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## ABSTRACT

The current work investigates the role of magnetic chitosan (CSm) to the adsorption of mercury(II) from effluents. Mercury is one of the most toxic heavy metals since it is not biodegradable and causes a lot of toxic effects in the human body. Many possible interactions between CSm and Hg(II) were observed after adsorption and explained via characterization with various techniques (SEM/EDAX, FTIR, XRD, DTG). The adsorption evaluation was done studying various parameters as the effect of pH (both in adsorption and desorption), contact time (pseudo-second order fitting), temperature (isotherms at 25, 45, 65 °C).



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## State of the problem

Mercury is one of the most toxic heavy metals since it is not biodegradable and causes a lot of toxic effects in the human body. Its presence is due to a combination of natural processes (volcanic action, erosion of mercury-containing sediments) and anthropogenic activities (mining operations, tanneries, metal plating facilities) as well.

## Chitosan as adsorbent

Chitosan (poly- $\beta$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose) is an amino-polysaccharide and cationic polymer produced by the N-deacetylation of chitin. It can be characterized as one of the most naturally abundant and cheap biopolymers. It is a hydrophilic, nontoxic, biodegradable, and biocompatible material with ability to form complexes with metals. The latter could be easily explained by the presence of amino groups on the polymer matrix, which can interact with metal ions of the solution by ion exchange or other complexation reactions (mainly chelation). Chitosan has been repeatedly characterized as a super metal adsorbent (Cu(II), Cd(II), Pb(II), Ni(II), Hg(II), Cr(VI), U(VI), Mo(V), V(V), Pd(II), Pt(IV), Au(III), As(V), Se(V)) presenting significantly high adsorption capacities (0.2–8.0 mmol/g).

## Synthesis of Magnetic Chitosan (CSm)

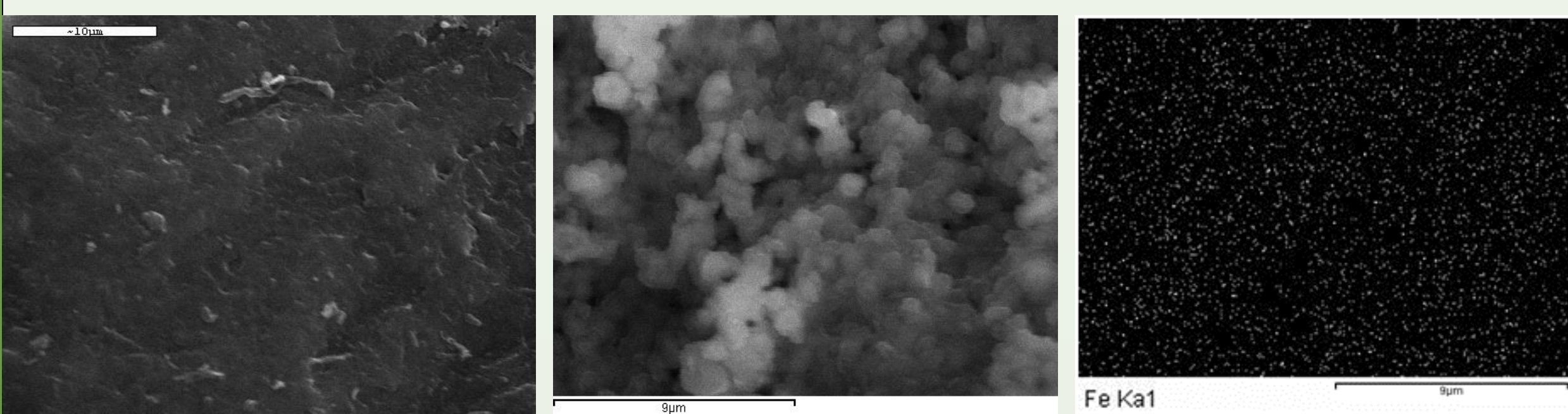
### Synthesis of cross-linked chitosan (CS)

2 g of CS<sub>p</sub> was dissolved in 400 mL of acetic solution (2% v/v). Then, 15 mL of GLA (approximately 2:1 aldehyde groups (–CHO) of GLA per initial amino groups (–NH<sub>2</sub>) of chitosan) were added into the reaction flask to mix with the solution and was vigorously stirred at 25 °C for 3 h. The precipitate was washed with ethanol and distilled water in turn and dried in a vacuum oven at 45 °C. The obtained product was the cross-linked derivative of chitosan (CS).

