

## Adsorption Isotherms for CBY 3G-P Dye Removal from Aqueous Media Using TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC

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**Abstract:** The adsorption of Cibacron Brilliant Yellow (CBY) 3-GP dye onto TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and TiO<sub>2</sub> anatase/Diphenylcarbide in aqueous solution was studied with respect to temperature, contact time, and pH. The CBY 3-GP adsorption at equilibrium increased as the initial dye concentration increased for TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, while it decreased for TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa; however, it increased the initial dye concentration. The best removal efficiency was obtained at 1 mg for TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and the amount of adsorption decreases with the rising of temperature. The negative  $\Delta H^\circ$  reveals the adsorption is exothermic and extremely negative  $\Delta S^\circ$  for TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa. The negative value for  $\Delta S^\circ$  indicates a regular increase of the randomness at the TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution interface during adsorption. The intraparticle diffusion, pseudo-first- and second-order kinetic models were used. The Langmuir, Temkin, Freundlich, and Dubbin adsorption models were examined to describe the equilibrium isotherms. The usage of TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa and TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC indicates that the equilibrium sorption was favorable.

**Keywords:** CBY dye; adsorption models; TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa; Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>; kinetic study; dynamic data

### ■ INTRODUCTION

Due to their beneficial properties, such as strong interaction with the substrate, bright color, water-fastness, simple application techniques, and lower energy consumption required for the dyeing process, numerous highly reactive dyes, such as Cibacron Brilliant Yellow 3G-P (CBY) have been used in dyeing processes [1]. These characteristics reduce the water's clarity discharge since relatively small volumes of highly reactive dyes may result in ugly water discoloration and can have a very negative effect on waterways and biological systems. Therefore, the color removal from the effluents of the dye and textile industries is of great environmental significance. For the purpose of removing dye from wastewater effluents before release, a variety of wastewater treatment applications for processes such as chemical oxidation, coagulation, adsorption, filtering, and electrolysis have been made. The removal of colored materials, particularly dye, has been attempted using a variety of procedures that can be broadly categorized as physical, chemical, or biological treatment strategies, with varying degrees of

success. The notable techniques are membrane separation, photodegradation, ozonation, adsorption, coagulation/flocculation, and biodegradation [2]. Because of its effectiveness, adsorption becomes one of the most well-known wastewater treatment techniques. Due to its operational importance in terms of technology, environment, and biology, adsorption is typically thought of as a significant separation process. Aqueous solutions, wastewater, and huge quantities of potable water are processed using a separation method that prioritizes the removal of low concentrations of contaminants [3].

One of the biggest threats to humanity is water contamination, which is linked to rapid industrialization and has generated a lot of research overall [4]. Due to their non-biodegradable characteristics, organic, and synthetic dyes—contaminant effluents removed from various food and textile industries—are one of the main sources of environmental contamination [5]. The most common method for removing dissolved organics from water is the adsorption process. For the removal of dye,

a variety of unconventional, affordable adsorbents has been tried. Peat-activated sludge, organic peel waste, tree fern [6], and minerals are a few of these. Additionally, the removal of color using activated carbon is made from unconventional sources such as sawdust, rice husk, and coir pith [7]. Therefore, it is essential to develop workable techniques to decrease the pollution brought on by  $Zn^{2+}$  discharges and to lower the dangers connected with its environmental presence. Industrial effluents can be treated in a variety of ways to remove heavy metal ions, which include ion exchange, solvent extraction, biodegradation, and adsorption [8]. Adsorption, however, is widely acknowledged as one of the most efficient methods for removing pollutants because of its low cost, ease of handling, low reagent usage, and potential for recovering value-added components through desorption and regeneration of adsorbent [9].

The most determinants of adsorption are greater adsorption ability implied by a larger surface area. The internal diffusion and mass transfer limitations to the penetration of the adsorbate into the adsorbent are decreased with smaller particle sizes (i.e., nearly complete adsorption capacity can be reached, and equilibrium is easier to achieve). The adsorption will be more thorough the longer the period of time.

Adsorption will be easier for substances with low solubility in water than for those with high solubility. Additionally, because non-polar compounds have a weaker affinity for water, they will be easier to remove than polar substances. The pH has an effect on a species' level of ionization. This then has an influence on adsorption.

Because the adsorbate molecules have higher vibrational energies and are, therefore, more likely to desorb from the surface, increasing the temperature generally reduces adsorption slightly. All of the applications that are relevant to us, however, take place in isothermal conditions. Various compounds that are particulate and have one dimension smaller than 100 nm in size make up the diverse class of materials known as nanoparticles (NPs) [10]. These materials can be 0D, 1D, 2D, or 3D, depending on the overall shape [11]. When researchers found that a substance's size could affect its physiochemical characteristics, such as its optical

capabilities, they realized the significance of these materials. Semiconductor NPs have broad bandgaps, which led to a considerable change in their characteristics when the bandgap was tuned. Because of this, they are critical elements of photocatalysis, photo optics, and electronic devices. As an example, due to their optimal bandgap and band edge locations, a number of semiconductor NPs are discovered to be highly effective in water-splitting applications [12].

In this work,  $TiO_2$  Degussa,  $Fe_2O_3$ , and  $TiO_2$  anatase/Diphenylcarbide (DPC) were used for the adsorption of CBY dye in an aqueous solution. The adsorption of CBY was first studied in a batch system by examining the effect of CBY concentration, contact time, and temperature, in several adsorption models Freundlich, Temkin, Dubbin, and Langmuir. Also, the kinetic data were evaluated in the adsorption process. Thermodynamic parameters were investigated that the adsorption of CBY on  $TiO_2$  Degussa,  $TiO_2$ /DPC, and  $Fe_2O_3$ .

## ■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### Materials

The materials used in this study were ( $C_{25}H_{15}Cl_3N_9Na_3O_{10}S_3$ , Fig. 1) CBY 3G-P (Sigma Aldrich (USA)), titanium(IV) *i*-propoxide ( $Ti(OiPr)_4$ , 99.9% purity),  $Fe_2O_3$ , and  $TiO_2$  Degussa were acquired from Sigma Aldrich (USA). Ethyl alcohol (EtOH Merck), DPC,  $HNO_3$  (BDH. Co, LTD), sodium hydroxide NaOH (99% purity GCC, UK), and HCl (BDH) were purchased from other companies.

