Lower Operating Costs, Safer Operation, More Productive. Agilent 4100 MP-AES



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Common Challenges facing Laboratories doing Elemental Analysis Today

- Increased need for <u>multi-element determination</u> over a wide dynamic range
- Desire to <u>reduce the overall cost of analysis</u> due to rising costs (instrument supplies and consumables; power; labour etc)
- <u>Difficulty in sourcing some gases</u> esp. in remote areas and emerging geographies
- <u>Availability of suitably trained personnel</u> to develop methods, perform sample measurement and interpret results
- Some laboratories under pressure to <u>improve safety</u> by removing flammable gases



Agilent 4100 Microwave Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometer (MP-AES)

New technique for elemental determination using atomic emission

- Microwave excited plasma source
- Nitrogen based plasma runs on air (using a N₂ generator)

Improved performance compared with flame AA:

- Higher sample throughput with fast sequential measurement
 - More than 2x faster than conventional flame AA
- Superior detection limits and improved dynamic range

Easy to use:

- New generation software featuring automated optimization and software applets that load a preset method
- One piece torch with easy torch removal and replacement no alignment

Reduced operating costs:

- Runs on air eliminates need for Acetylene, Argon, etc.
- · Eliminates need for source/hollow cathode lamps
- Simple installation no chiller, 10 A supply

Improved Safety:

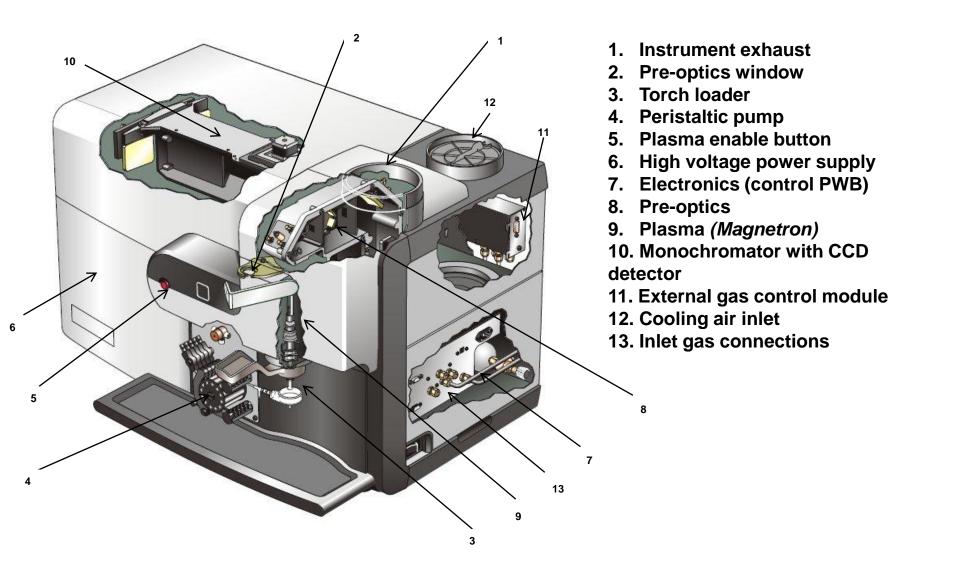
- Eliminates need for flammable gases and cylinder handling
- Safe, reliable unattended multi-element overnight operation





