
Analytical Chemistry II Laboratory

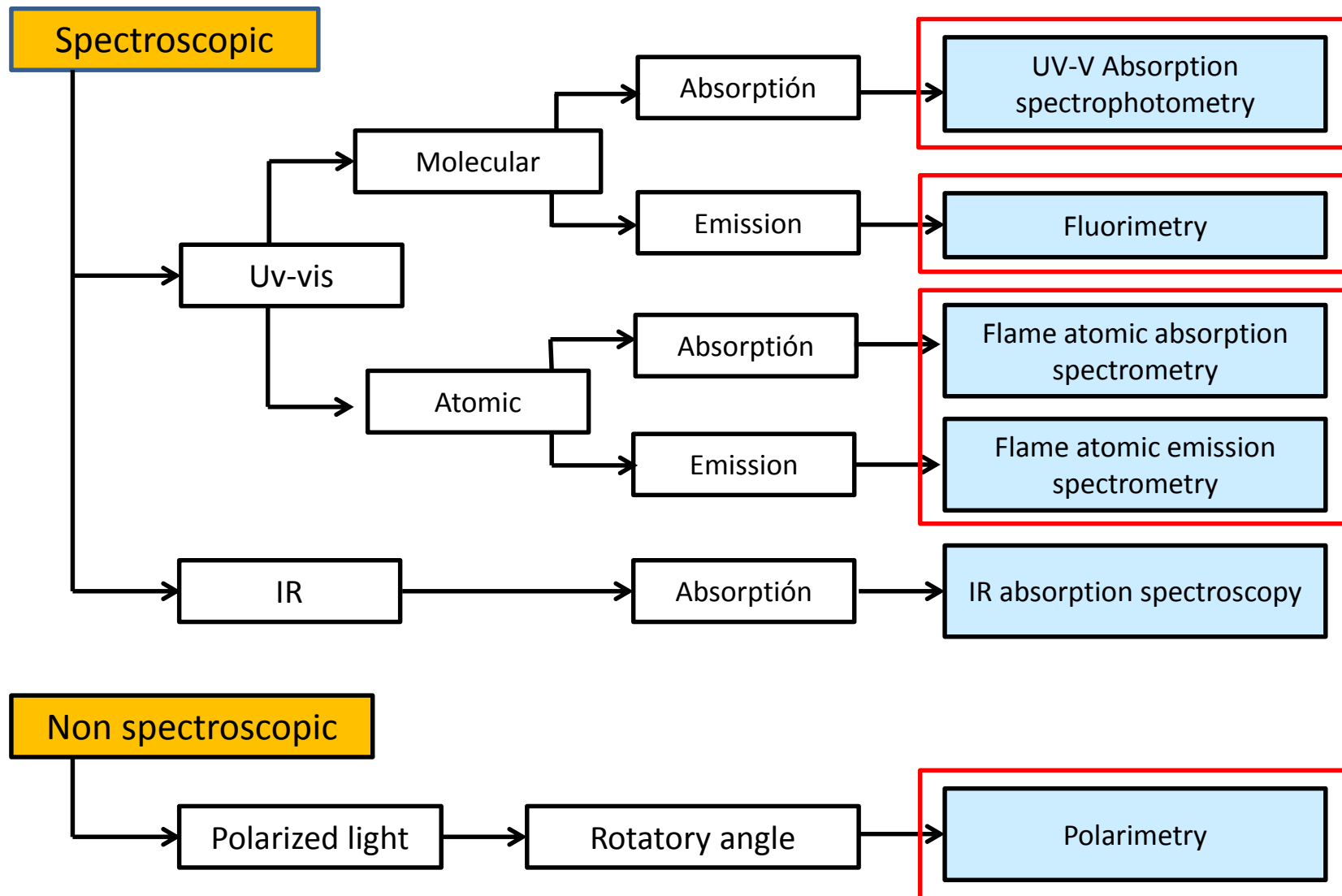


Analytical Chemistry Department

Optical methods seminar

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Optical methods



Practices

Practice 1

- Determination of caffeine and paracetamol in pharmaceuticals by derivative spectroscopy and multiple linear regression.

Practice 2

- Optimization of variables in molecular fluorescence: determination of quinine in tonic water.

Practice 3

- Determination of sucrose in condensed milk by polarimetry.

Practice 4

- Analysis of condensed milk. Determination of calcium by flame atomic absorption spectrometry.

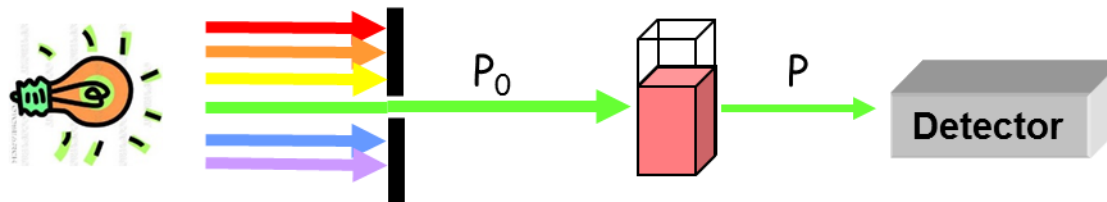
Practice 5

- Determination of lithium in waters by flame atomic emission: study of the influence of variables on the analytical signal.

UV-V MOLECULAR ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY

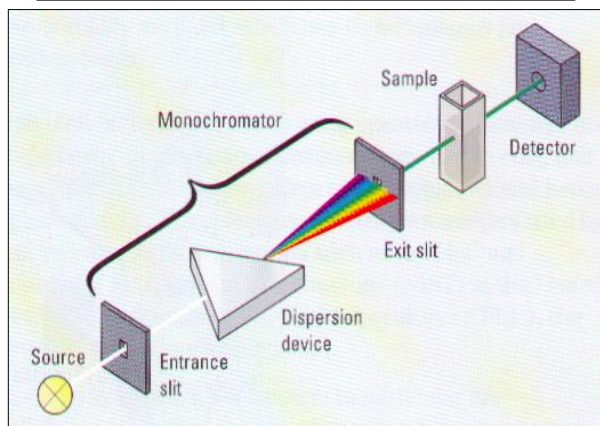
Basis: Molecular absorbance measurements in solution.

Absorption

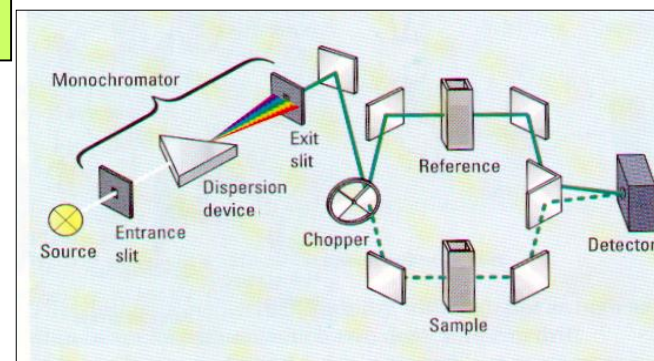
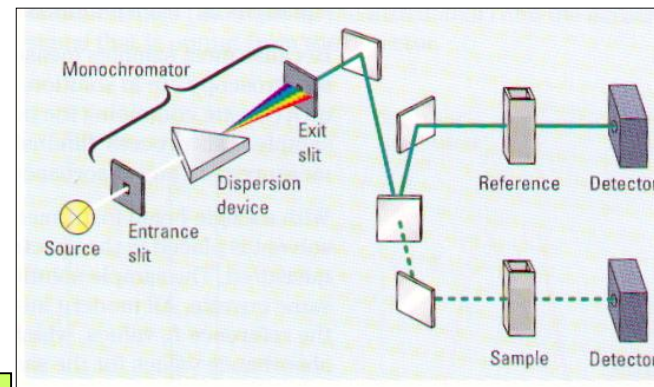


