

APPLICATIONS OF NANOPARTICLES IN HEAVY METAL REMOVAL FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT AT CHHOTI MAHANADI RIVER

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ABSTRACT

Introduces the use of nanoparticles to remove radioactive elements from river water. The ideas of adsorption, the adsorption process, the control factor for an adsorption, the nanomaterial used for the treatment of different forms of waste water, including heavy metals, and their types are covered in this paper. The unique effects of nanoparticles on heavy metals and wastewater treatment have been widely studied due to their high surface area and small particle size. According to this study, nickel and zinc can be analysed using the Langmuir method. Locals can utilise this type of activated carbon to combat problems with heavy metal contamination because it reduces a significant amount of metals.

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INTRODUCTION

Our environment is getting worse every day as a result of the main cities taking centre stage and being unable to meet the rising demand for their services. Urbanization, industrialization, agriculture, and resource exploitation are fundamental aspects of modern society that have added pollution loads to natural cycles like soil, water, and air cycles, especially with regard to dangerous metals. Numerous sewers that handle municipal garbage, mining waste, and industrial effluents are connected to the Chhoti Mahanadi watercourse. Since water is one of the essential needs of the population, its characteristics should be understood before use. The aim of this study is to identify both harmful and necessary trace metals. Significant metals and bimetal sections can be found in the river water. Numerous factories release harmful waste into rivers without proper treatment, including wastewater and its effluents.

Mercury, lead, copper, selenium, uranium, zinc, arsenic, cadmium, gold, and silver are among the substances released during industrial processes. Such heavy metals have the potential to be poisonous, carcinogenic, and to lead to serious human disorders. The poisonous metals can linger in living organisms and are difficult to eliminate. The Stockholm Declaration was arguably the first time that world leaders officially addressed this issue at a UN conference in the early years, yet multinational corporations frequently limit the influence on health. The metal concentration of drinking water, health effects, industrial pollution, and water chemistry are all shown in Table-1. One of the most potent techniques for removing heavy ions from metals is nanotechnology. This is relevant to the removal of heavy metals from wastewater, which requires membrane isolation and adsorption. Because of their unique structural characteristics, such as excellent selectivity and adsorption effectiveness, nanoparticles are the active sorbents frequently utilised to remove heavy metal ions from wastewater at low concentrations, according to a number of studies. The successful removal of hazardous metal ions depends on the definition of the possible adsorption mechanism for heavy metal ions and the adsorbent modifications. For the elimination of harmful metals, novel nanomaterials such as zero-valent metal, carbon-based nanomaterials, metal-oxide-based nanoparticles, and nanocomposites, as well as their wastewater treatment approaches, are regularly explored. Due to their high surface area, ease of adsorption, non-toxicity, and incredibly excellent environmental cleanup, carbon nanomaterials are distinctive.

Table-1

The content of metal-ion in drinking water, its effects on health, and forms of structure present in the water

| Metal-Ion | Sources | Effect on Human health | WHO Standard | Forms of Structure Present in Water |
|-----------|--|--|----------------|---|
| Cadmium | Chemical industries, Fuel industries, Batteries | Causes Bronchitis, Kidney problem and serious damage to human bones | Below 1µg/L | Cd^{2+} |
| Arsenic | Coal Production, Arsenic mining, Pesticides | Does cause melanosis, Keratosis and Tumors, Hyper pigments in People. Immuno toxic and Geno toxicity | Below 10 µg/L | H_2AsO_4 , $HAAsO_4^-$ ForpH:(4-9) H_3AsO_3 , $H_2AsO_3^-$ pH<0.2(pH>4) AsO_4^- (pH > 12.5) |
| Nickel | Nickel ore extraction and steel making Alloy and processing Coal, oil combustion emissions | Increased phyto-toxicity, Damaging wild life and eczema, High concentration and image cells. | Below 10 µg/L | CaF_2 . Forms of Sulfate and Hydrogen Sulfide. |
| Chromium | Rubber industries, Tanneries | Gastrointestinal problems, Necrosis nephritis cause hem and eaths | Below 0.1 mg/L | Cr^{3+} , CrO_4^{2-} , CrO_4^{2-} - $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ |
| Zinc | Paper mill, Mining, Electroplating | Phytotoxic, Anemia, abdominal pain and Muscular problem | 5mg/L-1.0mg/L] | Zn^{2+} |

In light of the aforementioned situations, this paper discusses how harmful compounds can be now being removed from wastewater using nanomaterials. The next sections describe the role of adsorption in nanotechnology, the use of nanoparticles as adsorbents to remove heavy metals, the analysis of the experiment, and the conclusion of the research.

