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Molecular Spectroscopy

- *Interaction of electromagnetic radiation with matter*
- *Electromagnetic spectrum*
- *Born –Oppenheimer approximation*
- *Microwave spectroscopy- diatomic rigid rotor model and the rotational spectrum*
- *IR spectroscopy- diatomic harmonic oscillator and anharmonic oscillator model*
- *Electronic spectroscopy- Vibrational coarse structure(Progressions), Franck Condon Principle*

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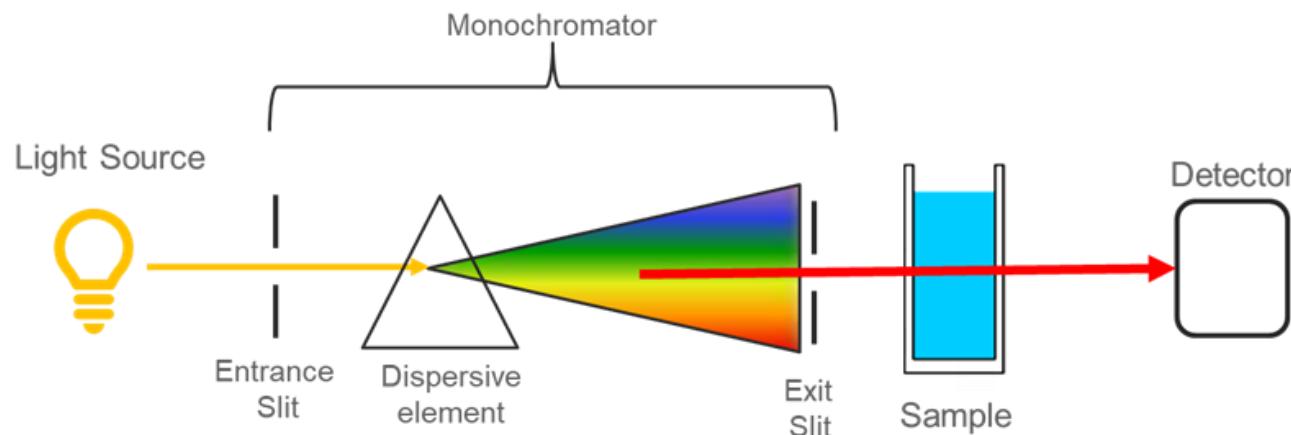
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Class content :

- *Definition of Molecular spectroscopy*
- *Interaction of electromagnetic radiation with matter*
- *Comparison between atomic and molecular spectra*
- *Quantisation of energy*
- *Absorption and emission spectra*
- *Spectroscopic units*

- **Molecular spectroscopy** is that branch of science which deals with the study of **interaction of electromagnetic radiation with matter(molecules)**
- **Incident radiation → diffraction grating → sample → detector→ recorder(spectrum)**

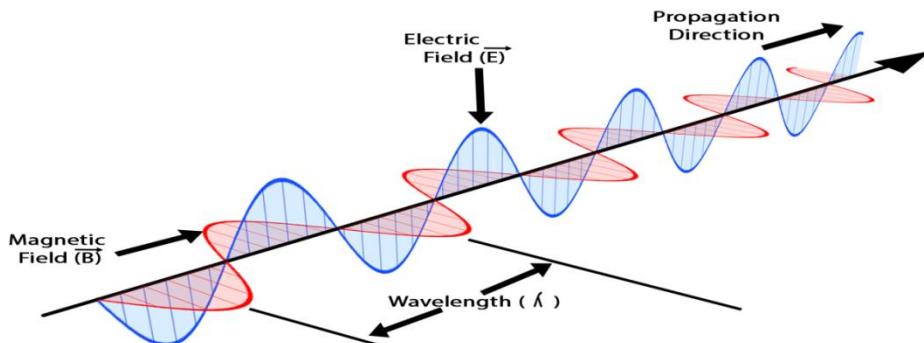


UV Vis Spectroscopy (<https://www.smacgigworld.com/>)

