

## **Supporting information**

**Toward better understanding vacuum ultraviolet-iodide induced  
photolysis via hydrogen peroxide formation, iodine species change, and  
difluoroacetic acid degradation**

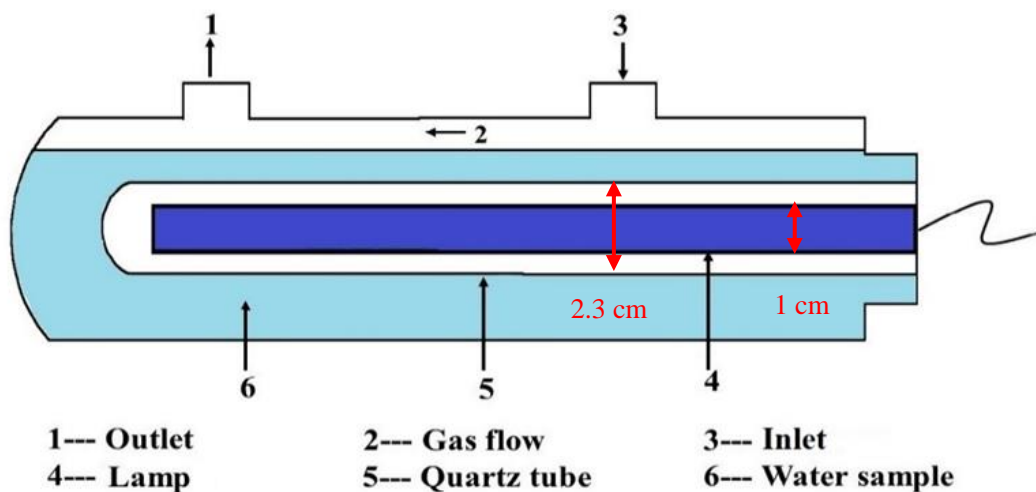
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**Figure S1. Diagram (top) and real picture (bottom) of the UV/VUV photoreactor used in this study.**  
 The reactor was placed horizontally. Outlet (1) was used for samples retrieving. Inlet (3) was used for purging N<sub>2</sub>.

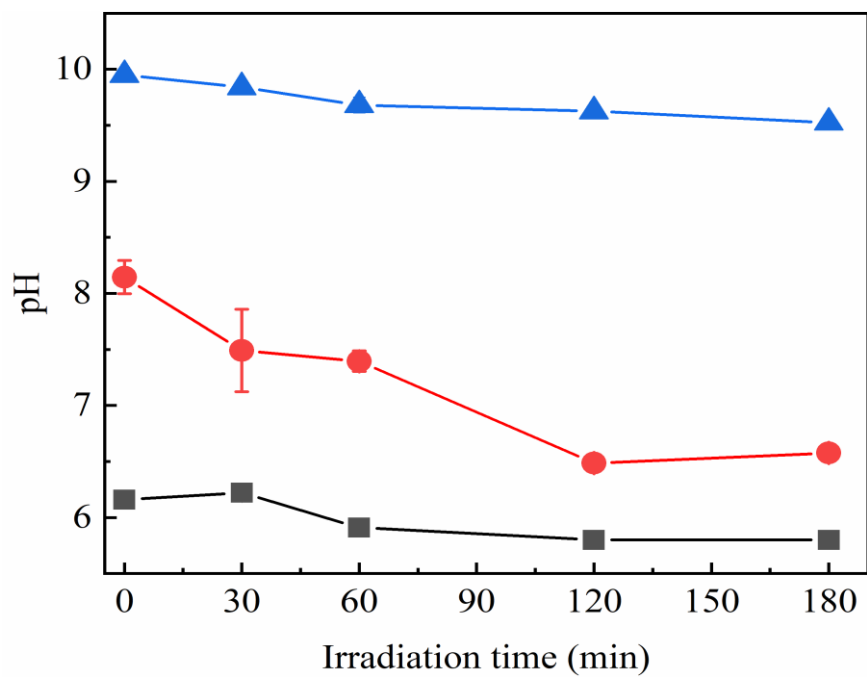
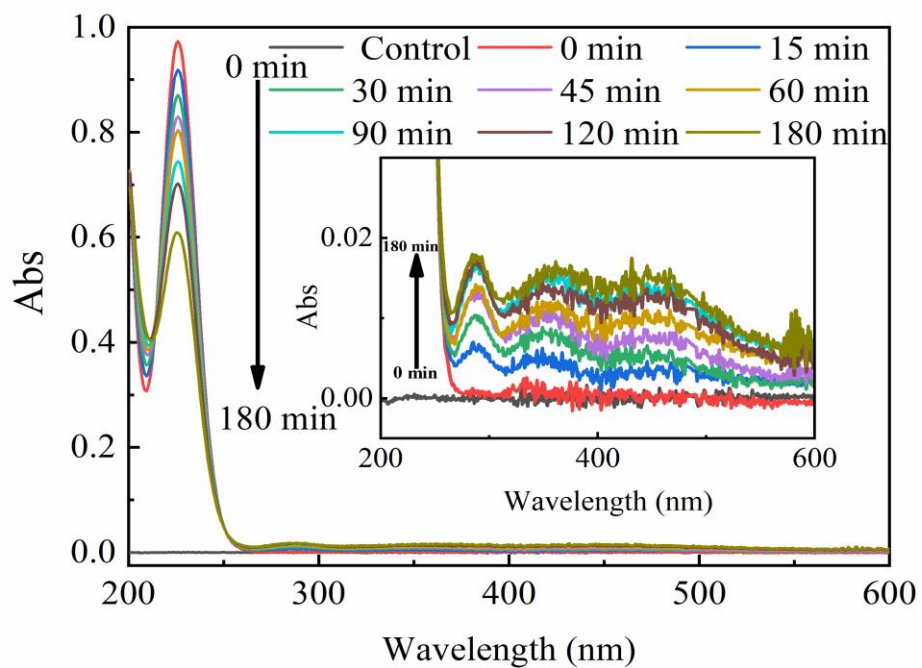


