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**Contaminant Removal and Water Reuse:
Research Opportunities with Nanotechnology**

**Arsenic Adsorption on
Nanoscale Magnetite**

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Overview of Arsenic

- Widely distributed in earth's crust
- In water by dissolution of ores/minerals
- Concentrated in areas by erosion
- Human Activities sources
 - Residue from alloys and treatments
 - Burning of fossil fuels
- Largest threat to humans
 - Inorganic As(III) and As(V)
 - In drinking water

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These are the most general and important “first” points to know about Arsenic. **The particularly important point, highlighted in green, is that it is As(III) that is the largest threat to humans.**

Arsenic Mobility Profile

- Arsenates-As(V)
 - Usually occurs as ions: H_2AsO_4^- and HAsO_4^{2-}
 - predominates in aerobic soils
- Arsenites – As(III)
 - Occurs as H_3AsO_3 (pH below 9.2)
 - Exists in slightly reduced soils
 - Larger concern than As(V) because of
 - higher toxicity
 - greater mobility
- Arsenic in water
 - rather than solubility equilibrium controlling the mobility of arsenic, it is usually controlled by redox conditions, pH, biological activity, and adsorption/desorption reactions.
- Arsenic immobilization through ionic adsorption can be controlled within normal oxidizing Eh/pH conditions to varying degrees

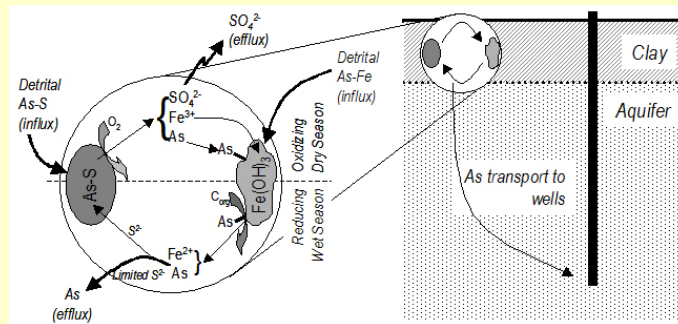
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Redox conditions, pH, biological activity and specific chemical reaction are keys to distribution – NOT A GENERAL SOLUBILITY BALANCE!

The last statement is a “soft” way of saying “without normal oxidizing and acid conditions, we have a problem!”

Arsenic Deposition and Transport



- Arsenic is deposited in association with iron (hydr)oxides and sulfides.
- Arsenic sulfides survive burial and are a primary form of solid-phase
- Arsenic lower in the aquifer reductive dissolution of iron (hydr)oxide minerals in the surface and near-surface releases arsenic to solution.
- Arsenic is transported in the aquifer and drawn to the wells with the groundwater

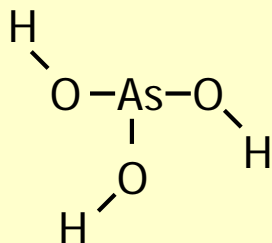
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Source: Polizzotto, M., Scott Fendorf, S., Harvey, C., Badruzman, B., Ali, A. (2005) Influxes and Near-surface Processes Governing Arsenic in Aquifers of Bangladesh

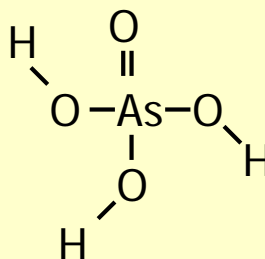


This is how arsenic is deposited and gets into a aquifer.

Molecular Structure



Arsenite



Arsenate

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For the scientifically and chemically oriented audience members!

Where Does Arsenic Come From?

- Natural sources of arsenic (contained in 250 naturally-occurring minerals)
 - Minerals (particularly sulfides)
 - Oxides (particularly metals)
 - Volcanic-derived sediment
 - Can affect large areas, such as extensive aquifers
- Significant human activity sources
 - mineral extraction and processing
 - glass manufacturing
 - wood preserving
 - pesticide production and application
 - waste pile leaching
 - and coal/oil production and processing
 - Extent/occurrence is usually over a limited area



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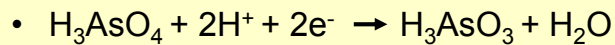


The picture is a sample of arsenic sulfide.

Important points to emphasize are that:

- **Aquifers are “vessels” that can, potentially, extend a contamination problem over a wide area.**
- **Human activity sources of arsenic, though potentially and actually life-threatening, usually create contamination zones that are limited, relative to natural sources.**

Arsenic Redox Reaction



Arsenate – As(V)

Arsenite – As(III)

- The key is that arsenic is “locked away” in iron oxyhydroxides when there is plenty of oxygen present. The oxidized form, arsenate, dominates. When the oxygen level is low, “reducing environment”, arsenate converts to arsenite.
- When arsenite is exposed to oxygen, it oxidizes, but the rate in air is only a few percent in one week.
(Clifford, D., Ceber, L., Chow, S. (1983))

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A reducing environment can create and preserve arsenite. When we withdraw it from that environment, as in withdrawing water from a well, it can take a long time for a significant portion of the arsenite to oxidize and become “safer”!

Perspective on Long Term Exposure Drinking Water - Health Impact

- Cancer of the skin, lungs, urinary bladder, kidney
- Skin changes: pigmentation changes & thickening
- Increased risks of lung/bladder cancer and of arsenic-associated skin lesions have been observed at arsenic concentrations less than 0.05 mg/L (50 ppb)
- No universal definition of the disease (combination of harmful symptoms/maladies) caused by arsenic. This complicates assessment of the breadth of arsenic's effect on the health in any population.

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This is the result of arsenic ingestion – including inhalation impact on the lungs. (I don't have a specific reference for the 50 ppb statement, but it is stated in at least one place in USGS or WHO publications. JWC)

Arsenic's Effects



[\(Photo by Steven Lamm MD\)](#)



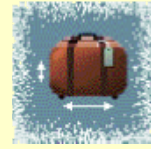
Source: Wilson, R., (2006) Chronic Arsenic Poisoning: History, Study and Remediation. Maintained website.

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Plenty more on the referenced website!

Scope of the Problem!



- “The life-time risk of **dying from cancer** by drinking one liter of water per day containing an **arsenic concentration** of 50 µg/L could be as high as **1 in 100.**” (NRDC, 2001)
- “The theoretical lifetime excess risk for bladder and lung cancer combined is estimated to be approximately 1 in 1000 at 3 micrograms per liter.”
- *“According to some estimates, arsenic in drinking-water will cause 200,000 -- 270,000 deaths from cancer in Bangladesh alone (NRC, 1998; Smith, et al, 2000).”*

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This is how the

Contamination

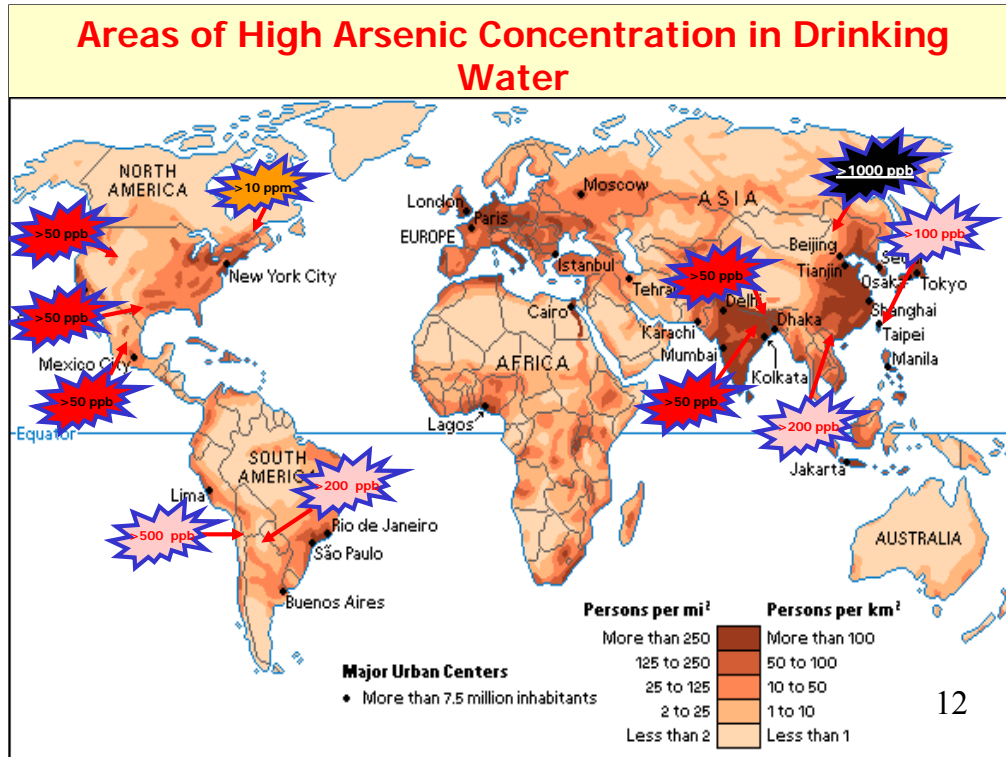
Location and Level of contamination

Population

Health

and Life and Death

come together!



The values shown are far from the highest recordings in these areas, but they are presented to provide a “sampled picture” of how arsenic contamination is spread throughout the world. (The next slide – if used – is a table showing the ranges of concentrations encountered in some of these areas.)

