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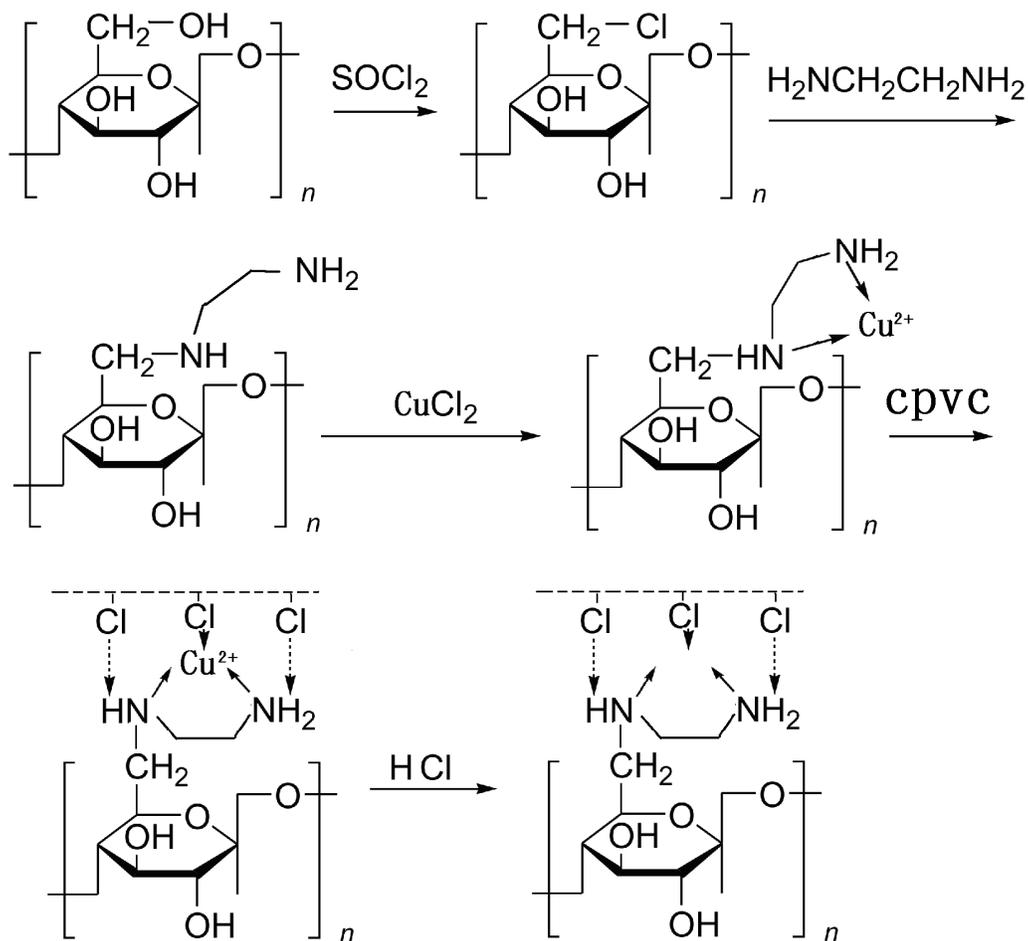
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(Cu^{2+} -SED) fabricated from Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC)
and Ethylenediamine-Functionalized Cellulose (Cell-EDA)



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Fabrication and Application of a Copper (II)-Selective Extraction Disc Prepared from Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride and Ethylenediamine-Functionalized Cellulose

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Abstract Ethylenediamine-functionalized cellulose was prepared by the reaction of chlorinated cellulose and ethylenediamine. Next, the ethylenediamine-functionalized cellulose supported with copper (II) was prepared by the reaction of ethylenediamine-functionalized cellulose and CuCl₂. The powdered product was mixed with 1, 2-dichloroethane solution of chlorinated polyvinyl chloride, and then cast into a film and decoppered. Finally, the copper(II)-selective extraction disc was obtained. Using the copper(II)-selective extraction disc to the spectrophotometric determination of Cu²⁺ in solution, the linear range for Cu²⁺ analysis was 40–1100 μmol/L, and the detection limit was 38 μmol/L Cu²⁺. In the repeatability test for analysis of 250 μmol/L CuCl₂ solution using the copper(II)-selective extraction disc, the relative standard deviation of

