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**Electrochemical degradation of a textile dye on PbO<sub>2</sub> electrode of  
a lead-acid battery**

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## The Presentation Plan

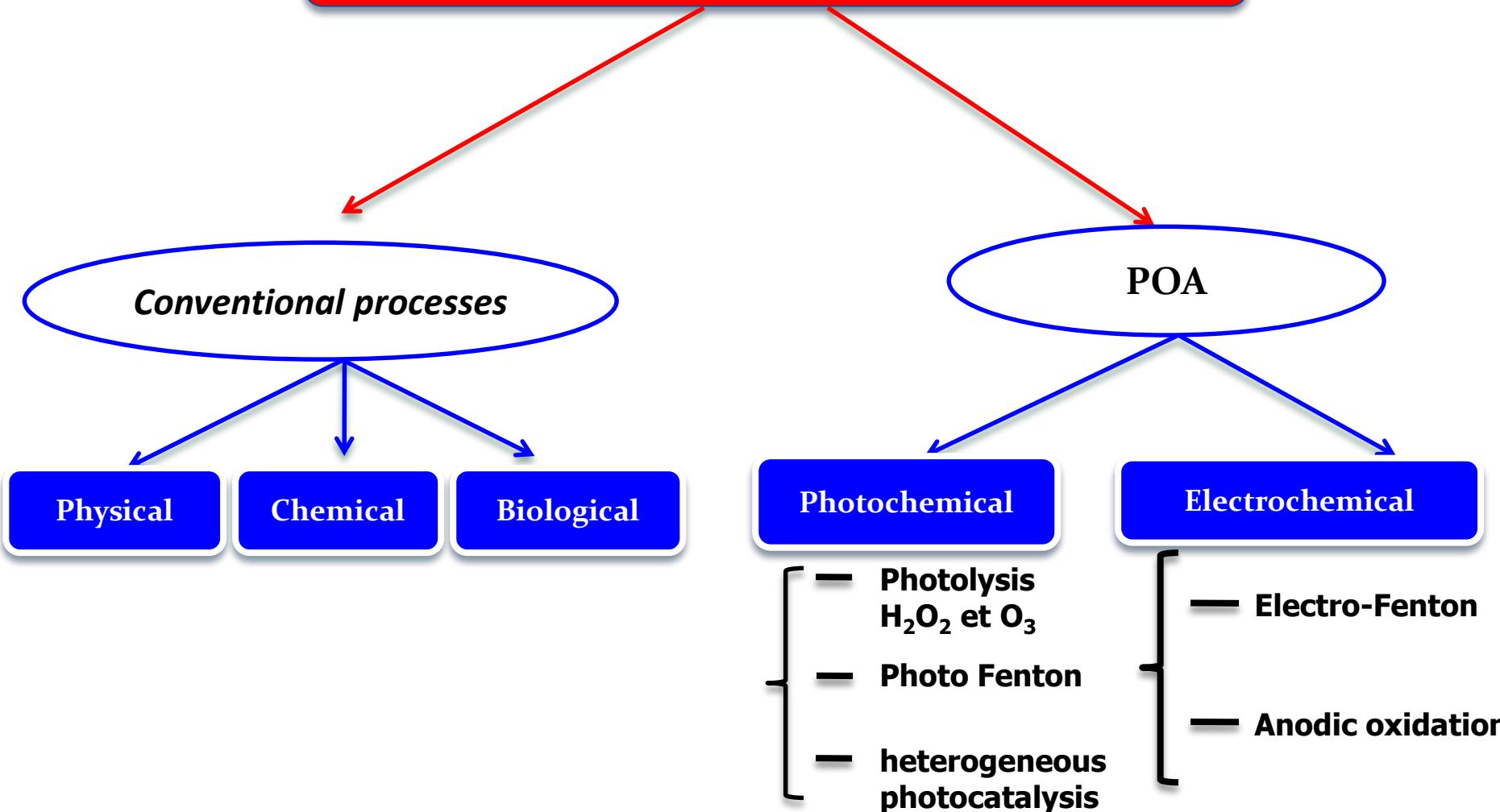
-  **Introduction: Water pollution by dyes**
-  **Presentation of electrode and Characterization**
-  **BM degradation study by electro-oxidation (EO)**
-  **Conclusion**



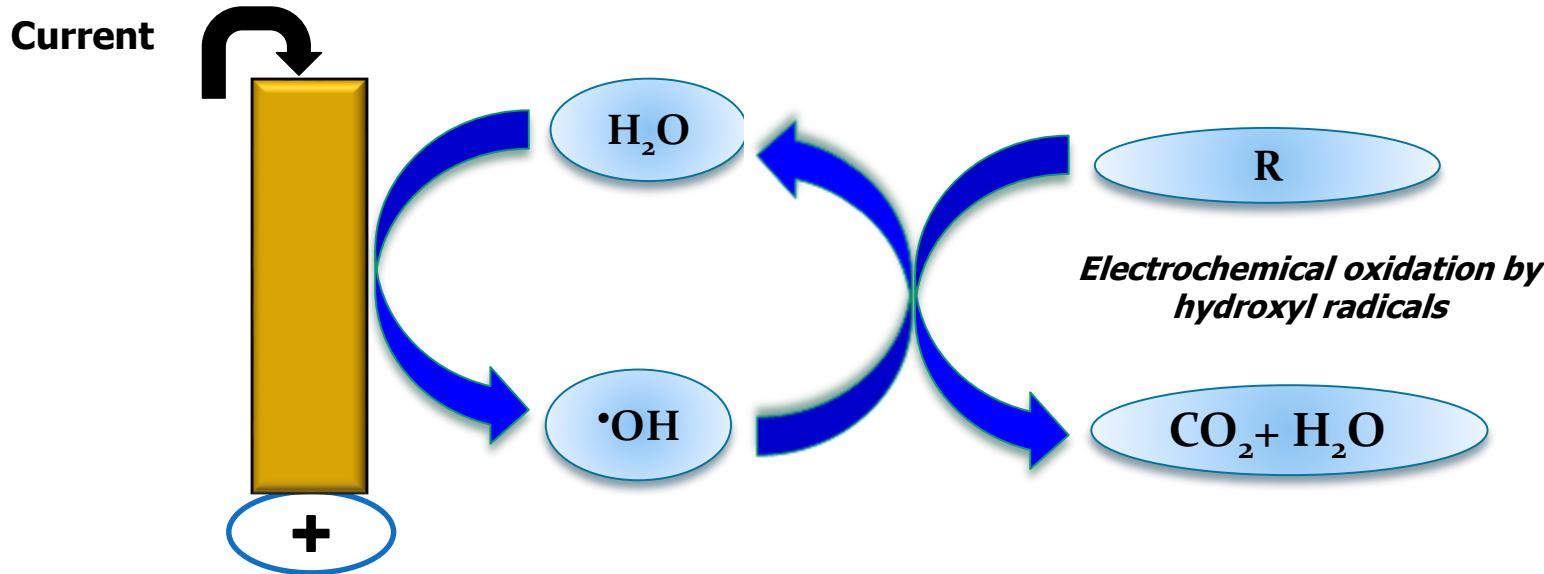
*Water  
pollution by  
dyes*



## *Water depollution processes*



## Principle of anodic oxidation



Electrocatalytic electrodes:

Pt, Pd,...etc

Electrodes with high overpotential oxygen evolution:

$\text{TiIrO}_2$ ,  $\text{TiRuO}_2$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$ ,  $\text{PbO}_2$ , BDD, etc.