International Arsenic Contamination Sites

<u>Location</u>	<u>Conc. As (ppb).</u>
Taiwan: Southwest Coast	100–1810
Taiwan: Putai	470–897
Chinese Inner Mongolia (Hetao Plain)	50–1080
Bangladesh: Ganges Delta	10–2040
Bangladesh: Pabna (North District)	50–14,000
India: West Bengal	50–3400
Vietnam: Hanoi and Red River Valley	1–3050

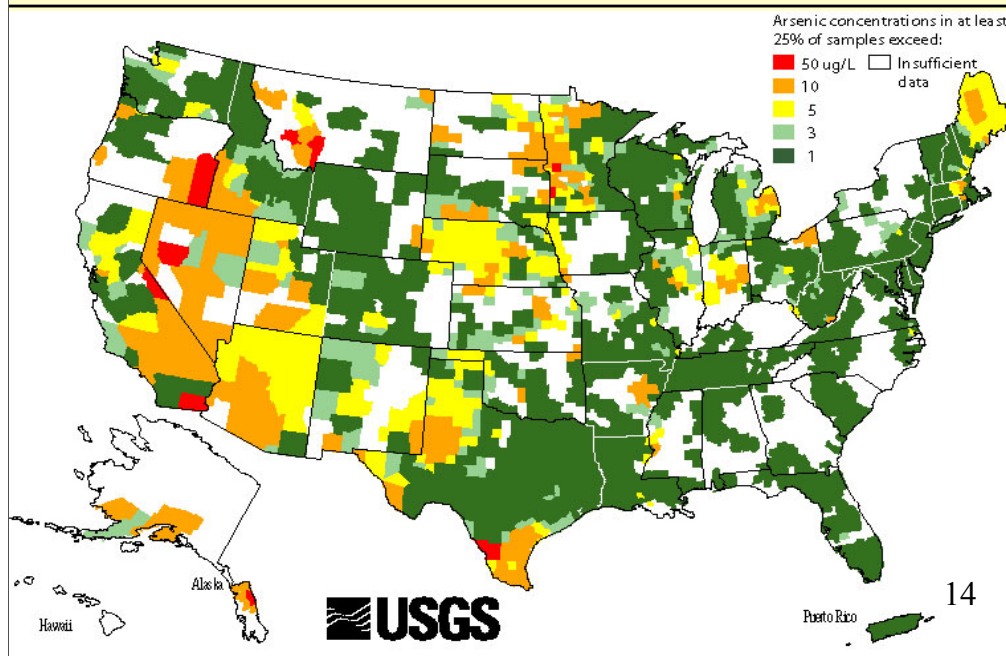
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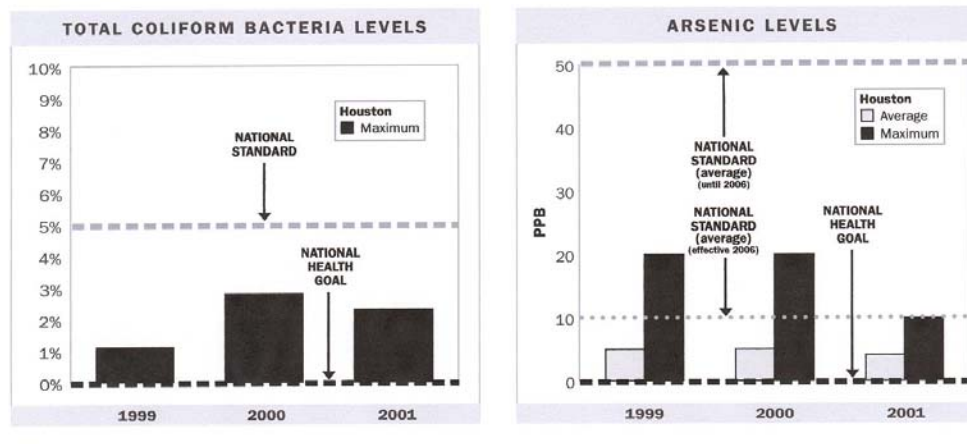
Clearly, the values on the previous slide (which showed 100 ppb in Taiwan, > 200 ppb in Bangladesh and >1,000 in China) were not maximum values! In fact the next slide shows how bad the problem is in one area in Bangladesh.)

Arsenic Concentrations in US Drinking Water



Here is map of the sampled concentrations of arsenic in the water in the United States. Recently (January 2006), the USA has imposed a standard of <10 ppb (<10 mg/L) concentration in drinking water in the Country. This change from the previous 50 ppb has intensified the search for improved processes for reducing the amount of arsenic in drinking water – **on top of** the demands caused by much more hazardous concentrations in other areas of the world.

Houston Tap Water



NRDC Report 2002

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Perspective: Contamination Levels

- According to some estimates, arsenic in drinking-water will cause **200,000 -- 270,000 deaths from cancer in Bangladesh alone** (NRC, 1998; Smith, et al, 2000).
- Seven of 16 districts of West Bengal (India) have been reported to have ground water arsenic concentrations above 0.05 mg/L; total population is over 34 million (1996); estimated that the **population using arsenic-rich water is more than 1 million (above 0.05 mg/L) and 1.3 million (above 0.01 mg/L)** (Chowdhury et al,1997).
- According to a British Geological Survey study in 1998 on shallow tube-wells in 61 of the 64 districts **in Bangladesh, 46% of the samples were above 0.010 mg/L and 27% were above 0.050 mg/L**. It was estimated that the number of people exposed to arsenic concentrations above **0.05 mg/l was 28-35 million** and the number exposed to more than 0.01 mg/l (10µg/L) is 46-57 million (BGS 2000).
- EPA estimated that some **13 million of the population of USA**, mostly in the western states, are exposed to arsenic in drinking- water at 0.01 mg/L, although concentrations appear to be typically much lower than those encountered in areas such as Bangladesh and West Bengal. (USEPA 2001)

Source" World Health Organization (United Nations) Fact Sheet No. 210 (rev. May, 2001)

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This is an “encapsulation of information” that briefly gives glimpse of the extent of the contamination and potential health impact of arsenic contamination.

Drinking Water

“Recommendations” & “Standards”

- **World Health Organization Recommendations**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
1958	0.20 mg/L (200 ppb)
1963	0.05 mg/L (50 ppb)
1993	0.01 mg/L (10 ppb)

- **United States**

- 50 ppb was set by Public Health Dept. in 1942
- EPA adopted this standard in 1975 as “interim” regulation
- IN 1986 Congress converted this “interim” to a National Regulation and requested EPA review and set new standards.
- 50 ppb (0.050 mg/L) prior to January, 2006
- **10 ppb**, currently

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New Jersey proposes toughest arsenic standard worldwide

The state of New Jersey has proposed an arsenic standard for drinking water that, if adopted, would be twice as stringent as the U.S. EPA standard and World Health Organization guideline of 10 parts per billion (ppb). The 5-ppb standard is based on recommendations from the New Jersey Drinking Water Quality Institute (NJDWQI), which found that a 10-ppb level wouldn't meet the level of protection required by state

doesn't permit. For example, it is far more expensive to reduce arsenic levels in states such as New Mexico than in New Jersey, explained Bradley Campbell, commissioner of the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in a policy directive.

Environmentalists and water purveyors, both of which are represented on NJDWQI committees, say they support the New Jersey standard. Many in the state say that

ES&T March 15, 2004

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Effects of New Standard

- Max. Levels reduced from 50 µg/L to 10 µg/L
- 13 million people in areas of higher standard (West, Midwest, N. England)

- Annual Estimated Reductions:

	Cases	Deaths	
Bladder Cancer	19-31	5-8	
Lung Cancer	19-25	16-22	
Diabetes	?	?	19
Heart Disease	?	?	

Source: Environmental Protection Agency (US) (Jan. 2001) Technical Fact Sheet EPA 815-F-00-016



Here is the Environmental Protection Agency's assessment of the annual impact of reducing the levels of arsenic in drinking water in the United States

Annual Estimated Cost of Raising Arsenic Standard: <50ppb to <10ppb

EPA estimates the total national annualized costs of treatment, monitoring, reporting, recordkeeping, and administration for this rule to be approximately \$181 million (using 1999 dollars at a three percent discount rate).

In millions of dollars

Treatment	\$ 177* <small>*(3% Discount Rate, \$millions)</small>
Monitoring	2.7
State Costs	1.0
Total	\$ 181

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Source: Environmental Protection Agency (US) (Jan. 2001) Technical Fact Sheet EPA 815-F-00-016



Note that this is the annual cost.