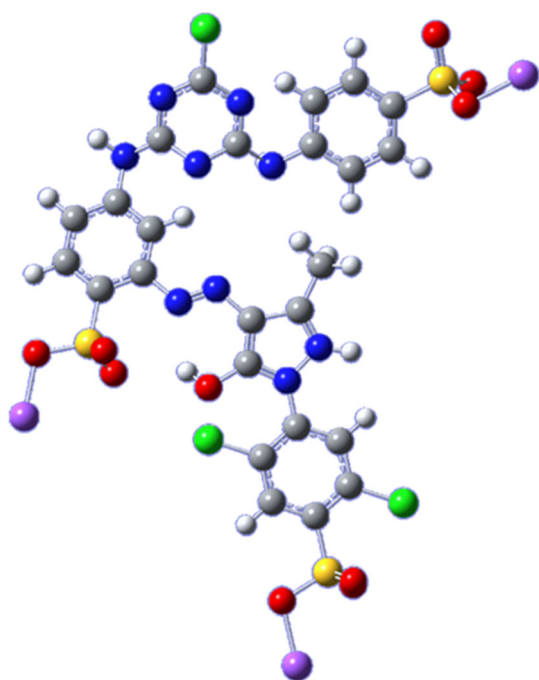
### Instrumentation

The instrumentations used in this study were X-ray diffraction spectroscopy (D5000 XRD6000, Shimadzu, Japan), scanning electron microscopy (INSPECT S50 FEL, USA), atomic force microscopy (Sartorius Arium 611), and transmission electron microscopy TEM (Germany).

### Procedure

#### Preparation of $TiO_2$ /DPC

$Ti(OiPr)_4$  in ethanol was used to dissolve  $TiO_2$  before being mixed with distilled water at a molar ratio



**Fig 1.** The chemical structure of CBY. Grey, white, blue, green, yellow, red, and purple color represent carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, chlorine, sulfur, oxygen, and sodium atom, respectively

of TTIP:H<sub>2</sub>O = 1:4 to produce the sol-gel TiO<sub>2</sub>. HNO<sub>3</sub> was employed to change the pH and restrain the solution's hydrolysis process. The obtained solutions were stirred slowly and continuously for 40 min at room temperature. The gels were dried for 1.5 h at 500 °C to completely evaporate water and organic material in order to produce NPs [13]. Following ball milling [14], the resultant dry powders were subjected to a 2 h calcination process at 400 °C to produce TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals. As for creating TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, add 0.1 mol of DPC that has been dissolved in ethanol and 1.0 mol of the TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs solution that has been prepared previously. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min while it is separated by a centrifuge for 15 min, and then washed several times with water and ethanol to get rid of any extra residue. The material was taken, aged for 24 h, and then dried at 90 °C for 4 h before being stored for further analysis.

#### Adsorption experiments

The appropriate quantity (1 g) of CBY was dissolved in a liter of deionized water to create a stock solution at a

concentration of 1 g/L. The stock solution was diluted with deionized water to create the working solutions, which were then given the proper concentration.

Erlenmeyer flasks containing 50 mL solution of 3G-P using TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, or TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC or Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as adsorbent. The effect of various parameters, including solution pH 3–9, contact time 15–150 min, initial CBY concentration 2.18–10.9 mg/L, adsorbent dosage 1–5 mg, and temperature 15–90 °C was investigated. The pH of solutions was adjusted using 0.1 M HCl and/or 0.1 M NaOH. After each test, the adsorbent was separated from the aqueous solution, and the residual CBY in the aqueous solution was determined using absorption spectrometry. Double-beam UV-visible spectrophotometer was used to determine the concentrations of CBY dye in the solution. The concentration of the residual dye was measured at a maximum for the dye solution (428 nm) by taking samples at predetermined intervals, centrifuging them, and checking the supernatant for any remaining CBY. Based on a mass balance calculation, Eq. (1), the amount of adsorbed CBY (mg/g) was determined [15].

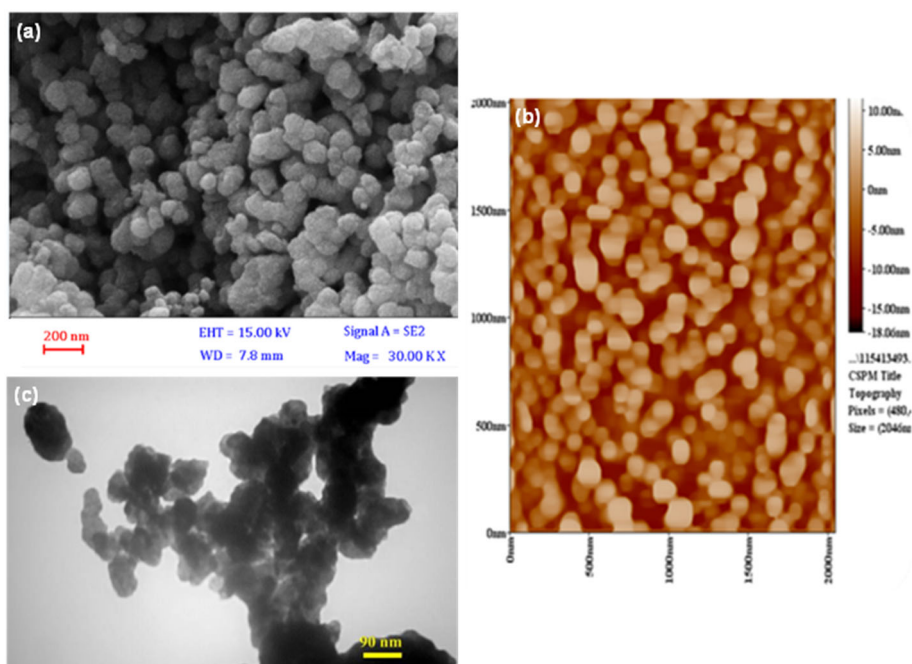
$$q_e = \frac{(C_0 - C_e)V}{M} \quad (1)$$

where  $C_e$  is the final or equilibrium concentration of CBY in the solution (mg/L),  $V$  is the volume of the solution (L), and  $W$  is the mass of TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, or TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC or Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (g),  $q_e$  is the equilibrium adsorption capacity per gram weight of the adsorbent, and  $C_0$  is the initial concentration of CBY in the solution (mg/L).

The flasks were shaken at 298 K for 2 h at a steady speed of 200 rpm. During the current investigation, the effects of factors such as the initial concentration and adsorbent dose were evaluated.

