### **Study of the sorption kinetic of Fe (III) by poly(Hydroxamic acid) chelating exchanger prepared from poly (Styrene-Co-Ethylacrylate)**

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#### **Abstract**

The aim of this research is showing the preparation of poly(Styrene-Co-Ethyl acrylate) which obtained by a free radical initiation process for co-polymerization between Ethlyacrylate and styrene with a mixing ratio (1:1) using benzoyl peroxide as an initiator at  $(70^{\circ}c)$  and  $(10\%)$  ratio of conversion. Conversion of the ester group of the (CPS-EA) in to hydroxamic acid was carried out by treatment of (CPS-EA) with hydroxyl amine hydrochloride in alkaline medium at (pH=13) using sodium hydroxide. The poly hydroxamic acid was identified by (FT-IR) spectroscopy: Sorption capacity  $(q_e)$  of the metal ion  $(Fe^{3+})$  was determined This study also shows the effect of initial (pH), temperature and time on the sorption capacity of  $(Fe<sup>3+</sup>)$  by (PHA). The sorption capacity of  $(Fe<sup>3+</sup>)$  on to (PHA) resin which decrease as temperature increases indicates that the sorption was exothermic process . The values of ( $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ) was negative, showing that the sorption of (Fe<sup>3+</sup>) on to (PHA) resin is spontaneous .

**Key words:** Poly Hydroxamic acid ,Hydroxamic acid.

#### **الخلاصة**

 یتـضمن البحـث تحـضیر البـولیمر المـشترك (سـتایرین - أثیـل أكـریلات) وذلـك باسـتخدام میكانیكیـة الجـذور الحـرة للبلمـرة المـشتركة بـین الـستایرین و أثیـل اكـریلات وبنـسبة خلـط مولیـة (1:1) وبواسـطة بیروكـسید البنزویـل كبادئ وبدرجة حراریة (c70° (وبنـسبة تحـول (10%). ثـم تـم تحویـل البـولیمر المـشترك النـاتج الـى بـولي حـامض الهیدروكسامیك وذلك بمفاعلة البولیمر المشترك (ستایرین- أثیل اكریلیت) مع هیدروكسیل أمـین هیدروكلورایـد فـي وسـط قاعـدي قـوي(13 pH ( باسـتخدام هیدروكـسید الـصودیوم مـع اجـراء تـصعید حـراري بدرجـة (c70° (ولمـدة (18) ســاعة . تـم تــشیخص المركــب النــاتج باســتخدام طیــف الأشــعة تحــت الحمـراء (IR-FT(. تــم تعیــین ســعة الأحتجاز ( sorption Capacity) لأيون الحديديك بوساطة بولي حامض الهدروكساميك . وكذلك تم دراسة تأثير الدالة الحامضية (pH ) وتركيز ("Fe<sup>3</sup> ) ودرجة الحرارة على سعة الأحتجاز ( q<sub>e</sub> ) بوساطة بولي حامض الهيدروكساميك .وقد تبين أن سـعة الأحتجاز لأيون ( Fe $^{3+}$  ) بوساطة بولي حامض الهيدروكساميك تقل بارتفاع درجة الحرارة , ویستدل من ذلك أن عملیة الأحتجاز هي عملیة باعثة للحرارة . ومن قیم (°G (∆السالبة , تين ان عملية الأحتجازلأيون (†Fe $^3$ ) بوساطة بولي حامض الـهيدروكساميك هي عملية تلقائية . **Introduction**

The hydroxamic acid group is well-known for its ability to form a stable chelates with various heavy metal ions, particularly iron  $(1,2)$ . The hydroxamic acid is regarded as derivatives of the nitrogone- bound hydrogen in the hydroxylamine molecules, and has a general formula R-CO-NHOH (R=alkyl or aryl) having a tautomerism of keto and enol forms $^{(3)}$ .



