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Removal of Bromocresol Green by Nanocomposite Based on Chitosan/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and Chitosan /Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃

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ABSTRACT

Chitosan poly(methacrylate) composites were created and used in the current investigation to adsorb bromocresol green from aqueous solutions. A new type of multifunctional material Chitosan/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and Chitosan /Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ nanocomposite was prepared by situ chemistry approach. The composites that were created were identified by thermogravimetric analysis, X-ray diffraction, scanning electron microscopy, and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy. The impacts of experimental factors, including sample pH and adsorption period, were also looked at in relation to the bromocresol green elimination by the proposed adsorbent. Additionally, a thorough examination of the adsorption properties of the synthesized adsorbent, including kinetics, adsorption isotherms, and thermodynamics, was conducted. The Freundlich model accurately predicted the adsorption isotherm, and after 10 minutes of shaking at pH 7.0 and pH10, the maximum adsorption capacity was determined to be (604,166) g mg⁻¹.for Chitosan/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and Chitosan /Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ respectively.

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INTRODUCTION

For a very long time, the textile industry's main issue has been wastewater treatment. These effluents contain different synthetic materials, including dyestuffs. There are more than 100,000 commercially accessible dyes, and more than 700,000 tones are created yearly. Synthetic dyes are common water contaminants because of their high solubility, and they are frequently present in trace amounts in industrial wastewater [1,2]. The majority of dye wastewater that is released into the environment comes from the textile sector (54%) and accounts for more than half of all dye effluents that are now found in the environment. Examples of such dyes are Bromocresol green

(BCG) [3]. The public's perception of water quality is significantly influenced by color, and the presence of even very minute amounts of dyes is highly evident. As a result, there are more and more concerns and worries. The critical ecological issue of environmental dye contamination is exacerbated by the fact that the majority of dyes are challenging to break down utilizing conventional biological processes. Additionally, during the past two decades, there have been worries about the possible toxicity of dyes and their precursors, which constitute a major risk to aquatic living things [4,5]. Techniques including flocculation and coagulation [6], ozonation [6], adsorption [7], electrochemical [8] and fungal decolonization [9]

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as well as physiochemical, biological, and chemical methods, are new developments in color removal technology. Adsorption has become more popular among these techniques because it is effective and economical at removing colors from effluents.[10] A substance (an ion, atom, or molecule) from its liquid or gaseous surroundings accretes on a solid surface as a result of the surface phenomenon known as adsorption [11,12]. Adsorbents can frequently be reused after regeneration, and adsorption typically has excellent therapeutic efficacy.

Adsorption's ability is mostly dependent on the adsorbent's characteristics, hence creating an effective adsorbent is crucial for its widespread use in water treatment [13]. Polymers offer a wide range of applications due to their numerous recognition sites, high loading capacity, and simplicity of modification [14]. A good adsorbent should be resistant to acids, bases, reducing and oxidizing agents, be less soluble in water, and not be poisonous. The majority of dye adsorption processes are controlled by variables such as the starting concentration, dosage, interaction time, temperature, etc.

Chitosan is a biopolymer containing a linear polysaccharide based on glucosamine units that can be made by deacetylating chitin. Chitosan is regarded as a versatile and a non-toxic raw material, both biodegradable and frequently used [15]. It has been utilized in numerous industries, such as food production, agriculture, and medical, textiles, wastewater treatment, etc. However, its more widespread application was somewhat constrained due to its acidic Medium [16]. Chitosan that has been cross-linked is insoluble in acid solution, which increases its stability. However,

cross-linking frequently comes at the expense of the hydroxyl and amino groups in chitosan, resulting in a reduction in chitosan's capacity for adsorption [17,18]. In this study A combination of Nb₂O₅, Cr₂O₃ and MnO₂with chitosan is highly appealing when taking into account the disadvantages of chitosan and the good biological activities of the metal oxides listed above; yet, to our knowledge, data on this are still lacking. Here, innovative porous chitosan-metal oxide (Nb₂O₅, Cr₂O₃ and MnO₂) nanocomposites were easily made by forming the metal oxides in the chitosan matrix while they were still in place. An increase in positively charged traits would make anion dye removal easier [19-21].

- To prepare a protonated cross-linked chitosan is one of the study's goals.
- to examine the effects of various experimental conditions, including initial dye concentration, adsorbent dosage, and pH of dye solution.
- to look into the effects of this dye's pH on the adsorption process.

It is very water soluble. The CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ ternary nanocomposite was characterized using a number of techniques, including X-ray diffraction (XRD), Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). During the next experiments, which examined the effects of pH solution, starting dye concentration, adsorbent dose, and contact time, Utilizing the batch equilibrium method and UV-vis spectroscopy, it was discovered that this sample had a high adsorption capacity for dye removal. Additionally, the adsorption process's kinetics, isotherms, and thermodynamics have been identified. The information offers hope for

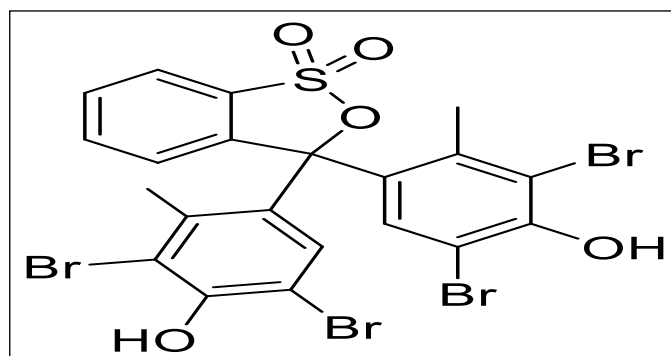


Fig. 1. Chemical structure of Bromocresol green (BCG).

several important inferences, such as economic viability and reusable adsorbent for color removal. We are consequently investigating the performance of a CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ ternary nanocomposite (as an adsorbent) for the removal of Bromocresol green (BCG) from wastewater. The chemical name for bromocresol green

Fig. 1 is (2,6-dibromo-4-[7-(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-9,9-dioxo-8-oxa-9λ6-thiabicyclo[4.3.0]nona-1,3,5-trien-7-yl]-3-methyl-phenol) is a member of the triphenylmethane family of dyes, which is employed in DNA agarose gel electrophoresis as a tracking dye and as a pH indicator [22].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemicals Used

Water solutions were employed in this study. The ingredients, which included chitosan (99.5 percent), sodium hydroxide (99.8%) and acetone, were used exactly as they were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (99.5 percent). The following chemicals were used without additional purification: Acetic acid (CH₃CO₂H (Sigma), niobium(v) oxide (Fluka, 99%), chromium(III) oxide, ethanol, and manganese (IV) oxide (Panreac, 98%).

Synthesis of CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ Adsorbent

At first, 2 g chitosan was dissolved in 100 mL of distilled water/ 2 mL acetic acid under magnetic stirring for 1 hour at room temperature. Then, (1g Nb₂O₅ and 1g MnO₂) powder were added to a solution directly, the black mixture was dispersed in ultrasonic for 60 min. Afterward, 0.1 M of NaOH (pH=6) was added to the ultrasonic solution, and this mixture was reacted under magnetic stirrer for 4 h [23]. The resulting CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ nanocomposite was washed with acetone, 100 ml of 1 M HCl, new distilled water, and a Buchner funnel. Finally, the product was dried for 24 hours at 90 °C in a vacuum oven. Similar to how CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ nanowires were made, CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ nanowires were created using the same method.

