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Selective sorption-based separation of palladium from process solutions using chemically modified silica

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Abstract: This study focuses on investigating the possibility of selective separation of palladium (II) from solutions containing non-ferrous metals and iron by sorption onto chemically modified silica. The study used both individual (single-metal) and model multicomponent solutions. The sorbents included silicas functionalized with iminodiacetic acid (IDA-D), phosphonic acid (PA-D), and aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA-D) groups, as well as a well-known chemically modified silica bearing grafted γ -aminopropyltriethoxysilane (APTES) groups at a grafting density of 1.63 mmol/g. Under static conditions at room temperature, the time required to reach equilibrium sorption values for Cu(II), Ni(II), and Fe(III) ions – typically present in process solutions – was determined for the IDA-D, PA-D, and AMPA-D sorbents. Sorption dependencies on hydrochloric acid concentration were established for these metal ions. For IDA-D, the effect of halide ion concentration on sorption was also studied. It was shown that these ions are sorbed in weakly acidic media but not in 1–2 M HCl, and that sorption capacity decreases in the order: IDA-D > AMPA-D > PA-D. However, the conclusion that quantitative separation of Pd(II) from base metal ions could be achieved using these complexing sorbents (exemplified by IDA-D) under dynamic conditions was not confirmed. The sorption behavior of Pd(II), Cu(II), and Al(III) ions was also examined under static and dynamic conditions using the APTES-functionalized silica and chloride and chloride-bromide solutions, including model solutions simulating leach liquors generated from the treatment of spent catalysts for low-temperature carbon monoxide oxidation. These solutions contained 0.004–0.015 mol/L Pd, 0.014–0.049 mol/L Cu, and 0.015–0.060 mol/L Al. The results demonstrated the feasibility of selectively separating Pd(II) from leach solutions of spent catalysts using this sorbent. A processing scheme was proposed, comprising sorption from 0.1 M HCl, water rinsing of the loaded sorbent, and elution of Pd(II) with a 5 % thiourea solution in 0.1 M HCl. It was shown that separation of palladium from non-ferrous metals occurs already at the sorption and washing stages.

Keywords: sorption, chemically modified silicas, palladium, non-ferrous metals, desorption, thiourea.

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Выделение палладия из технологических растворов сорбцией на химически модифицированном кремнеземе

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Аннотация: Настоящая работа посвящена выявлению возможности селективного выделения сорбцией палладия на химически модифицированных кремнеземах из растворов, содержащих цветные металлы и железо. Объектами исследования являлись индивидуальные (содержащие соединения одного металла) и модельные многокомпонентные растворы. Сорбентами служили кремнеземы, модифицированные группами иминодиуксусной (IDA-D), фосфоновой (PA-D) и аминотилфосфоновой (AMPA-D) кислот, а также хорошо известный химически модифицированный кремнезем, содержащий привитые группы γ -аминопропилтриэтоксисилана (APTES) с плотностью прививки функциональных групп 1,63 ммоль/г. В статических условиях при комнатной температуре для сорбентов IDA-D, PA-D и AMPA-D установлено время достижения постоянных значений сорбции ионов меди (II), никеля (II) и железа (III), обычно присутствующих в технологических растворах различного состава. Построены зависимости сорбции ионов этих металлов от концентрации соляной кислоты. Для сорбента IDA-D изучена зависимость сорбции от концентрации галогенид-иона. Показано, что сорбция указанных ионов протекает в слабокислых средах и практически отсутствует в 1–2 М HCl, причем сорбционная способность сорбентов уменьшается в ряду: IDA-D > AMPA-D > PA-D. Сделанный из полученных результатов вывод о возможности количественного разделения ионов палладия (II) и благородных металлов на данных комплексообразующих сорбентах (на примере IDA-D) в динамических условиях не подтвердился. Изучена сорбция ионов Pd(II), Cu(II) и Al(III) в статических и динамических условиях на химически модифицированном кремнеземе, содержащем привитые группы γ -аминопропилтриэтоксисилана (APTES), из хлоридных и хлоридно-бромидных растворов, в том числе модельных, близких по составу к технологическим растворам, образующимся при вскрытии отработанных катализаторов низкотемпературного окисления монооксида углерода до его диоксида, содержащих палладий (0,004±0,015 моль/л), медь (0,014±0,049 моль/л) и алюминий (0,015±0,060 моль/л). Выявлена возможность селективного выделения Pd(II) из растворов выщелачивания отработанных катализаторов указанным сорбентом. Предложена схема переработки отработанных катализаторов, включающая сорбцию из 0,1 М HCl, промывку насыщенной фазы сорбента водой, элюирование Pd(II) 5 %-ным раствором Thio в 0,1 М HCl. Показано, что разделение палладия и цветных металлов происходит уже на стадиях сорбции и промывки сорбента.

Ключевые слова: сорбция, химически модифицированные кремнеземы, палладий, цветные металлы, десорбция, тиомочевина.

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Introduction

Palladium is a unique platinum-group metal for which demand continues to grow year after year. According to market data [1], this demand cannot be met solely through the processing of primary raw materials: approximately one-third of palladium production over the past 2–3 years has been provided by the recycling of secondary raw materials, among which electronic scrap, jewelry scrap, and, most importantly, spent catalysts, are of particular significance.

