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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A Calculation and Samples of Calculation

A1 Calculations of Amount of Metal Loading on NaX and NaY Zeolite

A1.1 Amount of Metal Loading on Zeolite

From

$$\begin{aligned} C_{i2} &= C_{i1} * T \\ M &= C_{i2} * V_0 * 10^{-6} \\ \% \text{Wt} &= \frac{M}{A_o} * 100 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A1.1.1})$$

Where,

- C_{i2} = Concentration before dilution ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)
 C_{i1} = Concentration after dilution of metal solution ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)
 T = Times of dilution
 M = Amount of metal loading on zeolite (g)
 V_0 = Initial volume of metal solution (ml)
 $\% \text{Wt}$ = Weight percent (%)
 A_o = Weight of initial adsorbent (g)

Example: Amount of Ni^{2+} loading on NaX zeolite at room temperature (solution : adsorbent = 200)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Result data from AAS } (C_{\text{Ni1}}) &= 3.297 \mu\text{g/ml} \\ \text{Times of dilution } (T) &= 25 \\ \text{Therefore, concentration before dilution } (C_{\text{Ni2}}) &= 3.297 * 25 \\ &= 82.43 \mu\text{g/ml} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial volume of metal solution } (V_0) &= 100 \text{ ml} \\ \text{So, amount of metal loading on NaY zeolite} &= 82.43 * 100 * 10^{-6} \\ &= 0.008243 \text{ g} \\ \text{Weight of initial adsorbent } (A_o) &= 0.1208 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Weight percent (\%Wt)} &= \frac{0.008243}{0.1208} \times 100 \\ &= 6.82 \%\end{aligned}$$

A1.2 Ion-exchange isotherm by liquid phase ion-exchange technique

$$E_{A(S)} = \frac{z_A n_{A(S)}}{\sum_i z_i n_{i(S)}} \quad (\text{A1.1.2})$$

$$E_A = \frac{z_A n_A}{\sum_i z_i n_i} \quad (\text{A1.1.3})$$

Where,

$E_{A(S)}$ = Equivalent fraction of the cations present within the solution phase

E_A = Equivalent fraction of the cations present within the zeolite

z_A, z_i = Valencies of exchanging cations A and i

$n_{A(S)}, n_{i(S)}$ = Moles per unit volume of A and i within solution phase (mmol/ml)

n_A, n_i = Moles per unit volume of A and i within zeolite (mmol/ml)

Example: Amount of $E_{A(S)}$ of NaX zeolite (solution : adsorbent = 200)

In solution,

Ni^{2+} : Result data from AAS = 1.31 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

Times of dilution = 100

Therefore, concentration before dilution = $1.31 * 100$
= 131 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

Moles per unit volume of Ni^{2+} within zeolite (n_{Ni}) = 0.00223 mmol/ml

Valencies of Ni^{2+} (z_{Ni}) = +2

Thus, $z_{Ni} * n_{Ni}$ = $0.00223 * 2$
= 0.00446 mmol/ml

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Na^+ : Result data from AAS (n_{Na}) | = 0.092 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
| Times of dilution | = 2500 |
| Therefore, concentration before dilution | = 0.092 * 2500 |
| | = 230 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
| Moles per unit volume of Na^+ within zeolite (n_{Na}) | = 0.00996 mmol/ml |
| Valencies of Na^{2+} (z_{Na}) | = +1 |
| Thus, $z_{\text{Na}} * n_{\text{Na}}$ | = 0.00996 * 1 |
| | = 0.00996 mmol/ml |

$$\text{So, } E_{\text{Ni}(S)} = \frac{0.00446}{0.00446 + 0.00996} = 0.31$$

In zeolite,

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ni^{2+} : Result data from AAS | = 3.732 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
| Times of dilution | = 25 |
| Therefore, concentration before dilution | = 3.732 * 25 |
| | = 93.31 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
| Moles per unit volume of Ni^{2+} within zeolite (n_{Ni}) | = 0.00159 mmol/ml |
| Valencies of Ni^{2+} (z_{Ni}) | = +2 |
| Thus, $z_{\text{Ni}} * n_{\text{Ni}}$ | = 0.00159 * 2 |
| | = 0.00318 mmol/ml |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Na^+ : Result data from AAS (n_{Na}) | = 0.314 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
| Times of dilution | = 100 |
| Therefore, concentration before dilution | = 0.314 * 100 |
| | = 314 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ |
| Moles per unit volume of Na^{2+} within zeolite (n_{Na}) | = 0.00137 mmol/ml |
| Valencies of Na^{2+} (z_{Na}) | = +1 |
| Thus, $z_{\text{Na}} * n_{\text{Na}}$ | = 0.00137 * 1 |
| | = 0.00137 mmol/ml |

$$S_o, E_{Ni} = \frac{0.00318}{0.00318 + 0.00137} = 0.7$$

A1.3 Ion-exchange degree by solid state ion-exchange technique

$$\% \text{ Exchanged} = \frac{N_{Ni^{2+}} \times 2}{N_{Na^+} \times 1} * 100\% \quad (\text{A1.1.4})$$

Where,

$N_{Ni^{2+}}$ = Moles of Ni^{2+} on zeolite after exchanged (g)

N_{Na^+} = Moles of Na^+ on zeolite before exchanged (g)

Example:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Ni^{2+} : Result data from AAS | = 4.759 $\mu g/ml$ |
| Times of dilution | = 25 |
| Therefore, concentration before dilution | = 4.759 * 25 |
| | = 118.97 $\mu g/ml$ |
| Initial volume of metal solution (V_o) | = 100 ml |
| So, amount of metal loading on NaY zeolite | = 118.97 * 100 * 10^{-6} |
| | = 0.011897 g |
| Weight of initial adsorbent (A_o) | = 0.1298 g |
| Moles of Ni^{2+} on zeolite after exchanged | = $\frac{0.011897}{0.1298 \times 58.71}$ |
| | = 0.1561(mole/g-zeolite) |
| Na^+ : Result data from AAS | = 0.03287 $\mu g/ml$ |
| Times of dilution | = 2500 |
| Therefore, concentration before dilution | = 0.03287 * 2500 |
| | = 82.18 $\mu g/ml$ |
| Initial volume of metal solution (V_o) | = 100 ml |
| So, amount of metal loading on NaY zeolite | = 82.18 * 100 * 10^{-6} |
| | = 0.008218 g |
| Weight of initial adsorbent (A_o) | = 0.1145 g |

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Moles of Na}^+ \text{ on zeolite before exchanged} &= \frac{0.008218}{0.1145 \times 23} \\
 &= 0.31205(\text{mole/gzeolite})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\% \text{ Exchanged} = \frac{0.1561 \times 2}{0.31205 \times 1} * 100 \% = 100.06 \%$$

A2 Calculation of Sulfur Concentration (or Benzene) in static adsorption experiment

A2.1 Calibration of Sulfur Compounds (or Benzene)

From

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_i * RMR_i &= A_i \\
 n_{\text{std}} * RMR_{\text{std}} &= A_{\text{std}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } RMR_i = \frac{A_i * n_{\text{std}} (RMR_{\text{std}})}{A_{\text{std}} * n_i} \quad (\text{A2.1.1})$$

A2.2 Concentration of Sulfur Compounds (or Benzene) in Simulated Fuels

$$Y_i = \frac{\frac{A_i}{RMR_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{A_i}{RMR_i} \right]} \quad (\text{A2.1.2})$$

A_i = Peak area of component i

n_i = Concentration of component i (weight basis)

A_{std} = Peak area of standard component

n_{std} = Concentration of standard component (weight basis)

RMR_i = Respond factor of component i

RMR_{std} = Respond factor of standard component

Y_i = Concentration of component i from calibration

Example: Adsorption of 3-methylthiophene in isoctane on NiX zeolite (solution : adsorbent = 200) at room temperature

From the calibration of sulfur compounds:

Respond factor of component i (RMR_i)

$$RMR \text{ of 3-methylthiophene} = 0.753$$

Respond factor of standard component (RMR_{std})

$$RMR \text{ of isoctane} = 1$$

Initial concentration

$$\text{Peak area of 3-MT1 } (A_{3-MT(1)}) = 26021$$

$$\text{Peak area of 3-MT2 } (A_{3-MT(2)}) = 22506$$

$$\text{Peak area of isoctane1 } (A_{std(1)}) = 69072100$$

$$\text{Peak area of isoctane2 } (A_{std(2)}) = 59749900$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{3-MT(1)} &= \frac{(26021/0.753)}{(26021/0.753)+(69072100/1)} \\ &= 500.045 * 10^{-6} \\ &= 500.045 \text{ ppmw} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{3-MT(2)} &= \frac{(22506/0.753)}{(22506/0.6522)+(59126495/1)} \\ &= 499.976 * 10^{-6} \\ &= 499.976 \text{ ppmw} \end{aligned}$$

So, average initial concentration of 3-MT in isoctane

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{3-MT} &= \frac{500.045 + 499.976}{2} \\ &= 500.010 \text{ ppmw} \end{aligned}$$

Concentration of 3-MT after adsorption for 8 hours

$$\text{Peak area of 3-MT1 } (A_{13-MT}) = 11129$$

$$\text{Peak area of 3-MT2 } (A_{23-MT}) = 11644$$

$$\text{Peak area of isoctane1 } (A_{1std}) = 52812300$$

Peak area of isoctane1 ($A_{2\text{std}}$) = 55239600

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{3\text{-MT}(1)} &= \frac{(11129 / 0.753)}{(11129 / 0.753) + (52812300 / 1)} \\ &= 0.0002797358 * 10^6 \\ &= 279.7358 \text{ ppmw} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{3\text{-MT}(2)} &= \frac{(11644 / 0.753)}{(11644 / 0.753) + (55239600 / 1)} \\ &= 0.0002798563 * 10^6 \\ &= 279.8563 \text{ ppmw} \end{aligned}$$

So, average concentration of 3-MT in isoctane after adsorption

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{3\text{-MT}} &= \frac{279.7358 + 279.8563}{2} \\ &= 279.796 \text{ ppmw} \end{aligned}$$

A3 Calculation of amount of adsorption of sulfur compounds (or Benzene) on ion-exchanged zeolite in static adsorption experiment

$$A_i = \frac{F * C_u}{100} - \left[\frac{C_{if}}{100} * \frac{F * (100 - C_u)}{(100 - C_{if})} \right]$$

