

# A Study of Water Pollutants Removal Using Different Types of Nano Materials

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## ABSTRACT

The rapidly increasing population, depleting water resources, and climate change resulting in prolonged droughts and floods have rendered drinking water a competitive resource in many parts of the world. The development of cost-effective and stable materials and methods for providing the fresh water in adequate amounts is the need of the water industry. Traditional water/wastewater treatment technologies remain ineffective for providing adequate safe water due to increasing demand of water coupled with stringent health guidelines and emerging contaminants. Nanotechnology-based multifunctional and highly efficient processes are providing affordable solutions to water/wastewater treatments that do not rely on large infrastructures or centralized systems. The aim of the present study is to review the possible applications of the nanoparticles/fibers for the removal of pollutants from water/wastewater. The paper will briefly overview the availability and practice of different Nano-materials (particles or fibers) for removal of viruses, inorganic solutes, heavy metals, metal ions, complex organic compounds, natural organic matter, nitrate, and other pollutants present in surface water, ground water, and/or industrial water. Finally, recommendations are made based on the current practices of nanotechnology applications in water industry for a stand-alone water purification unit for removing all types of contaminants from wastewater.

## 1. Introduction

Water broadly affects all parts of human life including yet not restricted to wellbeing, sustenance, vitality, and economy. Notwithstanding the natural, monetary, and social effects of poor water supply and sanitation [1–4], the stockpile of new water is basic for the wellbeing of kids and the poor [5, 6]. It is assessed that 10–20 million individuals kick the bucket each year because of waterborne and nonfatal disease causes passing of in excess of 200 million individuals consistently [7]. Consistently, around 5,000–6,000 kids bite the dust because of the water-related issue of the runs [8, 9]. There are presently more than 0.78 billion individuals around the globe who don't approach safe water assets [10] bringing about real medical issues. It is assessed that more than one billion individuals on the planet need access to safe water and inside couple of decades the momentum water supply will diminish by 33%. The segment of complete run-off which comprises stable run-off stream is considered as the freshwater asset whereupon people depend. This stable new water stream has been evaluated at 12,500–15,000 km<sup>3</sup> every year [11, 12], from which 4000 km<sup>3</sup> every year is viewed as the all out freshwater for water system, industry, and local purposes [13], and which is assessed to increment to a scope of 4300–5000 km<sup>3</sup> every year in 2025 [14–16]. Then again, just available new water is 0.5% of the world's 1.4 billion Km<sup>3</sup> of water which is besides inadequately disseminated over the globe [17].

There is restricted plausibility of an expansion in the inventory of crisp water due to contending requests of expanding populaces all through the world; additionally, water-related issues are relied upon to increment further because of atmosphere changes and because of populace development throughout the following two decades. It is evaluated that overall populace will increment by about 2.9 billion individuals

among now and 2050 (as indicated by UN's normal projections) [15]. Lack of crisp water supply is likewise an aftereffect of the abuse of water assets for residential, industry, and water system purposes in numerous pieces of the world. The weight on freshwater assets because of the expanding scene's interest of sustenance, vitality, etc is expanding increasingly more because of populace development and dangers of environmental change. Contaminating surface/ground water sources is another reason for diminished crisp water supplies. Springs the world over are exhausting and being dirtied because of numerous issues of saltwater interruption, soil disintegration, insufficient sanitation, sully of ground/surface waters by algal sprouts, cleansers, composts, pesticides, synthetic compounds, substantial metals, etc. The event of new/rising miniaturized scale contaminants (e.g., endocrine upsetting mixes (EDCs)) in contaminated water/wastewater has rendered existing customary water/wastewater treatment plants incapable to satisfy the ecological guidelines. The release of these mixes into the sea-going condition has influenced every living being. The customary materials and treatment advancements like enacted carbon, oxidation, actuated ooze, Nano filtration (NF), and invert assimilation (RO) films are not powerful to treat mind boggling and muddled dirtied waters including pharmaceuticals, individual consideration items, surfactants, different modern added substances, and various synthetic substances implied. The ordinary water treatment procedures are not ready to address enough the expulsion of a wide range of harmful synthetic compounds and pathogenic microorganisms in crude water. This is the perfect time to address water issues since springs the world over are draining because of various factors, for example, saltwater interruption and defilement from surface waters. Utilizing better refinement advancements can decrease issues of water deficiencies,

