

OPTIMIZING THE *IN SITU* TOXICITY IDENTIFICATION EVALUATION SYSTEM:
AMMONIA AND ZINC AS EXAMPLES

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Abstract

Anthropogenic influences on the environment have increased the levels of contaminants and pollution in aquatic ecosystems humans and wildlife depend on for water resources. It is especially important to be able to accurately and efficiently evaluate riverine contamination. The United States Environmental Protection Agency developed toxicity identification evaluation (TIE) protocols for evaluating sediment and surface water toxicity in a laboratory setting. Following this framework, Burton and Nordstrom developed an *in-situ* toxicity identification evaluation (iTIE) system, which allows for the toxicity analysis to be done in the field to avoid artifacts introduced when samples are transported to the laboratory.¹⁹ The tests presented in this paper provide data to further optimize the iTIE system through the evaluation of different resin (chelex, charcoal, and zeolite) and pollutant or contaminant (ammonia, zinc, nickel, and vanadium) combinations. The experimental results indicate that at least 3-5 grams of resin is needed for significant contaminant removal, the system flow must be maintained below 14 ml/min, and the iTIEs can transition successfully into Phase II of the TIE protocol by allowing for specific contaminant characterization.

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Introduction

Aquatic ecosystems are increasingly subject to anthropogenic influences. The resulting ecosystem impacts range from chemical to physical to biological, and stem from urban, industrial, agricultural and pharmaceutical sources. Freshwater ecosystems, particularly riverine environments, are vital resources for human and environmental health. Maintaining healthy river environments is important for future water security, so identifying the type of and source of the stressor is key to addressing each situation.

For chemical stressors, the sources that contaminate surface waters are classified as either point or non-point sources.³ Point sources are specifically traceable, such as sewage treatment facilities, while non-point sources include urban and agricultural runoff and are more difficult to exclusively detect.³ Different stressors are more commonly associated with different source types. Nitrogen (N) and phosphorous (P) are two common nutrients associated with aquatic ecosystem stress. Although certain levels of these nutrients are required for natural biological function in the ecosystem, the high influx of nutrients from fertilizers, agricultural runoff and wastewater treatment plants lead to eutrophication problems.¹ Eutrophication is the result of nutrient loading and leads to excess macrophyte and algal growth (potentially toxic and harboring bacteria), hypoxia (decreased oxygen levels), and fish kills.¹ In the Midwestern United States, fertilizers, agricultural runoff and wastewater treatment plants are major contributors to excess nutrients entering aquatic environments. Ammonia entering aquatic systems through the discharge of wastewater treatment plants is of growing concern, as ammonia is an extremely toxic form of N.²

Common metal contaminants in riverine systems include copper, zinc, cadmium, chromium, nickel, and lead. The contamination by these trace heavy metals stems from urban runoff and industrial waste outflows.⁴ These metals can accumulate in sediments, plants and organisms, causing detrimental ecosystem health effects. The physicochemical conditions of the river determine the toxicity of the metals in both the sediments and the water as they flux between oxidized and reduced states. These fluctuations, in turn, influence how long the metal is in a toxic form and the resultant ecosystem and human health effects.

Pharmaceuticals and other organic compounds are also contaminants of concern in aquatic systems. These contaminants stem from personal care product disposal and industrial wastes from urban runoff. There is concern that these contaminants can cause significant effects at low levels of exposure.⁶ Pharmaceuticals, particularly endocrine disruptors that alter hormone levels in organisms, can get into aquatic systems via wastewater treatment plants and storm runoff. Exposure to these chemicals can cause significant reproductive effects and result in fish and other organism population crashes, which are detrimental to the aquatic food chain and ecosystem.⁵ Legacy synthetic organics, such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and DDT, are also of concern in freshwater ecosystems. The bioaccumulation of these organics in aquatic organisms, such as fish, can lead to greater impacts up the food chain and affect human health, too.⁷ There is an urgent need to stop the influx of these organics and mitigate the effects of those currently present in aquatic environments to protect the ecosystem health and the health of humans, who depend on the ecosystems for recreation, freshwater, and food.

Biological stressors also impact riverine environments. These stressors include invasive species and other pathogens that can take advantage of the absence of predators to outcompete native fauna and lead to detrimental effects on the ecosystems. Human actions are the main source for the introduction of many invasive species, such as zebra mussels in the Great Lakes

through trading ship ballast waters or the dumping of aquarium organisms into river systems.⁸ The presence of invasive species exerts stress on ecosystem structure and balance, as exemplified by the proliferation of hydrilla and water hyacinth choking waterways, altering nutrient cycles and thus altering fish and benthic species in Florida rivers and lakes.⁹ Warming temperatures and increased flooding induced from climate change are also further facilitating the spread of pathogens and invasive species.¹⁰

Alterations at the landscape scale are also a major threat to the ecological integrity of river ecosystems.¹¹ The resulting physical stressors lead to changes in stream sedimentation, water flow, and contaminant levels and thus affect ecosystem equilibrium and cause organism stress. Sundermann et al. (2013) found that catchment-related physical factors, along with water quality, displayed overriding importance in shaping benthic invertebrate biodiversity assemblages, thus supporting the need to address physical changes when evaluating the health of aquatic ecosystems.¹² Industrial impacts, such as dams changing flow patterns or power plants altering the temperature regime in river systems, are also of physical concern. Although often overlooked, power plant cooling systems release thermal discharges that increase water temperatures enough to potentially impact aquatic life and need to be considered when evaluating sources of ecosystem stress.¹³

The two stressors evaluated in this study were ammonia and zinc. While ammonia pollution has some point sources, such as fertilizer and coke manufacturing plants and wastewater treatment plants, the majority of ammonia contamination in aquatic ecosystems is from non-point sources.²¹ Agricultural runoff is the main source of ammonia pollution into riverine environments.²² Studies done examining the causes of hypoxia in the Mississippi River basin, as well as high N levels in agricultural prairie river systems, for example, linked these events stemming from high N concentrations to agricultural runoff.^{22, 23} Fertilizers rich in N and P are used in agricultural fields, where rain events result in runoff of excess N and P entering streams, increasing their concentrations from the background levels.

In aqueous solutions, total ammonia exists in two main forms – ammonium ion (NH₄⁺) and unionized ammonia (NH₃) – the concentrations of which are pH dependent.²⁶ As expected, Ankley et al. found that a greater fraction of total NH₃ in the water remained in the unionized form at higher pH.²⁵ Although unionized NH₃ is commonly considered the more toxic form, Borgmann (1993) found that toxicity of ammonia to *H. azteca* was a function of total NH₃ (not just unionized NH₃).²⁷ This follows with Erickson's model conclusion in which unionized NH₃ and NH₄⁺ are jointly toxic, with toxicity predominately due to ammonium ion at low pH and unionized NH₃ at high pH.²⁶ With North American riverine environments typically maintaining a fairly neutral pH, the balance between unionized NH₃ and NH₄⁺ is likely in a continual state of flux in the water column. The toxicity of both forms to *H. azteca*, therefore, is beneficial for a laboratory study.

Laboratory toxicity studies have been performed on aquatic test species ranging from macroinvertebrates to fish. The range provided for 7-14 day old *H. azteca* was 39.8 mg TAN/L (total NH₃) to 105 mg TAN/L for a 96-hour acute exposure test.²⁴ These NH₃ concentrations were based on a *H. azteca* toxicity study performed by Ankley et al. (1995).²⁵ The ambient water quality acute criterion (1-hour average) for NH₃ is 17 mg/L TAN, while mean acute values for test species range from 70.22 mg TAN/L for sunshine bass to 1029 mg TAN/L for *Chironomus riparius*.²⁴ Field comparison tests have been completed in tandem with laboratory toxicity tests in support of the acute and chronic NH₃ concentrations for common test species.²⁸

Zinc is a heavy metal used for industrial purposes including steel galvanization and paint and alloy production.²⁹ Although Zn can occur naturally in the environment, such as through the weathering of some igneous bedrock material, it can reach concentrations toxic to aquatic organisms in areas where runoff from mining and other industrial processes is not controlled.²⁹ In aqueous solutions, Zn has a +2 oxidation state; and when Zn (II) complexes with common ligands in surface waters, it is soluble in neutral and acidic conditions.²⁹ These conditions are common in natural freshwater, making Zn one of the most mobile heavy metals.²⁹ The toxicity of Zn is influenced by water hardness, as Zn competes with calcium and magnesium ions for binding sites in biological tissues, and the pH affects Zn solubility.²⁹

Similar to N, Zn is essential for metabolic functions of living organisms, but concentrations can reach toxic levels.³⁰ The USEPA's national recommended water quality criteria for aquatic life identifies 120 ug/L as Zn's acute aquatic toxicity.²⁹ This criteria takes a range of aquatic organism toxicity levels (juvenile rainbow trout, for example have an LC50 of over 1,000 ug/L Zn; while *D. magna* have an LC50 of 100 ug/L Zn) into account.²⁹ A regional environmental risk assessment of Zn for nine European river basins found no deterministic risk associated with the current use patterns of Zn when aquatic Zn concentrations ranged from 20-40 ug/L in the systems.³⁰ Findings such as this suggest that natural Zn levels support healthy aquatic ecosystems, but it is a concern when point and non-point source pollution increases Zn levels, as the toxicity can lead to ecosystem risk.

The chemical, biological, and physical stressors to riverine ecosystems have significant effects individually, but they also interact to have even greater impacts on aquatic health. Understanding the effects of these stressors on ecosystem health and connecting these effects with their source are ways to start addressing the problems. There are assessment approaches researchers are currently employing to evaluate the effects of multiple stressors on the environment, including chemical criteria, biological surveys, habitat assessment, laboratory toxicity studies, and in situ toxicity studies.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) generally follows three approaches for aquatic ecological assessment of pollution and contaminant exposure: comparing chemical concentration data in water to chemical criteria guidelines, ambient water toxicity assessments, and bioassessments of biotic assemblages.¹⁴ Chemical criteria guidelines are established through laboratory toxicity tests on cultured freshwater macroinvertebrate indicator species, such as *Hyalella azteca* and *Daphnia magna*. Tests exposing these organisms to a range of aquatic chemical contaminant concentrations are used to determine the endpoint effects, including mortality, reproduction and growth.¹⁴ These tests identify the chemical concentration above which adverse effects are frequently observed and are compiled in the USEPA ECOTOX Database.¹⁴ To perform these evaluations, source water is tested to see if chemical criteria are exceeded. If the chemical concentration exceeds the criteria in the source water, there is a need to address the contaminant and its source to improve ecosystem health. Ambient water toxicity studies are performed in a laboratory using test organisms and site water.¹⁴ The organisms are exposed to the site water for a specific time period (commonly 28 days) and the chosen endpoints are evaluated. Laboratory toxicity studies are similar, but use laboratory spiked water instead of site water.

Biological surveys and habitat assessments are done in the field at specific sites. The USEPA introduced rapid bioassessment protocols for wadeable streams and rivers to provide indications of cumulative impacts of multiple variables, not just water quality, on the biological community.¹⁵ The protocols are based on comparing habitat, water quality, and biological

measures (such as macroinvertebrates and vegetation) of a given stream with an expected stream reference condition that would be present without human disturbance.¹⁵ The Ohio EPA established a qualitative habitat evaluation index (QHEI) with a scoring system.¹⁶ The six metrics of this evaluation index include substrate type, instream cover, channel morphology, riparian zone and bank erosion, pool/glide and riffle-run quality, and map gradient.¹⁶ This evaluation system can provide evidence of ecosystem health and human impact through a user-friendly scorecard system, and can help expose the presence of multiple stressors in an aquatic ecosystem.

In situ experiments are also used to evaluate multiple stressors in riverine environments. Semi-controlled field tests are favorable for accurately elucidating stressors in aquatic ecosystems because they provide more realistic exposure environments of variables such as pH, temperature, flow changes, ultraviolet light, and dissolved oxygen, while avoiding the artifacts associated with sample collection and manipulation in laboratory experiments.¹⁷ Current in situ approaches include colonization studies, marking studies, mesocosm experiments, and caged studies using native species.¹⁷ These approaches increase environmental realism, but decrease experimental control.¹⁷ With the current abundance of laboratory test data, as exemplified in the ECOLOG database, the field accuracy is extremely important because understanding the characteristics of the actual environments is key to addressing current aquatic ecosystem degradation.

USEPA developed a toxicity identification and evaluation (TIE) experimental approach to identify components responsible for toxicity effects in effluents and pore waters.¹⁸ The TIE uses physical/chemical manipulation of a sample to isolate or change the potency of different groups of toxicants potentially present in the sample.¹⁸ The manipulation is done through the use of resins that adsorb specific compounds (i.e., metals, organics, NH₃) and remove or reduce the presence of those compounds in the sample water.¹⁸ Through the evaluation of endpoints for organisms exposed to the post-resin sample, the stressor levels can be deduced. USEPA divided the TIE process into characterization (Phase I), identification (Phase II) and confirmation (Phase III).¹⁸ The purpose of the TIE is to build a weight-of-evidence case against specific chemicals, but the sample manipulation in the TIE protocols can potentially alter toxicity.¹⁹ Understanding the difficulties in trying to create realistic field toxicity conditions in the laboratory and aiming to eliminate confounding variables introduced into sample toxicity that inevitably occur when samples are transferred from the field to the laboratory, Burton and Nordstrom (2004) developed an in situ TIE (iTIE) method.¹⁹

The iTIE method can characterize ammonia and metals based on their selective attraction to zeolite and Chelex, respectively.¹⁹ With the sample solution pumped through a resin chamber before entering an organism chamber, containing common aquatic toxicity test organisms such as *D. magna* and *H. azteca*, the iTIE system has been tested in both laboratory and field experiments.^{19,20} Previous experiments have confirmed the ability of the iTIE resins to remove the specified contaminants and allow for the evaluation of *D. magna* and *H. azteca* endpoints (i.e., survival) over a 24-hour exposure period.^{19,20} The iTIE system, however, is still undergoing refinement before it is more widely integrated into environmental risk assessment procedures. Energy source requirements for pumping capabilities, as well as managing pumping rates, resin capabilities, and improving the ease of deployment are still being addressed.

