

## COPPER AND ZINC DESORPTION FROM SOME IRAQI MARSH SOILS

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### ABSTRACT

A laboratory experiment was conducted to study the effect of ionic strength (0.01 and 0.1 M), solution temperature (15 and 30°C) and shaking time (1, 24, and 96 hours) on copper and zinc desorption from five Iraqi soil samples. Results indicated that copper and zinc desorption was increased with increasing time and temperature, while their desorption was decreased with increasing ionic strength. Results proved the suitability of first order equation and power function equation for copper and zinc desorption from some Iraqi soil samples.

### INTRODUCTION

Heavy metals are important environmental pollutants threatening the health of human populations and natural ecosystem. Like other inorganic and organic contaminants, the fate of heavy metals in the environment is largely controlled by adsorption and desorption reactions with soil materials (Guzman, *et al.*, 2003).

The three main active soil materials constituents, soil minerals, metal oxides, and organic matter, are important sorbents of heavy metals owing primarily to their cation-exchange capacity (CEC) and their ability to form inner-sphere complexes through surface reactive groups, such as carboxylic and hydroxyl groups (Weng, 2001).

Soil properties affecting on heavy metals exchange between soil and solid phase such as pH, organic matter (Gu, *et al.*, 1994), and ionic strength (Sparks, 1992). The effect of temperature on heavy metals reaction is well known and important in understanding reaction mechanisms. Savant Arrhenius noted that for most reactions, the increase in rate with increasing temperature is nonlinear. El-Khatib *et al.* (El-khatib *et al.*, 1988) tested Pb-sorption kinetics on three soils and they found the exchange between soil and solution increased with increasing temperature. The objective of this study is to indicate the effect of ionic strength and temperature on copper and zinc desorption from some Iraqi marsh soil samples at several times by using kinetics models.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Soil samples (0-15 cm) were collected from five different locations of southern part of Iraqi marshes (AlChabayesh, Um-Al-Naahaj, Al-Maymouna, Hor Al-Hammar, and Um-Al-Ward).

The characteristics of soil samples which are obtained by routine procedures (Black, 1965; Jackson, 1985; Muller, 1979) are given in Table (1). Readily available copper and zinc was extracted by DTPA solution according to the methods of Norvll and Lindsay (1979) which described in Page *et al.* (1985).

**Table (1): Physio - chemical characteristics of some Iraqi marsh soil samples.**

Soil Samples	pH 1:1	E.Ce dSm <sup>-1</sup>	O.M gkg <sup>-1</sup>	CaCO <sub>3</sub> gKg <sup>-1</sup>	Soil particles gkg <sup>-1</sup>			Soil samples texture
					sand	silt	clay	
AlChabayesh	8.3	2.45	15.50	86.9	95.2	512	392.0	Clayey silt
Um-Al-Naahaj	7.4	2.68	22.45	91.3	38.8	240	721.2	Silty clay
Al-Maymouna	7.5	2.44	17.27	75.3	261.6	96	644.2	Sandy clay
Hor Al-Hammar	7.5	2.16	19.00	66.5	395.6	128	476.4	Silty clay
Um-Al-Ward	7.3	2.87	15.50	95.5	170.4	96	733.6	Sandy clay

Desorption of copper and zinc was studied by using 5.0 gm of air dried soil samples with 50 ml of each solution, (0.01 and 0.1M NaCl), with two temperature degree of solution (15 and 30 °C) in, polypropylene centrifuge tubes and equilibrated the suspension for one for 1; 24; and 96 hrs. after equilibration, zinc and copper concentration were determined by using atomic absorption spectrophotometer (SP9).

Copper and zinc desorption was described by using two types of kinetics model, chemical assumption (First order equation) and empirical equation (Power Function equations) which described in Sparks (1992).

SPSS program was used for results analysis.

**First Order Equation**

$$\text{Rate} = -dC/dt = Kd(Cu_0 - Cu_t) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Rearranging the equation

$$\frac{dCu_0}{(Cu_0 - Cu_t)} = Kd dt \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Taking the natural log of both side of eq (2) one obtains:-

$$\ln (Cu_0 - Cu_t) = \ln Cu_0 - K_d t \quad \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

$Cu_0$ = Copper concentration at equilibrium (mg/kg)

$Cu_t$  = Copper desorbed after (t) time (mg/kg)

T= time (hours)

$K_d$ = Copper desorption coefficient (1/hr.)

