

## Removal of Directs Dyes from Wastewater by Cotton Fiber Waste

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### Abstract

Environment protection is a precondition for sustained growth and a better quality of life for all peoples on earth. Aqueous industrial effluents are the main sources of pollution. Among the compounds of these effluents, dyes are particularly resistant to discoloration by conventional methods, and discharges present many problems that must be supported.

Synthetic dyes are used in industrial sectors; especially in the textile industry. There is a certain selectivity of raw cotton fibers for the different types of dyes, depending on the chemical structure of the dyes. We note that this affinity is very high for direct dyes and decreases for reactive dyes and pigment dyes.

This study focuses on the elimination of direct dyes wastewater from the textile industry, by their adsorption on waste very adsorbent cotton fibers, the removal rate greater than 75% for the three types of direct dyes used, a mathematical of the adsorption isotherms of and their kinetics of adsorption was made and shows the mathematical models of adsorption curves, it shows that the direct dye red216 adsorbs very easily and the saturation is obtained after 30 mn and the direct yellow 4 dye s' adsorbs regularly and reaches the saturation 100 mm, which shows that the adsorption is done according to the spatial structure of the dye and the porosity of the cotton this technique is interesting, it allows to recover adsorbate cotton as raw material for several uses and at very low cost.

**Keywords:** Cotton directs dyes; Adsorption reuse wastewater; Textile; Kinetics equilibrium; Kinetics thermodynamic

### Introduction

In Algeria, sustainable development imperatively requires the protection of the environment and sustained economic growth based on cleaner technology, which must be concerned by the quality of life of citizens. Accordingly, must be aware of adverse effects related to environmental hazards generated by manufacturing waste. Industrial wastewater discharges are the main sources of pollution receptors environments. The flows from many processes are very varied and give a complex final effluent; this complexity depends on several factors such as the type and nature of the raw material, finished product, engineering, chemicals and additives used.

The demands of health-conscious citizens and the protection of their environment, so that the liquid discharges of textile industries comply with the regulations, which is very strict in this area; has forced managers to take adequate measures to meet the expectations of civil society. Unfortunately, the complex synthetic dyes used make discoloration difficult [1] the colorants are, largely, very soluble in aqueous solutions and their elimination presents a formidable challenge [2]. Although the dyes are only a small proportion of the total volume of industrial liquid waste, they are not easily removed, biologically, because their chemical structure is very complex.

Every year in the world 7105 tons of dyes are consumed consisting of 10.000 different types of dyes, the percentage of dye found in the rejects at 15% following the dyeing process [3]. This massive influx of organic chemicals into rivers poses enormous problems, including visual pollution, eutrophication, aquatic biodiversity and the environmental health of the peoples of the region [4]. It also represents an increasing environmental danger due to their refractory carcinogenic nature [5,6]. The reduction of the dye concentration in wastewater to environmentally acceptable values is an absolute necessity. Among several chemical and physical methods are used, but adsorption remains the most effective, as shown by the indicators: cost and performance [7]. Several conventional techniques of discoloration used industrially (automotive, chemicals, paper and textiles) have

shown their limits [8] because the treated waste arising in the nature of many problems to solve; for the textile industry, the affinity between the fibers and the dyes vary depending on the chemical structure of dyes and the type of materials to which they are applied [9]. It is often observed that during the dyeing operation, from 15% to 20% of the sulfur dyes and sometimes up to 40% of the reactive dyes are found in the effluent.

The affinity of the dye for the fiber is particularly developed, which have an acidic character or basic accented. These dye-specific characteristics increase their persistence in the environment and make reluctant to biodegraded [10].

The direct dyes contain or are capable of forming positive or negative charges electrostatically attracted loads of fiber. They are distinguished by their affinity for cellulosic fibers without application of mordant, linked to the plane structure of their molecule [11].

We must also emphasize the adverse effects on the health of wildlife and indirectly human health, because many dyes used found in lakes and rivers are toxic. Carcinogenic effects have been diagnosed in mammals following metabolites resulting from the enzymatic digestion of coloring molecules. The purpose of this study is to remove direct dyes contained in the wastewater, using as adsorbent waste cotton fibers. This technique has a double advantageous alternative both economically and environmentally, the first is the reuse of residual fibers after adsorption, as a raw material for the manufacture of alternative products (pillows, mattress cushion), the second is the on-site treatment of wastewater. The

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color is a very important physiological factor in the pollution [12,13] these are the most typical in the textile finishing industrial emissions. Colored effluents discharged without proper treatment generate a considerable number of changes in the receiving environment [14]. These effluents are characterized by, alkaline pH, dark brown color, unpleasant odour, high biological and chemical oxygen demand, total dissolved solids and a mixture of organic and inorganic pollutants.

