

# NEW WATER TREATMENT AGENT PREPARED FROM A “WASTE ACID FILTER CAKE”

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**Coagulant**, also called water treatment agent, is used in coagulation processes. **Coagulation process** is an important unit in treating water and wastewater, which mainly removes colloids and small particles which can not precipitate by themselves. Coagulants can be divided into inorganic, organic and microbial types. Inorganic coagulants will hydrolyze quickly after it is once added into water samples. And then its hydrolysis products will react with the pollutants negatively charged, such as charge neutralization/destabilization, bridging, and sweeping, forming some flocs which can precipitate, thus achieving the purpose of eliminating pollutants after solid-liquid separation.

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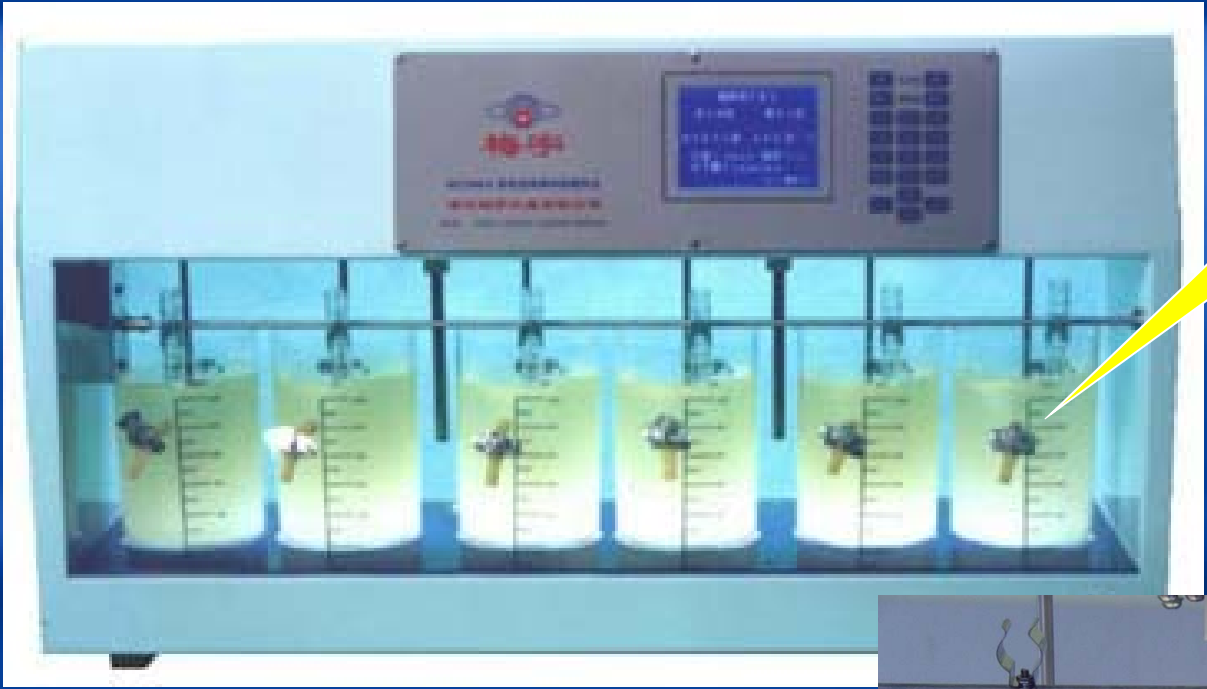
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*Coagulation behaviour of M-PTF*

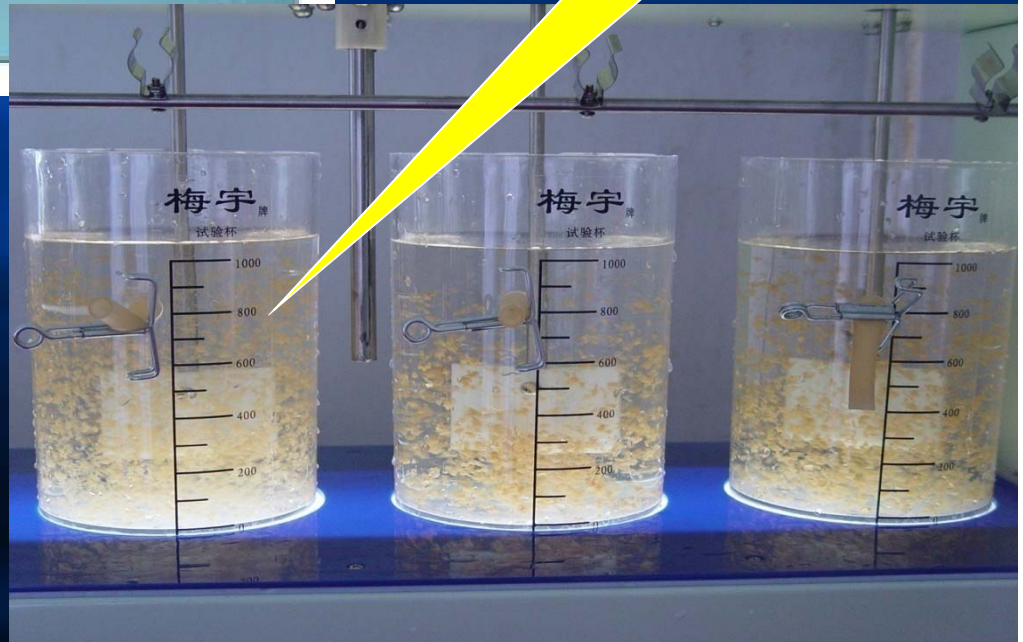
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# Research background and significance

China, experiencing rapid development, has become one of the countries which were seriously polluted by solid wastes.



