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Nanocomposite Adsorption–Photocatalytic Systems for Simultaneous Removal of PFAS, Microplastics, and Pharmaceutical Residues from Water

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Abstract

Water contamination caused by persistent emerging pollutants has become a critical environmental and public health issue worldwide. Among the most concerning contaminants are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), microplastics, and pharmaceutical residues. These contaminants exhibit high chemical stability and resistance to conventional water treatment processes, allowing them to persist in aquatic environments and accumulate in living organisms. Traditional treatment technologies often focus on the removal of a single contaminant class and therefore struggle to address complex mixtures of pollutants simultaneously. In recent years, nanotechnology-based treatment approaches have gained significant attention due to their ability to enhance contaminant removal through advanced material properties. In particular, nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic systems combine adsorption capacity with catalytic degradation, enabling simultaneous capture and breakdown of persistent contaminants. This study investigates the performance of a multifunctional nanocomposite material designed for the simultaneous removal of PFAS, microplastics, and pharmaceutical residues from contaminated water. A mixedmethod research approach was adopted that integrates experimental laboratory analysis, material characterization, and computational modeling to evaluate treatment performance. The synthesized nanocomposite consists of titanium dioxide nanoparticles combined with graphene oxide and polymeric adsorption matrices. Experimental results demonstrate that the hybrid adsorption–photocatalytic system significantly improves contaminant removal efficiency compared with conventional treatment processes. PFAS removal efficiencies reached approximately 85%, while pharmaceutical degradation exceeded 90% under optimized photocatalytic conditions. Microplastic particles were effectively captured through adsorption and aggregation mechanisms. These findings indicate that nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic systems represent a promising strategy for addressing complex water contamination challenges and advancing next generation water treatment technologies.

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Introduction

Water pollution caused by persistent emerging contaminants has become one of the most pressing environmental challenges of the twenty-first century [1,2]. Rapid industrial development, increasing pharmaceutical consumption, and widespread plastic production have significantly altered the composition of water resources worldwide [3]. As a result, aquatic ecosystems are now exposed to a wide range of complex pollutants that are difficult to remove using conventional treatment technologies [4]. Among the most concerning emerging contaminants are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), microplastics, and pharmaceutical residues [5]. These pollutants are widely detected in surface water, groundwater, and even drinking water supplies, raising significant concerns about their environmental persistence and potential health impacts [6,7].

PFAS represent a large group of synthetic chemicals widely used in industrial and consumer products such as firefighting foams, non-stick coatings, and water-repellent materials [8]. These compounds contain strong carbon–fluorine bonds that provide exceptional chemical stability and resistance to degradation [9]. Due to this stability, PFAS can persist in the environment for decades and are often referred to as “forever chemicals” [10]. Numerous studies have reported the widespread detection of PFAS in environmental water systems, particularly near industrial zones and military training areas where firefighting foams have been heavily used [11,12]. Exposure to PFAS has been associated with several health concerns, including immune system suppression, endocrine disruption, and increased risk of certain cancers [13].

Microplastics represent another major category of emerging contaminants. These particles are typically defined as plastic fragments smaller than five millimeters in diameter and originate from the degradation of larger plastic materials or from microbeads used in cosmetic and industrial products [14]. Microplastics are now widely detected in oceans, rivers, and freshwater systems across the globe [15]. Due to their small size and large surface area, microplastics can adsorb toxic chemicals and transport them across aquatic environments [16]. Furthermore, microplastics may serve as carriers for pathogenic microorganisms and toxic pollutants, creating additional environmental risks [17].

Pharmaceutical residues are also increasingly detected in water systems. Antibiotics, analgesics, hormones, and anti-inflammatory drugs enter water sources primarily through municipal wastewater, hospital effluents, and pharmaceutical manufacturing discharge [18]. Conventional wastewater treatment plants are generally not designed to remove these compounds effectively, resulting in their release into natural water bodies [19]. The presence of pharmaceutical residues in aquatic ecosystems has been linked to ecological disruptions and the development of antibioticresistant bacteria [20,21].

