

Insight into electrochemical degradation of Cartap (in Padan 95SP) by boron-doped diamond electrode: kinetic and effect of water matrices

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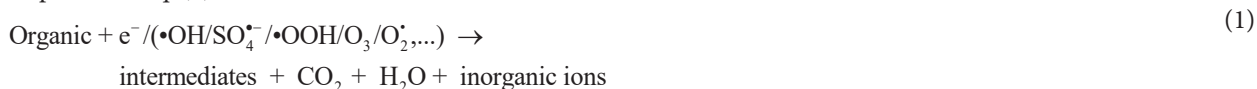
Abstract: In this work, the kinetic electrochemical degradation of Cartap (CT) (in Padan 95 SP) at boron-doped diamond (BDD) electrode was investigated. This study indicated that the degradation of CT underwent both direct and indirect oxidations. Water matrices can either accelerate or inhibit the removal efficiency of CT: adding 15 mM Cl⁻ improved k_{CT} from 0.039 min⁻¹ to 0.054 min⁻¹ (increased by 38%), while k_{CT} decreased by 61.5% and 64% when increasing the concentration of HCO₃⁻ and humic acid (HA) to 15 mM and 15 mg L⁻¹, respectively. CT degradation was inhibited in the presence of methanol (MeOH) and *tert*-butanol (TBA) due to the scavenging effect of those chemicals toward reactive species. The contribution of reactive oxidants was calculated as: DET (direct electron transfer) accounted for 15%; •OH accounted for 61.5%; SO₄^{•-} accounted for 12.8%; ROS (the other reactive oxygen species) accounted for 8.5%. The transformation pathways of major reactive species were established.

Key words: BDD electrode, Cartap degradation, mechanism, kinetic, cyclic voltammetry, linear sweep voltammetry

1. Introduction

Pesticide is a toxic chemical substance, which usually contains more than two agents (including biological compounds) which are added into pesticide to control fungal or animal pests. However, due to the uncontrolled applications or the overuse of pesticides, the environment was seriously polluted. Depending on the chemical property, some pesticides can exist in the environment with different lifetime (from several days to several month and even a few decades). In some areas, the concentration of pesticides in agricultural wastewater is up to 500 mg L⁻¹ that causes the serious environmental pollutions [1,2].

The powerful treatment methods should be developed and applied to decompose these polluted chemicals. To solve this urgent issue, the advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) are considered as an effective method to successfully remove non-biological degraded compounds from water, for example, ozonation, Fenton/photo-Fenton and photocatalysis processes [3,4]. However, the above methods have some disadvantages: ozonation requires the complicated equipment with high operating and maintenance costs [5]; Fenton/photo-Fenton discharges the high concentration of anions in the treated solution and large amounts of sludge; the low removal efficiency of photocatalysis process can be attributed to the low adsorption possibility of organics on the TiO₂ and the aggregation of TiO₂ because of the instability of the nanosized particle [6]. The electrochemical oxidation (EO) process is a promising technique to treat wastewaters containing toxic, refractory organic pollutants [7]. In EO process there are two possible mechanism pathways that involve in organics degradation: (1) direct oxidation in which the organic is directly oxidized thanks to the electron transfer on the anode surface; (2) indirect oxidation where various oxidizing species (i.e. •OH, SO₄^{•-}, •OOH or H₂O₂, O₃, singlet oxygen, O₂^{•-}). In addition, other related electrolyte species also contribute to the organic decomposition [8]. The description of the interaction between oxidizing species and target compounds for both mechanism ways (direct and indirect oxidation) can be simplified in Eq. (1):



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BDD is incapable of absorbing organics (see Text S1 and Figure S1 for more details) and a nonactive anode, which can react with H_2O to produce the physisorbed $\bullet OH$ (BDD($\bullet OH$)) (Eq. (2)), rendering the organics degradation (Eq. (3)). The $SO_4^{\bullet -}$ (Eq. (4)) also contributes to the degradation of organics.



Herein, this work reported the degradation of CT (in Padan 95SP) on BDD electrode. The BDD electrode was selected in this study because it performs very good electrochemical capability (high stability, resistance to corrosion, high overpotential for oxygen evolution) [9–[10]11]. Padan 95SP was selected for the degradation in EO process because of its widespread use in pest control in Vietnam.

The kinetic degradation of CT can be expressed as:

$$-\ln \frac{[CT]_t}{[CT]_0} = k_{CT}t = (k_{\bullet OH, CT}[\bullet OH]_{ss} + k_{SO_4^{\bullet -}, CT}[SO_4^{\bullet -}]_{ss} + k_{ROS} + e^-)t \quad (5)$$

where k_{CT} represents the first-order rate constant of CT in the EO process, min^{-1} ; $k_{\bullet OH, CT}$ and $k_{SO_4^{\bullet -}, CT}$ the second-order rate constant of CT toward $\bullet OH$ and $SO_4^{\bullet -}$, respectively, ($\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$); k_{ROS} and e^- represent the first-order rate constant of CT by ROS and DET, (min^{-1}); $[\bullet OH]_{ss}$ and $[SO_4^{\bullet -}]_{ss}$ are the steady-state concentrations of $\bullet OH$ and $SO_4^{\bullet -}$, respectively (M).

The purpose of this study was to: (1) investigate the direct and indirect oxidation of CT in EO process; (2) study the effect of water matrices on CT removal efficiency; (3) insight into the contribution of radicals to the degradation of CT.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Chemicals

Commercial pesticide Padan 95SP (95% CT) was purchased in Vietnam. Ellman's reagent (DTNB, 5,5'-Dithiobis (2-nitrobenzoic acid)) was supplied by Sigma-Aldrich for estimating the concentration of CT in Padan 95SP at interval times of electrolysis. Other chemicals (i.e. glycerol, benzoic acid (BA, 99%), nitrobenzene (NB, 99%), MeOH (99%), TBA (99%), boric acid, sodium sulfate, etc.) were also supplied by Sigma-Aldrich and Merck. The stock solutions were prepared using deionized ultrapure water (Seralpur Pro 90 C).

2.1. BDD characterization

The BDD electrode was characterized using scanning electron microscopy (SEM, JSM-IT200, Japan), equipped with energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) to analysis the elemental composition. X-ray diffraction (XRD, D8 ADVANCE ECO, Germany) with Cu K α radiation (0.154 nm) was also used to determine the crystal structure of BDD.

2.2. Electrolysis

The electrolysis was carried out at ambient temperature (22 °C) in undivided cell of 400 mL. A BDD was used as the working electrode, supplied from Neocoat (Switzerland). The exposed surface area of BDD was 3.8 cm^2 , the diamond layer was about 2.5–3 μm . In all cases, a Platinum foil with the surface area of one side of 2 cm^2 and Ag/AgCl (saturated KCl) were used as counter and reference electrodes, respectively. To stir 250 mL electrolyte solution continuously during the process, a magnetic bar was implied. Before starting experiment the working and counter electrodes were washed in ultrasonic bath for 10 min to remove contaminants, and then washed again with ultrapure water. The pH values of solution was controlled by 1 M H_2SO_4 or 1 M NaOH using a pH meter. Each experiment was duplicated for verification.

Electrolysis experiments were conducted under galvanostatic control at the applied current density ranged from 10 to 40 mA cm^{-2} using IviumStat (5 A current compliance/10 V power supply). Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) test was performed in the potential range of 0–2 V at scan rate of 50 and 100 mV s^{-1} in 0.05 M Na_2SO_4 . For CVs tests, the BDD electrode was characterized electrochemically in 0.05 M Na_2SO_4 solution in the absence and in the presence of Padan 95 SP. The cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves for the BDD electrode were recorded between –2.0 V to 2.0 V (E^0 vs. SCE) at different scan rates, sample interval was 0.01 V. The LSVs and CVs tests were conducted using Metrohm Autolab installed by Nova 2.1.3 software for electrochemical interface. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was determine using Metrohm Autolab to investigate the conductivity of BDD in 0.2 M H_2SO_4 under the frequency from 1×10^5 to 1×10^{-2} Hz at open circuit potential.

