出國報告(出國類別:會議)

參加「亞洲土木、材料及環境科學研討 會」

服務機關:國立暨南國際大學 姓名職稱:陳谷汎 副教授 派赴國家:日本 出國期間:2014年7月22日7至26日 報告日期:2014年7月23日 申請人參與 2014 亞洲土木、材料及環境科學研討會議的目的如下:(1)針對申請人 研究成果 Application of alkaline-activated persulfate to remediate organic contaminants in groundwater (以鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化法處理地下水中有機污染物之研究)進行口頭報告 發表;(2)與與會專家學者交流討論研究心得與經驗;及(3)未來研究方向之學習思考。 口頭發表後,承蒙與會學者提供未來研究相當寶貴之建議。各相關發表場次之參與學 習,亦提供申請人未來研究延伸之方向。綜觀此次會議參與之成果,申請人未來研究可 加強及借鏡之處包含:

一、鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化法現地應用對微生物及重金屬溶出之影響;

二、鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化法對不同污染物移除機制之探討;

三、鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化本土整治技術適用參數之建立;及

四、TiO2光催化技術於地下水污染整治之應用可行性研究。

壹、目的

亞洲土木、材料及環境科學研討會議涵蓋土木、材料及環境科學,為一跨領域之國際會議,旨在提供學者、科學家、工程師及學生一發表其研究成果之國際交流平台,並促進學術界及工業界之交流,達成產學合作之目的。本次會議為第三屆舉辦,共有世界各國超過300篇論文在此研討會發表,為亞太地區重要學術交流平台之一。申請人參與此會議的目的如下:

一、針對申請人研究成果 Application of alkaline-activated persulfate to remediate organic contaminants in groundwater (以鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化法處理地下水中有機污染物之研究)
 進行口頭報告發表。

二、與與會專家學者交流討論研究心得與經驗;

三、學習國際研究新知;及

四、未來研究方向之學習思考。

貳、出國行程及議程

一、7月22日

研討會報到日,並著手準備次日口頭報告及議程主持相關工作。

二、7月23日

8:00 於會場報到後,隨即至 Environmental Sciences II 場次進行發表,該場次時段為 8:30-10:00,共有 5 位學者進行口頭發表。申請人為第一位發表者,且亦擔任該場次之主持人,於該時段進行 15 分鐘報告,發表題目為 Application of alkaline-activated persulfate to remediate organic contaminants in groundwater,並與在場專家學者進行 3 分鐘之問題討論。口頭發表完畢後,亦至其他場次聆聽環境科學及工程如水資源管理及污染物處理相關之論文及海報發表,並與各國專家學者交流討論,吸取新知。

三、7月24日

本日有申請人指導之博士生進行口頭發表,發表題目為Treatment of methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)- and benzene-contaminated groundwater using bamboo charcoal coupled with persulfate oxidation。博士生發表結束後,申請人亦至會場聆聽環境科學及工程如水資源管理及污染物處理相關之論文及海報發表,並與各國專家學者交流討論,吸取新知。

四、7月25日

進行環境保護技術交流,瞭解當地河川水質保護及生態保育之相關工作。

五、7月26日

結束研討會行程。

參、心得與建議

口頭發表後,承蒙與會學者提供相當寶貴之建議,加強本論文內容之完整性,並提 供未來研究延伸之方向。申請人發表題目為 Application of alkaline-activated persulfate to remediate organic contaminants in groundwater,主要利用高 pH 條件活化過硫酸鹽,加強 其對污染物之氧化移除。交流討論過程中,與會學者特別提及過硫酸應用後對現地微生 物之影響及可能造成之重金屬溶出是否有因應對策。此外,鹼活化過硫酸鹽法對不同污 染物降解效率之差異,或與自由基生成物種有關,此部分機制仍待更進一步之釐清。上 述建議皆為過硫酸鹽氧化法研究及應用待解決之問題,申請人已將會場學者之建議納入 未來研究工作之重點,期能使申請人在鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化法之相關研究更為深入。此 外,目前鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化法於國外已有不少的現地應用成果,惟國內相關現地應用 仍較為缺乏,建議未來國內應著手進行現地試驗/整治,以建立本土整治技術適用之相 關參數,提供未來整治應用之參考。

