

## Effect Of Degree Binary Complex Of Imprint Ion On The Extraction Of Zircon Ion

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**Abstract :** Binary complex of imprint ion in design ion imprinted polymer is significant for solid phase extraction. Various of the imprint degree (0.001mmol, 0.01mmol, 0.1 and 1mmol) have been prepared in polymerization. Ion imprinted polymer were prepared via bulk polymerization methods by forming binary complex Zr-Xylenol orange in 2-methoxy ethanol and copolymerizing in the presence of styrene, divinylbenzene and benzene peroxide as an initiator. Zircon ion were removed from polymer particles by leaching with HCl to leave the cavity in the polymer particles, filtering, washing, drying in an oven at 50 °C, and grinding. The polymer particles both prior to and after leaching have been characterized by Optical photo and SEM-EDS, IR. The retention capacity of polymers were found to be 4.6 mg zircon ion per gram particle in pH 6. The decrease of imprint degrees lead to pH of retention on polymer shift to pH acidity. It is also influenced on surface and volume pore, and there was no significant effect on retention capacity and pore size. Zircon-imprinted polymer has been applied to zircon ion extraction and optimum on 0.1 mmol.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

State of the art in synthesis of material for solid phase extraction is significant to get optimize for extraction process. Ion imprinted polymer is one of methods for synthesis of polymer materials functionalized. They [1-9] crosslinked polystyrene by divinylbenzene (DVB) with 5,7-dichloroquinoline-8-ol (DCQ) in presence of metal ion as templates. It is applied to separation preconcentration and determination of ion uranium, palladium, dysprosium, erbium, in their research disclose that the vinylpyridine is able increase the capacity retention. In addition to PSDVB, they have investigated HEMA-EGDMA as backbone polymer. Generally, ion imprinted polymer were synthesized by 2,2'azobisisobutyronitril (AIBN) as initiator in 2-methoxy ethanol as porogen. To get more information of ion imprinted polymer can be seen in review article by Prasada Rao et. all.[10]

The xylenol orange (XO) as the chelating agent due to XO is selective chelating agent. Abdul Majeed and Khan M, 1987; Grudpan et al., 1998, they have used XO for selective agent for determination of zirconium by spectrophotometer. Their method has been successful in determination zirconium in NBS steel and eluate from technetium-99m generator samples [11-12].

In this worked, we reported the effect of degree binary complex of ion imprint in synthesis of zirconium imprinted polymer and it were applied for zircon extraction. Zirconium standard commercial is difficult to be got free of hafnium metal caused zirconium and hafnium are associated in nature. They have opposite nuclear characteristics. Thus, they have to be separated prior to their transformation into pure metals. The development of solvent extraction for separated of zirconium and hafnium have been carried out use TBP/NH<sub>3</sub> or MIBK/NaSCN/HNO<sub>3</sub>. Previous reports have used other solvents for zirconium/hafnium separation (El-yamani and Farrah, 1978; Shults and Larsen, 1950; Kalyanaraman and Khopkar, 1977; Dalsiva et al., 2000; Dalsiva and Distin, 1998; Poriel et al., 2006). Among them the most successful has been used cyanes 925 with extracted 61% zirconium and 4% hafnium giving a separation factor 37. Taghizadech et al., have been successful to enrich extraction zirconium up to 71% at separation factor of 8.1. They have used Taguchi method to investigation the effect of acid type. The experiment has been applied extraction of zirconium in nitric acid solution [13]. This research investigated various mol of binary complex of imprint ion and its applied to zirconium exttacion in aqueous medium in SPE by batch methods.

### II. EXPERIMENTAL

#### 2.1 Instrumentation

ICP-AES (Varian) was used to determination of zircon, pH meters (Orion) were used for pH measurements. SEM-EDS (JEOL) was used to scanning surface and morphology of material. Spectroscopy

infrared (IR-Prestige 21, Shimadzu) was used to obtain spectrum IR of polymer. Surface area and pore size carry out by Quantachrome NovaWin version 11.0 (USA). Optical photo by Cannon microscope optic.

