

Removal of crystal violet dye from aqueous solution by CuS-CdS material

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Abstract: The CuS-CdS materials were used for the removal of crystal violet dye. The removal of crystal violet dye from aqueous solution at different concentration of crystal violet dye, amount of CuS-CdS materials, temperature, contact time and pH has been studied.

Keywords: CuS-CdS materials, crystal violet, adsorption etc.

1. Introduction

Nowdays, water has been contaminated due to industrialization as well as man-made processes. The waste water effluents from industries like printing, food processing, leather, rubber, pulp, textile, plastic and cosmetics contain the different dyes [1]. It's very difficult to treat the effluents because of its chemical structure [2]. The effluents also contain inorganic and organic material, salts, surfactant, additives etc. The human beings and living organism are affected due to such materials and other contaminants [3]. The effluents polluted the ground water and degrades the quality of water and soil, hence it affects the environment [4]. In India most of the industries work on dyestuffs and produced the hazardous effluents in the water so the industry also facing the problem in environmental pollution. The crystal violet dye is a carcinogenic [5], it affects the water bodies which causes growth of tumours in fish and affects the aquatic life [6]. The crystal violet is consisting of many stable functional groups and due its aromatic nature it's difficult to decompose [7]. Crystal violet is a positive charged and the cationic triphenylmethane type dye [8]. Crystal violet is used in the industries like veterinary fields, printing, dyeing and dermatology [9].

The large number materials are used for the removal of crystal violet and other dyes from water like, palm kernel shell-derived biochar [10], sugarcane [11], mango leaves [12], pine sawdust [13], mushrooms [14], peanut shells [15], cabbage waste [16], woody trees [17], dew melon peel [18], water hyacinth [19], jackfruit leaf powder [20], grapefruit peel [21], ginger waste [22], rice husk [23], activated carbon derived from active sludge [24] and murraya koenigii stem biochar [25].

In the present protocol the removal of crystal violet dye has been studied by using the CuS-CdS materials. The important parameters such as concentration of crystal violet dye, amount of chicken eggshells waste, pH and nature of chicken eggshells waste were investigated.

2. Materials and Methods

The crystal violet dye was purchased from Merck Ltd. (India) and by dissolving 0.3 gm of dye in 1000 ml of distilled water 300 ppm of dye solution was obtained. The solution of different concentrations of dye was prepared by using above stock solution. The absorbance of the crystal violet dye solution was measured using UV spectrophotometer at wavelength 580 nm. The initial pH of dye solution was adjusted by using dilute hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide solution. The CuS-CdS material was synthesized by the known method [26]

3. Results and discussions

3.1. Effect of pH:

The surface properties of adsorbent material and dissociation of dye molecules are extremely affected by the pH of the solution. The adsorption capacity was studied over a pH range of 2-12. The removal of crystal violet dye was increases with increase in pH value up to 8. Beyond the pH value 8 the adsorption of dye was decreases. The results obtained are shown in figure 1. At low pH there is high concentration of H⁺ ions which results in repulsion and

therefore less amount of biosorption. At higher pH more negatively charged surfaces are available which reduced the adsorption.

