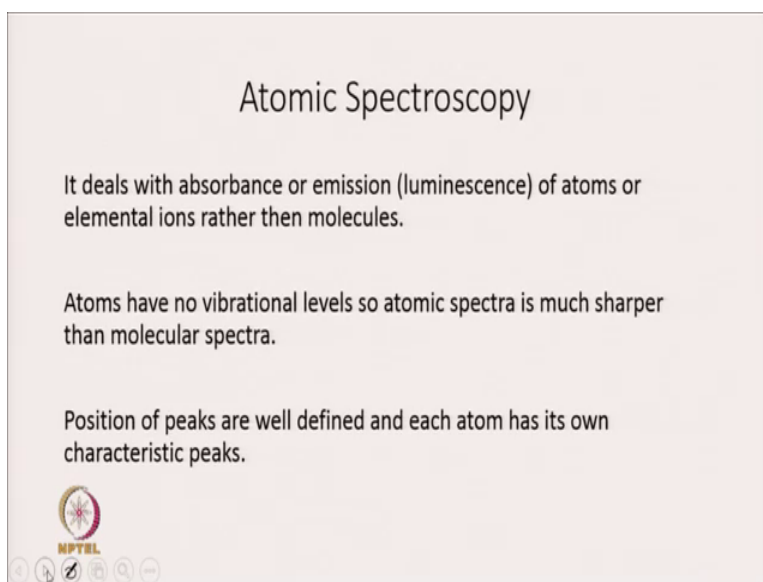


**Spectroscopic Techniques for Pharmaceutical and Biopharmaceutical Industries**  
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**Lecture 16: Atomic Spectroscopy--4**

Hello students, welcome to lecture 16 of this course. Last time I discussed about how does a spectra of alkali metals and alkaline earth metals will look like.

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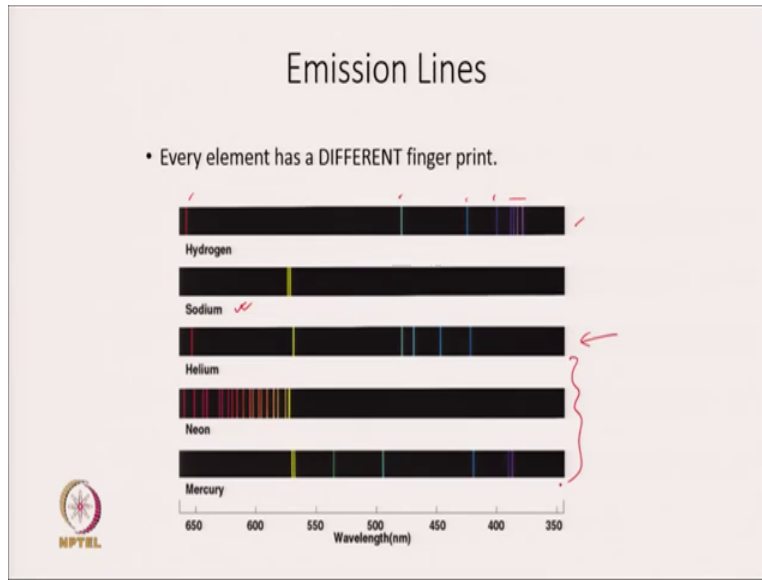
Atomic Spectroscopy

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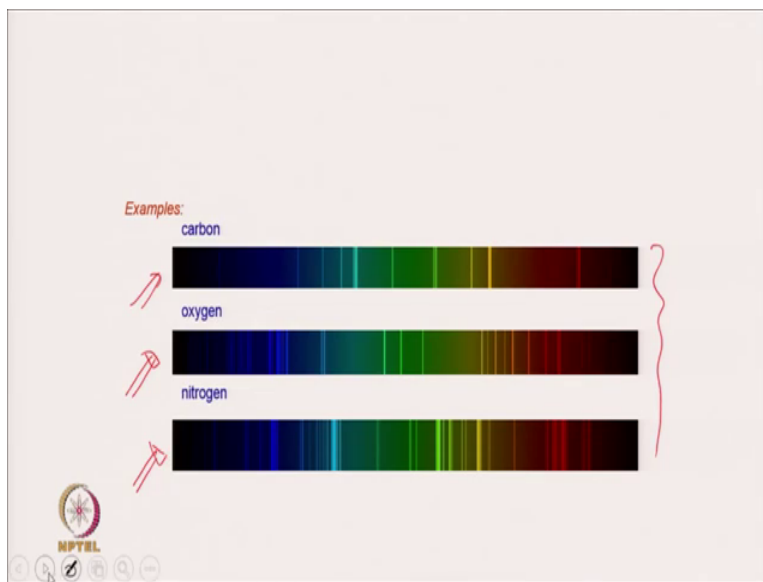
I will discuss it again and then I will move and show you some application of atomic spectroscopy. As the name suggests a atomic spectroscopy deals with absorbance or emission of atoms or elemental ions rather than molecules. Since atoms have no vibrational levels so atomic spectra is generally much sharper than molecular spectra. Not only that positions of peaks are well defined and each atom has its own characteristic peaks and that is main advantage of atomic spectroscopy.

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The emission lines of different elements are peculiar to that element only and hence every element has a different fingerprint. So if you look at hydrogen its line is here at this point and this point, this point and these 4 points, It is quite different then if you look at the spectral lines of sodium atoms. They are not at the same position, they are not at the same position and if you look at the helium it also has quite different spectra comparison to hydrogen and sodium. Similar is the case of all the atoms, all the atoms. And so if we look at atomic spectra of different elements we will be able to figure out which element is the in that particular sample.

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Here is some other examples of atomic spectra, this is atomic spectra of carbon, this is atomic spectra of oxygen and this is atomic spectra of nitrogen. So each element has its characteristic atomic spectra. Hence, it is very easy to distinguish between the different atoms using your atomic spectroscopy.


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### Energy Level diagrams

Energy level diagram for the outer electrons of an element describes atomic spectroscopy process.

For hydrogen atom, 2s, 2p orbitals are degenerate, however, the degeneracy is lost for multi-electron system.

The p, d, f orbitals split due to spin-orbit coupling.




The basis of atomic spectroscopy is the energy level diagrams of different atoms. The energy level diagram for outer electron of an element describes atomic spectroscopy process, so outer electrons are very important. For example alkali metals the outer electrons are in s orbital and so

the 1 electron in outermost s orbital basically describes its atomic spectroscopy process. For hydrogen atom 2s 2p orbitals are degenerate that is what we discussed during last lectures however the degeneracy lost for multi-electron system. I am just giving you recap of previous lectures. Again p, d, f orbitals split due to spin-orbit coupling. So these are the few things which already we have discussed in the previous lecture.

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**Spectra of alkali metals**

- Spectra arises from transition between  $ns1$  state to  $np1$ ,  $(n+1)p1$ .....Known as Principal series.
- Spectra will consist of transition between  $np1$  state to  $(n+1)s1$ ,  $(n+2)s1$ .....Known as Sharp series.
- Spectra will consist of transition between  $np1$  state to  $(n+1)d1$ ,  $(n+2)d1$ .....Known as Diffuse series.

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Now let us go back and see again discuss spectra of alkali metals, here spectra arises from transition between  $ns1$  state to  $np1$  state. The transition can happen from  $ns1$  state to  $n+1$  p state or  $ns1$  state to  $n+2$  p state and since the electron is finally ending up in the p level and so the series which arises from these transitions is known as principle series.

The spectra of alkali metal also consist of transition between  $np1$  state to  $n+1$  s1 or  $n+2$  s1. So, now we are looking at the transition from first excited state or second excited state to  $n+1$  s1 state or  $n+2$  s1 state because this is also allow transition since  $\Delta l$  is minus 1,  $\Delta l$  is minus 1 and when the final electron the electron which is getting promoted is landing up in the s orbital. The spectra which is due to transition between these states are known as sharp series. Similarly, spectra can also have transition contribution from transition between  $np1$  state to  $n+1$  d1  $n+2$  d1 state.