# Active electrode and Inactive electrode

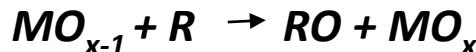
## Active electrode (chemisorbed oxygen, ex: $\text{IrO}_2$ , $\text{RuO}_2$ )



Strong interaction between  $\cdot\text{OH}$  and the anode surface



Oxidation of the pollutant



In absence any oxidizable organic



## Inactive electrode (physisorbed oxygen, ex: $\text{SnO}_2$ , $\text{PbO}_2$ )

Weak interaction between  $\cdot\text{OH}$  and the anode surface



Mineralization of the pollutant



In absence any oxidizable organic



## Positive electrode of a lead-acid battery

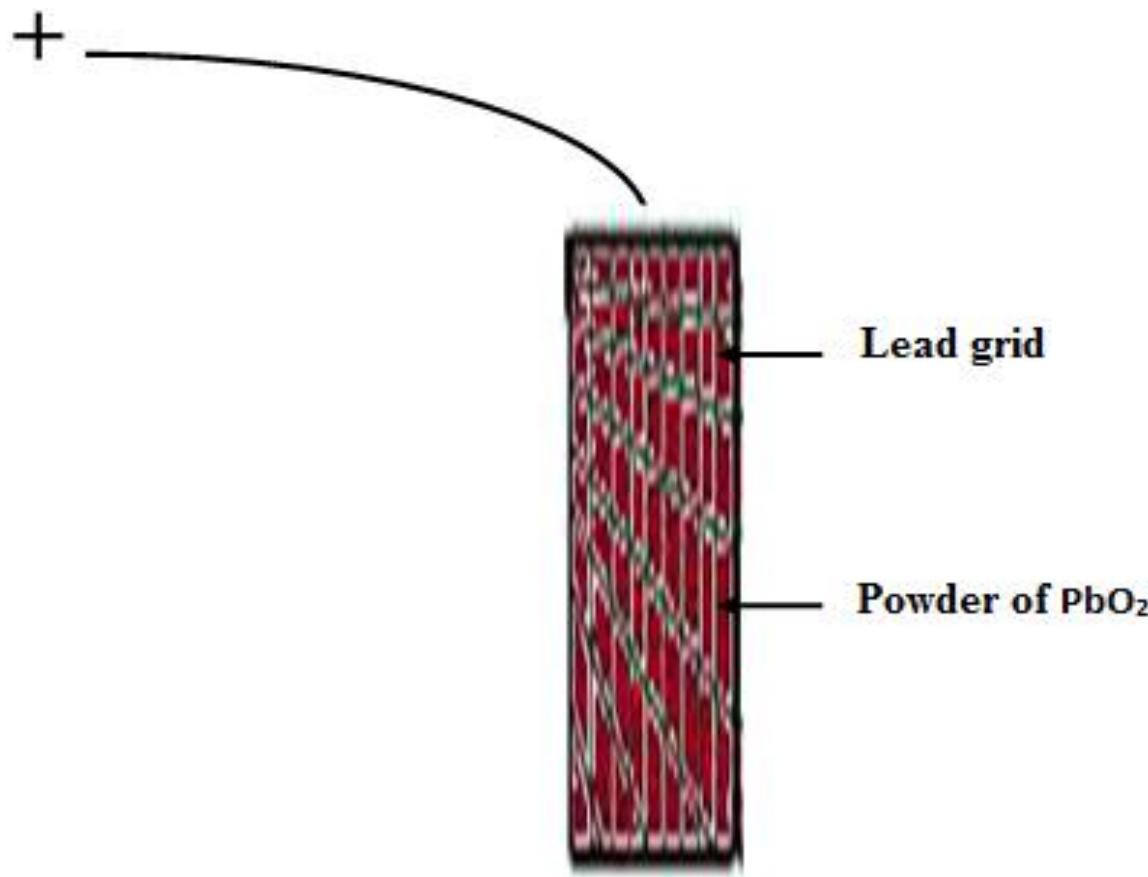
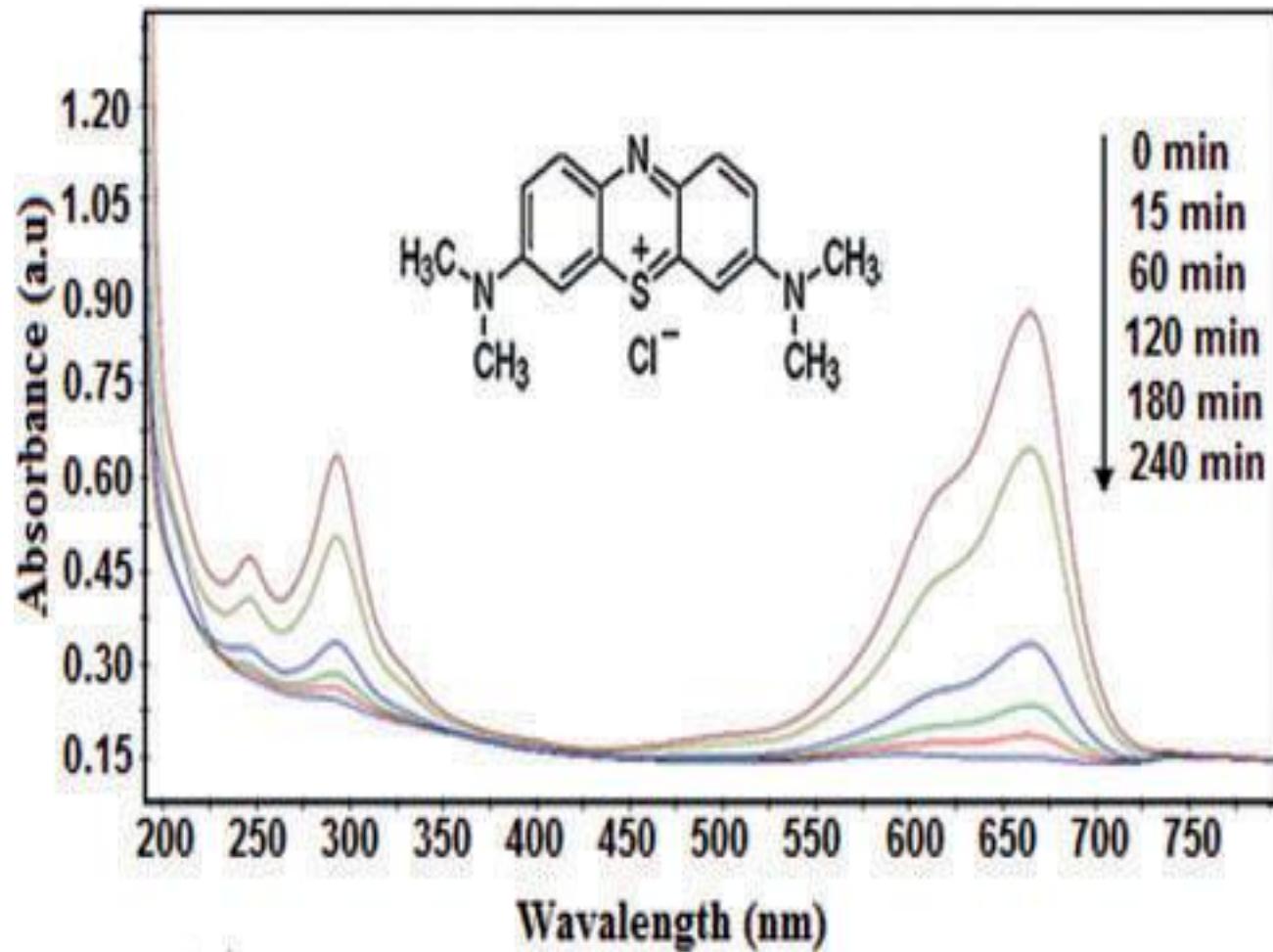


