

# Effect of Cs(I) and Cr(III) on the adsorption of strontium ion by living irradiated Saccharomyces cerevisiae

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#### Abstract

In this paper, the effects of three coexisting ion systems (Cs, Sr), (Cr, Sr) and (Cs, Cr, Sr) on the adsorption of Sr(II) by irradiated Saccharomyces cerevisiae in solution were investigated. The three systems generally inhibited the adsorption of Sr(II) by yeast. The effects of several environmental factors on yeast adsorption of Sr(II) in coexisting ionic solutions were determined. Three adsorption models, Langmuir, Freundlich and Linear, were used to fit the experimental data. FTIR results showed that the mechanism by which Cs(I) and Cr(III) inhibited the adsorption of Sr(II) was related to the functional groups on the cell wall.

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# Introduction

As a kind of competitive clean energy, nuclear energy can replace fossil fuels on a large scale, and it can assist in realizing energy structure adjustment and sustainable development. But new opportunities also bring new challenges. We need to further protect human health and protect the environment from these nuclear products and their related wastes [1, 2]. The Fukushima nuclear accident occurred on March 11, 2011. The radionuclides produced in this accident caused serious pollution to the marine environment, and it was also one of the largest nuclear accidents in human history. A large number of radioactive pollutants, including <sup>134</sup>Cs,  $^{137}$ Cs,  $^{90}$ Sr,  $^{14}$ C, etc. are released into the ocean [3]. The Japanese government announced in April this year that the radioactive wastewater generated after the nuclear accident would be discharged into the ocean, making the treatment of radioactive wastewater a major problem. For radioactive waste liquid, the treatment method is usually to reduce the volume of radioactive waste liquid by traditional methods, solidify the radionuclides as much as possible, and then cut and seal the filtered solid waste<sup>[4]</sup>. Studies have shown that compared with traditional treatment methods, biosorption has the advantages of low cost, high efficiency, minimization of chemical sludge and biological sludge, renewable biosorbents, and recyclable pollutants [5]. Some scholars have studied the biosorption of the main radionuclides <sup>233</sup>U, <sup>241</sup>Am, <sup>144</sup>Ce, <sup>137</sup>Cs, and <sup>90</sup>Sr in radioactive waste, and found that biosorption is a more suitable technology for removing radionuclides in the water environment [6, 7]. Therefore, it has been favored by more and more scholars in the past ten years [8–11].

Strontium (<sup>90</sup>Sr, half-life of 28.78 years) is an important component of radioactive wastewater and one of the most dangerous radioactive pollutants in the environment [12, 13]. The metabolism mode of strontium in the body is similar to that of calcium, which can cause severe damage to the bone marrow hematopoietic tissue and induce aplastic anemia and leukemia[14]. As an engineered strain, Saccharomyces cerevisiae has been well applied in wastewater treatment [15]. We selected Saccharomyces cerevisiae previously induced by cyclic irradiation and high strontium concentrations as the biosorbent [16].

Since there is rarely only one toxic metal in wastewater, the research involving the influence of two or more coexisting ions on adsorption has more important significance [17]. Studies have shown that coexisting ions will compete with target ions, reducing the adsorption capacity of target ions and reducing the biosorption capacity of the adsorbent [18–20]. In our previous study, Cs(I) can antagonize the

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adsorption of strontium ions by Saccharomyces cerevisiae [21]. Cs(I) and Cr(III) are important components in low- and medium-level radioactive waste. Studying their influence mechanism on the adsorption of strontium ions by irradiated Saccharomyces cerevisiae in a more complex ternary ion system will help lay the foundation for their application in the treatment of radioactive wastewater. Different pH and initial concentrations of coexisting ions in the waste liquid will affect the adsorption capacity of the adsorbent in the presence of ions. Studying different pH and initial concentrations of coexistence of ions [22, 23]. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy can be used to identify the effect of functional groups on macromolecules and further reveal the mechanism of competitive adsorption [18].

