

# Adsorption - Desorption of Metolachlor and 2,4-D on Agricultural Soils

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**Abstract**— Adsorption - desorption behavior of metolachlor [ 2-chloro-N- (2-ethyl-6-methylphenyl)-N-(2-methoxy-1-methylethyl) acetamide] which is nonionic herbicide, and 2,4-D (2,4- dichlorophenoxyacetic acid) as anionic herbicide have been studied, by performing batch equilibrium experiments on six agricultural soil samples which has different texture. The adsorption processes of metolachlor and 2, 4-D on the soil solid matrix exhibited moderate rate of accumulation with 20.30% and, 24.71 % respectively after 0.5h. Data revealed that the adsorption- desorption of metolachlor and 2, 4-D on the selected soil samples followed the first order rate law. Linear and Freundlich models were used to describe the adsorption- desorption of the two pesticides. Variation in adsorption affinities of the soils to the pesticides was observed, distribution coefficient  $K_d$  values for adsorption process varied between 1.882 - 3.025  $\text{mlg}^{-1}$  and 2.123- 3.989  $\text{mlg}^{-1}$  for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively , and for desorption process varied between 4.222- 10.986 and 4.755- 14.54  $\text{mlg}^{-1}$  for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively. Freundlich coefficient  $K_F$  for metolachlor and 2,4-D ranged between 0.105-0.312 and 0.119-0.355  $\text{mlg}^{-1}$  for adsorption processes. The value Freundlich coefficient for desorption process  $K_{F_{des}}$  ranged from 0.479 to 1.130  $\text{mlg}^{-1}$  and 0.284 to 1.012  $\text{mlg}^{-1}$  for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively. Values of equilibrium constant  $K_o$ , conducted by the ratio between the constant rate of adsorption to the constant rate of desorption, equilibrium constant for metolachlor and 2,4-D on selected soil samples were in the following from 1.345 to 1.572 and from 1.157 to 1.706 respectively. All desorption isotherms exhibited hysteresis. Higher desorption hysteresis (for metolachlor and 2,4-D was less readily desorbed).

**Index Terms**— Adsorption –desorption kinetics and isotherms, HPLC, Metolachlor, 2, 4-D.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

**P**ESTICIDES are the most extensively used agrochemicals in the agricultural fields throughout the world. It has been estimated that pesticides application however, most of the pesticides enter the environment, and contaminate soils, water and air, throughout the world, the accumulation of pesticides in food and drinking water has been generally recognized as dangerous[1]. The adsorption desorption behavior of pesticides in soil are primarily regulated by soil texture. As soil have a great role in the environment by controlling the organic compounds because of their sorption capability, it is also an important factor governing the migratory behavior of the pesticide in soil and ground water and may also influence the uptake and metabolism by plants or microorganisms and the other organisms present in soil [2], [3]. The Equilibrium for adsorption-desorption processes was attained for most of the systems in 4-24h. Desorption was slower than sorption, it has generally been characterized by an initial rapid rate followed by a much slower approach to an apparent equilibrium. The initial reaction has been associated with diffusion of the pesticides to and from the surface of the sorbent[4]. The purpose of the desorption kinetics study is to investigate whether a chemical is reversibly or irreversibly adsorbed on a soil, which plays an important role in the behavior of a chemical in field soil

[5], [6]. Hysteresis which is commonly observed in pesticide adsorption-desorption studies with soils. Once adsorbed, some adsorbats may react further to become covalently and irreversibly bound, while others may become physically trapped in the soil matrix. Moreover, hysteresis may increase with adsorbent- adsorbate contact time [7], [8]. The selected herbicides were used in corn crops and cotton as preemergence and post-emergence weed control. Metolachlor belongs to chloroacetanilide herbicides its persistence in the soil, its soluble in water, and poorly bound to most soils so it leaching down towards the ground water [9], [10]. The acidic model: 2, 4-D is anionic herbicide (auxin mimic family) which used to kill or suppresses unwanted plants by its chemical structure through the herbicide's mode of action mechanism (biochemical or physical) [11], [12]. Its adsorption involved ionic interaction with positive charges in soil and also the less energetic Van der Waals forces and charge transfer[13], [14].

