

Sustainable microbial and heavy metal reduction in water purification systems based on PVA/IC nanofiber membrane doped with PANI/GO

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Table S1: The Box-Behnken design matrix and results for the three variables that influenced the removal (%) of experimental and predicted values for Cd (II) and Pb (II), using the prepared membrane at solution pH 6.

| Trial | Time (X1; min) | Adsorbate initial concentration (X2; mg/L) | Membrane area (X3; cm ²) | Removal (%) | | | |
|-------|----------------------|---|--|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | | | | Measured | | Predicted | |
| | | | | Cd(II) | Pb(II) | Cd(II) | Pb(II) |
| 1 | 90 (0) | 50 (-1) | 12.5 (-1) | 75.8 | 93.0 | 79.7 | 92.4 |
| 2 | 90 (0) | 150 (1) | 12.5 (-1) | 61.4 | 79.1 | 64.2 | 79.9 |
| 3 | 90 (0) | 50 (-1) | 37.5 (1) | 95.3 | 99.2 | 92.5 | 98.4 |
| 4 | 90 (0) | 150 (1) | 37.5 (1) | 90.9 | 96.1 | 87.1 | 96.7 |
| 5 | 60 (-1) | 50 (-1) | 25 (0) | 88.6 | 92.1 | 88.5 | 93.1 |
| 6 | 60 (-1) | 150 (1) | 25 (0) | 74.0 | 86.9 | 74.9 | 86.5 |
| 7 | 120 (1) | 50 (-1) | 25 (0) | 93.0 | 98.9 | 92.1 | 99.3 |
| 8 | 120 (1) | 150 (1) | 25 (0) | 84.6 | 92.6 | 84.7 | 91.6 |
| 9 | 60 (-1) | 100 (0) | 12.5 (-1) | 75.1 | 82.9 | 71.4 | 82.5 |
| 10 | 60 (-1) | 100 (0) | 37.5 (1) | 88.3 | 96.6 | 91.2 | 96.4 |
| 11 | 120 (1) | 100 (0) | 12.5 (-1) | 83.0 | 90.4 | 80.1 | 90.6 |
| 12 | 120 (1) | 100 (0) | 37.5 (1) | 92.1 | 99.3 | 95.9 | 99.7 |
| 13 | 90 (0) | 100 (0) | 25 (0) | 91.4 | 97.2 | 91.4 | 97.2 |

Table S2: Regression statistics of Cd removal.

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Multiple R | 0.959743 |
| R Square | 0.921107 |
| Adjusted R Square | 0.684426 |
| Standard Error | 5.558102 |
| Observations | 13 |

Table S3: ANOVA of Cd removal process.

| | Df | SS | MS | F | Significance F |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Regression | 9 | 1082.039 | 120.2266 | 3.891773 | 0.145428 |
| Residual | 3 | 92.6775 | 30.8925 | | |
| Total | 12 | 1174.717 | | | |

TableS4: Regression statistics of Pb removal.

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Multiple R | 0.995425 |
| R Square | 0.99087 |
| Adjusted R Square | 0.963481 |
| Standard Error | 1.223043 |
| Observations | 13 |

Table S5: ANOVA of Pb removal process.

| | df | SS | MS | F | Significance F |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Regression | 9 | 487.0321 | 54.11468 | 36.17695 | 0.006641 |
| Residual | 3 | 4.4875 | 1.495833 | | |
| Total | 12 | 491.5196 | | | |

Table S6: Parameters and determination coefficients of the kinetic models for Cd(II) and Pb(II) adsorption on prepared nanofiber membrane.

| Initial concentrations (mgL ⁻¹) | 50 | | 100 | | 200 | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Cd(II) | Pb(II) | Cd(II) | Pb(II) | Cd(II) | Pb(II) |
| $q_{e,exp}$ (mg g ⁻¹) | 245 | 251 | 462 | 486 | 866 | 907 |
| <u>Pseudo-1st-order</u> | | | | | | |
| $q_{e,cal}$ (mg g ⁻¹) | 56 | 39.6 | 187 | 233 | 327 | 465 |
| k_1 (min ⁻¹) | 0.035 | 0.026 | 0.039 | 0.024 | 0.034 | 0.029 |
| R^2 | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.95 |
| <u>Pseudo-2nd-order</u> | | | | | | |
| $q_{e,cal}$ (mg g ⁻¹) | 258 | 249 | 472 | 478 | 897 | 915 |
| k_2 (min ⁻¹) | 0.0281 | 0.0141 | 0.0102 | 0.0037 | 0.0055 | 0.0034 |
| R^2 | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.999 |

Table S7: Adsorption isotherm parameters for Cd (II) and Pb (II) adsorption on prepared nanofiber membrane.

| Temperature °C | 25 °C | | 35 °C | | 45°C | |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Cd(II) | Pb(II) | Cd(II) | Pb(II) | Cd(II) | Pb(II) |
| <u>Langmuir isotherm</u> | | | | | | |
| q_m (mg g ⁻¹) | 1030 | 1078 | 1098 | 1162 | 1149 | 1201 |
| k_L (L mg ⁻¹) | 0.11 | 0.29 | 0.16 | 0.36 | 0.31 | 1.39 |
| R^2 | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.998 | 0.999 | 0.998 | 0.999 |
| <u>Freundlich isotherm</u> | | | | | | |
| K_F (mg g ⁻¹) | 168 | 264 | 195 | 311 | 269 | 466 |
| $1/n_F$ | 0.48 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.44 | 0.39 | 0.33 |
| R^2 | 0.998 | 0.998 | 0.998 | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.999 |