13th WEEK

Introduction to Qualitative Analysis of Anions

The qualitative analysis of anions is not nearly so systematic as is that of cations. The anions often are divided into four main groups, but the anions are not separated into groups by precipitation only, as are the cations. Rather, the groupings provide a method of establishing which types of anions are present and which are absent. Thus, anion analysis begins by testing separate portions of the original sample, each for a specific group, with the group reagents. A positive reaction with a group reagent indicates the presence of one or more anions in that group. Specific tests for each anion in the group then are performed to reveal the presence or absence of that anion.

This procedure for anion analysis is in some ways easier and in other ways harder than the cation analysis scheme. The simplicity comes from using a fresh portion of sample for each test. Thus, there is little worry, either about using reagents that will interfere with subsequent tests or that previously used reagents will produce false results in a given analysis.

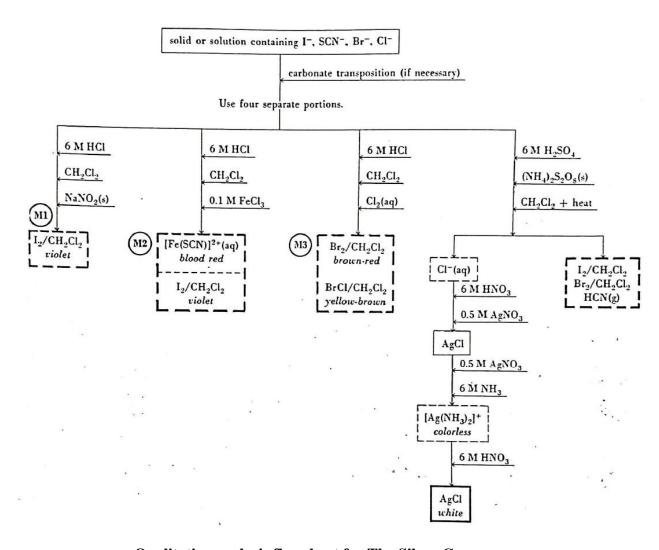
Detection of Anion Groups 3 and 4- Sample Analysis:

- Anion groups 3 and 4 UNKNOWN samples are given separately- Each student complete both of the procedures for their own UNKNOWN sample analysis.
- First, the presence of unknown anion group 3 members is tested by their precipitation via the addition of diluted silver nitrate in an acidic solution. The group is named as The Silver Group which relies on the silver compounds of these anions.
- Then, the members of unknown anion group 4 are soluble anions which doesn't form any precipitate: nitrate and acetate ions.
- By taking separate portions from the original anion samples, the members of two anion groups are detected and confirmed.
- Two analysis schemes are given below.

In all analysis schemes, precipitates are enclosed in boxes with solid lines, solutions are contained in boxes with dashed lines.

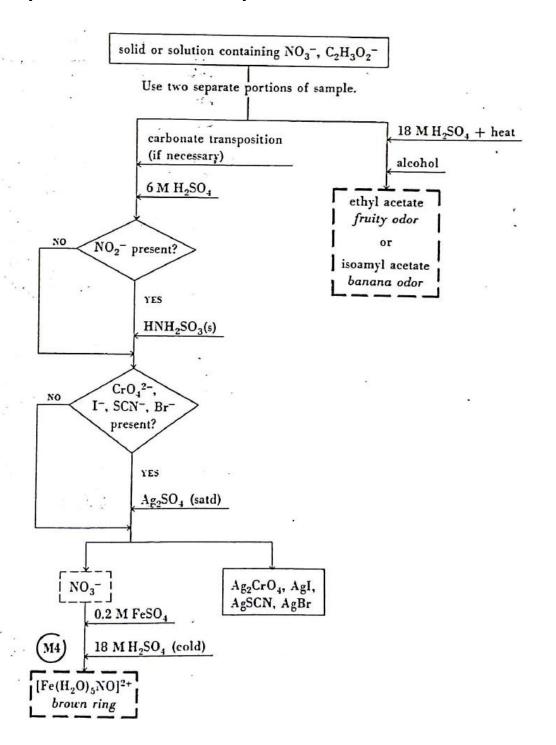
Anion Group 3: The Silver Group- I'- SCN'- Br'- Cl'

Anion	Precipitate	Precipitate color	Soluble in 6 M NH ₃
Ī_	AgI	Yellowish	No
SCN_	AgSCN	White	Yes
Br ⁻	AgBr	Yellowish	Slightly
Cl	AgCl	White	Yes

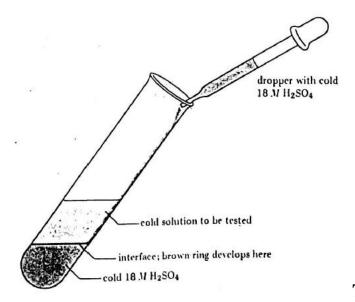


Qualitative analysis flowchart for The Silver Group

Anion Group 4: The Soluble Group- NO₃ - CH₃COO



Qualitative analysis flowchart for The Soluble Group



The Brown-ring test for NO₃

Some examples for the reactions of Anion Group 3

$$Ag^{+}(aq) + I^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow AgI(s)$$

$$Ag^{+}(aq) + SCN^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow AgSCN(s)$$

$$Ag^{+}(aq) + Br^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow AgBr(s)$$

$$Ag^{+}(aq) + CI^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow AgCI(s)$$

Some examples for the reactions of Anion Group 4

$$3 \text{ Fe}^{2+}(aq) + \text{NO}_3-(aq) + 4 \text{ H}^+(aq) \longrightarrow 3 \text{ Fe}^{3+}(aq) + \text{NO}(g) + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$$

$$[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}(aq) + \text{NO}(aq) \longrightarrow [\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5(\text{NO})]^{2+}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$$CH_{3}COOH + HOCH_{2}CH_{3} \xrightarrow{H_{2}SO_{4}} CH_{3}COCH_{2}CH_{3} + H_{2}O$$

$$ethanol \qquad ethyl accetate$$

$$CH_{3}COOH + HOCH_{2}CH_{2}CH(CH_{3})_{2} \xrightarrow{H_{2}SO_{4}} CH_{3}COCH_{2}CH_{2}CH(CH_{3})_{2} + H_{2}O$$

$$isoamyl alcohol \qquad isoamyl accetate \qquad isoamyl accetate \qquad isoamyl accetate \qquad "banana oil"$$

REPORT FOR QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

Name- Surname:		Number:	
Sample No	7	Date	
Sample Name	Anion Groups 3-4		
Ions expected to be observed	To be filled by the assistant		
Analysis of ion under study	Procedure and Observation For the ion		lentification reactions
Result			

List of some reagents used in experiments are given below:

Methylene chloride (CH₂Cl₂)		
0.2 M Iron(II)sulfate(FeSO ₄)		
6 M Hydrochloride (HCl)		
0.1 M Iron(III) chloride (FeCl ₃)		
6 M Ammonia solution (NH ₃)		
6 M Nitric acid (HNO ₃)		
6 M Sulfuric acid (H ₂ SO ₄)		
18 M Sulfuric acid (H ₂ SO ₄)		
0.5 M Silver nitrate (AgNO ₃)		