Wherein the proportion of biodegradable materials can be very low [13]. The available methods for bleaching effluent depend on the state of the dyes used (soluble or insoluble). For insoluble dyes, used techniques are generally mechanical (decantation, flotation, centrifugation, with or without flocculation). Regarding soluble dyes, other methods are used: Dyestuffs and pigments are reported to be carcinogenic and highly toxic to living beings, this necessitates the removal of dye from wastewater. Biological processes are ineffective to remove color, because groups of atoms responsible for color are the chromophoric groups (-C=C-C=C-; -C=N-; -N=N-; -C=C-C=O) and the auxochromic groups: -NH<sub>2</sub>, -OH, -O-CH<sub>3</sub>; -Br [12,15,16] in the textile industry, conventional methods of color removal, such as: coagulation, flocculation are often used [7,17]; as well as other adsorbents such as commercial activated carbon (CAC), clays and clay minerals [18], sawdust, bagasse, orange peel, roots have also been used, but the cost of these processes must be studied. In the textile industry, conventional methods of color removal, such as: coagulation, flocculation are often used [7,17]; as well as other adsorbents such as commercial activated carbon (CAC), clays and clay minerals [18], sawdust, bagasse, orange peel, roots, have also been used, but the cost of these processes must be studied [19,20].

## Materials and Methods

### Adsorbate

The direct dyes used in this study are "red 216, blue 186 and yellow 4", as well as a mixture of the three dyes in equal proportions.. The chemical properties of studied dyes are shown in Figure 1 and Table 1 it was collected in the textile factory "DBK, Algeria", directly in large dyeing storage tanks, equilibrium concentrations of the dyes were determined by a UV-visible spectrophotometer "Shimadzu UV 160". The degree of initial fixation of dyes on cloth is 64 to 96%.

### Adsorbent

The choice of cotton is also motivated by The raw cotton contains about 87% cellulose, but after treatment it rises to 98-99%, it is a very adsorbent material and it has a very high quality hydropyle, it is a material available and inexpensive [21].

These dyes have an affinity for the cellulosic fibers (cotton), the focuses, which intervene in this property, are hydrogen bridges, dipolar forces and hydrophobic interactions, and this is done via the hydroxyl groups of cellulose [22].

During the textile dyeing operation, a fraction of the dye is fixed on the solid fiber phase and the other fraction remains the aqueous phase; at the end of the process, it is the soluble fraction that must be removed [23].

Direct dyes have a linear structure and planar synthesized with sulfonic acid groups to increase their solubility in water, they are particularly valued for dyeing cellulosic fibers (Figure 2), this behavior allows the dye to bind on cellulose chains in cotton fiber, often by intermolecular bonding (including hydrogen).

Direct dyes are also very important in the cellulosic fibers dyeing process: 75% of total consumption is used for dyeing cotton or viscose

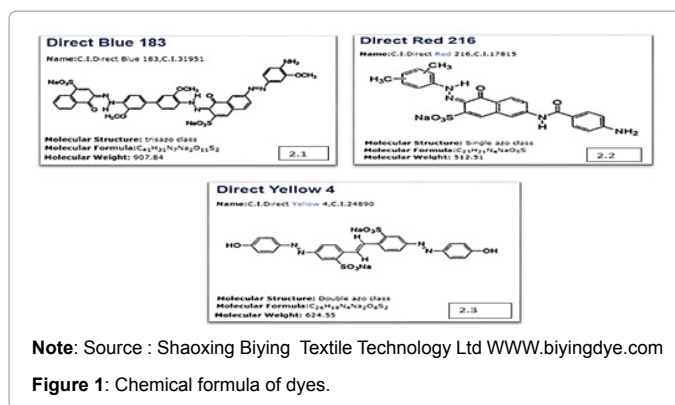
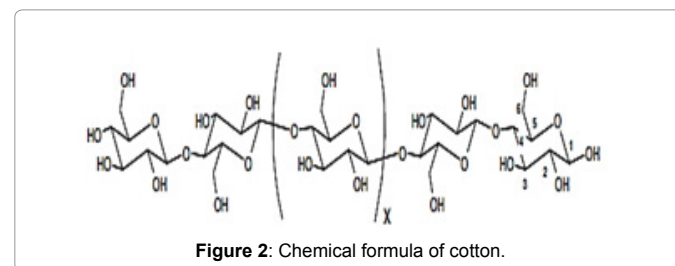


Figure 1: Chemical formula of dyes.

	Blue 183	Red 216	Yellow 4
Solubility [g/l]			
90°C	40	80	80
60°C	30	60	50
30°C	30	60	50
Removal dégrée (%)	87	99	95
Equalizing power			
98°C/208°F	médian	good	Very good
130°C/266°F	good	médian	Very good

Table 1: Used direct dyes characteristics.



substrates. The specific area of cotton is 10<sup>-3</sup> km<sup>2</sup>.kg<sup>-1</sup>- 13, 4.10<sup>-3</sup> km<sup>2</sup>.kg<sup>-1</sup> [24,25].

Dyes that have an aquatic toxicity and/or allergenic effects [26,27]. It is also important to mention here that about 60 to 70 percent of dyes used at present are azo- dyes [28] under reducing conditions, these dyes can produce amines and some of them are carcinogenic)

For our study, we used cotton waste from the textile factory DBK (Algeria). They are recovered at the beginning of the process of manufacture l (raw cotton) and after cutting the fabric, in the raw state (Figure 3), among the waste recovered at the unit DBK (carding waste, waste Willo) they contain less impurities, about 18 percent.

