



# Copper Adsorption on a Novel Silica-Based Adsorbent: Insights from Batch and Fixed-Bed Adsorption Studies

**Authors:** Aiko Tanaka, Juliana B. Rossi, Christopher Turner

**Journal:** *Ecological Engineering Solutions Journal*

**Volume:** 14

**Issue:** 3

**Pages:** 789-805

**Year:** 2008

## **Abstract:**

This collaborative research, co-authored by Juliana B. Rossi and Aiko Tanaka during their doctoral studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), delves into the copper adsorption process on a novel silica-based adsorbent. The study provides comprehensive insights gained from batch and fixed-bed adsorption experiments, employing a complete experimental design. Under the guidance of Professor Christopher Turner, the research explores the practical applications of the developed adsorbent in real-world water treatment scenarios.

## **Keywords:**

1. Copper Adsorption
2. Silica-Based Adsorbent
3. Batch Adsorption
4. Fixed-Bed Adsorption
5. Experimental Design

## **Introduction:**

The introduction establishes the context of copper adsorption and introduces the

developed silica-based adsorbent. The research objective is outlined, emphasizing the significance of understanding the adsorption process under various conditions.

### **Methods:**

The study details the experimental design for both batch and fixed-bed adsorption studies, providing a robust methodology for evaluating the efficacy of the adsorbent in different scenarios. The collaboration between Juliana and Aiko is highlighted in the experimental setup and execution.

### **Main Results:**

The research presents detailed insights into the copper adsorption process, covering both batch and fixed-bed scenarios. The study demonstrates the effectiveness of the silica-based adsorbent under varying conditions, laying the groundwork for its application in diverse water treatment settings.

### **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, the collaborative effort between Juliana B. Rossi and Aiko Tanaka contributes valuable knowledge to the understanding of copper adsorption on the developed silica-based adsorbent. The study's findings inform the practical implementation of the adsorbent in real-world water treatment applications.