wellbeing, vitality, and environmental change. An impressive sparing of consumable water can be accomplished through reuse of wastewater which, thus, requires the improvement materials and techniques which are productive, financially savvy, and solid. Despite the fact that weakening of complex wastewater effluents can help diminishing the heap of miniaturized scale contaminations downstream, nonetheless, quite a bit of them go through regular water treatment because of event of these substances in small scale or even in Nano grams per liter. Natural treatment frameworks, for example, actuated muck and organic streaming channels can't expel a wide scope of developing contaminants and a large portion of these mixes stay dissolvable in the profluent. Physicochemical medications, for example, coagulation, flocculation, or lime mellowing demonstrated to be ineffectual for evacuating diverse EDCs and pharmaceutical mixes in different examinations. Chlorination, however giving remaining security against regrowth of microscopic organisms and pathogens, brings about unwanted tastes and smells notwithstanding the framing of various purification side-effects (DBPs) in versatile drinking water. Ozonation has been viewed as a less appealing option because of costly expenses and short lifetime. Both bright (UV) photolysis and particle trade, however being propelled sort of medications, are not achievable choices for small scale contaminations evacuation.

## 2. Synthesis Of Nanotubes And Nanocomposites

The blend of nanotubes should be possible by various strategies, for example, circular segment vanishing, sputtering, concoction vapor dissipation, synthetic vapor testimony and plasma improved compound vapor statement (PECVD). The most normally utilized strategy for the manufacture of carbon nanotubes is electric bend release technique. The circular segment happens in the gas filled space between two conductive terminals. At a normal temperature of 4000 K, the nanotubes are framed in the plasma. Co, Ni, or blends of certain different metals are the impetuses which are added to the dissipated single shell carbon nanotubes. During the bend release strategy, web like structures are conformed to the terminals having 10-100 single shell nanotubes. The impetus option prompts polluting influences as it is added alongside graphite to the framework. Creation procedure is trailed by cleaning step as around 33% of the carbon groups framed doesn't contain nanotubes with wanted cylinder like structure. Another strategy has been accounted for in the writing for the manufacture of carbon nanotube field producer by appending single divider carbon nanotube with high graphitization on Sn

or Ni layered glass substrate. 100 nm thicknesses of nanotubes are saved on Sn layer and toughened at 300o C.

## 3. Nanotechnology For Water/Wastewater

Cleansing There are rising requests of clean water all through the world as freshwater sources/assets are draining because of drawn out dry spells, expanding populace, atmosphere changes dangers, and exacting water quality measures. Masses in creating nations are utilizing flighty water sources (e.g., storm water, sullied new water, bitter water) because of constrained and draining crisp water supplies. The current water treatment frameworks, circulation frameworks, and expendable propensities combined with colossal brought together plans are not any more practical. The ebb and flow looks into don't satisfactorily address the practices that assurance the accessibility of water for all clients as per the stringent water quality guidelines. A few business and noncommercial mechanical improvements are utilized on regular routine yet nanotechnology has demonstrated to be one of the propelled ways for water/squander water treatment. Advancements in Nano scale research have made it conceivable to concoct monetarily plausible and ecologically stable treatment innovations for viably treating water/wastewater meeting the regularly expanding water quality norms. Advances in nanotechnology have given the chances to satisfy the crisp water needs of things to come ages. It is recommended that nanotechnology can satisfactorily address a large number of the water quality issues by utilizing various kinds of nanoparticles and additionally Nano strands. Nanotechnology utilizes materials of sizes littler than 100 nm in at any rate one measurement (Figure 1) which means at the degree of particles and atoms as contrasted and different teaches, for example, science, designing, and materials science. At this scale, materials have novel and essentially changed physical, synthetic, and organic properties for the most part because of their structure, higher surface zone to-volume proportion offering treatment and remediation, detecting and identification, and contamination anticipation. These special properties of nanomaterials, for instance, high reactivity and solid sorption, are investigated for application in water/wastewater treatment dependent on their capacities in unit tasks as featured in Table 1. Nanoparticles can infiltrate further and in this manner can treat water/wastewater which is commonly unrealistic by customary advancements. The higher surface zone to volume proportion of nanomaterial upgrades the reactivity with natural contaminants.