A_i = Amount of sulfur compound adsorbed on adsorbent

C_i = Concentration of sulfur compound before adsorption (%)

C_f = Concentration of sulfur compound after adsorption (%)

F = Amount of simulated fuels before adsorption (g)

Example: Adsorption of 3-methylthiophene in isoctane on NiX zeolite (solution : adsorbent = 200) at room temperature

Initial concentration of 3-MT ($C_{3\text{-MT}i}$) = 500.011 ppmw

$$= 500.011 * \frac{100}{1000000}$$

$$= 0.05\%$$

Concentration of 3-MT after adsorption ($C_{3\text{-MTf}}$) = 279.796 ppmw

$$= 279.796 * \frac{100}{1000000}$$

$$= 0.0279 \%$$

Amount of simulated fuel = 8.2338 g

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } A_{3\text{-MT}} &= \frac{8.2338 * 0.05}{100} + \left[\frac{0.0279}{100} * \frac{8.2338 * (100 - 0.05)}{(100 - 0.0279)} \right] \\ &= 0.0018 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

Molecular weight of 3-MT = 98.1624 g/gmol

$$\begin{aligned} A_{3\text{-MT}} &= \frac{0.0018}{98.162} * 1000 \\ &= 0.0185 \text{ mmol} \end{aligned}$$

Amount of adsorbent (Ni-13X) = 0.0971 g

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, the amount of 3-methylthiophene adsorbed on NiX zeolite} &= \frac{0.0185}{0.0971} \\ &= 0.1903 \text{ mmol/g-sorbent} \end{aligned}$$

A4 Calculation of amount of adsorption of sulfur compounds (or Toluene) on ion-exchanged zeolite in dynamic adsorption experiment

A4.1 Dead-volume of fixed bed reactor

To find out the Dead-volume of fixed bed reactor, the breakthrough curve of model fuel (isoctane and 1wt % of toluene) without adsorbent was performed in this study. By applying First Moment of the Breakthrough Curve (μ), we can determine the Dead volume:

$$\mu_1 = \mu = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - y) dV \quad y = \frac{c(V)}{c_0}$$

Where μ : mean breakthrough volume

C : concentration of sulfur compounds in the feed (mole or g)

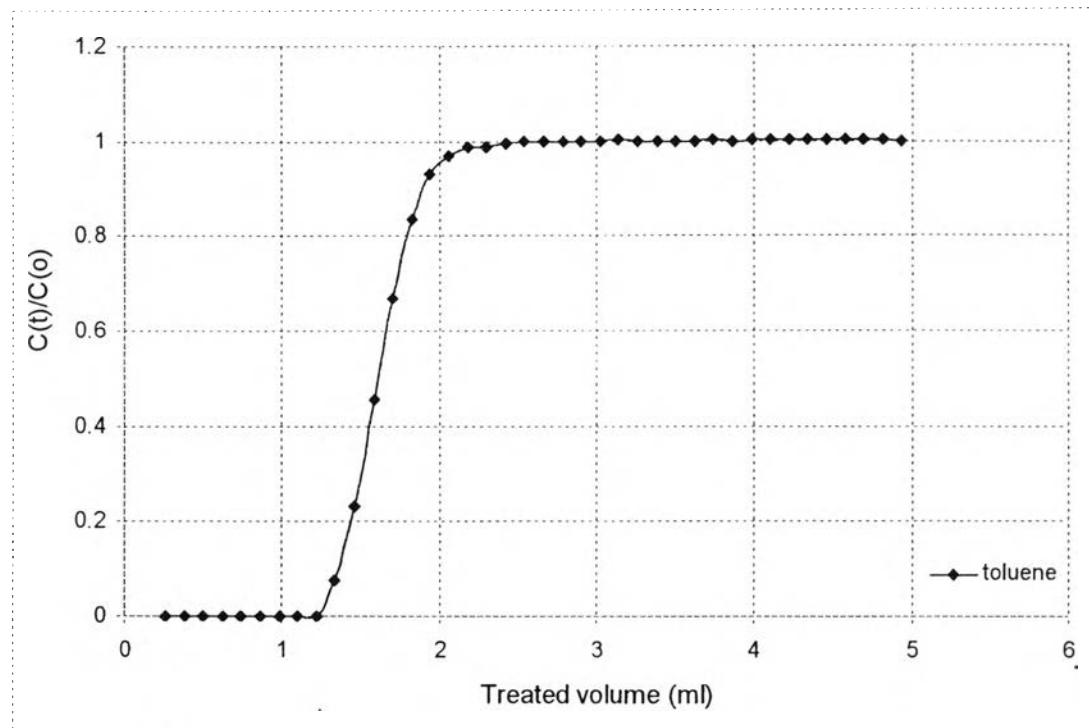


Figure A1. Breakthrough curve without adsorbent.

Hence, Dead-volume = $\mu = 1.62 \text{ ml}$

A4.2 Amount of adsorption of sulfur compounds (or Toluene) on ion-exchanged zeolite in dynamic adsorption experiment

Example: Adsorption of 3-methylthiophene in model fuels of isoctane, $\sim 400 \text{ ppmw}$ sulfur content and 1% by weight of toluene on NiY zeolite

Setting parameter of breakthrough adsorption experiment:

Number of the collected vials= 60

Collected time = 0.36 min

Waste time = 0.3 min

Wait time = 1.89 min

F (Flow rate) = 5 ml/min

Dead-volume = 1.62 ml

Diameter of grain = 0.7 mm

Structural desity (ρ_s) = 1.895 g/cm³

Macroporous volume (v_M) = 0.36 cm³/g

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Microporous volume (v_μ) | = 0.231 cm ³ /g |
| Mass of adsorbent | = 6.96 g |
| Density of fuel | = 0.692 |
| Particle density (ρ_P) | = 0.999 g/cm ³ |
| Bulk density (ρ_B) | = 0.714 g/cm ³ |
| C_o (3-MT) | = 370 ppm |
| C_o (Toluene) | = 1% |
| | |
| T_a | = Waste time + Wait time/2 |
| | = 1.245 min |
| T_p | = Totally time / Numbers of vials |
| | = 2.25 min |
| | |
| u (superficial liquid velocity in empty column (cm/min)) | = ratio flow rate / column section |
| | = 12.992 min |
| | |
| Particle porosity (ε_p) | = Partical density * V_M |
| | = 0.359 |
| | |
| Interparticle porosity (ε_i) | = 1 - (ρ_B / ρ_P) |
| | = 0.29 |
| | |
| Total Macroporous volume (V_M) | = $v_M * \text{Mass of adsorbent}$ |
| | = 2.5 cm ³ |
| | |
| Total Microporous volume (V_μ) | = $v_\mu * \text{Mass of adsorbent}$ |
| | = 2.78 cm ³ |
| | |
| Total Macroporous and Microporous volume | = $V_M + V_\mu$ |
| | = 5.28 cm ³ |
| | |
| Total Macroporous and Microporous volume_exp (> Total Macroporous and Microporous volume) | = 7 cm ³ |
| | |
| Total Bed porosity (ε_B) | = Total Macroporous and Microporous volume_exp / Volume of column |
| | = 0.72 |
| | |
| At the Collected Vial No.i: | |
| Average time | = $T_a + (i-1/2) * T_p$ |

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average volume of fuel} &= T_a * F + (i-1/2) * T_p * F \\ \text{Amount of treated volume} &= \text{Average volume of fuel} - \text{Dead-volume}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, Cumulative effluent volume of 3-MT = $\mu = 193.44 \text{ ml}$

$$= 193.44 / \text{mass of adsorbent} = 29.9 \text{ (ml/g-zeolite)}$$

$$\text{Mass of Cumulative effluent volume of 3-MT} = \mu * d = 133.86 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\text{Amount of 3-MT in the comlume} = \mu * d * C_o = 0.05 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Amount of 3-MT adsorbed} &= \text{Amount of 3-MT in the comlume} * (1 - \varepsilon_B) \\ &= 0.014 \text{ (g)} = 0.014 * 1000 / \text{mass of adsorbent} = 2.15 \text{ (mg/g-zeolite)} \\ &= 2.15 / \text{Molecular weight of 3-MT} = 0.0219 \text{ (mmole/g-zeolite)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cumulative effluent volume of Toluene} = \mu = 110.36 \text{ ml}$$

$$= 110.36 / \text{mass of adsorbent} = 17.08 \text{ (ml/g-zeolite)}$$

$$\text{Mass of Cumulative effluent volume of Toluene} = \mu * d = 76.36 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\text{Amount of Toluene in the comlume} = \mu * d * C_o = 0.82 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Amount of Toluene adsorbed} &= \text{Amount of Toluene in the comlume} * (1 - \varepsilon_B) \\ &= 0.232 \text{ (g)} = 0.232 * 1000 / \text{mass of adsorbent} = 36 \text{ (mg/g-zeolite)} \\ &= 36 / \text{Molecular weight of Toluene} = 0.3911 \text{ (mmole/g-zeolite)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Henry's constant of 3-MT} = \text{Amount of 3-MT adsorbed} / C_o \text{ (3-MT)} = 8.44$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Henry's constant of Toluene} &= \text{Amount of Toluene adsorbed} / C_o \text{ (Toluene)} \\ &= 8.44\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Selectivity of 3-MT over toluene} = \alpha_{Sul/Tol} = \frac{q_{Sul} / C_{Sul}}{q_{Tol} / C_{Tol}} = 1.75$$

A4.3 Concentration of soluble water in 700g model fuels

Dependence of the Solubility of Water on Hydrocarbon equation (Constantine Tsonopoulos, 2001) was applied:

$$\ln x_w = \frac{-79.6677 - 6.6547CN}{9.5470 + CN}$$

Where x_w : The solubility of water in hydrocarbon at 298K

CN: Carbon number

With iso-octane used as model fuel: CN = 8

$$\ln x_w = \frac{-79.6677 - 6.6547 * 8}{9.5470 + 8} = -7.5572$$

$$x_w = 0.000522$$

$$\text{Moles of iso-octane} = 700/114 = 6.14 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Moles of soluble water in model fuels} = 6.14 \times 0.000522 = 0.0032 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Amount of soluble water in model fuels} = 0.0032 \times 18 = 0.0577 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Concentration of soluble water in fuels} = \frac{0.0577 \times 100}{700} = 0.00824\% = 82.4 \text{ ppm}$$