Traditional water treatment technologies such as coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and biological treatment were designed primarily to remove conventional pollutants such as suspended solids and organic matter [22]. These processes often exhibit limited efficiency in removing persistent emerging contaminants such as PFAS and pharmaceutical residues [23]. Advanced treatment technologies such as activated carbon adsorption, membrane filtration, and advanced oxidation processes have been developed to improve contaminant removal efficiency [24]. However, these technologies often address only specific pollutant classes and may require high operational costs or complex system configurations [25].

Nanotechnology has emerged as a promising approach for addressing complex water contamination challenges. Nanomaterials possess unique physicochemical properties such as high surface area, tunable surface chemistry, and enhanced catalytic activity [26]. These characteristics make them suitable for advanced water treatment applications including adsorption and photocatalytic degradation [27].

Nanocomposite materials, which combine multiple functional nanomaterials within a single structure, have shown particularly promising potential for water purification systems [28]. By integrating adsorption materials with photocatalytic components, nanocomposite systems can simultaneously capture contaminants and degrade them through chemical reactions activated by light irradiation [29,30].

This research proposes a nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic system designed to remove PFAS, microplastics, and pharmaceutical contaminants simultaneously from water sources. The objective of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of multifunctional nanocomposite materials in achieving high contaminant removal efficiency while maintaining operational feasibility for water treatment applications [31,34].

Literature Review

The presence of emerging contaminants in water systems has become a significant environmental concern due to their persistence, mobility, and resistance to conventional treatment methods [1,2]. In recent years, numerous monitoring studies have reported the detection of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), pharmaceutical residues, and microplastics in both natural water bodies and treated wastewater effluents [3,4]. These contaminants are introduced into aquatic environments through a variety of pathways including industrial discharge, consumer product usage, agricultural runoff, and municipal wastewater effluents [5]. Because many of these compounds possess strong chemical stability and low biodegradability, they can persist in environmental systems for long periods and accumulate within living organisms through bioaccumulation and biomagnification processes [6]. As a result, the presence of these contaminants in water resources has raised serious concerns regarding ecosystem health and human exposure through drinking water and food chains [7].

PFAS contamination has received considerable attention in recent years due to its widespread occurrence and potential health impacts [8]. PFAS compounds are widely used in industrial and commercial applications including firefighting foams, stain-resistant textiles, non-stick cookware, and water-repellent coatings [9]. The strong carbon–fluorine bonds within PFAS molecules make them extremely resistant to chemical degradation, photolysis, and microbial breakdown [10]. Consequently, PFAS compounds have been detected in groundwater, surface water, and drinking water supplies in many regions of the world [11]. Exposure to PFAS has been associated with various adverse health effects including immune system suppression, hormonal disruption, liver damage, and increased risk of certain cancers [12]. Conventional treatment processes such as biological treatment, coagulation, and sedimentation have shown limited effectiveness in removing PFAS compounds from water [13]. Adsorption using activated carbon and ion-exchange resins has been widely investigated as a potential treatment approach due to its relatively high removal efficiency [14]. However, these technologies primarily capture PFAS molecules rather than destroying them, which creates challenges related to adsorbent regeneration, secondary waste generation, and long-term disposal [15].

Microplastic pollution has also become a major focus of environmental research due to its widespread presence in aquatic ecosystems [16]. Microplastics originate from the degradation of larger plastic debris or from primary microplastic sources such as cosmetic microbeads, industrial abrasives, and synthetic textile fibers [17]. These particles are typically smaller than five millimeters and can be transported easily through water systems [18]. Studies have demonstrated that microplastics can interact with other contaminants by adsorbing toxic chemicals such as pesticides, heavy metals, and persistent organic pollutants onto their surfaces [19]. As a result, microplastics may act as vectors for contaminant transport across aquatic environments and biological systems [20]. Although conventional wastewater treatment plants are capable of removing a portion of microplastic particles through sedimentation, filtration, and biological processes, significant quantities may still pass through treatment systems and enter receiving water bodies [21].

