# **Experiment**

**Aim:** To Prepare and Submit 1-Phenylazo-2-Naphthol from Aniline by diazotization and coupling reactions.

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# **Requirement:**

Apparatus: Conical flask, Beaker, Funnel, Filter paper, measuring cylinder, etc.

**Chemicals:** Aniline – 4.0 g, conc. Hydrochloric acid – 12.8 ml, β-Naphthol -6.24 g, 10% (w/v) Sodium hydroxide solution – 40 ml, Sodium nitrite – 3.2 g

## **Principle:**

Phenyl diazonium chloride is obtained first by the diazotization of aniline with nitrous acid, as explained earlier, which, on coupling with  $\beta$ -naphthol in the presence of NaOH solution, yields the desired coupled product phenyl-azo- $\beta$ -naphthol. A mole of HCl is eliminated, instantly reacting with NaOH from the medium to produce NaCl and H2O. Importantly, both diazotization and coupling reactions must be carried out between 0-5°C.

#### **Reaction:**

Use: 1-Phenylazo-2-naphthol, also known as Sudan I, was historically used as a red dye for textiles and as a food coloring agent. However, its use in food has been restricted in many countries due to concerns about its carcinogenic properties.

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### **Procedure:**

- 1. Weigh 4.0 g (3.92 ml) of aniline and dissolve it in 12.8 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid (conc. HCl) in a 250 ml beaker. Dilute the aniline solution with 12.8 ml of distilled water.
- 2. Place the beaker containing the aniline solution in an ice bath and cool it with frequent stirring until the temperature falls below 5°C.
- 3. Dissolve 3.2 g of sodium nitrite in 15 ml of water in another beaker. Chill the sodium nitrite solution in an ice bath (0–5°C).
- 4. At intervals, Add the sodium nitrite solution to the aniline solution in small lots (2 ml). Stir vigorously with a glass rod, ensuring the temperature remains below 5°C throughout the addition.
- 5. After complete addition, test the reaction mixture for the presence of free nitrite by placing a drop on KI-starch paper, which should turn distinctly blue in the presence of free nitrous acid.
- 6. Dissolve 6.24 g of  $\beta$ -naphthol in a 250 ml beaker containing 40 ml sodium hydroxide solution. Cool the  $\beta$ -naphthol solution in an ice bath (0–5°C).
- 7. Slowly add the cold diazonium salt solution to the β-naphthol solution with vigorous stirring. Take special care to prevent the temperature of the reaction mixture from rising beyond 5°C. Add crushed ice if necessary.
- 8. A red color should develop, and crystals of crude phenylazo-β-naphthol should separate. Allow the reaction mixture to stand for 30-40 minutes with stirring to complete the reaction.
- 9. Filter the red product in a Büchner funnel using a suction pump. Wash the filtered product with ice-cold water and dry it.

#### Calculation:

The molecular formula of Aniline =  $C_6H_5NH_2$ 

The molecular weight of aniline = 93g/mole

The molecular formula of phenyl azo- $\beta$ -naphthol =  $C_{16}H_{12}N_2O$ 

The molecular weight of = 248g/Mole

93 g of aniline on reacting with 144 g of  $\beta$ -naphthol yields phenyl azo- $\beta$ -naphthol =

248 g

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