Motivation for Our Work with Nanotechnology

- A need for a cost-effective and high-performance technology to remove arsenic from drinking water
 - Reduce arsenic to less than 10 μ g/L in less than a minute
- The mechanism of arsenic removal by iron oxides

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Current Technologies

- US EPA As standard level: 10 μ g/L

Technology	Disadvantages
Ion exchange	No As(III) removal Interference from SO ₄ ²⁻ & TDS
Membrane methods	Expensive
Coagulations with iron salts	Solid-liquid separation

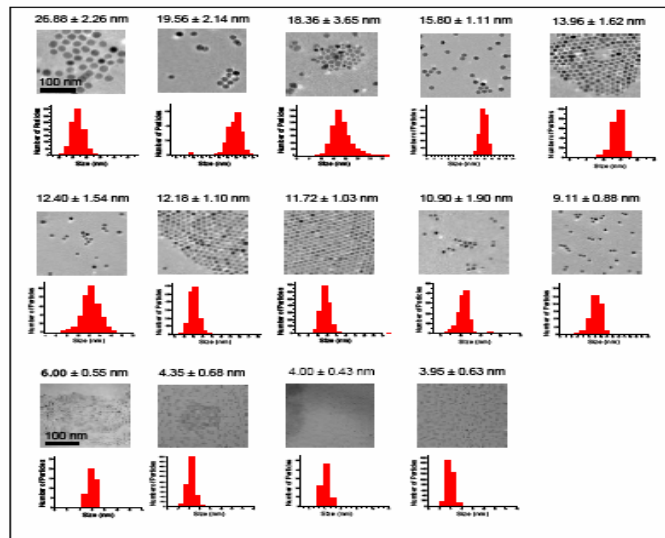
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<http://www.unu.edu/env/Arsenic/Han.pdf> (accessed October 16, 2006)



Nano-Magnetite

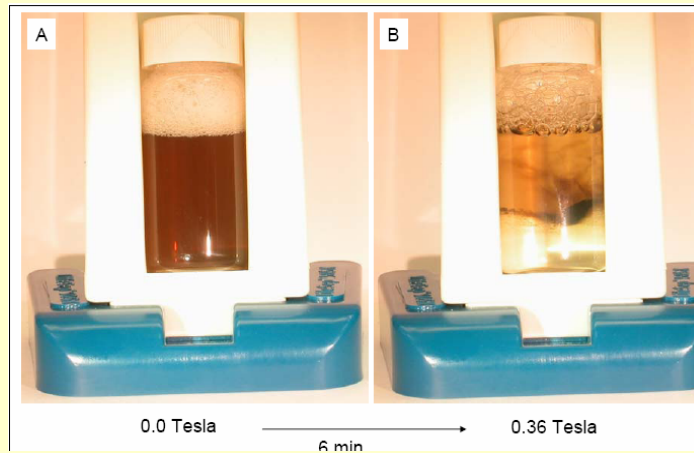
Control Synthesis of Engineered Nano-Magnetite
Collaboration with Vicki Colvin: Science 314, 964 2006



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Magnetic Properties of Nano-magnetite



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Magnetite nanocrystals < 40 nm: Single domain magnet
Size dependent magnetic properties: ferromagnetic (>20 nm)
paramagnetic (6-20 nm)
(Science 2006)



Magnetic Separator



Solution
before
column



Magnetic
Separator



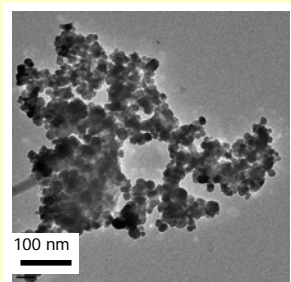
Solution
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Nano-magnetite can be separated by hand held magnetic device
(Science 2006)

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Magnetite Nanoparticles



- Mean particle diameter: 20nm
- Surface area: 60m²/g

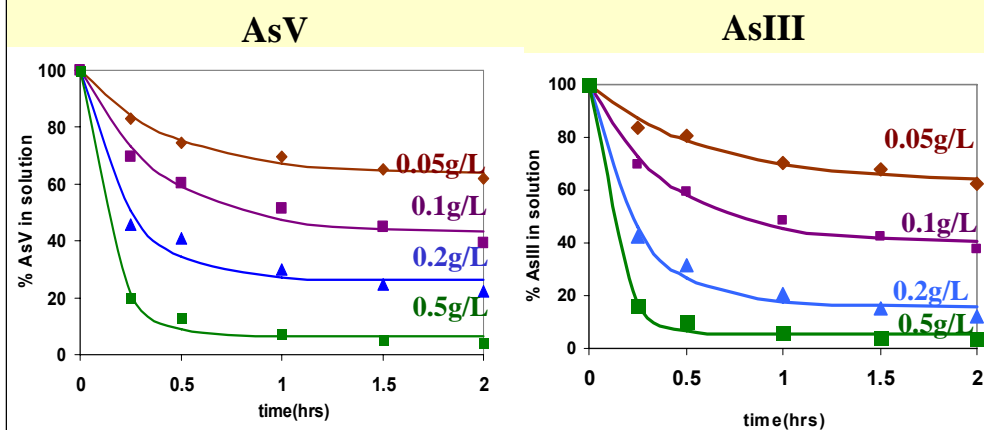
Experimental Set-up: Vessel Apparatus

- Temperature controlled
- Overhead agitator/stirrer
- 3 connectors by 3-way valves
 - Sampling
 - Ar gas
 - Solution injection/gas purging
- Anoxic/ Oxic conditions

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Effect of solid concentration on As removal



Initial Conc. $\sim 100\mu\text{g/L}$

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Modified Rate Equation

$$[As]_t = \frac{[As]_0}{1 + (q_{\max} * b) * r_{sw}} + ([As]_0 - \frac{[As]_0}{1 + (q_{\max} * b) * r_{sw}}) * e^{k_m * SSA * r_{sw} * t}$$

$[As]_t$: As concentration at time, t (s)

$[As]_0$: As concentration at time = 0, ($\mu\text{g/L}$)

$q_{\max} * b$: Langmuir isotherm (L/g)

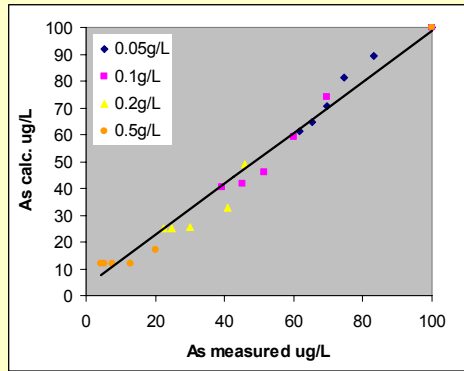
r_{sw} : solid to solution ratio (g/L or g/m³)

SSA: specific surface area (m²/g)

t: time (s)

Model Prediction

AsV

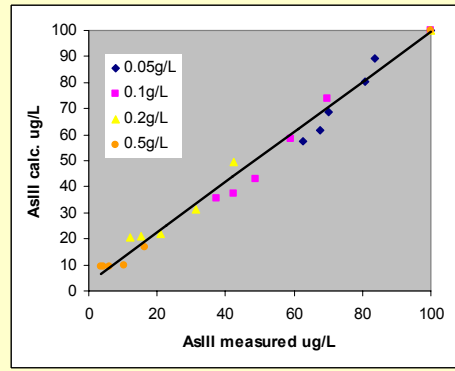


$$q_{\max} * b = 15.04 \text{ L/g}$$

$$k_m = 1.057\text{e-}7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$r = 0.992$$

AsIII



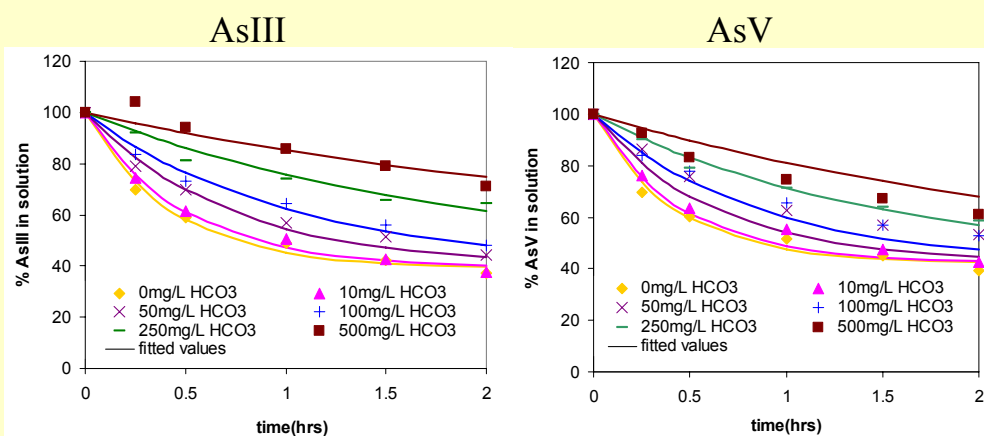
$$q_{\max} * b = 19.17 \text{ L/g}$$

$$k_m = 9.360\text{e-}8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$r = 0.992$$



Competitive Adsorption: Bicarbonate



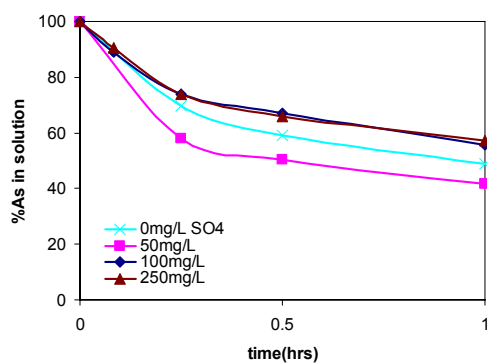
Initial Conc. ~100µg/L

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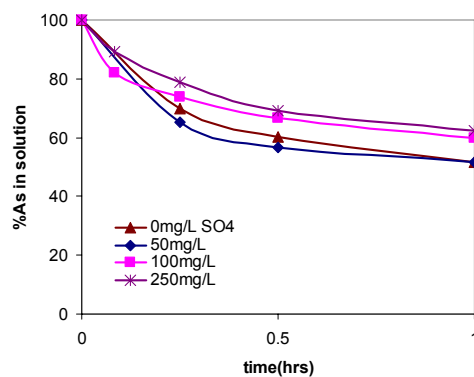


