

## **Supplementary material**

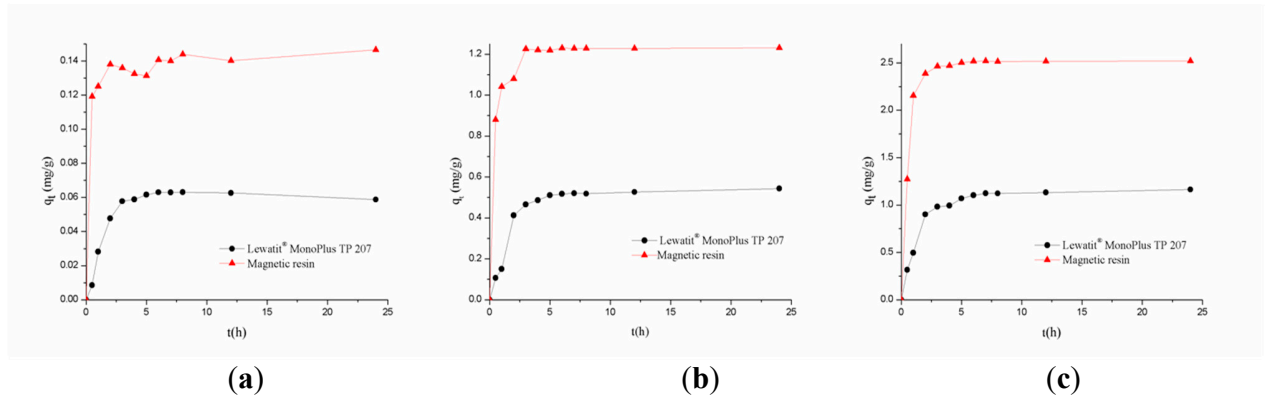
### **Optimization and Efficiency of Novel Magnetic Resin-Based-Approaches for Enhanced Nickel Removal from Water**