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4 seven determinations was less than 4.3%. The levels of Cu^{2+} in porcine
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8 determination results had no significant difference as compared with
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Introduction

Industrial wastewater often causes environmental pollution because of the presence of heavy metal ions. As heavy metal ions cannot be degraded in the environment and easily accumulate in organisms, even very low concentrations of heavy metal ions in wastewater can affect the survival of wildlife and endanger the health of human beings [1, 2]. Therefore, the detection of heavy metal ions in wastewater has long been a concern. The pretreatment method is commonly used for determining the levels of heavy metal ions with low concentrations in wastewater because of its high efficiency and economic applicability [1, 2]. The reaction between cellulose and other organic ligands is of particular interest in studies on the adsorption and enrichment of heavy metal ions [1,3,5–9] because of the characteristics of cellulose, such as good mechanical properties, thermal resistance, strong deformation resistance, and low cost. For example, Ethylenediamine-functionalized cellulose (Cell-EDA) was prepared by the reaction between cellulose and ethylenediamine after chlorination. Such functionalized cellulose has good adsorption capacity for Hg^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , and Zn^{2+} [1, 3]. Thermodynamic analyses have proven that the adsorption of metal ions on Cell-EDA is an endothermic and spontaneous process [1]. Additionally, a catalyst supported with nanopalladium was prepared by using the reaction between Cell-EDA and PdCl_2 [4]. It is worth noting

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22 Cell-EDA and CuCl₂. Chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) is a
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24 hydrophobic polymer with good optical stability, thermal resistance, and
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26 corrosion resistance [10, 11]. Chlorine atoms carrying partial negative
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34 adsorption and enrichment by Cell-EDA was fabricated.
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48 molecules of CPVC and Cell-EDA-Cu²⁺ are connected closely because of
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12 solvents. With the amino groups and chlorine atoms that can react with
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14 Cu^{2+} by complexation, as well as the right size and shape of the cavity,
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30 Cu^{2+} -SED was composed of filter paper and an adsorbent layer.
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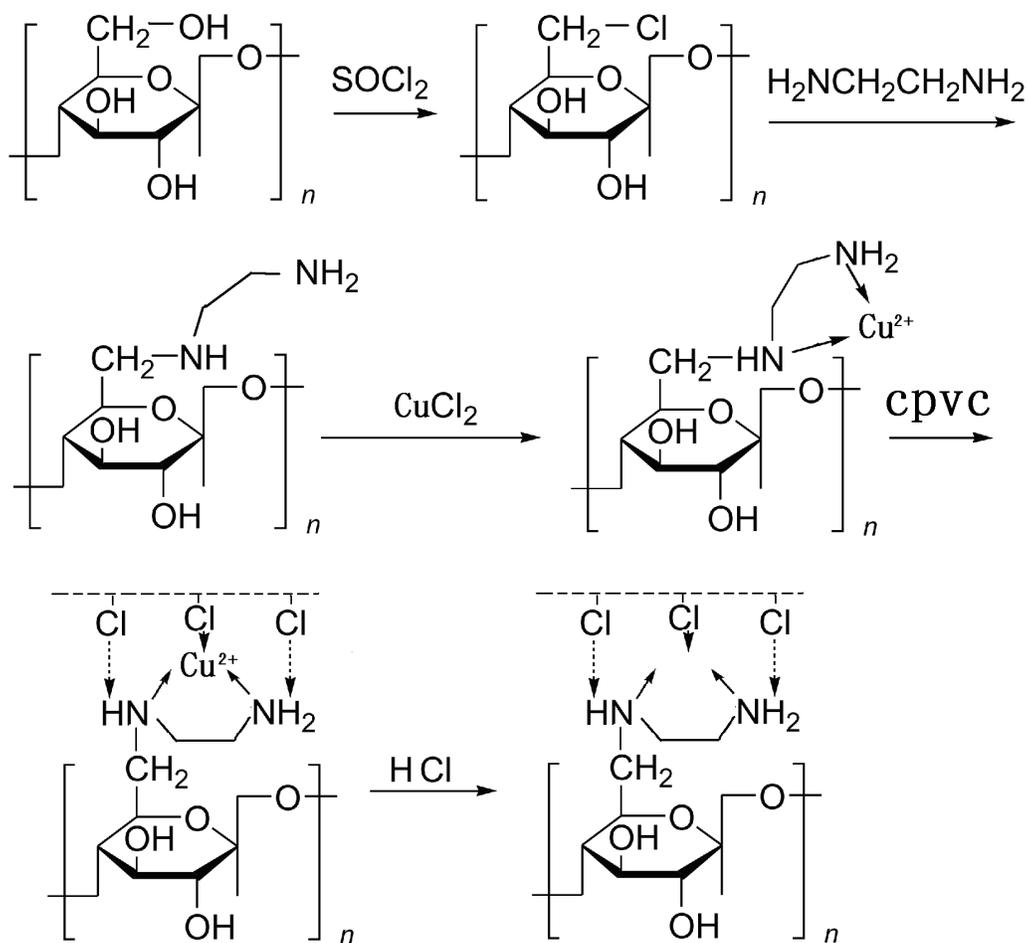