### Cotton surface structure

The surface of the structure of cotton, seen under an electronic (microscope dotopon Electronique pratique, 5 MP USB 8), shows that the material has a certain porosity of different sizes, especially mesopores and micropores distributed unequally and which denotes its capacity to adsorb medium and large diameter molecules, which facilitates the flattened physical adsorption.

### Wastewater characteristics

Wastewater Analyses were performed on a daily basis of the

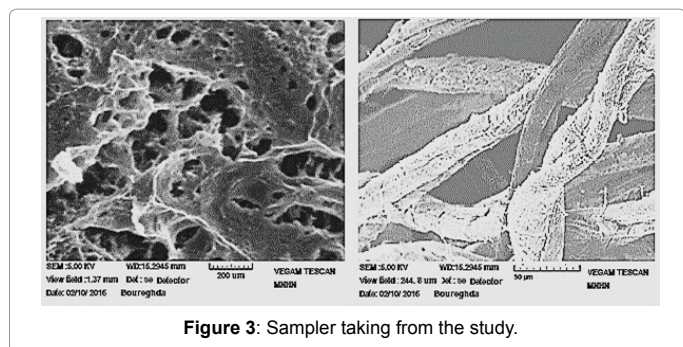


Figure 3: Sampler taking from the study.

pollution control (Table 2). The method used for the effluents treatment in the manufactory. The dye bath has an alkaline pH (9.95), due to the presence of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , an alkaline agent, in the solution of direct dye. The decrease in the pH of the stripping solution is due to consumption of the alkali agent during dyeing process. Suspended solids results from used chemicals, high dyes concentrations and fiber waste. We also note that the turbidity is due to a bad dye bath exhaustion and perhaps improper attachment of direct dye and hydrolysis of reactive dyes. This high Chemical Oxygen Demand content is explained by high used concentration of dyes and chemicals.

### Procedure

In bottles of 1 liter of the colored effluent (for each color), a 35% concentration, we introduced increasing quantities 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5 and 3 grams of waste cotton fibers, the concentrations are given in Table 3. We opted for two approaches: one is adsorption in static batch and the other in stirred batch system and see the influence of agitation on the time and efficiency of the adsorption.

**Positions of sampling:** Figure 4 shows places of sample taking waste cotton fibers and wastewater.

## Results and Discussions

### DBK water dyeing discoloration tests

The tests were carried out with direct dyes on cotton waste from the same unit. The dyeing is done according to the periodic method with the same recipes as those used on the site. After removing water and the exhaustion of the washing bath, the initial concentration of the dyes is measured by the spectrophotometric method based on the calibration curve previously prepared for each dye.

The adsorbate was raw and in this study, we took into consideration the weight of the adsorbent (waste fiber) and time to exhaustion of the colored solution the experiments were conducted in a batch system.

### Adsorption tests

**Influence of contact time and fiber mass on dye adsorption, resting system:** The research interest in this step is to determine the mass of the fibers and the wavelength at which the dye adsorption by the adsorbent is reasonable and interesting. From these results, it should be noted that the rate of It is proportional to the weight of the fiber and the contact time. However, the bleaching phenomenon was stabilized at 120 minutes even if you increase the amount of adsorbent.

We note that the dye kinetics is the same for all colors and their mixture with a saturation of the adsorbent by contact after 120 min. We can say that dyeing wastewater discoloration of direct dyes by cotton fibers is possible since the results are satisfactory. This can be explained

by the high affinity of these dyes with these fibers (Figures 5-8).

**Influence of agitation on the adsorption time of direct dyes:** One of the objects to be achieved in this part is to find the optimum rate of exhaustion of the color as a function of the mass of cotton fiber with a moderate stirring of 25 rpm. The results are shown in Figures 9-11.

The results show that the dyes of the removal rates increase proportionally with the increase in the mass of fibers and the stirring time the performance of the adsorption reaches rates ranging between 80 and 90%, and yields are far better than static adsorption.

We observe that a moderate stirring while giving a very good yield, decreases the adsorption time of 30 min for the direct red dye and has no influence on the other two, this is probably the mode of fixation and the chemical spatial structure of the dye, which seems to say that the adsorption is to a chemical model for red and physical (van der Waals forces) for the other two dyes.

### Adsorption kinetics

Several effective mathematical models are used to study the adsorption mechanism and evaluate the adsorption rate and several kinetic models are used to test experimental data [29]. To explore diffusion behavior and adsorption resistances, which may result from it, it is necessary to use an intraparticle diffusion model [30].

$$qt = k_p t^{1/2} + I \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

Where, q and t: quantity "mg" of adsorbate per "g" of adsorbent "t" (mg/g) at time t (min),

$k_p$ : the rate constant of the intraparticle diffusion model (mg/g min<sup>1/2</sup>),

I: interception.

The values of "I" gives an idea about the thickness of the boundary layer. In this model, the absorption curve should be linear if the intraparticle diffusion is involved in the adsorption process and if the curves pass through the origin, in this case, the intraparticle diffusion is the step controlling the velocity [31].

If the curves do not pass through the origin which shows some limitation of the adsorption of the boundary layer, and the internal diffusion is not the only limiting factor and there are other kinetic models that control the adsorption rate.

