Kinetic reevaluation of the competitive adsorption [J. Hazard. Mater. 326]

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## **ABSTRACT**

In this discussion, the competitive adsorption published by Fan et al. were reevaluated kinetically using deactivation kinetics model. As the result, kinetic conclusions could be obtained as following. First, single component adsorption and binary component adsorption occur in different mechanisms. Second, the adsorption rate of one component can be calculated how times faster than the other in competitive system.

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It can be said that the adsorption process is one of heterogeneous reaction process. The mo dels of adsorption kinetics have been greatly improved but used "pseudo" term in many cas e. The pseudo order kinetic models [10-12] involve the adsorption amount which is a therm odynamic quantity. Therefore, the activation energy can't be calculated and the reaction rate constants can't be compared in the competitive adsorption using the pseudo order kinetic m odels. The rate constants, activation energies and reaction mechanism must be discussed in kinetic studies. Furthermore, it is doubtful whether the pseudo order kinetic models which h ad been proposed for single adsorption can be used on competitive adsorption system. In m any of the kinetic analysis on competitive adsorptions, the kinetic models for single compon ent adsorption are used ignoring the interaction between adsorbates and adsorbent [1-5]. The competitive adsorptions are more complex than the single system and those should be con sidered.

In this discussion, the competitive adsorption published by Fan et al. [1] was reevaluated ki netically using deactivation kinetics model (DKM).

The DKM had proposed in 2014 [6] and used it for the kinetic analysis of H<sub>2</sub>S removal o ver mesoporous LaFeO<sub>3</sub> /MCM-41 sorbent during hot coal gas desulfurization in a fixed-be d reactor. In 2017 [7], the validity of DKM was verified through kinetic analysis for other

experimental data. DKM has not considered the detailed characteristic parameters of the soli d sorbent in such a microscopic way as unreacted shrinking core model (SCM) [8] or rand om pore model (RPM) [9] but in a macroscopic way. The change of fractional conversion with time in solid phase was expressed as a deactivation rate, as shown in Eq. (1):

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = k_d C_{\Lambda} (1 - X)^{\alpha} \tag{1)-DKM}$$

where X is deactivation degree of adsorbent  $(0 \le X \le 1$ , dimensionless),  $C_A$  is concentration  $(\text{mg L}^{-1})$  of A component at any time (min),  $k_d$  is a deactivation rate constant of the adsorbent  $(\text{L mg}^{-1} \, \text{min}^{-1})$ ,  $\alpha$  is a reaction order of (1-X). Single and binary adsorption kinetic equations used Eq. (1) (DKM) in batch system are Eq. (2) (Sin.Eq.) and Eq. (3) (Bin.Eq.).

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = -k_{A}C_{A}(1-X) \\ \frac{dX}{dt} = k_{d}C_{A}(1-X) \end{cases}$$
 (2) - Sin.Eq.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = -k_{A}C_{A}(1 - X) \\ \frac{dC_{B}}{dt} = -k_{B}C_{B}(1 - X) \\ \frac{dX}{dt} = k_{d}(C_{A} + C_{B})(1 - X) \end{cases}$$
(3)- Bin.Eq.

where  $k_A$  and  $k_B$  are apparent adsorption rate constants of A and B (min<sup>-1</sup>). If  $C_B$ =0 in the initial state (t=0), Bin.Eq. is equal to Sin.Eq.. The Sin.Eq. and Bin.Eq. were solved with ODE function of MATLAB, the kinetic parameters were calculated using the nonlinear least-squares fitting of the adsorbates concentration obtained by solving ordinary differential equations (Sin.Eq. or Bin.Eq.) to the experimental data. The input data required for the nonlinear optimization were only the non-dimensionalized concentrations ( $C/C_0$ ) of the adsorbates with time and X was automatically evaluated in the calculation process. As the experimental data for Sin.Eq. and Bin.Eq., the values calculated by PSO [1] were used.

The parameters of pseudo-second order model (PSO) estimated by them [1] and kinetic par ameters by Sin.Eq. were shown in Table 1. Eq. 2-1 and 2-2 are the Sin.Eq evaluated the r eaction orders. From Eq. 2-1 and 2-2, it can be seen that two adsorption mechanisms over Chitosan/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and TEPA modified chitosan/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> are different. Figure 1 is the curves calculated by Eq. 2-1 and 2-2.

Table 1. Parameters calculated for single adsorption of Cu (II) and Pb (II) on two adsorbents.