## 2 METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Soils

Fresh soil samples were taken from six soil samples were collected from six main agricultural, representing a range of physico-chemical properties. Subsamples of homogenized soils were analyzed for moisture content, organic matter content, particle size distribution, texture, pH, loss on ignition and exchangeable basic cations the detail were characterized in previous article[15].

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## 2.2 Pesticide

Analytical grade substituted Metolachlor (purity 97.8%), and 2, 4-D (purity 98%) were both purchased from Riedal-de Haen, Sigma-Aldrich company Ltd. All chemicals used were of analytical grade reagents and used without pre-treatments. Standard stock solutions of the pesticides were prepared in deionised water.

## 2.3 Adsorption Experiments

Adsorption of two pesticides from aqueous solution was determined at temperature (25±1 C°) employing a standard batch equilibrium method [16], [17]. Duplicate air-dried soil samples were equilibrated with different pesticide concentrations (3, 5, 10, and 15 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>) were for both pesticides at the soil solution ratios 4:8, and 5:10 for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively in 16 ml glass tube fitted with Teflon-lined screw caps. The samples plus blanks (no pesticide) and control (no soil) were thermostated and placed in shaker for 0.5, 1, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 24h for metolachlor and 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 6 and 24h for 2,4-D. The tubes were centrifuged for 20 min. at 3000 rpm. One ml of the clear supernatant was removed and analyzed for the pesticide concentration [18], [19]. Pesticide identification was done by PerkinElmer series 200 USA family high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) equipped with a changed loop (20µl), C<sub>18</sub> reversed phase column, flow rate 1.0 ml min<sup>-1</sup>, and a variable wave length UV detector at wavelength 220 nm 200 nm for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively. Separation of metolachlor in aqueous phase was achieved with a mobile phase of ratio 80:20 acetonitrile to water, while for 2, 4-D 60:40 (acidified with 1g L<sup>-1</sup> phosphoric acid). Under these conditions the retention time of metolachlor, and 2, 4-D was 5.37, 4.69 min respectively. Each sample was injected twice to determine the pesticide content by integrating the obtained peak with the respective standard pesticides. The pesticide content was average of two measurements, with no more than 5% deviation between the measurements.

## 2.4 Desorption Experiments

Desorption processes were done as each test tube was placed in a thermostated shaker at (25±1 C°) after equilibration for 24 h with different pesticide concentrations (3, 5, 10 and 15 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>) the samples were centrifuged, 5ml of supernatant was removed from the adsorption equilibrium solution and immediately replaced by 5ml of water and this repeated for four times [20]. The resuspended samples were shaken for mentioned time previously for the kinetic study for each pesticide.

## 3 DATA ANALYSIS

### 3.1 Adsorption-Desorption Kinetics

The rate constants for adsorption of each pesticide on soils were calculated using the first order rate expression[21].

$$\log(C - C_t) = \log C - \frac{k}{2.303} t \quad (1)$$

Where k : k<sub>a</sub> is the rate constant for adsorption (h<sup>-1</sup>), t the time (h), C is C<sub>o</sub> the concentration of pesticide added (µg ml<sup>-1</sup>) and C<sub>t</sub> the amount adsorbed (µg ml<sup>-1</sup>) at time t. In all cases, first order equation provided satisfactory fit for the data as linear plots of log (C<sub>o</sub> - C<sub>t</sub>) against t of both pesticides demonstrated in (Table 1&2). The same equation used to describe the process of desorption in all experiments and on all soil samples [22]. Where k is k<sub>des</sub> is the desorption rate constant (h<sup>-1</sup>), C<sub>t</sub> is the amount of released pesticides at time t and C is C<sub>e</sub> is the amount of released pesticides at equilibrium and k<sub>des</sub> is the slope of straight line which is equal to coefficient release rate of k<sub>des</sub>. A plot of log (C<sub>e</sub> - C<sub>t</sub>) versus t should give a straight line with slope -k<sub>des</sub>/2.303 and intercept of log C<sub>e</sub> of both pesticides demonstrated in (Table 1&2).