Different spectrophotometer designs

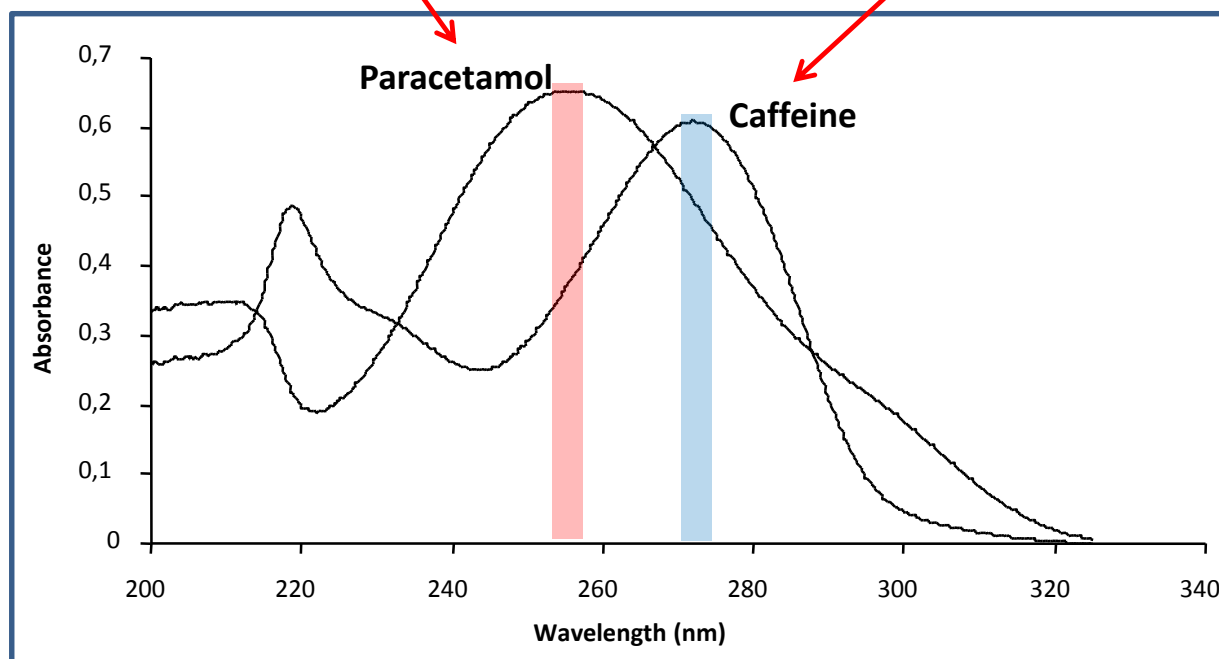
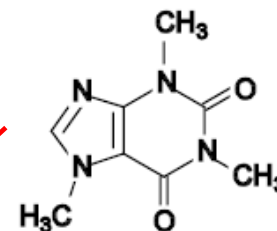
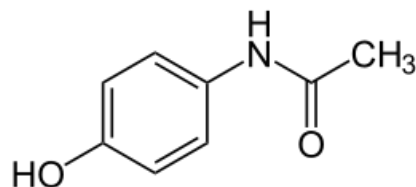
simple or single beam



Double beam



Determination of caffeine and paracetamol in pharmaceuticals by derivative spectroscopy and multiple linear regression.



Overlapped signals: each analyte interferes in the quantitative determination of the other.

Determination of caffeine and paracetamol in pharmaceuticals by derivative spectroscopy and multiple linear regression.



What can we do?



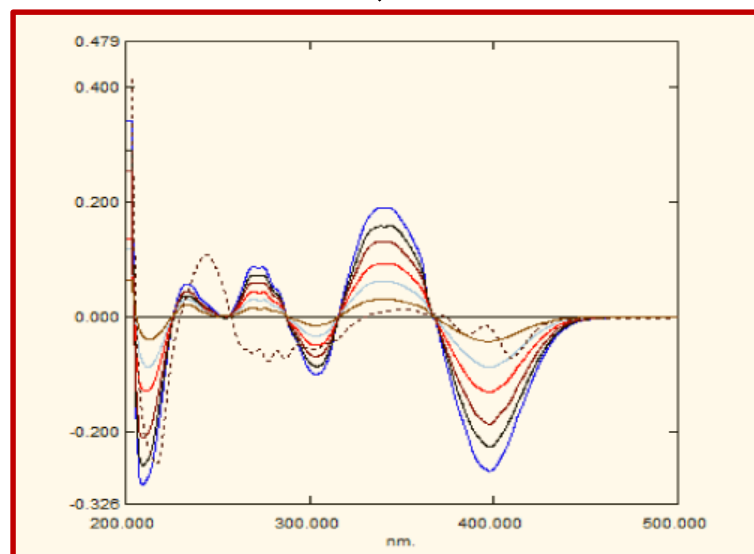
Two strategies

Multiple linear regression

Derivative spectroscopy

$$A_{\lambda_1} = (\epsilon_P)_{\lambda_1} b C_P + (\epsilon_C)_{\lambda_1} b C_C$$

$$A_{\lambda_2} = (\epsilon_P)_{\lambda_2} b C_P + (\epsilon_C)_{\lambda_2} b C_C$$



Multiple regression analysis

Beer's law can be applied to samples that contain **various absorbent** species whenever there are **no interactions** between them.

The absorbance of a multicomponent system can be determined by using the following expression, valid **for a defined wavelength**:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{total}\lambda} &= \sum A_{i\lambda} = \\ &A_{A\lambda} + A_{B\lambda} + \dots + A_{N\lambda} = \\ &\epsilon_{A\lambda} L C_A + \epsilon_{B\lambda} L C_B + \dots + \epsilon_{C\lambda} L C_N \end{aligned}$$

Where A, B, ..., N, are referred to the **different absorbing species**.

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The absorbance of a system containing two absorbent species can be calculated by measuring the absorbance of the sample at two suitable wavelengths taking into account the following expression, valid at a given wavelength:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{sample } \lambda 1} &= A_{A \lambda 1} + A_{B \lambda 1} = \epsilon_{A \lambda 1} L C_A + \epsilon_{B \lambda 1} L C_B \\ A_{\text{sample } \lambda 2} &= A_{A \lambda 2} + A_{B \lambda 2} = \epsilon_{A \lambda 2} L C_A + \epsilon_{B \lambda 2} L C_B \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} A_{\text{sample } \lambda 1} &= A_{A \lambda 1} + A_{B \lambda 1} = \epsilon_{A \lambda 1} L C_A + \epsilon_{B \lambda 1} L C_B \\ A_{\text{sample } \lambda 2} &= A_{A \lambda 2} + A_{B \lambda 2} = \epsilon_{A \lambda 2} L C_A + \epsilon_{B \lambda 2} L C_B \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{2 equations} \\ \text{2 variables} \end{array}$$


slopes

In our case:

$$A_{\text{total, sample } \lambda 1} = A_{\text{PC } \lambda 1} + A_{\text{CF } \lambda 1} = (\text{slope}_{\text{PC } \lambda 1}) c_{\text{PC}} + (\text{slope}_{\text{CF } \lambda 1}) c_{\text{CF}}$$

$$A_{\text{total, sample } \lambda 2} = A_{\text{PC } \lambda 2} + A_{\text{CF } \lambda 2} = (\text{slope}_{\text{PC } \lambda 2}) c_{\text{PC}} + (\text{slope}_{\text{CF } \lambda 2}) c_{\text{CF}}$$

