

Experimental Study of Carbon Dioxide Absorption by $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3@$ glutamine/NMP Nanofluid

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Abstract

In this study, the magnetic based nanoparticle (NP) of Fe_2O_3 @glutamine ($\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$) was synthesized to improve the Fe_2O_3 properties in absorbing carbon dioxide (CO_2) using the base fluid of hydrous N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) solution (50wt.%), as a physically powerful CO_2 absorbent. To do this, several nano-NMP solutions, in different weight percentages of NPs were first prepared. Then, in a batch setup, the nano-NMP solutions were directly exposed to CO_2 gaseous (at the pressures of 20, 30, and 40 bar) to clarify the effects of the mass percentage of NPs and initial pressure on CO_2 absorption. Results clearly illustrated that Fe_2O_3 nanofluid was not stable more than 0.025 wt.%. However, Fe_2O_3 @glutamine nanofluid was stable approximately two times more than Fe_2O_3 nanofluid due to the presence of glutamine as a hydrophilic agent in the structure of Fe_2O_3 @glutamine. Moreover, in comparison to the base fluid (NMP solution), although Fe_2O_3 increased CO_2 absorption up to 9.14%, Fe_2O_3 @glutamine NPs caused the CO_2 absorption to increase up to 19.41%, which can be determined as the chemical reactions of two amino groups in the glutamine structure with CO_2 and also higher Stability of Fe_2O_3 @glutamine NPs compared to bare Fe_2O_3 NPs.

Introduction

Carbon dioxide (CO_2) is known as one of the most dangerous greenhouse gaseous which might bring several severe problems like climate change and acid rains if the amount of this exceeds 400 ppm in the atmosphere (Jiang et al. 2014; Lee et al. 2016; Rangwala 1996). Therefore, it is of importance to seek advanced techniques to decrease the quantity of this dangerous gas in the atmosphere.

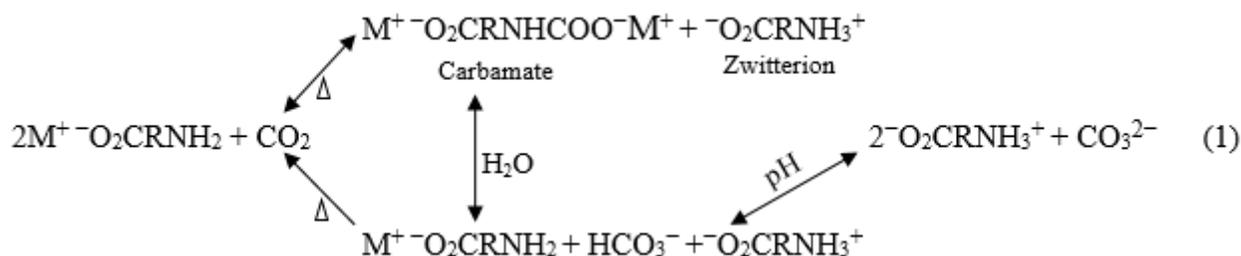
There are several familiar approaches to reduce CO_2 content in the atmosphere, such as adsorption, absorption, cryonic, and using a membrane (Hafeez et al. 2020; Lee and Kang 2013; Lu et al. 2019; Wang et al. 2021; You et al. 2021). Benefiting from absorbents (like N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP), diethanolamine (DEA), methyl diethanolamine (MDEA), and monoethanolamine (MEA)), which can physically or chemically capture CO_2 gaseous, is the most common approach used in the industries (Bohloul et al. 2014; Mumford et al. 2015; Rama et al. 2019; Seddigh et al. 2014; Zhang et al. 2018b). Since some absorbents have chemical reactions with CO_2 , a chemical process is consequently required in the desorption step, causing a large sum of absorbents to be wasted. Further, chemical solvents seriously damage facilities due to the corrosion phenomenon, raising the operational costs (Ji et al. 2018; Wang et al. 2018). Therefore, although weaker bonds occur in physical absorption, using absorbents which can form physical absorption with CO_2 gaseous seems to be more economical (Rahmatmand et al. 2016). Benefiting from NPs as additives can significantly improve the strength of physical bonds and the yield of the absorption process. In an early NPs application in transportation, Choi and Eastman (Choi and Eastman 1995) improved thermal conductivity by 40% as a result of using NPs. In 2002, the impacts of liquid layering, Brownian motion, and NPs classification on thermal conductivity were investigated by Keblinski et al. (Keblinski et al. 2002) Prasher et al. (Prasher et al. 2006) showed the significant role of

NPs Brownian movements on thermal conductivity. After determining the resemblance and relation between the mass and heat transfer phenomenon, researchers investigated the NPs effects of mass transfer phenomenon. Krishnamurthy et al. (Krishnamurthy et al. 2006) revealed the fluorescein diffusion into the solution composed of Al_2O_3 NPs and water. They concluded that the nano- Al_2O_3 solution has more mass transfer nature (a maximum of 13 times) than the base fluid (water). Kim et al. (Kim et al. 2008) investigated the effect of NPs type on the capture of CO_2 , which raised the CO_2 capture (to the maximum of 24%) of the base fluid (water) at atmospheric pressure in a bubble column system. Peyravi et al. (Peyravi et al. 2015) examined the CO_2 absorption in different nanofluids prepared from the water with each of silicon dioxide (SiO_2), iron(III) oxide (Fe_3O_4), carbon nanotube (CNT), and aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3) NPs. They concluded that all the mentioned nanofluids have more absorption rate than the base fluid (water) up to 25.9, 43.8, 38, and 3%, respectively. Lately, several types of researches have been accomplished to apply additives, like those with amino groups in their structures, on the NPs surfaces to chemically develop the absorption of CO_2 (Arshadi et al. 2019; Elhambakhsh et al. 2020b). Irani et al. (Irani et al. 2018) increased absorption (a maximum of 16%) in comparison to methyl diethanolamine (MDEA) solution utilizing polyethyleneimine functionalized HKUST-1 as an absorbent agent. Arshadi et al. (Arshadi et al. 2019) studied the impact of symmetric amine base magnetic-adsorbent nanodendritic on the CO_2 absorption in a bubble column at atmospheric pressure. Results revealed that modified NPs increased the absorption of CO_2 to the maximum of 70% in respect to water-based solvent. Although using NPs has turned into an fascinating solution in a wide domain of research projects accomplished to improve the absorption of CO_2 , but in industrial scales, NPs dispersion is the most crucial problem (Zhang et al. 2018b), requiring a significant sum of power and ultrasonic irradiation (Schmerr and Song 2007). Further, the agglomeration and deposition tendency of NPs within a few hours (Zhang et al. 2018b). Accordingly, improving the stability of NPs is a key factor to increase the performance of CO_2 absorption in industrial applications.

