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Studies for the Biosorption of Nickel from an Aqueous

solution on to Madhuca Indica Leaves Powder

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ABSTRACT

Many branches of industry these days produce huge amounts of waste containing dangerous and cancer-causing natural and inorganic mixes. The developing issue of water contamination has prompted a lot of enthusiasm for the advancement of inventive and moderately shoddy techniques for removing harmful metals. The present work explores the growing of Madhuca Indica leaves powder on biosorption of Nickel metal present in aqueous liquid phase. The effects of various parameters (Time, pH, Dosage, Size, Concentration and Temperature) on biosorption of Nickel are considered. Experimental data gave good fit with Freundlich Isoterm and followed the Langmuir and Temkin Isotherms.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Metal contamination has been an awesome worry for as far back as couple of decades. It is trusted that the wide utilization of man-made chemicals, anthropogenic way of life, and quick industrialization is the significant wellspring of metal poisonous quality [1]. Nickel is notable as a substantial metal toxin, display in effluents of electroplating enterprises, purifying, and composite assembling, mining, and refining industries[2]. Nickel has been ensnared as an embryotoxin and teratogen [3]. The higher grouping of Nickel causes dermatitis, queasiness, heaving, behavioral, and respiratory issues notwithstanding cyanosis, gastrointestinal trouble, and weakness [4] All these biological disorder consequences alarm the need of nickel removal from the environment and to bring up its levels below the threshold limits from its sources. The classical physicochemical methods are commonly used for the removal of nickel from the industrial effluents, namely, evaporative recovery, filtration, ion exchange, and membrane technologies. though they are promising to some extent, but these processes have high reagent or energy requirements and generate toxic sludge that requires careful disposal[5]. Biosorption is a process that uses inexpensive biomaterials to sequester metals from aqueous solutions and the biomaterials used in this process are termed as biosorbents. The by-products from agriculture, food and pharmaceutical industries provide economically

viable sources of biosorbent; this makes biosorption an inexpensive alternative treatment method. Recent research on biosorption has shown that biomaterials containing acidic groups such as hydroxyls and carboxyls were effective in binding metal cations [6].

II. MATERIALS & METHODS

2.1 Preparation of the biosorbent

Madhuca indica leaves were collected from a nearby Tenali canal place in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, India. The collected biosorbent was washed with distilled water several times until the dirt particles are removed. After through washing with distilled water, biosorbent was sun dried for ten days until they became crispy, cut into small pieces, powdered and sieved.

2.2 Preparation of Nickel stock solution

$\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is used as the source of nickel stock solution. All the required solutions are prepared with double distilled water. 1000mg/L of nickel stock solution was prepared by dissolving appropriate amount of $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Later the mother was solution was diluted to get the test solution like 20,40,80,120 & 160mg/L.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Effect of agitation time

From the Fig.1 The maximum percentage of biosorption is attained at 25 min of agitation. The percentage removal of Nickel becomes constant after 25 min indicating the attainment of the equilibrium. Therefore all other experiments are conducted at this agitation time [7,8,9,10].

