

CMPO/TBP

Am RE

A selective separation of Am and RE by solvent extraction based on the mixed solvent of CMPO/TBP at the multi-components system

CMPO/TBP 가 3가 Am RE Am Ce,
Nd, Eu, Y, Dy 6 (1) CMPO/TBP , (2)
NaNO₃ , (3) DTPA/NaNO₃ Am (4) HNO₃
RE . 0.2M CMPO/30% TBP, 2M O/A=3 Am, Ce
Nd, Eu, Y 99%, 96.9%, 96.9%, 96.3%, 81.6% , 0.5M
NaNO₃ (pH=2) 3 가 . Am
DTPA pH 가 가 NaNO₃ 가
, DTPA M⁺³ 1:1 . 0.05M DTPA/2M NaNO₃(pH=2)
41.7% Am , Ce, Nd, Eu, Y 17.0, 14.3,
2.8, 0.9 , Y Am . RE
가 , 0.01M 70%

Abstract

A mutual-separation of Am and RE was studied in the 6 components system containing Am, Ce, Nd, Eu, Y and Dy. Experimental systems were composed of a co-extraction of Am and RE by CMPO/TBP, a selective stripping of nitric acid by NaNO₃, a selective stripping of Am by DTPA/NaNO₃ mixed solution, and a stripping of RE by HNO₃ in series. Co-extraction yields of Am, Ce Nd, Eu, Y and Dy by 0.2M CMPO/30% TBP was 99%, 96.9%, 96.9%, 96.3%, 81.6%, 92.7% at 2M HNO₃ and O/A=3, respectively. Nitric acid was effectively stripped

from loaded-organic phase containing the Am, RE and HNO₃ by 3 contacting times with 0.5M NaNO₃ adjusted to pH=2. The stripping yields of Am increased with increasing the DTPA concentration and pH of aqueous phase, and decreased with increasing the NaNO₃ concentration. Complex formation molar ratio of DTPA and trivalent metal ion was 1: 1. The stripping yield of Am was 41.7% at 0.05M DTPA/ 2M NaNO₃ adjusted to pH=2. Separation factors of Ce, Nd, Eu, and Y with respect to Am were 17.0, 14.3, 2.8 and 0.9, respectively. Y must be removed before the stripping of Am. On the other hand, the stripping yields of RE increased with decreasing the nitric acid concentration. RE was stripped more than 70% at 0.01M HNO₃.

1.

(HLW: high-level radioactive waste)

가 3가 Am, Cm RE(rare earth element: Nd, Ce, Eu, Y)
 가 HLW Am RE
 1 : 50 60 RE가 , Eu, Sm
 Ce, Nd
 가 .
 Am/RE O
 , DTPA(diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid) -DTPA
 Am , O
 DEHPA , RE Am DTPA/lactic acid
 Am/RE . DEHPA 가
 0.1M , (90) ,
 , NO_x CO_x .
 DTPA/lactic acid pH 3.5 4
 .
 가 , Am/RE
 pH 가
 . Am/RE 3가 (M⁺³) ,
 가 CMPO/TBP , Am/RE DTPA/NaNO₃
 . (1) CMPO/TBP Am/RE ,
 (2) NaNO₃ , (3) DTPA/NaNO₃ Am , (4) HNO₃
 RE .

2.

2.1.

Am, RE, Ce, Nd, Eu, Y, Dy
 , 6
 Table 1
 CMPO TBP n-dodecane
 가 , 가

Table 1. Chemical composition and concentration of simulated HLW

Element	Compound	Concentration, (M)	
		Estimate HLW	Simulated HLW
Am	Am-241	0.0012	Tracer
Ce	Ce(NO ₃) ₃ ·6H ₂ O	0.033	0.0393
Nd	Nd(NO ₃) ₃ ·6H ₂ O	0.0434	0.0389
Eu	Eu(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O	0.0019	0.0021
Y	Y(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O	0.0084	0.0085
Dy	Dy(NO ₃) ₃ ·5H ₂ O	-	0.0013
H ⁺	HNO ₃	2.0	2.01

2.2.

