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Experiment	Water Quality Monitoring: Total Dissolved Oxygen Assessment in Different Water Samples by Winkler's Method
Problem definition	Dissolved oxygen (DO) is essential to living organisms in water but harmful if present in boiler feed water leading to boiler corrosion.
Methodology	Winkler's titration method is used to assess DO in water.
Solution	Estimation of total dissolved oxygen in different water samples.
Student learning outcomes	Students will learn to  a) perform Winkler's titration method b) assess the total dissolved oxygen in different water samples

Principle: Estimation of dissolved oxygen (DO) in water is useful in studying corrosion effect of boiler feed water and in studying water pollution. DO is usually determined by Winkler's titration method. It is based on the fact that DO oxidize potassium iodide (KI) to iodine. The liberated iodine is titrated against standard sodium thiosulphate solution using starch indicator. Since DO in water is in molecular state, as such it cannot oxidize KI. Hence, manganese hydroxide is used as an oxygen carrier to bring about the reaction between KI and Oxygen. Manganese hydroxide, in turn, is obtained by the action of NaOH on MnSO<sub>4</sub>.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{MnSO_4} + 2\operatorname{NaOH} & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Mn} (\operatorname{OH})_2 + \operatorname{Na_2} \operatorname{SO_4} \\ 2Mn(OH)_2 + O_2 \to 2MnO(OH)_2 \\ & MnO(OH)_2 + H_2SO_4 \to MnSO_4 + 2H_2O + [O] \\ 2KI + H_2SO_4 + [O] \to K_2SO_4 + H_2O + I_2 \\ 2Na_2S_2O_3 + I_2 \to Na_2S_4O_6 + 2NaI \\ & \operatorname{Starch} + \operatorname{I}_2 & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Blue} \operatorname{colored} \operatorname{complex}. \end{array}$$

The liberated iodine (I<sub>2</sub>) is titrated against standard sodium thiosulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) solution using starch as indicator.

## Requirements:

Reagents and solutions: Standard buffer of pH 7, standard potassium dichromate (0.01 N), sodium thiosulphate solution, 10% KI solution, alkali KI solution (KI + KOH in water), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, manganese sulphate, starch solution as indicator.

Apparatus: Conical flask, Burette, Measuring flask, Beakers.

## Procedure:

# Titration 1: Standardization of Sodium Thiosulphate

Rinse and fill the burette with given sodium thiosulphate solution (Bottle B). Pipette out 20 mL of 0.01N K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> solution (Bottle A) into a clean conical flask. To this, add 5 mL H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (1/2 T.T.), 10 mL of 10% KI, and titrate against sodium thiosulphate solution. When the solution becomes straw yellow colour, add starch indicator and continue the titration. End point is the disappearance of bluish brown colour. Repeat the titration to get concordant value.

# Titration 2: Estimation of Dissolved Oxygen

Using a measuring cylinder, add 100 mL of sample water in a conical flask. Further, add 2 mL of MnSO<sub>4</sub> and 2 mL of alkali KI solution and shake well for the rough mixing of the reagents. Set aside the flask for few minutes to allow the precipitate to settle down and then add 2 mL of conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> for complete dissolution of the precipitate. Then, titrate against std. sodium thiosulphate solution. When the solution turn into light yellow, add starch indicator. End point is the disappearance of bluish brown colour. Repeat the titration to get the concordant value. Calculate the strength of dissolved oxygen from the titer value. Based on that, calculate the amount of dissolved oxygen in the given water sample.

### OBSERVATION AND CALCULATIONS

Titration - I: Standardization of Sodium Thiosulphate

S. No.	Volume of K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (mL)	Burette reading (mL)		Volume of sodium
		Initial	Final	thiosulphate (mL)
1	2 b	D	20.8	20.8
2	20	0	21.0	21.0
3	20	D	21.0	21.0
	21.0			

#### Calculations:

Volume of potassium dichromate  $V_1 = 20 \text{ mL}$ 

Strength of potassium dichromate  $N_1 = 0.01 \text{ N}$ 

Volume of sodium thiosulphate  $V_2 = \dots 2 \dots 2 \dots D$ ...mL (From Titration – 1)

Strength of sodium thiosulphate  $N_2 = \dots$ ?

$$V_1 N_1 = V_2 N_2$$

$$N_2 = \frac{20 \times 0.0}{21}$$

$$\therefore N_2 = V_1 N_1 / V_2$$

Strength of sodium thiosulphate =  $N_2 = 20 \times 0.01/V_2 = 0.009.$  N

Titration - II: Estimation of Dissolved Oxygen

S. No.	Volume of water sample (mL)	Burette reading (mL)		Volume of sodium
		Initial	Final	thiosulphate (mL)
1	100	10	20.2	10.2
2	100	D	10.2	10.2
3	100	O	8.8	8.8
	10.2			

### Calculation:

Volume of sodium thiosulphate  $V_2 = 10.2$  mL (From Titration – 2)

Strength of sodium thiosulphate  $N_2 = 0.009$ . N (From Titration – 1 calculation)

Volume of water sample taken V<sub>1</sub>= 100 mL

Strength of given water sample  $N_1 = ?$ 

$$V_1N_1 = V_2N_2$$
  
 $N_1 = V_2 \times N_2/100$   
 $= 0.0009 \text{ N}$ 

Amount of dissolved oxygen (ppm) = normality × equivalent weight of  $O_2 \times 1000$  mg/L of the given water sample.

$$= \frac{0.0009}{N \times 8 \times 1000 \text{ mg/L}}$$
$$= \frac{3.34}{\text{ppm}}$$

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### **Evaluation of Result:**

Sample number	Experimental value	Actual Value	Percentage of error	Marks awarded
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