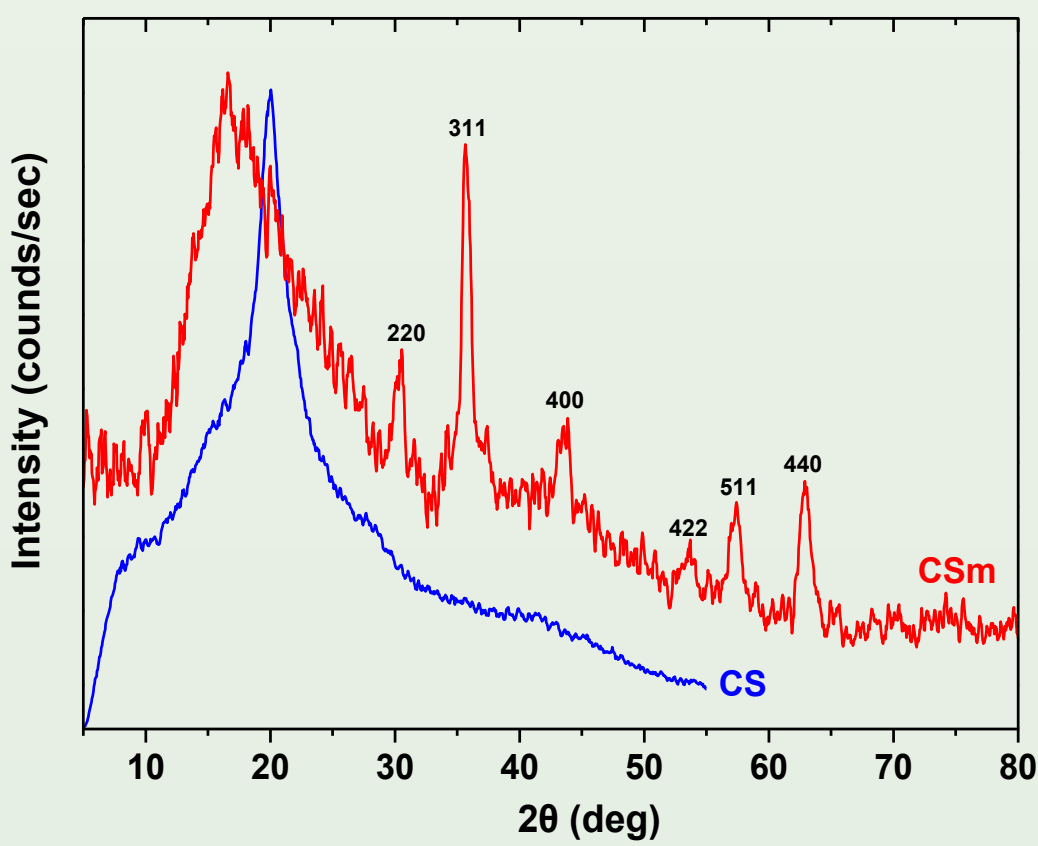
### Synthesis of magnetic cross-linked chitosan (CSm)

Initially, the preparation of magnetic nanoparticles was carried out mixing 3.5 g of FeCl<sub>2</sub>•4H<sub>2</sub>O, 9.5 g of FeCl<sub>3</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O and 400 mL of double distilled water and stirring in a water bath at 60 °C under nitrogen for 1 h. Ammonia solution was added dropwise, purged with nitrogen until pH=10. The precipitate obtained was decanted in a dialysis tubing cellulose membrane and the latter was placed in a bath filled with distilled water. The chloride ions presented in the initial suspension were slowly removed by osmosis through the membrane. The existence of Cl<sup>–</sup> ions in the water bath was tested with a solution of AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 M). The water of the bath was replaced several times, until no more chloride ions were detectable in it. The resulting cake on the membrane surface after decanting was freeze-dried in a bench freeze drier.