**Effect of CBY initial concentration and contact time.** The dye solutions were placed in an isothermal water bath shaker at initial concentrations of 2.18, 4.36, 6.55, 8.73, and 10.9 mg/L. For 24 h, the water bath shaker's temperature and rotational speed were set at 25 °C and 200 rpm, respectively.

**Effect of temperatures.** By varying the adsorption temperatures at 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, and 90 °C by adjusting the water bath shaker's temperature controller, the effect



**Fig 2.** (a) SEM of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  nanoparticle, (b) AFM of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  nanoparticle, and (c) TEM of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  nanoparticle

of temperatures on the adsorption process was investigated. The pH of the solution and other variables were left unchanged.

## ■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Characterization of Adsorbents

The  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa P25 crystallites are composed of 80% anatase and 20% rutile. Because of its inexpensive nature, great chemical stability, and reactivity,  $\text{TiO}_2$  catalyst provides unique properties for a variety of environmental applications. Due to the wide surface area of the adsorption site,  $\text{TiO}_2$  has good sorption properties. When there is a large concentration of hydroxyl groups (OH) on the surface of  $\text{TiO}_2$ , the contaminants can be adsorbed onto the material [16-17].

The group of iron-oxide minerals includes  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  crystals, which have a hexagonal shape and exhibit paramagnetic properties.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  oxide can be activated under visible irradiation due to its small band gap (2.3 eV). Moreover, they have a powerful catalytic effect, are widely and simply accessible, and are incredibly ecologically friendly.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  catalyst has the advantages of strong toxicity resistance and high catalytic activity [18].

Fig. 2(a) shows the SEM morphology images of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$ . The results indicate that the fine  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  has a spherical shape with dispersion nanoparticles the particle size of the  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  nanoparticle is 67 nm. The characteristic of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  nanoparticles is determined by AFM as shown in Fig. 2(b), the particles size of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  is 94.9 nm, while TEM images of sol-gel derived nanoparticles are shown in Fig. 2(c) is spherical and having diameter 37 nm. The band gap energy ( $E_g$ ) of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  is 2.1 eV which is smaller than the value of 3.2 eV for the bulk  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

Semiconductor NPs are materials that have properties that fall between those of metals and nonmetals. Substantial changes to their electrical and optical characteristics with a change in particle size. Due to their broad bandgaps, semiconductor NPs have demonstrated considerable changes in their characteristics when the bandgap is tuned. In light of this, they are finding use in photocatalysis, photo-optics, and electric devices [19].

### Effect of Contact Time and Initial Concentration of Adsorbate

By varying the concentration of CBY solutions

between 2.18, 4.36, 6.55, 8.73, and 10.9 mg/L, it was possible to study the effect of increasing CBY concentrations on the adsorption onto TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as shown in Fig 3. For TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC at 75 min, the CBY adsorption increased from 4.69 to 13.33 mg/g as the initial dye concentration increased from 1.6 to 9.17 mg/L. The results indicate that when CBY concentrations rise, so does the amount of adsorption, and they become constant. This occurs because the availability of CBY molecules at the interface rises with increased CBY concentration, which in turn improves the adsorption while decreasing from 2.25 to 0.078 mg/g for TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa at 90 min. However, increased from 13 to 30.6 mg/g as the initial dye concentration. This phenomenon was due to an increase in the driving force of the concentration gradient as an increase in the initial dye concentration, then decreased to 2.3 mg/g for Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at 60 min. Due to a large number of available surface sites, CBY was quickly adsorbed; however, as the process progressed toward equilibrium, it became difficult for CBY to interact with TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa or Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> surface when all of the accessible sites were occupied, leading to saturated adsorption. Repulsion between the solute molecules and the bulk phases developed as a result of the difficulty in filling the remaining surface of sites [20].

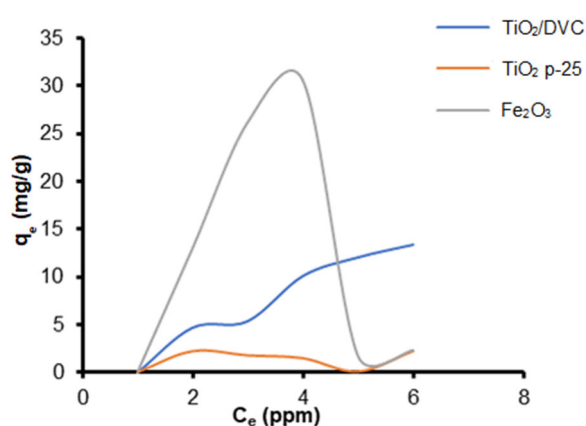
### Effect of pH

Adsorption isotherm of CBY onto TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at different pH was recorded at pH 3 was more in compression pH at range 3, 4, 7, and 9. Since it was found that changing from an acidic to a basic medium's higher pH value considerably lowered the adsorption density of CBY. However, the adsorption increased with decreased pH to a value of around 3. As the pH is decreased, the positive charge on the surfaces of TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> increases. CBY is a non-ionic molecule that is easily adsorbed onto TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa at a lower pH. The adsorption capabilities were greater in the acidic and neutral pH ranges and the lowest in the alkaline pH ranges. Whereas, at higher pH 9, Since the adsorbents are negatively charged, electrostatic repulsion reduces the rate of the sorption process. It is also understood that increasing pH

results in an increase in hydroxyl ions, which reduces the adsorption capacities, the experimental data of the pH effect is in Table 1.

### Effect of Adsorbent Weight

By using various concentrations of TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ranging from 1 to 5 mg, q<sub>e</sub> is CBY dye adsorbed amount on TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The results showed in Table 2, in which the best-adsorbed amount was obtained at 1 mg for TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC and TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa. The reason for this is that as the dosage of the adsorbent was increased, the adsorption



**Fig 3.** Adsorption effect of CBY solutions onto TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

**Table 1.** Effect of solution pH on CBY adsorption (adsorbent TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), 75 min

Adsorbent	pH 3	pH 4	pH 7	pH 9
	q <sub>e</sub> (mg/g)			
TiO <sub>2</sub> Degussa	6.06	3.98	8.18	0.90
TiO <sub>2</sub> /DPC	0.63	0.56	0.46	0.46
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.1	9.62	1.21	2.42

**Table 2.** Different quantities of TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with the amount of adsorption

Weight (mg)	TiO <sub>2</sub> /DPC	TiO <sub>2</sub> Degussa	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	q <sub>e</sub> (mg/g)		
1	8.80	7.00	4.00
2	6.90	2.60	4.60
3	4.67	2.00	0.20
4	3.50	3.70	0.10
5	2.80	1.60	3.28

capability decreased, creating 2 mg of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  the best-adsorbed amount. The interference and collision of active adsorbent sites at larger adsorbent dosages or the inability of the CBY dye in the solution to establish bonds with the accessible and active sites on the adsorbent to explain this result surfaces of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa, and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  [21-22].