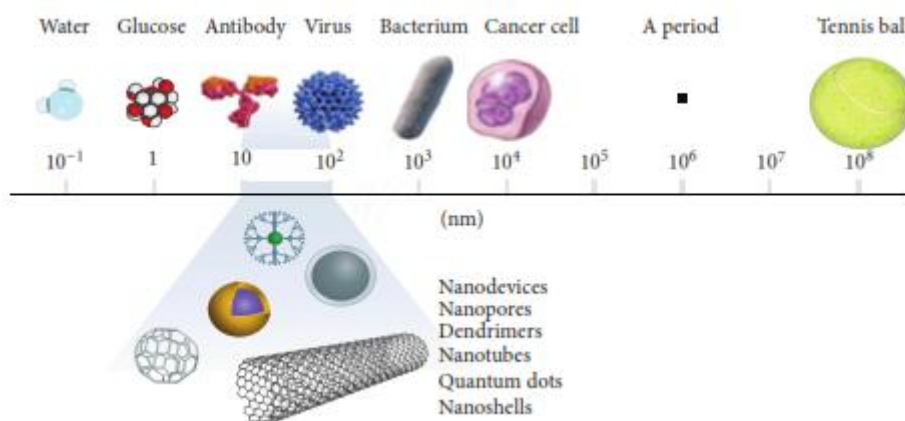


Figure 1: A size comparison of nanoparticle with other larger-sized materials

Table 1: Examples of potential applications of nanotechnology in water/wastewater treatment

Applications	Examples of nanomaterials	Some of novel properties
Adsorption	CNTs/nanoscale metal oxide and nanofibers	High specific surface area and assessable adsorption sites, selective and more adsorption sites, short intraparticle diffusion distance, tunable surface chemistry, easy reuse, and so forth.
Disinfection	Nanosilver/titanium dioxide (Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) and CNTs	Strong antimicrobial activity, low toxicity and cost, high chemical stability ease of use, and so forth.
Photocatalysis	Nano-TiO <sub>2</sub> and Fullerene derivatives	Photocatalytic activity in solar spectrum, low human toxicity, high stability and selectivity, low cost, and so forth.
Membranes	Nano-Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Zeolites/Magnetite and CNTs	Strong antimicrobial activity, hydrophilicity low toxicity to humans, high mechanical and chemical stability, high permeability and selectivity, photocatalytic activity, and so forth.

4. Pollutants Removal Using Different Nanomaterial's

1. Sanitization. Natural contaminants can be arranged into three classes, in particular, microorganisms, regular natural issue (NOM), and organic poisons. Microbial contaminants incorporate human pathogens and free living microorganisms. The expulsion of cyanobacterial poisons is an issue in ordinary water treatment frameworks. Numerous adsorbents including initiated carbon have sensibly great evacuation efficiencies and again various elements impact the expulsion procedure. Tainting from microorganisms, protozoans, and infections is conceivable in both ground and surface water. The lethality of the standard chlorine concoction purification notwithstanding the cancer-causing and exceptionally hurtful side-effects development is as of now referenced. Chlorine dioxide is costly and brings about the creation of unsafe substances like chlorite and chlorate in assembling process. Ozone, then again, has no lingering impacts however creates obscure natural response items. For UV sterilization, longer introduction time is required for viability and furthermore there is no leftover impact. In spite of advances in sanitization innovation, episodes from waterborne diseases are as yet happening. In this way, propelled cleansing advances must, in any event, dispose of the developing pathogens, notwithstanding their reasonableness for huge scale selection. There are a wide range of sorts of nanomaterials, for example, Ag, titanium, and zinc fit for sanitizing waterborne ailment causing organisms. Because of their charge limit, they have antibacterial properties. TiO<sub>2</sub> photocatalytic activity and metallic and metal-oxide nanoparticles are among the most encouraging Nano materials with antimicrobial properties.

The adequacy of metal particles in water cleansing has been featured by numerous scientists. This piece of the paper covers the utilization of these antimicrobial nanomaterials for water sanitization.

**Silver Nanoparticles:** Silver is the most generally utilized material because of its low lethality and microbial inactivation in water with well-detailed antibacterial component. Silver nanoparticles are gotten from its salts like silver nitrate and silver chloride, and their adequacy as biocides is reported in the writing. Despite the fact that the antibacterial impact is size needy, littler Ag nanoparticles (8 nm) were best, while bigger molecule size (11–23 nm) brings about lower bactericidal movement. Likewise, truncated triangular silver Nano plates displayed preferable antibacterial impacts over the circular and bar formed nanoparticles demonstrating their shape reliance. The systems required during the bactericidal impacts of Ag nanoparticles incorporate, for instance, the arrangement of free radicals harming the bacterial layers, connections with DNA, attachment to cell surface modifying the film properties, and catalyst harm.

**TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanoparticles:** TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles are among the developing and most encouraging photocatalytic impetuses for water purging. The fundamental component of a semiconductor based photocatalytic impetuses like minimal effort TiO<sub>2</sub> having great photocatalytic activity and nontoxicity includes the generation of exceptionally responsive oxidants, for example, OH radicals, for cleansing of microorganisms, microbes, growths, green growth, infections, etc. TiO<sub>2</sub>, following 8 hours of recreated sun powered introduction, has been accounted for to diminish the practicality of a few waterborne pathogens, for example, protozoa, parasites, E. coli, and Pseudomonas

aeruginosa. A total inactivation of fecal coliforms under daylight is accounted for in an examination communicating the photograph synergist sterilization proficiency of TiO<sub>2</sub>. The constrained photograph synergist ability of TiO<sub>2</sub>, that is, just under UV light, has improved definitely by stretching out its optical absorbance to the obvious light district. This was accomplished by doping progress metals and anionic nonmetals, for example, nitrogen, carbon sulfur, or fluorine into TiO<sub>2</sub>. As of late, Ag doping of TiO<sub>2</sub> has brought about improved bacterial inactivation either by complete expulsion or diminished time of E. coli inactivation in this manner improving cleansing under UV wavelengths and sun powered radiations.

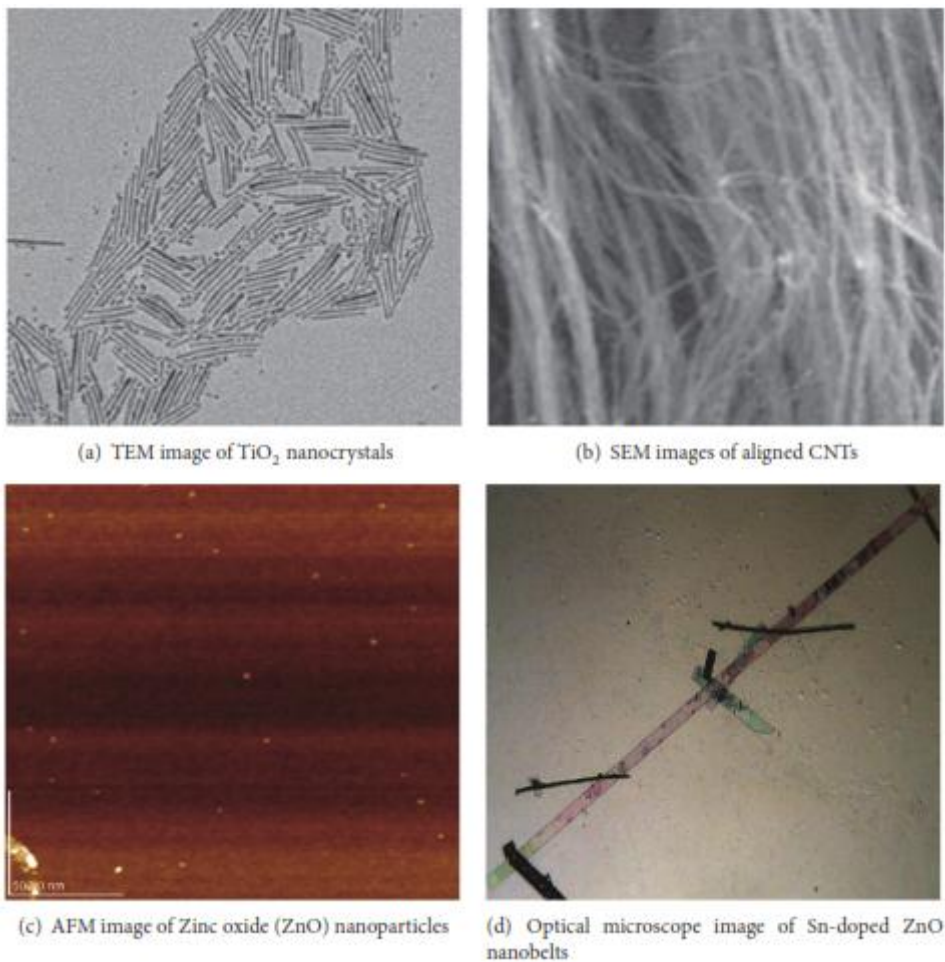
**CNTs and Others:** CNTs have demonstrated to be successful in expelling bacterial pathogens. CNTs (one of Nano sorbents) which have been utilized for expulsion of natural contaminations have gotten uncommon consideration for their great capacities of expelling organic contaminants from water. CNTs have antimicrobial attributes against a wide scope of microorganisms including microscopic organisms, for example, E. coli and Salmonella and infections. The adsorption of cyanobacteria poisons on CNTs is likewise higher when contrasted and carbon-based adsorbents predominantly because of enormous explicit surface region, outside distance across of CNTs, huge arrangement of mesoporous volume, etc.

