

Supplementary Information

Photo-chemical/catalytic Oxidative/Reductive Decomposition of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), Decomposition Mechanisms and Effects of Key Factors: A Review

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Extent of degradation and defluorination in this supplementary information are presented using the following abbreviations:

- deG: degradation efficiency (%)
- k_{deG} : degradation rate constant
- deF: defluorination efficiency (%)
- k_{deF} : defluorination rate constant

Table S1 Effect of operational parameters (i.e., pH, dissolved oxygen and temperature) on PFAS photodegradation

Method	Experimental conditions	pH	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-oxidation	400 W LP lamp UV (254 nm) <i>NaHCO</i> ₃ : 40 mM <i>H</i> ₂ <i>O</i> ₂ : 0.075% PFOA (50 mg/L) 25 °C	4.09 8.8 11	deF: 72.1% deF: 82.3% deF: 65%	(1) 12 h
	12 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) <i>Fe</i> ³⁺ : 20 μM PFOA (14.9 mg/L) room temperature	2.5 3 4 5 7	deF: ~32% deF: ~34% deF: 43.4% deF: ~12% deF: ~3%	(2) 4 h
	9 W LP-Hg lamp UV (254 nm) <i>Fe</i> ²⁺ : 1 mM <i>S</i> ₂ <i>O</i> ₈ ²⁻ : 30 mM PFOA (20 mol/L) 25 °C	2 3 4 5 5.8 6.4	deF: 23.7% deF: ~30% deF: ~47% deF: 63.3% deF: ~40% deF: 26%	(3) 5 h
	500 W Hg lamp UV (254 nm) 0.86% <i>CeO</i> ₂ / <i>In</i> ₂ <i>O</i> ₃ PFOA (100 mg/L) 25 °C	2.84 3.63 4.64 7.10 8.17 9.51	deG: ~92% deG: ~88% deG: ~72% deG: ~56% deG: ~52% deG: ~42%	(4) 0.5 h
	14 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) Sheaf-like <i>Ga</i> ₂ <i>O</i> ₃ PFOA (500 μg/L) Sewage water 25 °C	UV/ <i>Ga</i> ₂ <i>O</i> ₃ 7.8 UV/VUV/ <i>Ga</i> ₂ <i>O</i> ₃ 4.3 7.8	<i>k</i> _{deG} = 1.43 <i>h</i> ⁻¹ <i>k</i> _{deG} = 1.00 <i>h</i> ⁻¹ <i>k</i> _{deG} = 4.29 <i>h</i> ⁻¹ <i>k</i> _{deG} = 1.95 <i>h</i> ⁻¹	(5)
Photo-reduction	10 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm Sulfite: 10 mM PFOA (8.28 mg/L) <i>N</i> ₂ atmosphere 25 °C	6.0 8.1 9.3 10.3	deF: ~4% deF: ~44% deF: ~58% deF: ~62%	(6) 6 h
	250 W HP-Hg UV lamp: 200-400 nm Sulfite: 10 mM PFOA (16 mg/L) DO (5 mg/L) 25 °C	7 8 9.2 10.2	deF: ~2% deF: ~24% deF: ~46% deF: ~50%	(7) 10 min
	HP-Hg UV lamp: 200 - 400 nm Sulfite: 10 mM PFOS (16 mg/L)	7 8 9.2	deF: ~0% deF: ~34% deF: ~56%	(8) 30 min