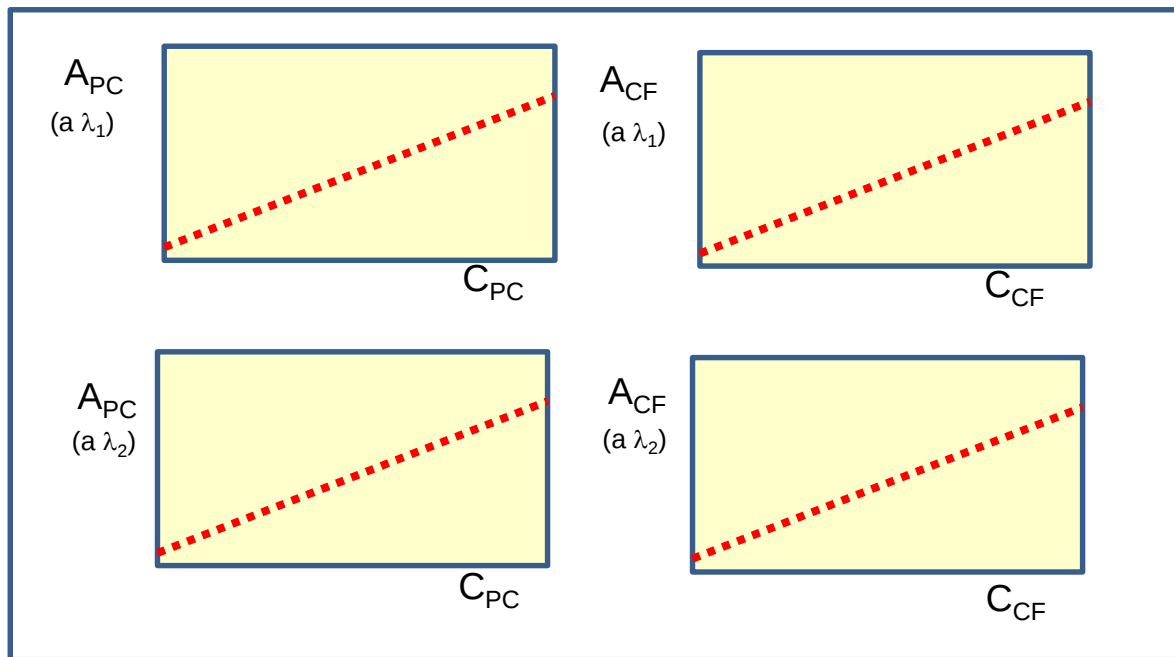
Determination of caffeine and paracetamol in pharmaceuticals by derivative spectroscopy and multiple linear regression.

These four values are the corresponding slopes for each calibration lines. There are two for each analyte obtained from the measurements performed with the two selected wavelengths (measurements are performed in the maximum of each analyte).

The wavelengths that provide the maximum values for each compound are selected.

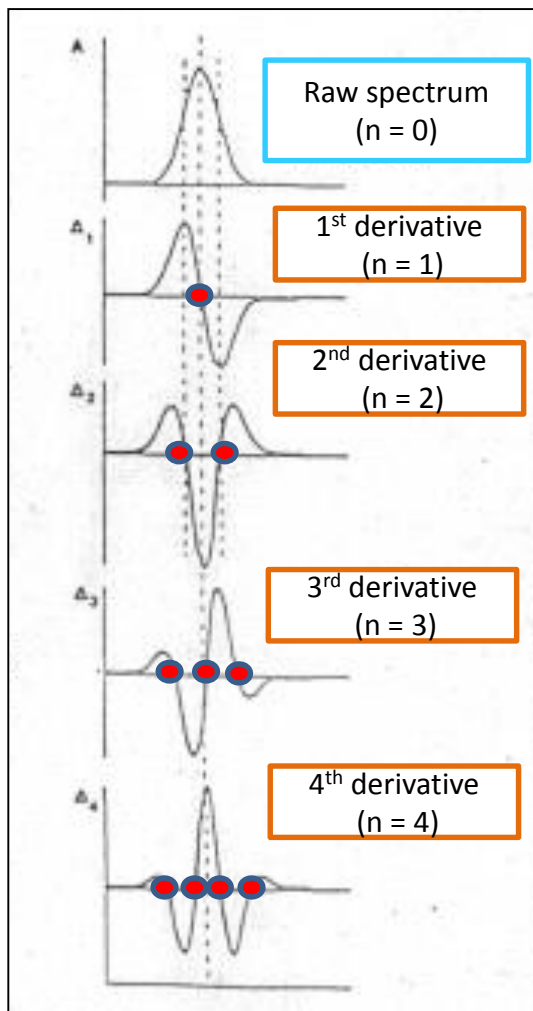
λ_1 = maximum absorption wavelength for paracetamol

λ_2 = maximum absorption wavelength for caffeine

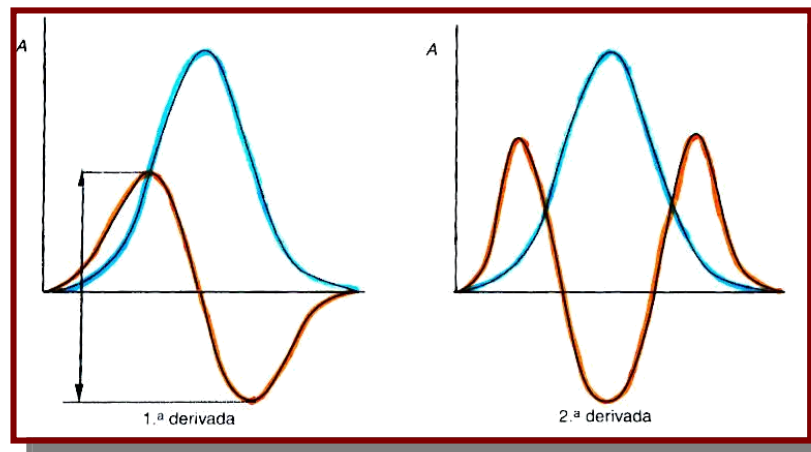


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Derivative spectroscopy



Iso-differential method or zero crossing



$$\frac{dA}{d\lambda} = \frac{d(\epsilon_{PC})}{d\lambda} L C_{PC} + \frac{d(\epsilon_{CF})}{d\lambda} L C_{CF}$$

Crossing points (signal = 0)

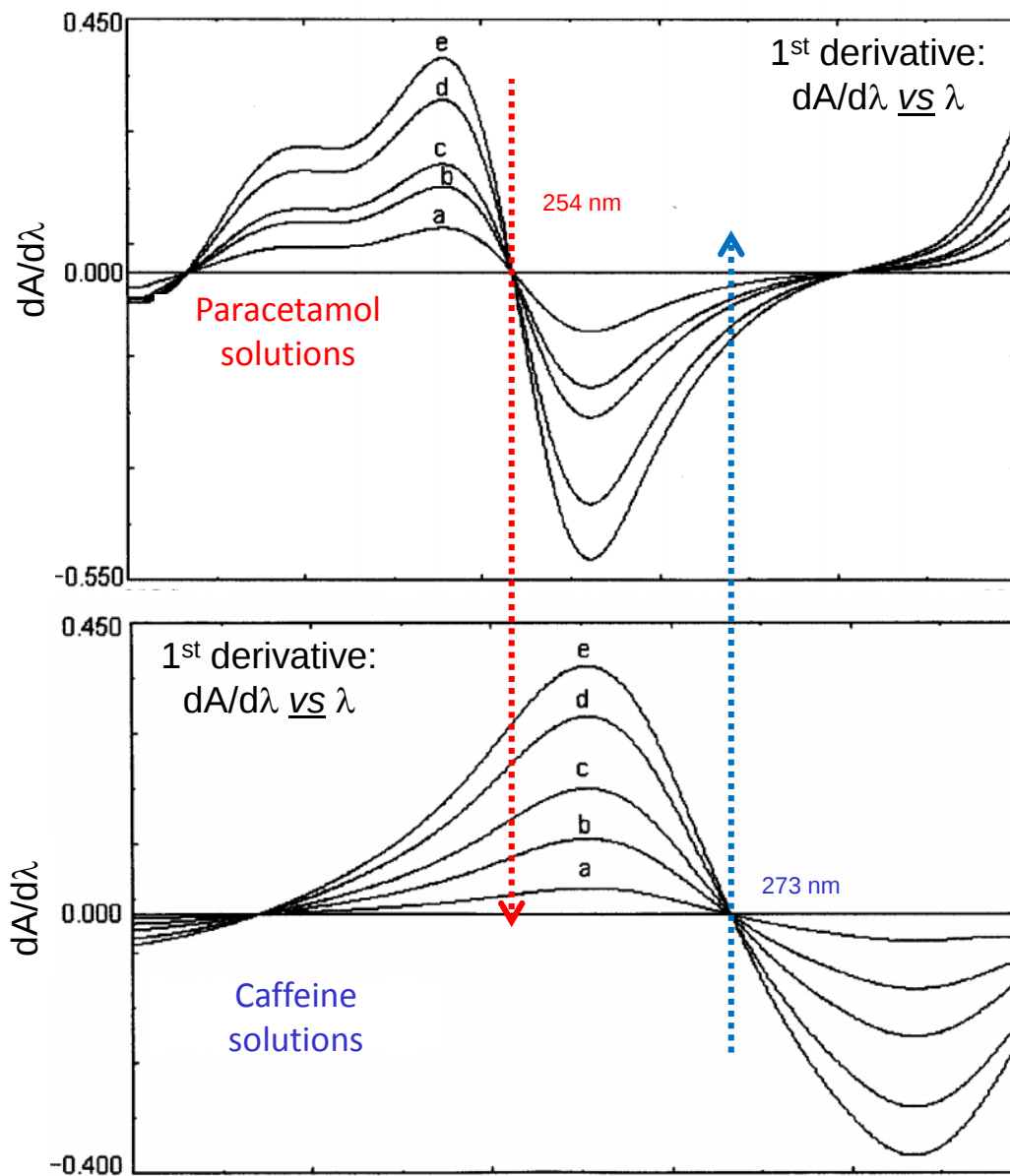
When we are working with an analyte standards are called:

Iso-differential points

In this sense:

Raw spectrum (**n=0**): iso-differential points = **0**, 1st derivative (**n=1**):
iso-differential points = **1**,

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As an example:

Paracetamol absorbance 0 when $\lambda_1 = 254$ nm

(Paracetamol iso-differential point that matches with the maximum in the order zero spectrum)

Caffeine absorbance 0 when $\lambda_2 = 273$ nm (Caffeine iso-differential point that matches with the maximum in the order zero spectrum)

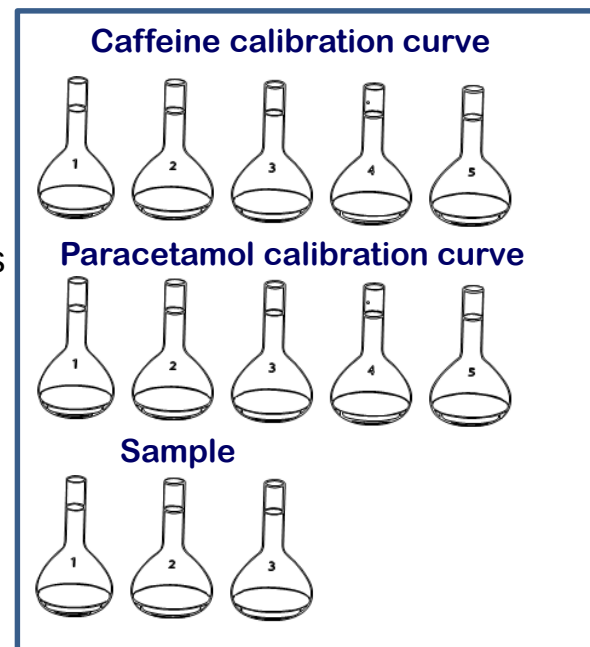
Together these values we will measure:

- Paracetamol when $\lambda_2 = 273$ nm
(caffeine absorbance = 0)
- Caffeine when $\lambda_1 = 254$ nm
(paracetamol absorbance = 0)

Determination of caffeine and paracetamol in pharmaceuticals by derivative spectroscopy and multiple linear regression.

Working procedure

- 1.- Prepare caffeine calibration standard solutions spanning a concentration range between 2 and 10 ppm in presence of buffer solution (pH 10.5) from a 100 ppm caffeine standard solution.
- 2.- Prepare paracetamol calibration standard solutions spanning a concentration range between 2 and 10 ppm in presence of buffer solution (pH 10.5) from a 100 ppm paracetamol standard solution.
- 3.- Prepare the sample per triplicate in a 0.05 M buffered medium and pH 10.5.
- 4.- Obtain the absorption spectra for standards and sample.
- 5.- Search the absorbance values for the two selected wavelengths in standards and samples.
- 6.- Obtain the order one derivative spectra and locate the wavelengths where caffeine and paracetamol values are zero.



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Working procedure (*cont.*)

- 7.- Obtain the absorbance for sample and standards where paracetamol signal is zero in the first order derivative spectra.
- 8.- Obtain the absorbance for sample and standards where caffeine signal is zero in the first order derivative spectra.

Multiple linear regression

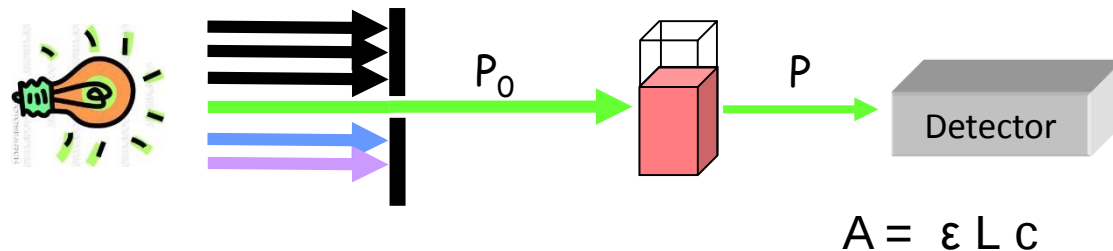
- 9.- Plot the calibration lines and determine the absorptivity for caffeine and paracetamol.
- 10.- Solve the equation system.

Derivative spectroscopy

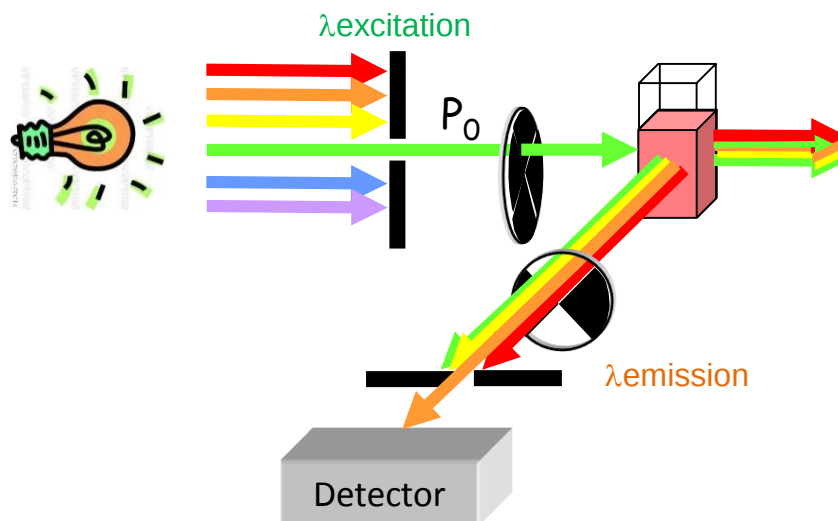
- 11.- Plot the calibration lines and interpolate the sample signals to obtain the caffeine and paracetamol in samples.