### 3.1.2 Equilibrium Constant

Considering the experimental equilibrium constant k<sub>o</sub> can be conducted by the ratio of adsorption rate constant k<sub>a</sub> to the desorption rate constant k<sub>des</sub>, K<sub>o</sub> were calculated using the following expression[23].

$$K_o = \frac{k_a}{k_{des}} \quad (2)$$

It indicates that adsorption in the systems studied may be viewed as a reaction in which a solute molecule collides with an adsorption site to form the adsorption complex. Desorption may be viewed as "unimolecular" process by which the adsorption complex dissociates to a free site and solute molecule. The large difference in the equilibrium adsorption arise mainly from the difference in the rate of desorption.

### 3.2 Adsorption-Desorption Isotherms

#### 3.2.1 Distribution Coefficient

The distribution coefficient (K<sub>d</sub>) was calculated by the using the following expression[20], [22].

$$C_s = K_d C_e \quad (3)$$

The distribution coefficient (K<sub>d</sub>) was calculated by taking the ratio of adsorption concentration in soil (C<sub>s</sub>) and equilibrium concentration in solution (C<sub>e</sub>), and averaged across all equilibrium concentration to obtain a single estimate of K<sub>d</sub> of both pesticides demonstrated in (Table 3&4).

### 3.2.2 Freundlich Coefficient

Adsorption isotherm parameters were calculated using the linearized form of Freundlich equation [22], [23].

$$\log C_s = \log K_F + \frac{1}{n} \log C_e \quad (4)$$

$C_s$  and  $C_e$  were defined previously,  $K_F$  is Freundlich adsorption coefficients, and  $n$  is a linearity factor, it is also known as adsorption intensity,  $1/n$  is the slope and  $\log K_F$  is the intercept of the straight line resulting from the plot of  $\log C_s$  versus  $\log C_e$  as shown in fig 1a&b. The values of  $K_F$  and  $1/n$  calculated from this regression equation showed that Freundlich adsorption model effectively describes isotherms for both pesticides in all cases. Desorption isotherms of both pesticides were fitted to the linearized form of the Freundlich equation [24].

$$\log C_s = \log K_{Fdes} + \frac{1}{n_{des}} \log C_e \quad (5)$$

Where  $C_s$  is the amount of pesticides still adsorbed ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ),  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration of pesticides in solution after desorption ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ), and  $K_{Fdes}$  ( $\mu\text{g g}^{1-n_{des}} / \text{mL}^{n_{des}} \text{g}^{-1}$ ) and  $n_{des}$  are two characteristic constants of both pesticides desorption [25]. The value of the  $K_{Fdes}$  and  $n_{des}$  constants of both pesticides demonstrated in (Table 3&4).

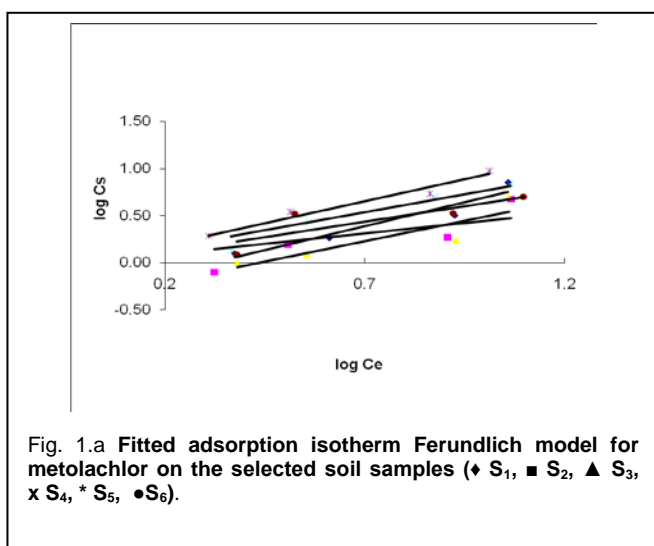


Fig. 1.a Fitted adsorption isotherm Ferundlich model for metolachlor on the selected soil samples (♦ S<sub>1</sub>, ■ S<sub>2</sub>, ▲ S<sub>3</sub>, x S<sub>4</sub>, \* S<sub>5</sub>, ● S<sub>6</sub>).

