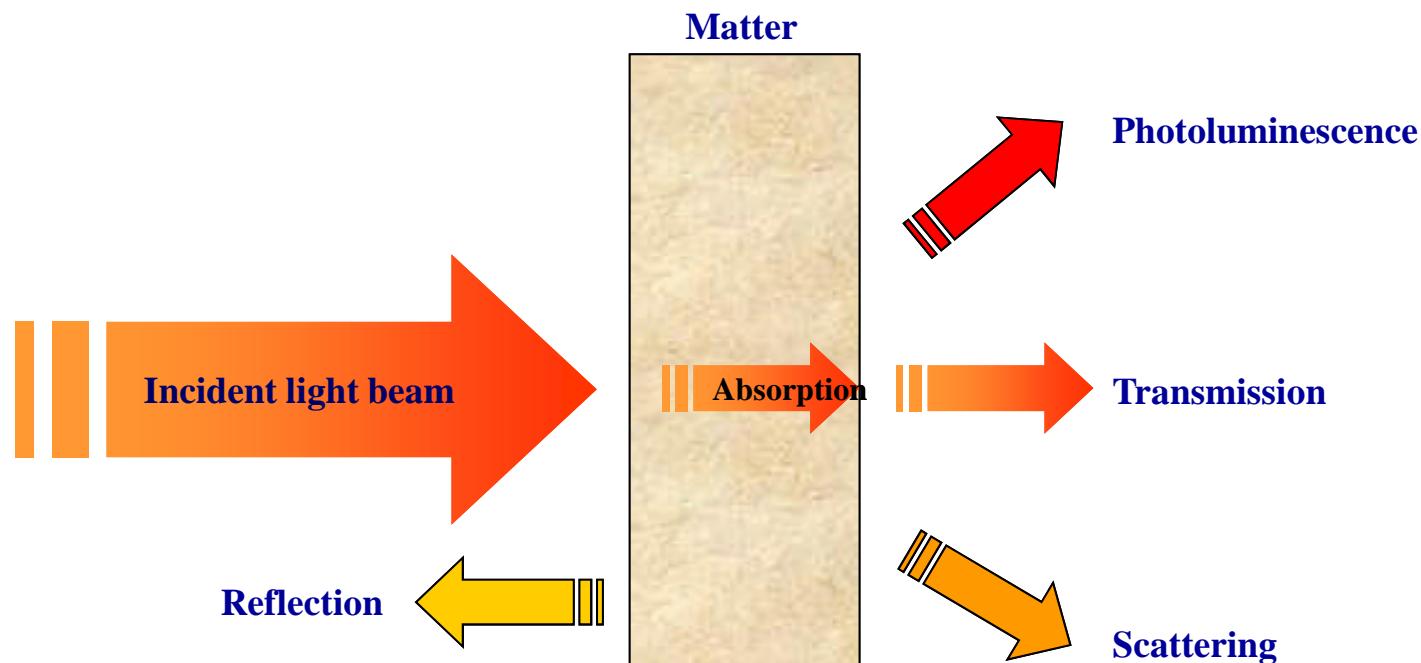


# Principles of Spectroscopy

## Interaction of radiation and matter

If matter is exposed to electromagnetic radiation, e.g. infrared light, the radiation can be absorbed, transmitted, reflected, scattered or undergo photoluminescence. Photoluminescence is a term used to designate a number of effects, including fluorescence, phosphorescence, and Raman scattering.



# Electromagnetic Spectrum

Type of Radiation	Frequency Range (Hz)	Wavelength Range	Type of Transition
Gamma-rays	$10^{20}$ - $10^{24}$	$<10^{-12}$ m	nuclear
X-rays	$10^{17}$ - $10^{20}$	1 nm-1 pm	inner electron
Ultraviolet	$10^{15}$ - $10^{17}$	400 nm-1 nm	outer electron
Visible	$4$ - $7.5 \times 10^{14}$	750 nm-400 nm	outer electron
Near-infrared	$1 \times 10^{14}$ - $4 \times 10^{14}$	2.5 $\mu$ m-750 nm	outer electron molecular vibrations
Infrared	$10^{13}$ - $10^{14}$	25 $\mu$ m-2.5 $\mu$ m	molecular vibrations
Microwaves	$3 \times 10^{11}$ - $10^{13}$	1 mm-25 $\mu$ m	molecular rotations, electron spin flips*
Radio waves	$<3 \times 10^{11}$	>1 mm	>1 mm

**The complement of the absorbed light gets transmitted.**

**The color of an object we see is due to the wavelengths transmitted or reflected.  
Other wavelengths are absorbed.**

**The more absorbed, the darker the color (the more concentrated the solution).**

**In spectrochemical methods, we measure the absorbed radiation.**

**Table 16.1**  
**Colors of Different Wavelength Regions**

Wavelength Absorbed (nm)	Absorbed Color	Transmitted Color (Complement)
380–450	Violet	Yellow-green
450–495	Blue	Yellow
495–570	Green	Violet
570–590	Yellow	Blue
590–620	Orange	Green-blue
620–750	Red	Blue-green

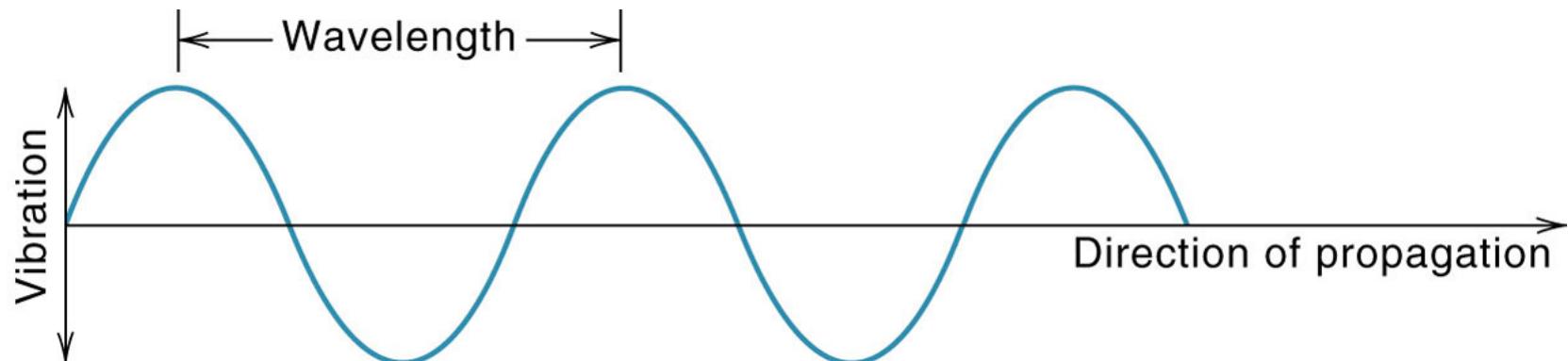
**The distance of one cycle is the wavelength ( $\lambda$ ).**

**The frequency ( $\nu$ ) is the number of cycles passing a fixed point per unit time.**

$\lambda = c/\nu$  ( $c$  = velocity of light,  $3 \times 10^{10}$  cm s $^{-1}$ ).

**The shorter the wavelength, the higher the energy:  $E = h\nu$**

**This is why UV radiation from the sun burns you.**



**Fig. 16.1. Wave motion of electromagnetic radiation.**

We see only a very small portion of the electromagnetic spectrum .

In spectrochemical methods, we measure the absorption of UV to far IR radiation.

**UV = 200-380 nm**

**VIS = 280-780 nm**

**IR = 0.78  $\mu\text{m}$ -300  $\mu\text{m}$**

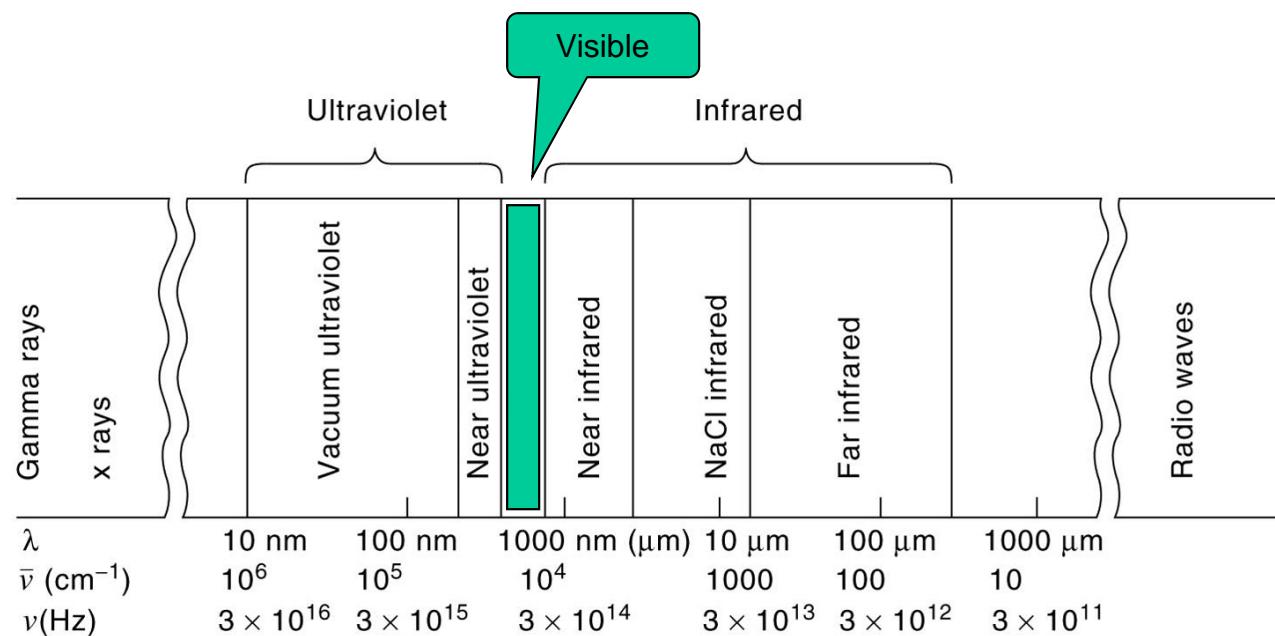
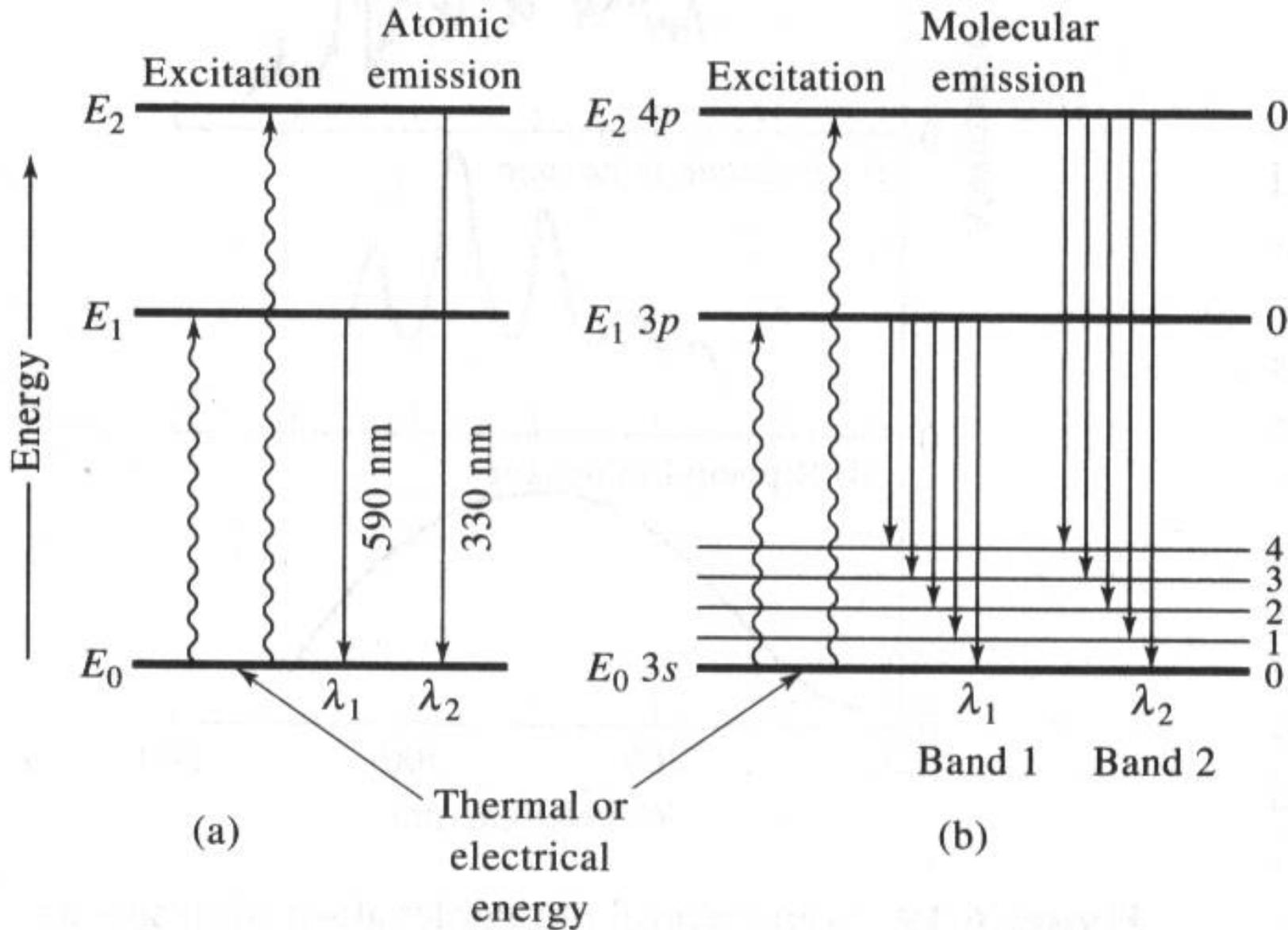


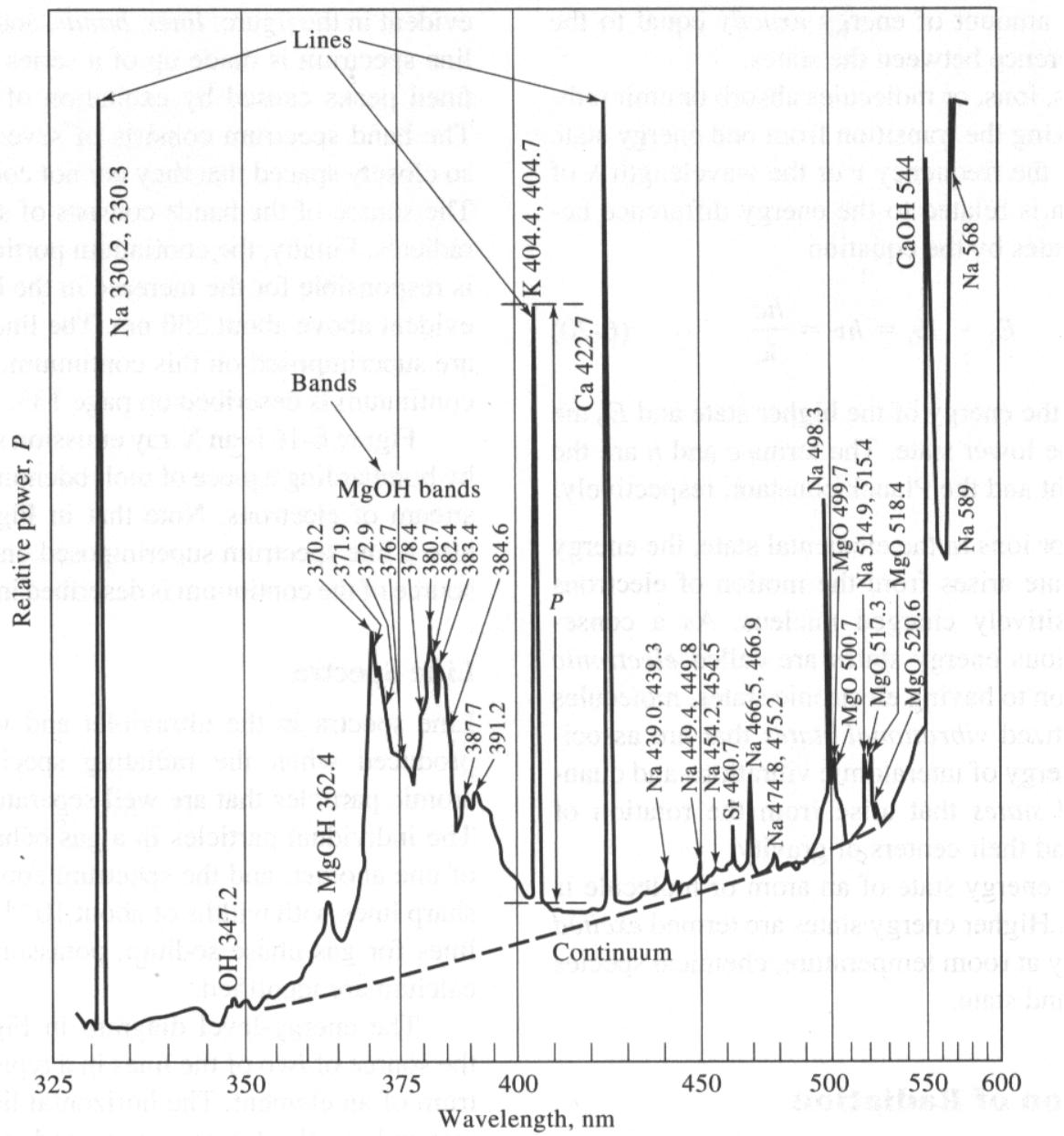
Fig. 16.2. Electromagnetic spectrum.

# TYPES OF OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS

- Spectroscope: uses human eye as a detector
- Spectrograph: photographic emulsion used as detector
- Spectrometer: has photoelectric readout
  1. Monochromator: one exit slit, Greek for "one color"
  2. Polychromator: multiple exit slits
- Spectrophotometer: electronics takes ratio of two beams (%T), may be at same or different wavelengths, may be single beam or double beam

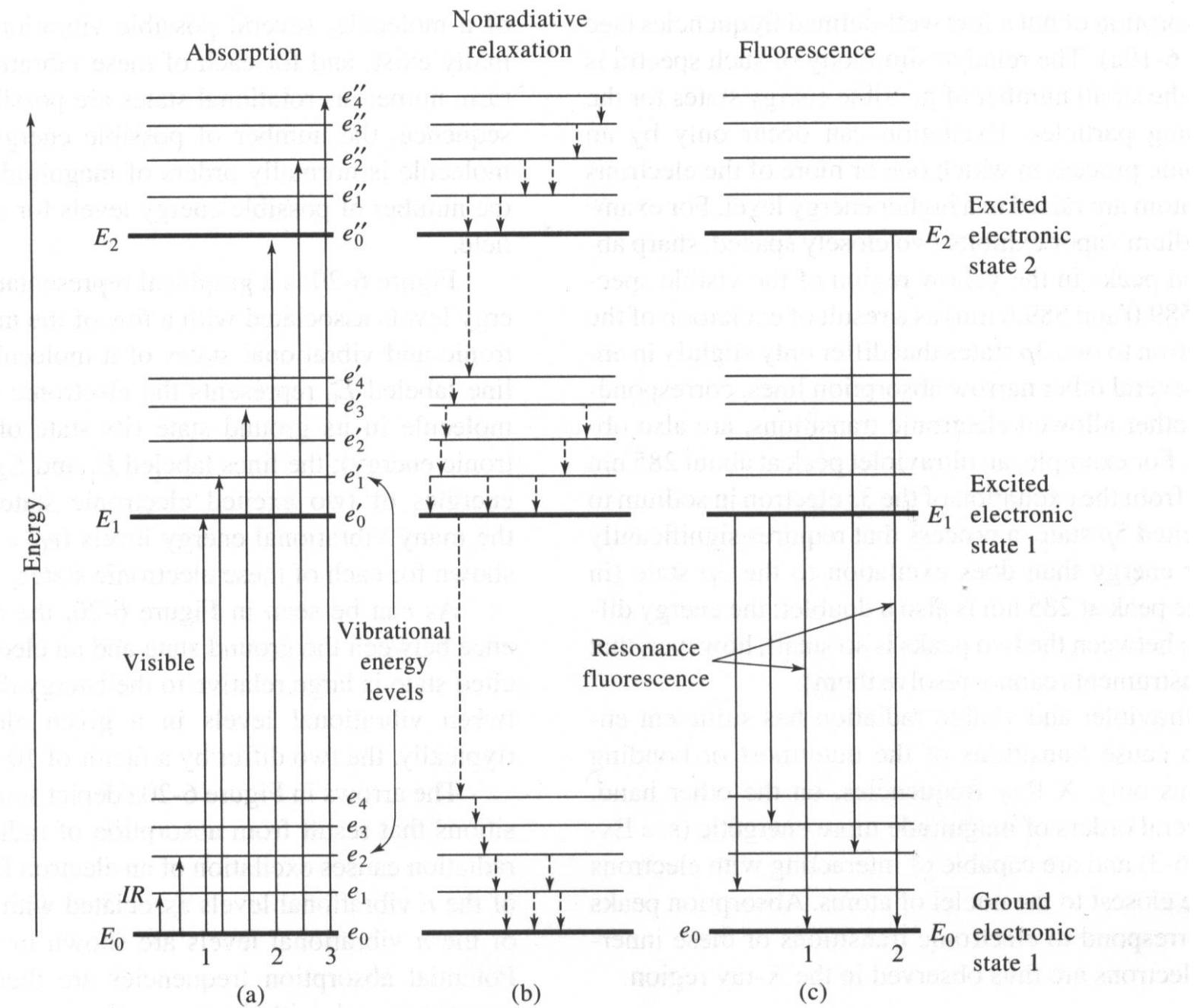
# Atomic versus Molecular Transitions





**Figure 6-15** Emission spectrum of a brine obtained with an oxyhydrogen flame.

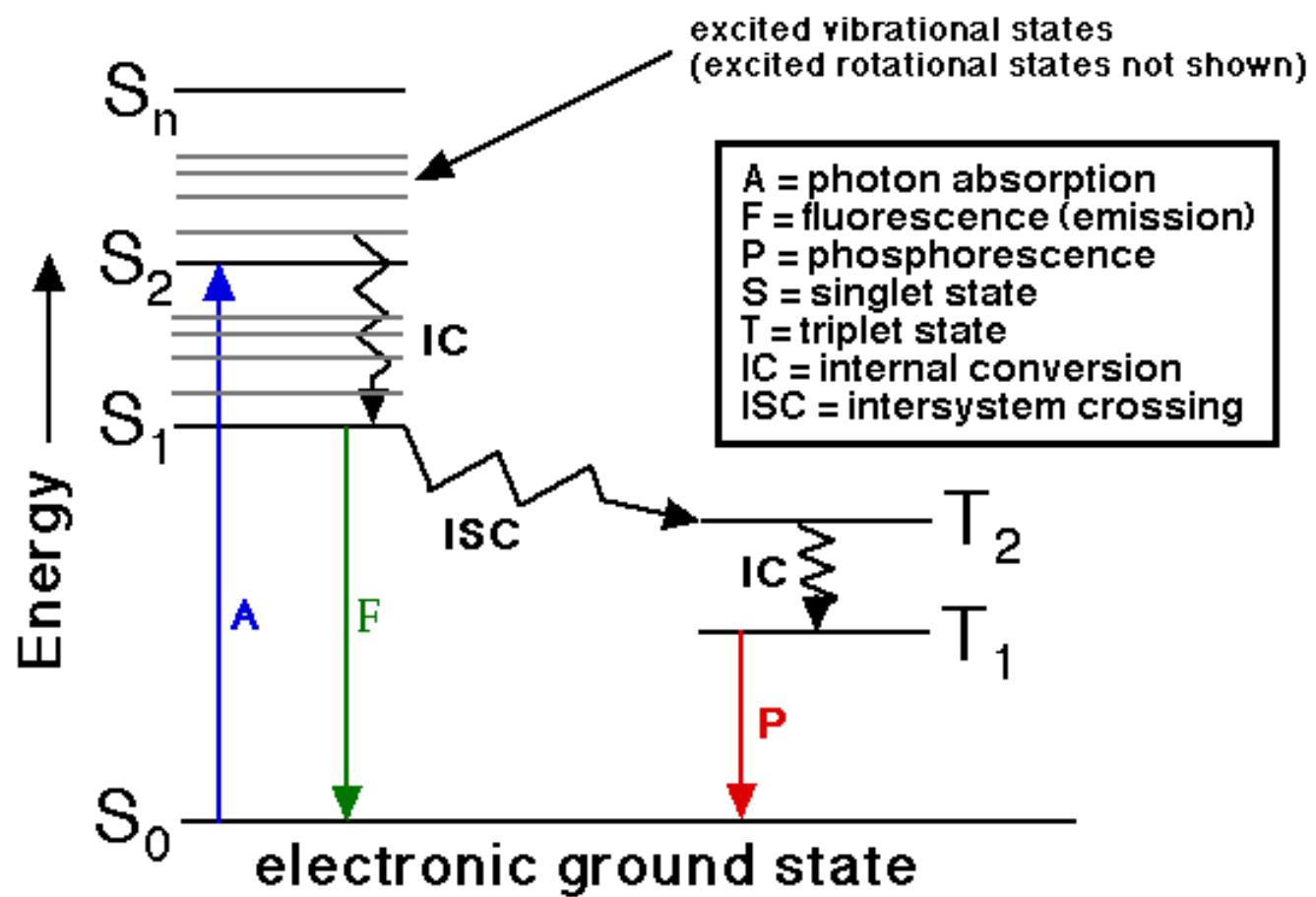
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**Figure 6-20** Partial energy-level diagrams for a fluorescent organic molecule.

# Various Relaxation (de-excitation) Modes

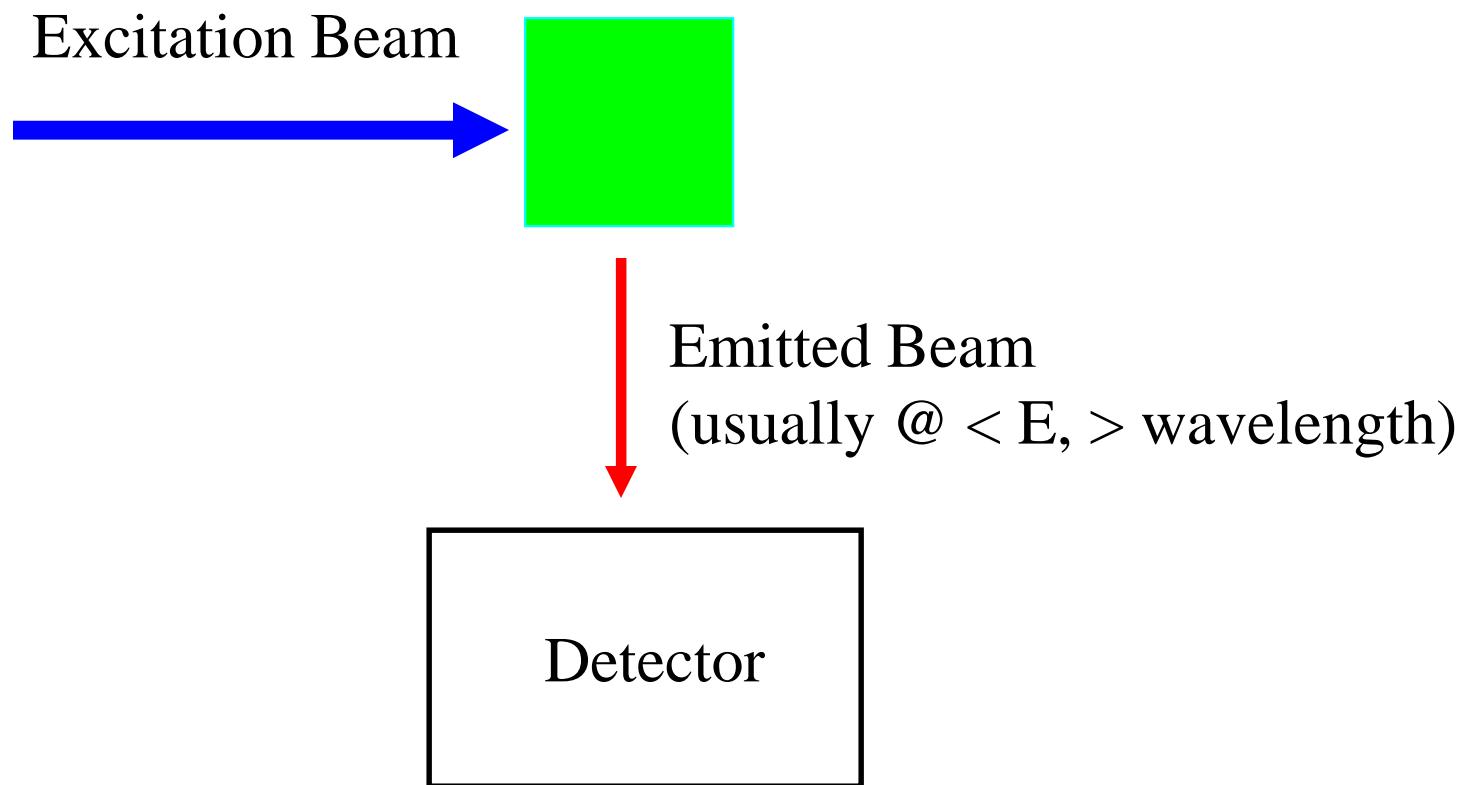
- **Relaxation by emission of the same wavelength**
  - atomic
  - refer back to the emission spectra of brine
- **Non-radiative**
  - molecular usually
- **Fluorescence**
  - molecular usually
- **Phosphorescence**
  - molecular usuall

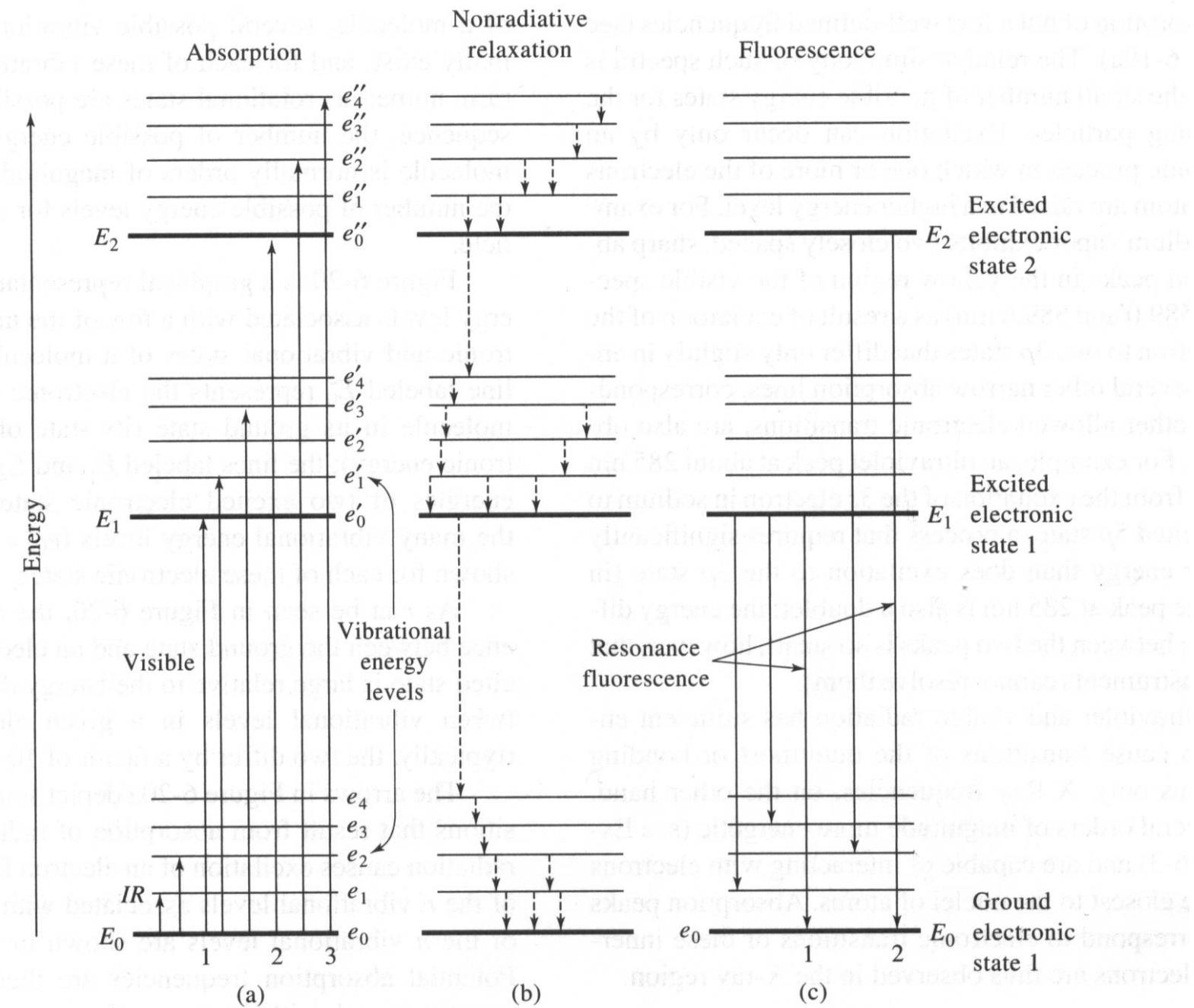


# Phosphorescence

- A molecule is excited by EM radiation
- A transition takes place from some state (usually ground) to an excited state
- Relaxation back to that ground state takes place over relatively long periods
  - The excited state is actually a metastable state, meaning that it is more stable than an excited state but still less stable (thermodynamically) than the ground state
  - E-5 seconds to minutes or hours after excitation
- Chemiluminescence
  - light sticks, etc.....