### Effect Temperatures on CBY Adsorption

The results of a study of the effect of temperature on CBY adsorption at 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, and 90 °C can be used to indicate the exothermic nature of adsorption in detail. The increased tendency of the CBY to escape from the surface of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa, and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  may be the cause of the decrease in adsorption as the temperature rises. Adsorption decreases when the temperature rises because the CBY's binding forces to the surface are reduced [23].

Increasing the temperature has improved the diffusion of dye molecules across the sample's exterior and internal boundary layers since it has reduced the viscosity of the solution [24]. Additionally, at higher temperatures, more dye molecules are mobile because they have more energy to interact with the adsorbent's active sites, allowing the dye to enter the pores of the adsorbent [25].

### Effect of Temperature on Thermodynamic Parameters

From 15 to 55 °C, the influence of temperature on CBY adsorption on  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa, and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (Fig 4) was studied. Eq. (2) and (3) can be used to get the Gibbs energy,  $G^0$  (J/mol).

$$\Delta G^0 = \Delta H^0 - T\Delta S^0 \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln K_c \quad (3)$$

The ability of the adsorbent to hold the adsorbate and the amount of mobility of the adsorbate within the solution are both represented by  $K_c$ , the equilibrium constant [26]. Eq. (4) or (5) can be used to determine the  $K_c$ , which is the ratio of the equilibrium concentration of the dye bound to the adsorbent to the equilibrium CBY concentration in solution ( $C_e$ ) according to the Van't Hoff in Eq. (5) [27-28].

$$K_c = q_e / C_e \quad (4)$$

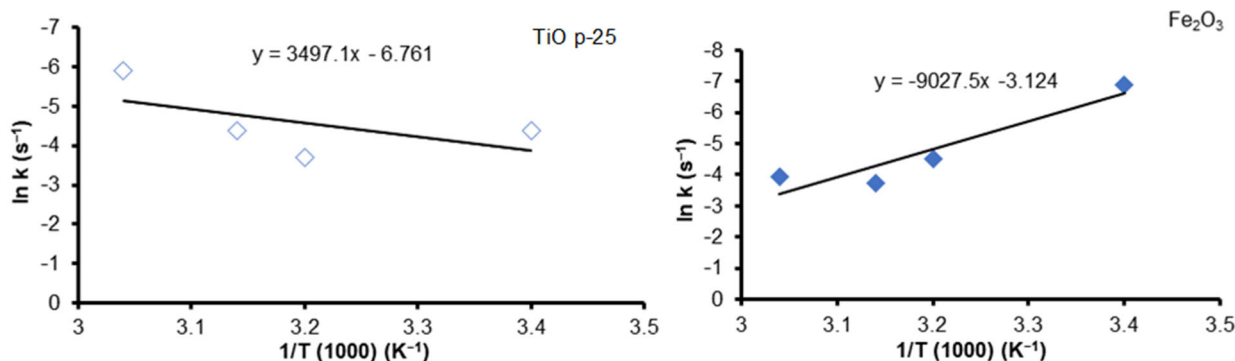
$$\ln K_c = \Delta S^0 / R - \Delta H^0 / RT \quad (5)$$

The slope and intercept of a linear plot between  $\ln K_c$  and  $1/T$  can be used to determine the values of  $\Delta H^0$  (J/mol) and  $\Delta S^0$  (J/mol K).

Thermodynamic parameters are shown in Table 3, with temperatures ranging from 15 to 55 °C. The possibility of the process and the spontaneous nature of the adsorption are indicated by the negative value of  $G^0$  at various temperatures. Usually, the enthalpy of adsorption changes. The exothermic and physical nature of the adsorption is indicated by the negative  $\Delta H^0$  (-29074.0 J/mol). Additionally, the CBY adsorption process' slightly negative  $\Delta S^0$  indicates a regular rise in

**Table 3.** Thermodynamic parameters of CBY adsorption onto  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa,  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$ , and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

Materials	$\Delta H$ (J/mol)	$\Delta S$ (J/mol K)	$\Delta G$ (J/mol)
$\text{TiO}_2(\text{P25})$	-29074.0	-56.2	-11762.2
$\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$	34503.1	-21.3	41058.3
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	75054.6	-25.9	83054.3



**Fig 4.** Effect of temperature on CBY adsorption onto  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

the randomness at the TiO<sub>2</sub>(P25) solution interface throughout adsorption. State exothermic adsorption of CBY and reduced randomness at the boundary layer between TiO<sub>2</sub>(P25) and aqueous solution, indicating exothermic adsorption of CBY on the adsorbent and destroyed active sites of TiO<sub>2</sub>(P25) surface.

Table 3 also displays the rising temperature, as shown by the positive value of  $\Delta G^0$  at various temperatures. Usually, the variation of the adsorption enthalpy.

The positive  $\Delta H^0$  (34503.1 and 75054.6 J/mol) indicates that the adsorption is chemical in nature and endothermic. Additionally, the CBY adsorption process' slightly negative  $\Delta S^0$  value shows a consistent rise in randomness at the interface of the TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC or Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution during adsorption. This suggests that the CBY dye was adsorbed in this condition by an endothermic process.

At higher temperatures for dye, the surface coverage increased. This can be related to the development of additional active sites or the enhanced penetration of reactive dyes into microspores at higher temperatures. Several publications have observed endothermic adsorption of reactive dyes on various types of adsorbents, resulting in the creation of more than one molecular layer on the surface of TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC [29].

The following isotherms were used to fit the data: Freundlich, Temkin, and Langmuir [30].

### Langmuir adsorption isotherm

The model presupposes homogeneous adsorption energies on the surface and a lack of adsorptive transmigration in the surface plane. These suppositions led Langmuir to represent Eq. (6) and (7):

$$\frac{1}{q_e} = \frac{1}{q_0} + \frac{1}{q_0 K_L q_e} \quad (6)$$

$$C_e/q_e = 1/q_{\max} K_L + C_e/q_{\max} \quad (7)$$

where  $q_0$  is the highest monolayer coverage capacity (mg/g),  $K_L$  = Langmuir isotherm constant (L/mg),  $C_e$  is the adsorbate's equilibrium concentration (mg/L), and  $q_e$  = the number of substances adsorbent at equilibrium (mg/g).

