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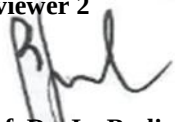
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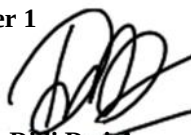
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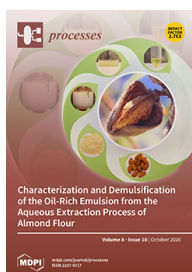
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Photochemical Oxidation Process of Copper from Electroplating Wastewater: Process Performance and Kinetic Study

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Abstract: An investigation of the process of ozone combined with ultraviolet radiation has been carried out in order to establish the kinetics for photochemical oxidation of copper (Cu) from electroplating wastewater. The effects of operating parameters, including initial Cu concentration, ozone dosage, UV irradiation intensity, and pH value on the photochemical oxidation of Cu have been studied comprehensively. The Cu concentration during the reaction was identified using atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) method. The solid product was analyzed using X-ray diffraction (XRD) and scanning electron microscope–energy-dispersive X-ray (SEM–EDX) methods. It was found that the UV–Ozone process has high performance on Cu removal compared to UV and Ozone processes due to the high production rate of HO• radicals. It was also found that the solid product from the UV–Ozone process was CuO monoclinic crystal phase. The initial Cu concentration, ozone dosage, and pH value were significantly affected the Cu removal efficiency. On the other hand, the UV irradiation intensity was not significant; however, it has responsibility in promoting the ozone photolysis. The kinetics model for the photochemical oxidation of Cu was established following the first-order kinetic model. Furthermore, the reaction mechanism was also developed.

Keywords: photochemical oxidation; Cu; kinetics; ozone; ultraviolet irradiation; advanced oxidation process

1. Introduction

Heavy metals have become a global issue of environmental and public health concern because of their toxicity and bioaccumulation in the human body and food chain [1]. The effects of urbanization and industrialization cause an increase in heavy metal pollution to the environment [2]. High toxicity and nonbiodegradability of heavy metals caused a number of environmental problems [3]. The accumulation of heavy metals in the atmosphere is responsible for both natural and anthropogenic activities [4]. Copper (Cu), as an essential trace element, is required by biological systems for the activation of some enzymes during photosynthesis. However, at higher concentrations, it shows harmful effects on the human body. Continuous exposure may lead to kidney damage and even death. Cu is also toxic to a variety of aquatic organisms even at very low concentrations. Mining, metallurgy, and industrial applications are the major sources of Cu exposure in the environment [5].

There were several techniques for the treatment of industrial wastewater containing heavy metals, including chemical precipitation, ion exchange, coagulation–flocculation, flotation, membrane filtration, electrochemical treatment, magnetic separation and purification, biosorption, and nanotechnology [6]. Advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) are promising, efficient, and environmentally friendly methods

A Critical Review on Advancement and Challenges of Biochar Application in Paddy Fields: Environmental and Life Cycle Cost Analysis

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Abstract: Paddy fields emit considerable amounts of methane (CH₄), which is a potent greenhouse gas (GHG) and, thereby, causes significant environmental impacts, even as they generate wealth and jobs directly in the agricultural sector, and indirectly in the food-processing sector. Application of biochar in rice production systems will not just help to truncate their carbon footprints, but also add to the bottom-line. In this work, the authors have reviewed the literature on climate change, human health, and economic impacts of using organic residues to make biochar for the addition to croplands especially to rice paddy fields. Biochar-bioenergy systems range in scale from small household cook-stoves to large industrial pyrolysis plants. Biochar can be purveyed in different forms—raw, mineral-enriched, or blended with compost. The review of published environmental life cycle assessment (E-LCA) studies showed biochar has the potential to mitigate the carbon footprint of farming systems through a range of mechanisms. The most important factors are the stabilization of the carbon in the biochar and the generation of recoverable energy from pyrolysis gases produced as co-products with biochar as well as decreased fertiliser requirement and enhanced crop productivity. The quantitative review of E-LCA studies concluded that the carbon footprint of rice produced in biochar-treated soil was estimated to range from −1.43 to 2.79 kg CO₂-eq per kg rice grain, implying a significant reduction relative to rice produced without a biochar soil amendment. The suppression of soil-methane emission due to the biochar addition is the dominant process with a negative contribution of 40–70% in the climate change mitigation of rice production. The review of the life cycle cost studies on biochar use as an additive in farmlands demonstrated that biochar application can be an economically-feasible approach in some conditions. Strategies like the subsidization of the initial biochar capital cost and assignment of a non-trivial price for carbon abatement in future pricing mechanisms will enhance the economic benefits for the rice farmers.

Keywords: rice cropping systems; biochar; pyrolysis gas; E-LCA; carbon abatement; human health; economic analysis

1. Introduction

Recent studies have provided important information on climate change mitigation. The current greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions trend suggests that the average global temperature will rise by over 4 °C by 2100 [1,2]. Since global warming may adversely affect biodiversity, ecosystems, and human survival [3], many scientists have shown a renewed interest in new approaches to geo-engineering and reforestation through which excess carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere

The Impacts of Tracking System Inaccuracy on CPV Module Power

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Abstract: The accuracy and reliability of solar tracking greatly impacts the performance of concentrator photovoltaic modules (CPV). Thus, it is of utmost significance to know how deviations in tracking influence CPV module power. In this work, the positioning characteristics of CPV modules compared to the focus points were investigated. The performance of CPV modules mounted on a dual-axis tracking system was analysed as a function of their orientation and inclination. The actual experiment was carried out with CPV cells of 3 mm in diameter. By using a dual tracking system under real weather conditions, the module's position was gradually modified until the inclination differed by 5° relative to the optimal position of the focus point of the CPV module. The difference in inclination was established by the perfect perpendicularity to the Sun's rays. The results obtained specifically for CPV technology help determine the level of accuracy that solar tracking photovoltaic systems are required to have to keep the loss in power yield under a certain level. Moreover, this power yield loss also demonstrated that the performance insensitivity thresholds of the CPV modules did not depend on the directions of the alterations in azimuthal alignment. The novelty of the research lies in the fact that earlier, no information had been found regarding the tracking insensitivity point in CPV technologies. A further analysis was carried out to compare the yield of CPV to other, conventional photovoltaic technologies under real Central European climate conditions. It was shown that CPV needs a sun tracking accuracy of at least 0.5° in order to surpass the yield of other PV technologies. Besides providing an insight into the tracking error values of solar tracking sensors, it is believed that the results might facilitate the planning of solar tracking sensor investments as well as the economic calculations related to 3 mm cell diameter CPV system investments.

Keywords: solar energy; concentrator photovoltaic module; sun-tracking; sun-tracking sensor; azimuth angle; tilt angle

1. Introduction

1.1. Photovoltaic Technologies and Their Markets

In the global challenge of securing energy for the world's growing needs in a way that is sustainable, sufficiently diverse, and conducive to the worldwide efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions, renewable sources of energy have a key role to play [1]. One of the available solutions, generating energy by utilizing the energy of the Sun, satisfies all the above criteria, being both sustainable and environmentally friendly