# Fluorescence and Phosphorescence Instruments.....

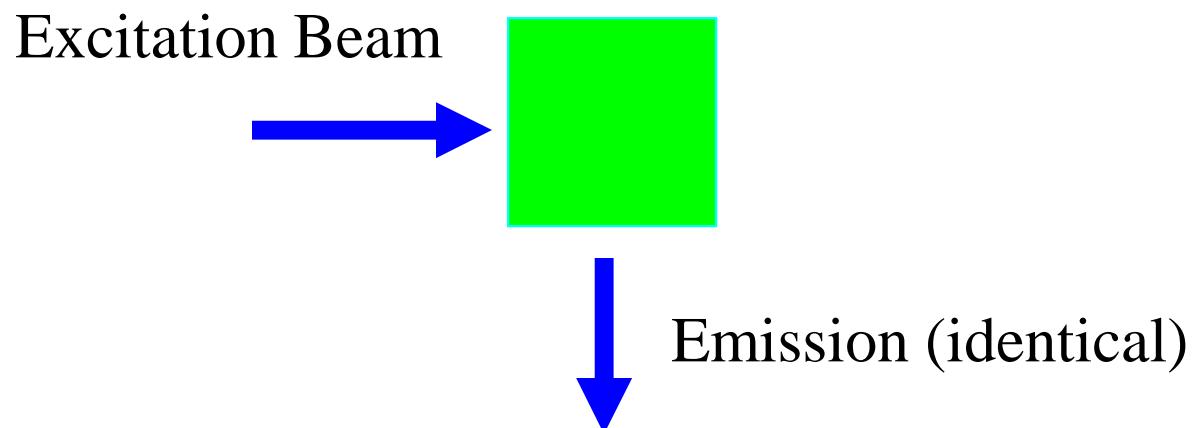




**Figure 6-20** Partial energy-level diagrams for a fluorescent organic molecule.

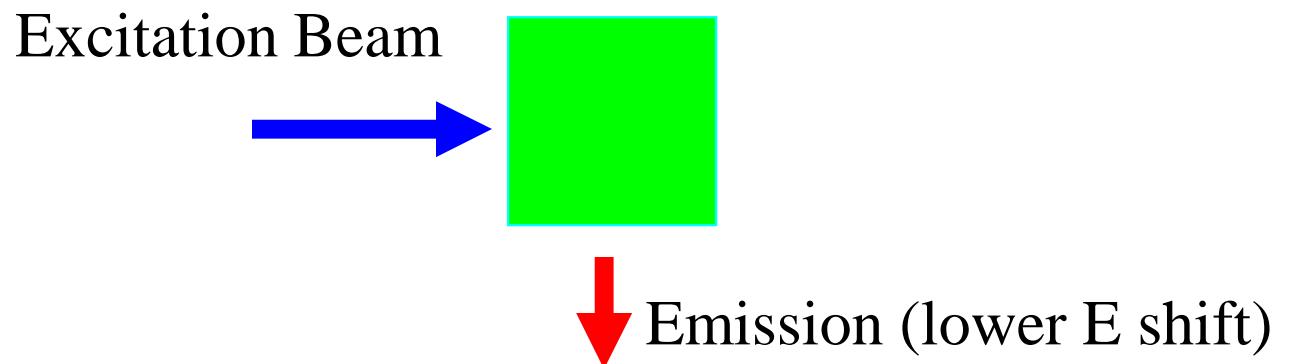
# Fluorescence

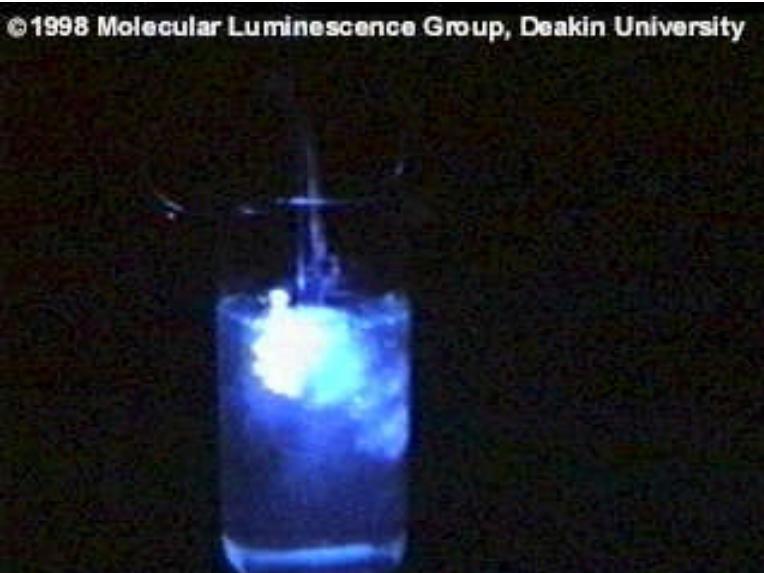
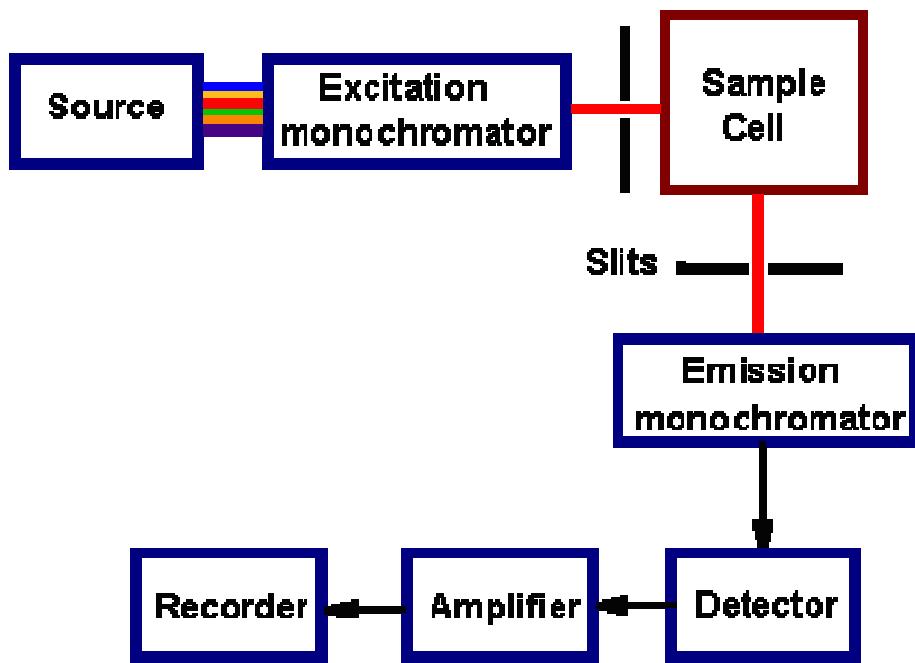
- **Resonance Fluorescence**
  - Usually atomic
  - Emitted light has same E as excitation light
  - Simpler, atomic systems with fewer energy states (vs molecules) undergo resonance fluorescence
- **Not as widely used in analytical chemistry as non-resonance fluorescence**
  - Hg analysis is one example



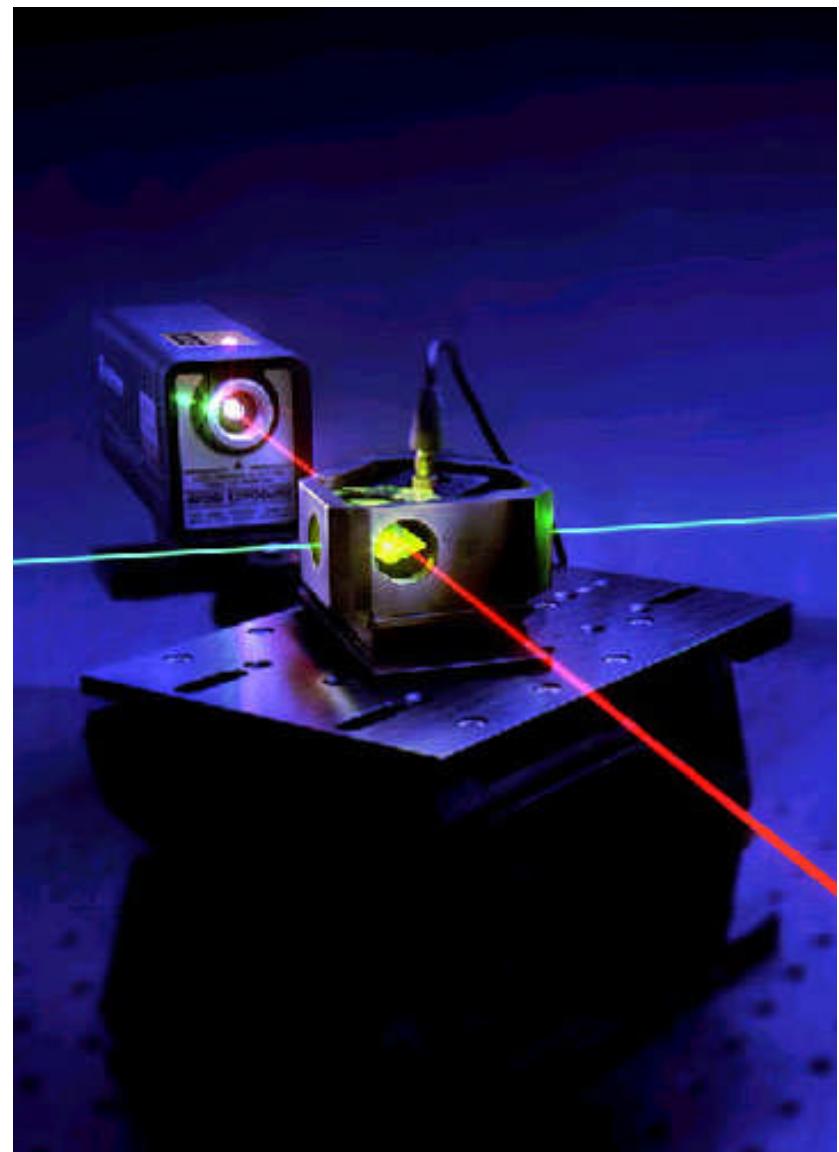
# Non-resonance Fluorescence

- **Typical of molecular fluorescence**
- **Large number of excited states**
  - rotational
  - vibrational
  - etc..
- **Molecules relax by ‘stepping’ from one state to another**
- **Resulting emitted light “shifts” to lower energies**
  - longer wavelengths
  - Stokes Shift





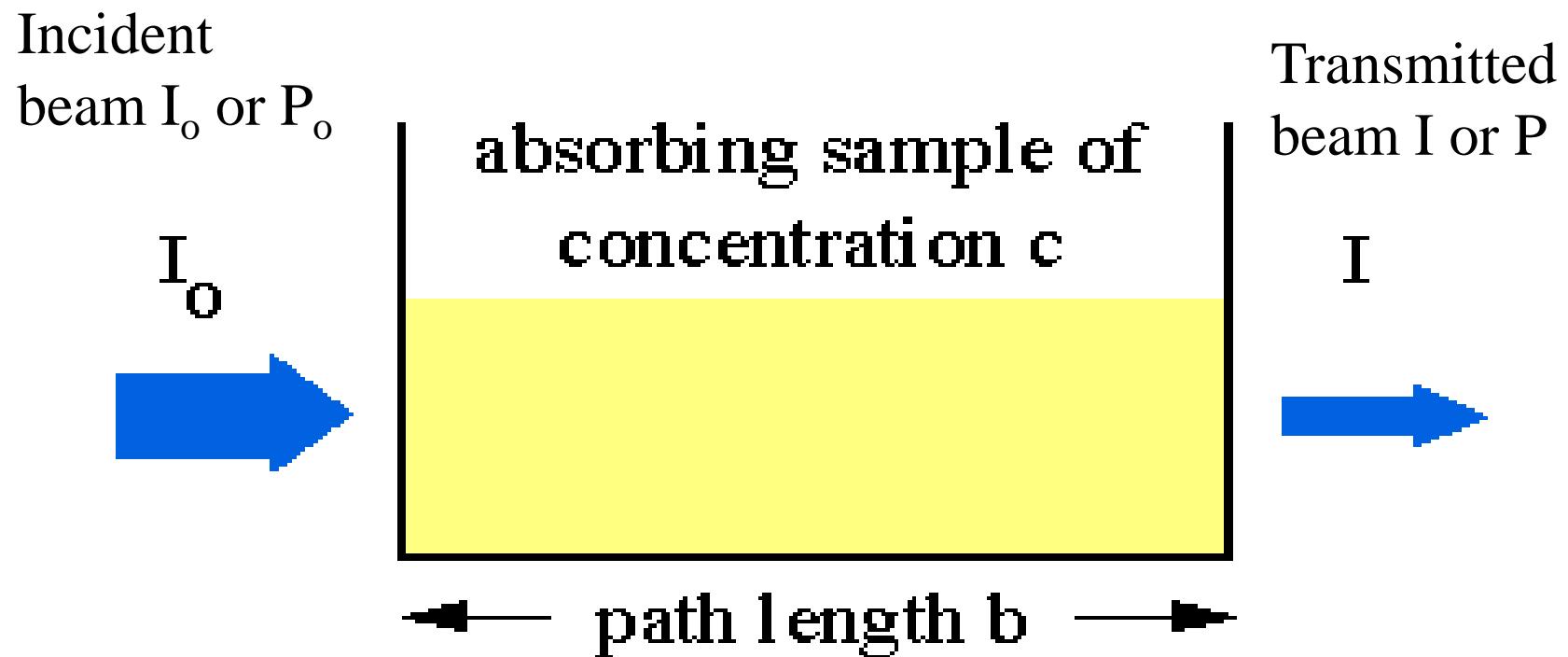
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## **Some Basic Concepts.....**

- **Why are even “line” spectra not truly lines?**
  - They are really broad distributions that are just over a range of about 1 nm or less.
- **Some of this (especially with respect to lines) is due to the uncertainty principle!**
- **Remember, than an atom or molecule does not go from one distinct energy state to another**
  - it goes from some “high probability’ state to another “high probability” state
  - we can never know the exact energy
  - limited by  $\hbar/\Delta t$
  - Heisenberg’s Uncertainty Principle in action!

# Absorption of Light by a Sample in UV-Vis and IR Spectroscopy



# Quantitative Relationships for Optical Spectroscopy

- Beer's Law (you should know)
- Definitions:  $P_0$  = incident light intensity,  $P$  = transmitted light intensity
- Transmittance:

$$T = \frac{I}{I_o} \quad \% T = 100 \times T$$

- Absorbance
  - $A = abc$  “c” in gm/l
  - $A = \epsilon bc$  “c” in moles/l
- $bC = \text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{mol}/1000 \text{ cm}^3 = \text{mol}/1000 \text{ cm}^2$
- a units  $\text{cm}^2/\text{gm}$   $\epsilon$  unit =  $\text{cm}^2/\text{mol}$
- (old literature often  $\text{dm}^2/\text{gm}$ )

$$A = -\log T = \log \left( \frac{I_o}{I} \right) = \epsilon bc$$

# Limitations of the Beer-Lambert law

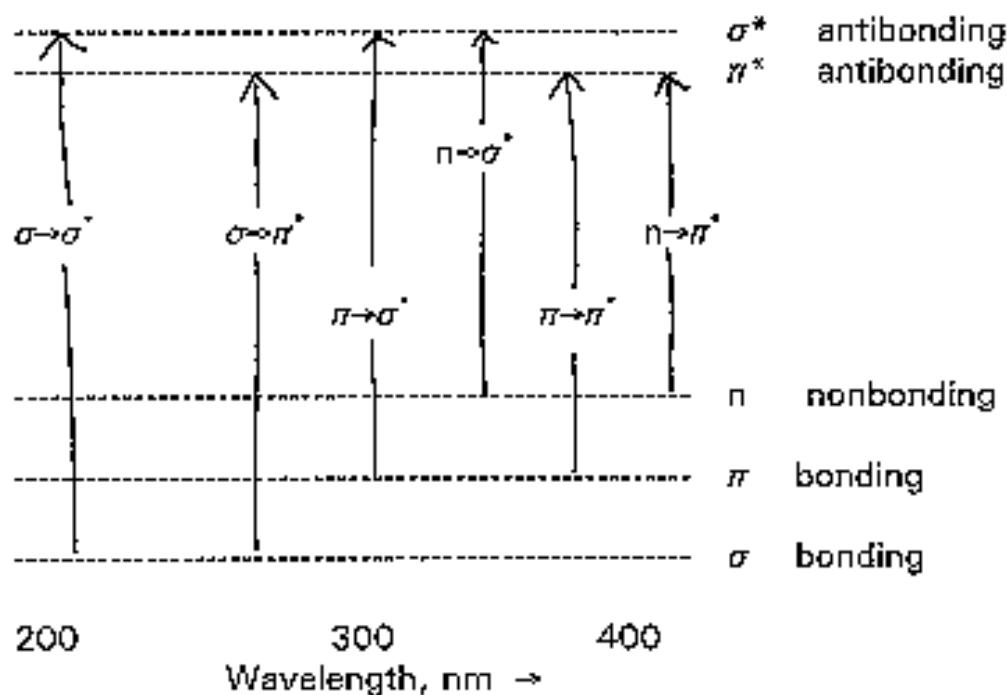
The linearity of the Beer-Lambert law is limited by chemical and instrumental factors. Causes of nonlinearity include:

- deviations in absorptivity coefficients at high concentrations ( $>0.01M$ ) due to electrostatic interactions between molecules in close proximity
- Interaction with solvent: hydrogen bonding
- scattering of light due to particulates in the sample
- fluorescence or phosphorescence- a positive deviation in % T and negative deviation for A
- changes in refractive index at high analyte concentration
- shifts in chemical equilibria as a function of concentration
- non-monochromatic radiation, deviations can be minimized by using a relatively flat part of the absorption spectrum such as the maximum of an absorption band
- stray light

# Chromophores and Auxophores

Group	$\nu$ (10 cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\epsilon$ (L mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
$\text{C}=\text{C}$	55	182	250
	57.3	174	16,000
	58.6	170	16,500
	62	162	10,000
	58	172	2,500
$\text{C}=\text{O}$	34	295	10
	54	185	Strong
$\text{C}=\text{S}$	22	460	Weak
$-\text{NO}_2$	36	277	10
	47.5	210	10,000
$-\text{N}=\text{N}-$	28.8	347	15
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	>38.5	<260	Strong
	39	255	200
	50	200	6,300
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# Energy Levels in UV-Vis Molecular Spectroscopy



# Electronic Transitions in UV Region

Wavelength	Functional Group	Transition
177 nm	-C=C-	pi -----> pi*
178	C≡C	p i-----> pi*
280	-C=O	n -----> sigma *, n-----> pi *
204	-COOH	n -----> pi *
214	-CNO (amide)	n -----> pi *
339	-N=N-	n -----> pi *
280	-NO <sub>2</sub>	n -----> pi *
270	-NO <sub>3</sub>	n -----> pi *

# Chromophores and auxophores

Group	$\nu$ (10 cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\epsilon$ (L mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
-Cl	58	172	-
-Br	49	204	1800
-I	38.8	258	-
	49.7	201	1200
-OH	55	183	200
	67	150	1900
-SH	43	232	160
-NH <sub>2</sub>	46.5	215	580
	52.5	190	3200
-S-	44	228	620
	46.5	215	700
	49.3	203	2300

**These groups absorb in the UV or visible regions.**

**Table 16.2**

**Electronic Absorption Bands for Representative Chromophores<sup>a</sup>**

Chromophore	System	$\lambda_{\max}$	$\epsilon_{\max}$
Amine	$-\text{NH}_2$	195	2,800
Ethylene	$-\text{C}=\text{C}-$	190	8,000
	$\backslash$	195	1,000
Ketone	$\text{C}=\text{O}$	270–285	18–30
Aldehyde	$-\text{CHO}$	210	Strong
		280–300	11–18
Nitro	$-\text{NO}_2$	210	Strong
Nitrite	$-\text{ONO}$	220–230	1,000–2,000
		300–400	10
Azo	$-\text{N}=\text{N}-$	285–400	3–25
Benzene		184	46,700
		202	6,900
		255	170
Naphthalene		220	112,000
		275	5,600
		312	175
Anthracene		252	199,000
		375	7,900

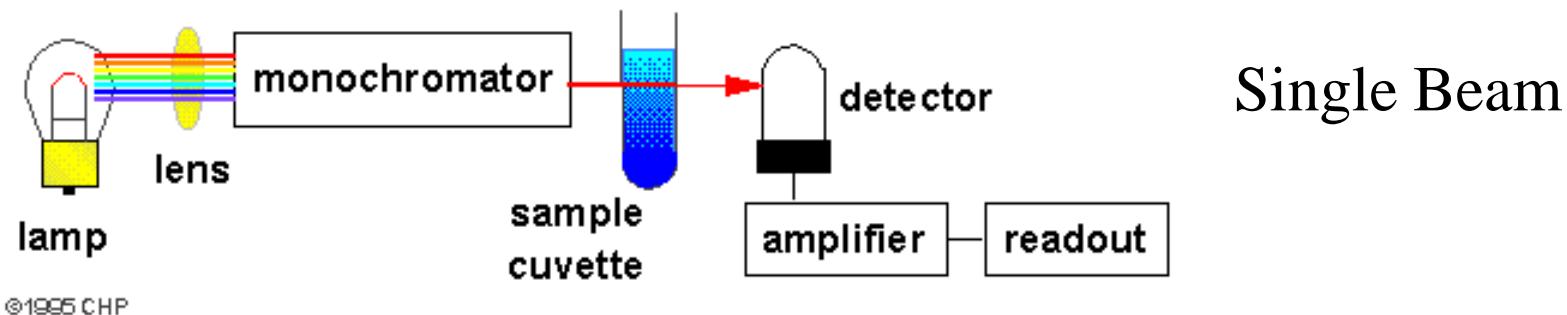
# Absorption Characteristics of Aromatic Compounds

Compound		E <sub>2</sub> Band		B Band	
		$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{\max}$	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{\max}$
Benzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	204	7,900	256	200
Toluene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	207	7,000	261	300
M-Xylene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-----	-----	263	300
Chlorobenzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	210	7,600	265	240
Phenol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	211	6,200	270	1,450
Phenolate ion	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sup>-</sup>	235	9,400	287	2,600
Aniline	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	230	8,600	280	1,430
Anilinium ion	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	203	7,500	254	160
Thiophenol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> SH	236	10,000	269	700
Naphthalene	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	286	9,300	312	289
Styrene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	244	12,000	282	450

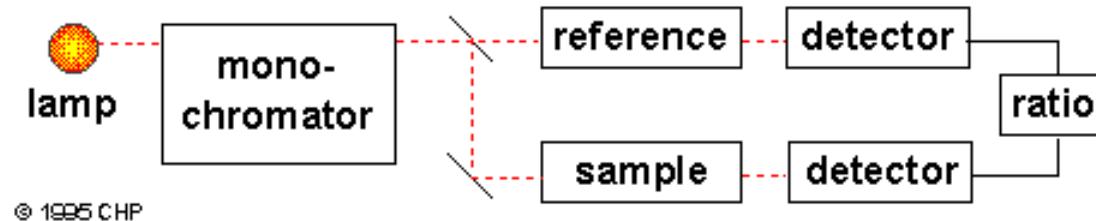
# Effect of Ligands on Absorption Maxima Associated with d $\rightarrow$ d Transitions

Central Ion	$\lambda_{\text{max}}(\text{nm})$ for the Indicated Ligands				
	Increasing Ligand Field Strength →				
	6Cl <sup>-</sup>	6H <sub>2</sub> O	6NH <sub>3</sub>	3en	6CN <sup>-</sup>
Cr(III)	736	573	462	456	380
Co(III)	----	538	534	428	294
Co(II)	----	1345	980	909	-----
Ni(II)	1370	1279	925	863	-----
Cu(II)	----	794	663	610	-----

# PMT: Photomultiplier Tubes



Double Beam



# Absorption Measurements

- Procedure
  - 1) Set 0 % T to record dark current---- block light path
  - 2) Set 100 % T --- record pure solvent
  - 3) Measure sample signal --- determine T or % T or A
- Problems
  - 1) Scattering
  - 2) Reflection
  - 3) Inhomogeneities
  - 4) Stray light

# Theory of Vibrational Spectroscopy

The model of molecular vibrations is given by the **anharmonic oscillator**. The potential energy is then calculated by the Morse equation, and is asymmetric. The energy levels are no longer equally spaced, and are given by:

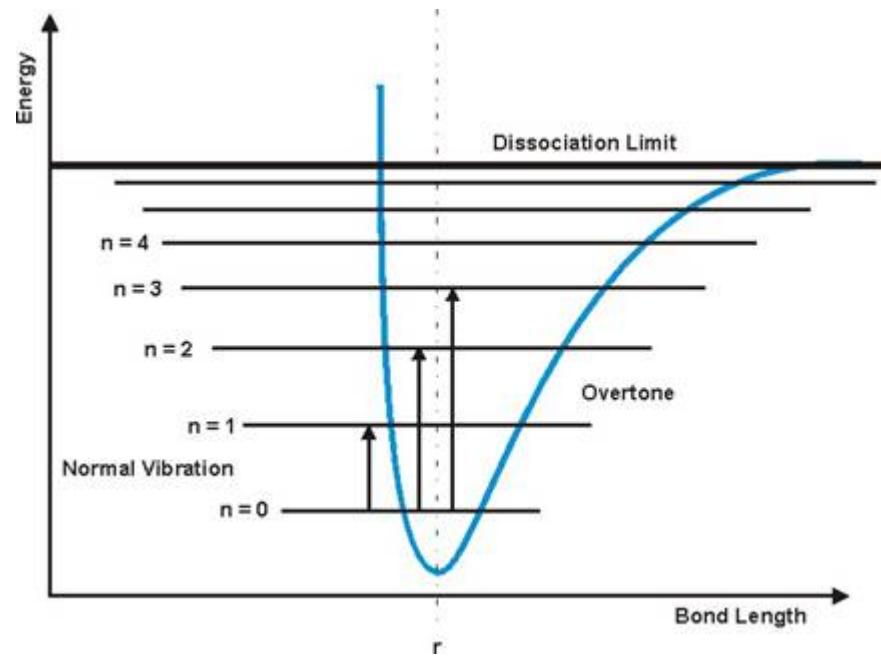
$$E_v = (v + \frac{1}{2}) h \cdot v - (v + \frac{1}{2})^2 x_{\text{Gl}} h \cdot v$$

where  $x_{\text{Gl}}$  is the anharmonicity constant.