Characterization of Adsorbent

The CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ were analyzed using FTIR, XRD, SEM, and UV-Vis. A PerkinElmer Spectrum One Fourier Transform Infrared spectrophotometer was used to obtain the spectra (FTIR). Before cataloging the scope of any influential polymer experiments. The Ministry of Science and Technology used an X-ray diffractor

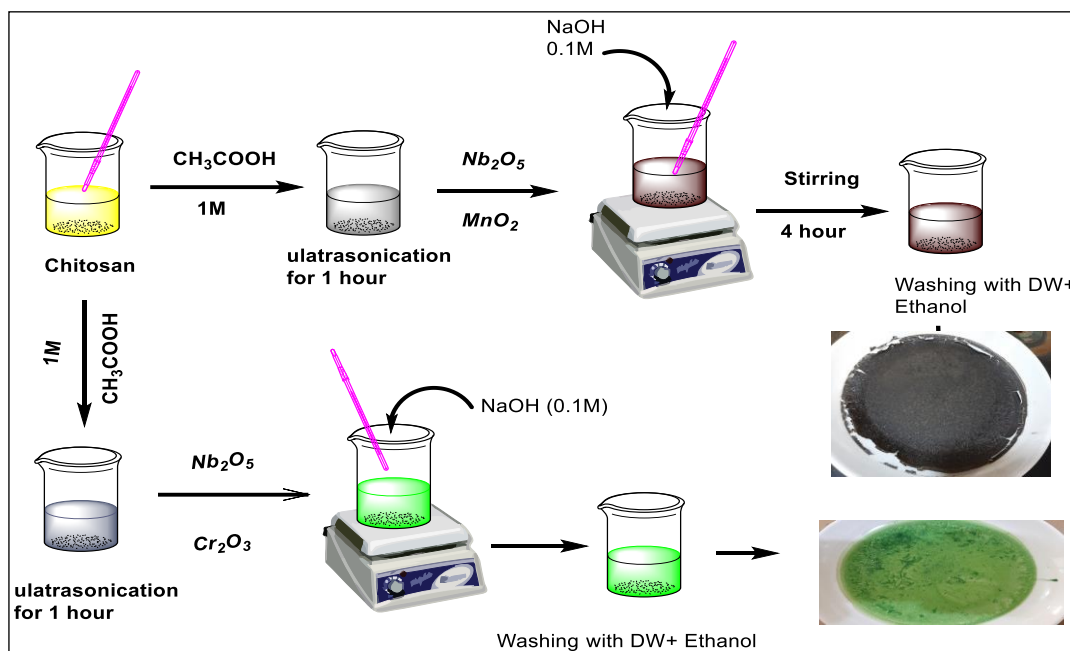


Fig. 2. Schematic of the synthesis of Chitosan/ Nb₂O₅, Cr₂O₃ and MnO₂ sample by in situ oxidative polymerisation with its proposed interactions.

(Model: Xrd-6000/shimadzu, Japan) operating at 40kV, 30 mA, and used a step size of 0.05°2 to scan between 5° and 80° 2 in order to examine the polymer composites' structural details. Thermo Fisher Scientific XL30 ESEM apparatus with a gas pedal voltage of 10 keV was used to examine the morphology of the outer layer of the polymer nanocomposites.

Experiments on Batch Adsorption and experimental Design

The as-synthesised CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/

Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ nanocomposites are effective adsorbents for the filtration of water and wastewater due to their large surface area and strong adsorption capacities. Since methyl orange (BCG) is an organic pollution is a common industrial problem. effluent, this investigation determined its presence. A number of factors, including the pH of the solution, the amount of adsorbent used, the initial concentration of BCG dye, and the reaction time, were studied in relation to the removal of BCG dye and its adsorption onto CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ nanocomposites. A

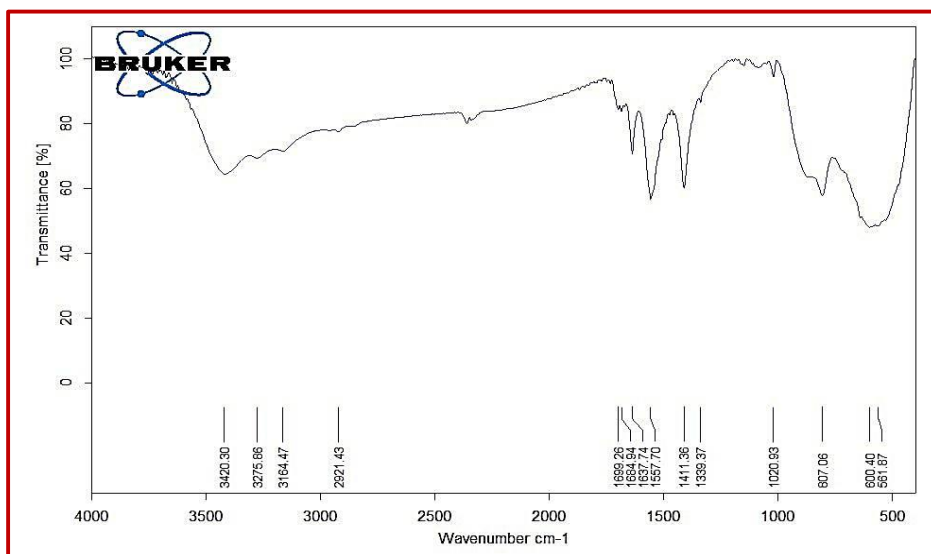


Fig. 3. FTIR spectra for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ sample.

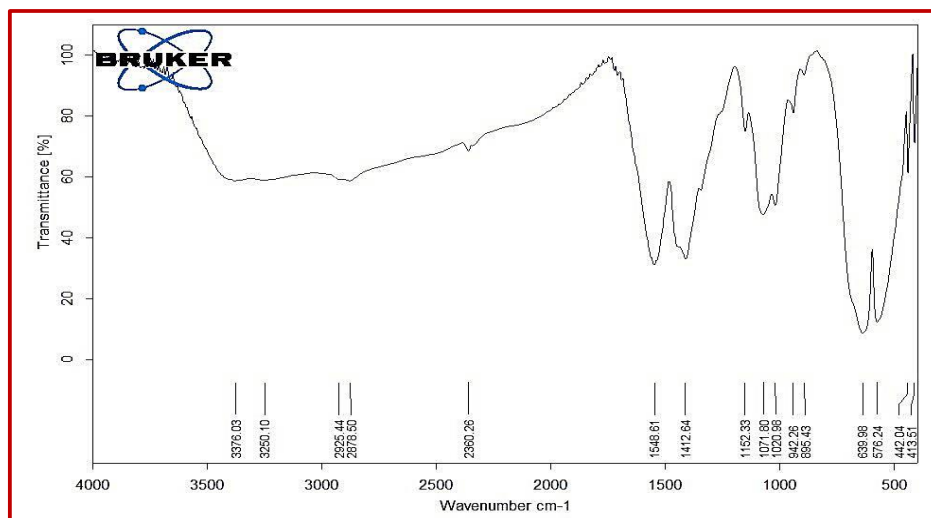


Fig. 4. FTIR spectra for CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ sample.