DO (5 mg/L), 25 °C	10.2	deF: ~70%		
10 W LP-Hg lamp	6	deF: ~9%		(9)
254 nm and 185 nm	7	deF: ~20%		
Sulfite: 20 mM	8	deF: ~40%	4 h	
PFOS (18.6 mg/L)	9	deF: ~55%		
25 °C	10	deF: ~62%		
10 W UV/VUV lamp	3.3	deG: ~7%	6 h	(10)
(254/185 nm)	4.6	deG: ~11%		
Emission intensity of	7.0	deG: ~17%		
0.73 mW.cm ⁻² 254 nm	9.1	deG: ~54%		
0.09 mW.cm ⁻² 185 nm	11.1	deG: ~63%		
PFOS (0.1 mg/L)	12.0	deG: ~65%		
Sulfite: 10 mM	12.4	deG: ~58%		
22 ± 2 °C – DO 0.14 mg/L				
450 W MP-Hg lamp	2	deF: ~14%	0.5 h	(11)
(200-400 nm)	7	deF: ~38%		
PFOA (2 mg/L)	9	deF: ~70%		
Sulfite: 10 mM	12	deF: ~82%		
20 °C – DO 0.8 mg/L				
15 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm	5	deG: ~33%	10 h	(24)
Fe ^{II} : 0.3 mM	6	deG: ~40%		
NTA: 2 mM	7	deG: ~40%		
PFOS: 0.01 mM	8	deG: ~60%		
Nitrogen saturated	9	deG: ~60%		
	10	deG: ~48%		
15 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm	5	deF: ~8%		(12)
Iodide: 0.3 mM	7	deF: ~22%		
PFOA (10.35 mg/L)	8	deF: ~45%	6 h	
<i>N</i> ₂ atmosphere	9	deF: ~64%		
	10	deF: ~70%		
36 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm	3	deF: ~74%		(13)
IAA: 1 mM	4	deF: ~78%		
PFOA (10 mg/L)	6	deF: ~88%		
25 °C	8	deF: ~78%	10 h	
	10	deF: ~82%		
	11	deF: ~85%		
14 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm	7	deF: ~3%		(14)
Iodide: 0.3 mM	8	deF: ~16%		
PFOS (15 mg/L)	9	deF: ~34%	1.5 h	
<i>N</i> ₂ atmosphere	10	deF: ~56%		
25 °C				
Method	Experimental Conditions	Atmosphere	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-oxidation	200 W UV-visible Xenon-mercury lamp <i>Fe</i> ³⁺ : 5 mM PFPeA (17.8 g/L) pH 1.5	Oxygen Argon	deG: 64.5% deG: 35.6%	(15) 24 h

25°C			
500 W HP-Hg lamp 260-600 nm $PW_{12}O_{40}^{3-}$: 6.7 mM PFPeA (0.41 g/L) pH 0.8 25°C	Oxygen Argon	deG: 24% deG: 0.8%	(16) 48 h
500 W UV lamp 315 – 400 nm TiO_2 : 0.66 g/L PFOA (1.66 g/L) 30°C	O_2 Air N_2 N_2 saturated	$k_{deG} = 0.335 \text{ } h^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.172 \text{ } h^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.056 \text{ } h^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.008 \text{ } h^{-1}$	(17)
23 W LP-Hg lamp UV (254 nm) and VUV (185 nm) $S_2O_8^{2-}$: 407 mg/L PFOA (25 mg/L) 25°C	Oxygen Nitrogen	deF: 42.8% deF: 24.5%	(18) 2 h
5 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) Fe^{3+} : 20 μM PFOA (14.9 mg/L) pH ~4 room temperature	Air Oxygen Nitrogen	deF: 33% deF: 34% deF: 31%	(19) 2 h
400 W UV lamp: 254 nm TiO_2 : 0.5 g/L PFOA (50 mg/L) pH 3 25°C	No gas Air Nitrogen	deF: 23% deF: 29.6% deF: 0.9%	(20) 1 h
Photo-reduction	10 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm Sulfite: 10 mM PFOA (8.28 mg/L) pH 10.3 room temperature	Air Nitrogen	deF: 6.4% deF: 88.5%
	10 W UV/VUV lamp (254/185 nm) PFOS (0.1 mg/L) Sulfite: 10 mM pH 12.0 $22 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$	Air No gas Nitrogen	deG: ~18% deG: ~30% deG: ~31%
	450 W MP-Hg lamp (200-400 nm) PFOA (2 mg/L) Sulfite: 10 mM 20°C	DO=1 mg/L DO=5 mg/L DO=8 mg/L	deF: ~82% deF: ~81% deF: ~80%
			0.5 h
			(11)