The anharmonic oscillator model allows for two important effects:

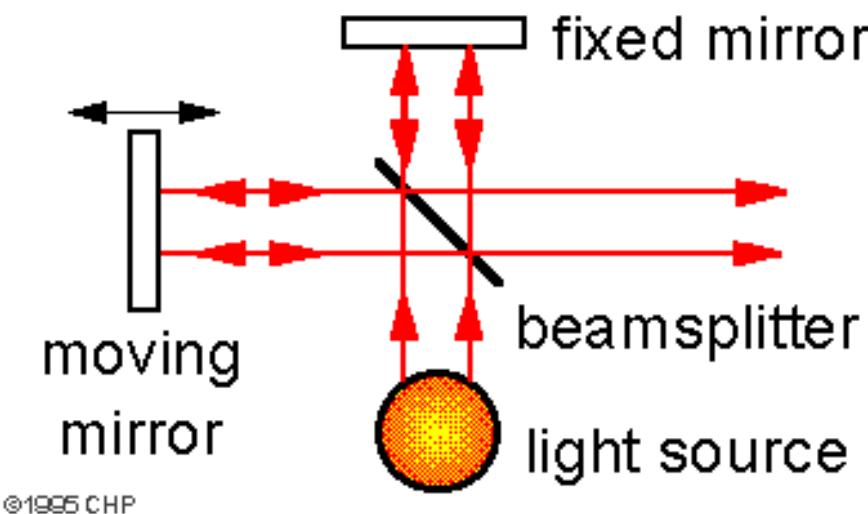
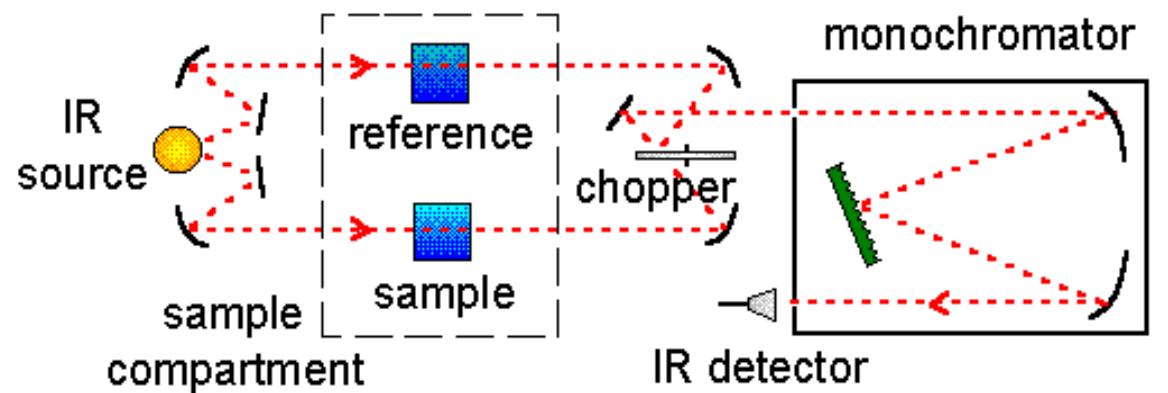
- 1) As two atoms approach each other, the repulsion will increase very rapidly.
- 2) If a sufficiently large vibrational energy is reached the molecule will dissociate (break apart). This is called the dissociation energy.

In the case of the anharmonic oscillator, the vibrational transitions no longer only obey the selection rule  $\Delta v = \pm 1$ . This type of vibrational transition is called **fundamental vibration**. Vibrational transitions with  $\Delta v = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$  are also possible, and are termed **overtones**.



Potential energy curve for an anharmonic oscillator

# Infrared Spectrometer Designs



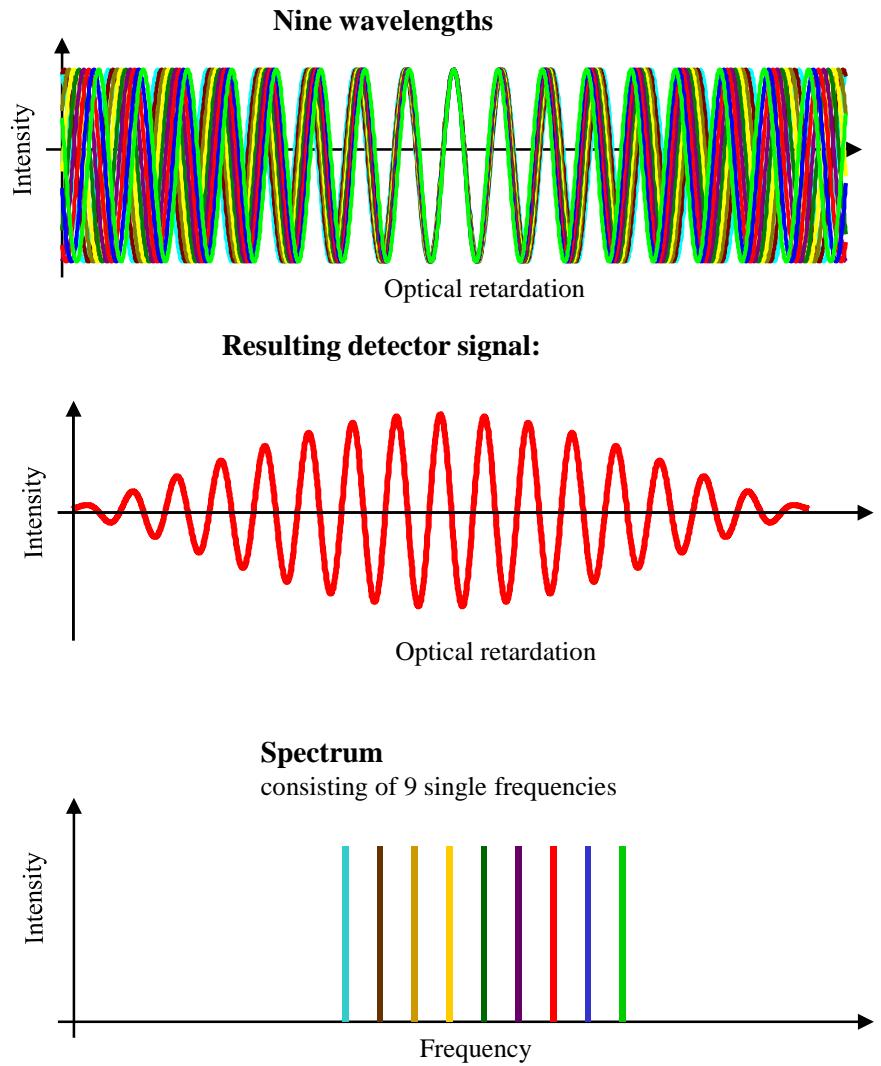
Dispersive IR (top)  
Michelson Interferometer  
For FTIR (bottom)

## Origin of the interferogram

Since spectrometers are equipped with a polychromatic light source (i.e. many wavelengths) the interference already mentioned occurs at **each** wavelength, as shown in the upper figure on the right. The interference patterns produced by each wavelength are summed to get the resulting interferogram, as shown in the second figure.

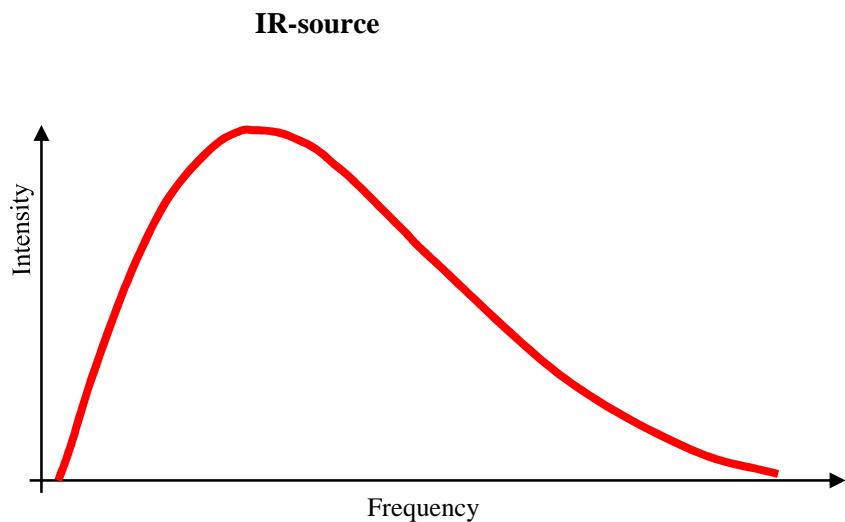
At the zero path difference of the moving mirror ( $\Delta x=0$ ) both paths all wavelengths have a phase difference of zero, and therefore undergo constructive interference. The intensity is therefore a maximum value. As the optical retardation increases, each wavelength undergoes constructive and destructive interference at different mirror positions.

The third figure shows the intensity as a function of frequency (I.e. the spectrum), and we now have nine lines.

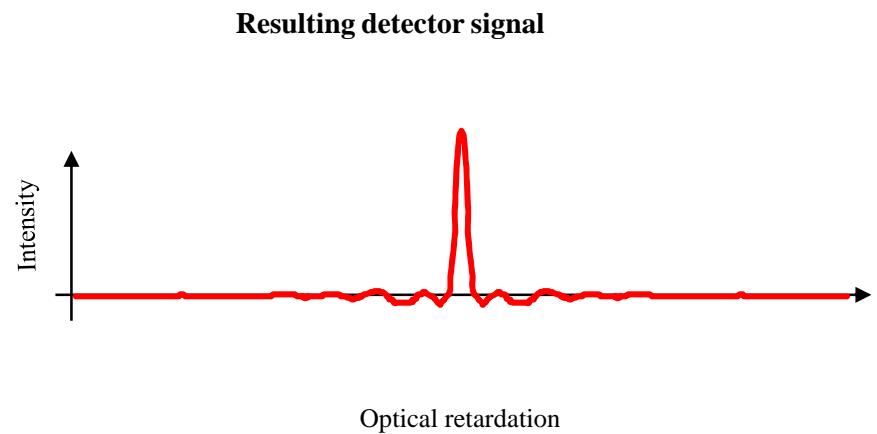


## Origin of the interferogram

Spectrometers are equipped with a broadband light source, which yields a continuous, infinite number, of wavelengths, as shown in the figure on the left. The interferogram is the continuous sum, i.e. the integral, of all the interference patterns produced by each wavelength. This results in the intensity curve as function of the optical retardation shown in the second figure. At the zero path difference of the interferometer ( $\Delta x=0$ ) all wavelengths undergo constructive interference and sum to a maximum signal. As the optical retardation increases different wavelengths undergo constructive and destructive interference at different points, and the intensity therefore changes with retardation. For a broadband source, however, all the interference patterns will never simultaneously be in phase except at the point of zero path difference, and the maximum signal occurs only at this point. This maximum in the signal is referred to as the “centerburst”



*Frequency distribution of a black body source*

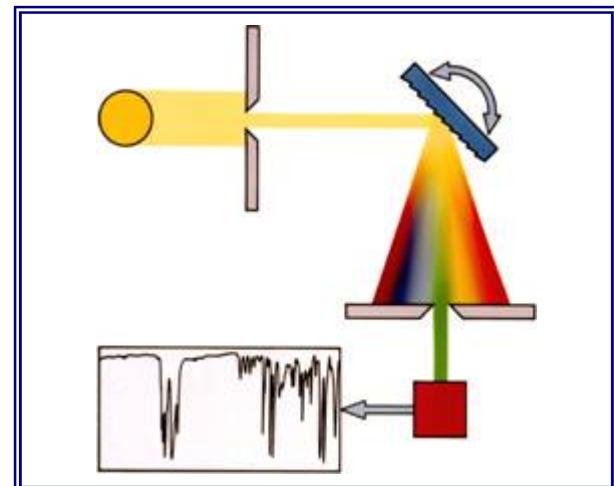


*Resulting interferogram (detector signal after modulation by a Michelson interferometer)*

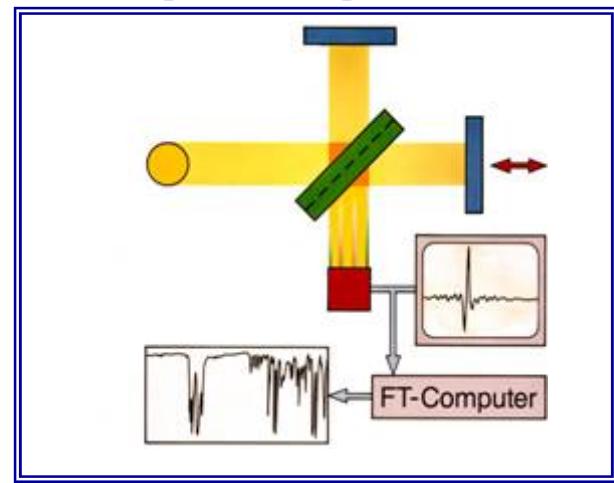
# Advantages of FTIR spectroscopy

- 1) The sampling interval of the interferogram,  $\delta x$ , is the distance between zero-crossings of the HeNe laser interferogram, and is therefore precisely determined by the laser wavelength. Since the point spacing in the resulting spectrum,  $\delta$ , is inversely proportional to  $\delta x$ , FT-IR spectrometers have an intrinsically highly precise wavenumber scale (typically a few hundredths of a wavenumber). This advantage of FT spectrometers is known as **CONNES' advantage**.
- 2) The **JAQUINOT advantage** arises from the fact that the circular apertures used in FTIR spectrometers has a larger area than the slits used in grating spectrometers, thus enabling higher throughput of radiation.
- 3) In grating spectrometers the spectrum  $S(v)$  is measured directly by recording the intensity at successive, narrow, wavelength ranges. In FT-IR spectrometers all wavelengths from the IR source impinge simultaneously on the detector. This leads to the multiplex, or **FELLGETT'S, advantage**.

The combination of the Jaquinot and Fellgett advantages means that the signal-to-noise ratio of an FT spectrometer can be more than 10 times that of a dispersive spectrometer.



Dispersive IR spectrometer



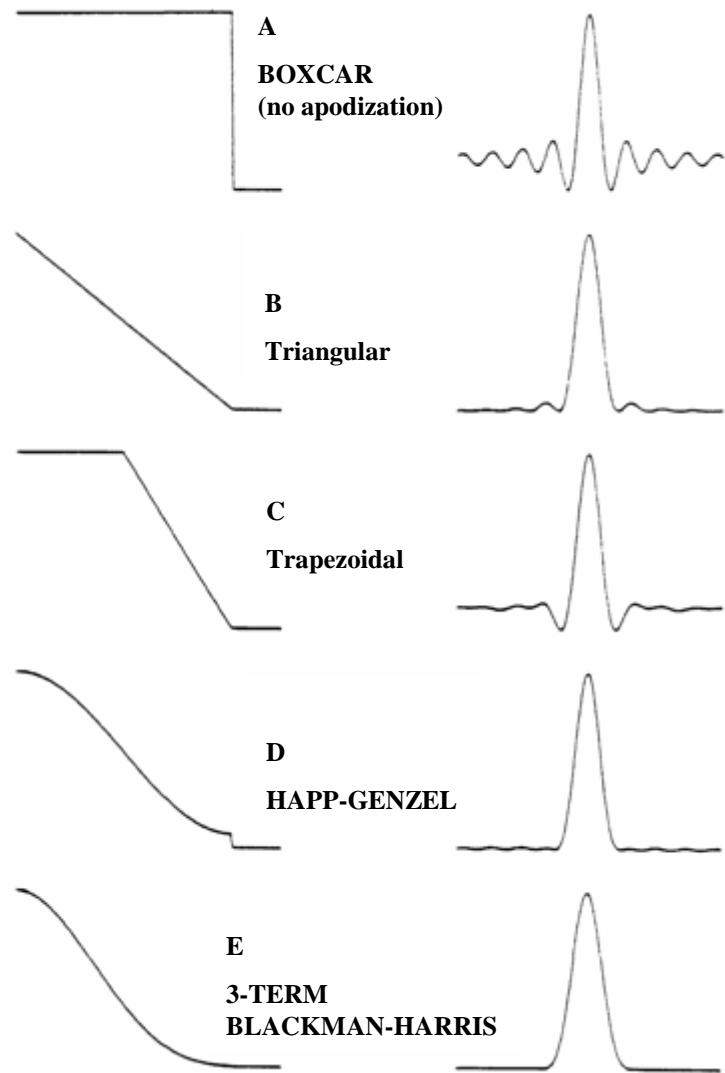
FT-IR spectrometer

## Apodization

In a real measurement, the interferogram can only be measured for a finite distance of mirror travel. The resulting interferogram can be thought of as an infinite length interferogram multiplied by a boxcar function that is equal to 1 in the range of measurement and 0 elsewhere. This sudden truncation of the interferogram leads to a  $\text{sinc}(\ )$  (i.e.  $\sin(\ )/\ )$ ) instrumental lineshape. For an infinitely narrow spectral line, the peak shape is shown at the top of the figure on the right. The oscillations around the base of the peak are referred to as “ringing”, or “leakage”.

The solution to the leakage problem is to truncate the interferogram less abruptly. This can be achieved by multiplying the interferogram by a function that is 1 at the centerburst and close to 0 at the end of the interferogram. This is called apodization, and the simplest such function is a ramp, or “triangular apodization”.

The choice of a particular apodization function depends on the objectives of the measurement. If the maximum resolution of  $0.61/L$  is required, then boxcar apodization (i.e no apodization) is used. If a resolution loss of 50% (compared to the maximum resolution of  $0.61/L$ ) can be tolerated, the HAPPEGENZEL or, even better, 3-Term BLACKMAN-HARRIS function is recommended.

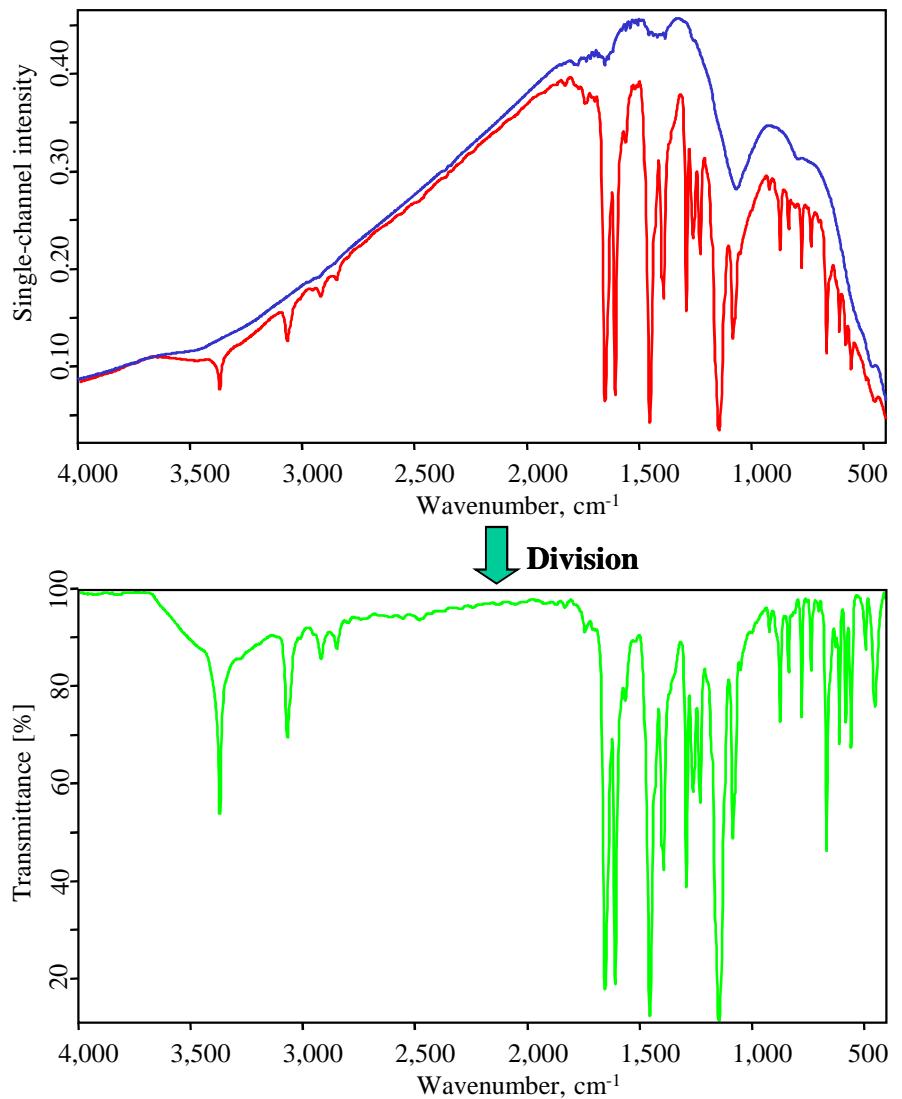


# Transmission spectrum

To calculate the transmission spectrum the following steps need to be performed:

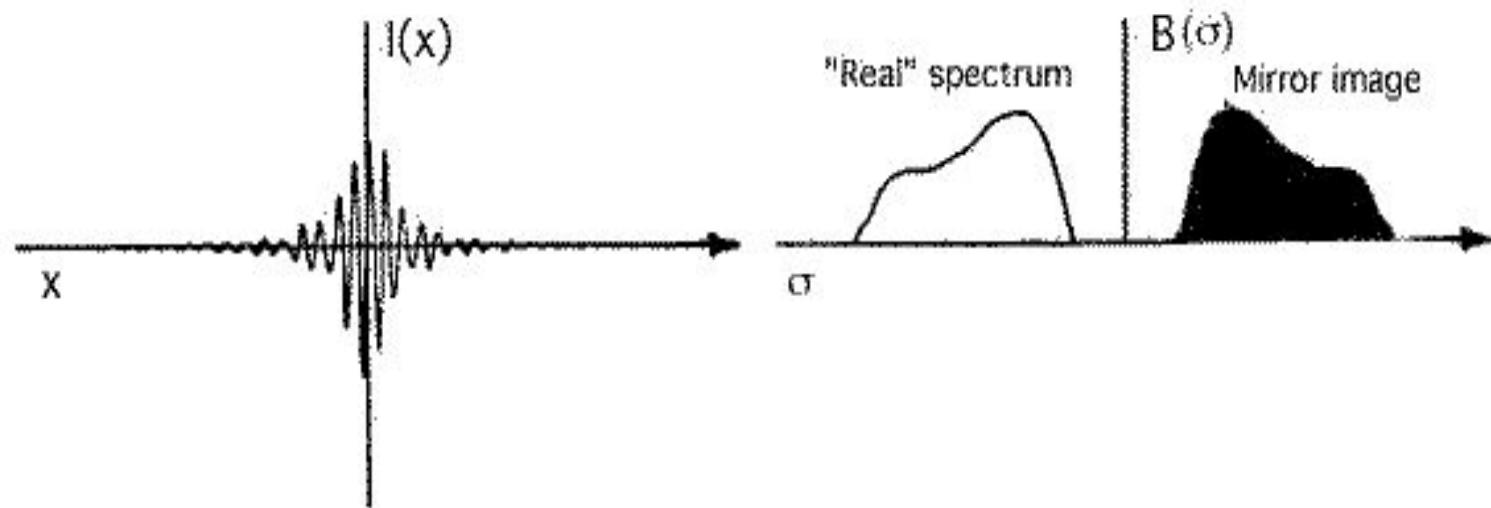
- an interferogram measured without any sample in the optical path is Fourier transformed. This results in the so-called single-channel reference spectrum ( $v$ ).
- A second interferogram, measured with the sample in the optical path, is Fourier transformed. This results in the single-channel sample spectrum  $S(v)$ .  $S(v)$  looks similar to the reference spectrum, but shows less intensity at those wavenumbers where the sample absorbs radiation.
- The final transmission spectrum  $T(v)$  is obtained by dividing the sample spectrum by the reference spectrum:

$$T(v) = S(v)/R(v)$$



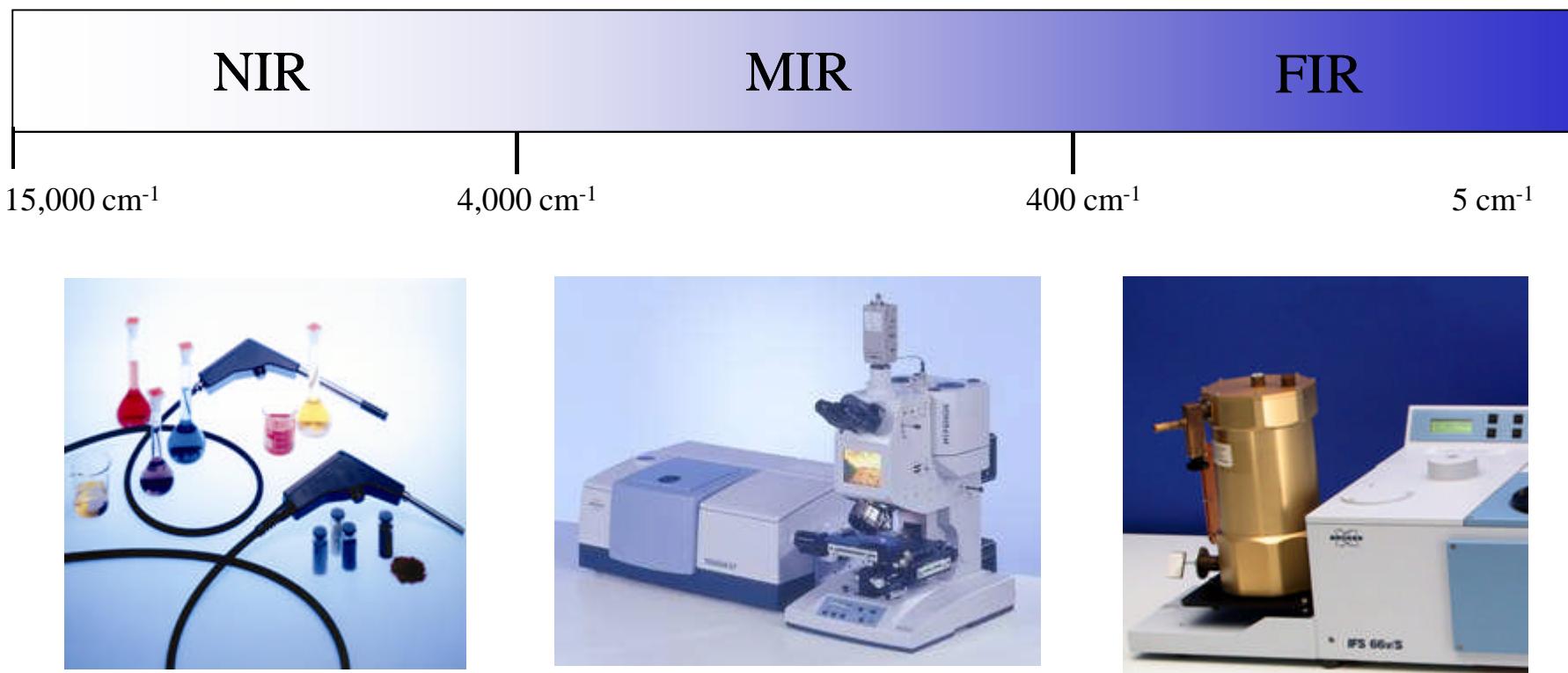
# Fourier Transform

INTERFEROGRAM  $\rightarrow$  Cosine Fourier Transform



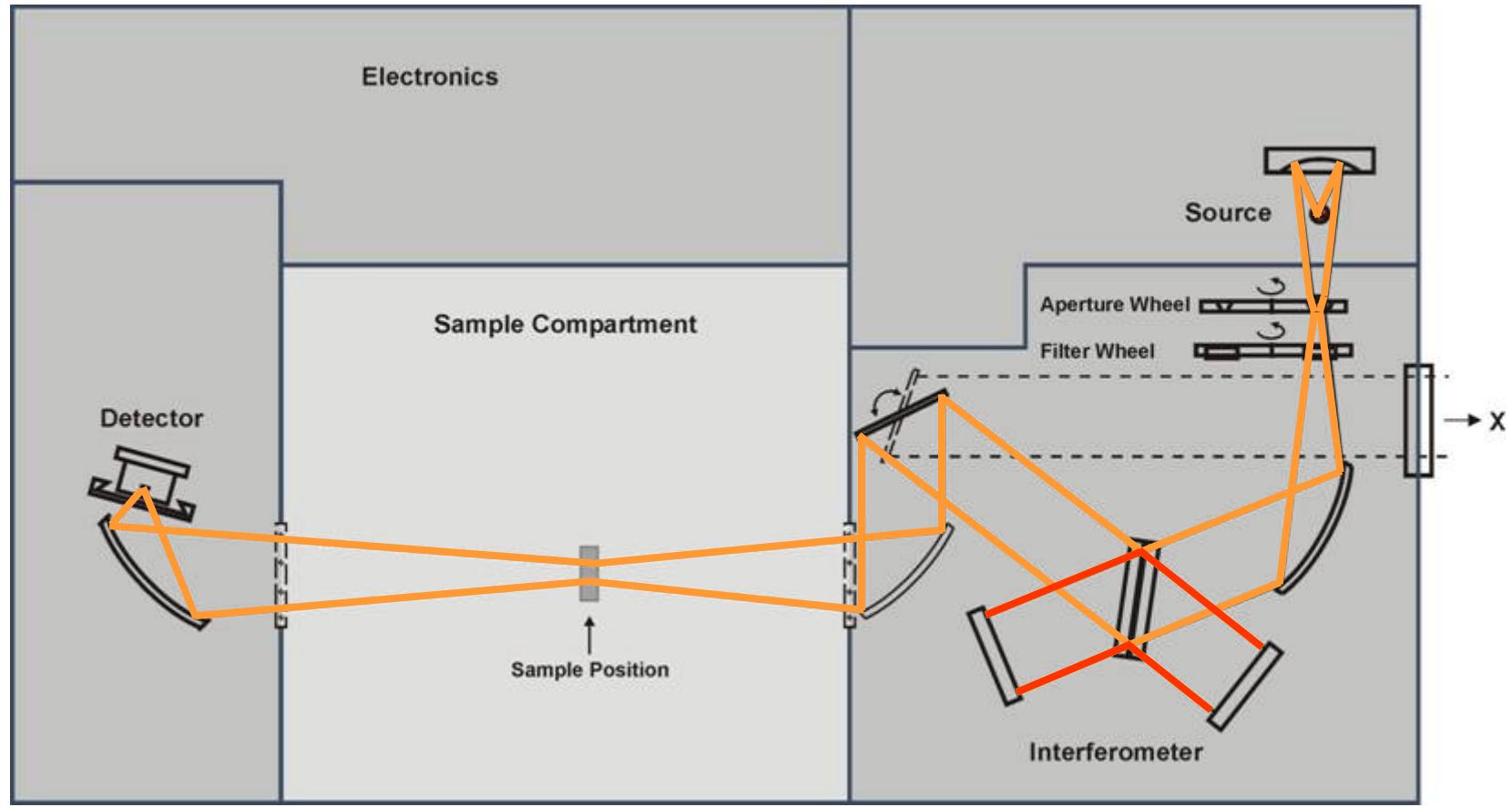
# Infrared Spectral Ranges

The mid-infrared, or MIR, is the spectral range from 4,000 to 400 cm<sup>-1</sup> wavenumbers. In this range fundamental vibrations are typically excited. In contrast, in the ‘near-infrared’, or NIR, spectral range, which covers the range from 12,500 to 4,000 cm<sup>-1</sup> wavenumbers, overtones and combination vibrations are excited. The far infrared’, or FIR, spectral range is between 400 and about 5 cm<sup>-1</sup> wavenumbers. This range covers the vibrational frequencies of both backbone vibrations of large molecules, as well as fundamental vibrations of molecules that include heavy atoms (e.g. inorganic or organometallic compounds).



