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Unit 9

Principles Related to Practical Chemistry

Practical work in labs improves the scientific knowledge and understanding of students, as well as providing opportunities for working scientifically and developing hands on skills.

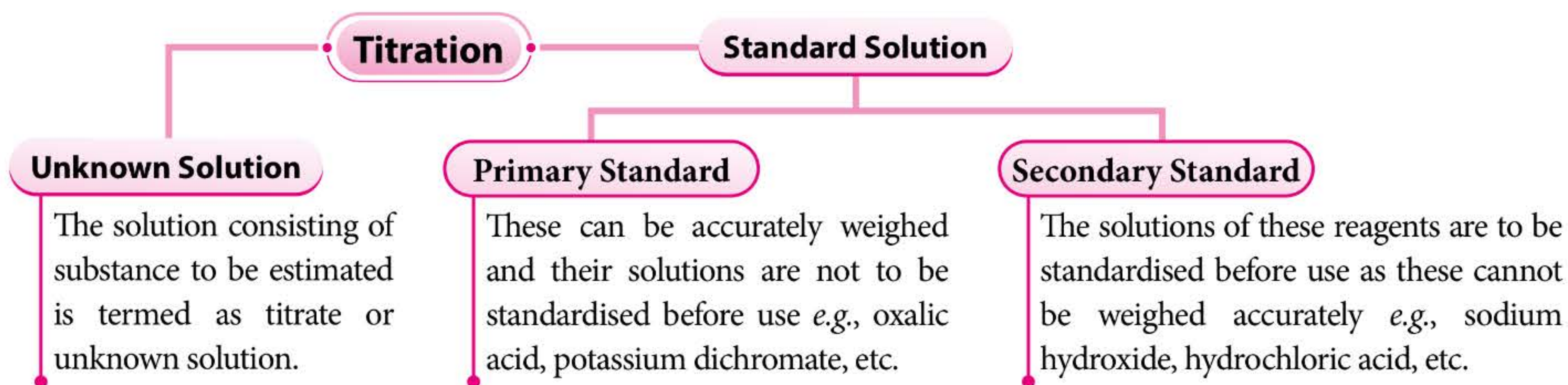
Much of forensic science, medicine, pharmaceutical research and many chemical manufacturing processes, rely on accurate techniques and observations.

QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATION

A quantitative analysis is one in which the amount or concentration of a particular species in a sample is determined accurately and precisely.

Titration

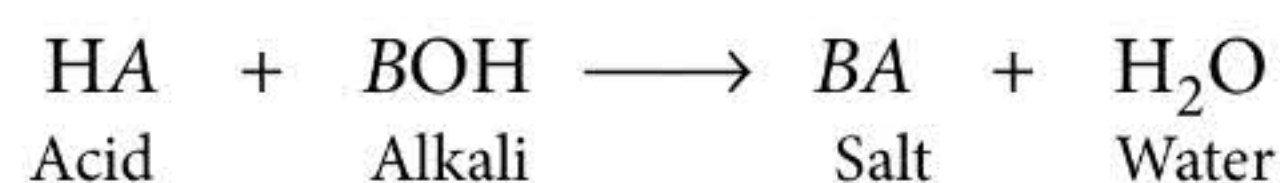
The process of addition of the known solution from the burette to the measured volume of solution of the substance to be estimated until the reaction between the two is just complete.



Acid-base titration

- When the strength of an acid is determined with the help of a standard solution of base, it is known as acidimetry.
- When the strength of a base is determined with the help of a standard solution of an acid, it is known as alkalimetry.

These titrations involve neutralisation of an acid with an alkali.



Indicator

A substance which helps in physical detection of completion of the titration is called indicator.

Indicators

External Indicators

These indicators are not added in the reaction mixture. They are used outside the system *e.g.*, potassium ferricyanide is used in titration of Mohr's salt against potassium dichromate.

Internal Indicators

These indicators are added in the reaction mixture *e.g.*, in acid-base titration, methyl orange, methyl red and phenolphthalein.

