

Supporting Information for

MOF-Like 3D Graphene-Based Catalytic Membrane Fabricated by One Step Laser Scribing for Robust Water Purification and Green Energy Production

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S1 Laser Scribing Mechanism

The transformation of MOF precursors to 3D-GCM is a photothermal process. Upon laser irradiation, the MOF were instantly pyrolyzed by pyrolysis and form a 3D graphene. Simultaneously, due to the high-power intensity of the short pulse laser and the constraints of the slide, high local temperatures up to 2200 K can be achieved during the laser scribing, forming a reducing atmosphere to prevent the oxidation of MNPs. Finally, 3D graphene loaded with metal nanoparticles is realized by laser scribing.

S2 Characterizations of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM

The Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) data of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM is shown in Fig. S2a, which confirms the surface area of the materials. The BET surface area reveals the high surface area of the 3D-GCM after laser scribing. The XPS spectra of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM shows a predominant peak of C 1s at 284.3 eV and O 1s at 530.9 eV (Fig. S2b, c). The FTIR spectrum of the Cu/Pd@3D-GCM is shown in Fig. S2d. The intensity of the absorption peaks at

approximately 3000-3400 cm^{-1} , can be attributed to the O-H bond stretching of surface-active carbon. The peaks at 1645, 1639, and 1480 cm^{-1} corresponding to the C=O symmetric and asymmetric modes, are greatly reduced in the spectra of 3D-GCM. These results can be ascribed to both reductions of GO to graphene and deposition of MNPs. The high-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) and Energy-dispersive X-ray Spectrometry (EDS) mapping results are shown in Fig. S3. The uniform elemental distribution of MNPs and C indicates the uniformity and density of the MNPs.

Rhodamine B (RhB) as the contaminant model was filtered from the membranes at 0.1 bar and the permeated solution was collected after filtration to measure contaminant concentrations and recorded the corresponding fluid volumes of permeation. Figure S4 presents the RhB removal efficiency and flux of the Cu/Pd@3D-GCM. In addition, H_2O_2 and UV light was used for the catalytic degradation of pollutants. The separation ability could recover almost 100% of the initial value after 5 cycles of testing.

S3 HRTEM Images and XPS Spectrum of Cu@3D-GCM and Cu/Ag@3D-GCM

Cu@3D-GCM and Cu/Ag@3D-GCM were also prepared using the laser scribing. The TEM image and XPS spectrum are shown in Fig. S7-9. Similar to the Cu/Pd@3D-GCM, these samples show a sheet-like or graphene-like structure, where Cu and Cu/Ag nanoparticles distribute in 3D-graphene homogeneously. The HRTEM image further shows that the lattice fringes of Cu(111) and Ag(111) are observed to be 0.205 nm and 0.235 nm in the amplified TEM photograph, respectively. The results clearly confirm the successful anchoring/deposition of MNPs inside the 3D-graphene.

In addition, the XPS spectra for the as-prepared samples shows a predominant peak of C 1s at 284.3 eV and O 1s at 530.9 eV (Fig. S8-9). The main peaks at 932.6 and 952.08 eV have two shakeup peaks at about 941.375 and 962.375 eV, which proves the presence of Cu^{2+} . Furthermore, the high-resolution XPS spectrum of Cu and Ag for Cu/Ag@3D-GCM shows the Cu 2p and Ag 3d states, respectively. The results show that MNPs were successfully synthesized by laser scribing.

S4 Simulation of Electromagnetic Field Distribution and Temperature Distribution

In order to further depict the localized surface plasmonic resonance (LSPR), the optical spectra and temperature distribution of copper nanoparticles anchored on graphene were simulated with finite element methods using a photothermal-coupling module.

S4.1 Electromagnetic Field Distribution and Absorption Simulation

The modeled structures are illustrated in Fig.S10a. The computational domain is a cubic volume whose edge length is set to 4 times the diameter of the particles. The spherical particles are placed in a body-centered cubic arrangement. A single-layer graphene sheet, which is treated as a conductivity surface in the modeling, is then placed on the surface of the particles. The dielectric function of Cu is taken from the Handbook of Optical Constants of Solids. The dielectric function of graphene is taken from the Drude model [S1].