Pseudo-first order equation is generally represented as follows:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = k_1(q_e - q_t) \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

If " $q_e$ " is the amount of equilibrium adsorbed dye (mg/g) and " $k_1$ " is the equilibrium rate constant, the kinetics of the pseudo-first order reaction (mn.1), after integration applying the conditions [ $q_t = 0$  to  $t = 0$  and  $q_t = q_t$  to  $t = t$ ], then Equation (2) becomes:

$$\log(q_e - q_t) = \log q_e - \frac{k_1}{2.303} t \quad (\text{Equation 3})$$

The data were applied to the equation of the pseudo-second order is written:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = k_2 (q_e - q_t)^2 \quad (\text{Equation 4})$$

Where  $k_2$ , which is constant for the equilibrium rate (g/mg/min),

Température (C)	Q <sub>0</sub>	Langmuir isotherm model			Freundlich isotherm model			Tempkin isotherm model		
		K <sub>L</sub>	R <sub>L</sub>	R <sup>2</sup> <sub>L</sub>	K <sub>F</sub>	n	R <sup>2</sup> <sub>F</sub>	K <sub>T</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	R <sup>2</sup> <sub>T</sub>
Direct Red 216										
20	24.56	0.23	0.07	0.99	19.56	3.56	19.56	3.67	12.05	0.996
30	24.31	0.27	0.06	0.999	20.47	3.78	0.992	4.63	12.38	0.976
40	23.78	0.25	0.06	0.999	22.78	3.90	0.993	7.78	11.12	0.976
50	21.54	0.26	0.05	0.999	25.76	4.12	0.884	10.96	10.98	0.980
Direct Blue 183										
20	22.54	0.13	0.13	0.992	7.93	2.45	0.999	1.65	7.67	0.94
30	21.89	0.15	0.11	0.994	8.74	2.67	0.999	1.97	7.48	0.956
40	21.65	0.17	0.10	0.995	9.67	2.87	0.999	2.65	7.23	0.945
50	20.32	0.19	0.08	0.992	10.67	2.91	0.999	3.17	7.09	0.934
Direct Yellow 4										
20	20.54	0.12	0.12	0.991	7.91	2.43	0.991	1.69	7.66	0.956
30	19.89	0.13	0.10	0.994	8.72	2.69	0.991	1.91	7.45	0.951
40	18.65	0.15	0.09	0.993	9.66	2.89	0.992	2.56	7.29	0.949
50	17.32	0.17	0.08	0.993	10.70	2.92	0.992	3.10	7.11	0.938

Table 2: Correlation coefficients of isotherms adsorption of the three directs dyes.

Dye Concentration (mg/L)	(q <sub>0</sub> ) <sub>exp</sub>	Intraparticle diffusion model	Pseudo-first order						Pseudo-second order		
		k <sub>p</sub>	I	R12	(q <sub>0</sub> ) <sub>cal.</sub>	k <sub>1</sub>	R <sup>2</sup> <sub>T</sub>	(q <sub>0</sub> ) <sub>cal.</sub>	k <sub>2</sub>	R <sup>2</sup> <sub>T</sub>	
Direct Red 216											
20	23.07	4.53	6.12	0.68	09.25	0.27	0.48	24.07	0.045	0.99	
40	42.45	7.07	13.00	0.79	22.55	0.38	0.61	45.76	0.03	0.98	
60	54.47	8.82	14.01	0.86	39.01	0.39	0.86	61.56	0.02	0.99	
80	59.55	8.01	15.66	0.91	42.31	0.42	0.79	77.81	0.15	0.99	
100	65.78	9.93	16.45	0.92	45.76	0.45	0.68	99.78	0.01	0.99	
Direct Blue 183											
20	21.56	2.74	7.16	0.64	11.54	0.92	0.95	19.67	0.05	0.99	
40	40.32	6.65	13.88	0.68	18.79	0.68	0.94	37.45	0.03	0.98	
60	49.83	7.78	14.32	0.73	22.78	0.62	0.92	42.78	0.02	0.99	
80	56.13	8.11	14.99	0.76	23.10	0.59	0.91	48.65		0.99	
100	63.78	8.86	15.65	0.80	35.76	0.56	0.90	56.35	0.02	0.99	
Direct Yellow 4											
20	20.25	2.74	7.66	0.64	11.45	0.94	0.94	21.67	0.06	0.99	
40	38.23	5.65	13.25	0.69	17.79	0.74	0.95	31.74	0.04	0.99	
60	47.90	6.21	14.78	0.73	21.78	0.65	0.95	40.78	0.039	0.98	
80	58.62	7.10	15.06	0.77	22.56	0.61	0.94	51.65	0.03	0.98	
100	61.80	7.42	15.66	0.80	35.76	0.57	0.93	60.88	0.02	0.99	

Table 3: Parameters of adsorption energy for the three directs dyes.

of the equation of the pseudo-second order, the integration of Equation (4) give Equation (5):

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2} \frac{1}{q_c^2} + \frac{1}{q_c} t \quad \text{(Equation 5)}$$

