

Fundamentals of Spectroscopy

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Spectroscopy

Spectroscopy is the branch of science which deals with the study of interaction of light with matter.

Spectrum: A range of colours representing light of continuous frequency.



Light: Electromagnetic radiation

Matter: Any substance which has certain mass m and occupies space

The **molecular structure** can be derived indirectly from the technique, known as **spectroscopy**.

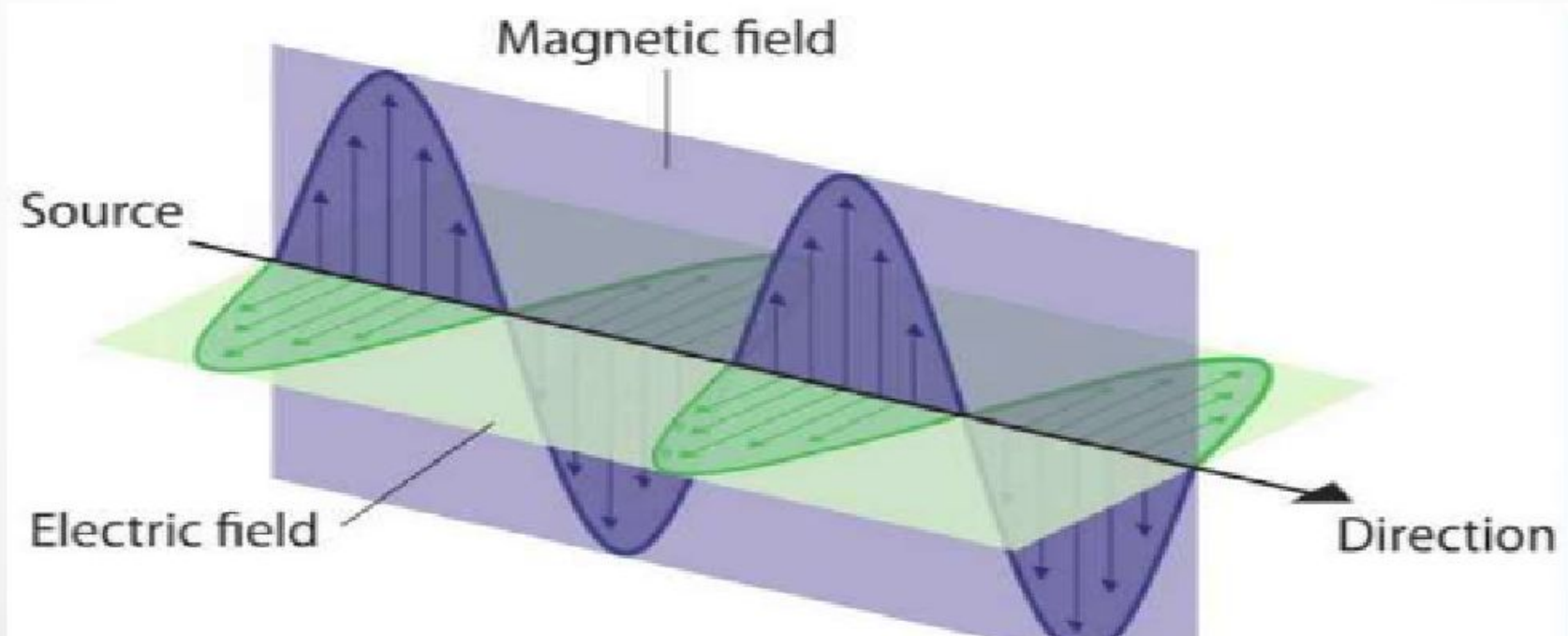
From **quantum chemistry**, we know that

- ❖ the **energy levels** of molecular systems are quantized
- ❖ designated by appropriate quantum numbers

