

# Study the Effect of Immobilization on Electrostatic Potential for Methyl Orange Dye

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**Abstract:** In the current study, the effect of the immobilization on electrostatic potential, pH and the absorbance of aqueous solutions of methyl orange that was immobilized on a modified chitosan polymer by glass wool were studied. It was found that the values of these parameters of the supported methyl orange are increased compared to unsupported samples. Furthermore, the electrostatic potential of the supported methyl orange is investigated in the presence of an aqueous solutions of NaCl, where showed the value of the electrostatic potential is raised With increasing ionic strength of the sodium chloride solution and a decrease in the value of pKa to the methyl orange dye after immobilization while the results are inversely before immobilization methyl orange on a modified chitosan polymer by glass wool.

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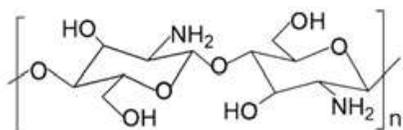
## 1. Introduction:

The development of porous materials with large specific surface area is currently an area of extensive research, particularly with regard to potential applications in area such as adsorption[1], in packing columns for chromatography[2], catalysis[3], sensors technology, and gas storage[4]. The most important families of these materials are (glass wool, cellulose, ion exchanger, polymer, silica gel etc.)[5]. These materials are the most used materials and may have different internal pore size, depending on the surfactant and synthesis conditions[6, 7]. These nanofibers can form nonwoven textile mats, oriented fibrous bundles and even three-dimensional structured scaffolds, all with

large surface areas and high porosity[8]. These nanofibers are of considerable interest for various kinds of applications.

Also in recent years, conducting polymers have received great attention in a wide range of areas due to their ease of generation, modification, environmental stability, excellent electrochemical, optical and magnetic properties, and thermo chemical characteristics. They are being widely used in wastewater treatment, electrochromic devices, catalysis, solar cells, nanoelectronics, metallic wires and biomedical devices[9-14]. Among the conducting polymers, Chitosan, a (1-4)-linked-2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose (Figure 1), is derived from chitin, one of the

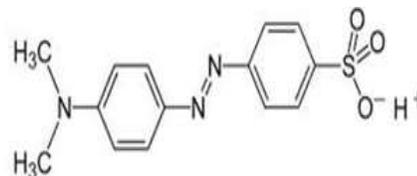
most abundant natural polysaccharides. Chitosan is well known for its nontoxic, biocompatible and biodegradable properties.



**Fig.(1):**The molecular structure of chitosan[15]

Therefore researchers interested in different spectral studies for acids and bases, such as spectra of UV[16, 17], IR[18], NMR[19, 20] and spectra of mass[21] along with other studies included on the bloc[22, 23] and measure constants of ionization values[24, 25]. The researchers were sure that the voltammetry method[26]. It is the best and used when studying the acidic pKa for many acids and bases and at different temperatures. It is curious to see in it Uncertainty because of pKa change with changes in temperature. The study that in our hands Interested in the effect of compensators, implied hydrogen bonds and factor of Obstruction stereoisomers on the pKa values for the acids and bases. And interested in as well in the effect of temperature and ionic strength on the electrolytes ionization constants. When Was acidic constants Ka is a form of equilibrium constants for reactions of ionized acids or bases [27]. Therefor in this study, the methyl orange dye was immobilized on the surface of the glass wool of the modified by the chitosan polymer. Where the methyl orange dye is a pH indicator frequently used in titrations because of its clear and distinct color change. Because it changes color at the pH of a mid-strength acid, it is usually used in titrations for acids. Unlike a universal indicator, methyl orange does not have a full spectrum of color

change, but has a sharper end point. In a solution becoming less acidic, methyl orange moves from red to orange and finally to yellow with the reverse occurring for a solution increasing in acidity. The entire color change occurs in acidic conditions. In an acid (pH=3.1), it is reddish and in alkali (pH=4.4), it is yellow[28].



