

# Investigation of Copper Removal from Aqueous Solution by Cement Kiln Dust as Industrial By-Product

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## ABSTRACT

This study investigated the copper ( $\text{Cu}^{+2}$ ) removal from aqueous solution by cement kiln dust (CKD) as industrial by-product in cement manufacturing process. CKD was identified by Fourier transform infrared (FTIR), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and surface areas show the differences of physicochemical properties. Batch equilibrium experiments were carried out at 20, 25 and 30 °C with time intervals extended to 96 h to investigate the efficiency of the CKD in the removal of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$ . CKD expressed high affinity for removal of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  and was not affected by temperature or time. The removal of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  was indicated by changes of FTIR and SEM images before and after sorption experiments. The kinetic data were evaluated by fractional power, Elovich, pseudo-first order and pseudo-second-order kinetic models. The kinetic studies demonstrated that rate of the removal followed pseudo-second-order kinetic model ( $r^2=0.99$ ). Thermodynamic parameters, the change of free energy ( $\Delta G^\circ$ ), enthalpy ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ) and entropy ( $\Delta S^\circ$ ) were calculated for predicting the nature of adsorption. The parameters showed that the process was feasible, spontaneous and exothermic under experiment conditions. Solubility equilibrium for various expected copper compounds was estimated and the solubility of copper in Cu-CKD system suggested to be controlled by  $\text{Cu CO}_3$  precipitation under experiment condition. The results indicated that CKD can be used as a low cost and effective sorbent for copper ions from aqueous solutions.

**Key words:** Copper, Cement Kiln Dust (CKD), Sorption Kinetics, Thermodynamic, Solubility Equilibrium

## INTRODUCTION

Heavy metal pollution became critical serious environmental problems and public health issue. Heavy metals treatment is of special concern because of their recalcitrance, non degradable and persistence in the environment (Shareef, 2009 and Fenglian and Wang, 2011). Copper is a crucial micro-nutrients for most, if not all, living organisms and main component of numerous enzymes that are responsible for the oxidation–reduction reactions and has many commercial uses such as make electrical wiring, pipes, valves, coins, cooking utensils, building materials and in electroplating. Also, Copper is used through fertilizer, fungicides, algicides, insecticides, dyes manufacture and petroleum refining. Excess exposure and accumulation in living organisms can cause serious disturbances such

as headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cramps, convulsions, liver injury and acute poisoning to the human body or even death (Karabulut et al. 2000; Sobecka, 2001; WHO, 2004; Chen, 2005 and Paulino et al., 2006).

Generally, various technologies for elimination of heavy metal from wastewater have been used. These methods include chemical oxidation, reduction, chemical precipitation, solvent extraction, ion-exchange, adsorption, membrane filtration, coagulation-flocculation, flotation and electrochemical methods (Suzuki 1997; Ochie et al. 2008; Barakat, 2011; Fenglian and Wang, 2011). Among these methods, the adsorption can be an effective method in heavy metals treatment (Huang and Morehart, 1990; Bayat, 2002; Suzuki et al., 2005; Ahmad et al. 2010; Bilal et al. 2013). Huge economic sorbents can be used as materials which are abundant in nature or can be originated as a waste or byproduct from industry. Managing industrial by-product and wastes is a must to insure a clean and safe environment (Ibrahim et al., 2009).

Cement kiln dust (CKD) is a fine-grained solid material created as a by-product material in the kiln in the cement manufacturing process. Moreover CKD can be effectively used in removal heavy metals ions from solutions by adsorption as a low-cost and effective sorbent because of its high contents of alkali oxides, high surface area and excellent thermal resistance (Pigaga et al., 2005; Zaki et al. 2007; Rahman et al. 2011; Mackie and Walsh, 2012; Salem and Velayi, 2012; El-Refaeey, 2016).

Therefore, the aim of this research is to investigate and evaluate the removal of copper ( $\text{Cu}^{+2}$ ) from hazard aqueous solution by cement kiln dust as an industrial by-product. To achieve this aim, adsorption experiments were carried out at different temperatures with time interval extended to 96 h. Furthermore, the kinetic data were evaluated to fractional power, elovich, pseudo-first-order and pseudo second-order models to explain the reaction process and understand the sorption mechanism. Also, the thermodynamic parameters describing the nature of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  sorption onto CKD were examined. Finally, solubility equilibrium for various

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expected copper compounds were evaluated using solubility diagrams.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Characterization of CKD

CKD was obtained from El-Amerya of cement plants, Alexandria, Egypt. Some Characteristics of CKD is record in table (1). The pH was measured in distilled water (1:2.5 H<sub>2</sub>O). The major components of CKD are calcium carbonate of 47.6%; oxides of aluminum of 4.2%; iron of 2.8% and magnesium of 2.3%; free lime of 4.8% and some alkali salts such as sodium and potassium (Mahmoued, 2010, El-Refaey, 2016). Total carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen content and sulfur in CKD were determined by CHNS analyzer (Elementar, Vario EL, Germany) (Table.1).