Fig. 1 Preparation principle of the Cu²⁺-SED

1 Experiment

1.1 Instruments and Reagents

A 752(N) UV-vis spectrophotometer (Shanghai Jingke Electronics Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China) and a TAS-986 atomic absorption spectrophotometer (Beijing Purkinje General Instrument Co., Ltd., Beijing, China) were used in this study.

Preparation of the standard solution of CuCl₂ was as follows: 0.1705 g copper chloride (CuCl₂·2H₂O) was weighed accurately, and then dissolved in water to prepare 10.0 mmol/L standard solution of CuCl₂.

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6 this standard solution. Preparation of the detection reagent of Cu^{2+} was as
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8 follows: 0.1 g of sodium diethyldithiocarbamate was weighed and
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10 dissolved in 100 g water to prepare a 0.1 % (w/w) solution of sodium
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12 diethyldithiocarbamate. The CPVC resin was dissolved in 1,
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14 2-dichloroethane to prepare solutions of CPVC with the weight percent
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16 concentrations of 4%, 6%, 8%, 10%, and 12%. The cellulose used in the
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22 Whatman-Xinhua Filter Paper Co., Ltd.). All reagents used in the
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33 1.2 Preparation of Cu^{2+} -SED

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40 bobbed degreased cotton (10 g) was weighed, and then combined with
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42 200 mL dimethylformamide. The mixture was stirred and heated to 80 °C.
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44 SOCl_2 (35 mL) was added dropwise to the mixture, and the consequent
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46 reaction was allow to proceed at 90 °C for 2.5 h. The product obtained
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48 (chlorinated cellulose) was filtered, washed, and dried.
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3 ethylenediamine at 100 °C for 12 h. The orange product obtained,
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7 8 9 1.2.2 Preparation of Cell-EDA-Cu²⁺

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11 According to the literature [4], 0.4 g copper chloride (CuCl₂·2H₂O)
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16 Afterward, 2.0 g Cell-EDA was added to the mixture for reaction at 60 °C
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22 23 24 25 26 1.2.3 Preparation of the Adsorbent Layer of the Cu²⁺-SED

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28 The homogeneous viscous liquid was obtained by intensive mixing
29 of 0.04 g of Cell-EDA-Cu²⁺ and 0.3 mL of 1, 2-dichloroethane solution of
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31 mm) using improvised tools. The filter paper coated with viscous liquid
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33 5 mm, thickness: 0.7 mm). The surroundings of the adsorbent layer and
34 the back of the filter paper were treated with 10% (w/w) 1,
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Cu^{2+} -SED (adsorbent layer facing down) was placed on the surface of 0.5 mol/L hydrochloric acid solution. The solution was stirred to remove the Cu^{2+} from the adsorbent layer. The adsorbent layer from which the Cu^{2+} had been removed was washed with 10% (w/v) ammonia solution and distilled water, dried in air. Thereafter, the Cu^{2+} -SED was stored for later use.

1.3 Application of the Cu^{2+} -SED

The adsorbent layer of the Cu^{2+} -SED was first wetted with 15% (v/v) ethanol solution, and then washed with water. After that, the adsorbent layer was soaked in distilled water for 10 min.

