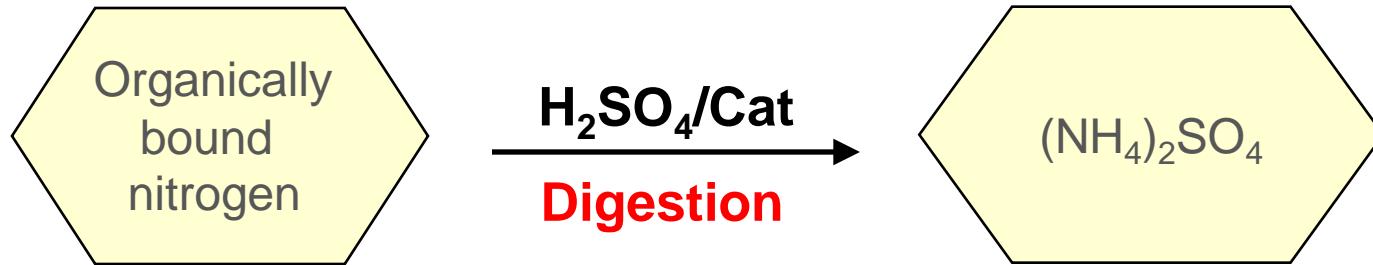


Kjeldahl- Digestion



Digestion units - two different techniques

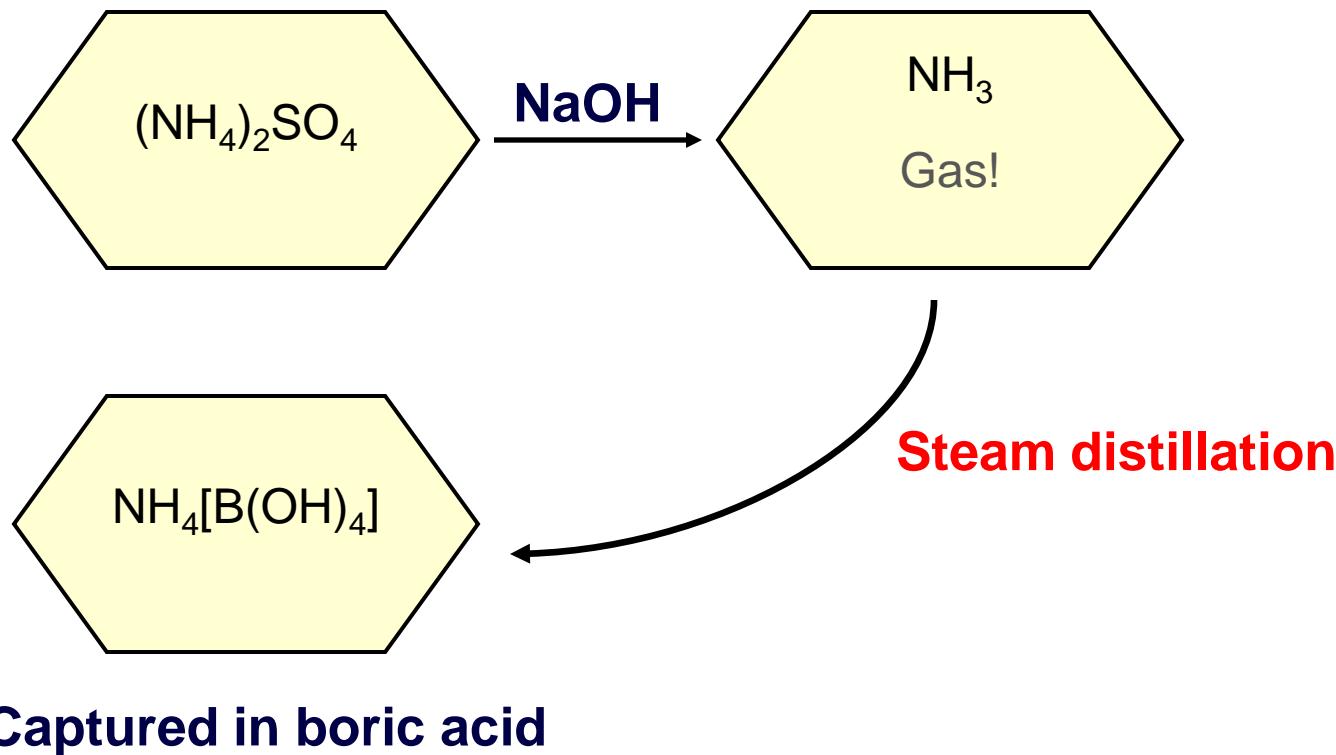


IR-Heating



Block heating

Steam Distillation



Range of distillation units



K-350



K-355

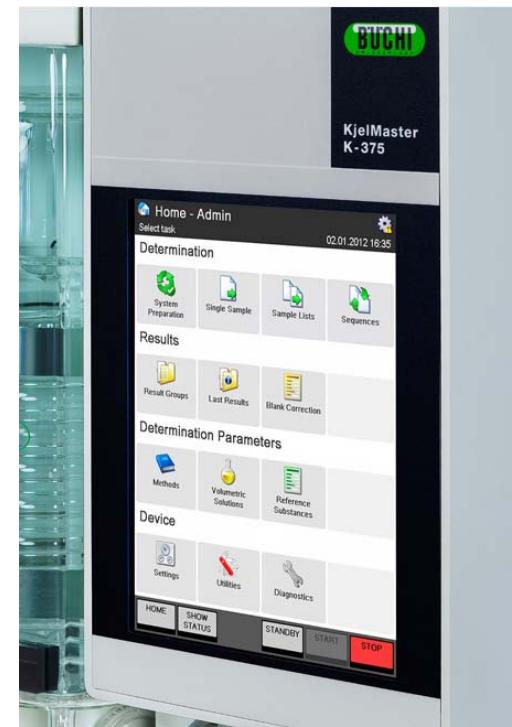
KjelFlex
K-360

KjelMaster
K-375

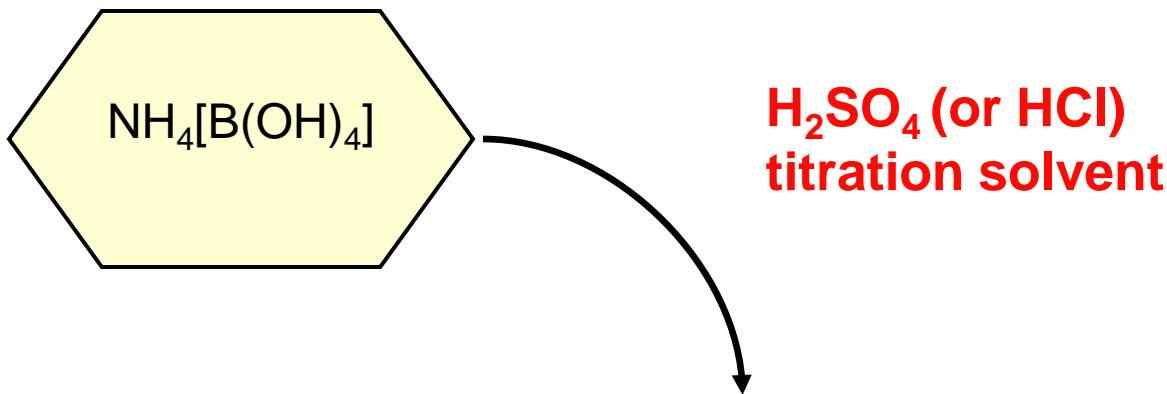


.... with Autosampler

User interfaces

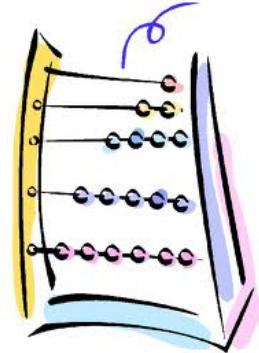


Titration



**Determination of ammonia by titration
to $\text{pH}=4.6$
(pH-Elektrode or Sher-Indikator)**

Calculation



$$\% P = \frac{(ml \text{ sample} - ml \text{ blank}) \times 1.4008 \times N \times F \times 100}{\text{sample weight}}$$