Figure S2. The changes of pH during the UV/VUV/I- process under different initial pH levels.



**Figure S3.** The changes in UV spectra for 10.0 mg/L of  $I^-$  irradiated by UV/VUV (DO = 8.5 mg/L, initial pH = 6.0 with no buffer used).

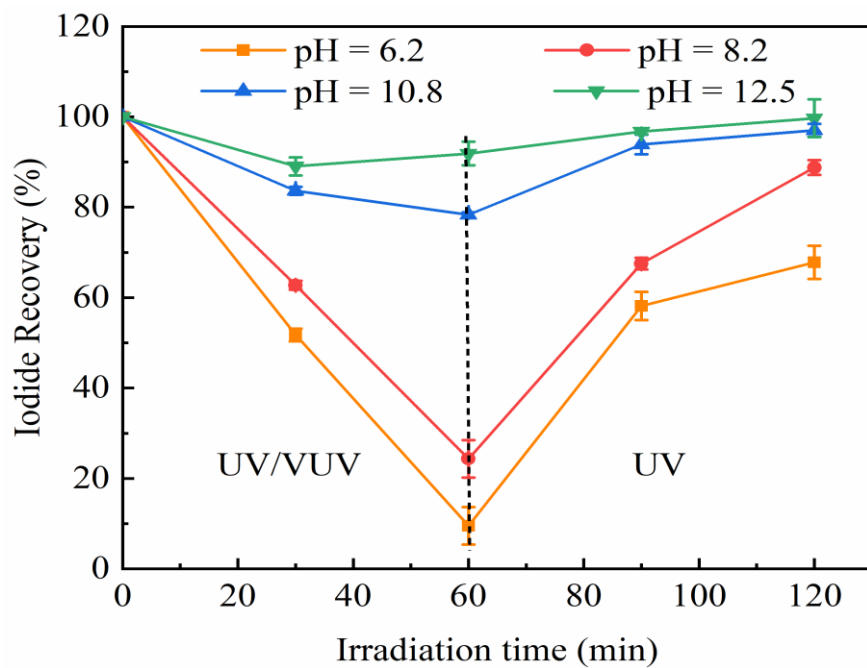


Figure S4. Effects of pH on iodide removal and recovery in water irradiated by sequential UV/VUV and UV processes ( $[I]_0=1.0$  mg/L, DO = 8.5 mg/L with no buffer used).