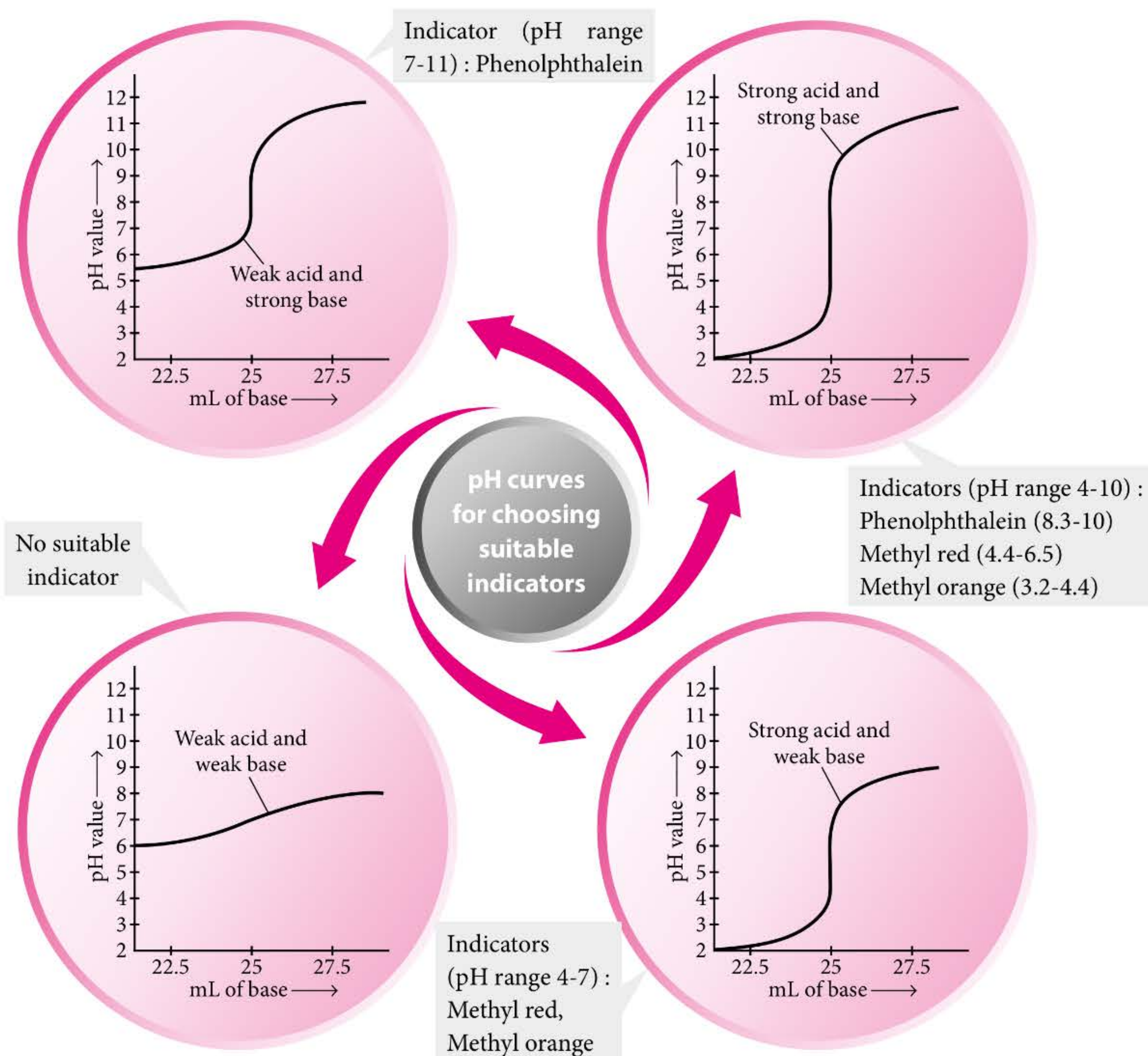
Self Indicators

These indicators themselves show colour change at the end of titration *e.g.*, in titration of oxalic acid against KMnO_4 , KMnO_4 acts as self indicator.

How to choose a suitable indicator :

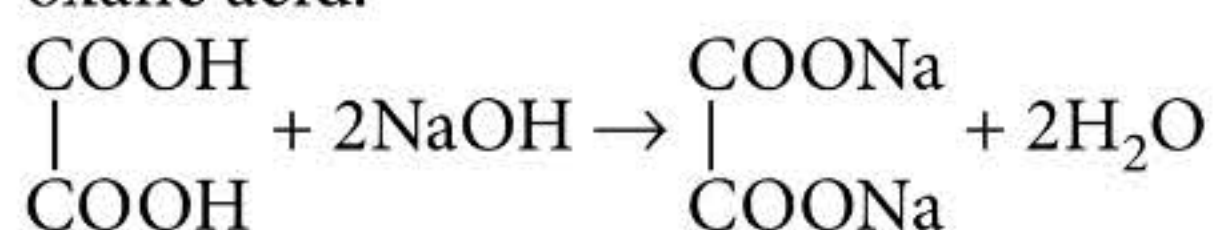
Indicator in a titration is selected on the basis of pH range at end point.

Indicator	pH-range	Colour of indicator	
		Acid	Alkaline
Phenolphthalein	8.3 – 10	Colourless	Pink
Methyl orange	3.2 – 4.4	Red	Yellow
Methyl red	4.4 – 6.5	Red	Yellow
Litmus	5.0 – 8.0	Red	Blue
Phenol red	6.8 – 8.4	Yellow	Red



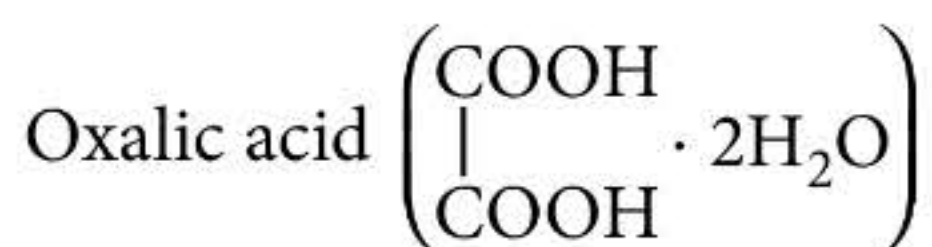
Determination of Strength of NaOH

Principle : Strength of NaOH solution can be determined by titrating it against standard solution of oxalic acid.