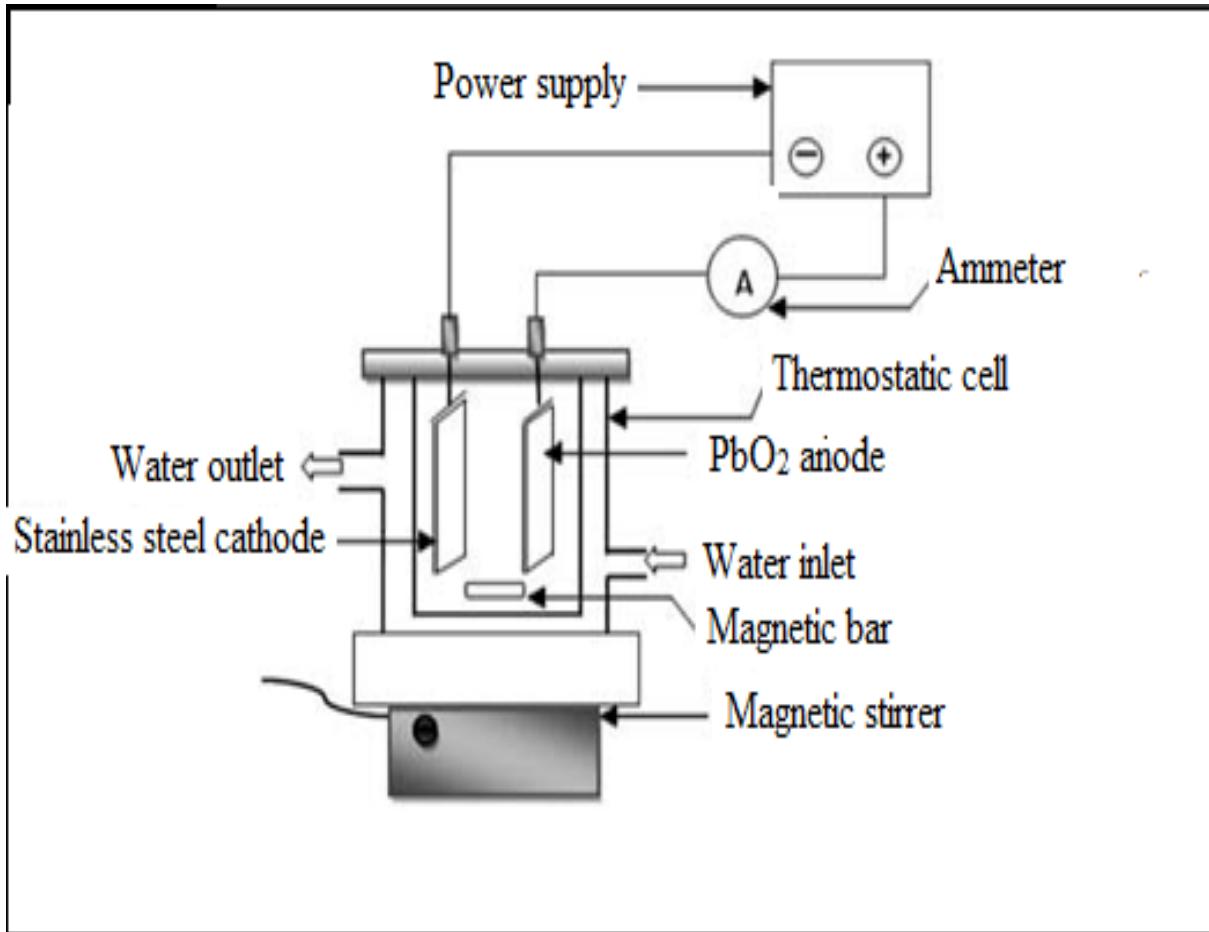
Fig. 3 Lead dioxide electrode

## Structure and absorption spectrum of methylene blue





## Anodic oxydation



**Experimental set-up**

# *Characterization of Positive electrode lead-acid battey*



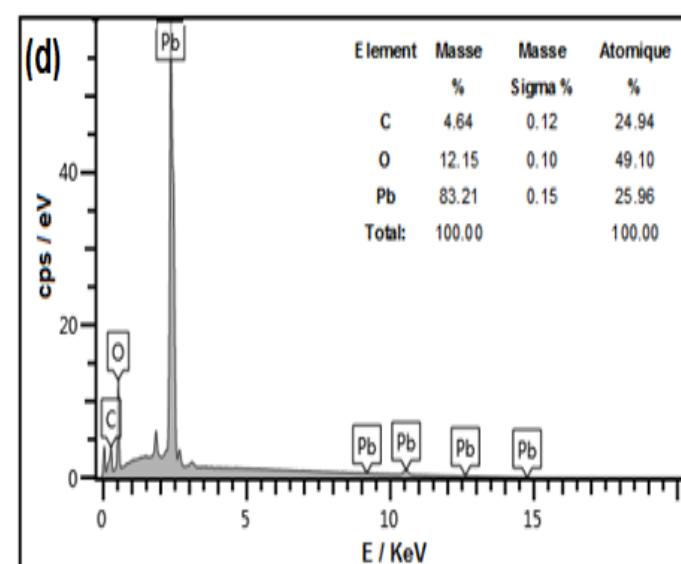
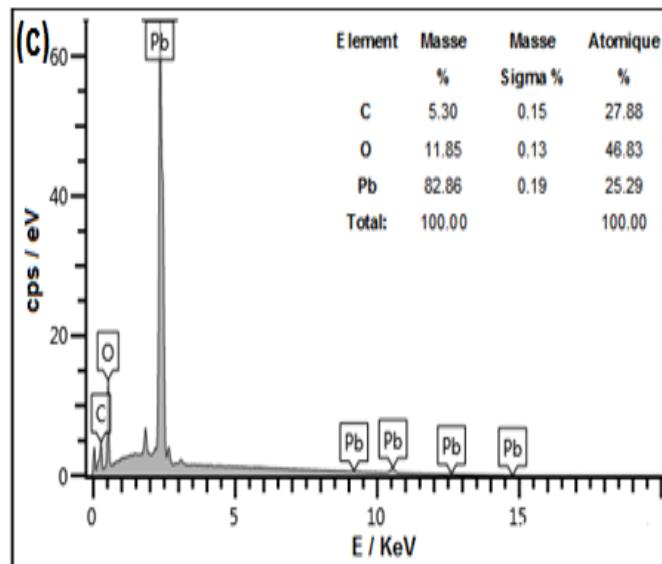
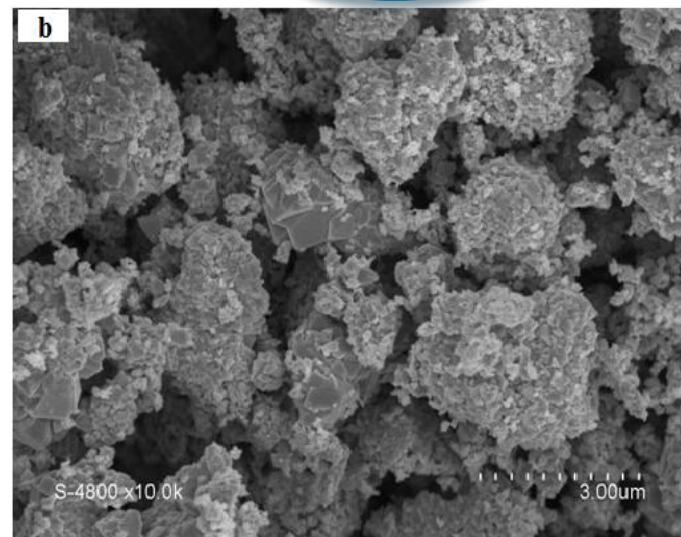
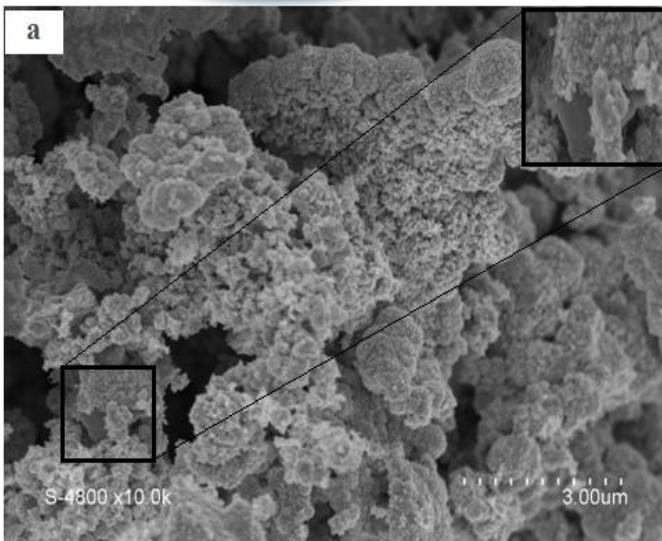
### Chemical analysis of the PbO<sub>2</sub> electrode

