# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Exploration on Potassium Hydroxide Employing Response Surface Methodology, Isotherm and Kinetic Models

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**ABSTRACT:** In this research, KOH has been evaluated as a solid adsorbent for carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  capture. The effect of pressure, temperature, and KOH loading on  $CO_2$  adsorption in a fixedbed reactor were investigated. Response Surface Methodology (RSM) based on the central composite design (CCD) was used to evaluate the effects of operating parameters on adsorption capacity in order to achieve the optimum conditions. The experimental values of the responses were in decent agreement with the predicted result of regression models. Techniques such as Fourier Transform InfraRed (FT-IR) spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction (XRD) were used to study the consider KOH sorbent. The results show that  $CO_2$  adsorption is improved with the loading of 0.5 g of KOH. The maximum  $CO_2$  adsorption capacity was acquired for KOH at temperature 45°C and pressure 6 bars. The Freundlich model was found to be the best for fitting the adsorption of  $CO_2$  owing to the closeness of the  $R^2$  to unity. Furthermore, the kinetic study specified that the first-order model is well-fitted with the experimental data. Overall, the very high surface area of KOH adsorbent makes this adsorbent new promising material for  $CO_2$  capture.

**KEYWORDS:** CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption; KOH sorbents; Response Surface Methodology (RSM); Isotherm; Kinetics

# INTRODUCTION

The rise in carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  emissions is considered as the central cause of the climate change in the 21<sup>st</sup> century [1-8]. Fourth report of Intergovernmental

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Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) shows that the growth of 0.74 °C on average global temperature during 1906-2005[9-14]. The temperature is also projected to increase up to 6.4 °C till 2100 that leads to an increase in sea level up to 59 cm [15, 16]. Several technologies have been proposed to reduce and eliminate carbon dioxide emissions., which comprise a development in energy efficiency, shift to lower carbon-fuel material and renewable energy [16-21]. Commonly used approaches to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from flue gas are adsorption, absorption, cryogenic distillation, and membrane separation. However, the current commercial CO2 capture technologies are expensive and energy intensive. Improving the technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption is essential in order to reach low energy rewards [19-24]. CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption is typically exploited as a final polishing step in the hybrid CO<sub>2</sub> capture organization. Ideal CO<sub>2</sub> adsorbents should have the following characteristics: a high specific surface area, well-developed micro and mesopores, and many active sites on the surfaces, such as amine functional groups and basic metal oxide [15-24]. Till today, several adsorbents such as zeolites, alumina, mesoporous silica, CaO, and porous carbons have been used for CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption (Table 1, Fig. 1) [3-7]. The studies in Table 1 show that the correction of adsorbents is accomplished with two objectives: structural modification and the addition of functional groups on the adsorbent surface. Fig. 1 shows that carbon dioxide is absorbed by two techniques of physical adsorption and chemical adsorption in the post-combustion method. In the physical adsorption, the adsorbents are including mineral absorbers, zeolites, and metal-organic frames. In the chemical adsorption, the adsorbents are modified with amines and react with carbon dioxide. Also, lithium and calcium base adsorbents are also chemical adsorbents.

Furthermore, potassium hydroxide (KOH), a solid adsorbent, can adsorb considerable amount of  $CO_2$  and can be simply regenerated. Likewise, the separated  $CO_2$  stream from the regeneration column is of excessive purity [25]. KOH has been engaged as a sorbent in order to capture  $CO_2$  from flue gas stream. It increases profits by lowering operating temperature as well as reduced heat consumption. According to *Lee et al.* (2014) [26], an activation of specific KOH caused a growth of specific surface area and total pore volume, which caused in the improvement of  $CO_2$  adsorption capacity. A similar conclusion was drawn by de *Andres et al.* (2013) [27]. *Wei et al.* (2012) [28] stated a high surface area and  $CO_2$ uptake at high pressure (3.57MPa) with KOH. A biological material (*Ubago-Perez et al.*, 2006) [29] was also employed for construction of different granular and powder achieved by KOH activation. In the design and statistical evaluation of experiments, Response Surface Methodology (RSM) can be used for process modeling and optimization [11, 17]. Consequently, in the current study, RSM based on central composite design was exploited to design experiments, build models and measure the optimum modification circumstances for desirable responses. The main impartial of current study was to explore the influence of modification parameters (temperature, pressure, and amount of adsorbent) on the  $CO_2$  adsorption/desorption performance of the modified adsorbents in a batch fixed-bed reactor. These models presented the significance of variables and the interactions among them on the  $CO_2$  adsorption process.

# EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

# Apparatus and chemicals

CO<sub>2</sub> gas was delivered by Sabalan Gas Co. (Tehran, Iran) with purity of 99.9%. All other reagents were analytical grade from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). Deionized (DI) water (resistivity=18M $\Omega$ , Milli-Q system, Millipore Inc.) was used for rinsing and arranging all aqueous solutions. The X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) analyses were also done on a Rigaku D/max 2500 V instrument with a graphite monochromator and a Cu target. The XRD was used for characterization of adsorbent composition. The Fourier Transform InfraRed (FT-IR) evaluations were also achieved by a Bruck Equinox 55 IR spectrophotometer through the KBr pellet technique.

# Setup procedure

Fig. 2 offers the set up used in this exploration. As exposed in this figure, a batch reactor was employed to explore the influence of the dominant operating parameters on  $CO_2$  adsorption. The reactor has a cylindrical bed. It was filled with KOH sorbent particles. KOH samples, which is in powdered form had been organized and put in a 155 ml cell in a batch reactor in order to assess the  $CO_2$  adsorption capacity. A perforated plate was mounted at the bottom of the reactor bed to allow the gas to flow through the bed. Each sample is in a several weight. Before starting the experiments, we should check and set some parameters. Originally, the pressure gage and heater was set at wanted set points by regulator valve and thermostat separately. After that, in order to the  $CO_2$  gas

Chemicals	Effects	Ref.
NH <sub>3</sub> heat treatment	Surface area development and the introduction of alkaline nitrogen groups increase CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption	[3]
Monoethanolamine	Surface area decreases, but the introduction of alkaline nitrogen groups increases CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption	[3]
Amines	Amine impregnation increases the basicity, nitrogen content and microporous volume of the activated carbon. CO <sub>2</sub> capture does not vary linearly with surface area. The CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption capacities are resulted from the reaction with amine groups. Amine impregnation exhibited different results for different carbonaceous materials.	[4]
КОН	One of the best activating reagents for increasing CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption etches the soft components of carbonaceous material and increases the number of pores and surface area	[5]
$H_3PO_4$	Surface area and number of mesopores (2 nm <diameter<50 co<sub="" increase="" nm)="" of="" size="" the="" while="">2 is 209 pm due to which CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption increases slightly</diameter<50>	[5]
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	$ZnCl_2$ increases surface area and mesoporosity where mesopores are not compatible with $CO_2$ size. Thus, $CO_2$ adsorption increases very slightly	[5]
NaOH	Surface area decreases as compared to virgin AC, but CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption increases due to the oxygen-containing functional groups and the formation of basic surface sites for CO <sub>2</sub> chemisorption	[6]
Metal Oxide	Relatively, CO <sub>2</sub> adsorption capacity is small for carbonaceous material impregnated with metal oxide. The reason is the large molecular size of metal oxide that blocks the pores	[7]

Table 1: Reported chemicals for modification of carbonaceous material-based adsorbents and their general effects.



Fig. 1: Various types of adsorbents.



Fig. 2: Adsorption experimental set up.

stream flowing in a tube, the valve of a cylinder was opened. As presented in the Fig. 2,  $CO_2$  gas is entering rotameter at the top, after passing through regulator and mixing tank in order to switch flow rate of gas. Finally, the experiment was started by pushing start key. All of the data was stored in a separate excel files for an hour in reference computer which temperature was at °C, pressure at bar, time at second and date. The  $CO_2$  adsorption rate as the alteration between initial and final of  $CO_2$  pressure by the gas sensor was determined.

#### CO2 adsorption capacity assessment

The adsorption percentage of adsorbent was considered consuming Eq. (1). Where,  $P_i$ , is initial pressure,  $P_f$ is final pressure in the reactor. The adsorption capacity of adsorbent was calculated through the following equation Eq. (2). Where,  $P_e$  is equilibrium pressure, V is the volume of the reactor,  $M_{CO2}$  is molecular weight of CO<sub>2</sub>, T is temperature, m is adsorbent weight and Ris world gas constant. The correlation coefficient ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) was also used to determine the best-fitting models to the experimental data. Where,  $q_{cal}$  is CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption capacity obtained using kinetics and isotherm models;  $q_{exp}$ is experimental adsorption capacity of CO<sub>2</sub> [30].

