

PREPARATION OF GRAPHENE OXIDE/TITANIUM DIOXIDE NANOCOMPOSITES  
AND  
ITS ADSORPTION FOR AS(III) IONS

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Arsenic is a naturally occurring element, which is found in both in natural waters and industrial waters. Graphene oxide/Titanium dioxide (GO/TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposites were prepared by using hydrothermal technique, their structure was observed and their adsorption performance for As(III) in water was evaluated. X-ray diffraction and Raman spectroscopy spectra confirmed the anatase structure of the TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles. The adsorption system is mainly depended on the As(III) concentration and follows a pseudo second-order kinetic model. The initial adsorption was rapid and reached equilibrium after 20 min. The overall equilibrium data were well fitted to Langmuir model for the nanocomposites. The adsorption results indicated that the GO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposites can be a good adsorbent material to treat water that contaminated with As(III).

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