Recently, a variety of NPs has been used to improve CO_2 absorption in solvents forming weak physical absorption with CO_2 at atmospheric conditions. Because there is minimal absorption capacity for the physical absorbents at down pressures (BURR and LYDDON 2009; Herzog 2003; Zhang et al. 2018a), the pressure is an underlying factor in industrial CO_2 capture projects. Therefore, working under high pressures can illustrate the real capacities of NPs in the absorption of CO_2 , especially in industrial projects.

In the latest studies, researchers have shown the extraordinary effects of magnetic NPs on improving the absorption efficiency of CO_2 (Arshadi et al. 2019; Peyravi et al. 2015). Fe_2O_3 NPs with magnetic features can be collected by a magnetic field and reused easily. Large available surface to volume ratio, decent paramagnetic features, practical efficiency, low toxicity, and reusability are the vital properties of magnetic Fe_2O_3 NPs, causing most researchers to extensively use these NPs for CO_2 separation projects (Blaney 2007; Peyravi et al. 2015; Schätz et al. 2009). Existing two amino groups in glutamine structure can form carbamate during CO_2 absorption. Further, the primary aliphatic e-amino group in the glutamine

structure might cause positive charge explosion and increase the loading rate of CO₂. This positive charge might form a hydrogen bond with water, which favors deprotonation of CO₂-amino acid complex and facilitation of carbamate. Therefore, in comparison to some other amino acids, glutamine has a higher capacity of CO₂ absorption, which can be attributed to the presence of nitrogen groups acting as a base groups to accept proton and form carbamate, respectively (Shen et al. 2015). The general reaction mechanism of CO₂ by amino acids is demonstrated in equation 1 (Zarei et al. 2020).



Herein, the NMP solution was employed as one of the most powerful absorbents physically absorbs CO₂, especially at high pressures. This solution can be used with other absorbents chemically and physically absorb CO₂ like water and Methyl diethanolamine (MDEA) (Elhambakhsh and Keshavarz 2020b).

Benefiting Fe₂O₃@glutamine in NMP solution was performed based on two key points. Firstly, NMP is a safe and powerful absorbent of CO₂ without the significant problems of chemical absorbents of CO₂ (such as corrosion or recovery costs). Secondly, the performances of produced nanoparticles must be evaluated on an industrial absorbent of CO₂ under similar conditions (high-pressures) (Elhambakhsh and Keshavarz 2020a).

As a result, in this study, Iron(III) oxide (Fe₂O₃) and Iron(III) oxide@glutamine (Fe₂O₃@glutamine) NPs were synthesized by the co-precipitation approach and used as absorbents. Hydraulic NMP solution (50 wt.%) was used as the base fluid. The effect of Fe₂O₃ NPs and Fe₂O₃ functionalized with glutamine was investigated on the absorption of CO₂ in NMP solution. In addition, the stability of NPs in the base fluid was examined using Zeta potential (ZP) analysis. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first experience of applying glutamine as a CO₂ reactant on the structure of a nanoparticle to increase the CO₂ absorption capacity of NMP solution.

Experimental Section

2.1. Material and instruments

The aqueous base fluid was prepared from NMP (Sigma-Aldrich, 99.5%) and water (50 wt.%). Co-precipitation approach was used to synthesize Fe₂O₃ NPs from a solution prepared from FeCl₃.6H₂O (Sigma-Aldrich, ≥99%) and FeCl₂.4H₂O (Sigma-Aldrich, ≥99%). To improve the stability of NPs and the equilibrium absorption of NMP solution, L-glutamine (Sigma-Aldrich, ≥99%) was located on the surfaces of Fe₂O₃ NPs. NH₄OH (Sigma-Aldrich, 99.99%) and NaOH (Sigma-Aldrich, ≥98%) were used to adjust the

solution's pH. Ethanol (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 99.8\%$) was used as a reaction media and also for washing the precipitants. The pressure gauge indicators (Ashcroft 20893.0, $\pm 0.05\%$, USA) recorded the pressures of the containers. The required pure CO_2 (99%) was provided from Abughadre company, Fars, Iran. A vacuum pump (VE115N, China) was used to evacuate containers and lines from the air. To perform fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) analysis, the Bruker spectrophotometer (model Tensor II, the accuracy of 5%, Germany) was used. Nanoparticle size and morphology of NPs were examined using transmission electron microscopy (TEM, Philips EM 208S, Germany) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM, TESCAN-Vega 3, Czech Republic). ZP analysis was accomplished using a Horiba device (Horiba, SZ- 100 DLS, Japan). An ultrasonic device (Tomy, UD-201, Japan) was employed to disperse NPs in NMP solution. C-Tab was used as a surfactant in ZP analysis. The specifications of employed chemicals are listed in Table 1.

Table 1

Utilized chemicals and their specifications.

Component	Linear Formula	CAS Registry Number	Molecular Weight (g.mol^{-1})	Supplier	Purity
N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{NO}$	872-50-4	99.133	Sigma-Aldrich	99.5%
<i>Ferric chloride hexahydrate</i>	$\text{FeCl}_3.6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	10025-77-1	270.30	Sigma-Aldrich	$\geq 99\%$
<i>Ferrous chloride tetrahydrate</i>	$\text{FeCl}_2.4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	13478-10-9	198.81	Sigma-Aldrich	$\geq 99\%$
L-glutamine	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$	56-85-9	146.14	Sigma-Aldrich	$\geq 99\%$
Ammonium hydroxide	NH_4OH	1336-21-6	35.046	Sigma-Aldrich	99.99%
Sodium hydroxide	NaOH	1310-73-2	40.00	Sigma-Aldrich	$\geq 98\%$
Ethanol	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	64-17-5	46.07	Sigma-Aldrich	$\geq 99.8\%$
Carbon dioxide	CO_2	124-38-9	44.01	Abughadre company	99%

2.1.1. Preparation of Fe_2O_3 NPs

To synthesize $\text{FeCl}_3.6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.1 M), Fe_2O_3 NPs and $\text{FeCl}_2.4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.2 M) were simultaneously dispersed in 100 mL distilled water using an outside mechanical stirrer. The prepared solution was heated to a

maximum point of 80 °C. To moderate the pH of the solution to 8.5, NH₄OH was added to the prepared solution. The prepared Fe₂O₃ NPs were next collected from the solution using a powerful magnetic field. Distillated water and ethanol were utilized to wash the gathered NPs (for three times) and then the collected NPs were dried at 80 °C for 12 hours (Jeong et al. 2004).