The stability is due in part to the geometry, where three hydroxamic acid units are spaced in such a way that can easily orientation a single iron (III) to satisfy the octahedral requirement of  $(3.1)$  iron (III) complex<sup>(4)</sup>. A number of poly (hydroxamic acid) resins have been synthesized by various methods and for various purposes (5) .Synthesized the resins from poly methacrylate and studied the sorption of Fe<sup>+3</sup>,Cu<sup>+2</sup>,Ag<sup>+</sup>, Zn<sup>+2</sup>, Hg<sup>+2</sup>,Al<sup>+3</sup>,Pb<sup>+2</sup> and  $TiO^{+2}$  Petrie et al.<sup>(6)</sup>. Poly (hydroxamic acid) resins synthesized from Amberlite IRC-50 Wan Yanus<sup>(7)</sup> studied the separation of  $Fe^{+3}$  and  $Al^{+3}$ from  $Ca^{+2}$  and  $Mg^{+2}$  using poly (hydroxamic acid) resins. Katoh and Coworkers<sup>(8)</sup> synthesized resin from acrylonitrile and divinyl benzene and studied the structure of resin and the recovery of  $UO_2^{2+}$  from sea water. The newer chelating ionexchange resin,the preparation of this chelating Poly(Hydroxamic acid) resin from Copoly(Acrylamid Divinyl Benzen) and acryl Hydroxamic acid and with divinyl Bezene grafted sag starch is anew starting polymer to obtanin this resine (9) . The chelating resins containing Hydroxamic acid group can also play avital role in environmental

monitoring of toxic trace metals . There is also apossibility of using poly (Hydroxamic acid )resin to extract rare from sea water  $(10)$ . The poly (Hydroxamic acid ) can be used to measure many elements quantitativdy in chromatography and for separation of various ions such as iron (III) Copper $(II)$  Cobalt $(II)$  and Lead $(II)$  in biological and sensitive solutions  $(11)$ .

# **Experimental Preparation of poly (styrene-Co-Ethyl acrylate):**

The Co-poly (St-EA) was prepared by free radical solution polymerization.For the preparation of 18% styrene – cross linked polymer Ethylacrylate (13.27 gm) and styrene (7g). Benzoyl peroxide (200mg) was added, and the mixture was heated with stirring at  $(70^{\circ}c)$  under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 4hr. The polymer was collected by filtration, washed several times with water, ethanol, benzene and dried at  $60^{\circ}$ c<sup>(12,13)</sup>

# **Preparation Of Poly (hydroxamic acid):**

 The preparation of chelating resin was carried out by the reaction between poly (St-Co-EA) with hydroxylamine. Hydroxylamine was prepared by dissolving (21g) of hydroxylaminehydrochloride(NH2OH.H Cl) in (150 ml) aqueous ethanol solution (ethanol water 5:1). The HCl was neutralized by NaOH solution and the precipitate of NaCl was removed by filtration. The pH of the mixture was adjusted to pH 13 by addition of 1M sodium hydroxide solution about (10g) of poly (S-Co-EA) was placed in a two-neck round bottom flask ,which was equipped with a mechanical stirrer and condenser. Then, 150 ml hydroxylamine solution (prepared earlier) was added into the flask. The

reaction was carried out at 75°c for 2hr. The product was separated by filtration and washed several times with ethanolic solution (ethanol: water; 4:1) It was then treated with100ml of methanolic solution of 0.2m HCl for 5minutes. Finally, the fiber product was filtered and washed several times ethanolic solution and dried at 50°c to constant weight  $(13, 14, 15)$ .

# **Studying characterization of poly(hydroxamic acid):**

#### **Determined of sorption capacity for**   $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  by (PHA).

 About (1g) of poly (St-Co-EAHA) mixing with (50ml) of (100ppm)  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ solution. The mixture of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  solution and poly (St-Co-EAHA) was shaken for about (10)hours, after equilibration, the mixture was filtered was analyzed for  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  concentration. The initial and the equilibrium concentrations of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ mg/g resin (PHA) were determined by using(UV.Vis) Spectrophotometer Model Bioteh Engineering Management Co.LTD.(UK) . Sorption capacity was calculated as mg of metal ion sorbed per gram sorbent by using the following equation:  $(16,17)$ .