The study objectives were to further validate the iTIE system through laboratory surface water tests that gather data for optimizing the iTIE system. With the goal of increasing iTIE feasibility in support of further implementation, it is important to consider the cost effectiveness

of each resin. To address this, the first set of experiments tested the removal capabilities of different amounts of resin. The use of multiple resins in the same iTIE chamber was also tested to see if multiple contaminants could be removed in one treatment, therefore allowing for the evaluation of different contaminants to organisms in the chambers. Experimenting with the ability of the iTIE to address USEPA's Phase II (identification) via resin use was also explored.

Methods

Overall approach

A series of experiments were conducted to investigate the ability of different amounts of three iTIE resins (zeolite, chelex, charcoal and no resin) to adsorb the following contaminants at a variety of concentrations in solutions of various compositions: NH₃, Zn, Ni, and V. (Table i). These were short term, two-hour tests focused on optimizing the pumping system, resin selectivity and sorption capacity.

iTIE System Design

The iTIEs used for this study were of the same design as those used by Steigmeyer et al.³¹ Both the resin chamber and the organism exposure chamber were constructed from acrylic, with rubber o-rings seals to connect the two pieces.³¹ (Appendix A – Image 1) The inflow port, sealed to the resin chamber with rubber o-rings, was fitted with an acrylic extender piece to help facilitate water intake.³¹ (Appendix A – Image 1) Tubing was connected at the outflow port of the iTIE using nylon 1/8" hose-to-threaded male pipe adapters for 1/4" ID tubing (McMaster-Carr).³¹ The interior outflow port in the organism chamber was covered with 0.25mm nylon mesh to prevent organisms from flowing through.³¹

Water was drawn through the iTIE chambers using 12V DC peristaltic dosing pump heads.³¹ The rotation of each pump head was regulated individually with a custom-made circuit board with LM2496 voltage switching regulators (DROK) to raise or lower the voltage delivered to each pump individually and tightly control pump speed.³¹ (Appendix A – Images 2, 3) The pump circuit was powered by an AC/DC converter plugged into the main laboratory electricity during the experiments.

Water samples drawn through each iTIE were pumped into 500 ml polyethylene bottles via PVC tubing. If a water sample exceeded the capacity, the water was able to overflow into the bottle stand. The pumps and flow were monitored throughout each experiment. The resins were removed and MilliQ water was run through the iTIEs for about two hours to rinse them between each experiment.

Resins

The resins used for this study are commercially available and included zeolite for NH₃ (API FilStar Zeolite Ammonia Remover, Item#AP7345); Chelex (Sigma-Aldrich, CAS 11139-85-8) for metals; carbon, in the form of activated charcoal, for metals and other compounds

(Marineland Black Diamond Media Premium Activated Carbon, product no. PA0370); and glass wool (Sigma-Aldrich) for the control resin. The zeolite and carbon were ground slightly using a mortar and pestle to increase the surface area of the resins before being weighed for each experimental run. The carbon and zeolite were also wetted with MilliQ to remove interstitial space prior to being put into the iTIEs. Glass wool was used to sandwich the resin in the resin chambers. Electrostatic register filtration vent filter material was cut to cover both ends of the resin chamber to reduce resin movement during the experiments. The control resin chambers only contained glass wool or the vent filter material.

D. magna NH₃ test

A laboratory toxicity test, with an established reproduction endpoint, was done using cultured 4-day-old *D. magna*. There were four treatments of NH₃ concentrations: 0 mg/L NH₃, 20 mg/L NH₃, 40 mg/L NH₃, and 60 mg/L NH₃, with 10 replicates per treatment. All of the solutions were made with flume water. The NH₃ concentrations were made with 1000 mg/L N as NH₃ liquid standard (Thermo Scientific Orion 951007) and flume water. One organism was randomly placed into each of the 100 ml Nalgene bottles containing the different NH₃ concentrations. The Nalgene bottles were sealed to reduce atmospheric exposure and chemical changes during the test.

The reproduction test followed Lewis and Horning's daphnia short-term chronic toxicity test procedure.³² One exception was that the test was carried out until three broods were observed (or extreme daphnia mortality occurred). The pH, dissolved oxygen and conductivity of the bottles were recorded to make sure that those parameters did not influence daphnia reproduction and survival. The NH₃ concentrations were checked via water collection from one randomly selected bottle of each concentration every other day for the first week. This was done to confirm whether the NH₃ concentration in the sealed bottles was changing overtime.

NH₃ measurement

An Orion High-Performance Ammonia Electrode (Thermo Scientific) was used to determine the NH₃ concentrations in the water samples for all of the experimental tests. The procedure provided in the electrode user manual was followed. The membrane was changed for the evaluation of each new experiment and allowed to soak in the NH₃ storage solution for a minimum of overnight before usage.

A standard curve was created using 100 ml each of prepared 0 mg/L, 5 mg/L, 10 mg/L, 25 mg/L, 50 mg/L and 75 mg/L NH₃ test solutions (prepared with 1000 mg/L N as NH₃ liquid standard - Thermo Scientific Orion 951007). Before reading the NH₃ concentration, 2 ml of NH₃ pH adjusting ISA (Thermo Scientific Orion 951211) was added to each 100 ml test solution. For the iTIE tests, only 50 ml of test water was collected for each replicate, in which case 1 ml of the NH₃ pH adjusting ISA was used (this ISA amount was similarly adjusted for the sample volume when necessary). The measurements were taken in millivolts (mV) to establish a standard curve for the known NH₃ standard concentrations. A new standard curve was created to evaluate the samples during each individual test when the NH₃ electrode probe was used.

NH₃ iTIE tests

The first experiment tested four different amounts of zeolite in the resin chamber. There were three replicate iTIEs for each of the following treatments: glass wool, 1 gram zeolite, 3 grams zeolite, 5 grams zeolite. The iTIEs were placed in a custom-made circular fitted iTIE holder in a five-gallon bucket with a test solution containing 30 mg/L NH₃ solution. This test solution was created using a 1000 mg/L N as NH₃ liquid standard (Thermo Scientific Orion 951007) and MilliQ ultrapure water. When necessary, more of the test solution was mixed and added to the bucket throughout the experiment to maintain an adequate level of water in the bucket for iTIE function.

The test was run for 2 hours. The flow rate for the iTIEs was monitored throughout the experiment, with the flow rates around 20 ml/min. The peristaltic pumps were stopped at 20 minutes, 40 minutes, 60 minutes, 90 minutes, and 120 minutes after the start of the test. At each stopping point, water samples were taken from the collection bottles for each iTIE. These water samples were transferred to sealed 50 ml centrifuge tubes. There was not a concern about the NH₃ concentrations changing significantly between sample collection and analysis based on results from the previous *D.magna* NH₃ toxicity test. The samples were tested for NH₃ concentrations within 24 hours of collection following the NH₃ measurement protocol discussed above.

This test was repeated. The same procedure was followed, except the flow rates were monitored to maintain a slower flow. During this second NH₃ iTIE test, the flow rates ranged from 2-14 ml/min.

Zn iTIE tests

An 80 ug/L solution of Zn was created using 1000 mg/L ZnCl and MilliQ. The iTIE set up was moved to a 20-gallon aquarium to allow for easier experimental transitions. There were three replicate iTIEs for each of the following treatments: glass wool, 1 gram chelex, 3 grams chelex, 5 grams chelex. Samples were taken every 30 minutes during a two-hour period. When the samples were taken, the pumps were stopped. The water remaining in the collection bottle was disposed of between collection times. When necessary, more of the test solution was mixed and added to the aquarium throughout the experiment to maintain an adequate level of water in the aquarium for iTIE function. The iTIE flow rates were kept in the 2-15 ml/min range.

Water samples were collected from the collection bottles of each iTIE replicate using a 10 ml syringe. 10 ml of each water sample was filtered through a 25 mm non-sterile solvent-resistant PTFE 45 µm nylon filter unit (Fisher Scientific) into a 15 ml centrifuge tube. The samples were acidified with 400 µl of 8M HNO₃. The samples were analyzed for [Zn] via inductively-coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) (Perkin Elmer). Seven well used and confirmed Zn standards were used for the ICP analysis: 0 mg/L, 0.025 mg/L, 0.050 mg/L, 0.100 mg/L, 0.500 mg/L, 1 mg/L, 2 mg/L, 3 mg/L Zn.

Following the same basic procedures for Zn outlined above, a second test was done using 40 mg/L Zn, but this solution was created using 1000 mg/L ZnCl and flume water. A third test using 40 mg/L Zn in flume water used charcoal resin, with 3 replicates each of glass wool, 1 gram charcoal, 3 grams charcoal, and 5 grams charcoal. These chelex and charcoal treatment samples were diluted 40% with MilliQ before being analyzed via ICP-OES.

NH₃ and Zn iTIE test

A flume water solution with 30 mg/L NH₃ and 4 mg/L Zn was used to evaluate multiple resins in the iTIE resin chamber. Three replicates of each treatment were used: vent filter paper only (control), 4 grams zeolite, 4 grams charcoal, 4 grams zeolite + 4 grams charcoal. Both NH₃ and metal analysis water samples were collected following the same protocols described above. In order to create more space in the resin chamber for the multiple resin treatments, glass wool was not used.

Multiple metals iTIE test

A flume water solution with 4 mg/L Zn, 4 mg/L Ni and 4 mg/L V was created using Ni(II) chloride hexahydrate, zinc chloride, and sodium metavanadate. The metal solutions were made individually and mixed into the flume water to obtain desired concentrations. Following the above outlined procedure for metals analysis, the water samples were collected every 30 minutes over a two-hour period, filtered, and acidified. The Zn standard was maintained for the ICP-OES analysis. The Ni standards used were 0 mg/L, 0.01 mg/L, 0.05 mg/L, 0.1 mg/L, 0.15 mg/L, 0.25 mg/L, 1 mg/L, and 5 mg/L Ni. The V standards used were 0 mg/L, 0.025 mg/L, 0.05 mg/L, 0.1 mg/L, 0.5 mg/L, 1 mg/L, 1.5 mg/L, and 3 mg/L V.

Diffuse Oxygen Tubing for iTIE Pore Water Tests

Initially, these tests were planned to evaluate sediment pore water toxicity. The diffuse tubing used by Burton and Nordstrom, however, had been discontinued.¹⁹ Different tubing options were evaluated by connecting the tubing to the iTIEs, following Burton and Nordstrom's method, and purging MilliQ water of oxygen with nitrogen gas.¹⁹ Oxygen was then run through the tubing on the iTIE and the dissolved oxygen was measured overtime with a DO probe. This was done in a 100 ml glass beaker sealed with parafilm during the test. The tubing tested was Zeus's PTFE, Extruded Sub-Lite-Wall 0.118 ID and 0.003 Wall (Part No. 172326); 1/8" Cole Parmer Masteflex L/S Peroxide-Cured Silicone Tubing 1/8 x 1/4 (Fischer Scientific 13-310-108); TEF Tubing 1.5mm, ID 0.3W (Ace Glass Incorporated 12684-17); PTFE Tubing, Light Wall (Component Supply Co. Part#/STT-08-50.)

Data analysis

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) tests were used to analyze differences in concentration means between various treatments and time periods, with evidence against the null hypothesis

defined as $p < 0.05$. Treatment, time, and interactions between both of those dependent variables on the resulting contaminant concentration (dependent variable) were evaluated. Significance was considered at the 0.05 alpha-level. If the ANOVA provided evidence against the null hypothesis, a post-hoc Tukey Honest Significant Difference test was used for multiple comparisons to identify which groups had significant differences. RStudio statistical software was used for this analysis.

Results

ANOVA statistical analysis was performed for each of the contaminants in the experiments. The effects of treatment, time, and interactions between both of those independent variables were compared to contaminant concentrations (dependent variable).

D. magna Test

The *D. magna* NH₃ toxicity test was not successful, as the daphnia did not produce adequate brood numbers over the 21-day period, The test did, however, allow for the evaluation of the changes in NH₃ concentrations in test solutions overtime. The NH₃ concentrations in the sealed Nalgene bottles maintained the initial ammonia concentrations, 0 mg/L, 20 mg/L, 40 mg/L, or 60 mg/L NH₃, respectively for 48-72 hours. (Figure 1) [Appendix B –Table 11]

NH₃ Tests

During this first NH₃ test, the pump speeds were maintained between 4.5-5.0 volts for a flow of 20-24 ml/min for each of the iTIEs. Most of the test water 30 mg/L NH₃ remained in the flow water of the iTIEs with none, 1 gram, and 3 gram zeolite treatments. (Figure 2) [Appendix B – Tables 1, 2] The iTIEs containing 5 grams of zeolite had significantly less mean NH₃ in their flow water than the other treatments ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Tables 20-22]

During this second NH₃ test, the pump speeds were maintained between 3.0-4.0 volts for a flow of 2-14 ml/min for each of the iTIEs. The zeolite adsorbed more of the NH₃ in this second, slower flow ammonia test. The iTIEs containing 5 grams of zeolite had significantly less mean NH₃ in their flow water than the other treatments ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Tables 23-25] During analysis, the 30 minute water sample from the iTIE with 1 gram of zeolite, replicate B, was not included in the statistical analysis because it had an uncharacteristically high NH₃ concentration from the electrode reading, this was due to a probe problem while reading that sample. [Appendix B – Tables 3, 4] (Figure 3)

Chelex Test

The iTIEs containing 5 grams of chelex had significantly less mean Zn in their flow water compared to each of the other resin amounts ($p < 0.05$). There was also a significant difference between iTIEs containing no resin and 1 gram of chelex and both 3 grams and 5 grams, respectively ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Tables 26-28]. The iTIEs containing 5 grams of

chelex had the highest Zn adsorbance, while the iTIEs containing no resin had the lowest Zn adsorbance. [Appendix B – Tables 12, 13] (Figure 4).

