

Iron Oxide Nanoparticles as effective adsorbent and their application in removal Methyl red dye

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Abstract

The iron oxides nanoparticles have been synthesized by five different sol gel methods. Effect of calcination temperature on particle size, crystalline, morphology and chemical composition of the nanoparticles were studied with the assistance of particle size analysis, FT-IR Spectroscopy analysis, X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and energy dispersive x-ray (EDX). Out of these method five is additional appropriate and provides more correct and applicable results. The investigation process is carried out an adsorption study of all five NPs by different parameters such as effect of adsorbent dose, effect of concentration of dye, affect of pH, effect of contact time and effect of temperature were studied the adsorption capacity and adsorption behaviour of nanoparticles under various conditions. The experimental isotherm data has been studied. The kinetic study of the adsorption obeys Pseudo-first order and Pseudo-Second order models. The thermodynamic parameters namely Gibbs free energy, entropy, and enthalpy have revealed that the adsorption of methyl red on the nanoparticles is possible, spontaneous method and exothermic.

Keywords: Sol-gel, Nanoparticles, Methyl Red, FTIR, SEM-EDX, XRD.

FT-IR Spectroscopy, X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and energy dispersive x-ray (EDX).

Introduction

Nanosize materials have accepted important attention due to their outstanding physic-chemical properties. Nanoparticles are sub-micron moieties product of inorganic and organic materials that have several novel properties compared with bulk materials (diameter starting from 1-100 nm according to the used term,

although there are examples of nanoparticles many hundred of nanometer in size). The properties of nanoparticle can considerably be altered by surface modification.^[1]

Currently, there are two methods used to synthesize nanoparticles, referred to as the top-down and bottom-up approaches. Briefly, within the top-down approach, nanoparticles are created by size reduction of bulk material by lithographic techniques and by mechanical techniques like machining and grinding, etc., while, in bottom-up method, tiny building blocks are assembled into a larger structure, e.g., chemical synthesis.^[2]

Iron oxide is a transition metal which may exist in nature in several forms. The most common are Magnetite (Fe_3O_4), Maghemite ($\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$) and Hematite ($\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$). Maghemite and Magnetite, contain single domains with a diameter of around 5–20 nm. Magnetite is a common magnetic iron oxide that has inverse cubic inverse spinel structure with oxygen forming a closed packing of 'fcc' and Fe cations occupying tetrahedral sites and octahedral sites shown in (Figure1).^[3]

It is a black magnetic mineral and is additionally known as iron (II, III) oxide or ferrous ferrite. The chemical formula, Fe_3O_4 , also can be written as $\text{FeO}\cdot\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ that consists of wüstite (FeO) and hematite (Fe_2O_3). Of all the natural minerals existing on the earth, it has the best magnetism. Maghemite may be a brown magnetic mineral that is found within the soils. It exhibits strong magnetism, and it is metastable with hematite and forms a continuous metastable solid solution with magnetite. $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ (hematite) exhibits weak ferromagnetism above about 260K^{TM[4]}, in addition to the antiferromagnetism below 960 K. The Morin transition is called lowest. The observed weak ferromagnetism arises from the canting of the antiferromagnetically aligned spins above TM and this spin-canting angle is $\approx 5^\circ$.^[5]

Iron oxides nanoparticles have a superb importance in different fields of science like chemistry, materials science and physics. It is one of the most foremost elementary nanoparticles having magnetic nature. Iron Oxide can be used for various applications like magnetic resonance imaging agent, sensing, cell labeling and sorting, as well as therapeutic applications like AC magnetic field-assisted cancer therapy, i.e. hyperthermia, giant Magnetoresistance for drug delivery, radionuclides, wastewater purification, such as to adsorb arsenate, chromium, cadmium, nickel. It can be used for alkalinity and hardness elimination, desalination, decolonization of tissue mill waste and removal of natural organic compounds.^[6]

It is used for many technological applications in biology, such as extraction of genomic DNA, ultrahigh density magnetic storage media. For biological and biomedical applications, magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles are most popular material due of their biocompatibility, super paramagnetic behavior and chemical stability.

Nanoparticles have high magnetization values, a size smaller than 100 nm, and a narrow particle size distribution are required for all of these biomedical applications. Bioapplications supported magnetic nanoparticles (NPs) have gained vital attention as a result of NPs give specific benefits over different materials. For example, magnetic IONPs are cheap to produce, physically and with chemically stable, biocompatible, and environmentally safe. [8]

