

RESEARCH ON ADSORPTION OF Ni²⁺ IONS USING HALLOYSITE CLAY AND THE ABILITY OF DESORPTION AND NICKEL RECOVERY BY ELECTRODEPOSITION METHOD

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INTRODUCTION

In modern life, the advancement in industry and urbanization has led to serious metal pollution all over the world (Sharma et al., 2022). Nickel is a transition metal that is silvery-white, hard, ductile, highly corrosion-resistant. The concentration of nickel in various environmental compartments have been found to remarkably exceed natural levels. This causes harmful and dangerous effects on humans and the environment.

Natural halloysite material (HAL) is a clay mineral belonging to the kaolin group, which is also applied in many fields: pharmaceutical, medicine, food, high-grade materials and environment due to its superior properties such as microstructure, tube, non-toxic, high mechanical strength. HAL material in Thach Khoan - Phu Tho area, Vietnam has been used to adsorb Cd, Pb showing high adsorption efficiency as 51.45 % and 79.3 % respectively (Bac et al., 2021). In addition to heavy metal adsorption studies, the research to find effective methods of desorption and recovery of heavy metals and regeneration of adsorbent materials, minimizing negative impacts on the environment is very important. In this work, we adsorb Ni²⁺ ions on HAL clay, then desorption and recovery of Ni metal from loaded HAL material by electrolysis in reline (choline chloride-urea) electrolyte. The advantage of this study is the desorption and recovery process of nickel are carried out together in an electrochemical cell, after that HAL adsorbent can be reused.

EXPERIMENTAL

Adsorption experiments

The effect impacts on adsorption process was investigated such as:

- the contact time changed between 10 and 120 mins,
- the initial pH of the solution was studied between 2.3 and 6.9
- the mass of HAL in the range of 0.3 - 1.0 g.

The experiments were carried out at room temperature and kept stirring at a speed of 400 rpm.

Adsorption capacity and efficiency are calculated by equations (1) and (2), respectively (Gupta et al., 2012):

$$Q = (C_0 - C) \cdot V/m \quad (1) \quad H = (C_0 - C) \cdot 100/C_0 \quad (2)$$

Preparation of HAL powder



Fig 1. Picture of halloysite powder

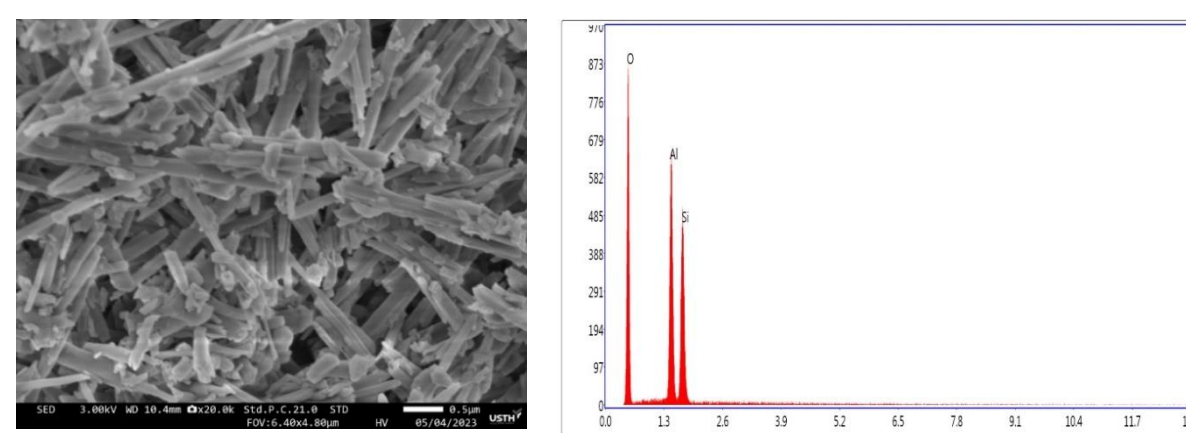


Fig 2. SEM-EDX image of halloysite

Desorption experiments

The desorption of Ni²⁺ from Ni-HAL and deposition Ni metal was carried out in a three-electrode electrochemical cell: the WE was gold plate (geometric area = 1 cm²), the RE was Ag,AgCl|Cl⁻ and the CE was a platinum grid of large area.