2.3. Analysis methods

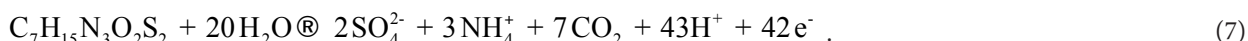
The solution samples were withdrawn at the time intervals and immediately measured using DTNB procedure, which can be clearly described elsewhere [12,13]. This technique was based on the generated yellow anions (3-carboxy-4-nitrophenylthiolate anion), which were then determined at the maximum wavelength of 412 nm in a UV-Vis spectrophotometer (V730, Japan). The spectrum for CT determination can be seen in Text S2 and Figure S2.

The degradation efficiency of CT is calculated according to Eq. (6):

$$m = \frac{1-C}{C_0} \times 100\% , \quad (6)$$

where C is the remaining content of CT at a given electrolytic time and C_0 is the initial concentration.

The theoretical mineralization of CT is proposed in Eq. (7):



The concentrations of BA and NB were measured by HPLC aligent 1200 (Germany) with C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) coupled with a UV detector. The detection of BA and NB was performed at 227 and 270 nm, respectively, at a flow rate of 1 mL min⁻¹. The mobile phase of methanol/water (65:35) (v/v) contained 1 % phosphoric acid. The column temperature was 30 °C. Additionally, the concentration of BA and NB can be also calculated using UV-Vis (V730, Japan), because the formed byproducts and the presence of SO₄²⁻ did not cause any interferes for the detection of BA and NB at 224 nm and 270 nm, respectively (The HPLC/UV spectrum of BA/NB and the degradation of BA/NB during the EO process can be seen in Figure S3).

3. Result and discussion

3.1. BDD characterization and electrochemical properties

Due to the lack of information about this commercial BDD electrode, BDD was again characterized using SEM, XRD and EIS. As can be seen in Figure 1a, the BDD layer consists of the grains with the medium size of 200 nm. The orient of the grains was randomly grown on the substrate Si. According to EDX spectrum, some elements were detected, including C (71.5%), B (15.1%), O (11.8%), and Si (11.6%) (Figure 1b). Moreover, the phase of BDD can be proved by the diffraction peak at $2\theta = 70.35^\circ$, which can be coincided with crystal planes of the hexoctahedral phase of diamond (diamond cubic) (Figure 1c). The roman spectrum and XPS of BDD can be clearly seen in our previous publication [10].

The impedance spectrum of BDD and its comparison with Ti and Pt are shown in Figure 2. The arc diameter of BDD was much smaller than Ti and higher than Pt electrodes, indicating that charge transfer resistance of those electrodes followed the order: Ti (35 kΩ) > BDD (92.6 Ω) > Pt (13 Ω) (use the electrochemical circle fit command in NOVA 2.1.3 software to calculate the resistance). The above result indicates that the BDD can be considered a good conductive electrode thanks to the BDD layer on Si substrate.

3.2. Cyclic voltammetry curve in absence and presence of Padan 95 SP

The electrochemical character of BDD electrode with SO₄²⁻ anion is an important factor to initially study the CT degradation mechanism in Na₂SO₄. The CV curves of BDD electrode under different conditions are depicted in Figure 3. Similar to previous study [14], we also found the oxidation peak **P1** occurring at the potential between 1 V and 1.3 V (Figure 3a), suggesting that the direct oxidation of CT can occur due to the electron transfer on the BDD surface. Generally, the oxidation peak potential must be less than the oxygen evolution potential (Eq. (8)), as also confirmed by M. Panizza and G. Cerisola [8]:



When increasing the scan rate to 100 mV s⁻¹, the direct oxidation of CT was enhanced, as a result of the promotion of electron exchange at BDD surface. This is because the high scan rates provides high current density for shorter time frame, thereby increasing the oxidation current peak [15]. Therefore, the degradation of CT underwent both mechanisms: (1) direct oxidation via electron transfer at the surface of BDD; (2) the indirect oxidation by reactive radicals. The contribution of direct oxidation and indirect oxidation (via •OH, SO₄^{•-}, etc.) were discussed in subsections 3.4 and 3.5.

In the negative potential, the reduction peak **P2** at -1.2 V is probably associated to the evolution of H₂ from H₂O and/or the formation of persulfate (Eqs. (9) and (10)). When increasing the scan rate to 100 mV s⁻¹, the intensity of the reduction peak increased.



The further investigation of the scan rates at different concentrations of CT were illustrated in Figures 3b and 3c and there are no significant differences between two ranges of concentration, indicating that the degradation through direct oxidation is unchanged at high CT concentration.

In addition, the effect of current density on O_2 evolution and CT degradation can be found in detail in Texts S3 and S4, Figures S4–S6.

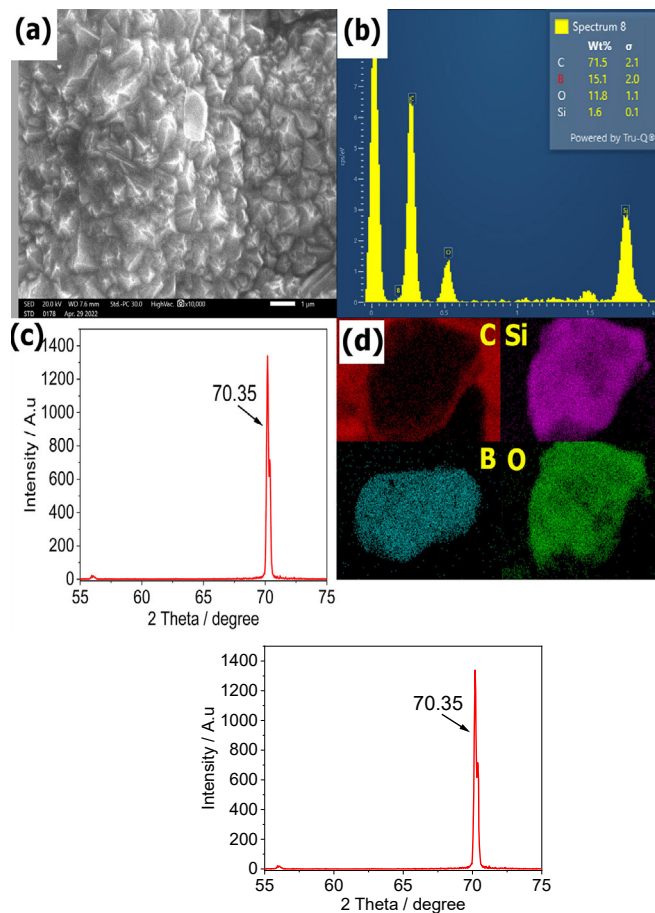


Figure 1. Elemental analysis for BDD electrode. a) SEM image of BDD; b) EDX for detecting elements; c) XRD patterns of the BDD electrode; d) Detected elements on BDD.

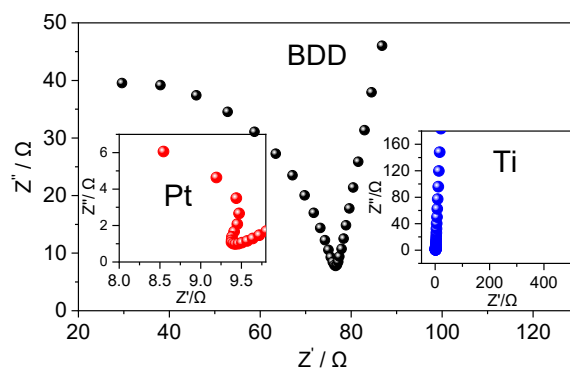


Figure 2. EIS spectrum of BDD. Inert: EIS spectrum of Pt and Ti.