	PbO <sub>2</sub> (%)	PbSO <sub>4</sub> (%)
<b>before electrolysis</b>	92.39	2.00
<b>After electrolysis</b>	93.88	1.05

Analysis by SEM  
and EDS

Before

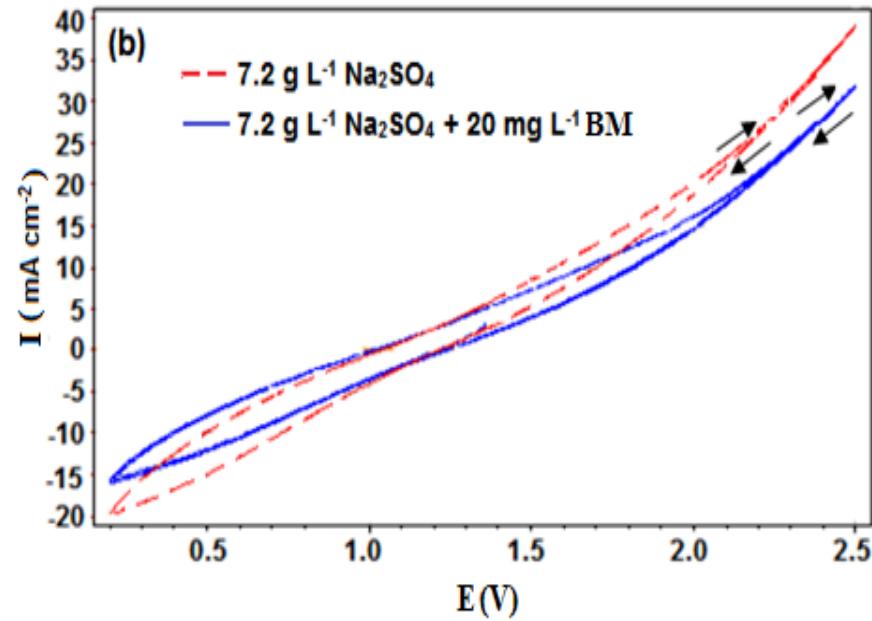
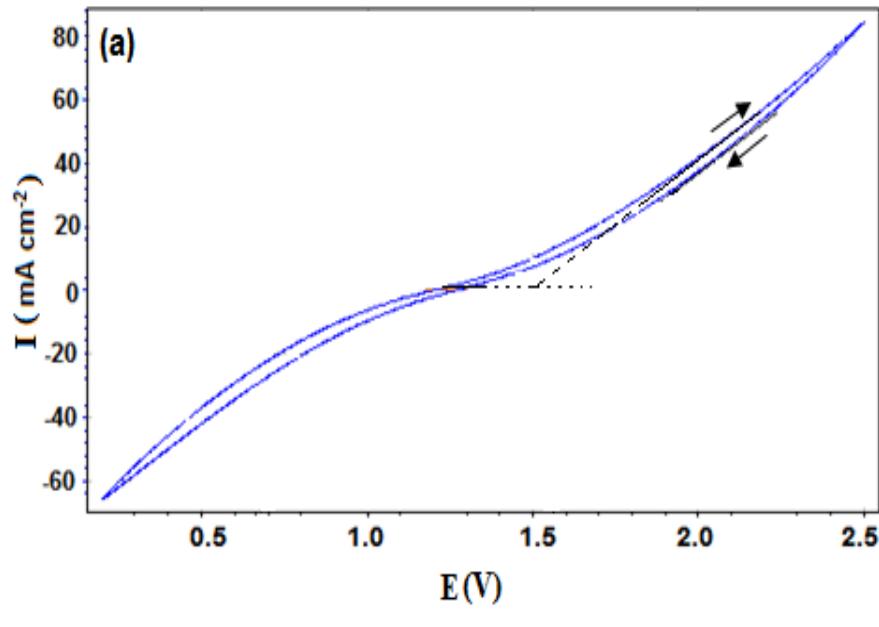
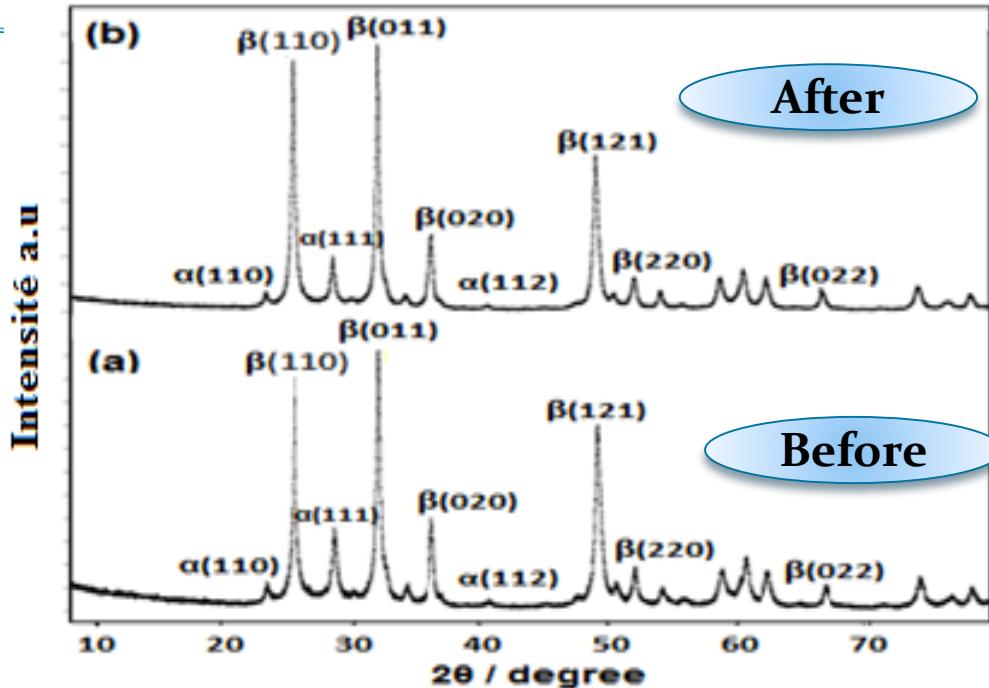
After