MOLECULAR FLUORESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

Absorption

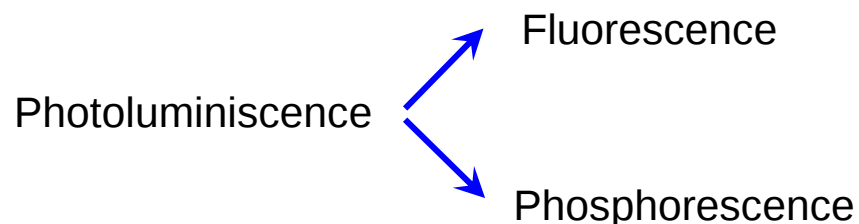


Fluorescence and
phosphorescence
(emission)



$$I_f = P_0 K A = P_0 K (\epsilon L c)$$

MOLECULAR FLUORESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY



Excitation produced by electromagnetic radiation absorption



Return to the fundamental state by **emission** of excess energy as **photons**

Fluorescence



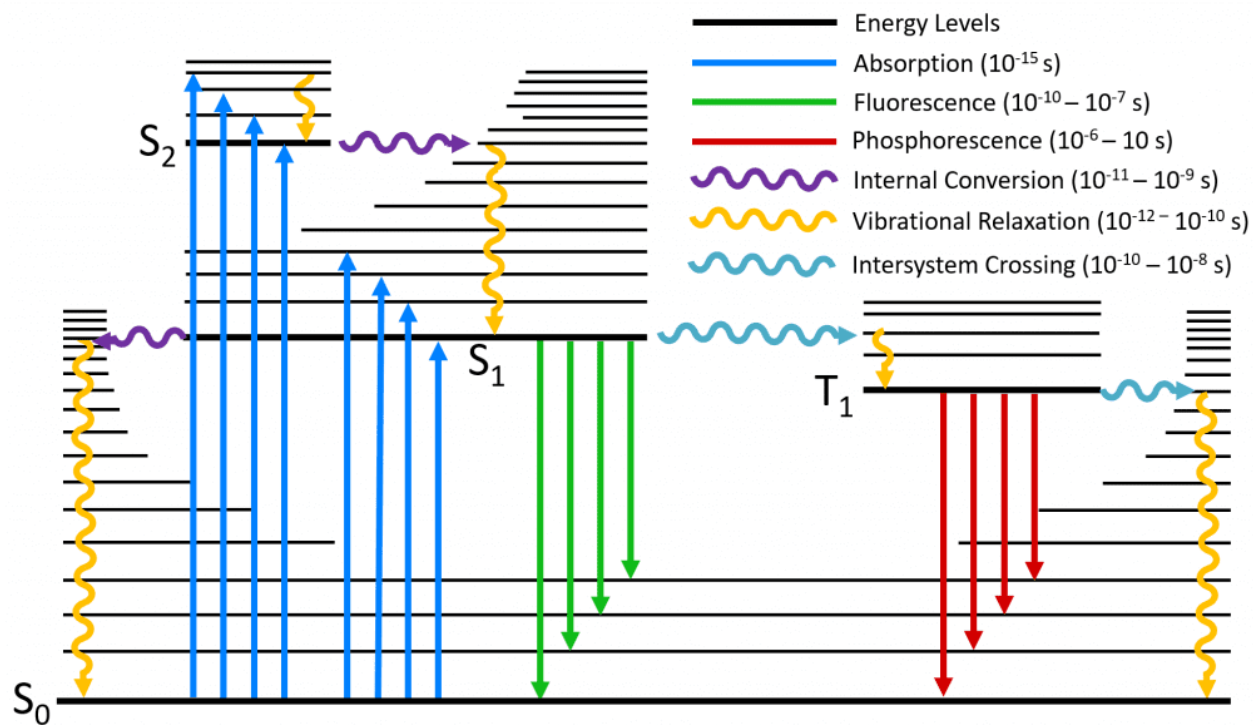
- Short life-time

Phosphorescence



- Longer life-time than fluorescence
- Lower intensities, less applications in Chemical Analysis

MOLECULAR FLUORESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

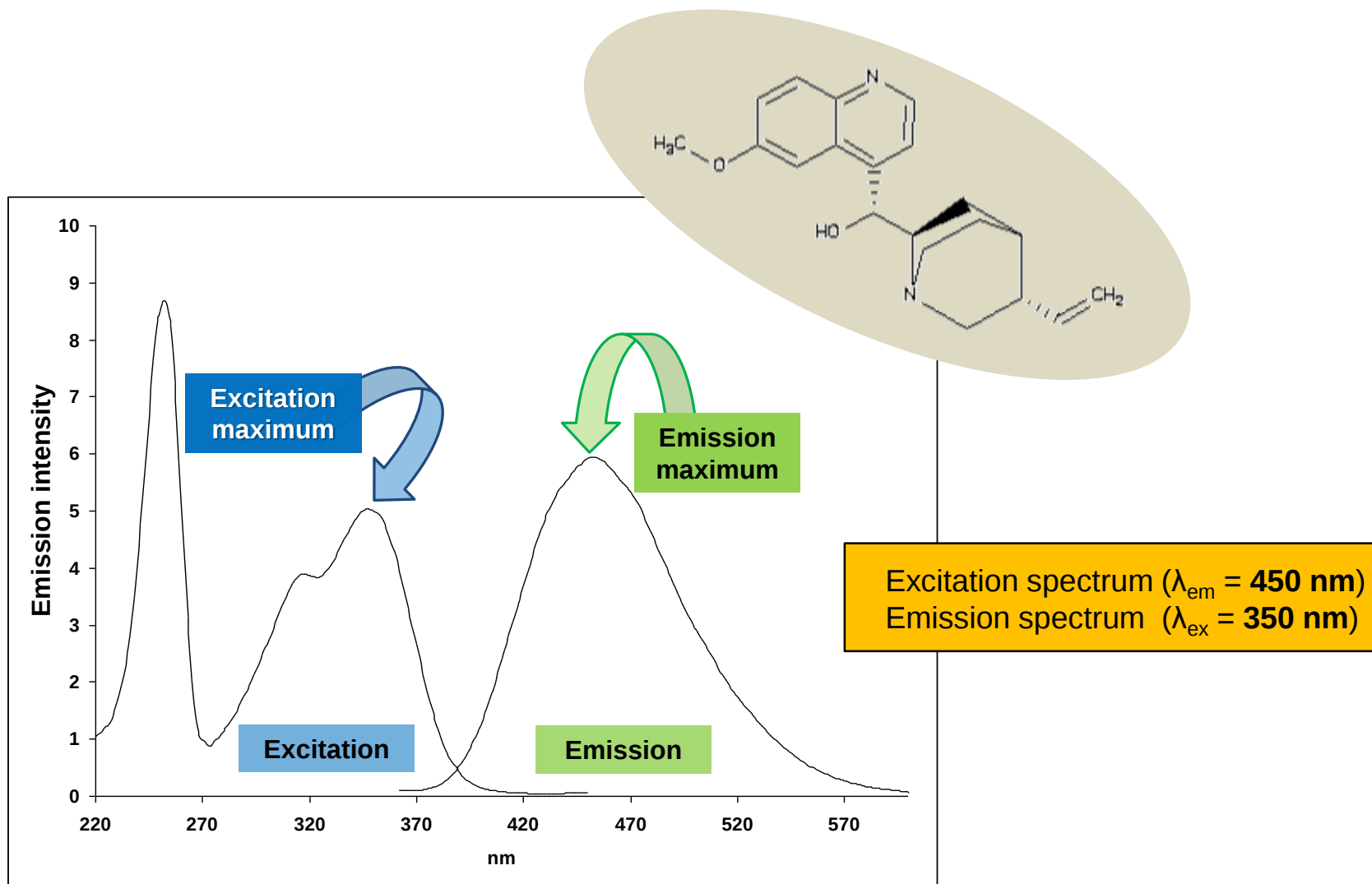


Mechanisms of relaxation to the
fundamental state

Vibrational relaxation

Fluorescent relaxation

Optimization of variables in molecular fluorescence: determination of quinine in tonic water.