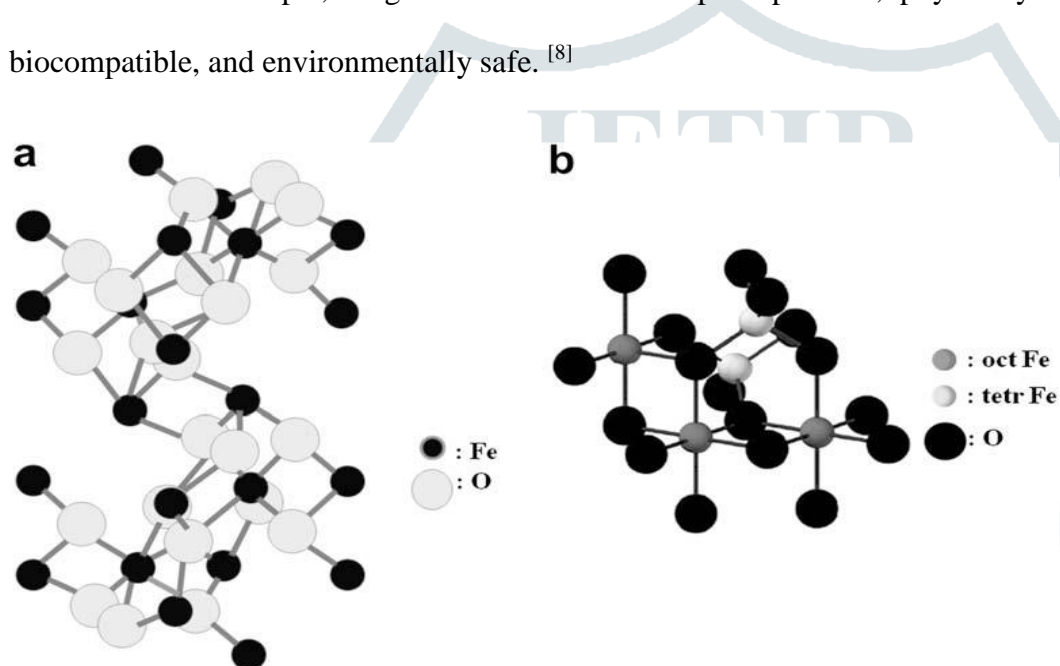


Figure1. Crystal structures of (a) hematite and (b) magnetite

Many advanced chemical processes, like the sol–gel process, electrostatic spray decomposition, hydrothermal, coprecipitation, water-in-oil emulsion method, electrostatic spray deposition, etc. are developed to prepare highly active materials of high purity and crystallinity. [9]

Sol-gel method is widely used among processing routes, because of its significant advantages, like homogeneous mixing, sensible stoichiometric control, low synthesis temperature, short heating time, and uniform particle size, it is considered as the most effective one producing mesoporous structures and fine particles. [10]

Synthesis route is additionally vital to induce differing kinds of nanostructures with totally different properties. The control of the particle shape can be a major concern for nanostructured material synthesis as a result of electrical and optical properties of nanomaterials are sensitive on each size and shape of the particles. Therefore, it is desired to synthesize nano-material during a controllable shape and size by an easy approach. [11]

Dyes are often classified in many ways, according to chemical constitution, application category and finish use. Main dyes are grouped as acid dyes, basic dyes, direct dyes, mordant dyes, vat dyes, reactive dyes, disperse dyes, azodyes, and Sulphur dyes. [12]

The removal of dyes in an economic way remains a vital issue for researchers and environmentalists. [13] There are many strategies for removing dyes, which may be categorized into physical, chemical, and biological methods. Generally physical methods that adsorption, ion exchange, and membrane filtration are effective for removing reactive dyes while not manufacturing undesirable by-products. [14]

Recent researchers are focused on nanoparticles based adsorbents owing to its distinctive surface structure, composition and functionalism with compact size and less concentration adsorption. [15]

Nano-sized metal oxides have been shown to be effective materials as adsorbents because of their high surface reactivity, adsorption capacity and destructive sorbent compared to their industrial analogs, further because the simple their synthesis from abundant natural minerals. [16]

The adsorption process has easy of design, a lot of economical, and simple to control, insensitive to toxic substances and cost effective. The effect of different variables such as contact time, pH, adsorbent dosage, effect of volume of dye solution. [17]

Methyl red MR is a standard dye that has three isomers (ortho-MR, meta-MR and Para-MR) with a -COOH group anchoring the benzene formula in varied positions. MR is often used as a dye pH scale indicator within the laboratory, ink-jet printing, textile industries and other commercial products. MR can cause disturbances within the eye, skin, and digestive tract if inhaled or ingested. [18]

In the present study, FeO nanoparticles have been synthesized by five different methods and characterized and used as adsorbent for adsorption study of Methyl Red (MR).

Materials and Methods

In this study, FeO is prepared by Sol-Gel method by five different ways. All five nanoparticles were characterized by FT-IR, SEM-EDX, XRD and subjected for adsorption on methyl red (MR) by different parameter i.e change in time, change in concentration of dye, change in weight of adsorbent, change in pH. The variation is represented by graph. For the present work double distilled water is used, iron chloride, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, methanol, ethanol, oxalic acid, glacial acetic acid, and Methyl red (MR) were of AR grade from SD fine chemical Ltd India. The paid services of various labs were taken for FT-IR, SEM, EDX, XRD. Five methods were used for the preparation of nanoparticles are as follow.

Method 1 (M1) 2gm of iron chloride was dissolved in 500 ml distilled water and kept on stirring. In another beaker HCl (36.5% HCl in distilled water) was prepared and 20 ml ethanol was added to iron solution and refluxed at 70 °C for 2 hrs, brown precipitate was appeared. The resulting gel was centrifuge for 10 min at 2000 rpm and washes several time with deionizer water. The residue mass dried in a hot air oven at 120°C. The resulting compound underwent calcinations using muffle furnace at 450⁰ C for two hrs to give iron oxide nanoparticles. ^[19]

Method 2 (M2) 2gm of iron chloride was dissolved in 200 ml of methanol and kept on stirring. In another beaker a solution of 6 gm of oxalic acid was dissolved in 200 ml of methanol and added to above warm solution to yield a thick gel and stirrer at 35 °C under constant stirring for 30 min. The resulting gel was centrifuge for 10 min at 2000 rpm and washes several times with deionizer water. The residue mass was dried in a hot air oven at 120°C. The resulting compound underwent calcinations using muffle furnace at 450⁰ C for two hrs to give iron oxide nanoparticles. ^[20]