And since electrons are landing up in d state and so it is known as diffuse series, it is known as diffuse series. Transition between  $ns^1$  to  $n+1 d^1$  is not allowed since  $\Delta l$  is plus 2. So transition is not allowed between s to d, s state to d state.

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Notations for energy levels associated with  $1s^1$  or  $3s^1$  electron

For  $1s^1$  electron  
 $l=0; s=1/2$   
 $J=+1/2$

•  $L=0 \Rightarrow S$

$2s+1L_J$        $2s+1 = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 2$

$2s_{1/2}$



Now let us look at what are the energy levels associated with  $1s^1$  or  $3s^1$  electron which is basically your ground state of alkali metal. So for  $s^1$  electron  $l$  is 0 and  $s$  is half,  $s$  is half. There is only 1 electron and its  $l$  value is 0 and  $s$  value is half. So  $J$  have only 1 value and that is plus half and since this  $l$  is equal to 0 corresponds to s state and so the energy level associated with  $1s^1$ ,  $2s^1$ ,  $3s^1$  is s and the more specific notation is  $2s_{1/2}$ .

Now you can see this is your multiplicity which is given by  $2s+1$  and that is  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1$  is equal to 2. So multiplicity is 2 and this is your  $J$  value and since there is only one  $J$  value it means the energy states associated with  $1s^1$  configuration is only one and that is given by  $2s_{1/2}$ .


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Notations for energy levels associated with  $2p^1$  or  $3p^1$  electron

For  $2p^1$  electron  
 $l=1; s=1/2$   
 $J=+3/2, +1/2$

•  $L = 1 \Rightarrow P$

$2S+1L_J$        $2P_{3/2}$        $2P_{1/2}$



Now if you want to look at the transition between  $ns^1$  to  $n+1 p^1$  we also need to look at what will be the energy level associated with this  $p^1$  electron. So energy level associated with  $2p^1$  or  $3p^1$  electron is so if we look at this electron  $l$  value is 1 and  $s$  value is half. So  $J$  is going to have two values 3 by 2 and half, it means that there will be two energy states associated with  $2p^1$  configuration. Since  $l$  is equal to 1, so this corresponds to the level  $p$  and since  $J$  has two values and so the two terms arising due to spin-orbit coupling will be  $2p_{3/2}$  and  $2p_{1/2}$ . So we have seen that only one energy is associated with, only one energy level is associated with  $2s^1$  electron or  $3s^1$  electron whereas there are two energy states associated with the excited state  $2p^1$  or  $3p^1$  electron.

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Notations for energy levels associated with  $3d^1$  or  $4d^1$  electron

For  $3d^1$  electron  
 $l=2; s=1/2$   
 $J=+5/2, +3/2$

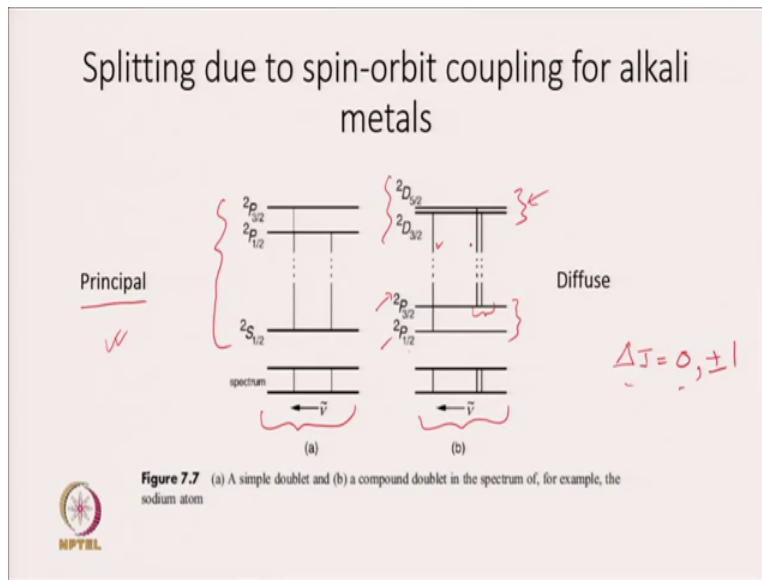
•  $L = 2 \Rightarrow D$

$2S+1L_J$       ${}^2D_{5/2}$       ${}^2D_{3/2}$

Now notation for energy level associated with  $3d^1$  or  $4d^1$  electron. So suppose electron is getting promoted from p level to d level. We have already seen what will be the energy, number of energy levels when electron is in the p orbital. But if suppose electron is going from p to d and we want to know what is the energy levels associated with  $3d^1$  electron or  $nd^1$  electron. So for  $d^1$  electron  $l$  is equal to 2,  $s$  is equal to half so  $J$  is going to have two values, so plus 5 by 2 and plus 3 by 2, so it is going to have two energy levels.

Since  $l$  is equal to 2 it means we are dealing with the level d and since there are two  $J$  values it will get split into two levels due to spin-orbit coupling and those levels are  $2D_{5/2}$  and  $2D_{3/2}$ . So now we have looked at, there is only one energy level associated with  $1s^1$  configuration, there are two levels associated with  $np^1$  or  $nd^1$  electron. Now we will look at the transition.

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So suppose your electron is going from s to p then we can think of this transition which is called principle transition and the transition which is allowed is 2s half going to 2p 3 by 2 and 2s half going to 2p half.

If you remember the selection rule is  $\Delta J$  is equal 0 and plus-minus 1. So, electron going from 2s half to 2p 3 by 2 is allowed because  $\Delta J$  is 1. Similarly, electron going from 2s half to 2p half is also allowed since  $\Delta J$  will be equal to 0. So this is for the principle series for electron going from s1 configuration to p1 configuration. Now look at the electron going from p1 to d1 which is allowed transition because  $\Delta l$  is plus 1. Now, we have just seen that p level is basically split into 2 levels due to spin-orbit coupling.

Similarly D level is split into two due to spin-orbit coupling and the terms for these 2 energy levels are 2p half and 2p 3 by 2. Similarly the term for your p level splitting is 2D 5 by 2 and 2D 3 by 2. Now, if we look at the transition from p level to d level what we can see is p the transition from 2p half to 2d 3 by 2 is allowed since  $\Delta J$  is 1. But transition from 2p half to 2d 5 by 2 is not allowed since  $\Delta J$  in that case will be your plus 2, so that is not allowed transition. So you see just only one transition from 2p half.

Now look at the transition from 2p 3 by 2, both transitions are allowed it means transition from 2p 3 by 2 to 2d 3 by 2 is the allowed and 2p 3 by 2 to 2d 5 by 2 is allowed since  $\Delta J$  is either 0 or plus 1. So, this leads to a doublet in the principle series of sodium atom whereas there is a



compound doublet in the diffused series in the spectrum of sodium atom. Now why compound doublet, why not triplet? That I have already discussed and that is because of the very narrow gap between  $2D_{3/2}$  and  $2D_{5/2}$ . So what happens that lambda max of these 2 transition is almost at similar position and sometimes it looks like a diffused or it looks like one peak and so triplet is basically known as compound doublet.


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Selection rule for spectra of Helium and Alkaline earth metal atoms:

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$\Delta l = \pm 1$ , for promoted electron ✓

$\Delta s = 0$




Now we will go and look at the spectra of helium and alkaline earth metal atoms. For this selection rule is  $\Delta l$  is equal to plus-minus 1 for promoted electron and  $\Delta s$  is equal to 0 and  $\Delta n$  is suddenly unlimited. So here only thing I have added is  $\Delta s$  is equal to 0 and we will discuss why this is important.