X-ray  
Diffractometry  
Analysis(XRD)

Analysis by cyclic  
voltammetry(CV)

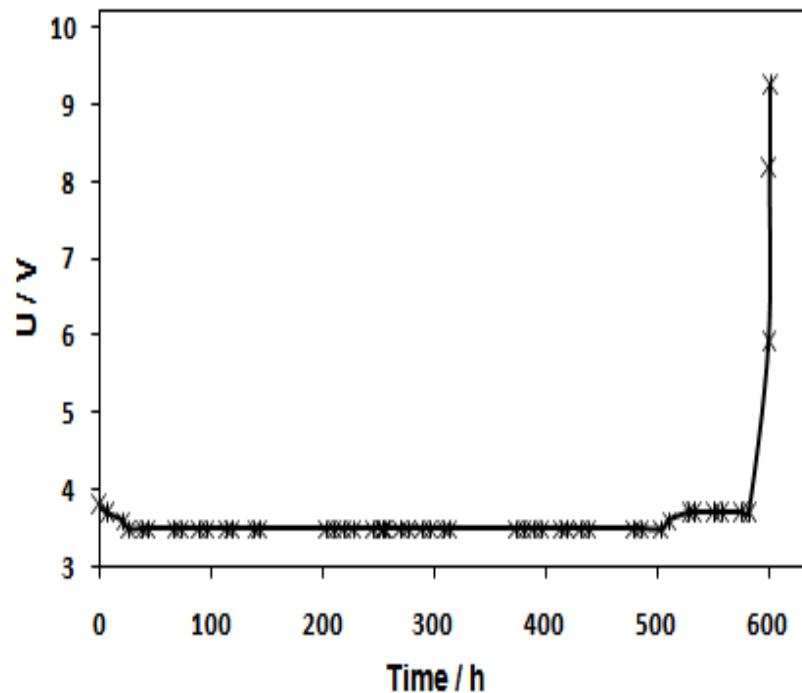




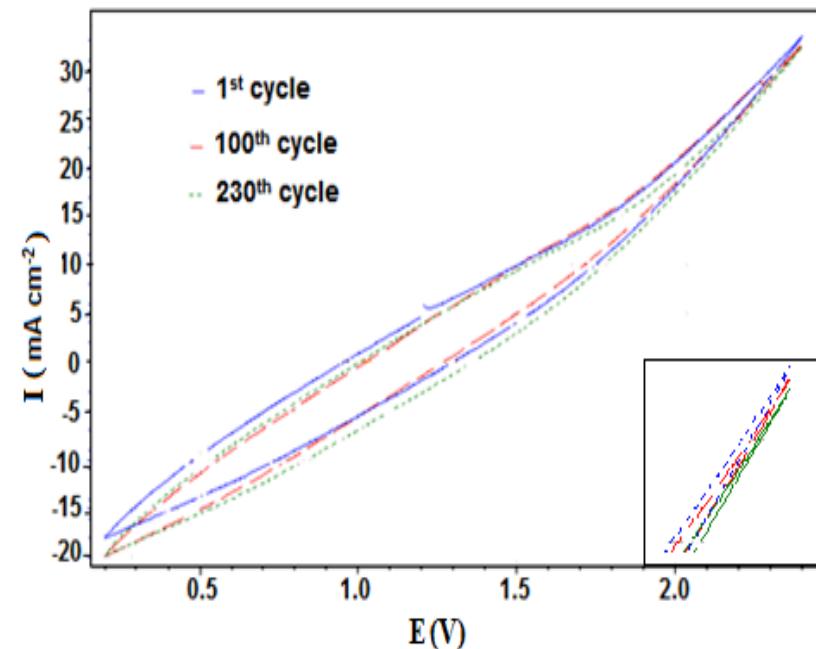
### Stability of the electrode

#### Stability of electrode efficiency

#### Accelerated electrolysis test



#### Effect of cycle number

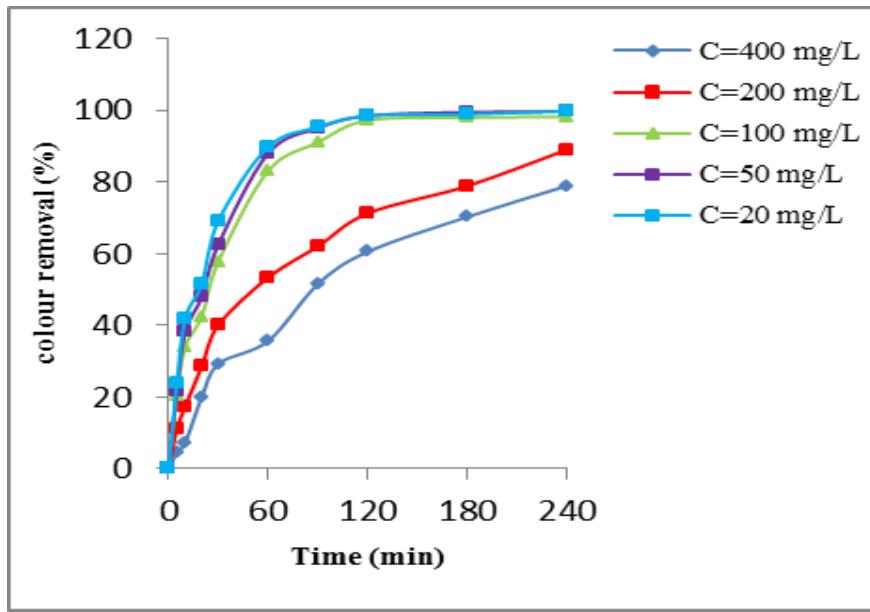


# *Study of the BM degradation by electro- oxidation :*

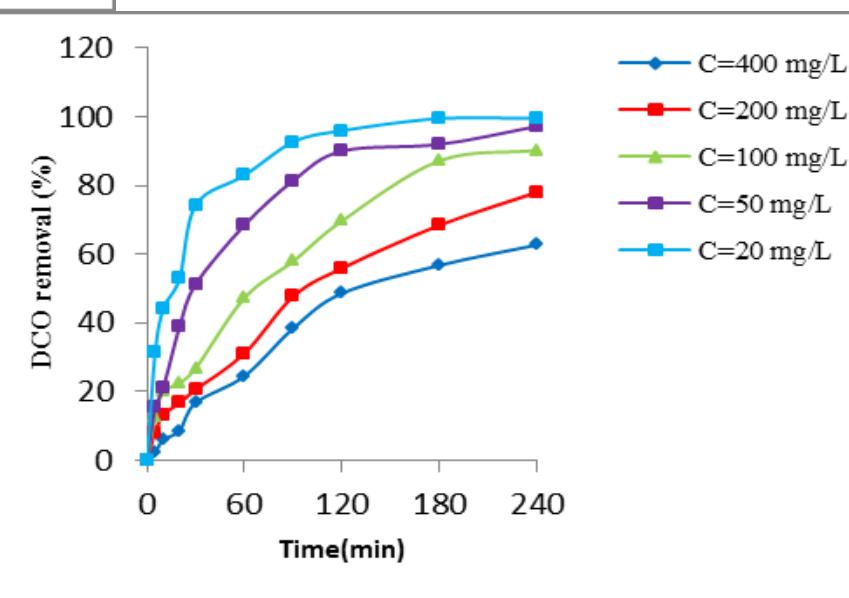
*Effect of some operating parameters*



## Effect of dye concentration

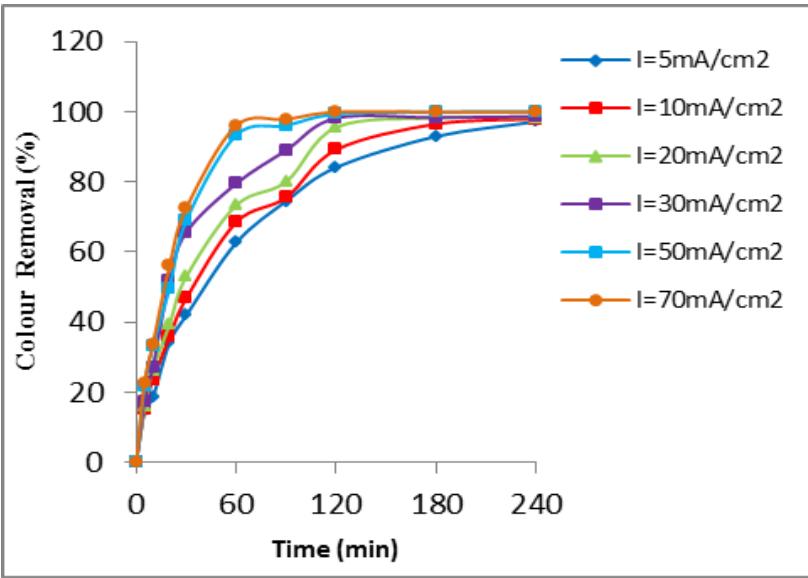


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Vitesse d'agitation = 400 tr min<sup>-1</sup>  
[Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>] = 2 g L<sup>-1</sup>  
pH libre  
 $d = 3,5 \text{ cm}$   
 $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$

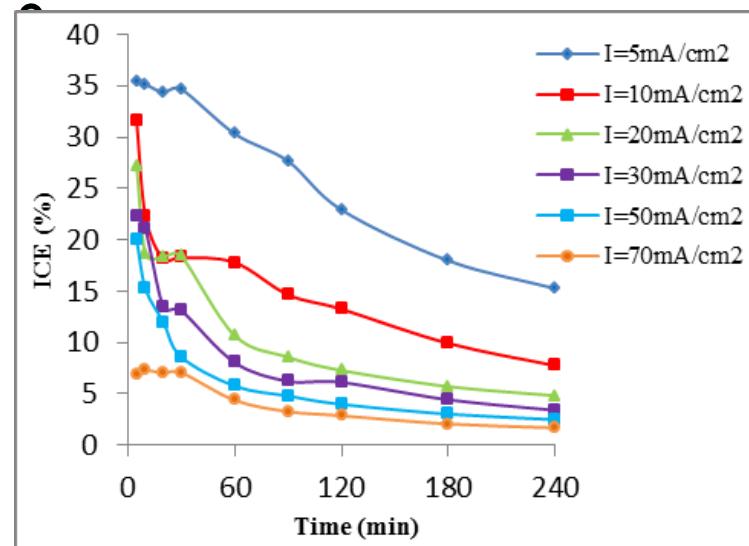
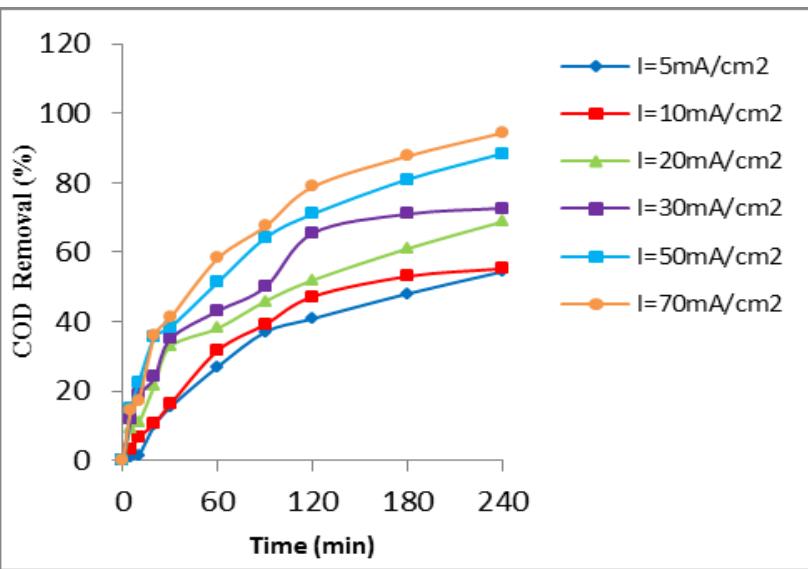