The values of  $q_{\max}$  and  $K_L$  were calculated using the slope and intercept of the Langmuir plot of  $1/q_e$  vs  $1/C_e$  and  $R_L$ , the separation factor (also known as the equilibrium

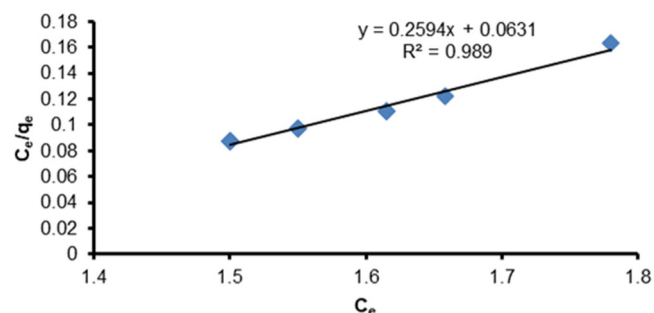


Fig 5. Linear Langmuir adsorption isotherm TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa

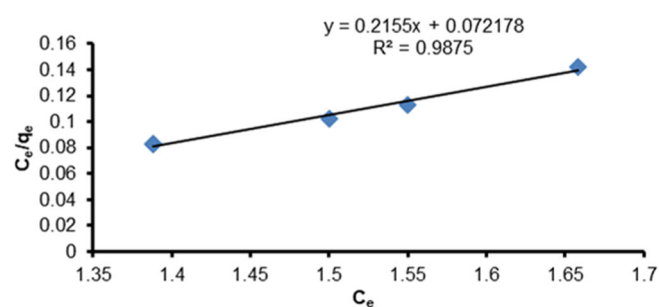


Fig 6. Linear Langmuir adsorption isotherm TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC

parameter), which is a dimensionless constant.

$$RL = \frac{1}{1 + (1 + K_L C_e)} \quad (8)$$

where  $K_L$  is a constant relating to adsorption energy (Langmuir Constant), initial concentration  $C_0$ , and  $R_L$  value indicates whether the adsorption is favorable or unfavorable. The estimated data show that the Langmuir isotherm is favorable since the  $R_L$  is larger than 0 but less than 1 according to the data. The  $K_L$  from this research work is 4.1109, and 2.9855 L/mg, as  $R_L$  values are 0.10038, and 0.0520 for TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC indicating that the equilibrium sorption was favorable. When it comes to Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Langmuir adsorption is not applicable.

Fig. 5 and 6 display a linear Langmuir adsorption isotherm. The slope and intercept of the linear plot of  $C_e/q_e$  vs  $C_e$  were used to compute the values of  $q_m$  and  $K_L$  of the Langmuir adsorption isotherm, indicating that it is the Langmuir equation for TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa that best fits the experimental data.

### Freundlich adsorption isotherm

These data often fit the empirical equation proposed by Freundlich (Eq. (9)),

$$\ln q_e = \ln K_f + 1/n \ln C_e \quad (9)$$

where  $K_f$  = Freundlich isotherm constant (mg/L),  $q_e$  = the number of materials adsorbed per gram of adsorbent at equilibrium (mg/g),  $n$  is the adsorption intensity, and  $C_e$  is the equilibrium adsorbate concentration (mg/L). While  $1/n$  is a function of the strength of adsorption in the adsorption process, the constant  $K_f$  is a rough indicator of adsorption capacity. The value of  $1/n$  is below one for  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa, and  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  it indicates normal adsorption. The constants  $k$  and  $n$  change with temperature in order to account for the empirical finding that the quantity adsorbed rises more slowly is needed to saturate the surface. While the sorbent-sorbate system's  $K_f$  and  $n$  properties must be determined by data fitting, the smaller  $1/n$ , the greater the expected heterogeneity, even though linear regression is commonly employed to create the parameters of kinetic and isotherm models. An isotherm of linear adsorption results from this expression.

### Temkin isotherm

This isotherm has a component that explicitly accounts for the interactions between the adsorbent and adsorbate. By neglecting the extremely low and high concentration values, the model assumes that the heat of adsorption of all molecules in the layer will decrease linearly rather than logarithmically with coverage. By graphing the amount sorbed  $q_e$  versus  $\ln C_e$  and calculating the constants from the slope and intercept, it was possible to demonstrate that, as predicted by the equation, the derivation is characterized by a uniform distribution of binding energies. Eq. (10) and (11) provide the model.

$$B = RT/b_T \quad (10)$$

$$q_e = B \ln A_T + B \ln C_e \quad (11)$$

where  $T$  = temperature at 298 K,  $A_T$  = Temkin isotherm equilibrium binding constant (L/g),  $R$  = universal gas constant (8.314 J/mol/K),  $b_T$  = Temkin isotherm constant, and  $B$  = heat of sorption constant (J/mol). The following values, which are a measure of the heat of sorption and indicate a physical adsorption process, are taken from the Temkin plot in Fig. 7, 8, and 9 [31].

### Dubinin-Radushkevich isotherm model

On a heterogeneous surface, the Dubinin-Radushkevich isotherm is typically used to express the

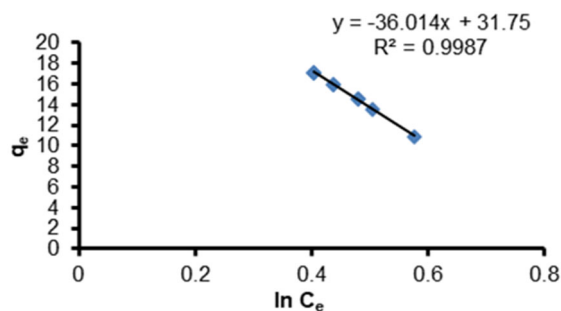


Fig 7. Temkin adsorption isotherm using  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa

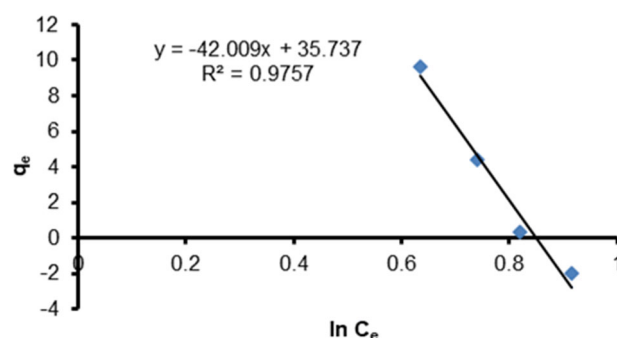


Fig 8. Temkin adsorption isotherm using  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