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### Spectra of alkaline metals

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- Spectra will consist of transition between  $ns1np1$  state to  $ns1(n+1)s1$ ,  $ns1(n+2)s1$ ....Known as Sharp series.
- Spectra will consist of transition between  $ns1np1$  state to  $ns1(n+1)d1$ ,  $ns1(n+2)d1$ ....Known as Diffuse series.



So, the spectra of alkaline earth metal will arise from transition between  $ns^2$  state to  $ns1 np1$  state or  $ns1 n plus 1 p1$  and since the promoted electron lands up in p orbital, so it is known as principle series. The other line will correspond to transition between  $ns1 np1$  state to  $ns1 n plus 1 s1$  or  $ns1 n plus 2 s1$ . So it is from the excited state to the s state only and the since now promoted electron is in the s orbital so, it is known as sharp series. Spectra will also consist of transition between these states so p1 to d1. And as I discussed (that) since the promoted electron is now in d orbital and so this is known as diffused series.


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Notations for energy levels associated with  $1s^2$  or  $3s^2$  electron

For  $s^1 s^1$  electron  
 $l=0; s=1/2; l=0; s=1/2$   
 $L=0; S=1,0$   
 $J=1,0$   
 •  $L=0 \Rightarrow S$

$S = s_1 + s_2 \dots (s_1 - s_2)$

$2S+1L_J$       $3S_1 1S_1$



Now, let us think about the energy level associated with  $s^2$  electron,  $s^2$  electron of alkali metals, alkaline earth metals,  $s^2$  electron of alkaline metals, so  $1s^2$  or  $3s^2$  or  $2s^2$  electron which we are discussing about. We have already discussed about how to calculate the energy levels of or energy of helium orbital. What we used to do is, we used to take 2 electrons as 2 systems, one system consisting of one electron and this nucleus and the second system consisting of electron and nucleus.

So, that is what we are going to take here, will not consider this as a  $1s^2$  electron but we are going to consider this as  $s^1-s^1$  electron. When we will do it for the first electron  $l$  is 0 and  $s$  is equal to half, for second electron  $l$  is equal to 0 and  $s$  is equal to half. So capital  $L$  is equal to 0 and capital  $S$  is equal to (your) 1 or 0, since if you remember capital  $S$  is equal to  $s_1$ , small  $s_1$  plus  $s_2$  and going to  $s_1$  minus  $s_2$  with the this(thing). So when we add this up, we will get 1 and when we subtract this we will get 0.

So we have 2 value of  $S$  and 1 value of  $L$  and if I calculate  $J$ , if I take  $s$  if 1 then it is 0 plus 1 1 and for 0 0 there will be 0. So we have two  $J$  value, two  $s$  value and one  $L$  value,  $L$  is 0 so it will corresponds to level  $s$  and if we go and take  $s$  is equal to 1,  $J$  is equal to 1 then we will get  $3s_1$  whereas if we take  $s$  is equal to 0 and  $J$  is equal to 0 then I will get  $1s_0$ . So there is 2 terms arising from  $s^1-s^1$  electrons,  $3s_1$  and  $1s_0$ .


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Spin-orbit coupling for  $s^1p^1$  configuration

For  $s^1p^1$  electron  
 $1P, 3P$

For  $3P$  energy level  
 $L=1, S=1$   
 $J=2, 1, 0$        $J = L+S, \dots, |L-S|$

$3P_2, 3P_1, 2P_0$




Now we will look at the spin-orbit coupling for  $s^1p^1$  configuration. So for  $s^1p^1$  configuration or  $s^1p^1$  electron we have two different terms  $1P, 3P$  and we can get this term as we have done for  $s^1-s^1$ . Now, let us look at  $3P$ , for  $3P$  energy level  $L$  is equal to 1 for this  $P$  and  $S$  is equal to 1 because multiplicity is 3 and so  $J$  value will be your  $L$  plus  $S$  to  $L$  minus  $S$  and that means  $J$  has 3 values, so (3)  $3P$  energy levels will be split into 3 levels due to spin-orbit coupling. Now, I have just taken  $3P$  not  $1P$ .

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Notations for energy levels associated with  $1s^2$  or  $3s^2$  electron

For  $s^1 s^1$  electron  
 $l=0; s=1/2; l=0; s=1/2$   
 $L=0; S=1, 0$        $S = s_1 + s_2, \dots, |s_1 - s_2|$   
 $J=1, 0$   
 •  $L=0 \Rightarrow S$

$2S+1L_J$        $3S_1 1S_0$



Since what I am going to look at is transition from this state  $3S_1$  to your  $3P$  levels.

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Spin-orbit coupling for  $s^1p^1$  configuration

For  $s^1p^1$  electron  
 $1p, 3p$

For  $^3P$  energy level  
 $L=1, S=1$   
 $J=2,1,0$

$J = L+S, \dots, |L-S|$   
 $\Delta S = 0$

$^3P_2, ^3P_1, ^2P_0$



3P is 3P level. Why I am taking 3s is because you remember delta s should be 0 for the transition. If delta s is equal to 0 then only we have allow transition. So, if we are looking at the transition from 3s state, the allowed transition will be in the 3P state not in 1P state and that is why I just discussed the splitting of 3P energy levels. So now we know that 3s level.

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Notations for energy levels associated with  $1s^2$  or  $3s^2$  electron

For  $s^1s^1$  electron  
 $l=0; s=1/2; l=0; s=1/2$   
 $L=0; S=1,0$   
 $J=1,0$

$S = s_1 + s_2, \dots, |s_1 - s_2|$

$L = 0 \Rightarrow S$

$2S+1L_J$        $^3S_1, ^1S_0$



If you look at 3s level you have only one 3s level in if the configuration is  $1S_2$ .

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Spin-orbit coupling for  $s^1p^1$  configuration

For  $s^1p^1$  electron  
 $1p, 3p$

For  $^3P$  energy level  
 $L=1, S=1$   
 $J=2,1,0$

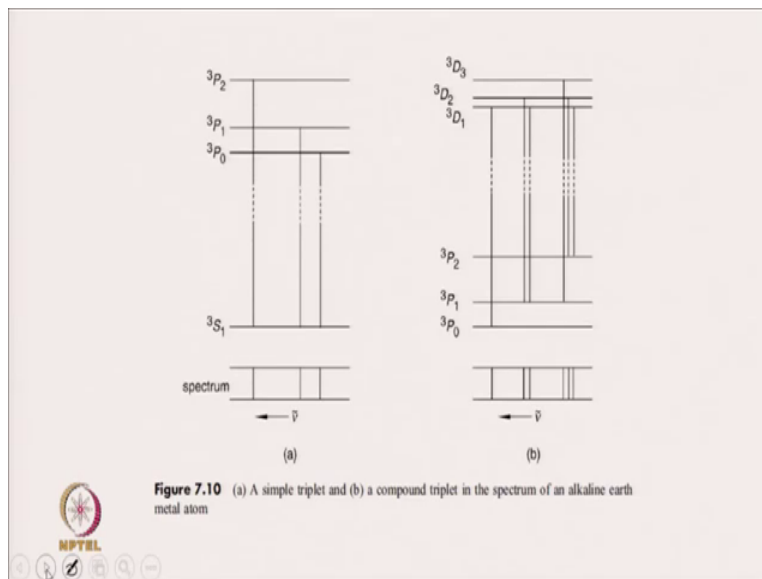
$J = L+S, \dots, |L-S|$   
 $\Delta S = 0$

$^3P_2, ^3P_1, ^2P_0$



Whereas there are three energy levels so here I have done okay so  $3P_2, 3P_1$  so P level goes into three different levels.

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Now what we will do is.