Charcoal Test

The [Zn] were highest in the iTIEs containing no charcoal and 1g of charcoal, compared to the iTIEs containing 3g and 5g of charcoal overtime. [Appendix B – Tables 18, 19] The iTIEs containing 5g of charcoal had significantly less Zn overtime, compared to the iTIEs containing no resin, 1g of charcoal, and 3g charcoal ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Tables 29, 30] There was also a significant difference between Zn in the iTIEs containing 3g of charcoal and no charcoal ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Table 30]. Time alone did not have a significant effect on the Zn concentrations. [Appendix C – Table 31]. But, when analyzed as a blocking variable, there was a significant difference between mean Zn concentrations from samples taken during the first sampling period and those taken at 90 minutes, and 120 minutes, respectfully. [Appendix C – Table 34] (Figure 10)

Ni, Zn, and V Multiple Metals Test

ANOVA statistical analysis was performed for the datasets of each individual metal. For each of the metals, there was no significant interaction between treatment and time ($p > 0.05$). Treatment was the only independent variable with significant effect on the resulting contaminant concentrations. For this test, the water pH was 7.43. The flow rates on the iTIEs ranged from 2-10 ml/min. During the third sampling period, one of the chelex treatment iTIEs stopped functioning due to a faulty pump and could not be restarted. For this reason, the chelex treatment only has two iTIE replicates for the 90 minute and 120 minute sampling times.

The Ni concentrations were highest in the iTIEs containing no resin. The iTIEs containing both charcoal and chelex had the lowest Ni concentrations in the analyzed flow water. [Appendix B – Tables 5, 6] There was a significant difference between the iTIEs without resin and the chelex, charcoal, and both treatments, respectively ($p < 0.05$ for each comparison). [Appendix C – Tables 38, 39]. There was also significantly lower average Ni concentrations in the flow water of the iTIEs containing both resins, as compared to the iTIEs containing charcoal only ($p < 0.05$), but not in comparison to the iTIEs containing only chelex. [Appendix C – Tables 38, 39] (Figure 5)

The iTIE flow water Zn concentrations were significantly different between treatments. The Zn concentrations were highest in the iTIEs containing no resin. The iTIEs containing chelex had the lowest Zn concentrations in the analyzed flow water. [Appendix B – Tables 7, 8] There was a significant difference between the iTIEs without resin and the iTIEs with chelex, charcoal, and both treatments, respectively ($p < 0.05$ for each comparison). [Appendix C – Tables 43, 44] The Zn concentrations in the iTIE flow through water were lower than the Ni concentrations in the same analyzed water samples. [Appendix B – Tables 6, 8]

The iTIE flow water V concentrations were significantly different between treatments. The V concentrations were highest in the iTIEs containing no resin. [Appendix B – Tables 9, 10] There was a significant difference between the iTIEs with no resin treatment and the iTIEs

with chelex, charcoal, and both treatments, respectively ($p < 0.05$ for each comparison). [Appendix C – Tables 48, 49] The V concentrations in the iTIE flow through water remained relatively high throughout the experiment for the iTIEs with chelex, charcoal, and both resin treatments. (Figure 7).

NH₃ and Zn Test

iTIES containing both zeolite and charcoal had less NH₃ in the sample solutions compared to the other three treatments. [Appendix B – Tables 14, 15] There was a significantly lower NH₃ concentration in the iTIEs containing both zeolite and charcoal when compared to the other three treatments ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Tables 50, 51] Sampling time also was a significant variable. The NH₃ concentrations collected in the samples at 45 minutes were significantly lower than the NH₃ concentrations in the samples collected at the latter two collection times ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Tables 52, 53]. (Figure 8)

iTIEs containing both zeolite and charcoal had the lowest average Zn compared to the other treatments. [Appendix B – Tables 16, 17]. There was a significantly lower Zn concentration in the iTIEs containing both zeolite and charcoal when compared to the iTIEs containing no resin and just zeolite overtime ($p < 0.05$). [Appendix C – Tables 54, 55] There was not a statistically significant difference between Zn concentrations in the iTIEs containing both resins and only charcoal ($p > 0.05$). [Appendix C – Table 55]. There was not a significant difference between the Zn concentrations in the iTIEs containing no resin and the iTIEs containing just zeolite, either ($p > 0.05$). [Appendix C – Table 55]. Time did not have a significant effect on the mean Zn concentrations during the treatments, although it did change through time for the iTIEs with both resins and the iTIEs containing only charcoal. [Appendix C – Table 56]. (Figure 9).

Diffuse Oxygen Tubing for iTIE Pore Water Tests

The Zeus PTFE tubing, upon arrival, was clearly not going to work in the iTIE system. The tubing was too thin and folded harshly. Although not as thin, the harsh fold also occurred in the Ace Glass Inc. and Component Supply Co. tubing. The pore water tubing needs to curve to connect to the iTIE port system, so this tubing did not work. The MasterFlex tubing was not porous enough to reoxygenate the MilliQ. After an hour long testing period, the oxygen level in the test water had not increased.

Discussion

Overall

The general conclusions drawn from these iTIE experiments are that at least 5 grams of resin is necessary to observe statistically significant contaminant removal, and it is important to maintain slow pump flow-through speeds in order to allow for adequate resin-contaminant interaction time. Based on the results from the experiments presented in this paper, the iTIEs have the potential to accomplish Phase II of the U.S. EPA's three phase TIE system. The use of

different resins with different contaminant affinities will help facilitate this further expansion of the iTIE system.

D.magna test

The *D.magna* reproduction test evaluated the change in NH₃ concentrations through time. The NH₃ solutions were maintained in sealed Nalgene bottles, which prevented loss of NH₃ via volatilization. The NH₃ concentrations did not change significantly over the course of 48 hours, which suggests iTIE NH₃ water samples can be evaluated within 24-hours of collection without concern regarding altered NH₃ concentrations.

NH₃ Tests 1 & 2

Results from the first 30 mg/L NH₃ test indicate 5 grams of zeolite is required to significantly remove NH₃ in solution. However, the low removal efficiency of the zeolite was unexpected, as the ability of zeolite to remove NH₃ with the iTIE system was previously confirmed by Burton and Nordstrom.¹⁹ This result was possibly due to the high pump flow of around 20-24 ml/min for each pump. Another explanation is that this brand of zeolite differed in its characteristics from those used by Burton and Nordstrom, as their test used Pond Care (Aquarium Pharmaceuticals) and SIR-600 (Resintech) for their zeolite tests.¹⁹

To examine this discrepancy, a second iTIE test was conducted using 30 mg/L NH₃ and following the same protocols as before except pumps were closely monitored during this test to ensure they maintained a slower speed of 2-14 ml/min. It was difficult to maintain similar flow rates across the pumps as each resin type provides different resistances to the flow. Based on the results of this second NH₃ experiment, it is clear pump speed is an important variable and should be monitored.

The second NH₃ iTIE test had the same general result, that 5 grams of zeolite significantly remove the most NH₃; however, 20-25 mg/L NH₃ was removed as compared to only 2-5 mg/L NH₃ by the final sampling point. The iTIEs containing 5 grams did not become saturated, as in the first test. In conclusion, lower pump speeds, which result in lower flow rates, are needed to ensure resins are not saturated prematurely.

Chelex Test

iTIEs with 5 grams of chelex removed significantly more Zn from the test solutions as compared to iTIEs with 1 and 3 grams. The iTIEs containing 3 grams of chelex also had significantly less average Zn compared to the iTIEs containing 1 gram of chelex. The iTIEs with 1 gram were near saturation by the end of the two hour sampling period. iTIEs containing chelex all had significantly lower average Zn concentrations during the first two sampling periods. The chelex became saturated overtime, as seen in the increasing concentrations during the course of sampling (although the time variable did not result in statistically significant mean Zn concentration differences). These Zn tests also indicate that chelex can adsorb high

concentrations of metals before becoming saturated. Initially dosed with 40 mg/L zinc, approximately 35 mg/L was removed from the solution.

The importance of water pH was observed. When using flume water (pH~7) instead of MilliQ (pH~5) there were improved results. The chelex chemical structure is influenced by pH, losing carboxyl binding sites, necessary for binding cationic metals, as the pH decreases. In order to maintain the efficiency of chelex as an anionic resin, the pH must remain closer to that of natural waters.

Charcoal Test

iTIEs with 5 grams of charcoal removed significantly more Zn from the test solutions as compared to those iTIEs containing no charcoal, 1g, and 3g of charcoal. 5g of charcoal can remove the greatest amount of Zn, while taking longer to reach saturation overtime. iTIEs containing 1g of charcoal reached saturation by the second sampling period, while those containing 3g of charcoal reached saturation by the end of the two hour test. The iTIEs containing 5g showed evidence of saturation overtime, but had not yet reached complete saturation by the end of the experiment. This test again supports that more resin (5g) is best for more Zn removal. Comparing the charcoal results to the chelex test, it is clear that chelex has a stronger affinity for Zn, as the iTIEs containing 1g, 3g, and 5g of chelex resulted in sample water with lower Zn concentrations compared to the iTIEs containing the same amounts of charcoal.

Ni, Zn, and V Multiple Metals Test

The iTIEs containing no resin had significantly higher average Ni concentrations in their flow-through water compared to the iTIEs containing chelex, charcoal, and both chelex and charcoal. Although time did not have a significant effect, evidence of chelex and charcoal saturation was observed. Charcoal appears to have a lower saturation point for Ni than chelex. The iTIEs containing both chelex and charcoal had the highest adsorption of Ni. The iTIEs containing both resins also had significantly lower average Ni compared to charcoal only. Based on these results, chelex is a better resin for Ni than charcoal but the combination of both resins is best for adsorbing Ni.

The iTIEs containing no resin, similarly, had significantly higher average Zn compared to chelex, charcoal, and both chelex and charcoal. Compared to Ni, Zn has a higher saturation point. Charcoal, however, again had a lower saturation point for Zn as compared to chelex. The combination of charcoal and chelex did not have improved Zn removal compared to either chelex or charcoal.

These resins also removed V, but the removal was lower than for Ni and Zn. Only ~1 mg/L of V was removed on average for all three resin treatments. The poor adsorption of V can be attributed to the fact that V most frequently takes the form of an anionic vanadate oxide, which would not bind to the negative binding sites of the charcoal and chelex.³³

These findings support the use of the iTIEs for Phase II evaluations, as the resins can be used to separate specific metals, and, in theory, specific contaminants from water sources. Different resins can be used to target specific contaminants and will have low affinities for other

contaminants. The use of multiple resins allows for testing the effects of multiple contaminants on organisms in the iTIE chambers, which can improve the efficiency of the iTIE tests. If different resins remove different contaminants, combining the resins in one chamber can allow for these multiple contaminants to be removed and the resulting effect to be observed, which further supports Phase II characterization.

Zn and NH₃ Test

The iTIEs containing both charcoal and zeolite had significantly lower NH₃ compared to the iTIEs containing charcoal, zeolite, or no resin. Overall, however, the resins did not remove a significant amount of NH₃ from the test solution. Perhaps this is due to the co-occurrence of Zn, which may outcompete NH₃ for binding sites on charcoal. This type of situation should be taken into account when designing site-specific iTIE resin combinations.

The iTIEs containing both zeolite and charcoal had significantly lower mean Zn concentrations compared to iTIEs containing no resin and only zeolite. Based on these results, zeolite does not have a high affinity for Zn as the iTIEs containing only zeolite had similar Zn concentrations as those iTIEs containing no resin. The iTIEs containing only charcoal did not have a significantly different mean Zn concentration compared to the iTIEs containing both resins, which provides evidence that suggests that the charcoal is the main resin adsorbing Zn in this test.

Diffuse Oxygen Tubing for iTIE Pore Water Tests

The iTIE pore water tubing tests were not successful. However, they did rule out a couple of tubing options. Despite investigation, the original tubing used by Burton and Nordstrom could not be found.¹⁹ It is key for the tubing to be porous and have a balance between flexibility and sturdiness to account for the necessary curvature in the iTIE pore water set-up.

Recommendations for Future iTIE Experiments

The current design of the iTIEs can be improved by optimizing the resins to be highly selective for specific contaminants, and by attaining accurate, low-flow pumping rates. The pumps require immediate attention. During experiments, pumps would on occasion stop working and had difficulty maintaining low flow rates. The resin comparisons showed that TIE Phase II characterizations are possible but need further validation of contaminant removal efficiency and specificity. Testing with other key metals, such as Pb, Cd, Cu should also be conducted.

The current iTIE tubing system does not seem feasible for field tests (unless there is adequate space between the pumps and the iTIEs), so testing experiments to see how flow rates are affected by the shortening of tubing between iTIE, pump, and collection bottle might be helpful for field implementation.