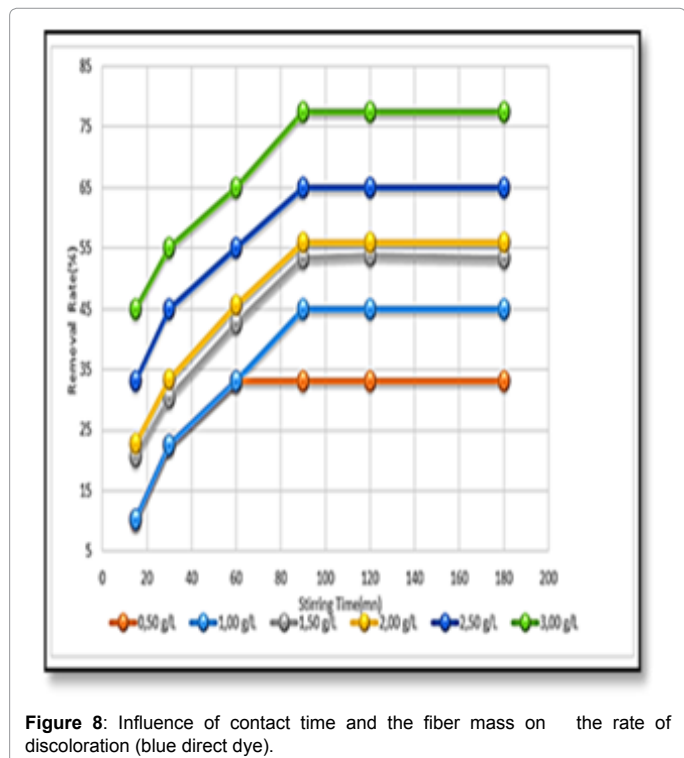
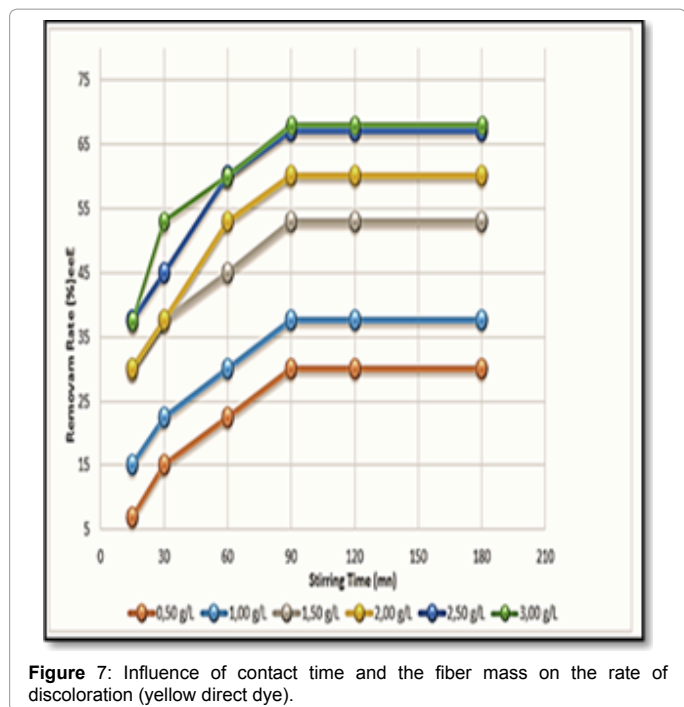
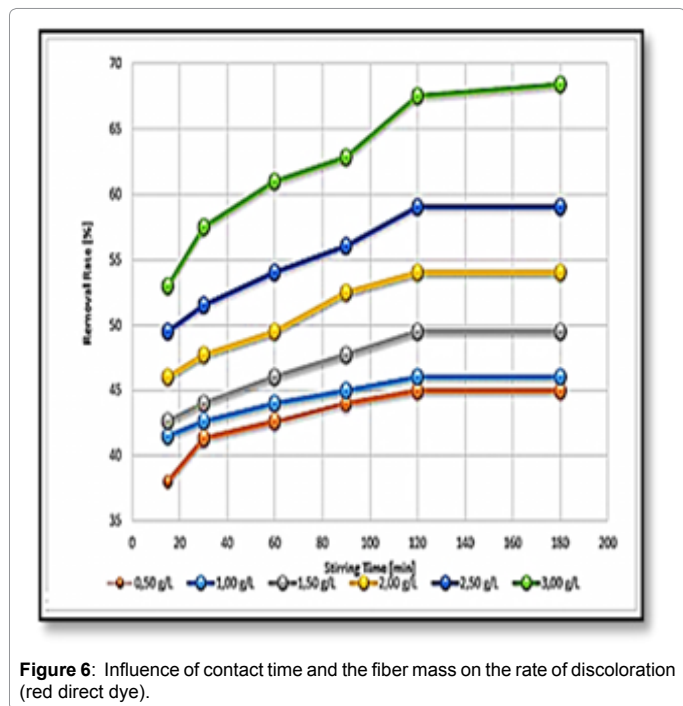
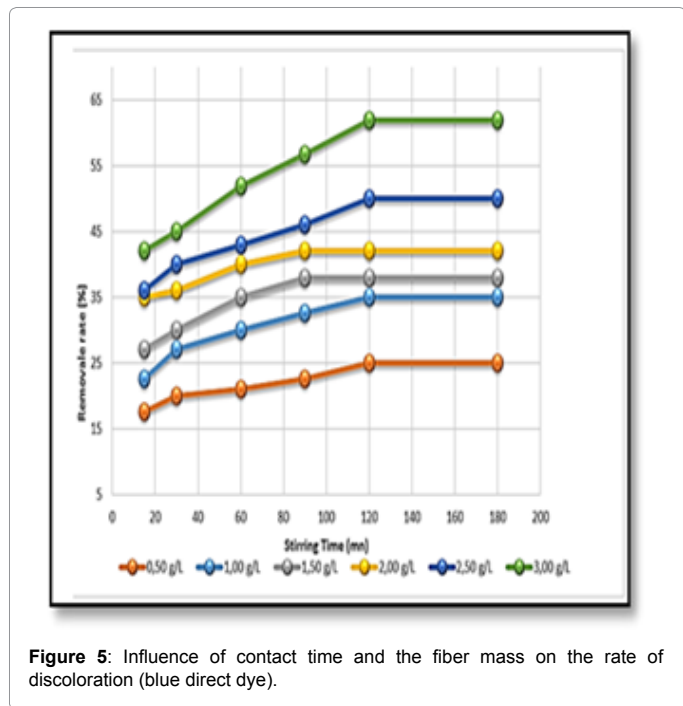
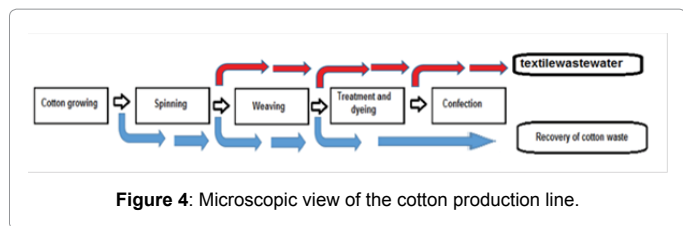
The adsorption model of the three dyes studied is consistent with pseudo-second order adsorption kinetics with a good correlation coefficient.