2.1.2. Preparation of Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs

To prepare Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs, the synthesized Fe₂O₃ NPs and glutamine with a molar ratio of 1:20 were dissolved in a solution prepared from 100 mL of ethanol and 10 mL of deionized water. The prepared solution was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. In the end, a strong magnetic field was used to gather Fe₂O₃@ glutamine NPs. The collected NPs were washed by distillated water and ethanol (for three times), and dried at 80 °C for 12 hours (Elhambakhsh et al. 2020a; Esmailpour et al. 2018; Ma et al. 2014).

2.2. Experimental methods

Fig. 1 reveals the high-pressure experimental setup for the absorption of CO₂. In each experiment, first, 20 mL of nanofluids-NMP solution was poured into container 2. Then, the containers and lines were vacuumed by the vacuum pump. Container 1 was next loaded by CO₂ gaseous to the desired pressure. To provide the desired temperature (308 K), the setup was kept in an oven for 2 hours before starting the experiments. The pressure of containers was consciously recorded by the pressure gauge indicators. Soave-Redlich-Kwong equation of state (Soave 1972) was utilized to account the initial moles of CO₂ based on the compressibility factor of CO₂ and pressure and volume of container 1. In the next step, all valves connecting containers 1 and 2 were opened and the secondary moles of CO₂ was computed based on the new volume, pressure, and compressibility factor of CO₂. In the end, the CO₂ absorption was calculated from equations 2 and 3.

$$n = PV/ZRT \quad (2)$$

Where n, P, V, Z, T, and R are the mole of CO₂, pressure, volume, compressibility factor, the temperature and universal gas constant, respectively.

$$a = (n_i - n_t) / (V_{Liq} \cdot \rho_{PLiq}) \quad (3)$$

where *a* is the absorbed CO₂ (mole) in 1 kg of absorbent (mol.kg⁻¹), *n_i* is the initial mole of CO₂, *n_t* is the mole of CO₂ at each specific time, *V_{Liq}* is the nanofluids/NMP solution's volume, and *ρ_{PLiq}* is the density of liquid phase.

2.3. Error analysis

To evaluate the error in the calculation of CO₂ absorption, uncertainty factor (*u*) was calculated from equation 4 (Holman 1966).

$$U(\alpha_t) = \left(\alpha_t \frac{u(P_0)}{RTZ_0}\right)^2 + \left(\alpha_t \frac{u(P_t)}{RTZ_t}\right)^2 + \left(\alpha_t \frac{u(V_{gas})}{V_{gas}}\right)^2 + \left(\alpha_t \frac{u(V_{Liq})}{V_{Liq}}\right)^2 + \left(\alpha_t \frac{u(T)}{T}\right)^2 \quad (4)$$

where $u(P)$, $u(V)$, and $u(T)$ are constants of 0.00007 bar, 0.0000005 m³, and 0.5 K, respectively, and α_t is the amount of CO₂ absorbed at specific time of t (mol.kg⁻¹) (Holman 1966).

To obtain results, the highest value of α_t is approximately 0.000008, which is very low as compared with the values of α_t .

Results And Discussion

3.1. NPs characterization

3.1.1. FTIR analysis

FTIR analysis was performed to examine the molecular bonds of the synthesized Fe₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs (Bahmani et al. 2020; Rahmatmand et al. 2016). Based on Fig. 2, the vibration of Fe-O was revealed between 540-560 cm⁻¹, and the peaks between 3100-3400 cm⁻¹ were related to N-H bonds due to the presence of amino groups in the structure of Fe₂O₃@glutamine (Branca et al. 2016; Esmailpour et al. 2018; Hampton et al. 2010; Patel et al. 2009; Rahmatmand et al. 2016; Singh 2008; Zandahvifard et al. 2021).

3.1.2. TEM and SEM analyses

The size and morphology of NPs were investigated using TEM and SEM analyses, respectively. According to Fig.3, all synthesized and functionalized NPs had a spherical structure. Most Fe₂O₃ NPs had the average diameters of 5-13 nm. Besides, Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs were more significant in diameter in comparison to Fe₂O₃ NPs with an average diameter of 9-17 nm. The NPs characteristics were shown in Table 2.

Table 2

NPs Characterization.

Name	Color	Morphology	Average particle size, nm
Fe ₂ O ₃	Dark brown	Spherical	5-13
Fe ₂ O ₃ @glutamine	Dark brown	Spherical	9-17

3.1.3. Stability of NPs

Generally, there is a high tendency for NPs to agglomerate and sediment in the based solvent. According to the literature, ZP analysis is a well-known approach to determine the stability of NPs (Liao et al. 2009; Shadanfar et al. 2021; Tso et al. 2010; Wang et al. 2016). Based on ZP results (Ali et al. 2018), NPs will have high, acceptable, medium, and weak stability if the absolute ZP is more than 60 mV, between 30-60 mV, between 20-30 mV, and between 0-20 mV, respectively. Table 3 presents the ZP of nanofluids in different concentrations. Regarding the pH of NMP solution (5.5) and Table 3, NPs did not have a real effect on the pH of the solution, proving that the ZP was not affected by pH.

Table 3

ZP analysis for Fe₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃@glutamine at different concentrations.

Nano fluid	pH	Absolute ZP after 8 hours (mV)(±2)	Status
Fe ₂ O ₃ (0.01 wt.%)	5.5	40.1	Stable
Fe ₂ O ₃ (0.025 wt.%)	5.5	29	Stable
Fe ₂ O ₃ (0.05 wt.%)	5.5	21.9	Stable
Fe ₂ O ₃ (0.075 wt.%)	5.6	17.6	Unstable
Fe ₂ O ₃ @glutamine (0.01 wt.%)	5.5	53	Stable
Fe ₂ O ₃ @glutamine (0.025 wt.%)	5.5	44.2	Stable
Fe ₂ O ₃ @glutamine (0.05 wt.%)	5.6	35.5	Stable
Fe ₂ O ₃ @glutamine (0.075 wt.%)	5.6	23.8	Unstable

As shown in Table 2, Fe₂O₃ NPs had hydrophobic characteristics and were stable up to approximately 0.025 wt.%. Beyond this weight percentage of NPs, the ZP was less than the stability of nanofluids (lower than 30 mV). Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs were stable as twice as Fe₂O₃ NPs and could be dispersed in NMP solution to the maximum of 0.05 wt.% without plummeting into the unstable range of zeta potential.