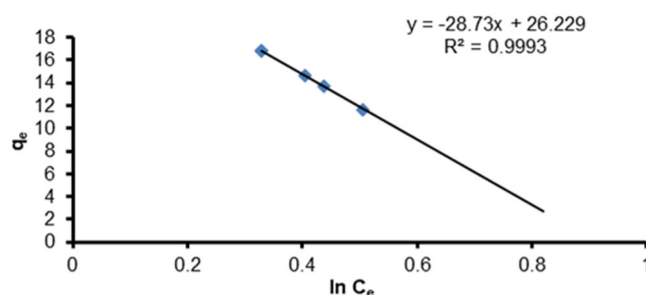


Fig 9. Temkin adsorption isotherm using  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$

adsorption mechanism [32]. The results from the intermediate range of concentrations and high solute activity have generally been well fit by the model (Eq. (12)).

$$\ln q_e = \ln q_s - K_{ad} \varepsilon^2 \quad (12)$$

where  $q_e$  = amount of adsorbate in the adsorbent at equilibrium (mg/g),  $K_{ad}$  = Dubinin-Radushkevich isotherm constant ( $\text{mol}^2/\text{kJ}^2$ ), and  $q_s$  = theoretical isotherm saturation capacity (mg/g). The method was typically used to differentiate between the physical and chemical adsorption of metal ions with its mean free energy,  $\varepsilon$  per molecule of adsorbate, which can be calculated by the relationship (Eq. (13)).



$$\varepsilon = RT \ln(1 + 1/C_e) \quad (13)$$

where  $R$ ,  $T$ , and  $C_e$  stand for the equilibrium adsorbate concentrations (mg/L), the gas constant in J/mol K, and the absolute temperature (K), respectively. When adsorption data at various temperatures are represented as a function of the logarithm of quantity adsorbed ( $\ln q_e$ ) vs.  $\varepsilon^2$  the square of potential energy, the Dubinin-Radushkevich isotherm model's temperature dependence is one of the model's distinct features. The characteristic curve is also known as the curve on which all acceptable data will lie [33]. Eq. (13) was used to determine constants like  $q_s$  and  $K_{ad}$  from Fig. 10, 11, and 12. From the linear plot of the Dubinin-Radushkevich model,  $q_s$  was determined to be 1.436 mg/g,  $K_{ad}$  was determined  $3 \times 10^{-7}$  the  $R^2 = 0.997$  for  $TiO_2/DPC$ , while  $Fe_2O_3$  and  $TiO_2$  Degussa do not apply (Table 4).

The results of isotherm parameters (Langmuir, Freundlich, Temkin, and Dubinin-Radushkevich) applied in this study for the following in Table 5.

The parameter results in Table 5 Langmuir model using  $TiO_2/DPC$ ,  $TiO_2$  Degussa, and  $Fe_2O_3$ . The active site can only adsorb one molecule, thus the  $K_L$  value for all adsorption systems displays a relatively low value, indicating weak interaction between the molecules of the adsorbent and adsorbate.  $TiO_2/DPC$  and  $TiO_2$  Degussa have relatively high correlation values ( $R^2 > 0.80$ ) than  $Fe_2O_3$ .

Table 5 displays the parameters of the Freundlich model when  $TiO_2/DPC$ ,  $TiO_2$  Degussa, and  $Fe_2O_3$  adsorbents. Freundlich isotherm is a good representation of  $TiO_2/DPC$  and  $TiO_2$  Degussa P25 adsorption systems than the  $Fe_2O_3$  adsorption system; this is confirmed by the  $R^2$  value of higher than 0.80, the adsorption process takes place on a heterogeneous surface in a multilayer form with weak interactions between the adsorbent and adsorbate.

The parameter results from the Temkin model using  $TiO_2/DPC$ ,  $TiO_2$  Degussa, and  $Fe_2O_3$ . A comparatively low value between the molecules of the adsorbent and the adsorbate is shown by the  $AT$  value for all adsorption systems. Physical interaction only involves more interaction weak, correlation coefficient value ( $R^2 > 0.80$ ), for  $TiO_2/DPC$ ,  $TiO_2$  Degussa, and  $Fe_2O_3$  are suitable with Temkin isotherm.

While results Dubinin-Radushkevich model using  $TiO_2/DPC$ ,  $TiO_2$  Degussa, and  $Fe_2O_3$  have small  $\beta$  values. Influenced by pore volume for  $\beta$  value. The highest maximal binding energy value is impacted by the greater pore volume.  $TiO_2/DPC$ ,  $TiO_2$  Degussa adsorption system, and  $TiO_2$  have the best correlation coefficient values ( $R^2 > 0.80$ ), indicating that they have the greatest

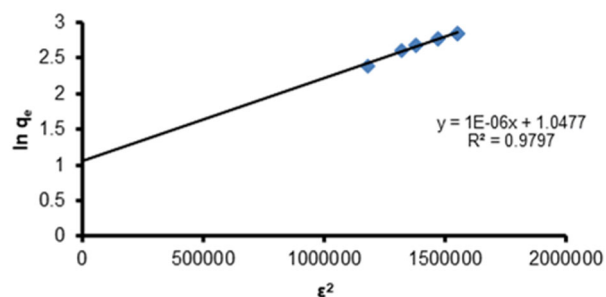


Fig 10. Dubinin-Radushkevich adsorption isotherm using  $TiO_2$  Degussa

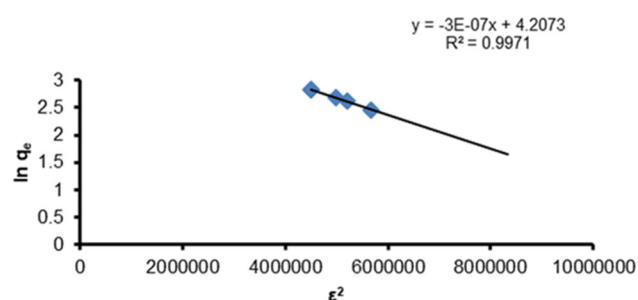


Fig 11. Dubinin-Radushkevich adsorption isotherm using  $TiO_2/DPC$

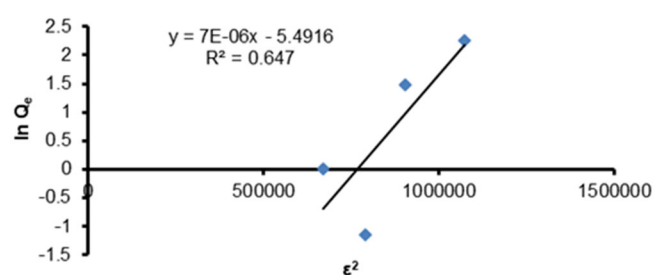


Fig 12. Dubinin-Radushkevich adsorption isotherm using  $Fe_2O_3$

Table 4. Dubinin-Radushkevich adsorption isotherm constants

Material	$K_{ad}$	$q_s$	$R^2$
$TiO_2/DPC$	$3 \times 10^{-7}$	1.436	0.997
$TiO_2$ Degussa	$-1 \times 10^{-6}$	2.851	0.979
$Fe_2O_3$	$-7 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.120 \times 10^{-3}$	0.647

