

# **Influence of oxic/anoxic condition on sorption behavior of PFOS in sediment**

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1       **ABSTRACT:** Sediment components and redox properties change with oxic/anoxic  
2 condition, which affect the environmental transport of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS).  
3 Herein, the influence of oxic/anoxic condition on the variation of redox and residual  
4 components of sediments, where organic matter, iron and manganese oxides are separated from  
5 the original sediment collected from Lake Taihu, China, are investigated. Meanwhile, the  
6 distinguishing sorption behaviors of PFOS on various residual sediments under oxic and  
7 anoxic condition are studied. Sediment after extracting iron and manganese ( $S_{\text{-FeMn}}$ ), which  
8 possessed the highest organic carbon (0.99%), had the highest affinity for PFOS under oxic  
9 condition. However, anoxic environment resulted in an increase of the pH, dissolving of  
10 organic carbon and de-protonation of  $S_{\text{-FeMn}}$ , which caused the lower sorption capacity of PFOS  
11 on  $S_{\text{-FeMn}}$ . Sediment after extracting manganese ( $S_{\text{-Mn}}$ ) had the higher sorption ability in anoxic  
12 environment because the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  from  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$  provided more effective electrostatic sites for anionic  
13 PFOS. When the environment changed to oxic condition, the iron existed as trivalent form in  
14  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$ , which resulted in a block of effective sorption site and reduced the sorption amounts of  
15 PFOS. The higher percentage of manganese oxides restrained the sorption of PFOS. Hence,  
16 whether or not oxic/anoxic condition promoted the PFOS sorption depended on both the  
17 percentage and form of various components in the sediment. The study generated further  
18 insight into the environmental transport of PFOS in the sediments with different properties and  
19 the wetland system, where oxic/anoxic subsurface flow was constructed.

20       Keywords: Sediment components, oxic condition, anoxic environment, PFOS, sorption

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## 22 1. INTRODUCTION

23 Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS,  $C_8F_{17}O_3^-$ ) is an emerging pollutant which has drawn  
24 considerable scientific and public concerns and has been detected in water and sediment  
25 environment (Ahrens et al., 2010; Beskoski et al., 2013; Pan et al., 2014; Ahrens et al., 2015).

26 In the aquatic environment, PFOS behaves in a hydrophobic fashion and binds with sediment,  
27 rather than remaining in the aqueous phase (Higgins and Luthy, 2006). Sorption of PFOS on  
28 sediment is a significant process because it affects the fate and environmental transport of  
29 PFOS.

30 Sediment particles consist of organic matter and minerals which include clay minerals,  
31 iron oxides and manganese oxides and so on. Each of these components plays different role in  
32 the sorption of organic contaminants (Li and Werth, 2001), and the scavenging capacities  
33 depends on their percentage in the sediment. Higgins and Luthy (2006) indicated that sorption  
34 of PFOS on sediments was correlated with the organic carbon content. However, other authors  
35 argued that the inorganic materials such as the metal oxides affected the fate and transport of  
36 PFOS (Johnson et al., 2007; Zhao et al., 2014). The minerals might indirectly reduce the  
37 sorption capability of organic pollutants by blocking sorption sites (Bonin and Simpson, 2007).  
38 However, these studies were undertaken under oxic condition which were different from the  
39 natural environment (anoxic ambient).

40 The redox potential (Eh) and pH of the system affect the sorption behavior of PFOS on  
41 sediment. Therefore, the sorption of PFOS under anoxic condition is very vital due to dynamic  
42 changes of redox conditions during the process of sedimentation. As a result, variations take  
43 place in the format of the chemical composition of sediments. Eventually, these variations in  
44 local conditions affect the processes of migration and precipitation of chemical substances in

45 water body and sediment. For example, the iron exists in the form of the precipitation of the  
46 ferric hydroxide, which blocks the effective sorption sites to reduce the uptake amounts in the  
47 oxic environment. However,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  was an important factor to remove a variety of organic and  
48 inorganic pollutants in natural anoxic condition (Rugge et al., 1998; Strathmann and Stone,  
49 2000). The existence of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  improved the electrostatic interactions between the anions and the  
50 free iron oxide (Fink et al., 1970). The two contradictory results derived from the unilateral  
51 research which neglected the influence of natural environmental condition (oxic and anoxic) on  
52 the composition with different formation, which consequently affected the sorption behavior of  
53 PFOS on sediment. To some degree, the resulting distribution parameters and mechanism is  
54 unilateral considering the fact that the environmental condition at the sediment-water interface  
55 is mostly anoxic. Therefore, a detailed understanding of the transport and fate of PFOS in  
56 sediment must include the interaction with iron oxides, manganese oxides and organic matter  
57 on actual anoxic condition.