### Power Function Equation

$$Cu_t = Cu_0 t^{k_d} \quad \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Taking the natural log of both sides of eq. (4) One obtains-

$$\ln Cu_t = \ln Cu_0 + K_d \ln t$$

By plotting  $\ln Cu_t$  vs.  $\ln t$ , a linear relationship is obtained and one can determined  $K_d$  from the slope and  $\ln Cu_0$  from the intercept.

The same equations were used for proving zinc desorption from the studied marshes soil samples.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results listed in Table (2) shows the concentration of copper and zinc extracted with DTPA solution. Copper concentration was higher than zinc concentration in the studied marshes locations. These values mean copper and zinc are found incorporated in clay minerals and organic matter and may be desorbed to water (Masond, 2005). Al-Manssory *et al.* (2004) found that the concentration( $mg.kg^{-1}$ ) of copper and zinc in the surface sediments of five station along 17km of northern part of Shatt Al-Arab River during 1997-1998 were as, Cu(19.38to 39.22), and Zn(11.07 to 131.79), and they remembered that sediment were moderately polluted with these heavy metals.

**Table (2): Copper and zinc concentrations for some Iraqi marsh soil samples extracted with DTPA solution ( $mg.kg^{-1}$ ).**

Soil samples	Copper	Zinc
Al-Chabayesh	1.58	0.85
Um-Al-Naahaj	4.38	1.42
Al-Maymouna	2.88	1.53
Hor Al-Hammar	1.46	0.64
Um-Al-Ward	2.44	0.90

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From the results of Tables (3 and 4), which indicate copper and zinc desorption from Al-Chabayesh, Um-Al-Naahaj, Al-Maymouna, Hor Al-Hammar, and Um-Al-Ward soil samples with, highest level of copper and zinc desorption at 96 hrs. equal to (36.03, 27.25, 27.78, 34.08 and 24.58)% of Cu-DTPA, and (21.25, 56.81, 65.28, 47.58, and 74.78)% of Zn-DTPA respectively, that's mean the studied soil samples, have the ability to desorbed copper and zinc to solution phase (water) with the time and polluted it with heavy metals.

Locations appeared a significant effect on copper and zinc desorption, and they take the following order for Cu-desorption: (Um-Al-Naahaj > Al-Maymouna > Um-Al-Ward > Al-Chabayesh > Hor Al-Hammar) and (Al-Maymouna > Um-Al-Naahaj > Um-Al-Ward > Al-Chabayesh > Hor Al-Hammar) for Zn-desorption, this may be due to the physical and chemical properties of studied soil samples. Results in Table (5) indicate the correlation coefficient between soil properties and copper and zinc desorbed from the studied soils, which appear the effects of clay content and soil organic matter on the amount of copper and zinc desorbed from some Iraqi marsh soil samples. While ionic strength and solution temperature did not appear a significant effects on copper and zinc desorption.

Results of zinc and copper desorption from the studied marshes soil samples indicate a high simple regression coefficients (R) were obtained by using these equations for all the treatments employed in present study (Ionic strength, temperature degree) and for both heavy metals (copper and zinc). Muller (1979) showed that heavy metals found in solid phase as carbonate or chelates with organic matter, which may be released to liquid phase by changing the environmental factors such as salinity or pH, organic acids, and the distribution coefficients of copper and zinc was changed with changing of environment factors.

**Table (3): Effect of ionic strength, temperature, time of extraction on copper desorption from some Iraqi marsh soil samples**

Sediments locations	Ionic Strength ( $M.L^{-1}$ )	Temp. ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Cu-desorbed ( $mg.kg^{-1}$ )		
			1hr	24hrs.	96hrs.
Al-Chabayesh	0.01	15	0.217	0.325	0.542
		30	0.235	0.420	0.655
	0.1	15	0.195	0.280	0.475
		30	0.210	0.395	0.605
Um-Al-Naahaj	0.01	15	0.420	0.800	1.220
		30	0.465	0.885	1.350
	0.1	15	0.380	0.645	1.025
		30	0.420	0.760	1.180
Al-Maymouna	0.01	15	0.285	0.525	0.810
		30	0.320	0.600	0.920
	0.1	15	0.240	0.425	0.665
		30	0.280	0.525	0.805
Hor Al-Hammar	0.01	15	0.180	0.320	0.500
		30	0.210	0.385	0.595
	0.1	15	0.150	0.260	0.410
		30	0.175	0.310	0.485
Um Al-Ward	0.01	15	0.217	0.397	0.614
		30	0.240	0.450	0.690
	0.1	15	0.180	0.320	0.500
		30	0.210	0.395	0.605

**Table (4): Effect of ionic strength, temperature, time of extraction on zinc desorption from some Iraqi marsh soil samples**

