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Abstract

The yeast production industry wastewater contains high amount chemical oxygen demand (COD), brownish color and recalcitrant organic components. In this work, one of the yeast production wastewaters operating in the Aegean region, the color removed with using Photo-Fenton (H₂O₂/Fe(II)/UV) oxidation process. In this study, the Boxson statistical experimental design method applied to optimization of decolorization of the yeast production industry wastewater. For this reason, the initial oxidant and catalyst concentrations and pH of water were chosen as the experimental parameters on decolorization. Color removal was observed during experimental studies. Complete color removal (E=100%) was achieved with the addition of 2400 mg/L H₂O₂ and 12 mg/L Fe(II) at 3.7 pH after 120 min. of exposure to the UV irradiation.

Keywords: Photo-Fenton oxidation, Boxson, Decolorization, Yeast Production Industry

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Anahtar kelimeler: Foto-Fenton oksidasyonu, Boxson, Renk Giderimi, Yeast Production Industry

1 Introduction

In the yeast industry molasses is used as a raw material and a large amount of wastewater is generated from the processes of preparing molasses, separating and drying the yeast. In these industries it is possible to distinguish two main types of wastewater source. The first is process wastewater containing high organic loadings (COD, 800-100000 mg/L, and BOD, 40000-50000 mg/L), strong odor and a large amount of dark brown color, and a low pH [1],[2]. The second is low to moderate process wastewater coming from cleaning. The dark brown color in these wastewaters is caused by the pigment called melanoidins which is resistant in nature, and it is not biodegradable [3].

Some researchers studied color and COD removals from Bakery Yeast wastewater by using biological treatment alternatives. The higher removal in color were achieved after 4 days of the treatment and the best result was 43.01% [5]. This decolorisation of bakery yeast wastewater may be because of the degradation and/or adsorption of melanoidin and other color materials onto the cell walls and the mycelium. These studies have shown that this method was effective in COD removal but does not meet discharge limits in color.

Fouling problems may occur with membrane filtration [6],[2] and reverse osmosis generates a high salinity wastes that presents disposal difficulties [7]. Chemical coagulation and adsorption remove color and COD effectively, but they have a number of disadvantages such as; requirements of high amount

of inorganic coagulants and high cost of regeneration of adsorbent [8]. Decolorization through chemical treatment with ozone [9],[10], Fenton's reagent [10] and UV [11] leads to temporary color reduction because of transformation of the chromospheres groups. Therefore, strong oxidising method such as photo-fenton need to be apply on color removal. The current standard defined discharge limit, observing and control requirement for water plants of yeast industry. The current standard is suitable for discharge control of water pollutants from yeast industries. According to Turkish Water Pollution and Control Regulations, Yeast Production industry wastewaters have to be decolorized. In this study, color of the yeast production industry wastewater treated by using UV/H₂O₂/Fe(II) (photo-fenton) to achieve discharge standards.

2 Materials and methods

The µ j š - ° · - ® « Ÿ ± œ ° ¥ «^a · á^a Ÿ ± - ° · characterization

The Yeast Production wastewater samples were taken from the Yeast Production company treatment plant, located in Izmir, Turkey. Samples were obtained from effluent of anaerobic aerobic ponds. Composition of the wastewater used in this study was determined before experimental studies. The pH values of the yeast production industry effluent samples used in the experimental studies varied from 7.00 to 7.85. COD concentrations of samples varied from 750 to 8500 mg/L, TOC concentrations of samples varied from 200 mg/L to 250 mg/L and TSS were varied between 100 mg/L.

The wastewater characterizations meet to discharge H_2O_2 (X1) and Fe(II) (X2) concentrations and pH (X3) were standards for COD and pH other parameters except from color chosen as independent variables. Color removal efficiency was according to Turkish Water Pollution and Control Regulations considered as dependent variable in the RSM. The color of the wastewater was dark brown.

2.2 Materials

Analytical grade (Merck) iron sulphate ($FeSO_4$) was chosen as a catalyst to obtain Fe(II). The hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) (Merck) was used as an oxidant and it was a stable form (35% (w/w)). A 10 g/L iron (II) solution was prepared for use in the experiments and diluted to the desired concentration. The Fe(II) stored in a closed board to avoid the changes of Fe(II) because of oxidation with light. The excess in the collected aqueous samples was destroyed with the addition of MnO₂ for the pH adjustment either 0.01 M HCl or 0.01M NaOH was used.

