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This book focuses on the biologically derived adsorbent with numerous applications in wastewater treatment, metal recovery, biosensor development, and so forth. It initiates with the description of biological sources of biosorbents followed by applications of biosorbents, biosorption isotherms, assessment of biosorbents with various tools, pretreatment of biosorbents, and its mode of action. Some less explored areas like separation of radionuclides, biosorption of volatile organic compounds, and animal-based biosorbents are also explained.

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1 Introduction and Characteristics of Biosorbents

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

It is generally acknowledged that the rise in global population has prompted fast urbanization and industrial development, which in turn result in the production of a high volume of effluents that negate the ecosystem and human health. Release of effluents from several industries like leather tanning, dyeing, pharmaceutical, electroplating, and chemical processing without proper treatment deteriorates water bodies. The environmental impact studies revealed the existence of numerous toxins, which ultimately cause dangerous effects on the lives of people, animals, and plants (Khan et al., 2022; Sivaraman et al., 2022). Before being released into the environment, industrial effluents are frequently treated using a variety of physicochemical and biological techniques. Chemisorption, flotation, ultrasound oxidation, photocatalytic oxidation, steam reforming process oxidation, wet air oxidation, electrochemical oxidation, hydrogen peroxide treatment, nano-filtration, adsorption, and bioremediation are some of the effective methods utilized for contaminant alleviation. Biosorption being a simple, cost-effective process attracted researchers in wastewater treatment. Biomass from various natural resources has attained a prime focus as biosorbents which are tremendously explored for contaminant removal from wastewater. The raw forms of plant biomass like fallen leaves, stems, bark, shells, pods, and aquatic plants which are prone to specific metal-binding are explored as biosorbents for the decontamination of metal-bearing untreated wastewater.

For the intended degradation of organic pollutants, a diverse variety of biomolecules found in bio-based sources have been used as biosorption. All forms of microbial, plant, but also animal biomass, as well as its derivatives have drawn a lot of attention in a number of contexts and in connection with a number of different compounds (Volesky & Holan, 1995; Volesky, 2001; Al-Masri et al., 2010). In latest years, research on polysaccharides, industrial sludge, agricultural residues have gained momentum in wastewater treatment (Blázquez et al., 2011; Witek-Krowiak et al., 2011; Reddy et al., 2012; Witek-Krowiak & Reddy, 2013; Rangabhashiyam et al., 2022).

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1.2 BIOSORPTION

Biosorption may be defined as a physical operation in which the pollutant molecules are concentrated upon surface of biosorbent material under optimum conditions (Gadd, 2009). The physicochemical process of biosorption includes ion exchange, surface complexation, adsorption, absorption, and dissolution. Due to its effectiveness and simplicity, biosorption has long been considered a potential process for the elimination of pollutants from solutions and perhaps the recovery of pollutants. Biosorbents include living or dead biomass. Adsorption's subclass of biosorption uses a biological substrate as just the sorbent. Presence of diverse functional groups on the surface of the biomass components serves as a sorption site for the attachment of pollutants (Davis et al., 2003). The operational costs are reasonable because this procedure does not require a significant investment. The biological elements can also be derived via industrial effluents, agriculture, and therefore are frequently cheap. Advantages of biosorption include less operational and merely no maintenance costs, cheap and abundantly available resources, less sludge generation, the possibility of desorption, and regeneration of biosorbents (Kratochvil & Volesky, 1998; Malleswari et al., 2022).

The mechanism of pollutant biosorption using various biomass-based adsorbents was found to be either adsorption or adsorption coupled reduction. The mechanism and scheme of biosorption highly depend on the type of biosorbent used, its origin, chemical composition, environmental conditions, speciation of pollutants in water, etc. (Torres, 2020). Other promising characteristics of biosorbents may be of higher surface area, porosity, structure, and composition of membranes in case of microbial sorbents which highly influence the biosorption capacity of the biosorbents either in its native form or modified form (de Freitas et al., 2019a,b; Wang et al., 2019; Yücel et al., 2020).