Electromagnetic Radiation

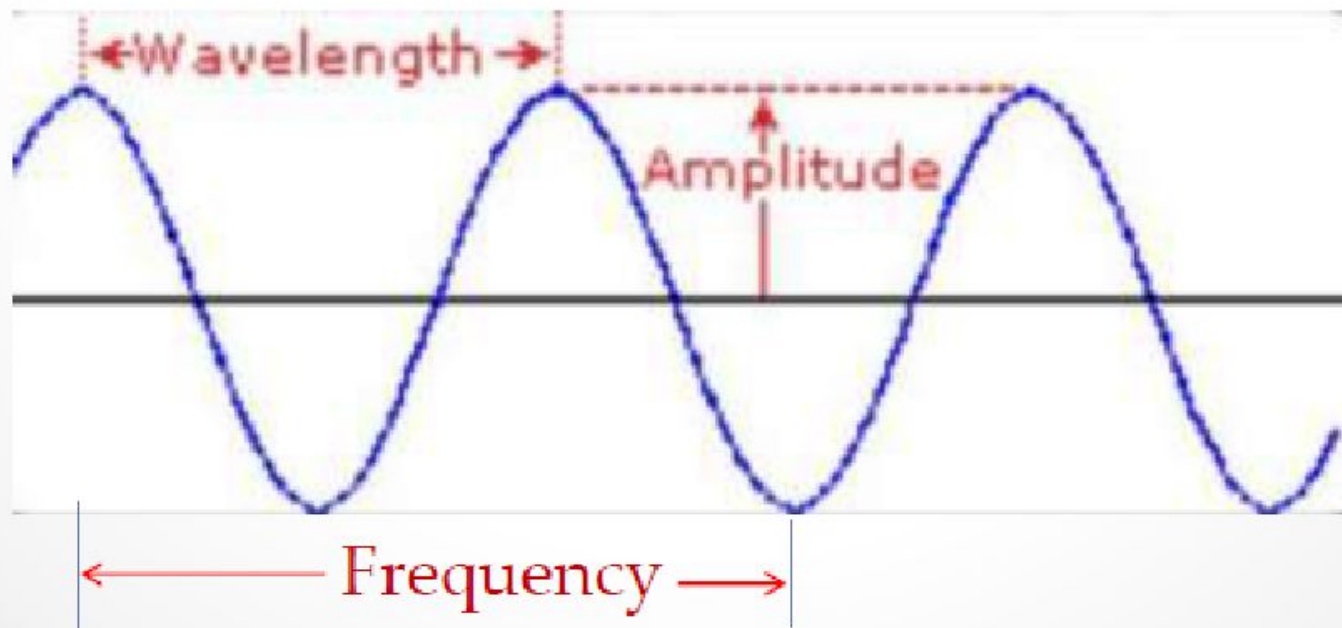
Electromagnetic Radiation:

- Wave produced by motion of electrically charged particles (Photon)
- Consists of two components – Electric and Magnetic



Properties of Waves

- Wavelength (λ) – Distance between two nearest crest or troughs
- Frequency – Number of wave cycle in a given time, measured in Hertz (Hz)
- Amplitude – Wave's height or length



- Relation between frequency and wavelength – velocity (speed) of propagation

$$C = v \lambda$$

Where,

$$C = 2.99792 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

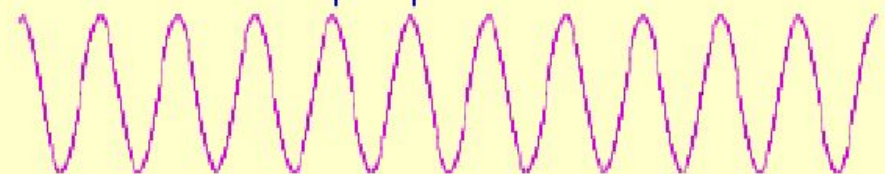
speed of light

frequency
(Greek letter, nu)