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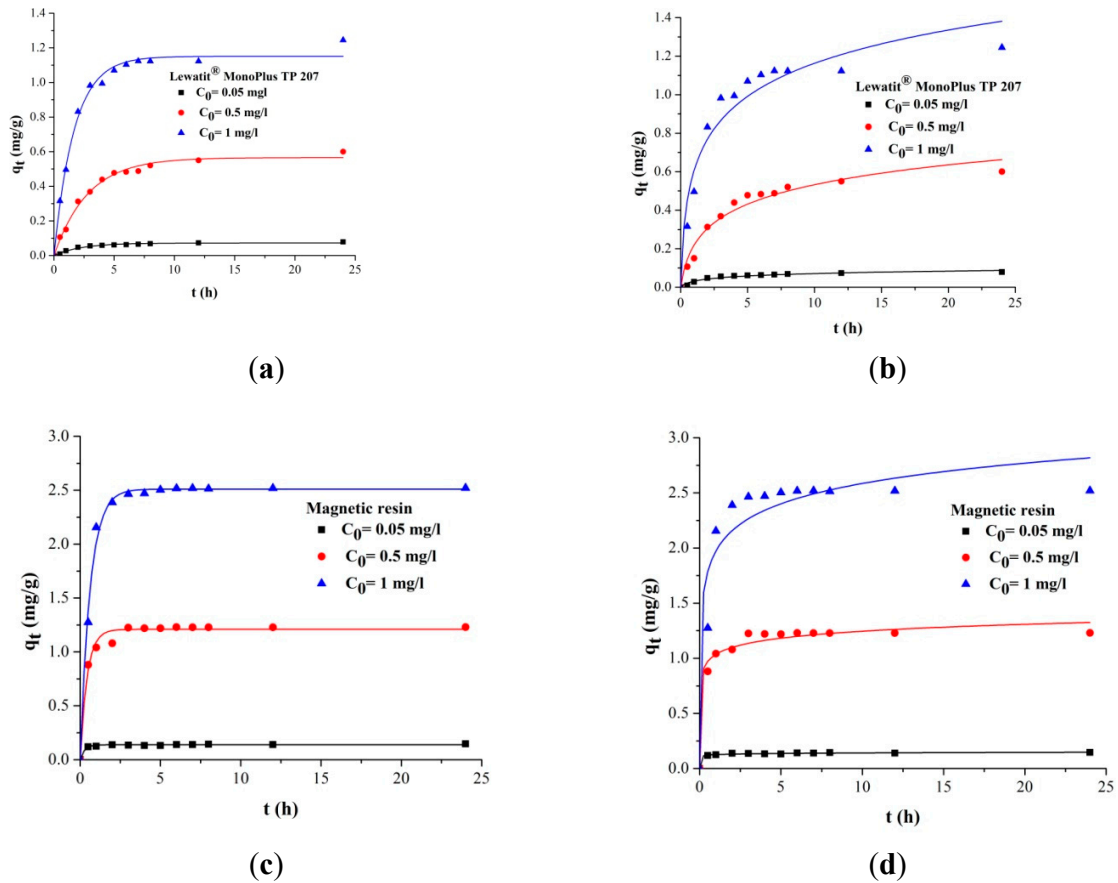
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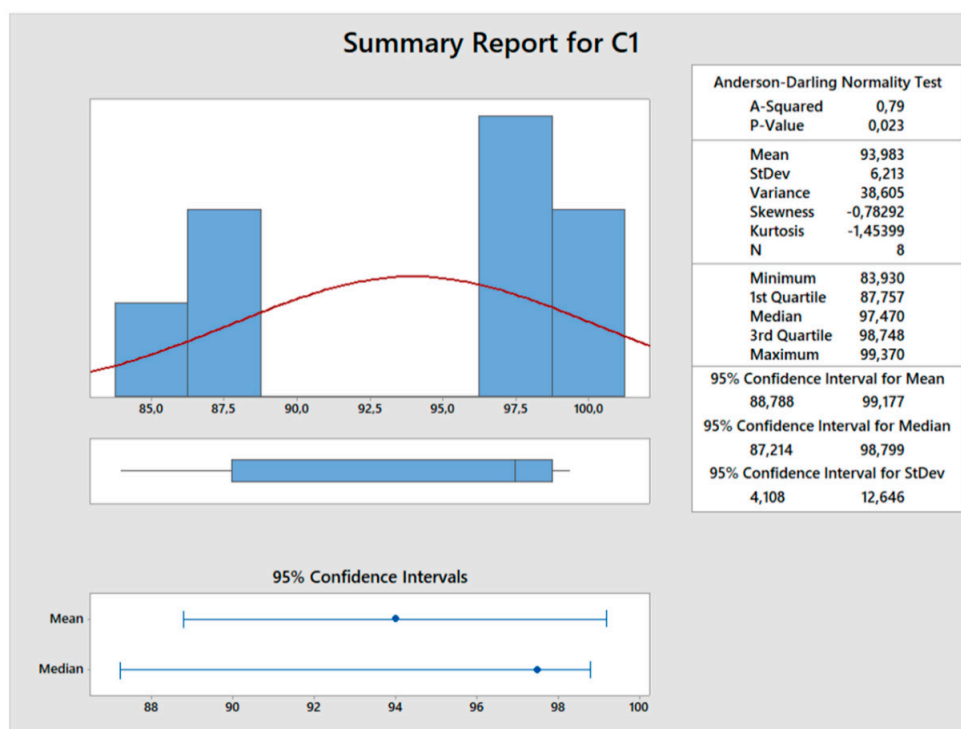
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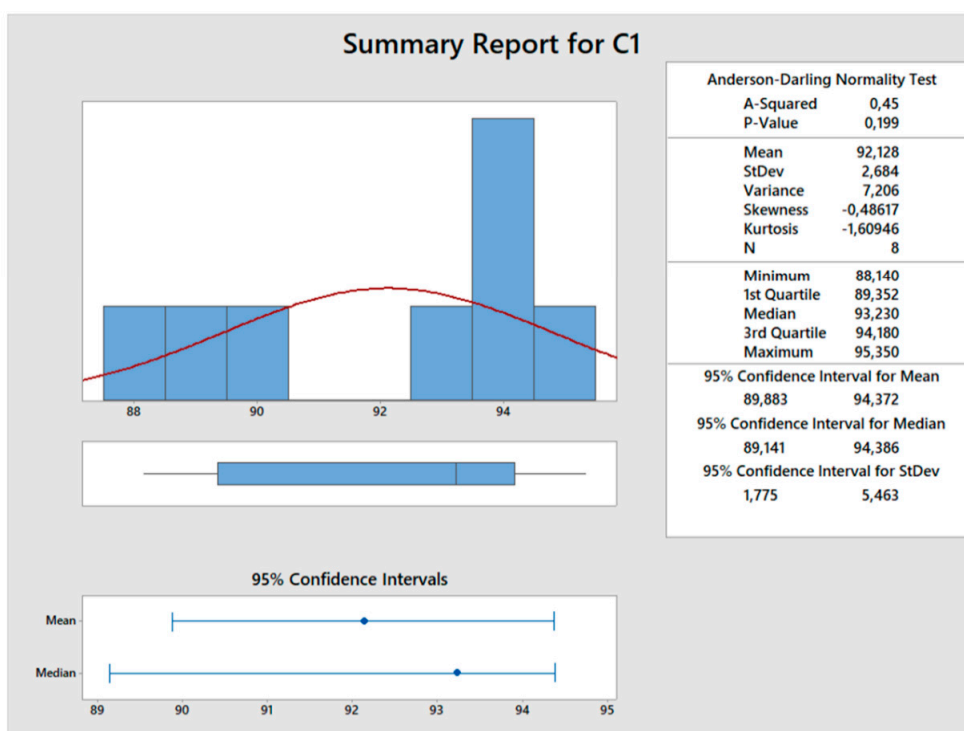
**Figure S1.** Adsorption of Ni(II) onto Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207 and magnetic resin as a function of contact time under varying initial concentrations: (a) 0.05 mg/L, (b) 0.5 mg/L, and (c) 1 mg/L. Experimental conditions: resin dosage = 0.5 ml/l, solution volume = 500 mL (synthetic water matrix containing Ni(II)), pH =  $7.0 \pm 0.2$ , contact time = 30 min to 24 h, agitation speed = 120 rpm, temperature =  $298 \pm 2$  K.