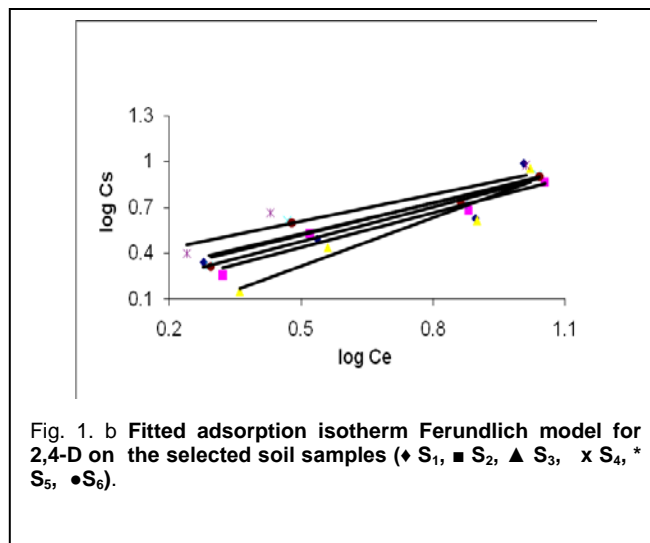


Fig. 1. b Fitted adsorption isotherm Ferundlich model for 2,4-D on the selected soil samples (♦ S<sub>1</sub>, ■ S<sub>2</sub>, ▲ S<sub>3</sub>, x S<sub>4</sub>, \* S<sub>5</sub>, ● S<sub>6</sub>).

### 3.3 Hysteresis Coefficient

A study of both pesticides desorption isotherms show positive hysteresis coefficients  $H_1$  on the six selected soil samples. Hysteresis coefficients ( $H_1$ ) can be determined by using the following equation [25].

$$H_1 = \frac{n_a}{n_{des}} \quad (6)$$

Where  $n_a$  and  $n_{des}$  are Ferundlich adsorption and desorption constants, respectively, indicating the greater or lesser irreversibility of adsorption in all samples, the highest values corresponding for which the highest adsorption constant was obtained. The coefficient  $H_1$  is a simple one and easy to use, Data in table 5 demonstrated  $H_1$  values for metolachlor, and 2, 4-D respectively.

The extent of hysteresis was quantified by using hysteresis coefficient ( $\omega$ ), it was defined on the discrepancy between the sorption and desorption isotherms, and calculated by using Freundlich parameters estimated from sorption and desorption isotherms separately, ( $\omega$ ) expressed as [26].

$$\omega = \left( \frac{n_a}{n_{des}} - 1 \right) \times 100 \quad (7)$$

Recently Zhu et. al [27] proposed an alternative hysteresis coefficient ( $\lambda$ ) based on the difference in the areas between adsorption and desorption isotherms, they derived the following expression for the parameter  $\lambda$  for the traditional isotherms

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{n_a + 1}{n_{des} + 1} - 1 \right) \times 100 \quad (8)$$

### 3.4 Organic Matter Normaliz Adsorption Coefficient

The linear or distribution coefficient ( $K_d$ ) is related to soil organic carbon (OC) and soil organic matter (OM) by the following equations [28].

