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Atomic emission spectra (Lab data sheet)

Table 1: Helium Emission spectrum (Calibration of the spectroscope)

Spectroscope used: _____

COLOUR	RELATIVE INTENSITY	WAVELENGTH (nm)	SCALE READING
Red	70	706.5	
Red	100	667.8	
Yellow	reference	587.6	
Light green	15	504.8	
Light green	100	501.6	
Dark green	50	492.2	
Blue	40	471.3	
Blue-violet	100	447.1	
Violet	30	438.8	
Violet	25	412.1	
Violet	70	402.6	
Violet	50	396.4	

Table 2. Hydrogen emission spectrum

COLOUR	SCALE READING	Wavelength (from calibration curve)	λ (literature)
Red			656.1
Turquoise			486.0
violet			433.9
violet			410.0

Table-3. Rydberg constant calculation

Colour	$n(\text{out})$	$n(\text{in})$	wavelength λ (lab value)	R_H (calculated)	Calculations average R_H value %error R_H
Red	3	2			
Turquoise	4	2			
violet	5	2			
violet	6	2			

$$R_H \text{ literature} = 1.09737 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left(\frac{1}{n(\text{in})^2} - \frac{1}{n(\text{out})^2} \right)$$

$$\% \text{error} = \frac{|R_H(\text{lab}) - R_H(\text{literature})|}{R_H(\text{literature})} \times 100\%$$