本次研討會主題相當廣泛,因時間有限,申請人僅參加與自身有關之環境科學與工 程領域相關發表之討論,從中學習其他研究團隊相關的研究成果及技術。近年來,水資 源匱乏已成為全球關注之議題,又因地表及地下水體水質受到污染,影響水資源之可利 用性。因此,發展經濟有效的污染技術,解決水污染問題已成為各國專家學者研究發展 之重點方向。除此之外,進行妥善之水資源及流域管理,方為有效解決水資源使用及污 染之方法。

本次會議中,各項有關水資源議題之發表,包含奈米處理技術、化學氧化技術、 環境法醫技術、環境微生物技術及水資源與流域管理等,內容相當豐富,使申請人對 水資源議題方面之研究進展,有更為深入之瞭解及認識。與申請人研究具有關聯性之 議題部分,如奈米級TiO2經改質後對水中污染物之移除具有相當良好之效果,惟由 於需光源進行催化,應用於地下水整治上較為缺乏。然而,目前地下水中有許多難分 解之有機污染物,如農藥及申請人持續進行研究之污染物甲基第三丁基醚,目前雖有 相關整治方法,惟仍待更多整治技術之嘗試,以提供更彈性之整治方案。未來研究上 或可利用抽取處理法配合TiO2氧化於現場進行處理,或利用整治牆之方式於地表下 裝設光源進行現地處理,以增進難分解有機物之整治效率。

環保技術交流部分,可以發現日本縱使在大都市當中,河川水質都相當良好,且 水中生態亦相當豐富。顯見下水道系統及污水處理廠之建置,仍是有效解決河川污染 之方法。目前許多縣市皆將河川水質整治工作列為施政重點,惟台灣下水道普及率仍 有待加強,進入河川之污水若未能妥善處理,河川整治將事倍功半。因此河川整治工 作,仍應從基本的下水道建設著手,列為重點加速進行,以使台灣受污染河川能有真 正乾淨的一天。

藉由此次國際研討會之參與,確實有效增廣自身研究相關之見聞,並從中學習其他 團隊之研究成果。綜觀此次會議參與之成果,申請人未來研究可加強及借鏡之處包含: 一、鹼活化過硫酸鹽氧化法現地應用對微生物及重金屬溶出之影響;

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肆、附錄

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Application of alkaline-activated persulfate to remediate organic contaminants in groundwater

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Abstract

Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1,2-DCA) are common groundwater pollutants. MTBE is widely used as a gasoline additive while 1,2-DCA is used for the production of vinyl chloride (VC). Both pollutants are difficult to be remediated and may cause cancer. In this study, alkaline-activated persulfate was used to treat MTBE- and 1,2-DCA-contaminated groundwater. Batch experiments were conducted under different pH to determine the required pH for alkaline-activated persulfate reaction. Furthermore, the potential of alkaline-activated persulfate by industrial waste was also evaluated. The main objectives were to: (1) investigate the required pH for alkaline-activated persulfate; (2) evaluate the degradation efficiency of MTBE and 1,2-DCA by alkaline-activated persulfate; and (3) evaluate the potential of industrial waste to drive alkaline-activated persulfate process.

Results show that alkaline-activated persulfate can effectively accelerate the degradation of 1,2-DCA. Alkaline-activated persulfate reduced the degradation rate of MTBE and inhibited the production of MTBE-degrading byproducts, tert-butyl alcohol (TBA) and tert-butyl formate (TBF). Persulfate activated by industrial waste basic oxygen furnace slag (BOF Slag) enhanced the degradation of 1,2-DCA. No heavy metals were released from BOF

slag during the experiments. Results of this study would be helpful to design a practical system for the treatment of contaminated sites. Since the mechanisms of contaminant removal by alkaline-activated persulfate are complicated, feasibility study is necessary before alkaline-activated persulfate is applied to other target compounds to avoid the retardation of contaminant degradation.

Keywords: MTBE, 1,2-DCA, persulfate, alkaline activation, industrial waste, basic oxygen furnace (BOF) slag

1. Introduction

Contamination of soil and groundwater by petroleum and chlorinated hydrocarbons has become a serious issue worldwide due to the large amount of use. Generally, petroleum and chlorinated hydrocarbons are most commonly detected pollutants in groundwater. These pollutants may be released to the environment due to the leakage of underground storage tanks (USTs) and pipelines, accidental spills, discharge of wastewater, and inappropriate discharge and disposal.

