Electronic Supplementary Information

Regulate Microenvironment of Pb₂O₃@Bi₂O₃-Tube by Structural Reconstruction for Boosting the Electrochemical Ozone Production Performance

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 Bi_2O_3 -Tube was prepared through the wet chemical synthesis. Firstly, the 0.97 g bismuth nitrate was dissolved in 15% nitric acid (15 mL), then added 40 mL deionized water and stirred at 70°C for 1h. Then the 20 mL NaOH (16%) solution was added to the mixture and continue stirring for 1 h. After natural cooling to room temperature, filter and dry to obtain Bi_2O_3 -Tube. Afterwards, 90 mg of Bi_2O_3 -Tube and 14 mg of $Pb(NO_3)_2$ was dispersed in 1 M NaOH solution (20 mL) for stirring and heating for 30 min at 60 °C , then the 3 mL NaClO (the effective chlorine content was 5-14 %) was added to the mixture and maintained at 90°C for 6 h. Afterwards, the obtained powder was washed three times with anhydrous ethanol and deionized water and named as $Pb_2O_3(@Bi_2O_3-Tube.$

In order to fully characterize the prepared catalysts, a variety of techniques were employed. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) images were obtained through Hitachi FE-SEM S-4700. X-ray diffraction (XRD) technique was used to receive the phase of the prepared electrocatalysts by Bruker D8 Advance powder X-ray Co Ka radiation diffractometer and operating at 40 kV and 40 mA. Surface analysis was performed using a Thermo Scientific K-Alpha X-Ray Photoelectron Spectrometer (XPS) equipped with an Al K-alpha source (hv=1486.6 eV). The core-level spectra of elements were calibrated using the C1s peak, which was adjusted to 284.80 eV. The electrocatalyst vacancies was determinate by Bruker EMXplus-6/1.

All electrochemical measurements were performed by CHI 760E electrochemical workstation using standard three-electrode system. The prepared electrocatalyst (8.0 mg), anhydrous ethanol (900 μ L) and Nafion solution (100 μ L) were mixed and followed by ultrasound for 30 min to acquired homogeneous ink solution. Then, the mixture was spread on Ti felts (2*2 cm) to prepare a working electrode (WE). The Pt plate and Ag/AgCl

electrode were used as the counter electrode (CE) and reference electrode (RE), and the saturated K_2SO_4 solution was used electrolyte. The measured potentials vs. Ag/AgCl were converted to potentials relative to the reversible hydrogen electrode (RHE) according to the followed equation: $E_{RHE} = E_{Ag/AgCl} + 0.197 \text{ V} + 0.059 \times \text{pH}$. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) and polarization curves analysis were performed to prove the electrochemical activity of the prepared electrocatalysts toward EOP. The polarization curve was performed at a sweeping rate of 5 mV/s. The electrochemical double layer capacitance (C_{dl}) was determined from the CV curves at different scan rates (20-120 mV/s) in nonreactive region according to the equation: $C_{dl} = Ic/v$, where v, Ic, and C_{dl} were the scan rate, charging current, and the double-layer capacitance of the electro-active materials, respectively. EIS measurements were carried out from 0.1 to 100,000 Hz with an amplitude of 10 mV at 2.0 V.

The quantitative and qualitative tests of gaseous ozone and ozonated water were measured through amperostat. The Pt plate were used as the RE, and prepared electrocatalyst was used as the WE. For the qualitative determination of ozonated water, the continuous current response of 50 mA cm⁻² was provided for 10 min. Subsequently, the reacted electrolyte was mixed with ozone detection powder and left for 3 min to observe the color change. The higher the ozonated water concentration, the darker the color of the mixture. The concentration of ozonated water was quantitative determined by Indigo disulphonate spectrophotometry (IDS) method. Firstly, the standard curve was plotted by follows: a mixture of H_3PO_4 -Na H_2PO_2 at pH = 2.0 (10 mL and) and 0, 2, 4, 6, and 8 mL of O_3 -saturated solution were added to a 25 mL glass bottle, respectively. And 14.25 mL saturated K₂SO₄ solution and 0.75 mL indigo carmine solution (1 mM) were added to each flask, respectively. After 3 min, the absorbance of the above solution was measured at 610 nm using a UVvisible spectrophotometer (SP-752PC) and a blank solution was used for background correction. Corresponding, the standard curve was obtained by the relations between absorbance and ozone concentration. The solution after EOP test (14.25 mL), 1 mM indigo buffer solution (0.75 mL), and $pH = 2.0 H_3PO_4$ -NaH₂PO₂ (10 mL) were added to a volumetric flask and allowed to stand for 3 min. And the absorbance of mixture was acquired at 610 nm by UV-visible spectrophotometer, thus the concentration of the ozonated water to be measured could be obtained by comparing the standard curve.