Method 3 (M3) Synthesis of iron oxide nanoparticles by taking 9 gm of iron chloride and 5.4 gm of sodium hydroxide pellet were dissolved in 200 ml of methanol separately. The amount of methanol used was as minimum as required. Methanolic solution of iron chloride was kept on magnetic stirrer. Sodium hydroxide solution was added drop by drop with continuous stirring at room temperature for 3 hrs. The colour of the solution was turned to brown. The resulting gel was centrifuge for 10 min at 2000 rpm and washes several times with deionizer water. The residue mass dried in a hot air oven at 120 °C. The resulting compound underwent calcinations using muffle furnace at 450⁰ C for two hrs to give iron oxide nanoparticles. ^[21]

Method4 (M4) 2gm iron chloride was dissolved in 500 ml distilled water. This solution was kept on stirring. To this stirr solution 1 ml of glacial acetic acid was added. The solution was heated at 100°C for 30 min. Drop wise addition aqueous of sodium hydroxide 8M was carried out with continuous stirring. Till the colour of solution turned to brown. The resulting gel was centrifuge for 10 min at 2000 rpm and washes several time with deionised water. The residue mass dried in a hot air oven at 120°C. The resulting compound underwent calcination using muffle furnace at 450°C for two hrs to give iron oxide nanoparticles. ^[22]

Method 5 (M5) Synthesis of iron oxide nanoparticles by taking 2 gm of iron chloride and 8M of KOH were dissolved in benzene and hexane mixture (1:1 ratio) separately. Solution of iron chloride was kept on magnetic stirrer. KOH solution was added drop by drop with continuous stirring. The solution was stirred and refluxed for 2 hrs. The resulting gel was centrifuge for 10 min at 2000 rpm and washes several times with deionizer water. The residue mass dried in a hot air oven at 120°C. The resulting compound underwent calcinations using muffle furnace at 450°C for two hrs to give iron oxide nanoparticles. ^[23]

The nanoparticles so formed were subjected to FT-IR, SEM, EDX and XRD analysis.

The adsorption study was carried out using batch adsorption method. The effect of initial concentration of dye, pH, adsorbent of dosage, contacts time etc was carried out as desorbed in earlier work. The nanoparticles were washed several times with distilled water till it becomes free from NaCl. Methyl red (MR) determined by using UV-visible spectrophotometer (S2-159) at $\lambda_{max} = 420$ nm. The adsorption experiment were carried out in stirred batch mode. For experiment, 10 ml of methyl red (MR) dye solution of specified concentration was continuously stirred unit 0.1 gm of powder at room temperature.

Result and Discussion

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) analysis

The structure and chemical compositions of iron oxide nanoparticles were examined in the 4000 – 400 cm^{-1} region by using FT-IR spectroscopy analysis as shown in (Figure 2). FTIR exhibits various peaks at 420.406 cm^{-1} , 509.715 cm^{-1} and 620.966 cm^{-1} 574.683 cm^{-1} , 632.537 cm^{-1} , 991.232 cm^{-1} , 1635.34 cm^{-1} and 3421.1 cm^{-1} . The peaks appeared at 420.406 cm^{-1} , 509.715 cm^{-1} , 620.966 cm^{-1} , 574.683 cm^{-1} and 632.537 cm^{-1} are corresponding to iron–oxygen (FeO) and the peaks positioned at 1635.34 cm^{-1} and 3421.1 cm^{-1} are

corresponding to the bending vibration of absorbed water and surface hydroxyl and O H stretching mode. [24]

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The absorption bands at 528.4cm^{-1} , 586.254cm^{-1} and 439.69cm^{-1} which correspond to the Fe-O. [26]