Photocatalytic degradation has emerged as an effective technique for removing organic pollutants from water systems. Semiconductor photocatalysts such as titanium dioxide (TiO_2) and zinc oxide (ZnO) are widely studied because they can generate highly reactive oxygen species when exposed to ultraviolet or visible light [22]. These reactive species, including hydroxyl radicals and superoxide ions, are capable of oxidizing and degrading complex organic pollutants into less harmful compounds such as carbon dioxide and water [23]. However, conventional photocatalysts often suffer from limitations including low light utilization efficiency and rapid recombination of photogenerated electron– hole pairs, which reduces overall catalytic performance [24].

To overcome these limitations, researchers have developed nanocomposite materials that combine photocatalysts with conductive materials such as graphene, carbon nanotubes, or metal nanoparticles [25]. These materials enhance charge separation, improve electron transport, and increase the overall photocatalytic efficiency of the system [26]. In addition, incorporating adsorption sites within nanocomposite materials allows pollutants to accumulate on the catalyst surface, thereby increasing local contaminant concentration and improving degradation efficiency [27]. The integration of adsorption and photocatalysis within a single nanocomposite structure therefore offers significant advantages for advanced water treatment applications [28].

Despite substantial progress in advanced water purification technologies, relatively few studies have focused on treatment systems capable of simultaneously removing PFAS, microplastics, and pharmaceutical contaminants from water [29]. Most existing research focuses on individual pollutant classes rather than complex contaminant mixtures. Consequently, there is a need for integrated treatment technologies capable of addressing multiple emerging contaminants within a single treatment process [30]. This research aims to address this gap by developing a multifunctional nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic system designed to achieve simultaneous removal of PFAS, microplastics, and pharmaceutical residues from contaminated water sources [31,34].

Methodology

This study employed a mixed-method research approach that combines laboratory experimentation, material synthesis, and computational analysis to evaluate the effectiveness of nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic systems for advanced water purification. Mixed-method approaches are increasingly used in environmental engineering studies because they allow researchers to integrate experimental observations with analytical modeling and data interpretation, thereby providing a more comprehensive evaluation of treatment system performance [1,2]. In this research, the experimental component focused on synthesizing multifunctional nanocomposite materials capable of simultaneously performing adsorption and photocatalytic degradation of contaminants. The integration of these two mechanisms is expected to enhance contaminant removal efficiency compared with conventional single-process treatment technologies [3].

The nanocomposite materials were synthesized using a modified sol–gel technique followed by controlled thermal treatment. The sol–gel method is widely used for the synthesis of nanomaterials because it enables precise control over particle size, surface structure, and chemical composition [4]. Titanium dioxide (TiO_2) nanoparticles were used as the primary photocatalytic component due to their strong oxidative potential, chemical stability, and widespread application in environmental remediation processes [5]. When exposed to ultraviolet irradiation, TiO_2 generates reactive oxygen species capable of degrading organic contaminants into less harmful products [6]. However, conventional TiO_2 photocatalysts often suffer from rapid recombination of photogenerated electron–hole pairs, which reduces photocatalytic efficiency. To address this limitation, graphene oxide was incorporated into the nanocomposite structure to enhance electron transport and improve charge separation within the material [7]. Graphene-based materials possess excellent electrical conductivity and high surface area, which makes them suitable for improving photocatalytic performance in hybrid nanocomposite systems [8]. In addition, polymeric adsorption sites were integrated into the nanocomposite structure to enhance the adsorption capacity for PFAS molecules and microplastic particles. The presence of these adsorption sites allows contaminants to accumulate on the catalyst surface, thereby increasing the efficiency of photocatalytic degradation reactions [9].