The specific surface area of CKD was determined from N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms at 77 K using a gas sorption analyzer (Beckman Coulter SA(TM) 3100 Surface Area and Pore Size Analyzer). Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) adsorption isotherms equation was applied to calculate surface areas. The pore size distribution was determined by the Barrett–Joyner–Halenda (BJH) method from the N<sub>2</sub> desorption isotherms (Park and Komarneni, 1998; Nader, 2015).

The Fourier transform-infrared (FTIR) spectra were obtained at the range 400 – 4,000 cm<sup>-1</sup> by a Fourier transforms infrared spectrometer (model FT/IR-5300, JASCO Corporation, Japan) using KBr pellet method. A small sample of powder CKD was amounted on a potassium bromide (KBr) disc which had been earlier scanned as a background in the FTIR analysis. FTIR were measured before and after sorption experiments.

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was performed by using a Phillips SEM-505 scanning electron microscope and operated at 300 kV/SE and 50 °C inclination. Before examination, samples were coated with gold in a sputter-coating unit (Edwards Vacuum Components Ltd, Sussex, UK) for electrical conduction. CKD samples were dried overnight at approximately 105 °C under vacuum before SEM examination. SEM images were obtained at various magnification scales before and after sorption experiments.

### Sorption experiments and analytical methods

Separate suspensions (4 g /0.8L in 0.01 M KCl) were shaking end-over-end at 300 rpm for 24 h to reach equilibrium. At the initial time, pH measured then adding Cu (II) to each reactor as Cu Cl<sub>2</sub>, for the final

concentration of 1.5 mM in each reactor. The adsorption isotherm was conducted at 20, 25 and 30°C for intervals extended to 96h. Suspensions were filtered (0.45 μm) immediately following the pH measurement. Metal ion concentrations were measured in Filtrate using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer Varian Spectra (model 220). All measurements, Metal concentrations and pH measurements were determined in duplicate.

The adsorption amount (q<sub>t</sub>) and the percentage of adsorption (S %) is calculated according to:

$$q_t = \frac{(c_0 - c_t)V}{m} \quad (1)$$

$$S\% = \frac{(c_0 - c_t)}{c_t} \quad (2)$$

Where q<sub>t</sub> is the metal ion adsorption amount at time t (mg/g), S% is the adsorption percentage (%), m is the weight of CKD sample (g), V is the solution volume (dm<sup>3</sup>), and c<sub>0</sub> and c<sub>t</sub> are the initial and equilibrium concentrations of Cu<sup>++</sup> ions in solution, respectively.

### Solubility equilibrium estimation

Solubility measurements in Cu treated CKD aimed at predicting indirectly the solid phases controlling the copper concentration through calculating their ion activity products. Compounds of these solid phases to ionize and form complexes in solution. Davies equation was employed for estimating the single ion activity coefficient (γ<sub>i</sub>) in solution for the ionic species (i).

$$\log \gamma_i = -A Z_i^2 [(\sqrt{I} / \sqrt{1+I}) - 0.3I] \quad (3)$$

where A is equals 0.509 for water at 25°C and is a temperature dependant constant (Lindsay (1979), Z<sub>i</sub> is the valence of the solute and I is the ionic strength (< 0.5 mol/L) of the solution based on concentration expressed in mol/L and can calculated from the following equation (Griffin and Jurinak, 1973):

$$I = 0.013 EC \quad r^2 = 0.99 \quad (4)$$

Where EC is electrical conductivity expressed on dS/m at 25°C. With r<sup>2</sup> of 0.99 indicates a very high correlation between calculated ionic strength (I) by the above empirical equation that based on Debye–Hückel equation (I = ½ ∑ C<sub>i</sub> Z<sub>i</sub><sup>2</sup>) where C<sub>i</sub> is the concentration in mol/L of ion (i). This empirical relationship is particularly useful when the complete composition of an aqueous solution is unknown or where ion pair formation in solution. The ions activities of interested cations (Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup> and H<sup>+</sup>) and anions (Cl<sup>-</sup>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>=</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup>) were estimated.

**Table 1. Some Characteristics of CKD**

pH	C %	H %	N %	S %	Total CaCO <sub>3</sub> %	Surface area m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>	Total pore volume mm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>
10.20	6.35	0.19	Nil	0.84	47.60	20.98	37.30

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Characteristics of CKD

#### Surface area and pore analysis

The BET technique was used to determine the specific surface area of CKD samples. The adsorbed  $N_2$  per gram of sample was plotted versus the relative vapor pressure ( $P/P_0$ ) of  $N_2$  and exhibiting a smoothed lap rising up at high relative pressures with changing degrees of slope (Fig. 1). The data were evaluated by the Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) equation to calculate surface area. The apparent specific surface area of CKD was  $20.98 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  and total pore volume for CKD was  $37.30 \text{ mm}^3/\text{g}$  (Table 1). Desorption BJH pore size distribution for CKD was identified in Table 2. The pore diameter of  $<6 \text{ nm}$  is the highest percent range between all pore diameter ranges. Therefore, the BJH pore diameters and pore volumes in CKD tends to relate to micropores. Micropores contribute to principally surface area, while macropores contribute as a channel to micropore surfaces (Yahya *et al.*, 2015).