$$c = \lambda \nu$$

wavelength

higher frequency
means
shorter wavelength



- Relation between frequency of light and energy

energy of the light

frequency of the light

$$E = h\nu$$

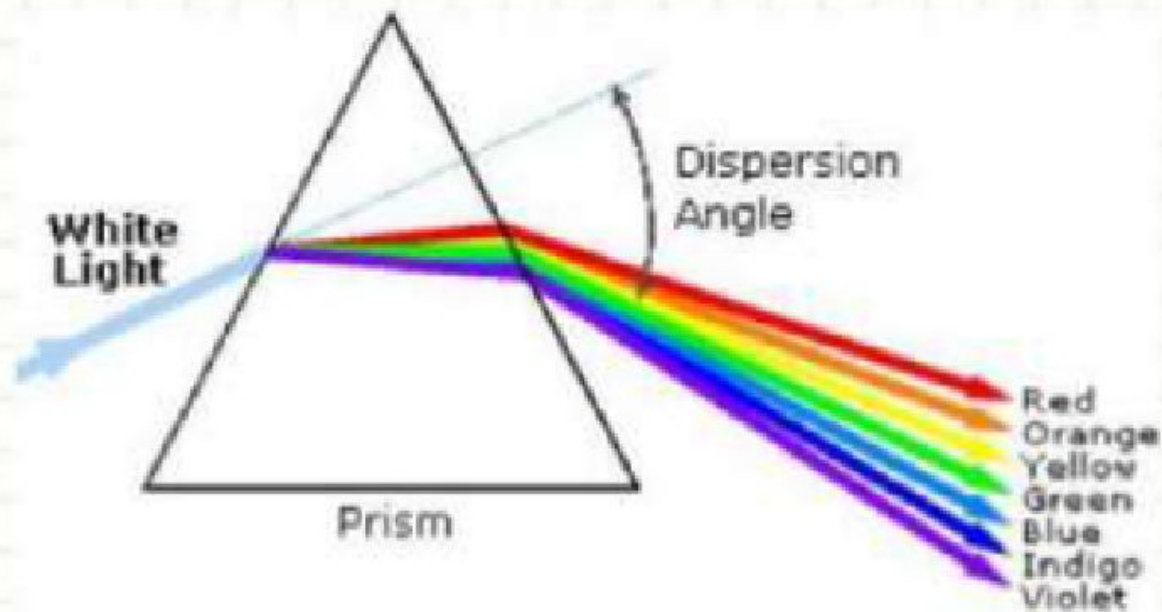
Planck's constant

$$E = h C / \lambda \quad (C = \nu \lambda)$$

Where,

$$h = \text{Planck's constant} = 6.6261 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$$