Therefore, the coexisting ions Cs(I) and Cr(III) are selected in this paper, and different pH and initial concentrations of coexisting ions are set. Binary and ternary coexisting ion systems (Cs, Sr), (Cr, Sr), (Cs, Cr, Sr) are set. The effects of Cs(I) and Cr(III) on the adsorption of strontium ions by irradiated Saccharomyces cerevisiae were observed, and the mechanism of their effect on strontium adsorption was deeply studied by FTIR analysis.

#### Materials and methods

#### Yeast and reagents

Saccharomyces cerevisiae (CICC 30,225) cells were obtained from the China Center of Industrial Culture Collection (CICC). In our previous studies [16], we had used the cyclic irradiation method to culturing an irradiated Saccharomyces cerevisiae: Y-7. In this paper, we will use Y-7 as living biosorbents and do our further researches. Yeast were cultured in liquid media containing glucose (50.0 g), yeast extract (0.5 g), Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 g), (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (1.0 g), urea (1.0 g), and 1500 ml distilled water. The strontium solution was prepared using Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Adjust the pH value of the adsorption system with 1.0 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl and NaOH solution. Use Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CsCl, and Cr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O to prepare a culture medium containing Sr(II), Cs(I), and Cr(III). All chemicals were of analytical grade unless otherwise stated.

#### **Biosorption experiments**

We selected the coexisting ion concentration gradients of  $100 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ,  $200 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ , and  $300 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$  to study the influence of Cr(III) and Cs(I) on the adsorption of strontium ions by Y-7. We have studied the adsorption conditions of Y-7 in the early stage, and the results show that the best adsorption conditions for Sr(II) adsorption by living body Y-7 are

pH=7, the adsorption time is 30 h, and the adsorption temperature is 32 °C [16].

The effect of coexisting metal ions at different concentrations on the adsorption of strontium on Y-7 at pH=7 was studied. Choose the Cs(I) concentration as 100 mg  $L^{-1}$ , 200 mg  $L^{-1}$ , 300 mg  $L^{-1}$ , and the Sr(II) concentration as  $50 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ,  $100 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ,  $250 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ,  $300 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ , 400 mg $L^{-1}$ , 600 mg  $L^{-1}$ , 1000 mg  $L^{-1}$ , three systems (<sup>100</sup>Cs, Sr), (<sup>200</sup>Cs, Sr), (<sup>300</sup>Cs, Sr) coexisting ion culture medium were obtained. The configuration of the binary coexisting ion system (Cr, Sr) solution and the ternary coexisting ion system (Cs, Cr, Sr) solution are the same as above, and the coexisting culture medium:  $({}^{100}Cr, Sr)$ ,  $({}^{200}Cr, Sr)$ ,  $({}^{300}Cr, Sr)$  and  $({}^{100}Cs, {}^{100}Cr, Sr)$ ,  $({}^{200}Cs, {}^{200}Cr, Sr)$ ,  $({}^{300}Cs, {}^{300}Cr, Sr)$ . The effect of coexisting metal ions at the same concentration under different pH conditions on the adsorption of strontium on Y-7 was studied. The pH is 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively. The concentrations of Cs(I) and Cr(III) were both  $200 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ , and coexisting ion culture solutions (<sup>200</sup>Cs, Sr), (<sup>200</sup>Cr, Sr) and (<sup>200</sup>Cs, <sup>200</sup>Cr, Sr) were obtained.

The logarithmic phase Y-7 (100 mg dry weight) was added to 10 mL of liquid medium containing different ion concentrations, and continue shaking culture at 150 rpm for 30 h at 32 °C. The supernatant obtained after centrifugation was used to measure its strontium ion concentration using an atomic absorption flame spectrophotometer (AAS).

