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Salt precipitation can be a very powerful tool to purify proteins by precipitation. Ammonium sulfate is usually the salt of choice since it is cheap, very soluble in water, and is able to become much more hydrated (interacts with more water molecules) than almost any other ionic solvent. In practice, ammonium sulfate is either added directly as a solid or added as a (usually) saturated solution to precipitate desired proteins. At low salt concentrations (