

Statistical Analysis of COD and BOD Removal from Dairy Waste Water

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Abstract: One of most water polluted industry is Dairy industry. It produces various milk products like milk powder, butter milk, curd, cheese, pasteurized milk etc. More amount of fresh water is used for different purposes i.e., cooling/heating, sanitary, processing, utilities and service section during milk processing and production of different milk products. It is observed from a report that for processing 1L of milk, the Dairy industries produce 2.5 to 10L of waste water. Major pollutants found in dairy waste water are Organic components like dissolved sugars, carbohydrates, proteins and fat are found as the major pollutants in the Dairy waste water. Apart from organic compound some inorganic compounds like Sulfur, Phosphorous and Nitrogen are also found. Hence, the dairy wastewater is having large amount of organic matter that can be measured in term of BOD and COD. As it is having pungent odor and is responsible for fly generation, it should be treated properly before disposal. In this present work, the synthetic dairy waste water was prepared and was treated with activated carbon prepared from coconut shell collected from temple side. The activated carbon prepared from Coconut shell CGAC could be able to remove COD and BOD of the used water up to satisfactory level at different bed height and contact time. This paper shows the statistical analysis of COD and BOD using the activated carbon. In the experiment, the standard deviation of maximum removal efficiency of COD and BOD from the dairy wastewater was found as 0.59 and 0.49, respectively.

Keywords: Synthetic Dairy Waste water, statistical analysis, COD, Coconut shell prepared Activated Carbon, BOD.

1. INTRODUCTION

For economic growth of country, Industrialization is one of the major parts. Because of the industrialization, pollution is gradually increasing day by day. The dairy industry is one of them. India is the largest producer of milk and dairy products in world. The growth rate of dairy industry is expected to increase 4-5% in each year. In dairy industries, more quantity of fresh water is used from milk receiving station to packaging station, [1]. It is observed from a report that for processing 1L of milk, the Dairy industries produce 2.5 to 10L of waste water, [2]. The dairy waste water contains varieties of components i.e., lactose, casein, inorganic salt, fat, detergents and sanitizers, [3]. Dairy waste water is having large quantity of organic contents, and TDS, TSS contents. Due to the presence of high quantity pollutants in dairy wastewater, the industries disposing the untreated/partially treated wastewater cause serious effects to the environment, [4]. Table 1 indicates the acceptable level of effluent present in the Dairy waste water by the Central Pollution Control Board and World Health Organization.

Table 1: Acceptable level of effluents from the dairy industry

| Parameter | Maximum Value (mg/L) | World Bank Report CPCB, India |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| pH | 6-9 | 6.5-8.5 |
| BOD5 | 50 | 100 |
| COD | 250 | - |
| TSS | 50 | 150 |
| Oil & Grease | 10 | 10 |
| Total Nitrogen | 10 | - |

| Parameter | Maximum Value (mg/L) | World Bank Report CPCB, India |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Phosphorus | 2 | - |
| Temperature Increase | < = 30 C | - |
| Coliform Bacteria | 400 Most Probable Number / 100 ml | - |

Hence, Proper disposal of the waste water is a major challenge for the industry in India. In this work, the adsorption method is used for effluent removal from the dairy waste water. The adsorbent produced from Coconut shell is designed to reduce the tastes, odors and dissolved organic chemicals from the waste water, [5].

2. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

2.1 Materials.

Synthetic dairy waste water Preparation:

The waste water was prepared in lab synthetically adding different ratios of chemicals in normal tap water. The details are provided in table 2. For whole experimental work, 10 L of waste water was prepared. Figure 1 shows the prepared dairy waste water in lab.

Table 2: Quantity of chemicals added in 1L tap water

| SI No. | Name of Chemicals | Quantity (gm) |
|--------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Milk powder | 5 |
| 2 | glucose | 2 |
| 3 | Sodium Nitrate | 1 |
| 4 | Potassium Phosphate | 1 |
| 5 | Calcium Chloride | 1 |



Figure 1: Synthetic Dairy waste water preparation

Coconut Shell Granular Activated Carbon (CGAC) preparation:

The granular activated carbon was prepared from coconut shell. Coconut shell was collected from temple. Then it was dried in sunlight for 15 days. It was heated at 400°C for 2 hours in furnace. After that, it was allowed to cool, ground and sieved to get a particle size of 1mm. Then Hydrochloric acid was used to wash it for activating the surface. Its activated characteristic was checked. This activated carbon has the highest hardness compared to other activated carbons that makes it the ideal carbon for water purification.