Indicator : Phenolphthalein

Preparation of standard solution :



$$\text{Equivalent weight} = \frac{126}{2} = 63$$

For preparing 250 mL solution of N/10 oxalic acid,

$$\text{weight required} = \frac{63 \times \frac{1}{10} \times 250}{1000} = 1.575 \text{ g}$$

Thus, for preparing N/10 oxalic acid, take 1.575 g of oxalic acid and make it upto 250 mL using distilled water.

Calculation :

$$N_1 V_1 = N_2 V_2$$

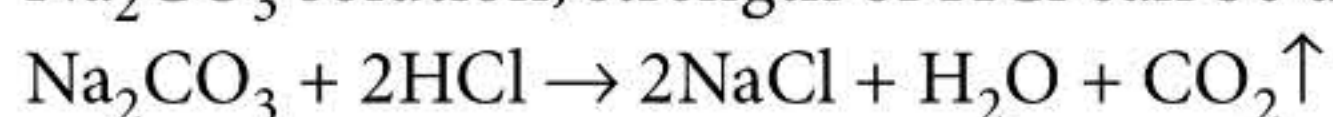
(Oxalic acid) (Caustic soda)

$$N_2 = \frac{N_1 V_1}{V_2}$$

Strength of caustic soda = Normality \times Equivalent weight = $(N_2 \times 40)$ g/L

Determination of Strength of HCl

Principle : When hydrochloric acid is titrated against Na_2CO_3 solution, strength of HCl can be determined.



Indicator : Methyl orange

Preparation of standard solution :

$$\text{Eq. weight} = \frac{106}{2} = 53$$

For preparing 250 mL solution of N/10 Na_2CO_3 ,

$$\text{weight required} = \frac{53 \times \frac{1}{10} \times 250}{1000} = 1.325 \text{ g}$$

Calculation :

$$N_1 V_1 = N_2 V_2 \quad ; \quad N_2 = \frac{N_1 V_1}{V_2}$$

(Na_2CO_3) (HCl)

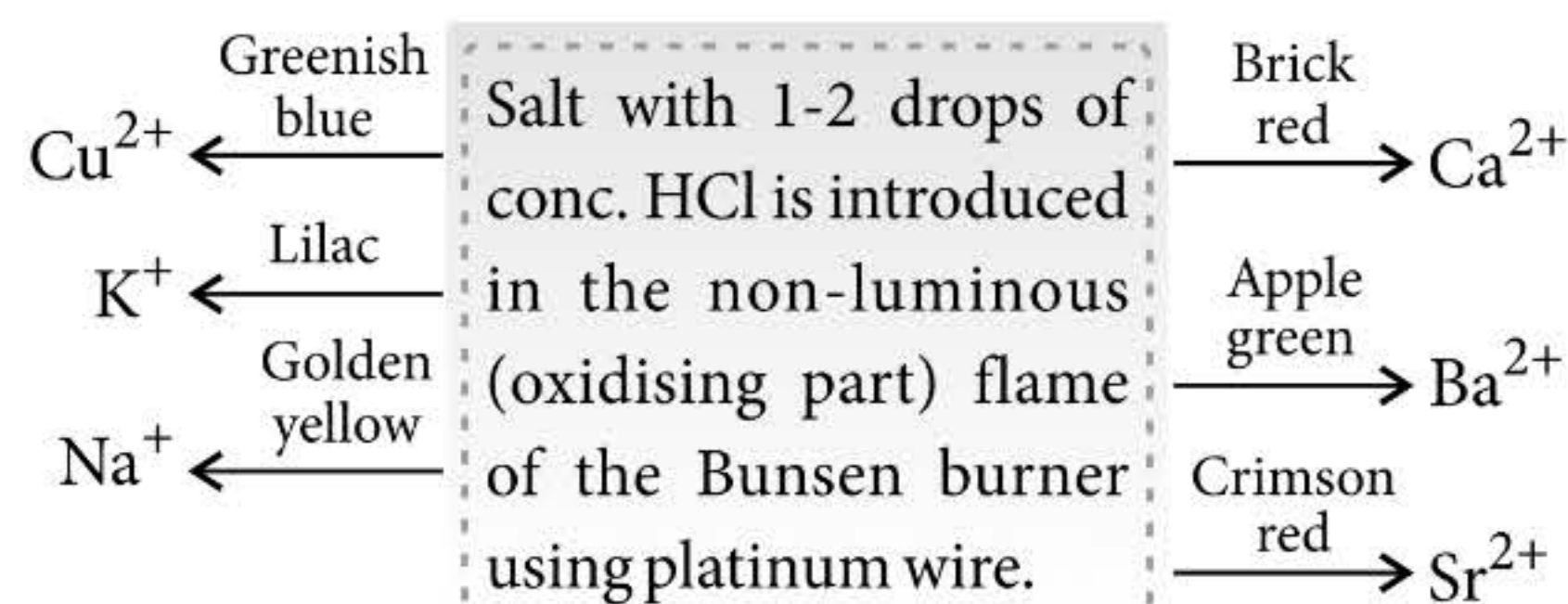
Strength of given HCl = Normality \times Eq. weight of HCl = $(N_2 \times 36.5)$ g/L

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

Qualitative analysis deals with the identification of various constituents present in a given material. For example, zinc blende contains zinc and sulphur in the form of Zn^{2+} and S^{2-} ions.