$$\%OC = \frac{\%OM}{1.724} \quad (9)$$

$$K_{OM} = \frac{100K_d}{\%OM} \quad (10)$$

$$K_{OC} = \frac{100K_d}{\%OC} \quad (11)$$

## 4 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Adsorption-Desorption Rate

Data in Table 1&2 showed that adsorption -desorption of the both pesticides in all cases followed first order rate law [29], [30], (values of rate constants for adsorption and desorption of metolachlor on selected soil samples were in the range from 1.001 to 1.886 h<sup>-1</sup> and 0.132 to 2.153h<sup>-1</sup> respectively, and the value of R<sup>2</sup> for adsorption-desorption of metolachlor on selected soil samples ranged from 0.762 to 0.976 and from 0.735 to 0.995 respectively. The value of standard error (S.E.) for adsorption-desorption of metolachlor on selected soil samples ranged from 0.100 to 0.204 and from 0.084 to 0.244 respectively. Values of rate constants for adsorption-desorption of 2, 4-D on selected soil samples were in the range from 1.073 to 2.683 h<sup>-1</sup> and 0.731 to 1.277h<sup>-1</sup> respectively, and the value of R<sup>2</sup> for adsorption-desorption of 2,4-D on selected soil samples ranged from 0.729 to 0.988 and from 0.739 to 0.987 respectively. The value of standard error (S.E.) for adsorption-desorption of 2,4-D on selected soil samples ranged from 0.195 to 0.269 and from 0.192 to 0.202 respectively. The values of rate constant for adsorption  $k_a$  for the both pesticides are greater than desorption rate constant  $k_{des}$ . Thus desorption during the first few hours is likely to come from the or more accessible sites and /or from the low-energy -release sorption mechanisms, whereas metolachlor sorbed on less accessible sites and/or

more strongly adsorbed sites is not susceptible to desorption initially and is subsequently subject to slow release over time [31], [32]. Data in table 1&2 demonstrated the values of equilibrium constant  $K_o$ , equilibrium constant for metolachlor, and 2, 4-D on selected soil samples were in the following from 1.345 to 1.572 and from 1.157 to 1.706 respectively.

### 4.2 Adsorption-Desorption Isotherms

Preliminary studies have shown that more than 90% of the 2,4-D sorption occurs within 2h. Orgam et al .1985 [33] suggested that microbial degradation occurred only in solution phase and not when the pesticide was sorbed.  $K_d$  values for adsorption process varied between 1.882 - 3.025 mlg<sup>-1</sup> and 2.123- 3.989 mlg<sup>-1</sup> for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively, and for desorption process varied between 4.222- 10.986 and 4.755- 14.54 mlg<sup>-1</sup> for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively. Freundlich coefficient  $K_F$  for metolachlor and 2,4-D ranged between 0.105-0.312 and 0.119-0.355 mlg<sup>-1</sup> for adsorption processes. The value Freundlich coefficient for desorption process  $K_{Fdes}$  ranged from 0.479 to 1.130 mlg<sup>-1</sup> and 0.284 to 1.012 mlg<sup>-1</sup> for metolachlor and 2,4-D respectively. Ferundlich desorption isotherms were determined on the soils used in the adsorption isotherms experiment, the  $K_{Fdes}$  values indicate that a small proportion of the chemical has desorbed into solution [34], [35]. In present study, the value of n were less than unity for S<sub>3</sub> in the adsorption of metolachlor indicating the non-linear relationship between concentration of metolachlor and the soil, while a linear relationship between the other soils and metolachlor. The adsorption processes for 2, 4-D on soil samples, the values of  $n > 1$  indicating a linear relationship between as shown in fig 1 a & b. The variable slopes of the adsorption isotherm obtained for different soil systems studied reveal that the both pesticides adsorption on soil complex phenomena involving different types of adsorption sites with different surface energies .The value of  $n_{fdes}$  describes nonlinearity curvature in the desorption isotherm and is often used as an index of hysteresis. Results obtained in the present work showed that the values of  $n_{des}$  values were smaller than the values for the other works [36], [37]. Data in table 5 demonstrated  $H_1$  values for metolachlor and 2,4-D from the selected soil samples in the range from 1.450-2.352 and 0.568-2.595 respectively, indicating an increase in the irreversibility of the adsorption of herbicide as the clay content increases, and indicate the increased difficulty of the sorbed analyte to desorb from the matrix. The calculated values of hysteresis coefficient ( $\omega$ ) for adsorption-desorption of for metolachlor and 2, 4-D on the selected soil samples were summarized in table 5 ranged from 90 to 135 and from -43 to 159 respectively. Whereas hysteresis coefficient ( $\omega$ ) is only applicable for the traditional type isotherms of the successive desorption [38], [39]. The data in table 5 demonstrated hysteresis coefficient ( $\lambda$ ) according to equation 8 for adsorption-desorption of for metolachlor and 2,4-D from the selected soil samples were ranged from 132 to



678 and from 72 to 750 respectively.

