

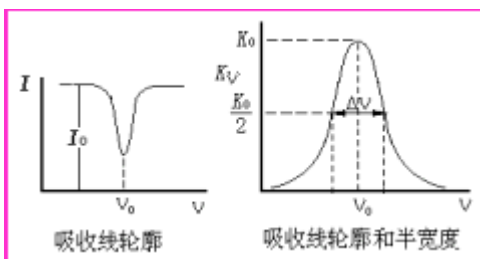
## §7.1.4 Basic of Quantitative Analysis in Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

Atomic absorption is quantified by an equation of the Lambert-beer's law:

$$I = I_0 \exp(-K\lambda b)$$

$K\lambda$  is the absorption coefficient that atomic vapor absorbs transmitted light at wavelength  $\lambda$ .

1. The absorption  $K\lambda$  varies great as wavelength (as shown in the right figure), so the



quantitative analysis can't be done according to the above equation.

2. Half width only occupies a few in a thousand, and it can't be recognized by instrument i.e.

the instrument can't produce pure single light (the single light be up to the mustarded) .

3. If frequency of emission line of source is the same as that of absorption line, and half Thus

width  $\Delta\nu_1/2$  of emission line is less than of absorption line  $\Delta\nu/2$ , as shown in the right figure.

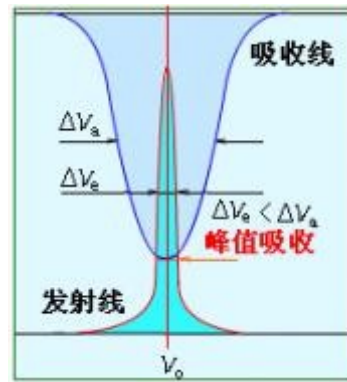
using sharp line source (i.e. the emitting light of sharp line source is regarded approximately

as a single light), the peak absorptivity may institute approximately absorptivity.

$$A = \lg \frac{I_0}{I_r} = 0.434 \frac{2\sqrt{\pi \ln 2} e^2}{\Delta \nu_D mc} f \cdot N \cdot b$$

then:  $A = K' c$  (where  $K'$  is a constant)

$$k = 0.434 \frac{2\sqrt{\pi \ln 2} e^2}{\Delta \nu_D mc} f$$



The number of the total atoms  $N$  is approximately equal to the number of atoms at ground state. And the number of the total atoms  $N$  is directly proportion to the concentration of determined element

$$N \propto c$$

then:  $A = \lg(I_0/I) = K'c$

$K'$  is a constant under a definite experimental condition, and  $c$  is the concentration of metal ion determined.

Outline of this page: The terms that peak absorption coefficient  $K'$  institutes absorption coefficient  $K\lambda$

Thinking subject of this page: Why AAS can determine concentration of test metal ion in solution?

Thinking subject of next page: What is the difference in flow between atomic absorption spectrophotometers and ultraviolet visible spectrophotometers?