The water adhering to the surface of the adsorbent layer was removed by filter paper. Afterward, the Cu^{2+} -SED was placed on the surface of the sample solution (adsorbent layer facing down). The Cu^{2+} in the solution was captured by the adsorbent layer of the Cu^{2+} -SED.

In order to reduce the amount of sample and reagents, the Cu^{2+} -SED was used to extract only a small portion of Cu^{2+} in the solution for the analysis of Cu^{2+} . The determination of Cu^{2+} was based on the facts that under the same experimental conditions, the amounts of the Cu^{2+} adsorbed by the adsorbent layer of the Cu^{2+} -SED is proportional to the concentration of Cu^{2+} in the sample solution.

The Cu^{2+} adsorbed by the adsorbent layer of the Cu^{2+} -SED was desorbed with 0.5 mol/L hydrochloric acid. Then detection reagent (0.3

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Cu²⁺-SED. Selectivity factor (S) is defined as:

$$S = \frac{D_{Cu}}{D_C}$$

where D_C is the distribution ratio of the ion which has been selected as reference.

1.5 Sample preparation

Sample 1: The porcine liver powder after drying (80 g) was weighed and then placed in an electric resistance furnace. The electric resistance furnace was kept at 500 °C for 24 h. The product of ashing was transferred to a beaker. A 10 mL of 6 mol/L hydrochloric acid was added to the ash, and the mixture was stirred and heated in a water bath. The products after heating were cooled and filtered. The filtrate was heated and concentrated to near dryness. Afterward, water was added to the filtrate, and the mixture was transferred into a 50 mL volumetric flask and diluted to the mark with water.

Sample 2: Wastewater (100 mL) taken from Ruzhou Coking Plant (China) was used as sample solution.

The digestion of two certified reference materials of YSS030-2006 zinc concentrate and GBW(E) 070107 lead ore (both provided by the Luoyang Aoxiang Chemicals and Instruments Co., Ltd., Luoyang, China) was operated as described in ref. [18]. 0.1000 g of YSS030-2006 zinc concentrate and GBW(E) 070107 lead ore were weighed and put into

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6 adding 5 mL mixture of HCl and HClO₄ (20 : 1 volume ratio), 3 mL of
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10 hood for 10 h to allow thorough mixing of the sample and acids. The
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12 vessel was then heated at 210 °C and the mixture in the vessel was
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14 heated to near dryness. Next, 10 mL water and 3 mL mixture of HCl and
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16 HNO₃ (3:1 volume ratio) were added to the vessel, respectively. The
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33 **2 Results and Conclusion**

34 **2.1 Selection of CPVC Solution**

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40 Therefore, Hg²⁺ was firstly used as the reference to study the effect of the
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14 Hg²⁺ in 250 μmol/L HgCl₂ (0.3 mL). According to the same experimental
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16 procedure described above, the Hg²⁺ was replaced by Zn²⁺ to investigate
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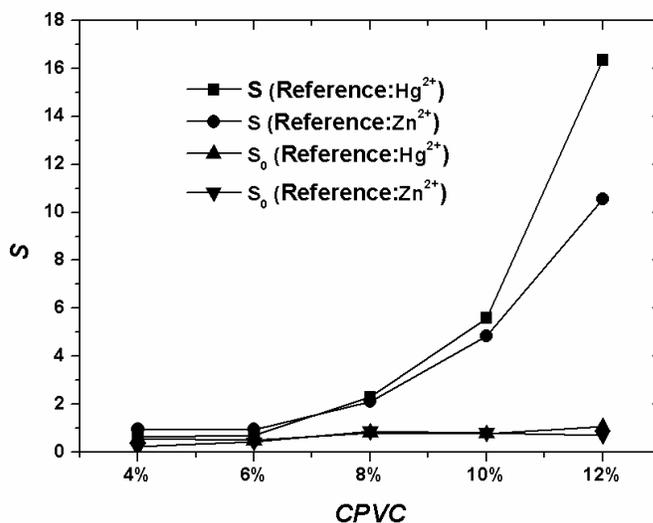


Fig. 2 Effect of the concentration of the 1, 2-dichloroethane solution of CPVC on the selectivity of the Cu^{2+} -SED (S and S_0 represents the selectivity of Cu^{2+} -SED and blank extraction discs, respectively)