**5. Research Methodology**

The pervasive test looked by any scientist while working in the zone of administration quality is the huge writing. The online databases were utilized to distinguish the articles and research papers in different diaries, magazines, periodicals, papers and looked for advices from specialists in this field. The hunt approach focuses on the administration area, especially instruction segment. The pursuits yielded number of articles. Every last one of the articles was inspected completely to guarantee that they are significant to Removal of Water Pollutants from Waste Water Using Different Types of Nano Materials.

**6. Result & Discussion**

With regards to treatment and remediation, nanotechnology can possibly give both water quality and amount over the long haul using, for instance, layers empowering water reuse, desalination. Furthermore, it yields minimal effort and constant estimations through the advancement of nonstop checking gadgets. Nanoparticles, having high assimilation, association, and response capacities, can carry on as colloid by blending blended with watery suspensions and they can likewise show quantum size impacts. Vitality preservation prompting cost investment funds is conceivable because of their little estimates; be that as it may, by and large utilization cost of the innovation ought to be contrasted and different systems in the market. Figure 2 delineates a portion of the various kinds of nanomaterials that can be utilized in water/wastewater treatment.



**Figure 2: Examples of different types of nanomaterials including particles, crystals, tube, and belts**

Nanomaterials have viably added to the improvement of progressively productive and savvy water filtration forms since layer innovation is considered as one of the propelled water/wastewater treatment forms. Nanoparticles have been much of the time utilized in the assembling of films, permitting porousness control and fouling opposition in different structures and pertinent functionalities. Both polymeric and inorganic films are fabricated by either collecting nanoparticles into permeable layers or mixing process. The instances of nanomaterials utilized in this arrangement incorporate, for instance, metal oxide nanoparticles like TiO<sub>2</sub>. CNTs have brought about wanted yields of improved porousness, inactivation of microscopic organisms, etc.

The changed anodic aluminum oxide film can expel substantial metal particles from fluid arrangement as polyrhodanine can frame organize mixes with explicit metal particles. Polyrhodanine is stored onto the internal surface of anodic aluminum oxide (AAO) layer by vapor testimony polymerization strategy. Polyrhodanine is manufactured by adding iron chloride to rhodanine watery arrangement which is shaping direction mixes. Attractive nanoparticles are shaped in the wake of infusing sodium borohydride. Fe particles instigate oxidation of rhodanine monomers starting the polymerization rhodanine. Polyrhodanine attractive nanoparticles are gotten toward the part of the arrangement. The manufacture procedure of polyrhodanine attractive nanoparticles is appeared in Fig. 3.

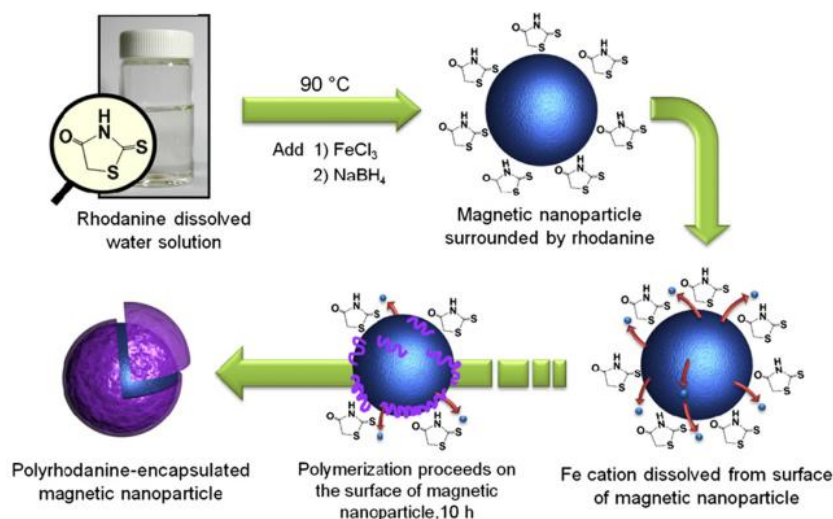


Fig. 3. Schematic illustration of the fabrication process of polyrhodanine encapsulated magnetic nanoparticles