Some important features of **electromagnetic radiations** are:

- They have **dual character** i.e. particle character as well as wave character, for example, a beam of light is a stream of particles called photons moving through the space in the form of waves
- These waves are associated with **electric and magnetic fields** oscillating perpendicular to each other and also perpendicular to the direction of propagation
- All electromagnetic radiations travel with the **velocity of light**

Electromagnetic Wave

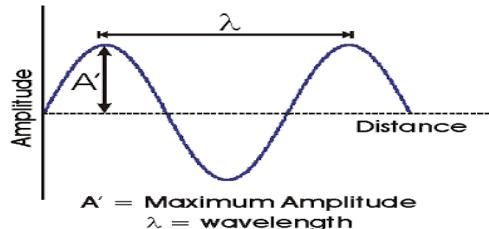


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Waves can be characterised by the following **properties** :



<http://www.chemistry.wustl.edu/~coursedev/Online%20tutorials/Waves.htm>

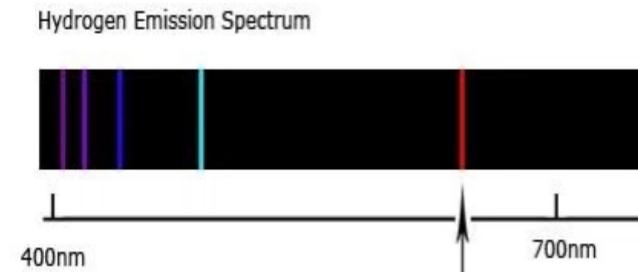
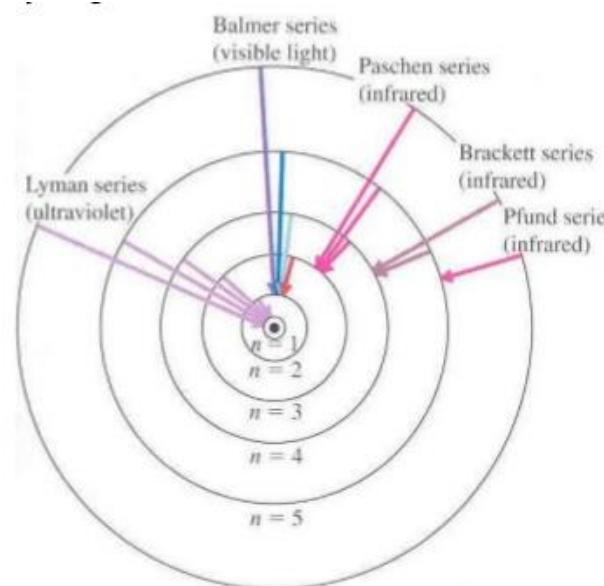
- **Wavelength** : The distance between two successive crests and troughs of the wave ; λ ; m , nm or Å
- **Frequency** : The number of cycles completed in a certain amount of time ; v ;Hz or s^{-1}
- **Wave number** : Number of complete waves or cycles contained in unit distance ; \bar{v} , cm^{-1}
- **Energy** of electromagnetic radiation is given by $E= hv$, where E is energy, h is Planck's constant,($h= 6.625 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$), and v is frequency
- Wavelength is related to frequency by $v = c/\lambda$, where c is the speed of light, λ is wavelength, and v is frequency
- Wave number is related to wavelength by

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Comparison between atomic spectra and molecular spectra

Atomic spectra

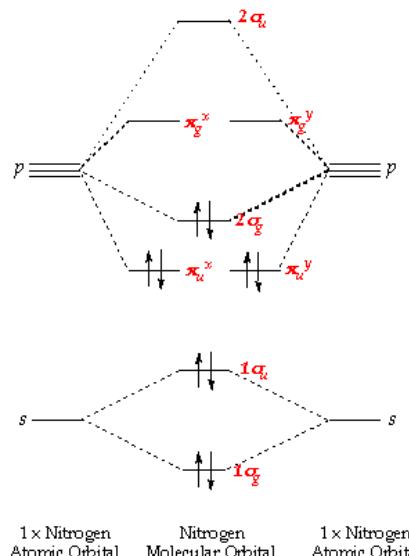
- Due to electronic transitions from **one atomic orbital to another**
- Gives rise to **line spectra**