BCG dye adsorption equilibrium experiment was carried out using two 250 mL conical flasks with a constant adsorbent dosage (100 mg). with initial doses for 100 mL of BCG dye ranging from 5 to 50 mg/L. A pH meter was used to monitor the pH of the setups, which was adjusted to pH 7. (Oakton 550, USA). To ensure equilibrium conditions, the orbital shakers were shaken at a controlled speed of 300 rpm after 60 minutes. A UV-vis spectrophotometer (Cary 5000, USA) was used to measure the concentration of BCG before and after purification at its maximum wavelength of 615 nm. The percentage of dye removal (percent DR) was calculated using the following techniques: Eq. (1) as:

$$\text{Dye Removal} = \frac{(c_i - c_e)}{c_i} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Where, C_i is the BCG dye's starting concentration (mg/L), and C_e is the dye's equilibrium concentration following adsorption (mg/L). The adsorption capacity (q_e) was calculated using Eq. (2):

$$q_e = \frac{(c_i - c_e)v}{m} \quad (2)$$

Where, V is the volume of BCG dye solution (L), and M is the weight of the synthesized adsorbent

(g) used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Characterization of CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂

Fourier Transformation Infrared Spectrum (FTIR) Analysis

For nanocomposites constructed of CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂, respectively, Figs. 3 and 4 show FTIR peaks in the 400–4000 cm⁻¹ range. Figs. 1 and 2 show that all chitosan samples exhibit the peak at 1152,1020 cm⁻¹, which results from the saccharide moiety [24-26], in addition to -CH stretching vibration at 2921 cm⁻¹. While the discrete peaks at 1637 and 1557 cm⁻¹ indicate -NH₂ bending vibration and 1399 cm⁻¹ is related to stretching of amide, the strong band at 3420 cm⁻¹ corresponds to -OH and -NH₂ stretching vibration. Wide peaks in the range of 1339–1412 cm⁻¹ were caused by the M–O–M deformation vibration [27]. Additionally, M-OH and M-O bending vibration are responsible for the peaks in the 807-413 cm⁻¹ range. Characteristic peaks for the metal oxides as well as CS(chitosan) were present in the spectra of CS-Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS-Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃.

Xray Diffraction (XRD) Analysis

The XRD examination can provide information on the creation of chitosan's semi-crystalline structure, crystalline chitosan-Nb₂O₅/MnO₂, and

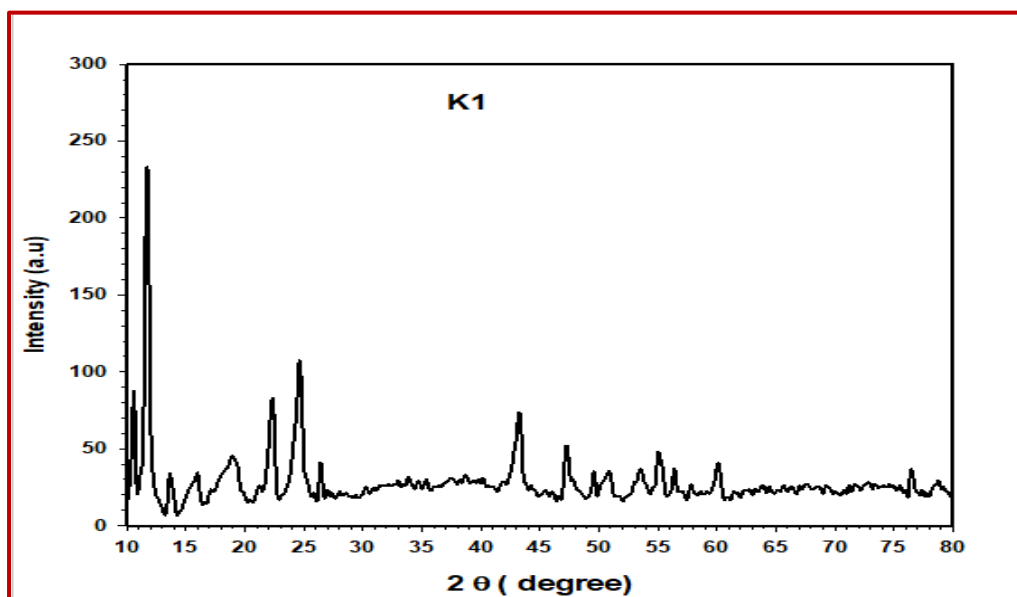


Fig. 5. XRD spectra for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ samples.

crystalline chitosan-Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ structures (Fig. 5,6). the wide peaks were seen at 2θ = 11.7°, 22.2°, 24.5°, 43.2°, 50.6°, 60.55° and 76.65°. These pinnacles confirmed that formless construction was available CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ in the lattice [28]. while The CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ nanocomposite XRD tops noticed were basically indistinguishable from the Chitosan precious stone planes 2θ = 11.78°, 22.4°, 24.4°, 33.4°, 36°, 41.3°, 50.05°, 54.7°, 72.8° and 76.7°. separately, showing that there were adsorption associations between the metal oxides, some of a nanocrystalline structure (Nb₂O₅ and additionally MnO₂, Cr₂O₃) and chitosan network This suggests that the chitosan was collaborating with Nb₂O₅, Cr₂O₃ and MnO₂ in great precious stone construction. These outcomes (i.e., XRD), close by they have confirmed that the aniline monomer had been efficiently polymerized on the outer layer by FTIR measurements. of the Nb₂O₅, Cr₂O₃ and MnO₂ nanoparticles [29,30].

Surface Characterization by SEM

The distribution of metal oxides and the morphology of the nanocomposite Chitosan-Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and chitosan-Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ nanocomposite SEM images are shown in Figs. 7 and 8. SEM photos show the instrument characteristics, accelerating voltage, spot size, magnification, and working distance. The concentration of salt, the amount of chitosan in the solution, the temperature, and the solution's

pH all

have an impact on the shape and particle size of Nb₂O₅, MnO₂ and Cr₂O₃ [31]. The SEM pictures show the presence of some sort of agglomeration-type structure. The clearly apparent black and white patches on the nanocomposite surface. Chitosan-Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ nanocomposite's SEM-EDX examination revealed the existence of C,O,N,Nb,Mn at concentrations of 15.46%, 47.52%, 2.83%, 27.53%, and 6.66% , respectively. Chitosan-Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ nanocomposite's EDX spectra revealed the presence of C,O,N,Nb,Cr at percentages of 5.14%, 50.43%, 3.93%, 9.19%, and 31.31%, respectively.

Zeta Potential Analysis

The electric potential formed by the presence of a charge on the particle surface, which can be positive or negative in polarity depending on the chemistry of the particles, is known as zeta potential. The degree of repulsion between similarly charged particles in a formulation is measured by the zeta potential. Particle aggregation during storage is prevented by repulsive forces. As a result, a formulation's zeta potential indicates its likely physical stability. Figs. 9 and 10 shows the changes in the zeta potential. In addition, particle size. The pH was 7.3, the value of the zeta potential value was 19.38 mV , and it does seem to depend on the pH value. The zeta potential increases with decreasing value of

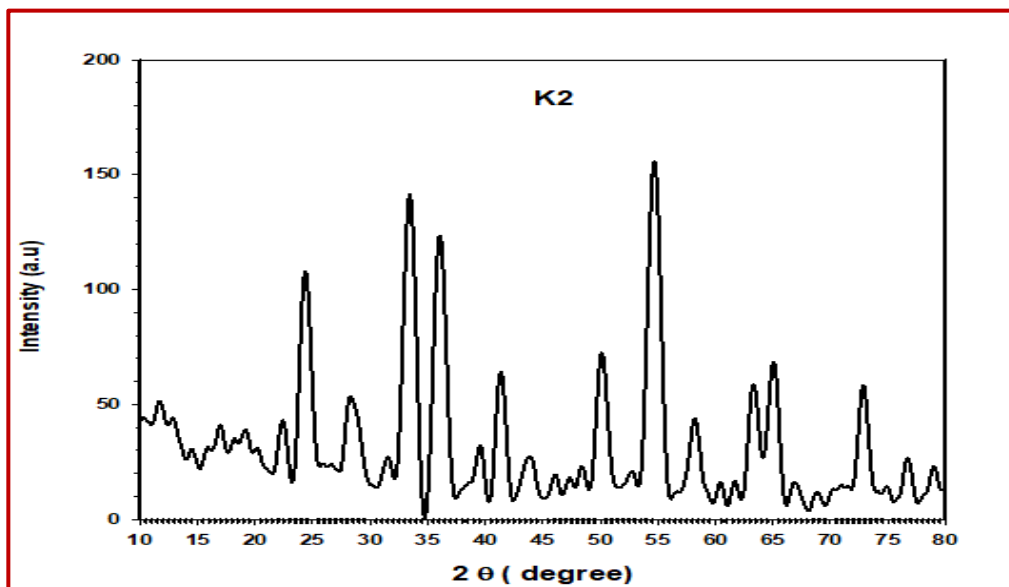


Fig. 6. XRD spectra for CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ samples.