#### **Sorption capacity ,q=**  $(C_0 - e)V/M$ **…..(1)**

Where  $q(mg.g^{-1})$  is the amount of metal ion sorbed;  $C_0$  and  $C_e$  are initial and equilibrium concentration of the metal ion in solution (mg/L) respectively; V(L) is the solution volume and M (g) is weight of the sorbent poly(St-Co-EAHA).

The sorption was obtained by shaking about 1g of poly(St-Co-EAHA) in 50ml of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  solution of different concentrations (10,20,30,40) ,50,60,70,80,90,100ppm) for 5h at pH 6 and at 25°c . The initial and the equilibrium of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  concentration were measured and sorption capacity was calculated as above. The effect of pH on the  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  sorption was studied by

equilibrating 1g of poly (hydroxamic acid) in 50ml of 100ppm  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ solution at ( pH 1-8 ) by using sodium acetate buffer solution<sup> $(18)$ </sup>. The kinetic study was carried out by shaking about 1g of poly(St-Co-EAHA) sorbent into 50ml of (100ppm) of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  at various time periods  $(10 - 300 \text{ min})$  at 25 °c. The effect of temperature on the  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ sorption was studied by equilibrating 1g of poly (hydroxamic acid) in 50ml of 100ppm  $Fe<sup>3</sup>$  solutions at (10,25,  $50,70$  °c).

### **Results and Discussion**

## **Characterization of poly (hydroxamic acid)**.

 The poly(styrene–Co-Ethylacrylate) which obtained by a free radical initiating process for Copolymerization between styrene and ethylacrylare with a mixing ratio(1:1), using benzoyl peroxide as an initiator at (70 $^{\circ}$ c) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere by ratio of conversion (10%). The poly (St-Co-EA) was identified by (FTIR) spectroscopy. (FTIR) spectra Fig(1) of poly (St-Co-EA) graphed shows a new absorption bonds at  $(1714 \text{cm}^{-1})$  of C=O  $(2954 \text{ cm}^{-1})$  of (C-H), and  $(1389 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ of (C-O). Poly (hydroxamic acid) prepared via a conversion of the ester group of the poly (St-Co-EA) into hydroxamic acid was carried out by treatment of poly (St-Co-EA) with hydroxyl amine hydrochloride in alkaline medium at (pH13) using sodium hydroxide. Poly (hydroxamic acid) was synthesized by the general techniques previously employed $^{(16)}$ .



The poly (hydroxamic acid) was identified by (FTIR) spectroscopy. The infrared spectrum Fig(2) of (PHA) resin showed the characteristic absorption bands of hydroxamic (O-H), amide (N-H),carbonyl (C=O) and (N-O) groups at (3200,3444, 1670 and 930 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

This means that the formation of chelating complex weakens the double bonding character of carbonyl group in the hydroxamic acid owing to the Coordinate bond between oxygen atom of carbonyl groups and metal ions. The weakening of double bonding is more pronounced in chelating with  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ complex in (1:3) because  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  is a hard acid which Co-ordinates strongly to ligands made up of small nonpolarizable, Highly negative oxygen donor atoms (hard bases) $(14,17)$ . The coordinate between metal ions and poly(hydroxamic acid) now in this structure $^{(20,21,27)}$ .



# **Sorption of Fe3+ by poly (St-Co-EA) hydraxmic acid:**

 Table (1) shows The initial and the equilibrium metalion concentrations  $(C_0, C_e)$  and sorption capacity(q) of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  after treatment with poly (St-Co-EA) hydraxmic acid were determined using standard carve wich is shown in fig(3). The values of  $C_0$ ,  $C_e$  and q were 100 mg/liter ,68 mg/ liter and 1600 mg/g respectively  $(22)$ .