Competitive Adsorption: Sulfate

AsIII



AsV



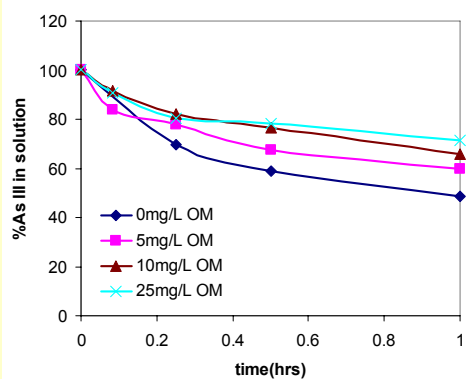
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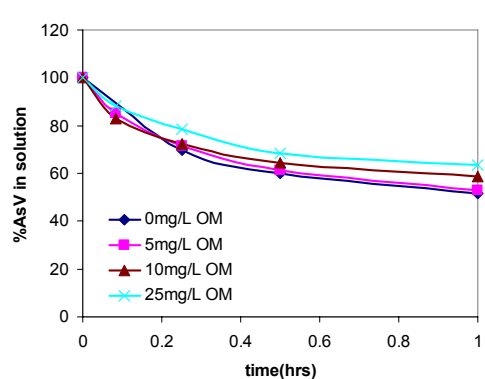


Competitive Adsorption: Organic Matter

AsIII



AsV



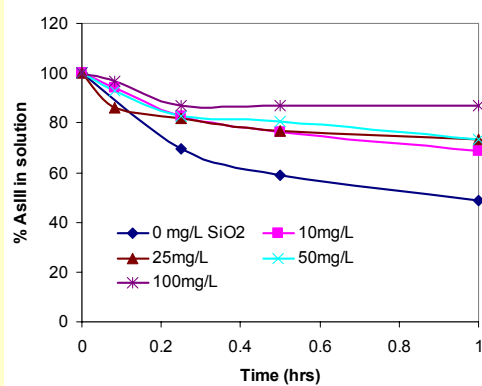
Initial Conc. $\sim 100\mu\text{g/L}$

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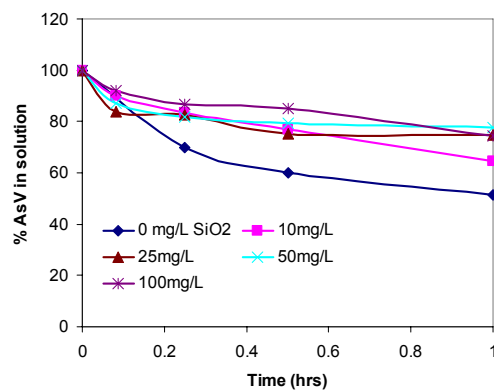


Competitive Adsorption: Silica

AsIII



AsV



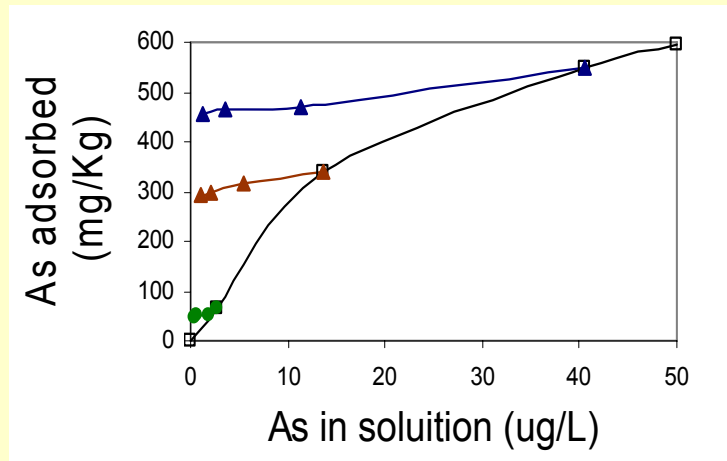
Initial Conc. ~100 μ g/L

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As/Nano-Fe₃O₄

Adsorption/Desorption Hysteresis



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Field Test – Brownsville, TX

- Arsenic-contaminated water from Southmost Regional Authority Desalination Plant Brownsville, TX in August, 2006: Wells #8 and 12 (Brackish water: $\sim 5\text{mS/cm}$)

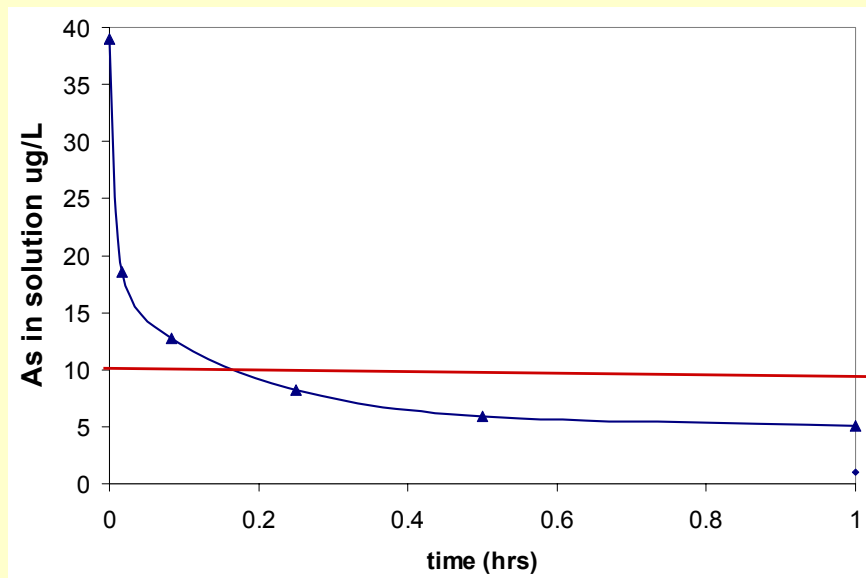
Characterization of Brownsville Wells

	Well #8	Well #12
Initial As ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	27.2	39.0
pH	7.32	7.39
Alkalinity (mg/L as HCO_3^-)	335	464.6
SO_4^{2-} (mg/L)	1165	1192.5
Silica (mg/L as SiO_2)	41.4	36.4
PO_4^{3-} (mg/L)	0.23	0.16

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Results: 0.5g/L Fe_3O_4 for Brownsville Water

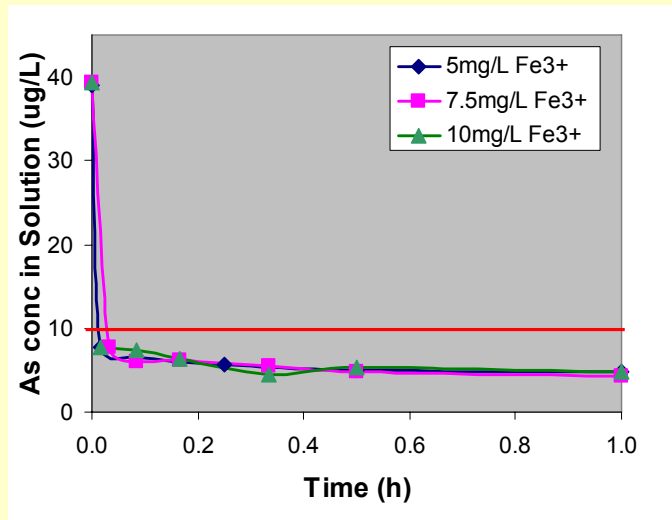


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Results – Field Tests: Well #12

0.1g/L Fe_3O_4 and varying conc. of Fe^{3+}

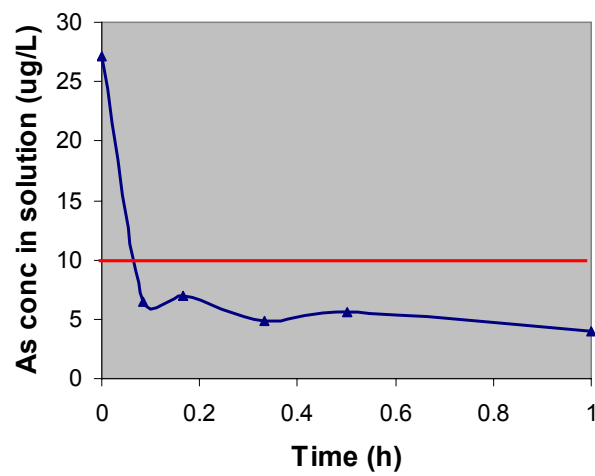


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Results – Field Tests: Well #8

0.1g/L Fe_3O_4 and 5mg/L Fe^{3+}

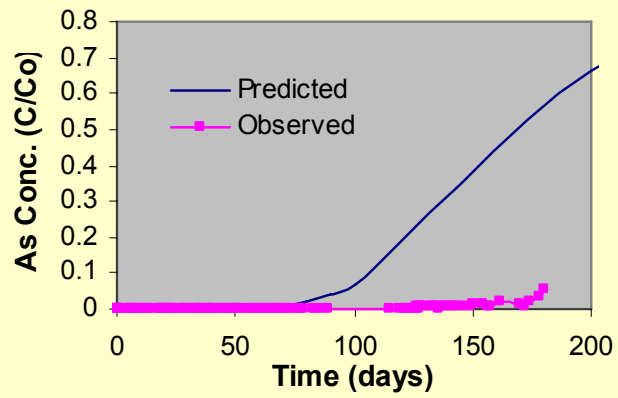
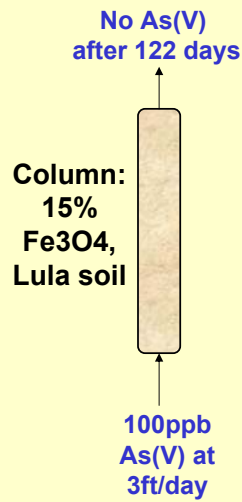


