

# Flow-injection spectrophotometric determination of cadmium with PAN in DMF media

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## Abstract

Determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  by spectrophotometric method with flow injection analysis was studied using PAN as a reagent in DMF media .  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  was determined spectrophotometrically in pH 9 (The buffer produced from  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}, \text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$ ) and  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  550nm using PAN as a reagent in DMF, Beer-Lambert law was obeyed in the range (0.05-2 mg/l) with detection limit was 0.04 mg/l ,  $\epsilon=5.4 \times 10^4 \text{ L/mol.cm}$  . Precision and accuracy of the method were studied ( $\text{S.D}=1 \times 10^{-3}$  ,  $\%E=-0.18-+2.56$ ) and interferences of dominant cations were studied . The method converted to flow injection analysis in pH 8.5 the range became (0.5-8 mg/l) in the same  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  , solvent and reagent , detection limit become 0.2 mg/l,  $\epsilon=1.2 \times 10^4 \text{ L/mol.cm}$  . Precision and accuracy of the method was studied ( $\text{S.D}=0.28-3.6$ ,  $\%E=-2.17-+1.72$ ) and interferences of dominant cations were studied . 90 sample was determined in one hour in FIA. This method could be applied to the rapid and simple determination of cadmium in real sample .

## Introduction:-

The cadmium metal is very important , its very wide used (about three-fourth of cadmium is used in batteries – especially Ni-Cd batteries -)<sup>[1]</sup>. Thin film of cadmium may be applied by electro-plating ( or ,less importantly, by vacuum deposition , dipping or spraying ) to ferrous metal surfaces to retard corrosion <sup>[2]</sup>. The rather high cost may thus be worth while in special applications. Because of its great neutron-absorbing capacity, cadmium (especially the isotope  $^{113}\text{Cd}$  ) is used in control rods and shielding for nuclear reactors<sup>[3]</sup>. Various methods used for determination of cadmium, including ICP-MS<sup>[4]</sup>, ion chromatography <sup>[5]</sup>, anodic stripping analysis <sup>[6]</sup>, electro thermal atomic absorption spectrometry<sup>[7]</sup> and spectrophotometry<sup>[8-12]</sup>. Many of these methods are time consuming or require complicated and expensive instruments or the determination occurs in a solvent some times the complex will be precipitated in high concentration level

. In our study , the determination of cadmium was spectrophotometrically performed in DMF media .

## Experimental:-

### Apparatus:-

#### -Flow injection system:-

Fig.1 shows a schematic diagram of FIA system used for spectrophotometric determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  .

a. Peristaltic pump (Watson-Marlow type 202 U, multi-channel) was used to propel the buffer and reagent solutions.

b. Injection valve is a 6-way loop valve with various sample loops, used to inject the sample into the buffers carrier stream.

c. Detector, LKB Bio chrom Ultrospec II 4050 UV-Visible spectrophotometer with a flow cell of 10mm oath length made of quartz .

r. Recorder, LKB 2210 2-channel .

- A Philips ion-selective meter PW 9415 used for pH measurements.

Same spectrophotometer used for batch method with quartz flow cell.

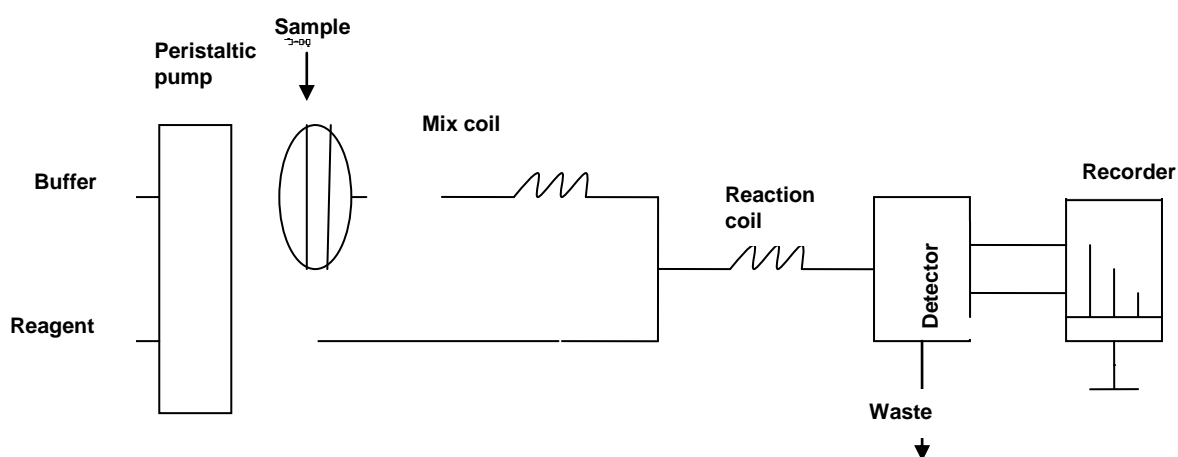


Fig.1:- Schematic diagram of spectrophotometric determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  by flow injection system.