The dynamic in-plane conductivity (ω) of graphene is derived from the Kubo formula with both intraband and interband contributions. Assuming $k_B T \ll |E_f|$ and $\hbar\omega$, the intraband contribution can be simplified into the Drude-like form [S2-S4].

$$\sigma_{intra} = \frac{2e^2 k_B T}{\pi \hbar^2} \ln \left[2 \text{Cosh} \left(\frac{E_f}{2k_B T} \right) \right] \frac{i}{\omega + i\gamma} \quad (\text{S1})$$

The interband conductivity can be approximated as

$$\sigma_{inter} = -i \frac{e^2}{4\hbar^2} \ln \left[\frac{2|E_f| - (\omega - i\gamma^{-1})\hbar}{2|E_f| + (\omega - i\gamma^{-1})\hbar} \right] \quad (\text{S2})$$

Where ω is the angular frequency, e is the charge of an electron, $\hbar = h/2\pi$ is the reduced Planck constant, k_B is Boltzmann's constant, T is the temperature, E_f is Fermi energy of graphene, and γ is the carrier relaxation time.

According to the intraband and interband contributions, the complex permittivity of graphene (ω) is obtained from the complex conductivity:

$$\sigma = \sigma_{intra} + \sigma_{inter} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon + \frac{i\sigma}{\omega \varepsilon_0 t_g} \quad (\text{S4})$$

Where ε is the out-of-plane component of the effective dielectric permittivity tensor set equal to 1, ε_0 is the permittivity of free space, and t_g is the thickness of graphene.

To simplify calculations, floquet-periodic boundary conditions were used on four sides of the unit cell to simulate the infinite 2D array. The perfectly matched layers (PMLs) on the top and bottom of the unit cell absorb the excited mode from the source port and any higher-order modes generated by the periodic structure. The computational domain was discretized by a structured mesh. The simulation of the field distribution and at and around the Cu nanoparticles was carried out with a rigorous Maxwell's solver based on the finite element methods. The implementation of the method dealt with a large number of degrees of freedom needed for the simulation of multiscale structures involving plasmonic effects. The electromagnetic field distribution (Fig. S10) of Cu at 350 nm was obtained by a fit to the Drude model of the empirical data.

S4.2 Temperature Simulation

The temperature distribution was simulated by the steady-state 3D axisymmetric Heat Transfer module in the Solids model. The incident light was absorbed in the copper nanoparticles anchored on graphene, which was modeled as the surface heat source with a boundary temperature of 293.15 K. As shown in Fig. S8, the heating area of nanoparticles contains the entire cube area and the temperature rises rapidly with time.

S5 Calculation Details

To further study the effect of different compositions on HER production, density functional theory (DFT) [S5] calculations for hydrogen adsorption energy were implemented by employing Vienna Ab initio Simulation Package (VASP) code [S6, S7], which is based on the projector augmented-wave technique [S8, S9]. A Pd-doped Cu alloy supercell surface covered by a layer of graphene was used as the basic model, which includes 48 metal atoms and 32 carbon atoms. Moreover, the vacuum layer thickness along the c axis was no less than 1.5 nm for any model supercell. For all calculations, the exchange-correlation energy was treated using the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) within the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) [S10] functional form. The plane wave energy cutoff was fixed to be 500 eV. Owing to the existence of van der Waals interactions, the DFT-D2 correction was included in our calculations. The convergence criterion for total energy was set to 1.0×10^{-5} eV. The force convergence

criterion was set to $0.02 \text{ eV } \text{\AA}^{-1}$ in each direction. The Brillouin zones for surface models were sampled by $3 \times 3 \times 1$ equal-spacing Monkhorst-Pack k-point mesh.

The adsorption Gibbs free energy of intermediate hydrogen (ΔG_{H^*}) on the catalyst is the descriptor for evaluating the HER performance. The adsorption energy is calculated as $\Delta G_{\text{H}^*} = \Delta E_{\text{H}^*} + \Delta \text{ZPE} - T\Delta S$, where ΔE is the adsorption energy of the corresponding intermediate species, ΔZPE is the zero-point energy variation after adsorption, ΔS is the entropy change after adsorption.