Adsorption (%) = 
$$\frac{P_i - P_f}{P_i} \times 100$$
 (1)

$$q_{e} = \frac{(P_{i} - P_{e}).V.M_{CO2}}{z.R.T.m} \times 1000$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### Response surface methodology analysis procedure

In the current case, the three independent variables effects, containing temperature, pressure and KOH loading on the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption capacity were examined using central composite design. These variables, along with their respective regions of interest, were chosen based on the literature and preliminary investigations [30]. Table 2 presents the range and levels of the independent numerical variables in terms of actual and coded values. The chief operating parameters such as temperature, pressure and KOH loading of various samples have an influence on the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption capacity. In this study, these effects have been experimentally examined using RSM method. The suitable circumstances for CO<sub>2</sub> capture using dry KOH have been deliberated. RSM method was applied to project the experiments and to explore the experimental data. Table 3 shows the experimental runs recommended by RSM technique.

Independent numerical variables	Unit	Symbol	Coded variable levels -2 -1 0 1 2
Temperature	°C	X1	25, 35, 45, 55, 65
Pressure	bar	X <sub>2</sub>	2, 4, 6, 8, 10
Adsorbent	gr	X <sub>3</sub>	0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5

Table 2: Independent numerical variables and their levels (actual and coded).

Analysis of variance (q <sub>e</sub> )					
Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F-Value	p-value Prob > F
Model	69799.16	3	23266.39	13.69	0.0001
A-temperature	27408.95	1	27408.95	16.13	0.0010
B-pressure	23372.14	1	23372.14	13.75	0.0019
C-adsorbent	19018.06	1	19018.06	11.19	0.0041
Residual	27192.62	16	1699.54	-	-
Lack of fit	16558.86	11	1505.35	0.71	0.7067
Pure Error	96991.79	19	-	-	-

Table 3: ANOVA results for RSM-CCD model of  $q_e$  response.

A-temperature, B-pressure, and C-adsorbent affect the response variable significantly; this consequence has been taken from the information given in the p-value column of able 3. As shown in Table 3, the model P-value is lower than 0.001, which displays that the model terms are highly significant. P-values less than 0.05 and 0.001 indicate that the model terms are significant and highly significant in the model, respectively. While P-values greater than 0.1 indicates that the model terms are not significant [18]. In order to industrialize alkali metal-based sorbent, the effects of the operation conditions on CO<sub>2</sub> capture performance should be determined in details (Table 4). There are 8 factorial points, 6 axial points and 6 replicates at the center points, indicated by a total of 20 experiments, as calculated from N= $2^n+2n+n=20$ .

In addition, as can be perceived in Fig. 3, the experimental values for responses were in decent agreement with the amounts predicted by the RSM model. In Fig. 3 the predicted values acquired was more close to the experimental values due to have high  $R^2$ . Fig.4 and Fig. 5 explain the dimensional response surfaces which show the effects of the significant variables (X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>).

### Adsorbents morphological and structural characteristics

Fig. 6 shows the XRD spectra before the CO<sub>2</sub> capturing process for KOH. It can be observed that XRD patterns of

KOH have the same characteristic peaks for its standard spectra. Before the CO<sub>2</sub> capture runs, KOH samples should be passed XRD test to make sure that they have an appropriate crystallization. Fig. 6 proves an XRD pattern of our samples. It can be seen that there are two important peaks at around  $32^{\circ}$ ,  $35^{\circ}$ , and some small peaks from  $40^{\circ}$  to  $50^{\circ}$ . As compared with the individual commercial materials KOH, it is offering decent agreement.

KOH which is in powdered form had been prepared. FT-IR spectrometer was employed to carry out FT-IR (fourier transform infrared) spectroscopy analysis. FT-IR was achieved to recognize the surface functional groups on the KOH. The spectra of the KOH samples were offered in Fig. 7. There are two curves for FTIR in this work one for KOH and another for  $K_2CO_3$  (Eq. 4 and Eq. 5).

2 K O H (s) +	$CO_{2(g)} \leftarrow$	$\rightarrow K_2 C O_{3(s)} +$	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(g)</sub>	(4)
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$$KOH_{(s)} + CO_{2(g)} \leftrightarrow KHCO_{3(s)}$$
(5)

The spectra noticed between 4000 and 400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In Fig. 7, 1460 cm<sup>-1</sup> spectrum are clear for carbonate group in the  $K_2CO_3$  curve and also in KOH when its turn to potassium carbonate. The H<sub>2</sub>O release came later than the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorbed on the surface of KOH, and the variation of steam release characteristics with time in terms of the rate and amount was also varied from that in the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption.

