

**Efficient degradation of tetracycline hydrochloride by activation of peroxomonosulfate on magnetic steel slag/MoS<sub>2</sub> composite via ball milling**

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## 1. Experimental section

### 1.1 Experimental steps for active species quenching

To further investigate the active species of the MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50/PMS system, active species quenching experiments were used to probe the presence of reactive species in the system. In this work, methanol (MeOH), isopropanol (IPA), p-benzoquinone (p-BQ), and furfuryl alcohol (FFA) were used as trapping agents for  $\cdot\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , -OH,  $\cdot\text{O}_2^-$ , and  ${}^1\text{O}_2$ , respectively. The catalyst sample (0.02 g) was dispersed in TCH aqueous solution (50 ml, 70 mg/L) in four 150 mL conical flasks. After 30-minute adsorption, the adsorption equilibrium was established. The quenching reagents (3 mL MeOH, 20 mmol IPA, 0.8 mmol p-BQ and 2 mmol FFA) and PMS (1 mmol/L) were added immediately to start the Fenton-like reaction. The next steps in the experiment are the same as those described in main text 2.3.

## 2. Results

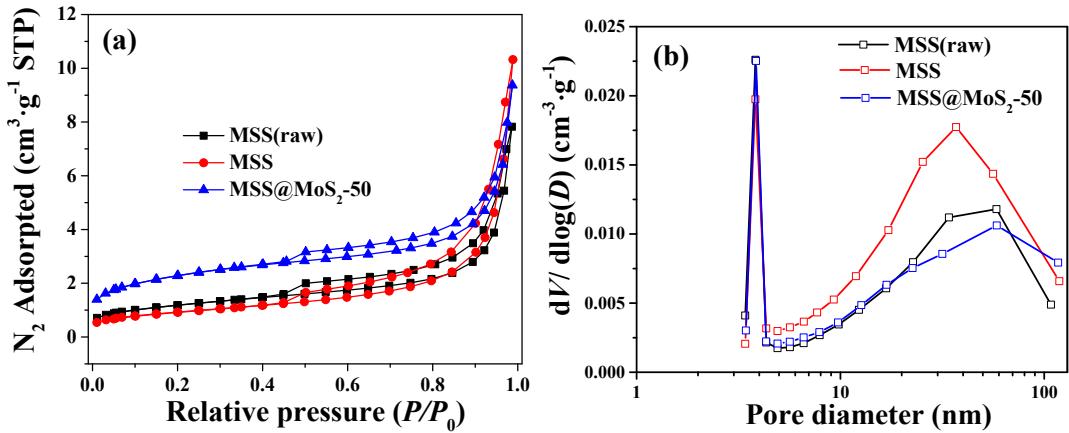


Fig. S1. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms (a) and the corresponding pore size distribution (b) for the raw MSS, MSS, and MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50 samples.

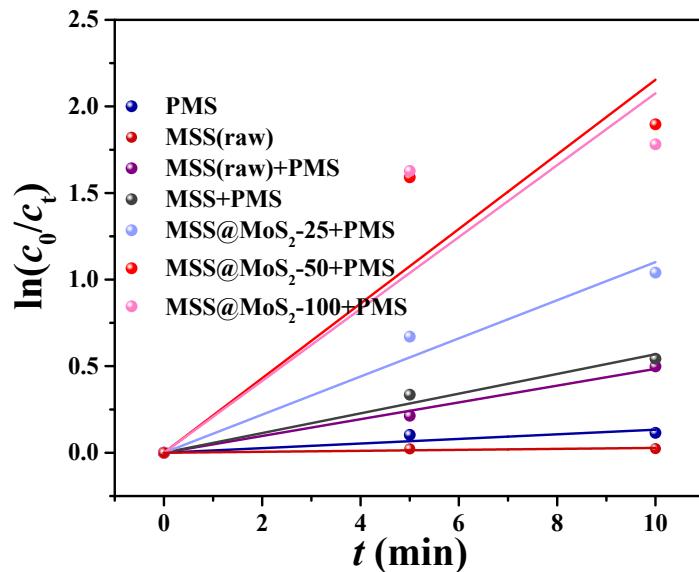


Fig. S2 The first-order-kinetics fitting of TCH degradation in different catalysts/PMS systems. ([catalyst dosage] = 0.4 g/L, [PMS]=1 mM, [TCH]=70 mg/L, initial pH=4, temperature = 30 °C).