The solid waste in China was over 6 billion tons currently and increased rapidly at annual growth of 10%

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Most of solid wastes discharged in one point maybe have their values in other points, so, resource disposing becomes one of the main treating methods



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Preparation of M-PTF using WAFC has its theoretical and practical basis, according with the aim of “waste control by waste”.

Lots of wastes and byproducts are generated

“Waste acid filter cake” (WAFC)” (containing elements of Ti, Fe, Al, Si, etc ( $w(\text{TiO}_2)=70-73\%$ , and  $w(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3)=7-9\%$  ) coming from the washing process

Fe, Al and Si are often important components for producing inorganic coagulants, while Ti is a new element for preparing water purifying agents. Fe, Si and Ti are all non-toxic.



Fig.1 Pictures of (a) “Waste acid filter cake” (WAFC)

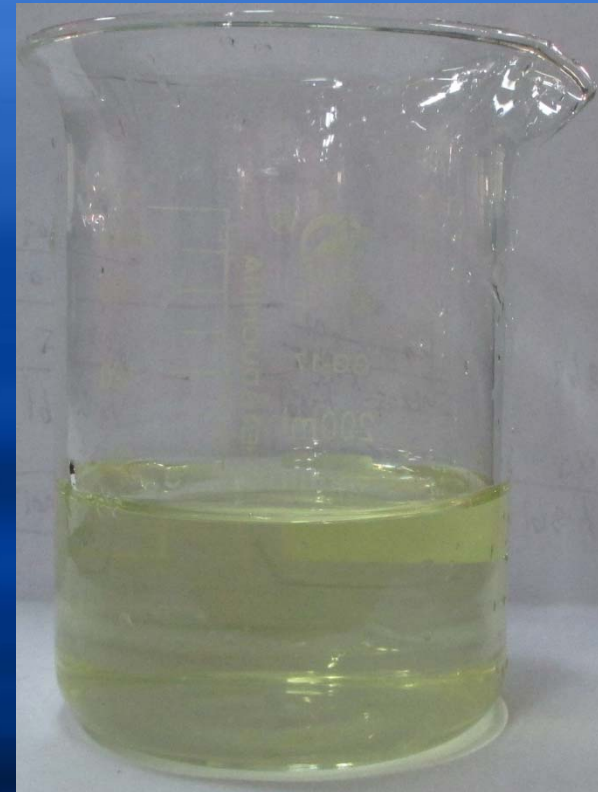


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## Research results

### *M-PTF coagulant*

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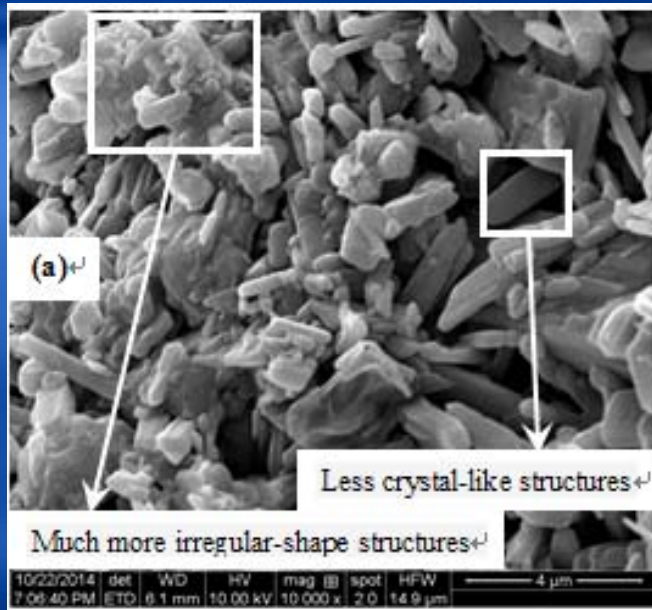


**Fig.1(b)** Pictures of solid M-PTF and liquid M-PTF

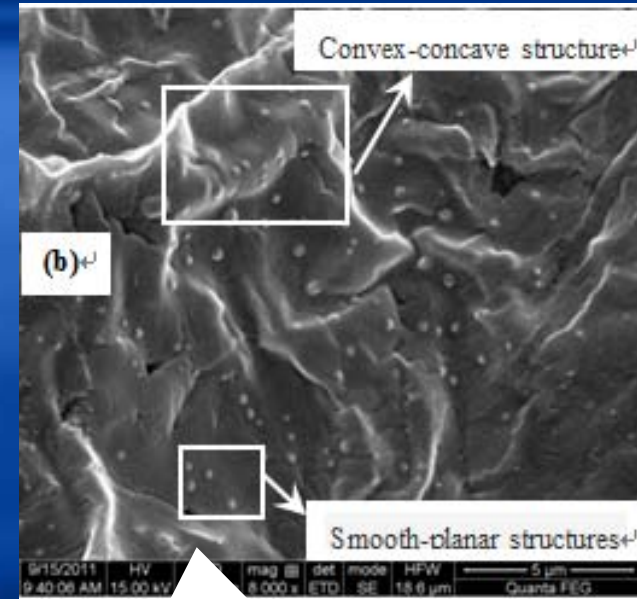
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### M-PTF coagulant

