40.46	15.64	2570	95.2	94.5

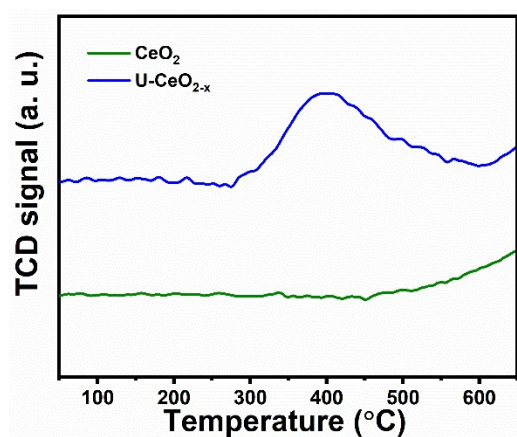


Figure S2. TPR spectra of the synthesized samples.

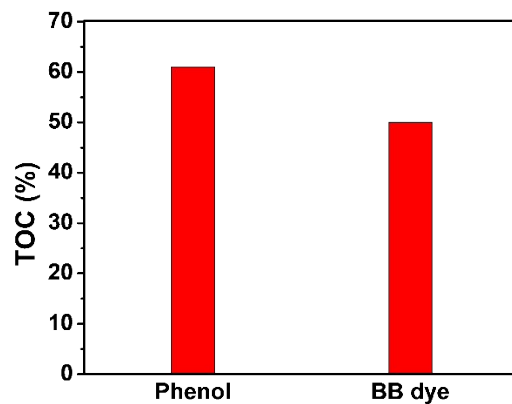


Figure S3. TOC analysis of the BB dye and phenol.

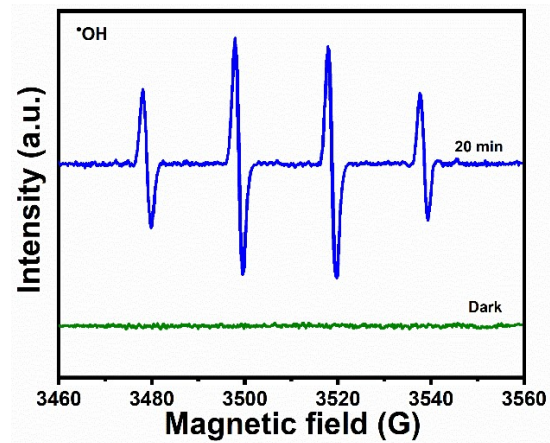


Figure S4. ESR spectra detecting $\cdot\text{OH}$ in the presence of DMPO in water.

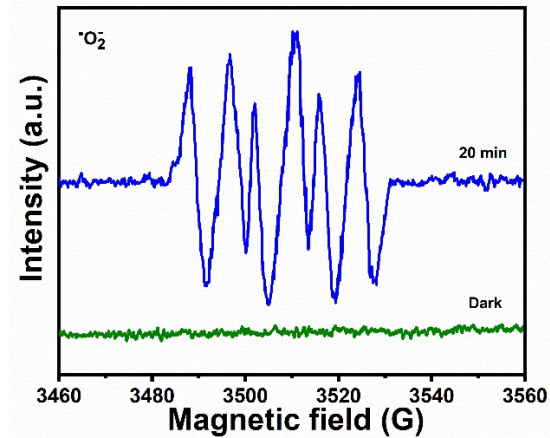


Figure S5. ESR spectra detecting $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ in the presence of DMPO in methanol.

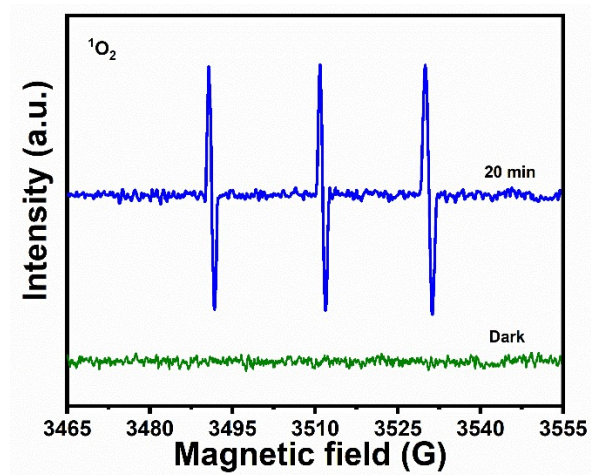


Figure S6. ESR spectra detecting $^1\text{O}_2$ in the presence of TEMP.

Table S2. Reported literatures of BB dye and phenol degradation.