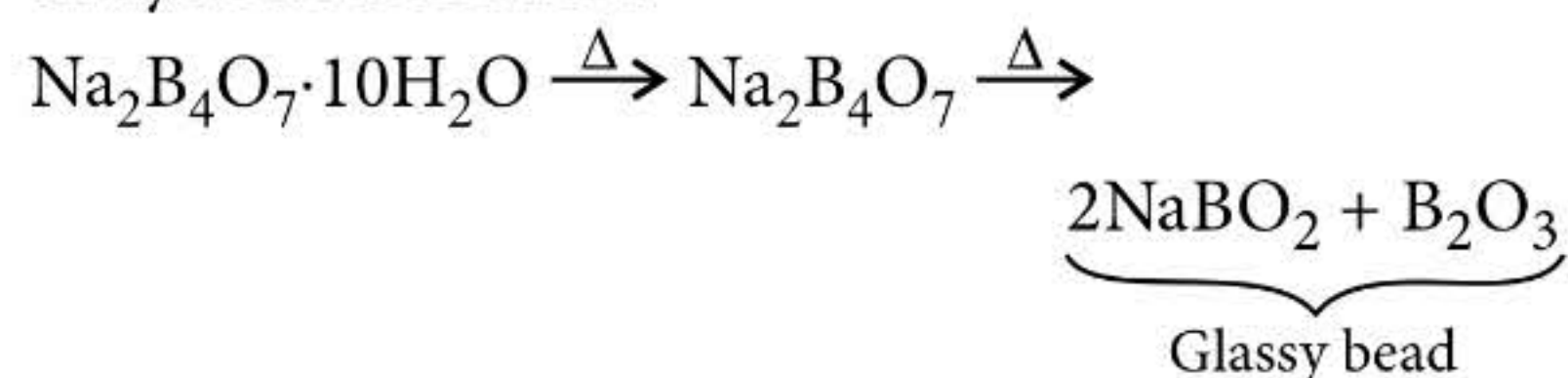
Preliminary Tests

Flame Test :



Borax Bead Test :

- Borax is heated on a loop of Pt wire, colourless, glassy bead of sodium metaborate and boric anhydride is formed.



- Coloured salts are then heated on the glassy bead, coloured metaborate is formed in the oxidising flame.

Colour of bead in oxidising flame	Ion indicated
Green in hot, blue in cold	Copper
Pinkish violet in both hot and cold	Manganese
Yellowish brown in hot and pale yellow in cold	Iron
Brown in hot and pale brown in cold	Nickel

Acidic Radicals

Anions are acidic radicals

First group	Second group	Third group
CO_3^{2-} , S^{2-} , SO_3^{2-} CH_3COO^- , $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$, NO_2^-	Br^- , Cl^- , I^- NO_3^- , $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$	SO_4^{2-} , PO_4^{3-}
Reagent used : dil. HCl	Reagent used : conc. H_2SO_4	Reagent used : dil. H_2SO_4 / conc. H_2SO_4

First Group :

Salt + dil. HCl

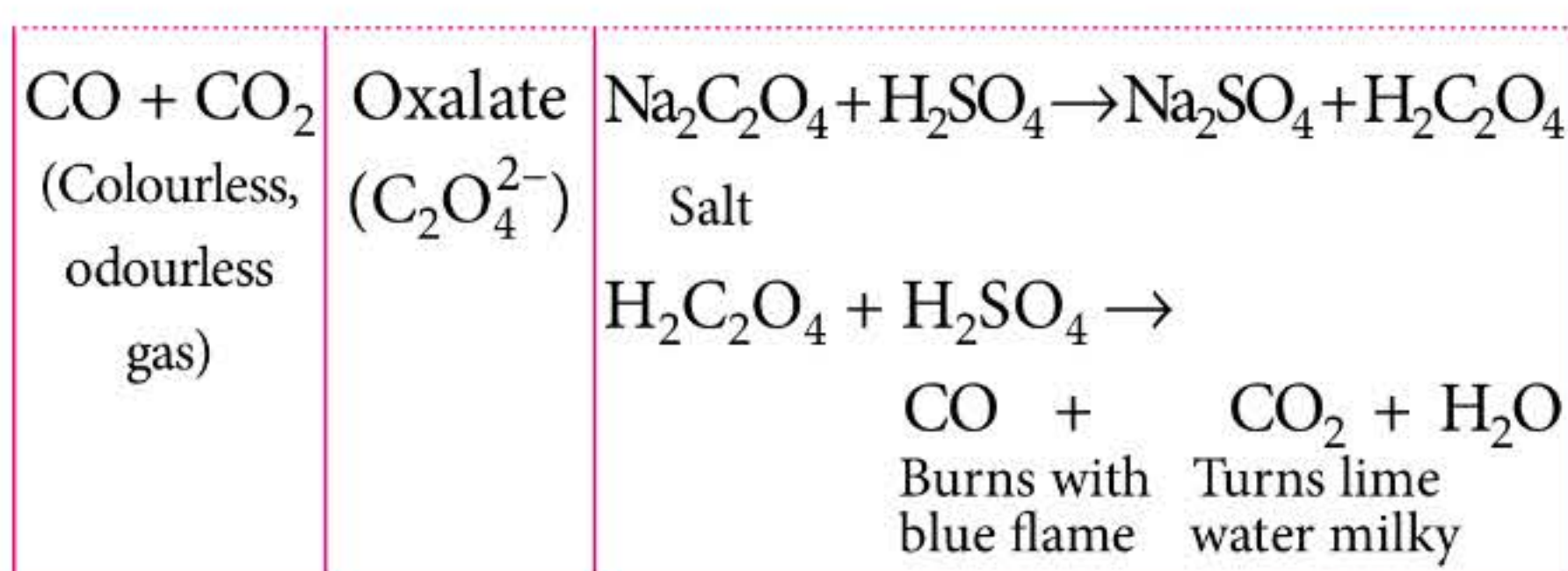
Effervescence or evolution of gas shows presence of group I acidic radicals