M-PTF



PAC



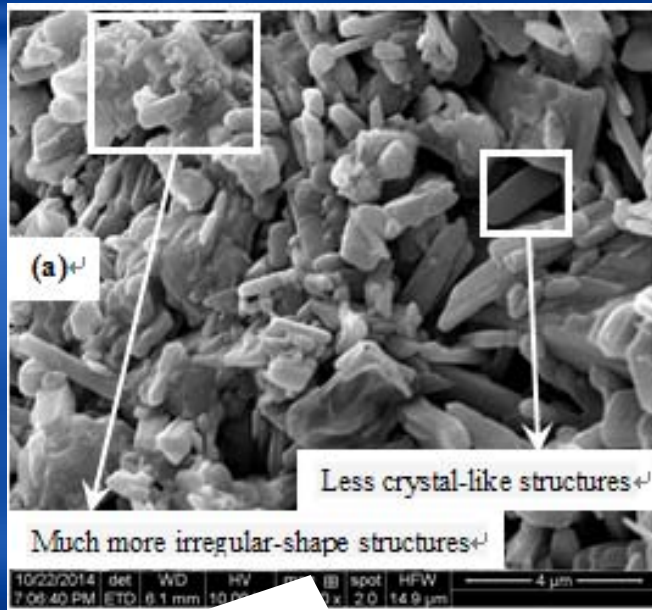
**Fig.3** Surface morphology of (a) M-PTF ( $\times 10000$ ) compared with that of (b) PAC ( $\times 8000$ )

PAC showing excellent coagulation behavior has been widely used around the world for several decades, especially in China.

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PAC

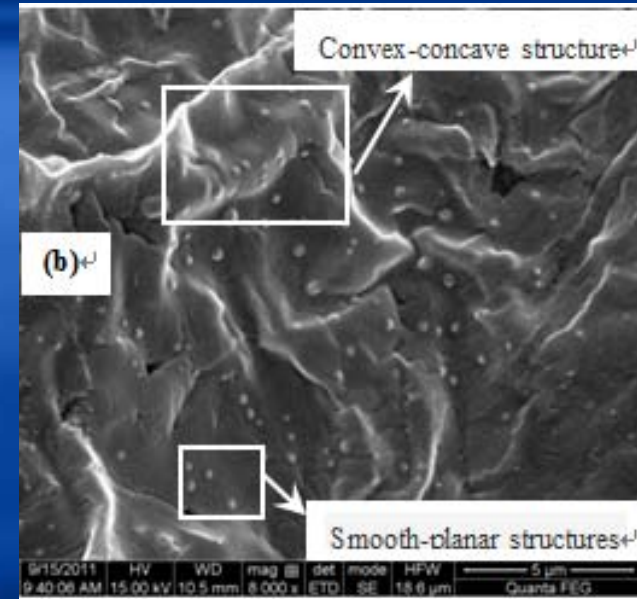


Figure 1 shows the surface morphology of (a) M-PTF ( $\times 10000$ ) compared with that of (b) PAC ( $\times 8000$ )

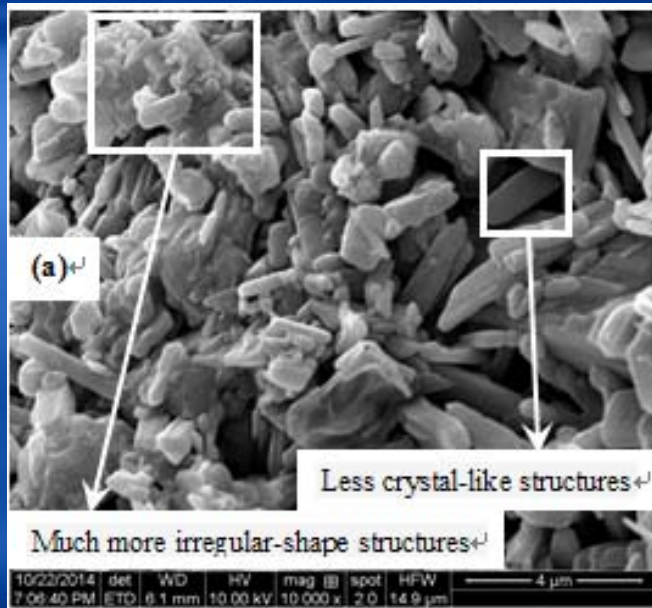
The surface morphology of M-PTF is so complex, and appeared to be some sort of network structure which was built up by a variety of structures having large surface area and mainly consisted of some irregular and crystalline-like structures, in which the dominant structure was irregular type.

It can be inferred from the complex surface structure that M-PTF was a complex polymer copolymerized by Fe, Ti and many other ions.

