

Investigation of the influence of the addition of lignosulfonate on the determination of cadmium by inversion-voltammetric analysis

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Abstract

An inversion-voltammetric analysis of cadmium in the presence of additives of lignosulfonate was carried out. The aim of the work is to determine the effectiveness of the addition of lignosulfonates (LST) under various conditions of conducting cadmium analysis by the method of inversion voltammetry.

A voltammetric analyzer *ECOTEST-VA*, compatible with a personal computer with software *N_VA2010.exe*, was used in the work. The measurements were carried out in a three-electrode cell, which included a working carbon-graphite macroelectrode, an auxiliary platinum electrode *EPV-1*, and a comparative silver chloride electrode *EVL-IMZ.1*. Stirring of the solution was carried out by a controlled magnetic stirrer. To create an amalgam mercury film on the surface of a carbon-graphite macroelectrode, a hydrochloric acid solution of divalent mercury with a concentration of 0.05 mmol/l was used as the background solution. The concentration of cadmium in the solutions being analyzed was 50-200 µg/l. The addition of LST varied from 10 to 200 mg/l. The determination was carried out at sweep speeds from 25 to 200 mV/s, the start of the scan minus 1300 mV, the end of the scan plus 200 mV (Ag/AgCl). The accumulation time is 60-90 sec. Potential of electrode cleaning is 100 mV.

The data of register histograms are obtained in the analysis of cadmium in solutions with the addition of LST from 10 to 200 mg/l. The maximum increase in heights and areas of peaks was limited to additives of LST 25-50 mg/l. A further increase in the amount of the additive somewhat reduced the effectiveness of its effect upon the removal of register histograms at the same content of cadmium in the solution. The given values of the heights and peak areas have been at different rates of potential sweep are given. Unlike the data obtained at a constant sweep speed, the peak-to-area peaks differ markedly. Perhaps this is due to a decrease in the accumulation time by 1.5 times. The greatest increase in peak height with the addition of LST have been at sweep speeds of 25 and 50 mV/s. With an increase in the speed, the sweeps from 25 to 200 mV/s peak height increase 2-3 times, and peak areas increase 3-4 times. According to the data obtained at different scanning rates, logarithmic dependences of the current and velocity were constructed, which allowed estimating the limiting process of the anodic process of dissolution of cadmium from amalgam. It is shown that in the absence of the addition of LST, the rate of dissolution of cadmium is determined by diffusion, and with the addition of LST and low scanning speeds, the process of cadmium ionization from amalgam is related to kinetic limitations.

Calculations of transport coefficients are carried out. It is noted that an increase in the transfer coefficient in the presence of LST suggests that the adsorption of an anionic surfactant lignosulfonate has a lesser effect on the process of dissolution of cadmium from amalgam than on the reverse process of reduction of cadmium ions.

The use of lignosulfonates in the inversion-voltammetric analysis makes it possible to expand the limit of detection of cadmium and, consequently, to improve the accuracy of the analysis.

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