An alarming environmental problem is heavy metal ions pollution.



NATURAL

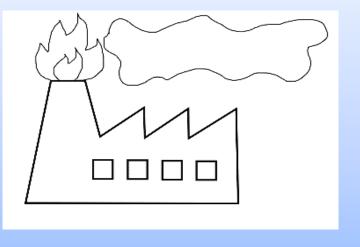
Aerosols

Rocks

Dust particles

Volcanic eruptions

Sea spray



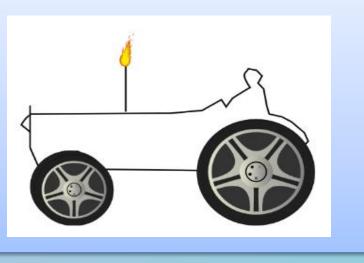
INDUSTRIAL

Industrial waste

Mining industry

Refineries

Chemical industry



Thermal power Inorganic fertilizers Organic waste

Pesticides

Wastewaters

Fungicides

Fly ash



DOMESTIC

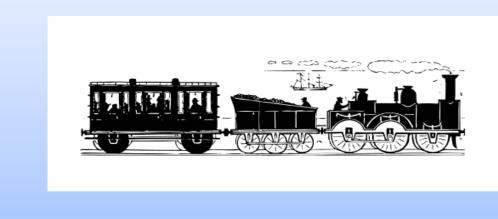
Inorganic waste

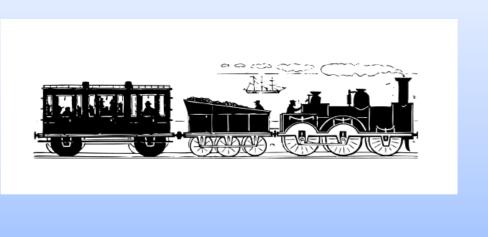
Biomass burning

E-waste

Used filters

Used batteries



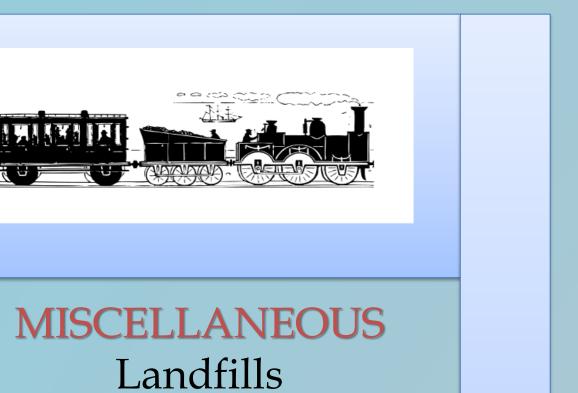


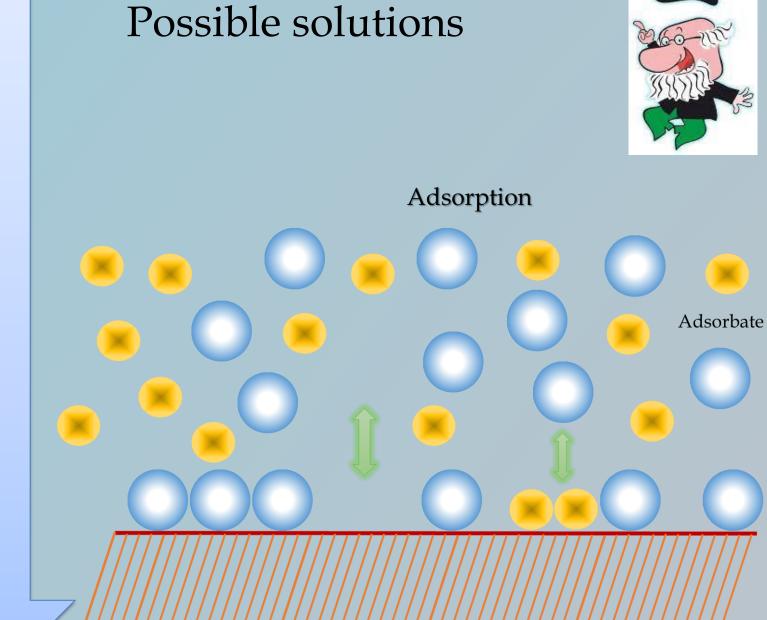
Medical waste

Traffic emissions

Incineration

Other emissions



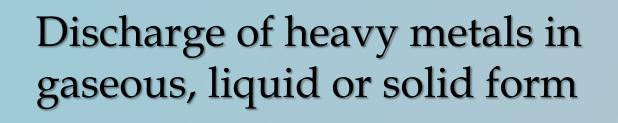


**Direct Pollution** through soil contamination





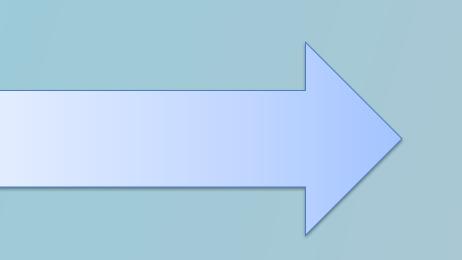


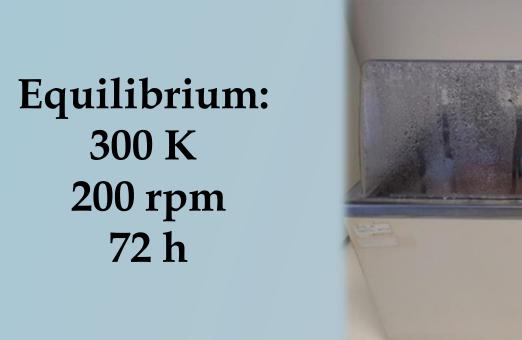


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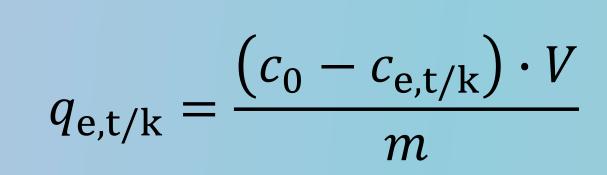


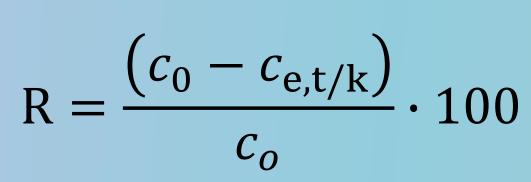








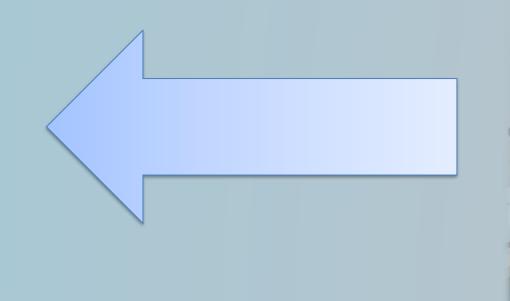