## The working principle of an FT-IR spectrometer

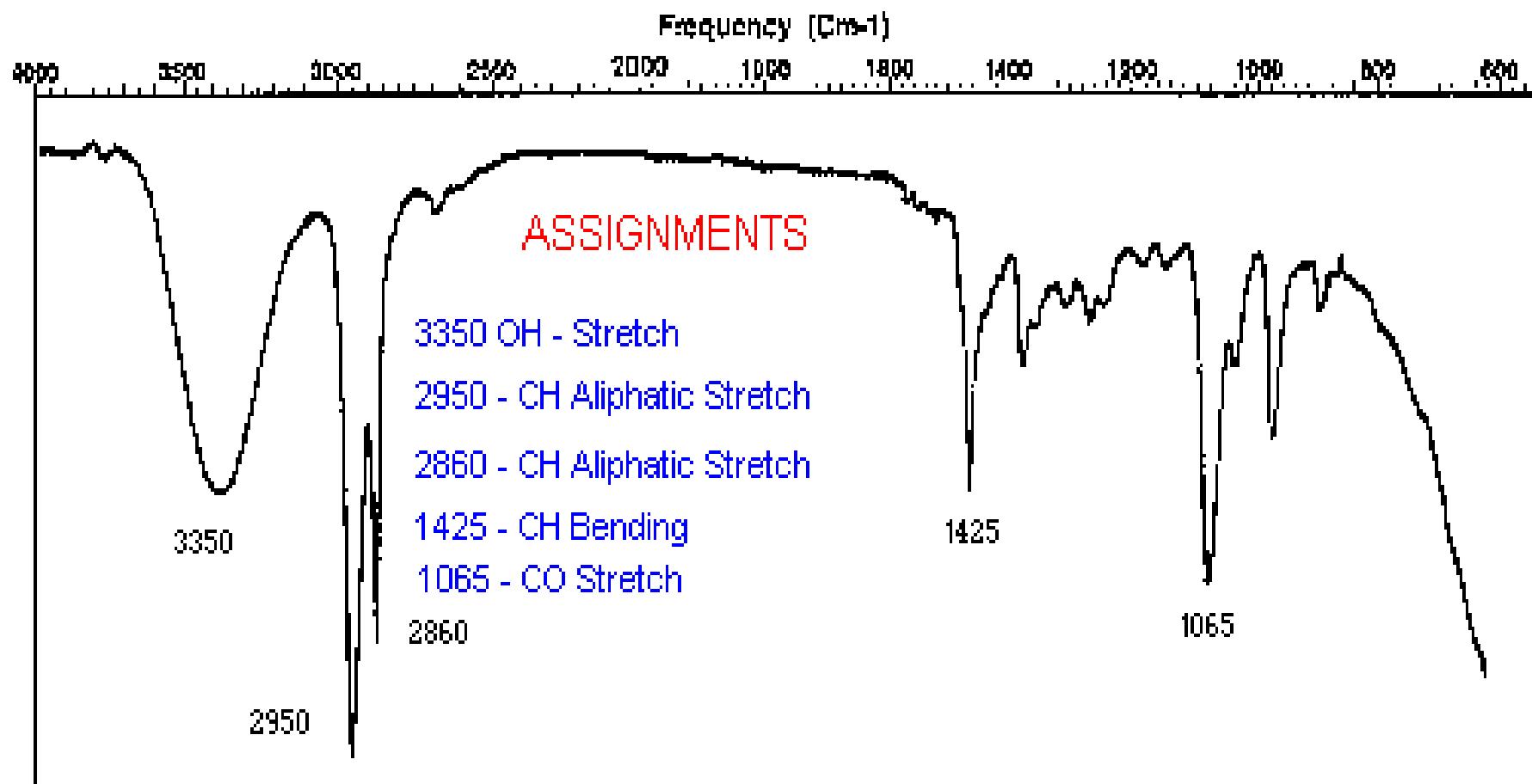
Infrared light emitted from a **source** (e.g. a SiC glower) is directed into an **interferometer**, which modulates the light. After the interferometer the light passes through the **sample compartment** (and also the sample) and is then focused onto the **detector**. The signal measured by the detector is called the **interferogram**.



# Table of Characteristic IR Bands

Group	Bond	Energy (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
hydroxyl	O-H	3610-3640
amines	N-H	3300-3500
aromatic rings	C-H	3000-3100
alkenes	C-H	3020-3080
alkanes	C-H	2850-2960
nitriles	C≡N	2210-2260
carbonyl	C=O	1650-1750
amines	C-N	1180-1360

# IR yields good fingerprint spectra



**Absorption in the 6- to 15- $\mu\text{m}$  region is very dependent on the molecular environment.  
This is called the fingerprint region.**

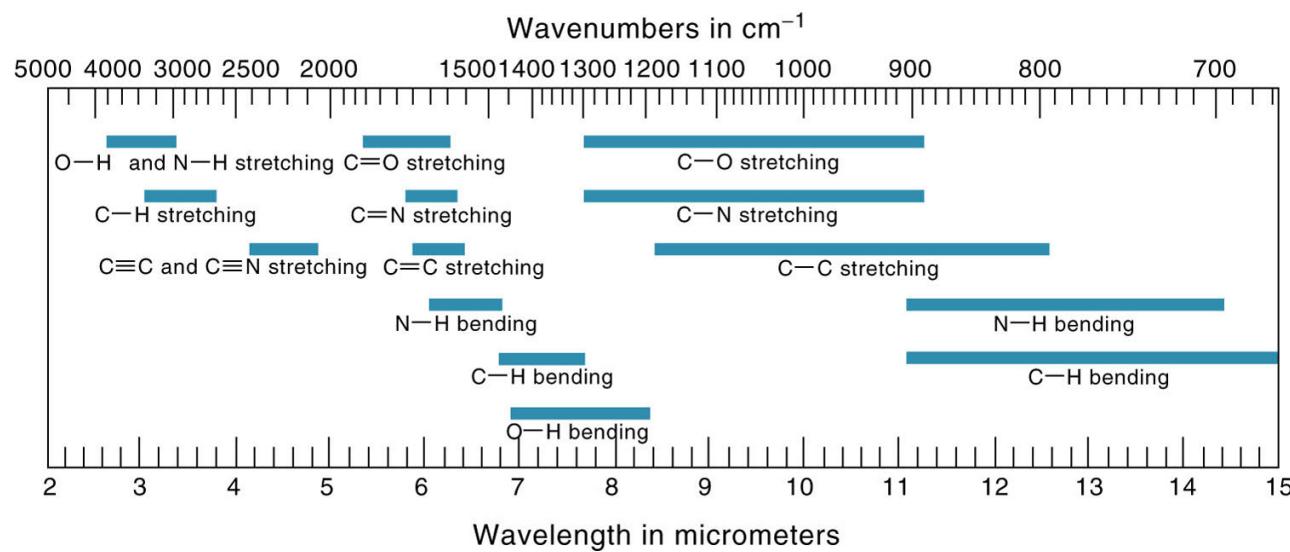
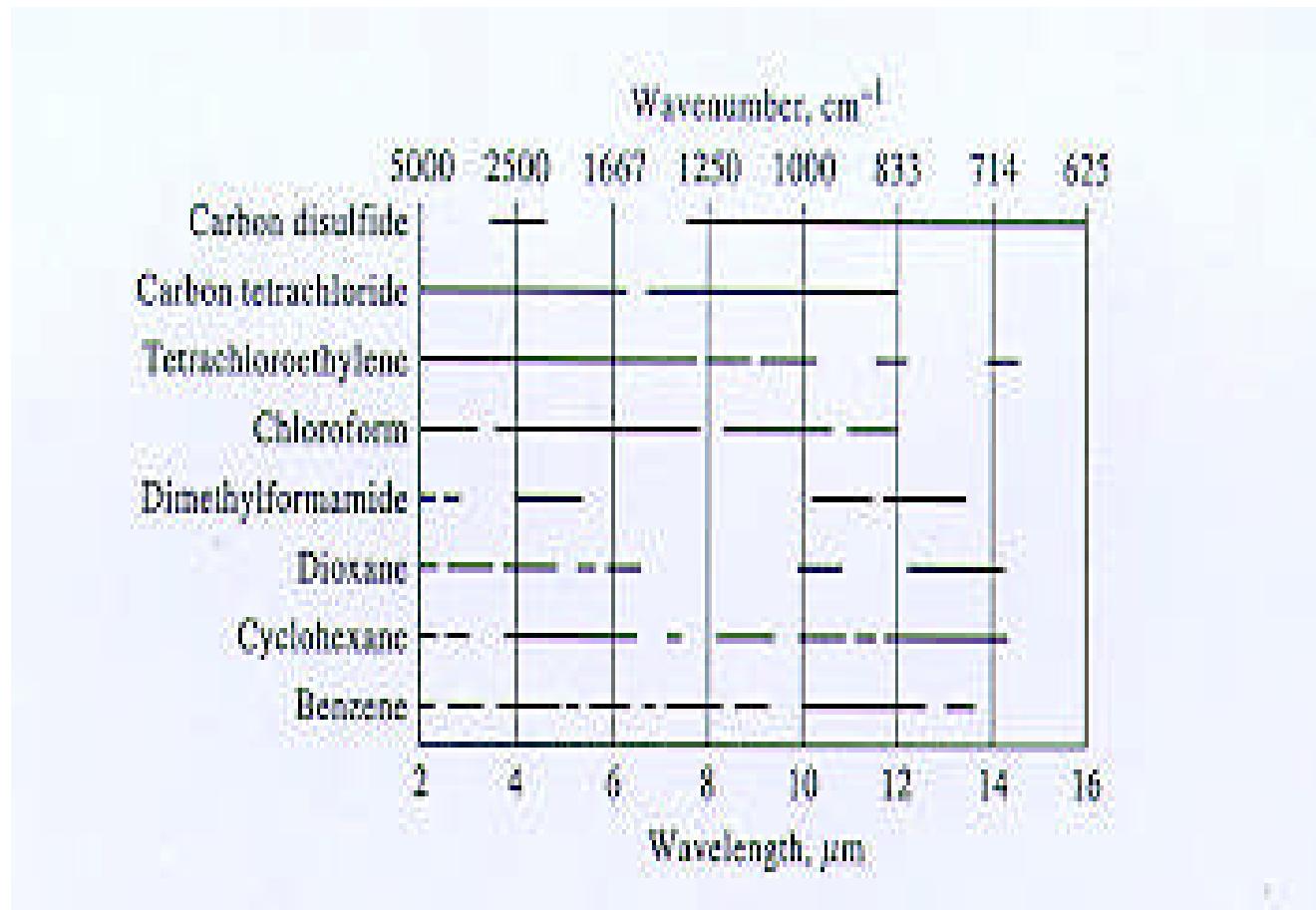


Fig. 16.8. Simple correlation of group vibrations to regions of infrared absorption.

# Transmission of solvents in the infrared

Water has strong absorptions and attacks alkali halides



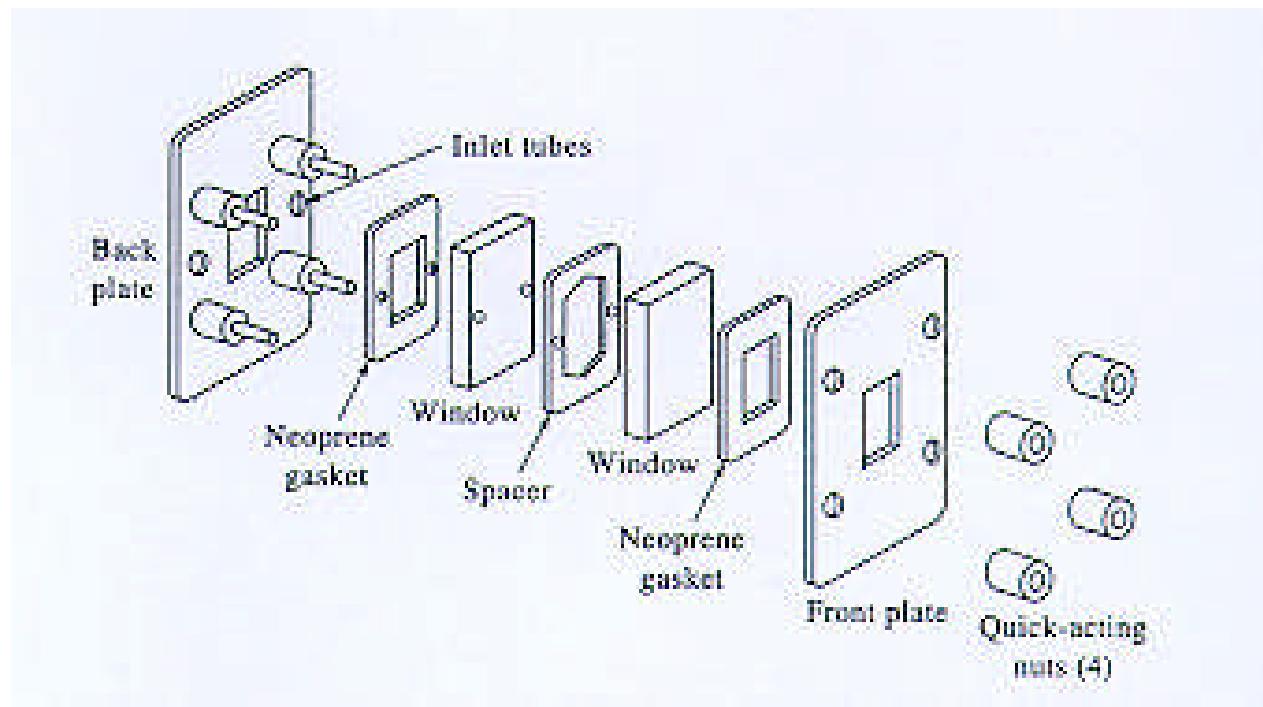
Horizontal lines show useful regions

# Conventional Techniques use IR transmission

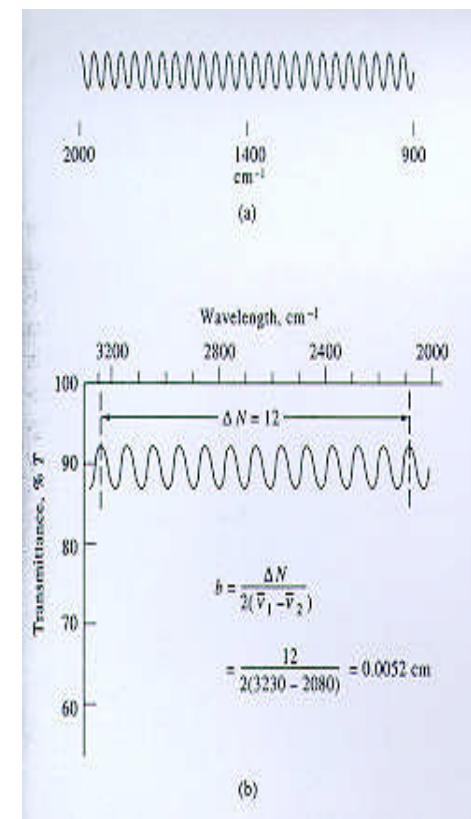
**Gases:** Introduce into long-pathlength gas cell

**Liquids:** (i) place as a film between halide plates;

(ii) use a fixed pathlength cell. Determine pathlength,  $b$ , when empty by counting interference fringes.



Teflon spacers from 0.015 to 1 mm



# Dessicator for IR Cell Storage

**Dessicator**

Water-free  
Environment  
for  
Water-sensitive  
Salt Plates.



# Assembling a Transmission Cell



- A second salt plate is placed on top of the first one such that the liquid forms a thin film “sandwiched” between the two plates.

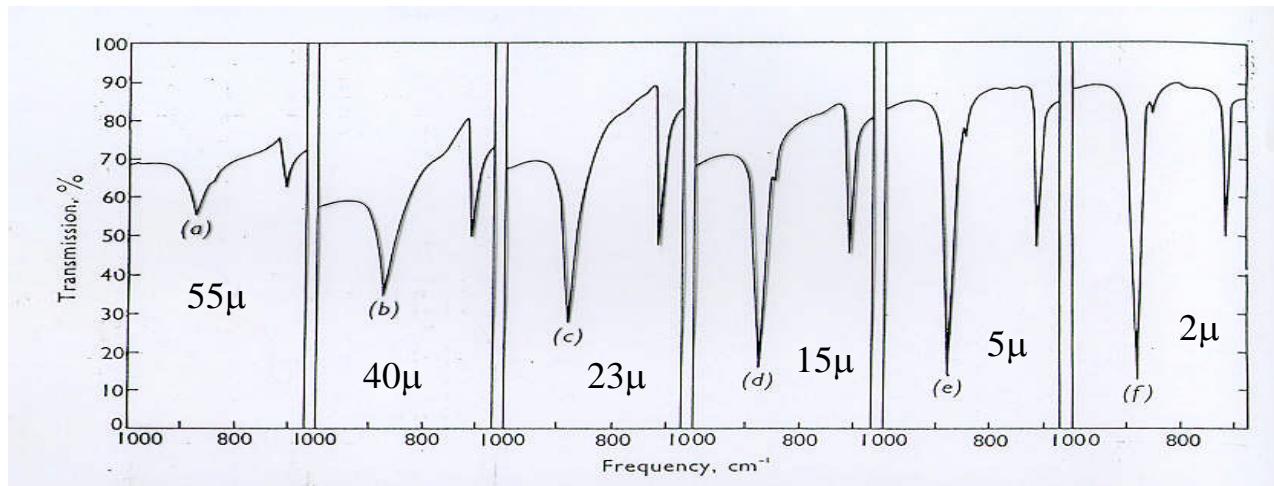
# Positioning Transmission Cell



- The salt plates are cleaned by rinsing into a waste container with a suitable organic solvent-commonly cyclohexane; NEVER WATER!
- Cloudy plates must be polished to return them to a transparent condition.
- To polish cloudy windows, rotate salt plate on polishing cloth.

**Solids:** (i) make a mull with nujol, fluorolube and/or hexachlorobutadiene, so that mulling agent bands do not overlap sample bands.

(ii) Make a KBr disc (1-3 mg sample in 250-300 mg KBr). This may present artifacts.

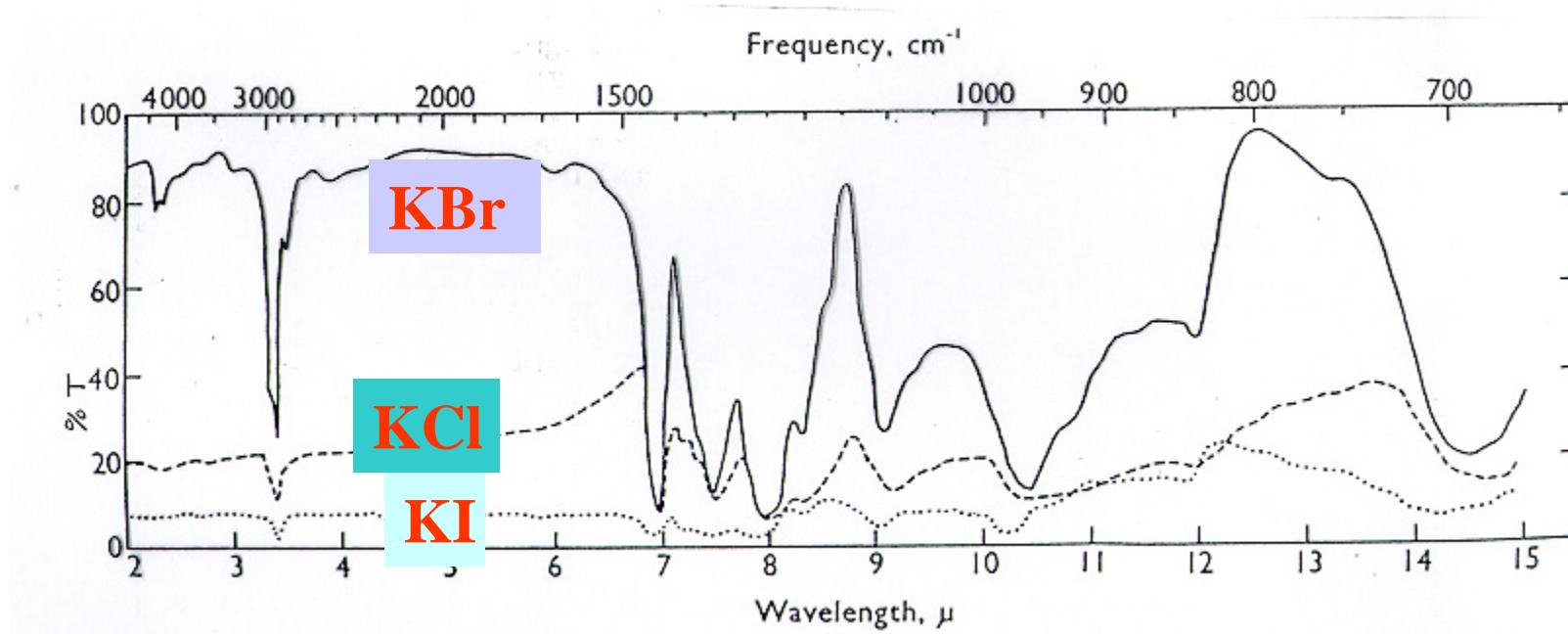


**$\text{CaCO}_3$  in KBr,  
showing the  
mean diameters  
of the  
absorbing  
particles**

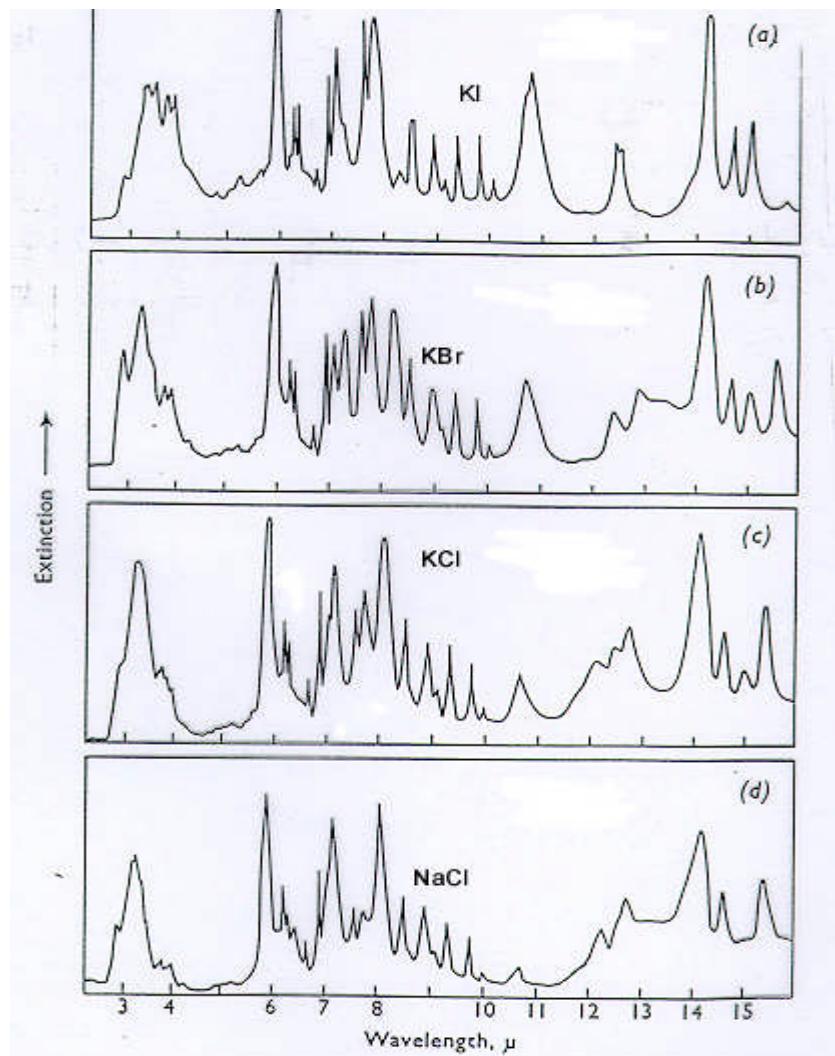
(a) increase of light loss from reflection and scattering by large particles.

(b) matching of sample and medium RI to prevent scattering.

e.g. PVC ( $n_D = 1.548$ ) dispersed in KBr ( $n_D = 1.56$ ), KCl and KI.



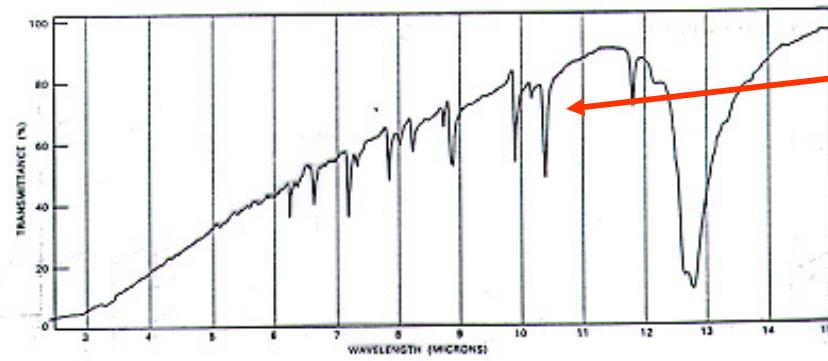
**(c) Chemical and physical factors such as chemical reaction with the halide, or adsorption.**



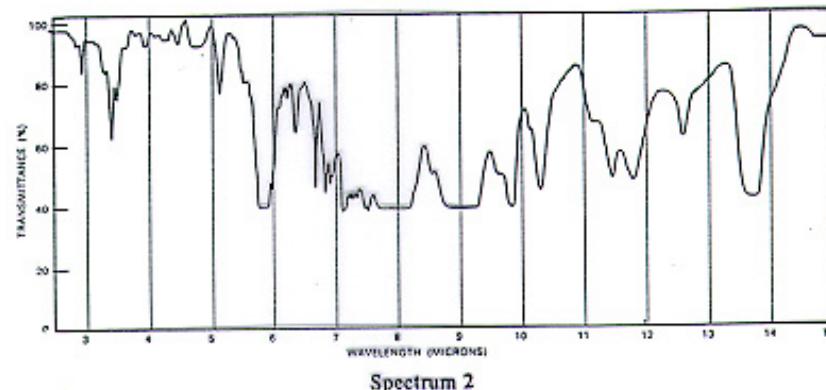
**Spectra of benzoic acid  
in alkali halide discs.**

**NaCl spectrum is similar  
to benzoic acid  
monomer forming  
hydrogen bonds to  
dioxan; NaI spectrum is  
similar to free benzoic  
acid molecules**

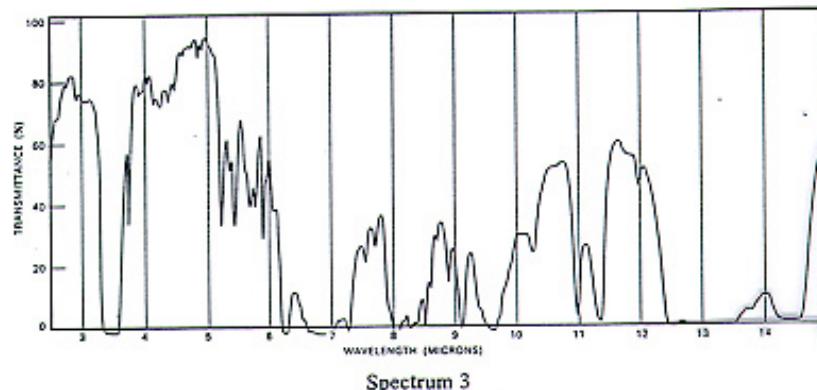
# Some problems with spectra



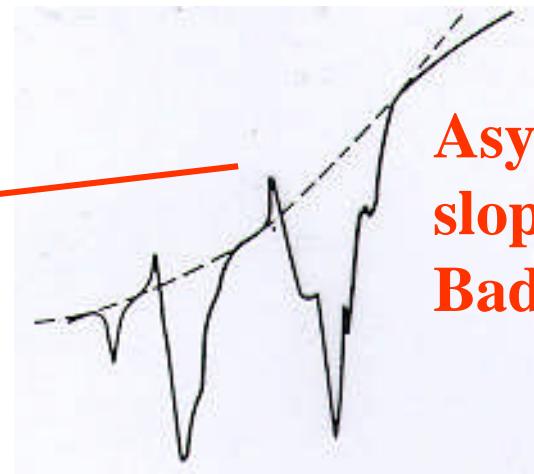
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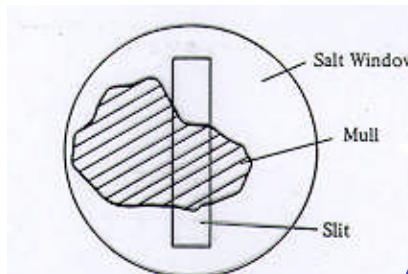
Spectrum 2



Spectrum 3



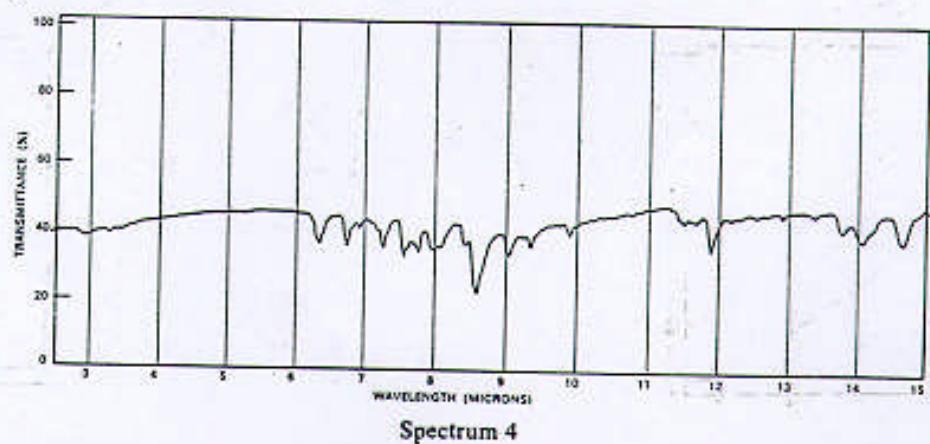
**Asymmetric,  
sloping bands.  
Badly ground.**



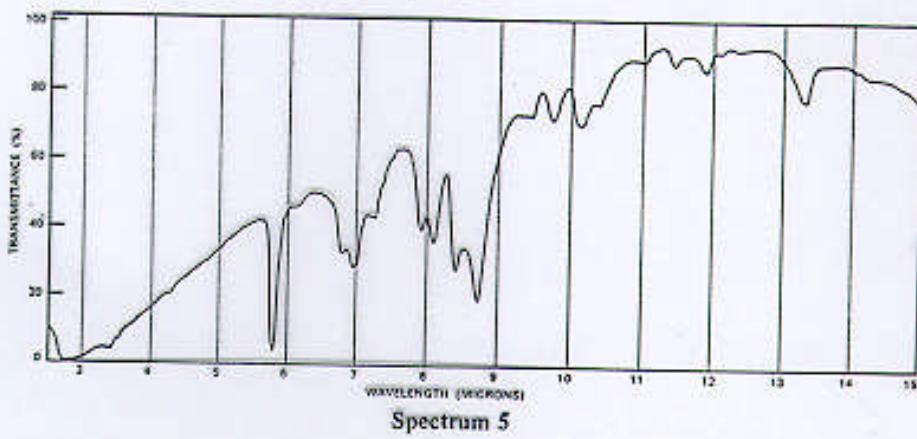
**Sample does  
not cover  
beam.**

Also for air bubble in liquid cell;  
polymer film with hole or crack

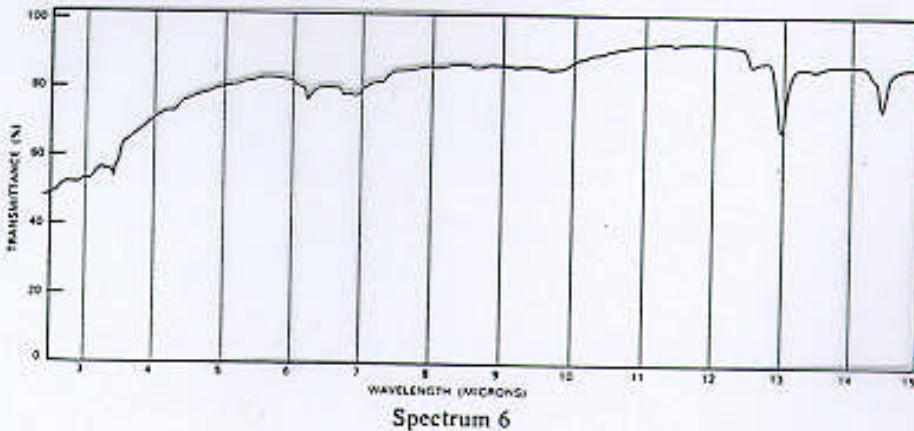
**Sample (mull) too  
thick**



Spectrum 4



Spectrum 5



Spectrum 6

Liquid evaporated  
between KBr plates

Wet sample. Sloping to  
high energy. Water bands.