3.3. Effect of different water matrices

Some anions (i.e. $\text{HCO}_3^-/\text{CO}_3^{2-}$, Cl^- , Fe^{2+} , NO_3^- , etc.) and humic acid (HA) can be found in natural water. In this study, HCO_3^- and Cl^- were selected because they are common anions in water. HA was chosen because it represents the organic matter in natural water. Their presence affects the degradation efficiency of organics during the process. The formation of radicals and their transformation in the presence of water matrices can be listed in Table S2. Therefore, the effects of HCO_3^- , Cl^- and HA on CT removal were investigated, as shown in Figure 4.

Effect of HCO_3^- : k_{CT} (the first-order rate constant for CT) decreased from 0.039 min^{-1} to 0.014 min^{-1} (decreased by 74%) when increasing HCO_3^- concentration from 0 to 15 mM (Figure 4a). This result could be attributed to the scavenging effect of bicarbonate toward $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ (Reactions (82) and (83), Table S2). This scavenging effect leads to the formation of $\text{CO}_3^{\bullet-}$ with weaker oxidation capability (their reaction rate constant toward organics is in the range of 10^{-6} – $10^{-7} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, Table S2), thereby reducing the removal efficiency of process. As a result, CT removal decreased from 68% to 32% after 30 min when increasing HCO_3^- concentration from 0 to 15 mM (Figure 4b).

Effect of Cl^- : k_{CT} increased from 0.039 min^{-1} to 0.054 min^{-1} (increased by 1.4 folds) when increasing Cl^- concentration from 0 to 15 mM (Figure 4c). The removal efficiency increased from 68% to 81% after 30 min as increasing Cl^- concentration to 15 mM (Figure 4d). The presence of chloride ion can enhance the CT removal due to some aspects: (1) Cl^- could be oxidized by electrolysis to produce active chlorine and/or chloride radicals ($\text{ClO}^\bullet/\text{Cl}^\bullet$) [16,17]. The oxidation capability of Cl^\bullet toward organics is comparable to $\bullet\text{OH}$ (in the range of 10^9 – $10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, Table S2), thereby contributing to the degradation of CT; (2) Cl^- reacts with $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ to produce reactive chlorine species (RCS: Cl^\bullet , $\text{Cl}_2^{\bullet-}$, ClOH^\bullet , etc) (Reactions 35–80, Table S2) which could also enhance the removal efficiency of CT in the electrolysis process. Despite the fact that the scavenging effect of Cl^- lead to decreased concentration of $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$, the significant formation of RCS at high concentration of Cl^- might compensate the fade of $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$, leading to the improvement of process. The same results can be observed in other AOPs [18–21], where the kinetic formation of radicals can be similarly observed.

Effect of HA: HA acts as scavenger of oxidizing species, leading to a reduction in the degradation efficiency. As can be seen in Figure 4e, increasing the concentration of HA to 15 mg L^{-1} reduced k_{CT} from 0.039 min^{-1} to 0.014 min^{-1} (decreased by 64%), and the removal efficiency decreased from 68% to 23% after 30 min. This result can be explained by several mechanisms [16]: (1) HA competed with CT for the adsorption at the Pt cathode and BDD anode, thus, less CT was degraded at the surface of electrodes; (2) HA competed with sulfate ion on the BDD anode, leading to a reduction in the formation of $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ (Eq. (4)); (3) HA caused the scavenging effect toward $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ (Reactions (101) and (102), Table S2).

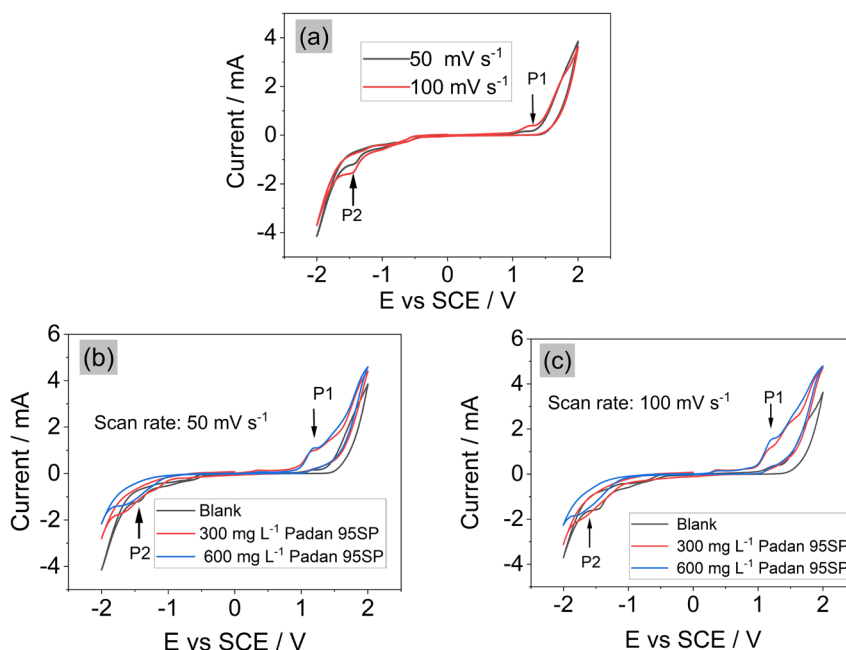


Figure 3. CVs of BDD in the presence of CT and Na_2SO_4 . **a)** CVs of BDD in 300 mg L^{-1} CT at different scan rates. **b, c)** The comparison of CVs between blank solution and CT solution. $0.05 \text{ M Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ was used as supporting electrolyte.