2.2 Dosage of Sample and the Desorption of Cu^{2+}

250 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ CuCl_2 solutions (0.1–0.5 mL) were used as the samples and analyzed with the Cu^{2+} -SED. The appropriate dosage of the sample was found to be 0.3 mL (Figure 3). The reagents used in desorption of Cu^{2+} from the Cu^{2+} -SED was 0.5 mol/L hydrochloric acid. The amount of hydrochloric acid and the time of desorption Cu^{2+} in the determination of Cu^{2+} was investigated and the experimental results are shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4, respectively. It can be seen from Figure 3 and Figure 4 that the appropriate amount of hydrochloric acid was 0.3 mL, and the appropriate time of desorption Cu^{2+} was 7 min. In these experiments, three replicate measurements were performed for each determination.

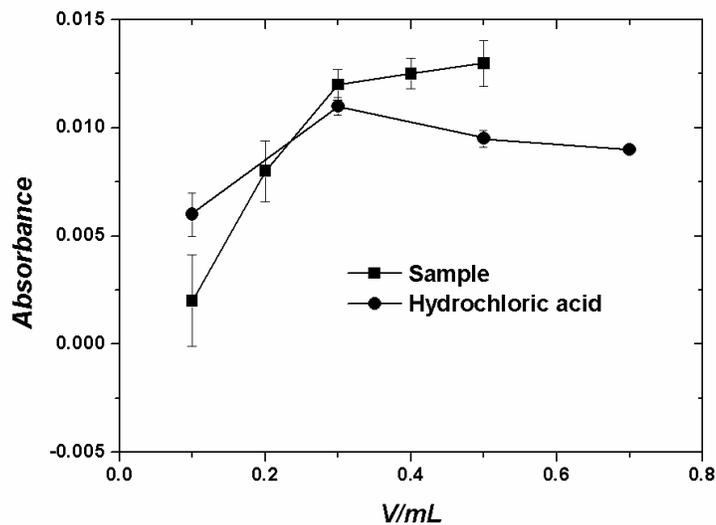


Fig. 3 Effect of sample amount and hydrochloric acid volume on the determination of Cu²⁺

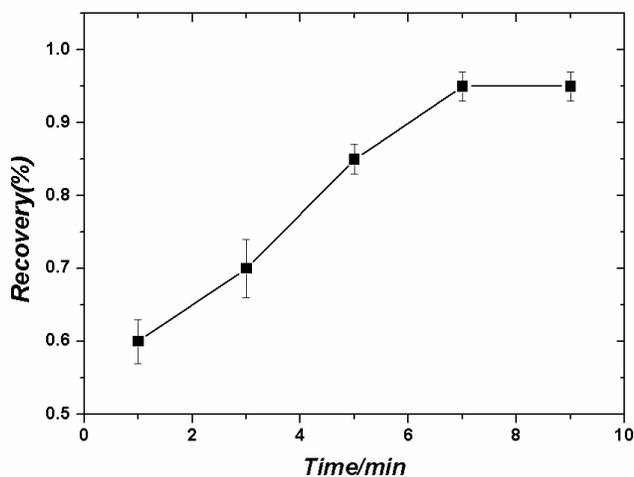


Fig. 4 Effect of desorption time on the determination of Cu²⁺

2.3 Selection of Stirring Speed and Extraction Time

A 250 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ CuCl₂ solution was used as the sample. The effects of stirring speed and extraction time on the determination of Cu²⁺ using the

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Cu^{2+} -SED were studied in this experiment. Experimental results show that 100 rpm is the optimal stirring speed for the determination of the sample containing Cu^{2+} (Figure 5). The effect of extraction time on the determination of Cu^{2+} is shown in Figure 6. It can be seen from Figure 6, the extraction of Cu^{2+} by Cu^{2+} -SED is a slow process. The extraction equilibrium could not be obtained in less than 30 min; however, the recovery of Cu^{2+} stabilized at about 1.2 at 20 to 25 min. To improve the efficiency of determining Cu^{2+} , 20 min was selected as extraction time for the determination of Cu^{2+} .