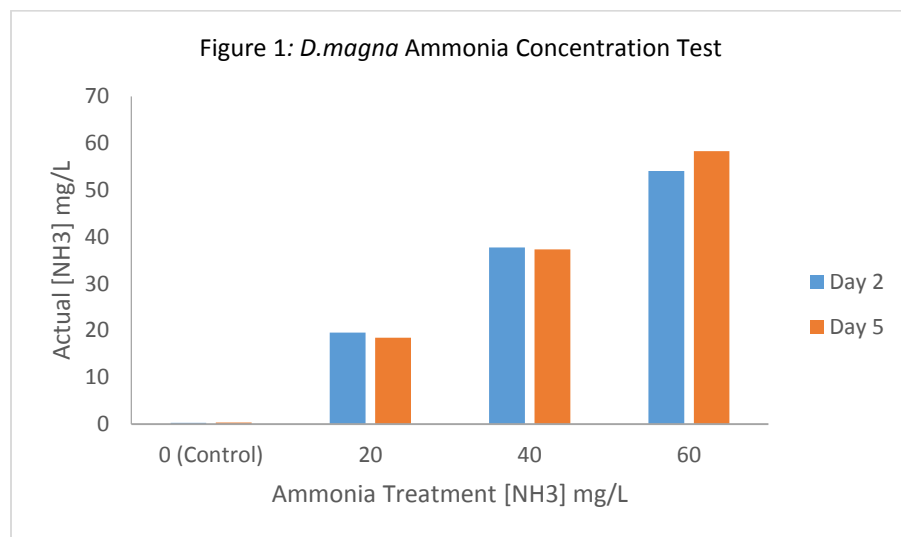
It is possible that the iTIE spike design needs to be reevaluated. Returning to a smaller resin and chamber size similar to the original version (Burton and Nordstrom 2004) might allow for improved suction and flow.¹⁹ The size of the resin chamber may also need optimizing, as

only 8 grams of courser resins such as zeolite and charcoal could fit in the chamber. Since larger quantities cannot be used for some resins, the threshold of resins at 3 or 5 grams should be determined for a range of contaminants. These resin tests should also be further validated through 24 hour tests that mimic the timeline of field exposure experiments.

Determining the detection point limits of the resins to specific contaminants is also an important next experimental option. If contaminants cannot be detected from resin extracts or in the ambient waters, then the usefulness of the iTIE is lost. It is important for the iTIEs to be able to detect contaminants at their acute and chronic toxicity concentrations. This should be evaluated with field testing where a broad range of chemicals are monitored.

Future tests could continue to sample the iTIE flow-through water until the 3 gram and 5 gram resin reach saturation. This would allow for better conclusion about whether 3 grams of chelex is sufficient for a typical 24-hour iTIE field test depending on the saturation time of the two resin amounts. The ability to reduce the amount of chelex used in iTIE experiments could make the system more economically feasible, as chelex is one of the most expensive resins.

Figures



Daphnia magna test: NH₃ concentrations of the test solutions two and three days, respectively, after refilling the bottles with fresh NH₃ solution. [Appendix B – Table 11]

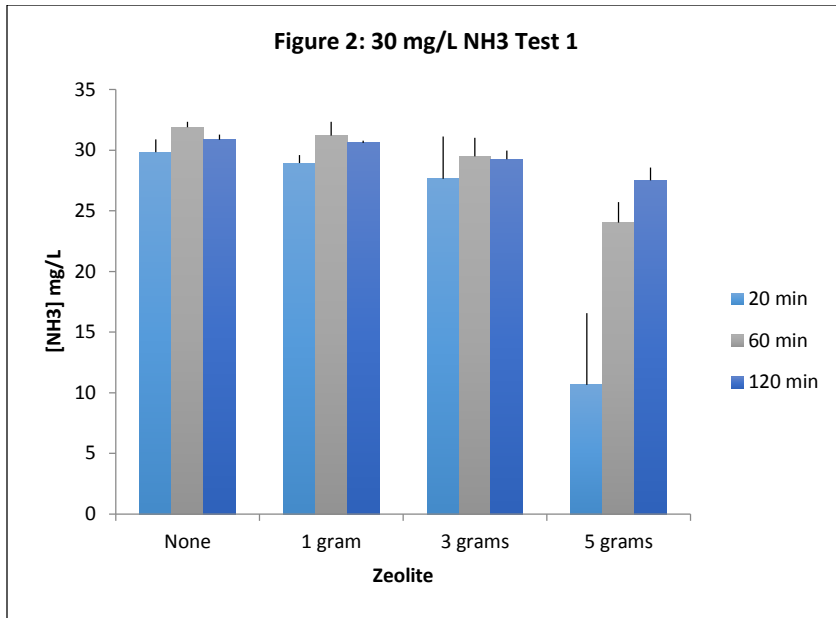


Figure 2: NH3 Test 1: Removal of NH3 by zeolite through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 1, 2]

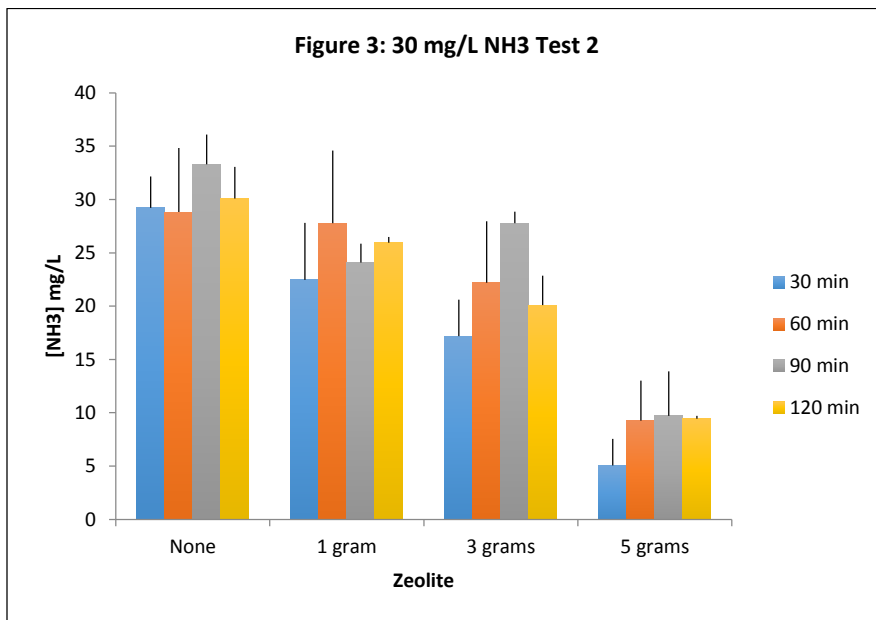


Figure 3: NH3 Test 2: Removal of NH3 by zeolite through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 3, 4]

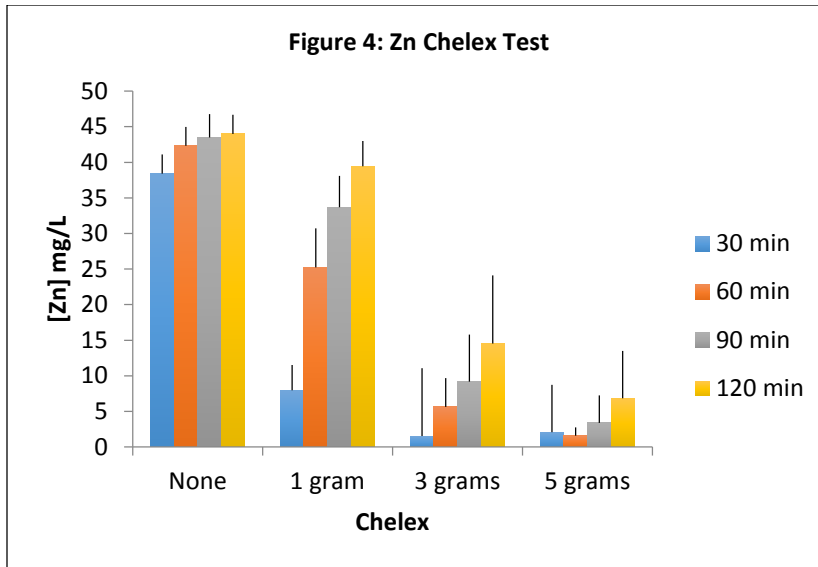


Figure 4: Chelex-Zn test: Removal of Zn by chelex through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 12, 13]

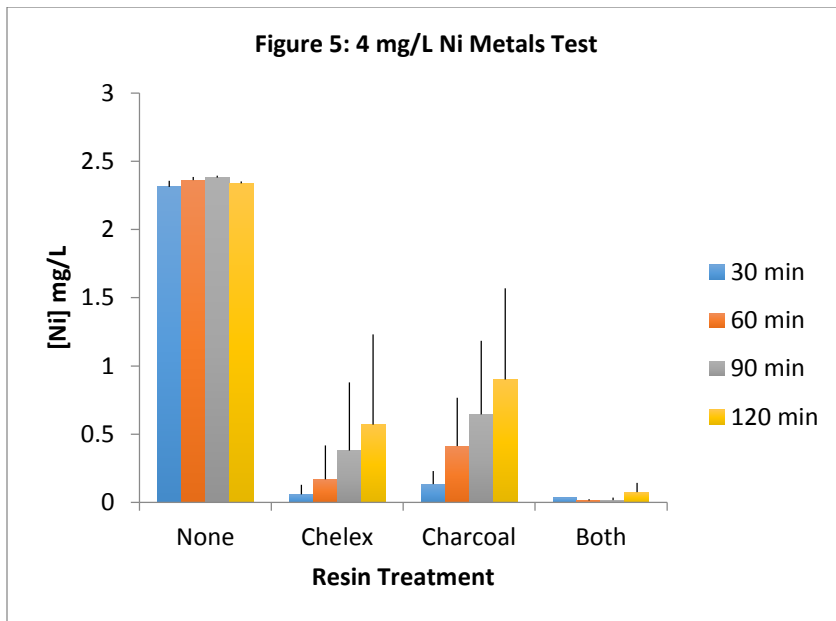


Figure 5: Multiple Metals Ni Results: Removal of Ni by chelex, charcoal, and both resins through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 5, 6]

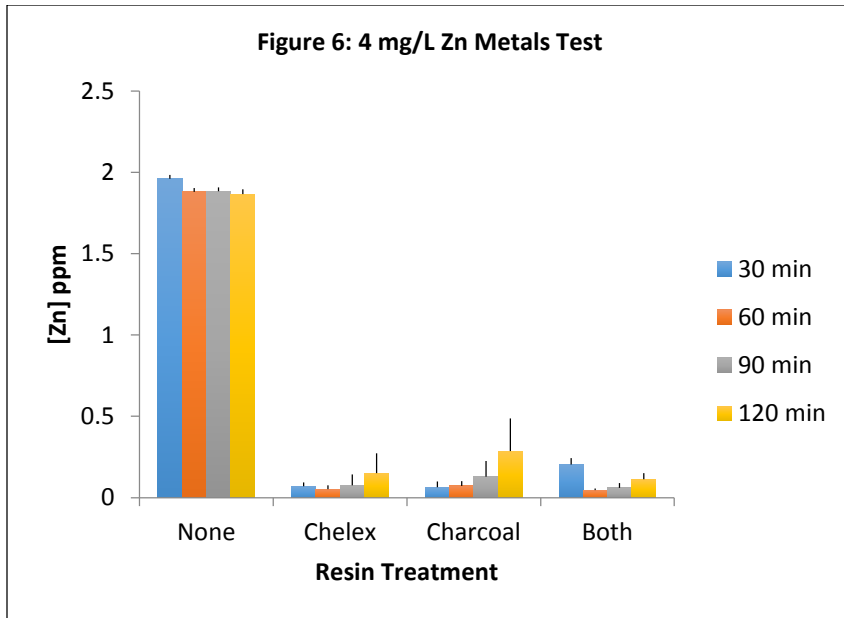


Figure 6: Multiple Metals Zn Results: Removal of Zn by chelex, charcoal, and both resins through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 7, 8]

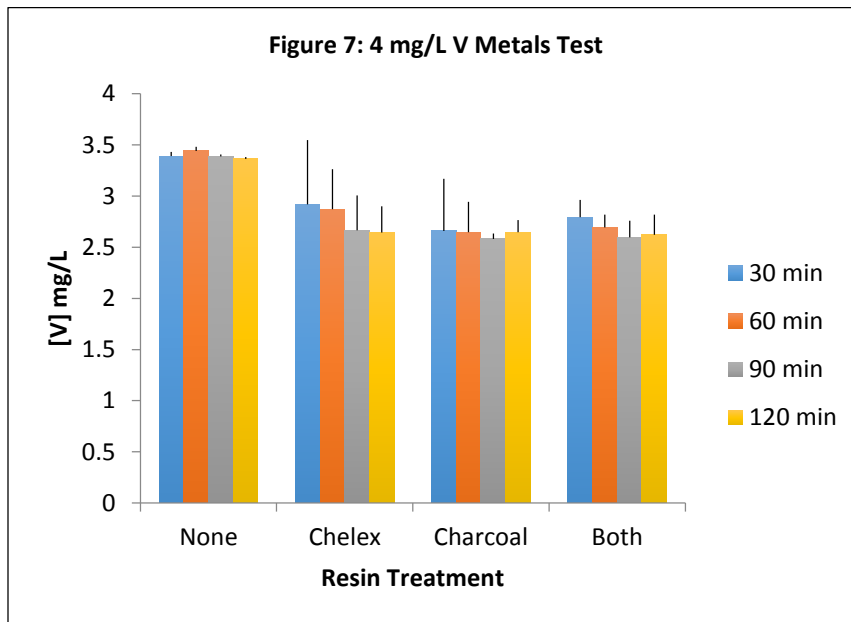


Figure 7: Multiple Metals V Results: Removal of V by chelex, charcoal, and both resins through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 9, 10]