3.2. CO₂ absorption

3.2.1. CO₂ absorption mechanisms

CO₂ absorption can be improved using NPs according to different absorption mechanisms. In one of these mechanisms, the CO₂ mass transfer in the base fluid will be facilitated as a result of Brownian motions of NPs, acting as micro-mixers in the solution (Brownian motion theory). The high surface area of NPs is another reason for the CO₂ absorption of nano solutions. Further, micro-movements of NPs can cause the CO₂ molecules to be taken on the NPs surfaces and transferred to the bulk solution (Shuttle

effect theory). According to the last literacy, irregular movements of NPs break large CO₂ bubbles into smaller ones, increasing the bubbles' surface area, and consequently the mass transfer of CO₂ (Bubble breaking theory) (Krishnamurthy et al. 2006; Nabipour et al. 2017; Zare et al. 2019). The schematic of the defined mechanisms is shown in Fig. 4.

In this study, it was tried to increase the CO₂ absorption capacity of the Fe₂O₃/NMP nano solution using glutamine amino acid. The absorption capacity of the fundamental solution was improved using NH₂ agents as chemical absorbents of CO₂. Therefore, the modified Fe₂O₃ NPs increased the CO₂ absorption in both chemical and physical mechanisms.

3.2.2. Fe₂O₃ nanofluids

Fig.5 illustrates the quantity of CO₂ absorption (α) in NMP solution and Fe₂O₃ nano solution including different weight percentages of NP (0.01, 0.025, 0.05, and 0.075 wt.%) at various initial pressures (20, 30, and 40 bar). Results revealed that pressure had an affirmative effect on the equilibrium absorption of CO₂ in such a way that the maximum amount was obtained at 40 bar. For all examined pressures, the optimum weight percentage of Fe₂O₃ NPs was found to be 0.025 wt.%. Furthermore, the maximum amount of CO₂ equilibrium absorption for NMP solution and Fe₂O₃ nano solution was 1.21 and 1.32 mol.kg⁻¹, respectively. Therefore, Fe₂O₃ nanofluids increased the CO₂ absorption of the base fluid to the maximum of 9.14% at the optimum concentration of NPs concentration. It proves that the NPs using only physical mechanisms like Brownian motion or grazing effect (Rahmatmand et al. 2016) can slightly improve the CO₂ absorption, which is not effective in industrial conditions.

Although it was expected to have more CO₂ absorption at a higher weight percentage of NPs, there was lower CO₂ absorption at NPs concentration more than 0.025 wt.%. This can be credited to the high NPs tendency to agglomerate and sediment at their high weight percentages (Peyravi et al. 2015; Rahmatmand et al. 2016). The instability of Fe₂O₃ nanofluids was discussed in the previous section (3.1.3).

3.2.3. Fe₂O₃@glutamine

Fig. 6 shows the equilibrium absorption of CO₂ in Fe₂O₃@glutamine nanosolutions at the pressures of 20, 30, and 40 bar. As can be seen, similar to Fe₂O₃, the highest CO₂ absorption was observed at 40 bar for Fe₂O₃@glutamine nano solution. Furthermore, the optimum weight percentage of NPs was found to be 0.05 wt.% in which the CO₂ absorption was increased to the maximum of 19.41% in comparison to the NMP solution.

3.2.4. Comparison of CO₂ absorption capacities for Fe₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃@glutamine nano solutions in

optimum concentrations

Considering Fig. 7, Fe₂O₃@glutamine nano solution had more ability in absorbing CO₂ than Fe₂O₃ nano solution which can be attributed to both physical mechanisms (Brownian motion, grazing effect, etc.) and chemical reactions among CO₂ molecules and amino groups existing in the glutamine structure. In addition, due to the hydrophilic properties of amino acids (Elhambakhsh et al. 2020a) Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs could be employed at higher concentrations (0.05 wt.%) than bare Fe₂O₃ NPs. Therefore, Fe₂O₃@glutamine nano solutions have a higher potential to increase CO₂ absorption than Fe₂O₃ nano solutions.

The details of CO₂ absorption experiments in each time are mentioned in supplementary information section (Table S1-S9).

Conclusions

In this study, Fe₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs were first synthesized by co-precipitation approach and then were used to increase the absorption of CO₂ in NMP solution as the base fluid at high pressures of 20, 30, and 40 bar. Results revealed that, although Fe₂O₃ nano solution had little effect on CO₂ absorption which was due to the weak physical absorption, Fe₂O₃@glutamine nano solution caused CO₂ absorption to increase up to 19.41 and 9.4% more than NMP solution and NMP based Fe₂O₃ nano solution, respectively, which was due to the chemical reactions among amino groups of glutamine with CO₂ molecules.