25 Am/RE 20ml vial
 0.2M CMPO/30% TBP , 0.2M CMPO/
 30% TBP NaNO₃ , Am 0.5M NaNO₃ 3
 DTPA , RE 0.05M DTPA/2M NaNO₃ Am
 ,
 30 가 ,

2.3.

Am-241 MCA , Ce, Nd, Eu, Y Dy ICP

$$(\%) = 100 - 100 \times RD / (1 + RD)$$

$$= D_{RE} / D_{Am}$$

R : O/A (volume of organic phase/volume of aqueous phase)

D : (distribution coefficient : C_{Org}/C_{Aq}.)

$C_{Org.} :$ (mol/L)
 $C_{Aq.} :$ (mol/L)

3.

3.1. Am/RE

Fig. 1 2M , 0.2M CMPO/30% TBP O/A .
 O/A 가 가 , CMPO 가
 , O/A=3 Am 99% . O/A=1
 M^{+3} Am Ce Nd Eu Dy Y .
 Am=34.1, Ce=10.8, Nd=10.4, Eu=8.6, Dy=4.2, Y=1.4 . Am Ce Eu
 Nd>Dy Y Horwitz Nd Eu 가 .

3.2.

3.2.1. NaNO₃

2M , 0.2M CMPO/30% TBP O/A=3
 O/A=1 . Fig. 2 pH=2 NaNO₃ Am, Ce, Nd, Eu, Y,
 Dy NaNO₃ 가
 . NO₃⁻ 가 가 (1), (2) (3) H⁺ M⁺³ CMPO
 TBP 가 .
 , CMPO Y Dy
 Nd Eu Ce Am .



$$(n = 0, 2, m = 0, 3)$$

3.2.2.

Fig. 3 pH=2 0.5M NaNO₃
 . 3 98.4% 가 가
 0.0068M , Am, Ce, Nd, Eu, Y, Dy 8.1%, 15.5%,
 15.8%, 19.1%, 79.8%, 30.2% . Am
 (RE Am)
 Am/RE RE
 가 Am . Am/RE

Y Am 0.5M NaNO₃
(pH=2)

3.3. Am

3.3.1. DTPA

Am 0.5M NaNO₃, pH=2 3 O/A=1
 Fig. 4 2M NaNO₃(pH=2) DTPA
 DTPA 가 , Am, Eu, Dy 0.05M
 가 가 가 DTPA
 0.05M Dy Am Y Eu Nd Ce Y
 DTPA-M⁺³ 가 Am Dy Eu Nd Ce Moeller

0.05M DTPA/2M NaNO₃(pH=2) Am Ce, Nd 17.0, 14.3
 Am 가 , Dy, Y Eu 0.9, 0.9, 2.8
 Dy HLW 가 , Eu
 3 가 가 , Y
 1 Am
 Y DTPA
 Am/RE 가 1 20 30 가
 CMPO/TBP-DTPA DTPA Y
 가 RE ,

Fig. 5 DTPA 가
 -0.94 -0.98 DTPA M⁺³ (4) 1:1



3.3.3. NaNO₃

Fig. 6 0.05M DTPA, pH=2 NaNO₃
 NaNO₃ 가 , (3) NO₃⁻
 가 가 M⁺³ CMPO 가
 RE Am ,
 1 Am 50% , RE 10%
 3M 4M NaNO₃
 2 가 2M NaNO₃가

3.3.4. pH

Fig. 7 0.05M DTPA, 2M NaNO₃ pH 가
 가 . pH=1.5
 5% DTPA 가 (5) , 1 2 pK_a
 1.80, 2.55 pH=1.5 DTPA가 가 DTPA-
 M³⁺ HLW DTPA Am
 DTPA-Am DTPA Am
 , pH=1.5 DTPA Am



pH=2 DTPA가 Am 가 ,
 RE가 pH 가 Ce 2.3 42.4,
 Nd 2.3 34.1, Eu 1.4 5.8, Y 0.5 6.9, Dy 0.9 7.5 가 , pH=2.5
 RE가 pH=2
 DTPA Am/RE pH 3.5 4 , pH=2
 pH

3.4. RE

RE 0.5M DTPA, 2M NaNO₃ pH=2 Am
 O/A=1 Fig. 8 Ce, Nd, Eu, Y Dy
 Dy 가 CMPO
 , 가 M⁺³ 가
 Am Am
 , Ce . 0.005M 0.01M
 RE , 2
 RE 0.01M . Ce, Nd, Eu, Y Dy
 68.1%, 75.0%, 68.9%, 84.1%, 40.6%

4.