TEM pictures demonstrate that the PR-MNPs have a normal width of 10 nm. Wager surface zone is acquired as 94.65 m<sup>2</sup>/g. The changed anodic aluminum oxide film can expel overwhelming metal particles from fluid arrangement as polyrhodanine can frame facilitate mixes with explicit metal particles. Polyrhodanine is saved onto the internal surface of anodic aluminum oxide (AAO) film by vapor affidavit

polymerization technique. The substantial metal evacuation capacity of the AAO-polyrhodanine film in type of cartridge is examined. Fluid arrangement of overwhelming metal particles (10 ml) is gone through the layer at 2 ml/h (Fig. 4) and last metal particle fixation is estimated. Motor examination is done by gathering aliquots of sifted arrangement as a component of time.

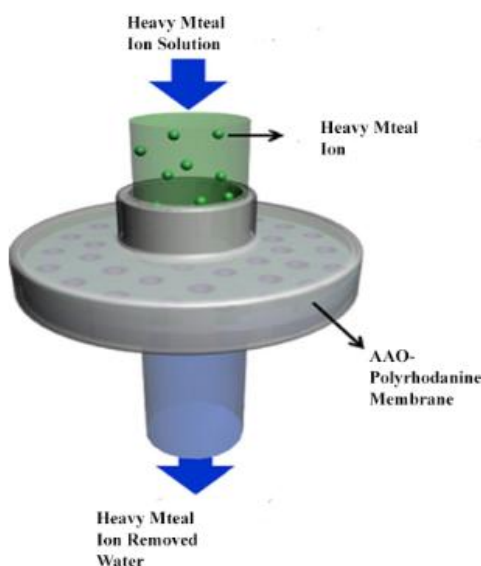


Fig. 4. Schematic diagram of removal procedure of heavy metal ions from wastewater using the fabricated AAO-polyrhodanine membrane as a filter

Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> attractive nanoparticles (MNPs) adjusted with 3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane (APS), copolymers of acrylic corrosive (AA) and crotonic corrosive (CA) are great adsorbents for evacuating overwhelming metal particles, for example, Cd (II), Zn (II), Pb (II) and Cu (II) from fluid arrangements. The outside of the adsorbents is in carboxyl structure and has less adsorption of overwhelming metal particles when pH is not as much as pH of zero point

(somewhere in the range of 3 and 4). The carboxyls transform into carboxylate anions and the adsorption increments progressively until pH > pHPzc which is because of increment in alkalinity. At long last, carboxyls totally transform into carboxylate anions. The likely adsorption system is appeared in Fig. (5). Chelation between the particles and the carboxylate anion give the principle connection between metal particles and adsorbents.

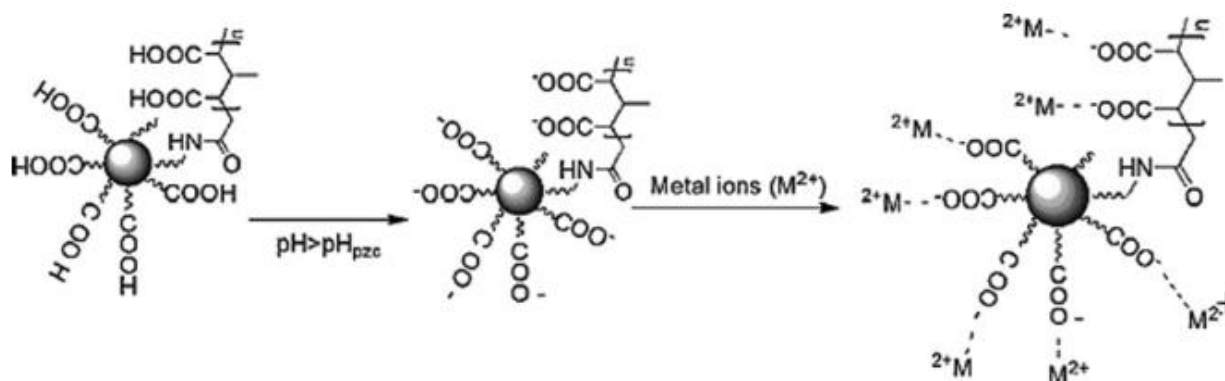


Fig. 5. Schematic representations of possible mechanism for adsorption of metal ions