Among the variety of palladium-based catalysts used for hydrogenation, dehydrogenation, oxidation, cross-coupling, and other reactions, a distinct group consists of catalysts also containing copper. Notable examples include the Moiseev reaction (oxidation of ethylene to vinyl acetate), the Sonogashira reaction, and several others [2–8]. Typically, these are heterogeneous catalysts supported on alumina, with metals, alloys, or salts deposited on the surface. This group includes cata-

lysts for the low-temperature oxidation of carbon monoxide based on $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$, containing palladium (II) chloride and copper (II) bromide [9–11].

The recycling of specific types of secondary raw materials is carried out by pyrometallurgical and hydrometallurgical methods, with hydrometallurgical processes clearly prevailing [12]. The leaching of spent catalysts results in the formation of complex process solutions containing a variety of cations and anions. This necessitates the use of tailored approaches suited to the processing of specific catalyst types to achieve selective separation and purification of palladium. It appears that the sorption method holds significant promise for recovering valuable components from such process solutions. This method enables the production of highly selective concentrates, is characterized by low energy consumption, high environmental friendliness, and simple equipment requirements. Implementing this technology requires a well-founded approach to selecting sorbents from the vast range available, comprising tens of thousands of options differing in chemical nature, structural characteristics, sorption capacity, and particle size.

The volume of scientific research focused on the synthesis and investigation of sorbents for specific applications continues to grow [13; 14]. However, considering the need not only for selective recovery of valuable components but also for the repeated reuse of sorbents, porous silica-based materials bearing covalently bonded organic ligands appear particularly promising. These chemically modified silicas (CMSs) interact specifically with molecules of target substances. Notably, the rigid mineral framework of such materials prevents them from swelling (i.e., changing volume) in aqueous and organic media, which is especially important for column processes involving extraction and separation. Moreover, the use of mesoporous silicas with an average pore diameter slightly exceeding 10 nm for CMS synthesis provides superior mass transfer characteristics compared to organic polymer-based sorbents [14–19].

Nitrogen-containing CMSs are among the most versatile and, in principle, allow the separation of platinum-group metals from non-ferrous metals by varying the binding mechanism and the conditions of sorption and desorption. In earlier work, we studied the sorption of platinum (IV) and palladium (II) ions onto one of the best-known CMSs functionalized with monoamine groups, synthesized using the relatively inexpensive and industrially produced γ -aminopropyltriethoxysilane [20]. It was found that Pd(II), unlike Pt(IV), tends to form polynuclear complexes in the sorbent phase at high metal concentrations (tens of grams per liter), which leads to a

substantial increase in sorption capacity but also causes difficulties in elution. Under these conditions, quantitative elution of Pd(II) could only be achieved using a 5 % thiourea (Thio) solution in 0.1 M HCl [21].

The aim of this study was to investigate the possibility of selective separation of palladium by sorption onto chemically modified silica from solutions containing base metal ions, including those formed during the processing of secondary raw materials such as spent catalysts used for the low-temperature oxidation of carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide.

Experimental procedure

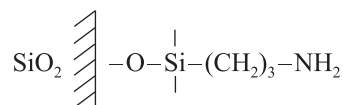
The starting compounds for the sorption studies were palladium chloride (PdCl_2), synthesized according to the procedure described in [22], copper (II) chloride (CuCl_2), nickel (II) chloride (NiCl_2), iron (III) chloride (FeCl_3), copper (II) bromide (CuBr_2), $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$, hydrochloric acid (HCl), sodium chloride (NaCl), sodium bromide (NaBr), and thiourea (Thio). All the listed reagents, produced by OOO TD KHMED (Russia), were of analytical grade. All organic reagents used for the synthesis of sorbents were supplied by Sigma-Aldrich. Sorption solutions were prepared by dissolving accurate weighed amounts of the respective compounds in HCl solutions of various concentrations.

The sorbents used in this study were chemically modified silica materials based on Davisil Grade 62 silica gel (W.R. Grace and Co., USA; particle size: 0.07–0.2 mm; specific surface area: 325 m²/g; average pore diameter: 13.6 nm) containing grafted iminodiacetic

acid $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{HO}-\text{C}-\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\ \parallel \\ \text{O} \end{array} \right]$ (IDA-D), phosphonic acid (PA-D),

and aminomethylphosphonic acid $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{HO} \\ \diagup \\ \text{P} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{HO} \end{array} \right] \text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$

(AMPA-D) groups, as well as a well-known chemically modified silica based on Silochrom C-120, series VG-102/3A1 (specific surface area: 120 m²/g; particle size: 0.1–0.2 mm; average pore diameter: 45 nm), containing grafted γ -aminopropyltriethoxysilane (APTES) groups with a grafting density of 1.63 mmol/g, having the following structure¹:



¹ Sorbent produced by JSC Biokhimmak ST.
<https://bcmst.ru/>

The synthesis of the complexing sorbents was carried out according to the following procedures.

1. Silica Gel Functionalized with Iminodiacetic Acid (IDA-D). Twenty grams of iminodiacetic acid were dissolved in 180 mL of 4 M NaOH under stirring with a magnetic stirrer at room temperature for 10 min (the pH value of the solution should be in the range of 12.3–12.5). Then, 3 mL of 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane were added, and the two-phase mixture was stirred until a clear solution was obtained. This solution was then added to a suspension of 65 g of Davisil silica gel in 600 mL of 5 % acetic acid (the pH value of the resulting mixture should be in the range of 5.4–5.8). The mixture was stirred using a mechanical stirrer at 80 °C for 2 h. The sorbent was filtered, washed four times (300 mL each) with distilled water, dried on the filter, and then held in a drying oven at 100 °C for 2 h.