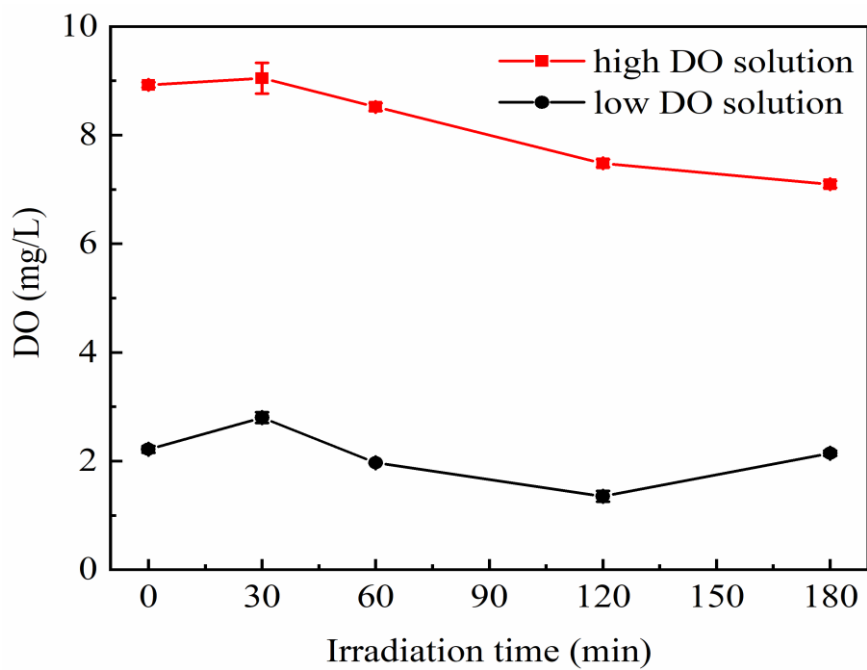


Figure S5. The changes of DO during the UV/VUV/I- process under