The adsorption amount q is calculated using the following formula.

$$q = \frac{\left(C_0 - C_e\right) \times V}{m} \tag{1}$$

q is the adsorption capacity of Y-7 to adsorb strontium (mg g<sup>-1</sup>), C<sub>0</sub> is the initial concentration of strontium ions in the culture solution (mg L<sup>-1</sup>), C<sub>e</sub> is the equilibrium concentration of strontium ions in the culture solution (mg L<sup>-1</sup>), V is the volume of the adsorption solution during the experiment (L), m is the dry weight of Y-7 (g).

#### Isothermal biosorption

Appropriate models play an important role in analyzing experimental data and understanding the mechanism of the adsorption process. Models can also help predict operating conditions and optimize processes [24, 25]. This paper uses Langmuir, Freundlich, and Linear models to fit and analyze the research results.

The Langmuir model is the most commonly used adsorption isotherm. It is assumed that the adsorption capacity of the solid phase material is the same everywhere on the surface, and the single-layer adsorption is completely independent before the adsorbed material. Its expression is:



**Fig. 1** The adsorption isotherm of Y-7 for strontium ion with the change of Cs ion concentration. A: Langmuir model; **B**: Freundlich model; **C**: Linear model  $[pH=7,32 \ C,30 \ h]$ 

$$q_e = \frac{q_m k_L C_e}{1 + k_L C_e} \tag{2}$$

 $q_e$  is the adsorption amount of strontium by Y-7 (mg g<sup>-1</sup>),  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration of strontium ions in the solution (mg L<sup>-1</sup>),  $q_m$  is the maximum biosorption amount of strontium by Y-7 (mg g<sup>-1</sup>),  $k_L$  is the affinity constant of Langmuir.

The Freundlich isotherm does not indicate the limited absorption capacity of the adsorbent, so it can only be reasonably applied in the low to medium concentration range. Its expression is:

$$q_e = K_F C_e^{\frac{1}{n}} \tag{3}$$

 $K_F$  (Lm g<sup>-1</sup>) is a parameter of the amount of biosorption, n is the Freundlich adsorption constant.

The linear model assumes that the adsorbent is a fluid or semi-fluid substance without a fixed form, and the adsorption sites are also infinite. Its expression is:

$$q_e = K_p C_e \tag{4}$$

 $K_p$  is the linear distribution coefficient.

To compare the degree of fit of Langmuir, Freundlich, and Linear models to the fitting results, use the following formula to calculate the adjustment coefficient  $R^2_{adi}$ .

$$R_{adj}^2 = 1 - \frac{\left(1 - R^2\right)(N-1)}{N - m - 1}$$
(5)





Fig. 2 The adsorption isotherm of Y-7 for strontium ion with the change of Cr ion concentration. A: Langmuir model; B: Freundlich model; C: Linear model [pH=7,32  $^{\circ}C$ ,30 h]

N is the number of experimental data points, m is the number of fitting model parameters.

#### surface of the cell sample at 900–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> using a Fourier infrared spectrometer (NEXUS87, USA).

## Fourier transformed infrared spectrometry(FTIR)

The bacteria after adsorption of each coexisting ion system under the conditions of strontium ion concentration of 250 mg  $L^{-1}$  and pH=7 were used for FTIR analysis. In the three coexisting ion systems, the concentrations of Cs(I) and Cr(III) are both 100 mg  $L^{-1}$ , 200 mg  $L^{-1}$ , and 300 mg  $L^{-1}$ . After the cell sample is cultured to the logarithmic phase, vacuum dry for 6 h to reduce the H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> on the surface. After being evenly mixed with KBr, use a tablet press to press it into tablets. The flake sample was used to check the group composition on the

# **Results and discussion**

# Effect of different coexisting metal ions on the adsorption of strontium ions by Y-7 at the same pH

The effects of binary and ternary coexisting ion systems on the adsorption of strontium ions by Y-7 were studied. The results show (Figs. 1, 2 and 3) Cs, Cr and (Cs, Cr) inhibit Y-7 from adsorbing strontium ions when the PH



