

Supporting Information

Fe and Cu co-doping induces abundant oxygen vacancies in MnO₂ for efficient ozone catalytic oxidation of toluene at room temperature

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1. Experimental section

1.1 Details of XRD

Using X-ray diffraction (XRD) (XRD-6000, Shimadzu) within the scope from 5° to 80° to identify the series of catalysts crystal structure (scan step: 10°/min).

1.2 Details of SEM and HRTEM

Using Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) (SU8010, Hitachi, Ltd.) to observe the catalyst micro-morphology. Sample preparation: The catalyst powder was dispersed in ethanol and ultrasonicated for 1 h. An appropriate amount was taken from a capillary tube and dropped on a silicon wafer, which was then fixed on the sample stage with conductive adhesive. Gold spraying time: 120 s.

High-resolution transmission electron microscope (HRTEM) (JEM-F200, JEOL Ltd.) was used to further observe the lattice spacing. It is also equipped with an X-ray energy spectrometer to scan the surface of the material for elemental species and elemental distribution. Sampling preparation: a small amount of powder sample was dispersed in ethanol for 1 h, and then an appropriate amount of drops was pipetted onto the ultra-thin carbon film.

1.3 Details of XPS

X-ray photoelectron spectrometry (XPS) (K-Alpha, Thermo Scientific) equipped with Al target was used to analyze the elemental composition and chemical valence of sample surfaces. All the spectrums were calibrated by the C 1s peak at 284.6 eV.

1.4 Details of specific surface and porosity analysis

Using specific surface and porosity analyser (3Flex, Micromeritics) to analyze BET specific surface and pore size. Adsorption was carried out using 77 K liquid nitrogen followed by desorption for 8 h at 200°C. Specific surface area and pore structure information were calculated according to the BET and BJH methods, respectively.

1.5 Details of EPR

Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) (A300, Bruker) was used to analyze the oxygen vacancy of catalysts. An appropriate amount of the powder sample was loaded into a 5 mm OD NMR tube with a height of about 4 cm. Test conditions: microwave

power 19.12 mW, swept field range 3200-6000 G.

1.6 Details of H₂-TPR

Low temperature reducibility and oxygen mobility of catalysts were tested by temperature programmed chemisorption analyzer (AutoChem II 2920, Micromeritics). Following pretreatment, the sample was loaded into the reactor, purged with argon for 30 min to eliminate residual air and moisture, then subjected to temperature-programmed heating (10°C/min, 25-800°C) under hydrogen flow. Hydrogen consumption was continuously monitored via a thermal conductivity detector (TCD), with the corresponding H₂ concentration profile recorded.

1.7 Details of ICP

Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES) (Optima 8300, PerkinElmer) was used to analyze the bulk doping concentration. The instrument parameters were as follows: RF Power 1150 W, Plasma flow 0.5 L/min, Auxiliary flow 0.5 L/min, Nebulizer flow 12.5 L/min, Sample uptake delay 30 s.

1.8 Details of electrochemical measurements

Cyclic voltammetry experiments of the catalysts were carried out on a standard three-electrode system of a Bio-Logic VSP constant potential apparatus with an electrolyte of 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution saturated with oxygen. The prepared catalyst was coated on carbon paper (effective area of 1 cm²) as the working electrode, and Hg/Hg₂SO₄ (containing saturated K₂SO₄ solution) and platinum column electrodes were used as the reference and counter electrodes, respectively. The scanning rate was 20 mV s⁻¹ and the voltage range was 0.4 V~1.0 V.

1.9 Details of DRIFTS

The degradation of toluene by MnO₂ catalytic ozonation was examined in the range of 500-4000 cm⁻¹ using in situ DRIFTS (Thermo Scientific). In situ DRIFTS spectra were performed on a Nicolet 6700 equipped with a liquid N₂-cooled mercury cadmium telluride (MCT) detector with a resolution of 4 cm⁻¹. The samples were pretreated with a stream of N₂ at 150 °C for 1 h to remove water and other contaminants adsorbed on the surface. Background spectra of the catalyst were collected after the reaction cell was cooled to room temperature. A gas mixture (25 °C, 100 ppm toluene

+ 1000 ppm ozone + dry air) was then introduced continuously into the in-situ diffuse reflectance cell and reacted for 120 min.