Emisión fluorescente

- Transición del nivel de vibración más bajo del estado electrónico excitado E_1 al estado fundamental E_0
- Transición del nivel de vibración más bajo del estado electrónico excitado E_1 a cualquier nivel de vibración de E_0
- Menor energía que la que acompaña a la excitación (desplazamiento de Stokes)
- Espectro de excitación, imagen especular de su espectro de emisión

Working procedure

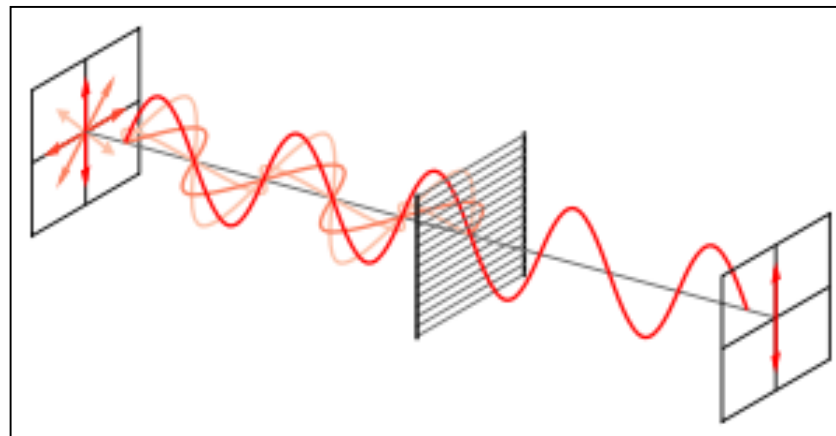
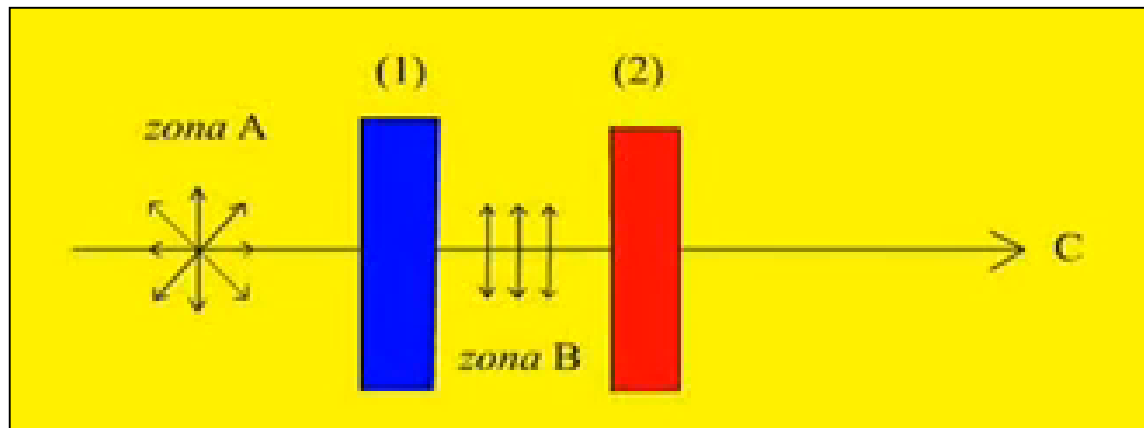
- 1.- Prepare a 200 ppm (500 mL) quinine standard solution from quinine sulphate solid reagent. (Remember that quinine mole = 2 x quinine sulphate mole, $MW_{\text{quinine}} = 324.42 \text{ g/mol}$ and $MW_{\text{quinine sulphate}} = 782.96 \text{ g/mol}$).
- 2.- Prepare a 5 ppm quinine standard solution in 0.05 M sulphuric medium (25 mL) and obtain the absorption spectrum between 220 and 450 nm. Locate the maximum absorption wavelength.
- 3.- Employing this maximum absorption wavelength as excitation wavelength (λ_{em}), obtain the emission spectrum. Locate the maximum excitation wavelength (λ_{ex}). Then, obtain the excitation spectrum and locate the maximum excitaton wavelength (λ_{ex}).
- 4.- Study the influence of emission wavelength on excitation espectrum and the excitation wavelength on emission espectrum. For this prourpose, select three λ_{em} and obtain their corresponding excitation spectra. In the same way, select λ_{ex} and obtain the emission spectra. Select two excitation-emission wavelengths as measurement conditions.

Working procedure (*cont.*)

- 5.- Prepare calibration standard solutions in 0.05 M sulphuric medium. Prepare, per triplicate, removing first the gas by sonication and with the appropriate dilution for the calibration curve range.
- 6.- Measure the emission signals for standards and samples. In addition, measure ten times the blank in order to determine the limit of detection.

Polarized light measurements

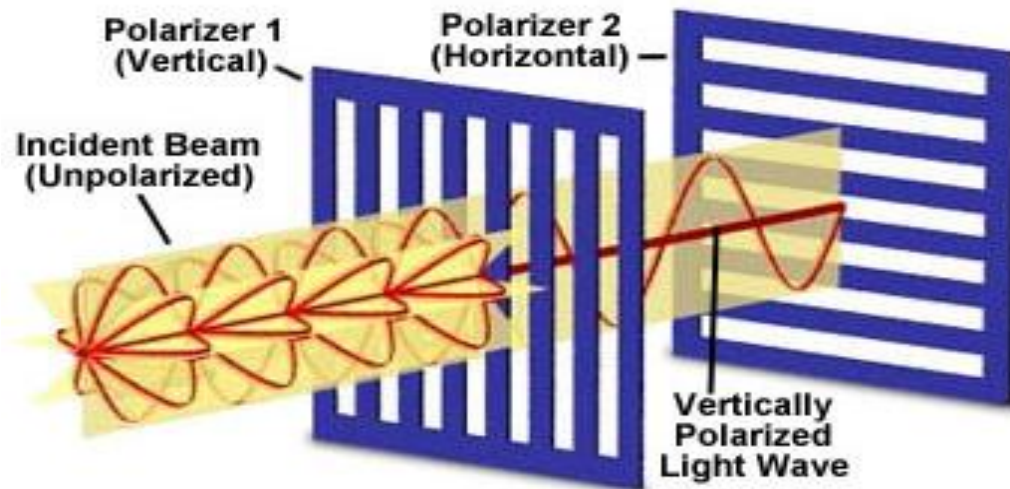
"**Polarized light**" is the result of pass the light through a polarizing filter (**polarizer**) that forces electromagnetic waves to vibrate in a single plane.



POLARIMETRY

When the polarized light in a plane passes through an "**optically active**" substance, the **polarization plane rotates** with an **angle** that is **characteristic of this substance**.

Polarimeters detect the position of the polarization resulting plane and compares it with the original position. "**Polarimetry**" is based on the measure of the ROTATION of light (α).



POLARIMETRY

Rotation (α) when a polarized light passes through a length d cell, containing a solution of known concentration (C), responds to Biot's law:

$$\alpha_{i\lambda} = [\alpha]_{i\lambda} d C_i$$

Where, C = analyte concentration expressed as **g/mL** and d = cell length expressed in **dm**.

Usually α is measured at $\lambda = 589$ nm (Sodium light).

To calculate the analyte concentration, the theoretical specific rotatory value $[\alpha]_{i\lambda}$ at a fixed measurement wavelength (λ) is employed, being this value expressed as **g mL⁻¹ dm⁻¹**

$$C_i = \alpha_{i\lambda} / ([\alpha]_{i\lambda} L) \text{ g/mL} = 100 \alpha_{i\lambda} / ([\alpha]_{i\lambda} L) \% \text{ (m/v)}$$

Determination of sucrose in condensed milk by polarimetry.

Working procedure

Weight approximately 50 g of condensed milk in a 250 mL beaker and add approximately 60 mL of deionized water (at 80-90 °C).

Shake by rotation to avoid the foam formation, cool to ambient temperature and transfer quantitatively to a 250 mL volumetric flask.

DON'T TAKE THE VOLUME TO THE MARK: do not add more than 150 mL in the volumetric flask.

Add:

- + 5 mL NH_3 1:10, shake by rotation and let resting 15 minutes.
- + 3-4 of phenol red solution and shake by rotation (the content will turn in a pink colour).
- + 10% acetic acid solution till the neutralization, shaking by rotation (the content will turn in a yellow colour).
- + 15 mL $\text{Zn}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$ solution, shaking by rotation.
- + 15 mL $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ solution, shaking by rotation.

Determination of sucrose in condensed milk by polarimetry.

Working procedure (*cont.*)

TAKE TO THE MARK with deionized water.



If there is foam, add few drops of ethanol **BEFORE TAKE TO THE MARK**.

Let resting 15 minutes.

