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Hydrogen measurement in steel: a query

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I found the recent article by Cho and Park (Analysis of hydrogen concentration in low-alloy steel, *Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry* **284** (2010), 533–537) most tantalizing. The authors do not give enough details for me to understand how they are able to accurately measure 0.1 μg of hydrogen (1 ppm in a 100 mg sample) in the presence of a 13 μg background, especially since the sample is "irradiated while attached to a paper filter." They validated their measurements by comparison with ICP-AES, a claim that my colleagues in that field are unable to understand. Although hydrogen can be detected via the 656 nm line (*Spectrochim. Acta* **40B** (1985), 177–194], since that method in general practice requires the sample to be in water solution, a detailed reference to their procedure is needed. I look forward to reading their future publications.

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