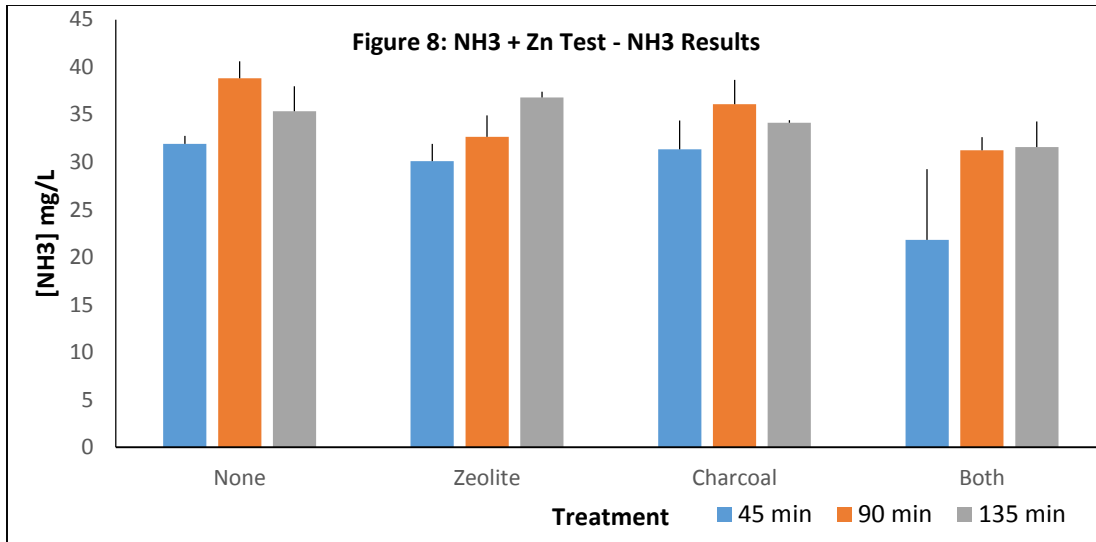


Figure 8: NH₃ and Zn Results: Removal of NH₃ by zeolite, charcoal, and both resins through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 14, 15]

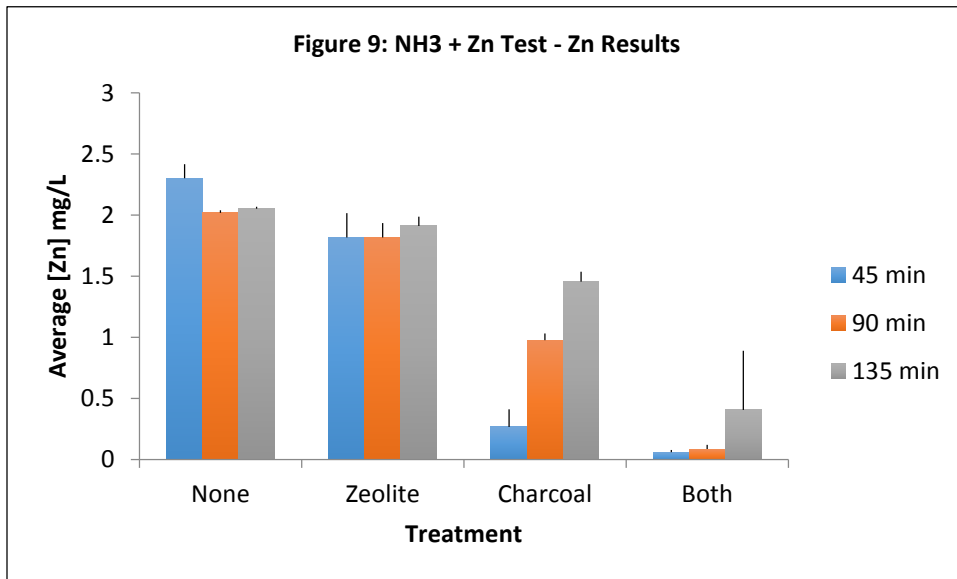


Figure 9: NH₃ and Zn Results: Removal of Zn by zeolite, charcoal, and both resins through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 16, 17]

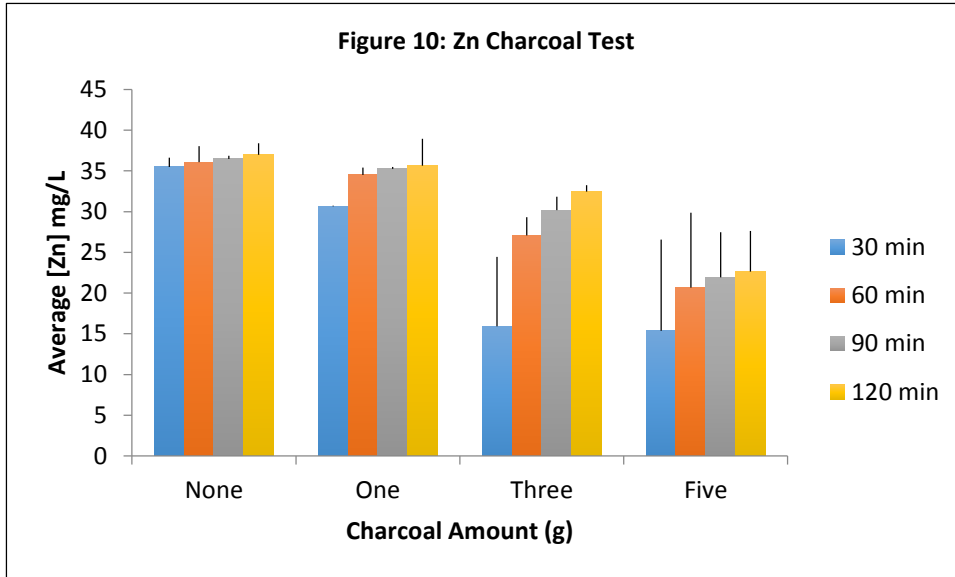


Figure 10: Charcoal - Zn Results: Removal of Zn by different amounts of charcoal through time. Error bars are Standard Deviation. [Appendix B – Tables 18, 19]

Appendix A

In Situ Toxicity Identification and Evaluation (iTIE) "Spike"

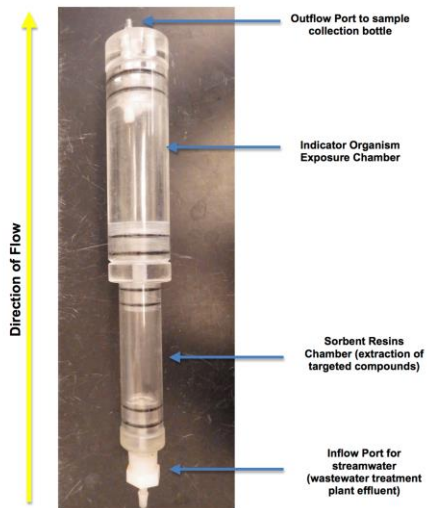


Image 1: iTIE spike design, with resin chamber and organism chamber (Gus Steigmeyer, 2015).



Image 2: iTIE laboratory system set up, with view of the iTIEs in the aquarium with test water, the peristaltic pump system, and the collection bottles, all connected via tubing (Kathryn Meyer, 2016)

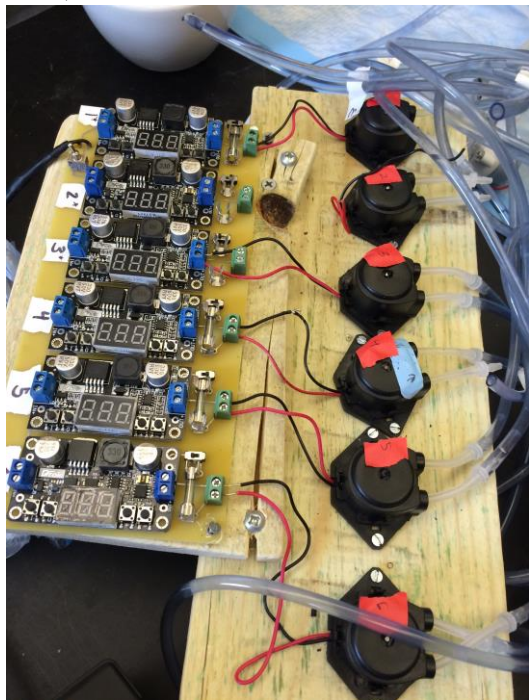


Image 3: Custom-made circuit board with LM2496 voltage switching regulators (DROK) and pump heads (Kathryn Meyer, 2016)

Appendix B

Table i: List of Conducted iTIE Experiments

Test(s)	Resin(s)	Pollutant/Contaminant(s)
NH3 #1	Zeolite (1g, 3g, 5g.)	30 mg/L NH3
NH3 #2	Zeolite (1g, 3g, 5g.)	30 mg/L NH3
Zn	Chelex (1g, 3g, 5g.)	80 µg/L Zn
Zn	Chelex (1g, 3g, 5g.)	40 mg/L Zn
Zn	Charcoal (1g, 3g, 5g.)	40 mg/L Zn
Zn	Chelex (10g), Charcoal (8g), Chelex+Charcoal (4g each)	4 mg/L Zn
Zn, Ni, V	Chelex (10g), Charcoal (8g), Chelex+Charcoal (4g each)	4 mg/L Zn, 4 mg/L V, 4 mg/L Ni
Zn and NH3	Zeolite (5g), Charcoal (5g), Zeolite+Charcoal (5g each)	30 mg/L NH3, 4 mg/L Zn

Table 1: NH3 Test 1 NH3 Electrode Raw data and log analysis (Figure 2)

Treatment	Replicate	Time (min)	mV	log[NH3]	[NH3] mg/L
Standard 0	N/A	N/A	224	N/A	0
Standard 5	N/A	N/A	55.4	0.69897	5
Standard 10	N/A	N/A	34.8	1	10
Standard 25	N/A	N/A	11.7	1.39794	25
Standard 50	N/A	N/A	-6.5	1.69897	50
Standard 75	N/A	N/A	-17.2	1.875061	75
None	A	20	6	1.491926	31.04028
None	B	20	7.7	1.464111	29.11461
None	C	20	7.5	1.467383	29.33481
1 gram	A	20	7.3	1.470656	29.55668
1 gram	B	20	7.8	1.462475	29.00513

1 gram	C	20	8.5	1.451022	28.25022
3 grams	A	20	6.7	1.480473	30.23239
3 grams	B	20	7.8	1.462475	29.00513
3 grams	C	20	13.2	1.374123	23.66588
5 grams	A	20	25.6	1.17124	14.83337
5 grams	B	20	47.6	0.811286	6.475692
None	A	40	7.6	1.465747	29.2245
None	B	40	6.3	1.487017	30.69143
None	C	40	5.4	1.501743	31.74991
1 gram	A	40	5.8	1.495198	31.27504
1 gram	B	40	8	1.459203	28.78741
1 gram	C	40	8	1.459203	28.78741
3 grams	A	40	7.1	1.473928	29.78022
3 grams	B	40	8.5	1.451022	28.25022
3 grams	C	40	8.5	1.451022	28.25022
5 grams	A	40	14.3	1.356125	22.70518
5 grams	B	40	31.9	1.068162	11.69936
5 grams	C	40	14.4	1.354489	22.6198
None	A	60	5.2	1.505483	32.02453
None	B	60	5	1.508756	32.26682
None	C	60	5.7	1.4973	31.42675
1 gram	A	60	6.3	1.48748	30.72413
1 gram	B	60	4.8	1.512029	32.51094
1 gram	C	60	6.6	1.48257	30.37873
3 grams	A	60	6.2	1.489116	30.84013
3 grams	B	60	7.1	1.474386	29.81167
3 grams	C	60	8.9	1.444926	27.85649

5 grams	A	60	13.5	1.36964	23.42286
5 grams	B	60	14.3	1.356547	22.72724
5 grams	C	60	10.8	1.41383	25.93163
None	A	90	7.1	1.473928	29.78022
None	B	90	7.3	1.470656	29.55668
None	C	90	6.8	1.478836	30.11871
1 gram	A	90	7.6	1.465747	29.2245
1 gram	B	90	7.1	1.473928	29.78022
1 gram	C	90	8.1	1.457566	28.67916
3 grams	A	90	7.9	1.460839	28.89606
3 grams	B	90	7.3	1.470656	29.55668
3 grams	C	90	8.6	1.449386	28.14399
5 grams	A	90	14.8	1.347944	22.28149
5 grams	B	90	11.5	1.401937	25.23116
5 grams	C	90	11.5	1.401937	25.23116
None	A	120	6.4	1.485381	30.57602
None	B	120	5.9	1.493562	31.15744
None	C	120	6.4	1.485381	30.57602
1 gram	A	120	6.5	1.483745	30.46105
1 gram	B	120	6.2	1.488653	30.80727
1 gram	C	120	7.3	1.470656	29.55668
3 grams	A	120	7.1	1.473928	29.78022
3 grams	B	120	8.3	1.454294	28.46388
3 grams	C	120	10.2	1.423207	26.49764
5 grams	A	120	9.2	1.439569	27.51495
5 grams	B	120	8.2	1.45593	28.57132

Table 2: NH₃ Test 2 Mean Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 2)

Zeolite	[NH ₃] mg/L	Time (min)	Std deviation
None	29.8298999	20	1.05398363
1 gram	28.9373417	20	0.65586321
3 grams	27.6344674	20	3.49124924
5 grams	10.654529	20	5.90976801
None	30.5552816	40	1.2681962
1 gram	29.6166181	40	0.65586321
3 grams	28.7602177	40	0.88334843
5 grams	19.0081136	40	6.32971009
None	31.9060348	60	0.43238737
1 gram	31.2045958	60	1.14442864
3 grams	29.5027613	60	1.51561805
5 grams	24.027242	60	1.68552311
None	29.8185359	90	0.28296879
1 gram	29.2279607	90	0.55053978
3 grams	28.8655761	90	0.99892256
5 grams	24.2479352	90	1.70299396
None	30.8667299	120	0.41112344
1 gram	30.6147812	120	0.1763382
3 grams	29.2669255	120	0.70438335

5 grams	27.5279679	120	1.03689926
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Table 3: NH3 Test 2 NH3 Electrode Raw data and log analysis (Figure 3)