Sample too thin

## KBr disc problems:

### Problem

Clear disc becomes cloudy

Disc is cloudy in centre

Water of crystallization bands  
of sample have variable intensity  
from one spectrum to another

### Reason

No vacuum used  
when pressing  
the disc.

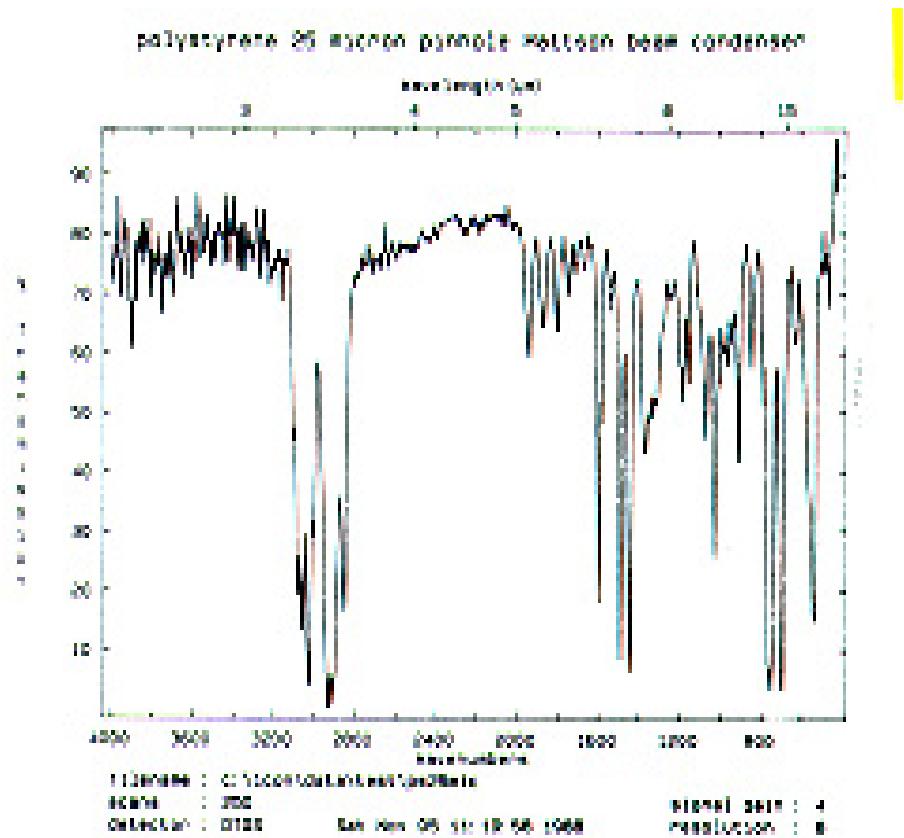
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  vapour  
entrained.

Anvil faces not flat or  
parallel.

(Partial) dehydration  
occurs on  
pressing disc.

**Beam condenser** reflecting or transmitting beam condensers can reduce source image x6. Normal FTIR instrument can analyze samples 0.5 mm diameter. With beam condenser, samples 25-50  $\mu\text{m}$  can be analyzed

Example of use of  
beam condenser:  
**25  $\mu\text{m}$  polystyrene  
sample**

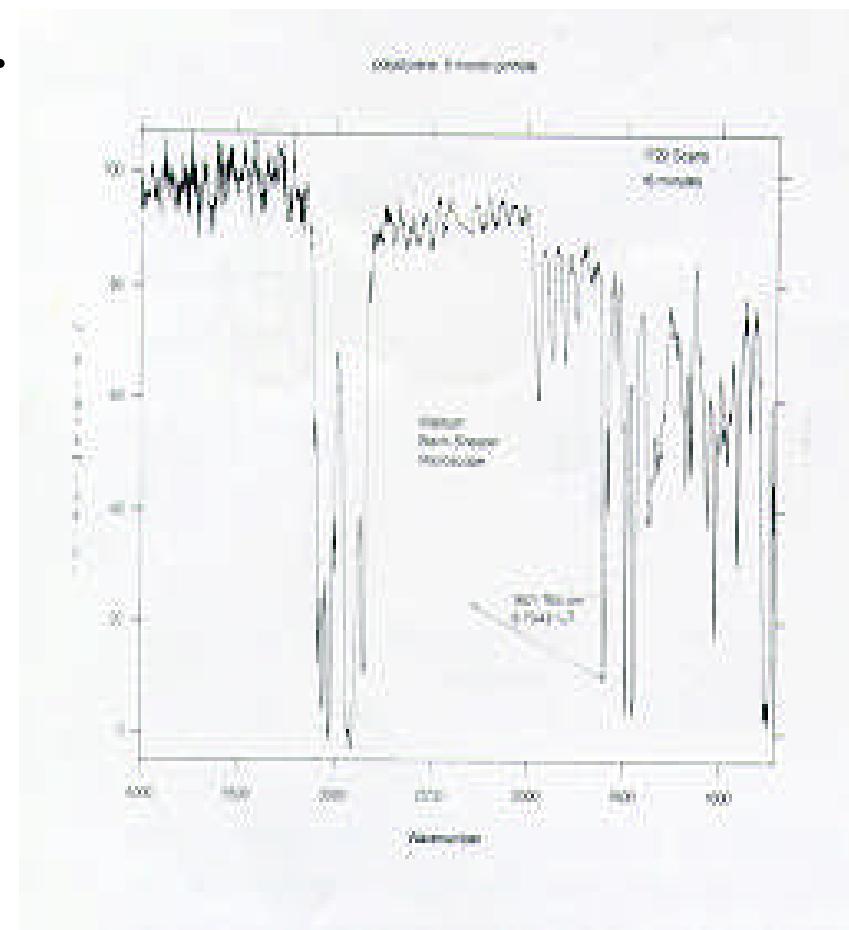
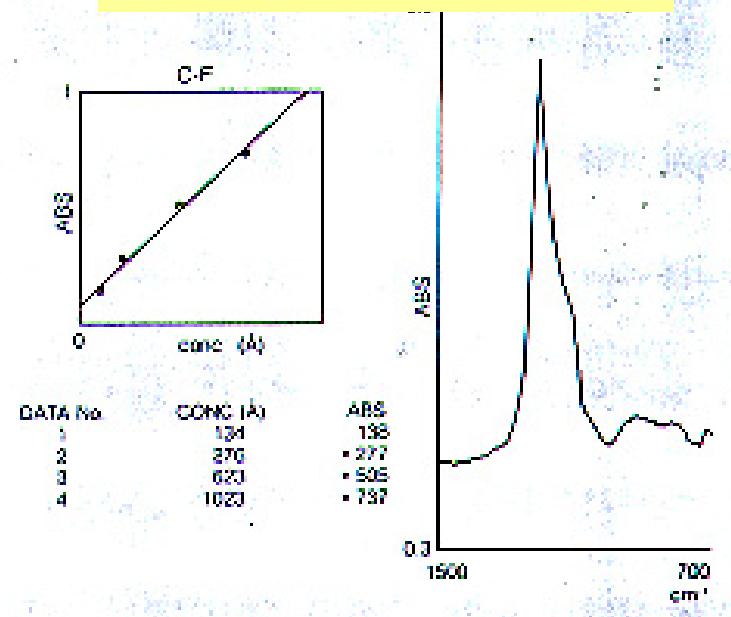


## IR Microscope:

- (a) Fit into sample compartment and use normal detector;
- (b) Bolt on to exterior and use high sensitivity MCT detector.  
analysis of samples 5-10  $\mu\text{m}$  x 5-10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

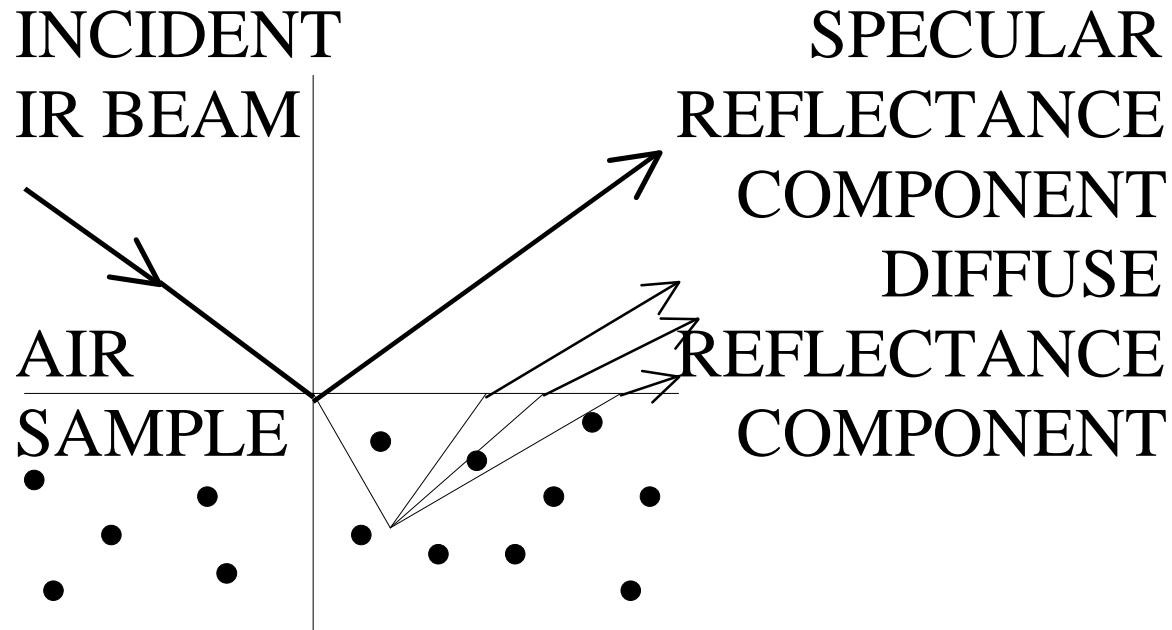
Examples of analysis:

Film thickness (~100 Å) of fluorine system lubricant on Si wafer by transmission



Polystyrene 5  $\mu\text{m}$  pinhole

# Reflectance spectroscopy



angle  $i = \text{angle } r$

angle  $i \neq \text{angle } r$

Reflection occurs from (solid) sample surface, or from underlying reflective substrate.

**SPECULAR** = mirrorlike reflectance from a surface; well defined angle of reflection.

### Analysis of films or coatings on reflective surfaces

e.g. polymer coatings on food containers.

Can obtain qualitative analysis of film, and its thickness (smaller angle  $i$  gives longer sample pathlength).

Pure specular reflectance spectrum largely shows how RI changes with wavelength, and is transformed to transmittance using Kramers-Krønig relation. Specular reflection through surface coatings is ‘double transmittance’.

**DIFFUSE (DRIFTS)** = reflected radiant energy that has been partially absorbed, transmitted and partially scattered by a surface, with no defined angle of reflection.

**Applications:** strongly absorbing

samples, e.g. coal,

pharmaceuticals, plastics...

Small, irregular samples,

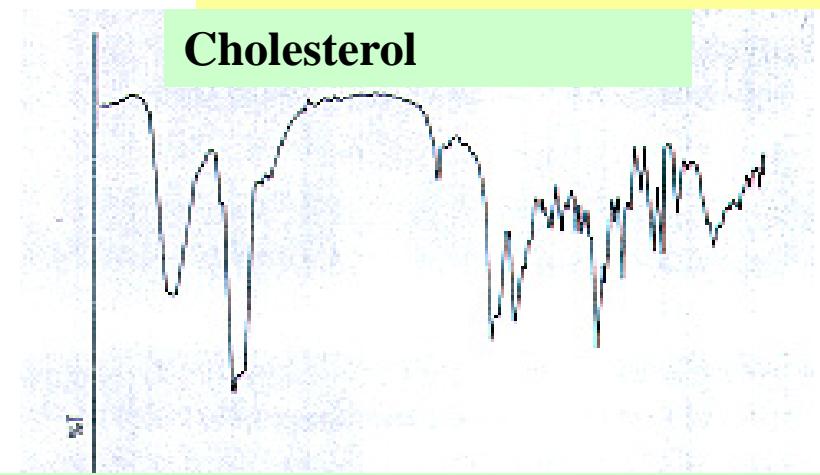
powders.

**Advantages:**

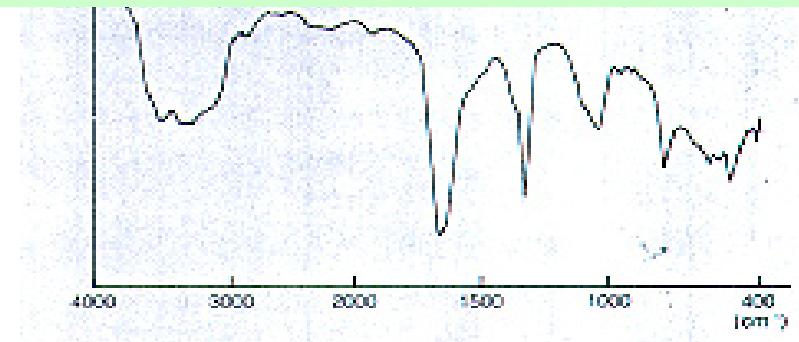
Minimal sample preparation;

sample not destroyed

Example of micro-DRIFTS:  
analysis of calculus



Calcium oxalate and calcium phosphate

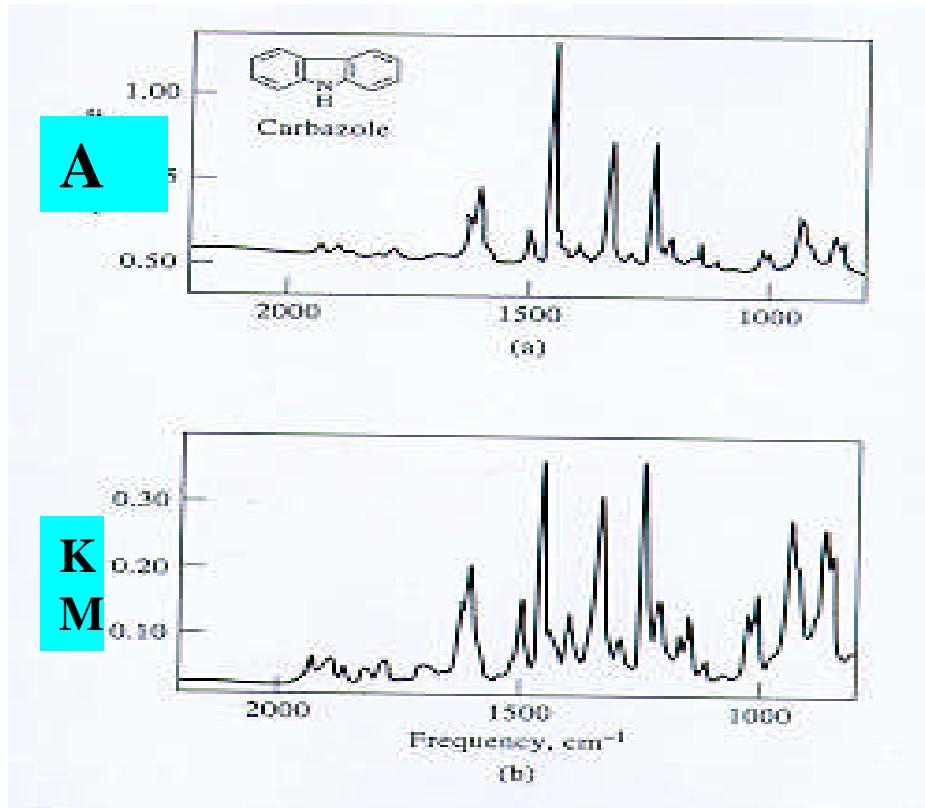


## **Principle of DRIFTS:**

**Measure intensity of ‘reflected’ radiation from sample surface ( $I$ ), generally reported as percent reflectance ( $\%R$ ) and compared with intensity of radiation reflected from some “standard” nonabsorbing, reflecting surface ( $I_0$ ):  $\%R=100 \frac{I}{I_0}$ .**

**Kulbelka-Munk (KM) units are proportional to concentration (just like A):**

**$A_{KM}=\{1-(S/R)\}^2/2(R/S)$ , where R=nonabsorbing reference, S=‘deep’ sample single beam response.**



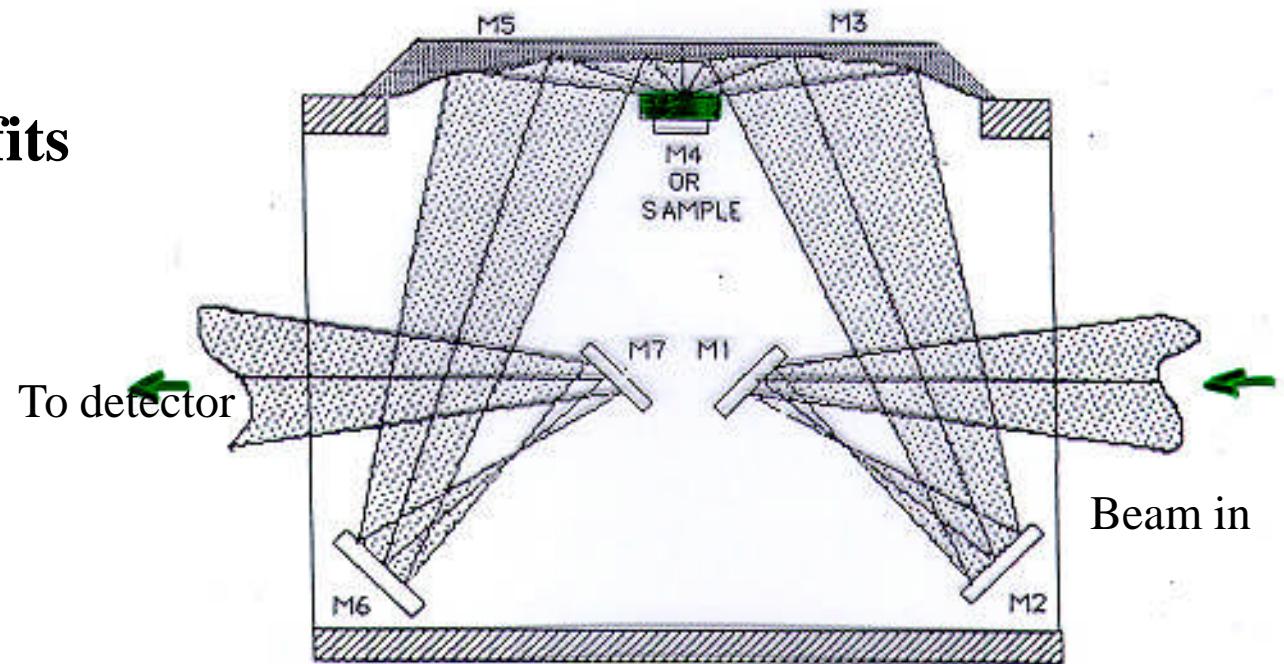
**Comparison of absorption  
and DRIFTS spectrum of  
carbazole**

## Construction of DRIFTS accessory:

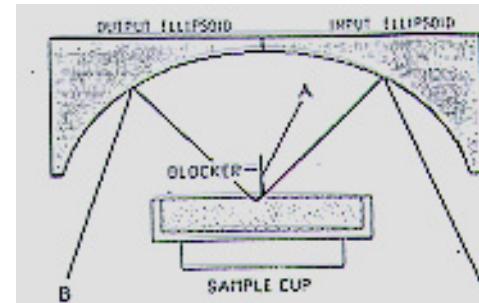
Sample placed in cup. Integrating sphere permits collection of diffusely-reflected light, blocking specular component.  
Definite fraction reflected to exit slit and detector.

Reference is KBr, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO....

**DRIFTS accessory fits  
into sample  
compartment**



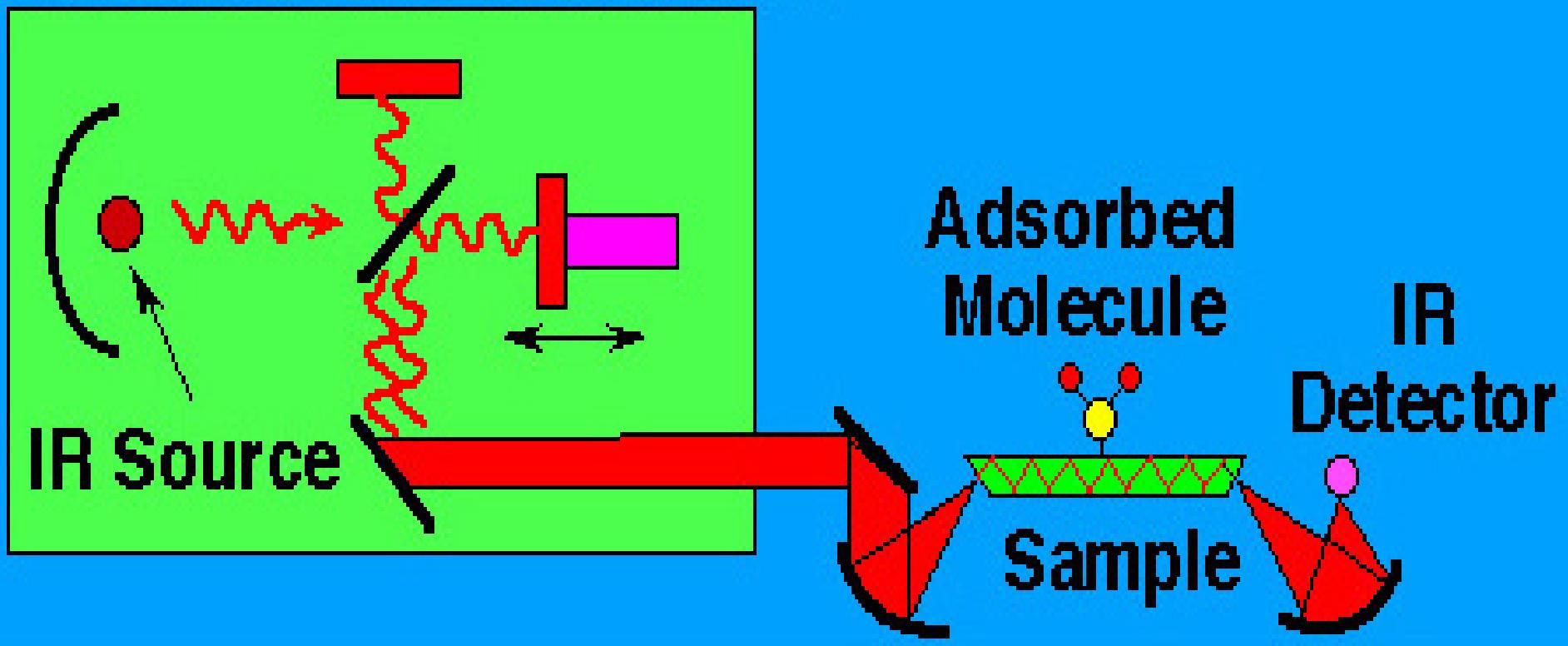
**Specular component is  
blocked**



**DRIFTS normally carried out on well-ground diluted samples (in nonabsorbing KBr matrix) to obtain transmission rather than specular reflection from sample.**

# FTIR with ATR Accessory

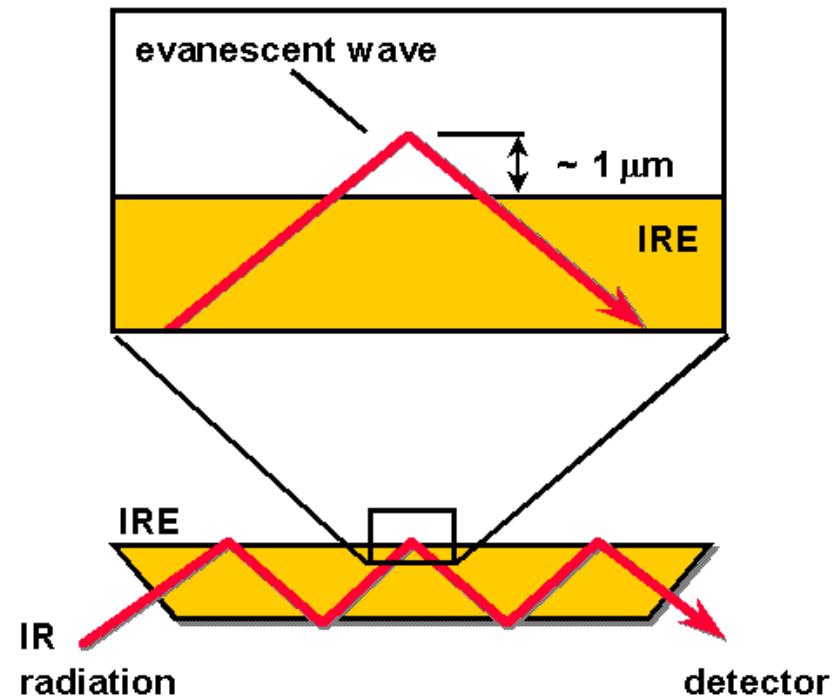
## Michelson Interferometer



# ATR-IR

## How does it work?

- ATR-IR reflects infrared light off of the surface of a sample and measures the angle of reflectance.
- ATR-IR can be used on aqueous phase samples or solids.
- Surface analysis of solids (coatings on paper, ink on cardboard).
- Spectra from strongly absorbing samples (textiles, fibres, foods, rubbers, minerals, adhesive tapes, paint).
- Viscous liquids, or aqueous solutions.