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Nano- Magnetite Column Study

As(V) Transport in Soil Column

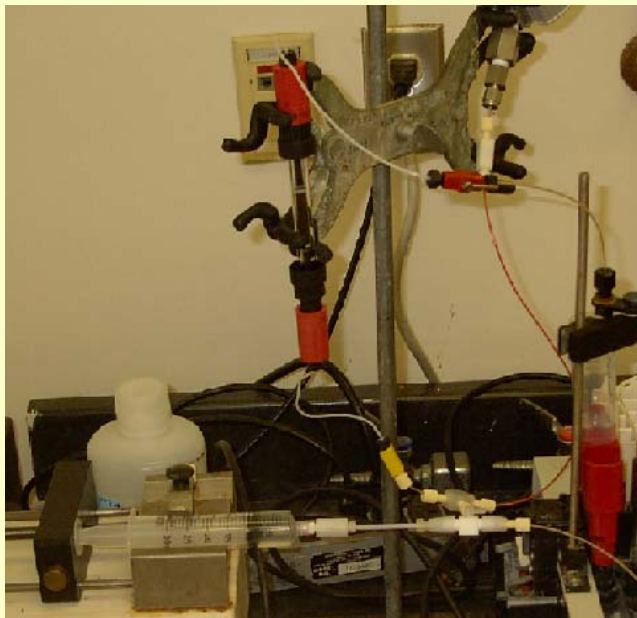


Feed solution: 100 ug/L As(V), pH 8, 0.02 M IS

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Nano-magnetite Column



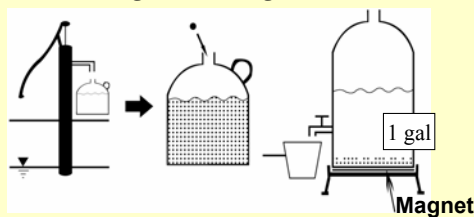
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Arsenic Removal with Magnetite NPs

Material	Sorbent (kg)/ month	1 gram treats _____ L water	Waste to dispose of kg (1 yr) ³	Backwash Frequency (day)	Efficiency ¹
Alumina + Metal Oxide	0.24	3.8	2.88 ³	14	0.003
Activated Neutralized Red Mud [As(III)]	360.7	0.002	4328.1 ³	Periodic	(0.003) est.
Ion Exchange	No Removal of Toxic As(III) ³			~ 3	0.014
Nano-magnetite	0.09	10	1.1	0	(7.5 to 75)² est.

2g 11.7 nm Magnetite



- Enormous sorption capacity
- Amenable for magnetic separation
- Cost-effective (\$3 to \$6 per year per family).
- Interferences
- Implementation
- Application to other contaminants

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Lets start with some applications.

As you know, Mason and Vicki are working to develop a novel approach to remove arsenic from drinking water using magnetite nanoparticles that are not only superior sorbents with minimal bleed-off potential, but are also amenable for magnetic separation.

This could therefore result in a cost-effective treatment system that could be used at the household-level to alleviate arsenic poisoning in many areas of the world that. Clorox who makes Britta filters has shown a lot of interest.

Conclusions

- Sulfate, organic matter, silica, bicarbonate have intermediate to large effect on adsorption
- Ca, Mg, K, Trace Metals have little to insignificant effect on adsorption
- Arsenic concentration $< 10\mu\text{g/L}$ in a minute by adding iron salts and magnetite nanoparticles
- Successful field test
- Inhibition of arsenic removal and iron oxide formation in the presence of citrate

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Functionalized Nanoporous Ceramic Sorbents for Removal of Mercury & other Contaminants

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Functionalized Ceramic Nanoporous Sorbents

1. Introduction

2. Nanoporous Sorbents

Substrate Synthesis

Monolayer Functionalization process (SAMMS)

Host design for molecular recognition

3. Performance – SAMMS (Self Assembled Monolayers on Mesoporous Supports)

thiol SAMMS

Cu-EDA SAMMS

HOPO SAMMS

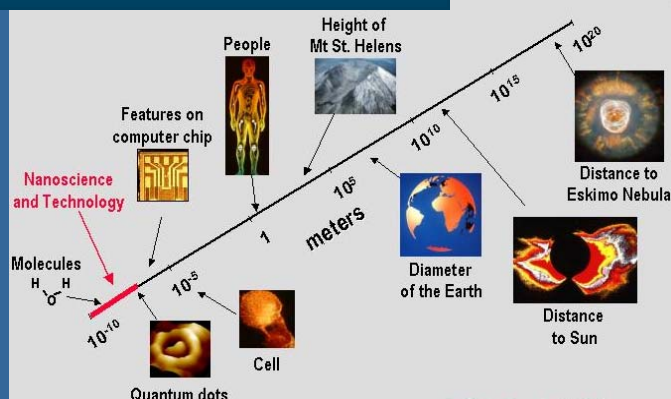
4. Treatment costs & waste form stability

5. Potential Applications & Commercialization



Nanoscience & Technology

	Nanoparticles	Nanoporous Materials
Surface Area (m ² /g)	10 - 100	600 - 1000
Pore Size (nm)	--	2 - 40
Particle Size (nm)	<100	$5 \times 10^3 - 2 \times 10^5$



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Why Nanoporous Sorbents?

Technology Need

ppb – ppt treatment levels

Large surface area - controlled pore size

Dense packed functionality

High contaminant loading

Enhanced adsorption kinetics

Particle size: 5 – 120 μm

Silt and sand size material (non toxic)

Easier to fabricate engineered forms
(vs nanoparticles)

Silica based substrate

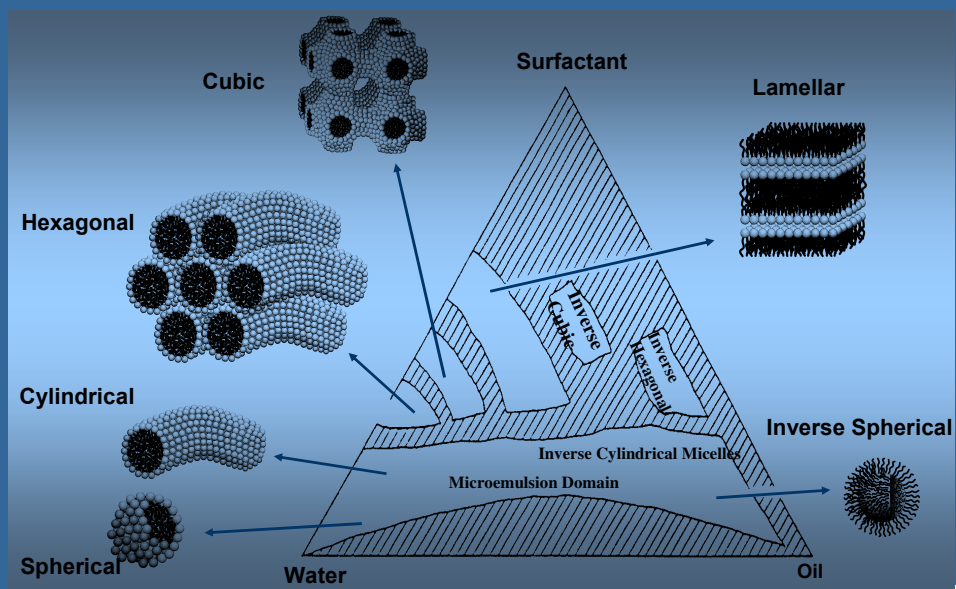
Inexpensive to produce

Environmentally compatible & stable

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Surfactant-Oil-Water Phase Diagram: Template for Nanoporous Silica Substrate Synthesis

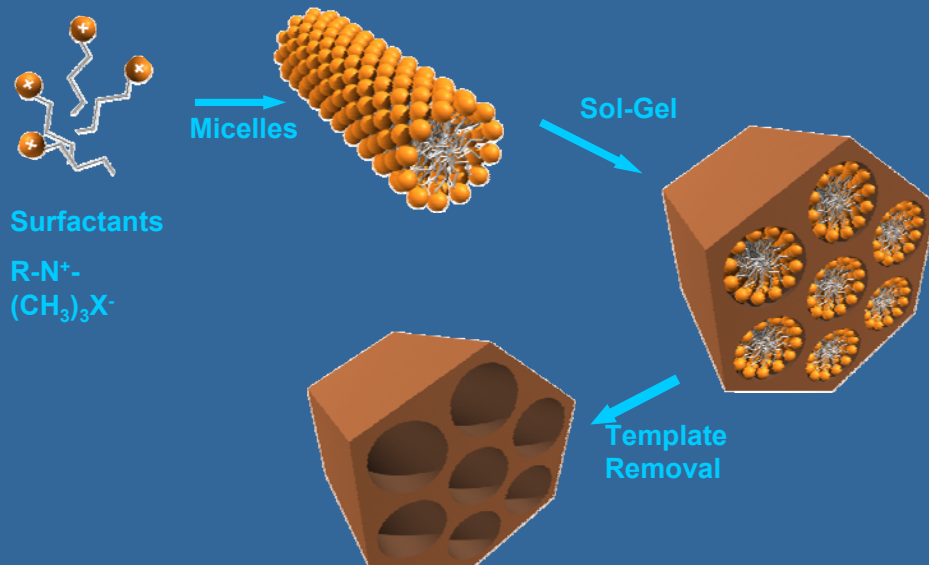


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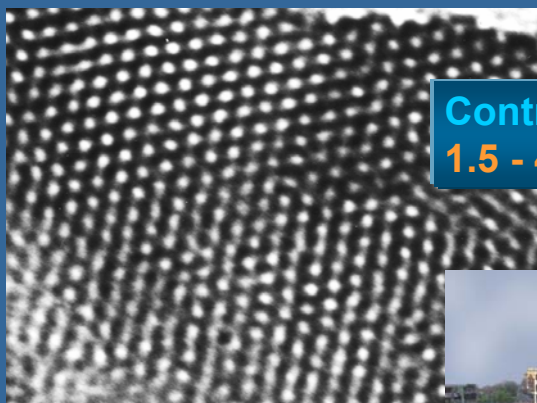
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Nanoporous Ceramic Substrate Synthesis