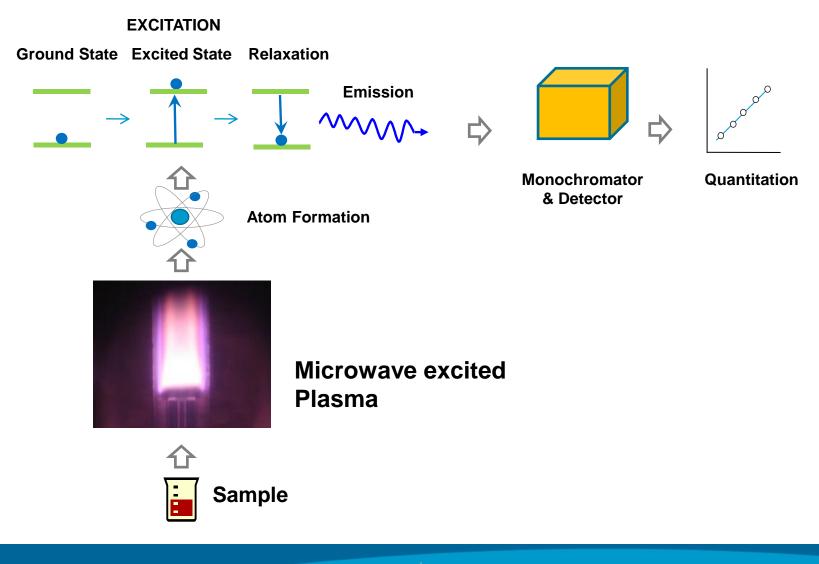


Schematic Diagram





Microwave Plasma Emission Overview



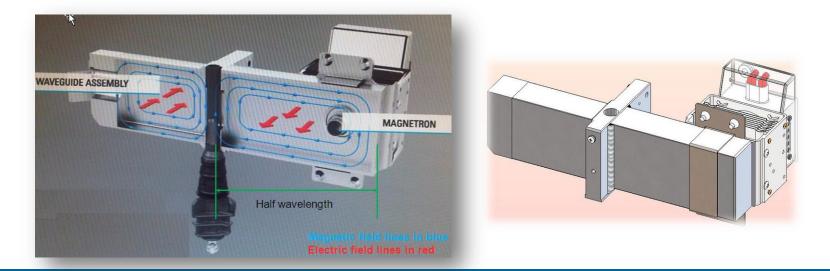
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How Does MP-AES Work?

Agilent's patented microwave waveguide technology

- Using nitrogen as the plasma gas gives a robust plasma with a conventional torch. Nitrogen can be supplied either via bottled gas or via nitrogen generator
- <u>Magnetic excitation</u> gives a toroidal plasma and an effective central zone for sample injection
- The microwave <u>magnetically</u> excited nitrogen plasma
 - Provides a robust, high temperature source in conventional torches (approx. 5000 K)
 - A cooler central channel suitable for sample atomization





Performance – Typical Detection Limits

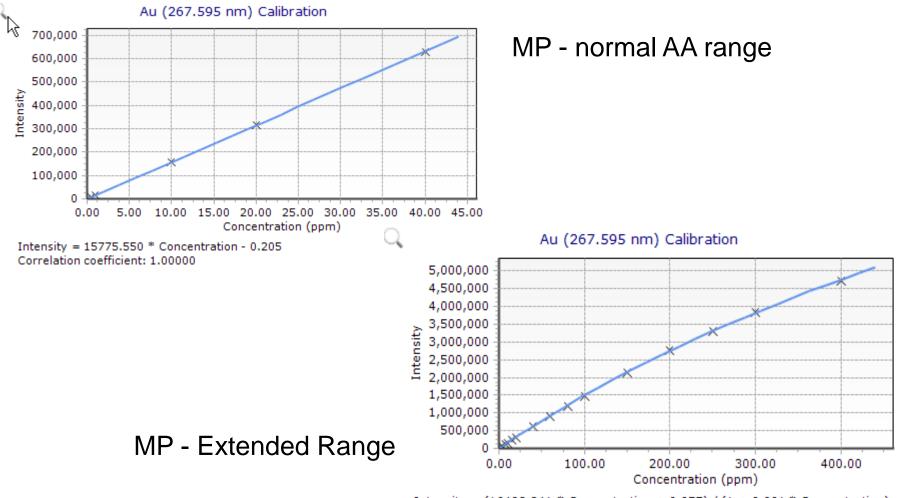
DL's in ppb, clean water samples

Element	Flame AA	MP-AES	Element	Flame AA	MP-AES		
K	0.8	0.65	As*	60	45		
Ca	0.4	0.05	Cd	1.5	1.4		
Mg	0.3	0.12	Cr	5	0.5		
Na	0.3	0.12	Mn	1.0	0.25		
Au	5	1.8	Pb	14	4.4		
Pt	76	4.5	Sb	37	12		
Pd	15	3.8	Se*	500	70		
Ag	1.7	0.5	V	20	0.2		
Rh	4	0.5	* 30 second integration time used for As and Se				