**Fig. 3** The adsorption isotherm of Y-7 for strontium ions with changes in the concentration of Cs and Cr ions. A: Langmuir model; **B**: Freundlich model; **C**: Linear model  $[pH=7,32 \degree C,30 h]$ 

is 7, and the degree of inhibition is (Cs, Cr) > Cr > Cs. The inhibition degree of Cs, Cr and (Cs, Cr) concentration on adsorption was 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup> > 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup> > 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup> > 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup> > 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup> > 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup> > 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. The results show that the effect of coexisting ion concentration on the adsorption of (Cs, Sr) system is opposite to that of (Cr, Sr) and (Cs, Cr, Sr) system, which may be due to the different inhibition modes of Cs(I) and Cr(III) on the adsorption of strontium ions by Y-7.

Langmuir, Freundlich and Linear models were used to fit the strontium adsorption behavior of Y-7. The calculation results of  $R^2_{adj}$  show (Tables 1, 2 and 3) that the  $R^2_{adj}$  value of the Langmuir model is generally greater than the  $R^2_{adj}$ value of the Freundlich and Linear models under the same conditions. In this experiment, the Langmuir model has the best fitting effect, and the Linear model has the worst effect.

 $C_m (mg/L)$ Ion and Langmuir concentra- $\overline{R^{2a}}_{adj}$  $\mathbb{R}^2$  $K_{I}$  (L/mg)  $q_m (mg/g)$ tion Cs 0 54.582 0.0289 0.987 0.985 100 62.082 0.00899 0.926 0.911 200 0.939 0.926 66.219 0.00693 300 61.358 0.00724 0.959 0.951 Cr 100 66.859 0.00166 0.980 0.976 200 47.153 0.00918 0.885 0.862 300 59.286 0.00764 0.873 0.848 100 50.740 0.00266 0.886 0.863 (Cs, Cr) 54.434 0.880 200 0.00305 0.857 300 65.846 0.00516 0.931 0.917

 Table 1
 Langmuir model parameters for Y-7 adsorption of strontium ions in the presence of coexisting ions

 Table 2
 Freundlich model parameters for Y-7 adsorption of strontium ions in the presence of coexisting ions

Ion and con-	C <sub>m</sub> (mg/L)	Freundlich						
centration		$K_{\rm F}({\rm mg/g})$	1/n	$\mathbb{R}^2$	R <sup>2a</sup> <sub>adj</sub>			
Cs	0	6.467	0.366	0.886	0.863			
	100	2.654	0.497	0.835	0.802			
	200	2.038	0.540	0.861	0.834			
	300	2.084	0.524	0.887	0.865			
Cr	100	0.291	0.751	0.962	0.954			
	200	2.168	0.475	0.807	0.769			
	300	1.872	0.536	0.814	0.777			
(Cs, Cr)	100	0.515	0.649	0.839	0.807			
	200	0.580	0.656	0.840	0.807			
	300	1.291	0.595	0.870	0.844			

 
 Table 3
 Linear model parameters of Y-7 adsorbing strontium ions in the presence of coexisting ions

Ion and con-	C <sub>m</sub> (mg/L)	Linear	Linear					
centration		$K_{\rho}(mg/g)$	$\mathbb{R}^2$	$R^{2a}_{adj}$				
Cs	0	0.199	0.745	0.703				
	100	0.157	0.828	0.800				
	200	0.155	0.863	0.840				
	300	0.139	0.869	0.847				
Cr	100	0.0664	0.967	0.961				
	200	0.0977	0.803	0.770				
	300	0.128	0.835	0.807				
(Cs, Cr)	100	0.0645	0.891	0.872				
	200	0.0760	0.896	0.879				
	300	0.125	0.881	0.861				

It is suggested that the inhibitory effect of coexisting ions on the adsorption of strontium on Y-7 may be mainly due to the competition for adsorption sites on the bacterial surface, and the adsorption sites on the Y-7 surface are limited [18, 26].