1.4008: 1 ml 0.1 N standard solution = 1.4008 mg N

N: Normality of the titrant

F: Conversion factor N \Rightarrow Protein

- for most products 6.25
- dairy products 6.38
- nuts 5.4

KjelCalc app on www.buchi.com

The screenshot shows the BUCHI website's 'Apps' section. It features a large image of a smartphone displaying the Kjeldahl Calculator app interface. The app screen shows various input fields and parameters for a Kjeldahl analysis, such as 'Known nitrogen content' (12.18 %), 'Sample amount' (0.2000 g), 'Titrant normality' (0.200 N), 'Kjeldahl tablet weight' (3.71 g), '% Fat' (0.0 %), and '% Water' (0.0 %). Below the phone image, there is a navigation bar with links like 'Home > Apps', 'Kjeldahl Calculator', 'Kjeldahl Tablet Configurator', and 'App Support'. A red arrow points from the 'Known nitrogen content' field on the phone screen towards the 'Known nitrogen content' field in the app interface.

The screenshot shows the Kjeldahl calculator app's 'Sample Information' screen. It lists several parameters with their current values and descriptions:

- Known nitrogen content**: 12.18 % (Enter expected nitrogen content. For N...)
- Sample amount**: 0.2000 g (Enter sample amount and check titrant co...)
- Titrant normality**: 0.200 N (Enter titrant concentration (normality N) an...)
- Kjeldahl tablet weight**: 3.71 g (Enter weight of 1 Kjeldahl tablet. See p....)
- % Fat**: 0.0 % (Enter % fat content of sample, see p. 21.)
- % Water**: 0.0 % (Enter % water contained in sample. Affect...)

At the bottom of the screen, there is a navigation bar with five icons: 'Options' (checkbox icon), 'Sample' (flask icon), 'Digestion' (stomach icon), 'Distillation' (droplet icon), and 'Titration' (titration icon). A red oval surrounds the 'Sample', 'Digestion', 'Distillation', and 'Titration' icons.

Optimize your Kjeldahl application:

- amount of sample
- amount of H_2SO_4
- amount of catalyst
- conc. of titrant solution
- etc.

KjelCalc PC Software

KjelCalc

File Tools Help

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Options

Analyte **Nitrogen**

Boric acid concentration **4 % H₃BO₃**

Unit nitrogen content **%**

Tube size **300 mL**

Recommendation: For most applications. Benefit: Allround sample tube. [more...](#)

Digestion

Number of Kjeldahl Tablets **3** Ok. Total weight of catalyst Tablets is 4.77 g. Optimal calculated weight based on powder is 4.35 g.

Volume 98 % H₂SO₄ **10 mL** Ok, but reduction of H₂SO₄ to 9 mL can be achieved, if 4.5 g of powder is used.

Digestion time **60 – 120 min** The digestion time can be reduced to 30 - 60 min, when H₂O₂ is added. [more...](#)

Distillation

Volume 32 % NaOH **45 mL** General rule: Use 4.5 mL NaOH per used mL H₂SO₄ (digestion).

Volume H₂O **40 mL** General rule: For KjelSampler use 2.5 mL per used mL H₂SO₄. For manual distillation use 4 mL per used mL H₂SO₄.

Distillation time **150 – 300 s** 150 s for KjelMaster (stand alone). 180 s for KjelMaster / KjelSampler. 240 s for other distillation units (stand alone).

Steam power **100 %**

Boric acid pH **4.65**

Boric acid volume in receiver **60 mL**

Sample

Expected nitrogen content **18.66 %**

Ok.

Sample amount **0.2 g**

Organic sample is 0.125 - 2 g.

Titrant normality **0.2 N**

Ok.

Kjeldahl Tablet weight **1.59 g**

Relative standard deviation **0.23 %** Ok.

Amount N **37.32 mgN/sample** Ok.

Results

Blank titrant consumption **0.281 mL** The calculated and the measured blank values do not necessarily match exactly.

Sample+blank titrant consumption **13.604 mL** Ok.

% Fat **0 %**

% Water **0 %**

Sizes of Sample Tubes

