

Copper

Function: Differential Pulse Stripping Voltammetry (DPS/a)

Start Potential (mV)	-300
End Potential (mV)	50
Current range	20.48
Scan Speed (mV/s)	20
Deposition time (s)	60
Deposition Pot. (mV)	-400
Number of cycles	3
Delay before sweep (s)	10
Purge and stir time (s)	300
Stirring speed (rpm)	300
Drop Size (a.u.)	60

Copper concentrated standard solution (1 g/l)

Dissolve 1 g of pure Cu in a minimum volume of 8 M HNO₃. Bring to volume in a 1 l volumetric flask with distilled water.

Supporting Electrolyte

1 $\mathbf{\dot{M}}$ **H**₂**C**₂ \mathbf{O}_4 and **2** $\mathbf{\dot{M}}$ **HCl solution**. Dissolve 90 g of H₂C₂O₄ (or 126 g of H₂C₂O₄·H₂O) and 167 ml of 37% HCl in 1 l of distilled water. Store in a polythene bottle.

Procedure

Add 1 ml of supporting electrolyte to 10 ml of neutralised sample.

Analyse seawater, high salt content sample avoiding the addition of the supporting electrolyte.

Samples at pH above 7 are to be neutralised before the addition of the supporting electrolyte.

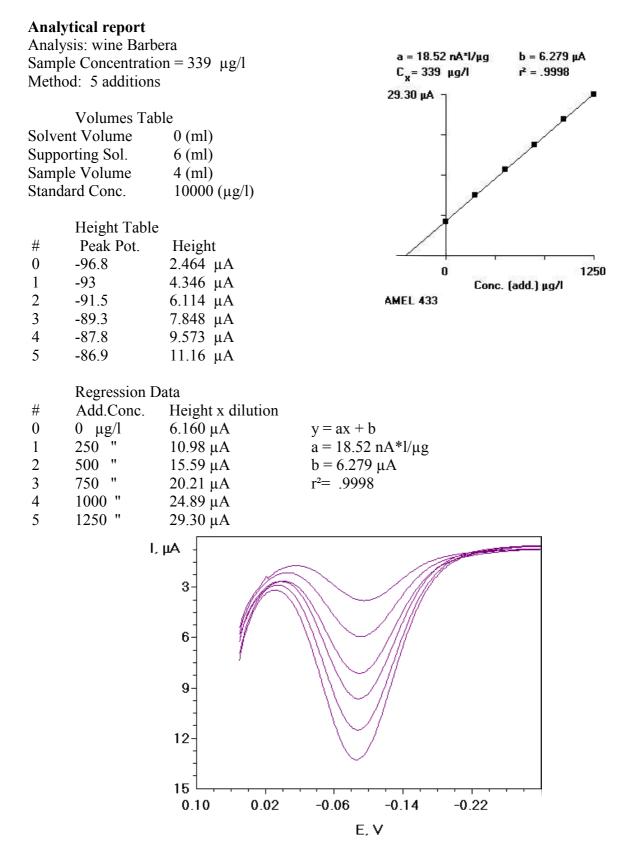
Working standard solution (10 mg/l)

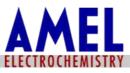
Dilute 1 ml of Cu concentrated standard solution in 100 ml of distilled water, in a volumetric flask.

Alternative supporting electrolytes

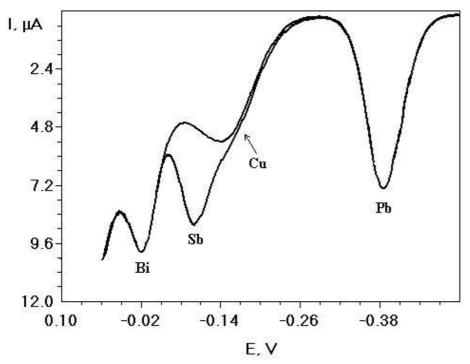
HCl or KCl or NaCl solution from 0.1 up to 1 M 0.1 M Acetate buffer pH 4.5 or 0.1 M citrate buffer a pH 3 0.1 M Tartrate buffer H 9 (when zinc has to be analysed in the same solution)







Interferences





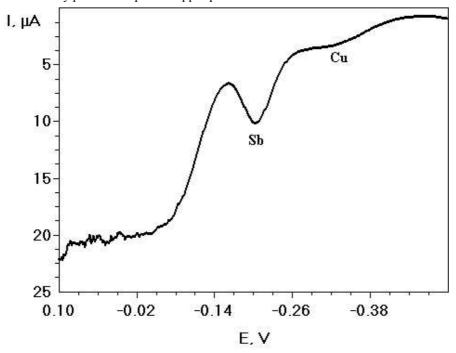


Fig. 2 - Pb, Cu, Sb e Bi in 12 M HCl

The Lead peak does not appear in the voltammogram because its potential is lower than usual. Also the copper peak shifts towards lower potential and does not interfere with the antimony discharge. The bismuth peak cannot be registered because the acid concentration is too high.