Sediments locations	Ionic Strength ( $M.L^{-1}$ )	Temp. ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Zn-desorbed ( $mg.kg^{-1}$ )		
			1hr	24hrs.	96hrs.
Al-Chabayesh	0.01	15	0.146	0.219	0.365
		30	0.220	0.380	0.600
	0.1	15	0.130	0.195	0.325
		30	0.148	0.270	0.418
Um-Al-Naahaj	0.01	15	0.292	0.509	0.801
		30	0.318	0.558	0.876
	0.1	15	0.276	0.458	0.734
		30	0.298	0.518	0.816
Al-Maymouna	0.01	15	0.340	0.632	0.972
		30	0.370	0.698	1.068
	0.1	15	0.320	0.605	0.925
		30	0.365	0.665	1.030
Hor Al-Hammar	0.01	15	0.120	0.185	0.305
		30	0.146	0.219	0.365
	0.1	15	0.100	0.148	0.248
		30	0.120	0.180	0.300
Um Al-Ward	0.01	15	0.240	0.438	0.678
		30	0.260	0.480	0.740
	0.1	15	0.222	0.402	0.624
		30	0.230	0.420	0.650

**Table (5): Correlation coefficient values between soil properties and copper and zinc desorbed from some Iraqi marsh soil samples.**

Metal desorbed	Correlation coefficient( r)						
	pH	E.C	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	O.M	Sand	Silt	Clay
Cu-desorbed	-0.335	0.392	-0.365	0.907*	-0.609	-0.046	0.887*
Zn-desorbed	-0.434	0.481	-0.542	0.932*	-0.334	-0.138	0.902*

**Table (6): First order equation for Copper desorption form some Iraqi Marshes soil samples**

Soil samples	First Order Equation-Copper	R
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -0.298 - 0.00305 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.991</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = 1.359 - 0.00215 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.979</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = 0.938 - 0.00221 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.978</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = 0.229 - 0.00286 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.984</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = 0.800 - 0.00232 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.991</b>
<b>At 0.01 mM.I<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = 0.290 - 0.00327 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.993</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = 1.353 - 0.0024 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.971</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = 0.927 - 0.00243 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.977</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = 0.213 - 0.00326 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.983</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = 0.772 - 0.00199 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.929</b>
<b>At 0.01 mM.I<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = 0.307 - 0.00284 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.991</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = 1.368 - 0.00194 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.983</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = 0.943 - 0.00193 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.984</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = 0.245 - 0.00248 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.986</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = 0.804 - 0.00170 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.977</b>
<b>At 0.01 mM.I<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = 0.315 - 0.00258 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.998</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = 1.366 - 0.00199 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.981</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = 0.947 - 0.00199 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.981</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = 0.243 - 0.00254 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.985</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = 0.788 - 0.00161 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.916</b>
<b>At 0.01 mM.I<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = 0.281 - 0.00355 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.982</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = 1.352 - 0.00232 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.977</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = 0.928 - 0.00243 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.976</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = 0.216 - 0.00319 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.984</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = 0.787 - 0.00206 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.976</b>