### -Reagents:-

All chemicals used were of analytical grade.

-Stock solution of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  (1000 mg/l) was prepared by dissolving 2.1032 gm of  $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  in 1L of distilled water. The dilute solution prepared from the stock solution.

-Preparation of PAN [1-(2-pyridyl azo)-2-naphthol] solution  $4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/l}$ .

1 gm of PAN dissolved in DMF and the volume completed to 1L with the same solvent.

### A-Batch method:-

-Recommended procedure:-

The spectrophotometer was set at 550 nm .2ml of buffer solution [which produced from  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  +  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$  for acidic medium and  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  +  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$  for basic medium] mixed with 2ml of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  solution (10 mg/l) this solution mixed with 2ml of PAN solution ( $4 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/l) the solution completed to 25 ml with DMF and the absorbance was read for a complex Cd-PAN by a detector which was used in FIA system.

## -Result and discussion:-

### -Optimization:-

Table 1 shows the optimum conditions for the determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  by batch method. The optimum conditions summarized in Table 2 which show that we can determine high level concentration of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ , 2mg/l.

**Table 1 :- Optimum conditions for spectrophotometric determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  with PAN in DMF media\*.**

Variable		Measurements									
pH of buffer	pH	2 to5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5
	A	0.000	0.010	0.015	0.030	0.035	0.150	0.300	0.331	0.331**	0.331
Volume of PAN ( $4 \times 10^{-4}$ mol/l)	$V_{\text{PAN}}/\text{ml}$	1	2	2.5	3	4	5	6			
	A	0.026	0.330	0.333	0.332	0.330	0.332	0.332			
Volume of buffer	$V_{\text{buffer}}/\text{ml}$	1	2	3	4	5					
	A	0.16	0.33	0.39	0.34	0.3					
Time	Time/min	0	5	10	15	30	60	120			
	A	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.30			

\*The order of addition don't effect on the absorbance.

\*\* Best value.

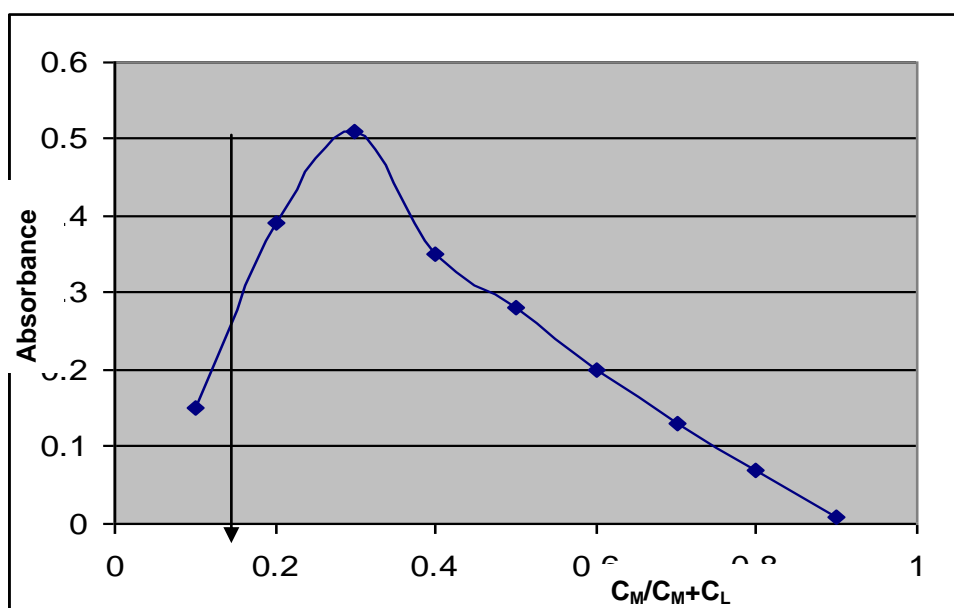
**Table 2:- Optimum conditions for spectrophotometric determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  with PAN in DMF media by batch method.**