2 g of CS<sub>p</sub> was dissolved in 400 mL of acetic solution (2% v/v). 0.75 g of the prepared magnetic nanoparticles were added in the above chitosan solution and the mixture was sonicated for 30 min. Then, GLA was added to mixture solution in order to cross-link chitosan. So, 15 mL of GLA (similarly as CS, the ratio was 2:1 aldehyde groups (–CHO) of GLA per initial amino groups (–NH<sub>2</sub>) of chitosan) were added into reaction flask to mix with the solution and was vigorously stirred at 60 °C for 2 h. The precipitate was washed with ethanol and distilled water in turn and dried in a vacuum oven at 50 °C. The obtained product was the magnetic cross-linked chitosan derivative (CSm).

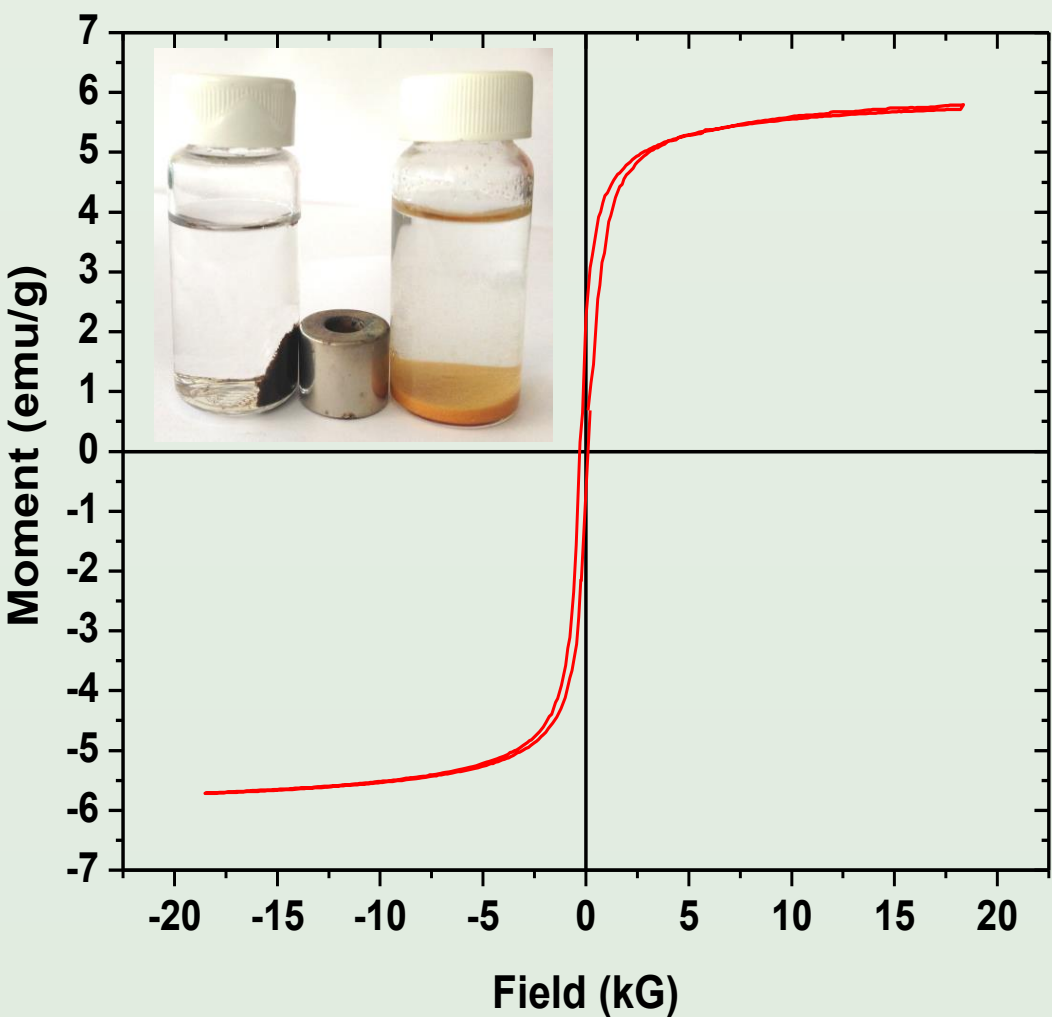


SEM images of CS, CSm, Fe distribution map



In the X-ray diffraction spectrogram of CS, a broad peak at  $2\theta=20.2^\circ$  is presented due to the amorphous state of chitosan. In the spectrogram for the magnetic sample (CSm), the six characteristic peaks of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> at  $2\theta = 30.1^\circ, 35.5^\circ, 43.3^\circ, 53.4^\circ, 57.2^\circ$ , and  $62.5^\circ$ , attributable to the indices (220), (311), (400), (422), (511), and (440), respectively, were observed.