# Effect of current density

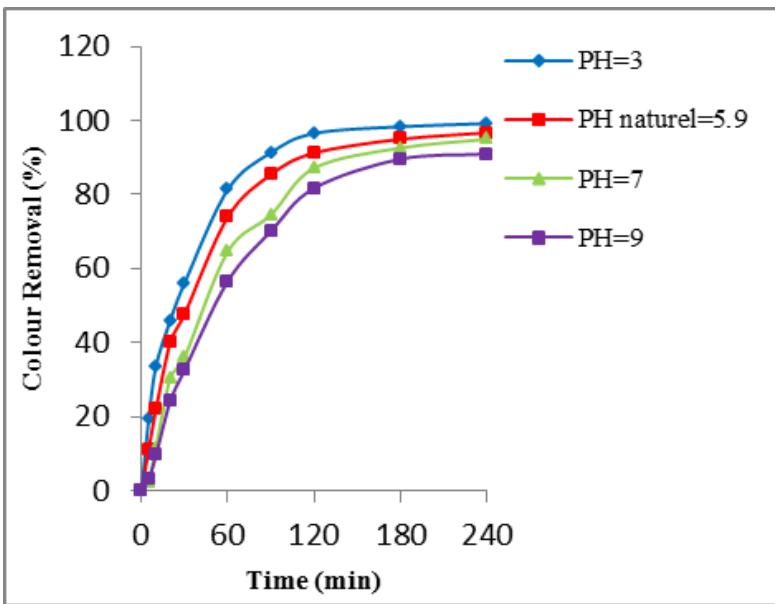


[BM] = 100 mg L<sup>-1</sup>  
vitesse d'agitation = 400 tr min<sup>-1</sup>  
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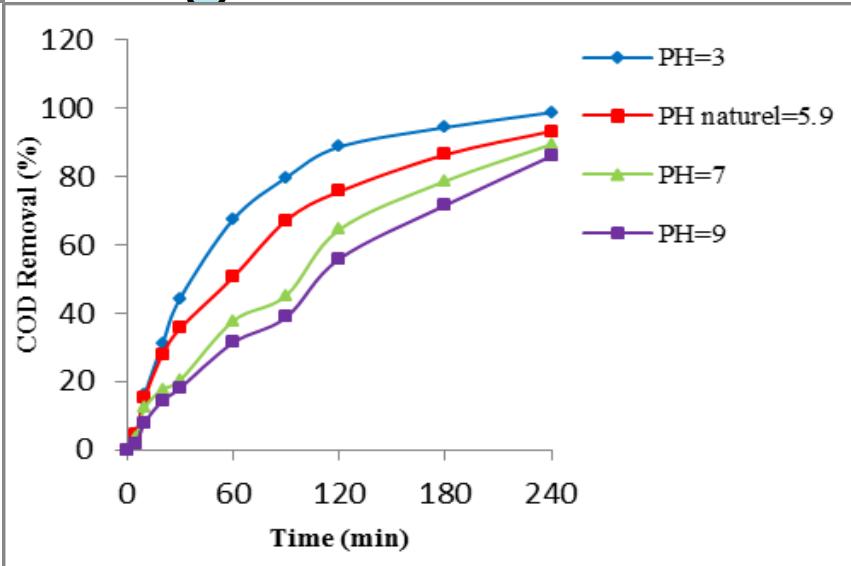