S6 Adsorption Kinetics

Adsorption kinetics has been widely studied to describe the adsorption process and mechanism. Kinetics analyses are conducted by using the pseudo-first-order, pseudo-second-order model, which are applied to fit experimental data obtained from experiments [S11, S12]. The equation of pseudo-first-order and the pseudo-second-order kinetic model could be expressed as follows:

$$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = k_1(q_e - q_t) \quad (\text{S5})$$

$$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = k_2(q_e - q_t)^2 \quad (\text{S6})$$

Linear transformations of pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order kinetic models are, respectively:

$$\text{Log}(q_e - q_t) = \text{Log}q_e - \frac{k_1}{e}t \quad (\text{S7})$$

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{1}{q_e}t \quad (\text{S8})$$

Where t , q_e , and q_t represent time, the adsorption capability at equilibrium and at a certain time t , respectively. k_1 and k_2 are the rate constant of pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order model, respectively. The values of q_e , k_1 , and k_2 are calculated from the slopes of their respective graphs.

S7 Supplementary Figures and Tables

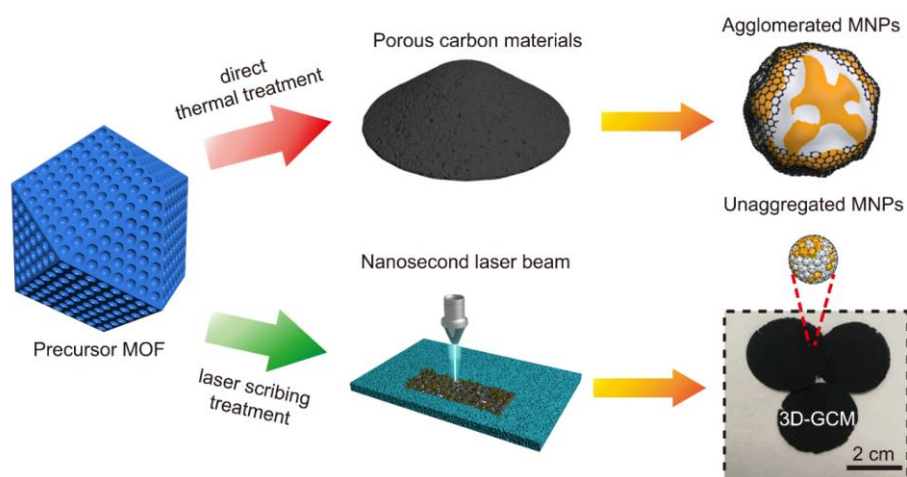


Fig. S1 The process for the preparation of metal-loaded 3D-GCM by laser scribing

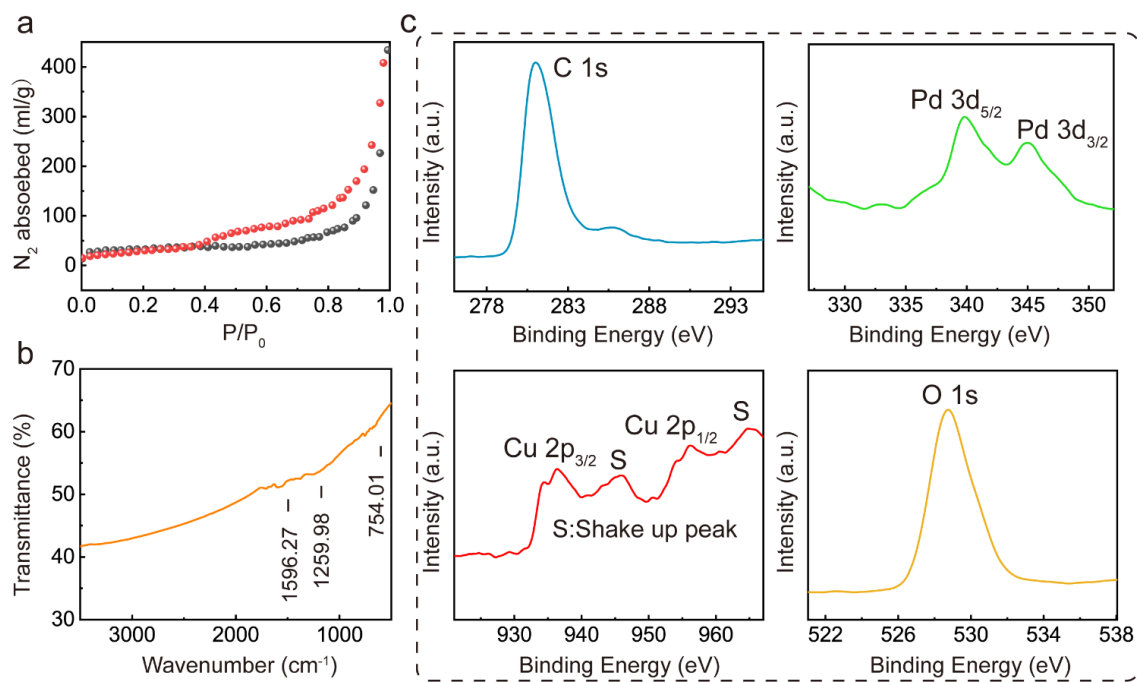


Fig. S2 **a** N_2 adsorption/desorption isotherm. **b** FTIR spectra of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM. **c** XPS spectra of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM

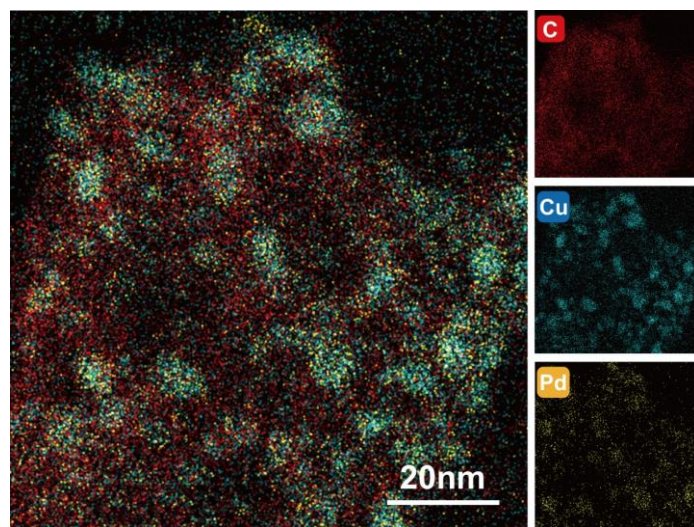


Fig. S3 EDS mappings and corresponding EDS mappings of C, Cu, Pd of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM

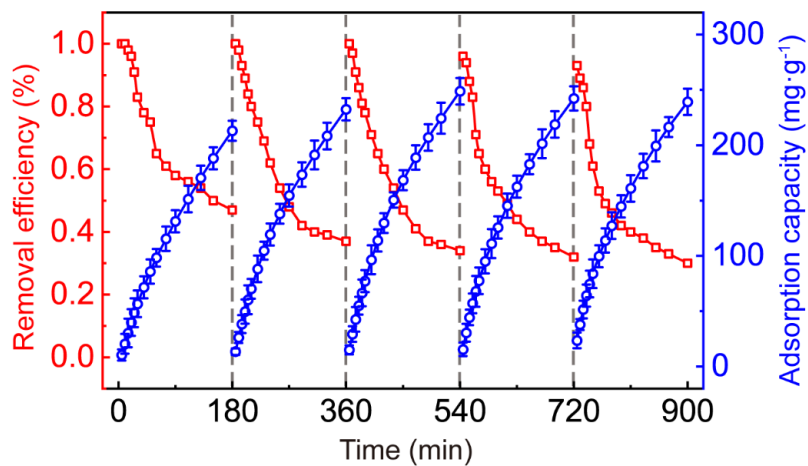


Fig. S4 Removal efficiency and adsorption capacity for RhB of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM during 3h. The removal efficiency could recover almost 100% of the initial value and adsorption capacity increased slightly after 5 cycles of testing

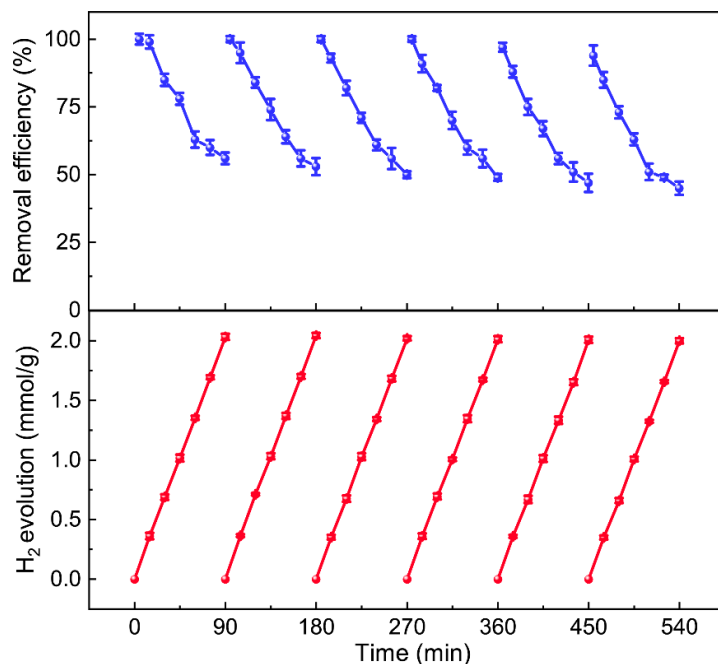


Fig. S5 Five times recycling for removal efficiency and H₂ evolution of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM during 540 mins