Freundlich Langmuir and Tempkin models studied the models

of adsorption isotherms at equilibrium. The Langmuir equation is very suitable to describe the adsorption on materials on surfaces with homogeneous porosities. The Langmuir model is based on the following assumptions: energy adsorption sites uniformly, adsorption in monolayer (homogeneous porosities) without interaction between the molecules fixed on the pores. can be write a mathematical expression of the Langmuir model as [32]:

$$q_c = \frac{Q_c \cdot K_L C_e}{1 + k_c C_e} \quad \text{(Equation 6)}$$





If  $K_L$  is Langmuir equilibrium constant (L/mg),  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration of the adsorbate (mg/L)  $q_e$  (mg/g) is the adsorbed quantity at equilibrium, and  $Q_0$  the maximum adsorption capacity (mg/g). The Langmuir linear equation is:

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{1}{K_L} \frac{1}{Q_0} + \frac{C_e}{Q_0} \tag{Equation 7}$$

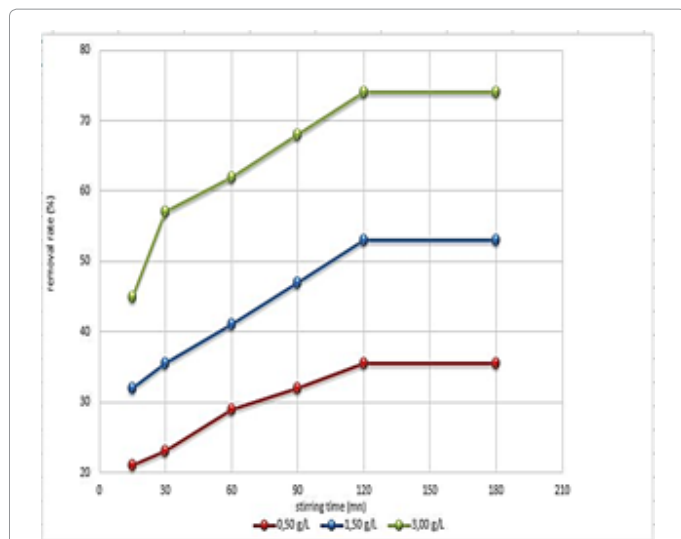


Figure 9: Influence of agitation time and the fiber mass on the rate of discoloration (red direct dye).

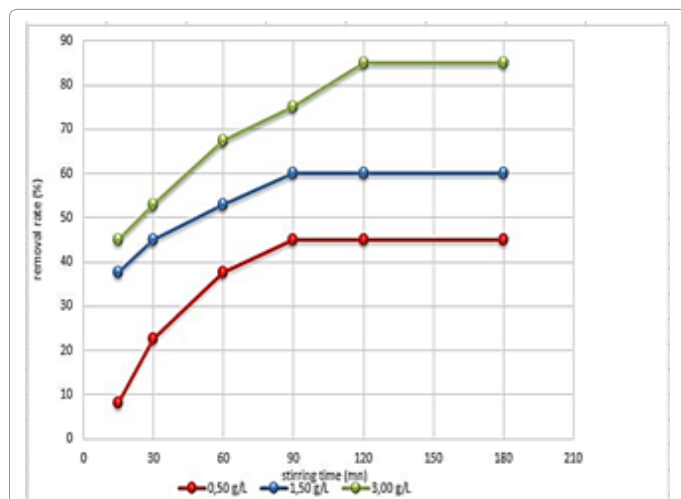


Figure 10: Influence of agitation time and the fiber mass on the rate of discoloration (blue direct).