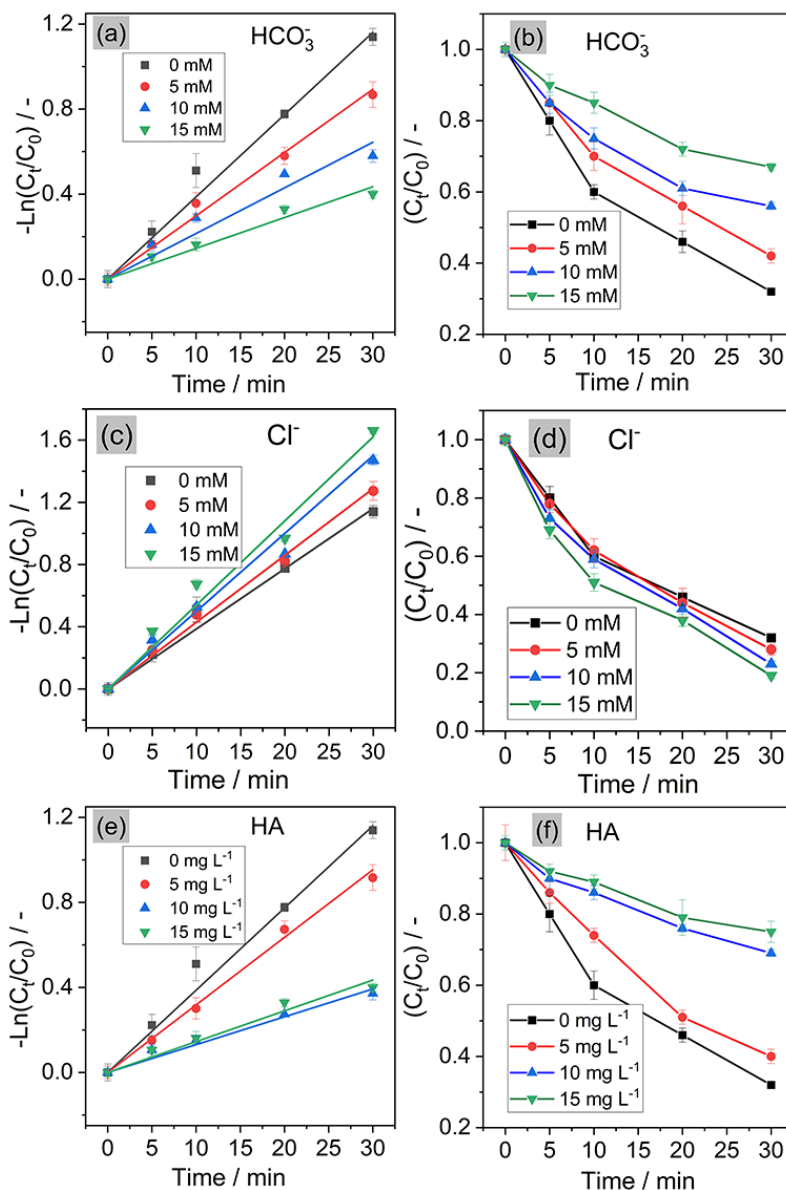


Figure 4. Effect of HCO_3^- , Cl^- , and HA on CT degradation in electrochemical process. (a, c, e) The first-order kinetics of CT in the presence of HCO_3^- , Cl^- , and HA, respectively. (b, d, f) Relative degradation of CT in the presence of HCO_3^- , Cl^- , and HA, respectively. Experimental conditions: pH = 3, current density $j = 40 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$, $[\text{CT}] = 40 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$, $[\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.05 \text{ M}$.

3.4. Determination of reactive species

Generally, $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ were found to be major radicals in EO process [22]. To determine the role of these radicals to CT degradation, TBA used as a scavenger for $\bullet\text{OH}$ ($k_{\text{OH},\text{TBA}} = (3.8\text{-}7.6) \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) [16]. The reaction between $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ and TBA can be ignored ($k_{\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-},\text{TBA}} = (4\text{-}9.1) \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) [16]. MeOH was used as probe for $\bullet\text{OH}$ ($9.7 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ ($1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$). As seen in Figure 5a, k_{CT} decreased by 35% and 43% when adding 100 mM TBA and MeOH, respectively. CT removal efficiency decreased from 68% to 37% and to 29% after 30 min at 100 mM TBA and MeOH, respectively (Figure 5b). The significant decrease in k_{CT} and k_{CT} (in TBA) $>$ k_{CT} (in MeOH) suggested that $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ were the major radicals contributing to CT degradation. In addition, the other ROS ($\text{O}_2^{\bullet-}$, $\text{O}^{\bullet-}$, HO_2^{\bullet} , etc.) (Reactions (4-25), Table S2) could also form in the electrolysis process as the reaction chains in the solution. However, their role on CT degradation was assumed to be negligible due to their low concentration as suggested by [16].

3.5. The relative contribution of reactive species to CT degradation

In EO process, the oxidation of CT can be taken placed by several oxidizing factors as displayed in Eq. (5): $\bullet\text{OH}$, $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$, other ROS, and DET. To calculate the degradation of CT by DET, MeOH was used to eliminate the effect of ROS. Assuming that adding 10 M MeOH could scavenge all ROS (including $\bullet\text{OH}$, $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$) completely, then k_{DET} was calculated to be 0.006 min^{-1} , accounted for 15% of CT degradation (Figure 6). The change in k_{CT} with addition of scavengers can be seen in Figure 6. $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ could be generated by electrolysis alone at the surface of anode (Eqs. (2) and (4)) and/or from the reactions chains in solution (Reactions 1–29, Table S2). The relative contribution of $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ was calculated according to Eqs. (11) and (12) [22]. As a result, $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ accounted for 61.5% and 12.5%, respectively.

$$\eta_{\bullet\text{OH}} = \frac{k_{\text{CT}} - k_{\text{TBA}}}{k_{\text{CT}}} \times 100\% \quad (11)$$

$$\eta_{\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}} = \frac{k_{\text{MeOH}} - k_{\text{TBA}}}{k_{\text{CT}}} \times 100\% \quad (12)$$

where k_{CT} represents the degradation rate constant of CT without addition of scavenger, min^{-1} ; k_{TBA} represents the degradation rate constant of CT with addition of TBA (2.2 mM), min^{-1} ; k_{MeOH} is the degradation rate constant with addition of MeOH (5 mM), min^{-1} .

Furthermore, to estimate the steady-state concentration of $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$, NB and BA were used because NB can react with $\bullet\text{OH}$ ($k_{\text{OH,NB}} = 3.9 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) and its reactivity toward $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ was negligible ($k_{\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-},\text{NB}} < 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) [23]. BA can react with both $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ ($k_{\text{OH,BA}} = 5.9 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ [24], ($k_{\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-},\text{BA}} = 1.2 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) [25]). Therefore, the degradation of NB and BA in EO process can be expressed as follows [26]:

$$k_{\text{NB}} = k_e + k_{\text{OH,NB}}[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}} \quad (13)$$

$$k_{\text{BA}} = k_e + k_{\text{OH,BA}}[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}} + k_{\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-},\text{BA}}[\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}]_{\text{ss}} \quad (14)$$

Assuming that the degradation of NB and BA by DET is negligible, the above reactions can be rewritten:

$$k_{\text{NB}} = k_{\text{OH,NB}}[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}} \quad (15)$$

$$k_{\text{BA}} = k_{\text{OH,BA}}[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}} + k_{\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-},\text{BA}}[\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}]_{\text{ss}} \quad (16)$$

where k_{NB} , k_{BA} (min^{-1}) represent the degradation of NB, BA in EO process (Experimental conditions were carried out similar to CT degradation: $\text{pH} = 3$, current density $j = 40 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$, $[\text{NB}] = [\text{BA}] = 40 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4] = 50 \text{ mM}$, see Figure S3). By solving the reactions (15) and (16), $[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}$ and $[\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}]_{\text{ss}}$ were estimated to be $3.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ M}$ and $5.8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}$, respectively.

The overview of the contribution of oxidants to CT degradation was listed in Table.

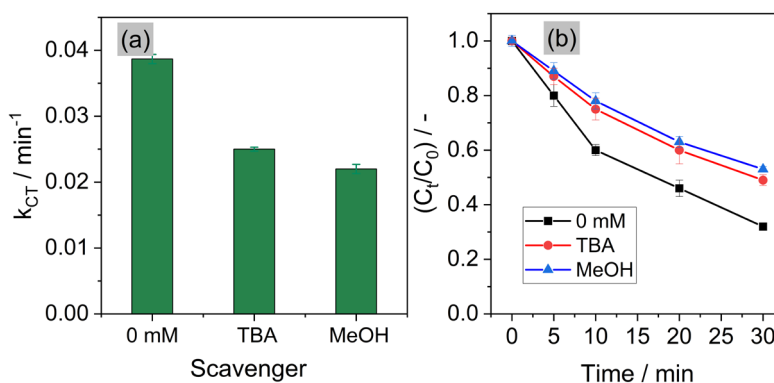
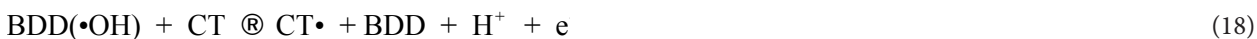


Figure 5. a) The first-order rate constant (k_{CT}) of CT degradation in the presence of TBA and MeOH; b) Relative degradation of CT in the presence of TBA and MeOH. Experimental conditions: $\text{pH} = 3$, current density $j = 40 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$, $[\text{CT}] = 40 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{TBA}] = [\text{MeOH}] = 100 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.05 \text{ M}$.