3 sigma DLs using a 10 second integration time



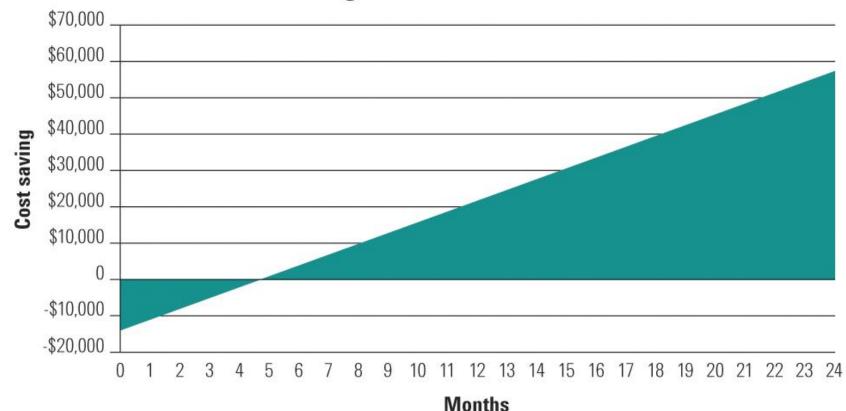
Performance – Extended Working Range



Intensity = (16408.841 * Concentration + 0.057) / (1 + 0.001 * Concentration) Correlation coefficient: 0.99998

Reduced Cost of Ownership

MP-AES cost savings versus flame AA



Cost savings based on reductions in gas expenses ONLY!.

Assumes measuring 9 elements (4 nitrous-oxide elements) in batches of 100 samples, 3 days/week using the N₂ generator. For a detailed cost comparison, consult your local Agilent representative



Simple Torch Installation – No Alignment

Torch installation in three easy steps



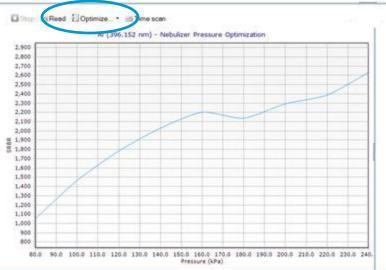




New Generation MP Expert Software

- Windows 7, worksheet based software with significant enhancements
 - Fresh, clean look
- Provides capability for:
 - Applet style operation using preset methods, or
 - Access to full capabilities
- Automated optimization tools
- Innovative and simple to use background correction
 - No correction points to select
- Extensive help with hover tips







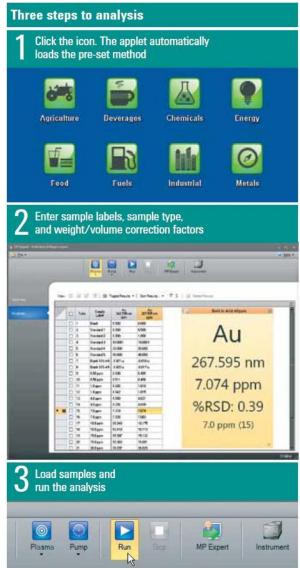
New Generation MP Expert Software

• Retains familiar "worksheet" based approach

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Applet Style Operation using MP Expert Software Three steps to analysis

 Simplified software operation for operators





Accessory Options for the 4100 MP-AES

- Automate and simplify analysis with the SPS3 autosampler (required for unattended overnight operation)
- For organic applications, use the EGCM to bleed air into the plasma minimizing C build-up and reducing background

 also requires the OneNeb inert nebulizer (incl. with the Organics kit)



 To enable low ppb level detection of As, Se or Hg, use the Multimode Sample Introduction System (MSIS)
– also requires the 5 channel peristaltic pump option





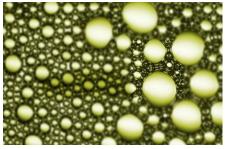


Applications for the Agilent 4100 MP-AES





Geochemistry, Mining and Minerals



Chemical and Petrochemical



Food and Agriculture



Environmental





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- CHEMICAL & PETROCHEMICAL Additives in lubricating oils
- Wear metal contaminants in used oils Analysis of coolant
- Analysis of petroleum and diesel fuel
- Major elements in polymers

Major elements in foods, beverages and agricultural samples Cations in soils Nutrients in soils Metals in soil extracts Metals in agricultural soil samples

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Geochemical, Metals and Mining Applications