Electromagnetic Radiation



Visible Spectrum

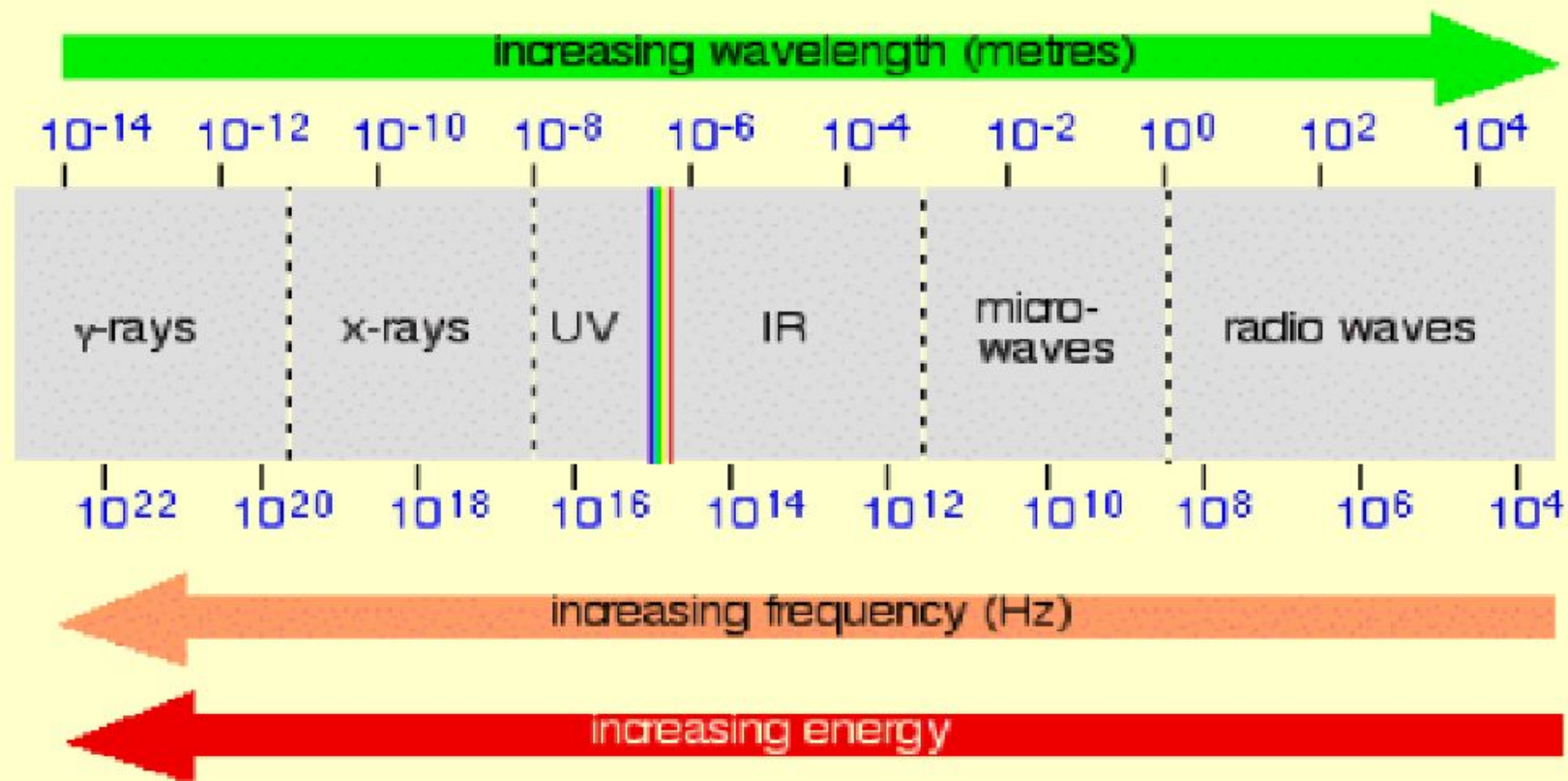
Higher
Frequency

Lower
Frequency

UV

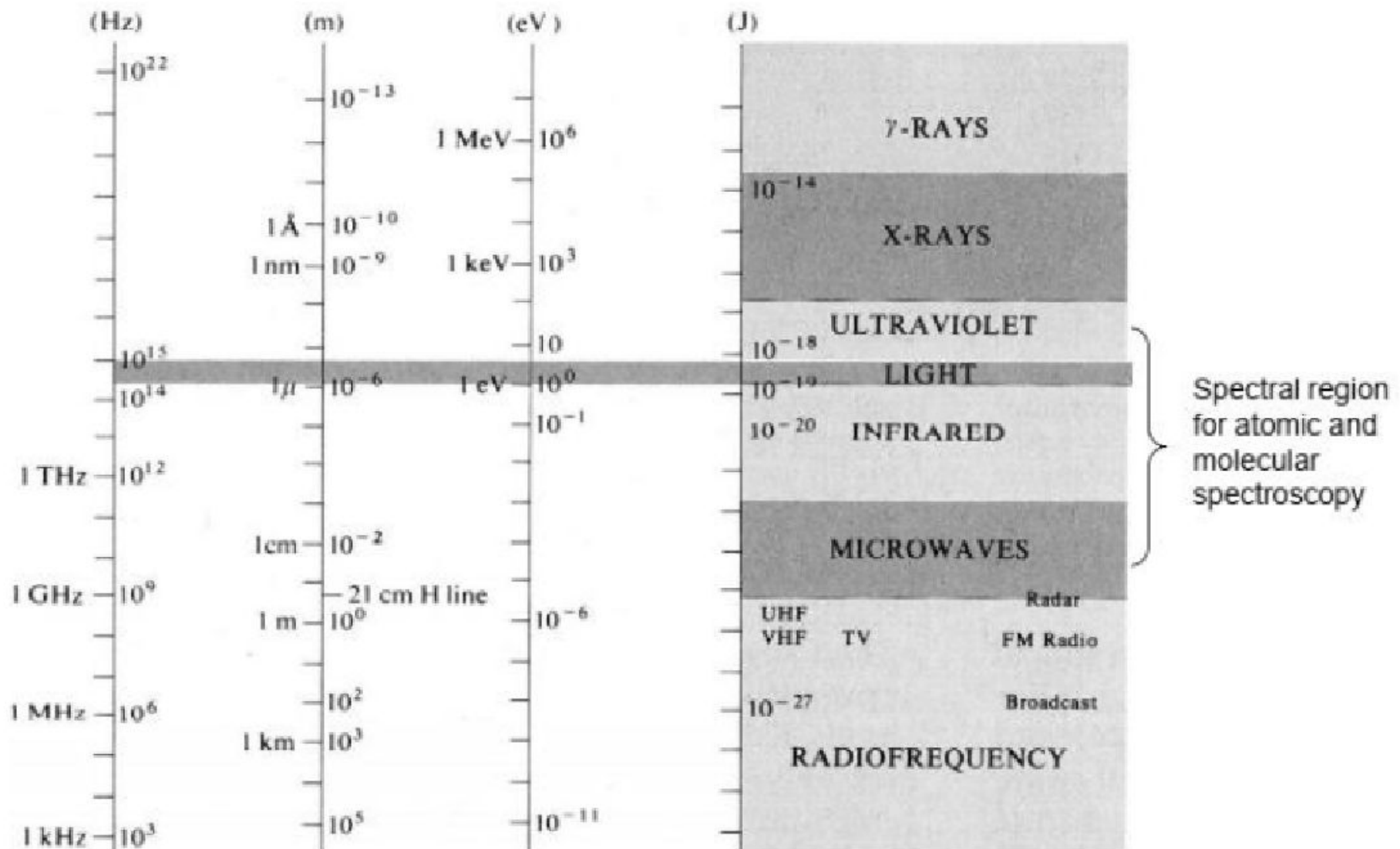
IR





Violet	400 - 420 nm	Yellow	570 - 585 nm
Indigo	420 - 440 nm	Orange	585 - 620 nm
Blue	440 - 490 nm	Red	620 - 780 nm
Green	490 - 570 nm		