Where Y = Ln Copper desorption value

**Table (7): First order equation for zinc desorption form some Iraqi marshes soil samples.**

Soil samples	First Order Equation-Zinc	R
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
<b>Al_Chabayesh</b>	$Y = -0.389 - 0.00499 \ln \text{time}$	0.993
<b>Um-Al-Naahaj</b>	$Y = 0.0953 - 0.00619 \ln \text{time}$	0.994
<b>Al-Maymouna</b>	$Y = 0.126 - 0.00804 \ln \text{time}$	0.990
<b>Hor Al-Hammar</b>	$Y = -0.663 - 0.00448 \ln \text{time}$	0.999
<b>Um Al-Ward</b>	$Y = -0.433 - 0.0111 \ln \text{time}$	0.993
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
<b>Al_Chabayesh</b>	$Y = -0.361 - 0.00654 \ln \text{time}$	0.991
<b>Um-Al-Naahaj</b>	$Y = 0.0943 - 0.0079 \ln \text{time}$	0.998
<b>Al-Maymouna</b>	$Y = 0.121 - 0.00843 \ln \text{time}$	0.991
<b>Hor Al-Hammar</b>	$Y = -0.758 - 0.00438 \ln \text{time}$	0.988
<b>Um Al-Ward</b>	$Y = -0.461 - 0.0126 \ln \text{time}$	0.997
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
<b>Al_Chabayesh</b>	$Y = -0.368 - 0.00302 \ln \text{time}$	0.973
<b>Um-Al-Naahaj</b>	$Y = -0.1030 - 0.00573 \ln \text{time}$	0.994
<b>Al-Maymouna</b>	$Y = 0.133 - 0.00772 \ln \text{time}$	0.991
<b>Hor Al-Hammar</b>	$Y = -0.639 - 0.00384 \ln \text{time}$	0.999
<b>Um Al-Ward</b>	$Y = -0.428 - 0.00960 \ln \text{time}$	0.994
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
<b>Al_Chabayesh</b>	$Y = -0.345 - 0.00355 \ln \text{time}$	0.998
<b>Um-Al-Naahaj</b>	$Y = -0.106 - 0.00563 \ln \text{time}$	0.993
<b>Al-Maymouna</b>	$Y = 0.215 - 0.00139 \ln \text{time}$	0.999
<b>Hor Al-Hammar</b>	$Y = -0.719 - 0.00425 \ln \text{time}$	0.998
<b>Um Al-Ward</b>	$Y = -0.435 - 0.0101 \ln \text{time}$	0.995
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
<b>Al_Chabayesh</b>	$Y = -0.424 - 0.00773 \ln \text{time}$	0.991
<b>Um-Al-Naahaj</b>	$Y = 0.08025 - 0.00673 \ln \text{time}$	0.993
<b>Al-Maymouna</b>	$Y = 0.112 - 0.00895 \ln \text{time}$	0.992
<b>Hor Al-Hammar</b>	$Y = 0.764 - 0.00583 \ln \text{time}$	0.999
<b>Um Al-Ward</b>	$Y = -0.455 - 0.0119 \ln \text{time}$	0.996

Where Y = Ln Zinc desorption value

Table (8): Power Function equation for Copper desorption form some Iraqi marshes soil samples.

Soil samples	Power Function Equation-Copper	R
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.576 + 0.20 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.979</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -0.888 + 0.222 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.292 + 0.223 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -1.747 + 0.217 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.989</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -0.269 - 0.104 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.628</b>
<b>At 0.01 mM.L<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.521 + 0.204 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.979</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -0.833 + 0.228 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.995</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.217 + 0.224 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.993</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -1.659 + 0.220 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.991</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.496 + 0.223 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.993</b>
<b>At 0.1mM.L<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.628 + 0.205 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.980</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -0.943 + 0.214 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.988</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.370 + 0.221 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -1.842 + 0.214 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.987</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.658 + 0.222 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>
<b>At 15 °C</b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.627 + 0.185 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.952</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -0.941 + 0.219 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.990</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -0.228 - 0.0062 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.477</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -1.829 + 0.215 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.987</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.642 + 0.219 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.990</b>
<b>At 30 °C</b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.524 + 0.221 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = 0.0822 + 0.0352 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.382</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.224 + 0.226 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.994</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -1.673 + 0.219 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.990</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.512 + 0.226 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.994</b>

Where Y = Ln Copper desorption value

**Table (9): Power Function equation for zinc desorption form some Iraqi marshes soil samples**

Soil Samples	Power Function Equation-zinc	R
<b>For all ionic strength( I) and temperature</b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.849 + 0.20 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.977</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -1.246 + 0.211 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.985</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.077 + 0.224 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.991</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -1.886 + 0.265 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.690</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.458 - 0.221 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>
<b>At 0.01 mM.L<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.733 + 0.202 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.977</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -1.215 + 0.213 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.987</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.057 + 0.225 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.994</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -2.060 + 0.190 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.962</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.409 + 0.222 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>
<b>At 0.1mM.L<sup>-1</sup></b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.645 + 0.116 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.861</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -1.279 + 0.209 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.983</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.092 + 0.223 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.993</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -2.252 + 0.187 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.957</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.511 + 0.220 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.991</b>
<b>At 15 °C</b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -2.026 + 0.188 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.959</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -1.290 + 0.209 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.984</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.130 + 0.226 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.994</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -2.252 + 0.190 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.959</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.489 + 0.220 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.991</b>
<b>At 30 °C</b>		
Al_Chabayesh	$Y = -1.720 + 0.215 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.988</b>
Um-Al-Naahaj	$Y = -1.206 + 0.214 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.987</b>
Al-Maymouna	$Y = -1.008 + 0.206 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.999</b>
Hor Al-Hammar	$Y = -2.062 + 0.188 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.957</b>
Um Al-Ward	$Y = -1.429 + 0.222 \ln \text{ time}$	<b>0.992</b>

Where Y = Ln zinc desorption value

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