

Automated Chemical Analysis System for Salts and Seawater Using FIA System:(A)Determination of Trace Iron in Various Salts by Spectrophotometric Detection with Nitro-PAPS and (B)Determination of Trace Ammonia Nitrogen in Seawater and Concentrated Sodium Chloride Solution by Gas-Diffusion Separation and Spectrophotometric Detection

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#### Summary

(A) A flow injection system is presented for the determination of trace iron in various salts which is based on the formation of iron complex with Nitro-PAPS having large molar absorptivity of  $8.5 \times 10^4$  and subsequent spectrophotometric detection at 582 nm. In order to allow direct injection of sample solution containing high concentration of salt, simple and new technique was proposed for elimination of blank peak effect.

(B)For the determination of trace ammonia nitrogen in seawater and salts a flow injection system is also studied. The gas diffusion separation by porous PTFE membrane tubing is directly on-line coupled with spectrophotometric detection with 1-naphthol and sodium hypochlorite in a continuous flow system. Seawater sample can be directly injected. The limit of detection for iron is 0.05 ppm supposing that 1 g salt is dissolved in 100ml as sample solution and 0.01 ppm for ammonia in seawater. The analysis time is about 4-6 min for one sample. The most appealing feature of the proposed FIA system is that the analysis is achieved in a continuous and closed system without complicated manual operations, which can afford simple and rapid as well as accurate and precise determination.