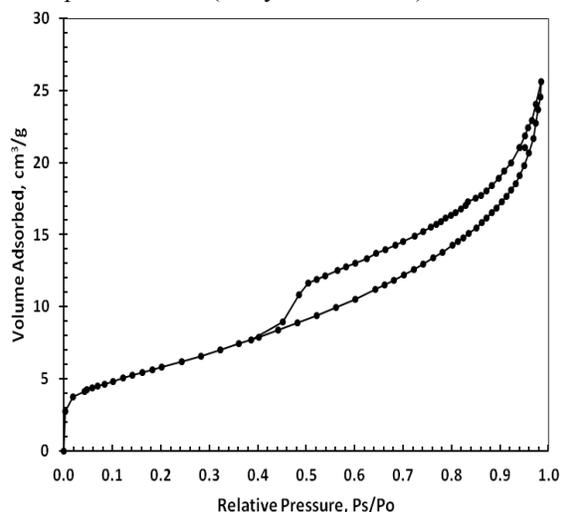


Fig 1.  $N_2$ -adsorption isotherms of CKD

#### FTIR analysis

FTIR techniques were conducted to identify the functional groups of CKD before and after the sorption of Cu ions from aqueous solutions (Figure 2). The FTIR spectrum of CKD shows peak positions at  $3,433.06$ ,  $1,454.23$ , and  $1,095.49 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The band at  $3,433.06$  is appropriate to O–H (hydroxyl) while the bands at  $1,454.23$  and  $1,095.49$  reflect the carbonate and silicate; similar data were obtained by (Al-Ghouti *et al.*, 2003; Saraya and Aboul-Fetouh 2012; El-Refaey, 2016). Most studies utilize FTIR just to verify the availability of certain surface functional groups as part of sorbents structure, although probing the influence of these groups

in relation to the metal binding process is also possible (Ochie *et al.* 2008). The comparison of CKD before and after the sorption of Cu ions showed slight shifts in FTIR bands with reducing transmission percentage at carbonate band (from 5.253 to 1.745%) after sorption reaction (Figure 2). This confirms the attachment of copper ions on CKD surfaces.

Table 2. Desorption Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) pore size distribution of CKD

Pore diameter range nm	Pore volume	
	ml/ g	%
> 80	0.00283	7.88
20 - 80	0.00955	26.55
16 - 20	0.00217	6.02
12 - 16	0.00182	5.07
10 - 12	0.00170	4.74
8 - 10	0.00158	4.40
6 - 8	0.00276	7.68
< 6	0.01355	37.67

#### Scanning electron microscopy (SEM)

The surface structure of CKD was analyzed by SEM before and after  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  sorption experiments. The textural and morphological structure examination of CKD can be observed from the SEM photographs at  $\times 5,000$  and  $\times 10,000$  magnification (Figure 3). It was observed that CKD have the finest particle sizes and the sharp changes that were observed in porous structure of CKD. The CKD particles were covered by precipitates or complexes formation after sorption experiments. This may indicate various mechanisms for  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  removals.

#### Copper removal

CKD showed a strong affinity to remove most  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  after 10 min of the reaction, where  $> 90\%$  of the removal at first 10 min increased to more than 99% after 1 h (Fig. 4). The effect of temperature on  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  removal by CKD was not significant. The effect of temperature on  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  removal reactions was not observed with CKD. El-Refaey (2016) found the same trend of  $\text{Cd}^{+2}$  removals by CKD. Removal of Copper by CKD was time and temperature independence that might reflect the retention mechanisms. The pH has significant role in heavy metals removal. As presumed, the proceeding of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  removals by CKD favored with pH increases. The pH increased gradually from 6.70, 6.40 and 6.40 to 8.2, 8.39 and 8.4 at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and  $30^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively after 96 h. According to proposed mechanisms of metal ion binding to active surface of materials,  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  removal could be achieved by electrostatic interaction with negatively charged surface functional groups (cation exchange), specific metal–ligand complexation involving surface functional groups of sorbents and/or physical sorption controlled by surface area and porosity

(Brown, *et al.*, 2000; Uchimiya *et al.*, 2010; Saleh *et al.* 2016). Evidence from the present results confirmed that intervention of more than one mechanism can be proposed to control the removal process of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  depending on the sorbent characteristics, supported by the sharp changes in SEM images before and after sorption experiments of CKD (fig 3). The high efficacy

of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  removal process by CKD could be explained by increasing pH solutions, calcium carbonate and calcium oxide contents, surface area, oxide content, and reducing metal solubility owed to enhanced sorption and/or precipitation (Zaki *et al.*, 2007; Hal *et al.*, 2012; Mackie and Walsh, 2012; El Zayat *et al.*, 2014).