Compare the adsorption capacity of Y-7 on strontium ions with different concentrations of Cs, Cr and (Cs, Cr) at different initial concentrations of strontium ions (Fig. 4). From the different initial concentrations of strontium ions, the ratio of the concentration of coexisting ions to the initial concentration of strontium ions was introduced, and the results showed that the inhibitory effect of coexisting ions on Sr(II) adsorption was related to the ratio of ion concentration. For Cs, the larger the ratio, the stronger the inhibitory effect; for Cr and (Cs, Cr), the smaller the ratio, the stronger the inhibitory effect (Table 4). It is speculated that both Cs(I) and Cr(III) will compete with Sr(II) for adsorption, which will reduce the number of strontium ions adsorbed by Y-7 [27]. As the concentration of Cs(I) increases, the amount of Cs(I) that competes with Sr(II) for adsorption increases, thus enhancing the ability of Cs(I) to compete for adsorption sites. When Sr(II) coexists with Cs(I) and Cr(III), the inhibitory effect of lowconcentration coexisting ions is the strongest. But with the increase of the concentration of coexisting ions, Cr(OH)3 precipitates and the inhibitory effect is weakened.

# Effect of coexisting metal ions at different pH on the adsorption of strontium ions by Y-7

Y-7 has the highest adsorption capacity for strontium ions in the single-ion system when the pH is 7 (Fig. 5). In the single-ion system of Y-7 adsorbing strontium ions, when pH > 7, the adsorption capacity decreases with the increase of pH. When pH < 7, the adsorption capacity increases with the increase of pH. (Cs, Sr), (Cr, Sr) and (Cs, Cr, Sr) three systems inhibit Y-7 from adsorbing strontium ions in acidic or alkaline environments and have different effects on adsorption under different acid-base conditions. In the (Cs, Sr) system, when pH > 7, the inhibitory effect of Cs increases with the increase of pH. When pH < 7, the inhibitory effect of Cs weakens with the increase of pH. In the (Cr, Sr) system, when pH > 7 or pH < 7, the adsorption capacity decreases with the increase of pH, and the inhibitory effect of Cr increases with the increase of pH. In the (Cs, Cr, Sr) system, when pH > 7, the adsorption capacity increases with the increase of pH, and the inhibitory effect of (Cs, Cr) decreases with the increase of pH. The inhibition was greater at pH 3 and 6, but decreased at pH 4 and 5.



Fig. 4 The adsorption capacity of strontium ions with different initial concentrations on Y-7 under three coexisting ion systems. A: (Cs, Sr); B: (Cr, Sr); C:(Cs, Cr, Sr) [ $pH=7,32^{\circ}C,30$  h]

The Langmuir adsorption isotherm of strontium ion on Y-7 was fitted for the single ion system of strontium ion and 200 mg  $L^{-1}$  (Cs, Sr), (Cr, Sr) and (Cs, Cr, Sr) at different pH values. R<sup>2</sup> of the three systems is mostly in the range of 0.7–0.9 (Table 5). Therefore, under the conditions of different pH and coexisting ions, it is mainly monolayer adsorption.

Yeast adsorbs metal ions when the pH is low, the metal ions will compete with a large number of hydronium ions

 $(H_3O^+)$  in the water for adsorption sites to reduce the adsorption rate of metal ions. At higher pH, the negative charge on the cell surface increases and more metal cations can be bound. But if the pH is too high, the activity of biological macromolecules is inhibited. Moreover, heavy metal ions are easily hydrolyzed into oxides and hydroxides, resulting in insoluble solids.