Treatment	Replicate	Time (min)	mV	[NH3] mg/L	log[NH3]
Standard 0	N/A	N/A	190	0	N/A
Standard 5	N/A	N/A	55.9	5	0.69897
Standard 10	N/A	N/A	40.1	10	1
Standard 25	N/A	N/A	14.3	25	1.39794
Standard 50	N/A	N/A	-2.6	50	1.69897
Standard 75	N/A	N/A	-15.1	75	1.875061
Flow	N/A	0	17.9	22.10212	1.344434
Flow	N/A	120	23.1	18.13043	1.258408
None	A	30	7.7	32.59694	1.513177
None	B	30	12.4	27.25353	1.435423
None	C	30	11.9	27.77758	1.443694
One Gram	A	30	13.4	26.2349	1.418879
One Gram	B	30	-1.5	46.27818	1.665376
One Gram	C	30	22.3	18.69145	1.271643
Three Grams	A	30	28.1	14.98619	1.175691
Three Grams	B	30	27.3	15.44991	1.188926
Three Grams	C	30	19.1	21.11455	1.324582

Five Grams	A	30	78.1	2.231106	0.34852
Five Grams	B	30	51.5	6.145753	0.788575
Five Grams	C	30	48.7	6.83749	0.834897
None	A	60	10	29.86256	1.475127
None	B	60	17.6	22.35615	1.349397
None	C	60	6.4	34.25179	1.534683
One Gram	A	60	5.4	35.5817	1.551227
One Gram	B	60	16.8	23.04792	1.362632
One Gram	C	60	15	24.68368	1.39241
Three Grams	A	60	11	28.74641	1.458584
Three Grams	B	60	20.6	19.94191	1.299767
Three Grams	C	60	23.4	17.92442	1.253445
Five Grams	A	60	50.1	6.482401	0.811736
Five Grams	B	60	45.4	7.75336	0.88949
Five Grams	C	60	30.8	13.52147	1.131024
None	A	90	4.8	36.40431	1.561153
None	B	90	9	31.02204	1.49167
None	C	90	7.8	32.47301	1.511522
One Gram	A	90	16.6	23.22418	1.36594
One Gram	B	90	17	22.873	1.359323
One Gram	C	90	13.5	26.13515	1.417225

Three Grams	A	90	12.9	26.73936	1.427151
Three Grams	B	90	11.9	27.77758	1.443694
Three Grams	C	90	10.9	28.85612	1.460238
Five Grams	A	90	49.1	6.734096	0.828279
Five Grams	B	90	44.8	7.932608	0.899416
Five Grams	C	90	29	14.48112	1.160802
None	A	120	8.4	31.73923	1.501596
None	B	120	8.3	31.86037	1.503251
None	C	120	13	26.6377	1.425497
One Gram	A	120	13.6	26.03578	1.415571
One Gram	B	120	14.3	25.35072	1.40399
One Gram	C	120	13.2	26.43553	1.422188
Three Grams	A	120	18.1	21.93438	1.341125
Three Grams	B	120	18.7	21.43874	1.331199
Three Grams	C	120	24.9	16.92895	1.22863
Five Grams	A	120	40.8	9.23825	0.96559
Five Grams	B	120	39.4	9.744296	0.98875
Five Grams	C	120	40.6	9.3089	0.968898

Table 4: NH3 Test 2 Mean Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 3)

Zeolite	Average [NH3] mg/L	Std Deviation	Time (min)
None	29.20935157	2.94541585	30
1 gram	22.46317163	5.33402393	30
3 grams	17.18354764	3.41223591	30
5 grams	5.071449615	2.48400665	30
None	28.82349823	6.01550508	60
1 gram	27.7710993	6.81344554	60
3 grams	22.20424582	5.75477686	60
5 grams	9.252410093	3.75133061	60
None	33.29978449	2.78475488	90
1 gram	24.0774424	1.79065774	90
3 grams	27.79102158	1.05844108	90
5 grams	9.715940142	4.17004578	90
None	30.07910033	2.98095586	120
1 gram	25.94067782	0.548624	120
3 grams	20.10068847	2.75796203	120
5 grams	9.430481975	0.27405728	120
START FLOW	22.10212175	N/A	0
END FLOW	18.13043367	N/A	120

Table 5: Multiple Metals Test Ni ICP data values (analyzed values used in analysis, as corrected for ICP standard curve) (Figure 4)

Treatment	Replicate	Time (min)	Intensity	ICP Reported [Ni] mg/L	Analyzed [Ni] mg/L
FLOW	N/A	0	3625.4368	3.519	2.396452286

NONE	A	30	3556.9782	3.442	2.351200439
NONE	B	30	3513.3281	3.392	2.32234725
NONE	C	30	3427.7021	3.296	2.265747532
Chelex	A	30	211.24457	-0.339	0.139634909
Chelex	B	30	22.40828	-0.552	0.014812111
Chelex	C	30	27.4314	-0.546	0.018132447
Charcoal	A	30	234.29325	-0.313	0.154870333
Charcoal	B	30	327.38778	-0.207	0.216406806
Charcoal	C	30	47.506856	-0.524	0.031402537
Both	A	30	52.928669	-0.517	0.034986413
Both	B	30	52.933048	-0.517	0.034989308
Both	C	30	52.958801	-0.517	0.035006331
NONE	A	60	3610.464	3.502	2.386555147
NONE	B	60	3568.104	3.454	2.358554722
NONE	C	60	3542.256	3.425	2.341468888
Chelex	A	60	687.8732	0.2	0.454691505
Chelex	B	60	57.202677	-0.513	0.037811578
Chelex	C	60	23.206249	-0.551	0.015339577
Charcoal	A	60	709.45582	0.224	0.468957848
Charcoal	B	60	1112.0278	0.679	0.735062217
Charcoal	C	60	48.11024	-0.523	0.03180138
Both	A	60	7.7340579	-0.569	0.005112295
Both	B	60	25.704745	-0.548	0.01699111
Both	C	60	32.015694	-0.541	0.021162714
NONE	A	90	3622.3189	3.516	2.394391311
NONE	B	90	3603.445	3.494	2.381915484
NONE	C	90	3582.7269	3.471	2.36822057

Chelex	A	90	1109.6535	0.677	0.733492758
Chelex	B	90	38.594501	-0.534	0.025511376
Charcoal	A	90	1176.7518	0.752	0.777845485
Charcoal	B	90	1671.8968	1.312	1.105141586
Charcoal	C	90	76.188651	-0.491	0.050361509
Both	A	90	16.602798	-0.559	0.010974626
Both	B	90	1.8185662	-0.575	0.001202092
Both	C	90	56.462941	-0.513	0.037322605
NONE	A	120	3563.8566	3.45	2.355747101
NONE	B	120	3523.6241	3.404	2.329153007
NONE	C	120	3522.3634	3.403	2.328319678
Chelex	A	120	1569.2823	1.196	1.037312287
Chelex	B	120	154.70011	-0.402	0.102258417
Charcoal	A	120	1621.5755	1.255	1.071878636
Charcoal	B	120	2220.0374	1.931	1.467468361
Charcoal	C	120	242.27478	-0.304	0.160146207
Both	A	120	13.409555	-0.562	0.008863858
Both	B	120	100.40222	-0.464	0.066366934
Both	C	120	222.86193	-0.325	0.147314106

Table 6: Multiple Metals Test Ni Mean Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 4)

Treatment	Average [Ni] mg/L	Time (min)	Stdeviation
None	2.313098407	30	0.04347074
Chelex	0.057526489	30	0.07112735
Charcoal	0.134226559	30	0.09421395
Both	0.034994017	30	1.0762E-05
None	2.362192919	60	0.02276225

Chelex	0.169280887	60	0.2474281
Charcoal	0.411940482	60	0.35508053
Both	0.01442204	60	0.00832791
None	2.381509122	90	0.0130901
Chelex	0.379502067	90	0.50061844
Charcoal	0.644449527	90	0.53989454
Both	0.016499774	90	0.01868337
None	2.337739929	120	0.01560023
Chelex	0.569785352	120	0.66118293
Charcoal	0.899831068	120	0.67042753
Both	0.074181633	120	0.06955516

Table 7: Multiple Metals Test Zn ICP data values (analyzed values used in analysis, as corrected for ICP standard curve) (Figure 5)

Treatment	Replicate	Time	Intensity	Reported [Zn] mg/L	Analyzed[Zn] mg/L
FLOW	N/A	0	3509.52	3.244	2.007822605
NONE	A	30	3430.384	3.164	1.962547855
NONE	B	30	3384.302	3.117	1.936183997
NONE	C	30	3467.458	3.201	1.98375838
Chelex	A	30	71.01253	-0.226	0.040626792
Chelex	B	30	148.1175	-0.148	0.084739134
Chelex	C	30	143.6733	-0.153	0.082196541
Charcoal	A	30	83.87879	-0.213	0.047987674
Charcoal	B	30	62.72293	-0.234	0.035884253
Charcoal	C	30	184.5279	-0.111	0.105569768
Both	A	30	294.243	-0.001	0.16833859
Both	B	30	429.4538	0.136	0.245693689

Both	C	30	347.166	0.053	0.198616243
NONE	A	60	3309.994	3.042	1.893671938
NONE	B	60	3308.906	3.041	1.893049786
NONE	C	60	3237.496	2.969	1.852195356
Chelex	A	60	138.3315	-0.158	0.079140478
Chelex	B	60	68.56575	-0.228	0.039226973
Chelex	C	60	66.23735	-0.231	0.037894875
Charcoal	A	60	119.4788	-0.177	0.068354712
Charcoal	B	60	178.9218	-0.117	0.102362499
Charcoal	C	60	82.95545	-0.214	0.047459424
Both	A	60	64.01969	-0.233	0.036626138
Both	B	60	76.50922	-0.22	0.043771488
Both	C	60	98.81146	-0.198	0.056530766
NONE	A	90	3334.831	3.068	1.907881268
NONE	B	90	3297.704	3.03	1.886640926
NONE	C	90	3252.915	2.985	1.861016795
Chelex	A	90	213.9938	-0.082	0.122427444
Chelex	B	90	48.95706	-0.248	0.028008698
Charcoal	A	90	188.3605	-0.107	0.107762461
Charcoal	B	90	410.2323	0.116	0.234696954
Charcoal	C	90	74.92363	-0.222	0.04286436
Both	A	90	77.45329	-0.219	0.0443116
Both	B	90	79.42024	-0.217	0.045436904
Both	C	90	163.0052	-0.133	0.093256453
NONE	A	120	3287.474	3.02	1.880788147
NONE	B	120	3205.559	2.937	1.833924
NONE	C	120	3300.431	3.033	1.888201211

Chelex	A	120	413.5762	0.12	0.236609986
Chelex	B	120	113.4026	-0.183	0.064878446
Charcoal	A	120	384.2321	0.09	0.219822008
Charcoal	B	120	894.9278	0.605	0.511994815
Charcoal	C	120	220.8296	-0.075	0.12633827
Both	A	120	139.0551	-0.157	0.079554443
Both	B	120	189.936	-0.106	0.1086638
Both	C	120	265.5913	-0.03	0.151946747

Table 8: Multiple Metals Test Zn Mean Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 5)

Treatment	Average [Zn] mg/L	Time (min)	Stdeviation
None	1.960830077	30	0.023833664
Chelex	0.069187489	30	0.024766938
Charcoal	0.063147232	30	0.037234082
Both	0.204216174	30	0.038980409
None	1.879639027	60	0.023768951
Chelex	0.052087442	60	0.023438081
Charcoal	0.072725545	60	0.02771128
Both	0.045642797	60	0.010083398
None	1.885179663	90	0.023466384
Chelex	0.075218071	90	0.066764136
Charcoal	0.128441258	90	0.097573796
Both	0.061001652	90	0.027939143
None	1.867637786	120	0.029431325
Chelex	0.150744216	120	0.121432537
Charcoal	0.286051697	120	0.201177836
Both	0.11338833	120	0.03642667

Table 9: Multiple Metals Test V ICP data values (analyzed values used in analysis, as corrected for ICP standard curve) (Figure 6)

Treatment	Replicate	Time (min)	Intensity	ICP Reported [V] mg/L	Analyzed [V] mg/L
FLOW	N/A	0	415343	3.409	3.418794628
NONE	A	30	413577.6	3.395	3.404263586
NONE	B	30	415841.8	3.413	3.422900772
NONE	C	30	406428.9	3.336	3.345420561
Chelex	A	30	265912.4	2.182	2.188793327
Chelex	B	30	396114.3	3.251	3.260518279
Chelex	C	30	401339.7	3.294	3.303529769
Charcoal	A	30	279865.6	2.296	2.303645475
Charcoal	B	30	295014.8	2.421	2.428342318
Charcoal	C	30	394247.2	3.236	3.245149681
Both	A	30	316132.1	2.594	2.602164491
Both	B	30	351197.1	2.882	2.890793295
Both	C	30	351421.8	2.884	2.892642804
NONE	A	60	412753.2	3.388	3.397477555
NONE	B	60	418695.7	3.437	3.446391644
NONE	C	60	422491.6	3.468	3.477636948
Chelex	A	60	294239.3	2.414	2.42195942
Chelex	B	60	378674.7	3.108	3.11696898
Chelex	C	60	373829.8	3.068	3.077088909
Charcoal	A	60	290636.4	2.385	2.392303085
Charcoal	B	60	313147.7	2.57	2.577599072
Charcoal	C	60	360964.7	2.963	2.971192808
Both	A	60	309915.2	2.543	2.550991359