58 To the best of our knowledge, little is known about the influence of oxic or anoxic  
59 condition on the sorption behavior of PFOS on sediments with different components.  
60 Therefore, the objectives of this study are (1) to generate further insight into the partitioning  
61 and fate of PFOS as it happens in natural ambient condition (oxic and anoxic environment) in  
62 the subsurface environment and (2) to understand the relative contributions of the various  
63 sediment components to PFOS sorption and the interactions between these components, which  
64 influence PFOS fate.

## 65 **2. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### 66 **2.1. Standards and Reagents**

67 The potassium salt of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS, 98%) and ammonium acetate (99%)  
68 were purchased from Fluka (Milwaukee, WI, USA). Sodium  
69 perfluoro-[1,2,3,4]-<sup>13</sup>C<sub>4</sub>-octanesulfonate (MPFOS, 99%, 50 µg/mL solution in methanol) was  
70 provided by Wellington Laboratories (Canada). HPLC-grade methanol was obtained from  
71 Fisher Scientific Chemical (USA). All the other reagents used in the experiment were of  
72 analytical grades.

### 73 **2.2. Sediment and Water Sampling**

74 Surface sediment (top 1 – 5 cm) was collected from Lake Taihu, China, with a column  
75 sediment sampler (Beeker) and was kept in polypropylene (PP) bags at 4 ± 2 °C for the  
76 succedent analysis. The sediment was freeze-dried and passed through 0.2 mm sieves before  
77 being used. Water sample was collected using a PP bucket pre-cleaned with methanol and  
78 Milli-Q water on the same spot of sediment collection, and stored at 4 ± 2 °C after filtration.

### 79 **2.3. Sediment Sequential Extraction**

80 Residual sediments were obtained by extracting organic matter, iron and manganese oxides,  
81 respectively. NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (0.1 M) and HNO<sub>3</sub> (0.01 M) were used to remove manganese oxides,  
82 and the product was denoted as S<sub>-Mn</sub> (Li et al., 2006). Both iron and manganese oxides were  
83 extracted with 0.2 M of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> buffered with H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> at pH 3.0 and shaken in the dark for  
84 4 h, and the product was marked as S<sub>-FeMn</sub> (Pei et al., 2006). Both NaOCl (0.1M) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
85 (30 %) were employed to remove organic matter (OM) based on previous reports (Kaiser and  
86 Guggenberger, 2003; Mikutta et al., 2005), and the products were denoted as S<sub>-OM1</sub> and S<sub>-OM2</sub>,  
87 respectively. The samples were centrifuged at 3800 rpm for 30 min, and supernatant was  
88 filtered (0.45 µm) into 50 mL of PP tube for the determination of Fe and Mn. The residual  
89 sediments were washed 4 times with filtered lake water (FLW) and air-dried. The extraction

90 efficiency (EE) was calculated by the following equation. Note that the sediment to reagent  
91 ratio is 1:10.

$$92 \quad EE = (C_{pt} - C_p) / C_t \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

93 Where  $C_{pt}$  is pseudo-total content;  $C_p$  is particle content after extraction;  $C_t$  is total extractable  
94 amount. Pseudo-total amounts ( $C_{pt}$ ) of Fe and Mn were obtained by a flame atomic absorption  
95 spectrometer (AA6300, Shimadzu, Japan). The total extractable amounts ( $C_t$ ) of Fe and Mn  
96 were determined using the modified sequential extraction procedure (Tessier et al., 1979; Yu et  
97 al., 2001). Organic matter was quantified by measuring the total organic carbon (TOC) using a  
98 TOC-VCPH instrument (Shimadzu, Japan). The cation exchange capacity (CEC) of sediment  
99 samples was determined following the conventional methods (Tao et al., 2006).