2.3 Photo-Reactor and experimental procedure

The photocatalytic reactions were set up, as shown in Figure 1, in a 100 ml reaction volume with a 2 cm stirrer. Five Phillips UVC (8watts each) lamps were used as light sources of the photo-Fenton reaction, the measured intensities for the UVC light 32 w/m² at just below the lamps and 26² w/m² at the top of the reactor. 100 ml of wastewater was adjusted to the desired pH using 0.01 M HCl and 0.01M NaOH. Fe (II) catalyst was added to the wastewater after pH adjustment. The UV lamps were only turned on once desired of hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) had been added. The degradation of color was measured by a Varian Cary 50 UMS spectrophotometer at appropriate time intervals at a wavelength of 465 nm. Samples were filtered to prevent catalyst interference with absorbance readings. Each experiments repeated tree times and mean value of the results were given.

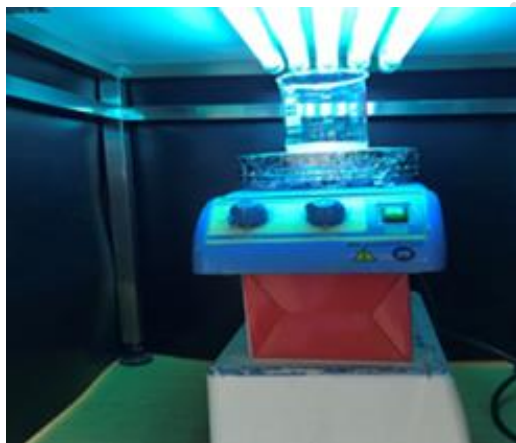


Figure 1: Experimental sep.

2.4 Methods

Color measurements were done according to the Platinum Cobalt Scale (Pt/Co scale or Apphen Scale). The Pt/Co scale was advanced as a way to measure pollution levels in wastewater. It is similar to the color yellow and is based on dilutions of a 500 mg/L platinum cobalt solution. Color measurements were carried at the wavelength 465 nm given in ASTM Methods [12].

2.5 Statistical design

The Box-Wilson statistical method for experimental design (RSM) was applied according to procedure given by Baycan et al [9].

The H_2O_2 concentration (X) was changed from 1981/L to 3962mg/L, the Fe(II) concentration (X2) varied between 50mg/L and 140mg/L and pH (X3) between 2.5 and 4. From the literature it is known that [6] photo-oxidation is working better under acidic pH ranges. In light of these information, to optimize the pH value exactly, pH was chosen as an independent variable in a small range. Table 1 shows the experimental conditions founded by the Boxon statistical design.

Table 1 Experimental conditions

No	H ₂ O ₂ (mg/L)	Fe ²⁺ (mg/L)	pH
A1	3962	95	3.25
A2	1981	95	3.25
A3	2972	140	3.25
A4	2972	50	3.25
A5	2972	95	4.00
A6	2972	95	2.50
F1	3543	121	3.68
F2	3543	121	2.82
F3	3543	69	3.68
F4	3543	69	2.82
F5	2400	121	3.68
F6	2400	121	2.82
F7	2400	69	3.68
F8	2400	69	2.82

The following equation was used in the calculation of the color removal yield(Y) depending on the determined independent parameters (X1, X2, X3).

$$Y = b_0 + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + b_3X_3 + b_{12}X_1X_2 + b_{13}X_1X_3 + b_{23}X_2X_3 + b_{11}X_1^2 + b_{22}X_2^2 + b_{33}X_3^2 \quad (1)$$

The STATISTICA computer program was employed for the determination of the coefficients by regression analysis of the experimental data for each where; Y is predicted yield, b_0 constant, b_1 , b_2 and b_3 are linear coefficients, b_{12} , b_{13} and b_{23} are cross product coefficients and b_{11} and b_{33} are quadratic coefficients. Experimental results were used to determine the coefficients of the response functions; the determined coefficients were used in calculating predicted values of color removal efficiencies (Eq).

3 Results and discussion

The main purpose of Photo-Fenton oxidation is to produce hydroxyl radical. With a mixture of H_2O_2 and Fe (II) ions and ultraviolet light, the production of hydroxyl radical is increased, which makes oxidation more efficient. In this work, a series of studies were made with Photo-Fenton oxidation to examine the inceptive H_2O_2 , iron (II) dosage, and the effects of pH on color removal from yeast production wastes.

The color degradation rates achieved from the experiments were given in Table 2. The coefficients obtained from STATISTICA regression analysis program, were used to calculate predicted values of decolorization efficiencies. The correlation coefficient (R) between the calculated values and the values found in the experimental studies was 0.97. This is an indication that the removal efficiencies are consistent with each other.

$$Y_{\text{color}} = 9985873 + 0.2268 \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) + 0.39274 \cdot \text{Fe(II)} + 0.3965 \cdot (\text{pH}) + 1.70960 \cdot 10^{-16} \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{Fe(II)}) + 1.00 \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{pH}) - 1.86190 \cdot 10^{-16} \cdot (\text{Fe(II)} \cdot \text{pH}) + 0.95688 \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)^2 - 0.42854 \cdot (\text{Fe(II)}) - 1.13565 \cdot (\text{pH})$$

Table 2: Color removal efficiencies

Analysis No	Color Removal (%)	
	Observed	Predicted
A1	99	98
A2	92	96
A3	98	99
A4	96	98
A5	93	97
A6	97	96
F1	100	99
F2	96	97
F3	100	99
F4	95	96
F5	100	97
F6	99	98
F7	99	96
F8	99	97
C1	100	100
C2	100	100
C3	100	100
C4	100	100

It is important to know the applicability of the model to check the accuracy of the results. Table 3 depicts the Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) outcomes of the proven model for color removal efficiencies.