ROLE OF ADSORPTION IN NANOTECHNOLOGY

The fundamental adsorption equation and terms required to compute adsorption behaviour are utilised to further explain the adsorption process in the fashion that follows. Figure-1 illustrates how adsorbents are used in the field of nanotechnology to remove impure hazardous metals from rivers that have been contaminated by human and industrial waste.

ADSORPTION THEORIES OF EQUILIBRIA

The relationship between an adsorbent and an adsorbate can be measured by the strength of the adsorption balance. Adsorbents are solid substances where adsorption occurs. Adsorbate is an element that has been adsorbed onto a surface. Calculating a specific adsorbant amount in a particular amount of air at various doses of adsorbent allows one to perform adsorption isotherms. The Freundlich, Langmuir, and Teller equations (BET equations) and the Dubinin-Radushkevich iso-thermal model can both be used to describe the adsorbent equilibrium capacity. Typical models used to describe the adsorption data are Langmuir and Freundlich. The following

equation can be used to predict the adsorption equilibrium stage seen between solution and the adsorbent as well as the adsorption quantity (mmol g⁻¹) of the particles at the equilibrium.

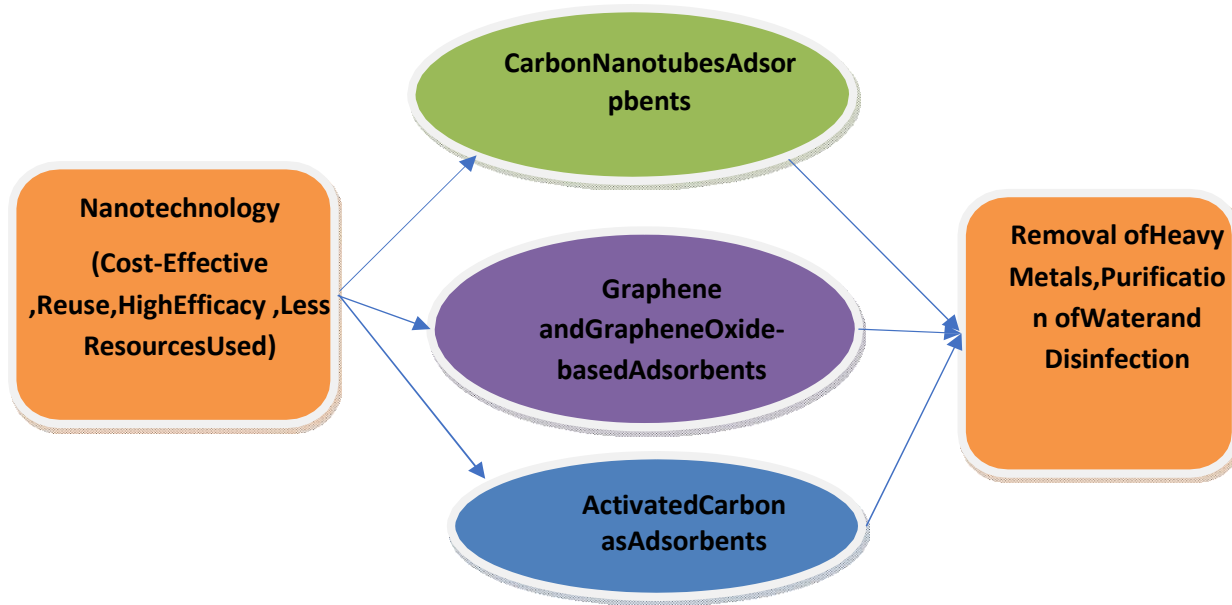


Figure-1 : Role of Adsorbents in Nanotechnology

THE FREUNDLICH ISOTHERM

The adsorption of heterogeneous surfaces can be understood using the Freundlich isotherm. The power generation for adsorptive locales is applied using an exponential form similar to the current scenario (in Freundlich isotherm). The energy concentration at the adsorptive sites affects the effects of adsorption and desorption. The formulation of the Freundlich equation is as follows:

THE LANGMUIR ISOTHERM

The two parameters utilised here, q_e and K_L , illustrate the mode of strong attraction between the molecules of the adsorbents in this common approach for liquid phase adsorption. The following is how the Langmuir equation is represented

$$C_j/q_e = (1/q_{\max} K_L)$$

Where q is the quantity of adsorbent absorbed per unit of adsorbent mass (mg/g) and C_j is the equilibrium concentration (mg/L).