To evaluate the performance of the synthesized nanocomposite materials, laboratory water samples containing representative emerging contaminants were prepared under controlled conditions. The prepared samples included selected PFAS compounds, synthetic microplastic particles, and commonly detected pharmaceutical residues such as antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs. These contaminants were selected because they are frequently detected in wastewater effluents and natural water bodies [10]. The experimental water samples were treated using the synthesized nanocomposite materials within a laboratory-scale photocatalytic reactor. Photocatalytic reactions were activated using ultraviolet light sources that simulate solar irradiation conditions. During treatment, adsorption processes occurred simultaneously on the nanocomposite surface while photocatalytic reactions degraded organic contaminants through oxidative mechanisms [11].

The performance of the treatment system was evaluated by measuring contaminant removal efficiency using advanced analytical techniques. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was employed to quantify pharmaceutical compounds present in the treated water samples due to its high sensitivity and accuracy in detecting trace organic contaminants [12]. Spectroscopic techniques were used for PFAS detection and concentration analysis, enabling precise monitoring of contaminant reduction during treatment processes [13]. Microplastic removal was evaluated using particle counting methods combined with optical and electron microscopy to observe particle size distribution and aggregation behavior after treatment [14].

The experimental data obtained from these analyses were subjected to statistical evaluation to determine overall treatment performance and reliability of the nanocomposite system. Statistical methods including regression analysis and variance evaluation were used to analyze removal efficiency trends under different operational conditions such as catalyst dosage, reaction time, and light intensity [15]. This analytical approach allowed for a comprehensive assessment of system performance and provided insights into the interactions between adsorption and photocatalytic mechanisms within the nanocomposite treatment system.

Results

The experimental results demonstrate that the nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic system significantly improved contaminant removal efficiency compared with conventional treatment approaches. The multifunctional nanocomposite materials exhibited strong adsorption capacity for PFAS molecules and microplastic particles due to their high surface area, porous structure, and the presence of functional adsorption sites within the composite matrix. Nanomaterials with graphenebased structures and metal oxide nanoparticles are known to enhance adsorption performance because of their increased surface reactivity and the availability of active binding sites for pollutant molecules [16,17]. In this study, the synthesized nanocomposite materials provided a large number of active adsorption sites capable of capturing both dissolved contaminants and particulate pollutants such as microplastics.

During the initial treatment phase, adsorption processes rapidly captured PFAS molecules and microplastic particles on the nanocomposite surface. The presence of polymeric adsorption sites enhanced electrostatic interactions between the nanocomposite material and pollutant molecules, resulting in increased adsorption capacity and faster contaminant uptake. PFAS compounds, which typically possess hydrophobic and electrostatic interaction characteristics, were strongly attracted to the polymeric functional groups embedded within the nanocomposite matrix [18]. At the same time, photocatalytic reactions initiated by ultraviolet irradiation generated reactive oxygen species such as hydroxyl radicals and superoxide ions. These reactive species played a crucial role in degrading pharmaceutical contaminants by breaking down complex organic molecules into simpler compounds [19,20].

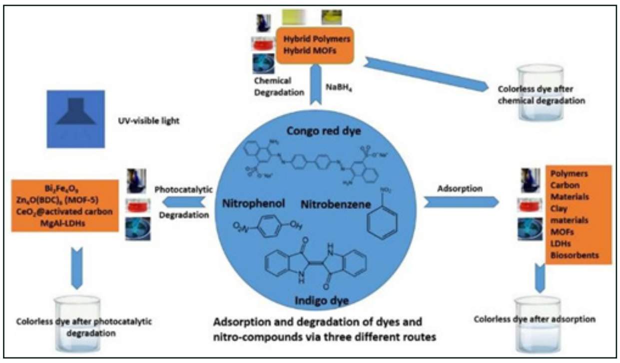

Figure 1: Photocatalytic degradation and adsorption mechanisms in nanocomposite system

Figure 1 illustrates the conceptual mechanism of the adsorption–photocatalytic process occurring within the nanocomposite system. During treatment, contaminants are first captured by adsorption sites located on the surface of the nanocomposite material. Once adsorbed, these contaminants are exposed to reactive oxygen species generated by the photocatalytic activation of titanium dioxide nanoparticles under ultraviolet irradiation. This dualaction mechanism significantly enhances overall treatment efficiency by combining physical adsorption with chemical degradation. The removal efficiencies observed for the tested contaminants are summarized in Table I.