2. Silica gel functionalized with diethylphosphonate (DEP-D)¹. A mixture of 17.6 mL of 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane and 10.2 mL of diethyl phosphite in 100 mL of acetonitrile was prepared. Then, 20 g of Davisil silica gel were added, and the mixture was stirred with a mechanical stirrer at 70 °C for 11 h. The sorbent was filtered, washed three times with acetonitrile, three times with water, three times with acetonitrile, and dried on the filter.

3. Silica gel functionalized with phosphonic acid (PA-D). A mixture of 10 g of DEP-D sorbent and 50 mL of 20 % hydrochloric acid was stirred for 8 hours at 100 °C. The sorbent was then washed with water until neutral washings were obtained, washed three times with acetonitrile (25 mL each), and dried on the filter.

4. Silica gel functionalized with aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA-D). A mixture of 35 mL of 3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane, 25 g of phosphorous acid, and 186 mL of a 10 % formaldehyde solution was placed into a flask and stirred. Then, 660 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid and 30 g of Davisil silica gel were added. The mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, followed by 8 hours at 80 °C, and then stirred again for 12 h at room temperature. The silica gel was separated from the solution, washed three times with distilled water, evaporated at 100 °C under vacuum generated by a water-jet pump, washed with 100 mL of ethanol, and dried at 100 °C under vacuum generated by a water-jet pump.

The elemental analysis results for the sorbents are presented in Table 1. The amounts of grafted groups were: 0.35 mmol/g for IDA-D, 0.42–0.55 mmol/g for PA-D, and 0.85 mmol/g for AMPA-D.

The sorption of palladium (II), non-ferrous metals, and iron (III) ions under static conditions was carried out from individual hydrochloric acid solutions (0.1–4 M) and mixed chloride-bromide solutions at room temperature (three parallel experiments for each test). The solution volumes ranged from 10 to 15 mL, and the mass of sorbent (m_{sorb}) was 0.030 ± 0.001 g.

After sorption under static conditions, the sorbent was separated by filtration through a glass funnel with a paper filter, washed with water, and then subjected to desorption (elution). The eluents used were 2 M and 3 M HCl solutions and a 5 % Thio solution in 0.1 M HCl; the volume of eluent in each individual experiment was 15 mL.

Experiments under dynamic conditions were carried out in glass columns with an internal diameter of 0.4 cm. The masses of the sorbents were 0.6 g for IDA-D and 0.15 g for APTES. The solutions passed through the column under gravity flow. After sorption, the sorbent saturated with the extracted ions was washed with water until the washings became colorless, and the eluent solution was subsequently introduced.

The amount of sorbed metal (m'_{sorb}) was determined as the difference between its content in the solution before sorption (m_{in}) and after sorption (m_{out}). The metal efficiency onto the sorbent was calculated as follows:

$$E_{\text{sorb}} = \frac{m'_{\text{sorb}}}{m_{\text{in}}} \cdot 100 \, \%.$$

The fraction of metal removed during washing was calculated as the ratio of the amount of metal in the wash water to the amount sorbed:

$$E_{\text{wash}} = \frac{m_{\text{wash}}}{m'_{\text{sorb}}} \cdot 100 \, \%.$$

The amount of metal remaining on the sorbent after washing (m'_{wash}) was determined as the difference between the amount of sorbed metal and the amount of metal found in the wash water.

The overall recovery of metal into the solution after sorption and washing ($E_{\text{overall (solution)}}$) was calculated as the ratio of the sum of the amounts of metal in the solution after sorption (m_{out}) and in the wash water (m_{wash}) to the initial amount of metal in the solution (m_{in}):

$$E_{\text{overall solution}} = \frac{m_{\text{out}} + m_{\text{wash}}}{m_{\text{in}}} \cdot 100 \, \%.$$

The elution efficiency was determined as the ratio of

¹ DEP-D can also serve as a sorbent for the extraction of transition metal ions; however, in this study, it was used only as an intermediate product in the synthesis of PA-D.

Table 1. Results of elemental analysis of the sorbents*

Таблица 1. Результаты элементного анализа сорбентов*

| Sorbent | Content, wt. % | | | |
|---------|----------------|------|------|------|
| | C | H | N | P |
| IDA-D | 5.61 | 1.31 | 0.58 | — |
| DEP-D | 5.22 | 1.29 | — | 1.27 |
| PA-D | 5.33 | 1.27 | — | 1.69 |
| AMPA-D | 4.04 | 1.55 | 1.30 | 2.59 |

* Elemental analysis of the sorbents was performed at the Shared Research Facility of the Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia.

the amount of metal in the eluent (m_{el}) to the amount of metal remaining on the sorbent after washing:

$$E_{el} = \frac{m_{el}}{m'_{wash}} \cdot 100 \, \%.$$

The initial metal concentrations used in the dynamic sorption experiments for model solutions simulating the composition of process solutions generated during the treatment of spent Pd—Cu catalysts for the low-temperature oxidation of carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide were varied based on their composition: 1.5 wt. % Pd and 3.5 wt. % Cu relative to the mass of the γ -Al₂O₃ carrier [9].