FRAMEWORK AND IMPACT OF ADSORPTION FACTORS

Because of chemical and physical adsorption, adsorbed metal ions are very examining elements that seem to be employed between the absorbing and heavy metal ions. Van der Waals forces and their interaction with hydrogen bonds require physical solubility, whereas chelating and ion exchange are a part of chemisorption.

Adsorption is a fairly simple and effective isolation technique that has been widely applied to the treatment of contaminants in wastewater. To remove heavy metals from water, various nanoadsorbents in various forms and concentrations are required. The adsorption potential of the adsorbent materials is frequently variable for each

harmful heavy metal. The following are the factors that affect the adsorption mechanisms on nano-adsorbent surfaces.

- **Adsorption agent physical and chemical properties:** The intensity of adsorption increases with the adsorbent's surface area. If the forms and preparation techniques for adsorbents differ, the particle size, the base surface area, the porous composition, and the propagation contribute to varied adsorption results.
- **Adsorbent concentration:** The adsorption rate also influences the chemical make-up of the adsorbent. The degree of adsorption and the degree of diffusion increase with the molecular density of the adsorbent. Additionally, when the amount of an adsorbent increases, its capability to adsorb increases as well, and equilibrium is frequently attained.
- **Temperature and pH value:** Adsorbent or adsorbent electronic structure will be impacted by the pH benefit, and very acidic and alkaline items will have an impact on the adsorbent's resistance. The majority of heavy metals come in a variety of forms and pH ranges. Strongly neutral and basic formulations are not completely adsorbed since the majority of heavy metals were required in alkaline circumstances, but Proton competes with heavy metal ions in solutions with high acidity. When the temperature is sufficiently raised, chemical adsorption occurs, and when the temperature is reduced, physical adsorption occurs.

NANOPARTICLES AS ADSORBENT SINREMO VALOFHEAVY METAL

The two key adsorption factors as a potent method of extraction of metal ions from wastewater are maximal reliability and minimal operating costs, particularly for heavy metals with low concentration. As depicted in Figure-2, carbon-based nanomaterials, such as graphene and graphene oxides, and activated carbon, are being used to remove heavy metals from water.

CARBON NANOTUBES

The carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are increasingly being regarded as adsorbents due to their distinctive characteristics, such as porous structure, hollow form, exceptionally quick moisture transfer, and vast dispersion of particle size. The four potential CNT active sites are covered by the adsorption cycle: (a) the hollow inside each nanotube; (b) the interstitial channels in the bundles that span each nanotube; (c) the gap at the edge of the bundle; and (d) the outer surface of each independent nanotube. It has been demonstrated that the saffron O (SO) removal from wastewater is more effective than the nanowired cadmium hydroxide AC [(Cd(OH)₂]-NW – AC]. The sp²-hybridized C atoms in carbon nanotubes can all be briefly connected to oxygen groups like dOH and dCOOH, which are easily absorbed to sp³-hybridized C. The oxidising cycle promotes the ability of CNTs to adsorb and enhances the interchange of ions, as well as the enhancement of the hydrogen content in the CNT absorption component. It does this by oxidising CNTs in gaseous oxygen, NaOCl, HNO₃, H₂SO₄, ozones, or plasma extract DOH and DCOOH.

GRAPHENE AND ITS OXIDISED FORMS

Typically made up of one or more radioactive carbon atoms, which can operate as nano adsorbents and have unique mechanical, electrical and thermal properties as well as a distinctive two-dimensional structure. However, graphoxide (GO), which has numerous oxygen, hydroxy, and epoxy groups along the margins of a simple plane as well as carboxy groups, is regarded as an oxidised variant of graphene. Functionalized modified GOs have three key advantages: (1) improved dispensability, (2) higher variability. Hydrophilicity can be increased by altering organic molecules with hydrophilic groups.