<p>Colourless gas with suffocating smell with yellow ppt. of sulphur $\xrightarrow{\text{Pass through } K_2Cr_2O_7}$ Blackish green solution $\rightarrow S_2O_3^{2-}$ confirmed</p>	<p>Colourless gas with rotten egg smell (H_2S gas) $\xrightarrow{\text{Lead acetate}}$ $PbS \rightarrow S^{2-}$ confirmed Black ppt.</p>
<p>Brown gas (NO_2) $\xrightarrow{\text{Starch iodide paper}}$ Blue $\rightarrow NO_2^-$ confirmed</p>	<p>• Colourless, odourless gas (CO_2 gas) $\xrightarrow{\text{Lime water}}$ $CaCO_3$ (CO_3^{2-} or HCO_3^- may be present) Milky</p> <p>• Confirmatory test for HCO_3^- & CO_3^{2-}</p>
<p>Colourless gas with vinegar smell (CH_3COO^- may be present) Salt solution + $FeCl_3$ (neutral) $\rightarrow (CH_3COO)_3Fe \rightarrow CH_3COO^-$ confirmed Blood red colour solution</p>	<p>Salt + water \rightarrow boil and pass through lime water</p>
<p>Colourless gas with suffocating smell (SO_2) Heat and pass through $K_2Cr_2O_7 \rightarrow$ Solution turns green due to $Cr_2(SO_4)_3 \rightarrow SO_3^{2-}$ confirmed</p>	<p>Lime water does not turn milky \downarrow HCO_3^- confirmed</p> <p>Lime water turns milky \downarrow CO_3^{2-} confirmed</p>

Second Group : Salt + conc. H_2SO_4

Effervescence or evolution of gases indicates the presence of group II acidic radicals.

Gas	Radical	Observations and Reactions
HCl (Colourless gas, pungent smell)	Chloride (Cl^-)	$NaCl + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow NaHSO_4 + HCl \uparrow$ Salt $NH_4OH + HCl \rightarrow NH_4Cl \uparrow + H_2O$ White dense fumes
Br_2 (Brown fumes)	Bromide (Br^-)	$NaBr + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow NaHSO_4 + HBr$ Salt $2HBr + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow Br_2 \uparrow + 2H_2O + SO_2$ Brown
I_2 (Deep violet gas)	Iodide (I^-)	$2KI + 2H_2SO_4 \rightarrow 2KHSO_4 + 2HI$ Salt $2HI + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow I_2 \uparrow + SO_2 + 2H_2O$ Violet
NO_2 (Light brown gas, pungent smell)	Nitrate (NO_3^-)	$NaNO_3 + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow NaHSO_4 + HNO_3$ Salt $4HNO_3 \rightarrow 2H_2O + 4NO_2 \uparrow + O_2 \uparrow$ Light brown fumes



INFOSHOTS

Determination of sulphate by conductometric titration!

Titrimetric methods are much faster, but a good indicator has not been found for sulphate titrations. However, because the relative concentrations of ions in solution change during titration sequence, monitoring conductivity during the progress of a titration produces a signal which can be used to indicate equivalence point. A conductometric titration protocol has been developed which is relatively rapid, inexpensive and can produce accurate results.

Confirmatory Tests for Group II

Nitrate (NO₃⁻)

Brown ring test : On treating aqueous solution of salt with freshly prepared solution of ferrous sulphate and concentrated sulphuric acid, gives a brown ring at the junction of two liquids.

$$\text{NaNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{HNO}_3$$

Salt

$$6\text{FeSO}_4 + 2\text{HNO}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{NO}$$

$$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{SO}_4 + \text{NO} \rightarrow [\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{NO}]\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

Brown ring

Oxalate (C₂O₄²⁻)

On acidifying salt solution or sodium carbonate extract with acetic acid and on adding calcium chloride solution gives white precipitate.

$$\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{CaCl}_2 \rightarrow \text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4 \downarrow + 2\text{NaCl}$$

Salt White ppt.

Filter and dissolve the precipitate in dilute sulphuric acid and add few drops of potassium permanganate solution.

$$\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{CaSO}_4$$

$$2\text{KMnO}_4 + 3\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 + 2\text{MnSO}_4 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} + 5[\text{O}]$$

COOH
|
COOH + [O] → 2CO₂ + H₂O

Pink colour discharge of KMnO₄ confirming presence of oxalate ion.