**Figure S2.** Kinetic plots for Ni(II) adsorption onto Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207 and magnetic resins under various kinetic models. (a) Pseudo-first-order model for Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207 resin; (b) Elovich model for Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207 resin; (c) pseudo-first-order model for magnetic resin; (d) Elovich model for magnetic resin. Experimental conditions: resin dosage = 0.5 ml/l mg, solution volume = 500 mL (synthetic water matrix containing Ni(II)), pH =  $7.0 \pm 0.2$ , contact time = 30 min to 24 h, agitation speed = 120 rpm, temperature =  $298 \pm 2$  K.)



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**Figure S3.** Verification diagram for: (a) Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207; (b) magnetic resin

**Table S1.** Mathematical models used for modelling data obtained in kinetic and isotherm adsorption experiments

Model	Non-linear form	Linear form	Parameters of model
<b>Pseudo-first-order</b>	$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = k_1(q_e - q_t)$	$\log(q_e - q_t) = \log q_e - \frac{k_1}{2.303} t$	$k_1$ – pseudo-first-order sorption rate constant (1/min) $q_e$ - the amount of metal ion adsorbed ( mg/g) $q_t$ – sorption capacity at equilibrium conditions and at time t (mg/g) t – contact time between adsorbate and adsorbent (min)
<b>Pseudo-second-order</b>	$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = k_2(q_e - q_t)^2$	$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{1}{q_e} t$	$k_2$ – pseudo-second-order sorption rate constant (g/mg min)
<b>Elovich</b>	$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = \alpha \exp(-\beta q_t)$	$q_t = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(\alpha\beta) + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln t$	$\alpha$ – initial sorption rate constant (mg/g min) $\beta$ – desorption constant (g/mg)
<b>Freundlich</b>	$q_e = K_F C_e^{n_F}$	$\log q_e = \log K_F + n_F \log C_e$	$C_e$ - the concentration (mg/L) of metal ion in the solution at equilibrium $K_F$ - Freundlich constant which predicts the quantity of metal ion per gram of resin at the unit equilibrium concentration ((mg/g)/(mg/L) <sup>n</sup> ) $n_F$ - a measure of the nature and strength of the adsorption process and of the distribution of active sites
<b>Langmuir</b>	$q_e = \frac{q_{max} K_L C_e}{1 + K_L C_e}$	$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{\alpha_L}{K_L} C_e + \frac{1}{K_L}$	$K_L$ - adsorption equilibrium constant (L/mg) $\alpha_L$ - saturated monolayer adsorption capacity constant

**Table S2.** Kinetic parameters for the sorption of Ni(II) onto Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207 and magnetic resin

Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207										
Concentration level (mg/l)	Pseudo first order				Pseudo second order				Elovich	
	$k_1$ (g/mg min)	$q_e$ (mg/g)	$R^2$		$k_2$ (g/mg min)	$q_e$ (mg/g)	$R^2$		$\alpha$ (mg/g min)	$\beta$ (g/mg)
0.05	0.441	0.0724	0.9740		5.94	0.085	0.9811		0.083	53.7
0.5	0.354	0.565	0.9895		0.61	0.674	0.9899		0.488	6.56
1	0.593	1.15	0.9897		0.562	1.324	0.9875		2.55	3.98
Magnetic resins										
Concentration level (mg/l)	Pseudo first order				Pseudo second order				Elovich	
	$k_1$ (g/mg min)	$q_e$ (mg/g)	$R^2$		$k_2$ (g/mg min)	$q_e$ (mg/g)	$R^2$		$\alpha$ (mg/g min)	$\beta$ (g/mg)
0.05	3.68	0.138	0.9811		66.9	0.1417	0.9898		1.26	150.8
0.5	2.34	1.21	0.9829		3.61	1.264	0.9943		8164	11.00
1	1.61	2.51	0.9937		1.01	2.6713	0.9735		447.4	3.76

**Table S3.** DSD experimental design layout and nickel removal efficiency

Run	pH	Contact time (min)	Resin dosage (mL/L)	Ni (µg/L)	Ca (mg/L)	Mg (mg/L)	Removal efficiency (%)	
							Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207	Magentic resin
1	7	480	5	200	500	100	99.8	76.66
2	7	30	0.5	20	50	5	63.6	90.55
3	9	255	0.5	200	500	5	63.6	96.32
4	5	255	5	20	50	100	88.1	88.19
5	9	30	2.75	20	500	100	33.0	76.75
6	5	480	2.75	200	50	5	99.8	99.03
7	9	480	0.5	110	50	100	99.5	83.46
8	5	30	5	110	500	5	81.9	98.64
9	9	480	5	20	275	5	97.7	88.93
10	5	30	0.5	200	275	100	49.0	73.09
11	9	30	5	200	50	52.5	89.8	69.17
12	5	480	0.5	20	500	52.5	97.7	80.54
13	7	255	2.75	110	275	52.5	99.5	98.81
14	7	480	5	200	500	100	99.8	82.27
15	7	30	0.5	20	50	5	45.2	97.10
16	9	255	0.5	200	500	5	96.1	95.38
17	5	255	5	20	50	100	99.8	94.83
18	9	30	2.75	20	500	100	35.8	71.53
19	5	480	2.75	200	50	5	99.8	99.35
20	9	480	0.5	110	50	100	99.5	82.13
21	5	30	5	110	500	5	84.6	99.38
22	9	480	5	20	275	5	97.7	85.53
23	5	30	0.5	200	275	100	35.4	68.04
24	9	30	5	200	50	52.5	83.3	74.75
25	5	480	0.5	20	500	52.5	50.0	90.97
26	7	345	2.75	110	275	52.5	99.5	99.42
27	7	345	2.75	110	275	52.5	99.5	98.94
28	7	345	2.75	110	275	52.5	98.4	99.04