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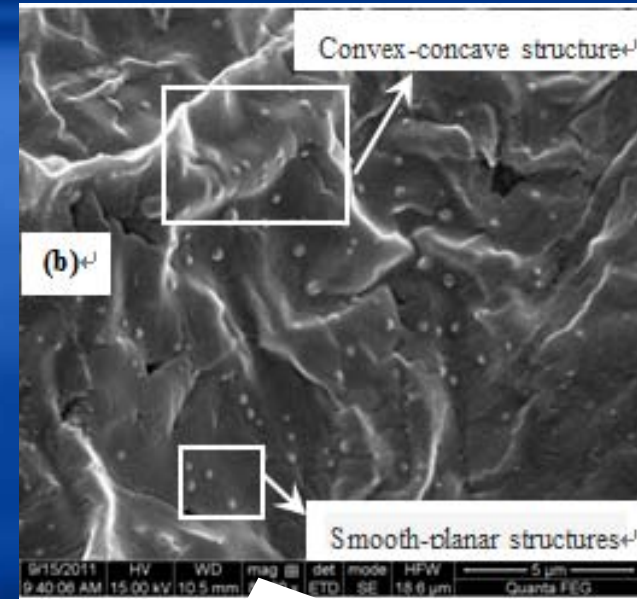


Fig.3 Surface morphology of (a) M-PTF ( $\times 10000$ ) (b) PAC ( $\times 8000$ )

PAC was composed of a sort of irregular mountain appearance of convex-concave structure, in which some morphology presented a large area of smooth plane, thus leading to smaller surface area of PAC than that of M-PTF.

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## Coagulation behaviour of M-PTF

### Influence of dosage

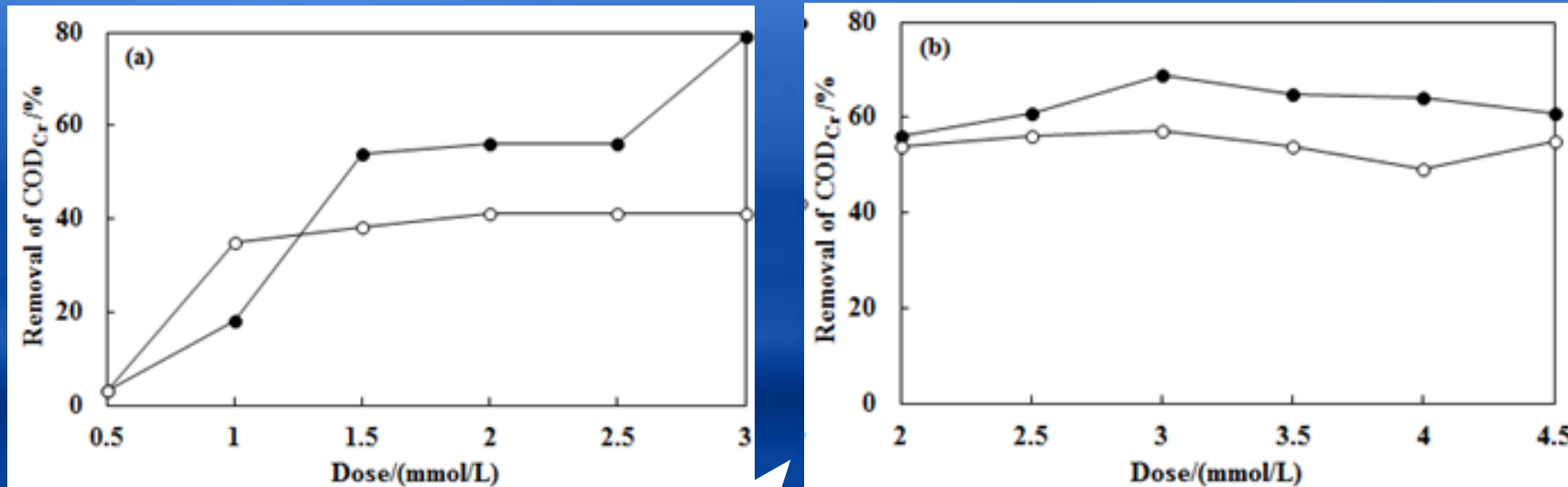


Fig.4 Influence of dosage on removal of COD<sub>Cr</sub> (%) by M-PTF and PAC in treating (a) simulated dyeing wastewater and (b) sewage. M-PTF (●) and PAC (○). The error bars for all the data points represent the standard error of the mean of three experiments

M-PTF gave higher COD removal than PAC for the two types of wastewaters.

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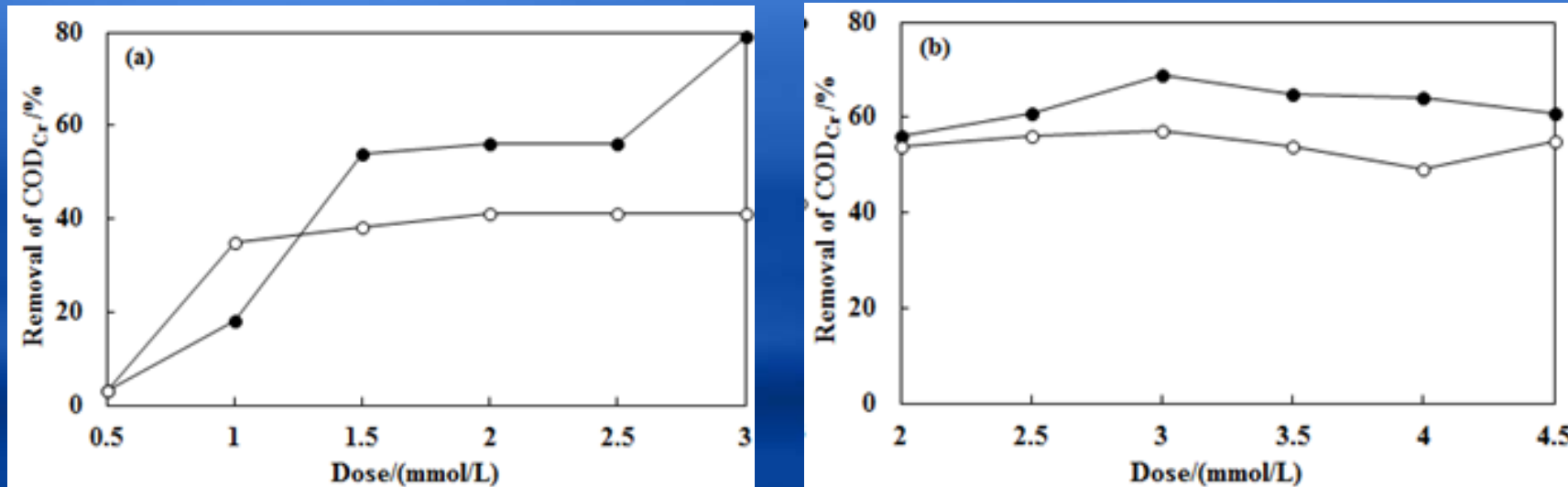