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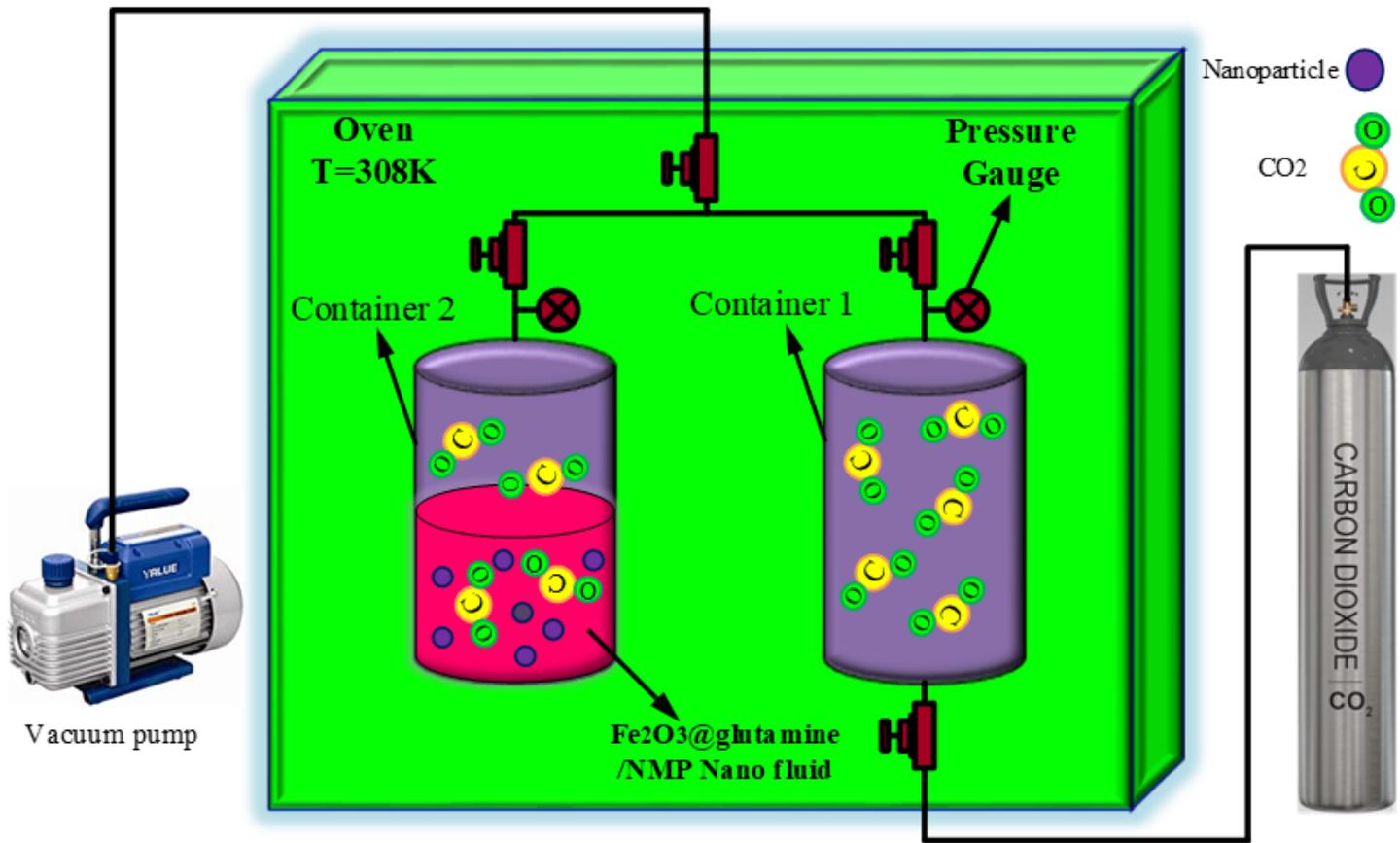


Figure 1

Schematic diagram of experimental mode (Elhambakhsh and Keshavarz 2020c).

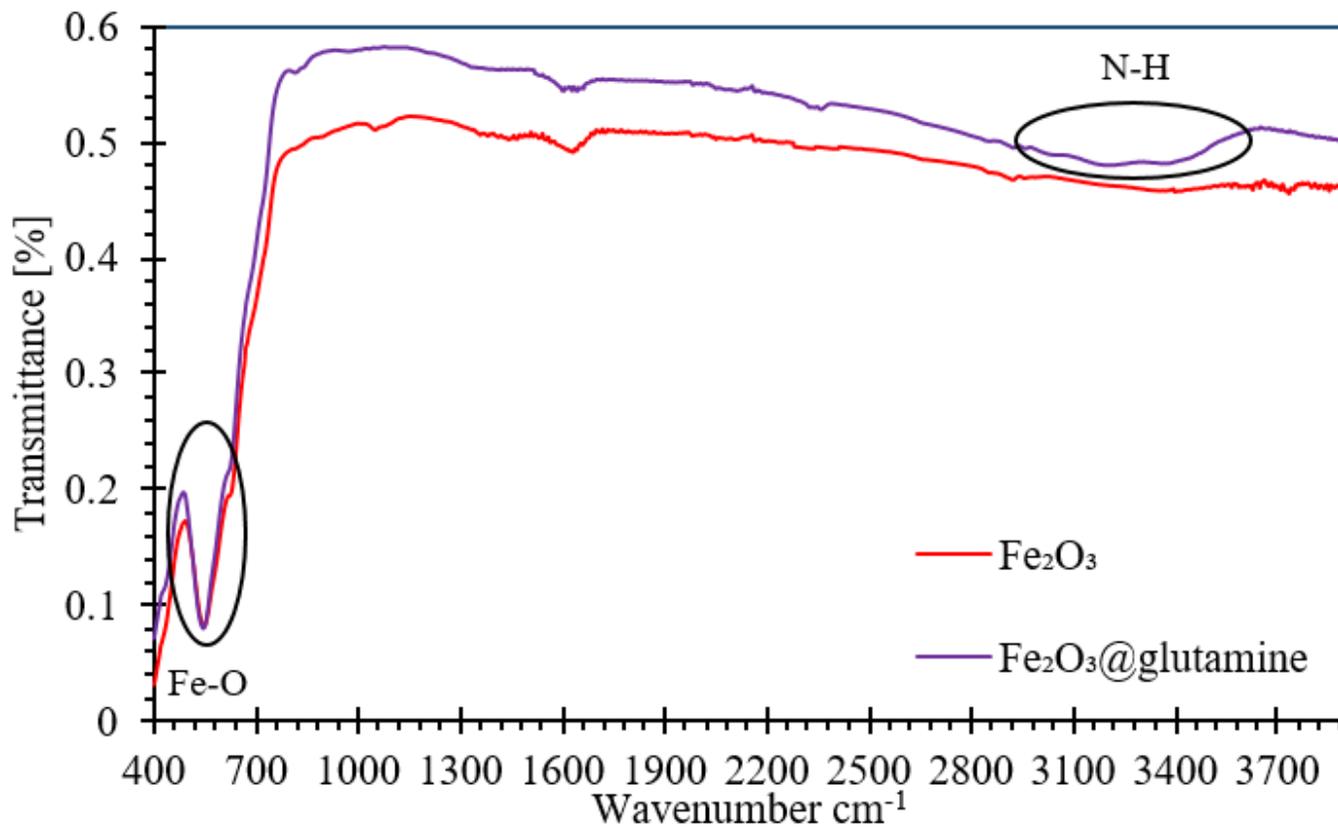


Figure 2

FTIR spectra of Fe₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃@glutamine NPs.