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Spin-orbit coupling for  $s^1p^1$  configuration

For  $s^1p^1$  electron  
 $1p, 3p$

For  $^3P$  energy level  
 $L=1, S=1$   
 $J=2, 1, 0$

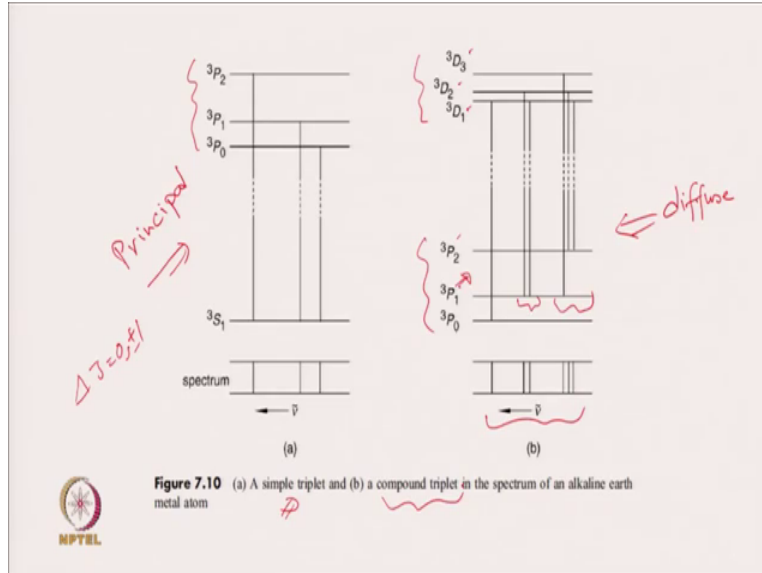
$J = L+S, \dots, |L-S|$   
 $\Delta S = 0$

$^3P_2 \quad ^3P_1 \quad ^3P_0$



Here I have done wrong this will be 3, this will be 3. So 3P is split into three different levels 3P<sub>2</sub>, 3P<sub>1</sub> and 3P<sub>0</sub> and these are the J values 2, 1, 0.

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So now we will look at the transition from the 3s level to the 3p level and since it is ending up electron is ending up in 3p level this will correspond to principle series, principle series. And here we are looking at the transition from P to D and so this will be the diffused series. Now look at this is 3s<sup>1</sup> and there are three different states coming out from 3P due to spin-orbital coupling and again  $\Delta J$  will be equal to 0, plus-minus 1 and so the transition is allowed between 3S<sub>1</sub> to

3P0 since  $\Delta J$  is minus 1. 3S1 to 3P1 since  $\Delta J$  is equal to 0 and 3S1 to 3P2 since  $\Delta j$  is equal to plus 1, so three transition are allowed and we will get a simple triplet.

And if we look at the transition from 3P to 3D or let us start from 3p0 there is only one transition allowed between 3P0 to 3D1 since  $\Delta J$  is equal to 1. But 3P0 to 3D2 is not allowed because  $\Delta J$  is 2 and 3P2 to 3D3 is not allowed since  $\Delta J$  is equal to 3. From 3p1 only two transitions are allowed 3P1 to 3D1 since  $\Delta J$  is equal to 0, 3P1 to 3D2 since  $\Delta J$  is equal to 1. 3P1 to 3D3 is not allowed since  $\Delta J$  is equal to 2. Transition between 3P2 to 3D3 and 3D2 and 3D1 all are allowed since if we go from 3P2 to 3D1  $\Delta J$  is minus 1. If you go from 3P2 to 3D2  $\Delta J$  is 0 and if you go from 3P2 to 3D3  $\Delta J$  is plus 1. So all 3 transitions are allowed but as we discuss this will come like overlapping peak and this will also come like overlapping peak.

This will not come as 5 peaks but it will be like a compound triplet, so this is the way we discuss or we understand the spectrum of different elements. Here I have shown you the spectrum of alkaline earth metals where we are going from s2 to s1p1 or s1p1 to d1. Now we have discussed atomic spectra we will go to the techniques which is based on atomic spectra. First we will discuss the technique and then we will look at the application.

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The slide is titled "Flame Photometry" and contains the following text:

- Flame photometry or flame emission spectroscopy measures the emitted photons produced when the sample is introduced into the flame.
- The wavelength of the emitted light helps in the identification of the element.
- The intensity of the flame <sup>at  $\lambda_{max}$</sup>  determines the amount of the element present in the sample

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So first technique which is based on atomic spectroscopy is known as Flame Photometry, flame photometry which is also known as flame emission spectroscopy measures the emitted photons

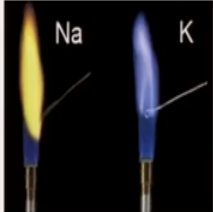


produced when the sample is introduced into the flame. The wavelength of emitted light is unique for an atom and that is why it helps in the identification of the element. The intensity of the flame determines the amount of the element present in the sample, here I mean intensity of flame at the lambda max determines the amount of element present in the sample. Flame photometry basically based on the same principle as the flame test using qualitative analysis.


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Flame Photometry is based on the same principle as the flame test used in qualitative analysis.

Na	⇒	yellow
Li	⇒	crimson
Ca	⇒	brick red
Sr	⇒	crimson
Ba	⇒	green



compound  $\xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$  atoms




If you remember qualitative analysis, if we used to put sodium we used to get a yellow flame, lithium used to give you crimson colour, calcium gives you brick red colour, strontium gives you crimson colour and barium gives you green colour. What is basically happening? As electron is going from ground state to excited state and then it comes back to ground state by emitting light and lambda max will change for different kind of atom and the colour of flame will depend on the lambda max and just by looking at the colour you can know that which atom is present in that particular sample.

This is when atom is put into the flame but you can also put compound in the flame. What happens that if we put compound in flame, compound is broken into atoms and then we can see a spectra due to atoms and that is what is happening here.

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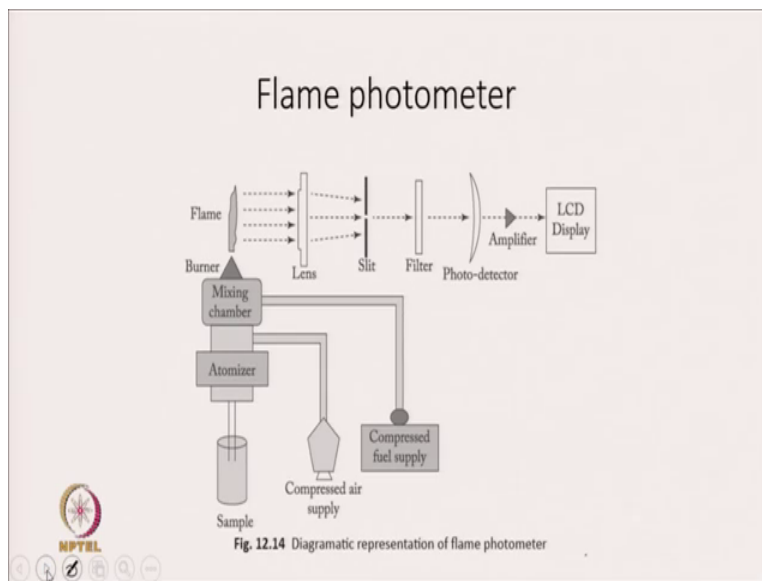
### Instrumentation

- *Source of flame*
- *Nebuliser or mixing chamber*
- *Optical System*
- *Photo-Detector*



Now first I will discuss about instrumentation, the instrumentation of flame spectrometer has 4 important components, one is source of flame, the second is nebuliser or mixing chamber and third is optical system and photo detector.

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And a typical representation of flame photometer is given here. So here is sample, here is atomizer and then you are mixing fuel here that is mixing chamber and when it is burnt there is a flame, you pass through lens then through slit, it again goes through filter and then finally here is the amplifier and you see the signal on the LCD display. So it is quite simple representation.