The analysis of aqueous solutions for palladium, copper, nickel, and iron was performed using a NOV AA 330 atomic absorption spectrometer with flame atomization (Analytik Jena, Germany), while the analysis of Al-containing solutions was carried out using a KVANT-Z atomic absorption spectrometer with electrothermal atomization (ООО “Kortek”, Russia). If dilution of the samples was necessary prior to analysis, three aliquots of equal volume were taken from each solution, transferred into volumetric flasks, and brought to the mark with a 1:5 HCl solution. The analytical error did not exceed 5 % relative for flame atomization analysis and 7 % relative for electrothermal atomization analysis.

The investigation of complex model solutions was carried out by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) either without preliminary sample preparation or after additional dilution with deionized water by factors of 50—10 000. Measurements were performed using an Agilent 7900 mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, USA) equipped with a double-pass glass spray chamber, a MicroMist glass nebulizer, and a quartz torch. The obtained data were processed using Agilent MassHunter software (Agilent Technologies,

USA). The measurement error did not exceed 5 % relative.

Electronic absorption spectra (EAS) of the solutions were recorded over the wavelength range $\lambda = 200 \div 1000$ nm using a Helios Alpha Local Control System spectrophotometer (Thermo Spectronic, USA) in quartz cuvettes with a 1 cm optical path length at room temperature. The wavelength setting accuracy was within 0.05—0.1 nm.

X-ray photoelectron spectra (XPS) were recorded using a LAS instrument (Riber) with calibration based on the Cls binding energy line (285.0 eV) as an external standard.

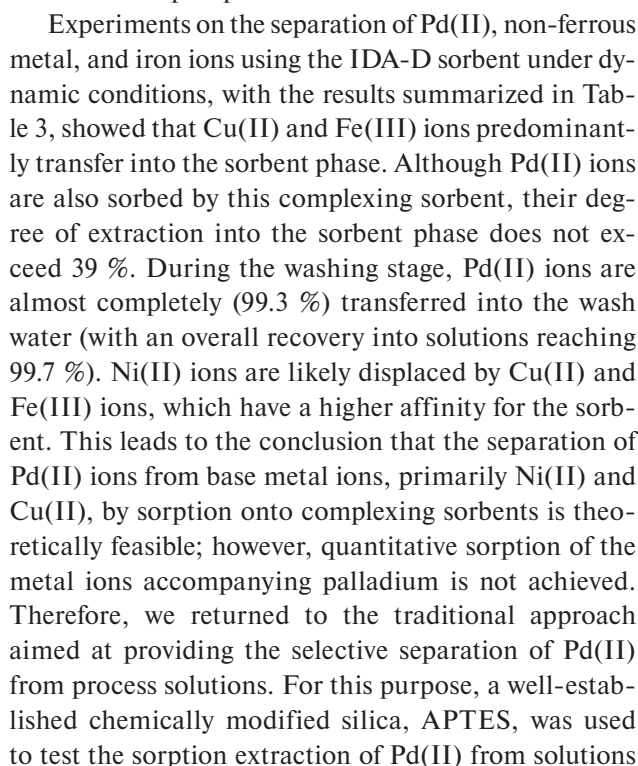
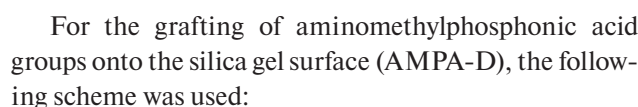
Results and discussion

In our previous study [23], we investigated the sorption of Pd(II) ions from chloride solutions containing non-ferrous metal ions onto silicas functionalized with N- and S-containing organic molecules. The conditions for their separation from non-ferrous metal ions present in process solutions formed during the processing of various platinum metal concentrates were identified. It was shown that impurity ions pass through the entire technological process and eventually end up in the discharge stream. At the stages of sorption and desorption, it is necessary to monitor the completeness of Pd(II) ion separation from non-ferrous metal ions and to introduce an additional sorbent washing operation, if required [23]. In our opinion, the removal of impurities prior to the stage of palladium and/or other platinum-group metal recovery should positively influence the reduction of the valuable component regeneration/recycling time and the volume of washing solutions.

According to the literature data [24—31], the most promising types of sorbents for impurity metal ion removal are sorbents bearing grafted aminocarboxylic acid groups, particularly iminodiacetic acid (such as Dowex A-1 type sorbents), aminomethylphosphonic acid, and phosphonic acid groups¹. Therefore, for the preliminary removal of base metal ions (Cu(II), Ni(II), and Fe(III)), we tested silica gels functionalized with iminodiacetic acid (IDA-D), aminomethylphosphonic acid (AMPA-D), and phosphonic acid (PA-D, derived from H₃PO₃).

Traditionally, the synthesis of sorbents with grafted aminocarboxylic acid groups, particularly iminodiacetic

¹ At this stage of the study, the sorption of Al(III) ions was not investigated.

$$(\text{CH}_3\text{O})_3\text{Si}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{OCH}_2\underset{\text{O}}{\underset{\diagup \quad \diagdown}{\text{CH}}}\text{—CH}_3 + \text{HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{COOH})_2 \rightarrow$$


generated during the regeneration of low-temperature carbon monoxide oxidation catalysts based on $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$, which initially contained palladium (II) chloride and copper (II) bromide.