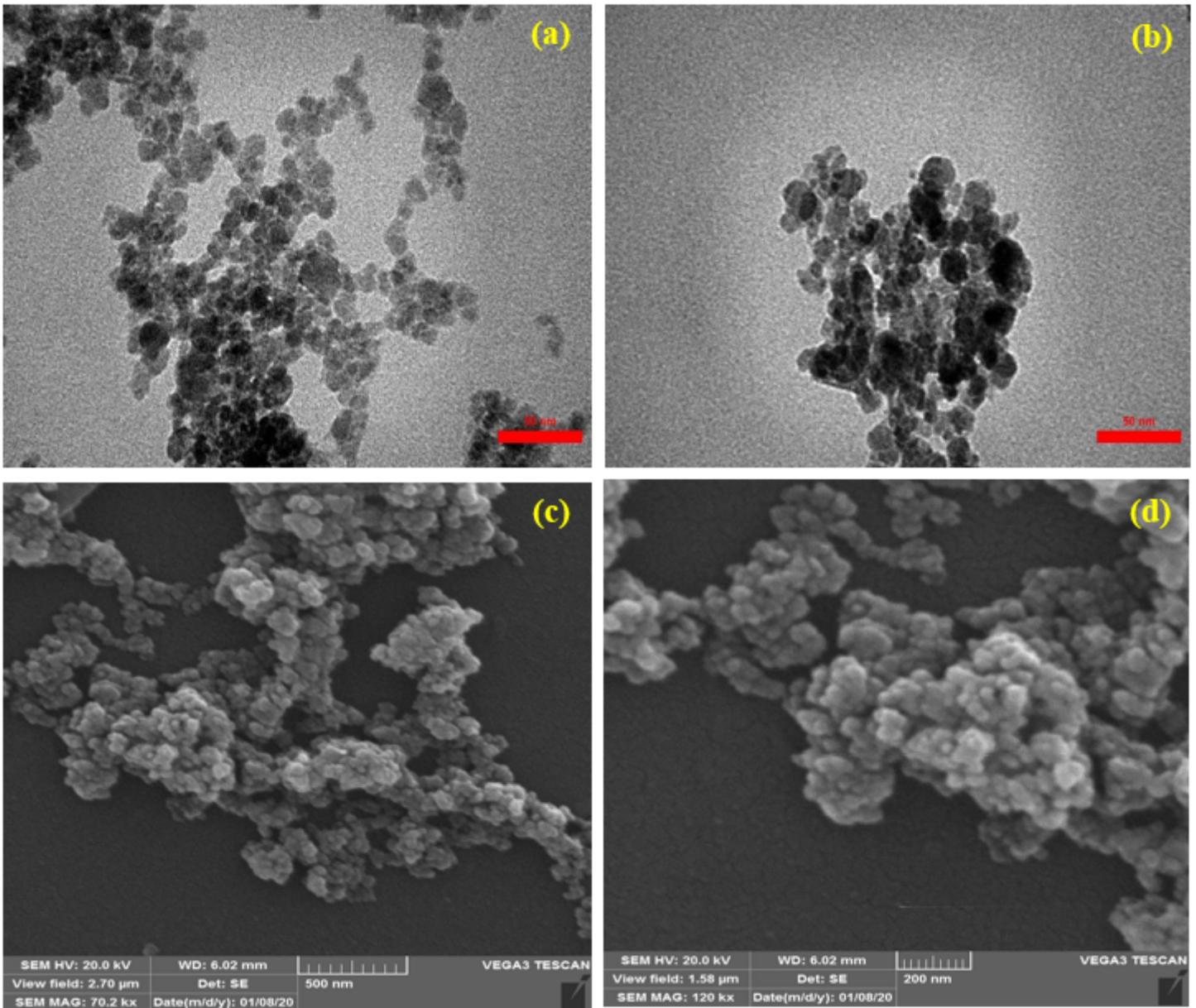


Figure 3

TEM images of a) Fe₂O₃, and b) Fe₂O₃@glutamine; SEM images of c) Fe₂O₃, and d) Fe₂O₃@glutamine, respectively.

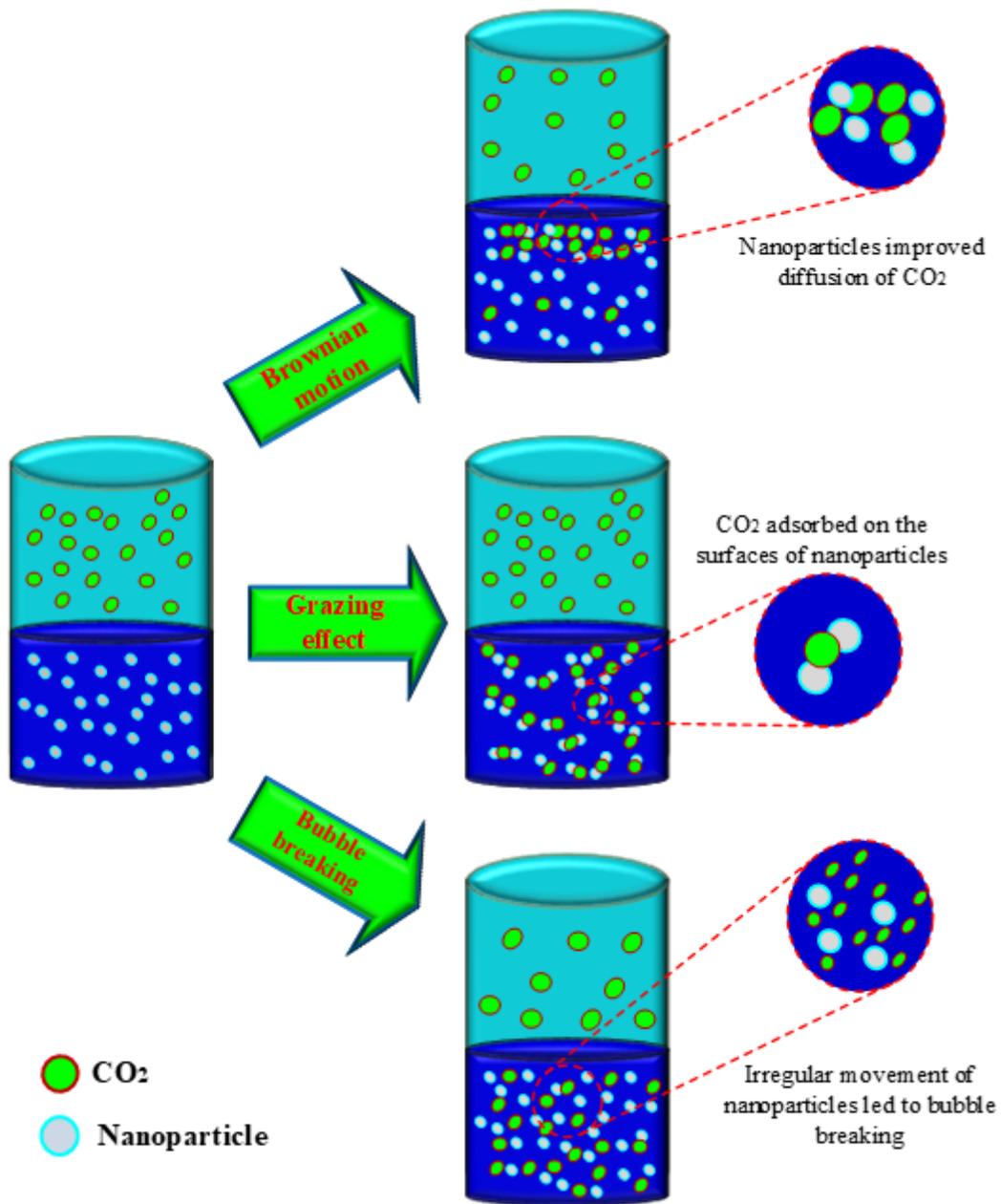


Figure 4

Schematic of effective mechanisms of NPs in CO₂ absorption enhancement.