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Sources of Flames

The flame temperature is an important factor in flame photometry which depends upon the ratio of oxidant and fuel

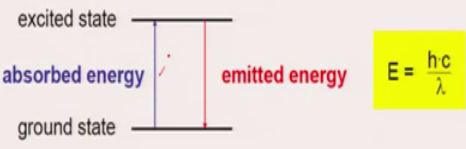
Flame burner: Fuel-Oxidant mixture	Temperature (°C)
Natural gas-Air	1700
Propane-Air	1800
Hydrogen-Air	2000
Acetylene-Air	2300
Hydrogen-Oxygen	2650
Acetylene-Nitrous oxide	2700
Acetylene-Oxygen	3200
Cyanogen-Oxygen	4800



Now first we will discuss about source of flame. It is very important to use the right flame if you want to know whether a particular element is present in the sample or not. These are the fuel oxidant mixture used for flame burner. Why we use different fuel oxidant mixture? Because the flame temperature is an important factor in flame photometry. The temperature depends upon the ratio of oxidant and fuel. For example natural gas and air mixture temperature is 1700 degree Celsius, propane air is 1800 degree Celsius. So depending upon the kind of element you are analysing you need to use different kinds of flame. Acetylene air is 2300 degree Celsius.

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- The high temperature of the flame excites a valence electron to a higher-energy orbital.
- The atom then emits energy in the form of light as the electron falls back into the lower energy orbital (ground state).



excited state


absorbed energy

ground state

emitted energy

$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$

**The intensity of the absorbed light is proportional to the concentration of the element in the flame.**




So, this is about the sources of flame. What does this flame does is that high temperature of flame excites a valence electron to a higher energy orbital and then what happens that atom then emits energy in the form of light as the electron falls back into lower energy orbital. So here you are supplying energy as heat and what you are getting back is the energy in form of light, energy in form of light or electromagnetic radiation.

The intensity of the absorbed light is proportional to the concentration of the element in the flame. So intensity of absorbed light is proportional to concentration of the element in the flame, whereas lambda max will depend on the gap between 2 atomic orbitals or 2 atomic energy states.

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### Flame Burner

- $M^{n+}(aq) + \text{anion}(aq) \rightarrow \text{salt}(s)$
- $\text{salt}(s) \rightarrow \text{salt}(g)$
- $\text{salt}(g) \rightarrow \text{atoms}(g)$
- $M^*(g) \rightarrow M(g) + h\nu$




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So when I put my sample into a burner what will happen is you have this salt, so suppose you have put salt in a flame then first thing will happen is salt will vaporize to gas and then salt will dissociate into atoms. This atom will go to excited state and when it comes back to ground state it will emit light, this is the wave flame your flame emission spectroscopy works.

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### Optical System

- *Optical System*: It comprises three parts.
- 1. *Convex mirror*: it transmits the emitted light and focuses it to the lens.
- 2. *Convex lens*: it helps to focus the emitted light on to a point called slit.
- 3. *Colour filters*: After passing through the slit, colour filters isolate the wavelength of interest from rest of the irrelevant emission.

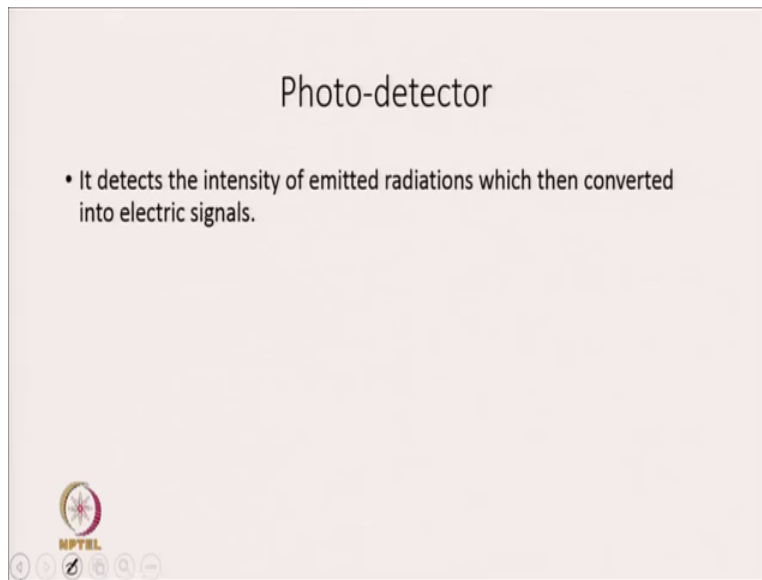


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Now other part of the instrumentation is optical system. It has 3 different parts convex mirror, if you remember the schematic diagram of the flame photometer there was a convex mirror. It basically transmits the emitted light and focuses it to the lens. Now what lens does? It helps to

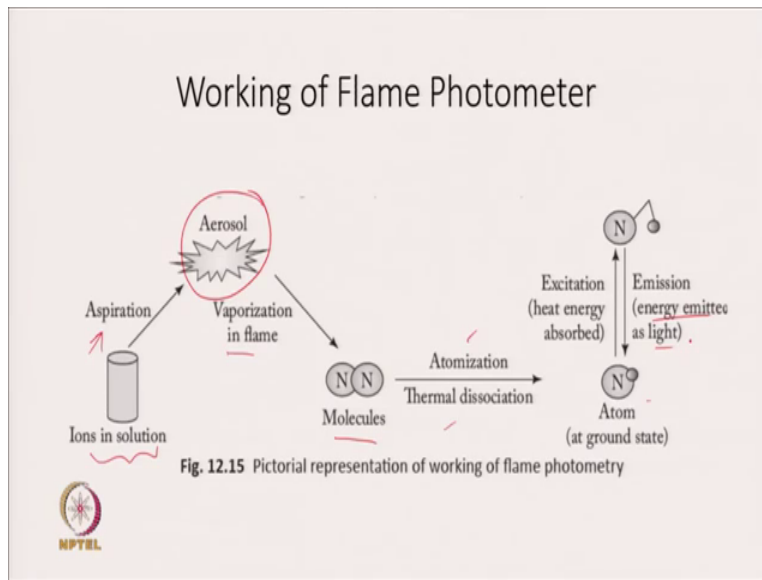
focus the emitted light onto a point called slit and then the third party colour filter. When the emitted light pass through the slit colour filter isolate the wavelength of interest from rest of the irrelevant emission, rest of the irrelevant emission. So these are the part of optical system used in the flame photometer and finally photo detector.

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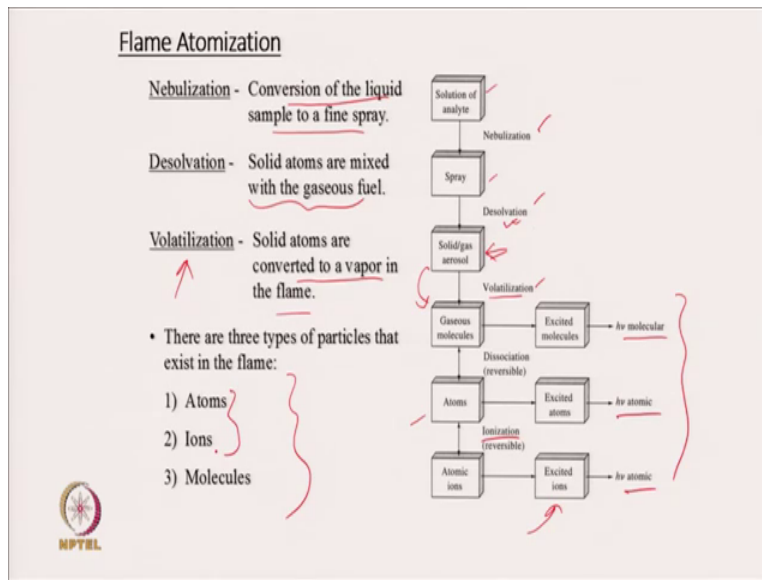
It detects the intensity of emitted radiations which then converted is converted into electric signals, electrical signals.