Given that the composition and structure of complexes significantly affect the sorption process, and that

the processing of such catalysts yields solutions containing both chloride and bromide ions, determining the composition of the complexes is a critical task. The speciation of Cu(II) and Pd(II) ions in this system can be conveniently analyzed using electronic absorption spectroscopy (EAS), as the absorption bands of Pd(II) halide complexes appear in the visible region at wavelengths between $\lambda = 470\text{--}505\text{ nm}$, while the absorption of Cu(II) ions occurs at longer wavelengths. Fig. 3 shows the EAS of a model solution corresponding to the composition of process solutions generated during the leaching of spent catalysts for low-temperature carbon monoxide oxida-

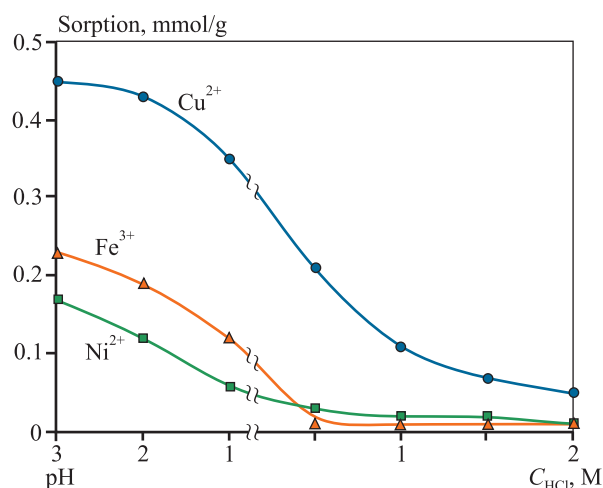


Fig. 1. Dependence of Cu(II), Ni(II), and Fe(III) sorption on HCl concentration on the IDA-D sorbent

$C_{\text{met}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$, $m_{\text{sorb}} = 0.03 \text{ g}$, $V_{\text{solution}} = 10 \text{ mL}$, contact time – 10 min

Рис. 1. Зависимость сорбции Cu(II), Ni(II) и Fe(III) от концентрации HCl на сорбенте IDA-D

$C_{\text{мет}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ моль/л}$, $m_{\text{сорб}} = 0,03 \text{ г}$, $V_{\text{р-р}} = 10 \text{ мл}$, время контакта фаз 10 мин

Table. 2. Effect of chloride ion concentration on the sorption of Cu(II), Ni(II), and Fe(III) ions on the IDA-D sorbent*

Таблица 2. Зависимость сорбции Cu(II), Ni(II), Fe(III) от концентрации хлорид-иона*

| [Cl ⁻], g/dm ³ | Sorption, mmol/g | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Cu ²⁺ | Ni ²⁺ | Fe ³⁺ |
| 10 | 0.36 | 0.07 | 0.13 |
| 30 | 0.33 | 0.07 | 0.16 |
| 50 | 0.33 | 0.07 | 0.11 |
| 70 | 0.38 | 0.05 | 0.11 |
| 90 | 0.38 | 0.05 | 0.12 |

* $C_{\text{мет}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$, $m_{\text{sorb}} = 0.03 \text{ g}$, $V_{\text{solution}} = 10 \text{ mL}$, contact time = 10 min.

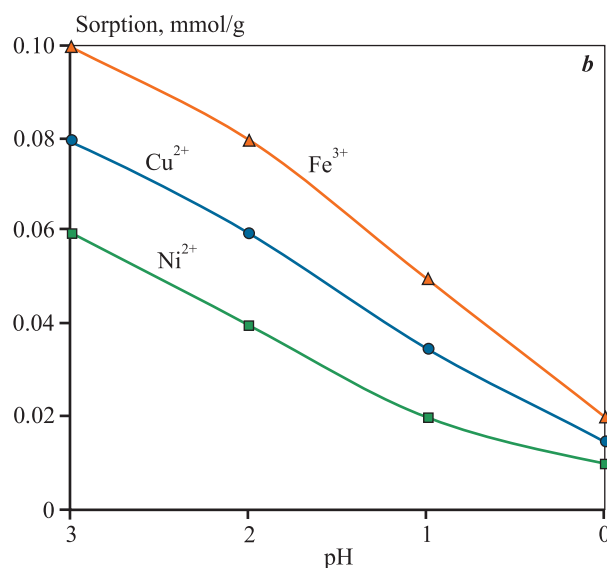
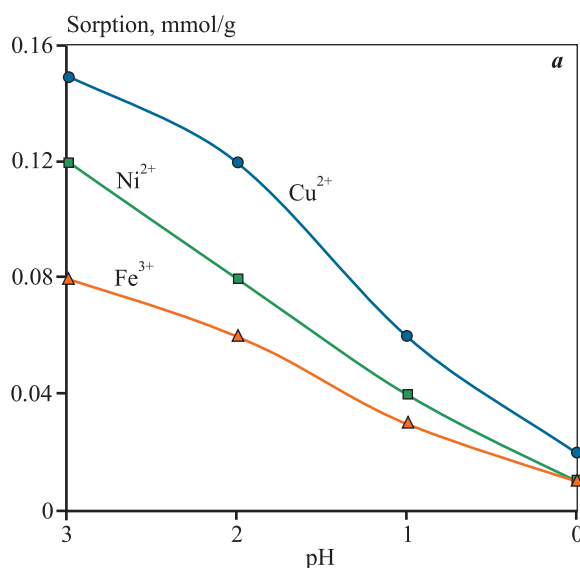


Fig. 2. Dependence of (II), Ni(II), and Fe(III) ion sorption on HCl concentration on the AMPA-D (a) and PA-D (b) sorbents