Parameter	Value
pH	9
Volume of PAN ( $4 \times 10^{-4}$ mol/l)	2 ml
Volume of buffer ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4 + \text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ )	3 ml
Stability of complex	About one hour
Molar of absorptivity	$5.4 \times 10^4 \text{ l.mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$

### -The nature of the complex :-

The  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ -PAN ratio is established by Jobs method of

continuous variation . Fig.2 shows that the molar ratio of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  to PAN is found to be 1:2



**Fig2:-The nature of the complex Cd\_PAN.**

### -Calibration curve:-

Under the optimized conditions as in Table2, the calibration graph between concentration of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  (mg/l) against the absorbance of complex is linear in wide range

(0.05-2)mg/l of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  with the following least square regression equation :- $A=5.4 \times 10^{-3}+0.48X$   
With correlation coefficient of 0.9999,the detection limit is 0.04mg/l, as shown in Fig3.

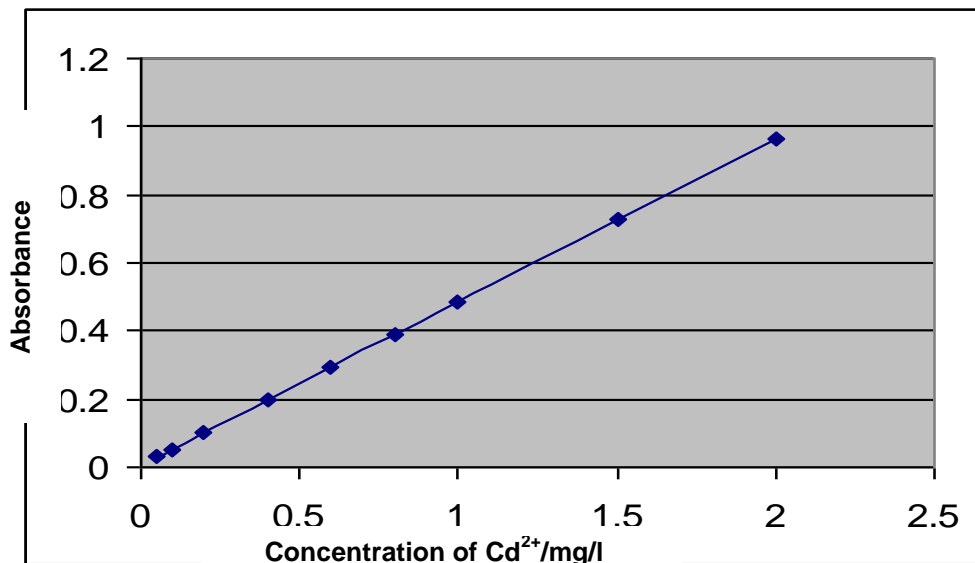


Fig.3:-Calibration curve for the determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  by batch method .

### -Precision and accuracy:-

Table 3 shows the standard deviation S.D, relative standard deviation RSD and %E of the spectrophotometric determination of (0.1, 0.8 and 1.5) ppm of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  under the

same optimum conditions. The results show that the method is reproducible, because the RSD is less than 2.5%.

Table 3 :- The precision and accuracy of the batch method.

Conc./ppm	A	S.D	RSD%	%E
0.1	0.052	$1.155 \times 10^{-3}$	2.280	+2.56
	0.050			
	0.050			
0.8	0.390	$1.155 \times 10^{-3}$	0.295	-0.18
	0.392			
	0.392			
1.5	0.726	$1.155 \times 10^{-3}$	0.159	-0.18
	0.724			
	0.724			

### -Selectivity of the method:-

The effect of five important cations was examined on the determination of 0.8 mg/l of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  which illustrated in

Table 4, the studying show that the method is not selective method ,thus we try to determine  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  by flow injection method

Table 4 :- Effect of some interfering ions on the determination of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  by batch method.

Cations	Conc./ppm	A	%E
$\text{Co}^{2+}$	1	0.400	+2.56
$\text{Pb}^{2+}$	10	0.391	+0.256
$\text{Al}^{3+}$	10	0.389	-0.256
$\text{Zn}^{2+}$	1	0.398	+2.05
$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	1	0.396	+1.54

### B-Flow Injection Method:-

#### -Recommended procedure:-

The spectrophotometer of the FI system was set at 550 nm. The carrier stream of buffer solution (adjusted at pH

9) was pumped through a flow rate 1.5 ml/min and reagent ( $4 \times 10^{-4}$  M of PAN in DMF) was pumped through a flow rate 1.5 ml/min too. The sample (2 ppm of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ) of the 100  $\mu\text{l}$  was injected by the injection valve. The

sample and buffer were mixed in 20cm coil, and this stream was mixed with reagent (PAN) in 60cm coil. A Cd-PAN complex was formed which passed through a flow cell, and then peak height of the complex was obtained graphically at the chart recorder.