Fig.4 Influence of dosage on removal of COD<sub>Cr</sub> by M-PTF and PAC in treating (a) simulated drains wastewater and (b) surface water. M-PTF (●) and PAC (○). The error bars for all the data points

The greatest COD removal by M-PTF achieved about 80% at dosage 3 mmol/L, more 40% than PAC at the same dosage. While PAC posed the greatest COD removal (35%) at dosage 1 mmol/L, and then almost unchanged with the increasing of dosages.

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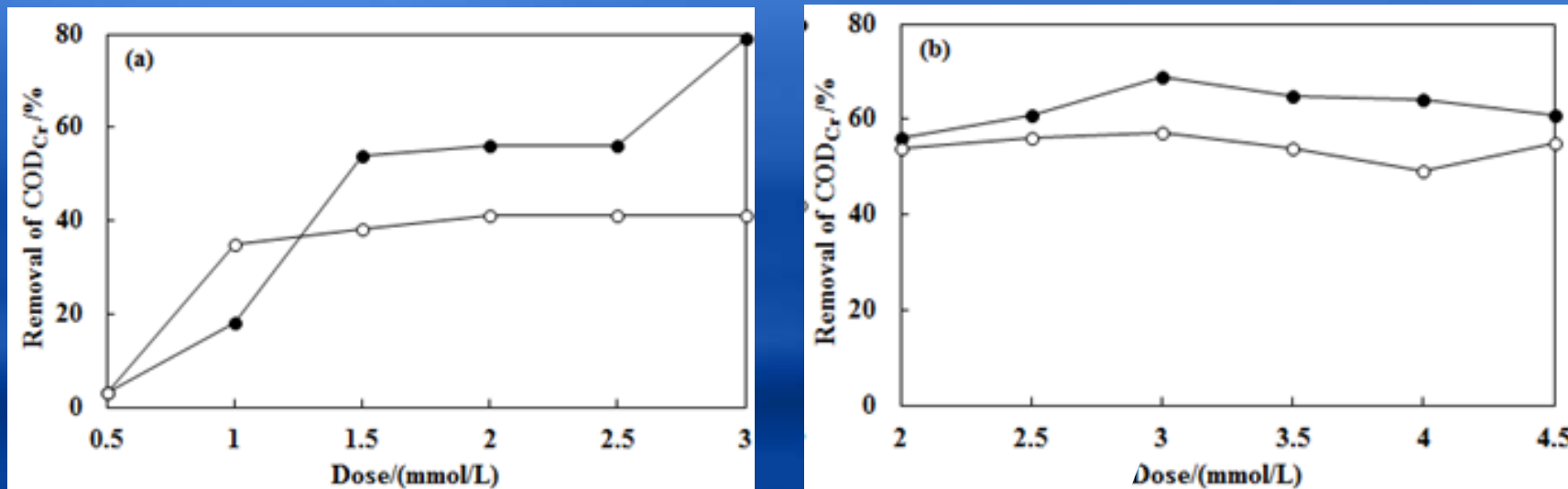


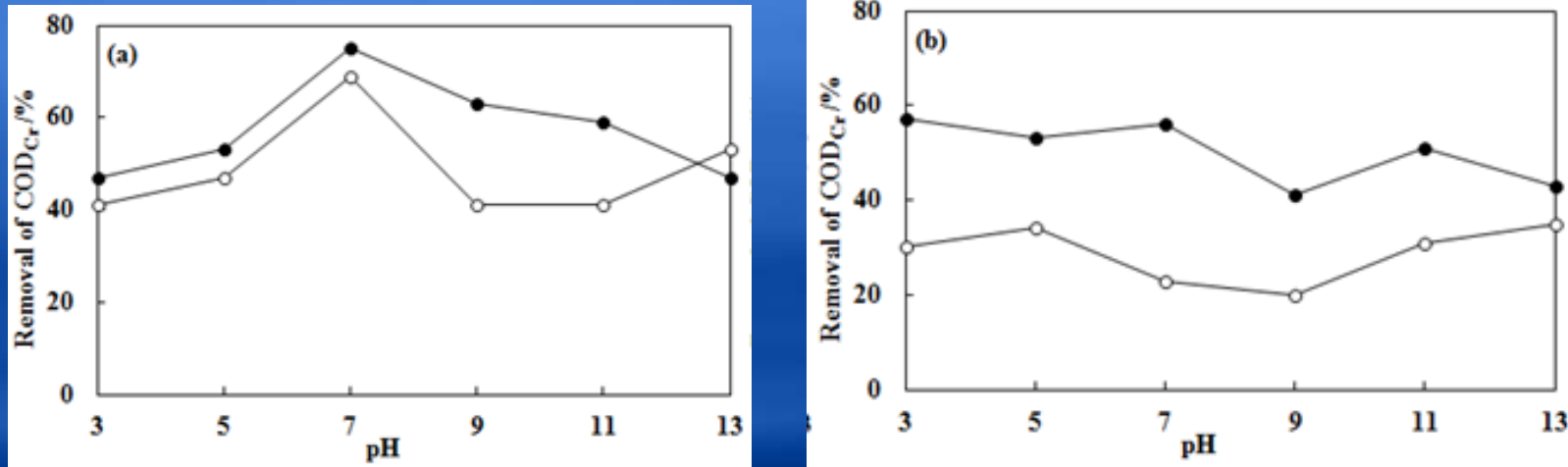
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M-PTF gave the greatest COD removal (around 70%) at dosage 3 mmol/L, more 10% than PAC.