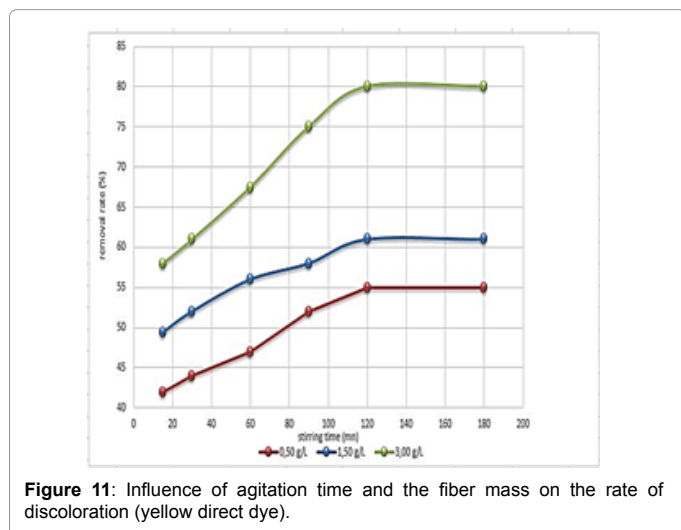


Figure 11: Influence of agitation time and the fiber mass on the rate of discoloration (yellow direct dye).

The essential characteristic of Langmuir isotherm can be expressed

by the dimensionless constant called equilibrium parameter,  $R_L$ , defined by:

$$R_L = \frac{1}{1 + K_L + C_0} \quad \text{(Equation 8)}$$

Where  $C_0$  is the initial dye concentration (mg/L).  $R_L$  values indicate the type of isotherm to be irreversible ( $R_L = 0$ ), favorable ( $0 < R_L < 1$ ), and unfavorable ( $R_L > 1$ ) [33].

The Freundlich isotherm shows the heterogeneity of the surface of the adsorbate (cotton) and indicates that the adsorption occurs at sites having different adsorption energies and different diameters distributed unequally on the surface. The adsorption energy varies as a function of the surface coverage. A mathematical expression of the Freundlich isotherm is:

$$q_e = K_F C_e^{1/n} \quad \text{(Equation 9)}$$

If  $n$  is the heterogeneity factor and  $K_F$  (L / mg) is constant Freundlich,  $K_F$  will be the value is related to the adsorption performance, while the value "1 / n" is a function of the intensity of adsorption.

Values "1 / n" direct us to the type of isothermal irreversible if ( $1 / n = 0$ ), positive ( $0 < 1 / n < 1$ ), negative ( $1 / n > 1$ ). Equation (9) can be reduced to the linear form [33]:

$$\log q_e = \log K_F + \frac{1}{n} \log C_e \quad \text{(Equation 10)}$$

The Tempkin model of isotherm is function of a factor that specifically takes into account the adsorbats species with adsorbent interactions. The Tempkin equation is given as [34,35]:

$$q_c = \frac{RT}{b \ln(K_T C_e)} \quad \text{(Equation 11)}$$

This can be linearized as:

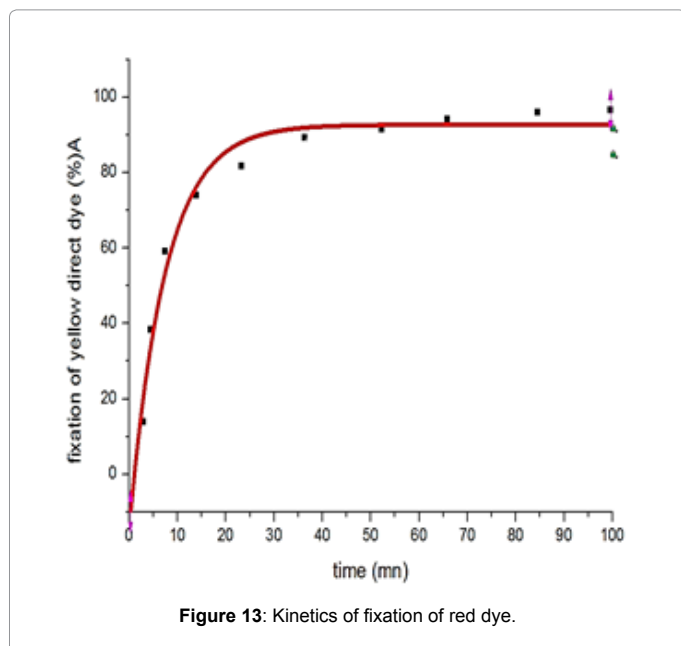
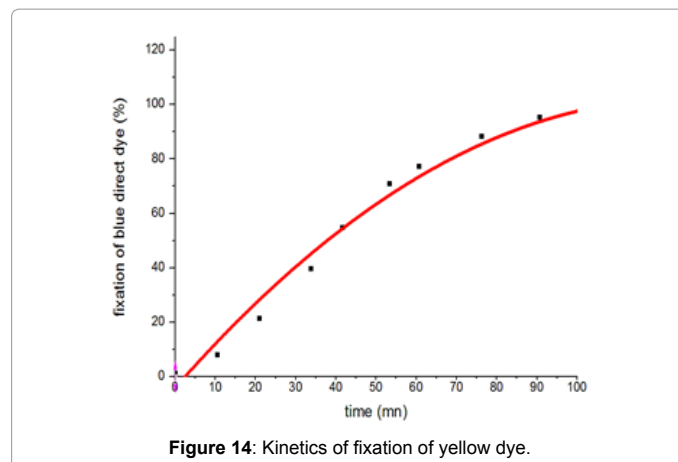
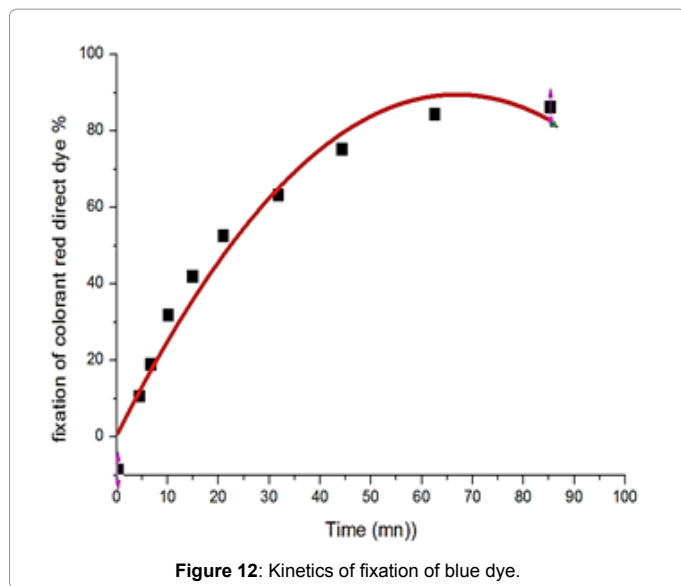
$$q_e = B_1 \ln K_T + B_1 \ln C_e \quad \text{(Equation 12)}$$

Where:

$$B_1 = \frac{RT}{b} \quad \text{(Equation 13)}$$

The Tempkin [34] equation is based on two hypotheses, the first being that the adsorption energy of the dye molecules in the boundary layer decreases proportionally with the degree of accumulation of these molecules following adsorbent "fixation" models. adsorbate "and secondly, that the adsorption is characterized by a uniform distribution of the maximum binding energies. by plotting a curve of "q<sub>e</sub>" with respect to "ln C<sub>e</sub>", it will appear the isothermal constants, B<sub>1</sub> (the slope) and K<sub>T</sub> (the ordinate at the origin). K<sub>T</sub> being the equilibrium binding constant (L / mol) corresponding to the maximum binding energy and the constant B1 is related to the adsorption energy. Q<sub>0</sub>, K<sub>L</sub>, R<sub>L</sub>, R<sub>L</sub><sup>2</sup>, Langmuir isothermal correlation coefficients), K<sub>F</sub>, n, R<sub>F</sub><sup>2</sup> (Freundlich isothermal correlation coefficients), K<sub>T</sub>, B1 and R<sub>T</sub><sup>2</sup> of the isothermal isotherm).

The values Found show that the isotherms of Direct Red and Direct



Blue follow the Langmuir isotherms while insulated from direct yellow follow the model Freundlich [36].

### Determination of the dye exhaustion

**Rate of the dyeing time:** Dyeing time is the time taken by the system in a dyeing process to absorb the maximum amount of equilibrium dye. This value will allow us to compare the kinetics of rise of three dyes used on cotton fiber nonwoven, are shown in Figures 12-14.

This approach can be explained by the influence of the chemical spatial structure of the dye, and its size, which have a direct influence on the mode of fixation of the dye molecule on the fiber characterized mainly by its porosity and the homogeneity of its adsorbent surface., it appears that the adsorption of the blue dye is monolayer and its fixation is flat, while for the other two dyes, the trend of the curve proves a progressive and slow fixation, this is due to the structures of the dye

molecules and to their mode of attachment to the surface of the cotton fiber [37].

### Conclusion

Direct dyes, very soluble, are also toxic and mutagenic for the environment to eliminate these defects, several methods of bleaching textiles have been implemented, which argues in favor of their adsorption recovery on waste cotton fibers on site, at very low cost of treatment; This is why we recommend the use of the "adsorption" method by using fibrous textile waste in this plant. This method has the advantage of being less expensive and valuable for waste and allows an effective treatment of the water of dyeing, there is a very high abbey of the parameters of pollution of the treated water.

Finally, it is found that the bleaching speed is proportional to the fibrous mass and agitation, which positively influences the bleaching performance.

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