Many technologies such as chemical oxidation, bioremediation, and air sparging have been used to remediate contaminated. Among these technologies, chemical oxidation is a very powerful technology that can destroy many contaminants effectively (ITRC, 2005). Hydrogen peroxide, ozone, and permanganate are common oxidants used for the remediation of organic pollutants. Recently, persulfate oxidation has been applied to in situ chemical oxidation. Persulfate is a strong oxidant, which can be thermally (Johhnson et al., 2008; Costanza et al., 2010) or chemically (Anipsitakis and Dionysiou, 2004; Liang et al., 2004a) activated to produce more powerful sulfate free radicals to degrade organic pollutants.

Thermal activation

$S_2O_8^{2-}$ + heat $\rightarrow 2SO_8^{2-}$	$)_4$.	(1)
$\mathrm{SO_4}^{-}$ + e- \rightarrow $\mathrm{SO_4}^{2-}$	$E^0 = 2.6 V$	(2)

Chemical activation

$\operatorname{Fe}^{2+} + \operatorname{S_2O_8}^{2-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Fe}^{3+} + \operatorname{SO_4}^{2-} + \operatorname{SO_4}^{-} \cdot$	(3)
SO_4 · + $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fe}^{3+} + \mathrm{SO}_4^{2-}$	(4)
$2Fe^{2+} + S_2O_8^{2-} \rightarrow 2Fe^{3+} + 2SO_4^{2-}$	(5)

In addition to heat and transition metals, many other activation technologies such as chelated Fe(II) (Liang et al., 2004b; Liang et al., 2008), zero valent iron (ZVI) (Oh et al., 2009; Hussain et al., 2012), nanoscale ZVI (Yan et al., 2011), ultraviolet light (Lin et al., 2011; Gao et al., 2012), and activated carbon (Yang et al., 2011) have also been developed to

activate persulfate. Recently, alkaline-activated persulfate has been used to treat some groundwater pollutants (Block et al., 2004; Liang et al., 2013). However, no comparison study has been conducted to evaluate the difference of removal efficiency between chlorinated and petroleum hydrocarbons. Since methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) and 1,2-dichloroethane (1,2-DCA) are typical petroleum hydrocarbon and chlorinated hydrocarbon found in groundwater, respectively, the two compounds were selected as the target compounds for this study. The main objectives of this study were to:

(1) determine the required pH for alkaline-activated persulfate;

(2) evaluate the degradation efficiency of 1,2-DCA and MTBE by alkaline-activated

persulfate; and

(3) evaluate the potential of industrial waste to drive alkaline-activated persulfate process.

2. Materials and Methods

In this study, batch experiments were conducted using 50 mL serum bottles to evaluate MTBE and 1,2-DCA removal by persulfate under different alkaline conditions (pH 10-13, 25 °C, 150 rpm). Each bottle was filled with a mixed solution of the contaminant and persulfate. pH of the batch experiments was adjusted by NaOH. Table1 shows the component of 1,2-DCA and MTBE degradation by PS under different pH. In addition to NaOH, basic oxygen furnace (BOF) slag was also used to evaluate its feasibility to increase pH. The components of 1,2-DCA and MTBE degradation by PS with different dosages of BOF slag were shown in Table 2.

GC-FID was mainly used for the analysis of 1,2-DCA, MTBE, and their degradation byproducts including vinyl chloride (VC), tert-butyl formate (TBF), and tert-butyl alcohol (TBA). The production of VC was reconfirmed by GC-MS. In addition, heavy metals in the experiments with slag addition were analyzed using ICP-AES to evaluate the potential of heavy metal release from slag.

pН	Persulfate	1,2-DCA or MTBE	NaOH/Persulfate
1	(%)	(mg/L)	(mole ratio)
3 (unactivated)			0:1
10		50	0.03 : 1
11	1		0.12:1
12			1.2 : 1
13			6:1

Table1. Component of 1,2-DCA and MTBE degradation by PS under different pH.

Table 2. Components 1,2-DCA and MTBE degradation by PS with different dosages of BOF slag

Slag (g/L)	Persulfate (%)	1,2-DCA or MTBE (mg/L)	Slag/Persulfate (Weight ratio)
0 (unactivated)		50	0:1
20	1		2:1
40			4:1
60			6:1
80			8:1
100			10 : 1

3. Results and Discussion

Figure 1 shows the results of 1,2-DCA removal by different alkaline conditions. Although 1,2-DCA degradation was increased with increasing pH under alkaline condition, its removal was stalled at pH 10 and 11 compared to that of unactivated PS. The results show that 1,2-DCA degradation was enhanced with pH higher than 12. Results also show that the degradation of 1,2-DCA by PS followed the pseudo-first-order reaction. The rate constants of 1,2-DCA removal at pH 12 and 13 were significant higher than that of unactivated PS, respectively (Table 3).