APPENDIX B Experimental data

Table B1 Effect of temperature on metal loading on NaX and NaY zeolites

NaX zeolite

| Temperature | Concentration of Ni ²⁺ in zeolite ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Times of dilution (times) | Concentration before dilution ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Amount of Ni ²⁺ (g) | Amount of sorbent (g) | %Wt |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Room temp. | 3.297 | 25 | 82.43 | 0.00824 | 0.1208 | 6.82 |
| 45°C | 3.732 | 25 | 93.31 | 0.00933 | 0.1248 | 7.48 |
| 60°C | 3.935 | 25 | 98.37 | 0.00984 | 0.1313 | 7.49 |
| 100°C | 3.686 | 25 | 92.15 | 0.00921 | 0.1215 | 7.58 |
| 135°C | 4.339 | 25 | 108.48 | 0.01084 | 0.1269 | 8.55 |
| 150°C | 4.217 | 25 | 105.44 | 0.01054 | 0.1168 | 9.02 |

NaY zeolite

| Temperature | Concentration of Ni ²⁺ in zeolite ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Times of dilution (times) | Concentration before dilution ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Amount of Ni ²⁺ (g) | Amount of sorbent (g) | %Wt |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Room temp. | 2.098 | 25 | 52.45 | 0.00525 | 0.1060 | 4.95 |
| 45°C | 2.250 | 25 | 56.26 | 0.00562 | 0.1098 | 5.12 |
| 60°C | 2.420 | 25 | 60.49 | 0.00605 | 0.1143 | 5.29 |
| 100°C | 2.403 | 25 | 60.07 | 0.00601 | 0.1130 | 5.32 |
| 135°C | 2.606 | 25 | 65.14 | 0.00651 | 0.1014 | 6.42 |
| 150°C | 2.654 | 25 | 66.36 | 0.00664 | 0.1017 | 6.53 |

Table B2 Amount of metal loading on NaX zeolite (at 45°C) and NaY zeolite (at 135°C) with different solution to adsorbent (S/A) in exchanging process

| Adsorbent | Concentration of Ni ²⁺ in zeolite ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Times of dilution (times) | Concentration before dilution ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Amount of Ni ²⁺ (g) | Amount of sorbent (g) | %Wt |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| NaX (S/A=50) | 1.229 .. | 25 | 30.73 | 0.00307 | 0.117 | 2.63 |
| NaX (S/A=100) | 2.338 | 25 | 58.47 | 0.00584 | 0.106 | 5.52 |
| NaX (S/A=200) | 2.953 | 25 | 73.84 | 0.00738 | 0.096 | 7.67 |

| Adsorbent | Concentration of Ni ²⁺ in zeolite ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Times of dilution (times) | Concentration before dilution ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | Amount of Ni ²⁺ (g) | Amount of sorbent (g) | %Wt |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| NiY (S/A=50) | 1.083 | 25 | 27.08 | 0.00271 | 0.107 | 2.53 |
| NiY(S/A=100) | 2.119 | 25 | 52.98 | 0.00530 | 0.109 | 4.86 |
| NiY(S/A=200) | 2.606 | 25 | 65.14 | 0.00651 | 0.101 | 6.42 |

Table B3 Ion-exchange isotherm

NaX zeolite

| Adsorbent | Metal | Valencies of cation (Z_i) | Concentration of metal in zeolite (n_i) (mmol/ml) | Concentration of metal in solution phase ($n_{i(S)}$) (mmol/ml) | E_A | $E_{A(S)}$ |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| NiX (S/A=50) | Ni ²⁺ | +2 | 0.00052 | 0.00011 | 0.244 | 0.011 |
| | Na ⁺ | +1 | 0.00322 | 0.01938 | | |
| NiX (S/A=100) | Ni ²⁺ | +2 | 0.00094 | 0.00056 | 0.468 | 0.083 |
| | Na ⁺ | +1 | 0.00214 | 0.01244 | | |
| NiX (S/A=200) | Ni ²⁺ | +2 | 0.00159 | 0.00346 | 0.700 | 0.410 |
| | Na ⁺ | +1 | 0.00137 | 0.00996 | | |

NaY zeolite

| Adsorbent | Metal | Valencies of cation (Z_i) | Concentration of metal in zeolite (n_i) (mmol/ml) | Concentration of metal in solution phase ($n_{i(S)}$) (mmol/ml) | E_A | $E_{A(S)}$ |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| NiY (S/A=50) | Ni ²⁺ | +2 | 0.00040 | 0.00011 | 0.138 | 0.006 |
| | Na ⁺ | +1 | 0.00254 | 0.01740 | | |
| NiY (S/A=100) | Ni ²⁺ | +2 | 0.00077 | 0.00118 | 0.283 | 0.054 |
| | Na ⁺ | +1 | 0.00196 | 0.02066 | | |
| NiY (S/A=200) | Ni ²⁺ | +2 | 0.00111 | 0.00405 | 0.417 | 0.157 |
| | Na ⁺ | +1 | 0.00155 | 0.02175 | | |

Table B4 Adsorption isotherm of 3-methylthiophene in isoctane at room temperature by using NiX zeolite with different solution : adsorbent (S/A) in exchanging process (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (mmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed 3-MT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| NiX (S/A=50) | 500.010 | 0.050 | 279.790 | 0.028 | 2.85030 | 8.2338 | 0.0971 | 0.1903 |
| | 1000.14 | 0.100 | 598.540 | 0.060 | 6.09740 | 7.9353 | 0.0935 | 0.3474 |
| | 1500.11 | 0.150 | 945.270 | 0.095 | 9.62970 | 8.6486 | 0.1012 | 0.4835 |
| | 1998.87 | 0.199 | 1264.12 | 0.126 | 12.8779 | 8.4528 | 0.0998 | 0.6348 |
| | 2498.93 | 0.249 | 1579.99 | 0.158 | 16.0957 | 9.1114 | 0.1082 | 0.7896 |
| NiX (S/A=100) | 500.010 | 0.050 | 281.230 | 0.028 | 2.86490 | 8.5775 | 0.1012 | 0.1890 |
| | 1000.14 | 0.100 | 617.190 | 0.062 | 6.28750 | 8.5653 | 0.1000 | 0.3343 |
| | 1500.11 | 0.150 | 856.000 | 0.086 | 8.72020 | 9.4761 | 0.1250 | 0.4979 |
| | 1998.87 | 0.199 | 1266.45 | 0.127 | 12.9016 | 8.2184 | 0.1025 | 0.5990 |
| | 2498.93 | 0.249 | 1636.80 | 0.164 | 16.6744 | 10.302 | 0.1231 | 0.7362 |
| NiX (S/A=200) | 497.920 | 0.047 | 259.510 | 0.026 | 2.64370 | 13.619 | 0.1622 | 0.1881 |
| | 1005.13 | 0.100 | 582.500 | 0.058 | 5.93410 | 6.9810 | 0.0816 | 0.3686 |
| | 1486.06 | 0.148 | 871.430 | 0.087 | 8.87750 | 12.215 | 0.1528 | 0.5010 |
| | 2082.60 | 0.208 | 1327.03 | 0.132 | 13.5188 | 7.5304 | 0.0887 | 0.6543 |
| | 2498.58 | 0.249 | 1651.32 | 0.165 | 16.8224 | 9.1798 | 0.1048 | 0.7573 |
| NaX | 500.010 | 0.050 | 273.850 | 0.027 | 2.78970 | 16.859 | 0.2000 | 0.1943 |
| | 1000.14 | 0.100 | 558.940 | 0.056 | 5.69400 | 14.471 | 0.1733 | 0.3755 |
| | 1500.11 | 0.150 | 930.770 | 0.093 | 9.48190 | 9.9831 | 0.1116 | 0.5194 |
| | 1998.87 | 0.199 | 1223.08 | 0.122 | 12.4597 | 12.065 | 0.1462 | 0.6530 |
| | 2498.93 | 0.249 | 1692.31 | 0.169 | 17.2399 | 9.4599 | 0.1125 | 0.6904 |

Table B5 Adsorption isotherm of benzothiophene in iso-octane at room temperature by using NiX zeolite with different solution : adsorbent (S/A) in exchanging process (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (μmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed BT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| NiX (S/A=50) | 513.560 | 0.051 | 77.610 | 0.008 | 0.5783 | 10.354 | 0.1212 | 0.2776 |
| | 963.960 | 0.096 | 185.82 | 0.019 | 1.3847 | 10.364 | 0.1221 | 0.4923 |
| | 1414.76 | 0.141 | 375.08 | 0.038 | 2.7950 | 9.5126 | 0.1118 | 0.6595 |
| | 2098.07 | 0.210 | 775.47 | 0.078 | 5.7786 | 6.7982 | 0.0800 | 0.8382 |
| | 2536.77 | 0.254 | 1101.3 | 0.110 | 8.2069 | 5.7257 | 0.0674 | 0.9097 |
| NiX (S/A=100) | 513.560 | 0.051 | 82.900 | 0.008 | 0.6177 | 10.551 | 0.1241 | 0.2729 |
| | 963.960 | 0.096 | 192.96 | 0.019 | 1.4379 | 9.8174 | 0.1155 | 0.4884 |
| | 1414.76 | 0.141 | 394.11 | 0.039 | 2.9368 | 10.602 | 0.1227 | 0.6574 |
| | 2098.07 | 0.210 | 805.53 | 0.081 | 6.0027 | 9.938 | 0.1166 | 0.8216 |
| | 2536.77 | 0.254 | 1172.6 | 0.117 | 8.7381 | 10.391 | 0.1222 | 0.8654 |
| NiX (S/A=200) | 513.560 | 0.051 | 89.030 | 0.009 | 0.6634 | 10.333 | 0.1216 | 0.2688 |
| | 963.960 | 0.096 | 209.06 | 0.021 | 1.5579 | 10.078 | 0.1182 | 0.4797 |
| | 1414.76 | 0.141 | 406.59 | 0.041 | 3.0298 | 10.372 | 0.122 | 0.6390 |
| | 2098.07 | 0.210 | 816.51 | 0.082 | 6.0845 | 11.764 | 0.1385 | 0.8118 |
| | 2536.77 | 0.254 | 1167.5 | 0.117 | 8.7000 | 10.118 | 0.1190 | 0.8686 |
| NaX | 513.560 | 0.051 | 64.560 | 0.006 | 0.4811 | 10.149 | 0.1194 | 0.2844 |
| | 963.960 | 0.096 | 187.46 | 0.019 | 1.3969 | 10.443 | 0.1226 | 0.4930 |
| | 1414.76 | 0.141 | 414.65 | 0.041 | 3.0899 | 10.004 | 0.1177 | 0.6337 |
| | 2098.07 | 0.210 | 832.09 | 0.083 | 6.2006 | 10.151 | 0.1195 | 0.8020 |
| | 2536.77 | 0.254 | 1149.2 | 0.115 | 8.5637 | 10.175 | 0.1197 | 0.8800 |