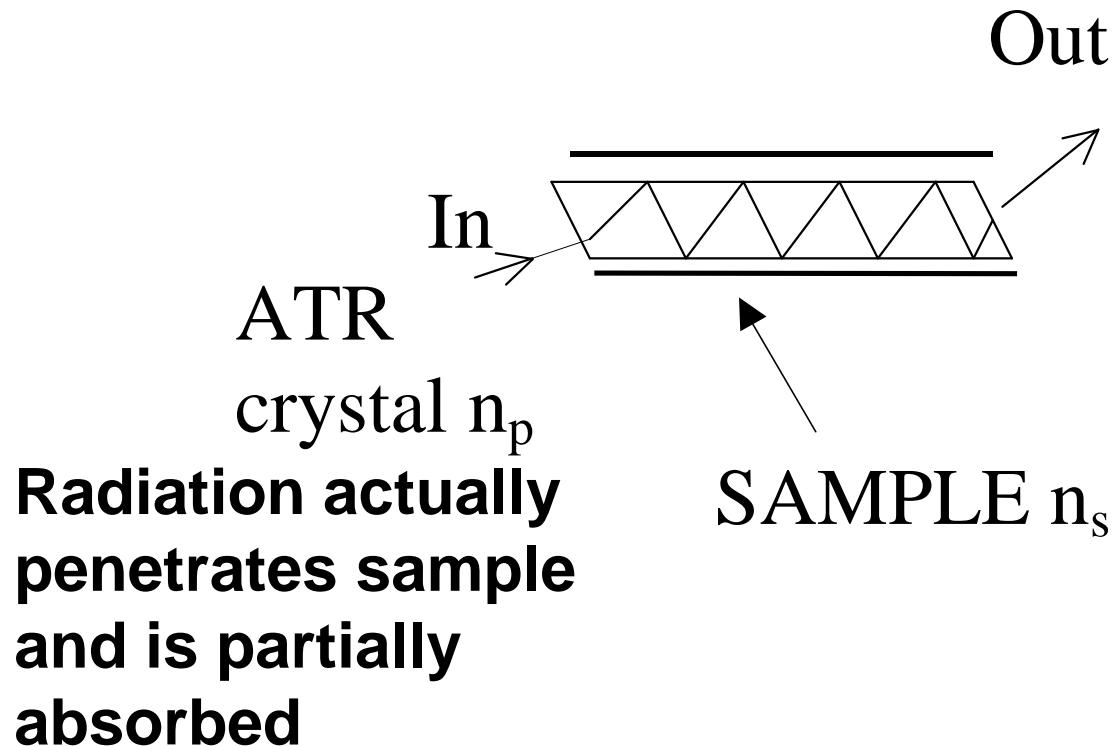


# Attenuated total reflection ATR-FTIR

$$\sin \theta_c = n_s / n_p$$

**Total internal reflection, TIR:**

**Radiation strikes an interface with a medium of lower RI, with an angle  $> \theta_c$ .**



Penetration of a sample is independent of its thickness; Interference and scattering do not occur in a sample; Absorbance in a sample is independent of direction.

# Depth of penetration at ATR

The IR light beam penetrates the sample and the depth of penetration  $D_p$  can be quantitatively described by the Harrick approximation:

$$d_p = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi n_p (\sin^2 \theta - n_{sp}^2)^{1/2}}$$

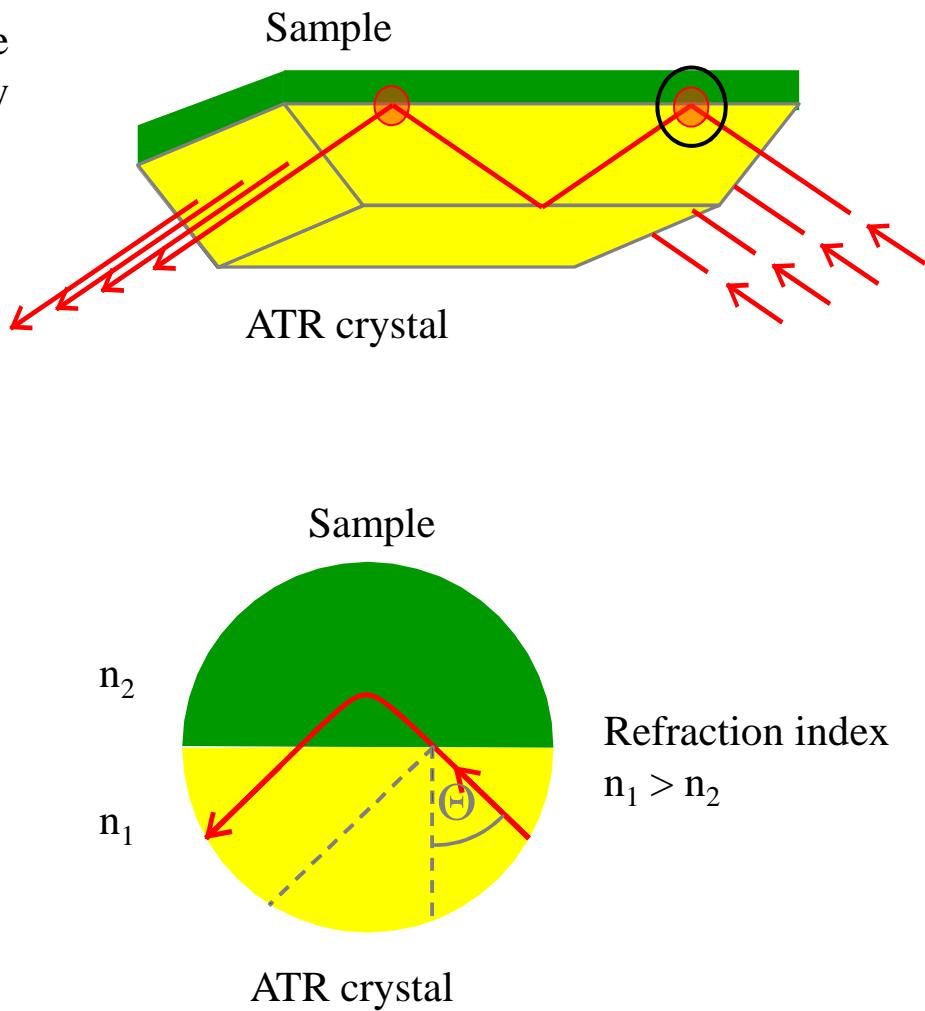
$\lambda$  = wavelength

$n_p$  = refraction index, crystal

$\theta$  = incidence angle

$n_{sp}$  = refraction index ratio between sample and crystal

$D_p$  is defined as the distance between the sample surface and the position where the intensity of the penetrating Evanescent wave dies off to  $(1/e)^2$  or 13.5%, or its amplitude has decayed to  $1/e$ .



# Depth of Penetration

The depth of penetration depends on different parameters:

1.) Incidence angle: This angle is determined by the design of the ATR accessory and is constant for most ATR accessories. There are ATR accessories which have the capability to vary the angle of incidence. This can be helpful for depth profiling near the surface of a sample (within the 0.5-2.0 micron range).

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2.) **Refraction index** of the ATR crystal: a higher index of refraction yields more shallow depth of penetration. ATR units with replaceable crystals can also be used for depth profiling of the sample (within the submicron range).

Calculated depths of penetration for some typical ATR crystals

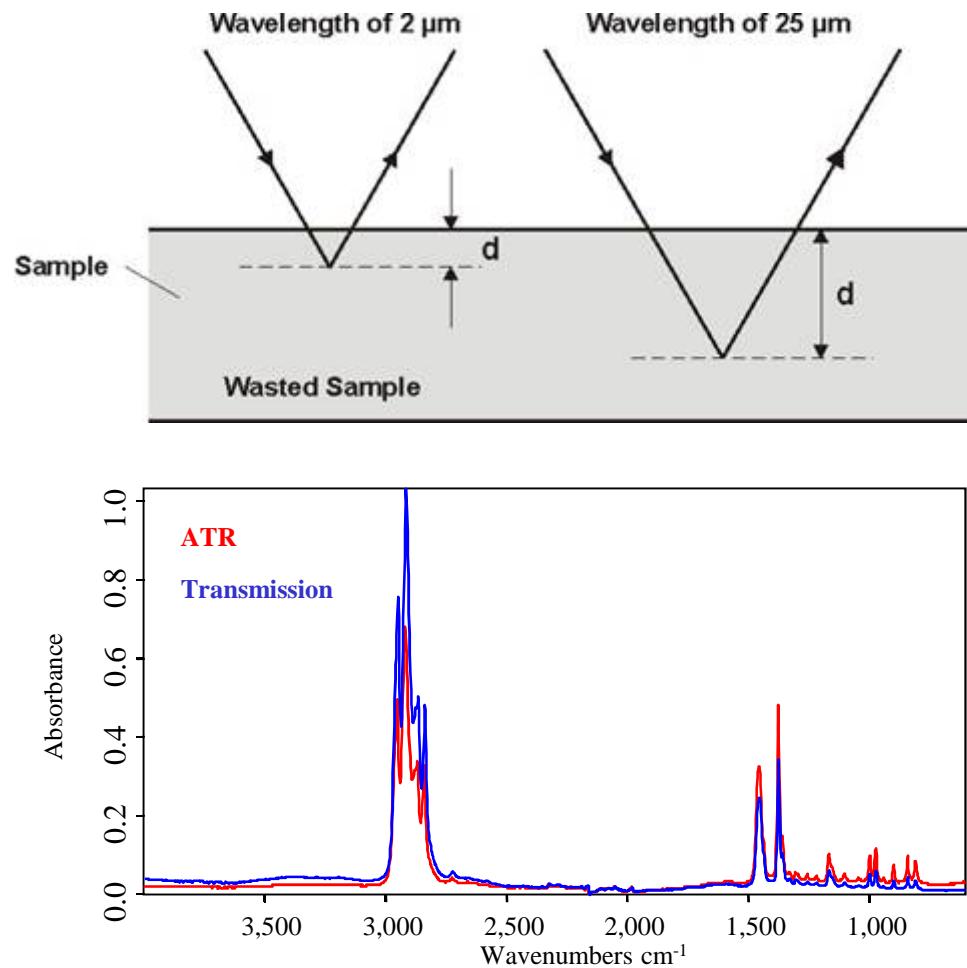
Material	Refraction index at 1,000cm <sup>-1</sup>	Depth of penetration* at 45°	Depth of penetration* at 60°
Diamond	2.4	1.66	1.04
Ge	4.0	0.65	0.5
Si	3.4	0.81	0.61
ZnSe	2.4	1.66	1.04
AMTIR**	2.5	1.46	0.96

\*: The depth of penetration was calculated for a sample with a refraction angle of 1.4 at 1,000cm<sup>-1</sup>.

\*\*: AMTIR: Ge<sub>33</sub>As<sub>12</sub>Se<sub>55</sub> glass

# Depth of Penetration

3.) **Wavelength** of light: the longer the wavelength of the incident light (lower wavenumber), the greater the depth of penetration into the sample. This yields an ATR spectrum that differs from the analogous transmission spectrum, where band intensities are higher in intensity at longer wavelength. However, the ATR spectrum is readily converted to absorbance units by selecting the “convert spectrum” option in the “manipulate” pull down menu in OPUS.



# Selecting an Adequate ATR Crystal

When selecting the proper crystal for ATR analysis, sample hardness must be taken into account as well as the desired depth of penetration and spectral range. Diamond has a very high degree of hardness, but very distinctive lattice bands totally absorb between 2,500 and 1,600 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Most compounds do not have vibrations in this area.

Material	Spectral range	Refraction index	Hardness***
ZnSe	20,000 - 500 cm <sup>-1</sup>	n = 2.4	130
ZnS	50,000 - 770 cm <sup>-1</sup>	n = 2.3	250
Ge	5,000 - 550 cm <sup>-1</sup>	n = 4.0	780
Si	8,333 - 33 cm <sup>-1</sup>	n = 3.4	1,150
Diamond	50,000 - 2,500 cm <sup>-1</sup> 1,600 - 0 cm <sup>-1</sup>	n = 2.4	9,000
KRS-5*	17,000 - 250 cm <sup>-1</sup>	n = 2.4	40
AMTIR**	11,000 - 725 cm <sup>-1</sup>	n = 2.5	170

\*: KRS-5: TlI/TlBr

\*\*: AMTIR: Ge<sub>33</sub>As<sub>12</sub>Se<sub>55</sub> glass

\*\*\*: Knoop hardness

# Number of Reflections - Effective Path Length

The number of reflections depends on the crystal type, the dimensions of the ATR crystal, and the incidence angle of the IR beam. A parallelogram-shaped crystal which contacts the sample on two sides can be described by:

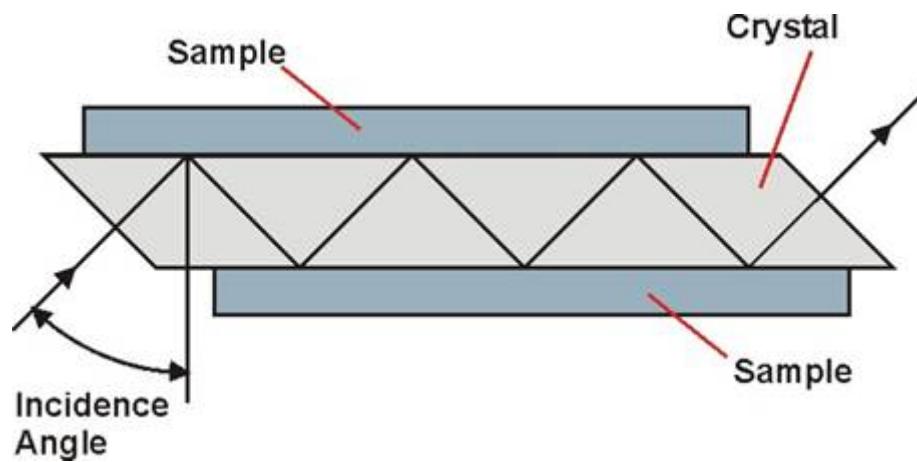
$$N = l / (d \cdot \tan \Theta)$$

N = Number of reflections

l = Crystal length

d = Crystal thickness

$\Theta$  = Incidence angle



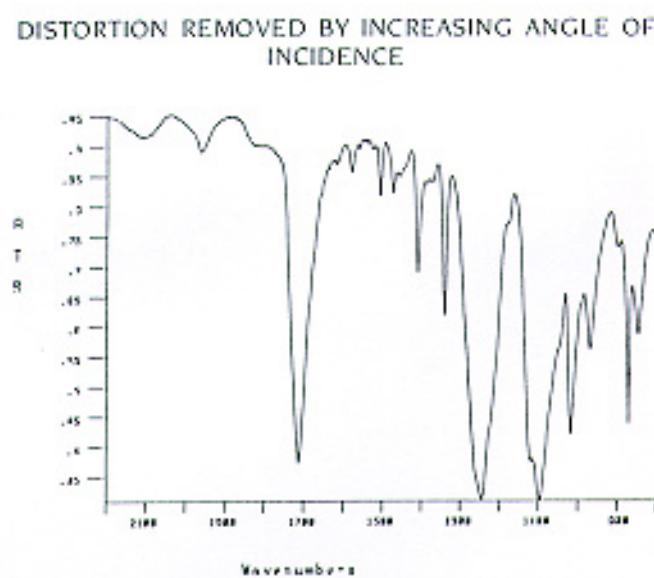
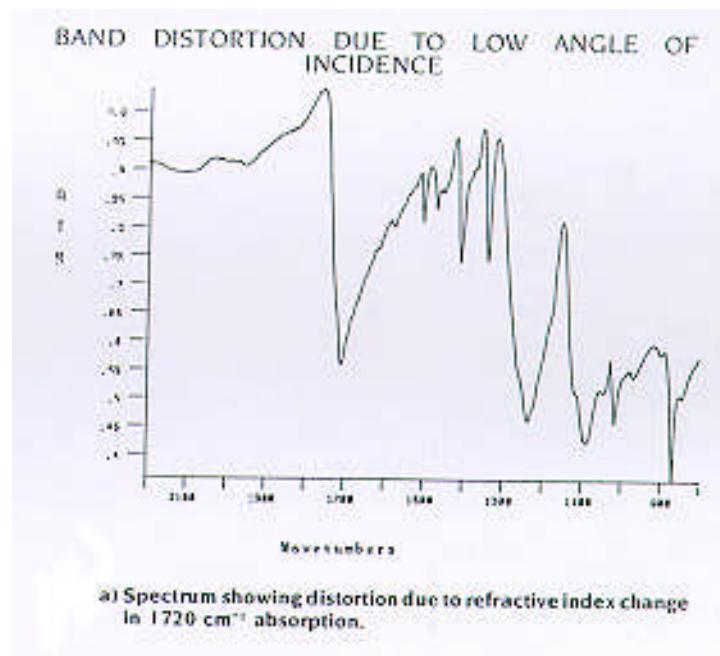
A ZnSe crystal with a length of 80 mm, a thickness of 4 mm and an incidence angle of  $45^\circ$  yields  $N = 20$  reflections.

The equation for the effective path length ( $D_E$ ) is:

$$D_E = N \cdot D_P$$

## Effect of Refractive Index (RI) and Angle of Incidence

RI of a substance changes with frequency, especially where absorption occurs. Changes in sample RI in the region of intense absorption bands can sometimes change the value of  $\theta_c$  for a particular crystal/sample combination. If the new value of  $\theta_c$  becomes  $>$  than angle of incidence, then TIR no longer occurs, and the absorption band becomes distorted: usually a high degree of peak asymmetry and baseline drift occur. These distortions may be removed by (a) increase angle of incidence; (b) use a crystal of higher RI.



Removal of distortion by changing angle of incidence.

# ATR-FTIR of China Clay Filled Polyester Film

## Effect of Angle of Incidence

$d$ ,  $1/e$  depth of penetration ( $\approx \lambda$ )

$$d = \lambda / 2 \pi n_p [ \sin^2 \theta - (n_s / n_p)^2 ]^{1/2}$$

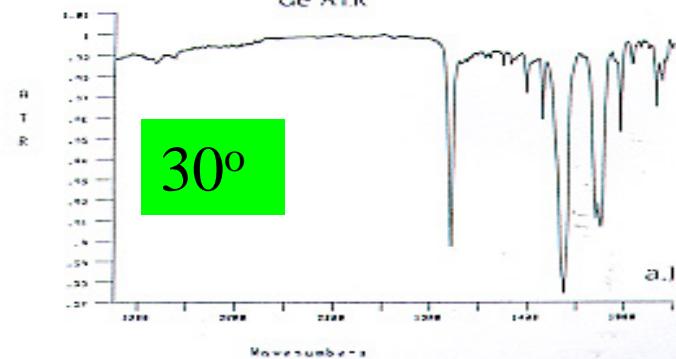
$n_p$  RI of crystal;  $n_s$  RI of sample

$\theta$  = angle of incidence; varying from  $30^\circ$  -  $60^\circ$  decreases  $d$  by factor ~10.

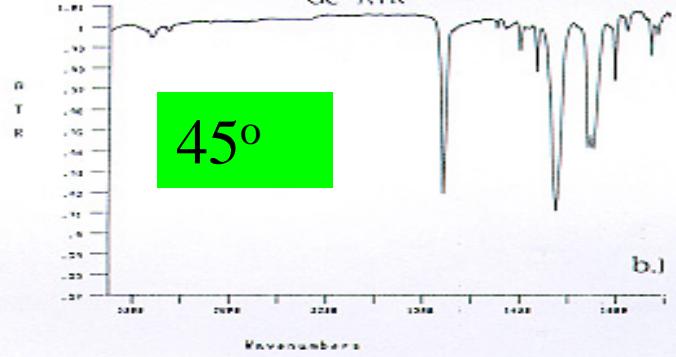
Can depth profile by changing  $\theta$ .

Smaller angle, deeper penetration

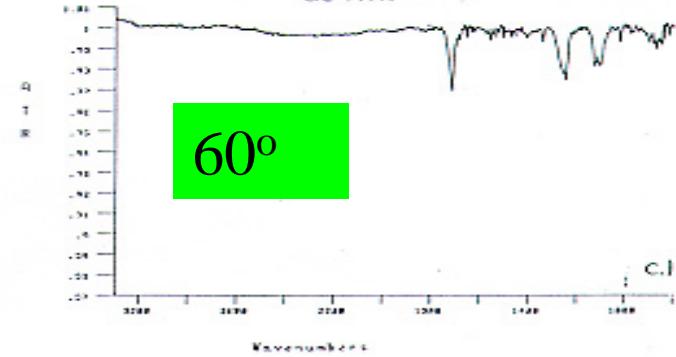
CHINA CLAY FILLED POLYESTER FILM BY 30 deg.  
Ge ATR



CHINA CLAY FILLED POLYESTER FILM BY 45 deg.  
Ge ATR



CHINA CLAY FILLED POLYESTER FILM BY 60 deg.  
Ge ATR



Effect of angle of incidence on depth of penetration.  
a) 30° b) 45° c) 60°

# ATR with aqueous solutions: Axiom Tunnel Cells

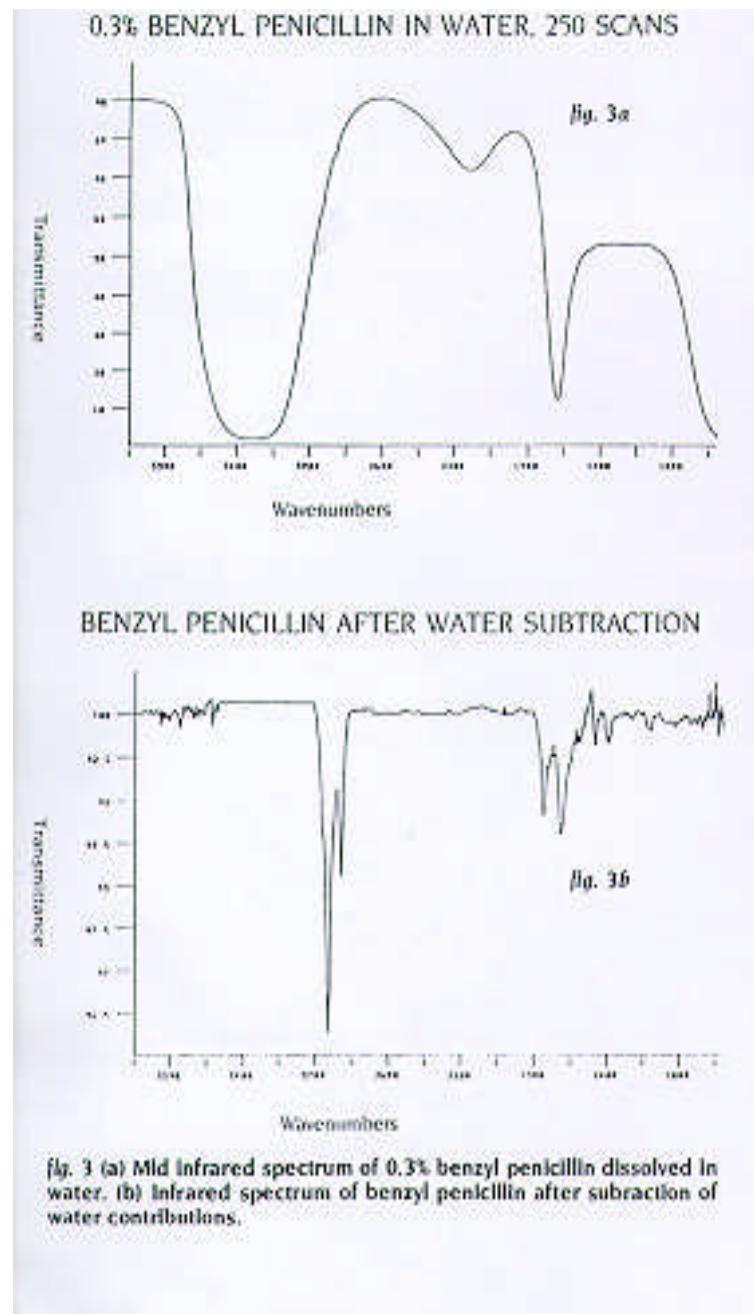
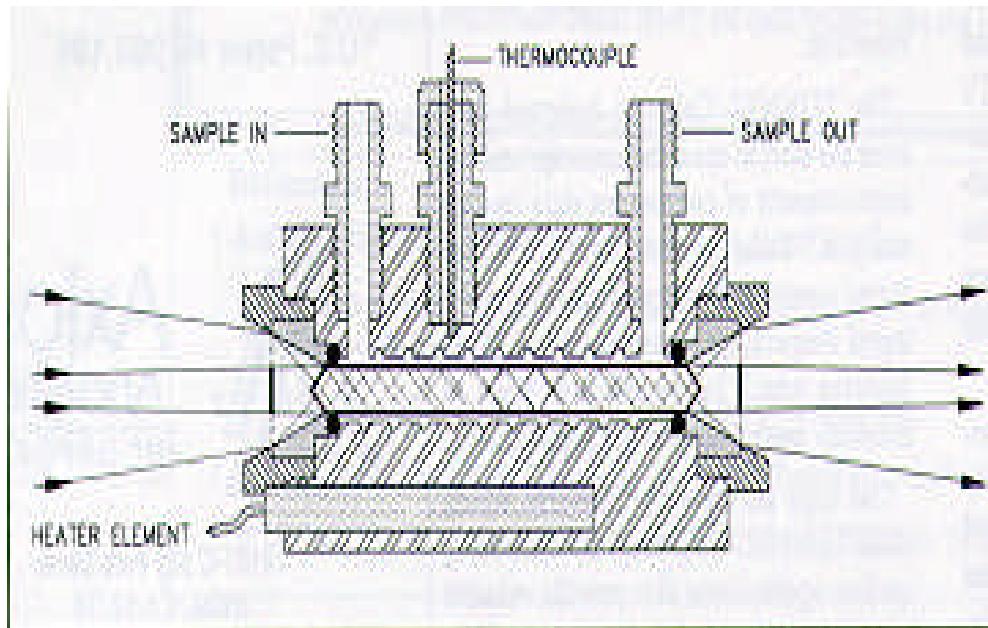
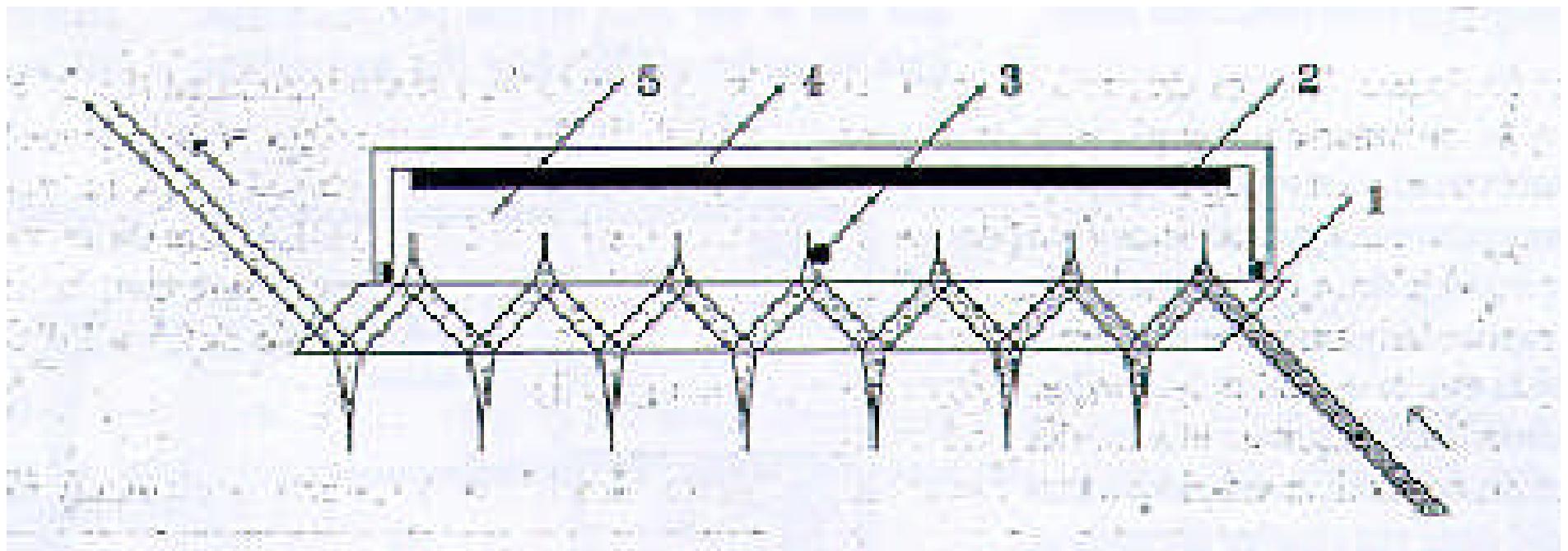


fig. 3 (a) Mid Infrared spectrum of 0.3% benzyl penicillin dissolved in water. (b) Infrared spectrum of benzyl penicillin after subtraction of water contributions.

## ATR-FTIR at electrode surfaces

Incident ray is totally reflected at electrolyte-ATR element (Ge) interface. Part is absorbed by electrolyte.

