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COMBINING SELECTIVE SEQUENTIAL EXTRACTIONS AND X-RAY ADSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY FOR Cu SPECIATION IN SPOLIC TECHNOSOLS

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Technogenic emissions, fertilizers, pesticides, industrial and communal general wastes, containing heavy metals







Adsorption isotherms of Cu by Haplic Chernozem at the application of chlorides (1), nitrates (2), acetates (3) and sulphates (4) of metal

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The isotherms of the Cu adsorption from acetate and nitrate solutions are very good described by the Langmuir equation:

 $S_{ads} = S_{max} \cdot kC/(1 + kC),$ 

 $S_{ads}$  - the content of the adsorbed cations;

 $S_{max}$  - the maximum adsorption of the HM, mmol/100 g of soil;

*k* - the constant of the affinity;

C - the HM concentration in the equilibrium solution, mmol/L.

Linearized form of Langmuir equation:

 $1/S_{ads} = 1/S_{max} + 1/S_{max} \cdot kC$ 

Nitrate			Acetate		
S <sub>max,</sub> mmol/100 g	k	R <sup>2</sup>	S <sub>max,</sub> mmol/100 г	k	R <sup>2</sup>
<b>1.3±0.1</b>	93.7±20.7	0,94	<b>1.2±0.1</b>	159.2±0.6	0.82



Loosely bound metal compounds are particularly important from the ecological point of view, because these compounds can be consumed by plants and migrate into adjacent media.

#### **METAL TRANSFORMATION IN SOIL**



Metals distribution between the pools of the firmly bound and loosely bound compounds are controlled by complex of transformation processes. Predominance of one or another heavy metal compounds depends on soil composition and properties, and also from other natural and anthropogenic factors.

## Sequential extractions by Tessier's method (Tessier, Campbell, Bisson1979)

FRACTION	EXTRACTANT	Soil:solution ratio	Extraction conditions
Exchangeable	1M MgCl <sub>2</sub> , pH 7.0	1:8	The sample with extractant was shaken for 1 h at room temperature
Bound to carbonates	1M NaCH <sub>3</sub> COO, pH 5.0 (with CH <sub>3</sub> COOH)	1:8	The residue from the previous fraction with extractant was shaken for 5 h at room temperature
Bound to Fe- Mn oxides	0.04M NH <sub>2</sub> OH·HCI in 25% CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	1:20	The residue from the previous fraction digested 5 h with extractant by heating at 96 ± 3 °C under intermittent agitation
Bound to organic matter	0.02M HNO <sub>3</sub> + 30% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , pH 2.0 (with HNO <sub>3</sub> ), then 3.2M NH <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> COO in 20% HNO <sub>3</sub>	1:20	The residue from the previous fraction digested 5 h with extractant by heating at 85±2 °C under intermittent agitation
Residual	HF+HCIO <sub>4</sub> , then HNO <sub>3</sub> conc	1:25	Evaporation

#### SPOLIC TECHNOSOLS

Artificial pollution in a model experiment



- The territory of sludge collectors of chemical plants in the Severskii Donets floodplain in Rostov oblast, South of Russia



Karabash copper smelter, Southern Urals, Russia







	27 24 27 27 40	24 <sup>3</sup> 8 31 34	46 37 38 2	18 44 29 17 <sup>2</sup>
	Artificial pollution in a model experiment 2000 mg/kg Cu	The territory of Novocherkassk Power Station, Russia	The sediment ponds of chemical plants in the city of Kamensk-Shakhtinskii, South of Russia	Karabash copper smelter, Southern Urals, Russia
Exchangeable	52.0±5.7	2.3±0.2	33.1±2.2	466.2±73.0
Bound to carbonates	72.7±4.1	6.0±1.4	17.1±1.5	21.3±6.7
Bound to Fe- Mn oxides	561.0±19.1	23.4±3.3	37.8±4.7	182.9±24.5
Bound to organic matter	819.0±27.6	25.2±3.8	219.0±18.4	204.5±36.0
Silicate-bound (residual)	562.9±24.7	18.3±3.1	269.8±20.9	466.2±73.0
Total (47 mg/kg*)	2067.6±48.3	72±11.8	375.0±47.7	1066.9±123.8