Catalyst	Degradation factors	Pollutant	Degradation efficiency (%)	Reaction time (mins)	Reference
WO ₃ -ZnO	Sonocatalytic degradation Dosage: 2 g/L	BB dye	90	40	1
TiO ₂	Dosage: 0.5 g/L pH: 6 H ₂ O ₂ : 0.2 mmol/L	BB dye	97.7	180	2
ZnO	Dosage: 0.35 mg/L pH: 3 Temperature: 35 °C	BB dye	90	15	3
Ag-ZnO	Dosage: 0.08 mg/L pH: 12	BB dye	97.14	180	4
Bi ₂ WO ₆	Dosage: 0.75 g/L pH: 12 H ₂ O ₂ : 0.04 mmol/L	BB dye	>99	300	5
NCN/BiWO	Dosage: 1 g/L	Phenol	93.1	240	6
g-C ₃ N ₄ /CNT/BiVO ₄	H ₂ O ₂ : 5 % vol	Phenol	80.6	120	7
2D-CN	Dosage: 0.5 g/L	Phenol	>90	60	8
Bi ₂ O ₃ /Bi ₂ MoO ₆	Dosage: 0.08 g/L	Phenol	96.4	180	9
MgO@Ag-TiO ₂	Dosage: 0.2 g/L	Phenol	95	120	10

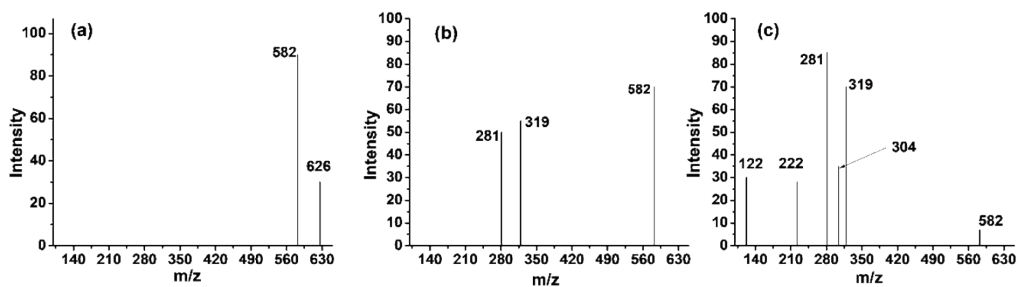


Figure S7. LC-MS spectra of BB dye at (a) 0 min (b) 10 mins (c) 30 mins.

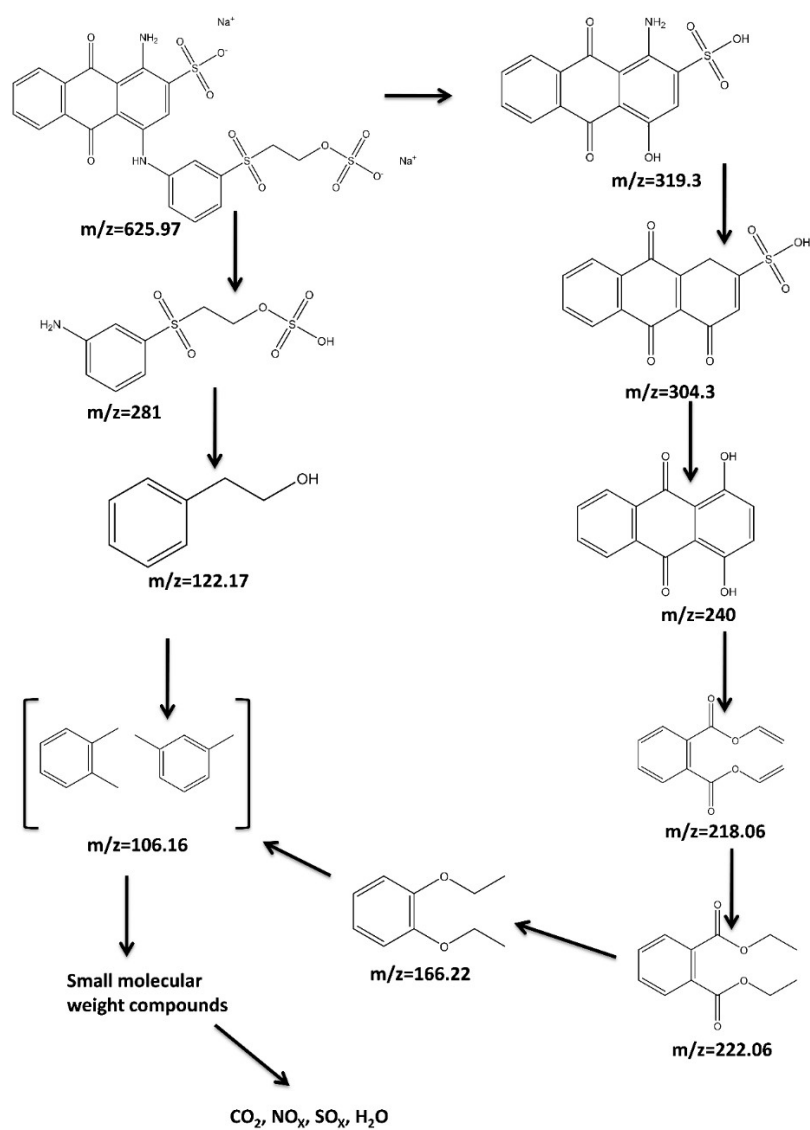


Figure S8. Degradation pathway of BB dye.