Table 3: ANOVA results for RSM

Parameter	Source	Sum of Squares	F-value	Prob>F
	Model	69.17	2.51	0.0084
	Residual	30.58		
Color Removal (%)	Lack of fit	30.58	4.42	
	Pure error	0.00		
R ² = 0.97				

The ANOVA results evaluation procedure was done according to our previous studies [10]. While values of Prob>F smaller than 0.0500 indicate that the model is significant, values greater than 0.1000 are generally regarded as insignificant. Prob>F values of 0.0084 means the calculated models are significant for decolorization. Table 3 proves that the correlation coefficients, R_{adj} and predicted R² are near to each other and close to the P values are >0.05, the statistical significance of F is insignificant, i.e., there is a significant agreement between the variables determined in the model and the experimental results (Table 3).

According to Turkish Water Pollution and Control Regulations, the color parameter should be below 260 Pt-Co. It could be seen on Table 4, all experiments could be achieved discharge standards.

After the evaluation of color removal experiments, TOCs were measured at high removal efficiencies obtained points. The TOC removal efficiencies were between 85%. In another study [11], only 82% color removal and 70% TOC removal efficiency was obtained for UV₂₅₄/Fe(II) process.

Additional work has been done to see the effects of the variables on the color removal efficiency, except for the

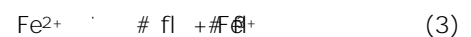
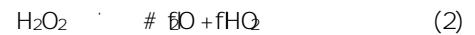
experimental points. In these studies, one variable was kept constant and the other two variables were given different values according to the intervals used in the statistical design, and the color removal efficiency was calculated for these points.

Table 4: Removal efficiencies and Pt-Co concentrations.

No	H ₂ O ₂ (mg/L)	Fe ²⁺ (mg/L)	pH	% Rem. Eff.	Pt-Co
A1	3962	95	3.25	99	143
A2	1981	95	3.25	92	151
A3	2972	140	3.25	98	121
A4	2972	50	3.25	96	128
A5	2972	95	4.00	93	143
A6	2972	95	2.50	97	142
F1	3543	121	3.68	100	130
F2	3543	121	2.82	95	155
F3	3543	69	3.68	100	109
F4	3543	69	2.82	99	140
F5	2400	121	3.68	99	115
F6	2400	121	2.82	99	120
F7	2400	69	3.68	100	97
F8	2400	69	2.82	100	119
C	2972	95	3.25	100	100

3.1 Effect of Fe(II)

H₂O₂ concentration and the Fe(II) concentration were varied between 1981 mg/L and 3962 mg/L, 69.02 mg/L and 140 mg/L in this experiments, respectively, while the pH was constant at 3.7. Differences of percent color degradations from the yeast production wastewater with H₂O₂ concentrations are showed in Figure 2. With increased iron (II) concentrations (121), the color removal yield has increased to a certain point, but the yield has also decreased with the additional iron. It could be clarified by the reaction of excess hydrogen peroxide or Fe(II)



The highest percent color removal was 100% after 120 minutes of oxidation with a H₂O₂/Fe(II) molar ratio of 33. In other study, the finest molar ratio in Fenton oxidation was found as 20 [8],[9].

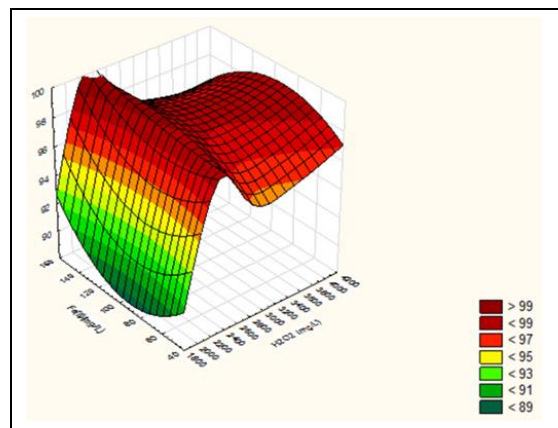


Figure 2: Color removal efficiency as a function of Fe(II) concentrations at different H₂O₂ concentrations (pH=3.7).

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