2. Results and discussion

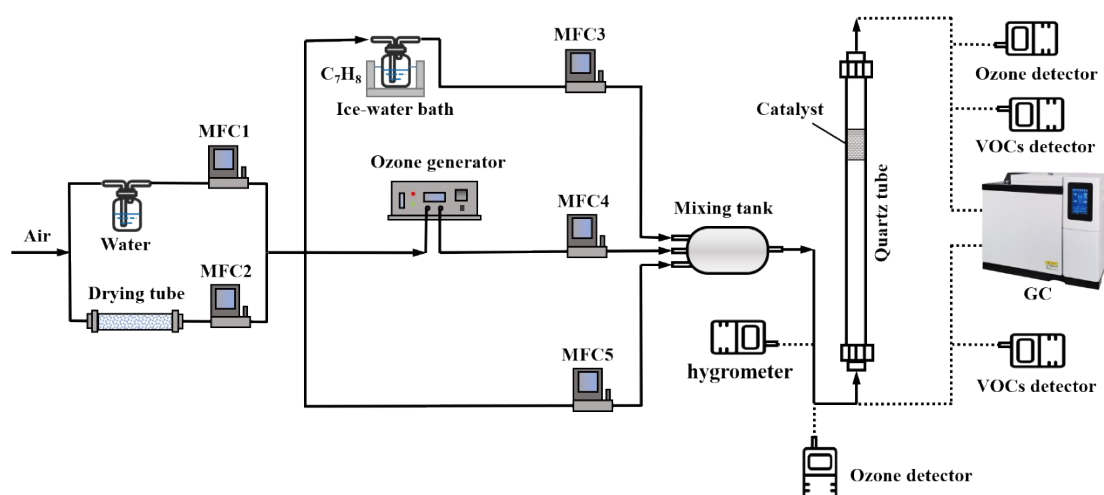


Figure. S1. Schematic diagram of the catalytic ozonation toluene performance assessment device.

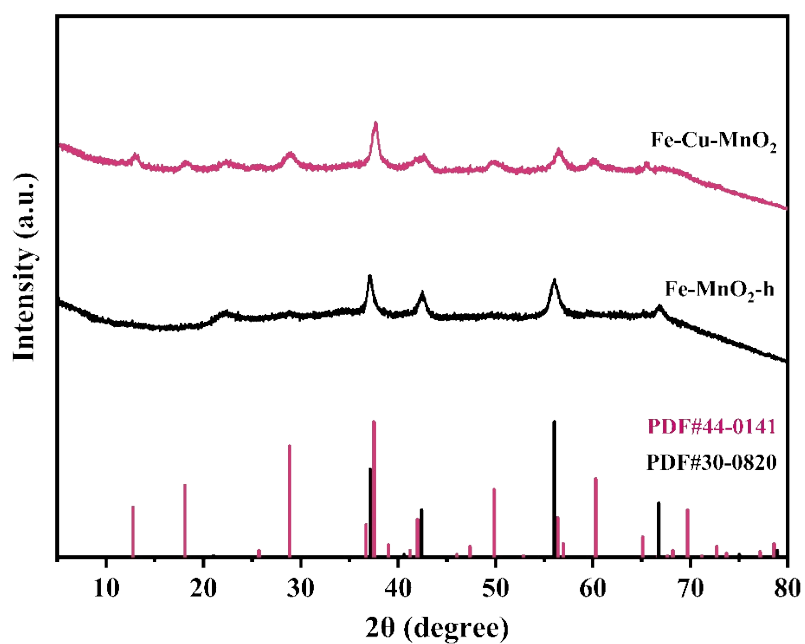


Fig. S2. XRD patterns of Fe-Cu-MnO₂ and Fe-MnO₂-h (for Fe-MnO₂-h, the designed atomic ratio of Fe/Mn was 0.3).

