

Gravimetric Analysis

(Gravi = weight ,metry = to measure)

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analysis

Definition:

Is the process of isolating by precipitation , and weighing of a final product with known, pure, stable and definite chemical structure.

Steps of gravimetric analysis:

- **1- Precipitation**
- 2- Ageing
- **3- Filtration**
- 4- Washing
- 5- Drying or igniting
- 6- Weighing
- 7- Calculation

A-Properties precipitating reagents:

Ideally, a Gravimetric precipitating agent should react <u>specifically</u> or at least <u>selectively</u> with the analyte.

B-Properties of good precipitates:

- 1- Quantitatively precipitated.
- 2- Pure (not Contaminated).
- 3- Suitable physical form (Easily filtered and washed free of contaminants).
- 4. Of known chemical composition after it is dried or ignited.

C- Particle size of the ppt:

<u>1-Colloidal ppt.:</u>

- Tiny particles pass through filter paper.
- Show no tendency to settle from solution.

<u>2 - Amorphous ppt.:</u>

- Large surface area ????
- Aggregates of nuclei easily transformed into colloidal state.

<u>3-Crystalline ppt.:</u>

- Particles with large size .
- Tend to settle spontaneously.
- Easily Washed and retained on the filter paper.

*Obtained by precipitation from <u>hot</u> <u>dilute</u> solution with <u>stirring</u> and adding the precipitating agent <u>slowly dpwise</u>.





2- Ageing (crystal growth):

- Happens when a freshly formed precipitate is left in the solution from which it precipitates.

- It results in cleaner and bigger particles.

3- Filtration:

Done by decantation ??????

4- Washing:

- To remove surface adsorbed impurities .
- Wash solution ???

<u>5- Drying (< 250 °C) Or Ignition (> 250°C -1200°C).</u>

<u>Gravimetric Determination of Calcium</u> as Calcium Oxalate Monohydrate



 $CaCl_2$ is precipitated as CaC_2O_4 . H_2O in alkaline medium, the ppt. is washed with dilute ammonium oxalate and then weighed.

$$Ca^{2+} + C_2O_4^{2-} + H_2O \longrightarrow CaC_2O_4.H_2O$$

Procedure:

1- In a 250 mL beaker , Take 10 mL sample + 150 mL dist. water + 2 mL dil. HCl+ 2 dps M.R. (Red color)+ 5 mL saturated ammonium oxalate, heat.

2- Add NH₃ dpwise till alkaline (Yellow colour) while stirring, boil

3- Ageing for 10 min.4- Filteration by decantation on 2 matched filter paper.









5- Wash the ppt. till free from Cl⁻(4 × 10 mL 1% amm. oxalate), every time wait till complete drainage of the last wash.

≻Test for Chloride:



6- Transfer the ppt on the filter paper, dry in the oven at 110 °C for 1 hr, weigh and re-dry till constant weight





 $CaCl_2 \longrightarrow Ca-Oxalate.H_2O$

 111 g
 146 g

 ?
 wt of ppt (known)

Conc. of CaCl₂= Wt of ppt *111/146 * 1000 /10 = g/L