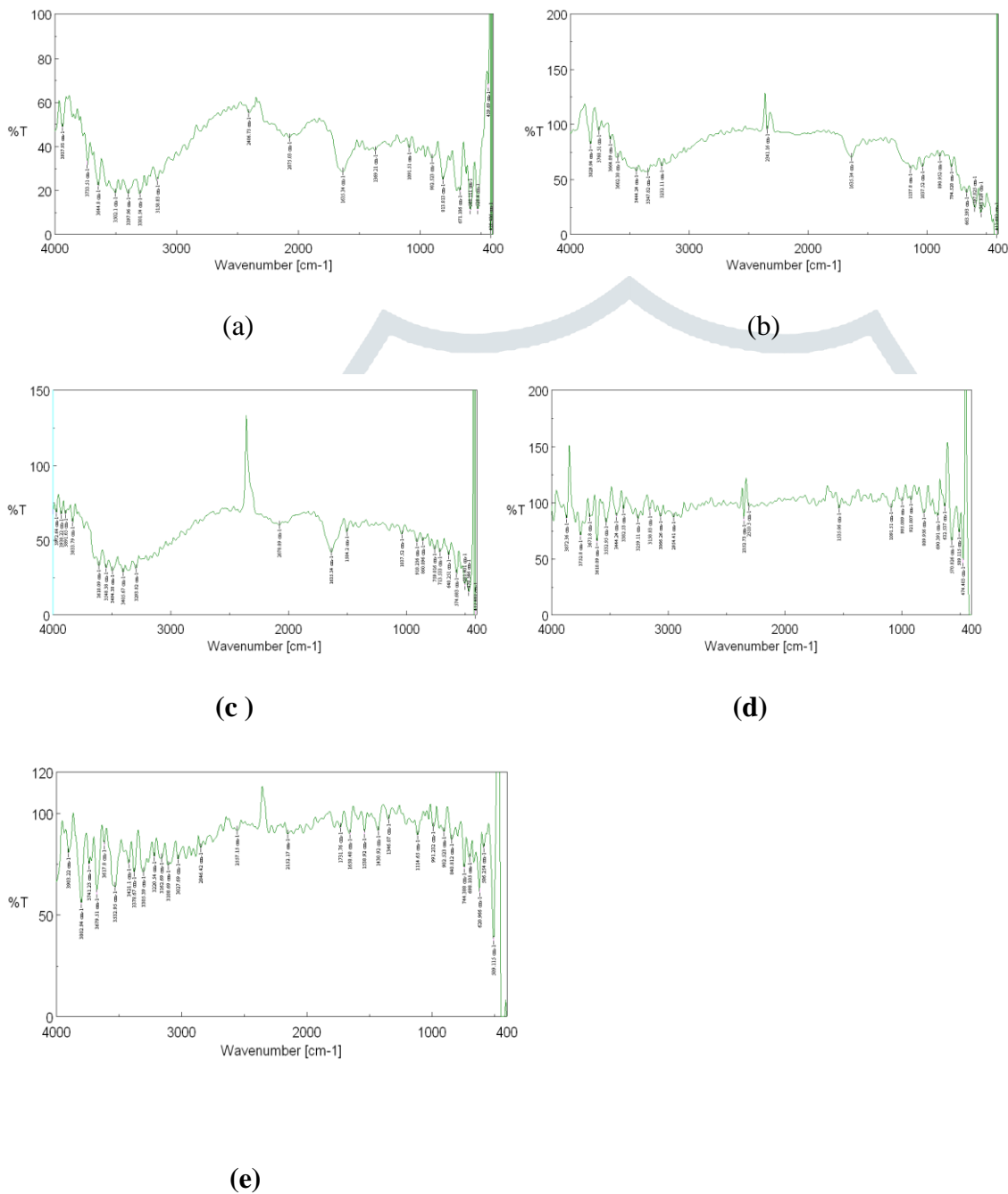


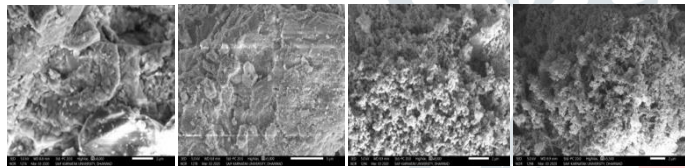
Figure2. FTIR of FeO Nanoparticles (a) Method 1 (b) Method 2 (c) Method 3 (d) Method 4 (e) Method 5.

Scanning Electron Microscopy and Energy dispersive X-ray (SEM-EDX)

Figure 3 shows SEM images illustrating the morphologies of FeO nanoparticles prepared with different methods via the sol gel method. As-prepared FeO nanoparticles by using FeCl_2 . After calcinations at 450°C , product (FeCl_2) of tends to agglomerate with increasing the size. It can be seen from the image that the

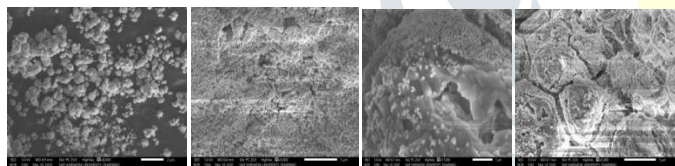
particle size is in the range of nanometer having irregular morphology with different shapes and sized particles 16.7, 18.2, 21, 32.4, 29.6 (nm).

To check the chemical composition of synthesized FeO nanoparticles was analyzed by Energy dispersive X-ray. The spectrum shows the major peaks of Fe and O elements for FeO in nanoparticles and other peaks are also obtained in EDAX which may be due to the chemicals which were added during processing of nanoparticles were found in the EDAX spectrum as shown in (Figure 4) iron oxide nanoparticles synthesized by five procedures in which M5 gives more amounts of iron oxide nanoparticles is 43.52 ± 0.14 , while M1 gives least amount of nanoparticles that is 15.50 ± 0.15 . Table 1. Shows Percentage of all elements present in the nano powder.



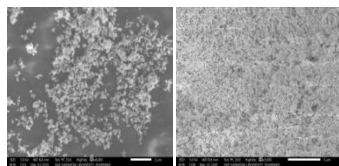
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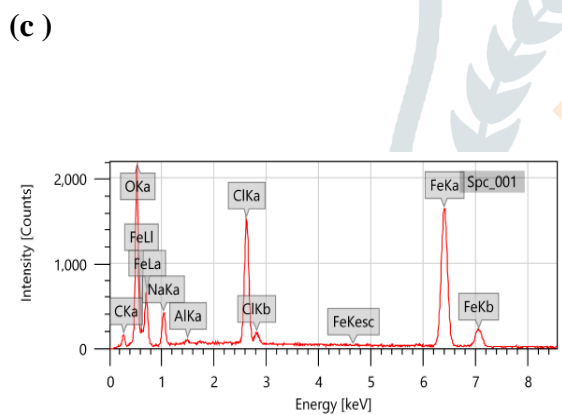
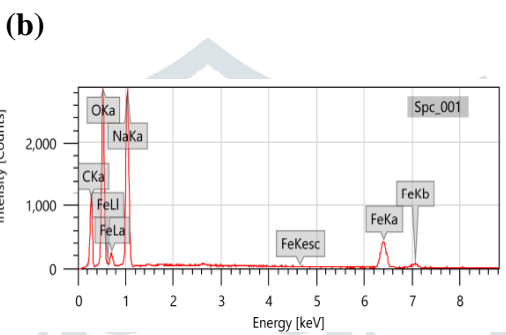
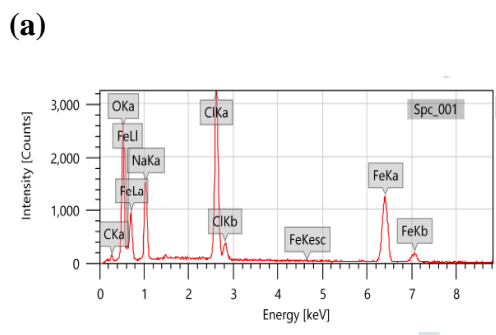
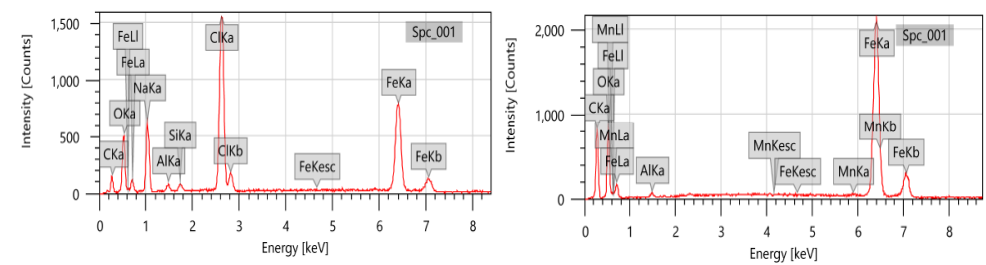