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Now this is your working flame, working of flame photometer working of flame photometer. So first thing is ions are taken in solution and when you do aspiration what you will get is aerosol and it will vaporize in the flame to give you molecule in the gas phase and then atomization will takes place. So basically thermal dissociation to atom. Atom has one electron and that will get excited to the excited state on absorption of heat and when it comes back to ground state then energy will be emitted as light. So this is a simple working scheme of a flame photometer.

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So the whole process has several different steps, first is solution of analyte is nebulized into a spray, nebulized in the spray and then desolvation process happens which forms solid to gas aerosol, that is what we discussed that how solution is going to aerosol. When you put this into a flame then volatilization happens and these aerosols convert into gaseous molecules. Now this molecule can go to excited state since it is being heated and so it can go to excited state, then you will be dealing with molecular spectroscopy. The other thing which can happen is gaseous molecule can dissociate to give atoms and now atoms can go to excited state and then we are dealing with atomic spectroscopy.

The third thing can happen that atoms can get ionized and then it can go to excited state. In that case we are again we are dealing with atomic spectroscopy. So there are 3 important terms we came across nebulisation, desolvation and volatilization. Nebulisation is conversion of liquid sample to a fine spray. So you have started with liquid sample and you want to make it into a spray that process is called nebulisation.

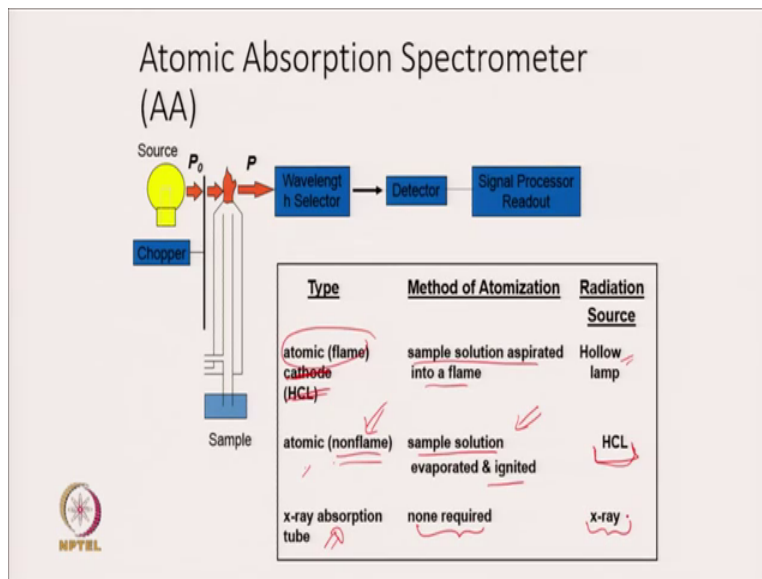
Now in the desolvation, solid atoms are mixed in to the gaseous fuel to make it aerosol. So now the solid atoms in water is mixed with gaseous fuel to give you aerosol and the last step is your volatilization which is basically when solid atoms are converted to a vapor in the flame. So the temperature must be very high so that atom can be converted into vapor. So it is atom need to be converted into vapor. So if you understand this you now know that 3 types of particle can exist in



flames atoms, ions and molecules but what we are mainly concerned in atomic spectroscopy is atoms and ions. So this is about flame photometry.

Now we will go to much higher technique called atomic absorption spectrometer. The only difference is now our source will be different, method of atomization will be different and the source of flame will also be different.

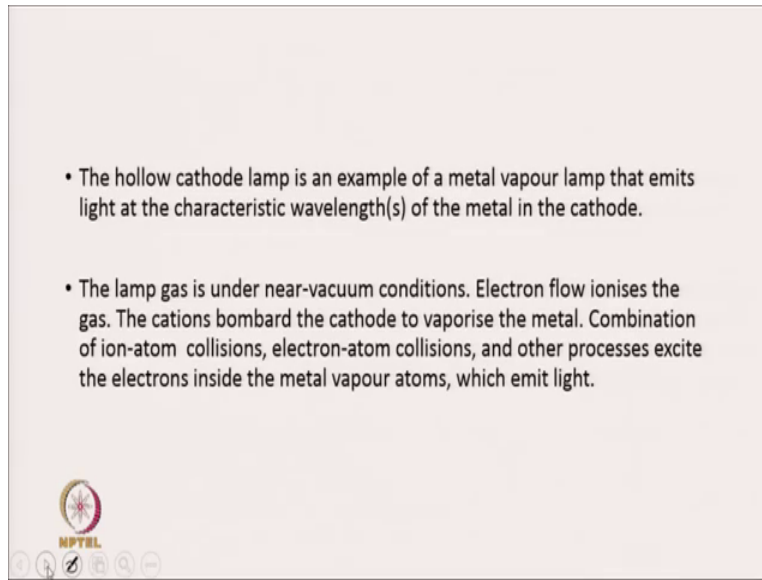
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What we mean? Radiation source is different. So the first thing which we discussed is your atomic flame photometer, sample here, sample solution aspirated into a flame and we use this, for this we use hollow lamp. For atomic spectroscopy which is basically atomic absorption spectrometer when we take a situation where we are now not taking flame, so non-flame condition. In this case what we need to do is, we take sample solution evaporated and ignited, sample solution evaporated and ignited, this is the method of atomisation and for that radiation source is your hollow cathode lamp, hollow cathode lamp.

So, I think this is, this is just cancel this out sorry for this. So, for the second type of atomic absorption spectrometer which is based which is not based on flame is when we use hollow cathode lamp as a radiation source. In this case sample solution gets evaporated and ignited using hollow cathode lamp. In the third kind we have x-ray absorption tube. Here method of atomization not required, our radiation source is x-ray, radiation source is x ray.

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• The hollow cathode lamp is an example of a metal vapour lamp that emits light at the characteristic wavelength(s) of the metal in the cathode.

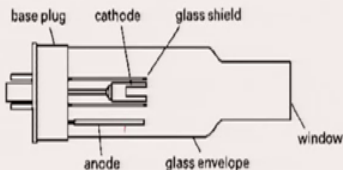
• The lamp gas is under near-vacuum conditions. Electron flow ionises the gas. The cations bombard the cathode to vaporise the metal. Combination of ion-atom collisions, electron-atom collisions, and other processes excite the electrons inside the metal vapour atoms, which emit light.

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### Hollow cathode lamp



- Electron and ionic impact on cathode
- $M(s) \rightarrow M(g)$
- $M(g) \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow M^*(g)$
- $M^*(g) \rightarrow M(g) + h\nu$




So this is like this is a schematic representation of hollow cathode lamp, this is your cathode and this is shielded by a glass, this is glass envelope, this is window and this is anode and electron and ionic impact on cathode will happen, M s will first go to m gas metal from solid form to metal in gas form. Then this get excited and when excited metal comes back to ground state it will give you light h n, it will give you light.

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### Atomic Emission Spectrometer (AES)

Type	Method of Atomization
arc	sample heated in an electric arc
spark	sample excited in a high voltage spark
argon plasma flame	sample heated in an argon plasma sample solution aspirated into a flame
x-ray emission	none required; sample bombarded with electron



Now second kind of spectroscopy based on atomic spectroscopy is atomic emission spectrometer. Here, there can be different types and method of atomization is different. Arc type,



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Characteristic emission wavelength of some metals

Metal	Emitted wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) nm
Antimony (Sb)	253
Magnesium (Mg)	285
Copper (Cu)	325
Nickel (Ni)	355
Iron (Fe)	372
Calcium (Ca)	423
Barium (Ba)	455
Sodium (Na)	586

There are characteristic emission wavelengths of some metals. For example antimony emitted wavelength comes at around 253 nanometre, copper 325 nanometre, nickel 355 nanometre, iron 372 nanometre. So, if you look at the atomic spectra and if you see these peaks for example (350) peak at 355 nanometre and you cannot say that nickel is present in that sample, nickel is present in that sample.