Table B6 Adsorption isotherm of 3-methylthiophene in benzene at room temperature by using NiX zeolite with different solution : adsorbent (S/A) in exchanging process (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (μmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed 3-MT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| NiX (S/A=50) | 505.330 | 0.051 | 481.950 | 0.048 | 4.90980 | 13.843 | 0.1629 | 0.0202 |
| | 1035.56 | 0.104 | 989.860 | 0.099 | 10.0839 | 9.0858 | 0.1082 | 0.0391 |
| | 1497.49 | 0.150 | 1438.89 | 0.144 | 14.6583 | 10.075 | 0.1190 | 0.0507 |
| | 1997.50 | 0.200 | 1925.12 | 0.193 | 19.6116 | 10.319 | 0.1300 | 0.0588 |
| | 2506.09 | 0.251 | 2423.38 | 0.242 | 24.6875 | 10.119 | 0.1185 | 0.0721 |
| NiX (S/A=100) | 505.330 | 0.051 | 489.340 | 0.049 | 4.98500 | 10.100 | 0.1174 | 0.0140 |
| | 1035.56 | 0.104 | 1004.30 | 0.100 | 10.2310 | 10.310 | 0.1273 | 0.0258 |
| | 1497.49 | 0.150 | 1450.34 | 0.145 | 14.7749 | 10.366 | 0.1431 | 0.0349 |
| | 1997.50 | 0.200 | 1949.13 | 0.195 | 19.8561 | 9.2900 | 0.1100 | 0.0417 |
| | 2506.09 | 0.251 | 2449.71 | 0.245 | 24.9557 | 9.3640 | 0.1126 | 0.0479 |
| NiX (S/A=200) | 505.330 | 0.051 | 489.930 | 0.049 | 4.99100 | 11.250 | 0.1323 | 0.0133 |
| | 1035.56 | 0.104 | 1002.53 | 0.100 | 10.2130 | 7.8190 | 0.0977 | 0.0270 |
| | 1497.49 | 0.150 | 1457.68 | 0.146 | 14.8497 | 8.6020 | 0.1045 | 0.0334 |
| | 1997.50 | 0.200 | 1952.00 | 0.195 | 19.8854 | 10.520 | 0.1259 | 0.0388 |
| | 2506.09 | 0.251 | 2454.68 | 0.245 | 25.0063 | 9.7720 | 0.1165 | 0.0440 |
| NaX | 505.330 | 0.051 | 483.360 | 0.048 | 4.92410 | 7.2990 | 0.0852 | 0.0192 |
| | 1035.56 | 0.104 | 992.290 | 0.099 | 10.1086 | 8.4470 | 0.0994 | 0.0375 |
| | 1497.49 | 0.150 | 1441.16 | 0.144 | 14.6813 | 8.4490 | 0.0963 | 0.0504 |
| | 1997.50 | 0.200 | 1950.53 | 0.195 | 19.8705 | 10.520 | 0.0939 | 0.0537 |
| | 2506.09 | 0.251 | 2437.41 | 0.244 | 24.8303 | 8.5600 | 0.1036 | 0.0580 |

Table B7 Adsorption isotherm of benzothiophene in benzene at room temperature by using NiX zeolite with different solution : adsorbent (S/A) in exchanging process (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (mmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed BT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| NiX (S/A=50) | 517.220 | 0.052 | 484.570 | 0.048 | 3.61090 | 8.5423 | 0.1007 | 0.0206 |
| | 989.990 | 0.099 | 933.420 | 0.093 | 6.95570 | 9.4730 | 0.1110 | 0.0360 |
| | 1478.98 | 0.148 | 1398.65 | 0.140 | 10.4225 | 9.4271 | 0.1108 | 0.0510 |
| | 1980.49 | 0.198 | 1888.72 | 0.189 | 14.0744 | 10.167 | 0.1135 | 0.0614 |
| | 2495.80 | 0.250 | 2389.46 | 0.239 | 17.8059 | 9.7010 | 0.1141 | 0.0675 |
| NiX (S/A=100) | 517.220 | 0.052 | 486.980 | 0.049 | 3.62890 | 9.8571 | 0.1156 | 0.0192 |
| | 989.990 | 0.099 | 941.400 | 0.094 | 7.01520 | 9.9106 | 0.1167 | 0.0308 |
| | 1478.98 | 0.148 | 1408.21 | 0.141 | 10.4937 | 10.803 | 0.1271 | 0.0449 |
| | 1980.49 | 0.198 | 1891.88 | 0.189 | 14.0980 | 9.9742 | 0.1172 | 0.0563 |
| | 2495.80 | 0.250 | 2397.55 | 0.240 | 17.8662 | 8.6140 | 0.1013 | 0.0624 |
| NiX (S/A=200) | 517.220 | 0.052 | 491.730 | 0.049 | 3.66430 | 11.057 | 0.1301 | 0.0161 |
| | 989.990 | 0.099 | 943.890 | 0.094 | 7.03370 | 9.5955 | 0.1129 | 0.0292 |
| | 1478.98 | 0.148 | 1416.27 | 0.142 | 10.5539 | 9.3739 | 0.1102 | 0.0398 |
| | 1980.49 | 0.198 | 1907.89 | 0.191 | 14.2173 | 10.031 | 0.1180 | 0.0461 |
| | 2495.80 | 0.250 | 2403.22 | 0.240 | 17.9084 | 8.6812 | 0.1117 | 0.0537 |
| NaX | 517.220 | 0.052 | 494.300 | 0.049 | 3.68340 | 10.269 | 0.1208 | 0.0145 |
| | 989.990 | 0.099 | 948.810 | 0.095 | 7.07040 | 10.758 | 0.1264 | 0.0261 |
| | 1478.98 | 0.148 | 1419.30 | 0.142 | 10.5764 | 10.161 | 0.1195 | 0.0379 |
| | 1980.49 | 0.198 | 1911.41 | 0.191 | 14.2435 | 8.6812 | 0.1020 | 0.0439 |
| | 2495.80 | 0.250 | 2423.37 | 0.242 | 18.0586 | 9.8510 | 0.1158 | 0.0460 |

Table B8 Adsorption of 3-MT and Benzene on NiX (7.48%wt Ni) and NaX zeolites in ternary system (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial conc. of C ₆ H ₆ (ppmw) | %C _i | Final conc. of C ₆ H ₆ (ppmw) | %C _f | Initial conc. of 3-MT (ppmw) | %C _i | Final conc. of 3-MT (ppmw) | %C _f | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed 3-MT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) | Adsorbed C ₆ H ₆ (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| NiX (7.48%wt Ni) | 10283.05 | 1.028 | 10140.39 | 1.014 | 2020.02 | 0.202 | 1481.83 | 0.148 | 10.0387 | 0.112 | 0.4921 | 0.1656 |
| | 20013.20 | 2.001 | 19795.53 | 1.980 | 2000.19 | 0.200 | 1596.89 | 0.160 | 10.1364 | 0.115 | 0.3643 | 0.2520 |
| | 30776.95 | 3.078 | 30333.19 | 3.033 | 2042.64 | 0.204 | 1845.77 | 0.185 | 10.0203 | 0.116 | 0.1733 | 0.5060 |
| | 60093.99 | 6.009 | 59592.51 | 5.959 | 2028.55 | 0.203 | 1899.66 | 0.190 | 10.0121 | 0.122 | 0.1079 | 0.5606 |
| | 89967.32 | 8.997 | 89508.95 | 8.951 | 2083.02 | 0.208 | 1969.93 | 0.197 | 10.0697 | 0.118 | 0.0983 | 0.5494 |
| | 120925.64 | 12.090 | 120451.03 | 12.045 | 2054.34 | 0.205 | 1945.29 | 0.195 | 10.3267 | 0.121 | 0.0947 | 0.5885 |
| | 150223.75 | 15.022 | 149772.04 | 14.977 | 2010.90 | 0.201 | 1907.39 | 0.191 | 10.2157 | 0.119 | 0.0907 | 0.5847 |
| NaX | 10283.05 | 1.030 | 10048.127 | 1.005 | 2031.56 | 0.203 | 1650.17 | 0.165 | 10.0023 | 0.102 | 0.3805 | 0.2975 |
| | 20013.20 | 2.001 | 19608.263 | 1.961 | 2018.40 | 0.202 | 1794.97 | 0.179 | 10.0460 | 0.111 | 0.2056 | 0.4775 |
| | 30776.95 | 3.080 | 30291.674 | 3.029 | 2042.64 | 0.204 | 1873.02 | 0.187 | 10.0548 | 0.116 | 0.1501 | 0.5561 |
| | 60093.99 | 6.010 | 59594.556 | 5.959 | 2028.55 | 0.203 | 1931.29 | 0.193 | 10.0150 | 0.115 | 0.0865 | 0.5935 |
| | 89967.32 | 9.000 | 89468.980 | 8.947 | 2083.02 | 0.208 | 1995.04 | 0.200 | 10.0130 | 0.116 | 0.0777 | 0.6067 |
| | 120925.64 | 12.090 | 120435.508 | 12.044 | 2054.34 | 0.205 | 1969.28 | 0.197 | 9.9770 | 0.117 | 0.0738 | 0.6071 |
| | 150223.75 | 15.020 | 149728.204 | 14.973 | 2010.90 | 0.201 | 1924.28 | 0.192 | 9.8184 | 0.116 | 0.0752 | 0.6352 |