different initial DO levels.

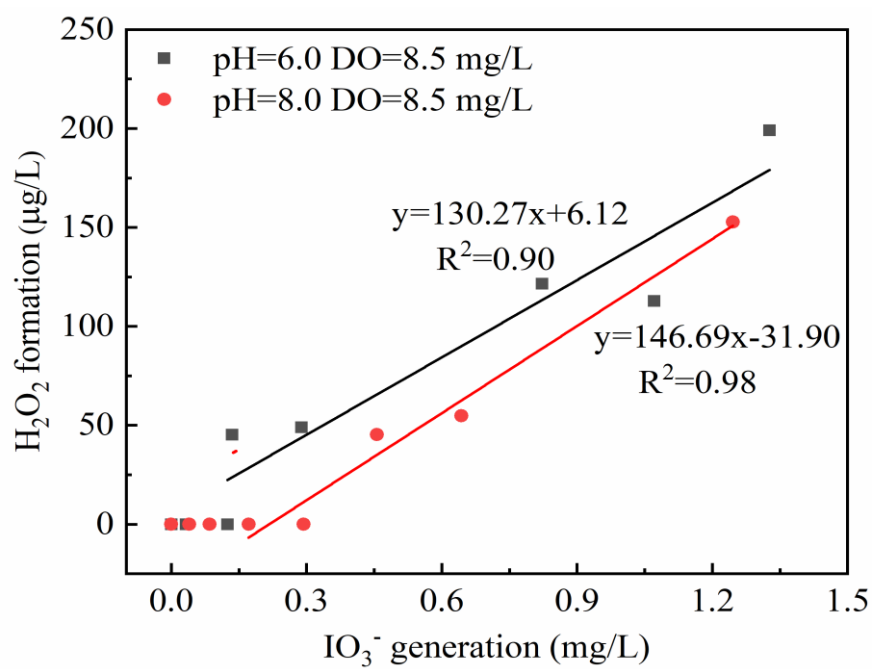
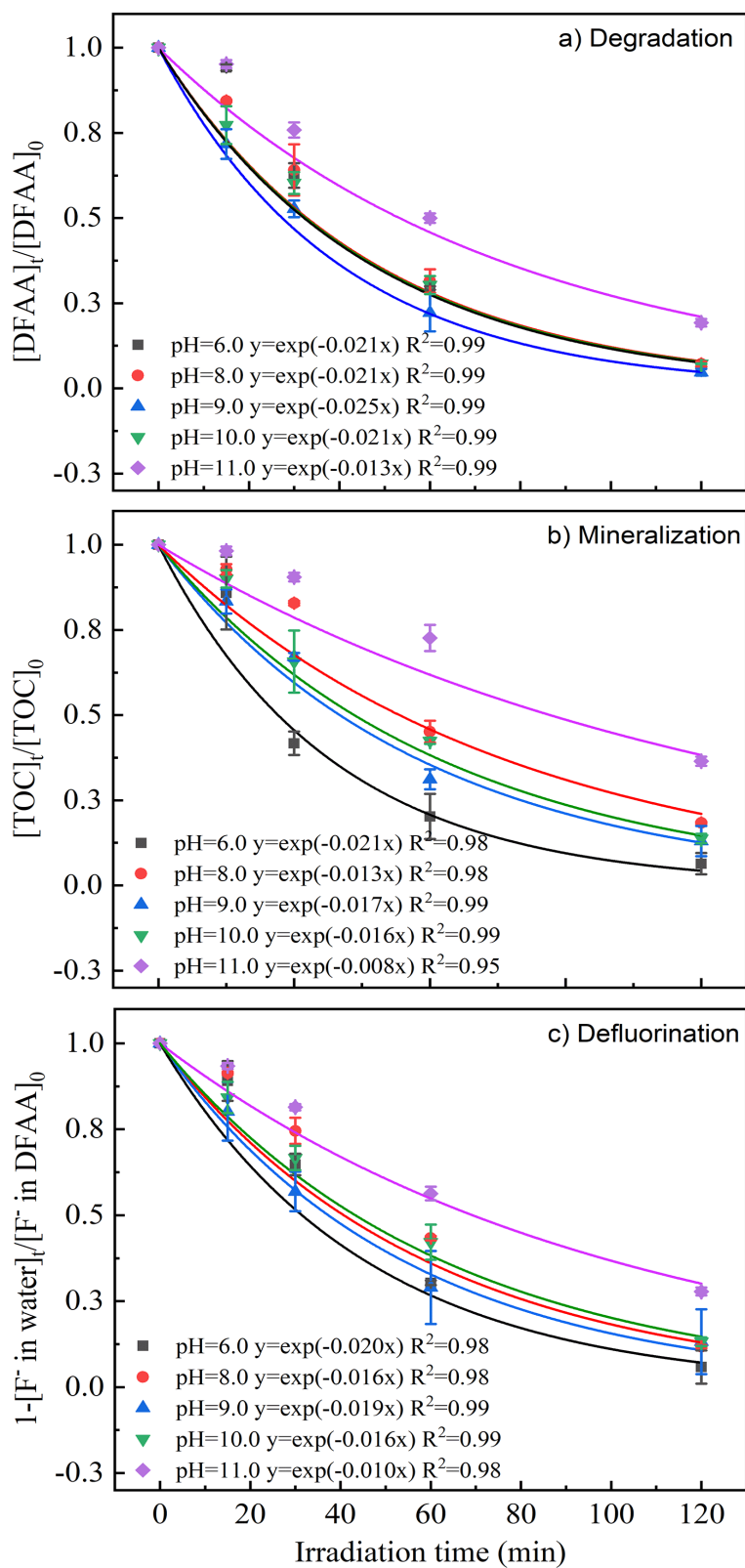