$\bigcap$		Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Response
Std	Run	A: Temp	B: Pressure	C: Absorber	mg/g
15	1	45	6	1.5	284.039
13	2	45	6	0.5	462.964
2	3	55	4	1.0	393.592
8	4	55	8	2.0	355.281
7	5	35	8	2.0	299.777
17	6	45	6	1.5	345.945
5	7	35	4	2.0	269.015
11	8	45	2	1.5	265.006
6	9	55	4	2.0	319.405
14	10	45	6	2.5	271.441
3	11	35	8	1.0	367.006
4	12	55	8	1.0	415.643
12	13	45	10	1.5	460.825
20	14	45	6	1.5	315.802
10	15	65	6	1.5	388.620
1	16	35	4	1.0	235.815
18	17	45	6	1.5	348.325
16	18	45	6	1.5	400.943
19	19	45	6	1.5	400.030
9	20	25	6	1.5	213.661

Table 4: The effects of the operation conditions on CO<sub>2</sub> capture performance.



Fig. 3: Predicted vs. experimental values of CO<sub>2</sub>(A) adsorption percentage, and (B) adsorption capacity.



Fig. 4: Response surface plot of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption percentage of KOH (effect of temperature, pressure, Absorber).

Fig. 5: Response surface plot of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption capacity of KOH (effect of temperature, pressure, Absorber).



Fig. 6: XRD spectra before the CO<sub>2</sub> capturing process for KOH.



Fig. 7: FT-IR two curves for KOH and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. 8: Effect of adsorbent on CO2 adsorption capacity.

These exhibit that their action between KOH and  $CO_2$  did not occur directly by following Eq. 4. The delayed release of H<sub>2</sub>O should imply that the formed H<sub>2</sub>O in CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption was stored in the sorbent. An intermediate carbonate could present in their action procedure so that the reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with KOH did not form K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O directly [31-32].

#### Adsorbent amount effect

KOH loading leads to a growth in  $CO_2$  removal rate due to a direct growth in the reactant amount (i.e., KOH) in the reaction system along with an increase in gas–solid contact surface (Fig. 8). Furthermore, the KOH particle size effect has been reflected using fine KOH with the average size of 500 to 700 µm diameter and coarse KOH with the average diameter of 1250 µm. Diameter of the fine KOH particles was half of the coarse particles. The reduction of particle diameter caused to increase the gas–solid contact surface causing in a faster equilibrium achievement. In current temperature, the vital time to reach equilibrium for fine particles is about half of the time essential for the coarse particles.

#### Temperature effect

Fig. 9 displays that the optimal temperature for  $CO_2$  removal is 45°C. To describe the perceived trend in Fig, it can be noted that an increase in temperature leads to an increase in carbonation reactions (i.e., forward reactions in Eqs. (4) and (5)). However, above 45°C, the price of reaction become unfavorable, subsequently, the optimal temperature for the present  $CO_2$  removal system is 45°C.

#### **Pressure effect**

Several examinations were attained at the  $CO_2$  different pressure under the optimized conditions. In this set of experiments, temperature and KOH loading are the same. According to air sampling, in these investigations, air with  $CO_2$  pressure can simulate Tehran ambient air. In current case, air with higher  $CO_2$  pressure can simulate air in highway tunnels. It is exciting to note that these consequences imply the final  $CO_2$  pressure is controlled by the chemical equilibrium of carbonation reactions (Fig. 10).

#### Kinetic modeling

The kinetic analysis establishes an adsorption uptake rate and defines the residence time for the adsorption



Fig. 9: Effect of temperature on CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption capacity.



Fig. 10: Effect of pressure on CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption capacity.



Fig. 11: Experimental and modelled kinetics adsorption for KOH.

process to be completed [20]. It is also a baseline form measuring the adsorption dynamics and its presentation in the real application, such as in fixed-bed system. Accordingly, numerous models were attained in current work. In this case, the  $R^2$  values attained were large at all the temperature deliberated, and the experimental values agree with the calculated values acquired from the linear plots. Based on  $R^2$  values (Table. 5, Fig. 11), first order kinetic model as simple model with novel information was designated.