Mining (Geochemistry) Applications

Aqua regia digests, fire assay, cyanide leaches

• Au, Ag, Pt, Pd, Cu, Ni, Zn

Analytical Challenges

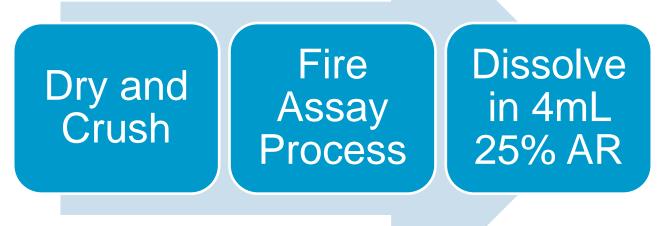
- Low detection limits
- High levels of dissolved solids
- Linearity
- Sample throughput





Gold and Precious Metals by Fire Assay

Au, Pt and Pb extracted into a silver sphere





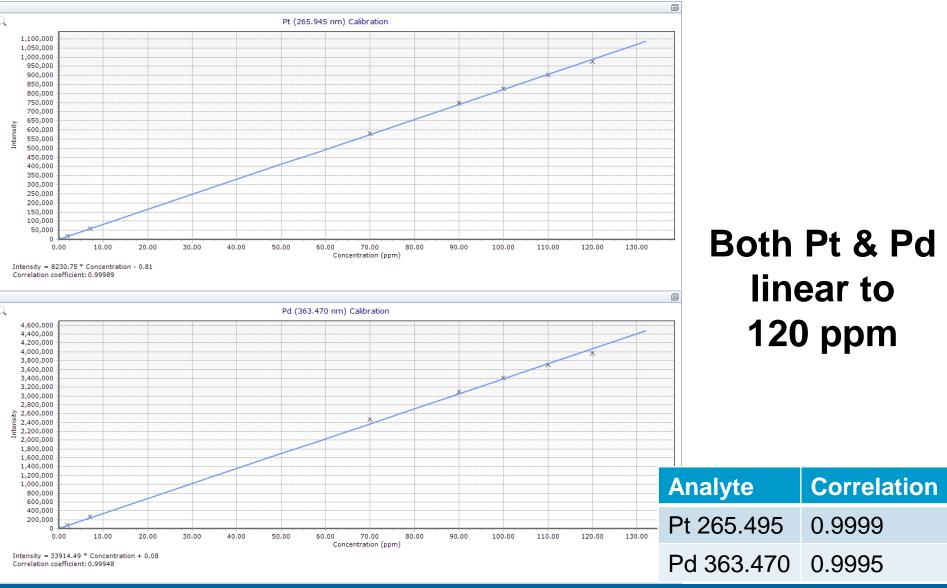


Instrument Parameters

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Nebulizer	Glass concentric
Spray chamber	Single-pass glass cyclonic
Read Time	3 s
Replicates	3
Sample uptake delay	10 s
Stabilization time	5 s
Fast Pump	On (80 rpm)
Background correction	Auto
Nebulizer Pressure	140 to 240 kPa (auto optimized)



Extended Linear Range for Platinum & Palladium



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Accuracy – Platinum & Palladium in Custom CRMs

Platinum

CRM	Certified value (mg/L)	MP-AES result (mg/L)
6	0.74	0.75
7	35.6	35.9
8	9.0	9.5

Palladium

CRM	Certified value (mg/L)	MP-AES result (mg/L)
6	3.21	3.4
7	44.4	44.0
8	35.0	36.5



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Superior Performance – Detection Limits

Analyte	Wavelength (nm)	Method DL (ug/L)	Flame AA IDL (ug/L)
Au	267.595	4	11
Pt	265.945	13	76
Pd	363.469	0.7	15

MDL = 3σ , 3s read time, 20 blanks



MP-AES Improves Throughput over Flame AA



Agilent SPS 3 Autosampler

Ore analysis can be volume limited

Typical sample volume available ~4mL

- Automate analysis & reduce sample consumption using the autosampler
- Analysis time only 55s sample to sample
- Sample consumption ~1.8 mL
- Throughput 65 samples/hour, or 520 samples in 8 hours
- Plus...
- Safe unattended, multielement operation