100 Specific surface area (BET) of the sample was determined on a surface area and pore size  
101 analyzer (ASAP 2000, Micromeritics, USA). The Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrum  
102 of the samples were obtained on a FTIR spectrophotometer (NEXUS 670, Nicolet, USA) by  
103 KBr disk (contained 1 mg of the sample and 300 mg of dried KBr) with the 400–4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
104 range. The resolution of FTIR spectroscopy was 2.0  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### 105 **2.4. Water Sample Preparation and Analysis**

106 Water sample from Lake Taihu was filtered through 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  fiberglass membranes before  
107 extraction to remove suspended particles and biota. All the water samples were extracted by  
108 solid phase extraction (SPE) with Oasis WAX cartridges (Waters, 6cc, 150mg, 30 $\mu\text{m}$ ). The  
109 extraction procedure followed those were described in previous publication (Ahrens et al.,  
110 2010). The SPE cartridges were first preconditioned by passing through 4 mL of ammonium  
111 hydroxide in methanol, 4 mL of methanol, and then 4 mL of Milli-Q water in turn. Before  
112 loading to the cartridge, the water samples were spiked with 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of 1 ng of MPFOS. The

113 cartridges were rinsed with 4 mL of 25 mM ammonium acetate buffer (pH 4) in Milli-Q water  
114 and dried by centrifugation at 3000 rpm for 20 min. The elution was carried out with 4 mL of  
115 methanol and 4 mL of 0.1% ammonium hydroxide, and then reduced to 1 mL under a nitrogen  
116 stream.

117 An ultra performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (UPLC-MS/MS)  
118 was used to determine the concentration of PFOS. UPLC system (Waters Corp., USA) was  
119 equipped with a C18 column and MS system is a Quattro Premier XE tandem quadrupole mass  
120 spectrometer equipped with an electro-spray ionization source. The analytical procedures were  
121 reported previously (Zhou et al., 2010; 2013). Spike and recovery experiments were performed  
122 to determine the precision and accuracy of the extraction and the analytical procedure. Method  
123 recovery rate ranged from 104.6% to 110.7% across all experimental conditions. The  
124 instrument limit of determination (LOD, signal-to-noise ratio 3:1) was 2 ng/L, while the limit  
125 of quantification (LOQ, 10:1 signal-to-noise ratio) was 7 ng/L. The PFOS concentration in  
126 FLW was  $2.82 \pm 0.02$  ng/L.

## 127 **2.5. Sorption Experiments**

128 **2.5.1. Oxidic Sorption.** In this study, oxidic condition was achieved only by the spontaneous  
129 oxygen exchange between the overlaying water and the atmosphere at room temperature.  
130 Briefly, 0.5 g of dried sediment was added into each 50 mL of PP tube and mixed with 20 mL  
131 of 0.5 mM NaCl solution prepared with FLW. The initial concentrations of PFOS ranged from  
132 400 – 1500 ng/L. A volume of 2 mL NaN<sub>3</sub> solution (200 mg/L) was added to each tube to  
133 inhibit any microbial activity. All tubes were shaken for 48 h at  $25 \pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$  in a 2D-shaker at  
134 250 rpm at pH  $7.0 \pm 0.1$ . The tubes were centrifuged at 9000 rpm for 30 min. Supernatant was  
135 filtered through 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  PP membrane and analyzed by UPLC-MS/MS. Blank experiments

136 were set up using the same solid-to-water ratios as the samples but without adding PFOS. One  
137 control sample with only the test substance in 0.5 mM NaCl solution (no sediment sample) was  
138 subjected to precisely the same steps as the test systems, in order to check the stability of the  
139 substance in NaCl solution and its possible sorption on the surfaces of the vessels. All the  
140 experiments, including controls and blanks, were carried out in duplicate. The amount of PFOS  
141 adsorbed on sediment ( $C_s$ , ng/g) was calculated as followed.

$$142 \quad C_s = (C_0 - C_e) \times V_0 / M_s \quad (2)$$

143 Where  $C_0$  (ng/L) is the initial PFOS concentration;  $C_e$  (ng/L) is the equilibrium PFOS  
144 concentration;  $V_0$  is the initial volume, and  $M_s$  is the mass (g) of sediment.