#### Isotherm modeling

Adsorption isotherms are employed to define the surface properties and affinity of the adsorbent. Correspondingly, the performance of an adsorbent can be considered by adsorption isotherm data, which can be achieved by a series of experimental examinations. Modeling the adsorption isotherm data is a demanding way for predicting and comparing the adsorption performance, which is critical to improve the adsorption mechanism pathways, for expression of the adsorbents capacities, and effective design of the adsorption organizations. The equilibrium sorption isotherm is essential for the design of sorption systems. The equilibrium relationships between sorbent and sorbate are defined by sorption isotherms, the ratio between the amount adsorbed and that remaining in the reactant at a fixed temperature at equilibrium. In the present case, for exploring the sorption isotherm, 3 normally employed adsorption models; isotherms were exploited to assess the feasibility of adsorbate-adsorbent interaction (Table 6, Fig. 12) [15]. The predicted isotherm constants for the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption and the corresponding R<sup>2</sup> value from the nonlinear regression process are exposed in Table 6. Based on Table 6, the Langmuir constant, k<sub>L</sub> and Freundlich constant, k<sub>F</sub> that relates to the adsorption affinity decreases at high temperature, consequently, imply a chemisorption performance. The reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption was acceptable at raised temperatures. The exothermic behavior of the  $CO_2$  adsorption is in parallel with the  $q_m$ value that tends to reduce with growth in the adsorption temperature. Moreover, the favorability of the adsorption procedure can be specified by a separation factor, R<sub>L</sub>. In addition, favorability of the CO2 adsorption can be continued by the Freundlich constant [15]. On the basis of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  value, the Freundlich model gives the best fit towards the experimental data over the entire temperature range.

Kinetic model	Parameter	25 °C	45 °C	65 °C
First order	qe	291.539	357.449	379.767
$q_{t} = q_{e} \left( 1 - e^{-k_{f}t} \right)$	$\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{f}}$	0.001	0.001	0.001
	R <sup>2</sup>	0.9786	0.9882	0.9931
Second order	qe	366.757	484.296	513.502
$\mathbf{q}_{t} = \left(\mathbf{q}_{e}^{2}\mathbf{k}_{e}\mathbf{t}\right) / \left[1 + \mathbf{q}_{e}\mathbf{k}_{e}\mathbf{t}\right]$	ks	2.8e-6	1.2e-6	1.4e-6
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	0.9858	0.9901	0.9878
	α	2.7e-4	0.00016	0.0001
Elovicn $q_{t} = (1 / \beta \ln (\alpha \beta)) + (1 / \beta . \ln t)$	β	67.226	80.439	99.275
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	0.9782	0.9639	0.9729
Rate Controlling	k <sub>id</sub>	5.315	5.736	6.598
$q_t = k_{id} t^{0.3}$	R <sup>2</sup>	0.9980	0.9987	0.9675

Table 5: Kinetic parameters of KOH.

Table 6.	Isotherm	models	narameters	for	CO2 adsor	ntion	using K	0H
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Model	Parameter	Value	R <sup>2</sup>
Langmuir	q <sub>m</sub>	468.593	0.0513
$q_e = (q_m k_L P_e)/(1 + k_L P_e)$	k <sub>L</sub>	1.104	0.9315
Freundlich	n	3.530	0.0825
$q_e = k_F P^{1/n}$	k <sub>f</sub>	248.105	0.9825
DubininRadushkevich	q <sub>m</sub>	388.766	0 8070
$q_e=q_m e^{-\lambda\omega^2}$	Е	2.491	0.8272



Fig. 12: Experimental equilibrium data and isotherm models.

# Thermodynamic modeling

In engineering practice entropy and Gibbs free energy factors should be deliberate in order to define what process will occur spontaneously. The thermodynamic parameters of the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption process in terms of the Gibbs free energy change ( $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ), variation in enthalpy of reaction ( $\Delta H^{\circ}$ ), and change in entropy of adsorbate and adsorbent interaction ( $\Delta S^{\circ}$ ) can be calculated from Van Hoff's formulation, as given in equations 6 to 8 [30, 33].

$$LnK_{d} = (\Delta S^{\circ} / R) - (\Delta H^{\circ} / RT)$$
(6)

$$\mathbf{K}_{d} = (\mathbf{P}_{i} - \mathbf{P}_{e}) \times (\mathbf{V} / \mathbf{W})$$
(7)

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - T \Delta S^{\circ} \tag{8}$$