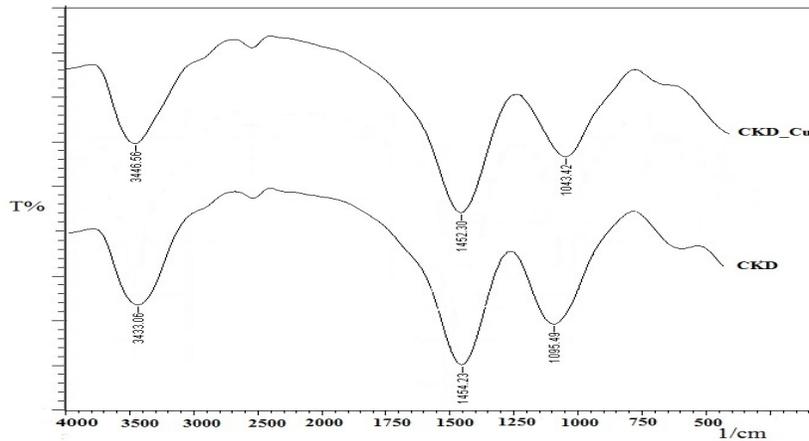


Fig 2. FTIR spectra of the CKD before and after the sorption of Cu ions experiments

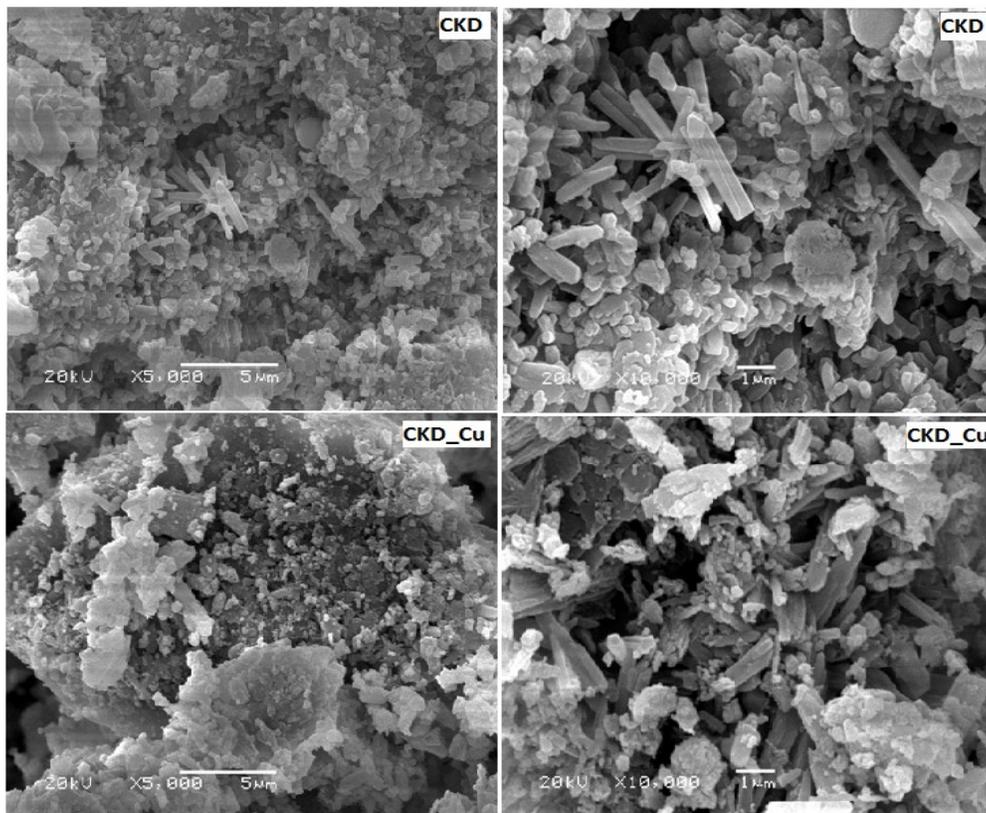
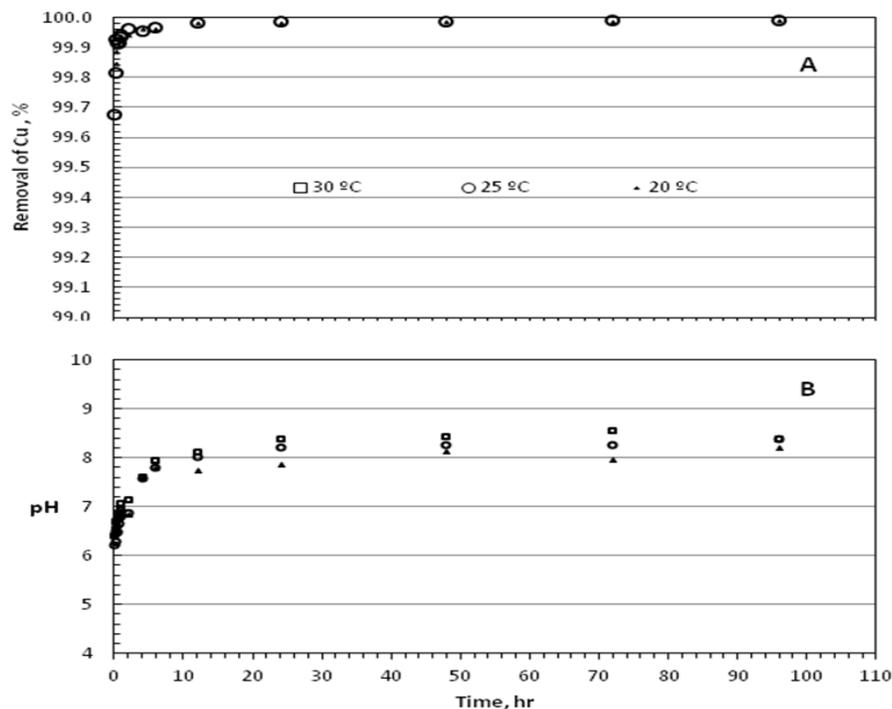