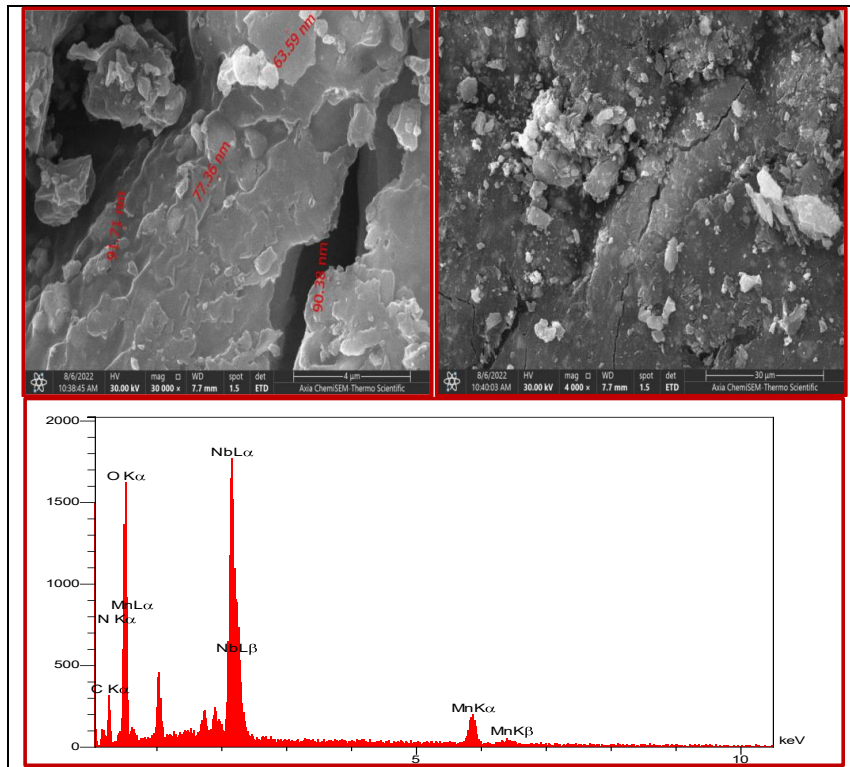


Fig. 7. SEM and EDX micrographs of CSI/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ nanocomposite.

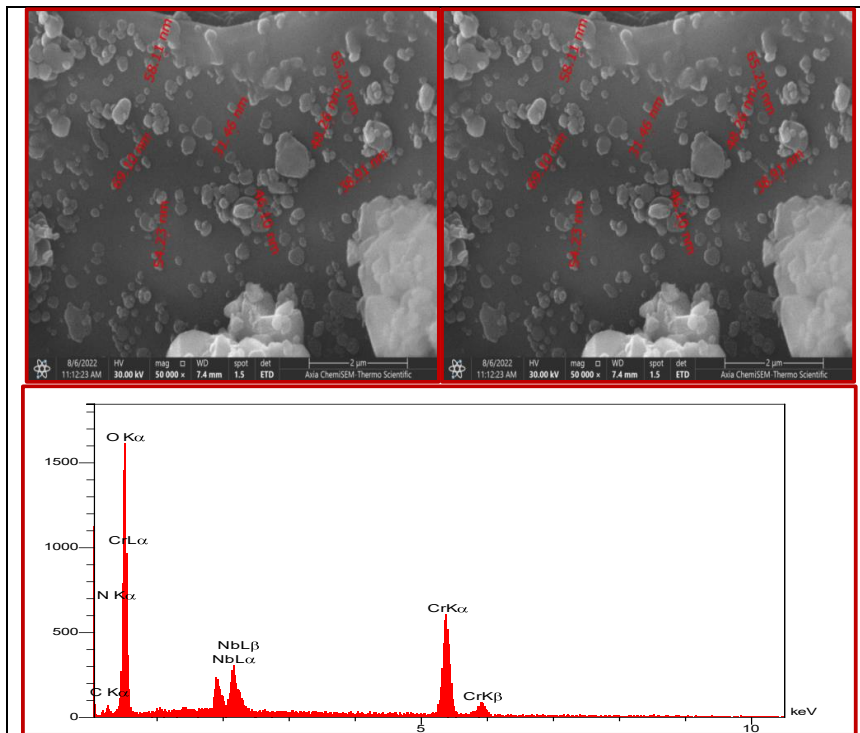


Fig. 8. SEM and EDX micrographs of CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ nanocomposite.

pH. The dependence of the zeta potential of the dispersion of $CS/Nb_2O_5/Cr_2O_3$ on the pH value as in Fig. 9 is similar to all the applied synthesis

methods. The zeta potential is positive for pH values less than 5.5 and negative when the pH increases with the isoelectric point around pH =

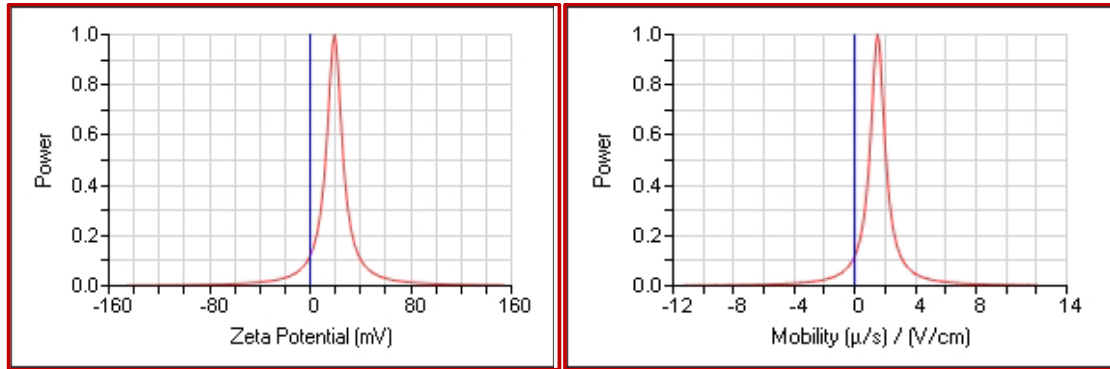


Fig. 9. Zeta potential curves for $CS/Nb_2O_5/Cr_2O_3$.

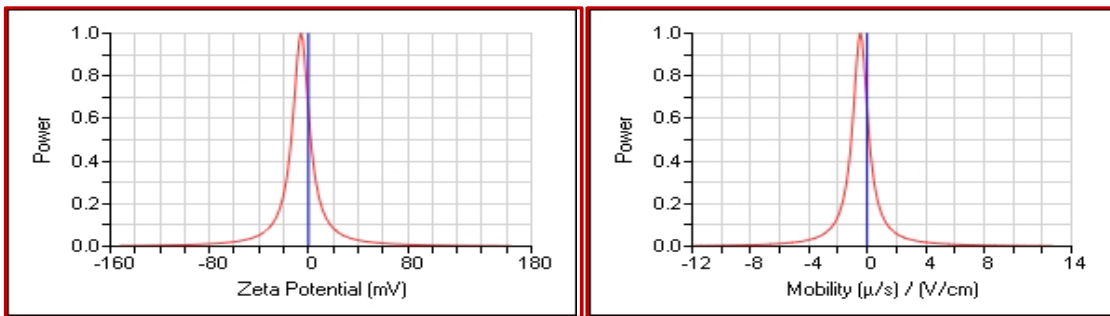


Fig. 10. Zeta potential curves for $CS/Nb_2O_5/MnO_2$.