Table B9 Adsorption of BT and Benzene on NiX (7.48%wt Ni) and NaX zeolites in ternary system (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial conc. of C ₆ H ₆ (ppmw) | %C _i | Final conc. of C ₆ H ₆ (ppmw) | %C _f | Initial conc. of BT (ppmw) | %C _i | Final conc. of BT (ppmw) | %C _f | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed BT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) | Adsorbed C ₆ H ₆ (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| NiX (7.48%wt Ni) | 10028.23 | 1.003 | 9898.79 | 0.990 | 1995.82 | 0.200 | 983.49 | 0.098 | 9.7123 | 0.1123 | 0.6531 | 0.1450 |
| | 20011.54 | 2.001 | 19716.33 | 1.972 | 2008.95 | 0.201 | 1290.88 | 0.129 | 9.7538 | 0.1076 | 0.4857 | 0.3500 |
| | 29745.88 | 2.975 | 29322.23 | 2.932 | 1960.29 | 0.196 | 1408.08 | 0.141 | 9.7004 | 0.1141 | 0.3503 | 0.4754 |
| | 56971.90 | 5.697 | 56372.45 | 5.637 | 1992.43 | 0.199 | 1756.07 | 0.176 | 9.7859 | 0.1149 | 0.1503 | 0.6947 |
| | 81918.14 | 8.192 | 81329.32 | 8.133 | 2002.18 | 0.200 | 1862.42 | 0.186 | 10.9325 | 0.1282 | 0.0890 | 0.7017 |
| | 107421.89 | 10.742 | 106793.01 | 10.679 | 2085.12 | 0.209 | 1974.88 | 0.197 | 8.8934 | 0.1046 | 0.0700 | 0.7678 |
| | 131741.06 | 13.174 | 131143.67 | 13.114 | 1960.16 | 0.196 | 1857.19 | 0.186 | 9.0818 | 0.1068 | 0.0654 | 0.7504 |
| NaX | 10028.23 | 1.003 | 9782.911 | 0.9783 | 1995.82 | 0.200 | 1163.29 | 0.116 | 9.7125 | 0.1134 | 0.5320 | 0.2720 |
| | 20011.54 | 2.001 | 19688.882 | 1.9689 | 2008.95 | 0.201 | 1391.88 | 0.139 | 9.7548 | 0.1176 | 0.3818 | 0.4220 |
| | 29745.88 | 2.98 | 29284.91 | 2.928 | 1960.29 | 0.196 | 1490.75 | 0.149 | 8.8487 | 0.1041 | 0.2979 | 0.5175 |
| | 56971.90 | 5.697 | 56423.42 | 5.642 | 1992.43 | 0.199 | 1765.48 | 0.177 | 9.9143 | 0.1166 | 0.1441 | 0.6337 |
| | 81918.14 | 8.192 | 81313.34 | 8.131 | 2002.18 | 0.200 | 1884.44 | 0.188 | 8.6901 | 0.1022 | 0.0747 | 0.7177 |
| | 107421.89 | 10.742 | 106695.11 | 10.670 | 2085.12 | 0.209 | 1995.37 | 0.200 | 8.5962 | 0.1205 | 0.0478 | 0.7441 |
| | 131741.06 | 13.174 | 131155.84 | 13.116 | 1960.16 | 0.196 | 1890.28 | 0.189 | 10.2458 | 0.1155 | 0.0463 | 0.7660 |

Table B10 Adsorption isotherm of 3-methylthiophene in isoctane at room temperature by using NiY zeolite with different exchanged techniques (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (μmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed 3-MT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| NiY-SSIE | 498.40 | 0.050 | 197.64 | 0.020 | 2.0134 | 10.1540 | 0.1193 | 0.2608 |
| | 1003.76 | 0.100 | 415.93 | 0.042 | 4.2372 | 9.8028 | 0.1153 | 0.5093 |
| | 1504.42 | 0.150 | 663.65 | 0.066 | 6.7607 | 9.3670 | 0.1102 | 0.7285 |
| | 1994.77 | 0.199 | 972.28 | 0.097 | 9.9048 | 10.2905 | 0.1210 | 0.8867 |
| | 2493.88 | 0.249 | 1298.90 | 0.130 | 13.2322 | 10.3492 | 0.1217 | 1.0366 |
| NiY-LPIE | 498.40 | 0.050 | 303.33 | 0.030 | 3.0901 | 9.8954 | 0.1164 | 0.1690 |
| | 1003.76 | 0.100 | 656.98 | 0.066 | 6.6928 | 10.0840 | 0.1187 | 0.3003 |
| | 1504.42 | 0.150 | 976.64 | 0.098 | 9.9492 | 9.3670 | 0.1212 | 0.4159 |
| | 1994.77 | 0.199 | 1393.93 | 0.139 | 14.2002 | 10.2905 | 0.1213 | 0.5200 |
| | 2493.88 | 0.249 | 1702.51 | 0.170 | 17.3438 | 10.3492 | 0.1371 | 0.6096 |
| NaY | 498.40 | 0.050 | 291.34 | 0.029 | 2.9679 | 10.2321 | 0.1231 | 0.1754 |
| | 1003.76 | 0.100 | 615.87 | 0.062 | 6.2740 | 9.8543 | 0.1159 | 0.3362 |
| | 1504.42 | 0.150 | 985.38 | 0.099 | 10.0383 | 9.7654 | 0.115 | 0.4494 |
| | 1994.77 | 0.199 | 1361.29 | 0.136 | 13.8678 | 10.2147 | 0.1209 | 0.5460 |
| | 2493.88 | 0.249 | 1835.41 | 0.184 | 18.6977 | 10.0087 | 0.1178 | 0.5710 |

Table B11 Adsorption isotherm of Benzothiophene in isoctane at room temperature by using NiY zeolite with different exchanged techniques
 (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (μmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed BT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| NiY-SSIE | 494.56 | 0.049 | 48.56 | 0.005 | 0.3618 | 9.6523 | 0.1136 | 0.2824 |
| | 978.42 | 0.098 | 129.47 | 0.013 | 0.9648 | 9.7853 | 0.1151 | 0.5379 |
| | 1536.51 | 0.154 | 296.97 | 0.030 | 2.2130 | 9.6085 | 0.113 | 0.7856 |
| | 2005.06 | 0.201 | 501.47 | 0.050 | 3.7369 | 10.5941 | 0.1246 | 0.9531 |
| | 2517.95 | 0.252 | 767.63 | 0.077 | 5.7202 | 9.8855 | 0.1163 | 1.1095 |
| NiY-LPIE | 494.56 | 0.049 | 90.83 | 0.009 | 0.6768 | 10.6458 | 0.1252 | 0.2558 |
| | 978.42 | 0.098 | 206.22 | 0.021 | 1.5367 | 10.4635 | 0.1231 | 0.4892 |
| | 1536.51 | 0.154 | 484.77 | 0.048 | 3.6124 | 10.2844 | 0.121 | 0.6665 |
| | 2005.06 | 0.201 | 835.05 | 0.084 | 6.2226 | 10.8300 | 0.1275 | 0.7412 |
| | 2517.95 | 0.252 | 1242.43 | 0.124 | 9.2584 | 9.5732 | 0.1127 | 0.8084 |
| NaY | 494.56 | 0.049 | 85.27 | 0.009 | 0.6354 | 13.5414 | 0.1593 | 0.2593 |
| | 978.42 | 0.098 | 255.74 | 0.026 | 1.9057 | 10.5296 | 0.1237 | 0.4585 |
| | 1536.51 | 0.154 | 532.51 | 0.053 | 3.9682 | 12.5264 | 0.1471 | 0.6374 |
| | 2005.06 | 0.201 | 877.95 | 0.088 | 6.5424 | 9.7389 | 0.1144 | 0.7156 |
| | 2517.95 | 0.252 | 1341.58 | 0.134 | 9.9972 | 11.1759 | 0.1314 | 0.7466 |

Table B12 Adsorption isotherm of 3-methylthiophene in benzene at room temperature by using NiY zeolite with different exchanged techniques
 (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (μmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed 3-MT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| NiY-SSIE | 492.19 | 0.049 | 460.21 | 0.046 | 4.6883 | 10.7327 | 0.1262 | 0.0277 |
| | 1018.07 | 0.102 | 952.55 | 0.095 | 9.7038 | 9.8768 | 0.1162 | 0.0568 |
| | 1466.43 | 0.147 | 1386.81 | 0.139 | 14.1277 | 10.0302 | 0.1178 | 0.0692 |
| | 2043.58 | 0.204 | 1945.57 | 0.195 | 19.8199 | 9.1909 | 0.1079 | 0.0852 |
| | 2493.21 | 0.249 | 2385.47 | 0.239 | 24.3013 | 9.7022 | 0.1141 | 0.0936 |
| NiY-LPIE | 492.19 | 0.049 | 465.96 | 0.047 | 4.7468 | 10.5543 | 0.1241 | 0.0227 |
| | 1018.07 | 0.102 | 969.10 | 0.097 | 9.8725 | 10.3221 | 0.1214 | 0.0425 |
| | 1466.43 | 0.147 | 1402.18 | 0.140 | 14.2843 | 10.1379 | 0.1191 | 0.0558 |
| | 2043.58 | 0.204 | 1964.16 | 0.196 | 20.0093 | 10.4555 | 0.123 | 0.0689 |
| | 2493.21 | 0.249 | 2411.61 | 0.241 | 24.5675 | 10.5301 | 0.1237 | 0.0709 |
| NaY | 492.19 | 0.049 | 469.26 | 0.047 | 4.7805 | 12.5443 | 0.1475 | 0.0199 |
| | 1018.07 | 0.102 | 977.74 | 0.098 | 9.9605 | 9.6156 | 0.1131 | 0.0350 |
| | 1466.43 | 0.147 | 1408.08 | 0.141 | 14.3444 | 9.5382 | 0.1121 | 0.0506 |
| | 2043.58 | 0.204 | 1975.61 | 0.198 | 20.1259 | 10.0038 | 0.1176 | 0.0590 |
| | 2493.21 | 0.249 | 2424.57 | 0.242 | 24.6995 | 9.2155 | 0.1084 | 0.0596 |