## 2.2 Reagents and Materials

Xylenol orange (XO) tetrasodium and zircon-oxy-chloride were obtained commercially from Merck. Styrene (functional monomers), divinyl benzene (DVB) (crosslinking monomers), 2-methoxyethanol (porogen) and benzene peroxide (BPO) were obtained commercially from Sigma Aldrich. Various binary Zr-XO complex solution with mol ratio Zr/XO : 1/1 in 10 mL 2-methoxyethanol.

## 2.3 Synthesis of ion imprinted polymer (IIP) particle

### 2.3.1 Formation of Binary Complex

The binary complex zircon ion with xylenol orange with mol ratio 1/1 was prepared by stirring a mixture of 1 mmol of zircon was prepared by dissolving  $ZrOCl_2 \cdot 8H_2O$  with various 0.3222; 0.0322; 0.0032 gram and 1 mmol XO with various 0.7606; 0.0761; 0.0076 gram in 10 mL 2-methoxy ethanol .

### 2.3.2 Copolymerization

A porogen was prepared by stirring mixture of complex Zr-XO 1 mmol, styrene 40 mmol, 40 mmol DVB and BPO 0.61 mmol in 10 mL 2-methoxyethanol. The polymerization mixture was cooled to 0 °C and purged with  $N_2$  for 10 min, seal and heated at 80 °C in oil bath with stirring for 4 h. The solid polymer was ground in mortar and dried in 80 °C for 24 h. The imprint ion zirconium was leached from polymer by stirring with 20 mL HCl 9M for 24 h, and the excess amount of HCl was washed with ultra-pure water and then by methanol. After washed, IIP dried in 80 °C for 24 h. Finally, the particle polymer was dried vacuum in desiccators.

## 2.4 Retention capacity

The retention capacity from aqueous solution was investigated in batch experiment. The particle of polymer (20 mg) were suspended in 10 mL zircon ion 10 mg/L in aqueous solution and pH were variated by nitric acid and sodium hydroxide solution. The concentrations of zircon ion in aqueous solution after desired treatment periods were measurement by ICP-AES. Three replicate extraction, and measurements were performed for each aqueous solution. The concentrations of zircon ion prior to and after retentions on particle of polymer.

## 2.5 General procedure for zircon extraction

Zircon-imprinted polymers (20 mg) were added to 10 mL zircon solution 10 mg/L after pH adjusting to 6. Then the mixture was stirred for 24 hours. The zircon ions were eluted from the IIP particle using 10 mL of 9 M nitric acid. Their content in the eluant were determined by ICP-AES.

# III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

## 3.1 Optical photo

The photo optics were shown in fig. 1. From which it is clear occurs different colour significant of particle. Unleached particle colour is purple. This colour from Zr-XO complex and leached particle is red. It is indicates that Zr have been removed. The decrease of mol complex of imprint ion caused polymer colorless.

## 3.3 Scanning electron microscopy (SEM)-Energy disperse spectroscopy (EDS)

The morphology of polymers produced by bulk polymerization were assessed by SEM-EDS with magnitude 2000 are given in fig. 2. The results show that leached particle morphology is viewed like as a soaked morphology. It is not smooth if compare to unleached particle. Morphology of polymers are leached to unleached is more porous. Polymers are leached by HCl 6M and HCl 9M. Zircon ion as ion imprint with complete release from polymer by HCl 9M are given in fig. 3.

## 3.3. IR Spectra

The IR spectra of unleached and leached zircon imprinted polymer were recorded by using KBr pellet method. The IR spectra of IIP unleached and leached materials are given in fig. 4. Both IIP have similar IR spectra, which indicates that all the polymers have similar backbone, but they have different intensity spectra. A band near  $1080\text{ cm}^{-1}$  present in unleached material is shifted to higher frequency  $1089\text{ cm}^{-1}$  while leaching.

The shift and decrease in strength of vibration can be attributed to bonding between the zircon with xylenol orange. Generally, these observations indicate that the polymer backbone is same in both unleached and leached IIP particle thus suggesting XO is held onto polymer even after leaching.

