

### Supplementary data

## **Production of modified sunflowers seeds shells for the removal of bisphenol A**

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**Table S1.** Parameters and errors for Canonical and Fractal-like kinetic models at different BPA initial concentration

#### • Canonical kinetic models

		BPA Initial concentration (mg/L)				
Models	Parameters	25	50	75	100	125
	$q_e \text{ exp}$ (mg/g)	15.2632	29.9248	42.9574	53.7343	63.7343
	$t_{0.5 \text{ exp}}$ (min)	5.6	7.5	7.4	8.1	8.8
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PFO	$q_e$ (mg/g)	14.0397	28.0493	41.1763	51.0404	59.2516
	$K_1$ (1/min)	0.1463	0.0803	0.0813	0.0694	0.0570
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	4.7	8.6	8.5	10.0	12.2
	$R^2$	0.9701	0.9678	0.9763	0.9682	0.9404
	ARE (%)	0.4038	0.5031	0.4220	0.5290	0.7559
	RMSE (%)	0.8728	1.8539	2.3271	3.3892	5.4958
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PSO	$q_e$ (mg/g)	14.5838	29.719	43.5184	54.314	63.6471
	$k_2$ (g/mg min)	0.0182	0.0043	0.0030	0.0020	0.0014
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	3.8	7.9	7.6	9.2	11.6
	$R^2$	0.9885	0.9956	0.9984	0.9961	0.9838
	ARE (%)	0.2777	0.1780	0.1090	0.1820	0.3886
	RMSE (%)	0.5421	0.6787	0.6073	1.1699	2.8310

- **Fractal-like kinetic models**

		BPA Initial concentration (mg/L)				
Models	Parameters	25	50	75	100	125
	$q_e \text{ exp}$ (mg/g)	15.2632	29.9248	42.9574	53.7343	63.7343
	$t_{0.5 \text{ exp}}$ (min)	5.6	7.5	7.4	8.1	8.8
<b>Weibull</b>						
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	66.0000	30.2553	43.1313	54.7155	72.4644
	$\tau$	>>	14.0	12.6	16.6	39.0
	$\alpha$	0	0.4138	0.4812	0.453	0.3518
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	>>	5.8	5.9	7.4	13.8
	$R^2$	0.9819	0.9996	0.9998	0.9996	0.9994
	$ARE$ (%)	0.6498	0.0454	0.0247	0.0398	0.0591
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2181	0.2395	0.2287	0.4197	0.6318
<b>Hill</b>						
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	64	32.3037	45.0877	58.4639	86.379
	$\tau$	>>	7.7	7.2	9.4	29.1
	$\alpha$	0	0.6344	0.7864	0.6843	0.4293
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	>>	7.7	7.2	9.4	29.1
	$R^2$	0.9987	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9993
	$ARE$ (%)	0.0851	0.0404	0.0473	0.0433	0.0679
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2182	0.2031	0.3183	0.4062	0.7092
<b>PFOF</b>						
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	75.1286	30.2553	43.1313	54.7155	72.4644
	$K_{If}$ ( $1/\text{min}^{(1-h)}$ )	0.0120	0.1387	0.1424	0.1268	0.0969
	$h$	0.9074	0.5862	0.5188	0.5470	0.6482
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	>>	5.8	5.9	7.4	13.8
	$R^2$	0.9987	0.9996	0.9998	0.9996	0.9994
	$ARE$ (%)	0.0855	0.0454	0.0247	0.0398	0.0591
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2181	0.2395	0.2287	0.4197	0.6318
<b>PSOf</b>						
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	110.399	32.3037	45.0877	58.4639	86.3791
	$K_{2f}$ (g/mg $\text{min}^{(1-h)}$ )	0.0001	0.0054	0.0037	0.0025	0.0012
	$h$	0.9030	0.3656	0.2136	0.3157	0.5707
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	>>	7.7	7.2	9.4	29.1
	$R^2$	0.9932	0.9730	0.9987	0.9969	0.9918
	$ARE$ (%)	4.4274	3.7950	2.5555	1.4419	0.9662
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2181	0.2031	0.3183	0.4062	0.7092