(1) 0.2M CMPO/1.1M TBP, 2M , O/A=3 Am, Ce Nd, Eu, Y
 99%, 97.1%, 96.9%, 96.3%, 81.6%

- (2) 0.5M NaNO₃(pH=2) 3 가 .
- (3) DTPA/NaNO₃ Am DTPA pH 가 가
 NaNO₃ 가 . DTPA M⁺³ 1:1
 . 0.05M DTPA/2M NaNO₃(pH=2) 41.7% Am
 , Ce, Nd, Eu, Y 17.0, 14.3, 2.8, 0.9 .
- (4) RE 가 , 0.01M 70%

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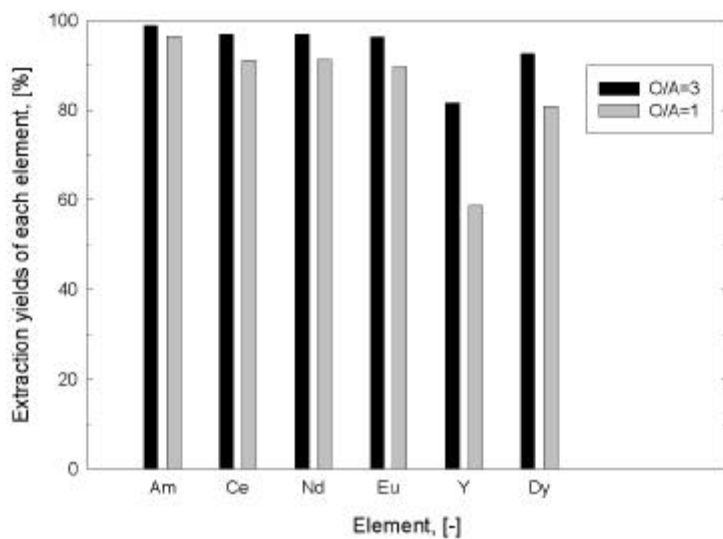


Fig. 1. Extraction yields of each element in multicomponents (O/A=3) and single component system(O/A=1).