Figure4. EDAX of FeO Nanoparticles(a) Method 1 (b) Method 2 (c) Method 3 (d) Method 4 (e) Method 5

Table1. Percentage all elements present in the nano powder.

Element	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
C	32.26± 0.49	50.36± 0.31	11.60± 0.21	35.65± 0.19	15.16 ± 0.23
O	26.76 ± 0.38	22.50± 0.26	50.39± 0.32	44.87± 0.26	50.42± 0.34
Na	12.39 ± 0.20	9.60± 0.15	16.56± 0.12	6.22± 0.13
Cl	12.05 ± 0.10	7.93± 0.07	7.40 ± 0.06
Fe	15.50 ± 0.15	20.64± 0.16	41.49± 0.09	32.93± 0.04	43.52± 0.14

X-ray diffraction analysis (XRD)

X-ray Diffraction (XRD) is used to determine the crystal structure and phase. Figure5 illustrates XRD spectrum results of FeO nanopowder prepared by sol gel method.

M1 was recorded in the fraction angle range 5° to 40°. The diffraction peaks of iron oxide nanoparticles were observed at $2\theta = 27.38^\circ$, 31.66° and 35.62° which can be indexed to (003), (111) and (201) planes of iron oxide nanoparticles respectively. The highest peak is at angle 31.66° at (111) plane with 764.02 intensity.

M2 was recorded in the fraction angle range 5° to 20°. The diffraction peaks of iron oxide nanoparticles were observed at $2\theta = 5.95^\circ$, 6.79° , 7.85° , 9.46° , 10.45° , 11.64° , 12.46° , 13.72° , 14.38° , 15.04° , 17.09° , 18.24° and 19.1° which can be indexed to (100), (101), (002), (110), (111), (200), (003), (103), (202), (210), (203), (104) and (302) planes of iron oxide nanoparticles respectively. The highest peak is at angle 10.45° at (111) plane with 424.67 intensity.

M3 was recorded in the fraction angle range 5° to 50°. The diffraction peaks of iron oxide nanoparticles were observed at $2\theta = 27.39^\circ$, 31.73° , 33.17° , 35.66° , and 45.46° which can be indexed to (220), (310), (311), (320) and (420) planes of iron oxide nanoparticles respectively. The highest peak is at angle 31.73° at (310) plane with 29617.54 intensity.

M4 was recorded in the fraction angle range 5° to 40°. The diffraction peaks of iron oxide nanoparticles were observed at $2\theta = 11.4^\circ$, 16.9° , 19.03° , 22.49° , 23.96° , 25.03° , 26.84° , 28.13° , 29.68° , 32.54° , 33.63° , 35.5° and

36. 55° which can be indexed to (110), (200), (211), (220), (221), (310), (311), (222), (320), (400), (322), (331) and (420) planes of iron oxide nanoparticles respectively. The highest peak is at angle 29.68° at (320) plane with 33087.75 intensity.

M5 was recorded in the fraction angle range 5° to 75°. The diffraction peaks of iron oxide nanoparticles were observed at $2\theta = 27.34^\circ, 31.69^\circ, 33.1^\circ, 35.59^\circ, 40.79^\circ, 45.4^\circ, 49.39^\circ, 53.97^\circ, 56.45^\circ, 62.36^\circ, 63.93^\circ$ and 66.2° which can be indexed to (110), (200), (211), (220), (221), (310), (311), (222), (320), (400), (322), (331) and (420) planes of iron oxide nanoparticles respectively. The highest peak is at angle 31.69° at (400) plane with 40939.48 intensity.

The average crystallite sizes (D) of samples were determined to be 45, 34.9, 46.3, 46.19, 43.49 and nm respectively according to the Debye-Scherrer equation.