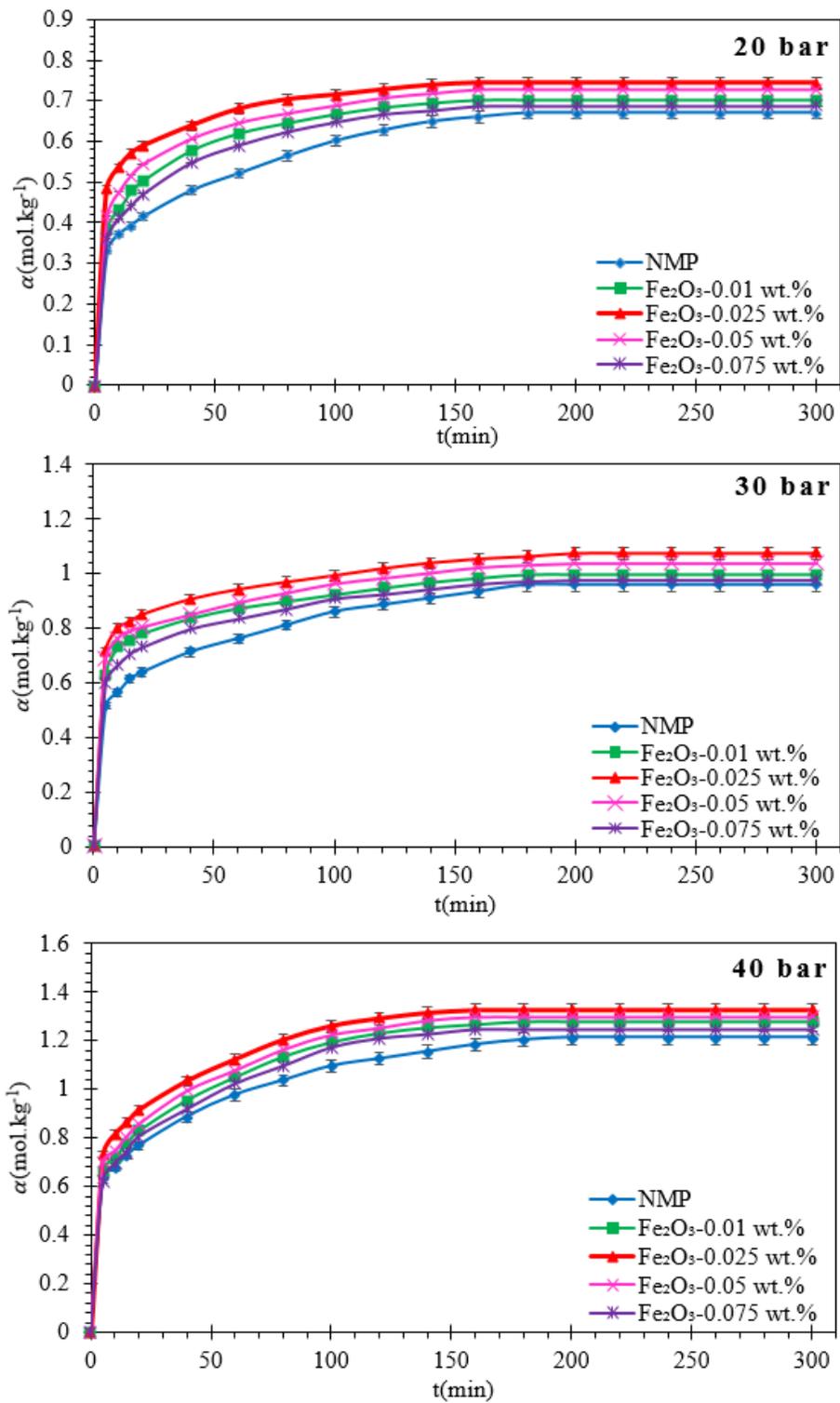


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Influence of Fe₂O₃ NPs on CO₂ absorption of NMP solution at the initial pressure of 20, 30, and 40 bar (T=308 K).