The results showed that chitosan binding did not result in a phase change in the structure of the magnetic nanoparticles. The patterns of CSm also exhibited a broad peak at  $2\theta = 20.3^\circ$  due to the presence of chitosan.



The VSM plot showed a value of 5.79 emu/g for the saturation magnetization of CSm. This value is far less than that reported for pure magnetite colloidal nanocrystals (36.941 emu/g), but it may be due to the rather small size and the relatively low amount of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> loaded on CSm. The magnetic property remained high enough for a magnetic separation to be achieved. Using an external magnetic field, CSm could be easily separated.

## Adsorption experiments

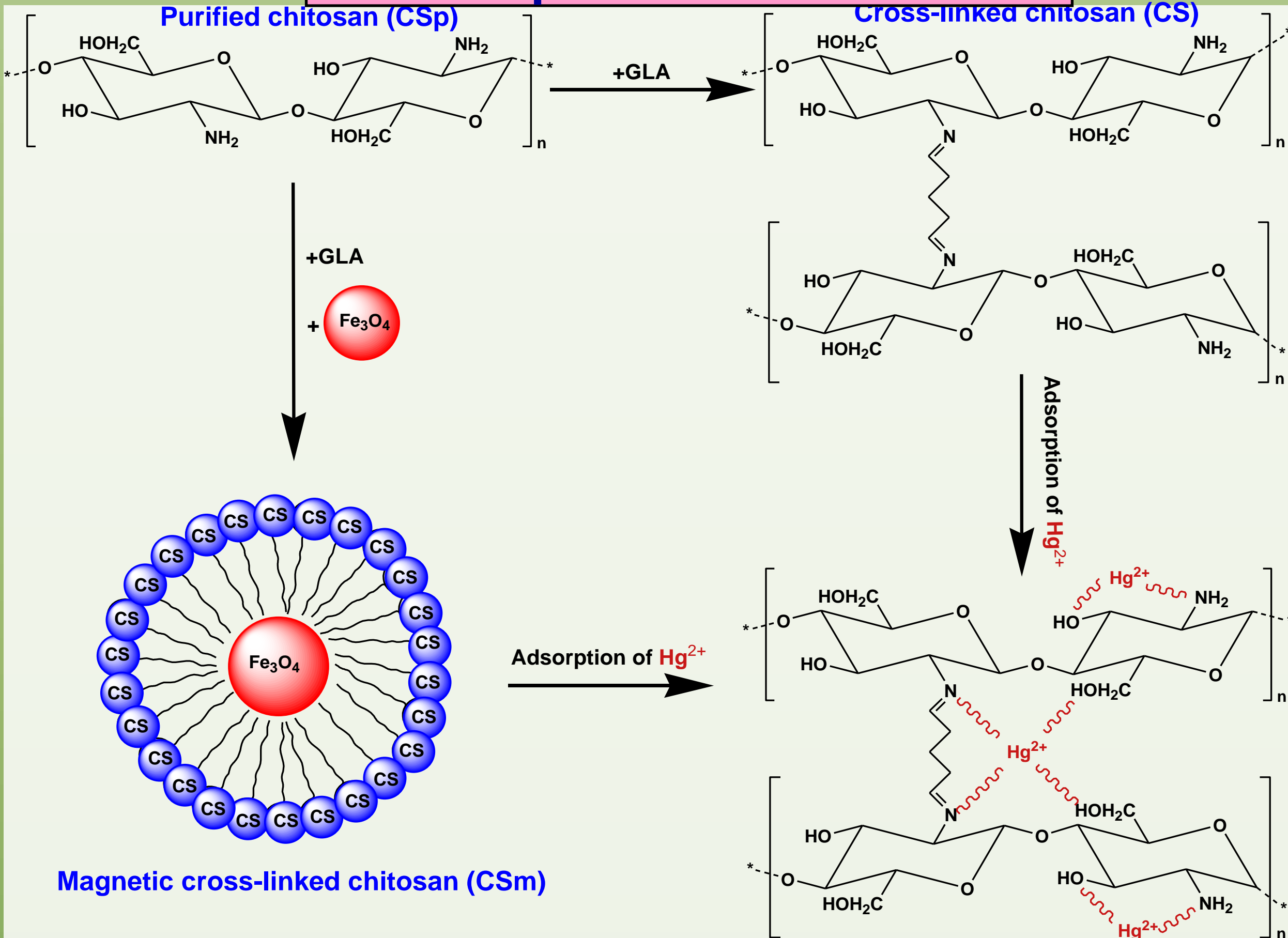
The effect of pH on adsorption was conducted by mixing 0.02 g of adsorbent with 20 mL of metal aqueous solution (C<sub>0</sub>,Hg(II)=100 mg/L). The suspension was shaken for 24 h (N=160 rpm) into a water bath to control the temperature at 25 °C (Julabo SW–21C). The optimum pH selected was 5.