$$D = K\lambda / \beta \cos\theta$$

Where

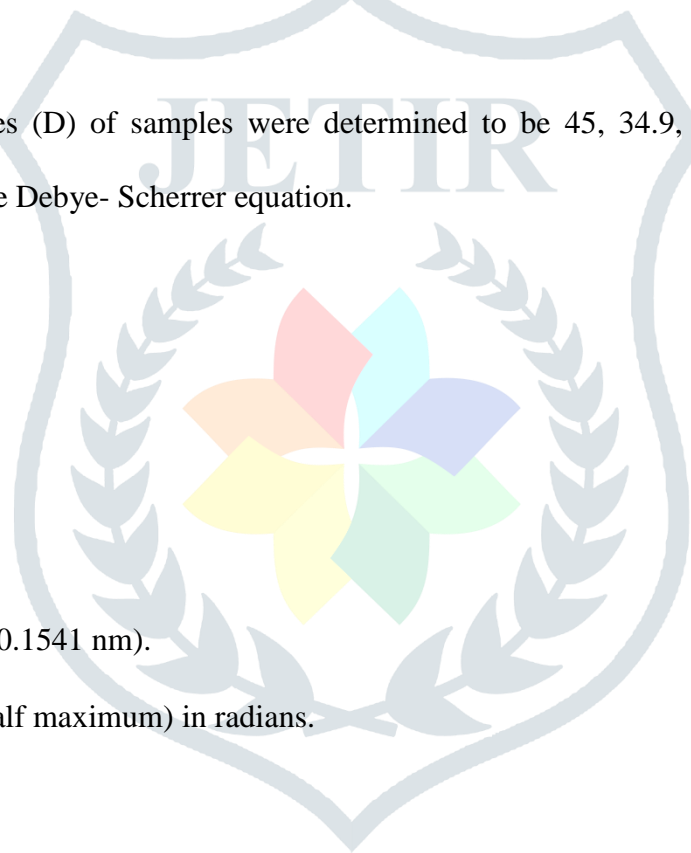
K: Constant = 0.9

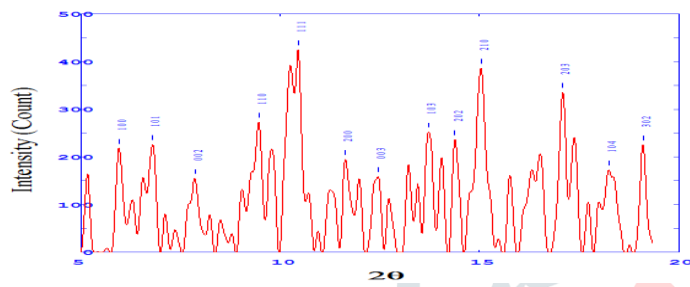
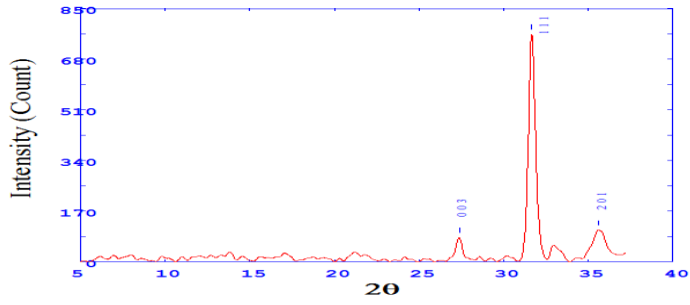
λ is wave length of X-Ray (0.1541 nm).

β is FWHM (full width at half maximum) in radians.

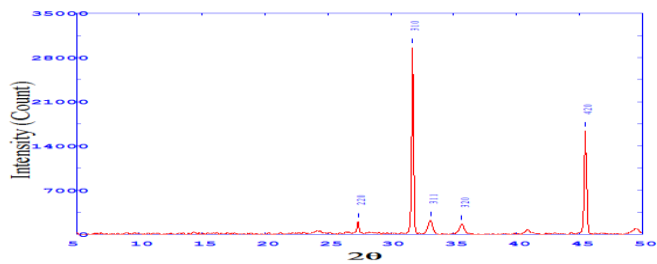
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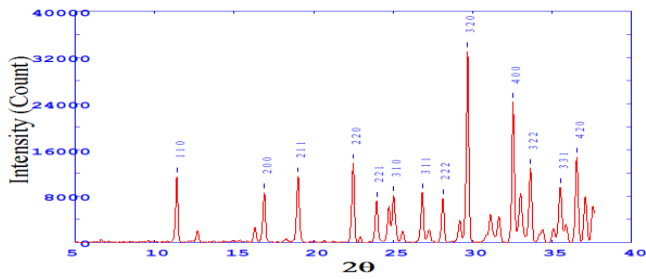
D is crystalline diameter size.





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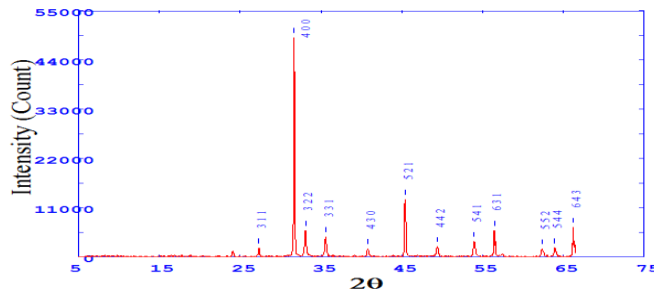


Figure 5. XRD of FeO Nanoparticles (a) Method 1 (b) Method 2 (c) Method 3 (d) Method 4 (e) Method 5

Adsorption Study

Effect of contact time

In adsorption studies, effect of contact time plays important role regardless of different experimental parameters effecting adsorption kinetics. The sample of dye was taken in separate flasks and adsorption studies were carried out at various contact time from 5 – 25 min. The results are given in (Figure 6).

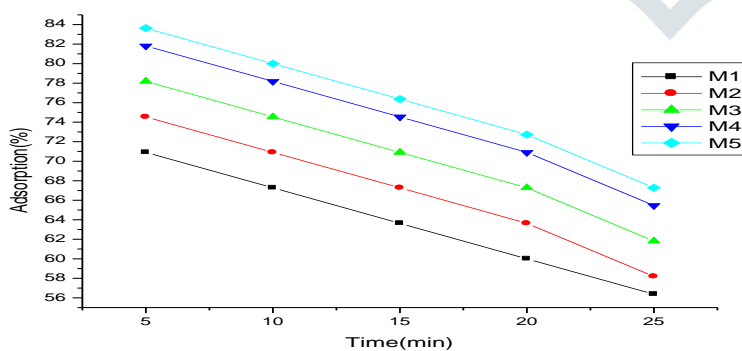


Figure 6. Effect of contact time

It is observed that adsorption decrease with increase in time, and the extent of adsorption varies with method of preparation but the nature of adsorption process seems to be same (Figure 6).

