

## Supporting information

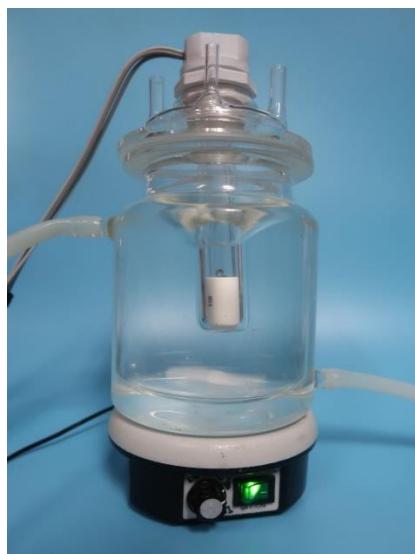


Fig.S1 the experimental setup used by UVC-S(IV)-O<sub>2</sub> system.

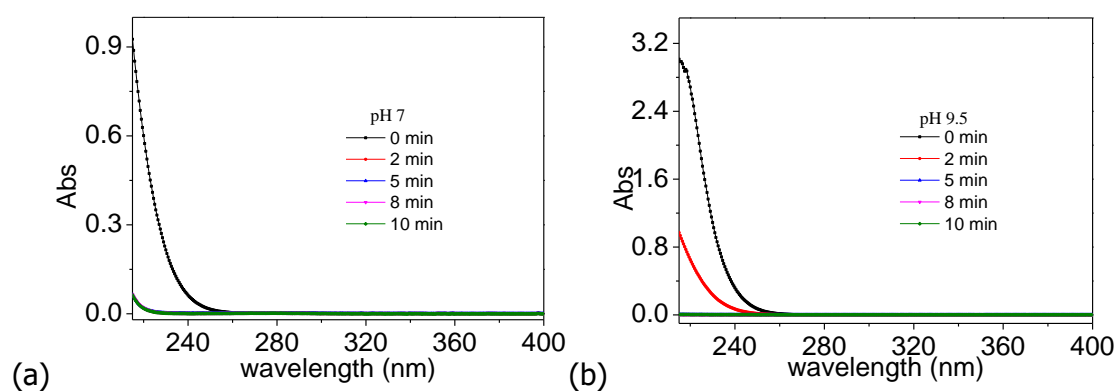


Fig. S2. The changes of S(IV) spectrum in the UVC-S(IV)-O<sub>2</sub> system during reaction time. Initial conditions: [S(IV)]<sub>0</sub> = 2 mM, [As(III)]<sub>0</sub> = 5 μM. pH 7 or 9.5.

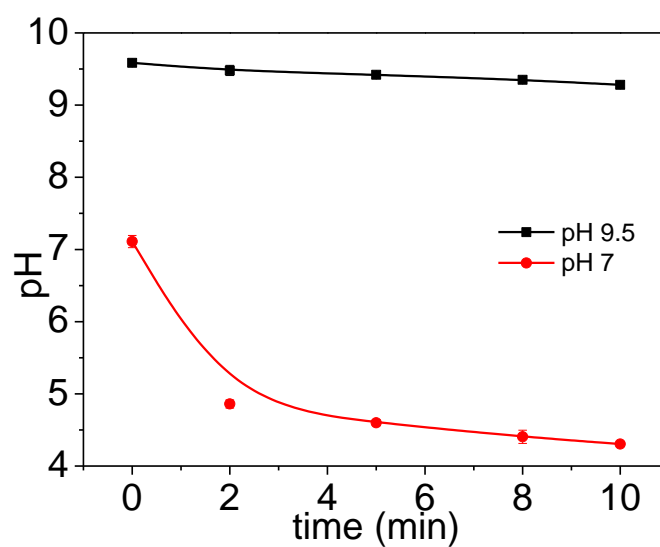


Fig. S3. The changes of pH in the UVC-S(IV)-O<sub>2</sub> system during reaction time. Initial conditions: [S(IV)]<sub>0</sub> = 2 mM, [As(III)]<sub>0</sub> = 5 μM. pH 7 or 9.5.

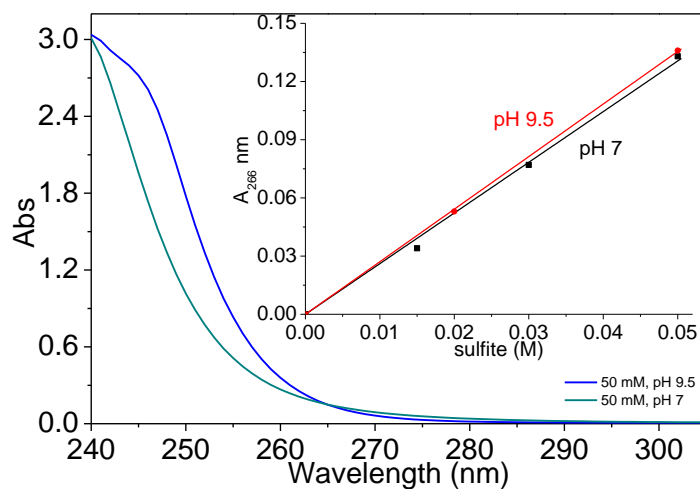


Fig. S4. Absorption spectra of 50 mM sulfite at pH 7 and 9.5 in 1 cm optical cell. Insert – the dependence of absorbance at 266 nm upon S(IV) for pH 7 and pH 9.5.

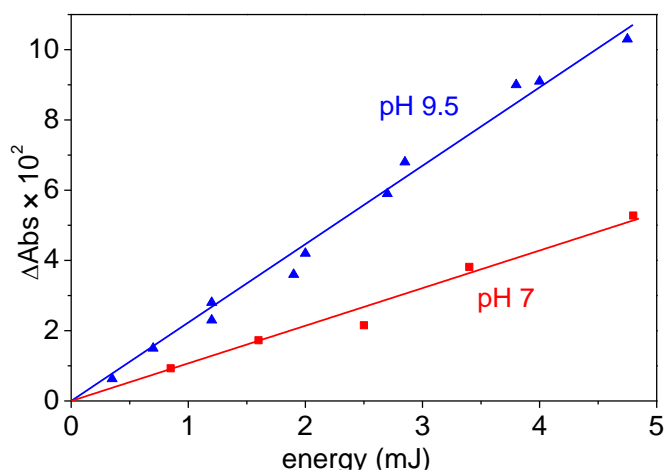


Fig. S5. Dependence of the yield of  $e_{aq}^-$  absorbance at 720 nm upon energy of excitation at pH 7 and 9.5.