Table B13 Adsorption isotherm of Benzothiophene in benzene at room temperature by using NiY zeolite with different exchanged techniques
 (fuel: adsorbent = 85)

| Adsorbent | Initial concentration (ppmw) | %C _i | Final concentration (ppmw) | %C _f | Equilibrium concentration (μmol-S/g-fuel) | Solution weight (g) | Adsorbent weight (g) | Adsorbed BT (mmol-S/g-sorbent) |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| NiY-SSIE | 505.73 | 0.051 | 445.54 | 0.045 | 3.3201 | 11.4536 | 0.1347 | 0.0382 |
| | 1020.26 | 0.102 | 909.69 | 0.091 | 6.7789 | 10.9881 | 0.1292 | 0.0701 |
| | 1489.47 | 0.149 | 1337.48 | 0.134 | 9.9667 | 9.3840 | 0.11 | 0.0967 |
| | 1917.73 | 0.192 | 1745.71 | 0.175 | 13.0088 | 9.9412 | 0.117 | 0.1091 |
| | 2536.81 | 0.254 | 2349.27 | 0.235 | 17.5064 | 11.2633 | 0.1325 | 0.1191 |
| NiY-LPIE | 505.73 | 0.051 | 477.04 | 0.048 | 3.5548 | 11.4100 | 0.1342 | 0.0182 |
| | 1020.26 | 0.102 | 965.38 | 0.097 | 7.1939 | 10.1341 | 0.1191 | 0.0348 |
| | 1489.47 | 0.149 | 1416.91 | 0.142 | 10.5586 | 12.0116 | 0.1414 | 0.0460 |
| | 1917.73 | 0.192 | 1839.63 | 0.184 | 13.7086 | 9.4928 | 0.1116 | 0.0496 |
| | 2536.81 | 0.254 | 2450.37 | 0.245 | 18.2597 | 10.9445 | 0.1285 | 0.0550 |
| NaY | 505.73 | 0.051 | 483.54 | 0.048 | 3.6033 | 11.4958 | 0.1346 | 0.0141 |
| | 1020.26 | 0.102 | 977.99 | 0.098 | 7.2878 | 9.3476 | 0.1098 | 0.0268 |
| | 1489.47 | 0.149 | 1433.62 | 0.143 | 10.6831 | 10.9345 | 0.1287 | 0.0354 |
| | 1917.73 | 0.192 | 1849.99 | 0.185 | 13.7859 | 10.1424 | 0.1192 | 0.0430 |
| | 2536.81 | 0.254 | 2465.00 | 0.246 | 18.3688 | 10.9918 | 0.1286 | 0.0459 |

Table B14 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NaY zeolite

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | $C(t)$ of Toluene (%) | $C(t)$ of 3-MT (%) | $C(t)/C_0$ of Toluene | $C(t)/C_0$ of 3-MT |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2.37 | 1.586 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 4.62 | 3.330 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 6.87 | 5.074 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 9.12 | 6.818 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 11.37 | 8.562 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 13.62 | 10.306 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 15.87 | 12.051 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 18.12 | 13.795 | 0.044 | 0.000 | 0.040 | 0.000 |
| 20.37 | 15.539 | 0.098 | 0.000 | 0.089 | 0.000 |
| 22.62 | 17.283 | 0.175 | 0.024 | 0.160 | 0.625 |
| 24.87 | 19.027 | 0.275 | 0.033 | 0.252 | 0.850 |
| 27.12 | 20.772 | 0.394 | 0.041 | 0.360 | 1.070 |
| 29.37 | 22.516 | 0.511 | 0.048 | 0.467 | 1.227 |
| 31.62 | 24.260 | 0.620 | 0.052 | 0.567 | 1.336 |
| 33.87 | 26.004 | 0.715 | 0.055 | 0.654 | 1.408 |
| 36.12 | 27.748 | 0.802 | 0.056 | 0.733 | 1.444 |
| 38.37 | 29.493 | 0.874 | 0.055 | 0.800 | 1.416 |
| 40.62 | 31.237 | 0.935 | 0.055 | 0.855 | 1.411 |
| 42.87 | 32.981 | 0.978 | 0.053 | 0.894 | 1.359 |
| 45.12 | 34.725 | 1.013 | 0.051 | 0.926 | 1.307 |
| 47.37 | 36.469 | 1.034 | 0.048 | 0.945 | 1.248 |
| 49.62 | 38.213 | 1.051 | 0.046 | 0.962 | 1.191 |
| 51.87 | 39.958 | 1.064 | 0.044 | 0.973 | 1.134 |
| 54.12 | 41.702 | 1.072 | 0.042 | 0.981 | 1.095 |
| 56.37 | 43.446 | 1.077 | 0.042 | 0.985 | 1.080 |
| 58.62 | 45.190 | 1.080 | 0.041 | 0.988 | 1.049 |
| 60.87 | 46.934 | 1.084 | 0.040 | 0.992 | 1.021 |
| 63.12 | 48.679 | 1.088 | 0.040 | 0.995 | 1.023 |
| 65.37 | 50.423 | 1.091 | 0.039 | 0.998 | 1.013 |
| 67.62 | 52.167 | 1.090 | 0.039 | 0.997 | 1.010 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.45 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 390 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.093 %

Table B15 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NiY zeolite

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | $C(t)$ of Toluene (%) | $C(t)$ of 3-MT (%) | $C(t)/C_0$ of Toluene | $C(t)/C_0$ of 3-MT |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2.37 | 1.470 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 4.62 | 3.086 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 6.87 | 4.703 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 9.12 | 6.319 | 0.008 | 0.000 | 0.007 | 0.000 |
| 11.37 | 7.935 | 0.024 | 0.000 | 0.022 | 0.000 |
| 13.62 | 9.552 | 0.059 | 0.000 | 0.055 | 0.000 |
| 15.87 | 11.168 | 0.126 | 0.000 | 0.117 | 0.000 |
| 18.12 | 12.784 | 0.242 | 0.000 | 0.224 | 0.000 |
| 20.37 | 14.401 | 0.410 | 0.007 | 0.380 | 0.191 |
| 22.62 | 16.017 | 0.596 | 0.011 | 0.552 | 0.300 |
| 24.87 | 17.634 | 0.760 | 0.015 | 0.704 | 0.408 |
| 27.12 | 19.250 | 0.891 | 0.019 | 0.826 | 0.517 |
| 29.37 | 20.866 | 0.983 | 0.022 | 0.911 | 0.599 |
| 31.62 | 22.483 | 1.036 | 0.025 | 0.960 | 0.681 |
| 33.87 | 24.099 | 1.066 | 0.027 | 0.988 | 0.735 |
| 36.12 | 25.716 | 1.081 | 0.029 | 1.002 | 0.790 |
| 38.37 | 27.332 | 1.079 | 0.031 | 1.000 | 0.844 |
| 40.62 | 28.948 | 1.079 | 0.032 | 1.000 | 0.871 |
| 42.87 | 30.565 | 1.082 | 0.033 | 1.003 | 0.899 |
| 45.12 | 32.181 | 1.075 | 0.034 | 0.996 | 0.926 |
| 47.37 | 33.797 | 1.080 | 0.035 | 1.001 | 0.953 |
| 49.62 | 35.414 | 1.079 | 0.035 | 1.000 | 0.953 |
| 51.87 | 37.030 | 1.079 | 0.035 | 1.000 | 0.953 |
| 54.12 | 38.647 | 1.083 | 0.036 | 1.004 | 0.980 |
| 56.37 | 40.263 | 1.078 | 0.036 | 0.999 | 0.980 |
| 58.62 | 41.879 | 1.076 | 0.036 | 0.997 | 0.980 |
| 60.87 | 43.496 | 1.081 | 0.036 | 1.002 | 0.980 |
| 63.12 | 45.112 | 1.080 | 0.036 | 1.001 | 0.980 |
| 65.37 | 46.728 | 1.075 | 0.036 | 0.996 | 0.980 |
| 67.62 | 48.345 | 1.078 | 0.037 | 0.999 | 1.007 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.45 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 370 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.079 %

Table B16 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on Cu^(I)Y zeolite

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | C(t) of Toluene (%) | C(t) of 3-MT (%) | C(t)/C ₀ of Toluene | C(t)/C ₀ of 3-MT |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3.120 | 2.219 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 6.120 | 4.600 | 0.007 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 0.000 |
| 9.120 | 6.981 | 0.031 | 0.000 | 0.028 | 0.000 |
| 12.120 | 9.362 | 0.079 | 0.000 | 0.072 | 0.000 |
| 15.120 | 11.743 | 0.169 | 0.000 | 0.153 | 0.000 |
| 18.120 | 14.124 | 0.330 | 0.000 | 0.299 | 0.000 |
| 21.120 | 16.505 | 0.530 | 0.000 | 0.480 | 0.000 |
| 24.120 | 18.886 | 0.732 | 0.001 | 0.664 | 0.028 |
| 27.120 | 21.267 | 0.889 | 0.002 | 0.806 | 0.057 |
| 30.120 | 23.648 | 0.983 | 0.003 | 0.891 | 0.085 |
| 33.120 | 26.029 | 1.037 | 0.004 | 0.940 | 0.114 |
| 36.120 | 28.410 | 1.069 | 0.005 | 0.969 | 0.142 |
| 39.120 | 30.790 | 1.085 | 0.006 | 0.984 | 0.171 |
| 42.120 | 33.171 | 1.092 | 0.007 | 0.990 | 0.199 |
| 45.120 | 35.552 | 1.103 | 0.008 | 1.000 | 0.228 |
| 48.120 | 37.933 | 1.107 | 0.009 | 1.003 | 0.256 |
| 51.120 | 40.314 | 1.104 | 0.010 | 1.001 | 0.284 |
| 54.120 | 42.695 | 1.114 | 0.012 | 1.010 | 0.341 |
| 57.120 | 45.076 | 1.115 | 0.013 | 1.011 | 0.370 |
| 60.120 | 47.457 | 1.111 | 0.014 | 1.007 | 0.398 |
| 63.120 | 49.838 | 1.115 | 0.015 | 1.011 | 0.427 |
| 66.120 | 52.219 | 1.109 | 0.017 | 1.005 | 0.484 |
| 69.120 | 54.600 | 1.100 | 0.018 | 0.997 | 0.512 |
| 72.120 | 56.981 | 1.100 | 0.019 | 0.997 | 0.540 |
| 75.120 | 59.362 | 1.104 | 0.020 | 1.001 | 0.569 |
| 78.120 | 61.743 | 1.100 | 0.021 | 0.997 | 0.597 |
| 81.120 | 64.124 | 1.100 | 0.022 | 0.997 | 0.626 |
| 84.120 | 66.505 | 1.106 | 0.023 | 1.003 | 0.654 |
| 87.120 | 68.886 | 1.104 | 0.023 | 1.001 | 0.654 |
| 90.120 | 71.267 | 1.101 | 0.024 | 0.998 | 0.683 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.45 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 350 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.103 %