15 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm Iodide: 0.3 mM PFOA (10.35 mg/L) pH 9 room temperature	Oxygen Nitrogen	deF: ~6% deF: 98.8%	14 h	(21)
8 W UV lamp 254 nm Iodide: 10 mM PFOA & PFOS (0.1 mg/L)	Air Argon	$k_{deG, PFOA} = 0 \text{ min}^{-1}$ $k_{deG, PFOS} = 0 \text{ min}^{-1}$ $k_{deG, PFOA} = 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$ $k_{deG, PFOS} = 6.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$		(22)
36 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm IAA: 1 mM HDTMA clay: 2.2 g/L PFOA (10 mg/L) pH 6 25 °C	Oxygen Nitrogen	deF: 90% deF: 90%	10 h	(13)
Method	Experimental Conditions	Temperature	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-reduction	15 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm Iodide: 0.6 mM PFOA (8.28 mg/L) N_2 atmosphere pH 9	20 25 40	$k_{deG} = 0.302 \text{ h}^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.564 \text{ h}^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 1.526 \text{ h}^{-1}$	(23)
	10 W UV/VUV lamp (254/185 nm) Emission intensity of 0.4 mW.cm ⁻² 254 nm 0.05 mW.cm ⁻² 185 nm PFOS (0.1 mg/L) Sulfite: 10 mM DO 0.14 mg/L	5 15 25 35	deG: ~34% deG: ~42% deG: ~50% deG: ~59%	6 h (10)
	15 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm Fe ^{II} : 0.3 mM NTA: 2 mM PFOS: 0.01 mM Nitrogen saturated pH 8.0	30 40 50	$k_{deG} = 0.081 \text{ h}^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.086 \text{ h}^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.091 \text{ h}^{-1}$	(24)

Table S2 Effect of photon parameters (i.e. wavelength and intensity) on PFAS photodegradation

Method	Experimental conditions	Wavelength	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-Oxidation	23 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) $S_2O_8^{2-}$: 1.5 mM PFOA (25 mg/L) O_2 atmosphere, 25 °C	254 nm 254 nm & 185 nm	$k_{deG} = 0.81 \text{ min}^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 1.44 \text{ min}^{-1}$	(18)
	200 W UV-visible Xenon-mercury lamp Fe^{3+} : 5 mM TFA (7.65 g/L) O_2 atmosphere, 25 °C	220-460 nm > 290 nm	deG: 64.7% 24 h deG: 14.7%	(15)
	23 W LP lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) IO_4^- : 0.5 mM PFOA: 4.14 mg/L	254 nm 254 nm & 185 nm	deG: 70% 2 h deG: 60%	(25)
Photo-Reduction	10 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) Sulfite: 20 mM PFOS (37.2 μM : 18.6 mg/L) pH 10, 25 °C	254 nm 254 nm & 185 nm	deG: 85.8% 4 h deG: 97.3%	(9)
	20 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) Iodide: 0.3 mM PFOA (0.81-1.27 mg/L) N_2 atmosphere	254 nm 254 nm & 185 nm	deG: 39% 3 h deG: 72%	(26)
	10 W UV/VUV lamp (254/185 nm) PFOS (0.1 mg/L) Sulfite: 10 mM DO 0.14 mg/L	254 nm 254 nm & 185 nm	deG: ~44% 6 h deG: ~64%	(10)
Method	Experimental conditions	Intensity	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-Oxidation	LP-Hg UV lamp: 310-400 nm TiO_2 : 0.66 g/L PFOA (1.656 g/L) 30 ± 5 °C	7.5 mW.cm⁻² 9.5 mW.cm⁻²	deG: 21% 4 h deG: 32%	(27)
Photo-	250 W HP-Hg UV lamp:	$6.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.455 \text{ min}^{-1}$	(7)