# **Effect of pH on Fe3+ Sorption :**

 Figure (4) shows the effect of pH on sorption capacity of the  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  by poly (St-Co-EA) Hdroxamic acid. The sorption capacity was low at  $pH(1.0)$ and increased as the pH increased to a maximum at about  $pH=(6-7)$ . But sorption capacity will decreased when pH was increase further. The findings indicates that capacity of sorption decreased in alkaline medium . The low sorption capacity of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  by poly(St-co-EA) Hdroxamic acid at pH 1.0 could be due the fact there are more protons at lower pH availabel to protonate ,the active groups of the poly(St-co-EA) Hdroxamic acid surface and compete with Iron ions in the solution . At higher pH values , a greater number of deprotonated Hydroxamic acid fuctionl groups resulted in greater  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  ion sorption $^{(23,24)}$ .

# **Effect of Initial Concentration on Fe3+ Sorption:**

 Fig (5) shows The effect of initial Cocentration on the sorption Fe3+ by poly (St-Co-EA) hydroxamic acid condition 100mg/ liter.It can be seen that qe increases initially with an increase of  $C_e$  until equilibrium is reached, after qe remains constant. We can conclude that the sorption capacity does not depend on  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  concentration but on the quantity of Poly Hdroxamic acid , that is , Poly Hdroxamic acid ,which bound with  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  ion by two oxygen atoms of hydroxamic acid group<sup> $(25)$ </sup>.

# **Effect of Temperature on Fe3+ sorption:**

 Fig(6) shows the effect contact temperature on sorption capacity of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  by poly(St-Co-EA) hydroxamic acid. The sorption capacity was increased at low temperature and decreased when temperature was increased. The sorption capacity of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ with poly(St-Co-EA) hydroxamic acid increased to a maximum at about temperature 10°c.

### **Sorption Kinetics :**

The kinetics of sorption of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$ by poly (St-Co-EA) hydroxamic acid resin was studied at various temperatures . Table (3) shows the effect of contact time on sorption of 100mg/liter  $Fe^{3+}$  at 25°c ,50°c and 70◦c. The sorption is rapid during initial stage and decreases when approaching equilibrium . The pseudo second-order kinetic models (Ho and Mckay 1998) rate constant  $K<sub>2</sub>$  for the sorption was detrmined using the following equation can be be written  $as^{(22,23,26)}$ .

$$
t/q_t = 1/k_2 qe^2 + t/qe
$$
 ....(2)

where  $k_2(g.mg^{-1}.min^{-1})$  is the second-order rate constant, and  $q_t$  $=(\text{mg } g^{-1})$  and  $q_e=(\text{mg } g^{-1})$  are the amounts of sorption at time (min) and equilibrium, respectively. A polt of  $t/q_t$ versus time (min) gave a straight line in fig(7) and the values of  $q_e$  and  $k_2$ were determined from the slope and intercept of the plot, respectively.The values of  $k_2$  and  $q_e$  were found to be (<br>6.75\*10<sup>-6</sup> . 8.8\*10<sup>-6</sup> . 1.47\*10<sup>-5</sup>  $6.75*10^{-6}$ ,  $8.8*10^{-6}$ ,  $1,47*10^{-5}$  $(g/mg.min)$ ,  $q_e=(2469, 1874, ...)$ 

1316.63 ) mg/g, at (25, 50 ,75 ) °c, respectively.

# **Thermodyamics of the sorption process** :

# **Activation energy:**

The activation energy is related to be the rate constant by the Arrhenius equation as shown below (18,22).

 $lnk_2 = lnA - E_a/RT$  ....(3)

Where A is the Arrhenius factor and Ea the activation energy of sorption ( $kJ$ .mol<sup>-1</sup>). From the plot  $lnk_2$ as a function of  $(1/T)$  showing in fig (8) the value of activation energy was determined from the slope of straight line and found to be  $9.9768$  (kJ.mol<sup>-1</sup>). It is known that when activation energy is low the rate is controlled by intraparticle diffusion mechanism and hence it can be concluded the process is governed by interaction of physical nature.