1.2.1 Characteristics of Biosorbents

Parameters to be considered in the selection of biosorbents in removing contaminants from aqueous solutions include analyzing the availability, nontoxicity, reusability, chemical nature of the biomass to be utilized as biosorbents (Das, 2010; Lim & Aris, 2014). Biomass obtained from plant sources are basically comprised of lignocelluloses including lignins, celluloses, and hemicelluloses (Zoghlami & Paës, 2019). Apart from the lignocellulosic components as their structural materials, plants produce primary and secondary metabolites which include pigments, phytochemicals like polyphenols, alkaloids, terpenoids, and saponins which are rich in anionic and cationic functional groups that make the plant-derived biosorbents superior options for pollutant sequestration. According to the nature of the pollutant, properties like net charge, speciation, degradation ability, optimum conditions in which the pollutants are stable, modifications of the biosorbents can be made. Biomass is the primary component of a biosorption procedure. The biomass may be physical, chemical, or biological modifications that would impart specific functional groups and net charge to the biosorbents, increases surface area, exposes active groups, and increases porosity and accessibility to pollutants (Elgarahy et al., 2021). Also, live and dead cells of microorganisms like bacteria, fungi and yeast in free form or immobilized forms were utilized as biosorbents. Promising results have been obtained with the cells of bacteria, fungi, and yeast species (Jaafari & Yaghmaeian, 2019; Moghazy et al., 2019; Rogowska et al., 2019; Santaeufemia et al., 2019; Contreras-Cortés et al., 2020; Jin et al., 2020).

Given that many of the biosorption techniques are reversed, it is possible to recover the components that have been biosorbed while renewing the biosorbent. Toxicant affinity (elevated under optimal circumstances), renewal, and reuse (strong likelihood of biosorbent rejuvenation, with probable usage more than a sequence of cycles), plus toxicant restoration are influencing features of biosorption. Recovery of toxicant is achievable with suitable elutant administration. Acidic or alkaline treatments have frequently proven to be effective recovery methods for toxicants.

1.3 SOURCES OF BIOSORBENT

Biosorbent materials are sourced from algae, plants, bacteria, fungi, and animals. Biosorbents can be divided into high-cost and low-cost sorbents based on their availability, preparation procedures. Low-cost sorbents comprise natural biomass that are sourced from the environment such as plant wastes, agro wastes, vegetable wastes, fruit wastes, grain husks, pods, aquatic organisms like seaweeds, and waste or by-products from industries such as fermentation products and waste sludge. Biosorbent materials, which also are particularly manufactured for biosorption purposes, are among the more expensive sorbents. Such materials ought to be readily recoverable and reusable and ought to have a strong biosorption characteristic.

Biosorption is a property of nearly every biological material, particularly macroalgae (seaweeds), plant, animal biomass, and products produced from those sources (like chitosan). Different types of microbial, plant, and animal biomass, as well as their derived products, have been extensively studied in the hunt for highly effective and affordable biosorbents and new potential for pollution management and resource recovery (Fomina and Gadd, 2014; Iwuozor et al., 2022). The main groups of organisms make up the majority of biosorbents: bacterium, fungal, algae, industrial effluent, agricultural by-products, environmental by-products, etc. (Table 1.1). The biosorption technique is mature and widely used as a result of the simple accessibility and affordable conversion of these natural sources into biosorbents, and expense, reliability, as well as affordability are the three key considerations when choosing biosorbents for large-scale industrial purpose. The elimination of heavy metals, dyes, PPCPs, and other emerging contaminants using natural elements is a topic of research that is getting more and more attention. Native and dead cells of microbes are also used as biosorbents owing to their higher selectivity, degradation ability and effectiveness.

For commercial applications, the biosorbent can come from (i) free industrial waste; (ii) naturally occurring organisms that are widely accessible; and (iii) quickly growable biomass, particularly cultivated for biosorption (Park et al., 2010).

TABLE 1.1
Biomass subjected for biosorption is characterized in different patterns

S. no.	Classification	Illustration	References
1.	Bacterium	Gram-positive microorganism (*Bacillus* sp., etc.), gram-negative microorganism (*Pseudomonas* sp., etc.).	Tinyiro et al., 2011
2.	Fungi	Molds (*Rhizopus* sp., etc.) yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*).	Martha et al., 2019; Rossi et al., 2020
3.	Algae	Micro-algae (*Chlorella* sp., etc.), macro-algae (Chlorophyceae, Rhodophyceae, Phaeophyceae).	Prosenc et al., 2021; Kumar et al., 2023
4.	Industrial effluents	Food/beverage residue, anaerobic by-product, stimulated sludges, as well as fermented waste product.	Liu et al., 2021; Pap et al., 2017
5.	Agricultural by-products	Waste from fruits and vegetables, rice husks, oat bran, etc.	Sridhar et al., 2022; Ma et al., 2020
6.	Environmental by-products	Weeds, woodchips, tree trunks, and plant remnants.	Das et al., 2023; Saha et al., 2013
7.	Additional ingredients	Compounds derived from cellulose as well as chitin.	Jung et al., 2023