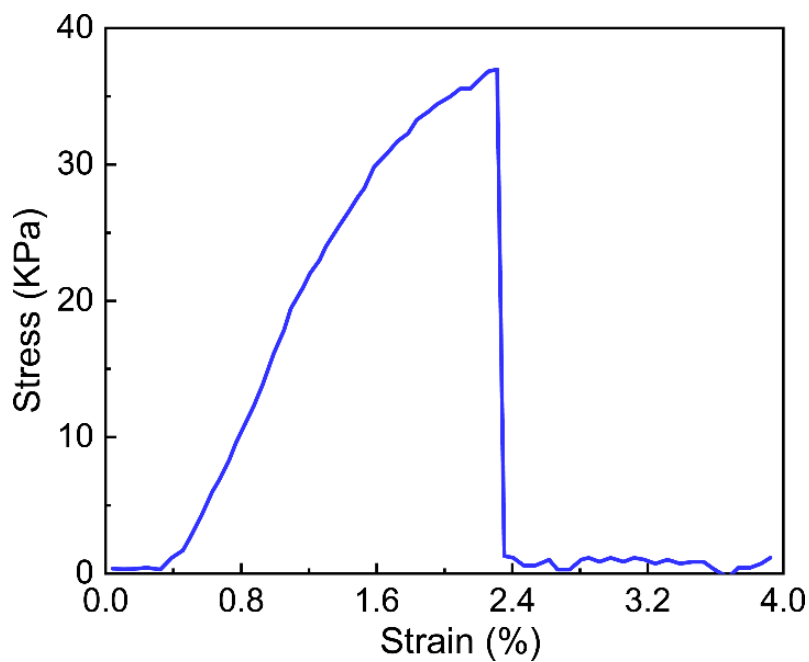


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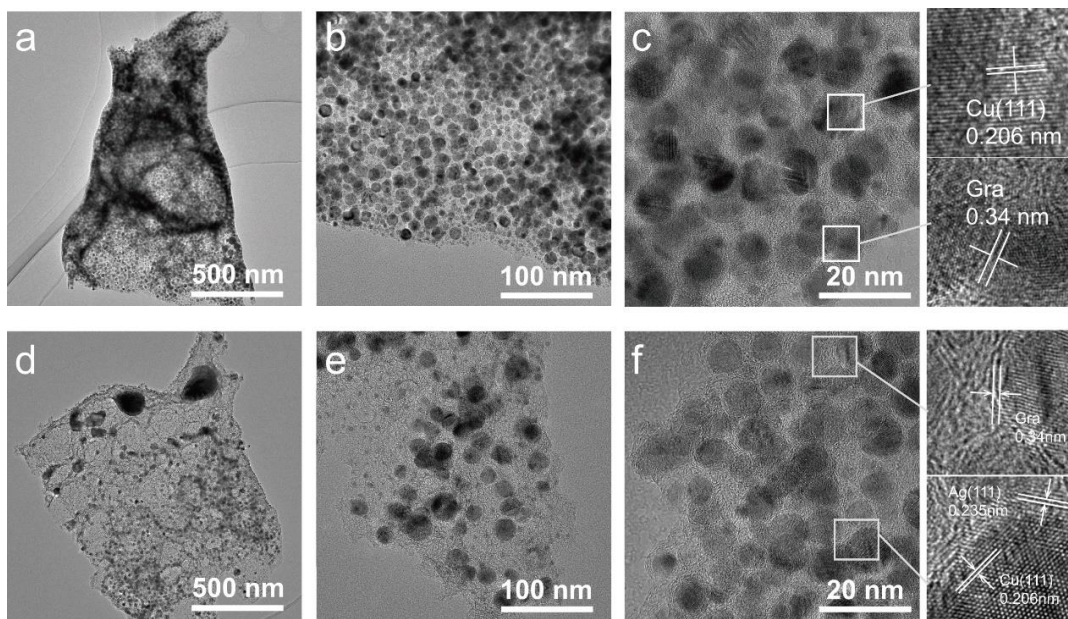