Kinetic experiments were performed by mixing 0.02 g of adsorbent with 20 mL of metal aqueous solution (C<sub>0</sub>,Hg(II)=100 mg/L). The suspensions were shaken for 24 h at pH=5 in water bath at 25 °C (N=160 rpm). Samples were collected at fixed-time intervals (from 5 min to 24 h). Pseudo-first, pseudo-second order and Elovich equations were used to fit the kinetic experimental data.

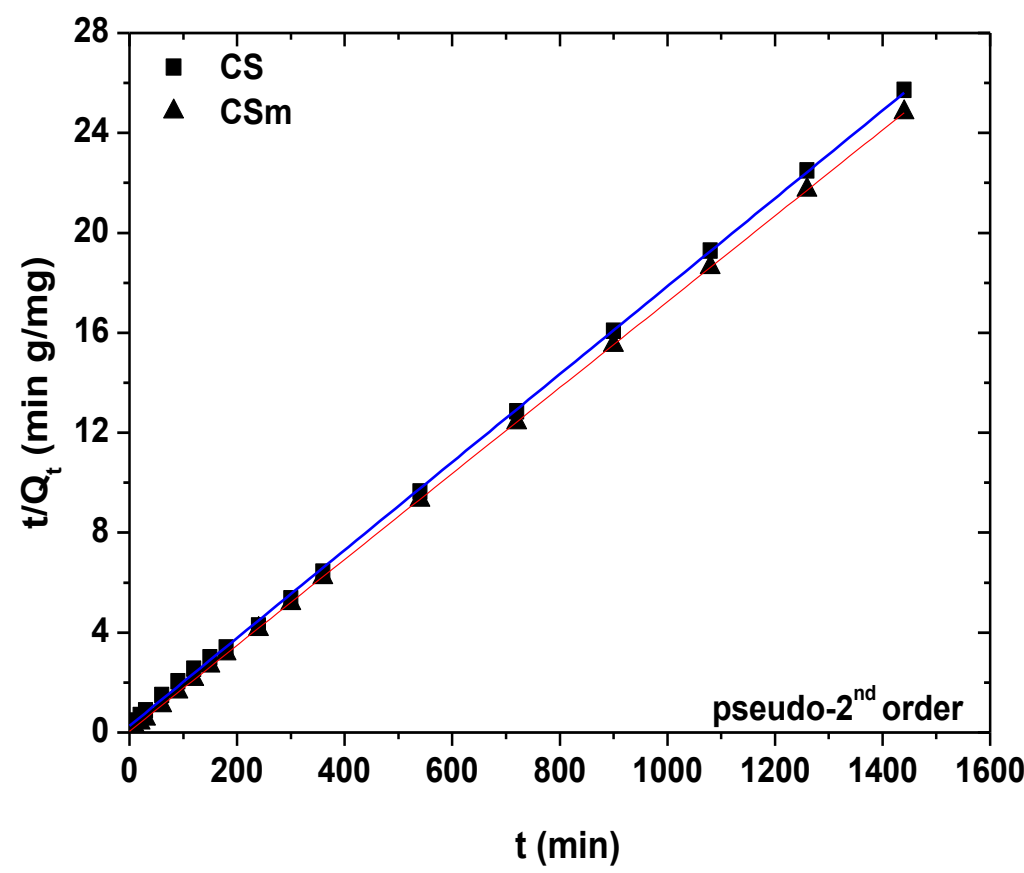
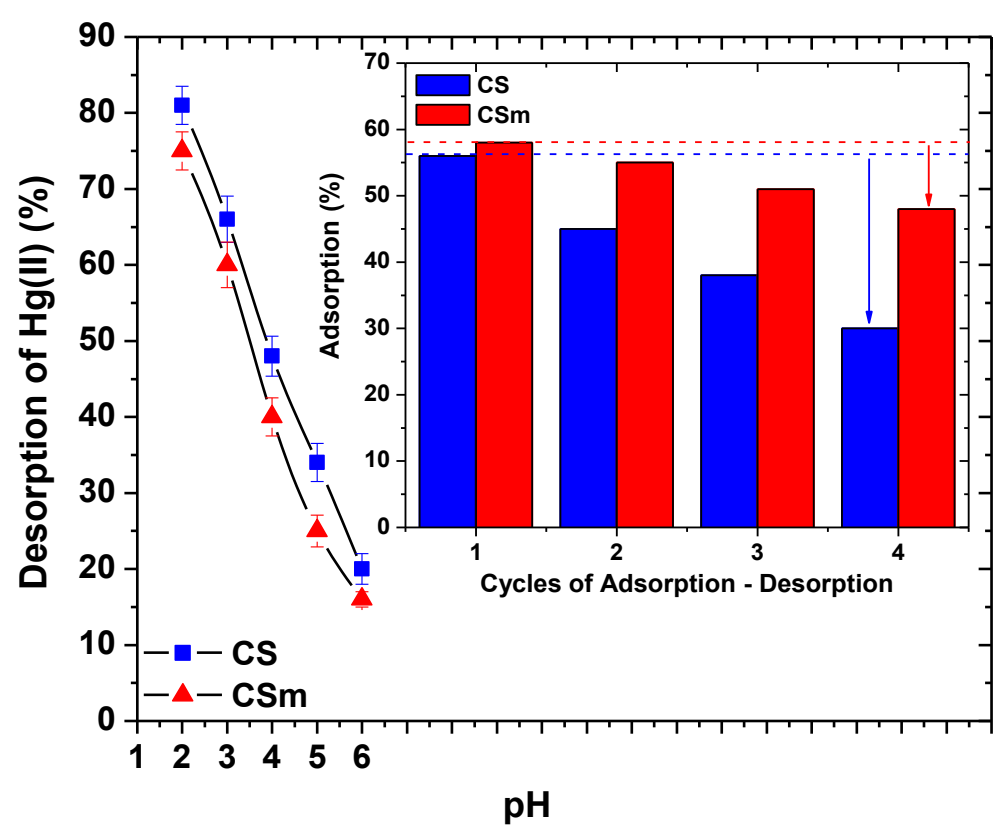
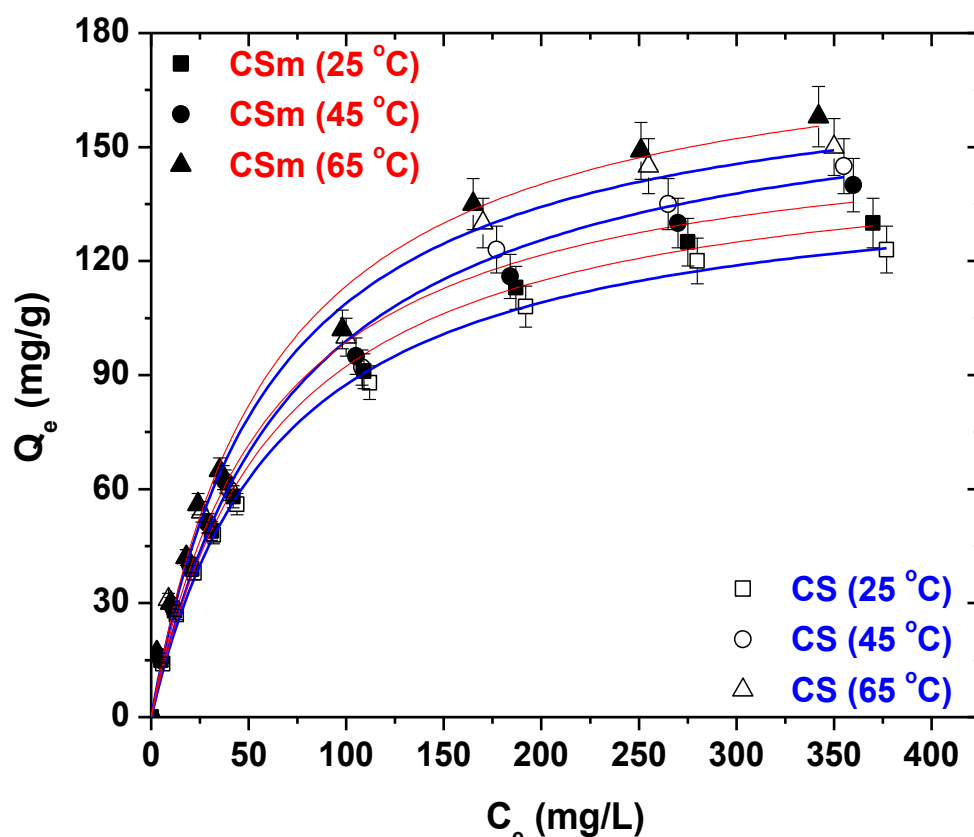
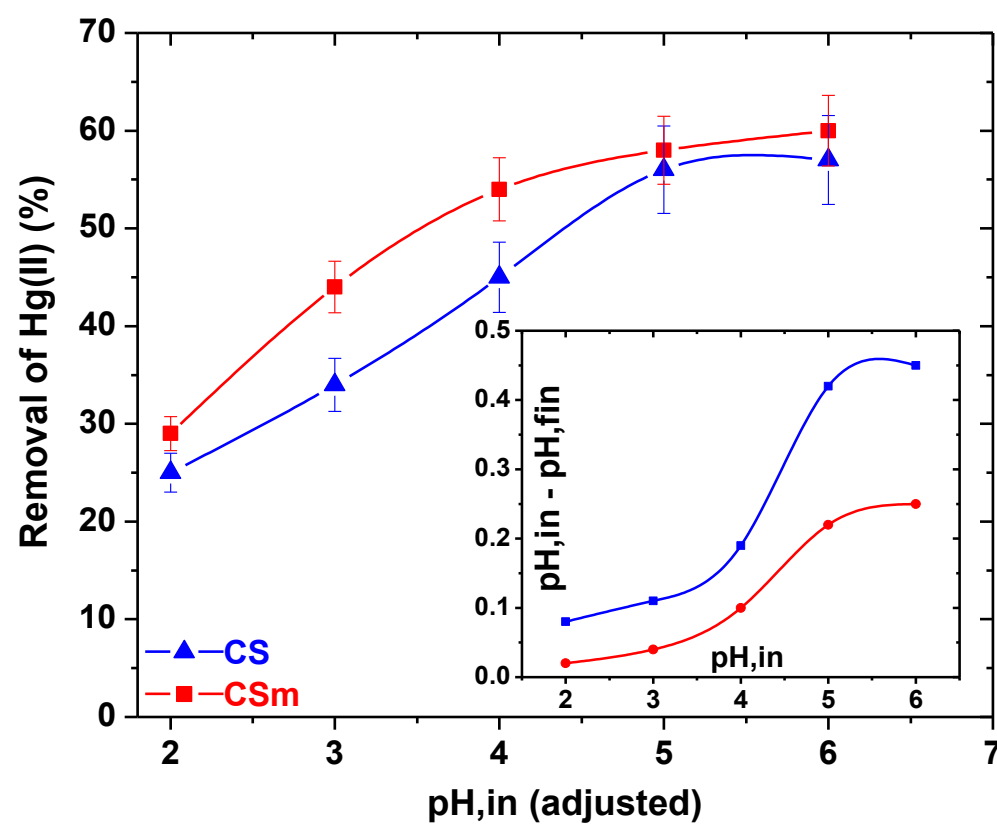
The effect of temperature on adsorption was determined by mixing 0.02 g of adsorbent with 20 mL of metal aqueous solutions of different initial concentrations (C<sub>0</sub>,Hg(II)=0–500 mg/L). The suspensions were shaken for 24 h at pH=5 in water bath at 25, 45, 65 °C (N=160 rpm). The resulted equilibrium data were fitted to the Langmuir model and Freundlich equation.