## Effect of initial pH

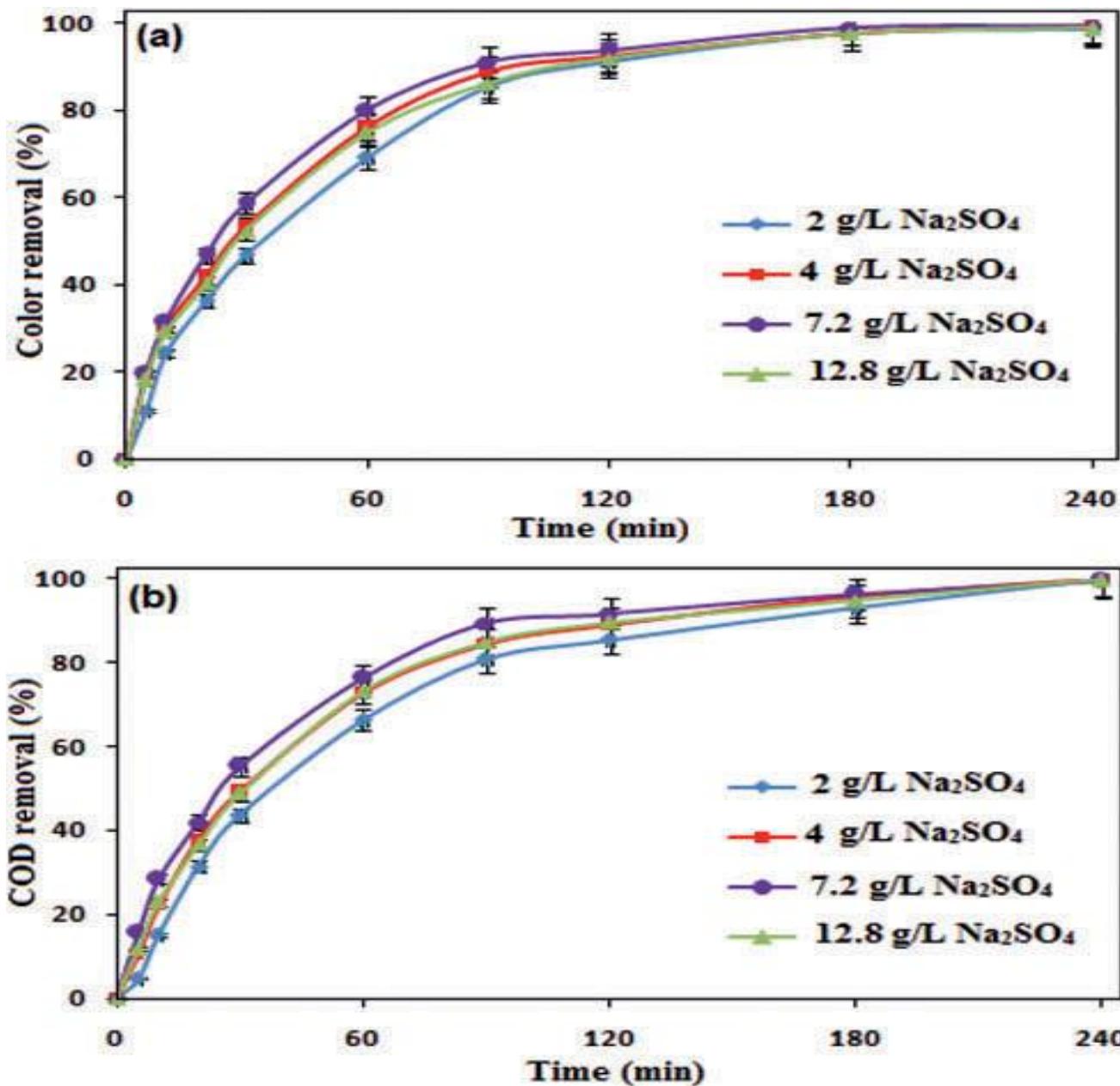


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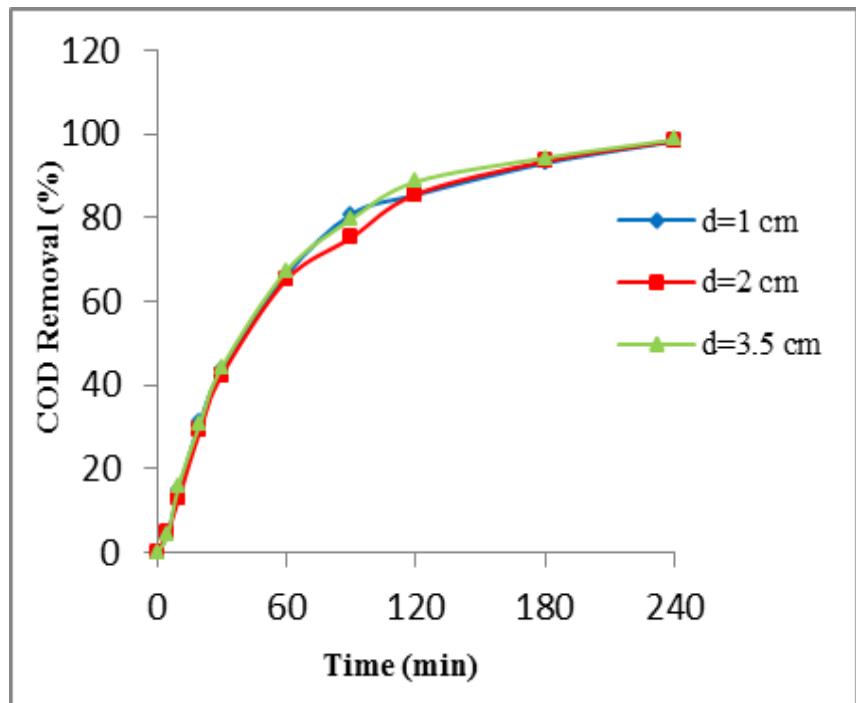
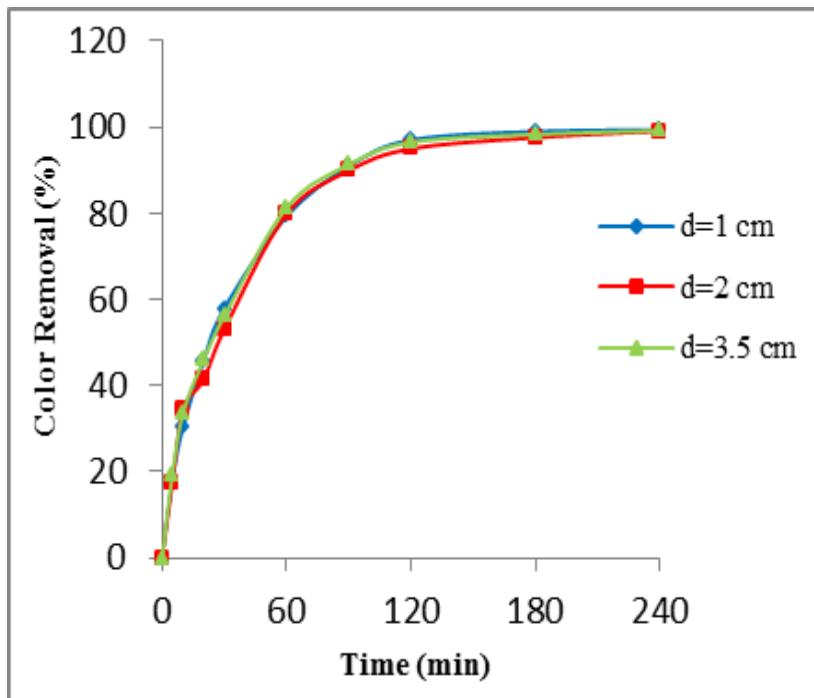


## Effect of supporting electrolyte concentration





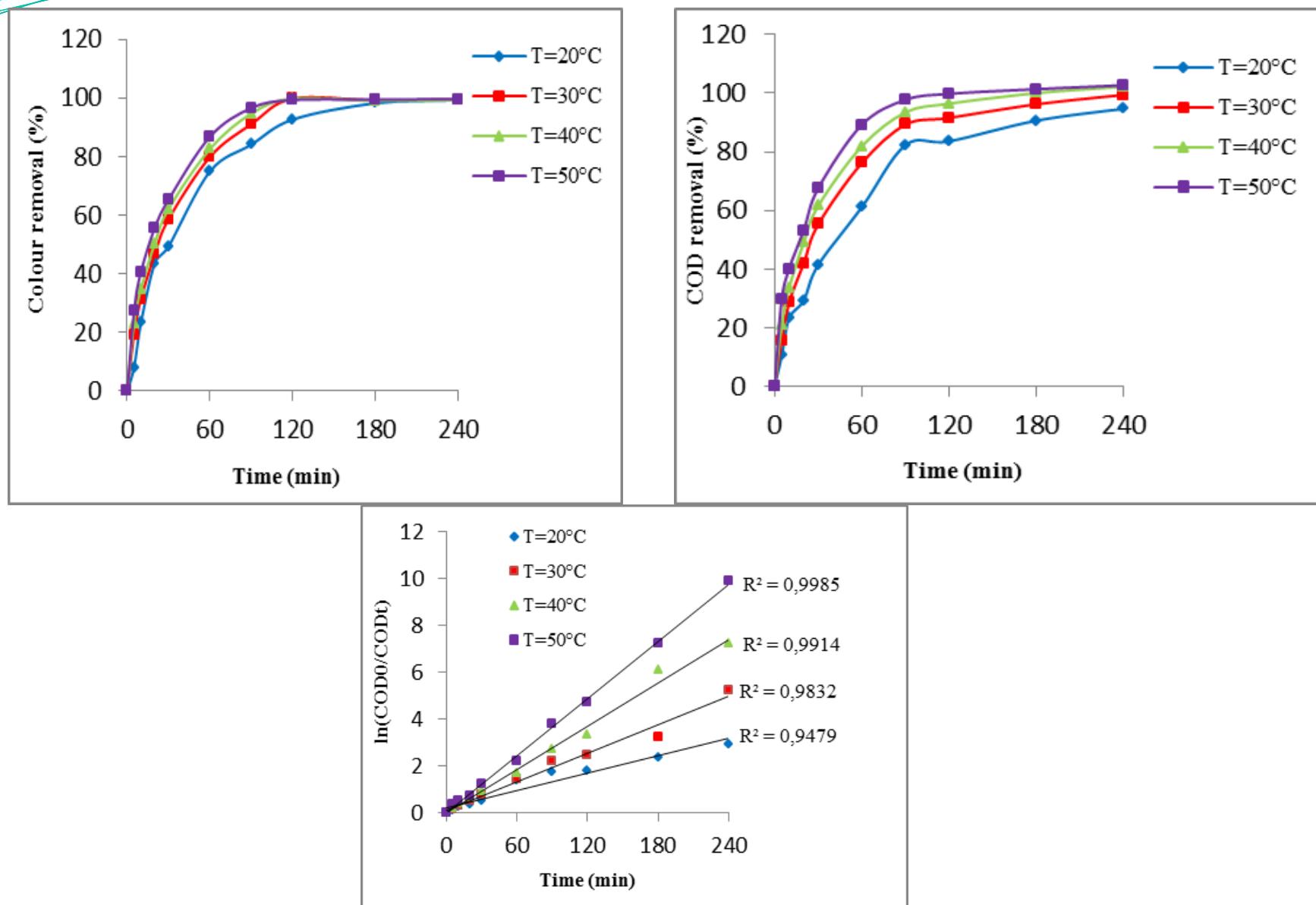
## Effect of distance between the electrodes



Distance (cm)	I (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	U (Volt)	EC (kw h (gDCO) <sup>-1</sup> )
1.0	50	18.93	2.42
2.0	50	25.33	3.03
3.5	50	30.50	3.64



## Effect of temperature



# Conclusion



The anode used in this study has a relatively long life



Discoloration and mineralization rates increase as initial dye concentration and pH decrease.



Increasing the current density in the 5-70 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> range has a positive effect on the discoloration and mineralization of the solution.



[supporting electrolyte] ↑ in the range 2-7 g / L results in increased discoloration and mineralization efficiency. At 12 g / L there was a regression



The energy consumption increases with the distance between the electrodes.



The effect of temperature on the discoloration and mineralization is relatively low



The mineralization of the solution follows a pseudo-first order kinetics

This study demonstrated that the PbO<sub>2</sub> lead-acid battery positive electrode can be used as an effective anode in the electrochemical degradation of organic pollutants.



*Thank you for  
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