Fig. 1. 1,2-DCA removal by persulfate under different alkaline conditions.

Table 3. Rate constants of 1,2-DCA degradation by persulfate under different alkaline conditions

1,2-DCA (mg/L)	Persulfate (%)	pН	k (1/s)	R^2
50	1	3 (unactivated)	3.77×10^{-6}	0.993
		10	1.43×10^{-6}	0.962
		11	$2.51 imes 10^{-6}$	0.992
		12	6.57×10^{-6}	0.976
		13	11.7×10^{-6}	0.994

During 1,2-DCA oxidation, VC production was observed (Fig. 2). It is interesting because VC is a byproducts during the reductive dechlorination of 1,2-DCA, it might not be present in an oxidation system. Therefore, the VC production was reconfirmed by GC/MS (Fig. 3). The results show VC was indeed produced during alkaline-activated PS oxdiation.



(b)

Fig. 2. Degradation of 1,2-DCA and production of VC during alkaline-activated PS oxidation (a) pH 12, (b) pH 13.



Fig. 3. Identification of VC production by GC-MS.

Two possible mechanisms of alkaline-activated persulfate have been proposed by Furman et al. (2010) and Watts (2011) (Eq. 6-11) and Corbin III (2008) (Eq. 12-17) as following.

$$[\ _{3}OS-O-O-SO_{3}^{-} + H_{2}O \xrightarrow{OH}_{\rightarrow} [\ _{3}OS-O-O^{-}] + SO_{4}^{2^{-}} + 2H^{+} Eq. 6$$

$$[\ _{3}OS-O-O^{-}] + H_{2}O \xrightarrow{OH}_{\rightarrow} H-O-O^{-} + SO_{4}^{2^{-}} + H^{+} Eq. 7$$

$$[\ _{3}OS-O-O-SO_{3}^{-} + 2H_{2}O \xrightarrow{OH}_{\rightarrow} HO_{2}^{-} + 2SO_{4}^{2^{-}} + 3H^{+} Eq. 8$$

$$H-O-O^{-} + \ _{3}OS-O-O-SO_{3}^{-} \rightarrow SO_{4} \cdot \ ^{-} + SO_{4}^{2^{-}} + H^{+} + O_{2} \cdot \ ^{-} Eq. 9$$

$$2S_{2}O_{8}^{2^{-}} + 2H_{2}O \rightarrow 3SO_{3}^{2^{-}} + SO_{4} \cdot \ ^{-} + O_{2} \cdot \ ^{-} + 4H^{+} Eq. 10$$

$$SO_{4} \cdot \ ^{-} + OH^{-} \rightarrow SO_{4}^{2^{-}} + OH \cdot Eq. 11$$

$$S_{2}O_{8}^{2^{-}} \rightarrow 2SO_{4} \cdot \ ^{-} Eq. 12$$

$$SO_{4} \cdot \ ^{-} + OH^{-} \rightarrow OH \cdot \ ^{+} SO_{4}^{2^{-}} Eq. 13$$

$$OH \cdot + OH \cdot \rightarrow H_{2}O_{2} Eq. 14$$

$$S_{2}O_{8}^{2^{-}} + 2H_{2}O \rightarrow 2HSO_{4}^{-} + H_{2}O_{2} Eq. 15$$

$$H_{2}O_{2} + OH^{-} \rightarrow HO_{2}^{-} + H_{2}O Eq. 16$$

$$H_{2}O_{2} + HO_{2}^{-} \rightarrow O_{2} \cdot \ ^{-} + OH \cdot \ ^{+} H_{2}O Eq. 17$$

Under alkaline conditions, hydroxyl, sulfate, and superoxide radicals are all in the system. It has been reported that the reduced superoxide radical was predominant in alkaline-activated

persulfate (Zhoa et al., 2013). Therefore, superoxide radical may contribute the production of VC via the reductive dechlorination of 1,2-DCA during alkaline-activated persulfate oxidation. Therefore, both oxidation and reductive dechlorination contributed the removal of 1,2-DCA, causing the enhancement of 1,2-DCA degradation.