Cs(I) will not precipitate under different pH values, nor will it form insoluble complexes with common chemicals

 ${}^{1}C_{0}$  $^{2}(C_{n})/C_{0}$  ${}^{3}R_{Cs}(\%)$  ${}^{4}R_{Cr}(\%)$  ${}^{5}R_{(Cs, Cr)}(\%)$ 50 99 100/50 50.3 87.5 200/50 58.3 87.9 90.1 300/50 48.9 62.7 86.8 100 100/50 15.9 46.9 49.9 200/50 17.9 43.8 44.9 300/50 17.2 42.9 32.9 250 100/50 3.5 74.5 72.4 200/50 4.8 57.2 69.9 300/50 6.1 53.8 56.4 300 100/50 3.5 61.2 56.9 200/50 7.4 27.1 54.3 300/50 7.0 36.2 38.1 400 100/50 3.8 51.0 35.5 200/50 6.3 18.4 30.9 300/50 8.1 10.2 12.5 600 100/50 6.3 40.9 41.7 200/50 6.5 25.1 37.2 300/50 10.0 11.3 12.2 1000 100/50 6.4 39.1 39.9 200/50 6.5 23.5 35.3 300/50 9.4 10.8 11.9

 Table 4 Inhibition of coexisting ion concentration on strontium adsorption

 ${}^{1}C_{0}$  is the initial concentration of strontium ions;  ${}^{2}(C_{n})/C_{0}$  is the ratio of the initial concentration of coexisting ions to the initial concentration of strontium ions, n=100, 200, 300;  ${}^{3}R_{Cs}$  (%),  ${}^{4}R_{Cr}$  (%),  ${}^{5}R_{Cs+Cr}$  (%) is the proportion of coexisting ions Cs, Cr, (Cs, Cr) added to reduce the amount of strontium adsorption.

(such as sulfates and halides) [28]. Cr(III) is an intermediate transition metal ion, and it is dominated by cations at pH < 4 and hydrolyzes and forms complexes with hydroxyl groups at pH > 4. The adsorption of Cs(I) is related to the electrostatic attraction between the cell surface and Cs(I). Low pH will increase the electrostatic repulsion on the cell surface and reduce the amount of Cs(I) adsorption. As the pH increases, the negative charge on the cell surface increases, and the amount of Cs(I) adsorption increases. However, it reaches the maximum value at pH = 6, and a too-high pH will inactivate the groups on the surface of yeast cells and affect the adsorption of Cs(I) [29]. The adsorption rate of the strain on Cr(III) has a wide pH range. When the pH is in the range of 4–7, the adsorption capacity increases with the increase of pH [30].

In the (Cs, Sr) system, although Cs(I) will increase its adsorption to the cell surface as the pH increases, at the same time the adsorption capacity of strontium ions on Y-7 is also improved. Therefore, the results of this study show that when pH > 7, the ability of Cs(I) to compete for adsorption sites increases with the increase of pH. When pH < 7, the competitive ability of Cs(I) for adsorption sites decreases with the increase of pH. In the (Cr, Sr) system, the inhibitory effect of Cr(III) increases with the increase of pH, so the competitive adsorption capacity of Cr(III) increases with the increase of pH. In the (Cs, Cr, Sr) system, because Cs(I) and Cr(III) have different abilities to adsorb strontium on Y-7 under different pH conditions, there is no obvious rule. However, compared with the (Cr, Sr) system, the addition of Cs(I) will weaken the inhibitory effect of Cr(III) on Sr(II) adsorption.

#### FTIR spectrum analysis

We conducted infrared spectroscopy to examine the effect of coexisting ions on the functional groups in Y-7 and further analyzed the mechanism of coexisting ions affecting the adsorption of strontium ions. Representative spectral results are shown in Fig. 6 and Table 6.