Both	B	60	335973	2.757	2.765480106
Both	C	60	336202.6	2.759	2.767370223
NONE	A	90	414439.8	3.402	3.411360265
NONE	B	90	410287.5	3.368	3.377181478
NONE	C	90	409832.6	3.364	3.373437428
Chelex	A	90	294679.2	2.418	2.425579929
Chelex	B	90	353089.8	2.898	2.906372838
Charcoal	A	90	306536.1	2.515	2.523177261
Charcoal	B	90	315717.5	2.591	2.598751791
Charcoal	C	90	318637.2	2.615	2.62278474
Both	A	90	297324.5	2.44	2.447354164
Both	B	90	313100.5	2.569	2.577210955
Both	C	90	336231.8	2.759	2.767610646
NONE	A	120	410542.8	3.37	3.379283048
NONE	B	120	408983.6	3.357	3.366448918
NONE	C	120	406040.8	3.333	3.342225782
Chelex	A	120	298995.2	2.453	2.461106001
Chelex	B	120	343264.9	2.817	2.825501457
Charcoal	A	120	305960.6	2.511	2.518440105
Charcoal	B	120	324445.2	2.662	2.670591362
Charcoal	C	120	334222.9	2.743	2.751074447
Both	A	120	300010.2	2.462	2.469460876
Both	B	120	310559.8	2.548	2.556297496
Both	C	120	345314.6	2.834	2.842372824

Table 10: Multiple Metals Test V Mean Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 6)

Treatment	Average [V] mg/L	Time (min)	Stdeviation
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None	3.39086164	30	0.04044138
Chelex	2.917613791	30	0.63154331
Charcoal	2.659045825	30	0.51139576
Both	2.795200197	30	0.16717638
None	3.440502049	60	0.04040294
Chelex	2.872005769	60	0.39026131
Charcoal	2.647031655	60	0.29562475
Both	2.694613896	60	0.12438436
None	3.38732639	90	0.02089796
Chelex	2.665976383	90	0.33997193
Charcoal	2.581571264	90	0.05197875
Both	2.597391922	90	0.1610792
None	3.362652583	120	0.01881806
Chelex	2.643303729	120	0.2576665
Charcoal	2.646701972	120	0.11814276
Both	2.622710399	120	0.19512518

Table 11: *D. magna* NH₃ Concentration Moderation Test (Figure 1)

Sample	mV	log[NH ₃]	[NH ₃] mg/L	Day
Standard 0	169	N/A	0	2
Standard 5	57.4	0.69897	5	2
Standard 10	41.6	1	10	2
Standard 25	16.8	1.39794	25	2
Standard 50	-3.6	1.69897	50	2

Standard 75	-11.4	1.875061	75	2
Control	131.2	-0.51394	0.30623965	2
20	22.7	1.291837	19.5810765	2
40	5.6	1.576433	37.7079902	2
60	-3.8	1.732878	54.0602964	2
Standard 0	180.2	N/A	0	5
Standard 5	56.7	0.69897	5	5
Standard 10	38.4	1	10	5
Standard 25	14	1.39794	25	5
Standard 50	-1.6	1.69897	50	5
Standard 75	-13.9	1.875061	75	5
Control	123	-0.42342	0.37720623	5
20	22.7	1.267095	18.4967222	5
40	4.6	1.572163	37.339023	5
60	-6.9	1.765991	58.3432741	5

Table 12: Chelex Zn ICP data values (analyzed values used in analysis, as corrected for ICP standard curve and ICP initial sample dilution) (Figure 7)

Chelex	Replicate	Time	Intensity	ICP Reported [Zn] mg/L (diluted)	Analyzed [Zn] mg/L (diluted)	Actual [Zn] mg/L
None	A	30	1490.062	0.915027332	0.915	36.60109327
None	B	30	1796.739	1.103353578	1.104	44.13414311
None	C	30	1406.617	0.863784907	0.864	34.55139627

1 gram	A	30	-1.18484	0	0	0
1 gram	B	30	335.3394	0.207819877	0.216	8.312795079
1 gram	C	30	630.3732	0.390661164	0.405	15.62644655
3 grams	A		98.2535	0.060890638	0.064	2.435625521
3 grams	B	30	43.77982	0.027131664	0.029	1.085266561
3 grams	C	30	41.34182	0.025620763	0.027	1.024830539
5 grams	A	30	151.3871	0.092964766	0.094	3.718590644
5 grams	B	30	27.12035	0.016654241	0.017	0.666169643
5 grams	C	30	75.71555	0.046495905	0.047	1.8598362
None	A	60	1601.069	0.992230082	1.027	39.68920329
None	B	60	1811.906	1.1228922	1.162	44.91568798
None	C	60	1710.917	1.060306581	1.097	42.41226325
1 gram	A	60	1151.695	0.713739639	0.739	28.54958555
1 gram	B	60	761.9602	0.472209558	0.489	18.88838231
1 gram	C	60	1138.19	0.705370253	0.73	28.21481011
3 grams	A	60	47.3305	0.02933213	0.031	1.173285181
3 grams	B	60	359.8097	0.222984851	0.231	8.919394045
3 grams	C	60	276.2522	0.171201773	0.178	6.848070931
5 grams	A	60	68.73	0.04259404	0.045	1.703761598
5 grams	B	60	16.2976	0.01010011	0.011	0.404004409
5 grams	C	60	108.1199	0.067005129	0.07	2.680205162
None	A	90	1768.242	1.095832589	1.134	43.83330355
None	B	90	1879.129	1.164552724	1.205	46.58210896
None	C	90	1615.326	1.001066086	1.036	40.04264345
1 gram	A	90	1500.712	0.93003588	0.962	37.20143519
1 gram	B	90	1159.634	0.718659774	0.744	28.74639098
1 gram	C	90	1415.034	0.876939015	0.908	35.07756062

3 grams	A	90	82.85741	0.051349217	0.054	2.05396868
3 grams	B	90	610.4622	0.378321687	0.392	15.13286749
3 grams	C	90	417.2784	0.258599888	0.268	10.34399554
5 grams	A	90	63.11008	0.039111209	0.041	1.564448341
5 grams	B	90	28.9707	0.017954008	0.019	0.718160338
5 grams	C	90	315.7234	0.195663224	0.203	7.826528956
None	A	120	1806.003	1.109042081	1.109	44.36168324
None	B	120	1892.049	1.161881693	1.162	46.47526773
None	C	120	1674.505	1.028291156	1.029	41.13164624
1 gram	A	120	1704.209	1.056149428	1.093	42.24597712
1 gram	B	120	1430.867	0.886750937	0.918	35.47003747
1 gram	C	120	1639.297	1.015921502	1.051	40.63686007
3 grams	A	120	144.3923	0.089484246	0.093	3.579369849
3 grams	B	120	856.3301	0.530693423	0.549	21.2277369
3 grams	C	120	758.4969	0.470063207	0.487	18.8025283
5 grams	A	120	172.9002	0.106175668	0.107	4.247026722
5 grams	B	120	76.85616	0.047196336	0.048	1.887853438
5 grams	C	120	586.9065	0.360411409	0.361	14.41645635
FLOW	N/A	0	1742.241	1.069886746	1.07	42.79546984

Table 13: Chelex Zn Mean Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 7)

Chelex	Time (min)	Average [Zn] mg/L	Std Dev
None	30	38.42887755	5.046073
1 gram	30	7.97974721	7.818545
3 grams	30	1.515240874	0.797649
5 grams	30	2.081532162	1.538239
None	60	42.33905151	2.614011

1 gram	60	25.21759266	5.483812
3 grams	60	5.646916719	4.010315
5 grams	60	1.59599039	1.141921
None	90	43.48601865	3.283536
1 gram	90	33.67512893	4.398529
3 grams	90	9.176943903	6.617092
5 grams	90	3.369712545	3.882842
None	120	43.9895324	2.691179
1 gram	120	39.45095822	3.540214
3 grams	120	14.53654502	9.566356
5 grams	120	6.850445504	6.657688

Table 14: NH₃ and Zn Test Ammonia Electrode Raw data and log analysis (Figure 8)

Treatment	Replicate	mV	log [NH ₃]	[NH ₃] mg/L	Time (min)
None	A	10.1	1.501156	31.7070813	45
None	B	9.2	1.51646	32.844283	45
None	C	10.5	1.494355	31.2143792	45
Zeolite	A	10.5	1.494355	31.2143792	45
Zeolite	B	13.3	1.446744	27.9733031	45
Zeolite	C	10.6	1.492654	31.0924046	45
Charcoal	A	13.4	1.445043	27.8639935	45
Charcoal	B	8.8	1.523261	33.3627123	45
Charcoal	C	9.2	1.51646	32.844283	45
Both	A	28.8	1.183183	15.2469555	45
Both	B	11.6	1.47565	29.8985688	45
Both	C	21.5	1.307312	20.2913846	45
None	A	3.7	1.609981	40.7362733	90
None	B	6	1.570872	37.2282225	90
None	C	5.1	1.586176	38.5634447	90
Zeolite	A	7.5	1.545366	35.1047944	90
Zeolite	B	9.7	1.507958	32.2075604	90
Zeolite	C	10.9	1.487553	30.7293332	90
Charcoal	A	4.9	1.589577	38.8666046	90
Charcoal	B	7.1	1.552168	35.6589047	90

Charcoal	C	8.5	1.528363	33.7568974	90
Both	A	9.2	1.51646	32.844283	90
Both	B	11	1.485853	30.6092541	90
Both	C	11.3	1.480752	30.2518245	90
None	A	9.2	1.51646	32.844283	135
None	B	5.4	1.581075	38.1131327	135
None	C	7.5	1.545366	35.1047944	135
Zeolite	A	6	1.570872	37.2282225	135
Zeolite	B	6.1	1.569172	37.082748	135
Zeolite	C	6.8	1.557269	36.0802196	135
Charcoal	A	8.2	1.533464	34.1557398	135
Charcoal	B	8.4	1.530063	33.8893247	135
Charcoal	C	8	1.536864	34.4242493	135
Both	A	11.4	1.479051	30.1336113	135
Both	B	7.8	1.540265	34.6948697	135
Both	C	11.6	1.47565	29.8985688	135

Table 15: NH₃ and Zn Test Mean NH₃ Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 8)

Treatment	Time	[NH ₃] mg/L	Std Dev
None	45	31.9219145	0.83592
Zeolite	45	30.0933623	1.837038
Charcoal	45	31.3569963	3.036115
Both	45	21.8123029	7.443275
None	90	38.8426468	1.770613
Zeolite	90	32.6805627	2.22575
Charcoal	90	36.0941356	2.582508
Both	90	31.2351205	1.404988
None	135	35.3540701	2.643255
Zeolite	135	36.7970633	0.625052
Charcoal	135	34.1564379	0.267463
Both	135	31.5756833	2.70385

Table 16: NH₃ and Zn Test Zn Raw and Analyzed ICP data

Treatment	Replicate	Time	Intensity	[Zn] Reported mg/L	[Zn] mg/L analysis
None	A	One	2961.002	2.314	2.353609
None	B	One	2727.106	2.131	2.167692
None	C	One	2994.04	2.34	2.37987

Zeolite	A	One	2199.371	1.72	1.748212
Zeolite	B	One	2567.797	2.007	2.041062
Zeolite	C	One	2091.293	1.635	1.662304
Charcoal	A	One	518.3594	0.408	0.412028
Charcoal	B	One	155.518	0.125	0.123616
Charcoal	C	One	330.5493	0.262	0.262743
Both	A	One	71.85316	0.06	0.057114
Both	B	One	98.9746	0.081	0.078672
Both	C	One	55.93585	0.047	0.044462
None	A	Two	2537.73	1.984	2.017163
None	B	Two	2511.653	1.963	1.996435
None	C	Two	2567.051	2.007	2.040469
Zeolite	A	Two	2204.908	1.724	1.752613
Zeolite	B	Two	2455.061	1.919	1.951452
Zeolite	C	Two	2200.181	1.72	1.748856
Charcoal	A	Two	1242.402	0.973	0.987546
Charcoal	B	Two	1150.807	0.902	0.914741
Charcoal	C	Two	1287.896	1.009	1.023709
Both	A	Two	106.7783	0.087	0.084875
Both	B	Two	148.1669	0.119	0.117773
Both	C	Two	62.9261	0.053	0.050018
None	A	Three	2558.424	2	2.033612
None	B	Three	2594.034	2.028	2.061918
None	C	Three	2590.763	2.025	2.059317
Zeolite	A	Three	2348.287	1.836	1.86658
Zeolite	B	Three	2515.896	1.967	1.999808
Zeolite	C	Three	2347.484	1.835	1.865942
Charcoal	A	Three	1851.414	1.448	1.471632
Charcoal	B	Three	1718.347	1.344	1.365861
Charcoal	C	Three	1920.845	1.502	1.52682
Both	A	Three	98.30396	0.081	0.078139
Both	B	Three	1210.451	0.948	0.96215
Both	C	Three	218.5711	0.174	0.173735

Table 17: NH₃ and Zn Test Mean Zn Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 9)

Treatment	Time	Average [Zn] mg/L	Std. Dev
None	One	2.30039032	0.11566761
Zeolite	One	1.817192675	0.198577782

Charcoal	One	0.266129233	0.144235521
Both	One	0.060082458	0.017297206
None	Two	2.018022471	0.022029497
Zeolite	Two	1.817640121	0.115899496
Charcoal	Two	0.975332083	0.055501257
Both	Two	0.084222021	0.033882356
None	Three	2.051615444	0.015645814
Zeolite	Three	1.910776809	0.077103571
Charcoal	Three	1.454771015	0.081793712
Both	Three	0.404674686	0.485148077