3.6. Transformation and interaction mechanism of radicals

It is known that the degradation of organics was performed mainly by $\bullet\text{OH}$ radicals, so the mechanism of generating hydroxyl radicals on the anode surface is written as follows:



After losing electrons at the surface of BDD the H_2O molecules generate $\bullet\text{OH}$ radical (Eq. (17)). Hydroxyl radical is a strong oxidant, which can attack CT rapidly to generate radical $\text{CT}\bullet$. As a low stable radical, $\text{CT}\bullet$ reacts with hydroxyl radical to further generate new intermediates and the end products (i.e. CO_2 and H_2O). Besides, the formation of $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ can take place through electron-transfer on the surface of BDD and/or from $\bullet\text{OH}$. $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ then attacks CT to reproduce SO_4^{2-} and cationic radical $\text{CT}^{+\bullet}$, as described in Eqs. (20) and (21). $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ is considered as very active oxidant ($E^0 = 2.6 \text{ V}$), can further destroy this organic radical to the end products, or generate smaller molecules.



Additionally, some mechanisms involving with this radical may occur, as described in the reactions below:



In the presence of $\bullet\text{OH}$, protonized HSO_4^- could be oxidized to form $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ (Eq. (20)), which can recombine (Eq. (23)) [27,28] or further react with sulfate and/or hydrosulfate ions to form persulfate $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ (Eqs. (26) and (27)) [29,30], as confirmed by the work of F. Zhang et al. [14] using ESR spectrum. Furthermore, the evolution of O_2 takes place via a recombination of $\bullet\text{OH}$ as in Eq. (28) or from the hydrolysis of persulfate (Eq. (29)):



It is worth nothing that the electrochemical degradation of organics is a complex of various mechanisms, in which the oxidizing radicals could be produced by different ways, involving in the degradation of organics as well as their none-used disappearance. Briefly, we can see the whole process of oxidizing CT in Figure 7. Additionally, the degradation pathway of CT in EO process can be found in our previous study [17].

4. Conclusion

The kinetic electrochemical degradation of CT (in Padan 95 SP) was investigated. The degradation of CT underwent two mechanisms: direct oxidation by electron transfer and indirect oxidation by reactive generated species. The removal efficiency of CT depended on the presence of water matrices: 15 mM Cl^- improved k_{CT} by 38%, while k_{CT} was reduced by 61.5% and 64% when adding 15 mM HCO_3^- and 15 mg L^{-1} HA, respectively. CT removal efficiency was reduced in the presence of MeOH and TBA, indicating that reactive species play an important role in CT degradation. The contribution of reactive oxidants was established: DFT accounted for 15%; $\bullet\text{OH}$ accounted for 61.5%; $\text{SO}_4^{\bullet-}$ accounted for 12.8%; ROS accounted for 8.5%. As a small part of study, the effect of applied current on CT degradation was investigated, indicating the O_2 evolution at higher current inhibited the CT removal. In addition, the possible transformation pathways of reactive species was suggested.

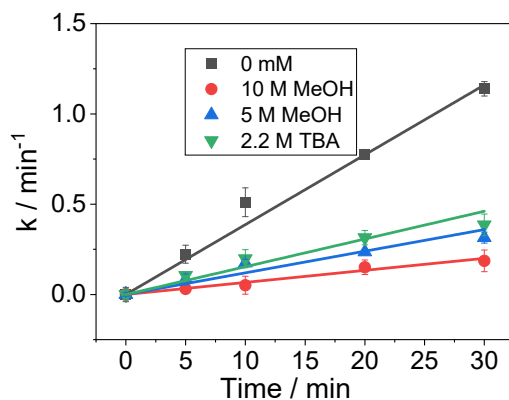


Figure 6. Reaction kinetics of CT in the presence of probes. Experimental conditions: pH = 3, current density $j = 40 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$, $[\text{CT}] = 40 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$, $[\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.05 \text{ M}$.

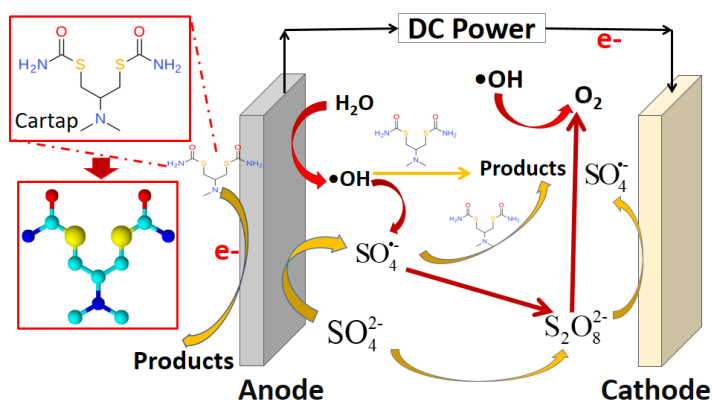


Figure 7. The electrochemical oxidation of CT and the transformation of radicals.

Table. The overview of the contribution of oxidants to CT degradation.

	DET	•OH	SO ₄ • ⁻	other ROS
k_{CT} by oxidant, min ⁻¹	0.007	0.024	0.005	0.003
Contribution, %	15	61.5	12.8	8.5
Concentration	-	$3.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ M}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}$	(no detection)

Conflict of interest

The author declare no competing financial interest.

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Supporting information Text S1: adsorptive possibility of BDD toward organic compounds

To check the change in concentration of CT and organic compounds in the presence of BDD without applied potential, different types of organic compounds were used. Those chosen compounds are dye compounds, which can be adsorbed high by some adsorbent (i.e. active carbon). However, there was no any reduction in concentration of CT and dye compounds (Figure S1), indicating that BDD is a nonadsorptive electrode.

Text S2: spectrum for Cartap detection

The absorbance spectrum of standard CT (in Padan 95SP) in the ranges of interested concentration were recorded in Figure S2 to establish the calibration curve for assessing the degradation of CT. It is also noted that the absorbance spectrum from CT decomposition during electrochemical process did not differ with the presence of other species (i.e. intermediates, electrolytes and pH). Condition for this measurement: 0.2 mL each trail was mixed well with 0.8 mL DTNB solution (1 g L⁻¹ DTNB in methanol) and then with 4 mL buffer solution, as can be seen in detail elsewhere for preparing the sample for UV-Vis measurement [1,2].

Text S3: linear polarization curve

As a side reaction in electrochemical degradation of CT, the oxygen formation at BDD was assessed via linear sweep voltammetry (LSV). Thus, the linear polarization curves of BDD electrode was tested at two different scan rates of 50 and 100 mV s⁻¹ in 0.05 M Na₂SO₄ electrolyte solution, as shown in Figure S4.