Fig. S7 a-c TEM images, and HRTEM images of Cu@3D-GCM. d-f TEM images, and HRTEM images Cu/Ag@3D-GCM

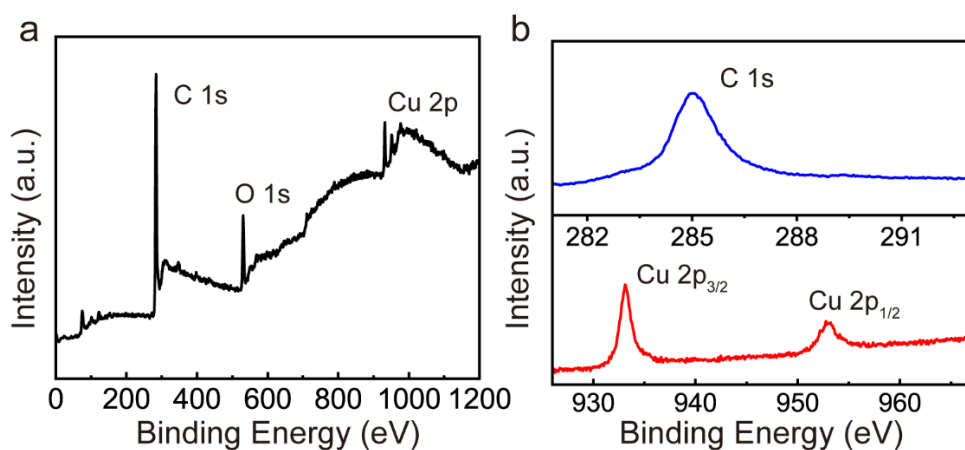


Fig. S8 a XPS spectra of Cu@3D-GCM. b High-resolution XPS spectra of Cu@3D-GCM

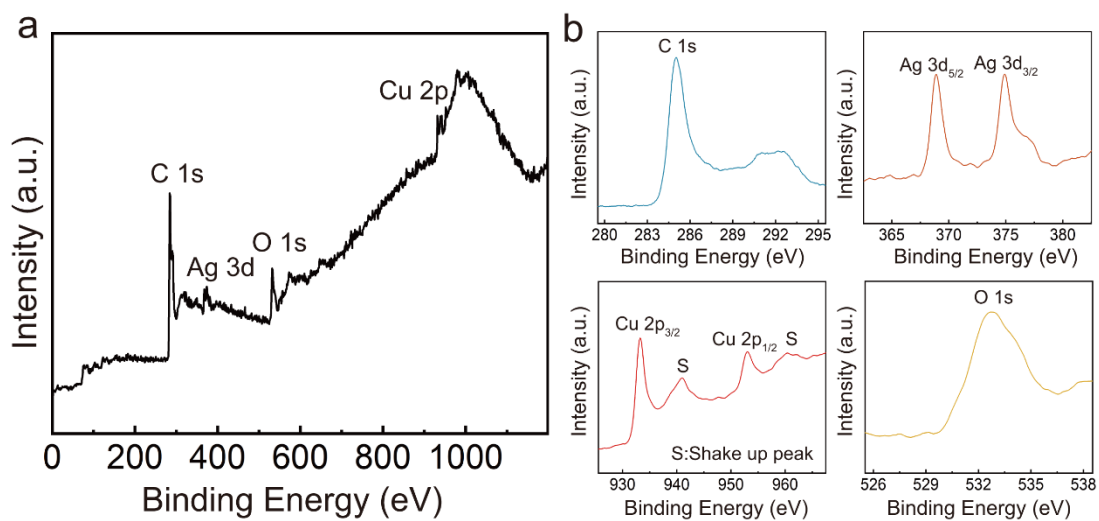


Fig. S9 a XPS spectra of Cu/Ag@3D-GCM. b high-resolution XPS spectra of Cu/Ag@3D-GCM