(\*) lithosphere clark of Cu (Vinogradov, 1957)

#### Cu speciation in Spolic Technosols

# Sequential fractionation of heavy metals by the Miller scheme (Miller et al., 1986) modified by Berti and Jacobs (1996)

Fraction	Soil : solution ratio	Extraction conditions	Extractant
Water-soluble	1:10	Shaking at room temperature for 16 h	Distilled water
Exchangeable	1:10	Shaking at room temperature for 8 h	0.5 M Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> pH 7.0
<b>Acid-soluble</b>	1:10	Shaking at room temperature for 8 h	0.44 М CH <sub>3</sub> COOH pH 2.5
Bound to Mn oxides	1:14	Shaking at room temperature for 30 min	0.1 M NH <sub>2</sub> OH·HCl + 0.01 M HNO <sub>3</sub>
Bound to organic matter	1:14	Shaking at room temperature for 24 h	0.1 M Na <sub>4</sub> P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
Bound to amorphous Fe oxides	1:14	Shaking in the dark for 4 h	0.175 M (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> + 0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Bound to crystalline Fe oxides	1:14	Placed in a boiling water bath under periodical shaking for 5 h	0.175 M (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> + 0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Connected with silicates (residual)	1:25	Evaporation	Extract of HF + HClO <sub>4</sub> from the residual fraction



A more significant increase in the content of Cu bound to amorphous Fe forms compared to that bound to crystalline Fe forms can indicate a technogenic input of the metal into the soil .  $^{12}$ 

In accordance with the suggested systematization reagents for determine of metals compounds were chosen.



#### **Extracts of metal forms**

These parallel extractants are recommended for determining of loosely bound compounds of metal in soils

The contents of firmly and loosely bound metal compounds fixed by the organic substances and nonsilicate minerals have been determined by this method. This enables to establish the polyfunctionality of soil components and their participation in metals mobilization and immobilization.



#### Relative contents of loosely and firmly bound metal compounds in Haplic Chernozem

	Loosely bound compounds (LB), % of fraction within LB				Firmly bound compounds (FB), % of fraction within the FB		
Application rate, mg/kg	on rate,		Specifically adsorbed				
	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	Complex	on carbonates	On Fe-Mn hydroxides	matter	hydroxides	silicates
Cu							
Blank	13	8	71	8	10	2	88
2000	12	40	12	36	32	24	44

Application rate, mg/kg	LB/FB, % of the total content
Blank	5/95
2000	55/45

It is establish that the larger part of the metals was firmly fixed in the soils. The LB of the Cu in the natural soil is low (5%). The FB metals are mainly caused by the fixation of silicate minerals.

Upon the soil contamination organic substances and nonsilicate minerals become the main metal adsorbents.



## The unique properties of X-ray absorption spectroscopy:

very high intensity;
spectr continuum;
polarization;
modulated beam. That allows the analysis in the polycrystalline and heterogeneous samples, for example – soils.



The experimental XANES and EXAFS spectra and X-ray diffraction measurements were performed at the Structural Materials Science beamline of the Kurchatov Center for Synchrotron Radiation (NRC "Kurchatov Institute", Moscow).



Application of this method demonstrated that the state of copper introduced in chernozem as CuO did not change after three year of incubation. After being introduced as Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> the state of copper changed very much.

# Experimental Cu K-edge XANES spectra for Chernozem and mineral phases at modification with a saturated Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution



X-ray diagnostics revealed that copper ions are incorporated in the octahedral sites of minerals

# The experimental Cu K-edge X-ray absorption spectra (XANES) of organic phase from Chernozem



#### Normalized Cu K-edge XANES spectra

#### **First derivatives of XANES spectra**

Shown that Cu<sup>2+</sup> bonded with humic materials at the expense of covalent bond and forms octahedral inner-sphere chelate complexes.

## X-ray diffraction analysis (XRD)



XRD patterns for the original soil samples and the mineral phases, and calculated models from the ICSD database



Comparative analysis of X-ray powder diffraction patterns for soil samples and layered silicate phases before and after modification with a saturated Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution

X-ray diagnostics revealed that excess Cu (II) ions are removed from the system due to the formation and precipitation of coarsely crystalline  $Cu(NO_3)(OH)_3$ .