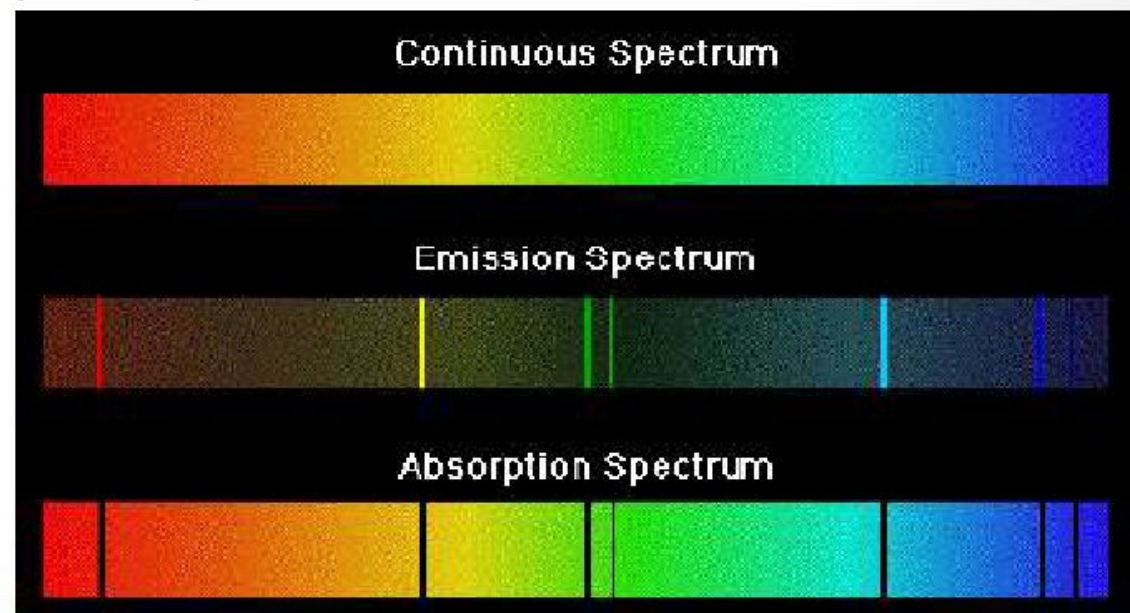
Electromagnetic Spectrum



Principles of Spectroscopy

- **Principle** – based on measurement of spectrum
- **Spectrum** – graph or plot of intensity of absorbed emitted radiation by sample verses frequency or wavelength
- **Spectrometer** – Instrument design to measure the spectrum of a sample
- **Types of Spectra** –
 - Absorption Spectra
 - Emission Spectra
 - Continuous Spectra

- **Continuous Spectra** – Spectra obtained when white light passed through a prism
- **Absorption Spectra** – Spectra obtained by absorption of electromagnetic radiation to the atoms, ions or molecules of sample (UV/Visible, IR)
- **Emission Spectra** – Spectra obtained by emission of electromagnetic radiation to the atoms, ions or molecules of sample (Mass)



Interaction of EMR with matter

- Absorption : Light is absorbed
- Emission: Light is emitted or released
- Transmission: light is allowed to pass through
- Reflection: light is reflected or bounced away
- Diffraction: shows wave nature
- Refraction: shows particle nature
- Interference: light is disturbed
- Scattering: light is dispersed
- Polarization: light vibration is restricted to one direction

Interaction of EMR with matter

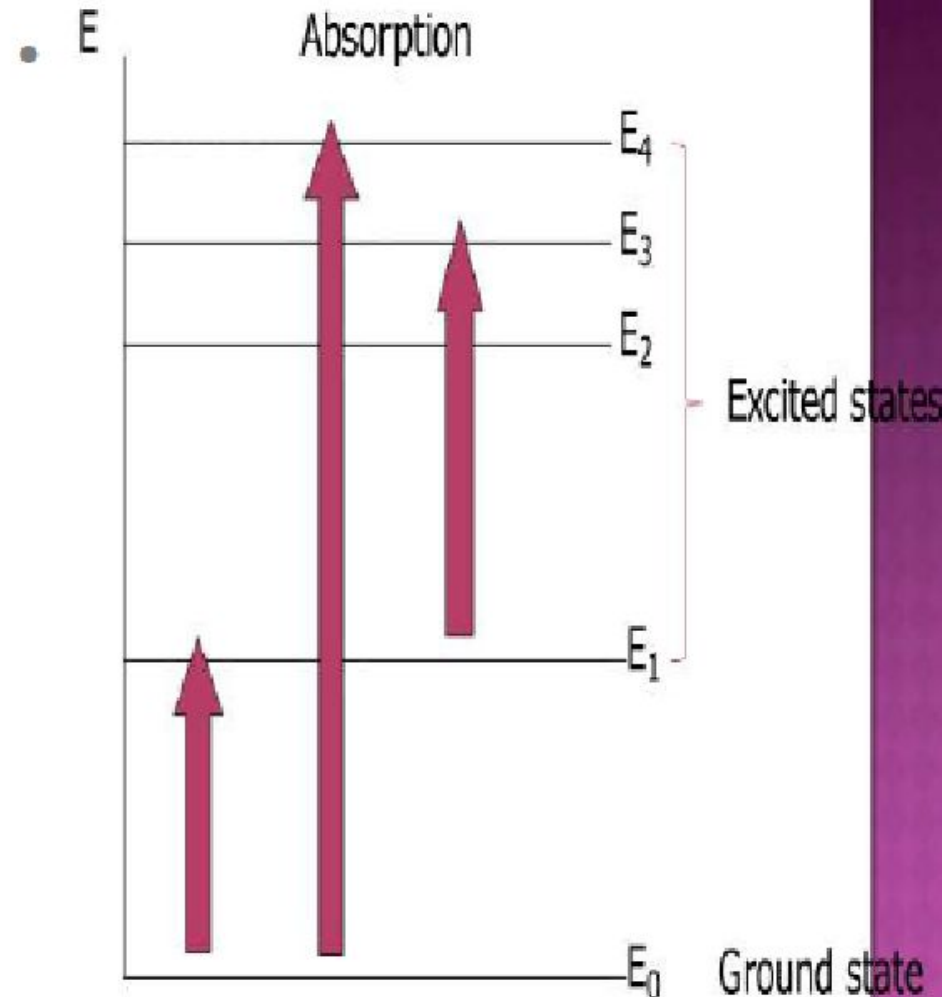
Absorption of Radiation:

1. Electronic energy level

- Molecules at RT – lowest energy level E_0
- Molecules absorb energy (UV/ Visible) – promoted to higher energy level E_1 , E_2 E_4
- Difference in Energy

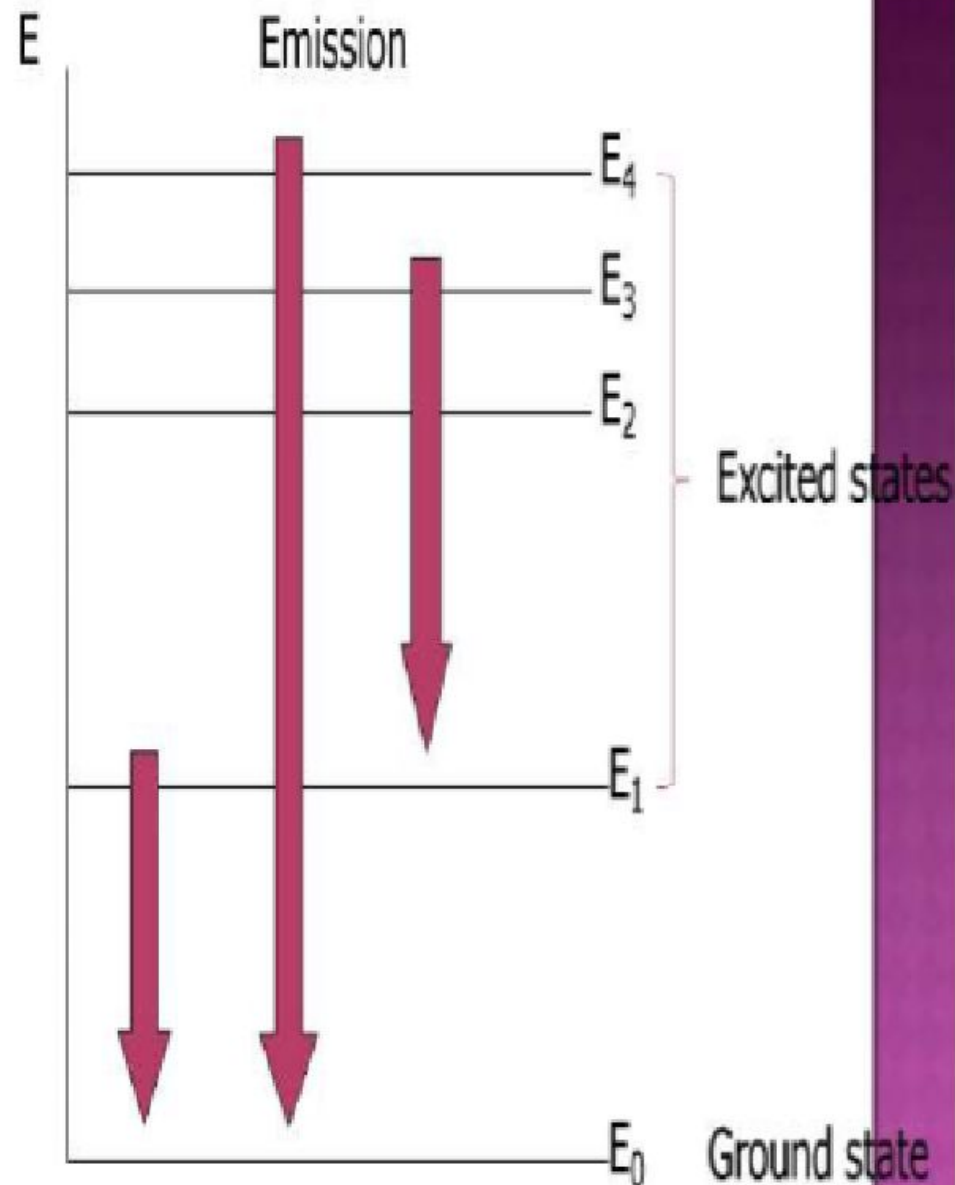
$$\Delta E = E_n - E_0$$

$$\Delta E = 35 \text{ to } 71 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



Emission of Radiation:

- EMR is produced when excited particles (ions, atoms, molecules) relax to lower energy levels by giving up their excess energy as photons.