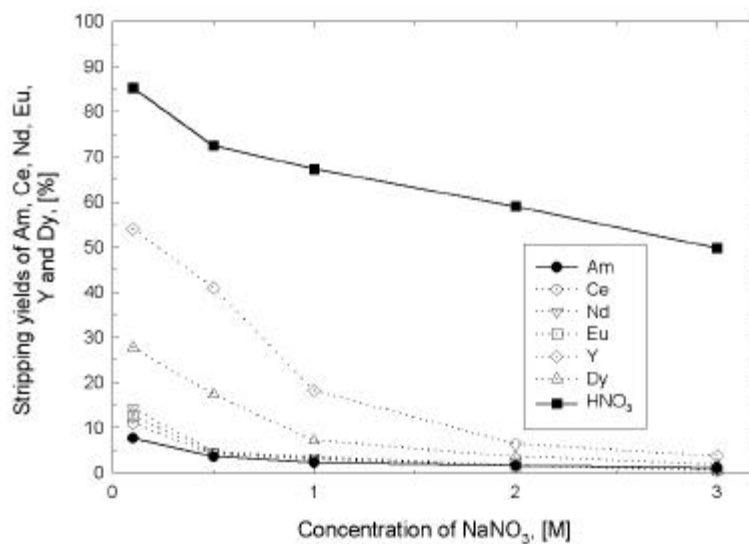


Fig. 2. Stripping yields of each element with concentration of NaNO₃ at pH=2

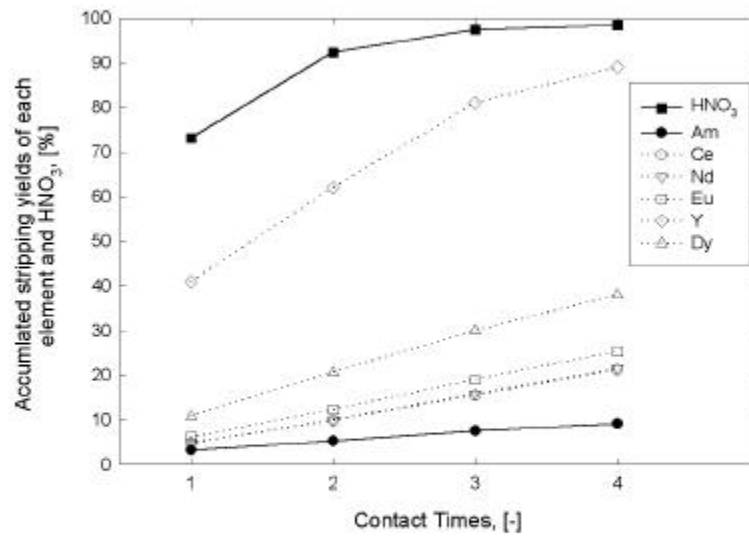


Fig. 3. Accumulated stripping yields of each element and HNO₃ with contact times at 0.5M NaNO₃ and pH=2

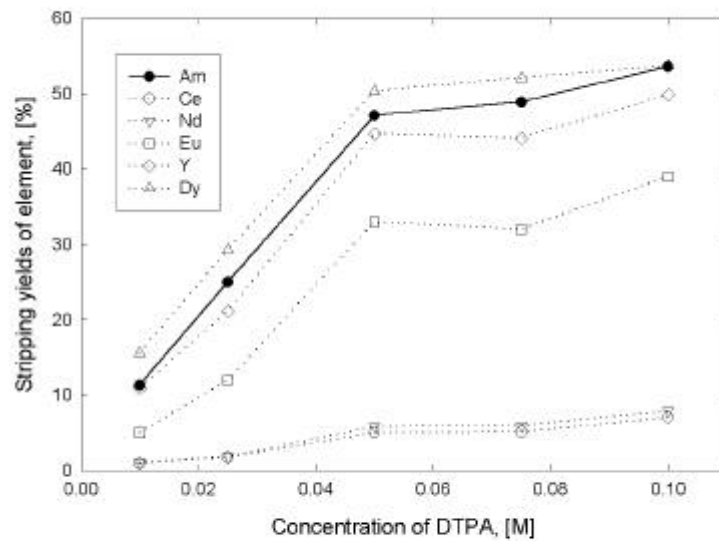


Fig. 4. Stripping yields of each element with concentration of DTPA at 2M NaNO₃ and pH=2.

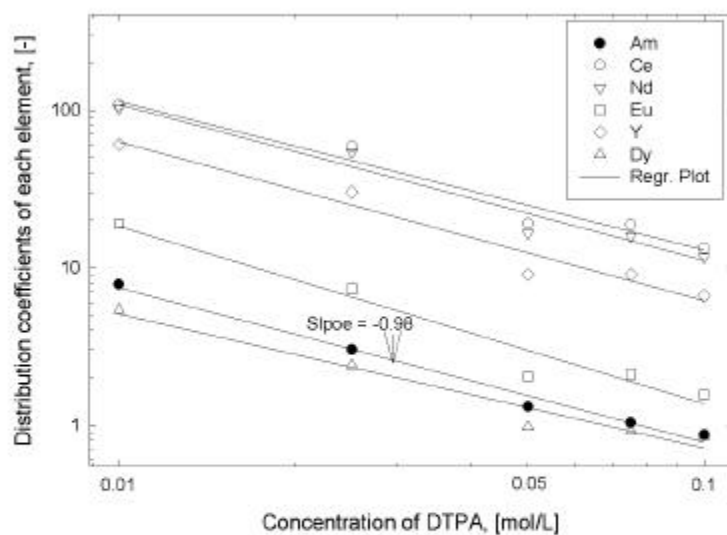


Fig. 5. Distribution coefficients of each element with concentration of DTPA at 2M NaNO₃ and pH=2