Fig 3. Scanning electron micrographs (SEM) of CKD before and after the removal reactions of Cu ions from aqueous solutions at 25 °C



**Fig 4. Removal of copper ions (A) and pH of aqueous solution (B) by CKD as a function of time and temperature**

#### Kinetic studies

The fractional power, elovich, pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order kinetics models were applied. The fractional power model is an amended of the Freundlich equation and can be expressed by Equation (5) (Ho and McKay, 2002) or its linear form as given in equation (6):

$$q_t = a t^b \quad (5)$$

$$\ln q_t = \ln a + b \ln t \quad (6)$$

where  $q_t$  is the amount of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  sorbed by CKD at a time  $t$ , while  $a$  and  $b$  are constants with  $b < 1$ ;  $ab$  is the specific sorption rate at unit time.

Elovich equation is useful model that can describe in a semi-empirical equation (Inyang et al., 2016), which is given by equations (7 and 8):

$$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = \alpha \exp(-\beta q_t) \quad (7)$$

or in integrated form:

$$q_t = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \alpha \beta + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln t \quad (8)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the initial rate of adsorption (mg/g. min), and  $\beta$  is related to the surface coverage extent and activation energy for chemisorption (g/mg). Thus, the

slope and intercept of the linear plot of  $q_t$  versus  $\ln t$  give the constants.

The pseudo-first-order model (Lagergren, 1898) was applied and is given by:

$$\text{Log}(q_e - q_t) = \text{Log} q_e - k_1 t / 2.203 \quad (9)$$

where  $k_1$  is the pseudo-first-order rate constant ( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) and  $q_e$  ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ) is the adsorption capacity at equilibrium and  $q_t$  ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ) is the amount of metal adsorbed at any time( $t$ ). Also, pseudo-second-order model (Ho, 2006) was applied and is expressed as:

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{t}{q_e} \quad (10)$$

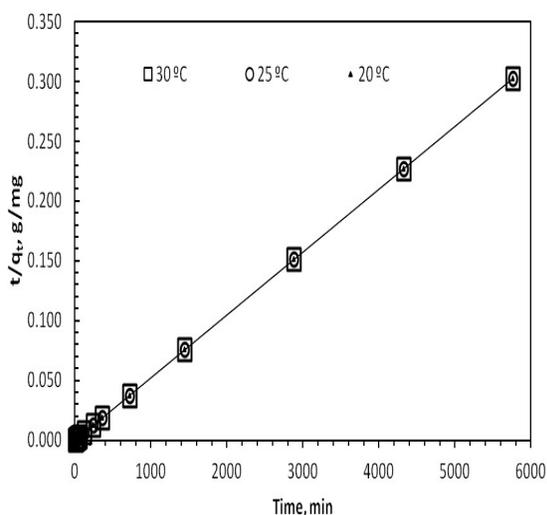
where  $k_2$  ( $\text{g mg} / \text{min}$ ) is the pseudo-second-order rate constant. The values of  $q_e$ ,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  were obtained from the slopes and intercepts of the adsorption Fractional power, kinetic models have been applied to estimate the rate-controlling mechanism of the adsorption process. The parameters are recorded in Table 3, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants related to specific sorption rate,  $\alpha$  is the rate of initial adsorption (mg /g. min),  $\beta$  is the desorption constant (g mg/min),  $q_e$  can be regarded as the amounts of metals adsorbed on the adsorbent (mg/ g) at equilibrium,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  and  $\text{min}^{-1}$  is the rate constant, respectively.