145 **2.5.2. Anoxic Sorption.** Two additional PP tubes containing the samples and NaCl solution  
146 were opened as surrogates for the other tubes to determine pH and oxidation-reduction  
147 potential (ORP) prior to the additions of PFOS. All of the tubes were purged continuously with  
148 high-purity  $N_2$  gas inside the anoxic box to remove dissolved oxygen and then were capped  
149 and allowed to stand in darkness for several days. At different interval, the two surrogate tubes  
150 were opened inside the  $N_2$  atmosphere to determine their pH and ORP. When the ORP in the  
151 surrogate tubes was negative, the other tubes were then injected with a volume of aqueous  
152 PFOS solution to obtain different initial concentrations (400 - 1500 ng/L). The other  
153 conditions were as same as the oxic sorption.

### 154 **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### 155 **3.1. Characterization of Original and Residual Sediments.**

156 The basic characterizations of original and residual sediments were carried out under oxic  
157 condition. The treatment of the sediments exhibited highly variable CEC, Fe, Mn and organic  
158 matter amounts (Table 1). The trend in CEC was indicative of the extent to which the organic



159 matter of each sediment had been removed. As expected, the lowest level of CEC was  
160 observed in sediment treated with NaOCl and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, in which the products were recorded as  
161 S<sub>-OM1</sub> and S<sub>-OM2</sub>.

162 The TOC fraction and the ratio of Fe/Mn of the original sediment were approximately 1.13%  
163 and 8, respectively. The total amount of extractable Fe and Mn oxides from the original  
164 sediment was 240.34 μmol Fe/g and 37.28 μmol Mn/g, respectively. These extractable  
165 fractions corresponded to 65% and 80% of the pseudo-total Fe and Mn oxides, respectively.  
166 The sediment treated with NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl reagent was recorded as S<sub>-Mn</sub>, in which almost 80% of  
167 Mn but just only 28% of Fe oxides were effectively removed, respectively. Some authors had  
168 related the slight removal of Fe oxides by NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl to be partly due to the binding form of  
169 Fe in the sediments and their existence in amorphous or carbonate form (Turner et al., 2004;  
170 Guo et al., 2006). Unlike NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl, treatment with (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> removed over 80% each of  
171 Fe and Mn oxides from the original sediment and only about 12% of organic matter was  
172 extracted simultaneously, in which the product was recorded as S<sub>-FeMn</sub>.

173 The two approaches towards extracting the organic matter effectively removed more than  
174 79% of the organic matter in each case. However, about 19% Fe and 24% Mn were  
175 simultaneously removed by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> compared with about 11% each of Fe and Mn removed by  
176 NaOCl treatment. These treatments showed that it was impossible to completely isolate either  
177 of the minerals, Fe or Mn, without interference with each other.

### 178 **3.2. Variation in pH, Redox Potential.**

179 The pH values of all the samples system gradually increased while the  
180 oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) decreased after the three months of anoxic incubation  
181 (Table 2). Reduction reactions consume protons, which may increase the pH of the sediment

182 solution (Stumm and Sulzberger, 1992). The Eh values of all the samples under anoxic  
183 condition were below the reported critical redox potential for the reduction of Fe (Eh = +300 to  
184 +100 at pH 6 – 7) (Gotoh and Patrick, 1974), suggesting that reduction of Fe<sup>3+</sup> to Fe<sup>2+</sup> should  
185 have occurred. The extent of reduction varied considerably due to the chemical nature of  
186 individual component. Thus, the redox potentials decreased from 271 to -75 mV in original  
187 sediment (UNTD), from 306 to -17 mV in S<sub>-Mn</sub>, from 229 to -52 mV in S<sub>-FeMn</sub>, from 244 to -39  
188 mV in S<sub>-OM1</sub>, and from 311 to -12 mV in S<sub>-OM2</sub> (Table 2).

189 Concentrations of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup> were simultaneously monitored in two replicates  
190 containing none of the samples but just the aqueous solution. The drop in redox under anoxic  
191 conditions seemed to favor Fe reduction more than Mn reduction at the sediment–water  
192 interface as shown by the time-dependent release of iron and manganese to solution (Figure 1).  
193 The increase in dissolved iron as the condition became anoxic represented the reductive  
194 dissolution of iron hydroxides that formed during the oxidation experiment. It was noted that  
195 the presence of anoxic conditions did not significantly alter the amount of extractable Mn  
196 oxides from these sediments.