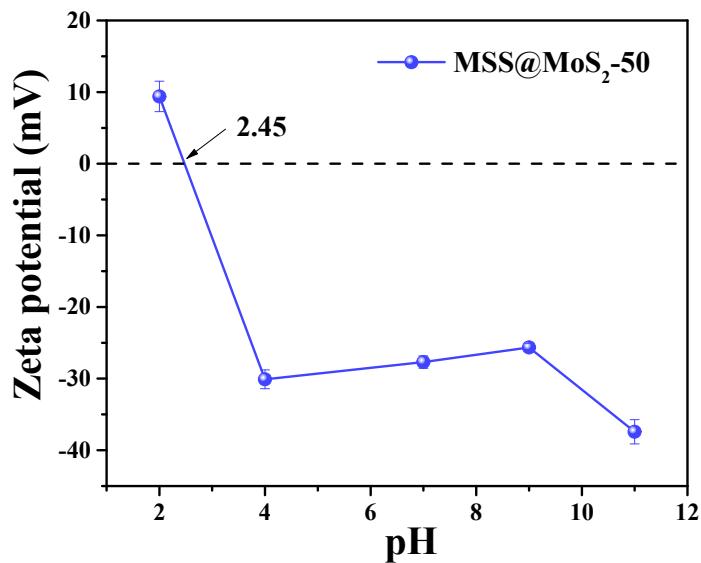


Fig. S3 Zeta potential dependence on pH for MSS@MoS₂-50.

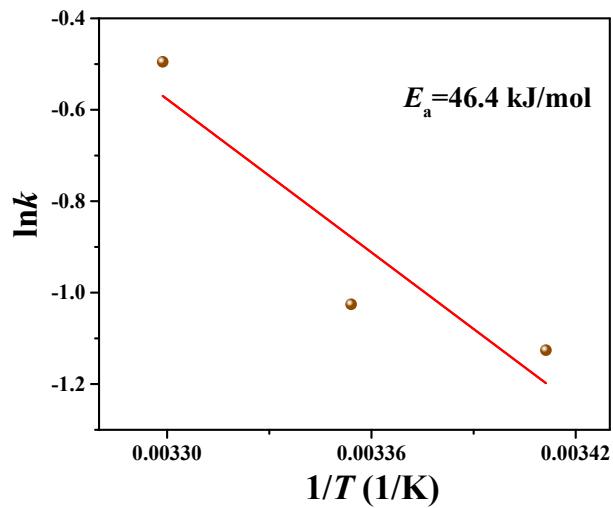


Fig. S4 Arrhenius plot for activation energy in the degradation of TCH by MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50 at different temperatures.



Fig. S5. Photo images of the MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50 suspension before and after magnetic separation

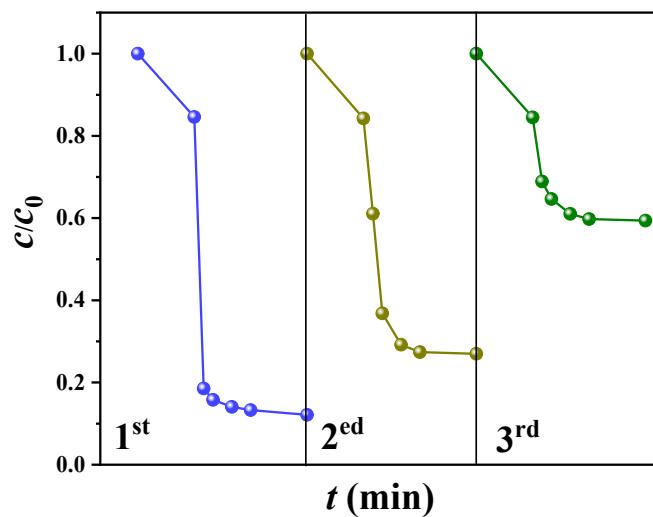


Fig. S6 The MSS (raw)@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50/PMS system degradation of TCH after three cycles. ([catalyst dosage] = 0.4 g/L, [PMS]=1 mM, [TCH]=70 mg/L, initial pH=4, initial temperature = 30 °C).