I: The peak at 3407 cm<sup>-1</sup> belongs to the associated -OH and N–H stretching vibration peaks[31]. After Y-7 adsorbed Sr(II) in the Sr single-ion system, its absorption peak at 3407 cm-1 did not shift significantly, indicating that Sr did not bind to this functional group. The peak at 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> is the amide group (O = CN-H) I band, which is the stretching vibration peak of C = O[32]. After Y-7 adsorbed Sr(II), the peak at 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> did not shift significantly, indicating that there was no Sr binding to the functional group. The peak at 1383 cm<sup>-1</sup> is the amide III band, which is the C-N stretching vibration peak[32]. After Y-7 adsorbed Sr(II) in the single-ion system, there was no obvious peak near 1382 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

II The peak at 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup> is the stretching vibration peak of C–OH in the polysaccharide or the stretching vibration peak of P-O-C. In the single ion system, Y-7 adsorbed Sr(II) from 1056 to 1082 cm<sup>-1</sup>, indicating that this group participated in the adsorption of Sr(II). In the (Cs, Sr) binary system, the concentration of Cs(I) added is 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, 200 mg L-1, and 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. The peaks at 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup> all move to 1080 cm<sup>-1</sup>, but the intensity of the peak changes with the concentration. It shows that in a binary system, the concentration of the group that binds to the part of Cs(I) will



**Fig. 5** Langmuir isotherms of strontium ions adsorbed by Y-7 in different ion systems(**A**: Sr; **B**: Cs = 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, Sr; **C**: Cr = 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, Sr; **D**: Cs = 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, Cr = 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, Sr;) at different pH [32°C, 30 h]

affect the strength of the group. In the (Cr, Sr) binary system, the concentration of Cr(III) added is 100 mg L-1, 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, and 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. The peaks at 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup> all moved to 1033 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and the intensity of the peak changes with the change of concentration. It shows that the group will bind to a certain amount of Cr(III), and the concentration of Cr(III) will affect the strength of the group. The changing trend of the (Cs, Cr, Sr) ternary system is not significantly different

from (Cr, Sr), but the peak intensity is weakened. Through the above analysis, it is found that C–OH and P-O-C are involved in the combination of Sr(II)[16]. When Cs(I) and Cr(III) are added separately, the coexisting ions compete for the adsorption sites of the group, and their concentration affects the bonding strength of the group.

III: The peak at  $671 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is the absorption frequency region of some heavy atom stretching vibration peaks and

 Table 5
 Langmuir simulation fitting parameters of heavy metals adsorbing Sr on Y-7 at different pH

Metal ion	pН	Langmuir							
		$q_{\rm m}  ({\rm mg/g})$	K <sub>L</sub> (L/mg)	R <sup>2</sup>	$R^{2a}_{adj}$				
Sr	8	60.636	0.0136	0.894	0.872				
	7	54.582	0.0289	0.987	0.985				
	6	61.332	0.00989	0.897	0.876				
	5	60.126	0.00988	0.903	0.884				
	4	63.273	0.00748	0.945	0.934				
	3	71.365	0.00473	0.926	0.911				
(Cs, Sr)	8	62.752	0.00653	0.974	0.969				
	7	66.219	0.00693	0.939	0.926				
	6	63.697	0.00981	0.843	0.811				
	5	63.786	0.00918	0.844	0.813				
	4	67.173	0.00595	0.923	0.907				
	3	54.120	0.00421	0.933	0.920				
(Cr, Sr)	8	55.616	0.00447	0.904	0.884				
	7	47.154	0.00918	0.885	0.862				
	6	42.294	0.0152	0.789	0.747				
	5	44.149	0.0171	0.788	0.746				
	4	42.875	0.0268	0.753	0.704				
	3	44.413	0.018	0.737	0.684				
(Cs, Cr, Sr)	8	47.221	0.00932	0.904	0.885				
	7	54.434	0.00305	0.880	0.857				
	6	51.757	0.00185	0.881	0.857				
	5	57.907	0.00732	0.825	0.790				
	4	58.104	0.0121	0.643	0.572				
	3	53.101	0.00179	0.892	0.870				