## 5 CONCLUSION

The batch kinetics experiments were used to differentiate the behavior of two pesticides on six agricultural soil samples. The experimental data were evaluated by employing first-order rate law, the regression equations relating that the highest values are in first-order which is the most suitable to be used. Accessibility of soil organic OC and clay content and the chemical nature of the constituents determined the adsorption affinity of the soil. All desorption isotherms exhibited hysteresis. Higher desorption hysteresis (both was less readily desorbed), the increasingly difficult desorption with decreasing solute concentration which can be explained by the limited number of the available sites for the high-energy. Most of these sites were occupied at low solute concentrations, whereas at high solute concentrations, more molecules are taken up by low-energy binding sites and therefore they can more readily desorb. This could also be explained by the possible hysteresis effect taking place during desorption involving various forces that caused the amount of compounds retained to be higher after desorption than after adsorption at the unit of equilibrium concentration.

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**TABLE 1**  
**ADSORPTION -DESORPTION RATE CONSTANTS AND EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANTS FOR METOLACH-  
 LOR ON THE SELECTED SOIL SAMPLES**

Soil	Conc ppm	Adsorption			Desorption			K <sub>o</sub>
		K <sub>ads</sub> calc (h <sup>-1</sup> )	S.E	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>des</sub> calc (h <sup>-1</sup> )	S.E	R <sup>2</sup>	
S <sub>1</sub>	3	1.285	0.185	0.828	1.187	0.119	0.879	1.360
	5	1.515	0.100	0.942	0.913	0.170	0.776	
	10	1.582	0.104	0.904	1.120	0.128	0.809	
	15	1.001	0.158	0.808	0.796	0.199	0.918	
S <sub>2</sub>	3	1.886	0.175	0.801	1.127	0.244	0.899	1.345
	5	1.414	0.193	0.819	1.236	0.176	0.874	
	10	1.382	0.168	0.955	1.117	0.186	0.922	
S <sub>3</sub>	15	1.327	0.165	0.849	0.989	0.121	0.802	1.364
	3	1.765	0.171	0.834	1.150	0.158	0.914	
	5	1.609	0.124	0.927	1.111	0.188	0.930	
S <sub>4</sub>	10	1.639	0.113	0.843	1.161	0.192	0.963	1.370
	15	1.115	0.154	0.884	1.070	0.193	0.969	
	3	1.422	0.199	0.852	0.981	0.089	0.793	
	5	1.386	0.202	0.848	0.987	0.093	0.892	
S <sub>5</sub>	10	1.369	0.204	0.873	0.984	0.094	0.936	1.449
	15	1.261	0.197	0.983	0.983	0.084	0.995	
	3	1.749	0.164	0.973	1.025	0.190	0.979	
	5	1.161	0.971	0.944	0.847	0.185	0.735	
S <sub>6</sub>	10	1.281	0.165	0.762	0.985	0.188	0.946	1.572
	15	1.326	0.153	0.976	0.802	0.186	0.967	
	3	1.669	0.197	0.954	1.627	0.194	0.974	
	5	1.744	0.195	0.962	0.132	0.122	0.823	
S <sub>6</sub>	10	1.695	0.163	0.933	2.153	0.189	0.902	
	15	1.698	0.159	0.955	0.406	0.168	0.863	

**TABLE 2**  
**ADSORPTION -DESORPTION RATE CONSTANTS AND EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANTS FOR 2,4-D ON THE**  
**SELECTED SOIL SAMPLES**