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Chemical and Petrochemical Applications







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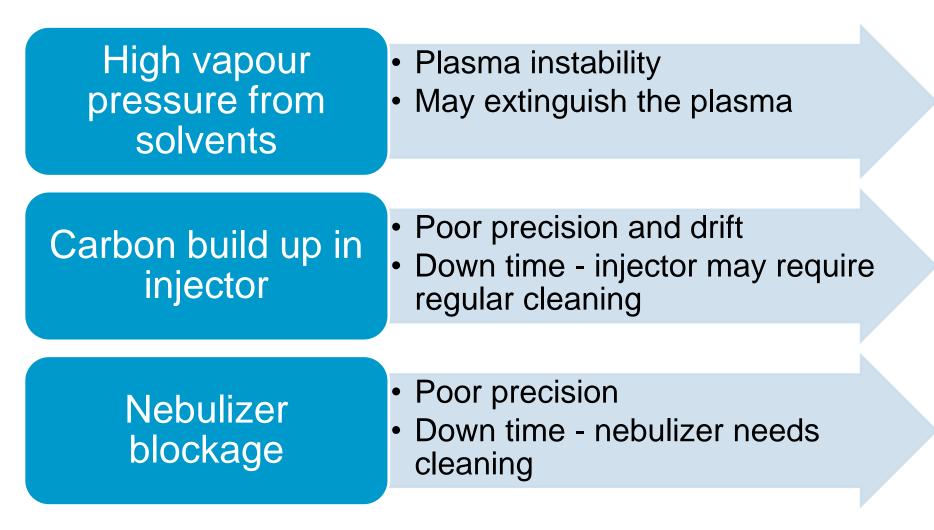
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Organic Applications – The Challenge



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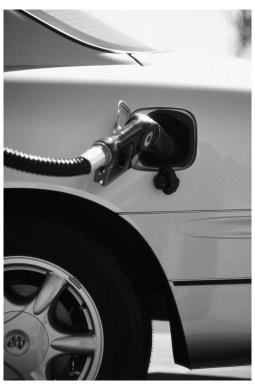
Organics Kit - External Gas Control Module (EGCM)



- 1. Prevents carbon build up on the injector when running organics
- 2. Reduces the background emissions from the plasma
- 3. A controlled flow of air is bled into the Auxiliary gas flow through the torch



Determination of Impurities in Gasoline and Petro-Diesel Fuels





Limits on Target Elements in Diesel Fuel - EN14538

Property	ASTM Method	Limits	Units
Calcium & Magnesium, combined	EN 14538	5 max	ppm (ug/g)
Flash Point (closed cup)	D 93	93 min.	Degrees C
Alcohol Control (One of the following m	ust be met)		
1. Methanol Content	EN14110	0.2 Max	% volume
2. Flash Point	D93	130 Min	Degrees C
Water & Sediment	D 2709	0.05 max.	% vol.
Kinematic Viscosity, 40 C	D 445	1.9 - 6.0	mm ² /sec.
Sulfated Ash	D 874	0.02 max.	% mass
Sulfur S 15 Grade S 500 Grade	D 5453 D 5453	0.0015 max. (15) 0.05 max. (500)	% mass (ppm) % mass (ppm)
Copper Strip Corrosion	D 130	No. 3 max.	
Cetane	D 613	47 min.	
Cloud Point	D 2500	Report	Degrees C
Carbon Residue 100% sample	D 4530*	0.05 max.	% mass
Acid Number	D 664	0.50 max.	mg KOH/g
Free Glycerin	D 6584	0.020 max.	% mass
Total Glycerin	D 6584	0.240 max.	% mass
Phosphorus Content	D 4951	0.001 max.	% mass
Distillation, T90 AET	D 1160	360 max.	Degrees C
Sodium/Potassium, combined	EN 14538	5 max	ppm
Oxidation Stability	EN 14112	3 min	nours



Workmanship Free of undissolved water, sediment, & suspended matter BOLD = BQ-9000 <u>Critical Specification Testing</u> Once <u>Production Process Under Control</u>

The carbon residue shall be run on the 100% sample.