It is argued that the oxygen evolution reaction (OER) occurs since the current passing the electrode suddenly increases. Figure S4 shows that the higher OER (1.6 V) can be achieved at slower scan rate (50 mV s⁻¹), indicating the dependence of OER on scan rate. Additionally, the oxygen evolution overvoltage of both cases is pretty lower than that we expected from BDD. It should be kept in mind that the potential for oxygen evolution at anode is just a relative value and it might also differ under the experimental conditions. For example, Costa et al. [3] have pointed out that OER even occurred at the potential less than 2 V vs. SCE at 0.01 M H₂SO₄. They also showed a strong dependence of OER on the organic target, which contributes to a decrease in the potential of oxygen evolution when increasing its concentration. Similarly, O. Davila et al. figured out that the onset potentials for OER in electrolysis of BDD depends on the mixtures with dibenzothiophene (67 mg L⁻¹ at scan rate: 10 mV s⁻¹) [4]. Some authors argued that the oxygen evolution rate decreased when adding organic compounds due to their competition with •OH [5,6]. In our condition, it is not an exceptional when we observed the low EOR. This might be due to the low concentration of supporting electrode (here: 0.05 M Na₂SO₄), dominating the oxygen evolution instead of oxidizing sulfate ions to other species. However, the anodic current is low within the potential interval from 1.50 to 2 V, indicating that not much oxygen was generated. The oxygen evolution at some BDD anodes are depicted in Table S1 below:

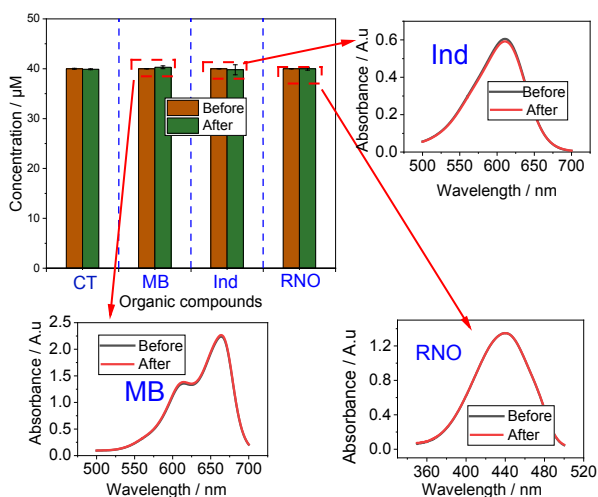


Figure S1. Concentration of organic compounds before and after immersed BDD electrode: CT (Cartap), MB (methylene blue), Ind (indigo carmine), RNO (P-nitrosodimethylaniline). The initial concentration of organic compounds was 40 μM, $V_{\text{solution}} = 100$ mL.

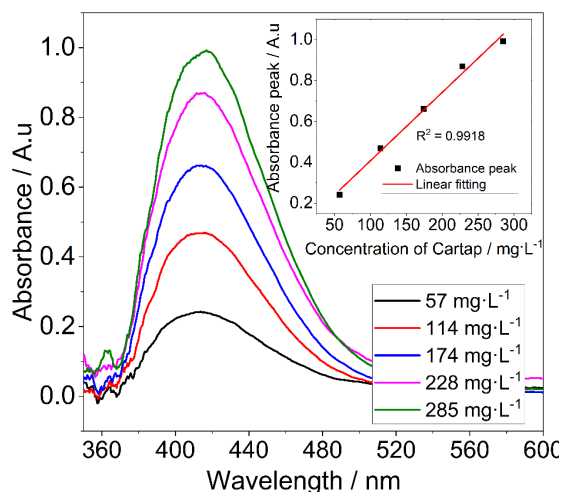


Figure S2. The intensity of absorbance spectra for calculating CT concentration in water. Insert: Calibration plot for calculating CT concentration based on data of Figure 2.

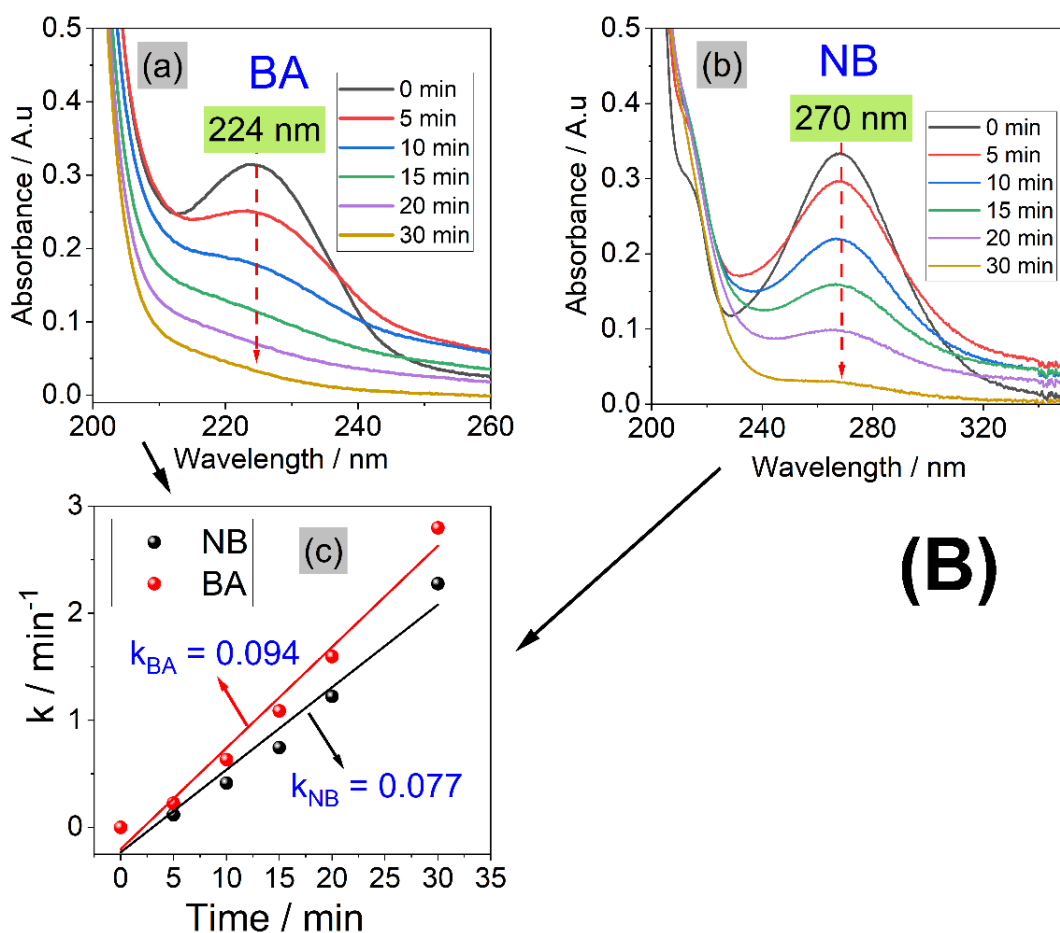


Figure S3. The kinetic degradation of NB and BA (by HPLC detection (A) and by UV-Vis detection (B)) to determine the concentration of $\bullet\text{OH}$ and $\text{SO}_4\bullet^-$. Experimental conditions: $[\text{NB}] = [\text{BA}] = 40 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4] = 0.05 \text{ M}$, $\text{pH} = 3$, $V = 250 \text{ mL}$, current density $j = 40 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$.

Text S4: effect of applied current density

The effect of the applied current density (j) on the CT degradation in the undivided cell is displayed in Figure S5.

As shown in Figure S5, the CT degradation rate increased at higher applied current density. More clearly, this result shows about 70% CT removed after 30 min at $j = 40 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$, meanwhile only 57% at $j = 10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$. The result shows that this process fitted well the pseudo-first order kinetic, which is described by the Eq. (S1):

$$\ln\left(\frac{C_t}{C_0}\right) = -k_{CT}t, \quad (\text{S1})$$

where C_t and C_0 are the concentration of CT at the interval time (t) and the beginning time, respectively. k_{CT} is the apparent rate constant of CT. We perform the degradation kinetic of CT in Figure S5b to determine the change in the k_{CT} versus current density. Obviously, k_{CT} increased from 0.022 min^{-1} to 0.039 min^{-1} (increased by 1.7-folds) when increasing the current density by 4 folds, suggesting that a production of $\bullet\text{OH}$ radicals becomes inefficiently at higher current due to the competing reactions, here is oxygen evolution [10] (see Eq. (S2)). The fact can be demonstrated by mineralization current efficiency (MCE) in our previous paper [11]. This bubble gas can also deactivate surface of anode, thereby reducing the removal efficiency.