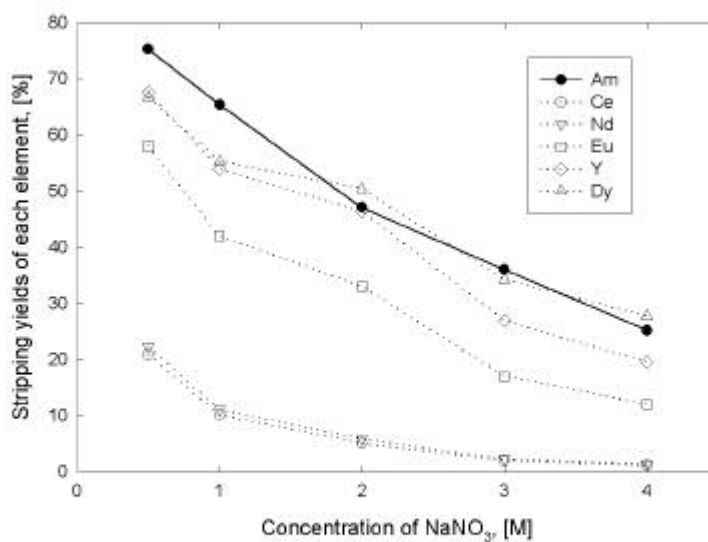


Fig. 6. Stripping yields of each element with concentration of NaNO₃ at 0.05M DTPA and pH=2.

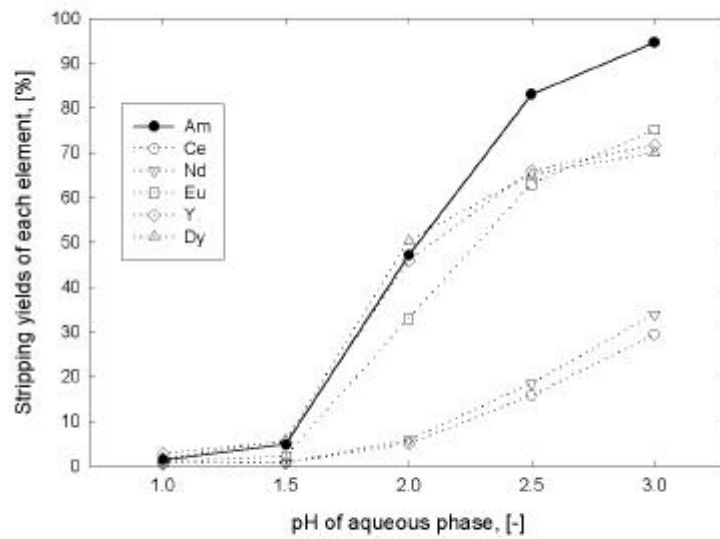


Fig. 7. Stripping yields of each element with pH of aqueous phase at 2M NaNO₃ and 0.05M DTPA

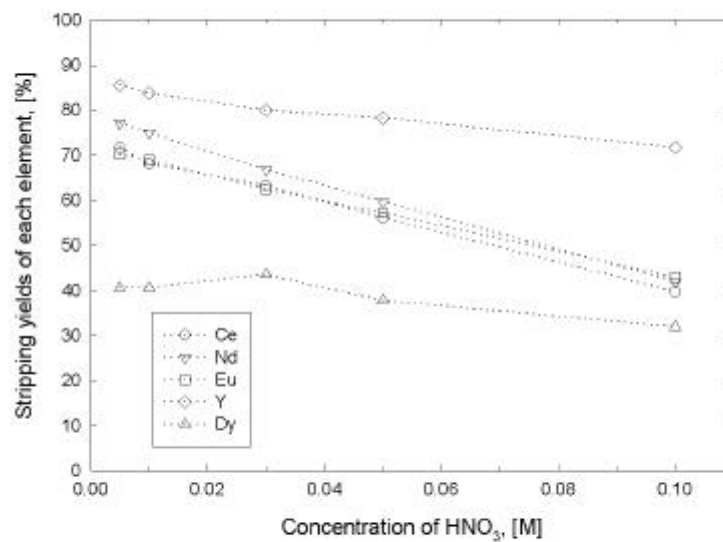


Fig. 8. Stripping yields of RE element with concentration of HNO₃