Soil	Conc .ppm	Adsorption			Desorption			K <sub>o</sub>
		K <sub>ads</sub> calc (h <sup>-1</sup> )	S.E	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>des</sub> calc (h <sup>-1</sup> )	S.E	R <sup>2</sup>	
S <sub>1</sub>	3	1.155	0.195	0.929	0.933	0.196	0.963	1.157
	5	1.339	0.198	0.884	1.158	0.192	0.927	
	10	1.350	0.269	0.962	1.065	0.193	0.972	
	15	1.114	0.195	0.872	1.129	0.192	0.947	
S <sub>2</sub>	3	1.615	0.205	0.867	1.173	0.192	0.982	1.216
	5	1.114	0.197	0.793	1.128	0.192	0.909	
	10	1.637	0.201	0.940	1.277	0.191	0.987	
	15	1.364	0.196	0.807	1.134	0.199	0.952	
S <sub>3</sub>	3	1.953	0.211	0.915	0.868	0.192	0.739	1.706
	5	1.464	0.199	0.898	0.807	0.193	0.846	
	10	1.848	0.207	0.866	1.087	0.198	0.829	
	15	1.379	0.197	0.828	1.133	0.198	0.822	
S <sub>4</sub>	3	2.683	0.242	0.988	1.096	0.201	0.843	1.683
	5	1.591	0.202	0.876	0.991	0.198	0.980	
	10	1.362	0.196	0.985	0.999	0.196	0.933	
	15	1.355	0.197	0.942	1.083	0.194	0.954	
S <sub>5</sub>	3	1.267	0.196	0.729	0.959	0.195	0.855	1.369
	5	1.247	0.197	0.770	0.731	0.201	0.828	
	10	1.265	0.196	0.827	0.915	0.196	0.962	
	15	1.073	0.195	0.966	0.937	0.196	0.934	
S <sub>6</sub>	3	2.161	0.219	0.903	0.993	0.200	0.982	1.494
	5	1.475	0.201	0.864	0.989	0.202	0.902	
	10	1.867	0.207	0.948	0.978	0.195	0.909	
	15	1.829	0.202	0.973	0.987	0.195	0.947	



**TABLE3**  
**ADSORPTION -DESORPTION ISOTHERM PARAMETERS THE LINEAR AND FREUNDLICH**  
**MODELS FOR METOLACHLOR ON THE SELECTED SOIL SAMPLES**

Adsorption Desorption Models	Parameter	Soils					
		S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>5</sub>	S <sub>6</sub>
Adsorption Distri- Coffi	<b>K<sub>d</sub> (calc)</b>	<b>2.429</b>	<b>2.628</b>	<b>3.025</b>	<b>2.206</b>	<b>1.882</b>	<b>2.216</b>
	S.E	<b>0.259</b>	<b>0.181</b>	<b>0.149</b>	<b>0.279</b>	<b>0.263</b>	<b>0.277</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.785</b>	<b>0.985</b>	<b>0.965</b>	<b>0.879</b>	<b>0.943</b>	<b>0.847</b>
	K <sub>OC(ml/g)</sub>	<b>87</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>147</b>
	K <sub>OM(ml/g)</sub>	<b>1.496</b>	<b>4.361</b>	<b>1.632</b>	<b>1.614</b>	<b>1.695</b>	<b>2.532</b>
Freundlich Adsorption	K <sub>F(ml/g)</sub>	<b>0.105</b>	<b>0.202</b>	<b>0.214</b>	<b>0.191</b>	<b>0.312</b>	<b>0.169</b>
	S.E	<b>0.286</b>	<b>0.282</b>	<b>0.310</b>	<b>0.322</b>	<b>0.283</b>	<b>0.281</b>
	n <sub>F</sub>	<b>1.336</b>	<b>1.668</b>	<b>0.943</b>	<b>1.483</b>	<b>1.684</b>	<b>1.430</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.826</b>	<b>0.936</b>	<b>0.921</b>	<b>0.889</b>	<b>0.833</b>	<b>0.923</b>
Desorp- tion Distri- Coffi	<b>K<sub>d</sub> (calc)</b>	<b>8.915</b>	<b>6.773</b>	<b>4.222</b>	<b>5.889</b>	<b>9.203</b>	<b>10.986</b>
	S.E	<b>0.099</b>	<b>0.079</b>	<b>0.072</b>	<b>0.068</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.039</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.757</b>	<b>0.765</b>	<b>0.986</b>	<b>0.846</b>	<b>0.968</b>	<b>0.865</b>
Freundlich Desorption	K <sub>Fdes(ml/g)</sub>	<b>0.817</b>	<b>0.479</b>	<b>1.066</b>	<b>1.130</b>	<b>0.724</b>	<b>0.742</b>
	S.E	<b>0.290</b>	<b>0.234</b>	<b>0.358</b>	<b>0.243</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>0.121</b>
	n <sub>Fdes</sub>	<b>0.767</b>	<b>1.051</b>	<b>0.401</b>	<b>0.692</b>	<b>0.885</b>	<b>0.986</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.908</b>	<b>0.857</b>	<b>0.992</b>	<b>0.886</b>	<b>0.998</b>	<b>0.937</b>