Figure 4 show MTBE removal by persulfate under different alkaline conditions. MTBE degradation was stalled under alkaline conditions. Since superoxide radicals are ineffective in the degradation of MTBE, only sulfate and hydroxyl radicals contributed the removal of MTBE. This may be the reason that caused the retardation of MTBE removal. Table 4 shows the rate constants of MTBE degradation by persulfate under different alkaline conditions. The degradation of MTBE by persulfate also followed pseudo-first-order kinetics. The results show MTBE had a highest degradation rate constant under unactivated conditions.



Fig. 4. MTBE removal by persulfate under different alkaline conditions.

Table 4. Rate constants of MTBE degradation by persulfate under different alkaline conditions.

MTBE (mg/L)	Persulfate (%)	pН	k (1/s)	R^2
	1	3 (unactivated)	3.51×10^{-6}	0.991
50		10	1.16×10^{-6}	0.990
50		11	1.44×10^{-6}	0.997
		12	$2.05 imes 10^{-6}$	0.992
		13	$1.84 imes 10^{-6}$	0.997

TBF and TBA were produced during MTBE oxidation. However, the production of TBF and TBA was inhibited under all alkaline conditions. Figure 6 presents the scheme of MTBE

degradation with advanced oxidation processes (Huang et al., 2002). Acid-catalyzed hydrolysis is necessary to produce TBF during MTBE oxidation. Under high pH conditions, acid catalyzed hydrolysis was limited. Therefore, the production of TBF became limited. Since TBA is produced from the hydrolysis of TBF, TBA formation was also inhibited under high pH conditions.



Fig. 5. Degradation of 1,2-DCA and production of TBF and TBA during (a) unactivated and (b) alkaline-activated PS oxidation (pH 13).

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -O - CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{O_{2}}_{c} CH_{3} - \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -O - CH_{2} - O - O - H \xrightarrow{H^{+}/H_{2}O} CH_{3} - \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -O - CH & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} H_{3} & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ CH_{3} & OH \text{ or } SO_{4} & CH_{3} & CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -O - CH & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} H_{3} & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ CH_{3} & CH_{3} & CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -O - CH & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} H_{3} & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ CH_{3} & CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -OH & + & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -OH & + & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -OH & + & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -OH & + & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ CH_{3} & \xrightarrow{C}_{c} -OH & + & \stackrel{O}{\parallel} \\ \end{array}$$

Fig. 6. Scheme of MTBE degradation with advanced oxidation processes (Huang et al., 2002).

Figure 7 shows the degradation of 1,2-DCA and the production of VC during PS oxidation with the addition of different dosages of BOF slag. After BOD slag was added, pH in the system rapidly increased to 12. The results show the removal of 1,2-DCA was enhanced with the addition of BOF slag. In addition, VC was also produced. The results reveal the addition of 20 g/L slag could effectively activated PS to enhance 1,2-DCA degradation. Results of heavy metal analysis show no heavy metals were released from the slag during the treatment. Therefore, slag seems to be a good alternative to activate PS.

Figure 8 show the degradation of MTBE and production of TBF and TBA during persulfate oxidation with the addition of different dosages of BOF slag. Results reveal MTBE degradation was stalled and the production of TBF and TBA was limited with BOF slag addition due to high pH conditions.





Figure 7. Degradation of 1,2-DCA (a) and the production of VC (b) during PS oxidation with the addition of different dosages of BOF slag.





Fig. 8. Degradation of MTBE (a) and production of TBF(b) and TBA (c) during PS oxidation with the addition of different dosages of BOF slag.

Conclusions

- 1. Superoxide radicals, hydroxyl radicals, and sulfate radicals may all exist in alkaline-activated persulfate.
- 2. Removal of 1,2-DCA could be enhanced by alkaline-activated PS with pH above 12.
- 3. 1,2-DCA might be dechlorinated by superoxide radicals to produce VC during alkaline-activated persulfate oxidation.
- 4. MTBE degradation was stalled under alkaline conditions, possibly due to the presence of superoxide radicals.
- 5. BOF slag could effectively increase the solution pH to derive alkaline-activated persulfate reaction.
- 6. EPR (electron paramagnetic resonance) analysis needs to be conducted to confirm the role of the reduced superoxide radicals in contaminant removal.

7. Since the mechanisms of contaminant removal by alkaline-activated persulfate are complicated, a feasibility study is necessary before alkaline-activated persulfate is applied to other target compounds to avoid the retardation of contaminant degradation.

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