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## Coagulation behaviour of M-PTF

### Influence of coagulation pH



**Fig.5** Influence of pH on removal of COD<sub>Cr</sub> by M-PTF and PAC in treating (a) simulated dyeing wastewater and (b) sewage. Dose of M-PTF was 100 mg/L for the simulated dyeing wastewater and 3 mmol/L for the sewage, respectively. The dose of PAC was 100 mg/L. The error bars for all the data points represent the standard deviation.

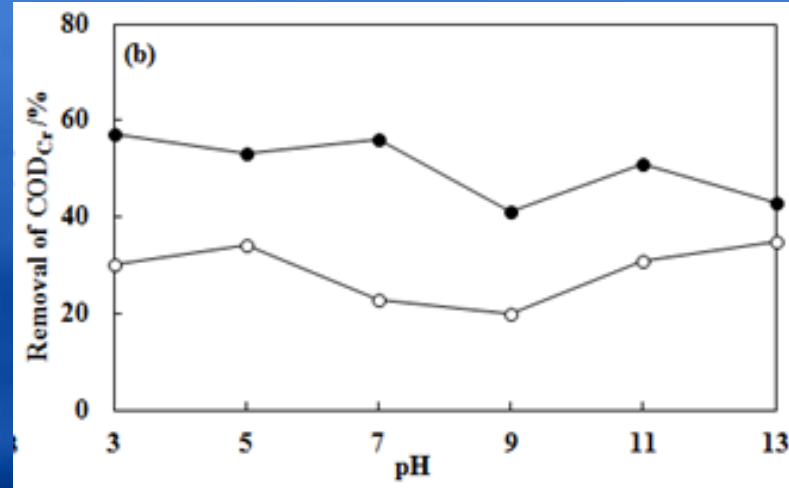
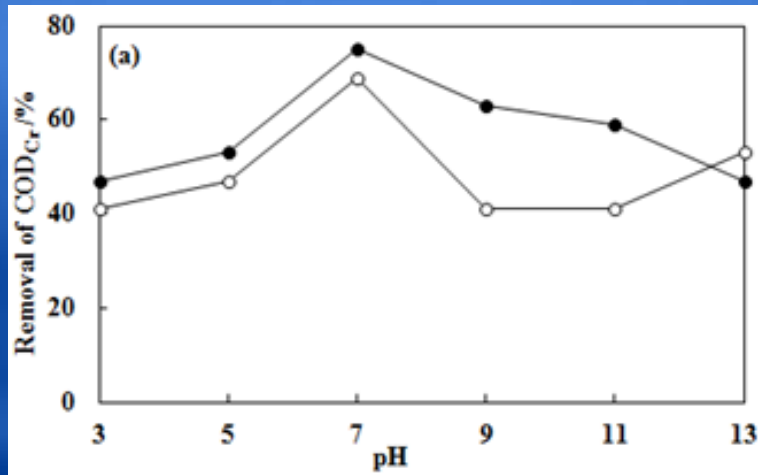
M-PTF almost gave higher COD removal than PAC for the two types of wastewaters over the tested pH range.



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## Coagulation behaviour of M-PTF