**Table S2.** Parameters and errors for Canonical and Fractal-like kinetic models at different adsorbent dosage

- **Canonical kinetic models**

		m (g/L)			
Models	Parameters	0.5	1	1.5	2
	$q_e \text{ exp}$ (mg/g)	59.3985	39.1353	29.9248	22.6316
	$t_{0.5} \text{ exp}$ (min)	16.5	8.5	7.5	5.4
<b>PFO</b>					
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	54.0347	36.4220	28.0493	21.8038
	$K_1$ (1/min)	0.0361	0.0660	0.0803	0.1437
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	19.2	10.5	8.6	4.8
	$R^2$	0.9497	0.9491	0.9678	0.9874
	$ARE$ (%)	0.7699	0.6847	0.5031	0.2546
	$RMSE$ (%)	23.3391	9.5002	3.4369	0.7645
<b>PSO</b>					
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	59.1357	38.9552	29.7190	22.5445
	$k_2$ (g/mg min)	0.0009	0.0026	0.0043	0.0126
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	19.0	10.0	7.9	3.5
	$R^2$	0.9843	0.9879	0.9956	0.9985
	$ARE$ (%)	0.4315	0.3312	0.1780	0.0897
	$RMSE$ (%)	2.6121	1.4918	0.6787	0.3054

- **Fractal-like kinetic models**

		m (g/L)			
Models	Parameters	0.5	1	1.5	2
	$q_e \text{ exp (mg/g)}$	59.3985	39.1353	29.9248	22.6316
	$t_{0.5} \text{ exp (min)}$	16.5	8.5	7.5	5.4
Weibull	$q_e \text{ (mg/g)}$	67.9712	42.4336	30.2553	22.6732
	$\tau$	67.7	26.0	14.0	4.0
	$\alpha$	0.4113	0.3627	0.4138	0.3537
	$t_{0.5} \text{ (min)}$	27.8	9.5	5.8	1.4
	$R^2$	0.9990	0.9990	0.9996	0.9993
	$ARE \text{ (%)}$	0.0742	0.0712	0.0454	0.0509
	$RMSE \text{ (%)}$	0.7533	0.4984	0.2395	0.2354
Hill	$q_e \text{ (mg/g)}$	82.6845	48.2244	32.3037	23.2823
	$\tau$	57.2	15.9	7.7	2.4
	$\alpha$	0.4887	0.4776	0.6344	0.6864
	$t_{0.5} \text{ (min)}$	57.2	15.9	7.7	2.4
	$R^2$	0.9991	0.9990	0.9997	0.9994
	$ARE \text{ (%)}$	0.0678	0.0683	0.0404	0.0451
	$RMSE \text{ (%)}$	0.7200	0.5075	0.2031	0.2162
PFOf	$q_e \text{ (mg/g)}$	67.9712	42.4336	30.2553	22.6732
	$K_{1f}$ ( $1/\text{min}^{(1-h)}$ )	0.0727	0.1112	0.1387	0.2162
	$h$	0.5887	0.6373	0.5862	0.6463
	$t_{0.5} \text{ (min)}$	27.8	9.5	5.8	1.4
	$R^2$	0.9990	0.9990	0.9996	0.9993
	$ARE \text{ (%)}$	0.0742	0.0712	0.0454	0.0509
	$RMSE \text{ (%)}$	0.7533	0.4984	0.2395	0.2354
PSOf	$q_e \text{ (mg/g)}$	82.6845	48.2244	32.3037	23.2823
	$K_{2f}$ (g/mg $\text{min}^{(1-h)}$ )	0.0008	0.0026	0.0054	0.0162
	$h$	0.5113	0.5224	0.3656	0.3136
	$t_{0.5} \text{ (min)}$	57.2	15.9	7.7	2.4
	$R^2$	0.9991	0.9776	0.9947	0.9683
	$ARE \text{ (%)}$	0.0678	3.0004	2.1930	1.8639
	$RMSE \text{ (%)}$	0.7200	0.5075	0.2031	0.2162