Sample Preparation – Method EN14538

A commercial diesel sample was analysed

1:10 dilution with Shellsol

Standards made from Conostan S21+K

• 0.5 ppm, 1 ppm, 5 ppm, 10 ppm

All samples and standards matrix matched with blank oil





Instrument Parameters

Parameter	Setting
Nebulizer	Inert OneNeb
Spray chamber	Double-pass glass cyclonic
Sample tubing	Orange/green solvent resistant
Waste tubing	Blue/blue solvent resistant
Read Time	3 s
Replicates	3
Stabilization time	15 s
Fast Pump (80 rpm)	On
Background correction	Auto
Pump speed	5 rpm





Method Detection Limits

3σ , 3s read time, 10 blanks

Element	Wavelength (nm)	MDL (ppb)
Mg	285.213	2.7
Са	422.673	8.2
Na	588.995	18.7
К	766.491	2.7



Spike Recoveries on Diesel Fuel

Diesel fuel sample spiked with 0.55 ppm S21+K

Element	Sample (ppm)	Spiked Sample (ppm)	Recovery (%)
Mg 285.213 nm	< MDL	0.53	97
Ca 422.673 nm	< MDL	0.51	93
Na 588.995 nm	< MDL	0.51	93
K 766.491 nm	< MDL	0.51	93



Applications for the Agilent 4100 MP-AES

Food and Agricultural Applications







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Food Applications – Types of Measurement





Which Elements are Monitored in Foods?

Toxic trace elements

- Low level analysis typically ppb levels
- As, Cd, Hg, Pb, Tl, Cr

Common elements that are toxic in excess

- Typically range from ppb to ppm level
- Al, Ni, Cu, Zn, Se, Mo, Sn

Essential minerals

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- Can cover a wide range from ppm to % levels
- Na, Mg, P, S, K, Ca, Fe



Sample Types

Wide Range of Matrices

- Dairy, Meat, Fish, Grain, Vegetables, Fruit, etc
- Processed goods
 - Canned, frozen, dried and preserved food
 - Drinks (soda, tea, coffee, alcoholic beverages etc.)
 - Preservatives, "fillers" and additives such as calcium carbonate
- "Nutraceuticals"

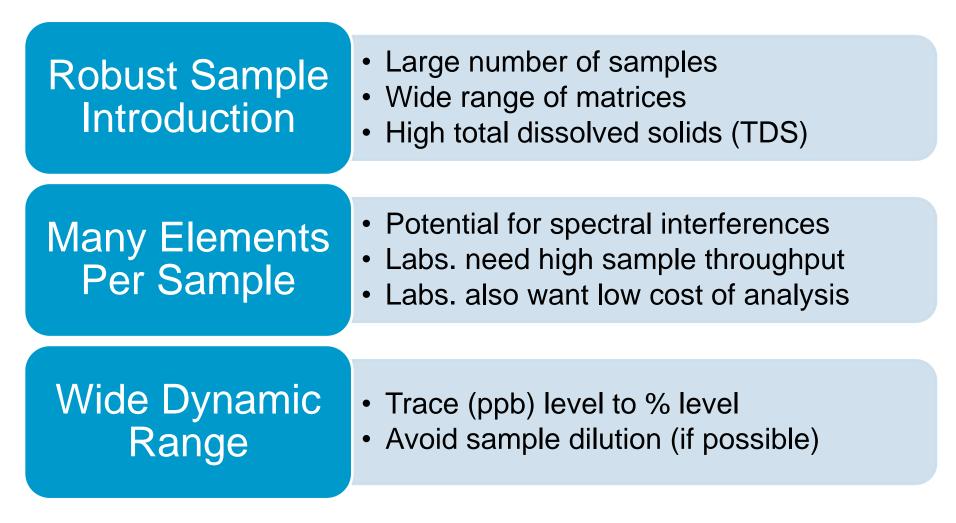
Other Important Samples

- Water (used for irrigation)
- Soil
- Fertilizer
- Food additives / flavors / colors
- Packaging material





Food and Agriculture Applications – The Challenge





Major, Minor and Trace Analysis in Foodstuffs



A range of samples

- 1. NIES CRM No.7 Tea Leaves
- 2. NIES CRM No.10c Rice Flour
- 3. NIST SRM 1577 Bovine Liver:

Plus pre-prepared sample solutions in 4 % HNO₃ (High Purity Standards)