**Table 3. Kinetic parameters of Cu<sup>+2</sup> on CKD at various temperatures**

Model	20°C	25°C	30°C
Fractional power			
A	3809.54	3808.02	3809.54
B	$1.60 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.90 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.80 \times 10^{-4}$
r <sup>2</sup>	0.91	0.59	0.85
Elovich			
A	$2.38 \times 10^{71}$	$3.00 \times 10^{58}$	$7.63 \times 10^{67}$
B	1.69	0.91	1.48
r <sup>2</sup>	0.91	0.60	0.85
Pseudo-first-order			
q <sub>e</sub>	15244.35	15244.35	15244.35
K <sub>1</sub>	$2.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.30 \times 10^{-6}$
r <sup>2</sup>	0.43	0.19	0.42
Pseudo-second-order			
q <sub>e</sub>	3812.43	3812.43	3812.43
K <sub>2</sub>	0.34	0.38	0.34
r <sup>2</sup>	0.99	0.99	0.99

From the kinetic parameters which have been calculated at different temperatures and times listed in Table 3, the high values of the coefficient of determination ( $r^2 > 0.99$ ) confirmed that the pseudo-second-order model was most adequate to represent the adsorption kinetics of Copper onto CKD.

Moreover, experimental q<sub>e</sub> values are very close to those predicted from the pseudo-second-order kinetic model ( $r^2 > 0.99$ ). Therefore, the obtained results indicated that the adsorption of Cu<sup>+2</sup> could be best described by the pseudo-second-order model (Fig. 5).



**Fig 5. Pseudo-second-order plots for Cu<sup>+2</sup> removal kinetics by CKD at different temperatures**

### Thermodynamic studies

Thermodynamic considerations of the sorption process are essential to identify whether the process is spontaneous or not and understanding the removal mechanisms. Thermodynamic parameters such as Gibbs free energy change ( $\Delta G^\circ$ ), enthalpy change ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ) and the entropy change ( $\Delta S^\circ$ ) can be estimated using equilibrium constants changing with temperature. Spontaneity of a chemical reaction can be indicated by the changes in the Gibbs free energy and therefore is an important criterion for spontaneity (Ucun et al., 2008). The thermodynamic parameters ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$ ) were calculated from the sorption data. The Gibbs free energy change of the reaction was calculated from equation (11) (Kılıç et al., 2013):

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_L \quad (11)$$

where R is gas constant (8.314 J/mol K),  $K_L$  is equilibrium constant and T is absolute temperature (K). The  $K_L$  value was determined using equation (12):

$$K_L = \frac{q_e}{C_e} \quad (12)$$

where  $q_e$  and  $C_e$  is the equilibrium concentration of metal ions on adsorbent (mg/g) and in the solution (mg/L), respectively. Relations between  $\Delta G^\circ$ ,  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  can be expressed by the following equations:

$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T \Delta S^\circ \quad (13)$$

Eq (11) can be rewritten as

$$\ln K_L = -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} = -\frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R} \quad (14)$$

According to Eq. (14),  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  parameters can be obtained from the slope and intercept of the plot of  $\ln K_L$  versus  $1/T$ , respectively (Meena et al., 2008; Sari et

al., 2007; Uzun et al., 2008, Kılıc *et al.*, 2013). The calculated values of Gibbs free energy change ( $\Delta G^\circ$ ), enthalpy ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ), and entropy ( $\Delta S^\circ$ ) are given in Table (4). The negative values of  $\Delta G^\circ$  indicate that the process is thermodynamically feasible and spontaneous. The negative value of  $\Delta H^\circ$  pointed out that the nature of adsorption process is exothermic. The positive value of  $\Delta S^\circ$  reflects the affinity of CKD for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and suggests increasing in randomness at the solid/solution interface during the removal process.

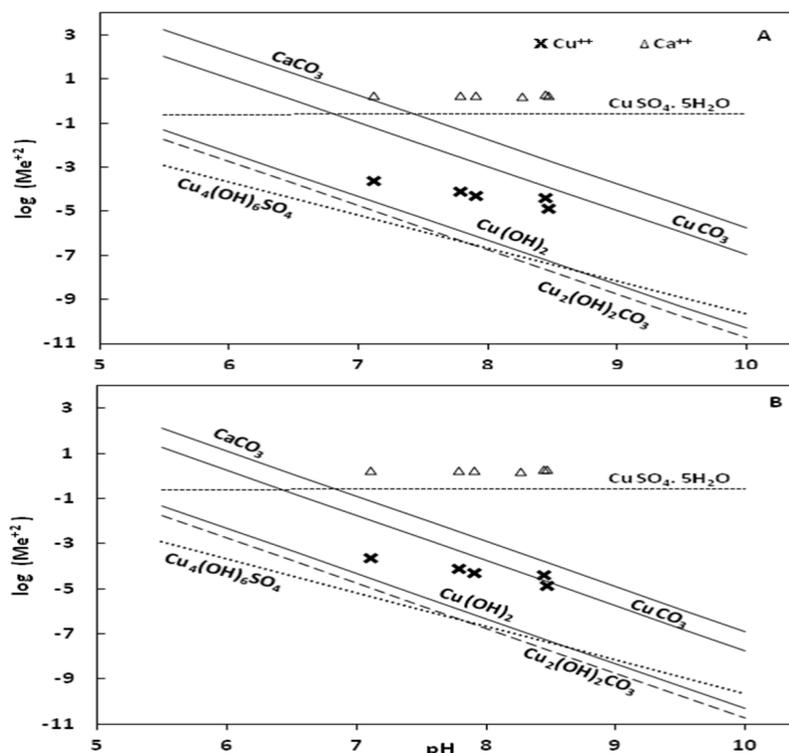
**Table 4. Thermodynamic parameters of the removal of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  by CKD from aqueous solutions**