1.4 METHODOLOGIES FOR EVALUATING BIOSORBENTS

Comprehending the reaction conditions as well as its implications forms a major part of the categorization. Characterization methods that are frequently employed include scanning electron microscopy (SEM)–energy dispersive X ray spectrometry, transmission electron microscopy (TEM), Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy, atomic absorption spectroscopy, Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET), mercury intrusion porosimetry, CHNS analyzer, X-ray diffraction (XRD). These methods are helpful for figuring the surface area, crystalline nature, pore volume, functional group analysis, thermal stability, etc. The relevant analytical methods are outlined in detail below and are utilized to evaluate the properties of biosorbents. Some of these techniques give clues about the mechanism of biosorption (Park et al., 2010).

1.4.1 Particle Size Analyzer (Particle Analyzers)

This device is a powerful analytical tool used to describe the physical attributes of tiny particles. The technique can be applied as a particle size analyzer based on its design or purpose. For evaluating both sizes and distribution of the particles that compose a material, particle analyzers are utilized. Particle size analyzers are utilized in various industries for quality checks, quality assurance, production, as well as research and advancement. Laser diffraction particle size analyzers just use angles of light scattered by such a flow of particles as they travel through some kind of laser beam to determine the dimensions of the particles. This method permits the measurement of bulk materials continuously over a large size zone (10 nm–3 mm). Laser diffraction particle analyzer's size restrictions but also responsiveness affects the quantity and positioning of its sensors. Particles in solutions are mostly examined using dynamic light scattering particle analyzers (size range: 1 nm to 6 um). By measuring the variations in scattered laser light intensity caused either by particles' Brownian motion, dynamic light scattering can estimate dimension. Through electronically aligning the particles and thereafter analyzing their dispersion, driven diffraction particle size analyzers may affect the quantity even of smaller particles (0.5 nm–200 nm) in liquids.

1.4.2 X-Ray Diffraction Analysis

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is a highly adaptable technique used for determining the crystalline structure of a compound. XRD is an important non-destructive technique for analyzing a wide range of materials and powders (Roychand et al., 2021). X-rays are high-energy electromagnetic waves with a wavelength between 103 and 101 nm (Spieß et al., 2009). Biosorbents are analyzed with XRD for the determination of crystal structures and structural modifications, chemical interactions between sorbent and sorbate before and after adsorption from the XRD patterns at different angles. Although XRD is a well-established non-destructive technique, it still requires further improvements in its characterization capabilities, especially when dealing with complex mineral structures (Ali et al., 2022).

Besides chemical characterization, XRD is quite helpful for measuring strain but also analyzing appearance. Waves generated by a diffractometer have a specific frequency that is determined by their source. Since no other type of light has the proper wavelength for inter-atomic-scale diffraction, x-rays are frequently the source. The pattern's atoms behave exactly like something of a diffraction grating whenever these waves enter it, producing bright spots at specific angles. Bragg's law can be employed to calculate the separation of the diffraction grating by determining the angle at which these high points appear.

1.4.3 Scanning Electron Microscopy Analysis

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was used to investigate the microstructure of the material. SEM is currently a well-developed method that is used extensively in various scientific applications. SEM is a potent tool for studying materials and is used in metallurgical, geology, biology, as well as healthcare, among other fields. This technique involves forcing an electron beam from an electron cannon to strike the sample holder. Whereas a vacuum is established in the container and an electron gun is positioned on top of the apparatus, the electrons beam is directed toward the sample incident. The instrument's lenses and electromagnetic field regulate the electron beams trajectory. Whenever a material is struck by an accelerating electron beam, some of the incident electrons are return dispersed, some are passed through the sample, and some produce secondary electrons. These secondary and backscattered particles are monitored by the detector. Ultimately, the appearance of the sample can indeed be documented using a computer. SEM is normally used to observe bulk samples at ~1 nm resolution extending from micrometer scale of whole cells to labeled molecules (Abrams et al., 1944; Swift & Brown, 1970; Peckys et al., 2009; Ross et al., 2015).