197 A general increase in the specific surface area was observed in all the treated samples  
198 compared with the original sample, and the higher values being recorded in samples from  
199 which the organic matter had been removed significantly (S<sub>-OM1</sub> and S<sub>-OM2</sub>) under oxic  
200 experimental condition (Table 2). This may partly be due to the fact that organic matter  
201 destruction uncovered mineral surfaces and rendered them accessible to N<sub>2</sub> gas, and also  
202 allowed N<sub>2</sub> molecules to enter the micropores within the domains. However, S<sub>-Mn</sub> recorded the  
203 largest BET area under anoxic condition in contrast to the least value recorded under oxic  
204 atmosphere. The least of BET area was found in S<sub>-FeMn</sub> among the treated samples. This was

205 not surprising because as organic matter rich sample, it contained pores of <0.5 nm diameter  
206 where the diffusion of N<sub>2</sub> at 77K was kinetically restricted (De Jonge &  
207 Mittelmeijer-Hazeleger, 1996). Generally, the decline in specific surface area after reduction  
208 was concomitant with the transformation of ferric oxides to soluble Fe<sup>2+</sup>.

### 209 **3.3. Sorption Behavior and Mechanism.**

210 An interesting finding observed in this study was that oxic/anoxic conditions had an  
211 opposite influence on the sorption of PFOS on the various sediments containing different  
212 components. For example, the oxic ambient promoted the sorption of PFOS on S<sub>-FeMn</sub>. However,  
213 the sorption capability of PFOS under anoxic condition was better than that under oxic  
214 condition on S<sub>-Mn</sub> (Figure 2). The original sorption data of PFOS under oxic and anoxic  
215 conditions in different types of sediments were shown in Table S1.

216 The chemical treatments with ammonium oxalate induced a carboxyl group (COO<sup>-</sup>) into  
217 S<sub>-FeMn</sub>, which was obviously observed at 1625 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the FTIR (Figure 3). Thus, apart from  
218 removing the mineral component (Fe and Mn), the treatment also protonated the carboxylic  
219 groups leading to a split of the joint bands of asym with comparatively high intensity (Mikutta  
220 et al., 2005). The protonation was contributed to the higher sorption capacity of S<sub>-FeMn</sub> in oxic  
221 condition. When the environment changed to anoxic condition, the pH values gradually  
222 increased (Figure 4). The high pH value had been proved to promote organic matter desorption  
223 (Olivie-Lauquet et al., 2001; Gruau et al., 2004). Though S<sub>-FeMn</sub> had the highest organic carbon  
224 (0.99%) among all the sediments in the oxic environment (Table 1), we found that the organic  
225 matter could be mobilized in reductive condition in the S<sub>-FeMn</sub> (Figure 4). At the same time,  
226 the increase of the pH values in anoxic condition caused de-protonation of the carboxyl groups  
227 at mineral surfaces and thus decreased the positive net surface charge. Consequently, anionic

228 PFOS became more electronegative coupled with repulsion between  $S_{\text{-FeMn}}$  and PFOS. On the  
229 whole, the sorption capacity of PFOS on  $S_{\text{-FeMn}}$  decreased with decreasing of the redox potential  
230 and increasing of DOC. The result indicated that the samples containing abundant organic  
231 matter could effectively scavenge PFOS under oxic condition.

232 On the contrary, anoxic environment promoted the sorption of PFOS on  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$ . Though  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$   
233 had 0.92% organic carbon, it possessed the higher percentage of residual Mn and Fe (Table 1),  
234 respectively. Previous study indicated that high amounts of ferrous and manganous ions were  
235 rapidly oxidized in air and tended to precipitate, thereby blocking sorption sites (Toth and Ott,  
236 1970). The decrease of effective sorption sites resulted in a poor sorption capability of PFOS  
237 on  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$  in oxic ambient. The aqueous  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  amounts from oxic to anoxic conditions increased  
238 from 0 to 0.53 mg/L after 95 days with nitrogen (Figure 1). However, the anoxic condition did  
239 not significantly alter the amounts of extractable Mn oxides of the sediment components. In  
240 anoxic natural habitats,  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  is the only relevant oxidant of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  (Moraghan and Buresh, 1977;  
241 Myers and Nealson, 1988). This residual Mn, in the form of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$  may not be sufficient to  
242 significantly oxidize the pre-formed  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$  under anoxic condition. Thus, the increase of  
243  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  under anoxic conditions was responsible for the significant increase in sorption of PFOS  
244 on  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$ , which implied the electrostatic attraction between PFOS and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -species. The study  
245 indicated that the sediment containing large number of iron could become important sink for  
246 PFOS in anoxic environment.