Figure S6. Correlations between H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and IO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> formation levels during the UV/VUV/I<sup>-</sup> process.



**Figure S7. Effects of pH on the degradation a), mineralization b), and defluorination c) of DFAA during the UV/VUV/I<sup>-</sup> process ( $[\text{I}^-]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mg/L}$ ,  $\text{DO} = 8.5 \text{ mg/L}$  with no buffer used).**

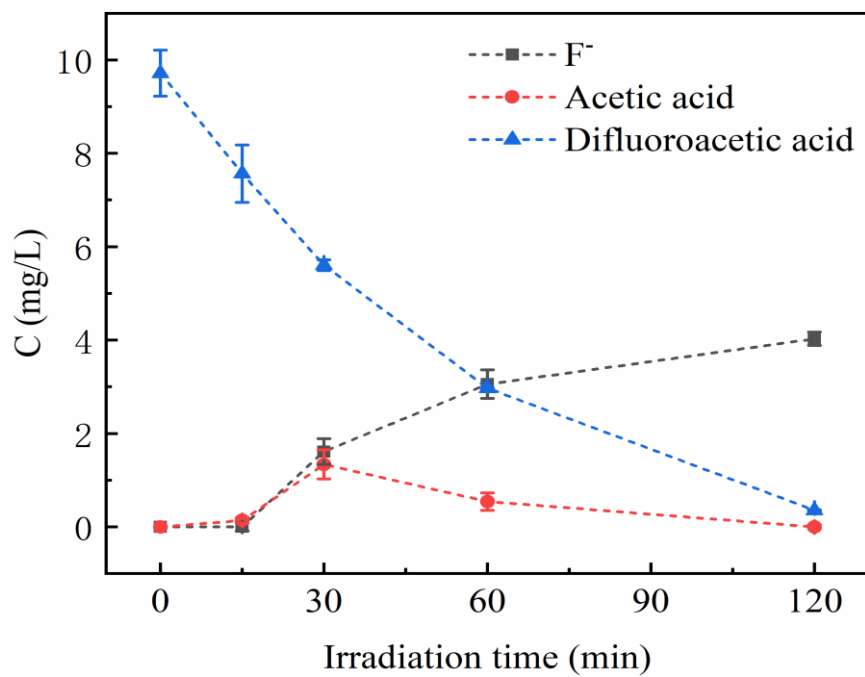
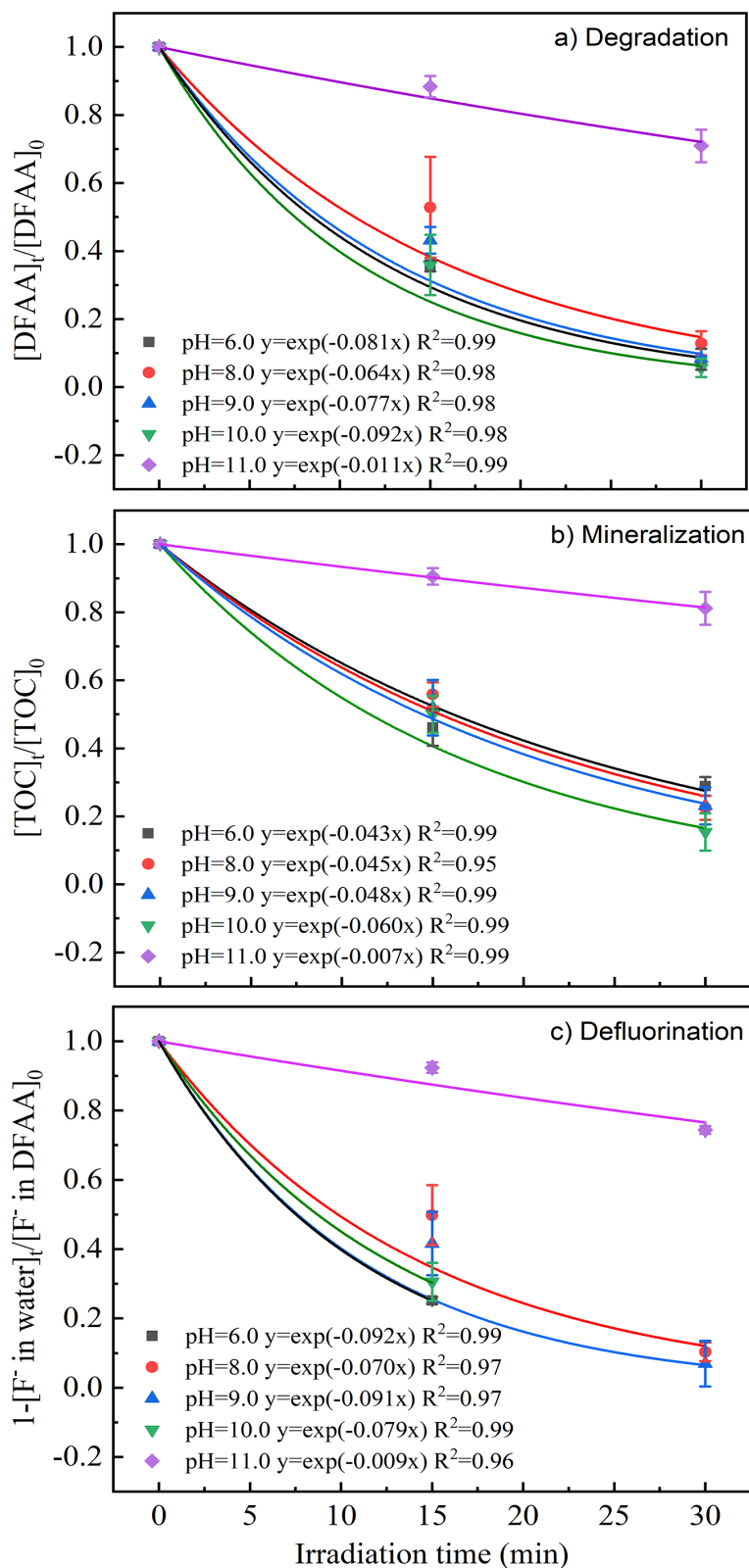


Figure S8. The F<sup>-</sup>, acetic acid, and DFAA changes during UV/VUV/I<sup>-</sup> photolysis under pH of 9.0 ([I<sup>-</sup>]<sub>0</sub> = 1.0 mg/L, DO = 8.5 mg/L with no buffer used).



**Figure S9.** Effects of pH on the degradation a), mineralization b), and defluorination c) of DFAA during the UV/VUV process (DO = 8.5 mg/L with no buffer used).