T <sup>o</sup> C	$\Delta G^\circ$ kJ/mol	$\Delta S^\circ$ J/mol K	$\Delta H^\circ$ kJ/mol
20	-18.17		
25	-18.58	2.14	-0.37
30	-19.66		

### Copper solubility behavior

The sorption isotherm results for CKD (47%  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) showed a higher affinity of surfaces to Cu ions. The pH and carbonate contents are known to play a major role in influencing the solubility as well as sorption processes in experiments condition. A decrease in soluble  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  was accompanied with the increase of pH values (Fig. 6). Ion activity of copper was computed during Cu reaction with CKD for interval time of 10 min, 1, 2, 6

and 24 h. In an attempt to figure out the probability of Cu compounds formation under the experiment conditions, copper activities was calculated for drawing the solubility isotherms lines of  $\text{CuCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$ ,  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{CaCO}_3$  at atmospheric partial pressure of carbon dioxide ( $\text{PCO}_2 = 10^{-3.52}$  atm) on the solubility diagram of  $\text{Log Me}^{2+}$ -pH using solubility constants given by Lindsay (1979). The computed ion activities of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  for CKD suspensions were plotted on  $\text{Log Me}^{2+}$ -pH diagram (Fig. 6). The computed copper activities for  $\text{CuCO}_3$  were found to be lower than the solubility products of their minerals during the reaction time. (Fig. 6-A). Opposing to that, the computed copper activities were higher than calculated solubility that based on the actual experimental partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  (Fig. 6-B). The apparent discrepancy is due to the differences in  $\text{P CO}_2$  as a basis for the calculation, as  $\text{P CO}_2$  was not constant during the experimental time. The partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  in Cu-CKD (47%  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) suspensions was estimated using pH value and solution  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  activity and it was ranged from 0.021 to 0.0018 atm. The calculated copper activities values for CKD (47%) showed probability of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  precipitation after six hours (Fig. 6-B). On other hand, results pointed out that Cu precipitation had no effect on  $\text{CaCO}_3$  solubility of CKD (Fig. 6-A and B).



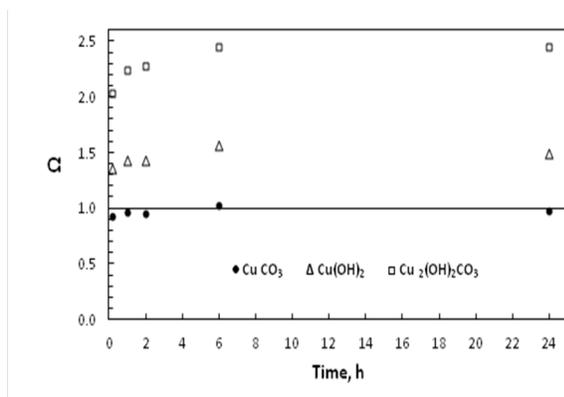
**Fig. 6. Calculated ion activities of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  for CKD suspensions (A)  $\text{Log PCO}_2 = -3.52$  atm and (B)  $\text{Log PCO}_2 = -2.36$  atm (actual experimental condition)**

The calculated  $\text{CaCO}_3$  solubility product indicates very high super saturation;  $\text{CaCO}_3$  may be highly dissolved due to high chloride concentration as back ground solution. Conducting solubility experiments with controlled  $\text{PCO}_2$  is needed to differentiate between possibilities of forming  $\text{CuCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$  or  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_6\text{SO}_4$  compounds and find out their effect on  $\text{CaCO}_3/\text{CaSO}_4$  solubility (Lindsay 1979; Sposito, 1989).