- applying current: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7.5 mA;
- electrolytic time : 1-5 hours
- The deposition potential ≤ -0.6 V, T = 60 oC.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Effect of the experimental factors on Ni²⁺ ions adsorption by HAL powder

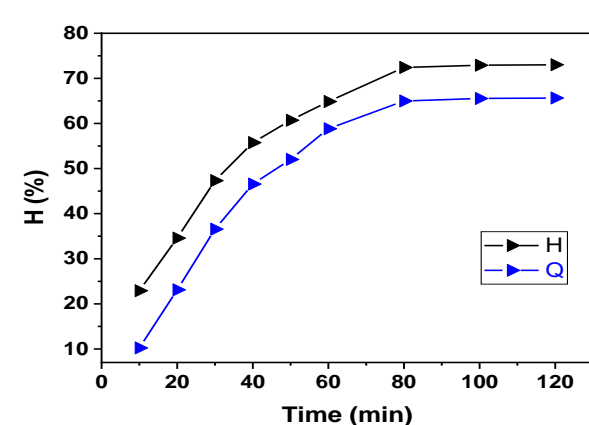


Fig 3. The effect of contact time on the halloysite's adsorption capacity and efficiency of Ni²⁺ at initial concentration of 50 mg/L; mass of 0.5 g; pH = 5.9

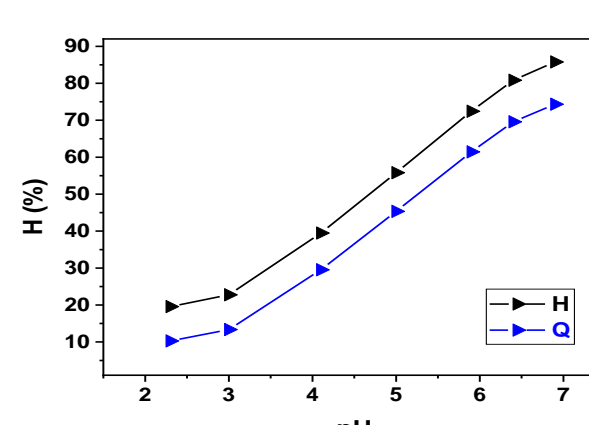


Fig 4. The variation of Ni²⁺ adsorption capacity and efficiency according to pH at initial concentration of 50 mg/L; mass of 0.5 g; contact time of 80 mins

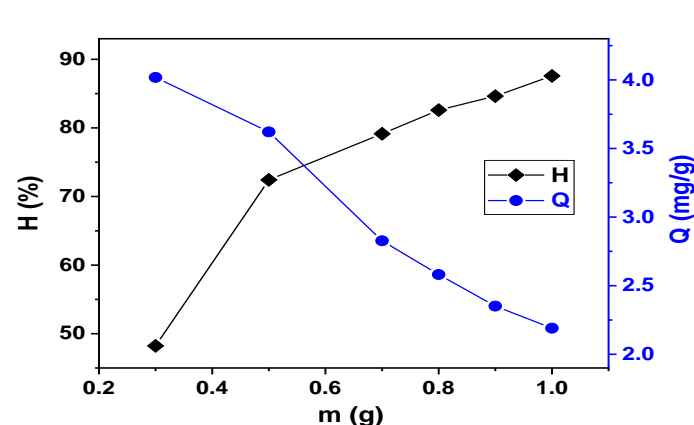


Fig 5. The effect of mass of halloysite on the adsorption capacity and efficiency of Ni²⁺ at initial concentration of 50 mg/L; pH 5.9; contact time of 80 mins