247 In contrast to the results obtained from  $S_{\text{-FeMn}}$  and  $S_{\text{-Mn}}$ , the alteration of PFOS  
248 concentration seemed to affect the sorption trend on  $S_{\text{-OM1}}$ ,  $S_{\text{-OM2}}$  and UNTD (Figure 2).  
249 Anoxic condition was beneficial to sorption of PFOS at the range of low concentration.  
250 However, oxic ambient promoted the sorption of PFOS with higher concentration on these

251 three sediments. It was worthwhile to note that the PFOS concentration used in the current  
252 study was relatively low so that semi-micelle formation was unlikely. Hence, trace level PFOS  
253 existed as separate anion. The sorption mechanism discussed above indicated that the  
254 hydrophobic partition of PFOS into organic matter on sediments was the primary driving force  
255 in oxic ambient. In anoxic environment, the electrostatic attraction between PFOS and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$   
256 was the main driving force during the sorption process. The common feature of these three  
257 sediments was that they contained the higher iron and manganese (Table 1). Hence, it was easy  
258 to understand that the sorption capacities of PFOS on S-OM<sub>1</sub>, S-OM<sub>2</sub> and UNTD in anoxic  
259 ambient were higher than that in oxic condition because a large amount of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in anoxic  
260 ambient promoted the sorption of PFOS by electrostatic attraction between  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and anionic  
261 PFOS. When the concentrations of PFOS increased, the sorption on the three types of  
262 sediments trended to be saturated. Was it attributed to their lower specific surface areas in  
263 anoxic ambient? According to the specific BET area of S-OM<sub>1</sub> in anoxic condition (28.97 m<sup>2</sup>/g)  
264 and the lateral area of PFOS molecular (0.25 nm<sup>2</sup>/molecular), these sediments supplied enough  
265 sorption space for the PFOS within the range of concentration in this experiment. Were the  
266 effective sorption sites limited? As mentioned above, the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  contributed to the high sorption  
267 capacity in anoxic condition. A mass of 0.5 g S-OM<sub>1</sub> possessed 169.99  $\mu\text{mol}$  of the iron content.  
268 Though the effective  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  from S-OM<sub>1</sub> in the anoxic environment was only 3.4  $\mu\text{mol}$  based on  
269 the Figure 1, the effective electrostatic sites supplied by  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  were abundant for PFOS within  
270 the range of concentration in this experiment. Hence, what resulted in the gentle sorption of  
271 PFOS in the anoxic ambient? As shown in Table 1, the contents of Mn in S-OM<sub>1</sub>, S-OM<sub>2</sub> and  
272 UNTD were much higher than that in other sediments. Since the anoxic conditions did not  
273 significantly alter the amount of extractable Mn amounts. The manganese oxides, which had

274 more negative surface charge, restrained the interaction of PFOS with sediment particles  
275 (Johnson et al., 2007; Becker et al., 2008). In other words, the lower concentration of PFOS  
276 was not interfered by manganese oxides, whereas, the manganese oxides to some extent  
277 interfered with the PFOS as its concentration increased. Though most organic matter were  
278 removed from S<sub>OM1</sub> and S<sub>OM2</sub>, there were still some fractions remained in these residual  
279 sediments. Hence, hydrophobic partition of PFOS into organic matter on these sediments  
280 happened in oxic environment.

#### 281 **4. CONCLUSIONS**

282 The sorption system and process were complicated. The variation of oxic and anoxic  
283 condition changed the redox properties of system, affected the form of sediment components,  
284 and consequently influenced the sorption capacity of PFOS on residual sediment. Whether or  
285 not oxic/anoxic condition promoted the sorption of PFOS depended on the percentage of  
286 various components of the sediment. Inspecting various factors, the samples containing  
287 abundant organic matter but lower amount of Fe and Mn oxides could effectively scavenge  
288 PFOS under oxic condition. The sediment containing large number of iron but lower amount of  
289 Mn could become important sink for PFOS in anoxic environment. However, anoxic condition  
290 promoted the sorption of PFOS at the range of low concentration on the sediment containing  
291 large amount of both Fe and Mn oxides. When the concentration of PFOS increased, negative  
292 charges of Mn oxides restrained the interaction of more anionic PFOS and Fe<sup>2+</sup>-species. In oxic  
293 environment, the sorption of PFOS was not interfered by Mn oxides because the hydrophobic  
294 partition of PFOS into organic matter was the main driving force.