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Detection limits (ppm = ng mL<sup>-1</sup>)

Element	Flame AAS	Flame AES
Ag	3	20
Ca	1	0.1
Cd	1	2000
Fe	6	50
K	2	3
Mg	0.2	5
Mn	2	15
Na	0.2	0.1
Ni	3	600
Pb	5	200
Zn	1	200

The detection limit is the smallest amount of an element that can be reliably measured. Smaller limits of detection (LODs) are better. Some common light metals have a lower LOD using flame atomic emission. Most transition elements have a significantly lower LOD using AAS.

Okay this is some detection limit in ppm, this is the difference between flame AS flame ES. So always your concentration of the metal detected from different spectroscopy is different and this

is the list. You can find out this on the on different books. So I am not going to discuss that much.

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Atomic absorption spectroscopy and atomic emission spectroscopy are used to determine the concentration of an element in solution.

**Atomic absorption spectroscopy**


**absorbance** =  $-\log(I_t/I_0)$  ↙

$I_t$  = transmitted radiation  
 $I_0$  = incident radiation

**Atomic emission spectroscopy**

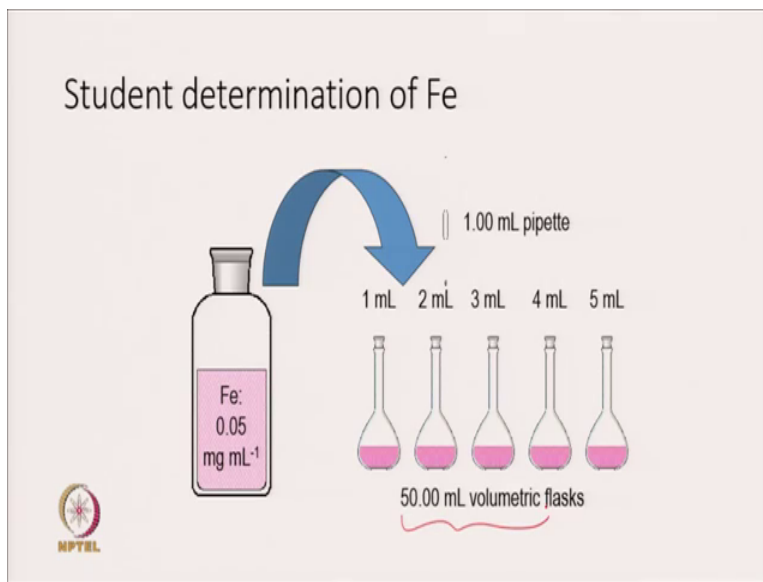
**transmission** =  $-\log(I_0/I_t)$  ↘

$I_0$  = intensity of radiation that reaches the detector in the absence of sample  
 $I_t$  = intensity of radiation that reaches the detector in the presence of sample



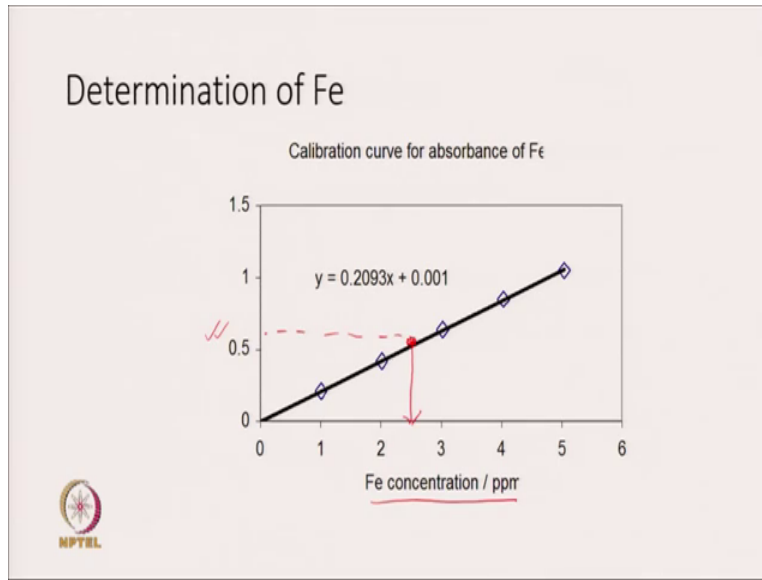
Now, what is the other use apart from detecting the matter? We can also know the concentration of element in solution using atomic spectroscopy. What we can do is, we can look at the intensity or absorbance at a particular wavelength at which a particular atom absorbs or emits, absorbs and emits. And absorbance we know is related to intensity by this formula which is Beer-Lamberts Law, here  $I_t$  is transmitted radiation intensity of transmitted radiation and  $I_0$  is intensity of incident radiation. Again in atomic emission we can look at the transmittance, we can look at the transmittance or transmission. Once we know that this absorbance or transmission is proportional to concentration and so we can know the concentration of particular element in the solution.

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The way we do it is for example if suppose you have iron in a sample, what we do is, so first thing which you need to do suppose I want to calculate the concentration of iron in a particular sample. As you make a standard solution of iron, or for example iron sulphate. Take a particular concentration and make different, make the sample, several samples in 50 ml volumetric flask of different iron concentration, different iron concentration and then what you do is you look at the absorbance of these samples and then you first make a calibration curve, calibration curve.

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So you see here what has been done is, iron concentration in ppm and here is the absorbance. So you are plotting absorbance versus iron concentration in ppm and you make a calibration curve and this is your calibration curve.

Now you take your sample in which you want to know the concentration of iron and then you see where it ends up. For example, it ends up in between then you know what will be the concentration of iron in that sample. So it will be around 2.5 ppm, 2.5 ppm if the absorbance of your sample is around this 0.6 or something like that. So, you can calculate amount of an element in the sample using your flame photometry or atomic absorbance spectroscopy or emission your spectroscopy. First thing you need to do is make calibration curve with the standard sample. Once you do that and it is very easy to know what is the concentration of the element in particular sample, in that particular sample which you want to analyse.



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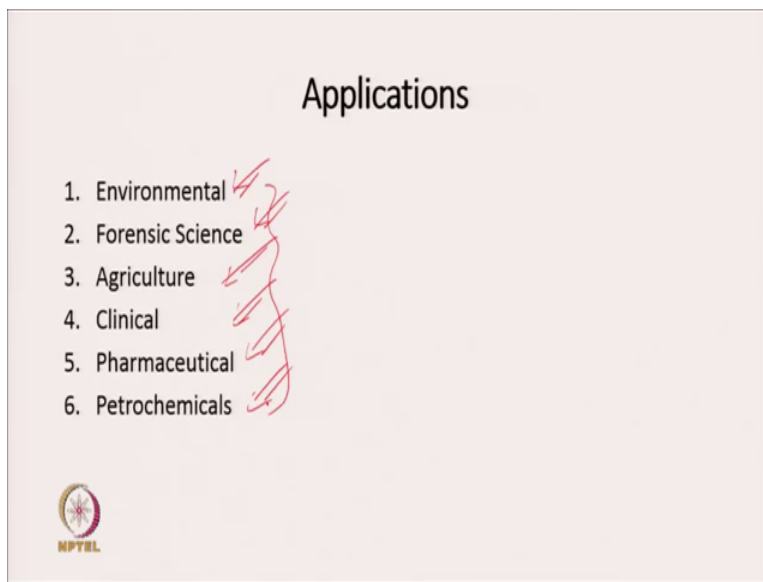


Now we will go to look at application of atomic absorption spectroscopy.

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There are several different kind of application of atomic spectroscopy. Here are the different fields in which atomic spectroscopy is atomic spectroscopy is right now being used. First is environmental, forensic science, agriculture, clinical, pharmaceutical, petrochemicals.