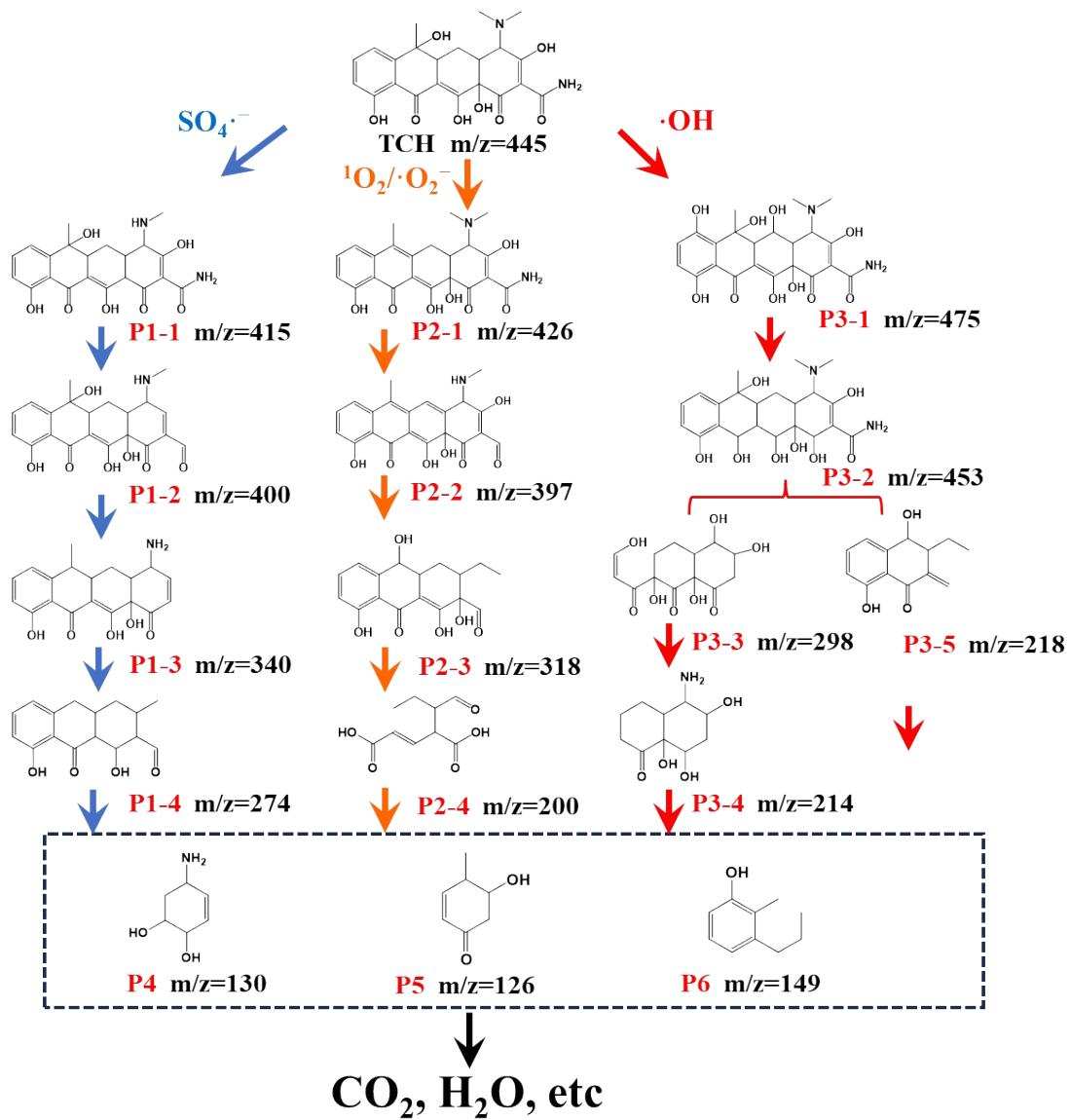


Fig. S7 Intermediates and three pathways for TCH degradation in MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50/PMS system.

Table S1 Mass percentages of main elements in raw MSS supposing they exist as metal oxides

$\text{SiO}_2/\text{wt}\%$	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{wt}\%$	$\text{CaO}/\text{wt}\%$	$\text{MgO}/\text{wt}\%$	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{wt}\%$	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{wt}\%$
12.64	25.44	38.02	3.91	2.89	4.06

Table S2 Specific surface area, pore volume, and pore size parameters of steel slag

samples.

catalyst	$S_{\text{BET}} (\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$V_{\text{pore}} (\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$d_{\text{pore}} (\text{nm})$
MSS(raw)	4.3	0.01	3.8
MSS	3.3	0.02	3.8
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -50	8.1	0.01	3.9

Table S3 A comparison of catalytic activity between MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50 and those in the literature. ( $k_1$  is the first-order rate constant;  $k_2$  is the second-order rate constant)