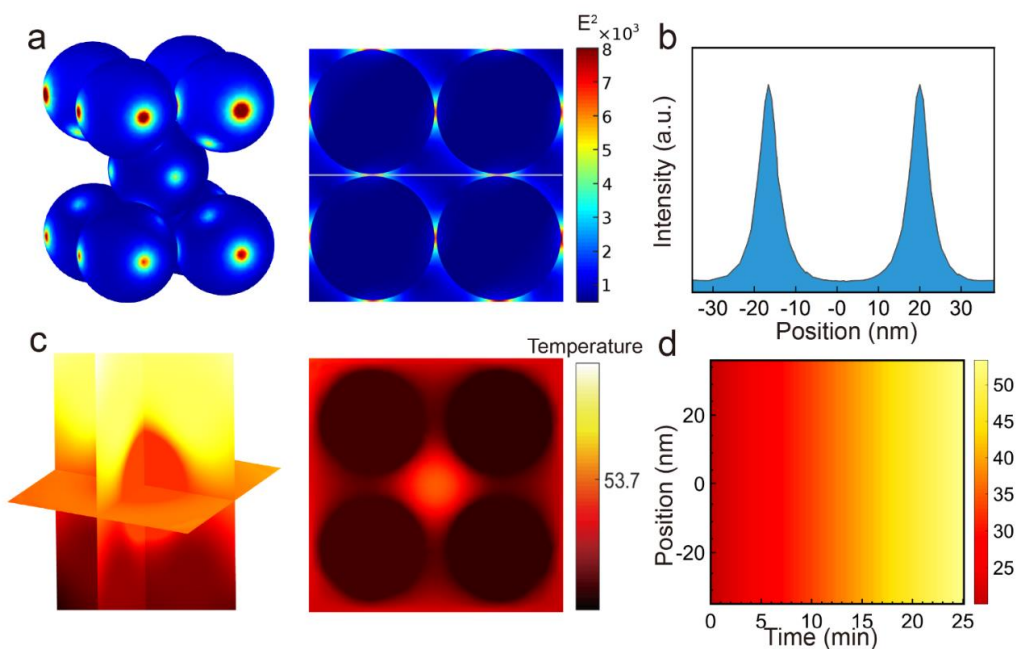


Fig. S10 Spatial distribution of the enhancement of electric field intensity and temperature change at the wavelength of 350 nm of 3D-GCM

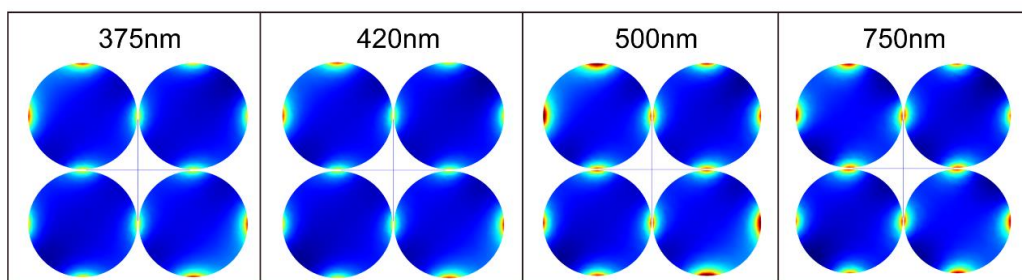


Fig. S11 Spatial distribution of the enhancement of electric field intensity of Cu/Pd@3D-GCM at the wavelength of 375 nm, 420 nm, 500 nm, and 750 nm

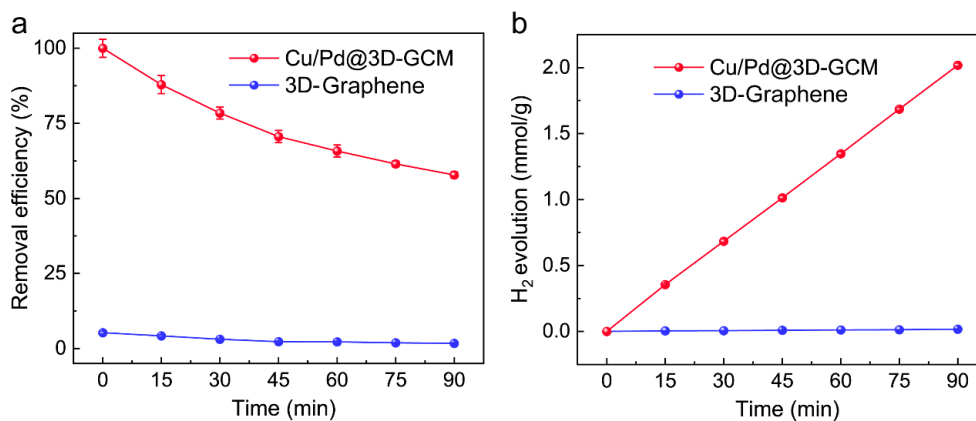


Fig. S12 Removal efficiency and H₂ evolution of Cu/Pd@3D-Graphene and 3D-GCM

Table S1 Fitting data of the pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order kinetics model of 3D-GCM for five cycles