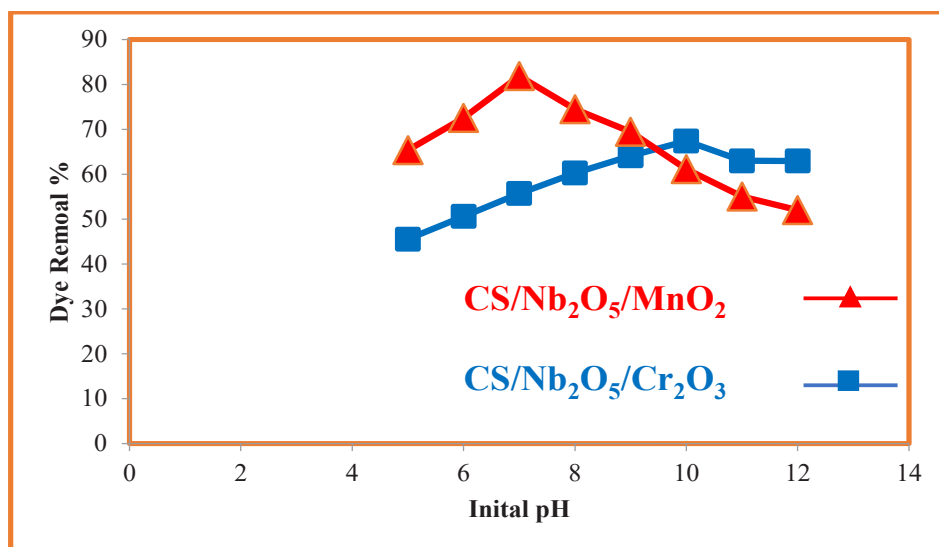


Fig. 11. Effect of pH on removal of BCG Dye.

5.6. The zeta-potential depends on the interaction between water ions and the nanoparticles.

This is due to negatively charged molecules on surfaces repelling negatively charged nanoparticles. However, other researchers believe that there are just a few cationic spots on cell surfaces that can adsorb and bind to negatively charged particles. They theorized that when negatively charged NPs connect to cationic sites, they form clusters (agglomerates) due to the repulsion shown by the vast negatively charged

domains of the cell surface. Furthermore, the charge density on the cell surface is reduced by the bound NPs, which may facilitate the adsorption of other free NP.

Absorption Behavior of BCG CS/ Nb_2O_5 / Cr_2O_3 and CS/ Nb_2O_5 / MnO_2 Adsorbent Nanocomposites Effect of pH on BCG dye Removal

The adsorbent's nature, surface characteristics, and ionization/dissociation of the adsorbate molecule are all significantly influenced by the

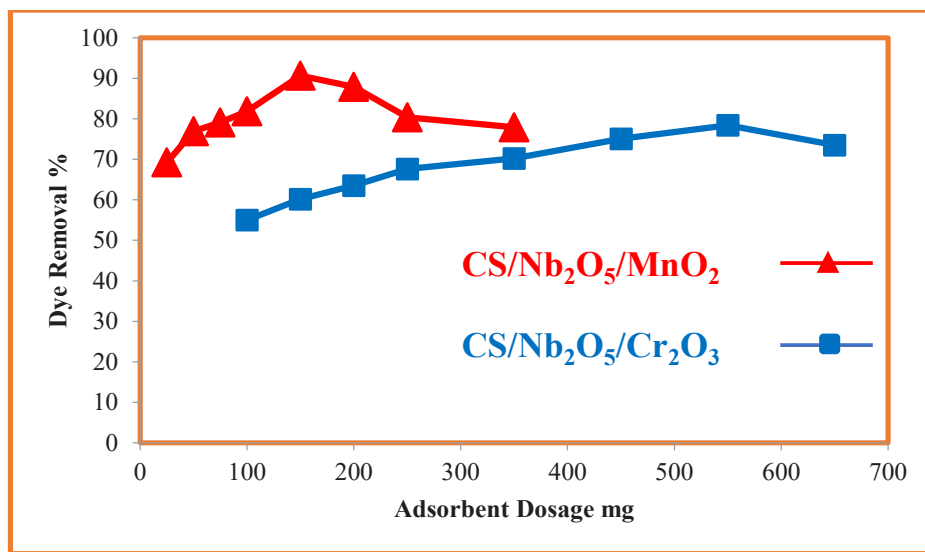


Fig. 12. Effect of adsorbent dosage on the removal of BCG dye.

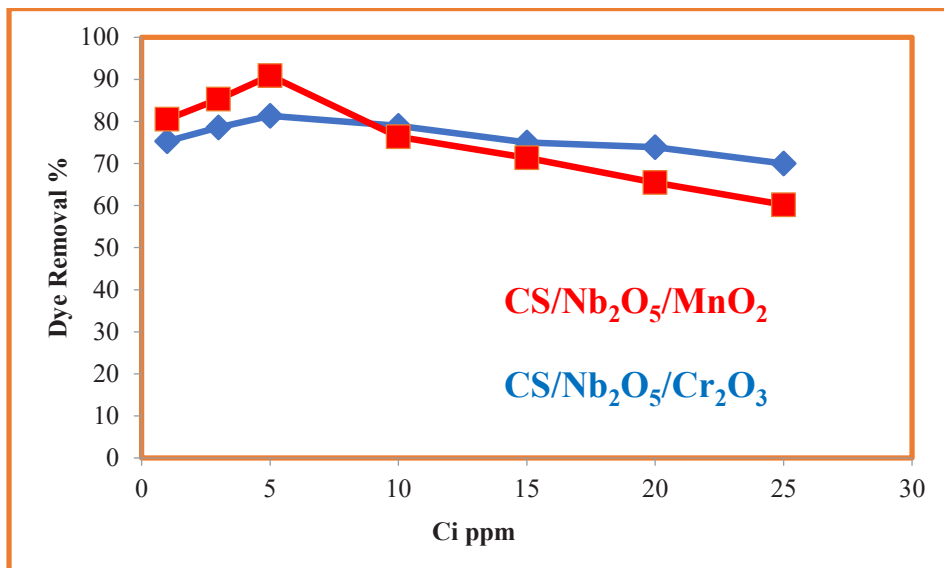


Fig. 13. Effect of initial concentration of MO dye on removal process.

pH of the sample. In the pH range of 5–12.0, the impact of sample pH on the adsorption of BCG by nanocomposite materials made of CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂. It is possible to explain the greater dye removal at acidic pH in terms of the electrostatic interaction between the dye and the chitosan [32]. 0.1 M HCl or 0.1 M NaOH were used to regulate the pH during an experiment, and a pH meter was used to record the results. The initial BCG dye concentration was kept constant

at 5 mg/L, 300 rpm, 100 mg, and 298 K for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and while the CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ initial concentration at 10 mg/L, 300 rpm, 250mg, and 298 K. Fig. 11 shows that the adsorption efficiency steadily increased and peaked at pH 7 for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ (about 81.86 percent) and pH 10 for CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ (about 67.4 percent) respectively. When the alkaline pH exceeded 12, it then started to decline. The amino group on the surface of chitosan attracted the hydroxonium ion on the