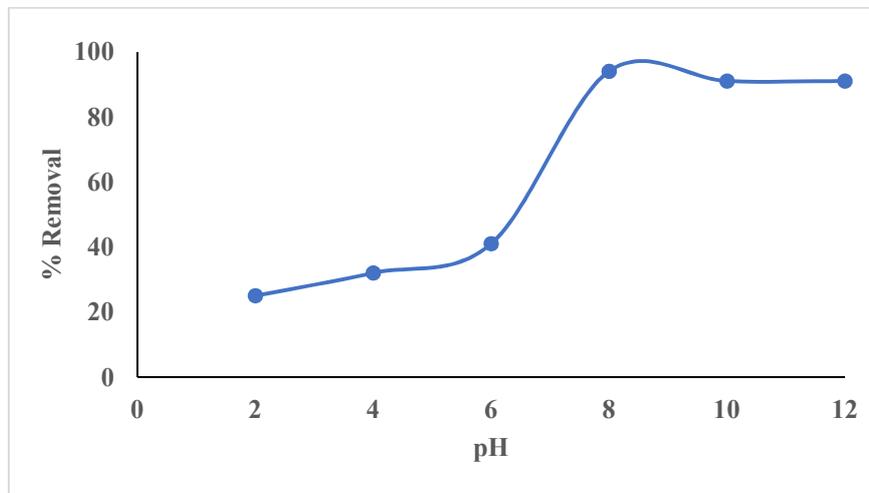


Figure 1

3.2. Effect of concentration of dye:

To study the effect of concentration of the dye on the adsorption of the surface of CuS-CdS material. The concentration of the dye varied from 50 ppm to 300 ppm. The removal of the crystal violet dye was carried out at pH 8.0 and different concentration of the dye solution. The maximum dye removal was observed at 50 ppm of the dye solution. The results were depicted in figure 2.

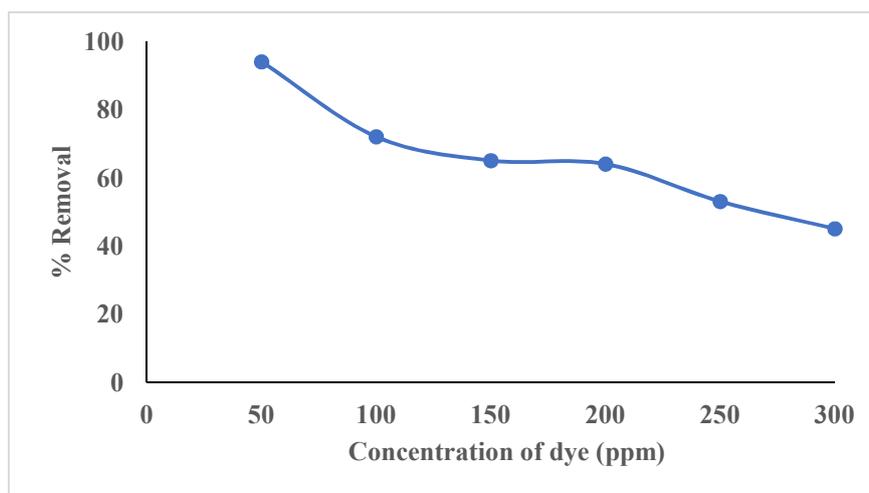


Figure 2

3.3. Effect of amount of CuS-CdS:

The 50 ml dye solution of 50 ppm was used to study the amount CuS-CdS material. The removal of the crystal violet was carried out at pH 8.0. The increase in CuS-CdS from 0.5 to 4.0 gm, the percentage removal was found to increase from 73 % to 91 %. Due to saturation of binding sites due to aggregation of adsorbed materials. The removal of the crystal violet dye was observed maximum at 1.5 gm of the CuS-CdS material.

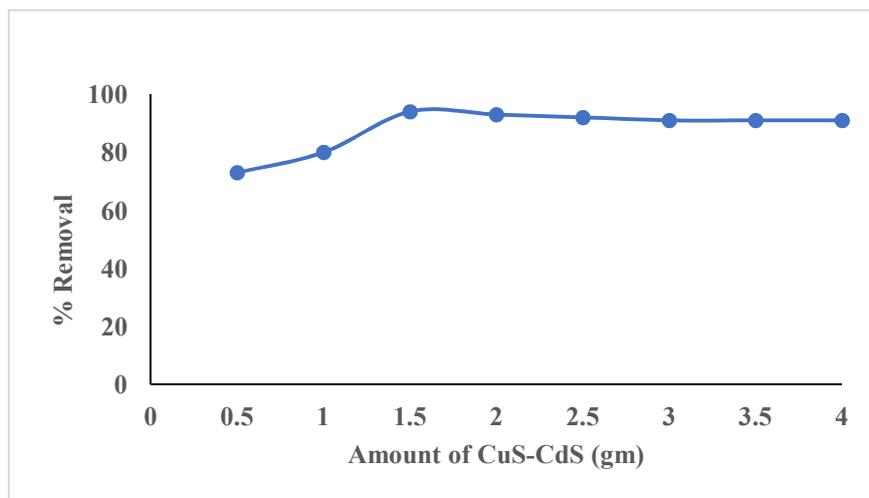


Figure 3

3.4. Effect of contact time:

The contact time was varied from 10 min to 100 min to study the removal of crystal violet from aqueous solution. The 50 ml dye solution was used for the experiment. The experiment was carried out at pH 8.0 with 1.5 gm of CuS-CdS adsorbent material and 50 ppm initial concentration of the dye solution. It is observed that the removal of crystal violet dye is rapid within 30 min of contact time due to high concentration gradient and the availability of large surface area of biosorption.