Cycles	RhB			Quasi-second-order dynamics		
	Quasi-first-order dynamics					
	k_1 ($\text{g}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$)	q_e ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	R^2	k_1 ($\text{g}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$)	q_e ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	R^2
1	0.0066	299.9698	0.9984	$1.0402\cdot 10^{-5}$	452.4887	0.9913
2	0.0093	278.4802	0.9980	$1.6067\cdot 10^{-5}$	416.6667	0.9972
3	0.0098	292.4709	0.9983	$1.6606\cdot 10^{-5}$	432.9004	0.9982
4	0.0101	279.8460	0.9961	$2.0286\cdot 10^{-5}$	396.8254	0.9920
5	0.0103	264.0653	0.9938	$2.2996\cdot 10^{-5}$	367.6471	0.9865

Table S2 Fitting data of the pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order kinetics models of 3D-GCM for multiple pollutants

Pollutions	Quasi-first-order dynamics			Quasi-second-order dynamics		
	k_1 ($\text{g}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$)	q_e ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	R^2	k_1 ($\text{g}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$)	q_e ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	R^2
RhB	0.0066	299.9698	0.9984	$1.0402\cdot 10^{-5}$	452.4887	0.9913
MB	0.0052	346.1912	0.9994	$5.9103\cdot 10^{-6}$	561.7978	0.9955
MO	0.0048	374.8391	0.9990	$6.2096\cdot 10^{-6}$	561.7978	0.9857
PNP	0.0086	87.5882	0.9957	$5.6960\cdot 10^{-5}$	122.3990	0.9836
AMX	0.0107	63.1786	0.9958	$9.9838\cdot 10^{-5}$	88.1834	0.9915
DCP	0.0099	73.5658	0.9990	$6.7387\cdot 10^{-5}$	108.5776	0.9989
BPA	0.0096	87.6858	0.9978	$5.6420\cdot 10^{-5}$	128.2051	0.9967

Table S3 Comparison of adsorption performance of typical graphene-based catalysts

Adsorbents	q_e (mg/g)	Reference
RGO-MnFe ₂ O ₄	23.0	[13]
3D RGO-based hydrogels	29.44	[14]
GO-zeolite	55.6	[15]
carboxy-GO/zeolite	67.6	[16]
GO-PDA layer	87.03	[17]
MOF-5@GO	151.5	[18]
In-MOF @GO-2	267.0	[19]
Cu/Pd@3D-GM	299.96	this work

Table S4 Comparison of the photodegradation and photocatalytic H₂ evolution performance of typical graphene-based catalysts

Catalysts	H ₂ evolution (umol h ⁻¹ g ⁻¹)	Degradation rate constant	Light type	Recyclability (Form)	Reference
CdS - Graphene	1890	—	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[20]
Cu - rGO	59000	—	near-infrared	Difficult (Powder)	[21]
Cu/TiO ₂ - graphene	1150	—	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[22]
Cu - graphene	3940	—	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[23]
Au/Pt - rGO	1000	—	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[24]
Au - Graphene	—	0.0025 min ⁻¹ (Methylene blue)	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[25]
Ag - Graphene	—	0.0029 min ⁻¹ (Methylene blue) 0.0077 min ⁻¹ (Congo red)	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[26]
Ag/Au - graphene sheets	—	0.6070 min ⁻¹ (4-Nitrophenol)	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[27]
TiO ₂ - graphene	1260	0.0584 min ⁻¹ (Evans blue dye)	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[28]
CdSe - graphene	335	0.0091 min ⁻¹ (rhodamine B) 0.0144 min ⁻¹ (safranin O)	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Difficult (Powder)	[29]
ZnO - rGO/C Sponge	14.6	0.0137 min ⁻¹ (rhodamine B)	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Easy (Membrane)	[30]
Cu/Pd@3D-GCM	1374	0.0459 min ⁻¹ (rhodamine B)	Visible light (λ > 420 nm)	Easy (Membrane)	This work

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