**Table 5.** Isotherm parameters (Langmuir, Temkin, Freundlich, and Dubinin-Radushkevich)

Langmuir isotherm parameters				
Adsorbent	$K_L$ (L/mg)	RL	$R^2$	Note
TiO <sub>2</sub> /DPC	2.9850	0.05200	0.987	$0 < RL < 1$ favorable adsorption
TiO <sub>2</sub> Degussa	4.1109	0.10038	0.978	$R^2 > 0.80$ , monolayer adsorption
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	-0.4920	1.0000	0.407	Linear adsorption process, $RL = 1$ . (Depending on the amount adsorbed and the concentration adsorbed) $R^2 < 0.80$ does not suggest monolayer adsorption
Freundlich isotherm parameters				
Adsorbent	$1/n$	$n$	$R^2$	Note
TiO <sub>2</sub> /DPC	-2.014	-0.496	0.993	$n < 1$ , chemical interaction between adsorbate molecules $R^2 > 0.80$ , multilayer adsorption
TiO <sub>2</sub> Degussa	-2.557	-0.390	0.988	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	-9.960	-0.100	0.615	
Temkin isotherm parameters				
Adsorbent	$A_T$ (L/g)	$B_T$ (J/mol)	$R^2$	Note
TiO <sub>2</sub> /DPC	0.334	-83.304	0.993	$B_T < 8$ kJ/mol, physical interaction between adsorbate molecules
TiO <sub>2</sub> Degussa	0.414	-66.486	0.998	$R^2 > 0.80$ , uniform distribution adsorbate to the adsorbent surface
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.427	-56.998	0.979	
Dubinin-Radushkevich isotherm parameters				
Adsorbent	$B$ (mol <sup>2</sup> /kJ <sup>2</sup> )	$E$ (kJ/mol)	$R^2$	Note
TiO <sub>2</sub> /DPC	$0.3 \times 10^{-6}$	1291.088	0.997	$E > 8$ kJ/mol, chemical interaction between adsorbate molecules
TiO <sub>2</sub> Degussa	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	707.107	0.979	$R^2 > 0.80$ , micro pore size is existing in the adsorbent surface
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	$7 \times 10^{-6}$	267.265	0.647	

correlation coefficient, while Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> has the correlation coefficient is low ( $R^2 = 0.647$ ). Temkin model was discovered to have the best fit because it had the greatest regression value.

### Kinetic of sorption

Kinetic models have been used to analyze the mechanism of sorption and potential rate-controlling processes in order to select the appropriate operating parameters for full-scale batch operation [34]. The models utilized were pseudo-first-order, pseudo-second-order, and zeroth-order kinetic models.

**Pseudo-first-order model.** The -first-order rate expression based on solid capacity is generally expressed as follows Eq. (14) and (15):

$$\ln(q_e - q_t) = \ln q_e - k_1 t \quad (14)$$

$$\ln(C_0 - C_t) = \ln C_0 - k_1 t \quad (15)$$

where  $q_t$  is the amount adsorbed at time  $t$  (mg/g),  $C_t$  is the concentration at the time,  $q_e$  is the amount of CBY

adsorbed at equilibrium (mg/g),  $k_1$  is the rate constant of first-order adsorption (1/min), and  $C_0$  is the initial concentration. From the  $\ln(q_e - q_t)$  against  $t$  straight-line plot, the value of the adsorption rate constant  $k_1$  for the CBY adsorption onto (TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, or Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) was calculated (Fig. 13, 14, and 15). The data were fitted with correlation coefficients, showing that the first-order equation is followed by the rate of removal of CBY.

The findings were poorly correlated, showing that the rate of removal of CBY onto TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, or Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is not followed by the second-order equation.

**Pseudo-second-order model.** With the use of the following Eq (16), the second-order kinetic rate was investigated.

$$\frac{t}{C_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{1}{q_e} \quad (16)$$

where  $k_2$ ,  $C_t$ , and  $q_e$  stand for the rate constant, the concentration at a given time 't' and the amount adsorbed at equilibrium, respectively. By displaying the

graph of  $t/C_t$  versus  $t$ . With the use of the following equation, the second-order kinetic rate was investigated. The value of  $k_2 = 1.06 \times 10^{-5}$  g/mg min,  $q_e = 416.66$  mg/g and  $R^2 = 0.4138$  for  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$  (Fig. 16);  $k_2 = 0.0618 \times 10^{-5}$  g/mg min,  $Q_e = 1666.66$  mg/g, and  $R^2 = 0.5728$  for  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa (Fig. 18); and  $K_2 = 0.24 \times 10^{-5}$  g/mg min,  $Q_e = 1000$  mg/g, and  $R^2 = 0.2134$  for  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (Fig. 17) were calculated. The CBY adsorption onto  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa,  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$ , and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  was in loose agreement with the total rate of CBY adsorption on to  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa,  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$ , and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , according to the obtained kinetic adsorption data, which appeared to be controlled by the physicochemical process.

The pseudo-first-order model, which is often relevant over the first stage of an adsorption process, is predicated on the idea that the rate of change in solute uptake with time is perfectly proportional to the difference in saturation concentration and the amount of solid uptake with time. When adsorption occurs through diffusion through the interface, it is usually seen that kinetics follows this pseudo-first-order rate equation, and the intercept of  $\ln(q_e - q_t)$  vs  $t$  plots would therefore be equal to  $\ln$  of empirically obtained  $q_e$  to fit the experimental value, the pseudo-first-order equation usually does not provide a good fit over the entire range of adsorption time.