#### -Result and discussion:-

#### -Optimization:-

Table 5 shows physical and chemical optimization for the flow injection method, the method summarized as optimum conditions in Table 6. Several types of buffer and organic solvents are studied, the results show that the best buffer is (NH<sub>4</sub>OH+CH<sub>3</sub>COONH<sub>4</sub> in pH8.5) and the best solvent is DMF.

**Table 5 :- Physical and chemical optimization for Spectrophotometric determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> with PAN in DMF media by flow injection method.**

Optimize parameters	Variables		Measurements								
Physical	Reagent flow rate	ml/min	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	1.72	2		
		p.h*/mm	15	18	22**	20	20	15	10		
	Buffer flow rate	ml/min	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	1.75	2		
		p.h/mm	15	20	27	25	22	20	15		
	Mix coil length	Length/cm	0	10	20	30	40	50			
		p.h/mm	12	18	27	25	20	10			
	Reaction coil length	Length/cm	20	40	50	60	80	100	120		
		p.h/mm	10	15	20	27	30	35	30		
	Sample volume	Volume/μl	25	50	75	85	100				
		p.h/mm	15	20	28	30	35				
Chemical	Buffer solution	pH	3-7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11
		p.h/mm	5	20	28	37	35	35	30	25	15
	[PAN]	[PAN]/M*10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.1	0.4	0.8	1	1.5	2	2.5		
		p.h/mm	30	38	45	47	49	50	Not stable		

\*p.h=Peak height.

\*\*Best number.

**Table 6 :- Optimum conditions for Spectrophotometric determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> with PAN in DMF media by flow injection method.**

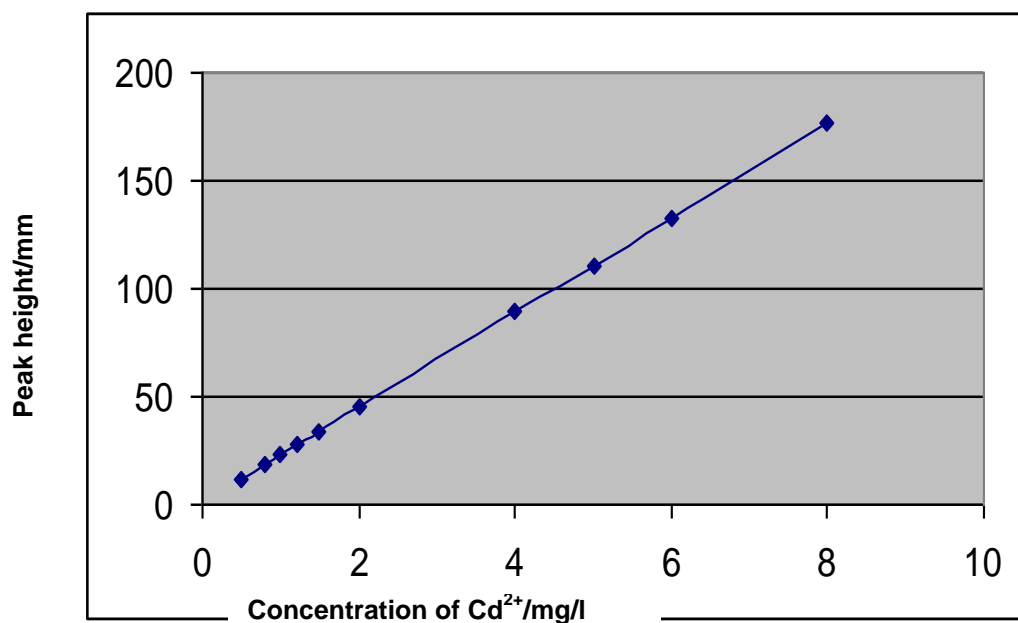
Parameter	Value
λ <sub>max</sub>	550nm
Sample	2 ppm Cd <sup>2+</sup>
[PAN]	0.8*10 <sup>-3</sup> M
Flow rate of reagent	1 ml/min
Flow rate of buffer	1 ml/min
Length of mix coil	20 cm
Length of reaction coil	100 cm
Sample volume	100 μl
pH	8.5
Buffer type	NH <sub>4</sub> OH+CH <sub>3</sub> COONH <sub>4</sub>