Effect of dosage

To examine the effect of the adsorbent dose on dye removal, 0.1 – 0.5 gm of adsorbent was added to 10 ml Methyl Red dye solution on five test tubes solution separately. The effect of adsorbent dosage on the percentage removal of MR dye is shown in (Figure7) adsorption increases with increase in dosage of adsorbent. It was observed that the removal efficiency was found at 0.5 gm adsorbent dose. i. e. the removal efficiency was higher at higher adsorbent dose.

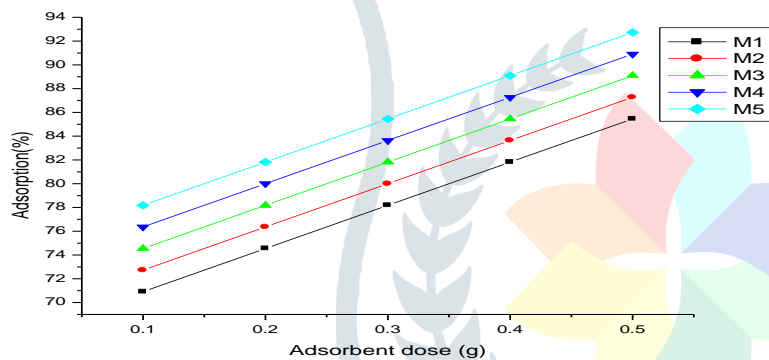


Figure7. Effect of adsorbent

Effect of initial concentration

The initial concentration of dye has a significant impact on its removal from aqueous solutions. The adsorption capacity decrease with increase initial concentration as shown in (Figure 8).

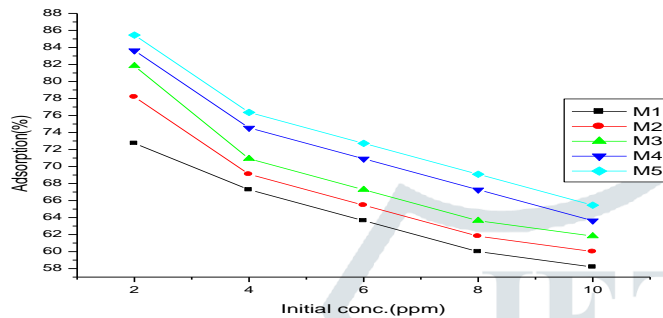


Figure8. Effect of initial concentration

Effect of pH

It is important to note that the solution pH imparts a significant role during the adsorption process. The effect of pH on MR dye removal is shown in (Figure 9). The maximum adsorption percentage occurred in both adsorbents at pH=2. I.e. acidic pH. The adsorption decreases till pH = 6. In basic pH adsorption get increases.

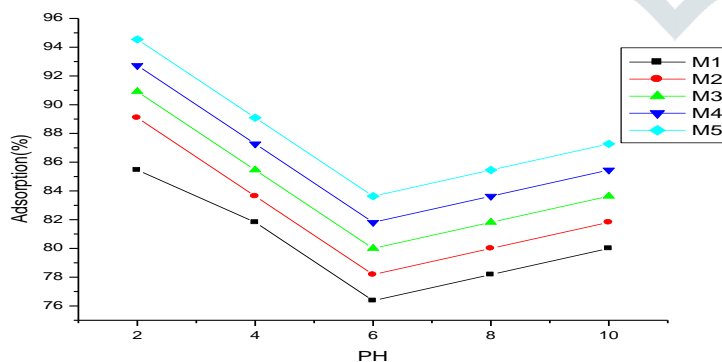


Figure 9. Effect of pH

Effect of temperature

Temperature is one of the most critical parameters affecting separation in most of the processes. The adsorption percentage of MR dye decreases with increase in temperature from 298 K to 318 K. from the graph it is observed that adsorption of dye on adsorbent is high at room temperature is shown in figure (10).

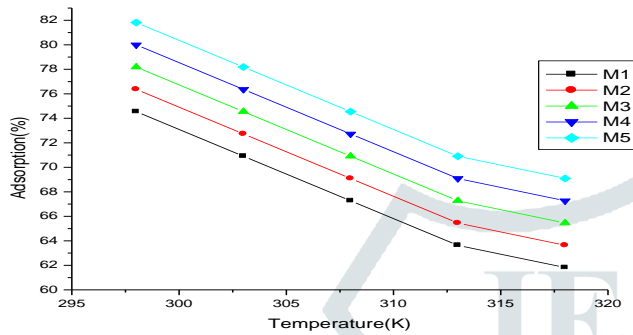


Figure10. Effect of temperature

Adsorption isotherm

In the present work, (table. 2) is shown Pseudo first order and Pseudo second order kinetic models forms as the following equations

$$\ln(Q_t - Q_e) = \ln Q_e + K_1 t \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{t}{Q_t} = \frac{1}{K_2 Q_e^2} + \frac{t}{Q_e} \quad (2)$$

Where Q_t (mg/gm) denotes the amount of adsorption at time t (min), Q_e (mg/gm) is the amount of adsorption at equilibrium are the amount of MR adsorbed at equilibrium and different time (min) and at equilibrium k_1 is the pseudo first order rate constant (min^{-1}). [27]

Table 2. kinetic parameter values of MR dye on FeO adsorbent

Method	Conc. Of MR (mg/L)	Pseudo-First order			Pseudo-Second order		
		K_1 (min^{-1})	q_e (mg/gm)	R^2	K_2 (gm/mg.min)	q_e (mg/gm)	R^2
M1	10	0.392899	762.9393	0.980496	-0.00011	5371.839	0.995405
M2	10	0.37222	902.298	0.99361	-9.4×10^{-4}	5565.45	0.992175
M3	10	0.476955	582.6396	0.986466	-9.2×10^{-5}	5924.346	0.992952
M4	10	0.46451	251.7561	0.993854	-9.1×10^{-5}	6282.709	0.99365
M5	10	0.91351	117.7742	0.981169	-9×10^{-5}	6462.913	0.993929

The presence of Langmuir adsorption monolayer on the outer surface of the adsorbent depends on the intermolecular potential between the adsorbent and the adsorbate.

