

# 26 - STANDARD ADDITIONS

SDSU CHEM 251

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- The standard addition process is a way of getting around complications due to the sample matrix negatively impacting results.
- The sample (e.g.  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ ) is prepared (it may be diluted) and then a known amount of standard ( $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ ) is added to the sample.
- Measurements are compared for the sample with and without the added standard to determine the concentration of the analyte in the sample.
- As long as the amount of standard solution added to the sample is relatively small the sample does not need to be prepared in a comparable matrix, as the dilution should be minimal.

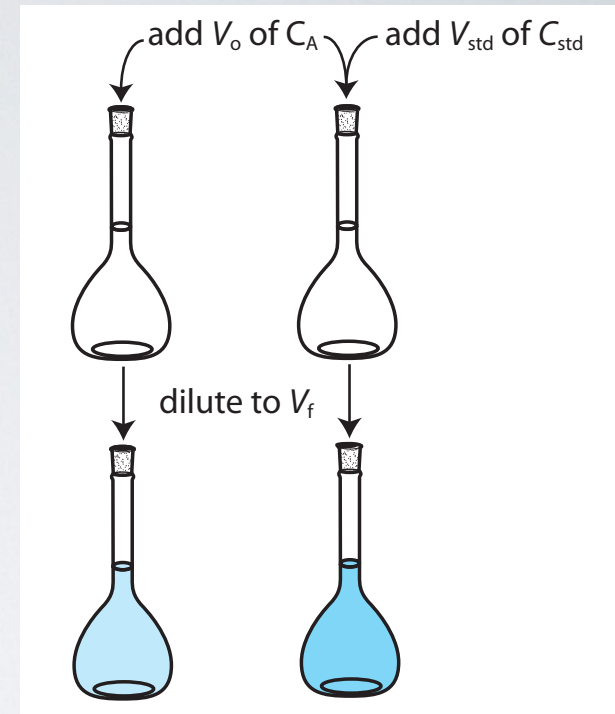
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- **Standard addition** - the addition of a known amount of standard to the sample - can minimize the matrix effects.
- **Single standard addition** can be performed in two ways:
  - Two solutions with equal amounts of sample, one with a known amount of standard.
  - One solution of sample, measured before and after the addition of a known amount of standard.
- The signals from each solution can be used to extrapolate the concentration of the sample in the solution.

# SINGLE ADDITION - TWO FLASKS

A 1.00 mL sample of blood is diluted to volume in a 5.00 mL volumetric flask. When measured for its  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  content the signal ( $S_{\text{samp}}$ ) was 0.193.

A second 1.00 mL blood sample was prepared and spiked with 1.00  $\mu\text{L}$  of 1560 ppb  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  before being diluted to 5.00 mL. When the spiked sample was measured the signal ( $S_{\text{spike}}$ ) was determined to be 0.419. What is the concentration of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  in the blood sample?



$V_o$  : volume of sample

$V_{\text{spike}}$  : volume of spike solution

$V_F$  : final solution volume

$$S_{\text{samp}} = k_A C_A \frac{V_o}{V_F} \quad S_{\text{spike}} = k_A \left( C_A \frac{V_o}{V_F} + C_{\text{spike}} \frac{V_{\text{spike}}}{V_F} \right)$$

$$\frac{S_{\text{samp}}}{C_A \frac{V_o}{V_F}} = \frac{S_{\text{spike}}}{C_A \frac{V_o}{V_F} + C_{\text{spike}} \frac{V_{\text{spike}}}{V_F}}$$

$$V_o = 1.00 \text{ mL}$$

$$V_{\text{spike}} = 1.00 \mu\text{L} = 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mL}$$

$$V_F = 5.00 \text{ mL}$$

$$C_{\text{spike}} = 1560 \text{ ppb}$$

$$S_{\text{samp}} = 0.193$$

$$S_{\text{spike}} = 0.419$$

$$C_A = ?$$

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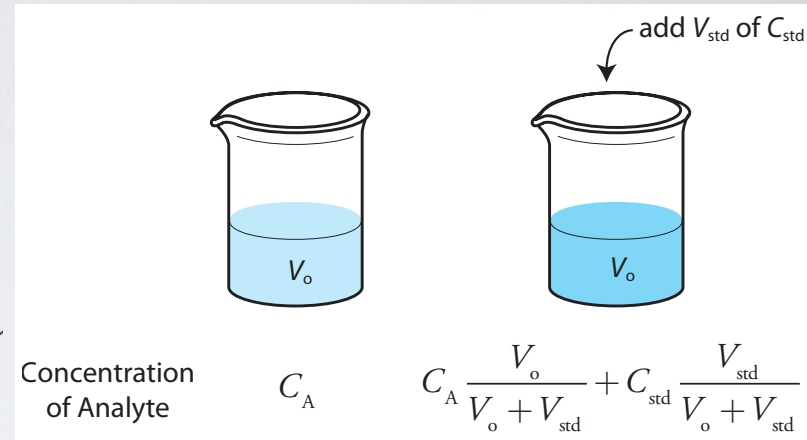
$$\frac{0.193}{C_A \frac{1.00 \text{ mL}}{5.00 \text{ mL}}} = \frac{0.419}{C_A \frac{1.00 \text{ mL}}{5.00 \text{ mL}} + 1560 \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mL}}{5.00 \text{ mL}}}$$

$$\frac{0.193}{0.200 C_A} = \frac{0.419}{0.200 C_A + 0.3120 \text{ ppb}} \quad C_A = 1.33 \text{ ppb}$$

# STANDARD ADDITION - ONE FLASK

A 5.00 mL blood sample is measured for its concentration of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ , the resulting signal ( $S_{\text{samp}}$ ) is found to be 0.712.

To the 5.00 mL blood sample, 5.00  $\mu\text{L}$  of a  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  standard (1560 ppb) is added. When the blood sample is remeasured the signal ( $S_{\text{spike}}$ ) is now 1.546. What is the concentration of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  in the blood sample?



$$S_{\text{samp}} = k_A C_A$$

$$S_{\text{spike}} = k_A \left( C_A \frac{V_o}{V_o + V_{\text{spike}}} + C_{\text{spike}} \frac{V_{\text{spike}}}{V_o + V_{\text{spike}}} \right)$$

$$\frac{S_{\text{samp}}}{C_A} = \frac{S_{\text{spike}}}{C_A \frac{V_o}{V_o + V_{\text{spike}}} + C_{\text{spike}} \frac{V_{\text{spike}}}{V_o + V_{\text{spike}}}}$$

$$V_o = 5.00 \text{ mL}$$

$$V_{\text{spike}} = 5.00 \mu\text{L} = 5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mL}$$

$$V_F = 5.005 \text{ mL}$$

$$C_{\text{spike}} = 1560 \text{ ppb}$$

$$S_{\text{samp}} = 0.712$$

$$S_{\text{spike}} = 1.546$$

$$C_A = ?$$

$$\frac{0.712}{C_A} = \frac{1.546}{C_A \frac{5.00 \text{ mL}}{5.005 \text{ mL}} + 1560 \text{ ppb} \left( \frac{5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mL}}{5.005 \text{ mL}} \right)}$$

$$\frac{0.712}{C_A} = \frac{1.546}{0.9990 C_A + 1.558 \text{ ppb}} \quad C_A = 1.33 \text{ ppb}$$

# STANDARD ADDITION

- **Multiple standard additions:** where a known amount of sample is added to multiple flasks, with varied amounts of standard (e.g. iron UV analysis lab).
- Though a very effective means of doing a calibration it is often not used due to the fact that each new sample must be analyzed with it's own set of standard additions.