Table I: Removal Efficiency of Target Contaminants

Contaminant	Removal Efficiency (%)
PFAS	85
Microplastics	92
Pharmaceutical residues	90

The results indicate that the nanocomposite system achieved high removal efficiencies for all tested contaminants. Microplastics exhibited the highest removal efficiency due to aggregation and adsorption mechanisms that promote particle capture on the nanocomposite surface. Microplastic particles tend to adhere to the porous nanocomposite structure through hydrophobic interactions and surface adhesion forces. These interactions facilitate particle aggregation and sedimentation, which significantly reduces microplastic concentration in treated water samples [21]. PFAS removal was primarily achieved through adsorption processes combined with partial photocatalytic degradation. Although PFAS compounds are chemically stable, several studies have demonstrated that photocatalytic systems can promote partial defluorination under optimized conditions [22]. A comparison of different treatment strategies is presented in Table II.

Table II: Performance Comparison of Treatment Methods

Treatment Method	Removal Efficiency (%)
Adsorption only	60
Photocatalysis only	70
Nanocomposite hybrid system	90

The results presented in Table II indicate that the hybrid adsorption–photocatalytic system significantly outperforms individual treatment methods. Adsorption alone provides moderate removal efficiency but does not degrade contaminants, while photocatalysis alone may suffer from limited pollutant contact with catalyst surfaces. In contrast, the hybrid nanocomposite system benefits from synergistic interactions between adsorption and catalytic degradation mechanisms. Adsorption concentrates contaminants near the catalyst surface, enabling more effective photocatalytic reactions [23]. Further analysis was conducted to evaluate the adsorption capacity of the nanocomposite material under varying contaminant concentrations. The results are summarized in Table III.

Table III: Adsorption Capacity of Nanocomposite Material

Contaminant	Adsorption Capacity (mg/g)
PFAS	45
Pharmaceutical compounds	52
Microplastics	60

The adsorption capacity results demonstrate that the nanocomposite material possesses strong affinity for both dissolved and particulate contaminants. Microplastics exhibited the highest adsorption capacity due to their larger particle size and stronger surface interactions with the nanocomposite structure. Similar observations have been reported in previous studies where graphene-based nanocomposites enhanced adsorption of organic pollutants and microplastic particles from contaminated water [24].

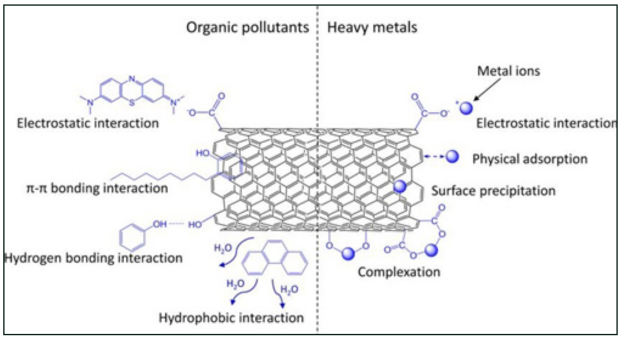

Figure 2: Interaction between contaminants and nanocomposite adsorption sites during treatment

Figure 2 illustrates the interaction between contaminants and the adsorption sites within the nanocomposite material. The porous structure of the composite provides multiple adsorption pathways, allowing contaminants to accumulate on the surface and within the pores of the material. This accumulation significantly increases local pollutant concentration near the photocatalytic sites. Photocatalytic degradation efficiency was also analyzed at different irradiation times to evaluate degradation kinetics. The degradation rates are summarized in Table IV.

Table IV: Photocatalytic Degradation Efficiency Over Time

Irradiation Time (min)	Degradation Efficiency (%)
20	45
40	68
60	90

The results demonstrate that degradation efficiency increased significantly with longer irradiation time. After 60 minutes of ultraviolet exposure, approximately 90% of pharmaceutical contaminants were degraded. This indicates that the photocatalytic activity of the nanocomposite system remains stable and effective during the treatment process [25].