Additionally, based on the calculation results for k_{CT} from Figures S5 and S6, and the suggestion of reference [12], we propose the relationship between the degradation rate constant k_{CT} and the applied current density j as the quadratic function, as shown in Figure S6. This function fits well our experimental results ranging from 10 mA cm^{-2} to 40 mA cm^{-2} with R -square of 0.978. Thus, we propose this relationship in Eq. (S3).

$$k_{CT} = 2 \times 10^{-5} j^2 + 5.8 \times 10^{-4} j + 0.019 \quad (\text{S3})$$

Substitute the value k_{CT} from Eq. (1) into Eq. (S3), we obtain the kinetic reaction:

$$-\ln\left(\frac{C_t}{C_0}\right) = (2 \times 10^{-5} j^2 + 5.8 \times 10^{-4} j + 0.019)t, \quad (\text{S4})$$

where C_t and C_0 (μM) are concentration of CT at time intervals t (min) and at the beginning, respectively. j is the current density (mA cm^{-2}).

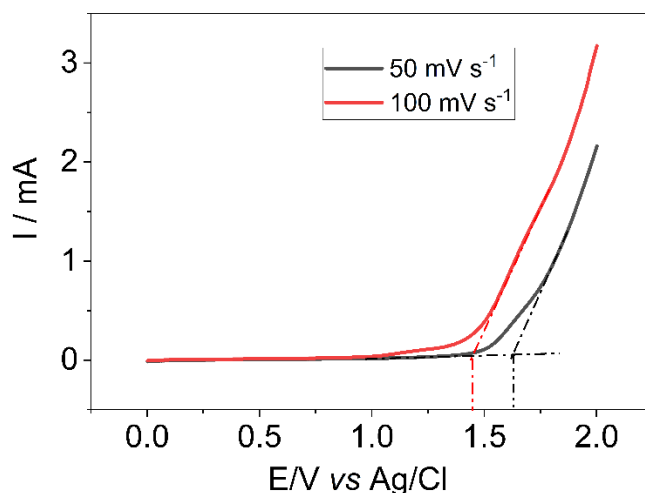


Figure S4. LSV of BDD in 0.05 M Na_2SO_4 at two scan rates. pH = 6.5 and at room temperature.

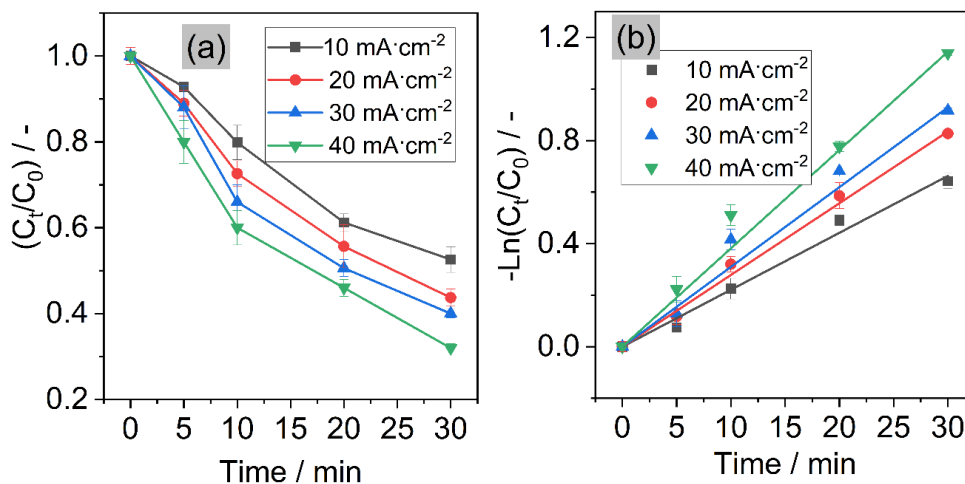


Figure S5. a) Effect of j on CT degradation as a function of time (j from 10 to 40 mA cm⁻²). b) Effect of j on the apparent rate constant. Initial concentration of Padan 95SP (95% CT): 40 μ M, supporting electrolyte: 0.05 M Na₂SO₄, pH = 3, BDD: working electrode.

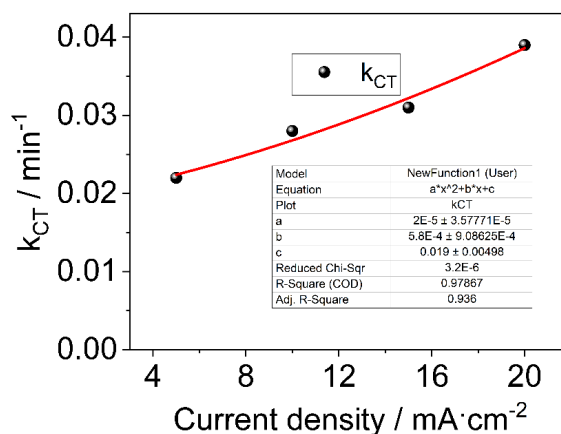


Figure S6. The plot of degradation rate constant versus current density.

Table S1. Potential for oxygen evolution on electrodes.

Anode	E ⁰	Conditions	References
Ti/BDD	2.7 V vs. SHE	0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄	-
Mesh BDD	1.95 V vs. SCE	0.03 M Na ₂ SO ₄ , scan rate: 20 mV s ⁻¹	[7]
BDD	1.5 V vs. SCE	1 M H ₂ SO ₄ , scan rate: 20 mV s ⁻¹	[8]
BDD	0.9 V vs. SCE	0.25 M NaOH + 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄ , scan rate: 100 mV s ⁻¹	[9]
BDD	2 V vs. SCE	0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄ , scan rate: 100 mV s ⁻¹	[9]

Table S2. The kinetic model in electrochemical system.