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387 **Table 1.** Characterization of sediment pretreated by different procedures.

Pretreatments	Abbre.	CEC (cmol/kg)	TOC (%)		Fe		Mn	
			Content	EE (%)	Content ( $\mu\text{mol/g}$ )	EE (%)	Content ( $\mu\text{mol/g}$ )	EE (%)
Original	UNTD	16.87	1.13		367.72 $\pm$ 2.94		46.74 $\pm$ 1.75	
NH <sub>2</sub> OH·HCl	S-Mn	11.23	0.92	18.58	299.58 $\pm$ 0.28	28.35	17.11 $\pm$ 0.28	79.48
(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	S-FeMn	9.01	0.99	12.39	165.64 $\pm$ 0.12	84.08	16.24 $\pm$ 0.91	81.81
NaOCl	S-OM1	8.48	0.18	84.07	339.98 $\pm$ 2.41	11.54	42.79 $\pm$ 0.41	10.59
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	S-OM2	7.71	0.24	79.76	321.71 $\pm$ 1.22	19.14	37.82 $\pm$ 0.05	23.93
C <sub>t</sub>			1.13	100	240.34 $\pm$ 9.43		37.28 $\pm$ 4.36	

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390 **Table 2.** Experiment condition of sorption under oxic and anoxic environment.

Samples	pH		Eh (mV)		BET (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	
	oxic	anoxic	oxic	anoxic	oxic	anoxic
UNTD	6.7±0.3	7.4±0.2	271±30	-75±22	20.41	13.47
S-Mn	4.0±0.2	5.2±0.9	306±49	-17±15	29.22	45.84
S-FeMn	5.4±0.2	6.8±0.4	229±62	-52±25	34.72	10.26
S-OM1	7.1±0.3	7.5±0.3	244±38	-39±16	47.29	28.97
S-OM2	6.9±0.5	7.4±0.3	311±56	-12±23	42.02	21.62