The desorption of Hg(II) from synthesized chitosan adsorbents was also investigated. Before desorption, adsorbents have to be loaded in an adsorption step. In this stage (adsorption), 0.02 g of adsorbent were added in conical flasks with 20 mL of 100 mg/L Hg(II) at pH=5. The agitation rate was 160 rpm and the contact time was 24 h at 25 °C. Afterwards, the samples were collected and filtered, using fixed pore-sized membranes. Desorption experiments were carried out by mixing the collected, after adsorption, amount of Hg(II)-loaded chitosan adsorbents (0.02 g) with metal aqueous solutions of 20 mL (same volume as in the adsorption step) over a pH range between 2 and 6, at 25 °C for 24 h (N=160 rpm).

## Adsorption mechanism



## Adsorption results



| Adsorbent | Langmuir equation |                         |                       |                | Freundlich equation  |      |                |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--|------|----------------|
|           | T (°C)            | Q <sub>max</sub> (mg/g) | K <sub>L</sub> (L/mg) | R <sup>2</sup> | K <sub>F</sub> (mg <sup>(n-1)/n</sup> L <sup>1/n</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ) | n    | R <sup>2</sup> |
| CS        | 25                | 145                     | 0.015                 | 0.998          | 10.95  | 2.37 | 0.977          |
|           | 45                | 171                     | 0.014                 | 0.992          | 10.93  | 2.22 | 0.976          |
|           | 65                | 175                     | 0.017                 | 0.989          | 13.86  | 2.89 | 0.976          |
| CSm       | 25                | 152                     | 0.016                 | 0.996          | 11.57  | 2.37 | 0.972          |
|           | 45                | 158                     | 0.017                 | 0.994          | 12.54  | 2.39 | 0.988          |
|           | 65                | 184                     | 0.017                 | 0.991          | 13.72  | 2.32 | 0.976          |

## Conclusions

The main adsorption mechanism between amino groups of chitosan and mercury(II) ions were explained via characterization with various techniques. SEM/EDAX, FTIR, XRD, DTG, DTA, VSM, swelling tests). The optimum pH for adsorption was 5 and for desorption was 2. CSm presented faster adsorption than CS, while its Q<sub>max</sub> at 25 °C was 152 mg/g (145 mg/g for CS). Increasing the temperature, an increase of Q<sub>max</sub> was observed for both derivatives. The reuse ability of the adsorbents prepared was confirmed with sequential cycles of adsorption–desorption. The reuse ability of CSm is very high since even after the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle the reduction of the adsorption ability was 10% (26% for CS).





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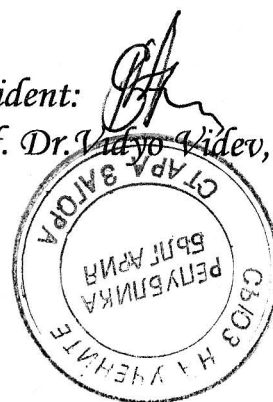
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