### 3.4 BET and BJH Analysis

Surface and pore size analysis carry out by BET and BJH analysis. The effect of degree binary complex of ion imprint can be presented in table 1 . Surface area and total volume pore optimum on 0.1 mmol complex of ion imprint and polymers are produced there was no influent of various mol complex of ion imprint to pore size.

### 3.5 Retention Capacity

The retention capacity studies by batch methods for 24 h. The result obtained are shown in fig.5. IIP suspended with zircon solution is IIP with Zr-XO 1/1 mmol ratio. Maximum retention capacity is 4.6 mg Zr/g IIP at pH 6. In order to investigate the effect of degree binary complex with various is 0.001; 0.01;0.1 and 1 mmol were shown fig.6. There was no effect significant the degree of complex Zr-XO to retention capacity, but it causes shift pH of retention capacity to pH acidity when the degree of mmol Zr-XO in IIP particle decreases.

## IV. FIGURES AND TABLES

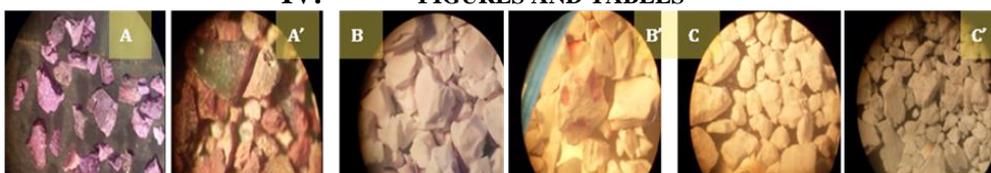


Fig. 1 Photo optic magnitude 600 polymer particle. Unleached (A:0,1mmol,B:0,01mmol,C:0,001mmol) and leached (A'':0,1mmol, B'':0,01mmol, C'':0,001mmol) polymer.

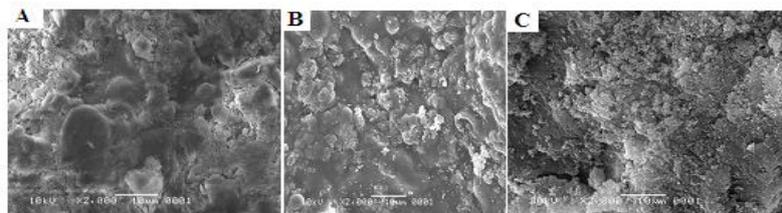


Fig. 2. SEM photograph of IIP : A. leached by HCl 6M, B. Leached by HCl 9 M. C.Unleached.