Chloride (Cl⁻)

Chromyl chloride test :

$$\text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{NaHSO}_4 + \text{HCl}$$

Salt

$$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{KHSO}_4 + 2\text{CrO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$$\text{CrO}_3 + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{CrO}_2\text{Cl}_2 \uparrow + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

Chromyl chloride
(Red vapours)

These vapours on passing through sodium hydroxide solution give yellow solution of sodium chromate.

$$\text{CrO}_2\text{Cl}_2 + 4\text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4 + 2\text{NaCl} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

Yellow colour

The yellow solution on neutralising with acetic acid and on addition of lead acetate gives yellow precipitate of lead chromate.

$$\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4 + (\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Pb} \rightarrow \text{PbCrO}_4 \downarrow + 2\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$$

Yellow ppt.

Confirmatory tests for acid radicals of group II

Iodide (I⁻)

Layer test : On treating salt with dilute sulphuric acid, chloroform or carbon tetrachloride and chlorine water, gives violet coloured layer.

$$2\text{NaI} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl} + \text{I}_2$$

Salt

I₂ + Chloroform → Violet coloured layer

Starch paper test :

I₂ + Starch → I₂-starch complex
Blue colour

Bromide (Br⁻)

Layer test : On treating salt with dilute sulphuric acid, chloroform or carbon tetrachloride and chlorine water gives brown coloured layer.

$$2\text{NaBr} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl} + \text{Br}_2$$

Salt

Br₂ + Chloroform → Brown coloured layer

Third Group : These anions are identified by their characteristic chemical reactions.

BaSO₄
White ppt.
(Insoluble in dil. HCl)
↓
SO₄²⁻ confirmed
(Sulphate)

Salt

(C₂H₅)₃BO₃
Burns with green
edged flame
↓
BO₃³⁻ confirmed
(Borate)

(NH₄)₃PO₄ · 12MoO₃ → PO₄³⁻ confirmed
(Canary yellow ppt.) (Phosphate)

Basic Radicals

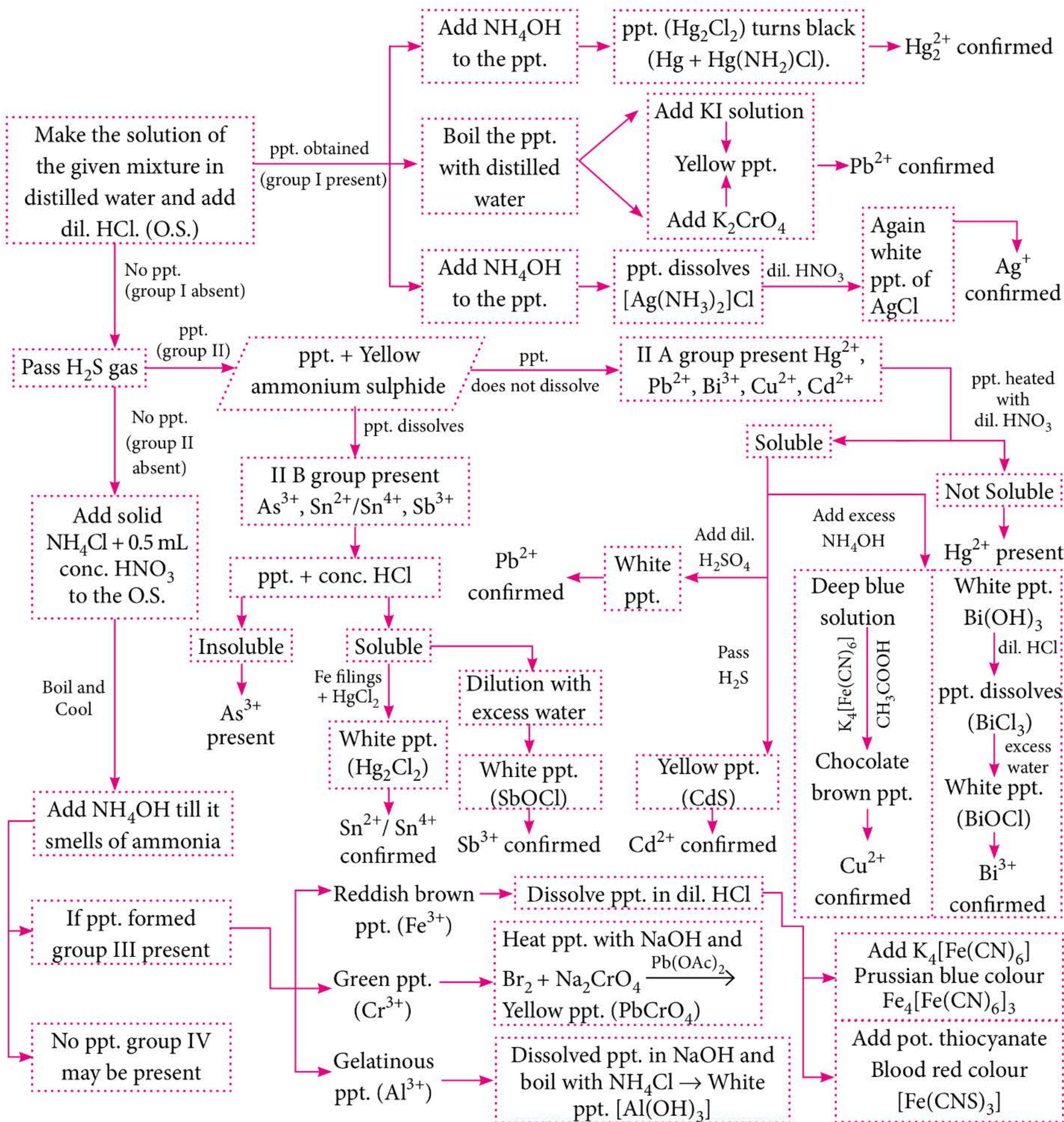
Cations are the basic radicals.