Filter through a dry pleated filter paper. Take the filtrate in a beaker discarding the 25 mL first elution volume. Close the beaker with a watch glass and label as "MILK FILTRATE"



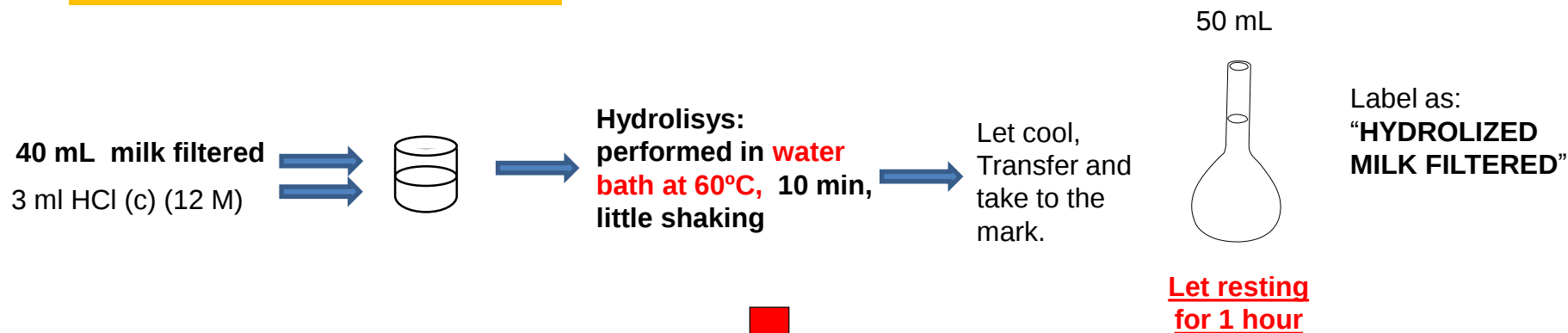
**USE ONLY A 50 mL of "MILK FILTRATE"
TO PERFORM THE POLARIMETRIC DETERMINATION**



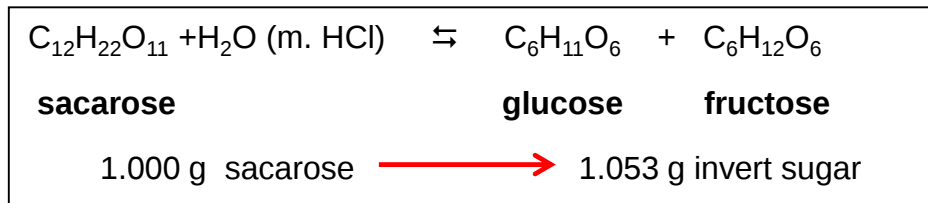
WARNING:
Reserve the other part of the filtered to perform the
Calcium determination

Determination of sucrose in condensed milk by polarimetry.

Working procedure (cont.)



When the hydrolysis is performed the saccharose transforms in **invert sugar** (glucose and fructose mix)



Determination of sucrose in condensed milk by polarimetry.

Working procedure (cont.)

Sacarose, Lactosa, Glucose +Fructose (invert sugar)

$$P_D = 0,665 d m x/v + 0,525 d m y/v - 0,202 d m z/v$$

(x, y, z sacarose, lactose and invert sugar percentages in milk)

Crystallized lactose [α -lactose].

Rotational power $+89 \text{ mL dm}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$

Condensed milk dilution

Mutarotation: α -lactose $\rightleftharpoons$ β -lactose

Rotational power: α -lactose $+89^\circ \text{ mL dm}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$

β -lactose $+35^\circ \text{ mL dm}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$

Equilibrium time ($[\beta\text{-lactose}]/[\alpha\text{-lactose}]=1.63$) 24 h

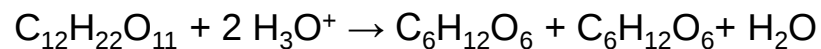
Rotational power in equilibrium $+52,5^\circ \text{ mL dm}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$

Ammonia accelerates mutarotation process:
the analysis time decreases

Direct analysis

Determination of sucrose in condensed milk by polarimetry.

Working procedure (cont.)



Glucose + Fructose (invert sugar)

$$P_I = 1,053(-0.202) \text{ d m x/v}' + 0.525 \text{ d m y/v}' - 0.202 \text{ d m z/v}'$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{v': final volume} \\ \text{v: initial volume} \end{array} \longrightarrow f = \text{v}'/\text{v}$$

$$P_I f = 1,053(-0.202) \text{ d m x/v} + 0.525 \text{ d m y/v} - 0.202 \text{ d m z/v}$$

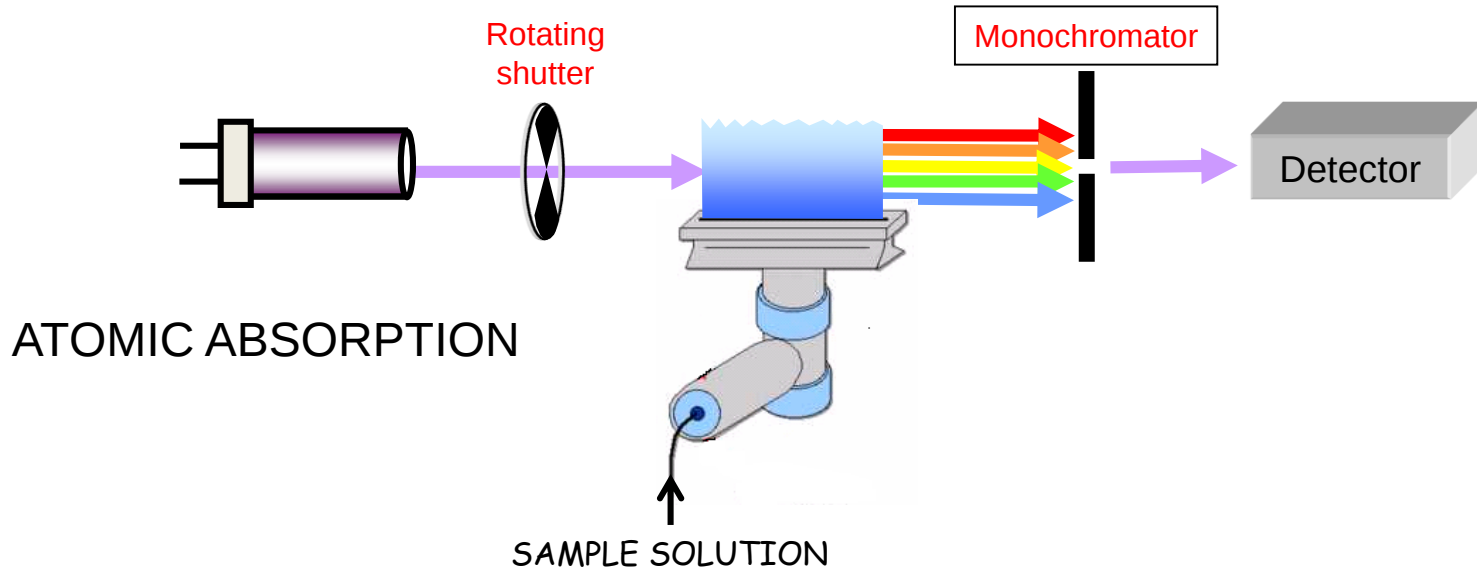
$$P_D - P_I f \longrightarrow \text{Sacarose (\%)} = \frac{(V - \Delta V)(P_D - fP_I)}{0,878 \text{ dm}}$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{m}{100} (1,08G + 1,55P)$$

Hydrolysis

FLAME ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY

BASIS: Absorbance or emission intensity provided by the atoms formed in the flame measurements



The monochromator selects the element under study absorption wavelength.

Due to atomic absorption and emission wavelengths are coincident, a rotating shutter is required (the light sent will be discontinuous) to discriminate between transmitted light (after absorbing part of the light sent by the lamp) and emitted light (it doesn't come from the lamp, it will be continuous).

Calcium determination in milk by FAAS: Troubleshooting

INTERFERENCES :

Proteins:

Physical interference.

Solution: precipitate and filter

→ Done!!!!

Phosphates:

Chemical interference.

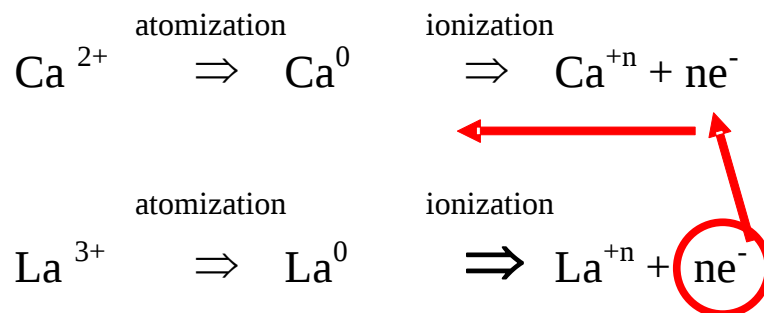
Solution: La (III) masking

Ionization:

Sensitivity loss

Solution: La (III) ionization buffer addition

La^0 is easily ionized than Ca^0 :



When we don't have any additional chemical interference, we can use an external traditional calibration.