**Fig.(2):** Methyl orange dye

This dye can be immobilized on the surface of the glass wool modified by chitosan polymer through depending on the fiberglass characteristics. Quartz fiber refers to the silica content more than 99.90%, 1-15 microns in size between the special fiber glass. Quartz fiber has the very high heat resistance, can at 1050 °C for long-term use, instant high temperature of 1700 °C. Quartz fiber has excellent electrical insulation at the same time, its dielectric constant and dielectric loss factor is one of the best mineral fiber of all. Silica fibers are widely used in aerospace, military industry, semiconductor, oil chemical industry, building materials, electrical and electronic, heat insulation, high temperature filtration, etc. Our company production and operation of various specifications of quartz fiber yarn, quartz fiber cloth, quartz fiber, quartz fiber filament, casing quartz fiber, quartz fiber rope, quartz fiber quartz fiber products such as cotton. Products are widely used in aerospace, aviation, electronics, metallurgy, petrochemical, cables, electrical, atomic

energy and other departments, mainly used as ablation resistant material, structure, materials, electrical materials, heat insulation, through materials, etc, therefor developed a

## 2. Experimental methods:

2.1. Preparation different concentrations (20.0, 40.0, 60.0) ppm of aqueous solutions of methyl orange with a purity of 97% from Merck Company.

2.2. The characterization of glass wool was chosen by depended on general properties as light weight, a solid white support, and was able to adsorption of some compounds. It was modified with a chitosan (1- 4)- linked 2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucopyranose Through immersion with equal weights pieces (1g / piece) of glass wool in equal volume (20 ml) of the polymer concentration ( (1.0 % W/V) 1g of polymer in 100 ml of dist. water) for 24 hours at lab. temperature.

2.3. Submerged wool pieces in the chitosan polymer were washed 10 times with distilled water to remove the polymer that is not associated with glass wool.

2.4. Concentrations (20.0, 40.0, 60.0) ppm of methyl orange dye were immobilized on the surface of the glass wool that modified by chitosan polymer by immersing equal weights of glass wools that prepared in Step 3 in equal volumes of the dye for each concentration for 24 hours and at laboratory temperature.

2.5. Use a Spectrophotometer (TRSP-72) to measure the absorbance at  $\lambda$  max 522 nm for concentrations (20.0, 40.0, 60.0) ppm of the aqueous solution of the methyl

orange by using water as a solvent at laboratory temperature. Also use a pH meter 720-Germany to measure the pH value of the same aqueous solution for the methyl orange dye before immobilization.

2.6. Absorption and pH were measured for concentrations (20.0, 40.0, 60.0) ppm for the methyl orange dye with glass wool non modified by chitosan polymer through immersion equal weights pieces (1g / piece) of glass wool in equal volume (20.0 ml) for each concentration of the aqueous solution of methyl orange dye.

2.7. Absorption and pH values were measured by batch method for concentrations (20.0, 40.0, 60.0) ppm for aqueous solution of methyl orange dye that contain the glass wool modified by chitosan polymer (1.0 % W/V) that prepared in step 4.

2.8. The pKa and the ionic strength effect were calculated at titration each concentration of sodium chloride (0.001, 0.010, 0.100)M of the solution Contains (20 ml of 20.0 ppm from methyl orange + glass wool non modified by chitosan polymer + 5ml sodium chloride ) with (0.1 HCl M) before immobilization methyl orange dye.

2.9. The pKa and the ionic strength effect were calculated at titration each concentration of sodium chloride (0.001, 0.010, 0.100)M of the solution Contains (20 ml of 20.0 ppm from methyl orange + 5ml of chitosan polymer (1.0% w/v)

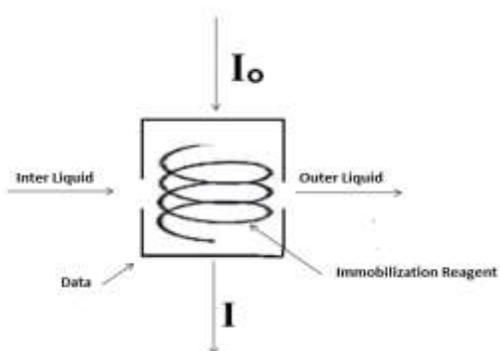
modified by glass wool + 5ml sodium chloride ) with (0.1 HCl M) after immobilization methyl orange dye.

**Table 1:** value of (Concentration ppm, pH) for three states: Methyl orange in aqueous solution, Methyl orange with glass wool none modified and Methyl orange with glass wool modified by polymer Chitosan.