**Table S3.** Parameters and errors for Canonical and Fractal-like kinetic models at different initial pH

• **Canonical kinetic models**

		pH			
Model	Parameters	2	3	5	7
	$q_e \text{ exp}$ (mg/g)	29.9248	27.3580	23.8718	22.5867
	$t_{0.5 \text{ exp}}$ (min)	7.6	8.7	5.5	5.6
<b>PFO</b>					
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	28.0493	26.5686	23.8784	22.5036
	$K_1$ (1/min)	0.08027	0.06513	0.12069	0.12382
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	8.6	10.6	5.7	5.6
	$R^2$	0.9678	0.9777	0.9808	0.9878
	$ARE$ (%)	0.5031	0.4515	0.3195	0.2192
	$RMSE$ (%)	1.8539	1.4842	1.1905	0.8909
<b>PSO</b>					
	$q_e$	29.7190	28.2686	24.8750	23.3327
	$K_2$ (g/mg min)	0.0043	0.0036	0.0087	0.0102
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	7.9	9.7	4.6	4.2
	$R^2$	0.9956	0.9986	0.9963	0.9964
	$ARE$ (%)	0.1780	0.1127	0.1601	0.1497
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.6787	0.3737	0.5204	0.4840

• Fractal-like kinetic models

		pH			
Model	Parameters	2	3	5	7
	$q_e \text{ exp}$ (mg/g)	29.9248	27.3580	23.8718	22.5866
	$t_{0.5 \text{ exp}}$ (min)	7.6	8.7	5.5	5.6
<b>Weibull</b>					
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	30.2553	27.6631	24.801	22.9315
	$\tau$	14.0313	16.3181	6.5185	6.5049
	$\alpha$	0.4138	0.5453	0.4185	0.5197
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	5.8	8.3	2.7	3.2
	$R^2$	0.9996	0.9997	0.9976	0.9970
	$ARE$ (%)	0.0454	0.0376	0.1103	0.1361
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2395	0.1869	0.4930	0.5189
<b>Hill</b>					
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	32.3037	28.956	25.5368	23.3327
	$\tau$	7.7025	9.636	3.8095	4.2059
	$\alpha$	0.6344	0.8638	0.7672	1
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	7.7	9.6	3.8	4.2
	$R^2$	0.9997	0.9992	0.9972	0.9964
	$ARE$ (%)	0.0404	0.0762	0.1195	0.1497
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2031	0.3231	0.5361	0.5727
<b>PFOF</b>					
	$q_e$ (mg/g)	30.2553	27.6631	24.8010	22.9315
	$K_{1f}$ ( $1/\text{min}^{(1-h)}$ )	0.1387	0.1190	0.1910	0.1964
	$h$	0.5862	0.4548	0.5815	0.4803
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	5.8	8.3	2.7	3.2
	$R^2$	0.9996	0.9997	0.9976	0.9970
	$ARE$ (%)	0.0454	0.0376	0.1103	0.1361
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2395	0.1869	0.4930	0.5189
	$q_e$	32.3037	28.956	25.5368	23.331
	$K_{2f}$ (g/mg $\text{min}^{(1-h)}$ )	0.0054	0.0042	0.0108	0.0102
<b>PSOF</b>					
	$h$	0.3656	0.1362	0.2328	0.0000
	$t_{0.5}$ (min)	7.7025	9.6360	3.8095	4.2071
	$R^2$	0.9997	0.9992	0.9972	0.9964
	$ARE$ (%)	0.0404	0.0762	0.1195	0.1498
	$RMSE$ (%)	0.2031	0.3231	0.5361	0.5727

**Table S4.** Values of the diffusivities, of adjustments errors and  $R^2$  of the Vermeulen and Fractal Vermeulen models.