No.	Reaction	k ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$) / s^{-1}	Reference
HO_x· and SO_x· reactions			
1	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + SO_4^{\cdot-} \rightarrow S_2O_8^{2-}$	$4.0 \times 10^8 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
2	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + OH^- \rightarrow \cdot OH + SO_4^{2-}$	$6.5 \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
3	$\cdot OH + \cdot OH \rightarrow H_2O_2$	$6.1 \times 10^9 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[14]
4	$\cdot OH + OH^- \rightarrow O^{\cdot-} + H_2O$	$1.2 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[15]
5	$\cdot OH + SO_4^{\cdot-} \rightarrow HSO_5^{\cdot-}$	$1.0 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
6	$\cdot OH + H_2O_2 \rightarrow HO_2^{\cdot} + H_2O$	$2.7 \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
7	$HO_2^{\cdot} + HO_2^{\cdot} \rightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$	$8.3 \times 10^5 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[14]
8	$HO_2^{\cdot} \rightarrow O_2^{\cdot-} + H^+$	$7.0 \times 10^5 s^{-1}$	[16]
9	$H_2O_2 \rightarrow HO_2^{\cdot} + H^+$	$1.3 \times 10^{-1} s^{-1}$	[14]
10	$H_2O_2 + O_2^{\cdot-} \rightarrow \cdot OH + OH^- + O_2$	$1.3 \times 10^{-1} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[17]
11	$H_2O_2 + O^{\cdot-} \rightarrow O_2^{\cdot-} + H_2O$	$4.0 \times 10^8 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[15]
12	$HO_2^{\cdot} + H^+ \rightarrow H_2O_2$	$5.0 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[14]
13	$H_2O \rightarrow H^+ + OH^-$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[14]
14	$H^+ + OH^- \rightarrow H_2O$	$1.0 \times 10^{11} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[14]
15	$O_2^{\cdot-} + H^+ \rightarrow HO_2^{\cdot}$	$5.0 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[16]
16	$HO_2^{\cdot} + O_2^{\cdot-} \rightarrow HO_2^{\cdot} + O_2$	$9.7 \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[16]
17	$\cdot OH + HO_2^{\cdot} \rightarrow H_2O + O_2$	$7.1 \times 10^9 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[16]
18	$\cdot OH + O_2^{\cdot-} \rightarrow OH^- + O_2$	$1.0 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[16]
19	$\cdot OH + O^{\cdot-} \rightarrow HO_2^{\cdot}$	$1.0 \times 10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[15]
20	$\cdot OH + HO_2^{\cdot} \rightarrow H_2O + O_2^{\cdot-}$	$7.5 \times 10^9 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
21	$\cdot OH + HSO_5^{\cdot-} \rightarrow SO_5^{\cdot-} + H_2O$	$1.7 \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
22	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + HSO_5^{\cdot-} \rightarrow SO_5^{\cdot-} + HSO_4^-$	$1.0 \times 10^5 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[18]
23	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + S_2O_8^{2-} \rightarrow SO_4^{2-} + S_2O_8^{\cdot-}$	$6.1 \times 10^5 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[18]
24	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow HO_2^{\cdot} + HSO_4^-$	$1.2 \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
25	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow HO_2^{\cdot} + H^+ + SO_4^{2-}$	$1.2 \times 10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[19]
26	$HSO_4^- + \cdot OH \rightarrow SO_4^{\cdot-} + H_2O$	$6.9 \times 10^5 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
27	$2SO_5^{\cdot-} \rightarrow 2SO_4^{\cdot-} + O_2$	$1.0 \times 10^8 s^{-1}$	[13]
28	$2SO_5^{\cdot-} \rightarrow S_2O_8^{2-} + O_2$	$2.2 \times 10^8 s^{-1}$	[20]
29	$HSO_4^- \rightarrow SO_4^{2-} + H^+$	$1.2 \times 10^{-2} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[13]
CT reactions			
Primary radicals with CT			
30	$\cdot OH + CT \rightarrow pro$	$10^9-10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	Estimated
31	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + CT \rightarrow pro + SO_4^{2-}$	$10^9-10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	Estimated
Secondary radicals with CT			
32	$Cl^{\cdot} + CT \rightarrow pro$	$10^9-10^{10} M^{-1}s^{-1}$	Estimated
33	$Cl_2^{\cdot-} + CT \rightarrow pro$	-	-
34	$CO_3^{\cdot-} + CT \rightarrow pro$	$10^6-10^7 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	Estimated
Chloride reactions			
35	$SO_4^{\cdot-} + Cl^- \rightarrow SO_4^{2-} + Cl^{\cdot}$	$4.7 \times 10^8 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[18]
36	$SO_4^{2-} + Cl^{\cdot} \rightarrow SO_4^{\cdot-} + Cl^-$	$2.5 \times 10^8 M^{-1}s^{-1}$	[18]

Table S2 (Continued).

37	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{ClOH}^\cdot$	$4.3 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
38	$\text{ClOH}^\cdot + \text{Cl}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{OH}^\cdot$	$1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
39	$\text{ClOH}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + \cdot\text{OH}$	$6.1 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
40	$\text{ClOH}^\cdot + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$2.1 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
41	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{Cl}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2^\cdot$	$6.5 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
42	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{Cl}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2$	$1.0 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
43	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HClOH}$	$2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
44	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ClOH}^\cdot + \text{H}^+$	$1.6 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
45	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{OH}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{ClOH}^\cdot + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$4.5 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
46	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{OH}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{ClOH}^\cdot$	$1.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
47	$\text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{HCl}$	$5.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
48	$\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$8.6 \times 10^{16} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
49	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cl}_3^\cdot$	$2.0 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
50	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
51	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{Cl}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{Cl}^\cdot$	$8.3 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
52	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{HO}_2^\cdot$	$4.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
53	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{HO}_2^\cdot + \text{H}^+$	$1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[16]
54	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HClOH} + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$1.3 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
55	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
56	$\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{HOCl} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{OH}^\cdot$	$1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[16]
57	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{O}_2^\cdot \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{O}_2$	$1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
58	$\text{HOCl} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{ClO}^\cdot$	$1.6 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$	[14]
59	$\text{H}^+ + \text{ClO}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{HOCl}$	$5.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
60	$\text{HClOH} \rightarrow \text{ClOH}^\cdot + \text{H}^+$	$1.0 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$	[14]
61	$\text{HClOH} \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$1.0 \times 10^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$	[14]
62	$\text{HClOH} + \text{Cl}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$5.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
63	$\text{Cl}_3^\cdot + \text{HO}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{HCl} + \text{O}_2$	$1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
64	$\text{Cl}_3^\cdot + \text{O}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{O}_2$	$3.8 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
65	$\text{Cl}_3^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$	[14]
66	$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{O}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{O}_2$	$1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
67	$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{HO}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2$	$1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[13]
68	$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2\text{OH}^\cdot + \text{H}^+$	$1.5 \times 10^1 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
69	$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
70	$\text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{HCl} + \text{O}_2$	$1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
71	$\text{Cl}_2\text{OH}^\cdot + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$2.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
72	$\text{Cl}_2\text{OH}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{HOCl} + \text{Cl}^\cdot$	$6.1 \times 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$	[14]
73	$\text{HOCl} + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{ClO}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$2.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[13]
74	$\text{HOCl} + \text{O}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{OH}^\cdot + \text{O}_2$	$7.5 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[13]
75	$\text{HOCl} + \text{HO}_2^\cdot \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$	$7.5 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
76	$\text{HOCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$	$1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
77	$\text{ClO}^\cdot + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{ClO}^\cdot + \text{OH}^\cdot$	$8.8 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
78	$\text{ClO}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$	$1.7 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
79	$\text{ClO}^\cdot + \text{O}_2^\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Cl}^\cdot + 2\text{OH}^\cdot + \text{O}_2$	$2.0 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
80	$\text{Cl}_2^\cdot + \text{HO}_2^\cdot \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^\cdot + \text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2$	$3.0 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]

Table S2 (Continued).

CO₃²⁻ reactions			
81	$\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$	$5 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[21]
82	$\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{OH}^-$	$3.9 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[15]
83	$\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{SO}_4^{\cdot-} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$6.1 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[22]
84	$\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{Cl}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{Cl}^-$	$5 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[23]
85	$\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{Cl}_2^{\cdot-} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + 2\text{Cl}^-$	$1.6 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[21]
86	$\text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{ClO}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{ClO}^-$	$6 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[24]
87	$\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$	$5 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[25]
88	$\text{HCO}_3^- + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$8.6 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[15]
89	$\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{Cl}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{HCl}$	$2.2 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[23]
90	$\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{Cl}_2^{\cdot-} \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^- + \text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-}$	$8.0 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[21]
91	$\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{SO}_4^{\cdot-} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{SO}_4^{2-} + \text{H}^+$	$9.1 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[26]
92	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}^+$	$1.0 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[14]
93	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{H}^+$	$2.5 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[27]
94	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{HO}_2^{\cdot}$	$4.3 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[28]
95	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{HO}_2^{\cdot} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{HO}_2^{\cdot}$	$3 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[28]
96	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{pro}$	$3 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[29]
97	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} \rightarrow \text{pro}$	$3 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[29]
98	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{O}_2^{\cdot-} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{O}_2$	$6 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[29]
99	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + 2\text{Br}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{Br}_2^-$	$3.4 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[24]
100	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-} + \text{ClO}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{ClO}^{\cdot}$	$5.1 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	[30]
NOM reactions			
101	$\text{NOM} + \text{HO}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \text{X}$	$2.5 \times 10^4 (\text{mg L}^{-1})^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	[31]
102	$\text{NOM} + \text{SO}_4^{\cdot-} \rightarrow \text{X}$	$5.1 \times 10^3 (\text{mg L}^{-1})^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	[25]

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