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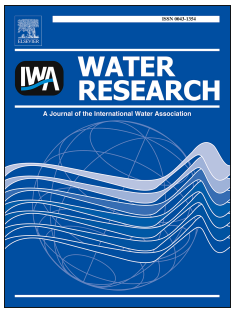

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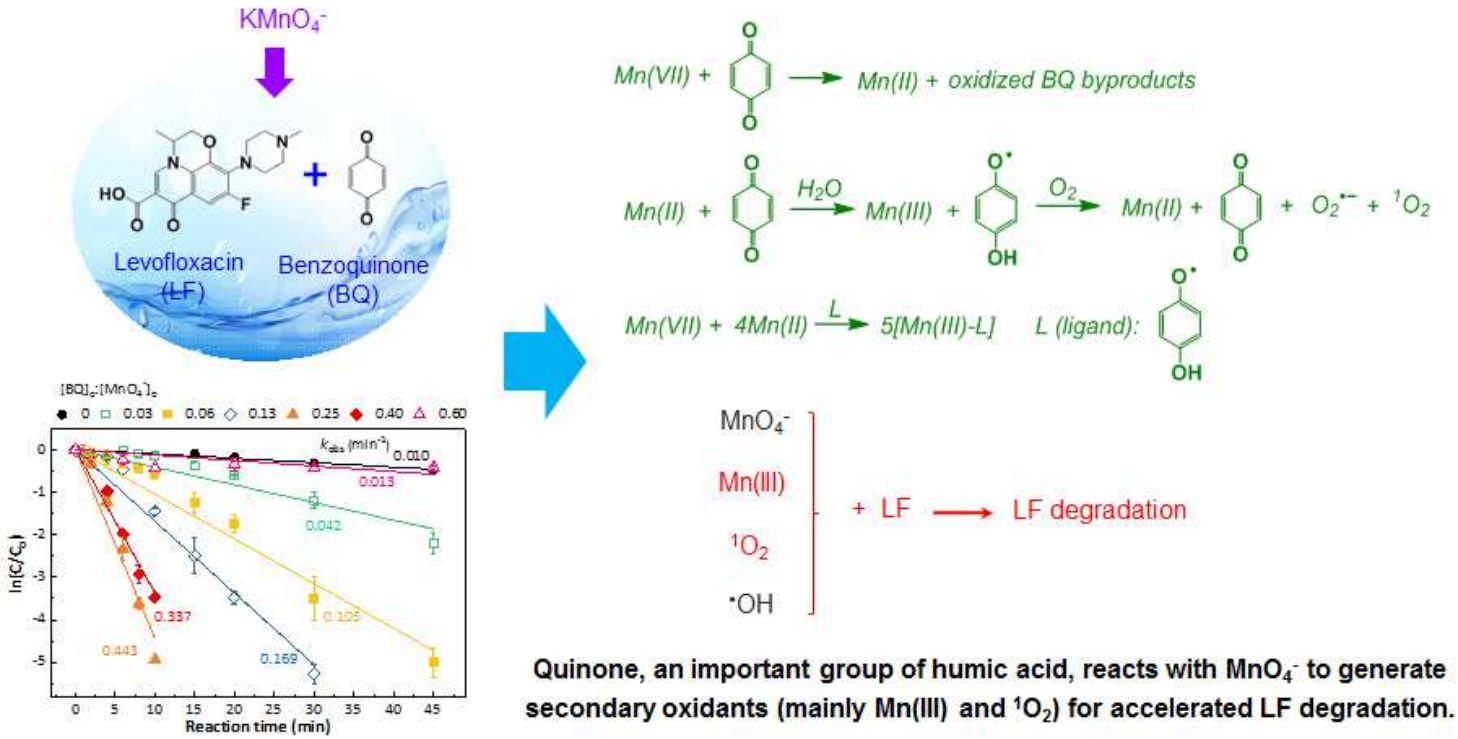

Quinone, an important group of humic acid, reacts with MnO_4^- to generate secondary oxidants (mainly Mn(III) and $^1O_2$) for accelerated LF degradation.