The thermodynamic parameters values are offered in Table 7. Based on the experimental findings, the negative value in  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  shows an exothermic nature of the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption procedure, whereas negative  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  value proposes high orderliness of the adsorbate molecules upon adsorption. The negative  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  can be interpreted by the behavior of the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption process, which is from randomized to an ordered form on the surface of the adsorbent. Fig. 13

$P_{CO2}$	$\Delta H^{\circ}$	$\Delta S^{\circ}$			$\Delta G^{\circ}$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )			
Bar	(kJ/mol)	(kJ/mole K)	25 °C	35 °C	45°C	55 °C	65°C	
4.00	-14.975	-0.017	-10.068	-9.903	-9.739	-9.574	-9.409	
4.1 4 3.9 3.8 9 3.7 1 3.7 1 3.6 3.5	y = 1801x - 1.9792 R <sup>2</sup> = 0.9961	<b>y</b>		28 26 10 10 10 18 00 18				

Table 7: Thermodynamic parameters of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption.



Fig. 13: Plot of Ln K<sub>d</sub> vs. 1/T for the adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub>.

exhibits that the distribution coefficient (Kd) values improved with the rise in temperature depicting the exothermic nature of the adsorption. Furthermore, as offered in Table 6, the  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  for all the temperatures is negative and increase in the value of  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  with an enhance in temperature displays that the reaction is easier at low temperature. Also, the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption percentage of the adsorbent reduces growth in temperature (Fig. 14).

# CONCLUSIONS

In this research, CO<sub>2</sub> capture by carbonation of KOH has been experimentally investigated. The effects of various operating parameters including KOH loading, temperature, and pressure on the CO<sub>2</sub> removal rate were wisely examined using RSM method. FT-IR and XRD techniques were used to study the consider KOH sorbent. Numerous isotherm models including Freundlich, Langmuir, and Dubinin Radushkevich are exploited to fit the experimental adsorption data. According to the analysis, Freundlich isotherm model is found to give the finest fit to the experimental data over the whole temperature range due to the highest of regression coefficient (R<sup>2</sup>) and closeness to unity, consequently, implies a perfect fit to the experimental data. Furthermore, the kinetic analysis establishes an adsorption uptake rate and regulates the residence time for the adsorption



Fig. 14: Variation of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption percentage with temperature.

procedure. As a conclusion, high surface area of KOH adsorbent makes this adsorbent a new promising material for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and for other relevant requests.

# Nomenclature

KL	Langmuir constant, bar-1
$k_{\rm F}$	Freundlich constant, cm <sup>3</sup> /g.bar <sup>1/n</sup>
k <sub>T</sub>	Temkin constant, cm <sup>3</sup> /g.bar
$\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{f}}$	Rate constant of pseudo-first order adsorption, min <sup>-1</sup>
ks	Rate constant of the pseudo-second
	order kinetics, g/mg.min
$\mathbf{k}_2$	Reaction rate constant of Ritchie
	second order equation, min <sup>-1</sup>
$\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{id}}$	Intraparticle diffusion rate constant, mg/g.min
Mco	2 Molar mass of carbon dioxide, g/mol
Μ	Mass of adsorbent, g
Ν	Total number of experiments required
Ν	Number of variables
n <sub>H</sub> H	lill cooperatively coefficient of the binding interaction
$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{i}}$	Initial pressure, bar
Pe	Equilibrium pressure, bar
qe	Equilibrium adsorption capacity, mg/g, cm <sup>3</sup> /g
$q_{e}$	Average of $q_{\rm e}$ , mg/g
$\mathbf{q}_{\mathrm{m}}$	Maximum CO2adsorption capacity, cm3/g
$q_s$	Hill isotherm maximum uptake saturation, mg/L
qt	Amount of adsorbed CO <sub>2</sub> at time t

R	Universal gas constant, 8.314 J/mol.K
$\mathbb{R}^2$	Correlation coefficient
$R_{\rm L}$	Dimensionless constant
Т	Temperature of the reactor, K
t	Reaction time, min
V	Volume of the reactor occupied by the CO2 gas, mL
W	Grams of adsorbent, g

# **Greek Letters**

А	Initial adsorption rate, mg/g.min
В	Desorption constant, g/mg
λ	D-R constant, mol <sup>2</sup> /J <sup>2</sup>
ω	Polanyi potential (equivalent to RT ln(1/1+P))
$\Delta H^{\circ}$	Enthalpy change, kJ/mol
$\Delta S^{\circ}$	Entropy change, kJ/mol.K
$\Delta G^{\circ}$	Gibbs free energy change, kJ/mol

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