Reduction	200-400 nm		
Sulfite: 10 mM	$5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.295 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
PFOA (16 mg/L)	$3.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.198 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
pH 9.2	$2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.098 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
DO 5 mg/L	$9.9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.032 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
25 °C			(8)
HP-Hg UV lamp	$6.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.118 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
200 – 400 nm	$5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.059 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
Sulfite: 10 mM	$3.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.036 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
PFOS (16 mg/L)	$2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ einstein cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{deG} = 0.020 \text{ min}^{-1}$	
pH 9.2			
25 ± 3 °C			
10 W UV/VUV lamp (254/185 nm)	254 nm, 0.39 mW.cm ⁻²	deG: 47%	
185: 254 nm = 0.12:1.0	254 nm, 0.46 mW.cm ⁻²	deG: 52%	6 h
PFOS (0.1 mg/L)			
Sulfite: 10 mM	254 nm, 0.73 mW.cm ⁻²	deG 65%	
DO 0.14 mg/L	254 nm, 0.39 mW.cm ⁻²	deG: 63.7%	
	254 nm, 0.46 mW.cm ⁻²	deG: 64.2%	15.7 J cm ⁻²
	254 nm, 0.73 mW.cm ⁻²	deG: 65.2%	

Table S3 Effect of PFAS characteristics (i.e. initial concentration and structure) on PFAS photodegradation

Method	Experimental conditions	Initial concentration	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-Oxidation	12 W LP-Hg lamp UV (254 nm) and VUV (185 nm) PFOA Fe^{3+} : 10 μ M pH 3.8-4.1 room temperature	5 mg/L 15 mg/L 30 mg/L 60 mg/L	$k_{deF} = 3.08 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$ $k_{deF} = 1.86 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$ $k_{deF} = 1.51 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$ $k_{deF} = 1.11 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$	(2)
	LP-Hg UV lamp 310-400 nm PFOA TiO_2 : 0.66 g/L 30 \pm 5 °C	1.66 g/L 3.23 g/L 5 g/L	deG: 30% deG: 24% deG: 17% 6 h	(27)
Photo-Reduction	8 W UV lamp: 254 nm Iodide: 10 mM Argon	PFOS = 0.05 mg/L PFOS = 0.1 mg/L PFOS = 0.25 mg/L PFOS = 0.5 mg/L PFOS = 1 mg/L PFOS = 5 mg/L PFOS = 10 mg/L	$k_{deG} = 0.04 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.005 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.004 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0028 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0025 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.003 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.003 min^{-1}$	(28)
		PFOA = 0.05 mg/L PFOA = 0.1 mg/L PFOA = 0.25 mg/L PFOA = 0.5 mg/L PFOA = 1 mg/L PFOA = 5 mg/L PFOA = 10 mg/L	$k_{deG} = 0.0075 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0028 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0022 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0016 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0017 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0015 min^{-1}$ $k_{deG} = 0.0015 min^{-1}$	
Method	Experimental Conditions	PFAS structure (Branched – Linear)	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-Reduction	18 W LP-Hg lamp: 254 nm Sulfite: 10 mM PFECAAs (25 μ M) pH 9.5 20 °C	Branched $C_2F_5(CF_2OC_2F_4)_nCOOH$ Linear $CF_3O(CF_2)_nCOOH$ $CF_3O(C_2F_4O)_nCF_2COOH$ $C_4F_9O(C_2F_4O)_nCF_2COOH$	n = 1, deF: 44.9% n = 2, deF: 36.5% n = 3, deF: 30.8% n = 1, deF: 90.5% n = 2, deF: 61.2% n = 3, deF: 52.3% n = 1, deF: 82.3% n = 2, deF: 75.0% n = 1, deF: 58.0%	(29) 48 h

