



Determination of **cations and anions** in highly saline water, incl. formation water

INTRODUCTION

Capillary electrophoresis method is used for the determination of basic components in the following types of water:

- surface and ground waters for any water use purposes, including field development (sea, formation, produced, and process waters, mine brines, etc.);
- water with different level of mineralization, from freshwater (<0.5 g/L) to brines (>350 g/L);
- process aqueous solutions with different level of mineralization.



MEASUREMENT METHOD

The measurement method is based on the sample dilution with distilled water, further separation and quantitative determination of components by capillary electrophoresis.

MEASUREMENT RANGE

Component	Measurement range, mg/L	Lumex Instruments set, order No.
Ammonium	5–5000	0300001763
Potassium	5–60 000	
Sodium	5–150 000	
Lithium	1–300	
Magnesium	2–70 000	
Strontium	2–4000	
Barium	1–150	
Calcium	5–420 000	0300001754
Chloride	5–450 000	
Sulfate	5–25 000	0300001781
Bromide	0.5–20 000	

EQUIPMENT AND REAGENTS

The Capel capillary electrophoresis system is used in measurements. Data acquisition, collection, processing, and output are performed using a personal computer running under Windows® operating system with Elforun software installed.

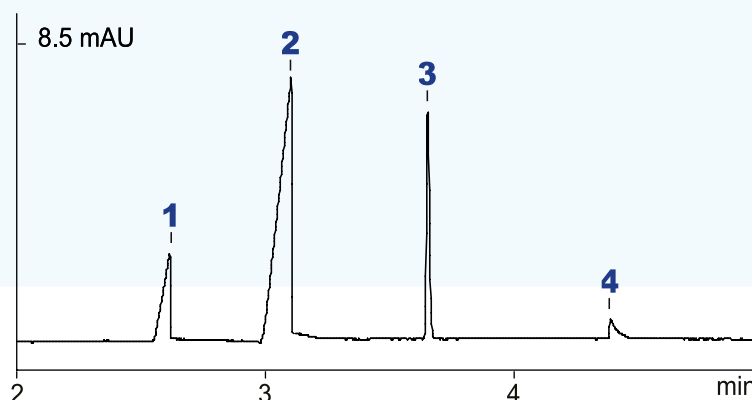
EXAMPLE OF A REAL ANALYSIS

BGE: benzimidazole, with tartaric acid and 18-crown-6

Sample: mine brine
(dilution factor – 2000)

Found (mg/L):

- 1 – potassium (2350)
- 2 – sodium (27 400)
- 3 – magnesium (24 200)
- 4 – calcium (60 200)



BGE: chromate, with diethanolamine and CTA-OH

Sample: mine brine
(dilution factor – 2000)

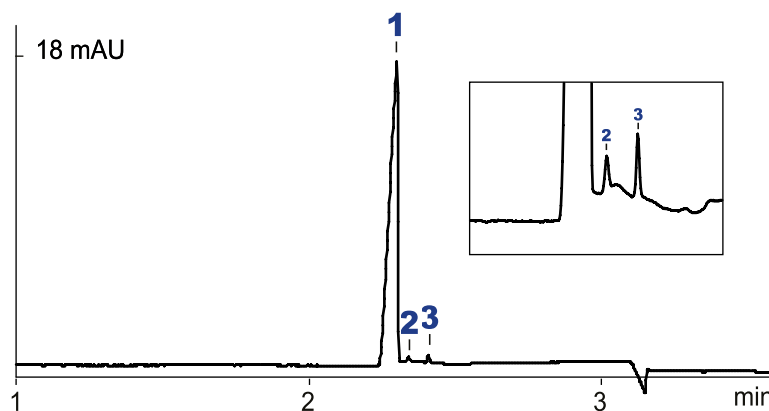
Found (mg/L):

1 – chloride (259 000)

2 – bromide (1620)

3 – sulfate (2150)

At high concentrations, bromides can be determined simultaneously with chlorides and sulfates.



BGE: sulfate, with CTA-OH

Sample: brine
(dilution factor – 50)

Found (mg/L):

1 – chloride (4300)

2 – bromide (2.7)

Chlorides with mass concentration ratio of 4000:1 do not interfere determination of bromides.