$C_{\text{met}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$, $m_{\text{sorb}} = 0.03 \text{ g}$, $V_{\text{solution}} = 10 \text{ mL}$, contact time – 10 min

Рис. 2. Зависимость сорбции ионов Cu(II), Ni(II) и Fe(III) от концентрации HCl на сорбентах АМПА-D (a) и ПА-D (b)

$C_{\text{мет}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ моль/л}$, $m_{\text{сорб}} = 0,03 \text{ г}$, $V_{\text{р-р}} = 10 \text{ мл}$, время контакта фаз 10 мин

Table 3. Results of separation of Pd(II), Cu(II), Ni(II), and Fe(III) ions during sorption on IDA-D sorbent under dynamic conditions ($m_{\text{sorb}} = 0.6$ g)

Таблица 3. Результаты разделения ионов Pd(II), Cu(II), Ni(II) и Fe(III) в процессе сорбции на сорбенте IDA-D в динамических условиях ($m_{\text{сорб}} = 0,6$ г)

| Parameter | Pd(II) | Cu(II) | Ni(II) | Fe(III) |
|---|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Sorption ($V_{\text{in}} = V_{\text{out}} = 7$ mL) | | | | |
| $m_{\text{in}}, \mu\text{g}$ | 3720 | 2220 | 2050 | 1960 |
| $m_{\text{out}}, \mu\text{g}$ | 2280 | 77 | 1645 | 350 |
| $m'_{\text{sorb}}, \mu\text{g}$ | 1440 | 2143 | 405 | 1610 |
| $E_{\text{sorb}}, \%$ | 38.7 | 96.5 | 19.8 | 82.1 |
| Washing with water ($V_{\text{wash}} = 5.4$ mL) | | | | |
| $m_{\text{wash}}, \mu\text{g}$ | 1430 | 130 | 405 | 162 |
| $m'_{\text{wash}}, \mu\text{g}$ | 10 | 2013 | 0 | 1448 |
| $E_{\text{wash}}, \%$ | 99.3 | 6.1 | >99.9 | 10.1 |
| $E_{\text{overall (solution)}}, \%$ | 99.7 | 9.3 | >99.9 | 26.1 |
| Elution with 2 M HCl ($V_{\text{el}} = 7$ mL) | | | | |
| $m_{\text{el}}, \mu\text{g}$ | 0.7 | 1995 | 0 | 1295 |
| $E_{\text{el}}, \%$ | 7 | 99.1 | 0 | 89.4 |

tion [9]. The figure also presents the absorption spectra of PdCl_2 and CuBr_2 solutions in 1 M HCl.

As shown in Fig. 3, two absorption bands are observed in the visible region of the model solution spectrum, with maxima at $\lambda = 480$ nm and 830 nm. It is well established that in solutions containing both chloride and bromide ions, Pd(II) tends to form mixed halide complexes, $[\text{PdCl}_{4-n}\text{Br}_n]^{2-}$, with the complex composition determined by the halide ion ratio [32]. The EAS of solutions dominated by the $[\text{PdCl}_4]^{2-}$ complex is characterized by absorption bands at $\lambda = 473$ nm ($\epsilon = 161 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$) and $\lambda = 606$ nm ($\epsilon = 10 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$) [33]. In the visible region, the EAS of solutions containing $[\text{PdBr}_4]^{2-}$ anions exhibit a charge transfer band at $\lambda = 417$ nm ($\epsilon = 790 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$) and a broad absorption band at $\lambda = 495\text{--}505$ nm ($\epsilon = 360 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$) corresponding to $d\text{--}d$ transitions [32–34].

Preliminary experiments demonstrated that the addition of bromide ions to a hydrochloric Pd-containing solution causes the absorption band at $\lambda = 473$ nm to shift toward longer wavelengths, reflecting the substitution of chloride ions in the inner coordination sphere by bromide ions. In 0.1 M HCl, complete substitution was observed at a $[\text{PdCl}_4]^{2-}$

to Br^- ratio of 1:100 (with the band shifting to $\lambda = 505$ nm), whereas in 1 M HCl, even at a $[\text{PdCl}_4]^{2-}$ to Br^- ratio of 1:500, the formation of the $[\text{PdBr}_4]^{2-}$ complex did not occur.

Thus, the presence of an absorption band at $\lambda = 480$ nm in the model solution spectrum indicates that, in the process solution obtained by leaching the catalyst in 1 M HCl, palladium remains predominantly in the form of $[\text{PdCl}_4]^{2-}$. However, as the solution acidity decreases, for example through dilution with water, the likelihood of forming mixed $[\text{PdCl}_{4-n}\text{Br}_n]^{2-}$ complexes increases significantly.

The state of Cu(II) ions in this solution is discussed below. The EAS of an individual solution obtained by dissolving a weighed sample of CuBr_2 in 1 M HBr is characterized by a broad absorption band in the range of $\lambda = 810\text{--}815$ nm (Fig. 3). According to the literature [35], in chloride media, depending on the chloride ion concentration, Cu(II) may exist as a mixture of aquated complexes with the compositions $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+}$, $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Cl}_2]$, $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Cl}]^+$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}_3]^-$. In the visible region, the $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Cl}]^+$ complex, which dominates at chloride ion concentrations of 0.1–1.0 mol/L, exhibits an absorption band at $\lambda = 870$ nm ($\epsilon = 80 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$). A slight shift of its maximum to 830 nm in the leaching solution indicates the presence of mixed aquated and halide forms of Cu(II) in the solution.

