**Metallic Glasses: A New Type of Environmental and Low-cost Catalysts**

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Metallic glasses (MGs), with their unique disordered atomic packing structure and superior catalytic capabilities, have gradually been realized with their significance in the field of catalysis. As a new type of promising catalyst, recent reports have demonstrated that MGs exhibit many excellent catalytic properties. Particularly, Fe-based MGs with high catalytic activity, relatively low material cost, and environmental friendly compatibility also emerge as advanced catalysts for wastewater treatment. As of now, Fe-based MGs have been recognized with ultrafast catalytic efficiency (e.g. within 5 - 10 min for dye degradation) and reliable structural stability (e.g. reusability up to 33 times) with a reduced metal leaching effect, compared with their crystalline counterparts. In addition, it has been reported that Fe-based MGs can not only completely degrade organic pollutants, but also effectively remove heavy metals (e.g. arsenic) and inorganic pollutants (e.g. nitrate) in the wastewater treatment. Very recently, the annealing-induced crystallized counterparts of Fe-based MGs have demonstrated their rejuvenated catalytic performance in the wastewater treatment, which has never been achieved before. The grain-size dominated catalytic efficiency in the fully crystallized Fe-based MGs opens a new window to further design novel catalysts with controllable efficiency for wastewater treatment. Therefore, MGs as a type of environmental and low-cost catalysts hold the promise for achieving industrialization and providing a cleaner world.

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