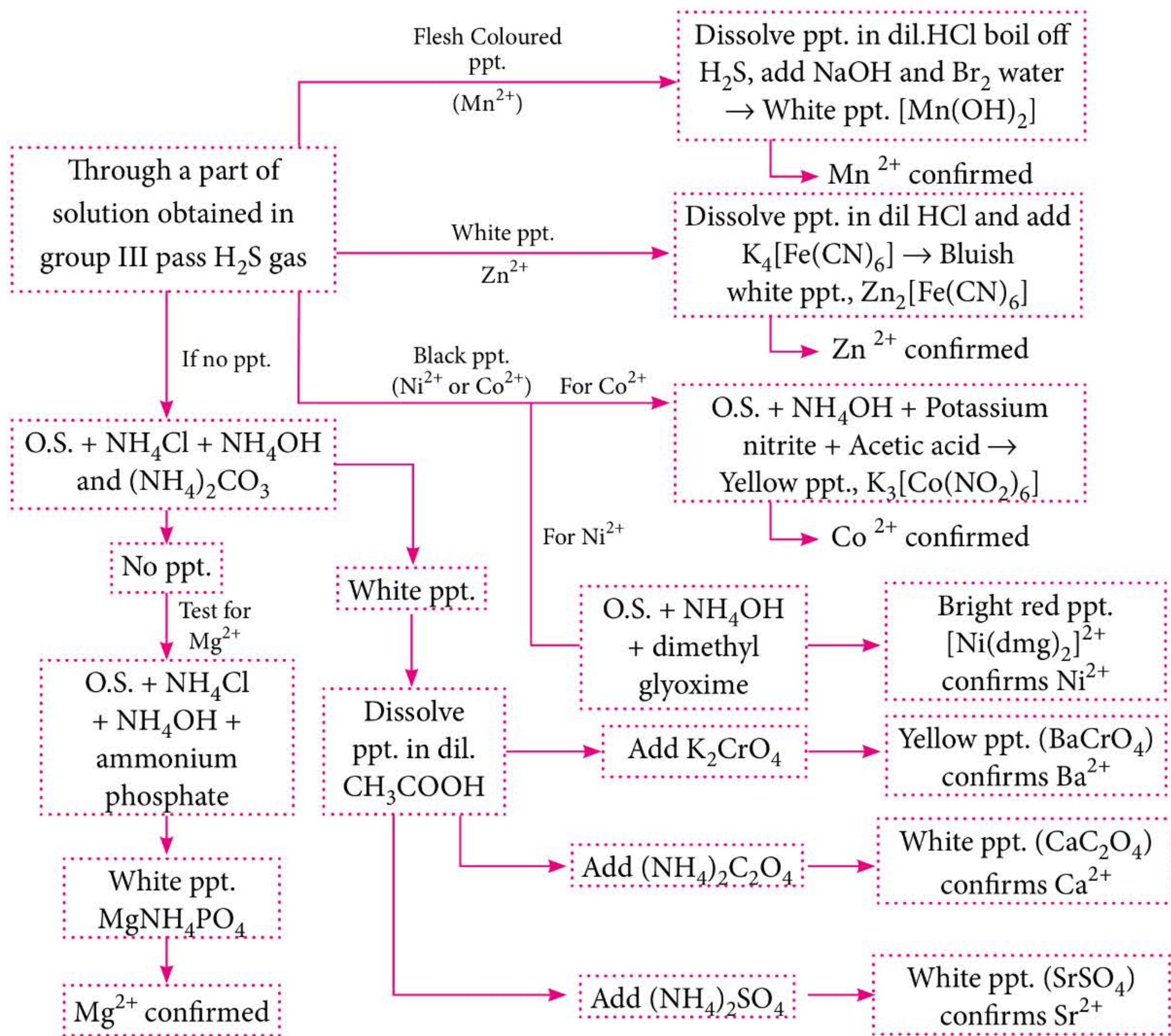
Group	Group reagent	Cations	Form of ppt.
I	dil. HCl	Pb ²⁺ , Ag ⁺ , Hg ₂ ²⁺	Chlorides
II	dil. HCl + H ₂ S gas	Pb ²⁺ , Hg ²⁺ , Cu ²⁺ , Cd ²⁺ , Bi ³⁺ , Sb ³⁺ , As ³⁺ , Sn ²⁺ /Sn ⁴⁺	Sulphides

III	$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{NH}_4\text{OH}$	$\text{Fe}^{3+}, \text{Al}^{3+}, \text{Cr}^{3+}$	Hydroxides
IV	$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{NH}_4\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{S}$ gas	$\text{Zn}^{2+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}, \text{Co}^{2+}, \text{Ni}^{2+}$	Sulphides
V	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{NH}_4\text{OH} + \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$	$\text{Ca}^{2+}, \text{Sr}^{2+}, \text{Ba}^{2+}$	Carbonates
VI	$\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 + \text{NH}_4\text{OH}$	Mg^{2+}	Phosphates

Analysis of Basic Radicals : Zero group [NH_4^+] : To the salt, add NaOH solution and heat. If ammonia gas evolves, NH_4^+ is present.