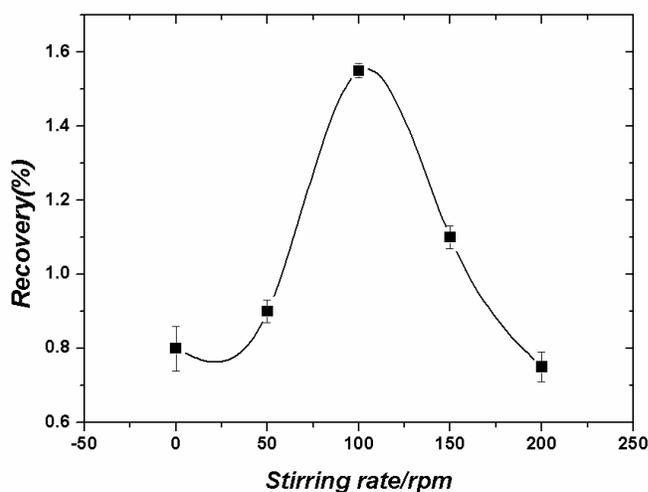


Fig. 5 Effect of stirring rate on determination of Cu^{2+}

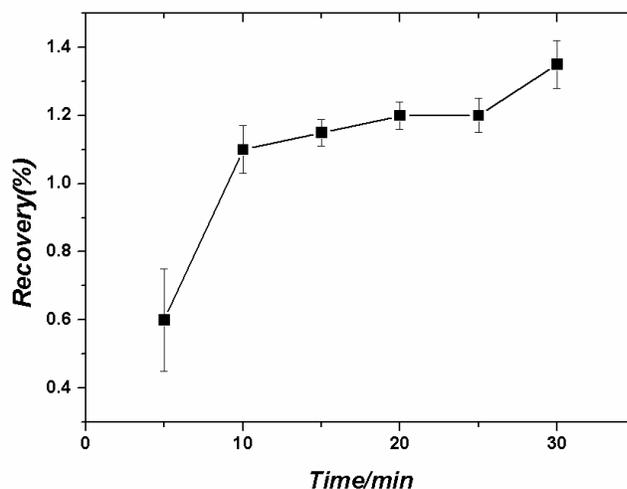


Fig. 6 Effect of extraction time on the determination of Cu^{2+}

2.4 Effect of Temperature

Under the selected conditions, 250 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ CuCl_2 solution was prepared and used as the sample. The Cu^{2+} -SED was used for determining the solutions at solution temperatures of 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ by following the experimental procedures mentioned above. The experimental results are shown in Figure 7.

As shown in Figure 7, with the increase in the temperature, the recovery of Cu^{2+} increased within the range of 15–25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, and then showed little change within 25–35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Above 35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the recovery of Cu^{2+} increased rapidly with the increase in temperature. The experimental results are explained by the fact that increasing the temperature of sample solution results in different effects on the adsorption of Cu^{2+} . At first, the adsorption of Cu^{2+} on Cell-EDA was an endothermic and spontaneous process [1]; increasing the temperature of the sample solution favored the

adsorption of Cu^{2+} . This was the reason why the recovery of Cu^{2+} increased with the increase in temperature of the sample solution in the initial phase. Next, with the increase in the temperature, the effects of thermal motion on the adsorption of Cu^{2+} increased. Within 25–35 °C, the change of the recovery of Cu^{2+} was dominated by the both positive and negative effects mentioned above. Above 35 °C, the intermolecular interaction of the Cell-EDA and CPVC was affected by thermal action caused by high temperature, which improved the adsorption capacity of the Cu^{2+} -SED. However, its selectivity of adsorption was lowered. In this study, the experiment temperature was set at 25 °C.