#### -Calibration curve:-

According to the optimized conditions as in Table 6 the calibration graph concentration of Cd<sup>2+</sup> (mg/l) against the peak height in mm is linear in the range (0.5-8)mg/l of

Cd<sup>2+</sup> with the following least square regression equation  
A=0.998+22X

And the correlation coefficient is 0.9999, as shown in Fig.4 the detection limit is 0.2 mg/l Cd<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig.4:-Calibration curve for the determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup>by flow injection method**

#### **Precision and accuracy:-**

Table 7 shows the standard deviation S.D, relative standard deviation R.S.D and %E of the flow injection spectrophotometric determination of (0.8,2 and 8) mg/l

of Cd<sup>2+</sup> under the same optimum conditions SD=(0.28-3.6), RSD=(1.5-2.1, %E= (-2.17\_+1.72).The result show that this system is suitable for determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> in real sample.

**Table 7 :- The precision and accuracy of the flow injection method.**

Conc. of Cd <sup>2+</sup> ppm	p.h/mm	S.D	RSD%	%E
0.8	18.5 18 18.5	0.2886	1.574	+0.90
2	45 46 47	1	2.174	-2.17
8	177 175 170	3.605	2.072	+1.72

#### **-Effect of interferences :-**

The interfering effect of various cations on the determination of 2 mg / l of Cd<sup>2+</sup> were investigated under

the optimum conditions given in Table6 are shown in Table8

**Table 8 :- Effect of some interfering ions on the determination of 2ppm of Cd<sup>2+</sup>by flow injection method .**

Cations	Conc./ppm	p.h/mm	%E
Co <sup>2+</sup>	10	47	+4.44
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	50	46	+2.22
Al <sup>3+</sup>	50	45	0.00
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	10	47	+4.44
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	10	47	+4.44

#### **-Applications to real samples:-**

After a given amount of Cd<sup>2+</sup> was spiked in the solution containing some cations and anions ,recovery factor were determined using the calibration curve (to flow injection

method) were found to be 101.31%. They are listed in Table 9. By these results we have concluded that this method could be applied to the determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> in real samples.

**Table 9 :- Determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> by flow injection method in real samples.**

Amount of Cd <sup>2+</sup> added/ppm	Foreign ion	Amount of foreign ion/ppm	Measured Cd <sup>2+</sup> /ppm(n=5)	%Recovery
0.8	Co <sup>2+</sup> , Zn <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Al <sup>3+</sup> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup> , F <sup>-</sup>	0.1 1 10	0.818	102.30
2	Co <sup>2+</sup> , Zn <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Al <sup>3+</sup> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup> , F <sup>-</sup>	2 5 20	2.091	102.91
8	Co <sup>2+</sup> , Zn <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Al <sup>3+</sup> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup> , F <sup>-</sup>	5 10 50	7.909	98.86

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**الملخص**

تم وصف طريقتين تقليديتين وحقن جرياني طيفي لتقدير الكاديوم الثنائي في المحاليل المائية والنماذج الحقيقية ، أعتدنا على مفاعلة الكاديوم الثنائي مع الكاشف بان (PAN) في المحلول المنظم (المتكون من الامونيا والخلات الامونيوم) ذي دالة حامضية ٩ في الطريقة التقليدية و ٨,٥ في طريقة الحقن الجرياني في وسط DMF . تم قياس الناتج الملون عند ٥٥٠ نانو ميتر . تمكنا من تطبيق قانون بير -لامبرت ضمن مديات التراكيز ٠,٥ - ٢ و ٠,٥ - ٨ مايكروغرام /مللتر لتقدير الكاديوم الثنائي و بحدود كشف ٠,٠٤ و ٠,٢ مايكروغرام /مللتر وامتناسية مولارية ١٠\*٥,٤<sup>٤</sup> و ١٠\*١,٢<sup>٤</sup> لتر/مول. سم لكل من الطريقتين التقليدية و الحقن الجرياني على التوالي ز تم دراسة العوامل الفيزيائية والكيميائية التي تؤثر على الطريقتين ، وطبقت الطريقة الحقن الجرياني بنجاح على تقدير الكاديوم الثنائي في بعض النماذج الحقيقية بدقة وتوافق جيدين .