Nanoporous Ceramic Substrate



Controlled pore channels
1.5 - 40 nm

Large surface area
~600 - 1000 m²/g



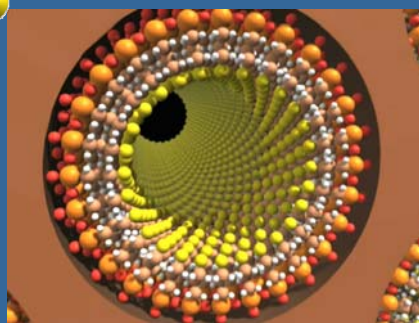
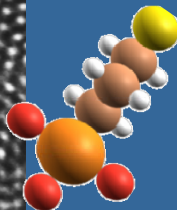
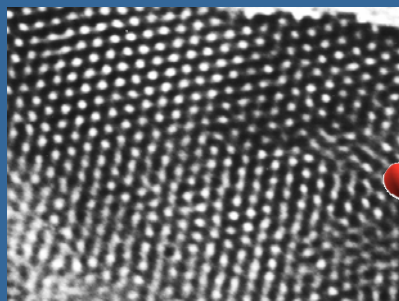
~5 - 9 grams

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SAMMS –Self Assembled Monolayers on Mesoporous Silica



The novel hybrid material (SAMMS)
- formed by attaching highly
organized functional molecules to
ordered nanoporous supports

US Patents # 6326326, 6531224
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Cu-FC-EDA

3.2 HOPO

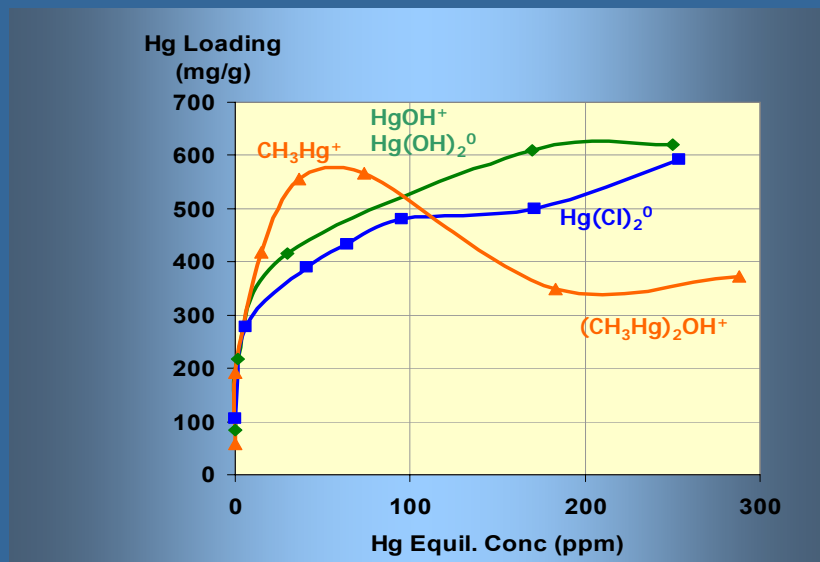
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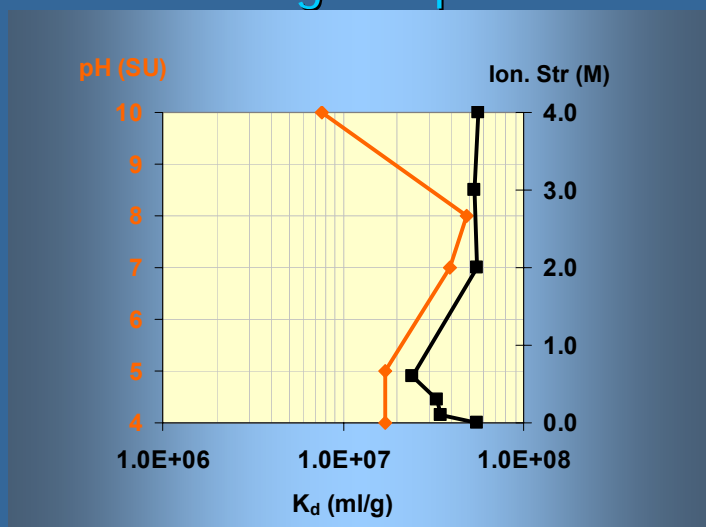


Thiol-SAMMS™ Adsorption of Hg Species



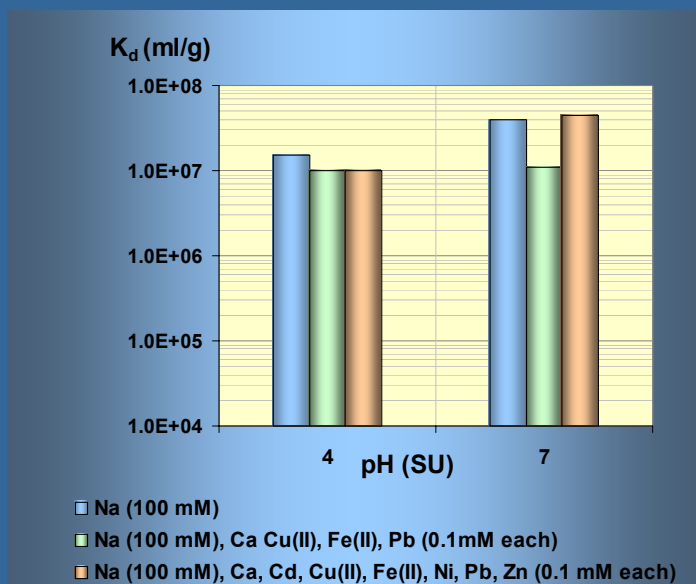


SAMMS™ - Hg Adsorption Ionic Strength & pH Effects



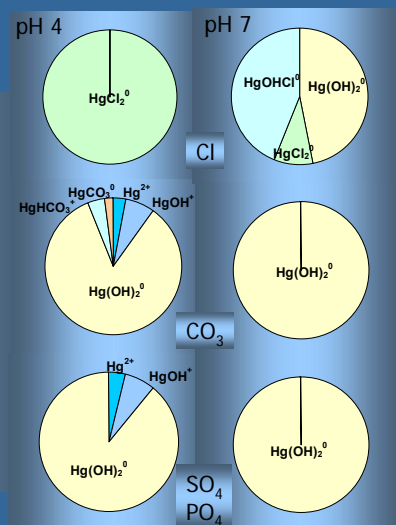
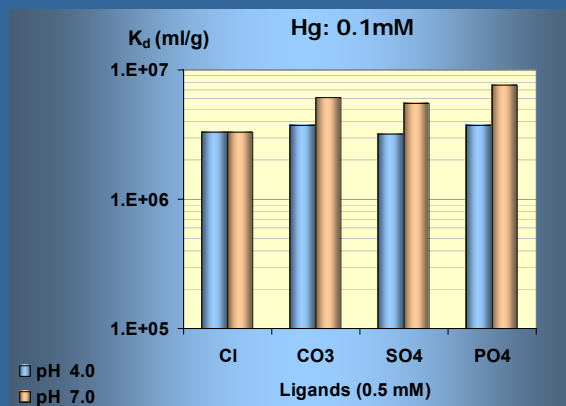


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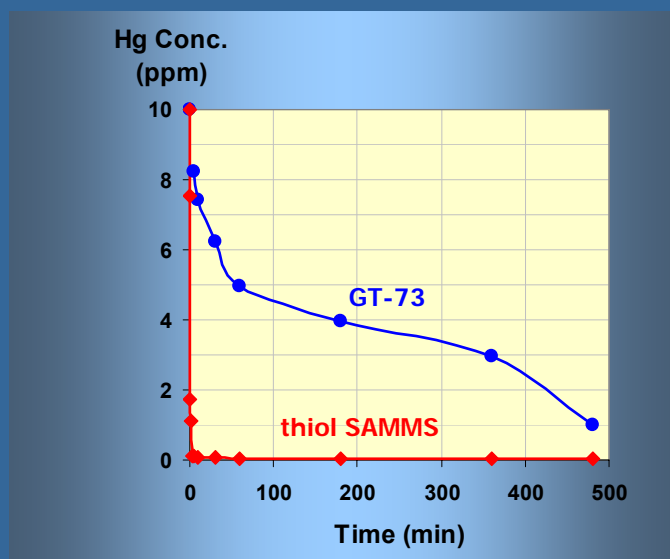


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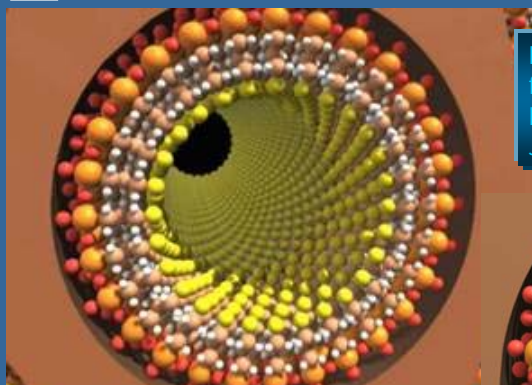


Thiol SAMMS™ - Hg Adsorption Kinetics





Bonding Mechanism: thiol – Hg^{2+} Ion

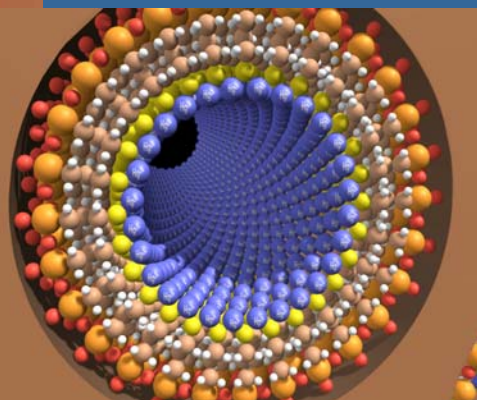


A graphic of self-assembled monolayer within the nanopores of the silica substrate. The monolayer consists of tris-methoxy mercaptopropylsilane molecules crosslinked and anchored into the pore surface. The yellow spheres represent the thiol functionality.

