

(II) Doppler width:- It arises from Doppler effect which modifies the apparent frequency of radiation from atoms moving with random thermal velocities. The change in frequency is given by

$$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu_0} = \frac{\nu - \nu_0}{\nu_0} = \frac{v \cos \theta}{c} = \frac{u}{c} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

where, v = velocity of atom.

θ = angle between v & direction of observation.

ν_0 = frequency of the line.

According to Maxwell's laws of distribution of velocities half intensity width is given by

$$(\Delta\nu) = \sqrt{\log e^2 / \beta} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$$\beta = \frac{mc^2}{2\pi RT\nu^2}$$

And intensity width is

$$2\Delta\nu = 2\sqrt{\frac{\log e^2}{\beta}}$$

m = mol. wt

R = gas constant

T = abs. temp.

$$2\Delta\nu = 1.67 \frac{\nu}{c} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2RT}{m}\right)} \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

$$\text{and } \Delta\lambda = 1.67 \frac{\lambda_0}{c} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2RT}{m}\right)} \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

Thus the Doppler broadening is proportional to

$$\text{(i) } \sqrt{T} \quad \text{(ii) } \nu \quad \text{(iii) } \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$$

for $\lambda = 5893 \text{ \AA}$ at $T = 500^\circ\text{K}$

$$\boxed{2\Delta\lambda = 0.04 \text{ \AA}}$$

$\Delta\lambda$ is least for high atomic number and Hg^{198} is the ideal source for sharp sp. lines.