1. Ge ATR element, 2. Pt-counter electrode, 3. Reference electrode, 4. PMMA main body of cell, 5. Electrolyte.



**A Quick-Reference Table  
For Choosing FT-IR Sampling Accessories**

Sample Type	Discs and Mulls	Specular Reflectance	ATR	Diffuse Reflectance	PAS	FT-IR Microscopy
Organics (white powders)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Inorganics	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Tablets	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Fabrics	S	N	S	Y	Y	Y
Individual fibers	N	N	S	S	S	Y
Paints, inks (liquid)	N	S	Y	N	N	N
Paints, inks (dry)	S	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Plastics	S	S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Highly filled plastics and rubbers	N	N	Y	Y	Y	S
Plastic foams	N	N	S	Y	Y	S
Non-aqueous liquids	Y	S	Y	N	N	N
Aqueous systems	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Minerals	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Oils	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N

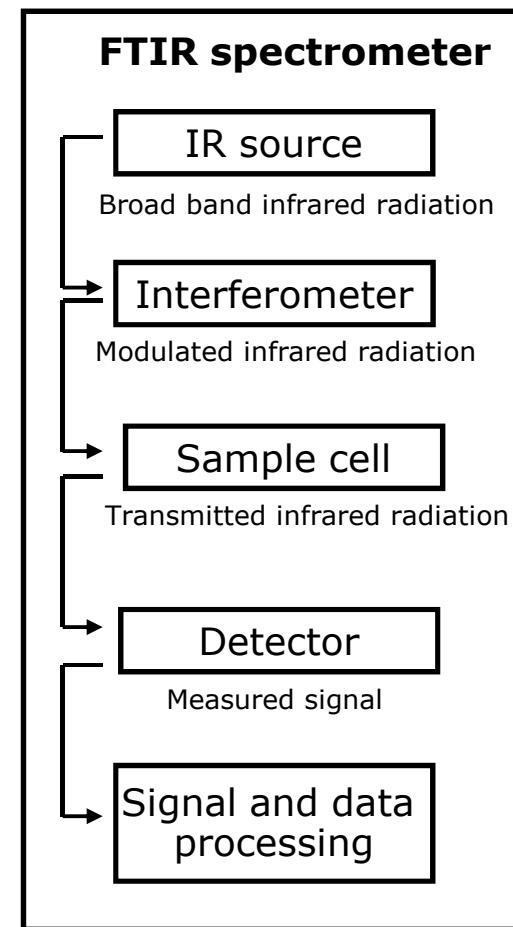
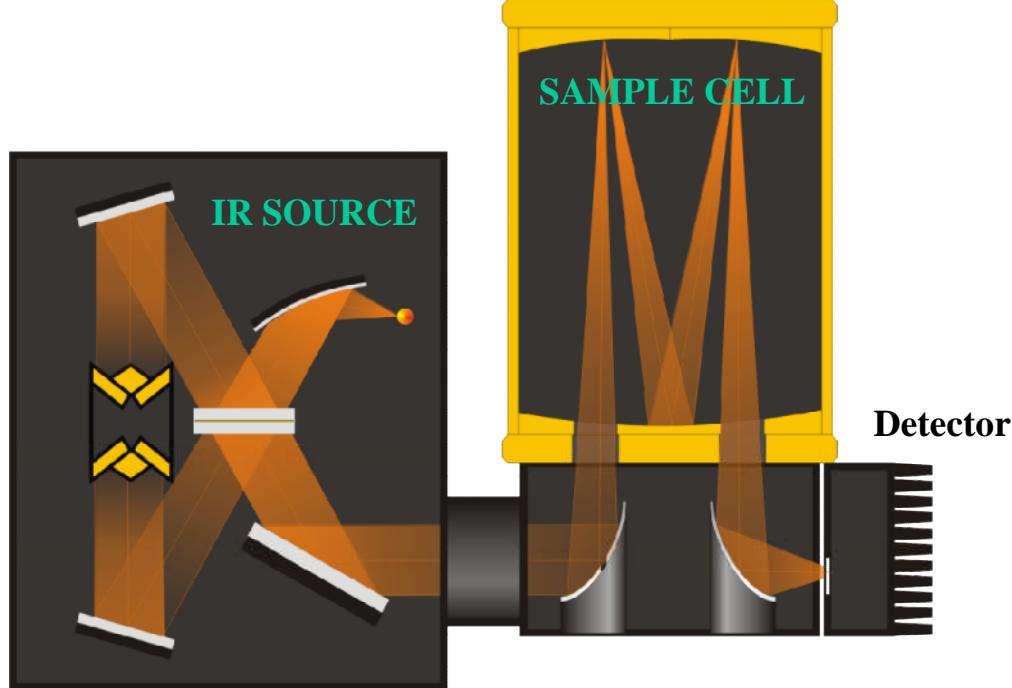
Key:

Y = yes,  
straightforward

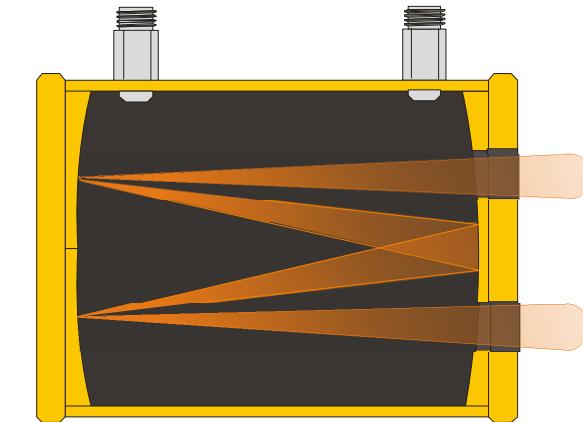
S = suitable for  
some samples

N = not normally  
suitable

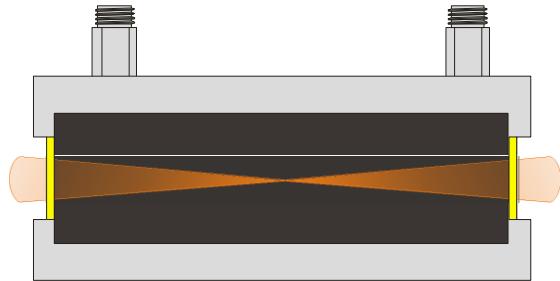
# Extractive FTIR with Gas Cells



# Sample cells and optical path length

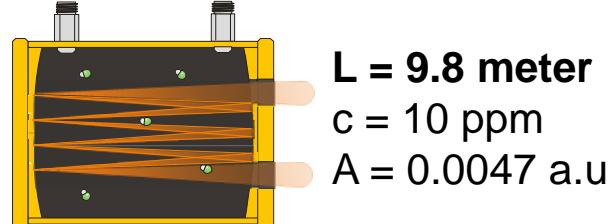


**High Sensitivity  
(Multipass)  
Sample Cell**  
 $V = 0.4 \text{ l}$   
 $L = 60 \dots 980 \text{ cm}$   
 $T_{90} < 10 \text{ sec (4 lpm)}$

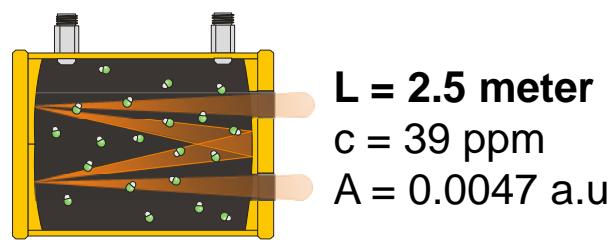


**Single pass cell**  
 $V = 0.013 \dots 0.031 \text{ l}$   
 $L = 1, 4, \text{ or } 10 \text{ cm}$   
 $T_{90} < 1 \text{ sec (4 lpm)}$

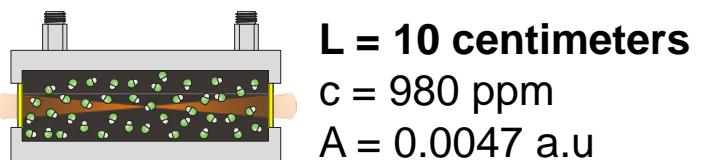
**Different path lengths  
for different  
measurement ranges**



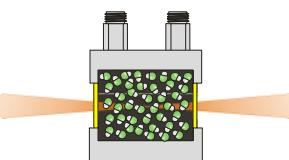
$L = 9.8 \text{ meter}$   
 $c = 10 \text{ ppm}$   
 $A = 0.0047 \text{ a.u}$



$L = 2.5 \text{ meter}$   
 $c = 39 \text{ ppm}$   
 $A = 0.0047 \text{ a.u}$



$L = 10 \text{ centimeters}$   
 $c = 980 \text{ ppm}$   
 $A = 0.0047 \text{ a.u}$



$L = 4 \text{ centimeters}$   
 $c = 2450 \text{ ppm}$   
 $A = 0.0047 \text{ a.u}$

# Examples of Infrared Gas Analysis with a 10-meter Cell for OSHA Compliance

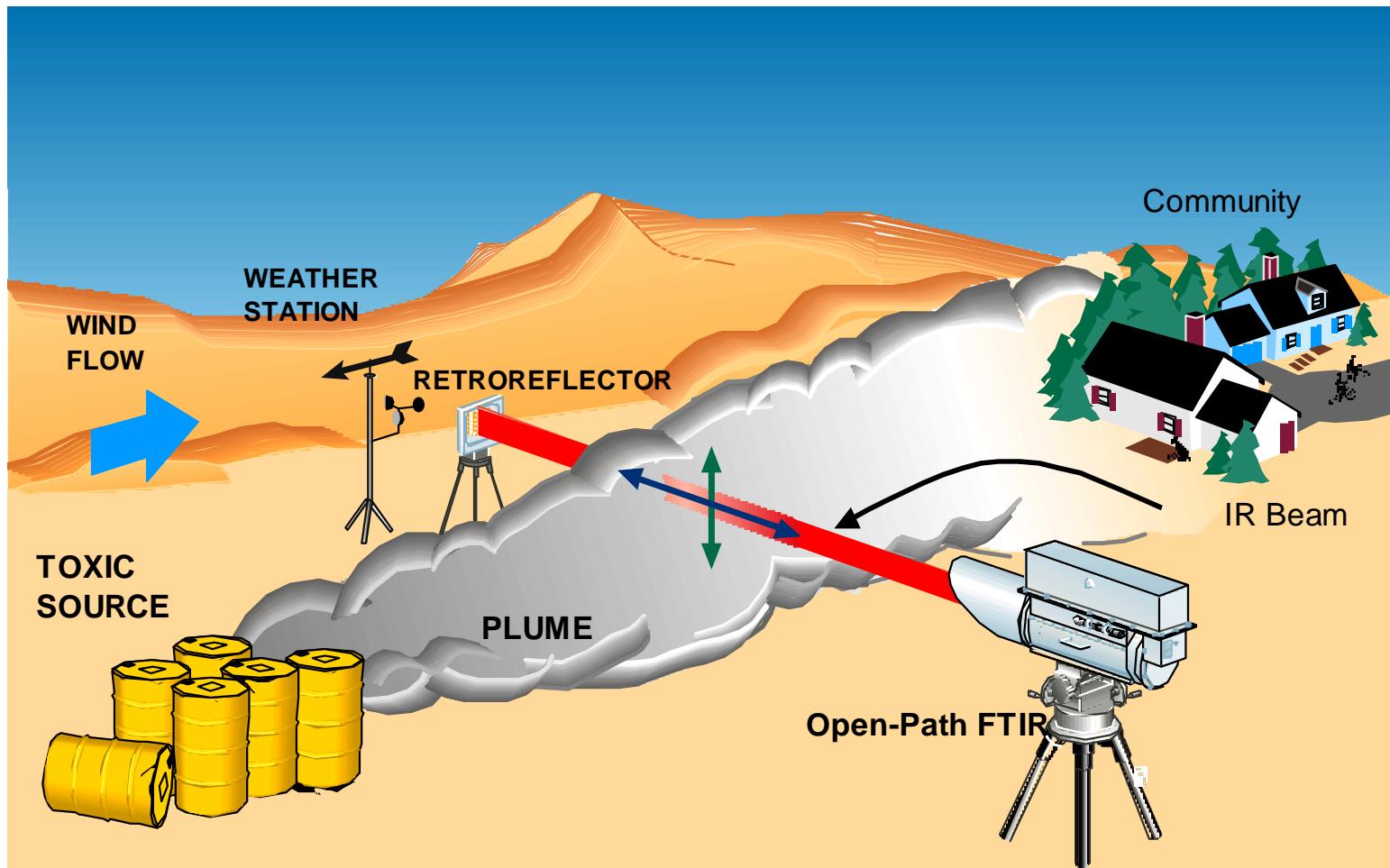
<b>Compound</b>	<b>Allowable Exposure, ppm</b>	<b>Wavelength, <math>\mu\text{m}</math></b>	<b>Minimum Detectable Concentration, ppm</b>
Carbon disulfide	4	4.54	0.5
Choloroprene	10	11.4	4
Diborane	0.1	3.9	0.05
Ethylenediamine	10	13.0	0.4
Hydrogen cyanide	4.7	3.04	0.4
Methyl mercaptan	0.5	3.38	0.4
Nitrobenzene	1	11.8	0.2
Pyridine	5	14.2	0.2
Sulfur dioxide	2	8.6	0.5
Vinyl chloride	1	10.9	0.3

# Formaldehyde - Extractive FTIR

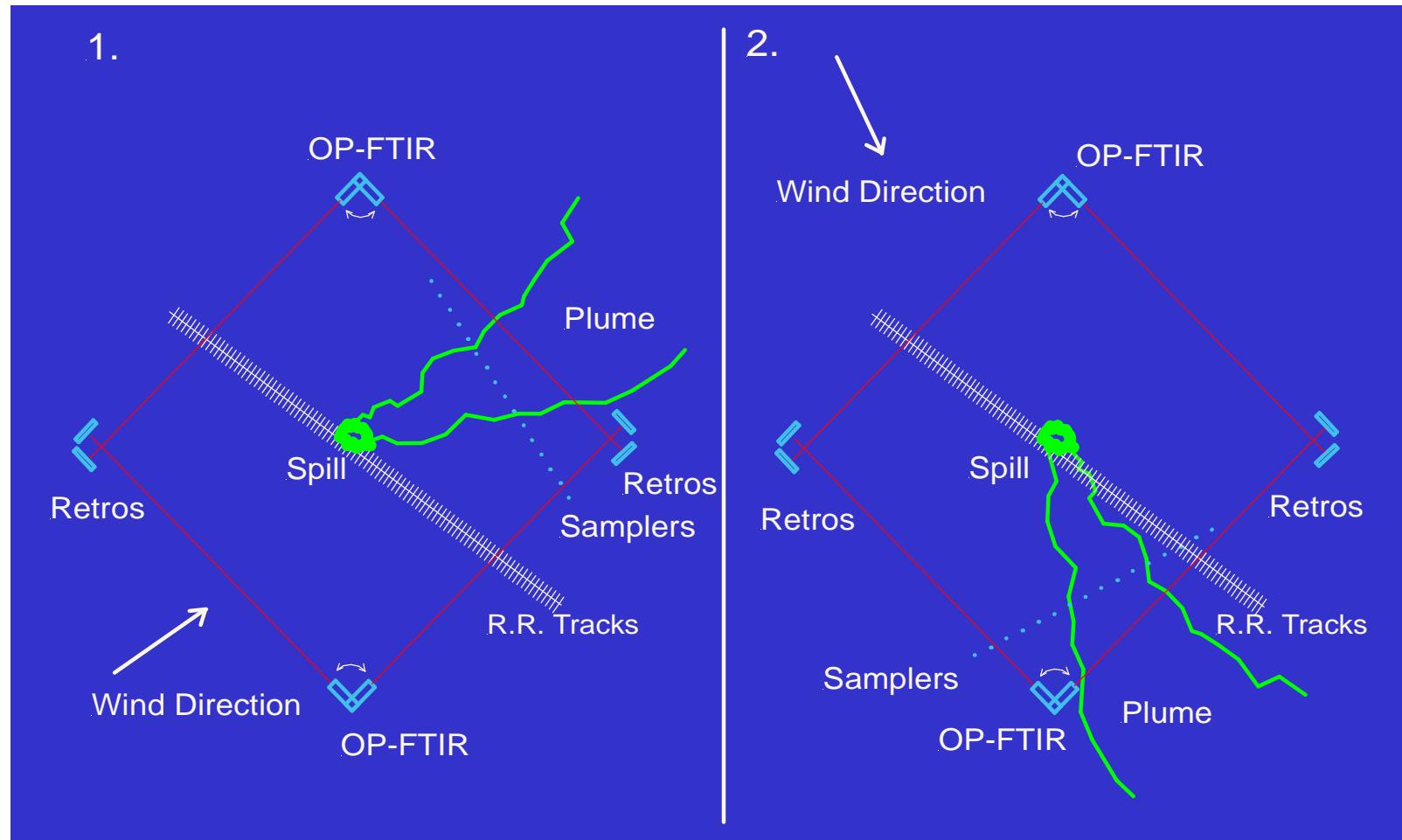
## Versus Other NIOSH Methods

NIOSH Method	Description	Max. Flow rate (L/min.)	Min Volume (L)	Min Time	Detection Limit	Minimum Concentration
2016	DNPH treated silica gel tubes- HPLC	1.5	1	40 sec	0.23 ug	0.2 ppm
2541	HMP treated XAD-2 tubes-GC	0.1	1	10 min	3 ug	2.7 ppm
3500	Impinger, bisulfite-colorimetric	1.0	1	1 min	2 ug	1.8 ppm
3800	Extractive FTIR-direct reading	NA	NA	1 min to fill gas cell (Miran SapphIRe)	0.4 ppm (10 meter gas cell)	0.4 ppm

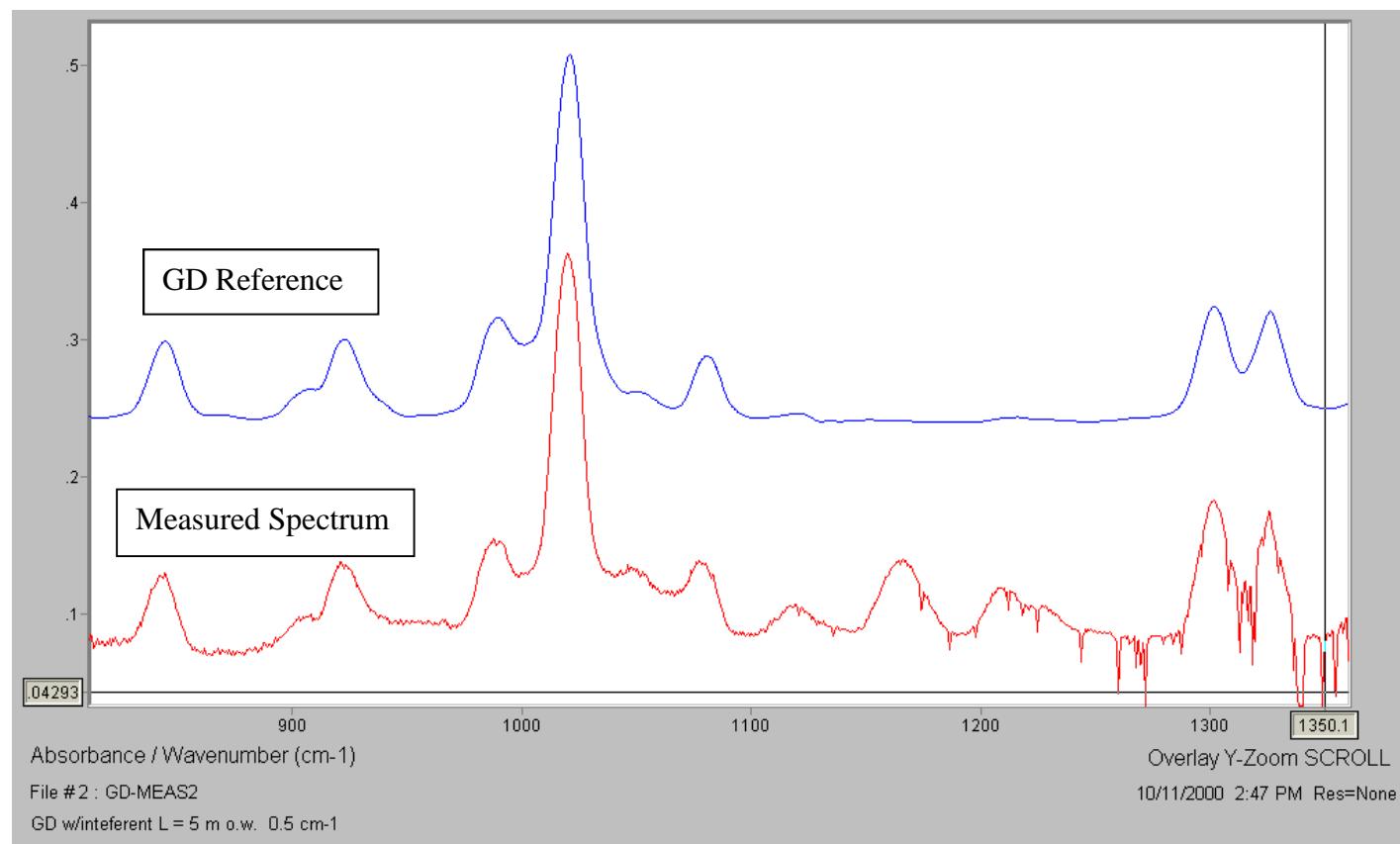
# OP-FTIR Measurement



# Tomographic Monitoring Scenario at Chemical Accident



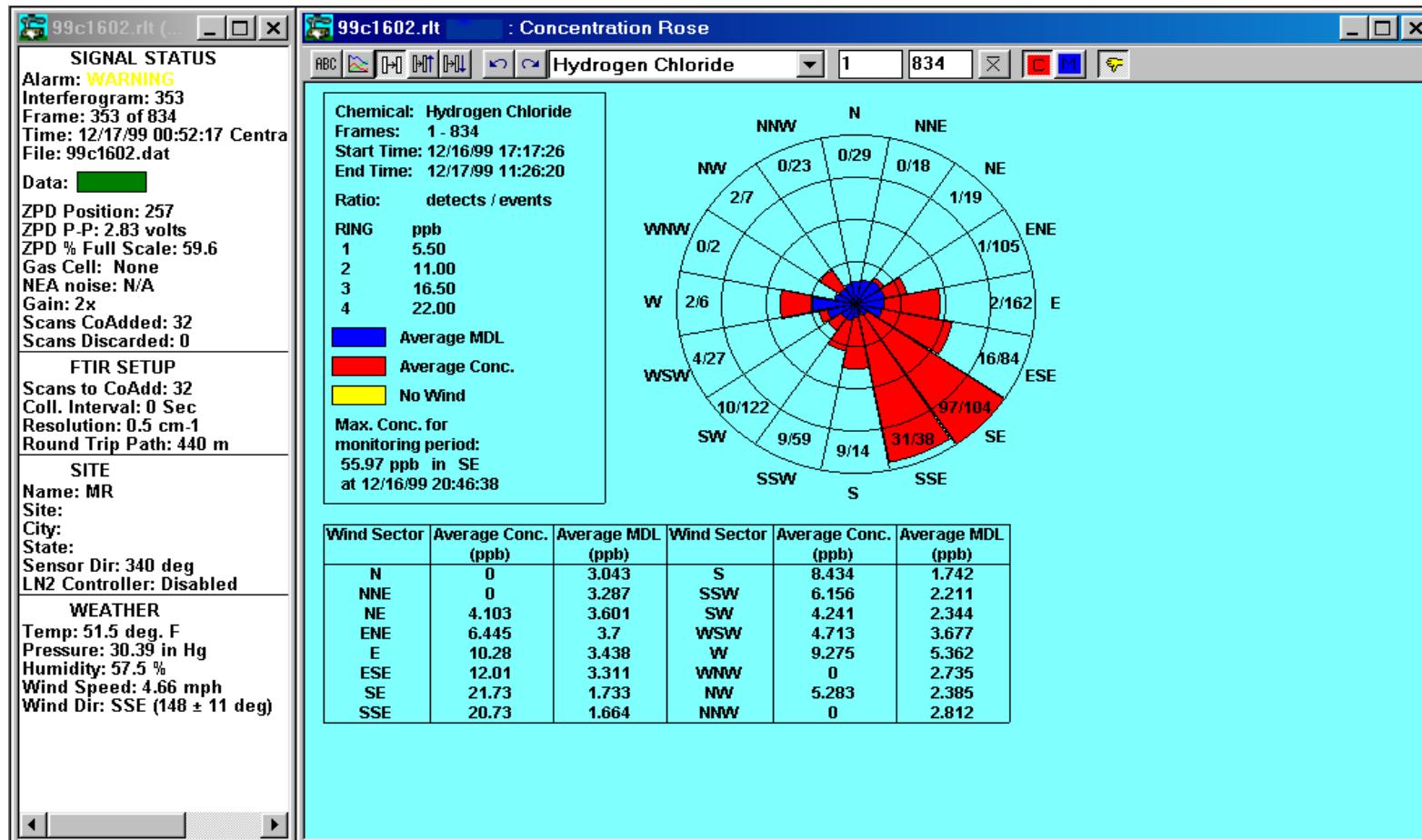
# Comparison of Measured Spectrum to GD reference



# Open-Path FTIR Detection Limits for Chemical Warfare Agents

Chemical Agent	MDL (100 to 500 m) Meas. time = 2 sec	MDL (200 meters) Meas. time = 1 min
	(ppb)	(ppb)
GA	1.2	0.3
GB	0.7	0.2
GD	1.1	0.3
GF	0.9	0.2
HD 186	3	0.8
Lewisite	4	1.0
VX 22	16	4

# Concentration-Rose Points to Emission Source

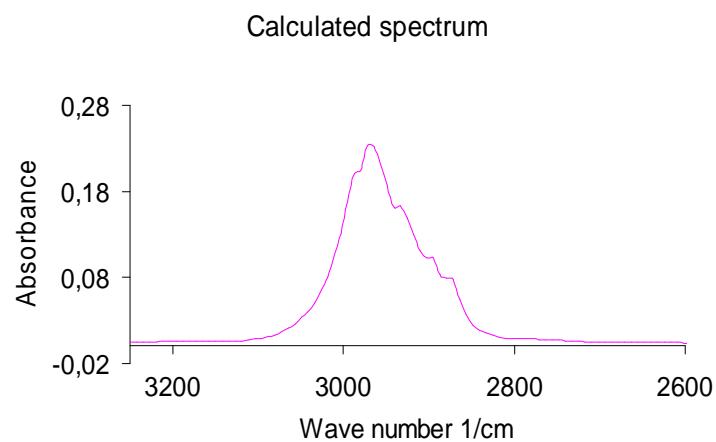
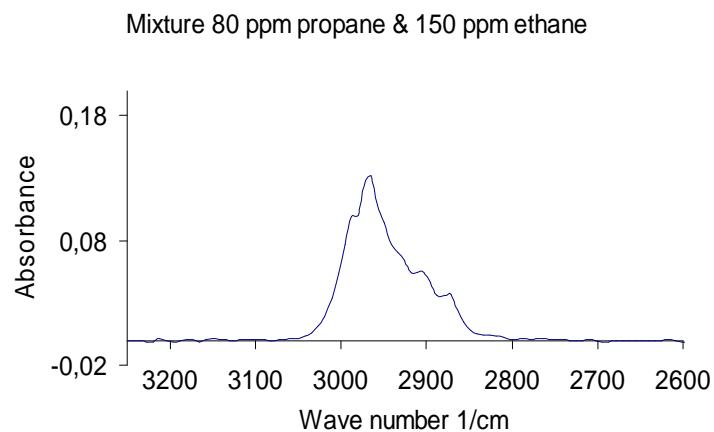


# Classical Least Squares Analysis (CLS)

CLS analysis is an iterative process

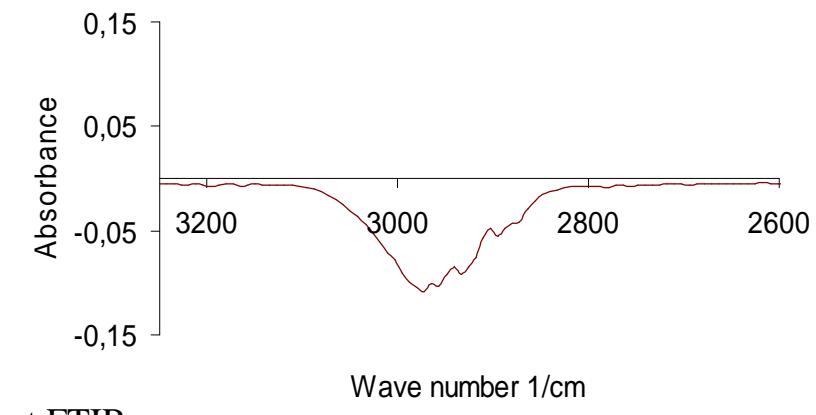
- At each step every individual reference spectrum is given a coefficient ( $k$ )
- Model spectrum is calculated as a sum of reference spectra weighted by coefficient ( $k$ )
- The difference between measured spectrum and model spectrum is called **residual spectrum** (residual)
- The residual is calculated in every data point of the selected analysis area
- The CLS algorithm searches for smallest possible residual by changing the  $k$  values
- When the minimum residual is found, the concentrations in the sample spectrum are  $k$  times concentration of the reference spectra

Initial quess: Propane = 100 ppm, ethane = 100 ppm



Residual = Sample spectrum – Calculated spectrum

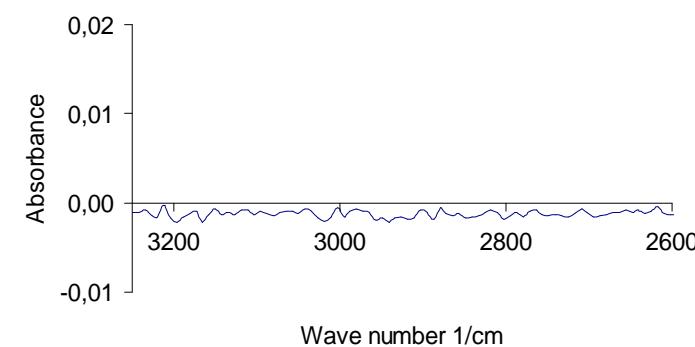
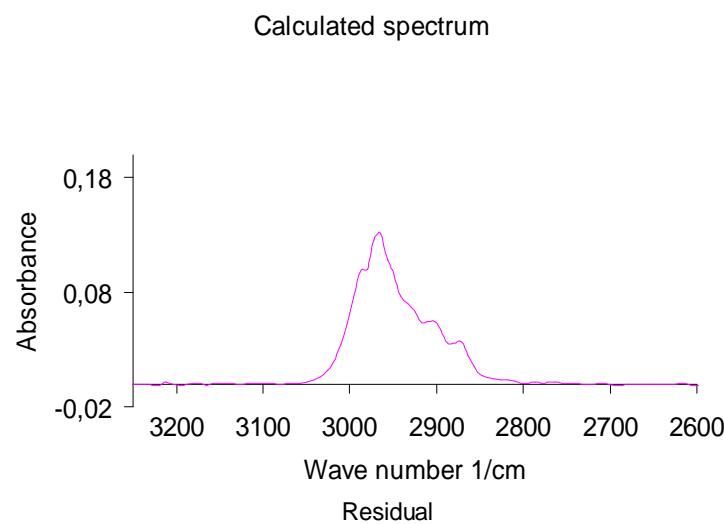
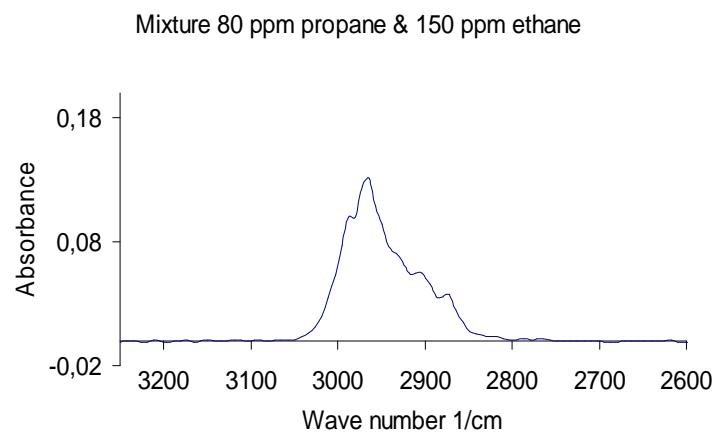
Residual not in minimum  
-> optimisation continued



Gasmet FTIR

The optimisation stops when:

- k for ethane is 1.5
- k for propane is 0.8



Gasmet FTIR

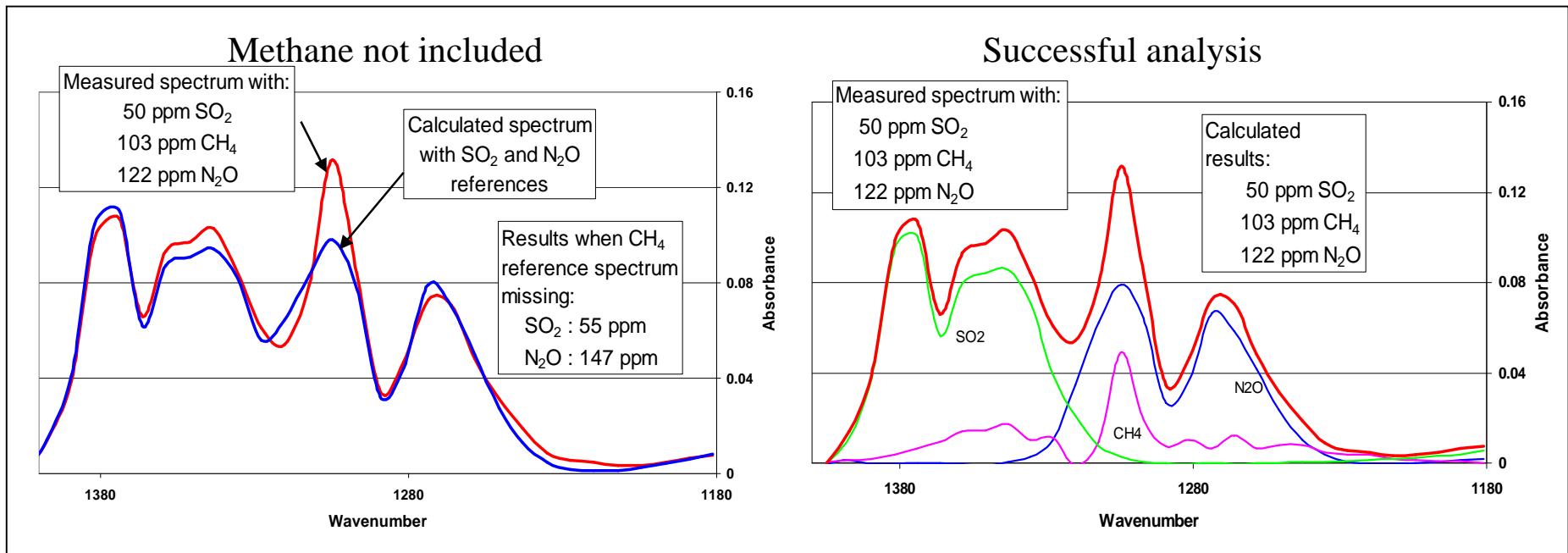
**Residual is only noise:  
Successful analysis!**

Concentrations:

$$\text{Ethane} = 1.5 \times 100 \text{ ppm} = 150 \text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{Propane} = 0.8 \times 100 \text{ ppm} = 80 \text{ ppm}$$

# Cross interference correction



- Cross interference occurs when one or more gases are missing from the library
- Incomplete library leads to large difference between measured and calculated spectrum → analysis error
- Cross interference may be avoided by selecting suitable analysis areas avoiding the interfering absorption if the library cannot be expanded.