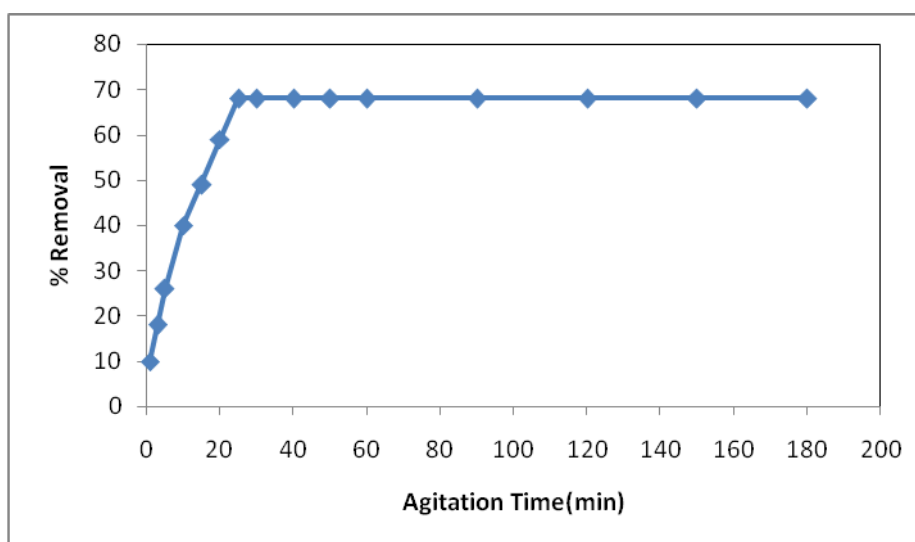


Fig. 1 Effect of agitation time on % biosorption of nickle using *Madhuca Indica* at various concentrations(20,40,80,120 & 160ppm)

3.2 Effect of biosorbent size

It was observed from fig. 2 that the percentage biosorption of nickel as a function of biosorbent size is decreases with increasing particle size. [11].

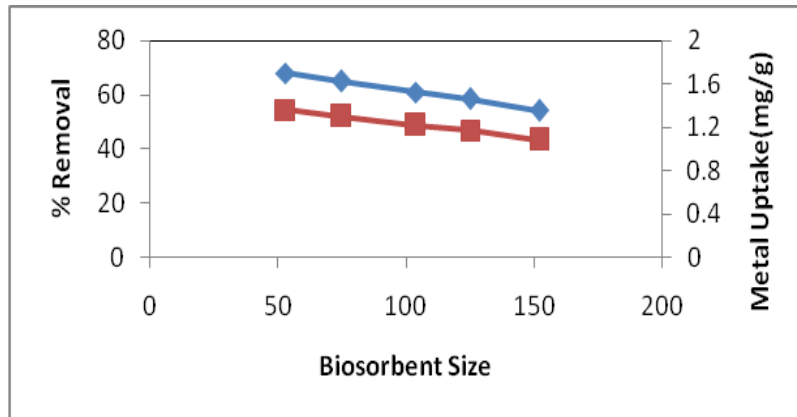


Fig. 2 Measurement of % removal of nickel for biosorbent size

3.3 Effect of pH of the aqueous solution

The effect of pH on the percentage of the Congo red is shown in figure 5 under various other fixed operating conditions. The initial pH of adsorption medium is one of the most important parameters affecting the adsorption process. It can be seen (fig.3) here that the percentage removal was increased from pH from 2 to 5.[12].

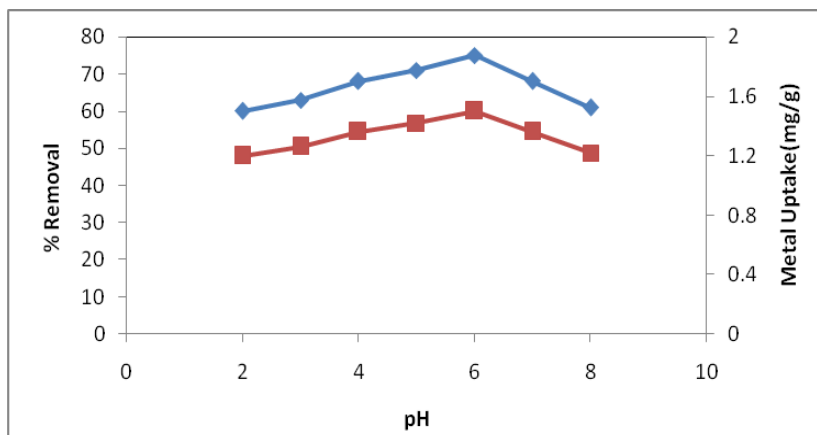


Fig.3 Dependence of % biosorption on pH of aqueous solution using *Madhuca indica*.

3.4 Effect of initial concentration of nickel in the aqueous solution

It was noted from the graph 4 that the % removal decreases with increase in metal concentration [13].