As far as wastewater treatment, nanotechnology is material in identification and evacuation of different poisons. Overwhelming metal contamination acts like a genuine danger to condition since it is harmful to living life forms, including people, and not biodegradable. Different strategies, for example, Photo catalysis, Nano filtration, Adsorption, and Electrochemical oxidation include the utilization of TiO<sub>2</sub>, ZnO, fired layers, nanowire layers, polymer films, carbon nanotubes, submicron Nano powder, metal (oxides), attractive nanoparticles, nanostructured boron doped precious stone are utilized to determine or incredibly lessen issues including water quality in regular habitat. Nanoparticles when utilized as adsorbents, Nano measured zerovalent particles or Nano filtration films cause contamination expulsion/detachment from water while nanoparticles utilized as impetuses for concoction or photochemical oxidation impact the annihilation of contaminants present. Researchers arranged Nano scale materials that are being assessed as utilitarian materials for water purging into four classes specifically, dendrimers, metal-containing nanoparticles, zeolites and carbonaceous nanomaterials. Following are the various sorts of materials that are or can be utilized in wastewater treatment and decontamination by nanotechnology. Dendrite polymers incorporate irregular hyper spread polymers, dendrigraft polymers, dendrons and dendrimers. They are even and round macromolecules, including a generally thick shell made out of a center, fanning destinations and terminal gatherings that normally structure a well-characterized surface. Dendrimers are accessible in various shapes, for example, cones, circles, and plate like, for the most part in the size scope of 2 to 20 nm. A dendrimer structure is acquired by response of a few dendrons with a multifunctional center. More than one hundred compositionally extraordinary dendrimer families have been combined and more than 1000 separated substance surface adjustments have been accounted for. Diallo and his colleague recouped Cu (II) particles from watery arrangements utilizing dendron-improved ultrafiltration (DEUF) and poly (amidoamine)

(PAMAM) Dendrimers with Ethylene Diamine (EDA) center and terminal NH<sub>2</sub> gatherings. Dendritic polymers can be utilized as high limit and recyclable water solvent ligands for lethal metal particles, radionuclide and inorganic anions and recyclable unimolecular micelles for recouping natural solutes from water. These highlights advanced the use of dendritic polymers in water filtration. Poly (amidoamine) dendrimer (PAMAM) based silver edifices and Nano composites have been utilized as antimicrobial specialists in vitro. The secured silver and silver mixes demonstrated high antimicrobial movement against *S. aureus*, *P. aeruginosa* and *E. coli* without the loss of solvency.

## 7. Conclusion:

Safe water has turned into an aggressive asset in numerous pieces of the world because of expanding populace, delayed dry seasons, environmental change, etc. Nanomaterials have interesting qualities, for instance, enormous surface territories, size, shape, and measurements, that make them especially appealing for water/wastewater treatment applications, for example, cleansing, adsorption, and film detachments. The audit of the writing has demonstrated that water/wastewater treatment utilizing nanomaterials is a promising field for ebb and flow and future research. Surface adjustments of various nanomaterials like Nano scale TiO<sub>2</sub>, nZVI by coupling with a second synergist metal can bring about upgraded water/wastewater quality when applied for this reason by expanding the selectivity and reactivity of the chose materials. Surface adjustment may prompt the upgraded photograph synergist movement of the chose mixes because of the short lifetime of responsive oxygen species and increment the liking of altered nanomaterials towards many developing water contaminants. Bimetallic nanoparticles have additionally demonstrated compelling for remediation of water contaminants. Be that as it may, further investigations are required for understanding the component of corruption on bimetallic nanoparticles in charge of the improved effectiveness. For genuine field applications, in any case, an

improved comprehension of the procedure system is significant for the fruitful utilizations of inventive Nano composites for

water/wastewater treatment.

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