**Table S4.** Summary of fit

Descriptive factor	Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207	Magentic resin
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.871	0.948
<b>R<sup>2</sup>adj</b>	0.785	0.907
<b>AIC</b>	233.152	175.164
<b>BIC</b>	224.249	161.186
<b>RMSE</b>	11.209	3.241
<b>Mean of response</b>	80.365	86.955

**Table S5.** Analysis of variance and „lack of fit“ test

Source	<sup>a</sup> DF	<sup>b</sup> SS	<sup>c</sup> MS	F ratio
<b>Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207</b>				
<b>Model</b>	10	12751.32	1275.13	10.15
<b>Error</b>	15	1884.56	125.64	<b>Prob&gt;F</b>
<b>C. Total</b>	25	14635.88		<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
<b>Magentic resin</b>				
<b>Model</b>	11	2661.31	241.94	23.04
<b>Error</b>	14	147.03	10.50	<b>Prob&gt;F</b>
<b>C. Total</b>	25	2808.34	-	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>

<sup>a</sup>Degrees of freedom; <sup>b</sup>Sum of squares; <sup>c</sup>Mean square

**Table S6.** Estimated regression coefficients of the significant main and interaction effects

Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	t value	Prob > t
<b>Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207</b>				
Contact time (min)	16.985	2.438	6.970	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Calcium (mg/L)	-6.305	2.438	-2.590	<b>0.0181</b>
pH * Nickel (µg/L)	7.513	2.726	2.760	<b>0.0126</b>
Nickel (µg/L)	5.390	2.438	2.210	<b>0.0395</b>
Resin dosage (mL/L)	11.145	2.438	4.570	0.0682
Magnesium (mg/L)	-4.515	2.438	-1.850	0.0796
pH	0.495	2.438	0.200	0.8413
<b>Magentic resin</b>				
Magnesium (mg/L)	-7.663	0.725	-10.570	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
pH	-3.406	0.725	-4.700	<b>0.0003</b>
Contact time (min)	2.494	0.725	3.440	<b>0.0040</b>
pH * Magnesium (mg/L)	3.289	1.140	2.890	<b>0.0120</b>
Nickel (µg/L)	-1.543	0.725	-2.130	0.052
Resin dosage (mL/L) * Calcium (mg/L)	2.299	1.140	2.890	0.312

pH * Resin dosage (mL/L)	-1.096	1.323	-0.830	0.422
Calcium (mg/L)	-0.506	0.725	-0.700	0.496
Resin dosage (mL/L)	0.039	0.725	0.050	0.958

**Table S7.** Experimental verification of optimized ion exchange processes

<b>Run</b>	<b>Lewatit® MonoPlus TP 207</b>	<b>Magnetic resin</b>
<b>1</b>	83.93	88.14
<b>2</b>	87.44	89.21
<b>3</b>	97.64	93.76
<b>4</b>	99.37	95.35
<b>5</b>	97.30	93.57
<b>6</b>	98.76	89.78
<b>7</b>	88.71	94.32
<b>8</b>	93.71	92.89
<b>95% confidence interval</b>	<b>88.79 - 99.18</b>	<b>89.89 - 94.37</b>