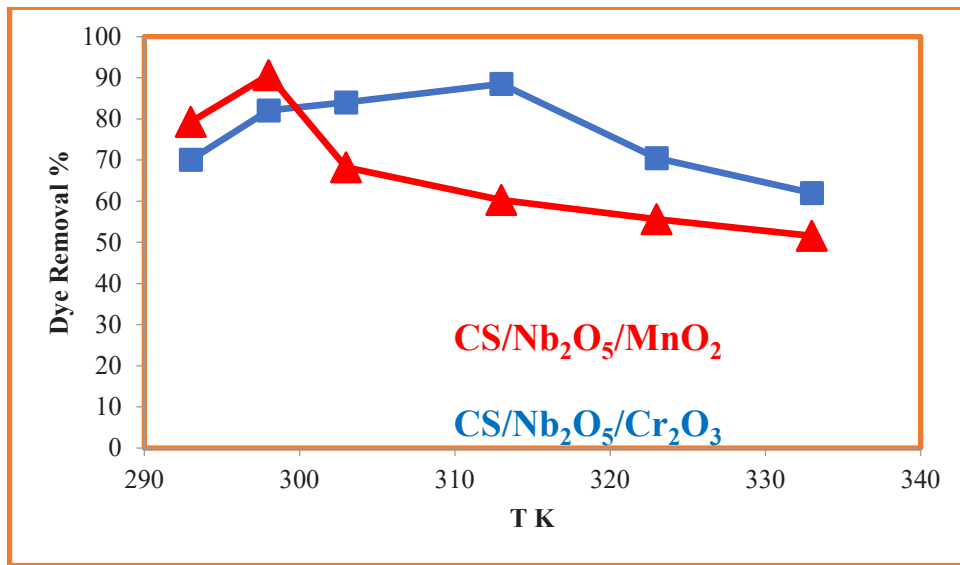


Fig. 14. Effect of Temperature of BCG dye on removal process.

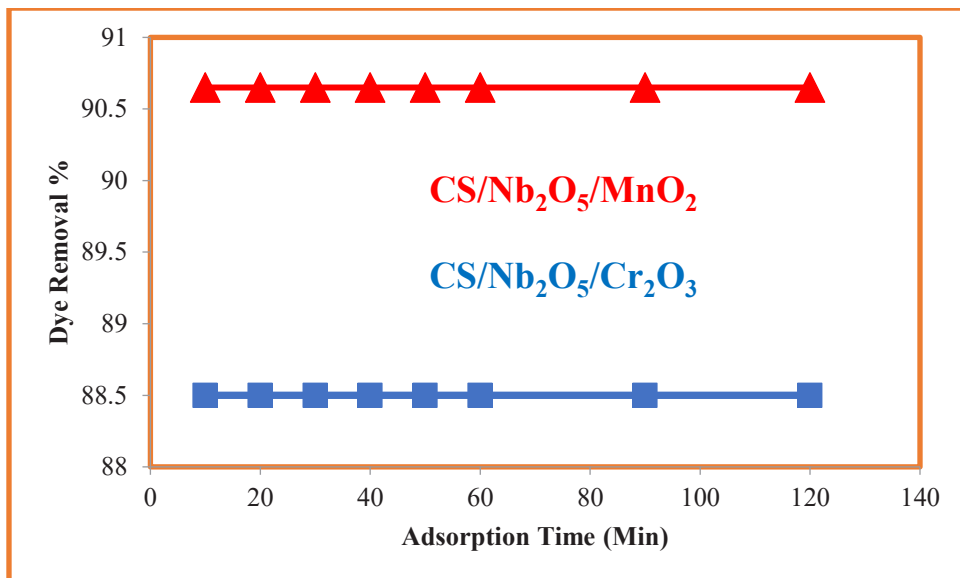


Fig. 15. Effect of Adsorption time on removal of BCG dye.

surface of the solution, increasing the adsorption capacity found at lower pH [33]. Additionally, debutination took place at the active areas of the adsorbent surface at baseline pH levels above 7, leading to OH repulsion on the surface [39,40]. Lower adsorption capacity was caused by competition for adsorption sites between the dye and excess H⁺ and OH⁻ in the acidic or basic solution.

Effect of Adsorbent Dosage

To determine the effects of adsorbent dosage on BCG dye clearance, removal experiments were carried out using various doses of CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂, ranging from 25 to 650 mg. Fig. 12 displays for each the effect of adsorbent dosage on removal efficacy. It was shown that

increasing the adsorbent dosage from 100 to 550 mg for CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and from 25 to 150 mg for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ considerably increased the removal effectiveness of the BCG dye from 67.4 to 78.4% and 81.86 to 90.65 percent, respectively. This may be because more active sites became available when the adsorbent dosage was raised, and eventually, at a dosage of 550, 150mg, the associated equilibrium was established. In light of this, an adsorbent dosage of 550,150 mg for CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ respectively were chosen for other experiments.

Effect of Differences in the Process of Removing BCG dye's Initial Concentration

As shown in Fig. 13, the initial dye concentration has a considerable impact on the