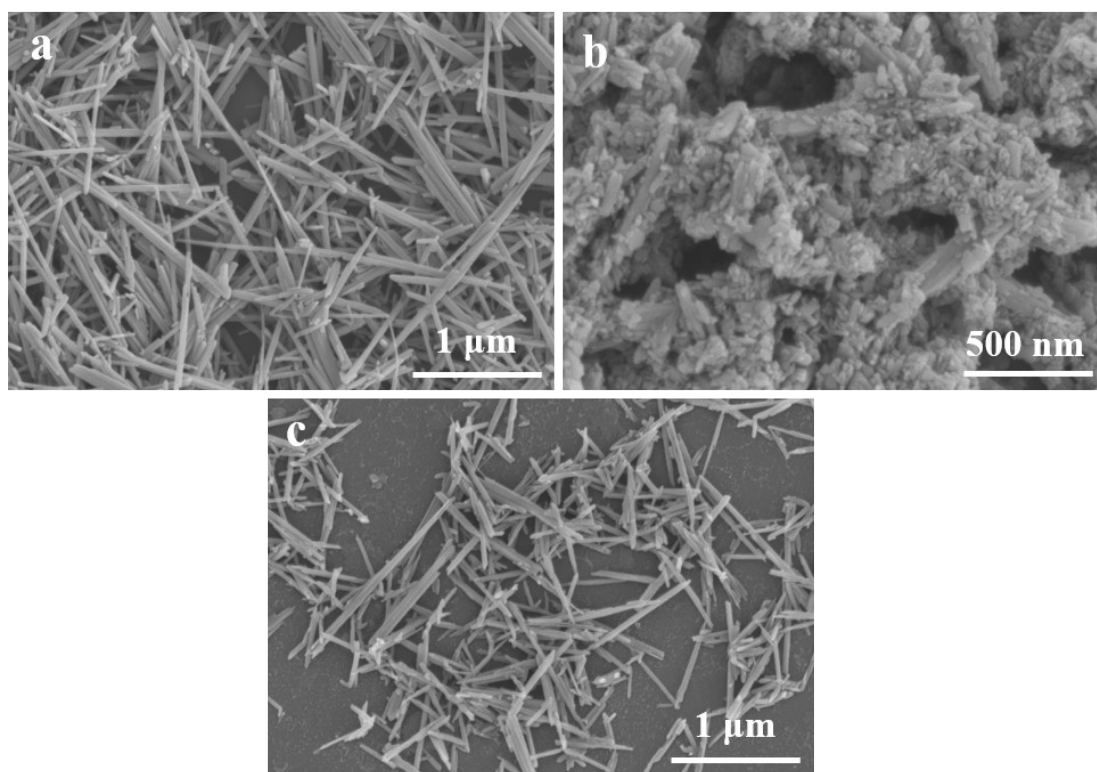


Fig. S3. (a) SEM image of MnO₂; (b) SEM image of Fe-MnO₂; (c) SEM image of Cu-MnO₂.

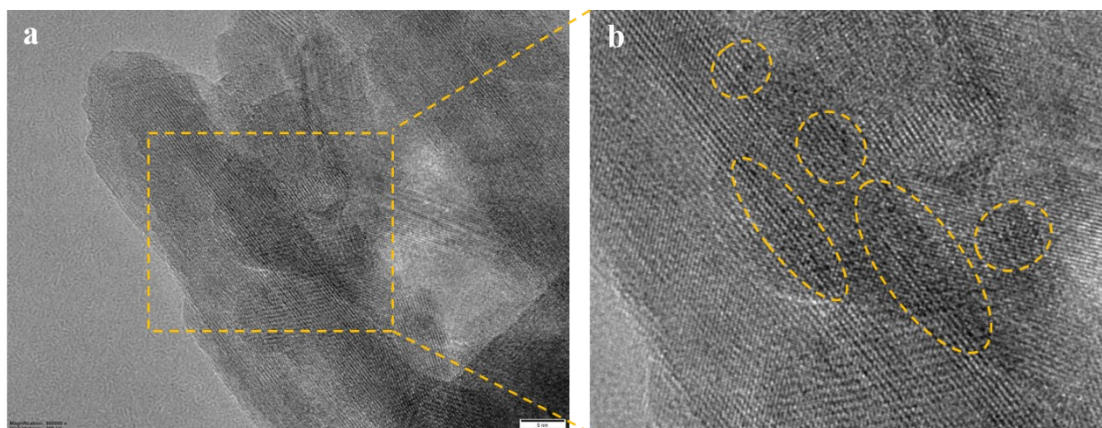


Fig. S4. TEM image of catalyst Fe-Cu-MnO₂ (orange dashed circles indicate oxygen vacancies).