- 4. CRM-Wheat Flour
- 5. CRM-Milk Powder
- 6. CRM-Oyster Tissue



Instrument Parameters

Parameter	Setting
Nebulizer	Glass concentric
Spray chamber	Single pass glass cyclonic
Sample tubing	White/white
Waste tubing	Blue/blue
Read Time	10 s
Replicates	3
Stabilization time	10 s
Fast Pump	On (80 rpm)
Pump speed	12 rpm
Nebulizer pressure	160 – 180 kpa (auto optimized)
Background Correction	Auto



Measured Results for CRM Food Samples



NIES No. 7 Tea Leaves



High Purity Stds CRM Milk Powder

Element	Measured values	Certified values	Element	Measured values (mg/kg)	Certified values (mg/kg)
	wt%	wt%	AI	nd	0.020 ± 0.002
Са	0.314 ± 0.013	0.320 ± 0.012	Са	131 ± 9	130 ± 1
Mg	0.150 ± 0.004	0.153 ± 0.006	Со	nd	0.0004*
ĸ	1.861 ± 0.074	1.86 ± 0.07	Cr	nd	0.0003*
	mg/kg	mg/kg	Cu	0.006 ± 0.001	0.007 ± 0.001
Ва	5.76 ± 0.57	5.7*	Fe	0.018 ± 0.002	0.020 ± 0.001
Cd	nd	0.03 ± 0.03	К	178 ± 6	170 ± 2
Со	nd	0.12*	Р	98.7 ± 1.3	100 ± 1
Cr	nd	0.15*	Pb	nd	0.002*
Cu	7.13 ± 0.81	7 ± 0.3	Mg	11.9 ± 0.2	12 ± 0.1
Pb	nd	0.8 ± 0.03	Mn	0.003 ± 0.002	0.003*
Ni	6.03 ± 0.63	6.5 ± 0.3	Na	48.7 ± 2.6	50 ± 1
Sr	3.63 ± 0.43	3.7*	Zn	0.48 ± 0.05	0.50 ± 0.01
Zn	34 ± 3	33 ± 3			

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Reference values only



Measured Results for CRM Food Samples



NIES	No. 10c Rice F	lour	High	Purity Stds CRM	I Wheat Flour
Element	Measured values	Certified values	Element	Measured values (mg/kg)	Certified values (mg/kg)
	wt%	wt%	AI	0.83 ± 0.02	0.85 ± 0.01
Mg	0.127 ± 0.006	0.125 ± 0.008	Ca	9.64 ± 0.97	9.5 ± 0.1
к	0.279 ± 0.012	0.275 ± 0.010	Cd	nd	0.0015*
Ρ	0.300 ± 0.010	0.335 ± 0.008	Co	nd	0.001*
	mg/kg	mg/kg	Cr	0.013 ± 0.001	0.014*
AI	1.49 ± 0.13	1.5*	Cu	0.09 ± 0.008	0.1 ± 0.002
Ca	95.4 ± 7.0	95 ± 2	Fe	0.81 ± 0.04	0.90 ± 0.01
Cd	1.83 ± 0.14	1.82 ± 0.06	K	62.5 ± 0.5	65 ± 0.7
Co	nd	0.007*	Р	61.1 ± 1.7	65 ± 0.7
Cr	nd	0.08*	Pb	0.05 ± 0.001	0.050 ± 0.003
Cu	4.03 ± 0.32	4.1 ± 0.3	Mg	20.8 ± 0.1	20.0 ± 0.2
Fe	106 ± 0.15	11.4 ± 0.8	Mn	0.36 ± 0.02	0.4 ± 0.008
Mo	nd	1.6 ± 0.1	Ni	nd	0.009 ± 0.001
Ni	nd	0.30 ± 0.03	Zn	0.47 ± 0.05	0.50 ± 0.01
Sr	0.2	0.2*			
Zn	21.8 ± 1.0	23.1 ± 0.8	* Refer	ence values only	