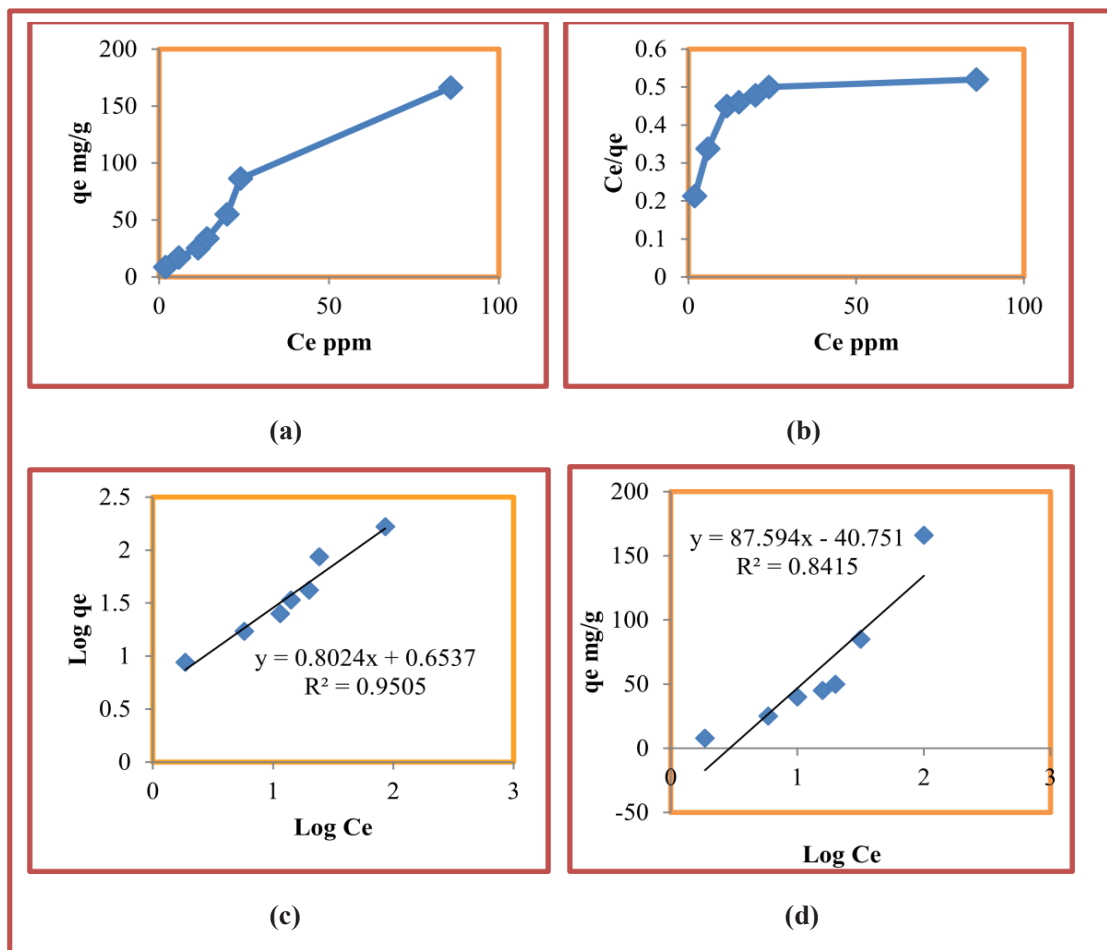


Fig. 16. a Adsorption isotherms of BCG onto CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ adsorbents (conditions: pH 10; dosage=550 mg; V=100 mL; time=10 min; T=313 K); fitting the adsorption isotherm curves of BCG dye of adsorbents: b Langmuir isotherm model, c Freundlich isotherm model; d Temkin isotherm model.

adsorption potentials of the adsorbents. The BCG concentrations for this experiment ranged from (1 to 25) mg/L for both the CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ systems, while the adsorbent dose, time interval, pH, and temperature were maintained at (550,150 g, 30 min, pH=10,7, and T=298K) respectively. Due to a paucity of surface sites required for the concentration of the dye, the percentage of BCG that is adsorbed decreases as BCG concentration rises. Additionally, it can be linked to the fact that the accessible solutes are absorbed more quickly when the BCG concentration is lower [34]. Additionally, the high percentage of MO dye removal by CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ nanocomposite materials may be explained by their stronger electrostatic interactions as well as their higher surface areas. The modified CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂

nanocomposite's porosity.

Effect of Temperature on Removal of BCG Dye

The impact of temperature on adsorption is one of the most crucial factors used to establish the nature of the adsorption process. Fig. 14 illustrates the relationship between temperature and BCG adsorption, which was studied at a temperature range of 293-333K with fixed other conditions (550 mg, 5 mg/L, and pH 10 for 30 min for CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃, and (150 mg, 5 mg/L, and pH 7 for 30 min for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂, respectively). For CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃, bromocresol green dye was rapidly adsorbed from 298 to 323 K, whereas sluggish adsorption from 323 to 333 K produced the highest clearance percentages (88.5% at 313 K). although the ideal conditions for both adsorption and dye removal are at 298 K

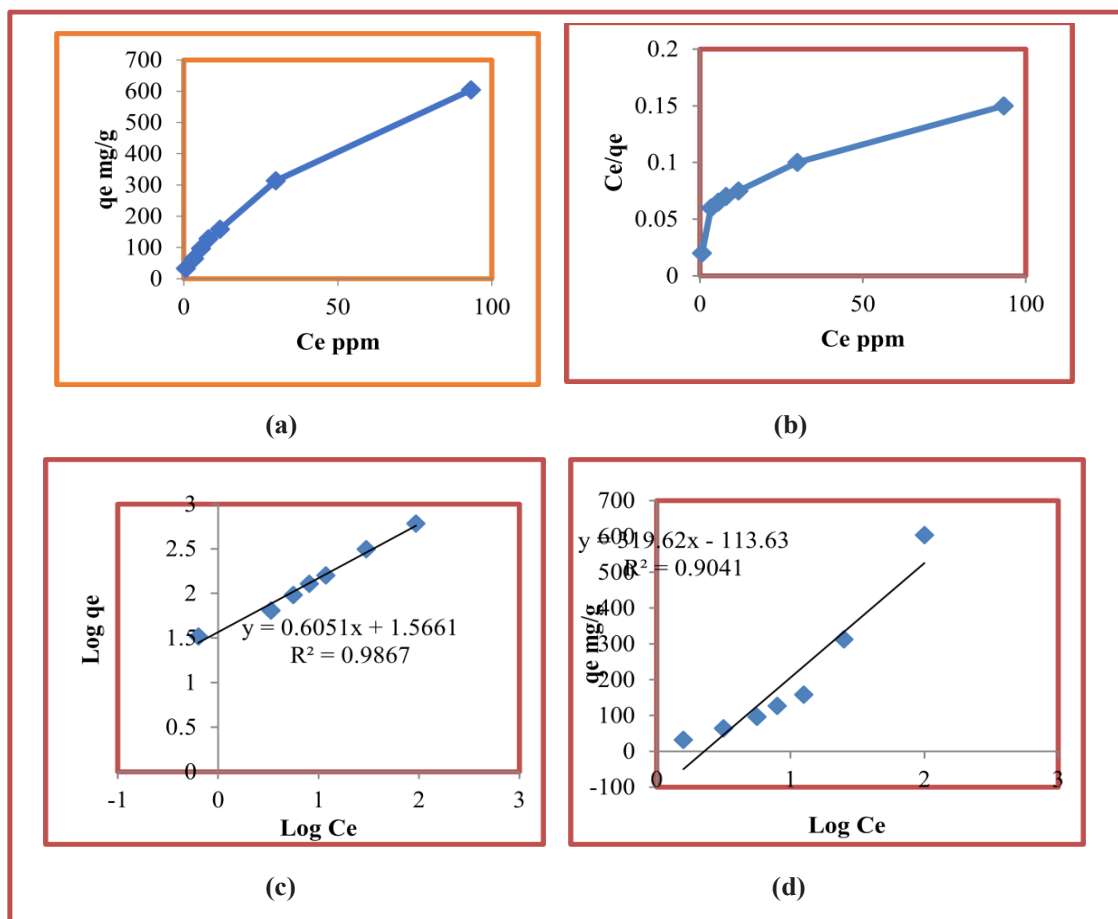


Fig. 17. a. Adsorption isotherms of BCG onto CS/Nb₂O₅/ MnO₂ adsorbents (conditions: PH 7; dosage=150 mg; V=100 mL; time=10 min; T=298 K); fitting the adsorption isotherm curves of BCG dye of adsorbents: b Langmuir isotherm model, c Freundlich isotherm model; d Temkin isotherm model.

(removal percentage 90.65% for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ [35]. The capacity of the adsorbent to adsorb a particular molecule in equilibrium can fluctuate depending on temperature. The adsorption of the dye reduces with rising temperature, indicating an exothermic adsorption process, whereas a fall in temperature indicates an endothermic adsorption reaction. In addition to the low temperature of the species that are adsorbed and the limited number of active sites, the physical connection between both organic compounds, including dyes and the active sites of adsorption, reduced with rising temperature [36,37].

Effect of Adsorption Time

Another important the adsorption time is a factor in the color removal process. The effects of adsorption time on the adsorption of BCG dye onto various surfaces were examined in a series of experiments with adsorption times between 10 and 120 minutes. the CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ adsorbents were investigated. The outcomes are displayed in Fig. 15. At the beginning of the adsorption phase, a sharp increase in the percentage adsorbed was seen. This is because there were a lot of positively charged surfaces on the adsorbent at first, which enhanced the concentration gradient and the adsorption process' driving force. After 10 minutes, equilibrium concentration was reached. that the rate of BCG dye removal was extremely rapid during the first 10 min, during which time approximately 88.5% percent of the BCG dye molecules were adsorbed by the CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and 90.65% percent by the CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ adsorbents. Due to the existence of additional adsorption sites and a high solution concentration, the anions in BCG quickly interacted with the chitosan during the initial contact period, resulting in this high rate of adsorption [38].