Table 18: Charcoal Zn Test Zn Raw and Analyzed ICP data

Sample	Replicate	Time	Intensity	[Zn] Reported (ICP)	[Zn] mg/L analyzed (diluted)	[Zn] mg/L (not diluted)
None	A	One	1142.013	0.895	0.907751	36.31003
None	C	One	1091.238	0.855	0.867391	34.69564
One	A	One	967.0501	0.758	0.768678	30.74713
One	B	One	961.5603	0.754	0.764315	30.57258
One	C	One	963.0695	0.755	0.765514	30.62057
Three	A	One	215.9674	0.172	0.171666	6.866633
Three	B	One	749.1247	0.588	0.595456	23.81824
Three	C	One	537.6134	0.423	0.427332	17.09329
Five	A	One	688.9971	0.541	0.547662	21.9065
Five	B	One	684.7093	0.538	0.544254	21.77017
Five	C	One	75.36011	0.063	0.059901	2.396057
None	A	Two	1145.993	0.898	0.910915	36.43658
None	B	Two	1189.646	0.932	0.945613	37.82452
None	C	Two	1068.706	0.838	0.849482	33.97926
One	A	Two	1080.871	0.847	0.859151	34.36605
One	B	Two	1060.509	0.831	0.842966	33.71863
One	C	Two	1115.543	0.874	0.886711	35.46842
Three	A	Two	793.1982	0.623	0.630489	25.21955
Three	B	Two	930.3352	0.73	0.739495	29.57979
Three	C	Two	831.8064	0.653	0.661177	26.44708
Five	A	Two	783.9364	0.615	0.623127	24.92507
Five	B	Two	848.3637	0.666	0.674338	26.97352
Five	C	Two	319.4506	0.253	0.253921	10.15685
None	A	Three	1140.858	0.894	0.906833	36.27331

None	B	Three	1161.414	0.91	0.923172	36.92689
None	C	Three	1137.048	0.891	0.903804	36.15218
One	A	Three	1117.689	0.876	0.888416	35.53666
One	B	Three	1101.912	0.864	0.875876	35.03504
One	C	Three	1105.033	0.866	0.878357	35.13427
Three	A	Three	891.6046	0.699	0.708709	28.34836
Three	B	Three	969.7012	0.76	0.770785	30.83142
Three	C	Three	988.3582	0.775	0.785615	31.42461
Five	A	Three	671.8931	0.528	0.534067	21.36268
Five	B	Three	872.5305	0.685	0.693548	27.7419
Five	C	Three	526.5172	0.415	0.418512	16.74049
None	A	Four	1165.043	0.913	0.926057	37.04227
None	B	Four	1207.061	0.946	0.959455	38.37821
None	C	Four	1118.199	0.876	0.888822	35.55286
One	A	Four	1185.884	0.929	0.942623	37.70491
One	B	Four	1000.295	0.784	0.795104	31.80414
One	C	Four	1175.987	0.921	0.934756	37.39024
Three	A	Four	1020.295	0.8	0.811001	32.44005
Three	B	Four	995.6742	0.781	0.791431	31.65722
Three	C	Four	1046.392	0.82	0.831744	33.26977
Five	A	Four	606.7833	0.477	0.482313	19.29253
Five	B	Four	892.0504	0.7	0.709063	28.36253
Five	C	Four	639.0717	0.502	0.507978	20.31913

Table 19: Charcoal Zn Test Mean Zn Concentration values and standard deviation (Figure 10)

Treatment	Time	Average [Zn] mg/L	Std. Dev
None	One	35.50283774	1.141548
One	One	30.6467584	0.090174
Three	One	15.92605544	8.535871
Five	One	15.357575	11.22521
None	Two	36.08012129	1.947253
One	Two	34.51770037	0.8847
Three	Two	27.08214005	2.248419
Five	Two	20.68514922	9.175117
None	Three	36.45079279	0.416739
One	Three	35.23532191	0.265639
Three	Three	30.20146386	1.632015

Five	Three	21.94835727	5.524041
None	Four	36.99111591	1.41337
One	Four	35.63309551	3.3197
Three	Four	32.45568101	0.806388
Five	Four	22.65806375	4.966808

Appendix C Raw Statistical Results

30 mg/L NH₃ Test 1

Table 20: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and log [NH₃] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Sample	3	0.2793	0.09309	11.6	5.61E-06
Residuals	54	0.4332	0.00802		

Table 21: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and log[NH₃] (dependent variable)

Zeolite	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
1g-5g	0.163382	0.07515	0.25162	5.1E-05
3g-5g	0.146474	0.05824	0.23471	0.00029
0g-5g	0.172856	0.08311	0.2626	2.6E-05
3g-1g	-0.01691	-0.1036	0.06979	0.95467
0g-1g	0.009474	-0.0788	0.09771	0.99187
0g-3g	0.026382	-0.0619	0.11462	0.8575

Table 22: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and log[NH₃] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time	4	0.0675	0.01687	1.386	0.251
Residuals	54	0.645	0.01217		

30 mg/L NH₃ Test 2

Table 23: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and log [NH₃] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Sample_2	3	2.5262	0.8421	54.27	1.14E-14
Residuals	43	0.6672	0.0155		

Table 24: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and log[NH3] (dependent variable)

Sample_2	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
ONE-FIVE	0.51361	0.37466	0.65256	0
THREE-FIVE	0.443088	0.30719	0.57899	0
ZERO-FIVE	0.594184	0.45829	0.73008	0
THREE-ONE	-0.07052	-0.2095	0.06843	0.53305
ZERO-ONE	0.080574	-0.0584	0.21953	0.41766
ZERO-THREE	0.151097	0.0152	0.287	0.02407

Table 25: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and log[NH3] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time_2	3	0.1874	0.06248	0.894	0.452
Residuals	43	3.006	0.06991		

Chelex Test

Table 26: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Chelex	3	3816	1271.9	22.08	3.55E-05
Residuals	12	691	57.6		

Table 27: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

Chelex	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
None-Five	38.58645	22.6547	54.5182	5.7E-05
One-Five	23.10644	7.17469	39.0382	0.00487
Three-Five	4.244491	-11.687	20.1762	0.85718
One-None	-15.48	-31.412	0.45174	0.0578
Three-None	-34.342	-50.274	-18.41	0.00017
Three-One	-18.8619	-34.794	-2.9302	0.01928

Table 28: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	409	136.4	0.4	0.756
Residuals	12	4097	341.5		

Charcoal Test

Table 29: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr>F
Treatment	3	649.4	216.45	12.31	0.000566
Residuals	12	210.9	17.58		

Table 30: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

Treatment	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
None-Five	16.093931	7.291976	24.8959	0.00076
One-Five	13.845933	5.043978	22.6479	0.00263
Three-Five	6.254049	-2.547906	15.056	0.2049
One-None	-2.247998	-11.04995	6.55396	0.87145
Three-None	-9.839882	-18.64184	-1.0379	0.02718
Three-One	-7.591884	-16.39384	1.21007	0.09991

Table 31: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr>F
Time	3	136.7	45.55	0.755	0.54
Residuals	12	723.6	60.3		

Table 32: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Zn] dependent variable; independent variable interaction

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq
Time	3	136.7	45.55
Treatment	3	649.4	216.45
Time: Treatment	9	74.3	8.25

Table 33: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Zn] dependent variable; Time as blocking variable

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr>F
Time	3	136.7	45.55	5.519	0.0199
Treatment	3	649.4	216.45	26.224	8.81E-05
Residuals	9	74.3	8.25		

Table 34: Tukey HSD for 2-way block ANOVA: Treatment and Time (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

Time	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
One-Four	-7.576182	-13.91808	-1.23429	0.02017
Three-Four	-0.975505	-7.3174	5.36639	0.9616
Two-Four	-2.343211	-8.685106	3.998683	0.6683
Three-One	6.6006773	0.2587826	12.94257	0.04128
Two-One	5.2329711	-1.108924	11.57487	0.11318
Two-Three	-1.367706	-7.709601	4.974188	0.9046

Treatment	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
None-Five	16.093931	9.7520359	22.43583	0.00011
One-Five	13.845933	7.504038	20.18783	0.00037
Three-Five	6.254049	-0.087846	12.59594	0.05336
One-None	-2.247998	-8.589893	4.093897	0.6947
Three-None	-9.839882	-16.18178	-3.49799	0.00415
Three-One	-7.591884	-13.93378	-1.24999	0.01994

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Table 35: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Ni] dependent variable; Time as blocking variable

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	0.252	0.084	3.317	0.0708
Treatment	3	13.266	4.422	174.573	2.72E-08
Residuals	9	0.228	0.025		

Table 36: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Ni] dependent variable; independent variable interaction

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq
Time..min.	3	0.252	0.084
Treatment	3	13.266	4.422
Time..min: treatment	9	0.228	0.02

Table 37: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and [Ni] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	0.252	0.084	0.075	0.972
Residuals	12	13.494	1.125		

Table 38: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Ni] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Treatment	3	13.27	4.422	110.5	5.24E-09
Residuals	12	0.48	0.04		

Table 39: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Ni] (dependent variable)

Treatment	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
Charcoal-Both	0.487588	0.13627	0.83891	0.00842
Chellex-Both	0.258999	-0.0923	0.61032	0.16876
None-Both	2.313611	1.96229	2.66493	0
Chellex-Charcoal	-0.22859	-0.5799	0.12273	0.24607
None-Charcoal	1.826023	1.4747	2.17735	3E-07
None-Chellex	2.054611	1.70329	2.40593	1E-07

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Table 40: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Zn] dependent variable; Time as blocking variable

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	0.02	0.007	1.523	0.274
Treatment	3	9.598	3.199	744.012	4.26E-11
Residuals	9	0.039	0.004		

Table 41: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Zn] dependent variable; independent variable interaction

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq
Time..min.	3	0.02	0.007
Treatment	3	9.598	3.199
Time..min:treatment	9	0.039	0.004

Table 42: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	0.02	0.0066	0.008	0.999
Residuals	12	9.637	0.803		

Table 43: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	9.598	3.199	657.9	1.42E-13
Residuals	12	0.058	0.005		

Table 44: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] (dependent variable)

Treatment	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
Charcoal-Both	0.031529	-0.1149	0.17792	0.91719
Chellex-Both	-0.01925	-0.1656	0.12714	0.97886
None-Both	1.792259	1.64587	1.93865	0
Chellex-Charcoal	-0.05078	-0.1972	0.09561	0.73583
None-Charcoal	1.76073	1.61434	1.90712	0
None-Chellex	1.811512	1.66512	1.9579	0

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Table 45: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [V] dependent variable; Time as blocking variable

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	0.0534	0.0178	4.44	0.0355
Treatment	3	1.512	0.504	125.77	1.15E-07
Residuals	9	0.0361	0.004		

Table 46: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [V] dependent variable; independent variable interaction

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq
Time..min.	3	0.0534	0.0178
Treatment	3	1.512	0.504
Time..min: treatment	9	0.0361	0.004

Table 47: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and [V] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	3	0.0534	0.01779	0.138	0.935
Residuals	12	1.5481	0.12901		

Table 48: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [V] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Treatment	3	1.512	0.504	67.62	8.68E-08
Residuals	12	0.0894	0.0075		

Table 49: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [V] (dependent variable)

Treatment	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
Charcoal-Both	-0.04389	-0.2251	0.13735	0.88766
Chellex-Both	0.097246	-0.084	0.27849	0.41811
None-Both	0.717857	0.53661	0.8991	3E-07
Chellex-Charcoal	0.141137	-0.0401	0.32238	0.14968
None-Charcoal	0.761748	0.5805	0.94299	2E-07
None-Chellex	0.620611	0.43937	0.80185	1.6E-06

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Table 50: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and log [NH₃] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Treatment	3	0.06224	0.020747	4.493	0.00967
Residuals	32	0.14776	0.004618		

Table 51: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and log[NH₃] (dependent variable)

Treatment	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
Charcoal-Both	0.090121	0.00333	0.17691	0.03944
None-Both	0.108636	0.02185	0.19543	0.00959
Zeolite-Both	0.080863	-0.0059	0.16765	0.07506
None-Charcoal	0.018515	-0.0683	0.1053	0.93795
Zeolite-Charcoal	-0.00926	-0.096	0.07753	0.99143
Zeolite-None	-0.02777	-0.1146	0.05902	0.8217

Table 52: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and log [NH₃] (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Time..min.	2	0.06147	0.030737	6.829	0.0033
Residuals	33	0.14853	0.004501		

Table 53: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and log[NH₃] (dependent variable)

Time..min.	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
three-one	0.086578	0.01937	0.15378	0.00917
two-one	0.088704	0.0215	0.15591	0.00751
two-three	0.002125	-0.0651	0.06933	0.99669

Table 54: ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] mg/L (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr>F
Treatment	3	7.146	2.3821	22.62	0.000291
Residuals	8	0.843	0.1053		

Table 55: Tukey HSD for ANOVA: Treatment (independent variable) and [Zn] mg/L (dependent variable)

Treatment	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
Charcoal-Both	0.7157511	-0.1328	1.56434	0.10143
None-Both	1.9403497	1.09176	2.78894	0.00038
Zeolite-Both	1.6655435	0.81695	2.51413	0.00107
None-Charcoal	1.2245986	0.37601	2.07319	0.0074
Zeolite-Charcoal	0.9497924	0.1012	1.79838	0.02934
Zeolite-None	-0.274806	-1.1234	0.57378	0.73394

Table 56: ANOVA: Time (independent variable) and [Zn] mg/L (dependent variable)

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr>F
Time	2	0.247	0.1234	0.143	0.868
Residuals	9	7.742	0.8603		

Table 57: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Zn] dependent variable; independent variable interaction

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq
Time	2	0.247	0.1234
Treatment	3	7.146	2.3821
Time: Treatment	6	0.596	0.0993

Table 58: 2-way ANOVA: Treatment and Time independent variables, [Zn] dependent variable; Time as blocking variable

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr>F
Time	2	0.247	0.1234	1.243	0.353584
Treatment	3	7.146	2.3821	23.987	0.000968
Residuals	6	0.596	0.0993		

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