2. Vibrational energy level:

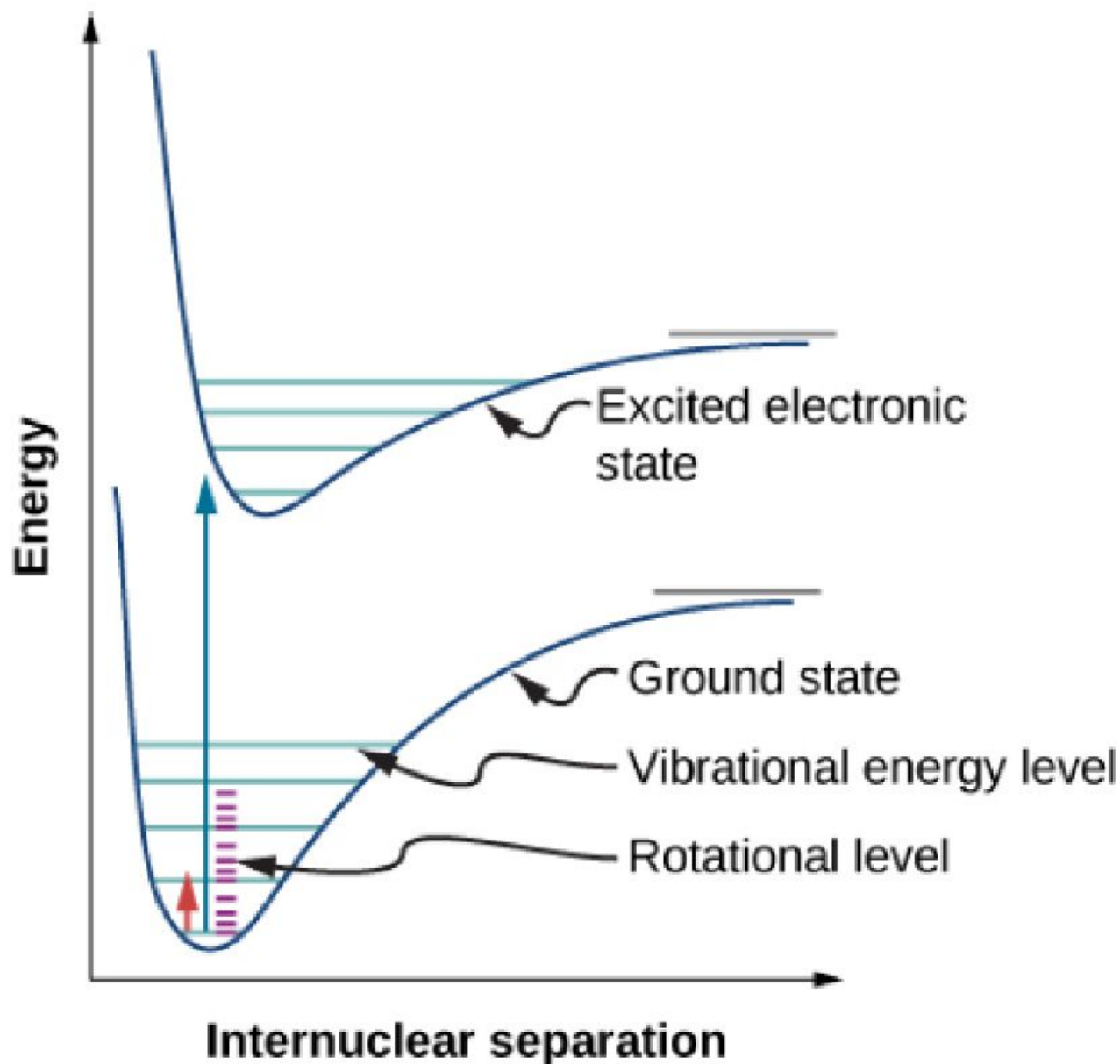
- Molecules absorb energy (IR) – promoted from one vibrational level to another vibrational level or vibrate with higher amplitude
- Difference in Energy
$$\Delta E = 0.01 \text{ to } 10 \text{ kcal/mol}$$
- Less energy required than electronic energy level

3. Rotational energy level:

- Energy required is smaller than vibrational energy level

$$\Delta E_{\text{rotational}} < \Delta E_{\text{vibrational}} < \Delta E_{\text{electronic}}$$

Molecular Spectroscopy: Big Picture



Atomic emission:

- Atomic particles – gaseous states – emits radiation containing only few wavelengths – **discontinuous spectrum or line spectrum**
- Atomic particles – closely packed particles or molecules – produce continuous radiation – **Continuous spectrum**
- Solid particles – heated to incandescence - Thermal radiation – produce continuous spectra

Molecular spectra

The molecular spectra arise from three types of transitions.