### Influence of coagulation pH



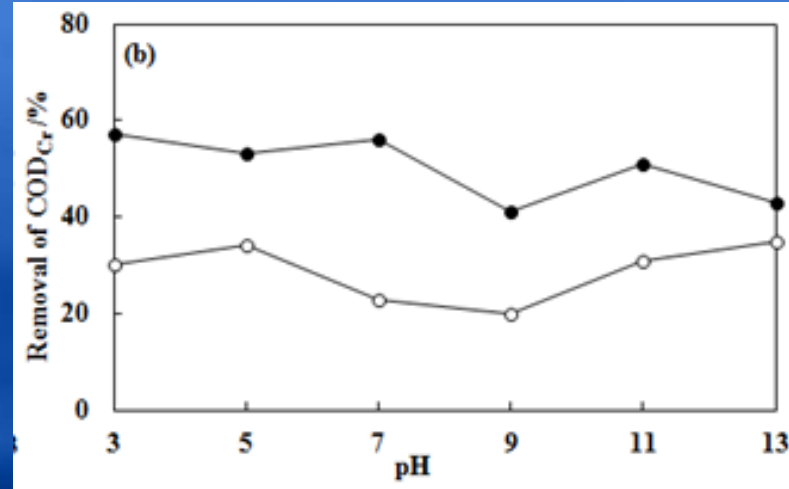
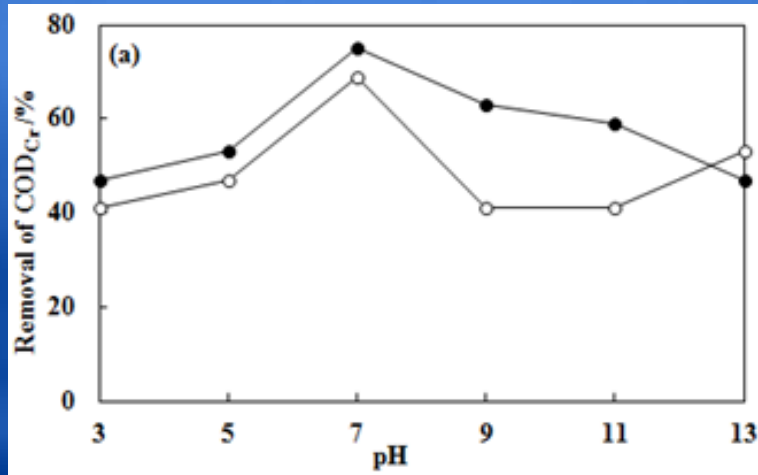
**Fig.5** Influence of pH on the removal of  $\text{COD}_{\text{Cr}}$  by M-PTF and PAC in treating (a) simulated dyeing wastewater and (b) wastewater. Dosage was 2mmol/L for the simulated dyeing wastewater and 3 mmol/L for the wastewater. The removal of  $\text{COD}_{\text{Cr}}$  by M-PTF (●) and PAC (○). The error bars for all the data points represent the standard deviation of three experiments.

For the simulated dyeing wastewater (Fig.5a), M-PTF achieved COD removal of 78% and 63% at pH 7 and 9.

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### Coagulation behaviour of M-PTF

#### Influence of coagulation pH

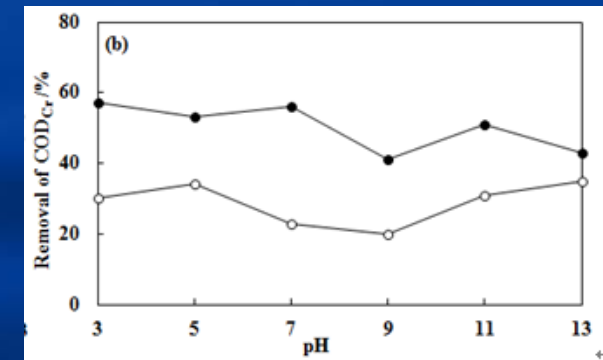
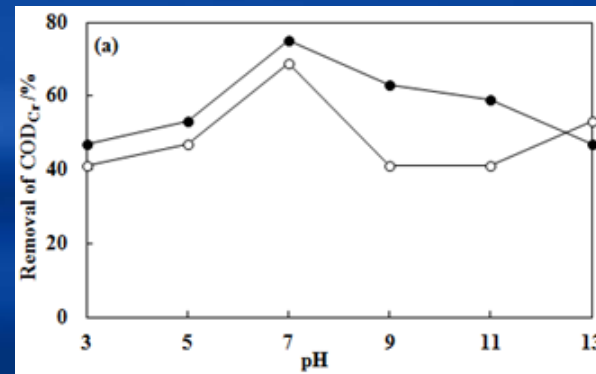
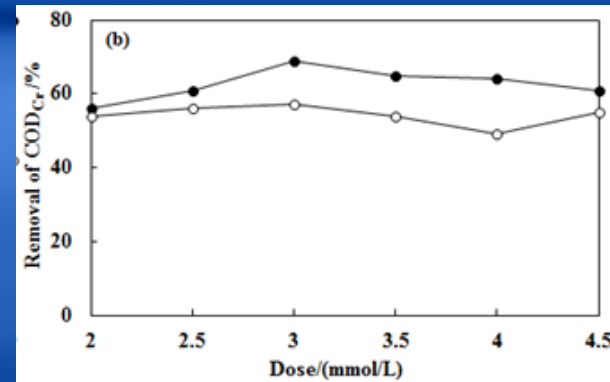
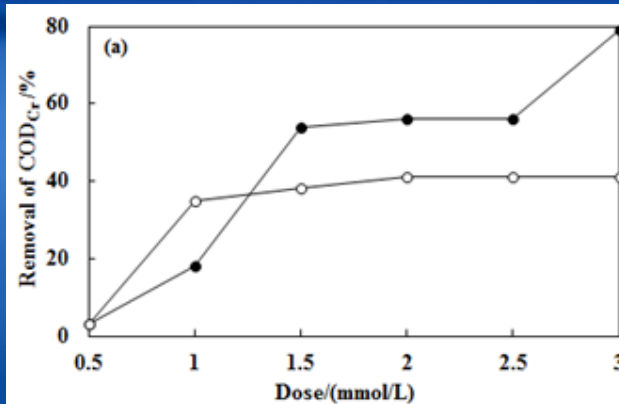


**Fig.5** Influence of pH on removal of  $\text{COD}_{\text{Cr}}$  by M-PTF and PAC in treated simulated dyeing wastewater and (b) sewage. Dosage of M-PTF and PAC were 100 mg/L and 100 mg/L, respectively. For the sewage, respectively. M-PTF and PAC represent the standard error of the mean.