# Advantages of the Open Path FTIR

- Can monitor many compounds simultaneously
- Produces near-real time, continuous results
- Can cover a broad range of concentrations
- Can monitor long, multiple open-air paths
- Rugged design applicable to industrial monitoring at industrial fencelines
- Cost effective for large area survey analysis
- Data can be correlated to air dispersion modeling

# Materials for Spectroscopic Instruments

	Mirrors	Lenses	Windows
Ultraviolet	aluminum	fused silica, sapphire	fused silica, sapphire
Visible	aluminum	glass, sapphire	glass, sapphire
Near infrared	gold	glass, sapphire	glass, sapphire
Infrared	copper, gold	$\text{CaF}_2$ , $\text{ZnSe}$	$\text{NaCl}$ , $\text{BaF}_2$ , $\text{CaF}_2$ , $\text{ZnSe}$

# Reflection Losses

substance	refractive index
Glass	1.5
Air	1.0
Water	1.3

$$f = [ (n_1 - n_2) / (n_1 + n_2) ]^2 = \text{fraction reflected}$$

Examples: for thin glass plate = 92 % T

for an empty cell = 85 % T

for liquid filled cell = 91.3 % T

Prevention: 1) run blank with solvent

2) use matched cells

# Slits

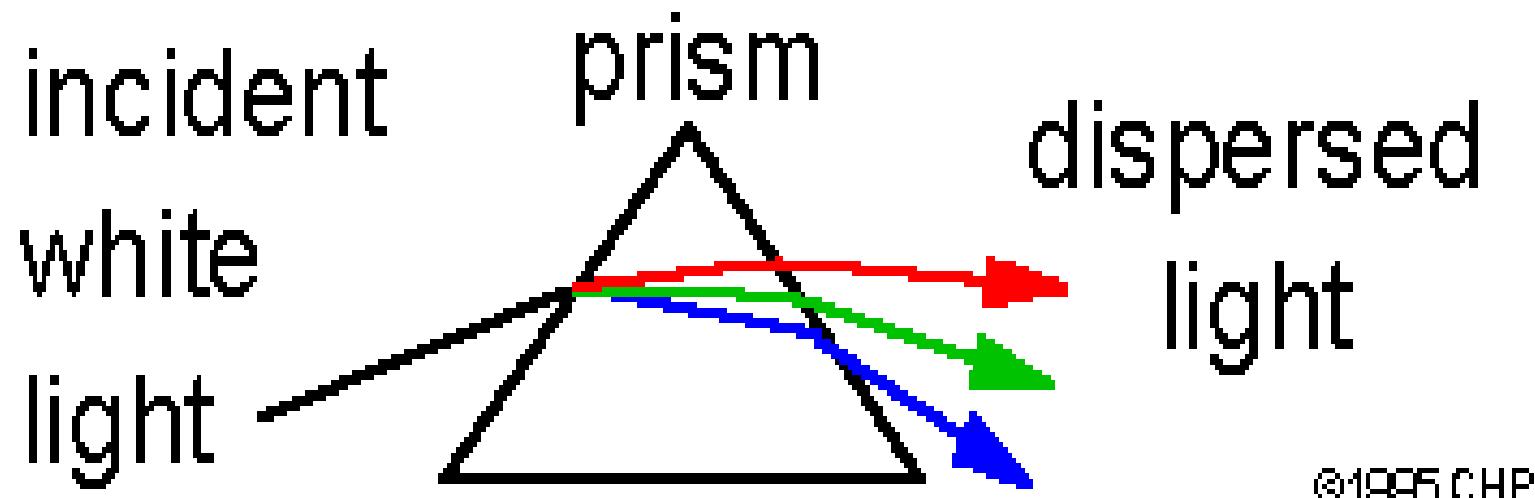
	Wide slits	Narrow slits
Throughput	High	Low
Resolution	Low	High
Quant	Good	Poor
Qual	Poor	Good

- Slits are used to limit the amount of light impinging on the dispersing element as well as to limit the light reaching the detector.
- There is a dichotomy between intensity and resolution.

Voltage regulation required as radiant power varies  
exponentially with voltage

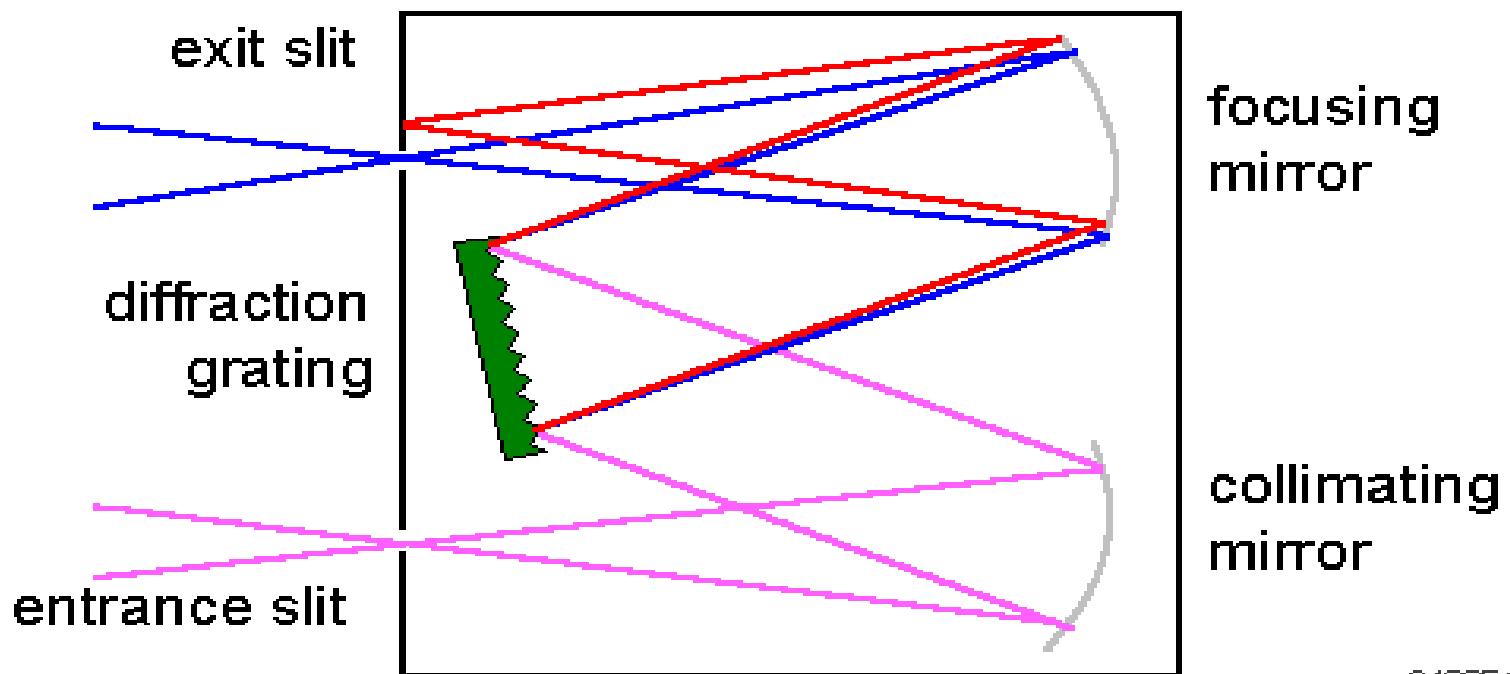
Continuum Sources	
Ar Lamp	VAC UV
Xe Lmp	VAC UV, UV-VIS
H <sub>2</sub> or D <sub>2</sub> Lamp	UV
Tungsten Lamp	UV-Near IR
Nernst Glower	UV-VIS-Near IR-IR
Nichrome Wire	Near IR-Far IR
Globar	Near IR-Far IR
Hollow Cathode Lamp	UV-VIS
Lasers	UV-VIS-Near IR

Polarizing prisms: made of birefringent materials



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# Czerny-Turner: two mirrors used to collimate and focus



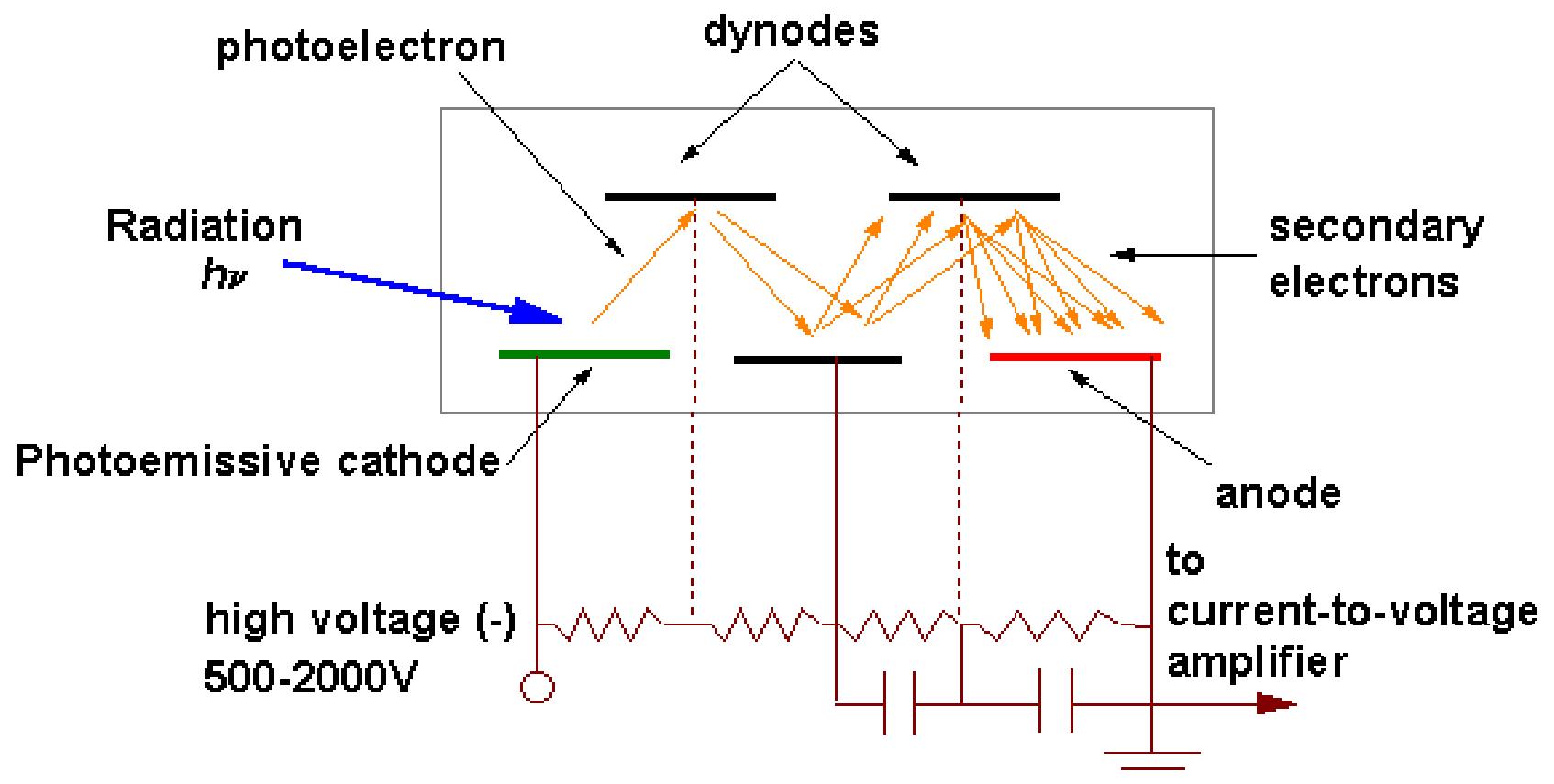
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# SAMPLE CONTAINERS

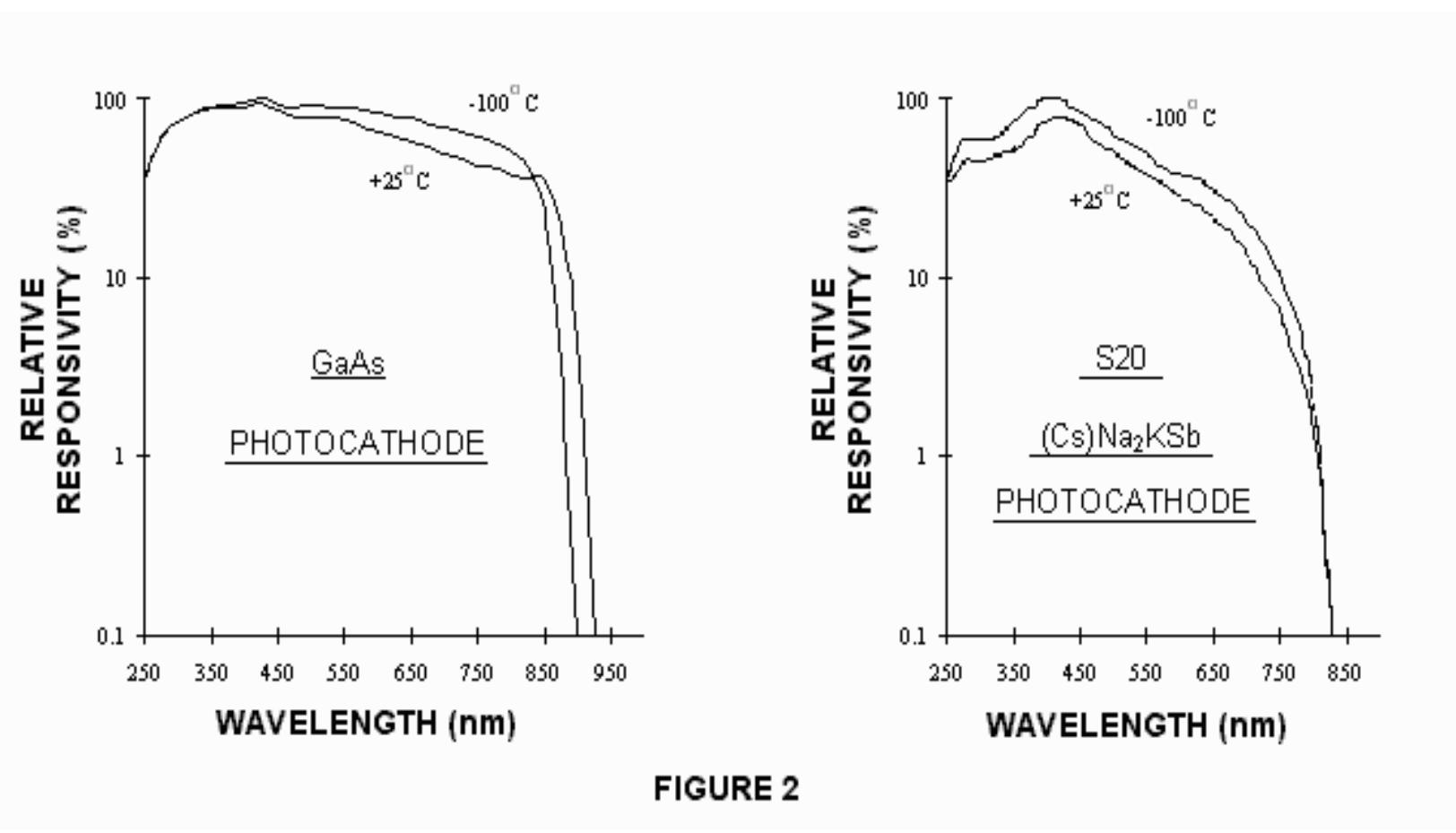
Spectral Region	Material
UV	Fused silica
VIS	Plastic, glass
NaCl	IR

- Required of all spectroscopic methods except emission spectroscopy
- Must be made of material that is transparent to the spectral region of interest

# Photomultiplier Tubes



# Spectral Range of UV-Vis Detectors



Thermionic emission: energy available since PMT is not at absolute zero (0 K)

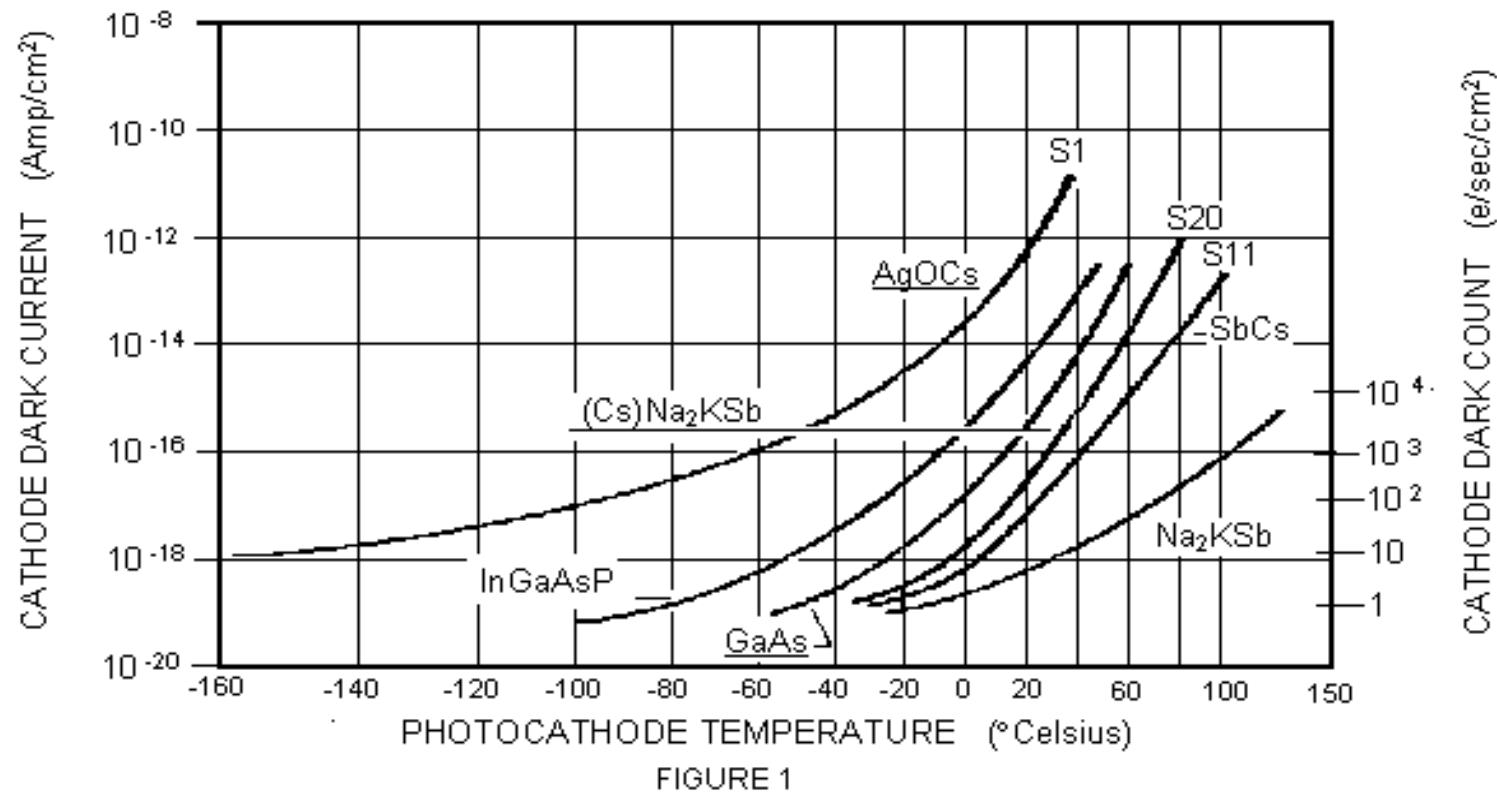
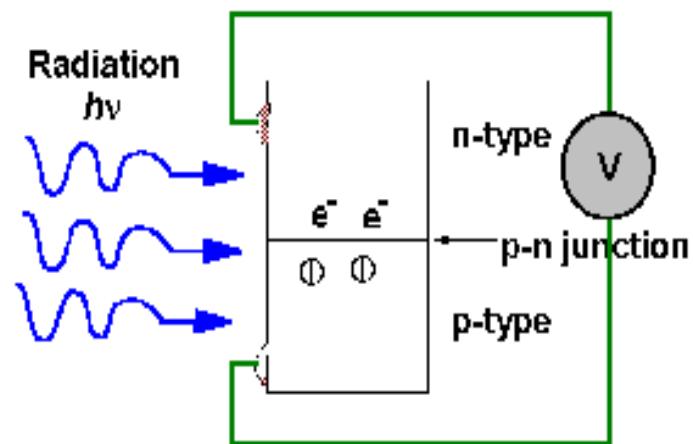


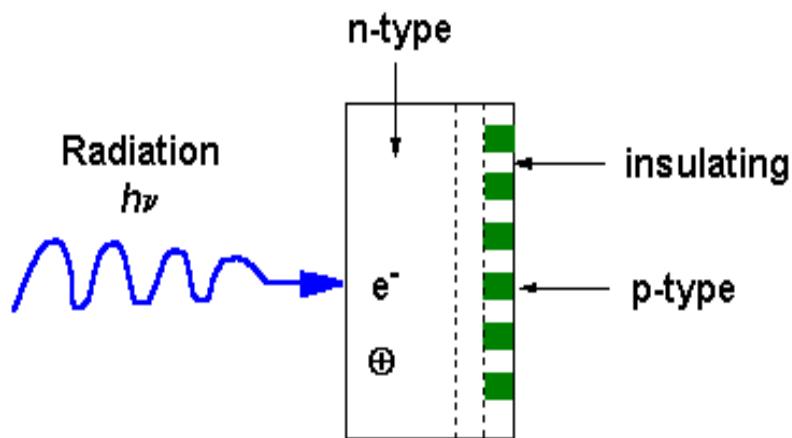
FIGURE 1

# ARRAY DETECTORS

- An "electrical photographic plate"
- Detect differences in light intensity at different points on their photosensitive surfaces
- Fabricated from silicon using semiconductor technology
- Originally conceived as television camera sensing elements
- Placed at focal plane of polychromator in place of the exit slit
- Sensitive for detection of light in 200-1000 nm range
- Major advantage is simultaneous detection of all wavelengths within range
- Types
  - 1) SIT : silicon intensifier target
  - 2) PDA : photodiode array
  - 3) CCD : charge-coupled device
  - 4) CID : charge injection device



# PHOTODIODE ARRAYS (PDA)

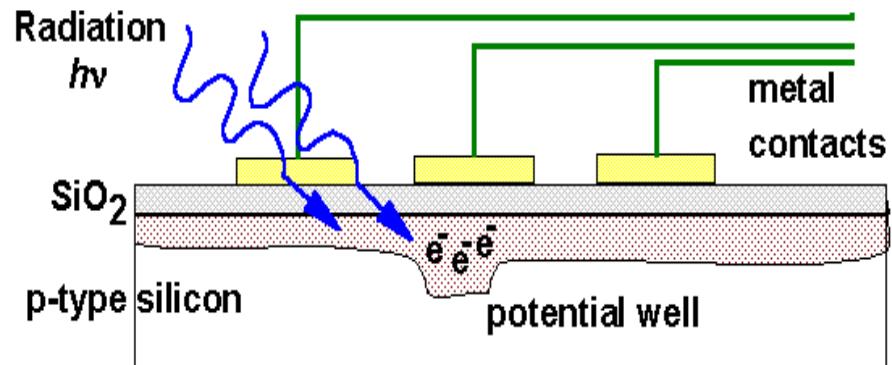


## Process

- Each diode in the array is reverse-biased and thus can store charge like a capacitor
- Before being exposed to light to be detected, diodes are fully charged via a transistor switch
- Light falling on the PDA will generate charge carriers in the silicon which combine with stored charges of opposite polarity and neutralize them
- The amount of charge lost is proportional to the intensity of light

# Charge-Coupled Devices (CCD)

- Invented in 1970
- Potential well formed by an electrode as in CID
- p-type material, however, used to store charges as electrons
- After exposure to light charge packets are transferred along the row to special
- low-capacitance readout diode
- Passage of charge induces a voltage change proportional to amount of charge
- Small pixels are not well-suited to ordinary dispersive spectroscopy

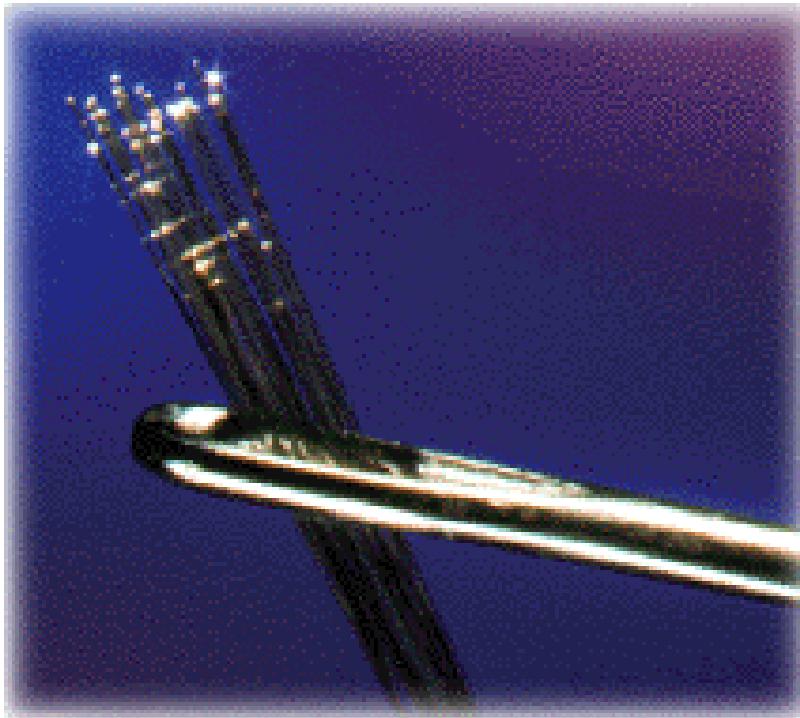


- Summation is done on the chip rather than in memory after the readout, thus only one read
- operation required for all the pixels to be summed, thus lower readout noise per pixel is achieved

# COMPARISON OF OPTICAL DETECTORS FOR THE VISIBLE AND ULTRAVIOLET

- Three most important factors
  1. Sensitivity: Sensitivity of Si > than photocathode materials in PMT
  2. Noise sources
    - Dark current in solid Si due to thermally generated electron-hole pairs
    - Readout noise generated due to reading amounts of charge stored by detector elements
  3. Dynamic range
    - PMTs have dynamic ranges of  $10^5$ - $10^6$
    - Charge transfer devices have single pixel dynamic ranges of about  $10^4$
- Costs
  1. Array detectors k\$25-50
  2. PMT advantage when spectrum acquisition time not important
  3. Array readout times 0.5 ms (1000 diode PDA) - 5 s (520x312 pixel CCD)

# FIBER OPTICS



- Properties of Optical Fiber  
transmission of this light depends on the total internal reflection
- Fiber-Optic Sensors  
optrodes- consist of a reagent phase immobilized on the end of a fiber optic
- Fiber Optics for Time Discrimination among Signals- use strands of different lengths signal delay of 50 ns per 10 m of fiber that it transverses