Bidentate bonding of Hg to thiol functionalities

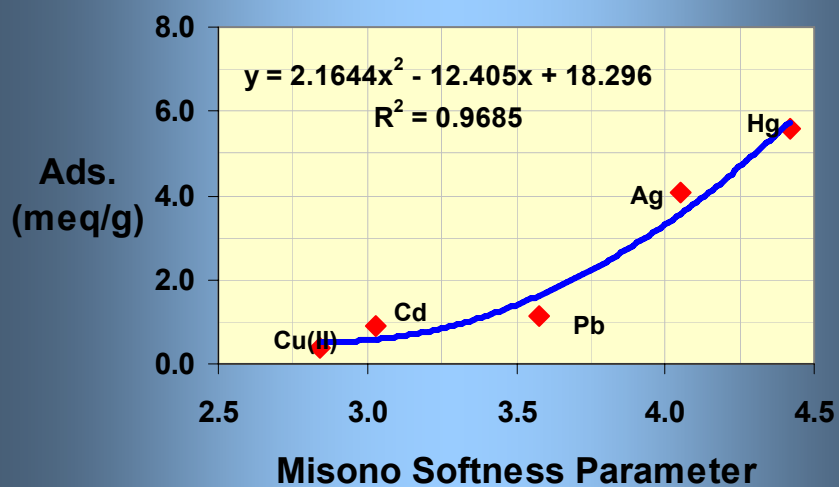
Bond Length: 2.39 – 2.41 Å

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Adsorption vs MSP - thiol SAMMS



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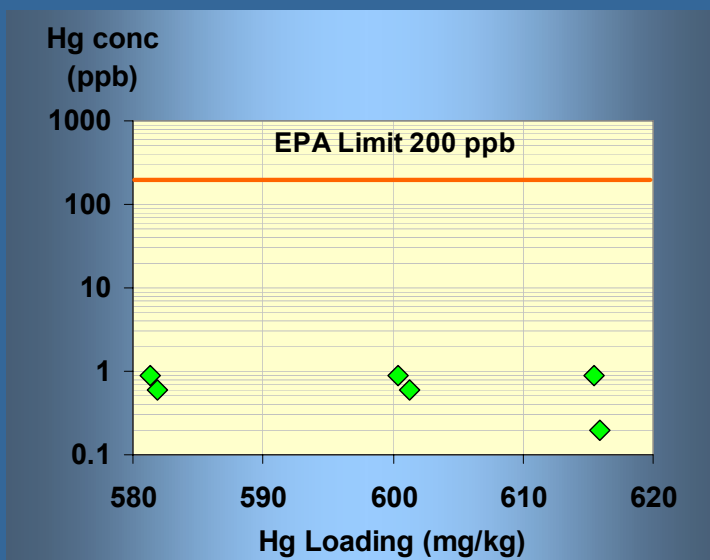
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Thiol-SAMMS – Waste Form Stability TCLP Test



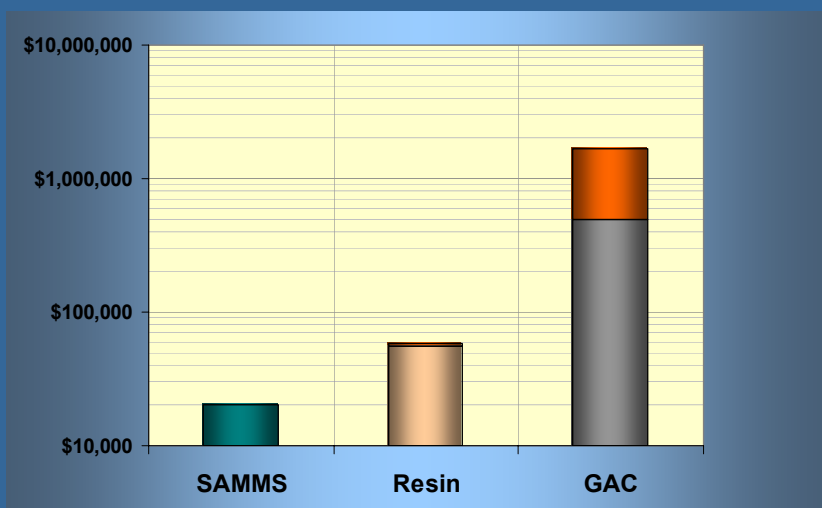
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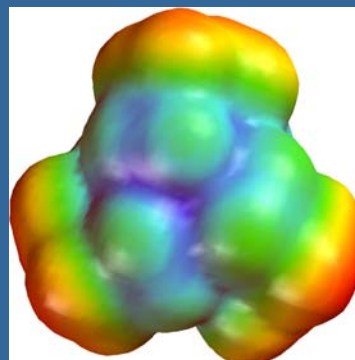
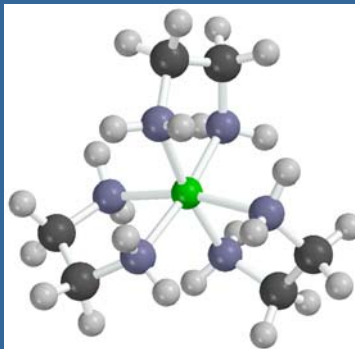
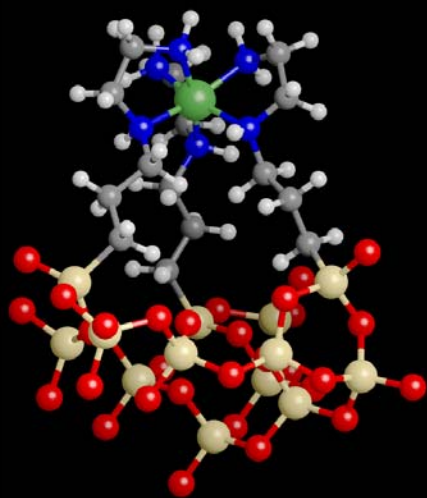
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Mercury Removal Preliminary Cost Comparison



CuEDA - SAMMS

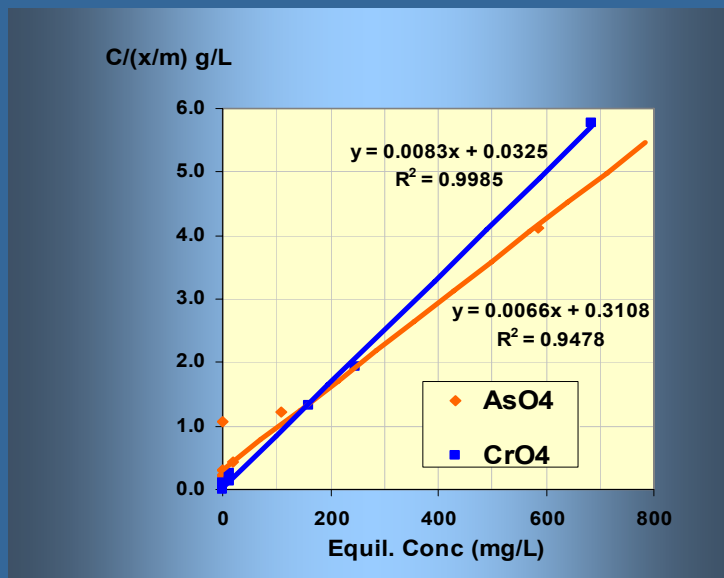


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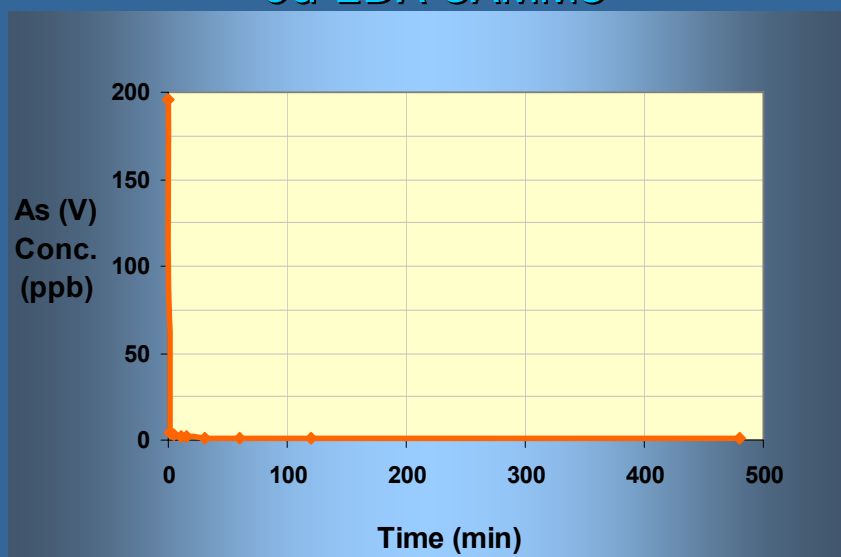