Langmuir isotherm equation is:

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \left[\frac{1}{Q_0} \right] C_e + \frac{1}{bQ_0} \quad (3)$$

Where C_e is the adsorbate equilibrium concentration (mg/L), q_e is the equilibrium concentration of dye on the adsorbent (mg/gm), Q_0 (mg/gm) b (L/mg) are Langmuir constants related to maximum monolayer adsorption capacity and energy of adsorption respectively. The values of Q_0 and b are calculated from the slope and intercept of plot $\frac{C_e}{q_e}$ against C_e . Langmuir isotherm can also be represented in terms of the separation factor

(R_L), which is as follows:

$$R_L = \frac{1}{1+b C_0} \quad (4)$$

Where C_0 is the initial concentration in (ppm), b is Langmuir constant. The values of R_L indicates the adsorption isotherm model of characteristic as follows $R_L > 1$ (unfavorable), $R_L = 1$ (Linear), $0 < R_L < 1$ (favorable) and $R_L = 0$ (irreversible)

The Freundlich adsorption isotherm is used to explain the heterogeneity surface ($1/n$) of adsorbents. The linear form of the Freundlich equation is as follows:

$$\text{Log } Q_e = \text{Log } K_f + \frac{1}{n} \text{Log } C_e \quad (5)$$

C_e is the adsorbate equilibrium concentration (mg/L), Q_e is the amount of adsorbate equilibrium (mg/gm),

K_f is Freundlich constant (mg/gm) (L/mg).^[29]

Table .3 is shown Langmuir and Freundlich adsorption isotherm.

Table 3. Adsorption constant

Method	Conc. Of MR (mg/L)	Langmuir constant				Freundlich constant		
		Q_0 (mg/gm)	$b \cdot 10^{-5}$ (L/gm)	R_L	R^2	n	K_f (mg/gm.(L/gm)) ^{1/n}	R^2
M1	10	-214047	-0.02067	-0.93703	0.936366	0.510931	0.922401	0.880726
M2	10	-29082.1	-0.01719	-1.3903	0.927619	0.570064	1.701532	0.873141
M3	10	-46443.4	-0.01389	-2.5698	0.912235	0.63461	3.472962	0.865756
M4	10	-103145	-0.00836	6.089399	0.896601	0.717674	7.03218	0.856088
M5	10	520093.8	0.002307	0.812571	0.874169	0.829346	7.03218	0.842889

The effect of temperature in adsorption capacity is studied in between 25^oC and 45^oC. The various thermodynamic parameters are determined using equation:

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - T\Delta S^{\circ} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Log} \left(\frac{q_e}{c_e} \right) = \frac{\Delta S^{\circ}}{2.303R} + \frac{-\Delta H^{\circ}}{2.303RT} \quad (7)$$

Where q_e is the amount of MR adsorbed per unit mass of NPs (mg / g) and c_e is the equilibrium concentration (mg / L).

The log (q_e / c_e) vs $\frac{1}{T}$ gives the values of ΔS° and $-\Delta H^{\circ}$ as intercept and slope are shown in table.4.

Hence ΔG° can be calculated is shown in table.5.

Table 4. values of enthalpy and entropy

Sr. No.	Method	ΔS°	ΔH°
1.	M1	5.177962	1593.55
2.	M2	-73.5392	24766.16
3.	M3	-75.9077	25722.99
4.	M4	-78.8117	26854.21
5.	M5	-82.3706	28198.32

Table 5. Thermodynamic parameter values

Sr. No.	Temp (K)	$\Delta G_0(M1)$	$\Delta G_0(M2)$	$\Delta G_0(M3)$	$\Delta G_0(M4)$	$\Delta G_0(M5)$
1.	298	-2662.67	-2906.02	-3162.68	-3435.26	-3727.13
2.	303	-2244.89	-2471.29	-2707.34	-2954.78	-3215.74
3.	308	-1845.44	-2060.14	-2281.94	-2512.07	-2752.02
4.	313	-1456.54	-1663.37	-1875.4	-2093.58	-2318.98
5.	318	-1274.14	-1479.81	-1689.94	-1905.36	-2127.03

Conclusion

Iron oxide nanoparticles were synthesized using sol-gel method and its particle size, crystallite size, morphology and chemical composition were studied with varied characterization techniques. It may be noted that the size of synthesized iron oxide nanoparticles increase with calcination temperature due to agglomeration at elevated temperatures. All methods are good for the preparation of nanoparticles but five method is more appropriate and gives more amount of iron oxide nanoparticle. The synthesized nanoparticles were studied for the removal of dyes from aqueous solution. The experimental isotherm data has been studied. The kinetic study of the adsorption obeys Pseudo-first order and Pseudo-Second order models. The

thermodynamic parameters namely Gibbs free energy, entropy, and enthalpy have revealed that the adsorption of methyl red on the nanoparticlas is s possible, spontaneous method and exothermic.

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