Characterization of HAL before and after adsorption process

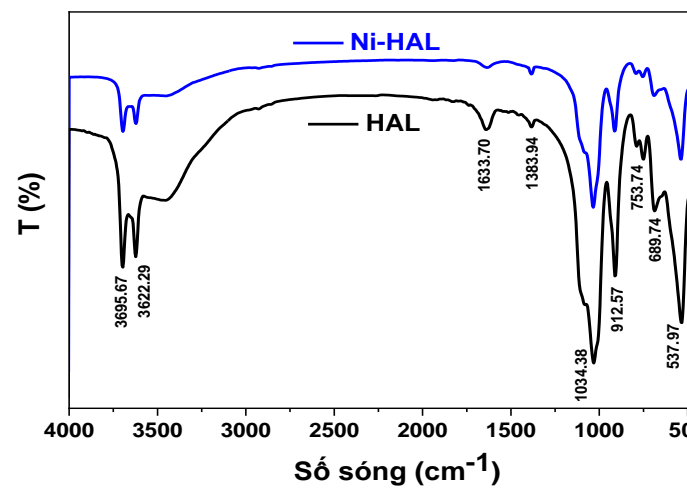


Fig 6. FT-IR spectra of HAL before and after Ni²⁺ adsorption process

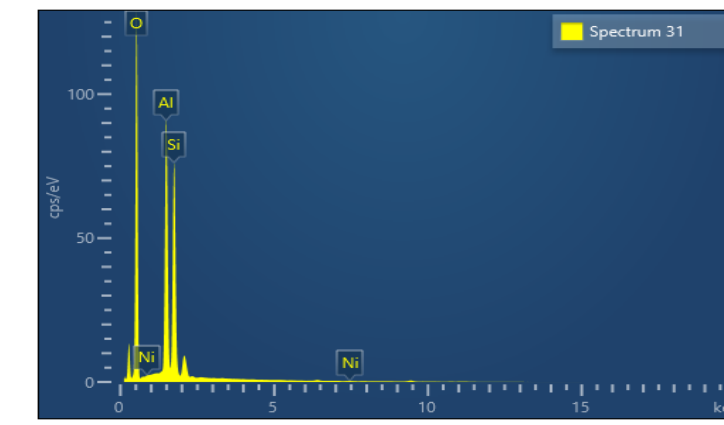


Fig 7. -EDX spectra of HAL after Ni²⁺ adsorption process

Adsorption isotherm curve

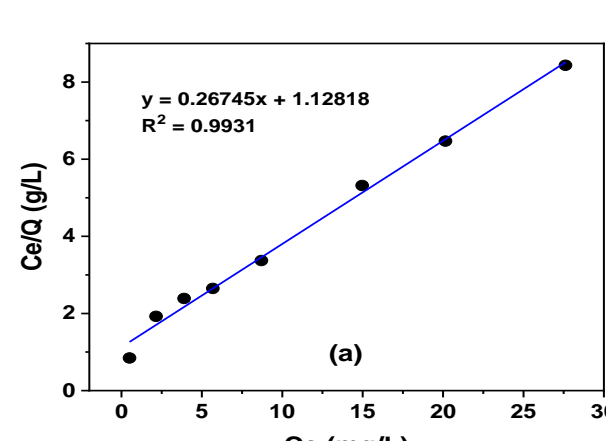


Fig 8. Langmuir (a) and Freundlich (b) isotherm plots for the adsorption of Ni²⁺ onto halloysite

Table 1. Adsorption isotherm parameters

| Langmuir | | | Freundlich | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Q _m | K _L | R ² | n | K _F | R ² |
| 3.739 | 0.237 | 0.9931 | 2.25596 | 0.85847 | 0.97071 |

Adsorption kinetic

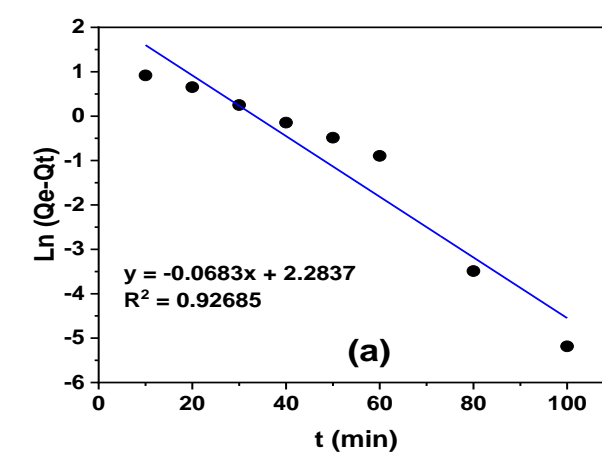


Fig 9. The description of the experimental data according to pseudo-first-order kinetic equation (a) and pseudo-second-order kinetic equation (b) for adsorption of Ni²⁺ onto halloysite

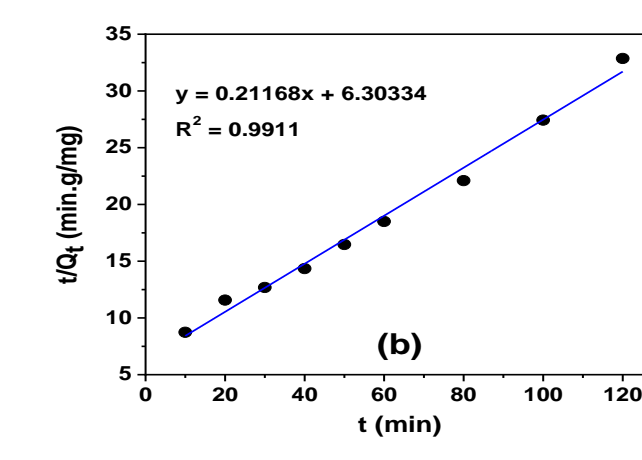


Table 2. Adsorption kinetic parameters

| Q _e (mg/g) | pseudo-first-order kinetic equation | | pseudo-second-order kinetic equation | | | Q _e experiment (mg/g) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | k ₁ (min ⁻¹) | R ² | Q _e (mg/g) | k ₂ (g/mg/min) | R ² | |
| 9.813 | 0.0683 | 0.92685 | 4.724 | 0.00711 | 0.9911 | 3.651 |