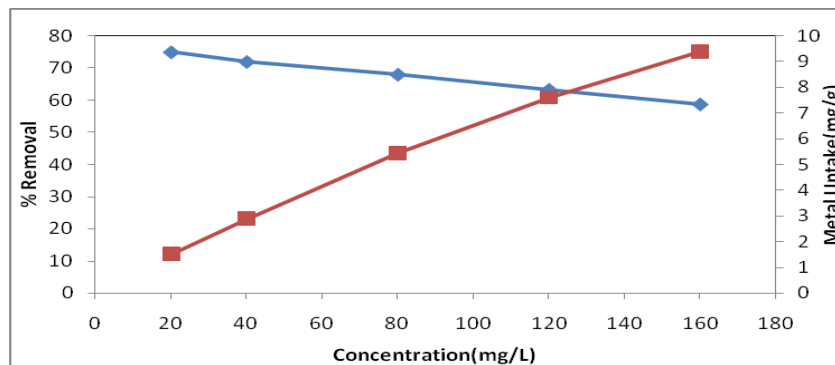


Fig. 4. % biosorption as a function of initial concentration of nickel

3.5 Effect of biosorbent dosage

The percentage removal of nickel is drawn against biosorbent dosage for biosorbent size 53 μ and shown in figure.5.

It is evident from the plots that the percentage removal of nickel metal from the aqueous phase increases with increase in the biosorbent dosage. [14].

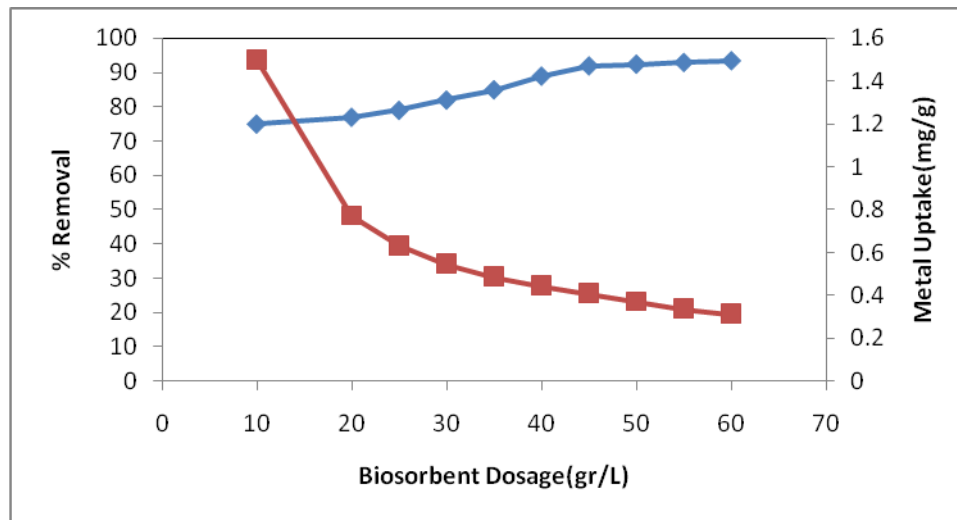


Fig.5. Dependence of % biosorption of nickle on biosorbent dosage

3.6 Effect of Temperature

The effect of changes in the temperature on the nickel uptake is shown in fig. 6.

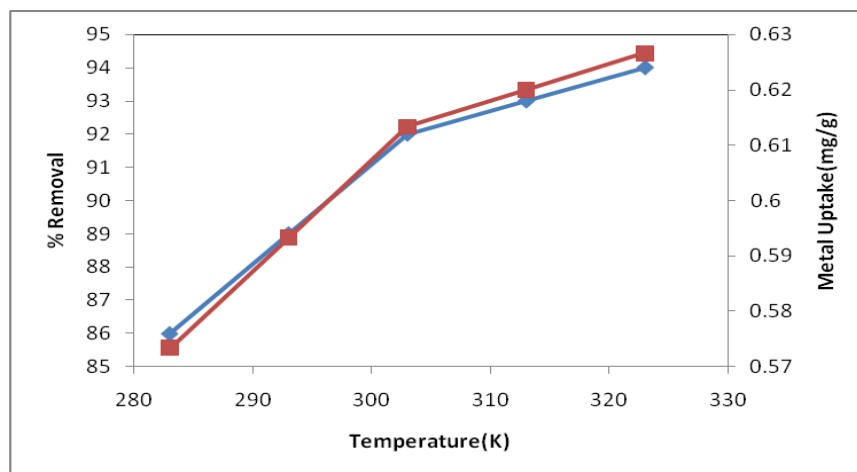


Fig. 6. Variations of % biosorption of nickel on temperature

3.7 Isotherms

Table–1 Isotherm constants

Freundlich isotherm			Langmuir isotherm			Temkin Isotherm		
R_L	q_m (mg/gm)	R^2	K_f (l/gm)	n	R^2	AT	bT	R^2
0.914244	16.94915	0.997	0.494603	0.600508	0.994	0.270978	818.4347	0.972