Static sorption studies of Pd(II), Cu(II), and Al(III) ions on the APTES sorbent from individual hydrochloric solutions showed that equilibrium sorption values for Pd(II) were achieved after 5–10 min of phase

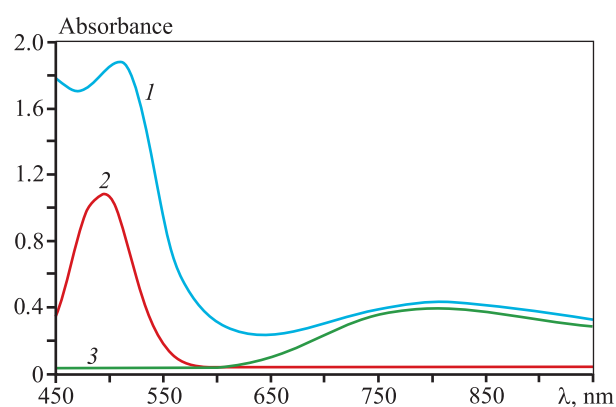


Fig. 3. Electronic absorption spectra (EAS) of the model solution in 1 M HCl (1), the PdCl_2 solution in 1 M HCl (2), and the CuBr_2 solution in 1 M HBr (3)

$C_{\text{Pd}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$, $C_{\text{Cu}} = 1 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mol/L}$

Рис. 3. ЭСП модельного раствора в 1 М НСl (1), раствора PdCl_2 в 1 М НСl (2) и раствора CuBr_2 в 1 М НВr (3)

$C_{\text{Pd}} = 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ моль/л}$, $C_{\text{Cu}} = 1 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ моль/л}$

mixing (0.156 mmol/g), for Cu(II) after 20–30 min (0.084 mmol/g for CuCl₂ and 0.060 mmol/g for CuBr₂ solution in 1 M HCl), whereas the equilibrium sorption time for Al(III) ions was 45 min (0.319 mmol/g). It should be noted that the sorption of Pd(II) by the selected sorbent, as well as complex formation during the sorption process, have been discussed in detail in our earlier work [20].

An increase in HCl concentration in the solution leads to a decrease in the sorption of Pd(II) and Cu(II) (Table 4). For example, in 0.1 M HCl, the sorption capacities for Pd(II) and Cu(II) are 1.43 and 0.97 mmol/g, respectively, whereas in 4 M HCl they decrease to 0.4 and 0.6 mmol/g, respectively.

A decrease in the sorption of palladium and copper ions on the APTES sorbent with increasing hydrochloric acid concentration is generally attributed to the competitive sorption of halide ions [20; 36; 37]. In contrast, Al(III) ions are sorbed only at HCl concentrations above 1 M, and their sorption capacity remains nearly constant at approximately 2.8 mmol/g of sorbent. This behavior is likely due to the involvement of silanol groups on the sorbent matrix in cation exchange, whereby protons are replaced by Al(III) cations [38]. It should also be noted that the formation of a certain proportion of anionic Al(III) chlorocomplexes at higher acid concentrations, as reported in several studies [39; 40], cannot be excluded.

Based on the static sorption data obtained, the possibility of separating Pd(II) ions from Cu(II) and Al(III) ions under dynamic conditions was evaluated. To achieve better separation of these elements, sorption was carried out from a solution with an HCl concentration of 0.1 M.

Solutions of 2 M and 3 M HCl (at room temperature and at 60–65 °C) were initially tested as eluents. However, the desorption results proved unsatisfactory under both static and dynamic conditions. Therefore, a 5 % thiourea (Thio) solution in 0.1 M HCl was subsequently used as the eluent [21].

The separation of non-ferrous metal ions from palladium was studied under dynamic conditions using a model solution simulating the leaching solution of the catalyst, diluted to 0.1 M HCl. Three sorption–washing–desorption cycles were carried out using the same portion of the sorbent. The initial volumes of solution used in the sorption stage were 2.4, 1.7, and 1.2 mL for the first, second, and third cycles, respectively. After sorption, the sorbent was washed with distilled water until the washings became colorless (the volume of wash water was approximately 50 mL), followed by elution of palladium ions using a 5 % Thio solution in 0.1 M HCl

Table 4. Dependence of Pd(II), Cu(II), and Al(III) sorption under static conditions on HCl concentration

Таблица 4. Зависимость сорбции Pd(II), Cu(II) и Al(III) в статических условиях от концентрации HCl

| Metal* | Sorption, mmol/g, at C _{HCl} , M | | | | |
|--------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Pd | 1.43 | 1.07 | 0.77 | 0.43 | 0.4 |
| Cu | 0.97 | ** | 0.67 | 0.65 | 0.6 |
| Al | — | ** | 2.87 | 2.81 | 2.69 |

* C_{Pd}ⁱⁿ = 14 mmol/L, C_{Cu}ⁱⁿ = 55 mmol/L, C_{Al}ⁱⁿ = 56 mmol/L.
 ** No experiment was conducted.

(8.5–11.4 mL). The data presented in Table 5 show that during sorption, more than 99.9 % of Pd(II) ions were transferred to the sorbent phase, while the sorption of Cu(II) ions ranged from 15.1 % to 18.3 %, and that of Al ions from 1.3 % to 17.2 %. Washing the sorbent with distilled water allowed for the almost complete removal of non-ferrous metal ions from the sorbent phase ($E_{Cu}^{\Sigma} = 95.4\text{--}97.0\%$, $E_{Al}^{\Sigma} = 95.2\text{--}99.0\%$).