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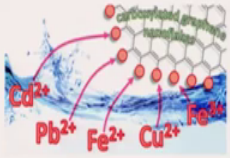
Now first we will look at the environmental applications. First is monitoring, studies in sediments. Atomic absorption spectroscopy has been used for the analysis of many elements, sediment samples from surficial to segments extracted from cores. It is applied or application includes qualitative elemental measurements in a wide range of soil and sediment sample to monitor changes in sediment loads and to determine the geochemical processes that alter the chemical spaces of each elements.

So, if suppose any geochemical process is happening that will lead to change in the, change in the composition of the sediment. So you will find different amount of different atoms in the sediment and based on that you can tell which kind of geochemical processes are happening and for that you need to know what is the concentration, what is the amount of different chemical spaces of each element and that is where atomic spectroscopy can be of help to you.

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II. Analysis of metals in water sample

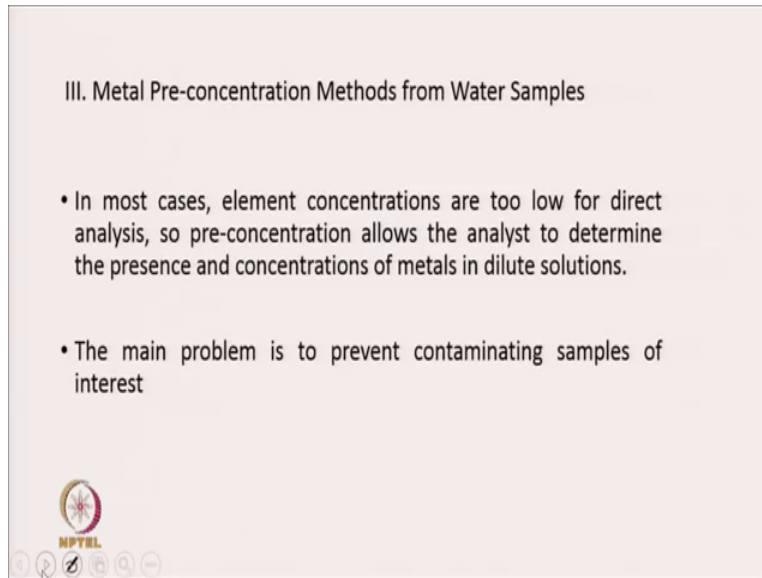
- Metal ion analysis is an important aspect during water quality monitoring of either surface or ground water sources.
- In spite of the availability of several other metal ion analysis techniques for drinking water samples, today atomic absorption spectroscopic (AAS) method is most commonly being used due to
  - ✓ the reproducibility of results,
  - ✓ short analysis time,
  - ✓ cost effective,
  - ✓ lower level detection and
  - ✓ hyphenated in nature



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Similarly, you can also look at the analysis of metals in water sample. Metal ion analysis is an important aspect during water quality. So water quality depends on the kind of metal ion it has. So if you get water from either surface or ground you need to check what are the elements in that water sample and that can tell you whether that water can be used for drinking or not. Although there are several other methods for analysis but atomic absorption spectroscopy is most commonly used to look at the metal in water because of the reproducibility of results, short analysis time, cost effective, lower level detection and hyphenated in nature.

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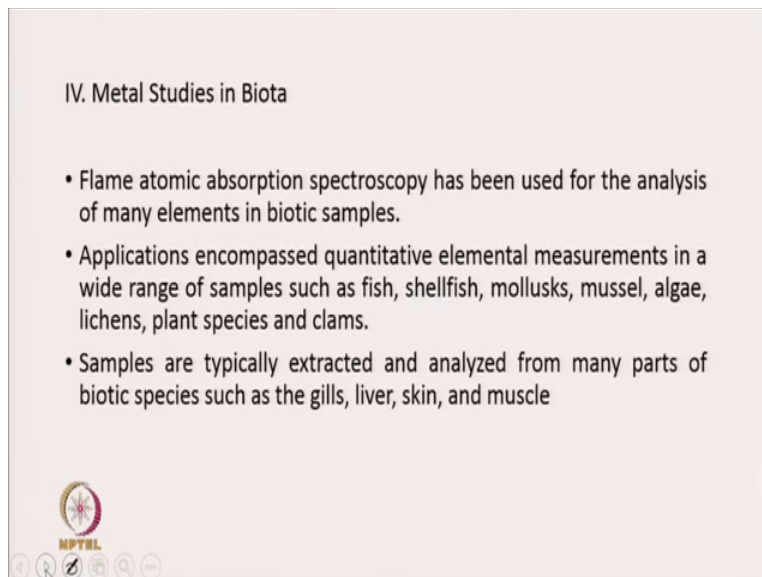
III. Metal Pre-concentration Methods from Water Samples

- In most cases, element concentrations are too low for direct analysis, so pre-concentration allows the analyst to determine the presence and concentrations of metals in dilute solutions.
- The main problem is to prevent contaminating samples of interest

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So first what we need to do is, we need to concentrate the metal in the water sample. Since the element concentration are too low for direct analysis. So first thing we need to do is pre-concentration, the main problem is to prevent contaminating sample of interest during your pre-concentration.

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IV. Metal Studies in Biota

- Flame atomic absorption spectroscopy has been used for the analysis of many elements in biotic samples.
- Applications encompassed quantitative elemental measurements in a wide range of samples such as fish, shellfish, mollusks, mussel, algae, lichens, plant species and clams.
- Samples are typically extracted and analyzed from many parts of biotic species such as the gills, liver, skin, and muscle

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But once you do that you can know what is the amount of the different element present in the water sample. You can also study the metals presents in biota, means you can look at the biotic samples and see what are the different elements present in that biotic sample? And what is the

concentration of that element? The application here includes quantitative elemental measurements in wide range of samples such as fish, shellfish, molluscs, mussel, algae, lichens, plant species and clams. Samples are typically extracted and analysed from many parts of biotic species such as the gills, liver, skin and muscles. So this is the way to know what is the metals present in that biotic sample.

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Essential and Toxic Elements for Environment

- Essential major elements  
C, N, O, P, S, Cl, Na, K, Ca, Mg
- Essential trace elements  
F, I, Se, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Mo, Si, Sn, As
- Toxic elements  
Li, Be, Pb, Hg, Cd, Cr


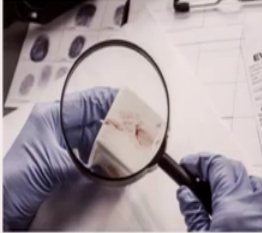
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The essential and toxic elements for environment, some metals are essential for the environment and some metals are toxic. What are the essential major elements? It is carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulphur, chlorine, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium. Essential trace elements are these. while toxic elements are these 6, lithium, beryllium, lead, hg, cadmium, chromium and each one of them can be analysed by atomic absorption spectroscopy or flame photometer.

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## 2. Forensic Science

- I. Determination of trace elements ✓
- II. Elemental profiles of biological samples ✓
- III. Trace elements in artificial fibers ✓
- IV. Determination of the mode of poisoning ✓
- V. Hair analysis for heavy metal poisoning ✓

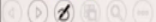




So next application is in forensic science, in forensic science you can look for trace elements, you can look for elemental profiles of biological samples, you can also look at the trace elements in artificial fibres, you can look at the determination of the mode of poisoning and the hair analysis for heavy metal poisoning. So these are the few different things which can help you in forensic science and hence atomic absorption spectroscopy or spectroscopy method based on atomic spectroscopy is quite often used in the forensic science.

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## 3. Agriculture Applications

- Soil provides essential nutrients to the plants, hence, soil analysis provides a measure of soil's potential to supply the necessary nutrients to the plants
- Plants may be sampled to monitor nutrient uptake efficiency and also to check the toxic metal accumulation for health reasons



So there are other applications but since time is over I will like to stop here.

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These are the 2 books which I have referred for making notes which is your Modern Spectroscopy by Hollas and then the second book is my book, the Analytical Techniques chapter has quite analytical technique chapter I had discussed these techniques in details and you can go and look at this chapter. Thank you, thank you for listening.