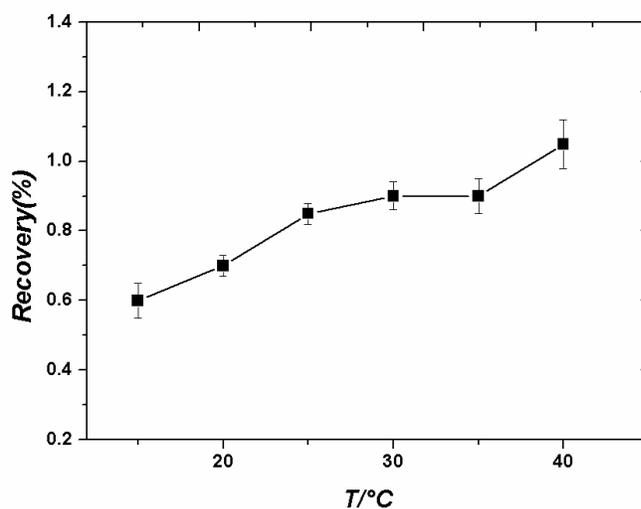


Fig. 7 Effect of temperature on the determination of Cu^{2+}

2.5 Effect of pH on the Determination of Cu^{2+}

The effect of pH was studied in this experiment. A series of 250 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ CuCl_2 solutions with pH values of 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 were prepared. Under the selected conditions, the solutions were analyzed

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31 2.6 Repeatability, Linear Range, and Detection Limit

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detection limit is 38 $\mu\text{mol/L}$.

2.7 Interference Experiment

The experimental results show that when the CuCl_2 solution was analyzed using the Cu^{2+} -SED, there were no significant interferences from solutions with concentrations 500 times (Na^+ , K^+ and NH_4^+), 200 times (Hg^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Cd^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , and Pb^{2+}), 100 times (Fe^{3+}), 10 times (Co^{2+}), and 2 times (Ni^{2+}) of 250 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (CuCl_2 solution) within the error range of $\pm 5\%$.

2.8 Comparison of different methods for determining Cu^{2+}

The comparison of this study with other extraction and molecular imprinted technique for determination Cu^{2+} is shown in Table 1. Compared with the Ref. [12, 16], this study method is faster (compared with Ref. [12]) and a small volume of eluent and sample is required to achieve quantitative results in determining Cu^{2+} . Besides, the linear range of this study is larger than Ref. [12, 16], and the fabrication of the adsorbent used in this study is easier than that in Ref. [12, 16].

Table 1 Comparison of this study method with other methods in determining Cu^{2+}

Contents	Ref.[12]	Ref.[16]	This study
Forming recognition sites	Cross-linking reaction	Bonding reaction	Intermolecular action
Elution volume	10 mL	2 mL	0.3 mL
LOD	0.14 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$	0.24 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$	$2.4 \times 10^3 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$
Elution time	8 h	–	7 min
Sample volume	25 mL	300 mL	0.3 mL
Adsorption time	3 h	15 min	20 min
linear range	50–200 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$	0.8580 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$	$2.5 \times 10^3 - 7.0 \times 10^4 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$

2.9 Sample Detection

This study method has been applied to the determination of Cu^{2+} in certified reference materials (YSS030-2006, zinc concentrate, and GBW (E) 070107, lead ore). The results ($0.75 \pm 0.01(\%)$ and $0.87 \pm 0.01(\%)$) obtained were good agreement compare to the certified values ($0.77 \pm 0.01(\%)$ and $0.85 \pm 0.02(\%)$) using a t-test at 95% confidence limits. To assess the applicability of this study method to real samples with different matrices, the sample was analyzed by the method in the present study and by atomic absorption spectroscopy [19]. Meanwhile, the spike recovery of the sample was determined. The results are shown in Table 2. The results in Table 2 show that there was no significant difference in the content of Cu^{2+} in the sample determined by the method in the present study as compared with that determined by atomic absorption spectrometry.

Table 2 Results of the detection of Cu^{2+} in the samples ($n = 6$)

Samples	This study method		Atomic absorption spectroscopy ^[19]	
	Determined*	Spiked with 30 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ CuCl_2 (Recovery, %)	Determined*	Spiked with 30 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ CuCl_2 (Recovery, %)
Sample1	203.13 ± 7.72	31.13 ± 1.09 (103)	205.3 ± 10.7	31.75 ± 1.43 (106)
Sample2	250.00 ± 11.75	31.25 ± 1.41 (104)	257.1 ± 15.2	28.72 ± 1.41 (96)

* Average of six measurements, mean \pm S.D.

3 Conclusions

The Cell-EDA easily adsorbs and binds Cu^{2+} ion. Moreover, the CPVC resin is insoluble in water or common organic solvents, and has a

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