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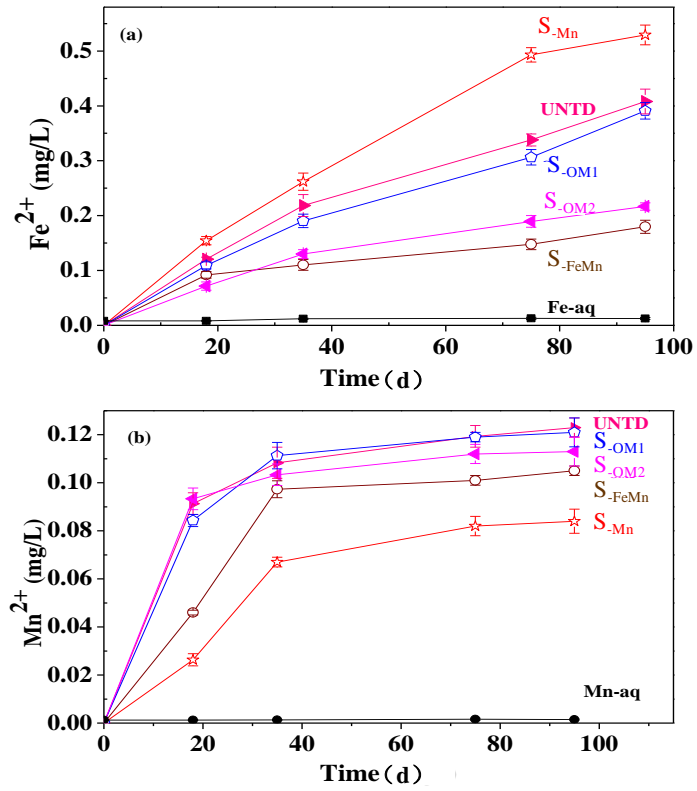
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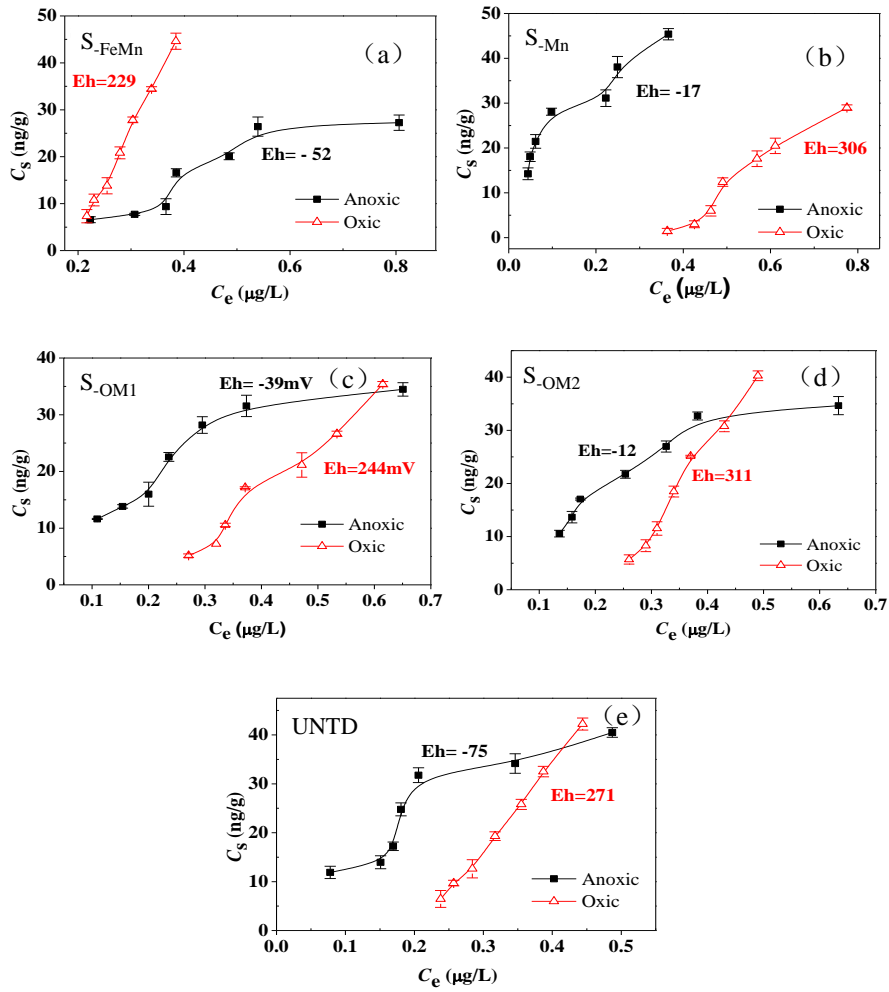
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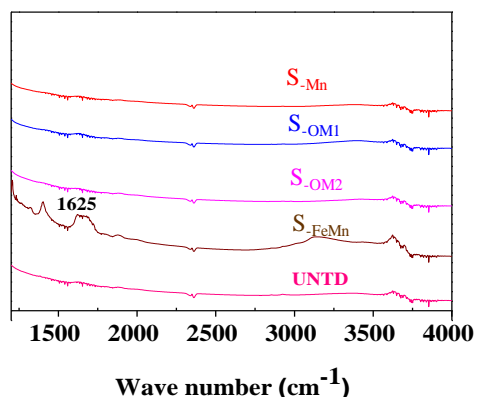
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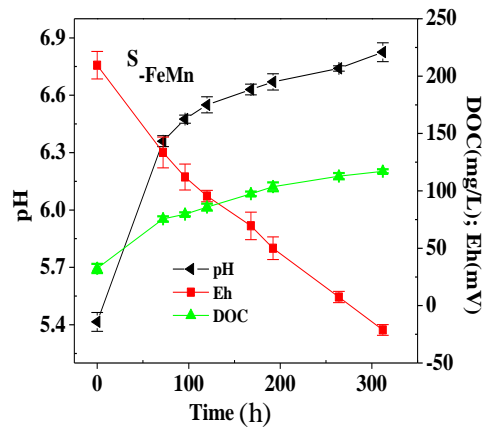
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