For the sewage (Fig.5b), the removal of  $\text{COD}_{\text{Cr}}$  by M-PTF achieved about 53, 56 and 51% at pH 5, 7 and 11, respectively, more 29, 33 and 20% than PAC, respectively.

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### Coagulation behaviour of M-PTF

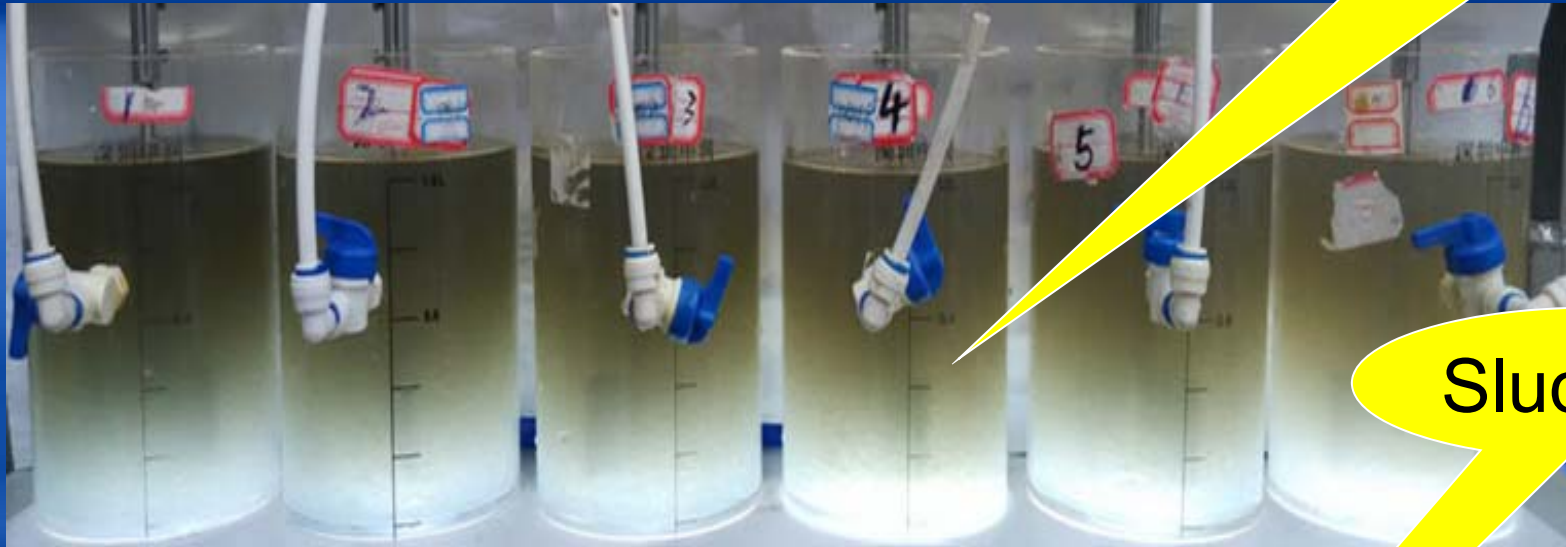


M-PTF can be adapted to a greater range of dosage at the same pH values and a wider pH range at the same dosages than PAC, which makes M-PTF have much more application significance in treating complex wastewater samples for organic matters removal.

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Coagulation between M-PTF and PTF

M-PTF: flocs



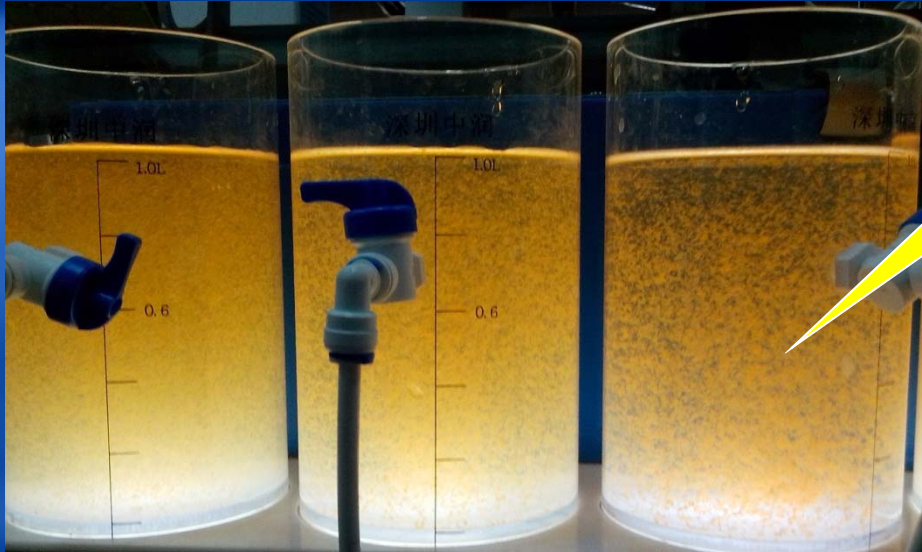
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Coagulation of M-PTF

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Sludge



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## Research conclusions

M-PTF prepared from WAFC is an excellent water treatment agent, and posed higher COD removal than PAC for different wastewaters at the tested pH and dosage ranges. So M-PTF can be adapted to a greater dosage range and a wider pH range than PAC.

M-PTF giving better removal of organic matters mainly depended on the complex micro-characteristics and the characteristics of hydrolysis products deduced.

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