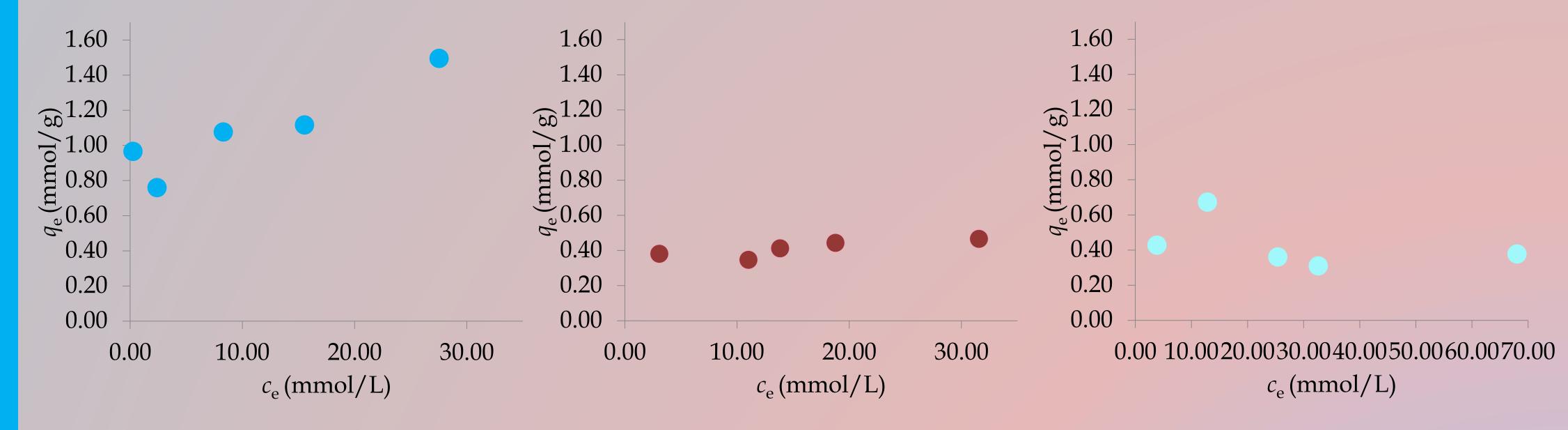






Experimental data and sorption efficiency obtained for the sorption of copper, cobalt and nickel ions on the zeolite 13X

$c_0$ (mmol/L)	5.072	6.188	13.679	21.119	35.006
$c_{\rm e}$ (mmol/L)	0.239	2.387	8.293	15.535	27.528
R (%)	95.288	61.425	39.374	26.441	21.362
$c_0$ (mmol/L)	4.978	12.752	15.899	20.989	33.894
$c_{\rm e}$ (mmol/L)	3.068	11.014	13.835	18.768	31.559
R (%)	38.369	13.629	12.982	10.582	6.889
$c_0$ (mmol/L)	5.994	16.215	27.192	34.144	69.915
c <sub>e</sub> (mmol/L)	3.851	12.847	25.386	32.593	68.023
R (%)	0.429	0.674	0.361	0.310	0.378



The sorbed amount of copper, cobalt and nickel ions in dependence of the equilibrium concentrations of metal ions that remained in the solutions

The sorption efficiency of zeolite 13X for all heavy metal ions (copper, cobalt and nickel ions) from the ternary solutions decreases as the initial concentrations are increased. The experiments conducted showed that the best sorption efficiency was achieved for the removal of copper ions and was ≈ 95% for the lowest initial concentration of copper ions in the ternary solution.