2.2 Methods.

2.2.1 Experimental Set up:

The set up was done in the laboratory. The fig.2 shows the experimental set up.

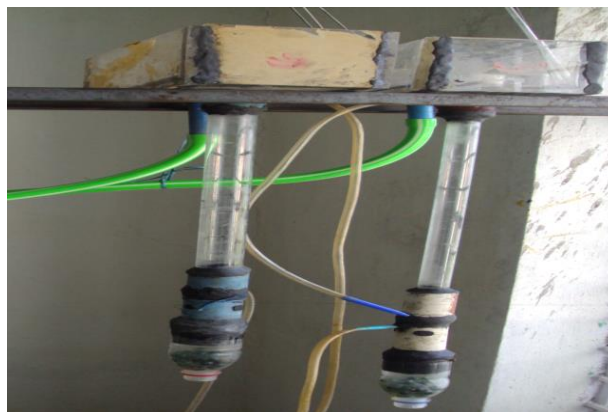


Figure 2: Experimental Set up

The freshly prepared activated carbon was used in this experiment. Five different bed heights 2cm, 4cm, 6cm, 8cm and 10cm of adsorbent CGAC maintained in five cylindrical beds of diameter 3cm. Dairy waste water was allowed to flow through the beds from the top. The particle size for CGAC was taken as 1mm. The contact time was maintained for 30minutes, 60minutes, and 90minutes, respectively. The dairy waste water at inlet and water after passing through the bed was collected from different bed height and taken for COD and BOD analysis.

2.2.2 Analytical method for COD:

The COD test was carried out using a standard procedure. 50ml of samples were carried out in six flasks, out of which one flask having the untreated water and rest five flasks having treated water by CGAC. Potassium dichromate solution was added to each flask with stirring gently. Solutions were heated in water bath at 100°C for 1hour. Then samples were removed and cooled. Then potassium iodide & sulphuric acid were added to samples. The samples were titrated with sodium thiosulphate. The COD values were determined.

2.2.3 Analytical method for BOD:

The BOD tests were done using BOD bottles and BOD incubator. The samples were taken in six BOD bottles, out of which one bottle was filled with untreated water and rest five bottles with treated water by CGAC. The bottles were kept in the incubator maintaining temperature 20°C for 5 days. After 5days, BOD values were observed.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Analysis:

The initial COD and BOD of the Dairy waste water were obtained as 735.33mg/L and 438.67 mg/L, respectively. Experimental results obtained for different bed height of cylindrical beds using freshly prepared CGAC were reported in table 3.

Table 3: COD & BOD Analysis

| Bed Height, cm | Contact Time, min | COD, mg/L | COD Removal % | BOD, mg/L | BOD Removal % |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2 | 30 | 547 | 30.28 | 339 | 22.54 |
| | 60 | 532 | 32.17 | 320 | 26.95 |
| | 90 | 514 | 34.55 | 315 | 28.11 |
| 4 | 30 | 430 | 45.15 | 299 | 31.76 |
| | 60 | 399 | 49.11 | 275 | 37.16 |
| | 90 | 375 | 51.8 | 268 | 38.87 |
| 6 | 30 | 387 | 50.61 | 197 | 54.99 |

| Bed Height, cm | Contact Time, min | COD, mg/L | COD Removal % | BOD, mg/L | BOD Removal % |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| | 60 | 354 | 54.92 | 183 | 58.24 |
| | 90 | 340 | 56.69 | 173 | 60.46 |
| 8 | 30 | 302 | 61.49 | 167 | 61.83 |
| | 60 | 285 | 63.66 | 148 | 66.14 |
| | 90 | 267 | 65.88 | 139 | 68.25 |
| 10 | 30 | 266 | 66.03 | 100 | 77.12 |
| | 60 | 208 | 73.46 | 82 | 81.18 |
| | 90 | 197 | 74.88 | 76 | 82.59 |

3.1.1 Statistical Analysis:

The design wizard of the Design Expert software gave central composite design (CCD) as the most appropriate design for optimization, RSM and numeric factors criteria. The effects and interactions of the two factors were studied on two responses: %COD removal, %BOD removal. The effect of contact time and bed height on COD removal is represented in Fig. 3. The effect of contact time and bed height on BOD removal is represented in Fig. 4.