Catalysts	Reaction conditions	Catalytic performance	Rate constant	References
MSS@Co-CN	pH: 4.0; Catalyst dosage: 0.6 g/L; [PMS]: 1 mM; $C_0$ : 70 mg/L; $t$ : 30 °C	90% removal in 30 min	/	[1]
Co-Fe@PPBC	pH: 3.0; Catalyst dosage: 0.1 g/L; [PMS]: 3.35 mM; $C_0$ : 50 mg/L; $t$ : 25 °C	78.0% removal in 30 min	$k_1=0.3295$	[2]
Fe-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	pH: 7; Catalyst dosage: 0.4 g/L; Light; $C_0$ : 20 mg/L; $t$ : 20 °C	94.0% removal in 180 min	$k_1=0.0123$	[3]
Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	pH: 5.2; Catalyst: 0.1 g/L; [PMS]: 1.0 mM; $C_0$ : 10 mg/L; $t$ : 25 °C	88.2% removal in 30 min	$k_1=0.121$	[4]
0.6LDO/M-I	pH: 4.98; Catalyst: 0.4 g/L; [PMS]: / mM; $C_0$ : 500 mg/L; $t$ : 25 °C	92.92% removal in 25 min	$k_2=1.4133$	[5]
CuO-550	Catalyst: 0.2 g/L; [PMS]: 1 mM; $C_0$ : 40 μM; $t$ : 28 °C	100% removal in 40 min	$k_1=0.1467$	[6]
Fe/NC-30	pH: 6.6; Catalyst: 0.1 g/L; [PMS]: 0.2 mM; $C_0$ : 10 mg/L; $t$ : 25 °C	95.0% removal in 30 min	$k_1=0.222$	[7]
MM3	pH: 7.0; Catalyst: 0.2 g/L; [PMS]: 1.0 mM; $C_0$ : 10 mg/L; $t$ : 25 °C	92.9% removal in 30 min	$k_1=0.150$	[8]

C-Co-TN	pH: 4.6; Catalyst dosage: 0.1 g/L; [PMS]: 0.75 mM; $C_0$ : 20 mg/L; $t$ : 25 °C	93.3% removal in 30 min	$k_1=0.042$	[9]
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -0.01	pH: 4.0; Catalyst: 0.4 g/L; [PMS]: 1.0 mM; $C_0$ : 70 mg/L; $t$ : 30 °C	92.0% removal in 60 min, 82% in first 5 min	$k_1=0.208$ $k_2=10.59$	This work

Table S4 The first-order-kinetics reaction rate constant ( $k_1$ ) for different catalysts/PMS system

sample	$k_1$ (min <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$
PMS	0.013	0.931
MSS (raw)	0.003	0.922
MSS (raw)+PMS	0.048	0.997
MSS+PMS	0.057	0.992
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -25+PMS	0.110	0.988
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -50+PMS	0.208	0.925
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -100+PMS	0.188	0.929

Table S5 The pseudo-second-order-kinetics reaction rate constant ( $k_2$ ) for different catalysts/PMS system

sample	$k_2$ (L·g <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$
PMS	0.20	0.999
MSS (raw)	0.05	0.999
MSS (raw)+PMS	1.32	0.997
MSS+PMS	1.23	0.999
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -25+PMS	3.17	0.999
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -50+PMS	10.59	0.997
MSS@MoS <sub>2</sub> -100+PMS	9.68	0.966

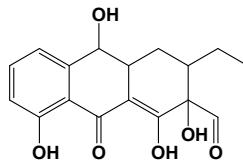
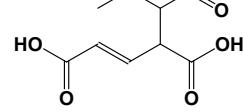
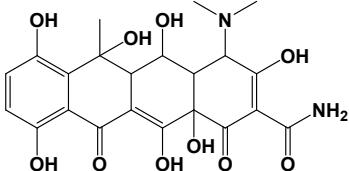
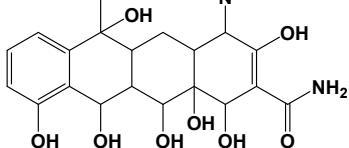
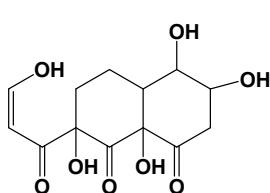
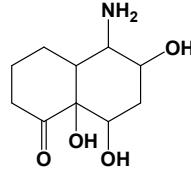
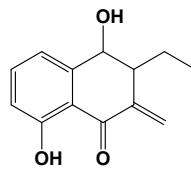
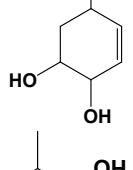
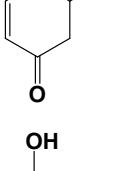
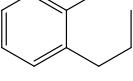
Table S6 Atomic percentage of each element in MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50 catalyst before and after the reaction from XPS.

Sample	Elements/ Atomic%				
	C 1s	Fe 2p	Mo 3d	O 1s	S 2p
Before	41.68	2.03	0.40	54.81	1.07
After	40.24	2.23	0.24	56.41	0.88

Table S7 TCH degradation intermediates in the MSS@MoS<sub>2</sub>-50/PMS system.

Products	R.T.	<i>m/z</i>	Proposed structure
TCH		445	
P1-1	11.41	415	
P1-2	7.02	400	
P1-3	4.54	340	
P1-4	9.60	274	
P2-1	7.02	426	
P2-2	6.49	397	

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P2-3	9.60	318	
P2-4	8.46	200	
P3-1	5.44	475	
P3-2	5.44	453	
P3-3	11.41	298	
P3-4	0.67	214	
P3-5	6.74	218	
P4	4.96	130	
P5	0.67	126	
P6	5.05	149	

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