### **Thermodyamic Parameters:**

The amount of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  sorption at equilibrium was measured at 293, 323, and 348 °K. The equilibrium partition constant  $K_d$  is calculated as follows<sup> $(17,26)$ </sup>:

$$
K_d = q_e/C_e \dots (4)
$$

The values of  $K_d$  where (5.303) ,3.571 and 2.439 ml  $\cdot$ g<sup>-1</sup>) at 25,50 and 70 °c) respectively for sorption of  $Fe^{3+}$ by poly(St-Co-EA) hydroxamic acid. The values of  $K_d$  at initial concentration of 100 mg/liter decreased as temperature increased from  $(25 \text{ to } 75 \text{ °c})$ , indicating that the sorption is an exothermic process .The relationship between  $K_d$  and T is given by the vant-Hoff equation  $(27, 28)$ :

$$
lnK_d = \Delta S^0 / R - \Delta H^0 / RT \dots (5)
$$

Where  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  = standard entropy,  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  = standard enthalpy, T= absolute temperature  $(K)$ , and  $R = gas$  constant. The values of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  were calculated from the slopes and intercepts of liner regression of plot of  $ln K_d$  versus  $1/T$  fig (8) respectively. The standard Gibbs free energy ∆G<sup>o</sup> ,value was calculated from the equation<sup> $(22)$ </sup>:

 $\Delta G^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ}$  - T  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  ....(6)

The values of  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  and  $\Delta S^{\circ}$  were( -6.6512 kJ. mole<sup>-1</sup> ) and  $(-32.279)$ J.mole. $K^{-1}$ ) respectively. Through the negative value of the  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  confimed that the sorption reaction of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  by poly(St-co-EA) Hydroxamic acid was exothermic. The poly (St-co- EA) Hydroxamic acid was more irregular and less randomized . The values of standard Gibbs free energy  $\Delta G^{\circ}$ where(0.2859 , 0.867917and 1.44984 kj.mole<sup>-1</sup>) at 25,50,75 °c) respectively, The values of  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  at initial concentration of 100 mg/liter decreased as temperature increased from  $(25 \text{ to } 75 \text{ °c})$ showing that the sorption was spontaneous at all temperatures .

# **Conclusions**

1-The polymers of Hydroxamic acid can be prepared from polymers containe Ester such as poly –acrylate

2-Characterized polymers of hydroxamic acid containg of Hydroxamic acids groups are the selective chelating compounds with most ions of metallic elements such as Iron, Copper , Lead  $\ldots \Delta G^{\circ}$  …

3-Increase the capacity of sorption of Fe<sup>3+</sup> on poly (St-co-EA) Hydroxamic acid when  $pH=(6-7)$ , and less than high temperature. 4- Sorption of  $Fe<sup>3+</sup>$  on poly (St-co-EMA) Hydroxamic acid followed the

second order kinetics ,and the process of sorption of the exothermic, and decline negativity of enthalpy. 5-The value of free energy( $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ) for the sorption of  $Fe^{3+}$ ) on poly (St-co-EA) Hydroxamic acid, showing that the sorption process is spontaneous ,

# **Table (1): The values of Co ,Ce and Sorption Capacity (q) of Fe3+ by poly (St-Co-EA) Hydroxamic acid condition: Temperature 25c<sup>o</sup> , concentration of Fe3+ 100ppm and time( 10 h)**



## **Table (2): Effect time and Temperature on the sorption kinetics of Fe3+ by poly (St-Co-EA) Hydroxamic acid condition: pH=7, concentration 100 mg/50ml.**





**Fig.(1): FT-IR spectra of Pol ( St –co-EA) .**



**Fig.(2): FT-IR spectra of Pol ( St –co-EA) Hydroxamic acid .**







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