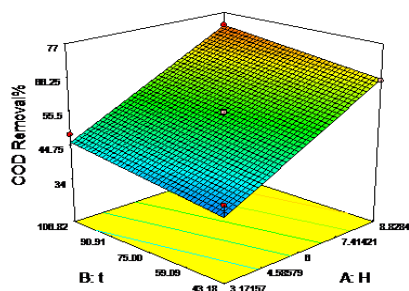


Figure 3: Combined Effect of bed height and time on % removal of COD (H represents bed height in cm, t represents contact time in min)

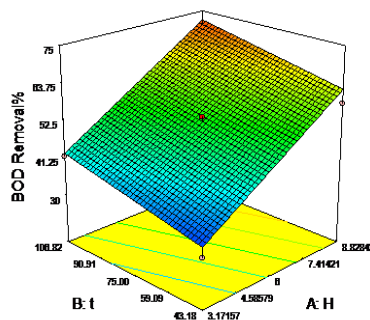


Figure 4: Combined Effect of bed height and time on % removal of BOD (H represents bed height in cm, t represents contact time in min)

The software suggested quadratic models to obtain regression equations for all the two responses. The regression model equation for % COD removal, % BOD removal, in terms of actual factors is given by Equations.

$$(COD)=+11.02509+6.96645*H+0.18985*t+0.010212*H*t-0.22535*H^2-1.18099E-003*t^2 \tag{3}$$

From the above equation, it is found that COD removal percentage highly depends on bed height and time individually, but the combined effect of bed height and time is less. From the Analysis of variance table, it is observed that, the Model F-value of 1018.23 implies the model is significant. There is only a 0.01% chance that a "Model F-Value" this large could occur due to noise. The Standard Deviation and R² are found as 0.59 and 0.9986, respectively.

$$(BOD) =+2.69650+8.55431*H+0.14719*t+0.012364*H*t-0.18986*H^2-1.06281E-003*t^2 \tag{4}$$

From the above equation, it is found that BOD removal percentage highly depends on bed height and time individually, but the combined effect of bed height and time is less. From the Analysis of variance table, it is observed that, the Model F-value of 2948.72 implies the model is significant. There is only a 0.01% chance that a "Model F-Value" this large could occur due to noise. The Standard Deviation and R^2 are found as 0.49 and 0.9995, respectively.

Table 4: Analysis of variance table for COD

| Source | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-Value | P-value (Prob>F) |
|-------------------|----------------|----|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Model Significant | 1789.80 | 5 | 357.96 | 1018.23 | <0.0001 |
| H-Bed Height | 1657.79 | 1 | 1657.79 | 4715.65 | <0.0001 |
| t-Time | 97.76 | 1 | 97.76 | 278.08 | <0.0001 |
| Ht | 2.84 | 1 | 2.84 | 8.08 | 0.025 |
| H ² | 28.61 | 1 | 28.61 | 81.39 | <0.0001 |
| t ² | 5.55 | 1 | 5.55 | 15.78 | 0.0054 |

Table 5: Analysis of variance table for BOD

| Source | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F-Value | P-value (Prob>F) |
|-------------------|----------------|----|-------------|----------|------------------|
| Model Significant | 3552.64 | 5 | 710.53 | 2948.72 | <0.0001 |
| H-Bed Height | 3452.88 | 1 | 3452.88 | 14329.53 | <0.0001 |
| t-Time | 72.91 | 1 | 72.91 | 302.57 | <0.0001 |
| Ht | 4.16 | 1 | 4.16 | 17.27 | 0.0043 |
| H ² | 20.31 | 1 | 20.31 | 84.29 | <0.0001 |
| t ² | 4.49 | 1 | 4.49 | 18.65 | 0.0035 |

The COD removal was observed more in 10cm bed height and for 90minute residence time. The BOD removal was observed more in 10 cm bed height and for 90-minute residence time.

4. CONCLUSION

CGAC has the highest hardness compared to other types of activated carbons, which makes it the ideal carbon for water purification.

It is observed from the experiment that by increasing the bed height of adsorbent in the bed and the contact time, the removal efficiency of BOD and COD is gradually increasing. CGAC has the highest hardness compared to other types of activated carbons, which makes it the ideal carbon for water purification.

The experiment can be carried out in continuous manner for industrial application with slight change in the experimental setup.

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