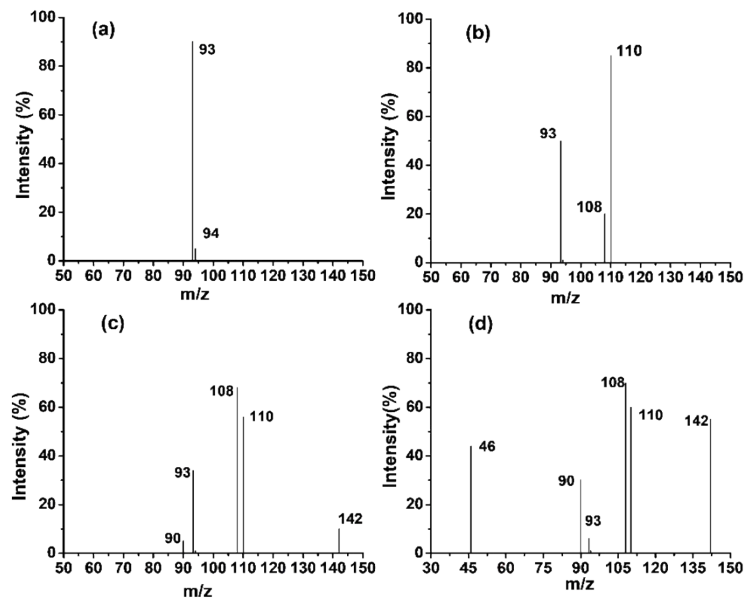


Figure S9. LC-MS spectra of Phenol at (a) 0 min (b) 10 mins (c) 30 mins (d) 80 mins.

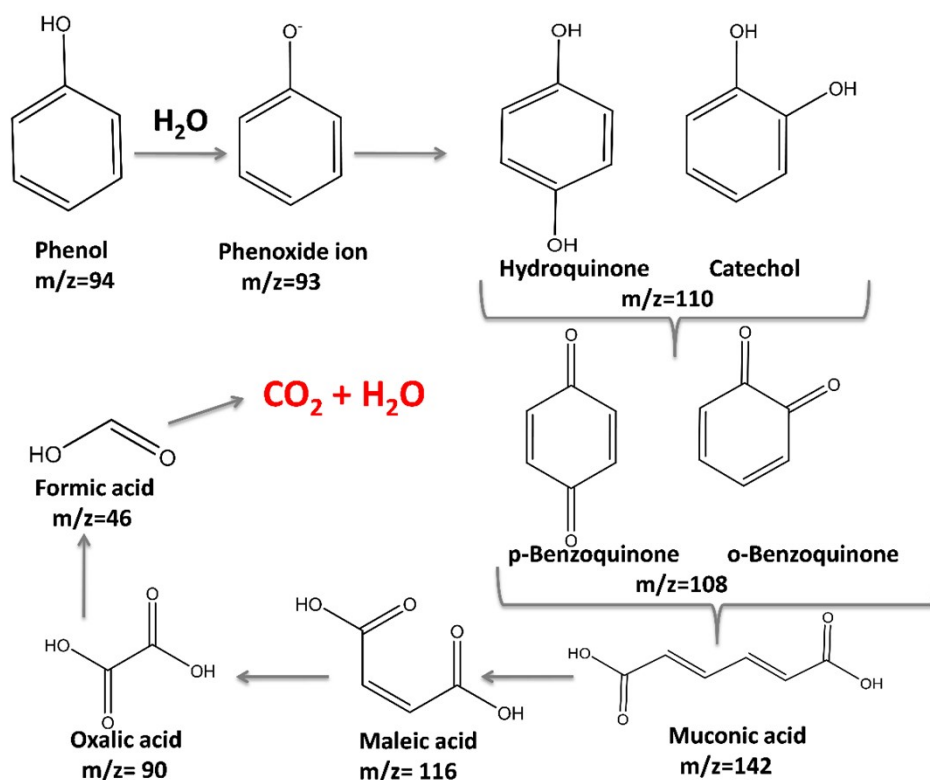


Figure S10. Degradation pathway of Phenol.

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