State	Concentration ppm	pH	Absorption
1	20.0	6.87	0.441
	40.0	6.81	0.864
	60.0	6.72	0.912
2	20.0	6.91	0.452
	40.0	6.84	0.873
	60.0	6.77	0.925
3	20.0	3.62	0.125
	40.0	3.81	0.345
	60.0	3.95	0.531

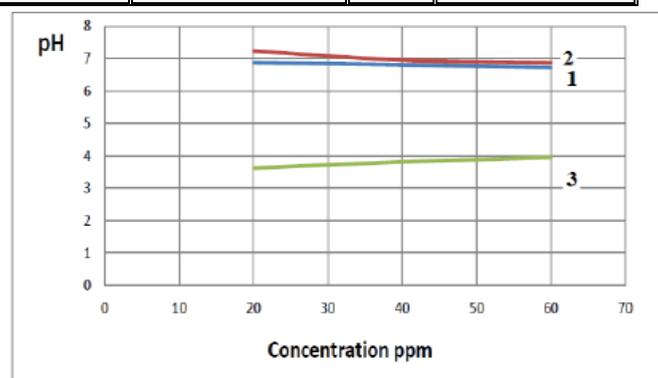
### 3. Results and Discussion:

In this research studied the ability to immobilization methyl orange dye on a solid substrate (chitosan polymer modified on glass wool) as shown in Figure3.



**Fig.3:** Creating a sensors by depend on immobilized reagents indicator

Were also studied values of (Concentration ppm, pH, Absorption) for aqueous solutions of the methyl orange dye alone and with the unmodified glass wool and the results were compared with the modified glass wool by the chitosan polymer as shown in Table1, Figure (4, 5)[30].



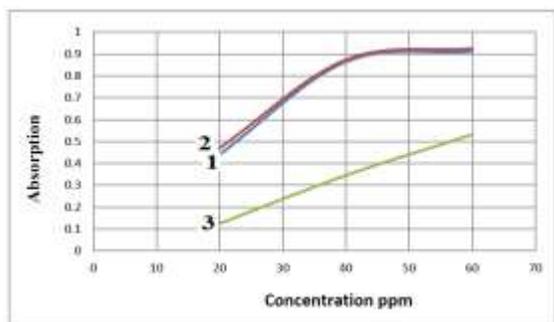
**Fig.(4):** The relation between pH and Concentrations ppm for three states: Methyl orange in aqueous solution, Methyl orange with glass wool none modified and Methyl orange with glass wool modified by polymer Chitosan.

In Figure (4, 5) was find the lines curve (1 and 2) at the top of the graph because the pH values and Absorption values of the aqueous solution of methyl orange as line curve (1) or aqueous solution of methyl orange with the glass wool non modified by chitosan polymer as line curve (2) was little difference in these values.

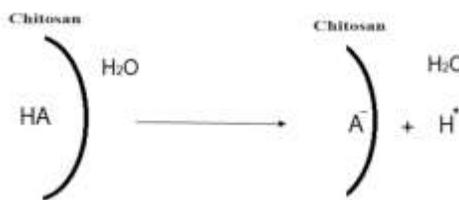
This indicates that the methyl orange dye did not immobilized on the glass wool non modified by chitosan polymer therefor chemical composition of the methyl orange dye in the first and second lines curve was not changed.

As for the third line curve (3), it is at the bottom of the graph where the pH and absorption values are the lowest as in Figure (4, 5). This indicates that the methyl orange dye immobilized on the modified chitosan polymer by glass wool.

The pH values are low due to the transfer of hydrogen ion from the methyl orange dye to the solution, which increases the acidity due to the formation of  $H_3O^+$  as in (Figure4). The absorbance values are low (Figure5) due to the decreases concentration of the methyl orange dye in the solution due to the immobilization methyl orange dye of chitosan polymer modified on the glass wool surface)[31].



**Fig.(5):** The relation between Absorption and Concentrations ppm for three states: Methyl orange in aqueous solution, Methyl orange with glass wool none modified and Methyl orange with glass wool modified by polymer Chitosan.



