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# Biochar-Mediated Zirconium Ferrite Nanocomposites for Tartrazine Dye Removal from Textile Wastewater

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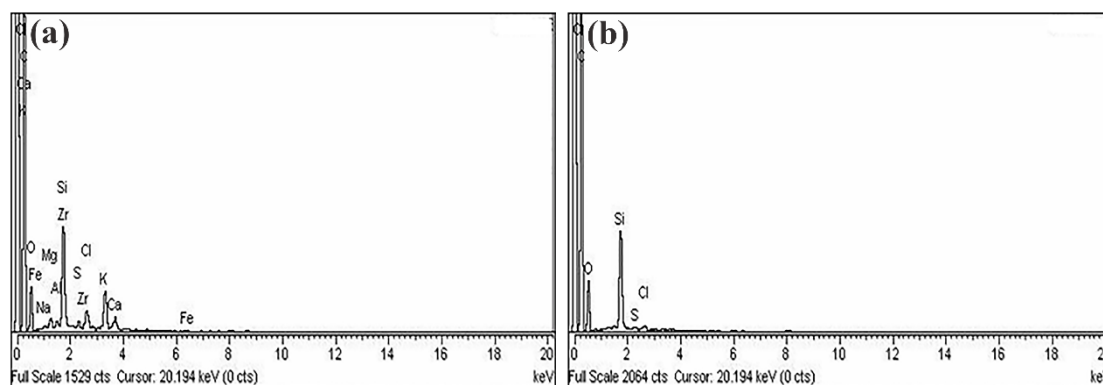
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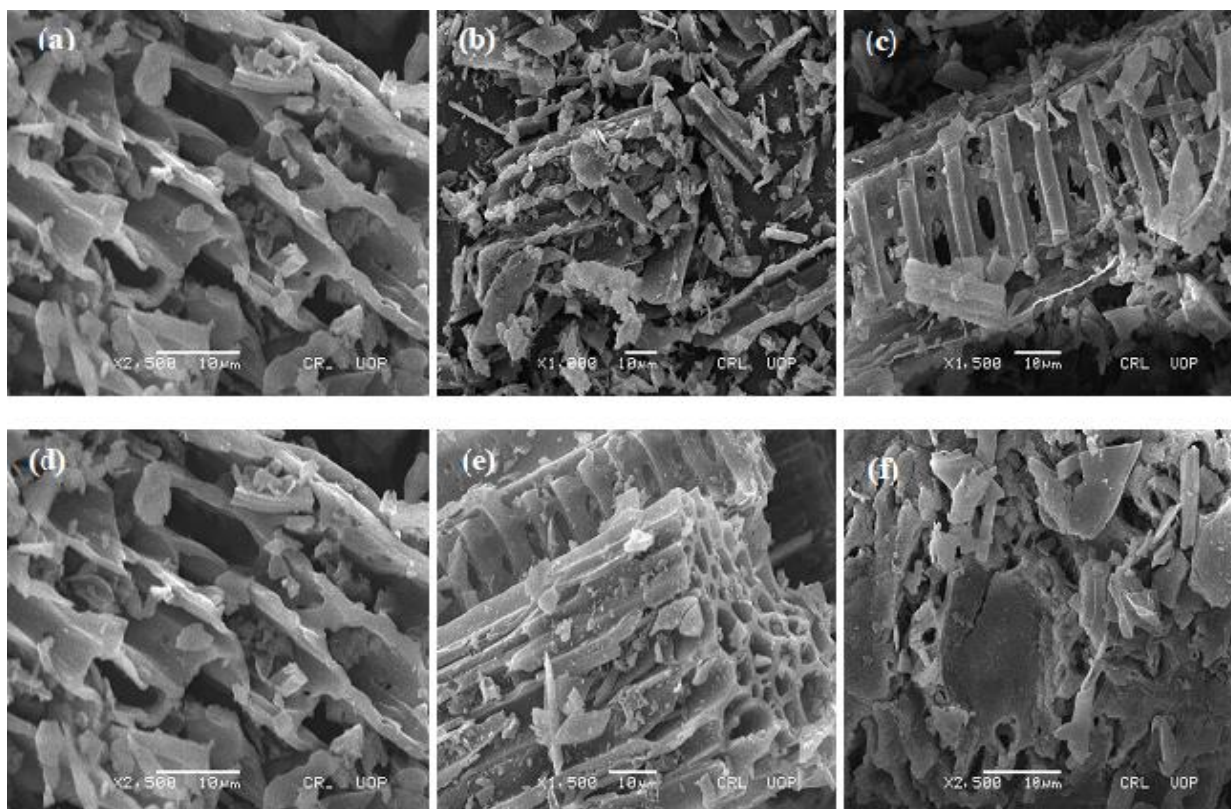
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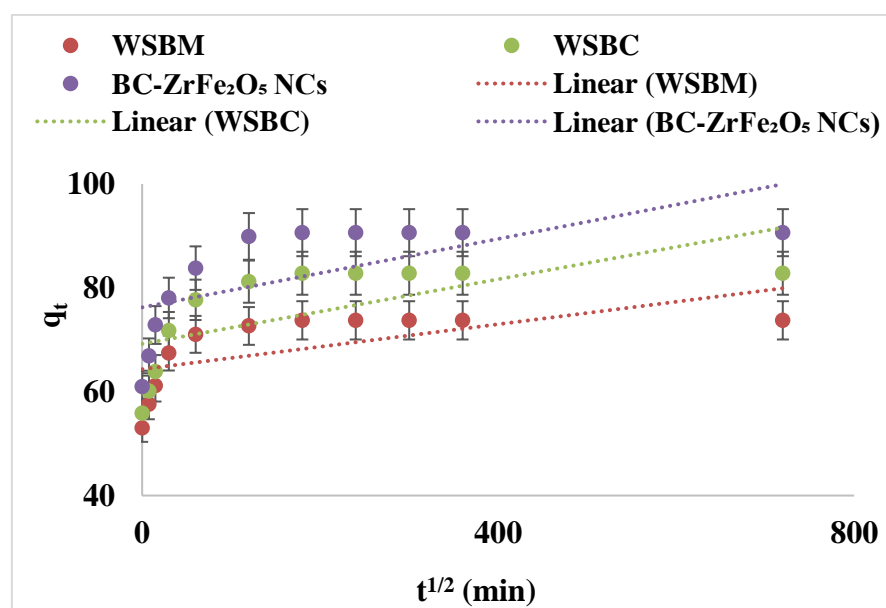
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**Figure S1.** EDX spectra of (a) BC-ZrFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> NCs and (b) dye loaded BC-ZrFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> NCs.