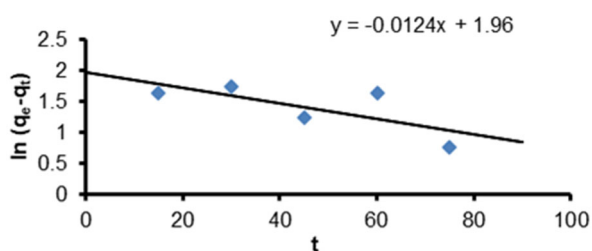


Fig 13. Pseudo-first-order of CBY adsorption onto  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa

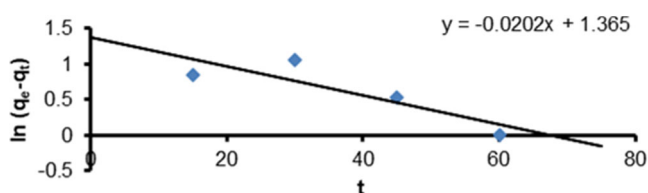


Fig 14. Pseudo-first-order of CBY adsorption onto  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$

The pseudo-second-order kinetic model predicts behavior over the whole adsorption range under the assumption that chemisorption is the rate-limiting step;

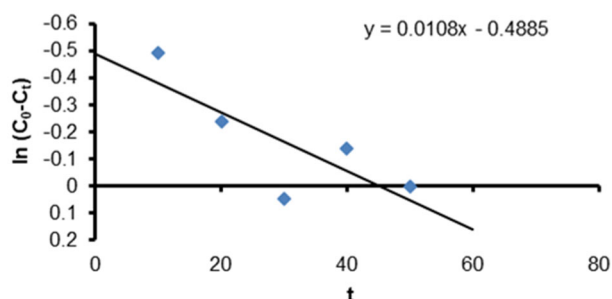


Fig 15. Pseudo-first-order of CBY adsorption onto  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

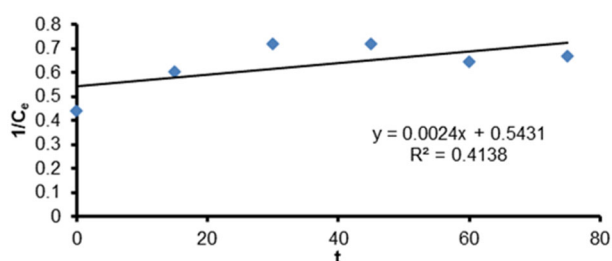


Fig 16. Pseudo-second-order of CBY adsorption onto  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{DPC}$

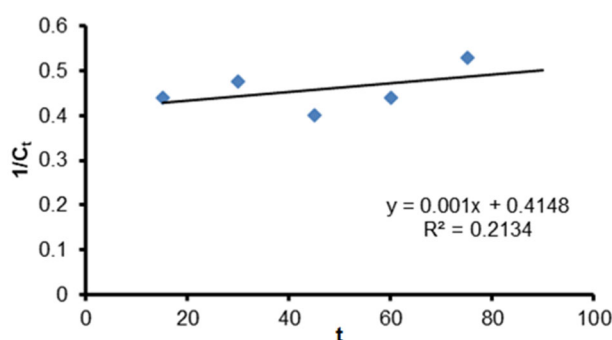


Fig 17. Pseudo-second-order of CBY adsorption onto  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

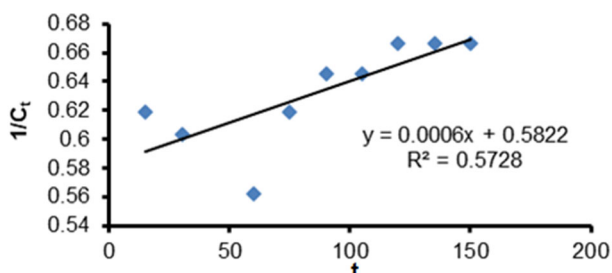


Fig 18. Pseudo-second-order of CBY adsorption onto  $\text{TiO}_2$  Degussa

**Table 6.** Rate constants and correlation coefficients for models studied of the kinetic equations

Adsorbents	Pseudo-zeroth-order		Pseudo-first-order		Pseudo-second-order	
	K (mg g/min)	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>1</sub> (1/min)	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>2</sub> (g/mg min) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>
TiO <sub>2</sub> /DPC	0.434	0.452	0.0202	0.817	1.060	0.413
TiO <sub>2</sub> Degussa	0.904	0.357	0.0124	0.737	0.062	0.573
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	-0.711	0.163	0.0108	0.634	0.213	0.213

the adsorption rate is determined by adsorption capacity rather than adsorbate concentration. This model has several advantages over the Lagergren first-order model, one of which is the ability to compute the equilibrium adsorption capacity.

According to studies, values of  $R^2 > 0.8$  show a strong fit between the data and the model, while values of  $R^2 < 0.5$  indicate a weak correlation between the predictor variable and the response variable, based on Table 6, it is expected that is suitable for pseudo-first-order according to the values of  $R^2$ .

## ■ CONCLUSION

Adsorption was influenced by some operational factors, including temperature, initial concentration, pH, and contact time. The study of the CBY dye's adsorption to the TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> materials revealed that as the concentration of CBY increases, more CBY molecules are available at the interface, which improves the adsorption. It can be inferred that electrostatic repulsion plays a significant role in this system, given that the amount of adsorption increases with increasing CBY concentration. This was caused by an increase in initial dye concentration reducing pH, which increased the driving force of the concentration gradient. The increased tendency of the CBY to escape from the surfaces of TiO<sub>2</sub>/DPC, TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> may be the cause of the decrease in adsorption as the temperature rises. Demonstrate the viability of the procedure and the spontaneous nature of the adsorption at various temperatures. The CBY adsorption process' negative result for  $\Delta S^0$  implies a regular rise in randomness at the interface of the adsorbent throughout adsorption. The TiO<sub>2</sub> Degussa Langmuir equation provides the experimental data with the best match compared to the other isotherm. The CBY adsorption

onto the adsorbent surfaces was confirmed by the obtained kinetic adsorption data, proving that the pseudo-first-order equation is really followed by the rate of CBY removal from these surfaces. The study's findings were well-explained by Freundlich, Langmuir, Temkin, and Dubbin-Radushkevich. The experimental results had the best fit with the Langmuir equation. The kinetic data showed that a pseudo-first-order equation was in control of the adsorption process. Thermodynamic investigations showed that the adsorption of CBY on the adsorbent was both endothermic and chemical in nature, as well as exothermic and occurring spontaneously.

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