**Fig.(6):** Electrostatic dissociation for immobilized indicator[32].

The electrostatic potential of the dye immobilized on the surface glass wool modified by the chitosan polymer was calculated by depend on ionic strength according to the following mathematical relation.

$$I = 1/2 \sum Z^i C^i$$

(**I**= ionic strength, **C**= concentration of NaCl ions, **Z**= charge of ions)

Through a set of physical constants (Gipps energy[33]) was found to calculate the electrostatic potential values of the immobilized methyl orange by depend on the values of pKa

$$\begin{aligned}
 (pK_a)_{\text{экен}} &= pH = pK_a + \lg \frac{f(A^-)}{f(HA)} \dots\dots\dots(1) \\
 [HA] &\cong [A^-]
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we also have:

$$\Delta G_a = - RT \ln K_a = -2.3 RT pK_a \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Which relates the equilibrium constant with Gibbs free energy.

$$\text{On the other hand the } \Delta \phi = \Delta G_a / n \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

(**ΔG** = Gibbs free energy, **φ**= electrostatic potential, **R** = gas constant,  $8.314 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ , **T** = absolute temperature, **K<sub>a</sub>** = equilibrium constant (unit less), **n** = number of moles of electrons transferred in the

reaction,  $F$  = Faraday constant = 96485 C/mole (charge per mole of electrons).

$$\text{There for } \Delta\phi = -2.3RTpK_a / n F \dots\dots(4)$$

$$pK_a = -2.3RT \Delta\phi / n F \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_a - \phi_b \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

$$\phi_a = \phi_b + \Delta\phi \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

$$\phi_{b \text{ M.v}} = Z e / 4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0 r = 29.6 \text{ MV} \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

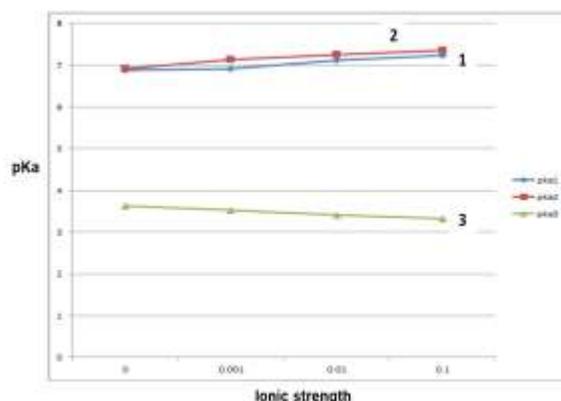
$$\Phi_{a \text{ M.v}} = 29.6 + \Delta\phi \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

(where is  $\phi_a$  = electrostatic potential of methyl orange dye immobilized on the surface glass wool modified by the chitosan polymer,  $Z$ =Charge of ion = +1,  $e$  = Charge of electron =  $1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}$  col,  $\epsilon$  =81 where  $\epsilon$  is the dielectric constant ,  $\epsilon_0$  = $8,854 \cdot 10^{-12}$  where  $\epsilon_0$  is the dielectric constant of vacuum)[34].

Based on the mathematical equations above, the electrostatic potential and  $pK_a$  was calculated by depended the ionic strength for the aqueous solution of the methyl orange dye alone and with the unmodified glass wool. The results were compared with the modified glass fiber by Chitosan polymer as shown in Table2, Figure7 and Figure8.

**Table2:** values of ( $pK_a$ ,  $\Delta pK_a$ ,  $\Delta\phi$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $I$ ) for 20.0 ppm of methyl orange solution in three states: Methyl orange in aqueous solution, Methyl orange with glass wool none modified and Methyl orange with glass wool modified by polymer Chitosan.

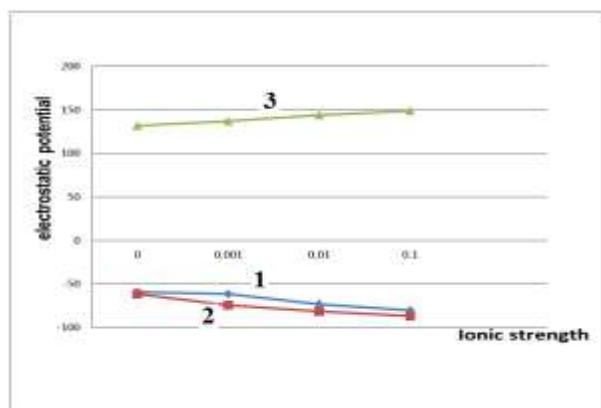
	$pK_a$	$\Delta pK_a$	$\Delta\phi$	$\phi$	$I$
<b>1</b>	6.87	0.00	0.000	-59.200	0.000
	6.91	0.04	-2.348	-61.548	0.001
	7.11	0.24	-14.088	-73.288	0.010
	7.23	0.36	-21.132	-80.332	0.100
<b>2</b>	$pK_a$	$\Delta pK_a$	$\Delta\phi$	$\phi$	$I$
	6.91	0.04	-2.348	-61.548	0.000
	7.13	0.26	-15.262	-74.462	0.001
	7.25	0.38	-22.306	-81.506	0.010
	7.34	0.47	-27.589	-86.789	0.100
<b>3</b>	$pK_a$	$\Delta pK_a$	$\Delta\phi$	$\phi$	$I$
	3.62	-3.25	190.775	131.575	0.000
	3.53	-3.34	196.058	136.858	0.001
	3.41	-3.46	203.102	143.902	0.010
	3.33	-3.54	207.798	148.598	0.100