**TABLE 4**  
**ADSORPTION -DESORPTION ISOTHERM PARAMETERS THE LINEAR AND FREUNDLICH**  
**MODELS FOR 2,4-D ON THE SELECTED SOIL SAMPLES**

Adsorption Desorption Models	Parameter	Soils					
		S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>5</sub>	S <sub>6</sub>
Adsorption Distr Coffi	<b>K<sub>d</sub> (calc)</b>	<b>2.123</b>	<b>2.949</b>	<b>3.857</b>	<b>3.112</b>	<b>2.124</b>	<b>3.989</b>
	S.E	<b>0.279</b>	<b>0.283</b>	<b>0.179</b>	<b>0.207</b>	<b>0.206</b>	<b>0.209</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.898</b>	<b>0.797</b>	<b>0.977</b>	<b>0.846</b>	<b>0.968</b>	<b>0.752</b>
	K <sub>OC(m/g)</sub>	<b>105</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>298</b>
	K <sub>OM(m/g)</sub>	<b>1.816</b>	<b>4.893</b>	<b>2.081</b>	<b>2.974</b>	<b>13.52</b>	<b>5.144</b>
Freundlich Adsorption	K <sub>F(m/g)</sub>	<b>0.178</b>	<b>0.119</b>	<b>0.185</b>	<b>0.175</b>	<b>0.355</b>	<b>0.154</b>
	S.E	<b>0.256</b>	<b>0.280</b>	<b>0.325</b>	<b>0.350</b>	<b>0.254</b>	<b>0.306</b>
	n <sub>F</sub>	<b>1.409</b>	<b>1.608</b>	<b>1.128</b>	<b>1.021</b>	<b>1.111</b>	<b>1.516</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.944</b>	<b>0.823</b>	<b>0.803</b>	<b>0.979</b>	<b>0.964</b>	<b>0.754</b>
Desorp- tion Distr Coffi	<b>K<sub>d</sub> (calc)</b>	<b>4.755</b>	<b>14.54</b>	<b>10.21</b>	<b>8.258</b>	<b>4.762</b>	<b>7.039</b>
	S.E	<b>0.113</b>	<b>0.160</b>	<b>0.272</b>	<b>0.093</b>	<b>0.146</b>	<b>0.142</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.915</b>	<b>0.765</b>	<b>0.977</b>	<b>0.955</b>	<b>0.853</b>	<b>0.953</b>
Freundlich Desorption	K <sub>Fdes(m/g)</sub>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>1.012</b>	<b>0.419</b>	<b>0.303</b>	<b>0.613</b>	<b>0.284</b>
	S.E	<b>0.530</b>	<b>0.578</b>	<b>0.212</b>	<b>0.349</b>	<b>0.380</b>	<b>0.329</b>
	n <sub>Fdes</sub>	<b>0.543</b>	<b>0.808</b>	<b>1.147</b>	<b>1.799</b>	<b>0.750</b>	<b>1.022</b>
	R <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.800</b>	<b>0.978</b>	<b>0.773</b>	<b>0.981</b>	<b>0.959</b>	<b>0.850</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**HYSTERSIS COEFFICENT FOR ADSORPTION- DESORPTION FOR METOLACH-**  
**LOR AND 2,4-D ON THE SELECTED D SOIL SAMPLES**

Soil	Metolachlor			2,4-D		
	H <sub>1</sub>	ω	λ	H <sub>1</sub>	ω	λ
S <sub>1</sub>	1.742	74	678	2.595	159	304
S <sub>2</sub>	1.587	59	173	1.990	99	750
S <sub>3</sub>	2.352	135	398	0.983	-1.656	126
S <sub>4</sub>	2.143	114	492	0.568	-43.25	73
S <sub>5</sub>	1.903	90	132	1.481	48.13	72
S <sub>6</sub>	1.450	45	339	0.749	-25.02	16