The iodized starch papers placing over the working electrode were used in determining ozonated gas as indicator in order to qualitative determine the gaseous ozone. With the running time increased, the test paper gradually changed to darker color. And the darker the color was, the higher ozonated gas concentration was. The 2B ozone monitor was used to be qualitatively measured the concentration of gaseous ozone. And the FE_{O3}(%) was calculated as follows:

$$FE_{0_3} = \frac{5 * F * Q}{3 * M_{0_3} * I \times 100}$$

where *I* was current (A), and ${}^{M_{O_3}}$ was molecular weight of O₃ (48), *Q* was ozone production rate (kg/h), and *F* was Faraday's constant (96485 C/mol).

The electrodegradation of p-nitrophenol was carried out through two-electrode system. The Pt sheet was CE, the Pb₂O₃@Bi₂O₃-Tube was WE, and the saturated potassium sulfate with 50 mg p-nitrophenol was electrolyte. The concentrations of intermediate products were analyzed by using a high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). The free radicals produced during the reaction were obtained by ESR test. The main reactive oxygen species produced in the reaction process were detected by 2, 2, 6, 6-tetramethylpiperidine (TEMP) and 5, 5-dimethyl-1-oxypyrroline (DMPO) as the trapping agent. For the p-nitrophenol, the mobile phase was a mixture of methyl alcohol and water containing 0.05% acetic acid in a 1:1 ratio, the flow rate was 1 mL min⁻¹, and the detection wavelength was 287 nm.



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Samples	Pb loading (%)	Bi loading (%)
Pb ₂ O ₃ @Bi ₂ O ₃ -Tube	9.11%	80.10%
Pb ₂ O ₃ /Bi ₂ O ₃ - Commercial	8.94%	79.10%

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Samples	FOSILIOII	Vacancy	
Pb ₂ O ₃	529.57 eV	38.04 %	
Bi ₂ O ₃ -Commercial	529.61 eV	35.57 %	
Pb ₂ O ₃ /Bi ₂ O ₃ -Commercial	529.47 eV	36.84 %	
Bi ₂ O ₃ -Tube	529.40 eV	36.18 %	
Pb ₂ O ₃ @Bi ₂ O ₃ -Tube	529.60 eV	45.30 %	

Electrocatalysts	FE _{O3}	Ref.
Pb ₂ O ₃ @Bi ₂ O ₃ -Tube	11.29%	This work
	11.70/	Electrochem. Commun. 8,
Pt-1aO _x /11	$Pt-TaO_x/T1$ 11.7%	1263-1269 (2006)
7-0/7-8@C 750		J. Mater. Chem. A,2023,
$\Sigma HO/\Sigma HS (a) C - 750$	10.870	11,3454–3463
OEM Es DhO	100/	J. Environ. Chem. Eng.,
0FM-FE-F002	1070	2016, 4, 418-427
	$Dx/Pt/TiO_2$ 9% J. Electrochem. So F30 (2010)	J. Electrochem. Soc. 157,
SI/110X/Pt/1102		F30 (2010).
	1 70/	J. Energy Chem. 51, 312
rtzii/Zii-N-C	4.270	322 (2020)
D DNC	1 70/	J. Mater. Chem. A, 2020,8,
D-DINC	1./70	2336-2342

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Samples	The content of Bi	The content of Pb
The electrolyte after EOP test	0.426 ppm	0.104 ppm
The electrocatalysts after EOP test	87.85 %	8.81 %

Quenching agents -	First order reaction rate constant (s ⁻¹)		
	¹ O ₂	$\cdot \mathbf{O}_2^-$	·OH
TBA	<5 × 10 ³	$<5 \times 10^{2}$	3.8×10^{8}
p-benzoquinone	3.8×10^{4}	1.0×10^{6}	1.2×10^{6}
L-histidine	1.32×10^{5}	<2× 10 ⁻³	1.0×10^{7}

Table. S5 The reaction rate constant of quenching agents with ROS.