But if we suspect that another type of chemical interference can be present in the determination, a standard addition calibration is needed.

Working procedure

Calcium concentrated standard solution = 1000 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ prepared in 50 mL volumetric flask

- Weight CaCO_3 (analytical balance) in a beaker.
- Add 10 mL HCl 1 M and dissolve (employ heat if it is necessary).
Note: HCl 1M (each 2 pairs)
approximately 25 mL HCl 1M (from HCl 12M)
- Let cool, transfer to 50 mL volumetric flask and take to the mark.

Label as “Calcium – $x \mu\text{g/mL}$ ”, where x is the exact concentration (according your weight) expressed with 4 decimal places.

Calcium intermediate standard solution = 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ calcium prepared in a 100 mL volumetric flask

- Shake the concentrated standard solution. Transfer 20-25 mL in a dry beaker.
- Take the appropriate volume from the beaker and take to the mark.

Label as “Calcium – $x \mu\text{g/mL}$ ”, where x is the exact concentration expressed with 4 decimal places.

Working procedure (cont.)

External traditional calibration

- Employing 25 mL volumetric flasks, prepare a calibration line in a concentration range between 0 to 8 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ with:
 - 2.5 mL La (III) (0.1%) solution
 - Corresponding volumes of intermediate calcium solution
- Label as **P0, P1, P2, P3, P4**

Standard addition calibration

- Employing 25 mL volumetric flasks, prepare a calibration line in a concentration range between 0 to 10 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ (take into account that condensed milk contains approximately 2 mg of calcium per gram) with:
 - 2.5 mL La (III) (0.1%) solution
 - Corresponding volumes of intermediate calcium solution
 - 1 mL of prepared sample

Label as: **M + P0, M + P1, M + P2, M + P3, M + P4**

Working procedure (cont.)

Standard addition sample preparation:

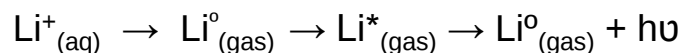
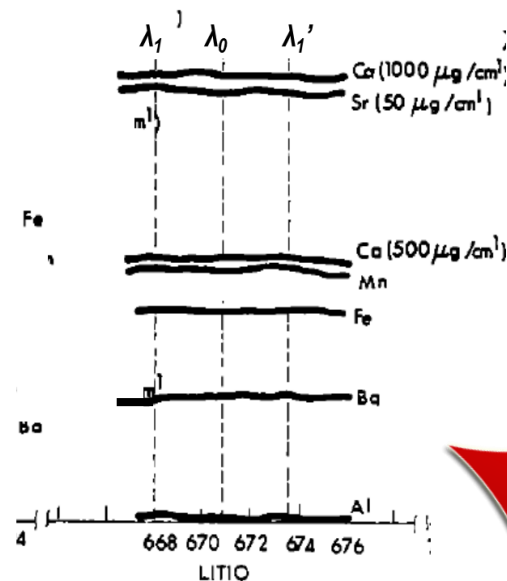
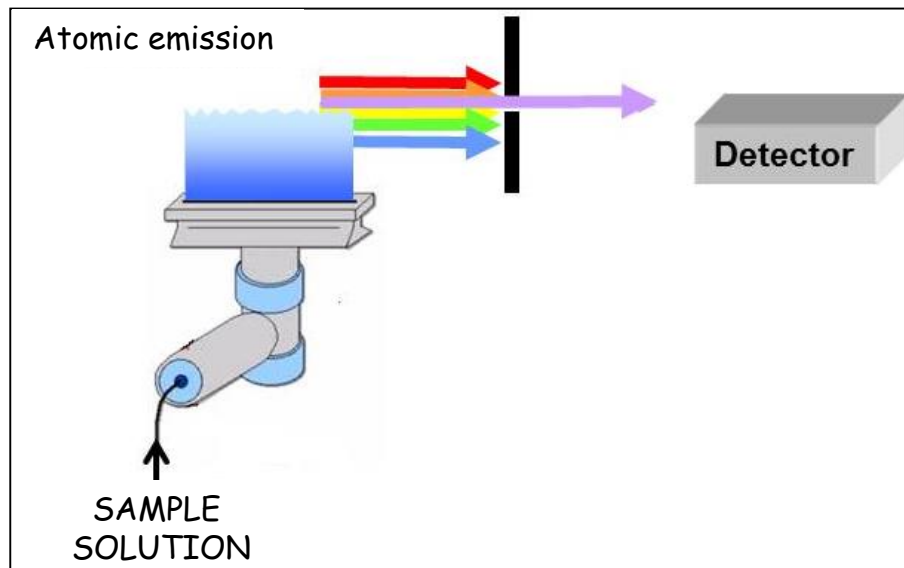
- Weight 2.0000 g of milk in a 50 mL beaker.
- Add 20 mL of 80°C heated deionized water and mix by rotation.
- Cool and transfer to a 50 mL volumetric flask. Take to the mark.

External calibration sample:

- Take 10 mL of “MILK FILTRATE” and dilute till 50 mL in a volumetric flask with deionized water.
- Take 1 mL of the previous solution in a 25 mL volumetric flask and add 2.5 mL of La (III) 0.1%.
- Take to the mark with deionized water.

Determination of lithium in waters by flame atomic emission: study of the influence of variables on the analytical signal.

BASIS: Emission intensity provided by the atoms formed in the flame measurements



Possible interferences in Li determination:

- Spectral interferences (Ca, Ba, Sr): Remove by precipitation
- Ionization interference: ionization buffer

Determination of lithium in waters by flame atomic emission: study of the influence of variables on the analytical signal

Working procedure

Ca, Ba and Sr influence

- From the 100 µg/ml lithium standard solution, prepare a 2.5 µg/ml Li intermediate standard solution in a 50 mL volumetric flask.
- Calculate the required volumes to prepare the solutions indicated in Table 1 employing 25 mL volumetric flasks and the Li intermediate standard solution. K (1%), Ca (1%), Ba (1%) and Sr (1%) standard solutions are previously prepared by the laboratory technicians.

Table 1: Interference studies

Solución	Li	K	Interferent
Tuning	1.0 µg /ml	0.2 %	-
1	0.2 µg /ml	0.2 %	-
2	0.2 µg /ml	0.2 %	Ca ²⁺ 100 µg /ml
3	0.2 µg /ml	0.2 %	Ca ²⁺ 3000 µg /ml
4	0.2 µg /ml	0.2 %	Ba ²⁺ 100 µg /ml
5	0.2 µg /ml	0.2 %	Ba ²⁺ 3000 µg /ml
6	0.2 µg /ml	0.2 %	Sr ²⁺ 100 µg /ml
7	0.2 µg /ml	0.2 %	Sr ²⁺ 3000 µg /ml

Determination of lithium in waters by flame atomic emission: study of the influence of variables on the analytical signal

Working procedure (*cont.*)

Sample solutions

Per triplicate:

- Use a beaker:
 - 2.5 mL sample
 - 25 mL deionized water
 - 2.5 mL precipitant solution

- Boil the mixture till the volume decrease to the third part of the initial one. Allow to stand for 30 minutes and filter with paper in a 25 mL volumetric flask. Clean the paper with water and take to the mark with deionized water.

Determination of lithium in waters by flame atomic emission: study of the influence of variables on the analytical signal

Working procedure (*cont.*)

Calibration standard solutions

Employing 25 mL. volumetric flasks, prepare solution with 0, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15 y 0.20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of Li using:

- the required volumes of 2.5 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ Li standard solution
- 2.5 mL de precipitant solution.

Adjust the photomultiplier with the most concentrated calibration standard solution.

Measure the emission intensity of the standard solutions and samples.