Ion activity product, IAP can also be used as a guide in determining the achievement of dissolution equilibrium. This can be obtained by examining measured value of relative saturation ( $\Omega$ ) for different solid phase (Sposito, 1989):

$$\Omega = \text{IAP} / K_{\text{so}} \quad (15)$$

Where  $K_{\text{so}}$  is the solubility product constant and IAP is the ion activity product. If  $\Omega$  is less than 1, the solution will be under saturated. Otherwise, if  $\Omega$  is more than 1, the solution will be super saturated and when the solution reaction is at equilibrium  $\Omega$  is equals 1. Figure (7) shows the approach of  $\Omega$  with respect to  $\text{CuCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$  and  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{CO}_3$  compounds during reaction time. For  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$  and  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\Omega$  is super saturated all over the study time. On other hand  $\Omega$  for  $\text{CuCO}_3$  tends to move from under saturation during the first two hours of reaction to reach equilibrium and be super saturation after 6 hours. Therefore, the solubility of  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  in Cu-CKD system under experiment condition may be controlled by  $\text{CuCO}_3$  precipitation. This assumption is confirmed not only by shifting of FTIR band but also by reducing transitions percentage (5.253 to 1.745) of FTIR carbonate band ( $1454.23 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) after copper reaction with CKD.



**Fig. 7. Estimated value of relative saturation ( $\Omega$ ) for  $\text{CuCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cu(OH)}_2$  and  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{CO}_3$  compounds in Cu-CKD suspensions during reaction time**

## CONCLUSION

The results pointed out that the potential of CKD for removing  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  from aqueous solutions within the first 10 min of the batch reaction preceded with no effect by temperature or time. The high efficacy of CKD explained by increasing pH solutions, high content of calcium carbonate, surface area, oxide content, and reducing metal solubility owed to enhanced sorption and/or precipitation. The pseudo-second-order kinetic model agrees very well with the dynamic behavior for the removal of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ . The negative values of  $\Delta G^\circ$  indicated spontaneity and feasibility of the adsorption process. The negative value of  $\Delta H^\circ$  shows that the nature of adsorption process is exothermic. The positive value of  $\Delta S^\circ$  explains the affinity of  $\text{Cu}^{++}$  for CKD during the removal process. The solubility study of Cu-CKD system suggested that  $\text{CuCO}_3$  precipitation could control copper solubility under experimental condition. That was confirmed by shifting and reducing transmission percentage of FTIR carbonate band.

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## الملخص العربي

### دراسة إزالة أيونات النحاس من المحاليل المائية بواسطة التراب الإسمنتي كناتج ثانوي من صناعة الاسمنت

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وجد تطابق واضح وبشكل جيد لنموذج الدرجة الثانية Pseudo-second-order. وأيضا تم دراسة وحساب الثوابت الديناميكا الحرارية للتنبؤ بطبيعة الامتصاص من تغير في الطاقة الحرة ( $\Delta G^\circ$ )، المحتوى الحراري ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ) والعشوائية ( $\Delta S^\circ$ ). وأظهرت القيم المتحصل عليها في ظل ظروف التجربة أن حدوث هذه العملية كانت تلقائية، والتفاعل طارد للحرارة والقابلية المرتفعة لازالة ايونات النحاس من المحاليل بواسطة التراب الاسمنتي وايضا تم تقدير الذائبية والاتزان لمركبات النحاس المتوقع تكونها خلال وجود ايونات النحاس في نظام واحد مع التراب الاسمنتي واقترح أن ترسيب مركب كربونات النحاس قد يكون هو المسيطر تحت ظروف التجربة وأيد ذلك نتائج التحليل الطيفي. وبذلك أوضحت النتائج أن التراب الاسمنتي كناتج ثانوي من صناعة الاسمنت ومنخفض التكاليف يمكن أن يستخدم بكفاءة وفعالية في إزالة النحاس من المحاليل المائية.

قامت الدراسة بالتحقق من أداء التراب الإسمنتي (CKD)، كناتج ثانوي من عملية تصنيع الاسمنت، في ازالة ايونات النحاس من المحاليل المائية. وتم دراسة خواص التراب الاسمنتي بواسطة التحليل الطيفي بالأشعة تحت الحمراء (FTIR) وتحت الميكروسكوب الالكتروني وكذلك السطح النوعي لتوضيح الاختلافات في الخصائص الفيزيائية والكيميائية. أجريت تجارب ادمصاص على درجات حرارة مختلفة هي ٢٠ و ٢٥ و ٣٠م وعلى فترات زمنية امتدت الى ٩٦ ساعة لدراسة كفاءة التراب الاسمنتي في إزالة النحاس. اظهرت النتائج الكفاءة العالية للتراب الاسمنتي في ازالة النحاس مع عدم التاثر بالتغير في درجات الحرارة. تم تأكيد النتائج بدراسة الاختلافات في التحليل الطيفي بالأشعة تحت الحمراء والدراسة تحت الميكروسكوب الالكتروني قبل وبعد تجارب ادمصاص. كما تم دراسة حركية ادمصاص من خلال النماذج المختلفة للحركية وهي نموذج الحركية الاسية fractional power، ونموذج Elovich ونموذج الدرجة الاولى والثانية.