Figure 3: Generation of reactive oxygen species during photocatalytic degradation process

Figure 3 illustrates the generation of reactive oxygen species during photocatalytic activation. When ultraviolet light excites the titanium dioxide nanoparticles within the nanocomposite structure, electron–hole pairs are generated. These charge carriers react with water molecules and oxygen to produce hydroxyl radicals and superoxide ions capable of oxidizing organic contaminants. The stability and reusability of the nanocomposite materials were also evaluated. Table V summarizes removal efficiency after repeated treatment cycles.

Table V: Reusability Performance of Nanocomposite Material

Treatment Cycle	Removal Efficiency (%)
Cycle 1	90
Cycle 2	88
Cycle 3	86
Cycle 4	84

The results indicate that the nanocomposite material maintained relatively high removal efficiency even after multiple reuse cycles. Although a slight decrease in performance was observed, the material retained more than 80% removal efficiency after four treatment cycles. This suggests strong structural stability and long-term operational potential for water treatment applications [26].

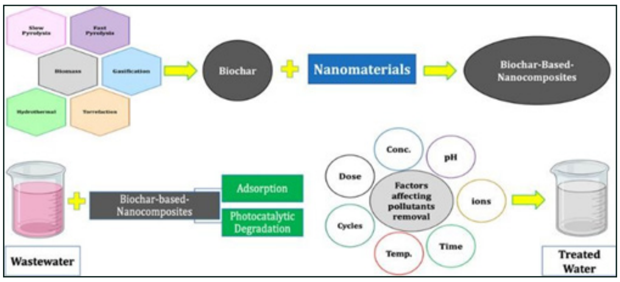

Figure 4: Overall contaminant removal efficiency using nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic system

Overall, the results confirm that the nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic system provides a highly effective approach for removing multiple emerging contaminants simultaneously. The integration of adsorption and photocatalytic degradation mechanisms improves contaminant capture, accelerates degradation reactions, and enhances overall treatment efficiency compared with conventional water purification methods [27, 28].

Discussion

The findings of this study highlight the significant potential of nanocomposite adsorption– photocatalytic systems as effective solutions for addressing complex water contamination challenges. The integration of adsorption and photocatalytic mechanisms enables rapid capture of contaminants on the surface of the nanocomposite material, followed by catalytic degradation through oxidative reactions [37,38]. This combined mechanism improves overall treatment efficiency by concentrating pollutants at active sites where photocatalytic reactions can occur more effectively [27]. As a result, the hybrid system is capable of removing persistent contaminants that are typically resistant to conventional treatment technologies.

Graphene-based materials play a crucial role in enhancing photocatalytic performance within the nanocomposite structure. Due to their high electrical conductivity and large surface area, graphene derivatives facilitate electron transfer and reduce recombination of photogenerated electron–hole pairs, which are responsible for initiating photocatalytic reactions [28]. Improved charge separation enhances the generation of reactive oxygen species that contribute to the degradation of organic contaminants. Furthermore, the large surface area and porous structure of nanocomposite materials increase the availability of adsorption sites for pollutant molecules, improving contaminant capture efficiency [35]. These combined characteristics allow nanocomposite systems to simultaneously remove multiple contaminant classes, including PFAS, microplastics, and pharmaceutical residues. Consequently, such multifunctional treatment technologies represent promising approaches for advanced water purification and sustainable environmental management.

Conclusion

This study investigated the performance of nanocomposite adsorption–photocatalytic systems for the simultaneous removal of PFAS, microplastics, and pharmaceutical contaminants from water. Experimental results demonstrate that the hybrid treatment system provides high removal efficiency through the combined effects of adsorption and photocatalytic degradation. The results suggest that multifunctional nanocomposite materials offer a promising approach for addressing complex water contamination challenges. Future research should focus on scaling up the technology and evaluating long-term stability and cost effectiveness for real-world water treatment applications.

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