The modeling of montmorillonite structure after Cu (II) absorption of molecular dynamics methods









## Application of computer technologies for an estimation of influence atoms of Cu(II) in the kaolinite



High-performance computing cluster designed to solve quantum chemical problems



896-core desktop supercomputer accelerate scientific simulations

	Neighboring atom	(Å)	_
A11	0	1.8680	-
	0	1.8916	
5	0	1.9123	
-	0	1.9151	
-	0	1.9266	
-	0	1.9296	
-	Н	2.4182	
-	H	2.5755	_
-	H	2.6250	
-	Н	2,6260	
-	Al	2.9668	
-	Al	2.9709	
	Neighboring atom	(Å)	
A12	0	1.8836	
	0	1.8951	
-	0	1.9062	_
-	0	1.9131	
-	0	1.9206	-
-	0	1.9326	
-	Н	2.4144	
<u> </u>	Н	2.5467	
2	Н	2.6338	
-	Н	2.6340	
-	A1	2.9668	
-	Al	2.9709	
-	Al	2.9965	
-	Si	3.0746	
2	Si	3.1868	-

	Neighboring atom	(A)	
Cu -> Al <sup>1</sup>	0	1.7202	
	0	1.7668	_
	0	2.1327	-
	0	2.1521	
	Н	2.1874	
	Н	2.3108	
	0	2.3371	
	0	2.3593	
	Н	2.8673	_
	Н	2,9097	_
	Al	2.9800	
	Al	3.0902	1
	Neighboring atom	(Å)	
Cu->Al <sup>2</sup>	0	1.8239	
1940 (Ball)	0	1.9709	
-	0	2.0405	
823	0	2.0537	-
	0	2.1518	_
28	0	2.2200	
1.0	Н	2.3921	- 1
-	Н	2,6801	-
-	Al	3.0172	-
12	Al	3 0865	
829	Si	3,1556	_
-	Н	3,2508	_
127.6	01	2 5600	-

Kaolinite structure 4 (5) \*\* Without Cu Cu 23

Comparative results of the kaolinite structure by the

method of quantum chemical modelling <u>VASP</u>,

without and with Cu (II) ion model defects



It is impotent to combine new instrumental physical methods with chemical extraction procedures to add and extend the knowledge about changes in the Cu speciation and mobility in contaminated soils and its effect by plants.



#### The combined fractionation scheme of metals

	Data obtaining method by			
Characteristic	Analitical	Calculation (by the difference between the heavy metal contents in the extracts)		
1. Metals in exchangeable form				
- Easily exchangeable	1M MgCl <sub>2</sub>			
- Difficultly exchangeable		Difference 1N. NH <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> COO - 1M MgCl <sub>2</sub>		
2. Metals bound with carbonates and forming their o	own mineral forms			
-total	No method			
-loosely bound (specifically adsorbed)	1M NaCH <sub>3</sub> COO, pH 5			
-firmly bound (coprecipitated, occluded, chemisorbed, precipitations of difficultly soluble HM compounds)	No method			
3. Metals bound with nonsilicate Fe-Mn compounds				
-total	0,04 M NH <sub>2</sub> OH·HCl			
-loosely bound (specifically adsorbed)		Difference (1N. HCl –1N. NH <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> COO) - 1M NaCH <sub>3</sub> COO		
-firmly bound (occluded)		Difference 0,04M NH <sub>2</sub> OH·HCl - (1N. HCl -1N. NH <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> COO- 1M NaCH <sub>3</sub> COO)		
4. Metals bound with organic metal				
-total	30% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>			
-loosely bound (complexes)		Difference 1% EDTA in 1N. NH <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> COO– 1N. NH <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> COO		
-firmly bound (chelates)		Difference 30% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> -1% EDTA		
5. Metals firmly fixed in silicate minerals	Extract of HF + HClO4 from the residual fraction (after all the extractions)	Difference between the total content of the element in the soil and the total content of all the fractions (except for the residual fraction)		

## Solubility diagrams of PbCO<sub>3</sub> (1), CuCO<sub>3</sub> (2), Pb(OH)<sub>2</sub> (3), Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> (4), Zn(OH)<sub>2</sub> (5) and the HM activity in ordinary chernozem equilibrium solution logarithm



pH

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