Parameters			Vermeulen model				Fractal Vermeulen model				
pH	$m_s$ (g/L)	$C_0$ (mg/L)	$D_v \cdot 10^12$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	RMSE (%)	$R^2$	ARE (%)	$D_{vf} \cdot 10^12$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	$h$	RMSE (%)	$R^2$	ARE (%)
2	1.5	25	1.945	0.0822	0.9665	0.6250	11.707	0.63	0.0203	0.9968	0.1300
2	1.5	50	1.133	0.0506	0.9869	0.3998	4.046	0.40	0.0086	0.9995	0.0586
2	1.5	75	1.305	0.0342	0.9933	0.2577	3.454	0.31	0.0058	0.9998	0.0347
2	1.5	100	1.050	0.0404	0.9906	0.3069	2.943	0.32	0.0088	0.9995	0.0538
2	1.5	125	0.740	0.0571	0.9801	0.4641	2.492	0.33	0.0185	0.9978	0.1317
2	0.5	50	0.447	0.0488	0.9873	0.4808	1.236	0.25	0.0176	0.9978	0.1185
2	1	50	0.862	0.0574	0.9804	0.4435	3.033	0.36	0.0166	0.9981	0.1197
2	1.5	50	1.133	0.0506	0.9869	0.3998	4.046	0.40	0.0086	0.9995	0.0586
2	2	50	2.606	0.0411	0.9907	0.2812	10.550	0.52	0.0100	0.9993	0.0556
2	1.5	50	1.133	0.05060	0.9869	0.3998	4.046	0.40	0.0086	0.9995	0.0586
3	1.5	50	1.114	0.02239	0.9966	0.1563	2.052	0.19	0.0068	0.9997	0.0400
5	1.5	50	2.477	0.03834	0.9893	0.2683	5.782	0.32	0.0313	0.9959	0.1528
7	1.5	50	2.583	0.02761	0.9942	0.1724	4.847	0.24	0.0235	0.9969	0.1347

**Table S5.** Values of the intra-particle diffusivities in the treated adsorbent and the mass transfer coefficient in the liquid film.

Parameters			Film mass transfer (m/s)		Diffusivities (m <sup>2</sup> /s)		$D_m/D_{app}$	$Biot$
pH	$m_s$ (g/L)	$C_0$ (mg/L)	$k_{MW}$	$k_{FS}$ $\times 10^6$	$D_{app}$ $\times 10^{12}$	$D_{st}$		
2	1.5	25	1.9522	3.6531	2.0458	0.9412	288	68
		50	1.2108	2.3304	1.5275	0.7299	386	58
		75	1.1707	2.1912	1.5481	0.7779	380	58
		100	0.9124	1.8846	1.4144	0.6965	416	52
		125	0.7237	1.7904	1.3018	0.5962	452	48
	0.5	50	1.1602	2.9343	0.6943	0.4190	848	61
	1		1.2144	2.8244	1.3478	0.6475	437	50
	1.5		1.2108	2.3304	1.5275	0.7299	386	58
	2		1.6330	2.6956	2.1215	1.0391	278	74
	2		1.2108	2.3304	1.5074	0.7299	391	59
3	1.5	0.9546	1.7580	1.3168	0.7079	447	58	
5		1.0852	2.5892	2.0830	1.0281	283	48	
7		0.9788	2.4122	2.0458	1.0453	288	46	



**Table S6.** Parameters values of canonical isotherms models and the corresponding adjustment errors and determination coefficient.

Isotherm models	Parameters	Values	RMSE (%)	ARE (%)	R <sup>2</sup>
Temkin	$B_T$ (J/mol)	20.2375	0.8676	0.0937	0.9985
	$K_T$ (L/g)	0.7518			
Langmuir	$q_{mL}$ (mg/g)	88.9451	0.9575	0.1313	0.9979
	$K_L$ (L:mg)	0.08207			
	$R_L$	0.299 - 0.827			
Freundlich	$K_F$ (mg/g) (L/g) <sup>n</sup>	11.7899	3.9786	0.4861	0.9692
	$n_F$	1.98			
D-R	$q_{mD-R}$ (mg/g)	57.7855	7.5238	0.9788	0.9056
	$B_{D-R}$	3.7 E-06			
	$E$ (KJ/mol)	0.367			
Jovanovich	$q_{mJ}$ (mg/g)	66.0573	0.8955	0.0809	0.9978
	$b$ (mg/L)	10.445			

**Table S7.** Parameters values of like-fractal isotherms models and the corresponding adjustment errors and determination coefficient.

Isotherm models	$q_{max}$ (mg/g)	$Ce_{0,5}$ (min)	$a$	$b$	$c$	$RMSE$ (%)	$ARE$ (%)	$R^2$
GBS	106.7490	18.07	1.4	8.7	3.4	0.8738	0.0451	0.9995
BG	73.1083	8.36	1.1	10.0	0.5	0.9039	0.0632	0.9975
BS	67.2558	7.44	1.0	10.9	0.0	1.1990	0.1019	0.9981
HS	79.1344	9.48	1.2	9.5	1.0	0.7604	0.0458	0.9992