1. Rotational
2. Vibrational
3. Electronic transitions

The total energy of a molecule is given by,

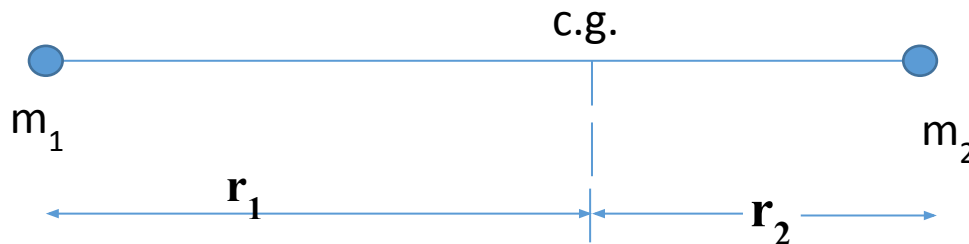
$$E = E_{\text{tr}} + E_{\text{rot}} + E_{\text{vib}} + E_{\text{el}}$$

As the translational energy is negligibly small, we can write

$$E = E_{\text{rot}} + E_{\text{vib}} + E_{\text{el}}$$

1. **Translational Energy:** A molecule possesses translational energy which as a result of motion, its centre of gravity changes
2. **Rotational energy:** It arises when the molecule rotates about an axis perpendicular to the internuclear axis and passing through the centre of gravity of molecule
3. **Vibrational energy:** It arises due to the to and fro motion of the nuclei in the molecule such that the centre of gravity does not change
4. **Electronic energy** is associated with the transition of an electron from the ground state energy level to an excited state energy level of the molecule due to the absorption of a photon of suitable frequency

Rotational spectra of diatomic molecules



The centre of gravity is defined by the equality of moments about it,

$$m_1 r_1 = m_2 r_2 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

The moment of inertia of a diatomic molecule can be given by,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2 \\ &= m_2 r_2 r_1 + m_1 r_1 r_2 \\ &= r_1 r_2 (m_1 + m_2) \dots\dots\dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

As $r = r_1 + r_2$ or, $r_2 = r - r_1$
Thus, $m_1 r_1 = m_2 r_2 = m_2 (r - r_1)$
or, $m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_1 = m_2 r$
Or, $r_1 = m_2 r / m_1 + m_2$

Similarly, $r_2 = m_1 r / m_1 + m_2$

Substituting the values of r_1 and r_2 in Eq. 2, we get

$$I = (m_1 m_2 / m_1 + m_2) r^2 \\ = \mu r^2$$

The energy of a rotating molecule is given by,

$$E_J = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 = \frac{(I \omega)^2}{2I}$$

The angular momentum of a rotating molecule is given by,

$L = I\omega$ where ω is angular velocity

Thus, $E_J = L^2/2I \dots\dots\dots(3)$

The angular momentum L is given by,

$$L = (J(J+1))^{1/2} h/2\pi, \quad J=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\dots\dots$$

Substituting the value of L in Eq. 3, we get

$$E_J = J(J+1)h^2 / 2I \times 4\pi^2$$

$$= (h^2/8\pi^2I) J(J+1), \quad J=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_J \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)} &= E_J / hc && (\text{As } E = hc/\lambda = hc\bar{\nu}, \text{ hence } \bar{\nu} = E/hc) \\
 &= (h/8\pi^2 Ic) J(J+1) \\
 &= B J(J+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

The rotational transitions for a rigid diatomic molecule are governed by the **selection rule**

$$\Delta J = \pm 1$$

For a transition taking place from J to $J+1$, the rotational frequency is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_{J \rightarrow J+1} &= B(J+1)(J+2) - BJ(J+1) \\
 &= 2B(J+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\nu_{0 \rightarrow 1} = 2B$, $\nu_{1 \rightarrow 2} = 4B$ and $\nu_{2 \rightarrow 3} = 6B$

Thus, the rotational lines are **equally spaced** by an amount of **$2B$**

Question: 1

The internuclear distance of CO is 1.13 \AA . Calculate the energy and angular velocity of CO in the 1st excited rotational level?

Given: The atomic masses are: C: $1.99 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$, O: $2.66 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$