some deformation vibrations[33]. After Y-7 adsorbed Sr(II) in the single ion system, 671 cm<sup>-1</sup> shifted to 610 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In the (Cs, Sr) binary system, adding different concentrations of Cs(I) does not significantly shift the peak, but the intensity of the peak changes with the concentration. In the (Cr, Sr) binary system, when the concentration of Cr(III) reaches 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, it shifts to 603 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and the intensity of the peak changes with the concentration. In the (Cs, Cr, Sr) system, when the concentration of (Cs, Cr) reaches 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, it shifts to 602 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and then the concentration increases to 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup> without any significant shift. This shows that there is a group that binds to Sr(II), but it is not clear what kind of atom the bond forms. When Cr(III) and Cs(I) are added separately, the concentration of coexisting ions will affect the adsorption of the group to Sr(II), and even Cr(III) will compete for the adsorption site at high concentrations. However, when Cr(III) and Cs(I) coexist, Cr(III) and Cs(I) may interact and affect the combination of Cr(III) and this group.

FTIR results showed that in different coexisting ion systems, the presence of coexisting ions caused the peak positions of functional groups (-OH, N–H, C = O, C–OH and P-O-C) on the yeast cell wall to shift. Cr(III) and Cs(I) will compete with the adsorption site of the Sr(II) binding group, which weakens the binding strength of the group and Sr(II). The difference in the concentration of coexisting ions will affect the strength of the interaction between metal ions and functional groups. Yeast's adsorption of multiple metal ions makes the changes in functional groups more complicated.

# Conclusion

The coexisting ions Cs, Cr and (Cs, Cr) all inhibited Y-7 from adsorbing strontium ions, and the degree of inhibition was (Cs, Cr) > Cr > Cs. The inhibitory effect of coexisting ions on the adsorption of strontium is related to the ratio of the concentration of coexisting ions to the initial concentration of strontium ions. Changing the pH of the adsorption environment shows that the coexisting ions have different effects on Y-7's adsorption of strontium ions under different acid-base conditions. The Langmuir model has the best fitting effect on adsorption, suggesting that under the influence of coexisting ions, the adsorption of strontium ions in living body Y-7 is mainly monolayer adsorption. FTIR results showed that the coexisting ions shifted the peak positions of the functional groups (C-OH and P-O-C) on the yeast cell wall, and the results were related to the types of coexisting ions and the concentration of coexisting ions.



Fig.6 Y-7 infrared spectra of different coexisting systems after adsorption equilibrium (Sr(II) concentration is 250 mg L<sup>-1</sup>). A: A1-blank, A2- Sr(II) 250 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; B: B1- Cs(I) 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, B2- Cs(I)

200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, B3- Cs(I) 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; **C**: C1- Cr(III) 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, C2- Cr(III) 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, C3- Cr(III) 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; **D**: D1-(Cs, Cr) 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, D2- (Cs, Cr) 200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, D3- (Cs, Cr) 300 mg L<sup>-1</sup>;

Wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

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Table 6         The statistical results
of Y-7 infrared spectrogram
before and after the adsorption
of strontium ions in each
coexisting ion system

Peak number	Wavenumber(cm <sup>-1</sup> )										
	Blank	Sr	(Cs, Sr)			(Cr, Sr)			(Cs, Cr, Sr)		
	A1	A2	B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	C3	D1	D2	D3
1	3407	3407	3408	3347	3409	3369	3369	3379	3353	3359	3353
2	2927	2927	2929	2931	2928	2930	2932	2932	2932	2932	2932
3	1650	1650	1641	1652	1641	1641	1648	1640	1650	1643	1642
4	1547	1536	1546	1536	1536		1546	1546	1562	1548	1561
5			1383		1383	1383	1384	1384	1384	1384	1384
6	1056	1082	1080	1080	1080	1033	1033	1033	1032	1033	1034
7	671	610	609	609	609	608	609	603	608	602	601

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