**Fig.(7):** The relation between  $pK_a$  and ionic of strength of sodium chloride solution at titration 20.0 ppm of methyl orange with ( 0.1 HCl M) for three states: Methyl orange in aqueous solution, Methyl orange with glass wool none modified and Methyl orange with glass wool modified by polymer Chitosan.

As for the third line curve (3), it is at the bottom of the graph where the pKa values are the lowest as in (Figure 7). This indicates that the methyl orange dye immobilized on the modified chitosan polymer by glass wool.

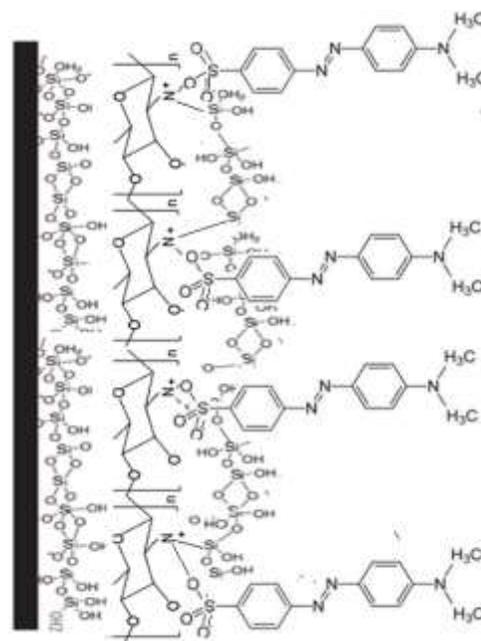
The pKa values are low due to the transfer of hydrogen ion from the methyl orange dye to the solution, which increases dissociation constant due to the formation of  $H_3O^+$  ion due to the immobilization methyl orange dye of chitosan polymer modified on the glass wool surface.



**Fig.(8):** The relation between electrostatic potential and ionic strength of sodium chloride solution at titration 20.0 ppm of methyl orang with ( 0.1HCl M) . for three states: Methyl orange in aqueous solution, Methyl orange with glass wool none modified and Methyl orange with glass wool modified by polymer Chitosan.

During the study the effect of electrostatic potential of the methyl orange dye based on the ionic strength of the solution it was observed that the line of curve (3) as in (Figure 8) is at the top of the graph indicating that the methyl orange dye immobilized on the modified

chitosan polymer by glass wool as a result of increasing the value of the electrostatic voltage by increasing the ionic strength of the solution causing the ionic transfer and obtain the chemical adsorption between the methyl orange dye and chitosan polymer modified by glass wool .In the other hand we find the lines curve (1 and 2) at the bottom of the graph because don't obtain the chemical adsorption between the methyl orange dye and glass wool non modified by chitosan polymer because the electrostatic potential of the methyl orange dye as line curve (1) and aqueous solution of methyl orange with the glass wool non modified by chitosan polymer as line curve (2) was little difference This indicates that the methyl orange has not immobilized on the glass wool non modified by chitosan polymer because the chemical adsorption did not occur therefor ionic transition did not occur[35].



**Fig.(9):.** Suggested form of Glass wool with polymer Chitosan + methyl orang indicator [36,37,38].

#### 4. Conclusions:

When immobilized of methyl orange indicator, the pH changes to the a Acidic medium and the value of  $\Delta\text{pH}$  transition connected with the effect of micro phase of the electrostatic potential for methyl orange indicator while the value of  $\Delta\text{pKa}$  of methyl orange indicator increasing with effect of ionic strength before immobilization and decreasing with increasing of ionic strength after immobilization with quartz modified by polymer Chitosan also the effect of the electrostatic potential for methyl orange indicator decreasing before immobilization

and increasing after immobilization with quartz modified by polymer Chitosan

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