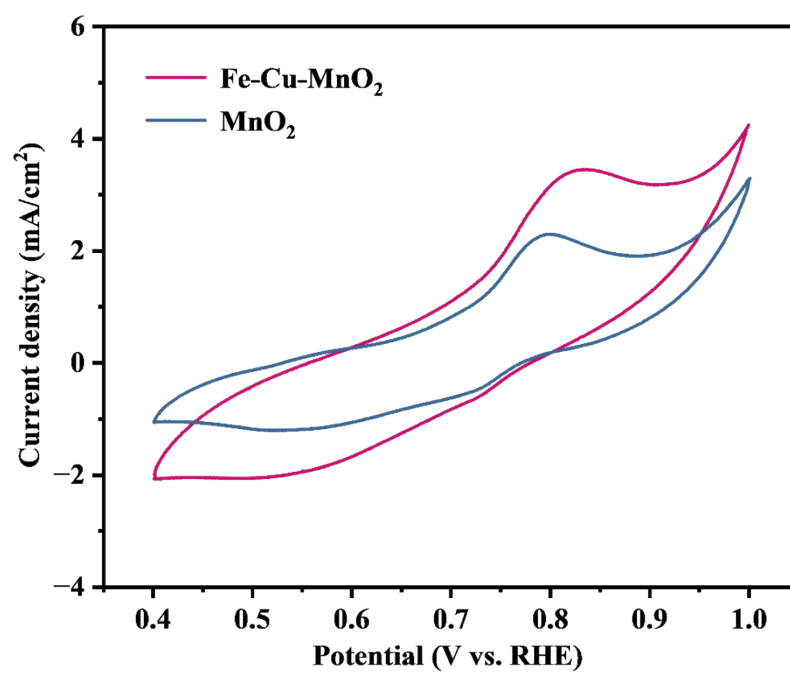


Fig. S5. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves of catalysts Fe-Cu-MnO₂ and MnO₂.

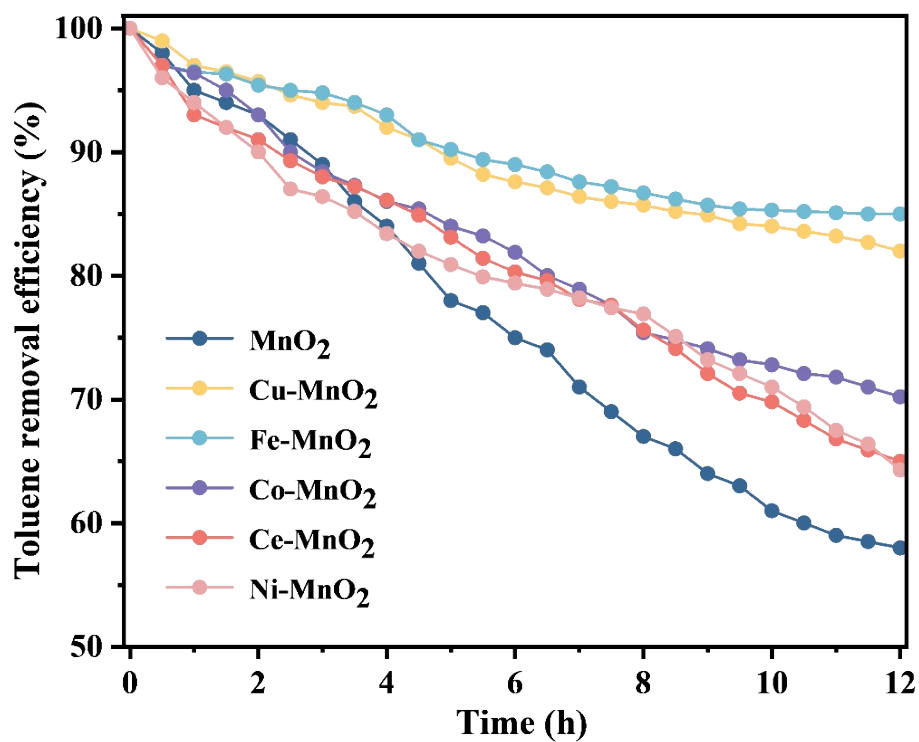


Fig. S6. Efficiency of MnO₂ catalytic ozonation of toluene with different cation doping (Fe, Cu, Co, Ce, Ni). (All cation additions were 0.75 mmol; reaction conditions were: inlet toluene concentration 100 ppm, inlet ozone concentration 1000 ppm, catalyst mass 50 mg, WHSV = 120,000 ml g_{cat}⁻¹ h⁻¹, humidity < 5% RH)