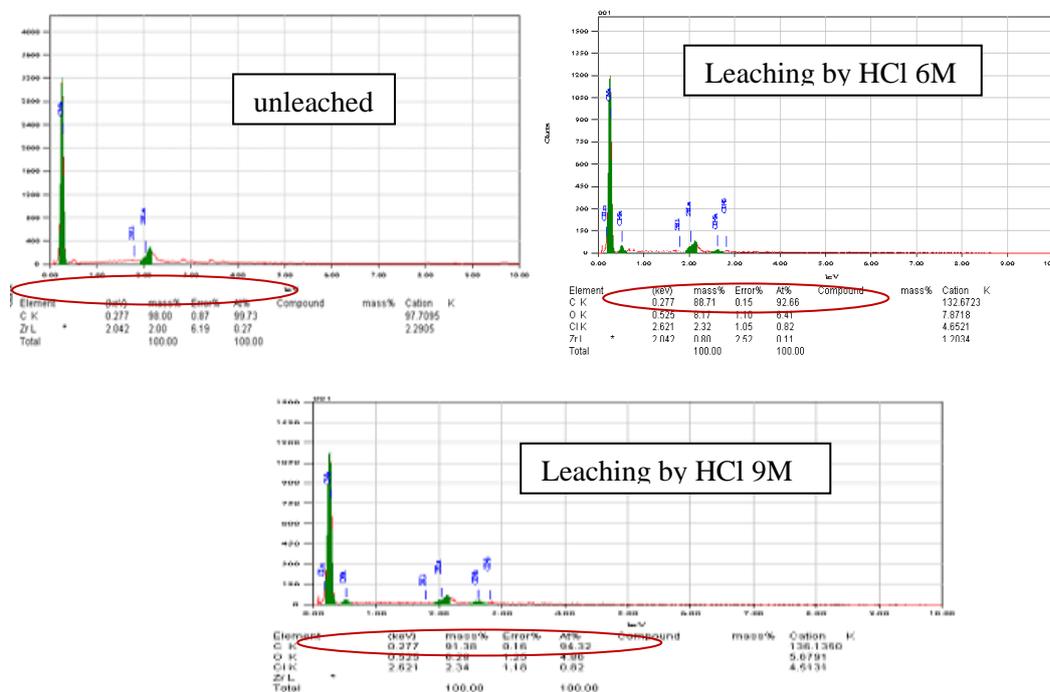


Fig. 3 EDS spectra unleached and leached polymer IIP

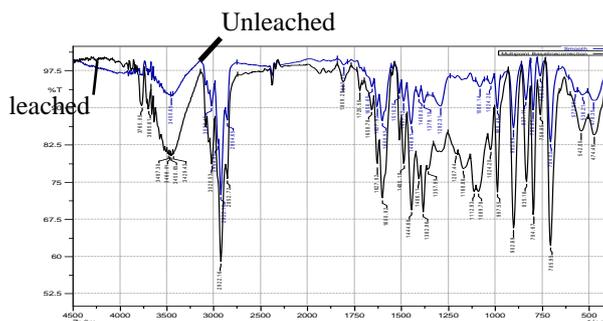


Fig.4 IR spectra of unleached and leached imprinted polymer

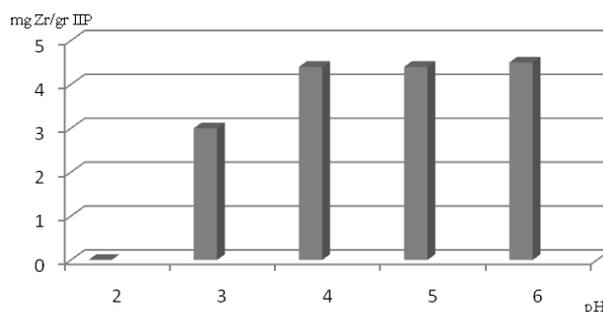


Fig.5 Retention capacity IIP Zr-XO 0.1 mmol

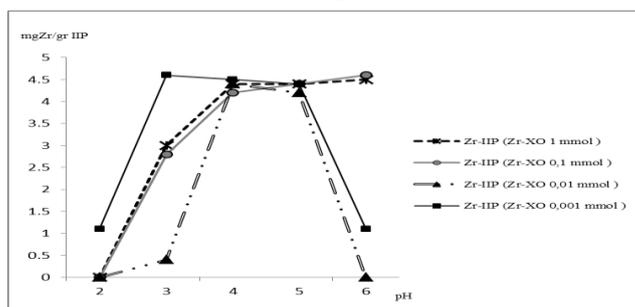


Fig.6 The effect degree complex Zr-XO to retention capacity

Table 1. BET and BJH analysis

Polyme r IIP	Degree Compl ex mmol	BET				BJH	
		Single point		Multi point		Total Volume pore	Average Radius pore
		Surface Area	Specific Surface Area	Surface Area	Specific Surface Area	$10^{-3}$ (cc/g)	A <sup>o</sup>
		(m <sup>2</sup> )	(m <sup>2</sup> /g)	(m <sup>2</sup> )	(m <sup>2</sup> /g)		
IIP0.01	0.01	24.384	178.377	25.737	188.275	124.992	13.278
IIP0.1	0.1	31.085	262.984	32.749	277.068	182.839	13.198
IIP1	1	2.842	33.315	3.038	35.620	23.925	13.433

### V. CONCLUSION

Synthesis ion imprinted polymers is one of functionalized polymers to enhanced extraction. The Degree of mol binary complex of ion imprint can be contributed to produce porous materials polymer. Porous polymers are produced can be used to separate and preconcentrative of zircon ion from hafnium.

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