1.4.4 Transmission Electron Microscopy Analysis

The transmission electron microscopy (TEM) device is frequently used mostly for particle analysis. Particle size and physical properties are precisely measured by TEM. The thermoelectric filament or the field emission filament emits electrons as the device's electron source in TEM. The cathode or electrode accelerates the filament-produced electron to increase its energy. The optical device that produces images of the samples is an electromagnetic lens. With the aid of TEM, the crystalline plane, miller indices, and interatomic distance can be investigated. The diffraction pattern in TEM provides information on the sample's crystalline and amorphous characteristics. The regular placement of the points but also circumferential rings reveals the sample's crystallinity and provides information about just the sample's amorphous state (Nie, 2012; Jiao et al., 2017; Kong & Liu, 2018; Xiong et al., 2021).

1.4.5 Fourier Transform Infra-Red (FTIR Spectroscopy

Fourier transform infra-red (FTIR) spectroscopy was used to look into the existence of various molecules on the surface of the biosorbent, and that these groups are located where the biosorbent binds to metal ions. Typical chemical bonds vibration was also confirmed by FTIR spectrometer (Wibawa et al., 2020) and high-spectral-resolution information are concurrently gathered over a broad spectral band using an FTIR spectrometer. In comparison to a diffraction spectrophotometer FTIR typically analyzes intensities over a limited variety of wavelengths at a time that offers a substantial edge. Since a Fourier transform (a mathematical operation) is necessary to turn the raw data into the real spectrum, the name FTIR spectroscopy was coined. A recorded spectrum indicates the position of bands associated with bond strength and nature, as well as specific functional groups, providing information about molecular structures and interactions (Mourdikoudis et al., 2018).

1.4.6 Brunauer–Emmett–Teller

Nanoscale materials are characterized using the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) method. It is based on the actual adsorption of a gas on a solid surface and is called just after beginning of its authors' last names, Brunauer, Emmett, and Teller. Due to its relative accuracy, speed, and simplicity, it is frequently used to calculate the surface area of nanostructures. The most popular way for describing a certain surface area is BET. The implementation of the BET technique involves two steps. The first step is to convert a physisorption isotherm into a "BET plot," from which the BET monolayer capacity, nm, can be calculated. The BET area is estimated from nm in the second phase using an adequate molecule cross-sectional surface value. The BET theory is a key analytical tool for the measurement of the specific surface area of materials. It seeks to explain the physical adsorption of gas molecules on a solid surface. BET theory uses probing gases that don't chemically react with material surfaces as adsorbates to measure a specific surface area in systems with multilayer adsorption (Nasrollahzadeh et al., 2019).

1.4.7 CHNS

CHNS elemental analyzers provide a means for the rapid determination of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and sulfur in organic matrices and other types of materials (Roychand et al., 2021). Determining the elemental makeup of biosorbents is aided by CHNS analysis. Comprehending the composition of the material and its capacity to absorb particular contaminants is crucial. Different biosorbents have varying contents of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and sulfur, which affects how successful they are in biosorption processes. The proportion content of every component in a sample is provided by CHNS analysis. Particulates are simple to spot. To guarantee the uniformity and purity of biosorbents, CHNS analysis is employed for quality control purposes. Researchers and practitioners can evaluate the quality of biosorbent materials and preserve the effectiveness of biosorption processes by figuring out the elemental makeup. The information generated by CHNSO elemental analysis aids in identifying an organic compound's structure and chemical make-up. Elemental analysis is a quick, easy, and low-cost method for figuring the chemical components.

1.5 DISTINCTIVE BIOSORPTION PARAMETERS

The biosorption of toxic substances is influenced by a variety of factors which include pH, temperature, contact time, agitation speed, initial pollutant concentration, dose of the biosorbent utilized, and nature of the biosorbents.