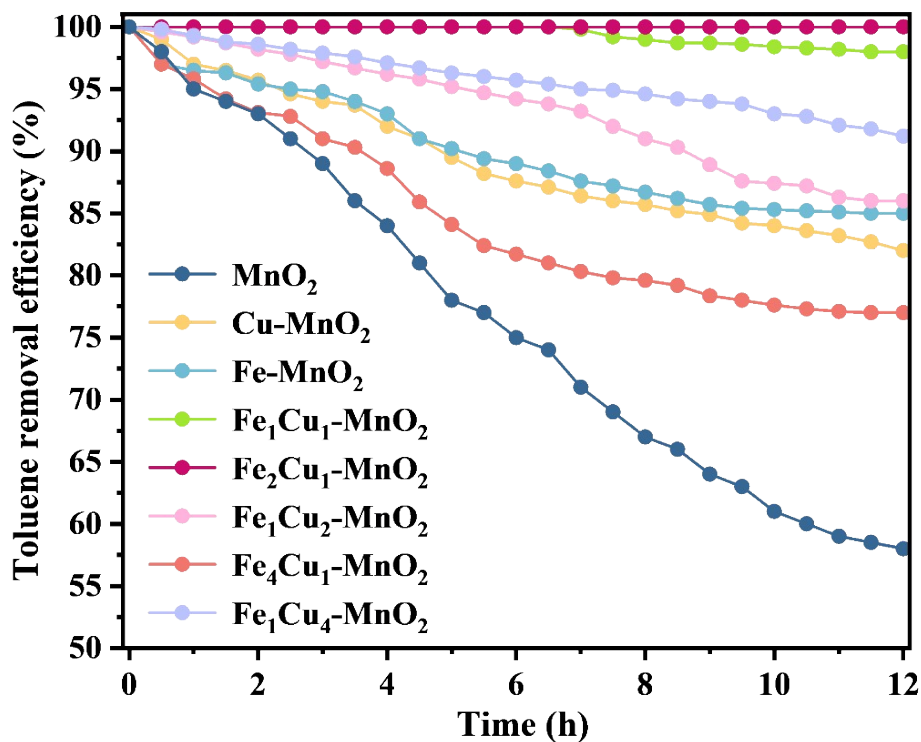


Fig. S7. Efficiency of catalytic ozonation of toluene by MnO₂ with different FeCu doping ratios. (Fe_xCu_y-MnO₂ means the designed atomic ratio of Fe/Cu was x/y, the sum of molar amounts of Fe and Cu was 0.75 mmol; reaction conditions were: inlet toluene concentration 100 ppm, inlet ozone concentration 1000 ppm, catalyst mass 50 mg, WHSV = 120,000 ml g_{cat}⁻¹ h⁻¹, humidity < 5% RH)

Table S1. Fe/Mn atomic ratio and Cu/Mn atomic ratio of different catalysts analyzed by ICP-OES and XPS.

Catalysts	ICP-OES analysis		XPS analysis	
	Fe/Mn (%)	Cu/Mn (%)	Fe/Mn (%)	Cu/Mn (%)
Fe-Cu-MnO ₂	9.5	4.6	10.3	4.9
Fe-MnO ₂	14.3	-	14.7	-
Cu-MnO ₂	-	11.4	-	13.6

Table S2. Comparison of degradation efficiency and mineralization ratio of MnO_x

catalysts	reaction temperature(°C)	WHSV	O ₃ :toluene (ppm:ppm)	degradation efficiency	mineralization ratio	Ref.
Fe-Cu-MnO ₂	25	120000 ml ¹⁰ g ⁻¹ ¹ h ⁻¹	1000:100	100%	81.2%	This work
Cu-Mn/DY	30	170000 h ⁻¹	3000:200	95%	80%	1
Pt/FeO _x -180	50	90000 ml ¹⁰ g ⁻¹ ¹ h ⁻¹	2000:270	100%	---	2
Cu _{0.2} MnO _x	100	---	2100:160	91.2%	83%	3
α-MnO ₂	room temperature	30000 h ⁻¹	90:30	51.7%	7.5%	4
H-MA	25	60000 ml ¹⁰ g ⁻¹ ¹ h ⁻¹	180:20	100%	82.3%	5
α-MnO ₂ /Z-S2	30	32000 h ⁻¹	45:5	87%	94%	6
RuMnZ	room	4200 h ⁻¹	1000:100	36%	61%	7

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