n = 2, deF: 65.4%				
10 W UV/VUV lamp (254/185 nm)	Branched-PFOS Linear-PFOS		$k_{deG} = 2.044 J^{-1} cm^2$ $k_{deG} = 0.053 J^{-1} cm^2$	(10)
Emission intensity of 0.73 mW.cm ⁻² 254 nm 0.09 mW.cm ⁻² 185 nm				
PFOS (0.1 mg/L)				
Sulfite: 10 mM				
22 ± 2 °C – DO 0.14				
mg/L				
Method	Experimental conditions	PFAS structure (Chain length)	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo- Oxidation	200 W UV-visible Xenon-mercury lamp Fe^{3+} : 5 mM PFCAs (67.3 mM) O_2 atmosphere 25 °C	$C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$	n = 2 $k_{deG} = 3.83 \times 10^{-2} h^{-1}$ n = 3 $k_{deG} = 2.78 \times 10^{-2} h^{-1}$ n = 4 $k_{deG} = 4.26 \times 10^{-2} h^{-1}$	(15)
	16 W LP-Hg lamp 254 nm TiO_2 : 0.66 g/L $HClO_4$: 0.075 mM PFOA (50 mg/L) pH < 3 25 ± 1 °C	$C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$	n = 7 deG: 86% n = 8 deG: 99% 7 h n = 9 deG: 100%	(30)
Photo- Reduction	Laser flash photolysis $Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$ PFCAs	$C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$	n = 1 $k = 1.9 \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$ n = 3 $k = 7.1 \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$ n = 7 $k = 1.7 \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	(31)
	36 W LP-Hg lamp UV (254 nm) IAA: 1 mM HDTMA: 2.2 g/L PFCAs (0.0241 mM) pH 6	$C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$	n = 4 deF: ~40% n = 5 deF: ~50% n = 6 deF: ~65% 10 h n = 7 deF: ~90%	(32)
	8 W UV lamp 254 nm Iodide: 10 mM	$C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$	n = 3 $k_{deG} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$ n = 5 $k_{deG} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$ n = 7 $k_{deG} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$	(22)
		$C_nF_{2n+1}SO_3H$	n = 4 $k_{deG} = 0.4 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$ n = 6 $k_{deG} = 1.2 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$ n = 8 $k_{deG} = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} min^{-1}$	
	18 W LP-Hg lamp UV (254 nm)	$C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$	n: 2-10 deF: ~55% 48 h	(33)

Sulfite: 10 mM pH 9.5 20 °C	$HOOCC_nF_{2n+1}COOH$ n: 2-10 $C_nF_{2n+1}SO_3H$ $C_nF_{2n+1}C_2H_4COOH$	n = 1 n = 4 n = 6 n = 8 n = 5 n = 6 n = 7 n = 8	deF: ~67% deF: ~0.94% deF: ~4.6% deF: ~31.8% deF: ~57% deF: ~4.1% deF: ~7.4% deF: ~17.1% deF: ~33.4%	
Method	Experimental conditions	PFAS structure (Functional group)	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo- Reduction	16 lamps (254 nm) with emission intensity of 8.0 $mW.cm^{-2}$ for each lamp Sulfite: 20 mM pH 10	PFOA GenX	$k_{deg} = 0.0410 min^{-1}$ $k_{deg} = 0.0338 min^{-1}$	(34)
	16 lamps (254 nm) with emission intensity of 8.0 $mW.cm^{-2}$ for each lamp Sulfite: 20 mM pH 10	F-53 PFOS F-53B	deG: ~99% deG: ~99% deG: ~99%	3 h 2 h 1 min
	18 W LP-Hg lamp UV (254 nm) Sulfite: 10 mM pH 9.5 20 °C	$C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$ $HOOCC_nF_{2n+1}COOH$ $C_nF_{2n+1}SO_3H$ $C_nF_{2n+1}C_2H_4COOH$	n = 8 n = 8 n = 8 n = 8	deF: ~58.2% deF: ~63.6% deF: ~57.0% deF: ~33.4%
				48 h