Adsorption - CrO_4 & AsO_4 CuEDA-SAMMS





Arsenic (V) Adsorption Kinetics Cu EDA SAMMS



Bonding Mechanism: CuEDA - MO_4^- Ion

Cu Coordination:
Octahedral

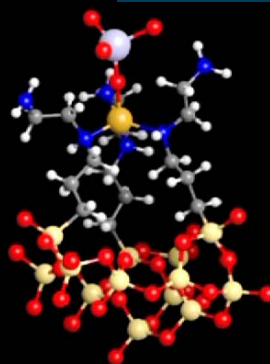
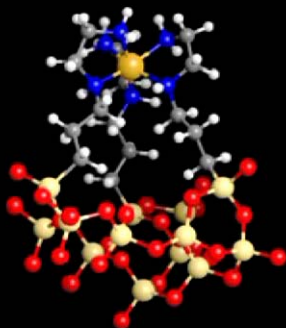
Cu(EDA) Complex
Log $K_{1,2,3}$ 10.75
9.28
-1.00



Cu coordination:
trigonal bipyramid

As-O bond 1.71 Å

Kelly et al. 2001. *Phy. Chem B*, 27: 6337-63



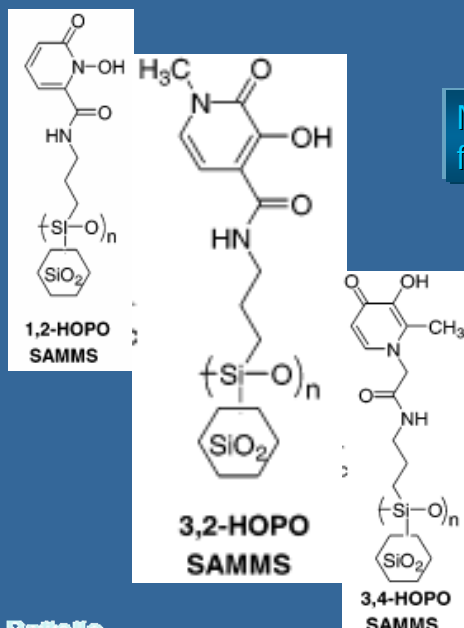
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Actinide Binding SAMMS



Need for actinide separation from nuclear wastes

Hydroxypyridonates (HOPO) - selectively bind actinides

HOPO SAMMS – superior class of actinide sorbents

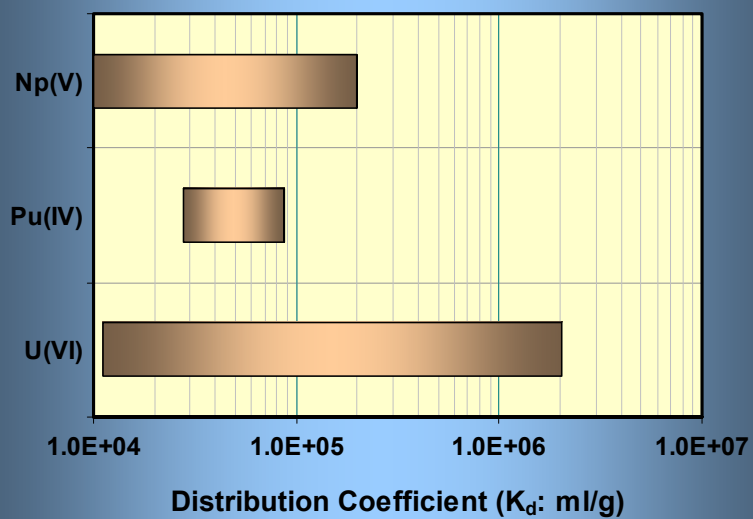
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Actinide Adsorption : 3,2-HOPO SAMMS



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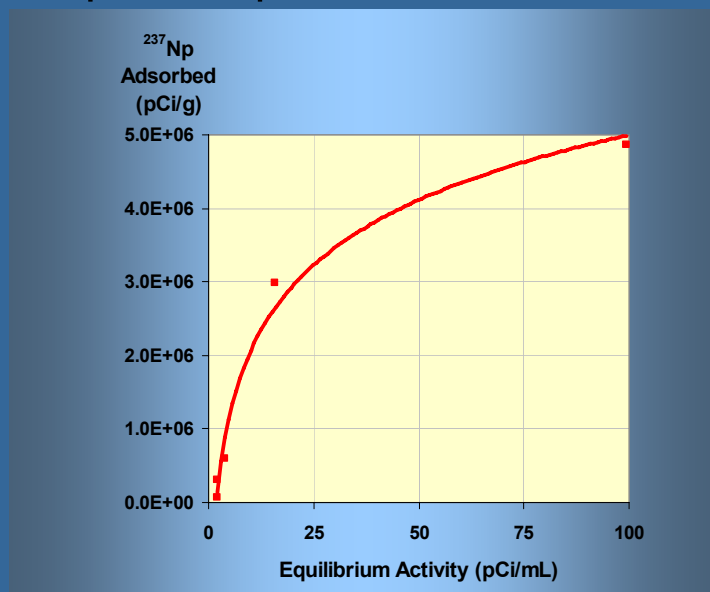
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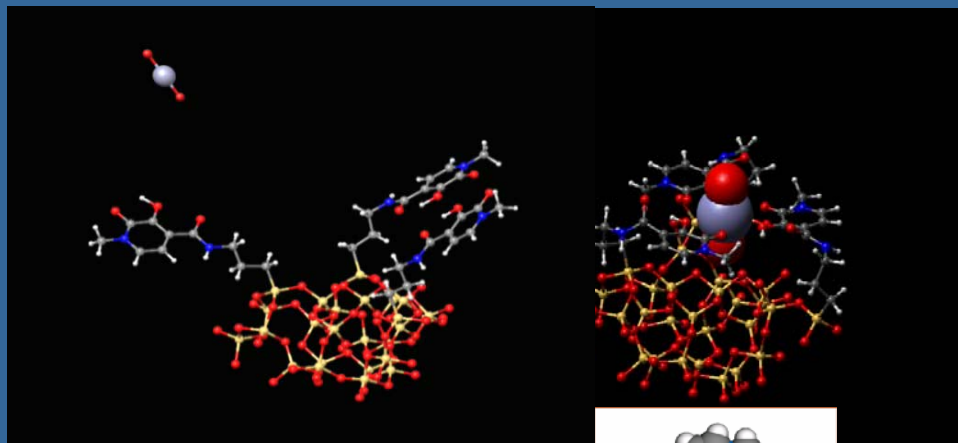


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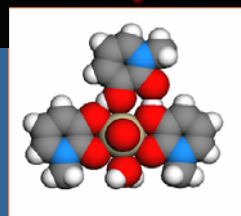
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Molecular Model - HOPO SAMMS binding NpO_2^+



Vorpapel 2004
LANL2ZP ECP Basis Set Modeling



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SAMMS™ Performance Summary

Adsorption not affected
Macro/trace cations, anions, Organics

pH Range ~3 – 13 SU

Loading ~ 40 – 600 mg/g
Fast Kinetics ~99.9% - 5 min

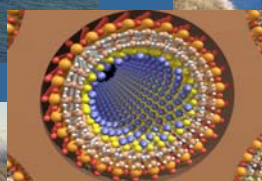
Very High Specificity
 $K_d \sim 10^3 - 10^8$ ml/g

Highly Stable Waste Form
Low disposal cost

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SAMMS – Applications



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SAMMS™ Commercialization

SES Steward Environmental Solutions



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50 L Batch Production –
Green Chemistry
*Thiol functionalization using
supercritical CO₂*

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SAMMS™ Commercialization

Engineered Forms

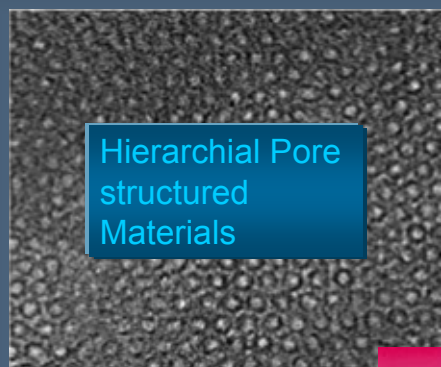
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Natural Gas
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Crude Oil

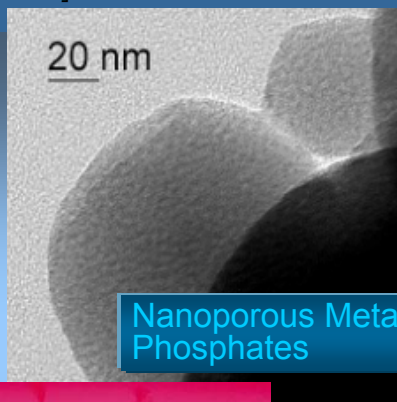




Next Generation Nanoporous Materials



Hierarchical Pore
structured
Materials



Nanoporous Metal
Phosphates

Targeted Applications


Flue gas Hg removal
Precious metal recovery
Sensors



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