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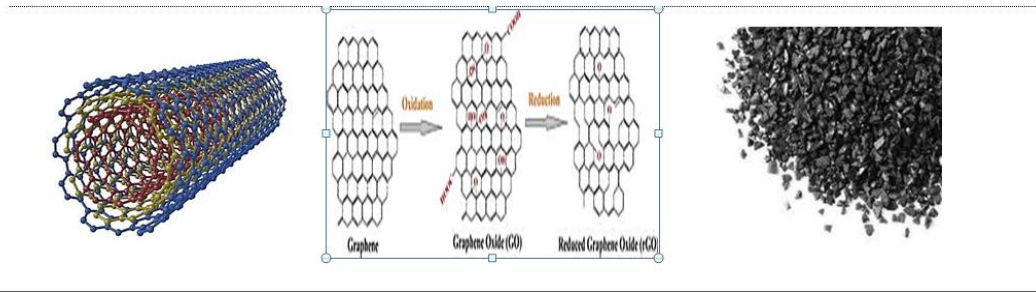


Figure-2 : (A) Carbon nanotubes (B) Graphene and Graphene Metal Oxide (C) Activated Carbon use dynamo technology for removal of toxic metals in water

ACTIVATED CARBON

Initially, AC was utilised as an adsorbate, but as difficulties with heavy metals arose, CNTs, fullerenes, and graphene were used as nanosorbents to address the issue. In general, AC can be produced using widely available carbon precursors including coal, wood, coconut shells, and industrial waste and has a large surface area. The acidic ion exchange properties are also very poor, which enables the removal of metal contaminants and the adsorptive adsorption of pollutants from wastewater.

EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

The adsorber was independently dissolved at a specific temperature of 21°C in 50 ml of the treatments with the desired amounts of heavy metal, for 1, 75g of each adsorbent NWCs, AG-5s, and NNs, for the comparative study of adsorption potential in standard ACs and nanomodulated ACs, for Ni²⁺ and Co²⁺ NWCs. NWCs and AG-5-N disintegrate in a similar manner.

To interpret data related to adsorption, isotherm models like the Freundlich and Langmuir models are frequently utilised. When the adsorbent is separated from the aqueous solution using equations the total amount of heavy-toxic ions adsorbed can be calculated. The requirements of the Langmuir model are described in detail in Table-2, & for each activated carbon, the statistical fit of the adsorption findings is taken into account. The adsorption on the nanomodified ACs is adequately explained by the Langmuir model (coefficients of correlation R² > 0.95).

Table-2

The Langmuir model used in removal of heavy metals using Activated Carbon(ACs)

| Metal Ion | Activated Carbon(ACs) | q_{max} (mgg^{-1}) | K_l | Coefficient of relation |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Ni ²⁺ (Nickel Ion) | AG-5 | 200 | 10.5 | 0.987 |
| | AG-5-N | 340 | 27.88 | 0.976 |
| | NWC-N | 250 | 35.34 | 0.967 |
| | NWC | 250 | 16.67 | 0.981 |
| Zn ²⁺ (Zinc Ion) | AG-5 | 100 | 0.0088 | 0.978 |
| | AG-5-N | 95 | 0.00871 | 0.977 |
| | NWC-N | 98 | 0.0089 | 0.978 |
| | NWC | 100 | 0.0088 | 0.976 |

Similarly, the equilibrium parameters and metal-ion adsorption coefficients on Activated Carbons(ACs) are

established using the Freundlich model as shown below in Table-3.

Table-3
The Freundlich model used in removal of heavy metals using Activated Carbon(ACs)

| Metallon | ActivatedCarbon(ACs) | (1/n) | K_f | Coefficient of correlation |
|--|----------------------|--------|-------|----------------------------|
| Ni²⁺(NickellIon) | AG-5 | 0.455 | 1.2 | 0.927 |
| | AG-5-N | 0.395 | 7.88 | 0.936 |
| | NWC-N | 0.498 | 5.34 | 0.947 |
| | NWC | 0.556 | 6.67 | 0.955 |
| Zn²⁺(Dipositive ZincIon) | AG-5 | 0.4751 | 0.288 | 0.948 |
| | AG-5-N | 0.4567 | 0.271 | 0.937 |
| | NWC-N | 0.5643 | 0.321 | 0.948 |
| | NWC | 0.4334 | 0.268 | 0.946 |

CONCLUSION

This article discusses the adsorption theory, adsorption, adsorption variables, and nanomaterials utilised in the removal of metal ions from waste water. Many efforts have been made in recent years to address the problems that are impeding the production of nanomaterials for the removal of heavy metal ions from water. For the protection of the environment and human health, the build-up of waste water containing heavy metal ions and dyes is extremely important. These ions' elimination times have not yet reached optimal levels. Heavy metals and wastewater stain removals were thoroughly examined based on the attribute of uniqueness of nanoparticles, which has a large specific surface area and smaller pore dimensions. The Langmuir technique can be used for nickel and zinc, according to this study. Local residents can use this type of activated carbon, which is highly metal-driven in industrial effluent, to address their environmental problems related to the presence of heavy metals. About 71% of these metals are thought to have been removed.

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