Batch BCG Dye Adsorption Studies

Experimentally, it was found that the CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ adsorbents' adsorption capabilities were best at pH 10 and pH 7, respectively, when used with 100 mL solutions of BCG dye with concentrations ranging from 5 to 100 mg/L at room temperature (298 K) (Fig. 16a). The maximal adsorption capabilities of the CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ adsorbents were equal to 166 mg/g and 604 mg/g, respectively, as can be seen from this figure. Three fundamental isotherm models, specifically the Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin models), were used to fit the adsorption data in order to assess the mechanism of adsorption and provide information on the maximum adsorption capacity (qm) for the relevant adsorbent [39,40]. Fig. 16 displays the graphs for the linearized equation isotherm parameters for BCG dye elimination at 298 K. Table 1 lists the three equations for the isotherm models for adsorption at room temperature along with their maximum adsorption capacities (qm), correlation coefficients (R²), and other information. The Langmuir model had a number of presumptions, including that the adsorbate would bind to the adsorbent in a monolayer on a uniform surface [41]. The Langmuir equation is given in Eq. (3).

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{C_e}{q_m} + \frac{t}{q_m K_L} \tag{3}$$

Where, qm and qe stand for the BCG dye's maximum (mg/g) and empirical (qe) adsorption capacities, respectively. After the adsorption process, Ce is the amount of BCG dye that is still present in the solution and KL is the Langmuir constant (L/ mg). In order to determine the adsorption capacity, Ce/qe versus Ce was plotted.

Table 1. Adsorption Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin model isotherm parameters for BCG dye by CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂.

Isotherms	Parameters	CS/Nb ₂ O ₅ /Cr ₂ O ₃	CS/Nb ₂ O ₅ /MnO ₂
Langmuir	Q _m	434.78	909
	K _L	0.01	0.021
	R ²	0.46	0.84
	K _F	4.5	36.82
Freundlich	n	1.25	1.66
	R ²	0.95	0.9867
	A	87.5	319.6
Temkin	B	40.7	113.6
	R ²	0.85	0.9041



(Fig. 16b).

where the gradient and intercept of this (straight) line were used to estimate q_m and K_L, respectively. The Freundlich model is used to fit multilayer adsorption onto a heterogeneous surface, and the postulated adsorption process is physisorption, which happens as a result of van der Waals interactions. Eq provides the Freundlich equation (4).

$$\log q_e = \log KF + \frac{1}{n} \log c_e \quad (4)$$

According to Eq. (4), KF stands for the Freundlich constant, adsorption capacity (mg/g), and heterogeneity factor (n), which stands for the bond distribution. By graphing log q_e against log C_e, the Freundlich linear equation was discovered. KF and n were then mathematically calculated from the intercept and gradient, respectively, of this linear connection (Fig. 16c). Eq. (5) specifies the Temkin equation, and the Temkin isotherm model makes significant assumptions about heterogeneous surface energy and non-uniform distribution of sorption heat on adsorbents[42].

$$q_e = A + B \log C_e \quad (5)$$

Where, A is the Temkin isotherm constant

(L/g) and B is a constant related to the heat of sorption (J/mol). Plots of q_e against log C_e were used to arrive at the Temkin linear equation (Fig. 16d). The gradient and intercept of the straight line, respectively, provide the values of B and A. The parameters calculated for the Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin models are listed in Table 1. The Langmuir isotherm appears to best describe the adsorption of BCG dye onto PANI/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ adsorbents, as evidenced by the coefficients of determination (R²) for the fits of the experimental data to the three isotherms, which showed greater R² (0.95 and 0.9867) and experimental equilibrium capacities (q_e) This implies that both the CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ and CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ adsorbents have strong BCG dye adsorption sites, and that the adsorption mechanism is monolayer in nature.

Recyclability Study

The CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ nanocomposite's excellent recyclability suggests that the method may actually be useful for water purification. Under the ideal conditions described below, the recyclability was tested for 4 consecutive BCG dye adsorption-desorption cycles. For CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃: pH 10; dosage: 550 mg; volume: 100 mL; time: 10 min; temperature: 313 K; and for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂: PH 7; dosage: 150 mg; volume: 100 mL; time: 10 min; temperature:

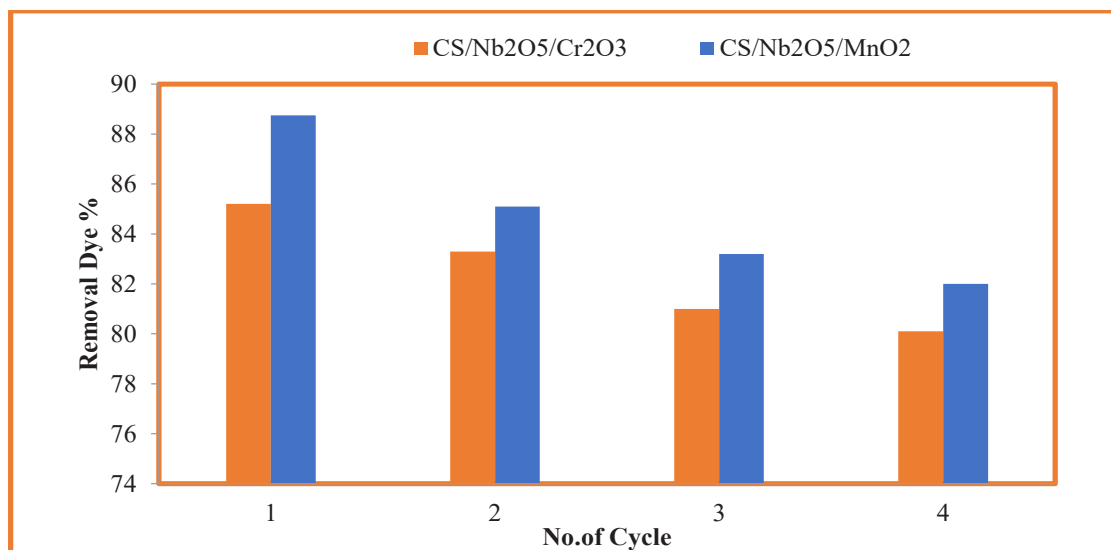


Fig. 18. Number of adsorption–desorption cycles using MO dye for CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ (conditions: pH 7,10; doses = 150,550 mg; C_i = 5 mg/L; V = 100 mL; time = 10 min; T = 298,313 K).

298 K. The consumed quantity was magnetized out of the aqueous solution, rinsed with ethanol and deionized water, dried at 75 °C for four hours, and then put back into use for the following cycle of BCG dye adsorption. After then, it was discovered that the adsorption efficiency for the CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ mixtures had both decreased from 90.65% to 82% and from 88.55% to 80.1%, respectively.(Fig. 18).

CONCLUSION

In current study, two types of the nanocomposite CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ as a new adsorbent were first prepared and characterised then used to remove of methyl orange dye. The physical and chemical of the nanocomposites such as structural, morphological, particle size and functional groups of the fabricated CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ and CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ were established via XRD, FE-SEM, FTIR, UV-Vis, and Zeta potential. The results have shown that the CS/Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ material sample has a higher adsorption capacity than CS/Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ in terms of BCG removal, The maximal adsorption capabilities of the adsorbents were equal to 604 mg/g and 166 mg/g, respectively. The optimum conditions for the bromocresol green reactions with Chitosan /Nb₂O₅/MnO₂ where the dose was 150 mg, temperature 298 K, and pH value was 7, while with Chitosan /Nb₂O₅/Cr₂O₃ Nanocomposites the dose was 550 mg, temperature 313, and pH value was 10.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this manuscript.

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