Pass the gas through Nessler's reagent \rightarrow Brown ppt. \rightarrow NH_4^+ confirmed.





Detection of N, S, Cl in organic compounds

Lassaigne's extract :

A small pellet of metallic sodium together with a little amount of the substance is heated to red hot in an

ignition tube. It is then suddenly plunged into about 10 mL of distilled water in a China dish. The mixture is boiled well and filtered. Filtrate is known as Lassaigne's extract (L.E.).

Element	Detection	Confirmatory test	Reactions
Nitrogen	Lassaigne's extract (L.E.) $\text{Na} + \text{C} + \text{N} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{NaCN}$ (L.E.)	L.E. + FeSO ₄ + NaOH, boil and cool + FeCl ₃ + conc. HCl Gives blue or green colour.	$\text{FeSO}_4 + 2\text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{Fe(OH)}_2 + \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ $\text{Fe(OH)}_2 + 6\text{NaCN} \longrightarrow \text{Na}_4[\text{Fe(CN)}_6] + 2\text{NaOH}$ $\text{Na}_4[\text{Fe(CN)}_6] + \text{FeCl}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{HCl}} \text{NaFe}[\text{Fe(CN)}_6] + 3\text{NaCl}$ Prussian blue or $3\text{Na}_4[\text{Fe(CN)}_6] + 4\text{FeCl}_3 \longrightarrow \text{Fe}_4[\text{Fe(CN)}_6]_3 + 12\text{NaCl}$ Prussian blue

Sulphur	$2\text{Na} + \text{S} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{Na}_2\text{S}$ (L.E.)	(i) L.E. + sodium nitroprusside A deep violet colour. (ii) L.E. + CH_3COOH + $(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Pb}$ Gives a black ppt.	(i) $\text{Na}_2\text{S} + \text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}] \longrightarrow$ Sodium nitroprusside $\text{Na}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NOS}]$ Deep violet (ii) $\text{Na}_2\text{S} + (\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Pb} \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}}$ $\text{PbS}\downarrow + 2\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$ Black ppt.
Halogens	$\text{Na} + \text{X} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{NaX}$ (L.E.) (X = Cl, Br, I)	L.E. + $\text{HNO}_3 + \text{AgNO}_3$ (i) White ppt. soluble in aq. NH_3 (or NH_4OH) confirms Cl. (ii) Pale yellow ppt. partially soluble in aq. NH_3 (or NH_4OH) confirms Br. (iii) Yellow ppt. insoluble in aq. NH_3 (or NH_4OH) confirms I.	$\text{NaX} + \text{AgNO}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{HNO}_3} \text{AgX}\downarrow + \text{NaNO}_3$ White ppt. $\text{AgCl} + 2\text{NH}_4\text{OH}_{(aq.)} \longrightarrow$ $[\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2]\text{Cl} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Soluble
Nitrogen and sulphur together	$\text{Na} + \text{C} + \text{N} + \text{S} \xrightarrow{\Delta}$ NaSCN (L.E.) Sodium thiocyanate	As in test for nitrogen; instead of green or blue colour, blood red colouration confirms presence of N and S both.	$3\text{NaSCN} + \text{FeCl}_3 \longrightarrow$ $[\text{Fe}(\text{SCN})_3] + 3\text{NaCl}$ Blood red colour

SPEED PRACTICE

- An aqueous solution of 6.3 g oxalic acid dihydrate is made upto 250 mL. The volume of 0.1 N NaOH required to completely neutralise 10 mL of this solution is
(a) 40 mL (b) 20 mL
(c) 10 mL (d) 4 mL
- Which of the following compounds does not show Lassaigne's test for nitrogen?
(a) Urea (b) Hydrazine
(c) Phenylhydrazine (d) Azobenzene
- The group reagent for the group V radicals is
(a) $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ (b) $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$
(c) NH_4Cl (d) $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$
- In qualitative analysis, Cd^{2+} is under
(a) group IV (b) group III
(c) group II (d) group I
- A colourless salt gives violet colour in Bunsen flame, it may be
(a) Na_2CO_3 (b) Na_2CrO_4
(c) K_2CO_3 (d) BaCO_3
- A doctor by mistake administered $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution to a patient for radiography investigations. Which of the following should be given as the best to prevent the absorption of soluble barium?
(a) Na_2CO_3 (b) NH_4Cl
(c) NaCl (d) Na_2SO_4
- Which of the following compounds are partially soluble or insoluble in NH_4OH solution?
(1) $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ (2) Ag_2CrO_4
(3) $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ (4) Ag_2CO_3
(5) $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$
(a) 1, 3 (b) 2, 3, 5 (c) 1, 3, 5 (d) 2, 3, 4