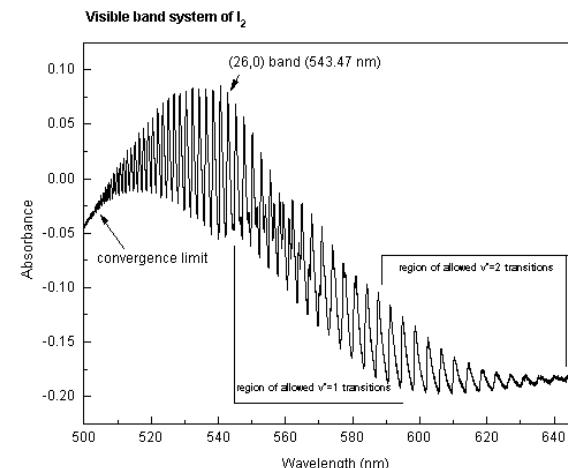
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Molecular spectra

- Due to electronic transitions from the **Highest occupied molecular orbital(HOMO)** to **Lowest unoccupied molecular orbital(LUMO)**
- Gives rise to **band spectra** due to rotational and vibrational transitions possible in molecules along with electronic transitions



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Quantisation of energy

- Energy levels in atoms or molecules are discrete or **quantised**
- Energy can be absorbed only in packets called **quanta**
- Frequency of light absorbed when there is a transition between two energy levels depends on the **difference in energy** between the two energy levels
- If an atom or molecule in ground state absorbs energy there exists a higher energy level corresponding to the frequency of light absorbed

E₂

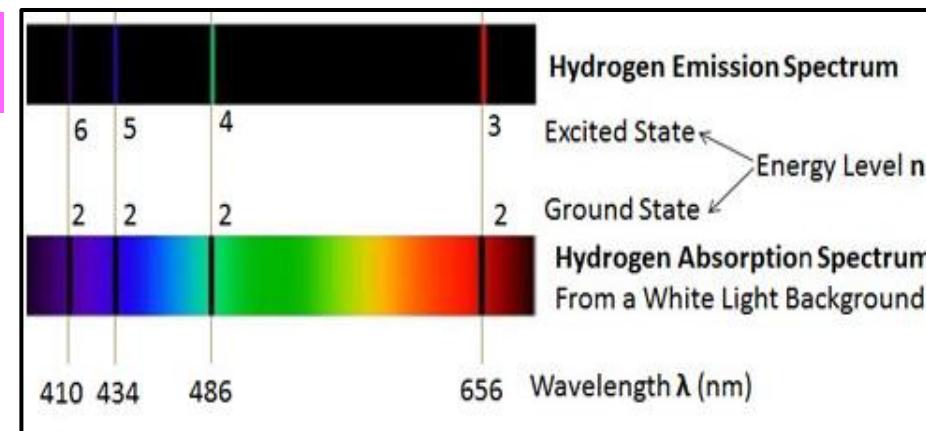
$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1 = h\nu$$

E₁

Absorption and Emission spectrum

- **Absorption spectrum** is observed when an atom or molecule absorbs energy and moves from lower energy level to higher energy level
- **Emission spectrum** arises when molecule comes from higher energy level to lower energy level

$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1 = h\nu$$



Spectroscopic units

$E = h\nu$ where Energy is expressed in Joules

Wave number is related to wavelength by $\bar{\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

since $c = \lambda\nu$, $\bar{\nu} = \frac{\nu}{c}$

Therefore $E = hc\bar{\nu}$ or $\bar{\nu} = \frac{E}{hc}$

- The **spectroscopic unit** for energy of a radiation is **cm⁻¹**
- It is **energy expressed in wave numbers**
- It is for **convenience** of using small numerals

e.g. $1 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 1.99 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}$



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