**Figure S2.** SEM micrographs of WSBC (a,b,c) and Tartrazine dye loaded WSBC (d,e,f) at three different magnification levels.



**Figure S3.** Intraparticles diffusion adsorption kinetic model plot for adsorption of Tartrazine dye by WSBM, WSBC, and BC-ZrFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> NCs.

**Table S1.** ANOVA results for Response Surface Quadratic Model of Tartrazine dye using BC-ZrFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> NCs.

<i>Source</i>	<i>Sum of Square</i>	<i>Df</i>	<i>Mean Square</i>	<i>F Value</i>	<i>p-value Prob &gt; F</i>	
<b>Model</b>	14021.71	14	1001.2	18.52	< 0.0001	Significant
<b>A-pH</b>	19.28	1	19.28	0.23	< 0.0001	
<b>B-Conc.</b>	13796.35	1	13796.35	164.04	< 0.0001	
<b>C-Dose</b>	2.80	1	2.80	0.033	< 0.0001	
<b>D-Time</b>	12160.33	1	12160.33	61	< 0.0001	
<b>AB</b>	0.81	1	0.81	9.289	< 0.0001	
<b>AC</b>	1.62	1	1.62	0.018	< 0.0001	
<b>AD</b>	20.25	1	20.25	0.10	< 0.001	
<b>BC</b>	1.53	1	1.53	0.018	< 0.005	
<b>BD</b>	3969	1	3969	20.01	< 0.0005	
<b>CD</b>	6.25	1	6.25	0.32	< 0.05	
<b>A<sup>2</sup></b>	1.42	1	1.42	0.017	0.0993	
<b>B<sup>2</sup></b>	194.52	1	194.52	2.31	0.0593	
<b>C<sup>2</sup></b>	0.68	1	0.68	8.053	0.0303	
<b>D<sup>2</sup></b>	6555.96	1	6555.96	33.05	< 0.0001	
<b>Residual</b>	841.06	14	84.11			non-significant
<b>Lack of Fit</b>	841.06	10	168.21			
<b>Pure Error</b>	0.000	4	0.000			
<b>Cor Total</b>	14862.77	28				
<b>Std.Dev.</b>	3.25			<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.9976	
<b>C.V.</b>	4.28			<b>Pred. R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.9812	
<b>Mean</b>	46.98			<b>Adj. R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.9953	
<b>Adequate precision</b>	32.45			<b>Press</b>	723	

**Table S2.** Comparison between pseudo-first order, pseudo-second-order and intraparticles diffusion kinetic models for Tartrazine Dye.

		Pseudo first order			Pseudo second order				Intraparticle Diffusion		
Sorbate (Dye)	Sorbent	q <sub>e</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	K <sub>1ad</sub> (min <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>	q <sub>exp</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	q <sub>e</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	K <sub>2ad</sub> (g mg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>pi</sub> (mg/g min <sup>1/2</sup> )	C <sub>i</sub>	R <sup>2</sup>
Tartrazine	WSBM	0.706	-0.004	0.610	66.29	53.64	0.00289	0.997	0.0148	-0.213	0.996
	WSBC	0.058	-0.001	0.132	73.74	79.49	0.00056	0.998	0.013	-0.164	0.996
	BC-ZrFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> NCs	8.496	-0.001	0.533	82.811	89.22	-0.0005	0.999	0.011	0.058	0.989

**Table S3.** Equilibrium isotherm parameters for Tartrazine Dye.

Sorbate (Dye)	Sorbent	Langmuir model			Freundlich model				
		$X_m$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$K_L$ (L mg <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$	$q_{exp}$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$q_e$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	1/n	$K_F$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$
Tartrazine	WSBM	111.12	0.060	0.8671	66.29	53.64	0.49	0.077	0.9895
	WSBC	144.93	0.055	0.8608	73.74	79.47	0.63	0.025	0.9899
	BC- ZrFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> NCs	232.56	0.039	0.7174	83.81	89.22	0.77	0.012	0.9907