1.5.1 pH

The propensity of biomass to absorb a solution is significantly impacted by the pH. The technique can be utilized in a variety of pH settings, though. Plant-derived biosorbents in their native form have diverse functional groups in accordance with their chemical constituents and hence render a net positive, negative, or either neutral charge on the surface. If the biosorbent has positively charged functional groups, they attract anionic pollutants and if it has more number of negatively charged groups, then they tend to attract cationic pollutants. This can be ascertained by determining the point of zero charge (PZC) of the biosorbent. PZC of the biomass or biosorbent is usually determined by contacting the biosorbent in different pH ranges (say from 1.0 to 10.0) of KNO_3 solution for a particular period of time. After a time period, the pH of the solution was determined. A plot is made between initial pH of the solution and the difference between the initial and final pH of the solution. The point at which the difference in pH is zero is considered PZC. Below the PZC value, the biosorbent is positively charged and be used for catching anionic ligands. Above the PZC value, the biosorbent is more negatively charged and can attract cationic contaminants. Maintenance of optimum pH of the solution is also very much important for the sorption to takes place. The removal percentage of pollutants gradually increases till optimum pH, where it reaches maximum and then gradually decreases above optimum pH values. The biosorption process halts beyond optimum pH, and there is a higher chance of desorption of the adsorbed pollutants. Biosorption has an advantage of alleviating pollutants with a wide pH range (pH 3–9) as well as a large array of temperatures (4°C–90°C).

1.5.2 Temperature

Temperature is one of the influencing parameters in adsorption experiments. Increase in temperature increases the collision and kinetic energy of the interacting molecules (Sedlakova-Kadukova et al., 2019). The mechanism of biosorption is unaffected by temperature since the biomass remains dormant. In contrast, a number of researchers noted that intake improved as temperature goes up. Temperature raises typically improve biosorptive clearance of adsorptive pollutants by raising the adsorbate's surface activities and kinetic energy, but they might also harm the biosorbent's physical structure. Temperature can affect the concentration and stability of complex ligands, ligand forms, particularly metal complexes. Regardless, temperature can have a favorable or negative impact on the kinetics of the reaction, the efficiency of biosorption, or perhaps the characteristics of the biosorbent. Increased porous structure in the biosorbent, greater flexibility of heavy metal ions, plus successful interactions could all result in a rise in biosorption as temperature rises. The temperature doesn't really alter the biosorption process, which suggests that perhaps the flow separation is not an absorption major bottleneck, according to certain studies.

1.5.3 Contact Period

The ideal contact duration between biosorbent and also the adsorbate is crucial for achieving maximal biosorption of pollutants from aqueous phase. Optimal contact time between biosorbent and adsorbate at which maximum removal attains has to be determined. Removal percentage of pollutants gradually increases with the contact time till equilibrium after which no biosorption takes place (Priyadarshanee & Das, 2020). The equilibrium time of biosorption is also very important in analyzing the kinetics of the adsorption process, whether the process is following pseudo first order, pseudo second order, or diffusion limited.

1.6 BENEFITS OF BIOSORPTION

Further drawback that biosorption must deal with is the fact that its potential for use on an industrial level has not yet been fully realized. However, the majority of biosorption applications are focused on lab tests. All of this research enables the current understanding of biosorption, which is sufficient to give a firm foundation for its expanded usage. This method isn't frequently employed in industry, though. Live biomass had a higher biosorption capability than non-living things biomass. A cheap, simple, economical, and effective way to get rid of contaminants is biosorption. The ability to be using waste products with no obvious utility is one of the major benefits of the biosorption process since the sorbent material can be highly diverse. Another of the major benefits of the biosorption process is the wide range of sorbent materials available, making it feasible to utilize waste products with no obvious utility and among the benefits of biosorption are.

Good selectivity but also recovering of particular toxic substances; numerous different toxic metals therapeutic interventions as well as mixed wastes; utilization inexpensive and plentiful biomaterials; treatment of a large quantity of wastewater due to rapid kinetics; comparatively low operating cost as well as inadequate capital investment; temperature, pH, and coexisting charged particles as a broad range of environment conditions; substantially lower volume of hazardous materials formed.