Table B17 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NaX zeolite

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | $C(t)$ of Toluene (%) | $C(t)$ of 3-MT (%) | $C(t)/C_0$ of Toluene | $C(t)/C_0$ of 3-MT |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3.12 | 2.240 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 6.12 | 4.644 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 9.12 | 7.048 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 12.12 | 9.452 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 15.12 | 11.856 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 18.12 | 14.260 | 0.018 | 0.000 | 0.016 | 0.000 |
| 21.12 | 16.663 | 0.123 | 0.002 | 0.111 | 0.041 |
| 24.12 | 19.067 | 0.362 | 0.002 | 0.326 | 0.058 |
| 27.12 | 21.471 | 0.602 | 0.003 | 0.541 | 0.091 |
| 30.12 | 23.875 | 0.781 | 0.005 | 0.702 | 0.146 |
| 33.12 | 26.279 | 0.916 | 0.008 | 0.823 | 0.220 |
| 36.12 | 28.683 | 0.999 | 0.010 | 0.899 | 0.267 |
| 39.12 | 31.087 | 1.060 | 0.011 | 0.953 | 0.314 |
| 42.12 | 33.490 | 1.094 | 0.013 | 0.984 | 0.361 |
| 45.12 | 35.894 | 1.111 | 0.016 | 0.999 | 0.430 |
| 48.12 | 38.298 | 1.120 | 0.017 | 1.007 | 0.468 |
| 51.12 | 40.702 | 1.126 | 0.018 | 1.013 | 0.496 |
| 54.12 | 43.106 | 1.126 | 0.020 | 1.012 | 0.545 |
| 57.12 | 45.510 | 1.124 | 0.021 | 1.010 | 0.578 |
| 60.12 | 47.913 | 1.122 | 0.022 | 1.009 | 0.600 |
| 63.12 | 50.317 | 1.122 | 0.023 | 1.009 | 0.644 |
| 66.12 | 52.721 | 1.119 | 0.024 | 1.006 | 0.672 |
| 69.12 | 55.125 | 1.122 | 0.026 | 1.009 | 0.705 |
| 72.12 | 57.529 | 1.119 | 0.027 | 1.007 | 0.741 |
| 75.12 | 59.933 | 1.119 | 0.027 | 1.007 | 0.744 |
| 78.12 | 62.337 | 1.120 | 0.028 | 1.007 | 0.782 |
| 81.12 | 64.740 | 1.117 | 0.029 | 1.004 | 0.810 |
| 84.12 | 67.144 | 1.115 | 0.030 | 1.003 | 0.815 |
| 87.12 | 69.548 | 1.118 | 0.031 | 1.005 | 0.845 |
| 90.12 | 71.952 | 1.113 | 0.031 | 1.000 | 0.862 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.45 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 360 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.112%

Table B18 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NiX zeolite

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | C(t) of Toluene (%) | C(t) of 3-MT (%) | C(t) / C ₀ of Toluene | C(t) / C ₀ of 3-MT |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3.12 | 2.226 | 0.009 | 0.000 | 0.008 | 0.000 |
| 6.12 | 4.615 | 0.012 | 0.000 | 0.011 | 0.000 |
| 9.12 | 7.003 | 0.191 | 0.000 | 0.169 | 0.000 |
| 12.12 | 9.392 | 0.624 | 0.001 | 0.553 | 0.022 |
| 15.12 | 11.780 | 0.957 | 0.005 | 0.849 | 0.109 |
| 18.12 | 14.169 | 1.099 | 0.008 | 0.974 | 0.174 |
| 21.12 | 16.557 | 1.140 | 0.013 | 1.011 | 0.283 |
| 24.12 | 18.946 | 1.145 | 0.018 | 1.015 | 0.392 |
| 27.12 | 21.334 | 1.141 | 0.023 | 1.012 | 0.500 |
| 30.12 | 23.723 | 1.142 | 0.028 | 1.013 | 0.609 |
| 33.12 | 26.111 | 1.141 | 0.031 | 1.012 | 0.675 |
| 36.12 | 28.500 | 1.137 | 0.035 | 1.008 | 0.762 |
| 39.12 | 30.889 | 1.130 | 0.037 | 1.002 | 0.805 |
| 42.12 | 33.277 | 1.127 | 0.039 | 0.999 | 0.849 |
| 45.12 | 35.666 | 1.129 | 0.041 | 1.001 | 0.892 |
| 48.12 | 38.054 | 1.132 | 0.042 | 1.004 | 0.914 |
| 51.12 | 40.443 | 1.131 | 0.043 | 1.003 | 0.936 |
| 54.12 | 42.831 | 1.126 | 0.044 | 0.998 | 0.957 |
| 57.12 | 45.220 | 1.125 | 0.044 | 0.998 | 0.957 |
| 60.12 | 47.608 | 1.129 | 0.045 | 1.001 | 0.979 |
| 63.12 | 49.997 | 1.130 | 0.045 | 1.002 | 0.979 |
| 66.12 | 52.385 | 1.127 | 0.045 | 0.999 | 0.979 |
| 69.12 | 54.774 | 1.124 | 0.045 | 0.997 | 0.979 |
| 72.12 | 57.162 | 1.126 | 0.046 | 0.998 | 1.001 |
| 75.12 | 59.551 | 1.131 | 0.046 | 1.003 | 1.001 |
| 78.12 | 61.939 | 1.128 | 0.046 | 1.000 | 1.001 |
| 81.12 | 64.328 | 1.126 | 0.046 | 0.998 | 1.001 |
| 84.12 | 66.717 | 1.128 | 0.046 | 1.000 | 1.001 |
| 87.12 | 69.105 | 1.126 | 0.046 | 0.998 | 1.001 |
| 90.12 | 71.494 | 1.120 | 0.046 | 0.993 | 1.001 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.45 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 460 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.128 %

Table B19 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NaY zeolite with pre-adsorbed water

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | $C(t)$ of Toluene (%) | $C(t)$ of 3-MT (%) | $C(t) / C_0$ of Toluene | $C(t) / C_0$ of 3-MT |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2.046 | 1.529 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 4.296 | 3.211 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 6.546 | 4.892 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 8.796 | 6.574 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 11.046 | 8.256 | 0.021 | 0.000 | 0.018 | 0.000 |
| 13.96 | 9.937 | 0.059 | 0.011 | 0.051 | 0.208 |
| 15.546 | 11.619 | 0.135 | 0.022 | 0.117 | 0.417 |
| 17.796 | 13.300 | 0.258 | 0.035 | 0.224 | 0.663 |
| 20.046 | 14.982 | 0.410 | 0.049 | 0.356 | 0.929 |
| 22.296 | 16.664 | 0.570 | 0.061 | 0.495 | 1.156 |
| 24.546 | 18.345 | 0.707 | 0.068 | 0.614 | 1.289 |
| 26.796 | 20.027 | 0.831 | 0.072 | 0.722 | 1.364 |
| 29.046 | 21.709 | 0.931 | 0.073 | 0.809 | 1.383 |
| 31.296 | 23.390 | 1.002 | 0.072 | 0.870 | 1.364 |
| 33.546 | 25.072 | 1.051 | 0.069 | 0.913 | 1.308 |
| 35.796 | 26.753 | 1.084 | 0.066 | 0.942 | 1.251 |
| 38.046 | 28.435 | 1.110 | 0.063 | 0.964 | 1.194 |
| 40.296 | 30.117 | 1.105 | 0.059 | 0.960 | 1.118 |
| 42.546 | 31.798 | 1.131 | 0.058 | 0.983 | 1.099 |
| 44.796 | 33.480 | 1.141 | 0.056 | 0.991 | 1.061 |
| 47.046 | 35.161 | 1.140 | 0.055 | 0.990 | 1.042 |
| 49.296 | 36.843 | 1.147 | 0.054 | 0.996 | 1.023 |
| 51.546 | 38.525 | 1.151 | 0.054 | 1.000 | 1.023 |
| 53.796 | 40.206 | 1.150 | 0.053 | 0.999 | 1.004 |
| 56.046 | 41.888 | 1.145 | 0.053 | 0.995 | 1.004 |
| 58.296 | 43.570 | 1.151 | 0.053 | 1.000 | 1.004 |
| 60.546 | 45.251 | 1.153 | 0.053 | 1.002 | 1.004 |
| 62.796 | 46.933 | 1.149 | 0.053 | 0.998 | 1.004 |
| 65.046 | 48.614 | 1.151 | 0.053 | 1.000 | 1.004 |
| 67.296 | 50.296 | 1.151 | 0.053 | 1.000 | 1.004 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.69 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 530 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.151 %

Table B20 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NiY zeolite with pre-adsorbed water

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | C(t) of Toluene (%) | C(t) of 3-MT (%) | C(t)/C ₀ of Toluene | C(t)/C ₀ of 3-MT |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2.370 | 1.529 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 4.620 | 3.211 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 6.870 | 4.892 | 0.009 | 0.000 | 0.009 | 0.000 |
| 9.120 | 6.574 | 0.024 | 0.000 | 0.023 | 0.000 |
| 13.370 | 8.256 | 0.083 | 0.000 | 0.079 | 0.000 |
| 13.620 | 9.937 | 0.203 | 0.012 | 0.194 | 0.231 |
| 15.870 | 11.619 | 0.360 | 0.018 | 0.345 | 0.347 |
| 18.120 | 13.300 | 0.535 | 0.025 | 0.512 | 0.481 |
| 20.370 | 14.982 | 0.687 | 0.031 | 0.658 | 0.597 |
| 22.620 | 16.664 | 0.825 | 0.036 | 0.790 | 0.693 |
| 24.870 | 18.345 | 0.912 | 0.040 | 0.873 | 0.770 |
| 27.120 | 20.027 | 0.956 | 0.042 | 0.915 | 0.809 |
| 29.370 | 21.709 | 1.016 | 0.046 | 0.973 | 0.886 |
| 31.620 | 23.390 | 1.028 | 0.047 | 0.984 | 0.905 |
| 33.870 | 25.072 | 1.026 | 0.047 | 0.982 | 0.905 |
| 36.120 | 26.753 | 1.011 | 0.049 | 0.990 | 0.943 |
| 38.370 | 28.435 | 1.021 | 0.049 | 1.007 | 0.963 |
| 40.620 | 30.117 | 1.034 | 0.049 | 0.999 | 0.963 |
| 42.870 | 31.798 | 1.052 | 0.050 | 0.993 | 0.963 |
| 45.120 | 33.480 | 1.044 | 0.050 | 0.977 | 0.943 |
| 47.370 | 35.161 | 1.037 | 0.050 | 1.009 | 1.001 |
| 49.620 | 36.843 | 1.040 | 0.051 | 0.968 | 0.943 |
| 51.870 | 38.525 | 1.054 | 0.052 | 0.996 | 0.982 |
| 54.120 | 40.206 | 1.052 | 0.052 | 1.007 | 1.001 |
| 56.370 | 41.888 | 1.046 | 0.052 | 1.001 | 1.001 |
| 58.620 | 43.570 | 1.040 | 0.051 | 0.996 | 0.982 |
| 60.870 | 45.251 | 1.040 | 0.051 | 0.998 | 1.001 |
| 63.120 | 46.933 | 1.035 | 0.051 | 0.996 | 0.982 |
| 65.370 | 48.614 | 1.036 | 0.051 | 0.999 | 1.001 |
| 67.620 | 50.296 | 1.042 | 0.052 | 0.991 | 0.982 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.69 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 520 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.045 %