From the Table 1 it was observed that the Freundlich Isotherm gave good agreement for the removal and followed the Langmuir and Temkin isotherms.

Table-2 Equations and rate constants

Order	Equation	Rate constant	R ²
Lagergren first order	$\log (q_e - q_t) = 0.129 - 0.040 t$	0.09212 min ⁻¹	0.981
Pseudo second order	$(t/q_t) = 0.592 t + 5.952$	0.0588 g/(mg-min)	0.954

From the Table 2 it was noted that the first order is best fitted than the second order.

3.9 Thermodynamics of Biosorption

Enthalpy is the most commonly used thermodynamic function due to its practical significance. The negative value of ΔH will indicate the endothermic nature of biosorption and the physical/chemical in nature of sorption. It can be easily reversed by supplying the heat equal to calculated ΔH [17].

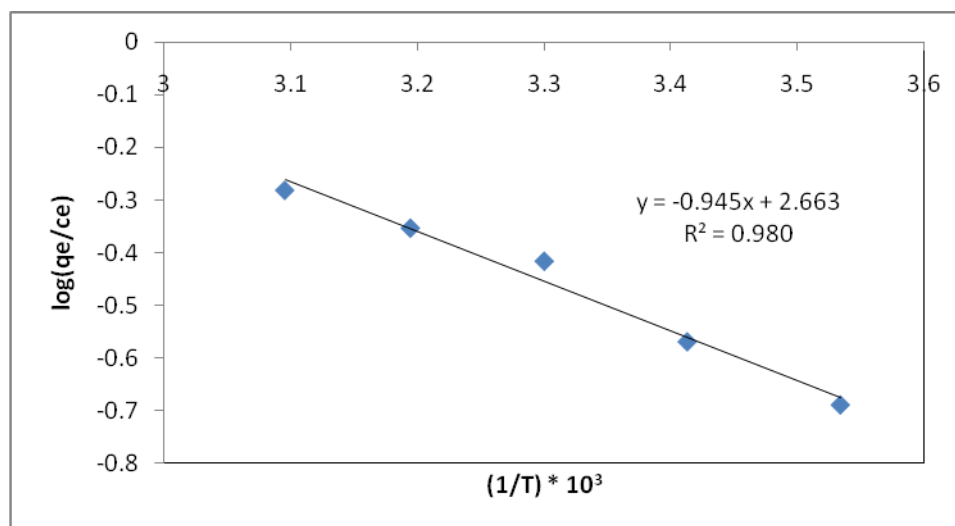


Fig.7 Vant Hoff's plot for biosorption

The thermodynamic investigation reveals the spontaneity ($\Delta G = -15431.5$), irreversibility ($\Delta S = 50.98884$) and endothermic ($\Delta H = 18.09405$) nature of biosorption.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The experimental results were analytically discussed and the following conclusions could be drawn from the study of biosorption of Nickel from aqueous solution using biosorption technique. The equilibrium agitation time for biosorption of nickel is 25 min.

1. The optimum dosage is 45 g/L
2. % biosorption is increased upto pH = 6.
3. The experimental data are well represented by Langmuir ($R^2 = 0.997$), Freundlich ($R^2 = 0.994$) and Temkin ($R^2 = 0.972$) isotherms.
4. The kinetic studies show that the biosorption of nickel is described by both first order ($R^2 = 0.981$) and pseudo second order kinetics ($R^2 = 0.954$). The thermodynamic investigation reveals the spontaneity ($\Delta G = -15431.5$), irreversibility ($\Delta S = 50.98884$) and endothermic ($\Delta H = 18.09405$) nature of biosorption.



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