Thus, nearly complete separation of Pd(II) from accompanying non-ferrous metals was achieved during the sorption and washing stages. The degree of Pd(II) recovery into the eluate was 85–90 %. It was demonstrated that the proposed sorbent remains stable over at least three sorption cycles.

Based on the results of the present study, we propose a process scheme for the recycling of spent low-temperature carbon monoxide oxidation catalysts containing PdCl₂ and CuBr₂, which includes the following stages:

- 1) leaching of the spent catalysts with 1 M HCl;
- 2) adjustment of the acidity of the resulting solution to pH 1;
- 3) sorption onto the APTES sorbent;
- 4) washing of the sorbent with water;
- 5) desorption of palladium using a hydrochloric acid solution of Thio;
- 6) recovery of palladium from the resulting eluate.

During the sorption stage, selective sorption of palladium onto the APTES sorbent occurs, while non-ferrous metals are concentrated in the solution combined with the wash water after sorption [21].

It should be noted that during the desorption stage, a tetrathiourea complex of the composition [Pd(Thio)₄]²⁺ of orange color is formed in the eluate [20], from which an X-ray amorphous precipitate of metallic palladium can be obtained by treatment with a 5 M NaOH solu-

Table. 5. Results of the experiment on the separation of Pd(II), Cu(II), and Al(III) using the APTES sorbent
Таблица 5. Результаты эксперимента по разделению Pd(II), Cu(II) и Al(III) на сорбенте APTES

| Experiment | Sorption stage E_{sorb} , % | | | Washing stage (combined solutions after sorption and washing), E_{wash} , % | | | Elution stage (solution after elution with 5 % Thio in 0.1 M HCl) | | |
|---|---|------|------|---|------|------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Pd | Cu | Al | Pd | Cu | Al | V_{solution} , mL | C_{Pd} , µg/mL | $E_{\text{el}}^{\text{Pd}}$, % |
| 1 st cycle | >99.9 | 15.1 | 1.3 | ** | 95.2 | 99.0 | 8.5 | 406 | 90.1 |
| 2 st cycle | >99.9 | 17.0 | 4.6 | ** | 98.0 | 97.1 | 11.4 | 212 | 89.1 |
| 3 st cycle | >99.9 | 18.3 | 17.2 | ** | 97.0 | 95.2 | 9.9 | 164 | 84.8 |
| * $C_{\text{Pd}} = 15 \text{ mmol/L}$, $C_{\text{Cu}} = 49 \text{ mmol/L}$, $C_{\text{Al}} = 60 \text{ mmol/L}$, $C_{\text{HCl}} = 0.1 \text{ M}$, $m_{\text{sorb}} = 0.15 \text{ g}$. | | | | | | | | | |
| ** Pd(II) ions were not detected in the solutions. | | | | | | | | | |

tion. Indeed, according to X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy data, the binding energies of the Pd 3d_{3/2} and 3d_{5/2} electrons in the investigated sample are 341.1 and 335.8 eV, respectively, which correspond to metallic palladium (Pd⁰) [41]. In this process, thiourea, which is oxidized to formamidinodisulfide (Fds), acts as a reducing agent for palladium ($E_{\text{Pd}^{2+}/\text{Pd}}^0 = 0.92 \text{ V}$); the standard redox potential of the Fds/2Thio system is 0.42–0.48 V [42].

The recovery of palladium into the solid product is practically quantitative.

Conclusions

1. Under static conditions, the sorption behaviors of Cu(II), Ni(II), and Fe(III) ions on IDA-D, AMPA-D, and PA-D sorbents as a function of solution acidity were investigated. For the IDA-D sorbent, the effect of chloride ion concentration was additionally studied. Based on the obtained results, IDA-D can be recommended for the removal of base metals.

2. Based on the sorption data for Pd(II), Cu(II), Ni(II), and Fe(III) ions onto the specified sorbent under dynamic conditions, it was established that the preliminary recovery of base metal ions from process solutions formed during the processing of various types of noble metal-bearing raw materials (in this study, palladium) by sorption onto complexing chemically modified silicas does not ensure the selective separation of Pd(II).

3. Using model solutions simulating those formed during the regeneration of low-temperature carbon monoxide oxidation catalysts and containing chloride and bromide anions, the possibility of separating palladium from non-ferrous metals by sorption onto chemically modified silica bearing grafted γ-aminopropyltriethoxysilane (APTES) groups was demonstrated. Considering the chemical states of the

sorbed ions, the equilibrium times for Pd(II), Cu(II), and Al(III) sorption were determined under static conditions, and the dependencies of their sorption on solution acidity were established. It was shown that the sorption capacities for Pd(II) and Cu(II) decrease with increasing HCl concentration from 0.1 M to 4 M, while Al(III) begins to sorb at HCl concentrations above 1 M, with its sorption capacity remaining practically constant.

4. The optimal conditions for the separation of Pd(II), Cu(II), and Al(III) ions on the APTES sorbent under dynamic conditions were determined: sorption from 0.1 M HCl, washing the sorbent with water, and desorption of Pd(II) with a 5 % Thio solution in 0.1 M HCl. It was found that under these conditions, the separation of palladium from non-ferrous metals is achieved already during the sorption and washing stage.

5. Metallic palladium is obtained by reducing the thiourea eluate with 5 M NaOH solution.

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