The appropriate adsorption conditions: 0.8 g halloysite/50 mL Ni²⁺ solution of 50 mg/L, contact time of 80 minutes at natural pH 5.9, room temperature (25 °C)

Desorption of Ni²⁺ out of Ni-HAL and recovery of Ni metal by electrodeposition method

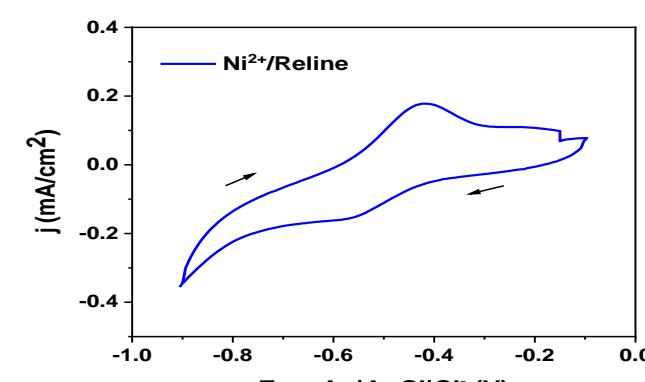


Fig 10. Cyclic voltammogram of 0.005M Ni²⁺ in the reline, scan rate of 50 mV.S-1, T = 60 oC

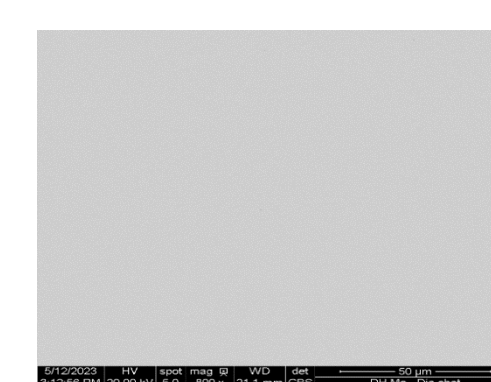


Fig 11. SEM-EDX image of the surface of Au plate electrode before electrolysis of Ni-HAL

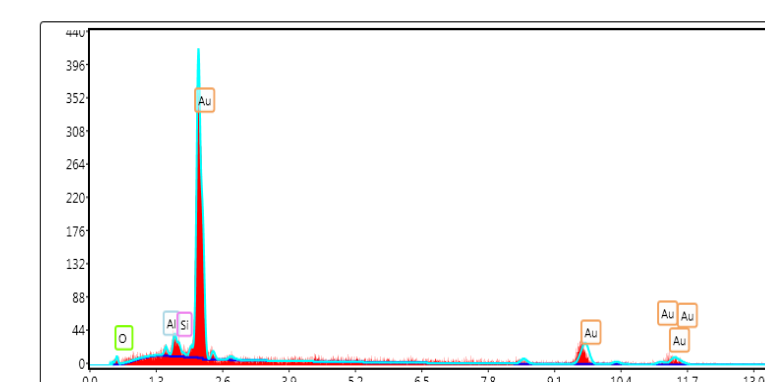


Fig 12. SEM-EDX image of the surface of Au plate electrode after electrolysis of Ni-HAL

Table 3: The recovery efficiency of Ni (H %) from 0.5 g Ni-HAL at different applied currents and electrolytic times

| I (mA) | H % | | | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7.5 |
| 1 | 56.39 | 58.26 | 60.32 | 62.25 | 65.81 |
| 2 | 64.23 | 67.83 | 68.44 | 71.34 | 73.76 |
| 3 | 71.11 | 73.88 | 75.48 | 78.47 | 80.52 |
| 4 | 76.68 | 79.23 | 82.14 | 84.95 | 87.24 |
| 5 | 81.62 | 85.29 | 88.05 | 90.18 | 92.65 |

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CONCLUSION

Halloysite clay was used to study the adsorption - desorption of Ni²⁺ ions from aqueous solution. The adsorption efficiency of Ni²⁺ obtained 82.59 % at appropriate conditions: contact time of 80 mins, pH 5.9, HAL mass of 0.8 g. The results of adsorption isotherms showed that adsorption of Ni²⁺ ions using HAL powder followed Langmuir isotherm model with the maximum mono layer adsorption capacity of 3.739 mg/g. The experiment data of adsorption kinetics confirmed that Ni²⁺ adsorption process followed the pseudo-second-order law with the correlation coefficient (R²) of 0.9911. The recovery efficiency of nickel reached 92.65 % from loaded HAL material by electrodeposition on the surface of Au plate electrode at the applied current of 7.5 mA after 5 hours in the reline solvent. HAL material was not dissolved in the solvent of reline and can be reused after desorption process.

Appropriate desorption conditions: Ni-HAL mass of 0.5g, electrolysis time of 5 hours, applied current of 7.5 mA at 60 °C.