Kinetic Model	PSO [1]			DKM, Sin. Eq.* [this work]				
Adsorbent	Metal ion	$k_2 \times 10^{-2}$ mg g <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup>	$q_e$ ${ m mg~g}^{-1}$	$\mathbb{R}^2$	$k_{ m A}$ L mg $^{-1}$ min $^{-1}$	$k_d$ L mg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup>	$\mathbb{R}^2$	
Chitosan/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Cu(II)	0.773	57.143	0.999	0.1376	0.8043	0.9999	
	Pb(II)	0.646	71.942	0.999	0.1869	0.8200	0.9998	
					*: Sin.Eq.			
					$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = -k_{A}C_{A}^{2}(1-X) \\ \frac{dX}{dt} = k_{d}C_{A}(1-X)^{1.5} \end{cases} $ (2-1)			
	Cu(II)	1.067	132.100	0.999	0.8007	0.7850	0.9994	
TEPA <sup>#</sup> modified	Pb(II)	0.554	151.515	0.999	0.6253	0.4719	0.9997	
chitosan/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>					*: Sin.Eq.			
#: tetraethylenepen tamine	$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = -k_{A}C_{A}^{2}(1-X) \\ \frac{dX}{dt} = k_{d}C_{A}(1-X) \end{cases} $ (2-2)							

Condition: V=25mL, M=25mg,  $C_0=200mgL^{-1}$ , T=303K, pH=5.0

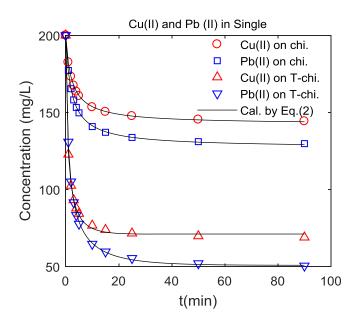


Fig.1 Curves Calculated by Eq. 2-1 and 2-2

ameters by Bin.Eq. were shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Parameters calculated for binary adsorption of Cu (II) and Pb (II) on two adsorbents.

Kinetic Model →			PSO [1]		DKM, Bin. Eq.* [this work]				
Adsorbent	Metal ion	$k_2 \times 10^{-1}$ $2$ $mg g^{-1}$ $min^{-1}$	$q_e$ mg ${ m g}^{ ext{-}1}$	$\mathbb{R}^2$	$k_{ m A}^{\#}$ min $^{-1}$	$k_{ m B}^{##}$ min $^{-1}$	$k_d$ L mg $^{-1}$ min $^{-1}$	$R^2$	
Chitosan/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Cu(II)	1.014	40.323	0.999	0.1342	0.1850	0.7437	0.9975	
	Pb(II)	0.872	52.631	0.999				0.9984	
					$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = -k_{A}C_{A}(1-X) \\ \frac{dC_{B}}{dt} = -k_{B}C_{B}(1-X) \\ \frac{dX}{dt} = k_{d}(C_{A} + C_{B})(1-X)^{1.5} \end{cases} $ (3-1)				
TEPA modified	Cu(II)	1.457	95.785	0.999	0.9183	0.9401	1.9115	0.9971	
chitosan/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Pb(II)	0.760	105.153	0.999				0.9972	
					$\begin{cases} \frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = -k_{A}C_{A}(1-X) \\ \frac{dC_{B}}{dt} = -k_{B}C_{B}(1-X) \\ \frac{dX}{dt} = k_{d}(C_{A} + C_{B})(1-X)^{1.6} \end{cases} $ (3-2)				

Condition: V=25mL, M=25mg, C<sub>0</sub>=200mgL<sup>-1</sup>, T=303K, pH=5.0

Eq. 3-1 and 3-2 are the Bin.Eq evaluated the reaction orders. From Eq. 3-1 and 3-2, it can be seen that two adsorption mechanisms over Chitosan/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and TEPA modified chitos an/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> are similar. What is more important is that Pb(II) adsorption rate is faster than Cu(II) on two adsorbents. This conclusion couldn't be obtained by PSO. Figure 2 is the curves calculated by Eq. 3-1 and 3-2.

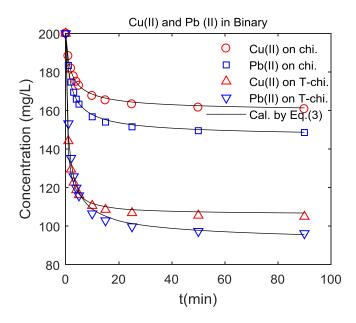


Fig.2 Curves Calculated by Eq. 3-1 and 3-2

The following overall conclusions can be drawn from Tables 1 and 2.

- The reaction order related to the mechanism is an empirical quantity obtained from the experimental data and rate equation. By evaluating the reaction orders, we can see what her the reaction mechanisms are the same or different. From the Tables, it can be seen that single component adsorption and binary component adsorption occur in different me chanisms. Because reaction order of  $C_A$  in single system and reaction order of (1-X) in binary system are difference. If all reaction orders were equal to 1, the correlation coeff icient became smaller than 0.88 or some calculated adsorption rate constants became smaller than 0.
- In binary system, the adsorption rate of one component can be calculated how times fas ter than the other component. From the Tables, it can be seen that the  $Pb^{2+}$  adsorption rates are 3.30 and 2.57 times faster than  $Cu^{2+}$  on the two adsorbents, respectively. While, the deactivation rate constant of Chitosan/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is bigger than TEPA modified chit osan/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, in other words, it can be seen that the senescence rate of Chitosan/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is faster.

Kinetic conclusions can be obtained like above and these conclusions can't be obtained by pseudo order kinetic models containing the adsorption amount. Although small correlation c oefficients calculated by Sin.Eq. and Bin.Eq. are smaller than PSO. But I think that it is b etter to use Bin.Eq. than pseudo order models for single adsorption in kinetic studies of competitive adsorption.

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