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NIS	ST 1577 Bovin	e Liver	High	Purity Stds CRN	l Oyster Tissue
Element	Measured values	Certified values	Element	Measured values (mg/kg)	Certified values (mg/kg)
	wt%	wt%	AI	2.92 ± 0.07	3*
Na	0.247 ± 0.006	0.243 ± 0.013	Ca	15.0 ± 0.49	15*
К	1.00 ± 0.08	0.97 ± 0.06	Cd	nd	0.03*
	mg/kg	mg/kg	Co	nd	0.004*
Ca	131	123*	Cr	nd	0.007*
Cd	nd	0.27 ± 0.04	Cu	0.56 ± 0.05	0.6*
Co	nd	0.18*	К	100 ± 0.96	100*
Cu	185 ± 6	193 ± 10	Р	79.1 ± 0.9	80*
Fe	266 ± 5	270 ± 20	Pb	nd	0.005*
Pb	nd	0.34 ± 0.08	Mg	12.1 ± 0.2	12*
Mg	625 ± 45	605*	Mn	0.18 ± 0.01	0.2*
Mn	10.4 ± 1.41	10.3 ± 1	Na	48.9 ± 0.8	50*
Мо	nd	3.2*	Ni	nd	0.01*
Sr	0.15 ± 0.07	0.14*	Zn	8.3 ± 0.4	9*
Zn	125 ± 4	130 ± 10	* Refer	ence values only	

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Fast Pump (80 rpm)	On
Pump speed	15 rpm
Viewing position	-20 to 20 steps (auto optimized)
Nebulizer pressure	120 – 240 kpa (auto optimized)



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Measured Results for NIST SRM 2710 Montana Soil

Analyte	MP-AES Results Average (mg/kg)	NIST Reference Range (mg/kg)
AI	24300 ± 400	12000 - 26000
As	550 ± 20	490 - 600
Cr	21 ± 1	15 - 23
Cu	2800 ± 20	2400 - 3400
Fe	28000 ± 300	22000 - 32000
Mn	8500 ± 200	6200 - 9000
Ni	9.5 ± 0.6	8.8 - 15
Pb	5600 ± 300	4300 - 7000
Zn	6100 ± 200	5200 - 6900



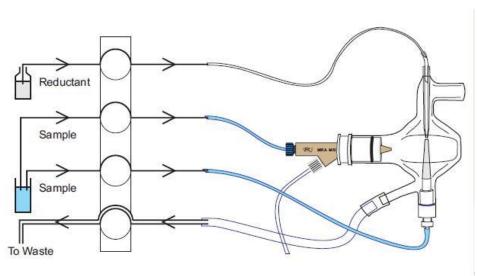
Measured Results for NIST SRM 2711 Montana Soil

MP-AES Results Average (mg/kg)	NIST Reference Range (mg/kg)
20000 ± 200	12000 - 23000
90 ± 15	88 - 110
21 ± 3	15 - 25
90 ± 1	91 - 110
23000 ± 2000	17000 - 26000
600 ± 10	400 - 620
17 ± 3	14 - 20
1400 ± 30	930 - 1500
300 ± 10	290 - 340
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The Measure of Confidence

Improving Detection Limits for As, Se, Hg with MSIS





Analyte	MSIS in Simultaneous Mode ug/L
As	1.0
Se	2.0
Hg	0.5



Application Notes Available



Geochemical

- New methodology for analysis of gold and precious metals
- Analysis of base metals in geochemical samples



Chemical & Petrochemical

- Analysis of wear metals and contaminants in engine oils
- Analysis of lubricating oil additives
- Analysis of trace elements in petroleum and diesel fuels



Food & Agriculture

- Analysis of soil extracts
- Cost-effective analysis of major, minor, and trace elements in foodstuffs



Environmental

Determination of metals in industrial wastewaters





Agilent 4100 MP-AES



Runs on air – the most significant advance in atomic spectroscopy

- Lowest running cost of any atomic spectroscopy technique due to capability to run on air – ideal for remote and at site operation
- Improved safety capability to run on air means no flammable gases and no manual handling of cylinders
- Easy-to-use software with MP applets and plug and play torch which simplify operation and maximize uptime
- Superior performance to flame AA, with capability to run unattended overnight



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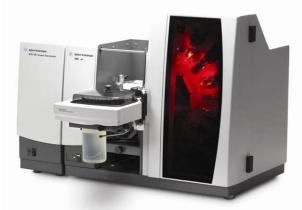


Flame AAS

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QUESTIONS?



