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Sorption of Cr(III)-containing cations on strongly basic anion exchangers

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Abstract

It is shown that strongly basic anion exchangers AV-17 and Varion-AD in definite conditions are able to retain Cr(III)-containing ions from Cr(III) sulfate solution. It is found that the sorption of Cr(III)-containing ions on the polymers is essentially dependent on the pH, temperature, and Cr(III) sulfate concentration. The maximum temperature dependence of sorption was found to be about 60°C. The sorption isotherms are well described by Langmuir's equations. The sorption kinetics is determined by the diffusion of Cr(III)-containing ions into polymer's phase. It is assumed that the Cr(III)-containing ions are retained through formation, in polymer's phase, of the jarosite-type mineral compounds: R4N[Cr3(OH)6(SO4)2], H3O[Cr3(OH)6(SO4)2], and K[Cr3(OH)6(SO4)2]. For comparison of sorptional capacities, the sorption of Cr(III)-containing ions was determined on different cation and anion exchangers.