Table B21 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on Cu^(I)Y zeolite with pre-adsorbed water

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | C(t) of Toluene (%) | C(t) of 3-MT (%) | C(t)/C ₀ of Toluene | C(t)/C ₀ of 3-MT |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2.796 | 2.098 | 0.041 | 0.000 | 0.038 | 0.000 |
| 5.796 | 4.349 | 0.110 | 0.000 | 0.101 | 0.000 |
| 8.796 | 6.601 | 0.234 | 0.000 | 0.215 | 0.000 |
| 11.796 | 8.852 | 0.435 | 0.004 | 0.399 | 0.097 |
| 14.796 | 11.103 | 0.648 | 0.008 | 0.594 | 0.195 |
| 17.796 | 13.354 | 0.808 | 0.010 | 0.741 | 0.244 |
| 20.796 | 15.606 | 0.922 | 0.011 | 0.846 | 0.268 |
| 23.796 | 17.857 | 0.992 | 0.013 | 0.910 | 0.317 |
| 26.796 | 20.108 | 1.022 | 0.014 | 0.937 | 0.341 |
| 29.796 | 22.359 | 1.041 | 0.015 | 0.955 | 0.365 |
| 32.796 | 24.611 | 1.053 | 0.017 | 0.966 | 0.414 |
| 35.796 | 26.862 | 1.041 | 0.018 | 0.955 | 0.438 |
| 38.796 | 29.113 | 1.048 | 0.019 | 0.961 | 0.463 |
| 41.796 | 31.364 | 1.057 | 0.021 | 0.969 | 0.511 |
| 44.796 | 33.615 | 1.059 | 0.022 | 0.971 | 0.536 |
| 47.796 | 35.867 | 1.057 | 0.023 | 0.969 | 0.560 |
| 50.796 | 38.118 | 1.060 | 0.023 | 0.972 | 0.560 |
| 53.796 | 40.369 | 1.062 | 0.026 | 0.974 | 0.633 |
| 56.796 | 42.620 | 1.065 | 0.026 | 0.977 | 0.633 |
| 59.796 | 44.872 | 1.073 | 0.028 | 0.984 | 0.682 |
| 62.796 | 47.123 | 1.074 | 0.028 | 0.985 | 0.682 |
| 65.796 | 49.374 | 1.075 | 0.029 | 0.986 | 0.706 |
| 68.796 | 51.625 | 1.076 | 0.029 | 0.987 | 0.706 |
| 71.796 | 53.877 | 1.078 | 0.031 | 0.989 | 0.755 |
| 74.796 | 56.128 | 1.078 | 0.032 | 0.989 | 0.779 |
| 77.796 | 58.379 | 1.079 | 0.033 | 0.990 | 0.804 |
| 80.796 | 60.630 | 1.083 | 0.033 | 0.993 | 0.804 |
| 83.796 | 62.882 | 1.082 | 0.033 | 0.992 | 0.804 |
| 86.796 | 65.133 | 1.082 | 0.034 | 0.992 | 0.828 |
| 89.796 | 67.384 | 1.082 | 0.034 | 0.992 | 0.828 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.66 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 410 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.09 %

Table B22 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NaX zeolite with pre-adsorbed water

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | $C(t)$ of Toluene (%) | $C(t)$ of 3-MT (%) | $C(t)/C_0$ of Toluene | $C(t)/C_0$ of 3-MT |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2.046 | 1.555 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 4.296 | 3.264 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 6.546 | 4.974 | 0.006 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 0.000 |
| 8.796 | 6.684 | 0.013 | 0.000 | 0.012 | 0.000 |
| 11.046 | 8.394 | 0.089 | 0.000 | 0.083 | 0.000 |
| 13.296 | 10.103 | 0.268 | 0.006 | 0.249 | 0.162 |
| 15.546 | 11.813 | 0.482 | 0.009 | 0.448 | 0.265 |
| 17.796 | 13.523 | 0.670 | 0.013 | 0.623 | 0.369 |
| 20.046 | 15.233 | 0.818 | 0.016 | 0.761 | 0.457 |
| 22.296 | 16.942 | 0.917 | 0.018 | 0.853 | 0.531 |
| 24.546 | 18.652 | 0.985 | 0.020 | 0.916 | 0.590 |
| 26.796 | 20.362 | 1.035 | 0.022 | 0.963 | 0.649 |
| 29.046 | 22.071 | 1.051 | 0.024 | 0.978 | 0.693 |
| 31.296 | 23.781 | 1.069 | 0.025 | 0.995 | 0.723 |
| 33.546 | 25.491 | 1.073 | 0.026 | 0.998 | 0.752 |
| 35.796 | 27.201 | 1.077 | 0.027 | 1.002 | 0.782 |
| 38.046 | 28.910 | 1.070 | 0.027 | 0.996 | 0.796 |
| 40.296 | 30.620 | 1.084 | 0.029 | 1.009 | 0.840 |
| 42.546 | 32.330 | 1.085 | 0.029 | 1.009 | 0.855 |
| 44.796 | 34.040 | 1.084 | 0.030 | 1.009 | 0.870 |
| 47.046 | 35.749 | 1.079 | 0.030 | 1.004 | 0.885 |
| 49.296 | 37.459 | 1.073 | 0.031 | 0.998 | 0.899 |
| 51.546 | 39.169 | 1.077 | 0.031 | 1.002 | 0.914 |
| 53.796 | 40.878 | 1.081 | 0.032 | 1.006 | 0.929 |
| 56.046 | 42.588 | 1.071 | 0.032 | 0.996 | 0.929 |
| 58.296 | 44.298 | 1.083 | 0.032 | 1.008 | 0.944 |
| 60.546 | 46.008 | 1.074 | 0.032 | 0.999 | 0.944 |
| 62.796 | 47.717 | 1.070 | 0.032 | 0.996 | 0.944 |
| 65.046 | 49.427 | 1.073 | 0.032 | 0.998 | 0.944 |
| 67.296 | 51.137 | 1.077 | 0.033 | 1.002 | 0.973 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.24 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 340 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.107 %

Table B23 Breakthrough curve for the adsorptive removal of 3-MT and Toluene on NiX zeolite with pre-adsorbed water

| Time (min) | Cumulative effluent volume (ml/g-zeolite) | $C(t)$ of Toluene (%) | $C(t)$ of 3-MT (%) | $C(t) / C_0$ of Toluene | $C(t) / C_0$ of 3-MT |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2.046 | 1.545 | 0.033 | 0.000 | 0.030 | 0.000 |
| 4.296 | 3.245 | 0.221 | 0.008 | 0.199 | 0.243 |
| 6.546 | 4.944 | 0.490 | 0.015 | 0.441 | 0.455 |
| 8.796 | 6.644 | 0.685 | 0.019 | 0.617 | 0.577 |
| 11.046 | 8.343 | 0.864 | 0.023 | 0.778 | 0.698 |
| 13.296 | 10.042 | 0.992 | 0.025 | 0.893 | 0.759 |
| 15.546 | 11.742 | 1.057 | 0.027 | 0.952 | 0.819 |
| 17.796 | 13.441 | 1.087 | 0.028 | 0.979 | 0.850 |
| 20.046 | 15.140 | 1.104 | 0.029 | 0.994 | 0.880 |
| 22.296 | 16.840 | 1.106 | 0.030 | 0.996 | 0.911 |
| 24.546 | 18.039 | 1.105 | 0.031 | 0.995 | 0.941 |
| 26.796 | 20.239 | 1.110 | 0.031 | 1.000 | 0.941 |
| 29.046 | 21.938 | 1.112 | 0.032 | 1.002 | 0.971 |
| 31.296 | 23.637 | 1.107 | 0.032 | 0.997 | 0.971 |
| 33.546 | 25.337 | 1.107 | 0.032 | 0.997 | 0.971 |
| 35.796 | 27.036 | 1.113 | 0.033 | 1.002 | 1.002 |
| 38.046 | 28.736 | 1.112 | 0.033 | 1.002 | 1.002 |
| 40.296 | 30.435 | 1.108 | 0.033 | 0.998 | 1.002 |
| 42.546 | 32.134 | 1.111 | 0.033 | 1.001 | 1.002 |
| 44.796 | 33.834 | 1.114 | 0.033 | 1.003 | 1.002 |
| 47.046 | 35.533 | 1.113 | 0.033 | 1.002 | 1.002 |
| 49.296 | 37.233 | 1.110 | 0.033 | 1.000 | 1.002 |
| 51.546 | 38.932 | 1.114 | 0.033 | 1.003 | 1.002 |
| 53.796 | 40.631 | 1.116 | 0.033 | 1.005 | 1.002 |
| 56.046 | 42.331 | 1.110 | 0.033 | 1.000 | 1.002 |
| 58.296 | 44.030 | 1.109 | 0.033 | 0.999 | 1.002 |
| 60.546 | 45.730 | 1.115 | 0.033 | 1.004 | 1.002 |
| 62.796 | 47.429 | 1.057 | 0.031 | 0.952 | 0.941 |
| 65.046 | 49.128 | 1.108 | 0.033 | 0.998 | 1.002 |
| 67.296 | 50.828 | 1.107 | 0.033 | 0.997 | 1.002 |

Note: Flow rate = 5 ml/min

Mass of adsorbent = 6.62 g

Initial concentration of 3-MT = 330 ppmw

Initial concentration of Toluene = 1.111 %

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