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#### ABSTRACT

The study of liquid-liquid extraction of Cu(II) and Fe(III) ion was carried out using a series of hydrophobic ionic liquid; 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate ([C<sub>4</sub>mimPF<sub>6</sub>]), 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate ([C<sub>6</sub>mimPF<sub>6</sub>]), 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bistrifluoromethylsulfonyl imide ([C<sub>4</sub>mimNTf<sub>2</sub>]) and 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bistrifluoromethylsulfonyl imide ([C<sub>6</sub>mimNTf<sub>2</sub>]) as the extraction phase. Cu(II) showed a preferential extraction into less hydrophobic ionic liquid, [C<sub>4</sub>mimPF<sub>6</sub>]. The extraction behavior of Cu(II) ions depend on the type of counter ion present. The extraction process of Cu(II) ion in ionic liquid proceeded via similar mechanism to that of a molecular organic solvent. From the results obtained, an ion pair mechanism is proposed for the extraction of Cu complexes from chloride medium. Fe(III) favors extraction into [C<sub>6</sub>mimNTf<sub>2</sub>], the most hydrophobic ionic liquid. Anion exchange is the mode of extraction of Fe complexes from chloride medium.

### PERANGAI PENGEKSTRAKAN Cu(II) DAN Fe(III) DARIPADA MEDIA KLORIDA KEPADA CECAIR IONIK HIDROFOBIK MENGGUNAKAN 1,10-PHENANTHROLINE

#### ABSTRAK

Kajian pengekstrakan pelarut untuk Cu(II) dan Fe(III) ion dijalankan dengan menggunakan satu siri cecair ionik yang hidrofobik di mana 1-butyl-3methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate ( $[C_4 mim PF_6]$ ), 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophospahate  $([C_6 mim PF_6]),$ 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bistrifluoromethylsulfonyl imide ([C<sub>4</sub>mimNTf<sub>2</sub>]) dan 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium imide ( $[C_6 mimNTf_2]$ ) sebagai bistrifluoromethylsulfonyl fasa pengekstrakan. Pengekstrakan Cu(II) mencapai tahap tertinggi oleh  $[C_4 mimPF_6]$  iaitu cecair ionik yang paling kurang hidrofobik. Pengekstrakan Cu(II) ion bergantung kepada jenis ion Lawan Pengekstrakan ion Cu(II) dalam sistem cecair ionik berlaku melalui yang hadir. mekanisme yang sama seperti dalam pelarut organik molekul. Daripada keputusan yang diperolehi, mekanisme yang dicadangkan untuk pengekstrakan kompleks Cu daripada media klorida adalah mekanisme ion berpasangan. Fe(III) lebih berminat untuk ekstrak ke dalam  $[C_6 mimNTf_2]$  iaitu cecair ionik yang paling hidrofobik. Penukar anion dikenalpasti sebagai mod pengekstrakan kompleks Fe daripada media klorida.

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## LIST OF ABBRREVATIONS

$BF_4^-$	Tetrafluoroborate
C <sub>4</sub> mimBr	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium Bromide
$C_4 mimNTf_2$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfony)limide
$C_4 mimPF_6$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
C <sub>6</sub> mimCl	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride
$C_6 mimNTf_2$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluromethylsulfonyl)imide
C <sub>6</sub> mimPF <sub>6</sub>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
FAAS	Flame Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy
F-NMR	Fluorin-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
H NMR	Proton –Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
$H_2SO_4$	Sulfuric Acid
HCl	Hydrochloric Acid
HNO <sub>3</sub>	Nitric Acid
IC	Ion Chromatography
ILs	Ionic Liquids
KBr	Potassium Bromide
KCl	Potassium Chloride

KPF <sub>6</sub>	Potassium hexafluorophosphate
LiBr	Lithium Bromide
LiNTf <sub>2</sub>	Lithium bis(trifluromethylsulfonyl)imide
mins	minutes
Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Sodium Carbonate
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Nitrate
$NTf_2^-$	Bis(trifiluoromethylsulfonyl)imide
OAc	Acetate
$PF_6^-$	Hexafluorophosphate
Phen	1,10-phenanthroline
TfO <sup>-</sup>	Trifluoromethylsulfonate
UV-VIS	Ultra Violet-Visible Spectroscopy
X	Halide