Table S4 Effect of water solutes on PFAS photodegradation

Method	Experimental conditions	Water quality	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
Photo-oxidation	16 W LP-Hg lamp	Cl^- : 0 mM	deG: ~70%	(36)
	UV (254 nm)	Cl^- : 0.5 mM	deG: ~66%	
	Persulfate: 15 mM	Cl^- : 1 mM	deG: ~60%	
	PFOA (62.11 mg/L)	Cl^- : 2 mM	deG: ~23%	
	25 ± 2 °C	Cl^- : 3 mM	deG: 0%	
	No pH adjustment	HCO_3^- : 0 mM	deG: ~70%	4 h
		HCO_3^- : 5 mM	deG: ~48%	
		HCO_3^- : 10 mM	deG: ~40%	
		HCO_3^- : 15 mM	deG: ~21%	
		HCO_3^- : 25 mM	deG: ~8%	
5 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) Ferric: 20 μM PFOA (14.9 mg/L)	ClO_4^- : 10 mM	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.9$		(19)
	Cl^- : 10 mM	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.78$		
	NO_3^- : 10 mM	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.72$		
	SO_4^{2-} : 10 mM	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.4$		
	HCO_3^- : 10 mM	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.32$		
	Methanol: 1 M	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.5$		
	Acetone: 1 M	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.5$		
	Isopropyl alcohol: 1 M	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.24$		
	Ethyl acetate: 1 M	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.24$		
	MTBE: 1 M	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.18$		
23 W LP-Hg lamp 254 nm In_2O_3 : 0.5 g/L PFOA (41.4 mg/L) 25 °C O_2 atmosphere	HA: 15 mg/L	$k_{deF}/k_{deF,0} = \sim 0.63$		
	Secondary effluent of wastewater:	deG% = ~0%		(37)
	In_2O_3 : 0.5 g/L	Bicarbonate (4.76 mM)		
	PFOA (41.4 mg/L)	TOC (18.9 mg/L)	4 h	
	25 °C			
	O_2 atmosphere	Pure water	deG% = ~85%	
14 W LP-Hg lamp 254 nm Ga_2O_3 : 0.5 g/L PFOA (500 μg/L) O_2 atmosphere pH 4.7 25 °C	Secondary effluent of wastewater:	$k_{deG} = 1.00 h^{-1}$		(5)
	Ga_2O_3 : 0.5 g/L	Bicarbonate (4.76 mM)		
	PFOA (500 μg/L)	TOC (18.9 mg/L)		
	O_2 atmosphere	Pure water	$k_{deG} = 4.85 h^{-1}$	
	pH 4.7			
	25 °C			
	DI water	deF: 88.5%		(6)
Photo-reduction	10 W LP-Hg lamp 254 nm			

Sulfite: 10 mM PFOA (8.28 mg/L) N_2 atmosphere pH 10.3 25 °C	NO_3^- : 10 mM NO_2^- : 10 mM	deF: 4.1% deF: 5%	24 h	
10 W LP-Hg lamp UV/VUV (254/185 nm) Sulfite: 20 mM PFOS (18.6 mg/L) pH 10 25 °C	HA: 0 mg/L HA: 2.64 mg/L HA: 5.43 mg/L NO_3^- : 0 mM NO_3^- : 0.1 mM NO_3^- : 0.5 mM NO_3^- : 1 mM HCO_3^- : 0 mM HCO_3^- : 0.1 mM HCO_3^- : 0.5 mM HCO_3^- : 1 mM	deG: ~83% deG: ~70% deG: ~58% deG: ~83% deG: ~81.5% deG: ~58% deG: ~41.6% deG: ~83% deG: ~80% deG: ~74% deG: ~66%		(9)
16 lamps (254 nm) with emission intensity of 8.0 $mW.cm^{-2}$ for each lamp	DI water, $F-53B_0 = 65.7 \mu\text{g/L}$	deG: ~99%	1 min	(35)
Sulfite: 20 mM F-53B pH 10	Chrome electroplating wastewater effluent $F-53B_0 = 91.3 \text{ mg/L}$	deG: 100%	~ 60 min	
15 W LP-Hg lamp 254 nm Iodide: 0.3 mM PFOA (10.35 mg/L) N_2 atmosphere pH 9 room temperature	DI water, $PFOA_0 = 10.35 \text{ mg/L}$ Industrial wastewater, $PFOA_0 = 6.04 \text{ mg/L}$	deG: 93.9% deG: 96%	6 h 12 h	(21)
14 W LP-Hg lamp 254 nm Iodide: 0.3 mM PFOS (15 mg/L) N_2 atmosphere pH 10 25 °C	Without HA HA: MW < 5 kDa HA: MW = 5-10 kDa HA: MW = 10-30 kDa HA: MW = 30-100 kDa HA: MW > 100 kDa [HA] = 0 mg/L [HA] = 0.1 mg/L [HA] = 1.0 mg/L [HA] = 10.0 mg/L [HA] = 30.0 mg/L	deG: 51.7% deG: 27% deG: 20.4% deG: 31.3% deG: 59.8% deG: 91.3% deG: 51.7% deG: 74.7% deG: 86% deG: 71.4% deG: 34.4%	1.5 h	(14)
14 W LP-Hg lamp 254 nm Iodide: 0.3 mM	[HA] = 0 mg/L [HA] = 0.1 mg/L [HA] = 0.5 mg/L	deG: 9.23% deG: 10.1% deG: 37.2%	1.5 h	(38)

