

Supplementary material

Zinc(II) adsorption by low-carbon shungite: The effect of pH

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Characterization of Taurit (low carbon shungite)

The elemental composition of the Taurit sample used was determined by X-ray fluorescence analysis (RFA determination, Spectro XEPOS, Spectro Analytical Instruments GmbH & Co. KG, Kleve, Germany). 1 g CEREOX® Licowax C micropowder wax binder (FLUXANA GmbH & Co. KG, Bedburg-Hau, Germany) was mixed with 4 g Taurit. The mixture was pressed to a 32 mm pellet with a hydraulic press (SPECAC Ltd., Orpington, England), and analyzed. All determinations were performed by triplicate. Table S1 shows chemical characteristics of the Taurit used.

Table S1. Results of the chemical characterization of the Taurit used. Average values for 3 replicates, with coefficients of variation always < 5%.

| Element | Na | Mg | Al | Si | P | S | Cl |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Value (%) | 0.27 | 0.59 | 6.0 | 33 | 0.081 | 0.013 | 0.003 |
| Element | K | Ca | Ti | V | Cr | Mn | Fe |
| Value (%) | 2.1 | 0.47 | 0.42 | 0.16 | 0.018 | 0.031 | 4.1 |
| Element | Co | Ni | Cu | Zn | Ga | Ge | As |
| Value (%) | 0.006 | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.023 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.003 |
| Element | Se | Br | Rb | Sr | Y | Zr | Nb |
| Value (%) | 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.013 | 0.022 | 0.005 | < 0.050 | 0.002 |
| Element | Mo | Ag | Cd | In | Sn | Sb | Te |
| Value (%) | 0.002 | < 0.005 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 |
| Element | I | Cs | Ba | La | Ce | Hf | Ta |
| Value (%) | < 0.003 | < 0.005 | 0.075 | < 0.009 | < 0.012 | 0.001 | 0.005 |
| Element | W | Hg | Tl | Pb | Bi | Th | U |
| Value (%) | 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.005 | < 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.001 |