Biosorption has been defined as the property of certain biomolecules (or types of biomasses) to bind and concentrate selected ions or other molecules from aqueous solutions (Volesky, 2007). Biosorption is a quick occurrence of non-growing biomass/adsorbents passively storing metals. It provides benefits over traditional methods, among which are as follows: cheap cost; energy accuracy; limitation of chemical and/or biological sludge; absence of the need for extra nutrients; regeneration of biosorption; and potential for metal recovery. The rate of adsorption species is drawn to the adsorbent and bound there by various mechanisms as a result of the adsorbent's increased propensity for that species. Generally speaking, in comparison to traditional heavy metal removal techniques, the biosorption may offer the following benefits:

- Usage readily available, sustainable energy biomaterials that can be generated at a minimal price;
- Capability to recognize massive amounts of wastewater because of the rapid kinetics;
- High specificity in aspects of extraction and recovery of precise toxic substances;
- Capability to handle multiple heavy metals and mixed wastes;
- Fewer requirements for additional costly reactants that would otherwise be required;
- Most significantly, the metal removal capacity of biological biomass is a good or better than other conventional adsorbents (Abbas et al., 2014).

1.7 CONCLUSION

Years of biosorption study have shown how complicated the procedure is, how dependent it is on physicochemical and biological elements, and how unclear the processes are. The conventional use of biosorption as a limited, ecologically benign form of pollutant treatment has not been commercially effective, so this approach needs to be re-evaluated. The employment of physicochemical and biotic manipulations to enhance biosorption (capacity, selectivity, kinetics, and re-use) increases costs and may impact the environment. Biosorption researches have been tremendously encountered with more diverse fields like nanotechnology that incorporates nanoparticles with the biosorbents to have a novel framework of materials. Biosorption is becoming a competitive field in which raw, dead, live, and immobilized materials and organisms were exploited for the enhanced biosorption capacity. To conclude that the new material is a superior option, it is required to compare its properties to those of other potential materials that have previously been established as sorbents (commercial sorbents). For biosorbents to be fully accepted, more actions must be followed. The development of large-scale methods, increased commercialization, and, generally, its use in actual settings are some of the issues facing biosorption at the moment. Few biosorbents are currently being marketed for their usage, despite the fact that the benefits of this form of sorbent are obvious (de Freitas et al., 2019a,b). The insufficient effectiveness of biosorbents would necessitate their modification in order to increase their efficiency. If the biosorbents could at least match the efficiency of commercial ones, that would be preferable. The use of nanomaterials, among other alternatives like chemical or physical alterations, can increase the potency of biosorbents (Benis et al., 2020; Giese et al., 2020; Qin et al., 2020). Further drawback that biosorption must deal with is the fact that its potential for use on an industrial level has yet to be fully realized. However, the preponderance of biosorption applications is focused upon lab tests. All of this research enables the current understanding of biosorption, which is sufficient to give a firm foundation for its expanded usage. This method isn't frequently employed in industry, though.

For economically eliminating harmful metallic ions from compromised fluids, biosorption is an option. A novel class of biosorbent compounds is focused on biomass resources that are perennial or leftover from other processes and only require a minimal amount of processing before being used. The ability to regenerate biosorption materials as well as the elevated tiny effluent stream that enables practical metal recycling/recovery from it both support the operational economy. Design engineers are accustomed to the layout and machinery utilized in the biosorption because it is predicated toward well sorption concepts. Biosorbents can be made from a variety of source materials, including microbial cells, commercial sludge, food scraps, including agricultural residues (bacteria, fungi, and yeast). The possibility of using biodegradable and agricultural refuse as biosorbents is especially interesting since it has previously been shown in a number of semi-industrial scale studies that these materials are effective at attaching toxic substances. The use of biologically significant nanomaterials for the removal of contaminants of toxic substances is one of the latest technological innovations. The main technique for lowering running costs at room temperature is biosorption techniques. The majority of biosorption reactions are temperature dependent, meaning that raising the reaction temperature will cause the leading edge to thin out while also increasing the mass transfer coefficient and the number of effective collisions. The biosorption will reveal chemical sorption if its temperature goes up and mechanical sorption if something decreases. As biosorption continues to develop, possible improvements in both price and performance might be anticipated. To fully comprehend the mechanics of biosorption and what governs the specificity of biosorptive, fundamental study must be carried out.

The conventional use of biosorption as a low-cost, ecologically benign approach of pollutants treatment has not been commercially effective, and this should be reconsidered. The economic strength of biosorption as a technique would hinge on a deeper comprehension of this process, which will be guided by a practical justification of its industrialization but also application areas. Throughout this chapter, we attempt to describe the background of biosorption as well as its numerous characteristics, which typically show applications for strong heavy substances in industry and environment protection.

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