PFOA (12.42 mg/L)	[HA] = 1 mg/L	deG: 67.5%		
Helium atmosphere	[HA] = 5 mg/L	deG: 55.3%		
pH 10				
25 °C	HA: MW < 10 kDa	deG: 45.4%		
	HA: MW = 10-30 kDa	deG: 78.8%		
	HA: MW = 30-100 kDa	deG: 52.2%		
	HA: MW > 100 kDa	deG: 4.8%		
36 W LP-Hg lamp	DI water	deG: 100%	5 h	(32)
UV (254 nm)				
IAA: 1 mM				
HDTMA: 2.2 g/L	Suwannee river humic acid	deG: 100%	8 h	
PFCAs (0.0241 mM)	(SRHA): 10 mg C/L			
pH 6				
Laser flash photolysis	CF_3COO^-	IS: 0.010 M	$k = (2.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	(31)
$Fe(CN)_6^{4-}$				
$NaClO_4$ to adjust ionic strength (IS)		IS: 0.015 M	$k = (2.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
		IS: 0.035 M	$k = (2.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
		IS: 0.065 M	$k = (3.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
		IS: 0.10 M	$k = (3.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
$C_3F_7COO^-$	IS: 0.010 M		$k = (8.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
		IS: 0.015 M	$k = (9.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
		IS: 0.035 M	$k = (9.6 \pm 0.1) \times 10^6 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
		IS: 0.065 M	$k = (1.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	
		IS: 0.10 M	$k = (1.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	

Table S5 Integration of photodegradation methods with other treatment processes

Method	Experimental conditions	Processes	Decomposition & defluorination	Reference
VUV/ Ultrasonic (US)	VUV (185 nm, 12-15 % of total emission) and UV (254 nm) Average US power density: 2 W.cm^{-2} PFOS (10 mg/L) 10 °C	VUV alone VUV/US	deF: 5.74% deF: 88.47%	(39) 4 h
UV/US/TiO ₂	UV (254 nm) US probe: 40 kHz, 500 W PFOA (49.68 mg/L) 25 °C	UV/ <i>RdH TiO₂</i> UV/US/ <i>RdH TiO₂</i>	deG: 22% deG: 45%	(40) 7 h
Thermal-assisted photolysis	Adjustable mercury lamp emitting at different UV region Light intensity: $72 \pm 10 \times 100 \mu\text{W.cm}^{-2}$ PFOA (1 mg/L) pH 7	25 °C 60 °C	deG: 40% deG: 70%	(41) 12 h
Fe ⁰ /GAC micro-electrolysis assisted VUV-Fenton photolysis	VUV (185 nm, 12-15 % of total emission) and UV (254 nm) Fe: 7.5 g/L GAC: 12.5 g/L H_2O_2 : 22.8 mM PFOA (10 mg/L)	VUV alone Fe ⁰ /GAC micro-electrolysis assisted VUV-Fenton	deF: 39% deF: 47%	(42) 6 h

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