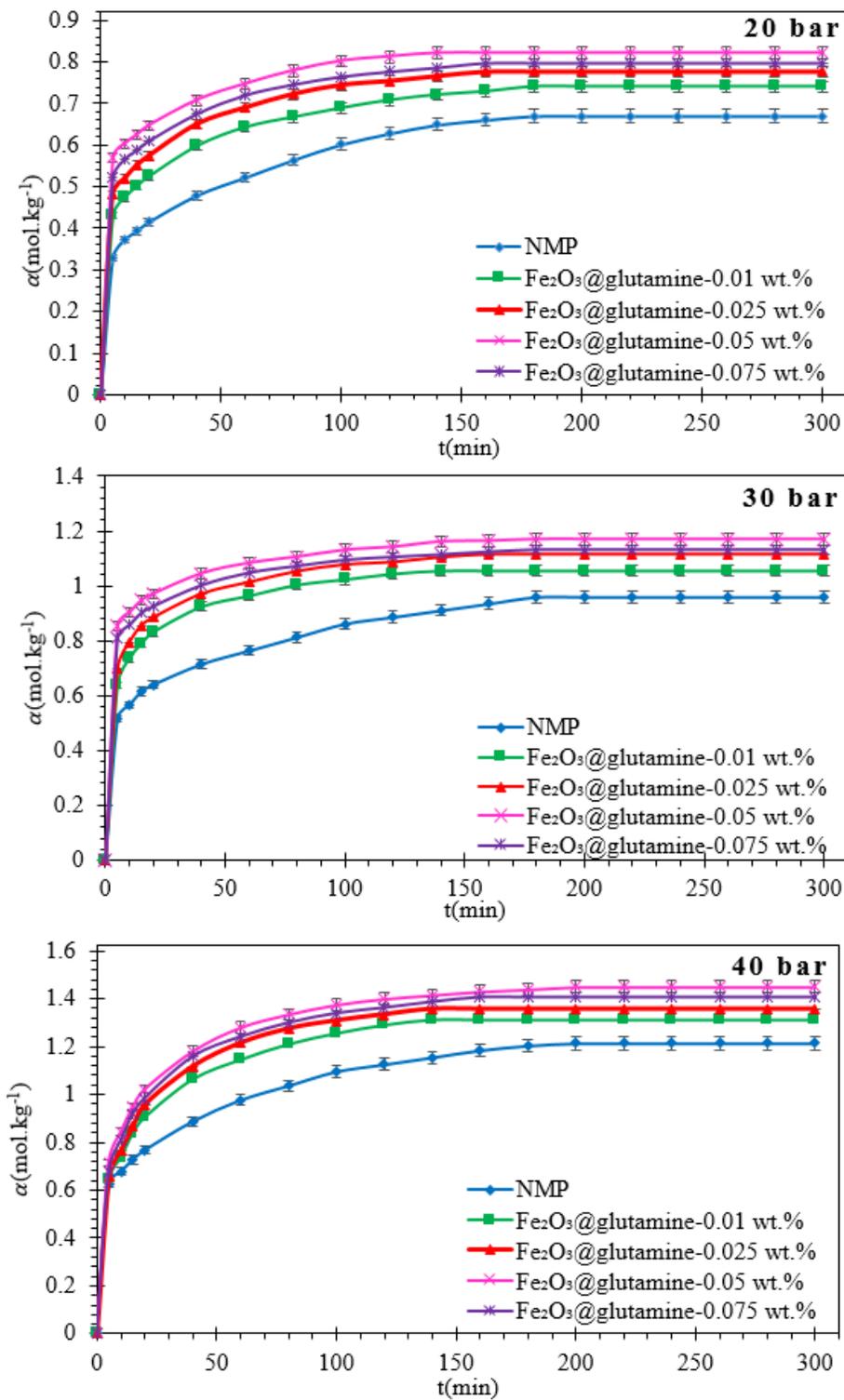


Figure 6

Influence of Fe_2O_3 @glutamine NPs on CO_2 absorption of NMP solution at the initial pressure of 20, 30, and 40 bar ($T=308$ K).

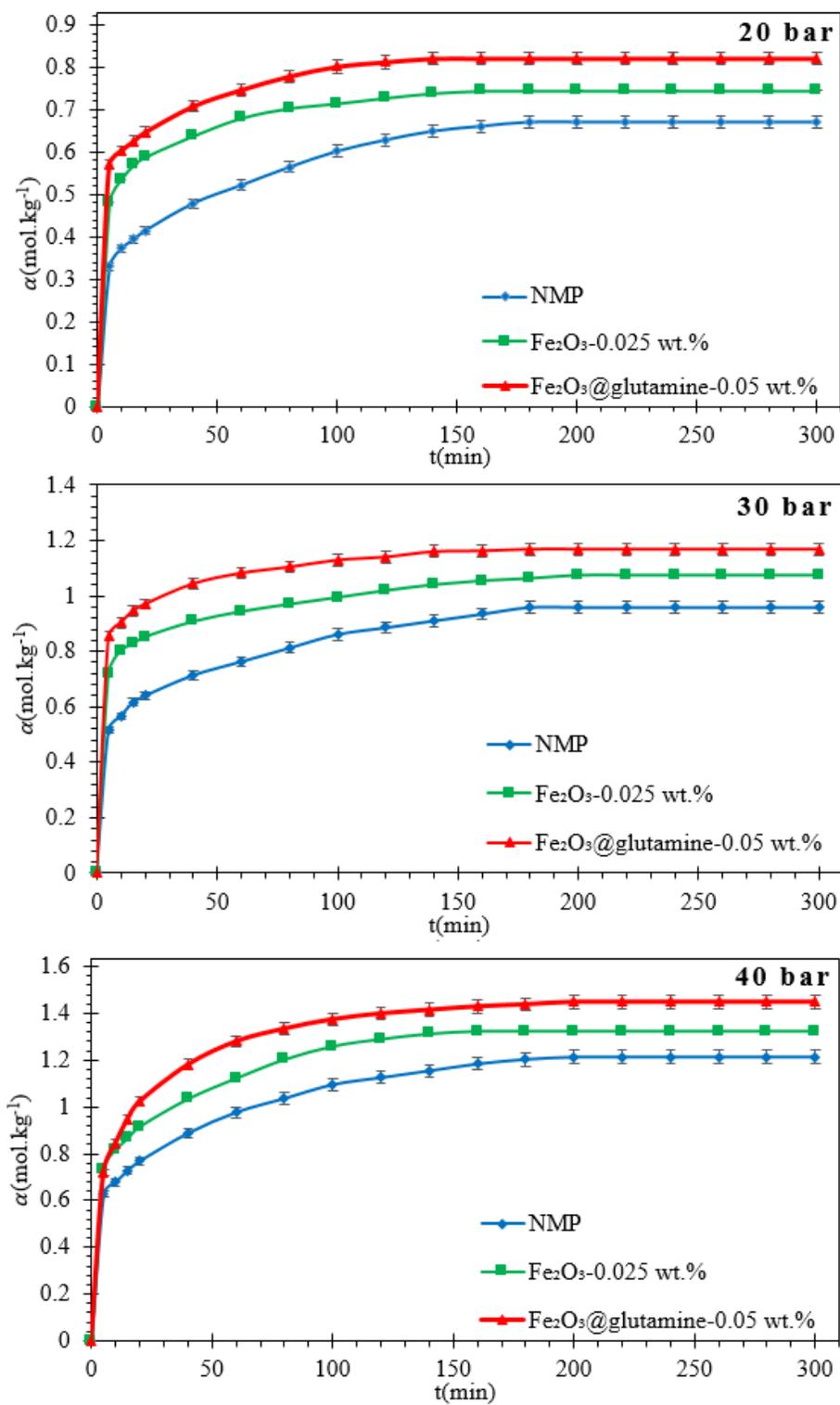


Figure 7

Comparison of optimum concentrations of Fe₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃@glutamine nanofluids in CO₂ absorption at the initial pressure of 20, 30, and 40 bar (T=308 K).

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