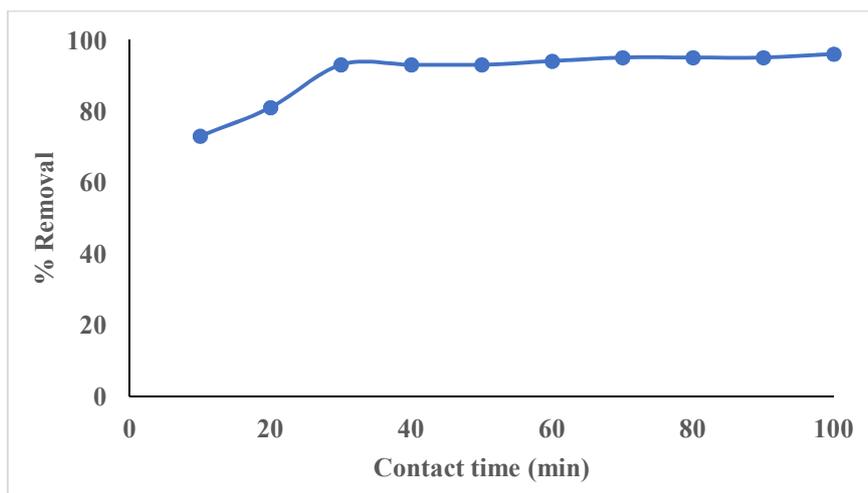


Figure 4

3.5. Effect of temperature:

To study the effect of temperature on the removal of crystal violet, the temperature was varied from 300 K to 315 K. A maximum removal of the dye was obtained at 303 K. The adsorption of the crystal dye decreases with increase in temperature. The result suggests that the adsorption phenomenon is kinetically controlled by an exothermic process.

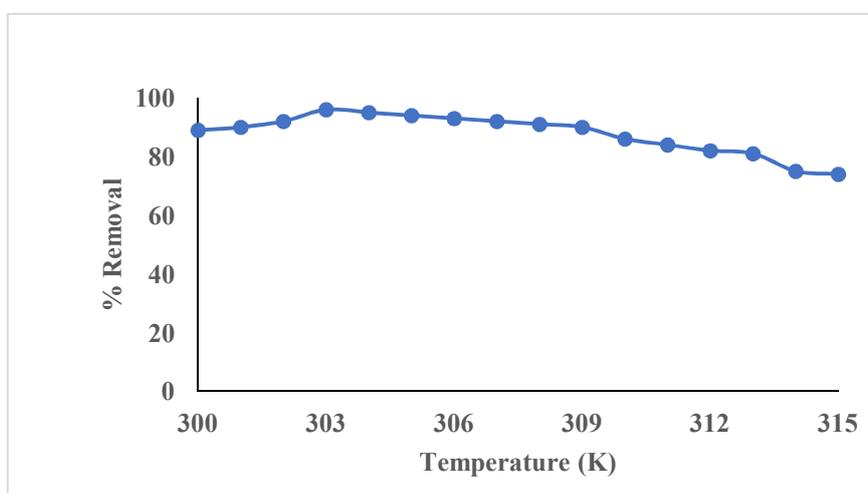


Figure 5

4. Conclusion

The present paper demonstrates that CuS-CdS material can be used as adsorbent for the removal of crystal violet from aqueous solution. The results show that the removal of crystal

violet dye is influenced by factors such as amount of adsorbent, initial concentration of dye, pH, contact time and temperature. The optimum conditions for the removal of dye are pH 8, initial concentration of dye 50 ppm, amount of adsorbent 1.5 gm, contact time of 30 min and at temperature 303 K. The adsorption results showed that the crystal violet dye was strongly adsorbed on to the CuS-CdS material.

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