

## Oral Presentation (100 pts)

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CRITERIA	Eugene	Alexey
The whole day attendance (5)	5	5
Title was sent to instructor on time (3)	0	0
First slide has appropriate title, name, affiliation, date (3)	3	3
Scientific background, goal and motivation were clearly and correctly presented (20)	20	20
Research activities were clearly and correctly presented (20)	20	20
Results were clearly and correctly presented (20)	20	20
Technical aspects: good balance of text and figures, good quality figures, appropriate citations, correct spelling, correct number of significant digits, etc. (20)	20	20
Time management: good balance between Introduction-Procedure-Results-Analysis (3)	3	3
Spoke clearly, at a good pace, loud enough, etc. (3)	3	3
Finished on time and answered questions clearly and correctly (3)	3	3
<b>Final Totals (100)</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>

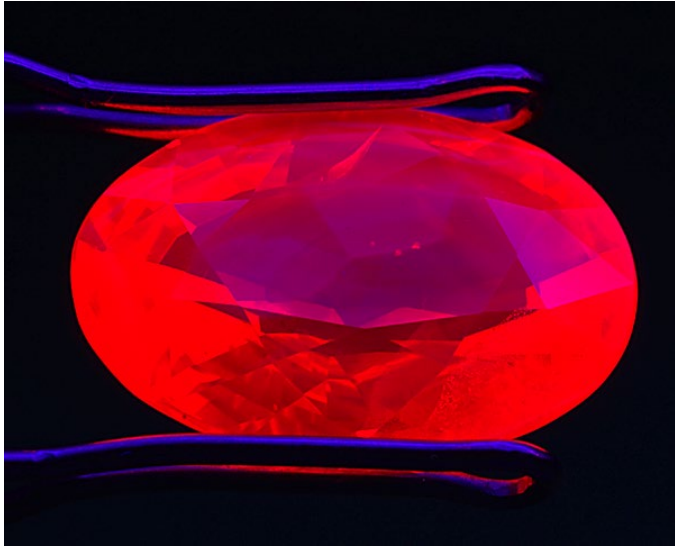
OTHER COMMENTS:

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# Temperature dependence of fluorescence lifetimes of rubies

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*Courtesy ruby-sapphire.com*

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# The mechanism behind fluorescence

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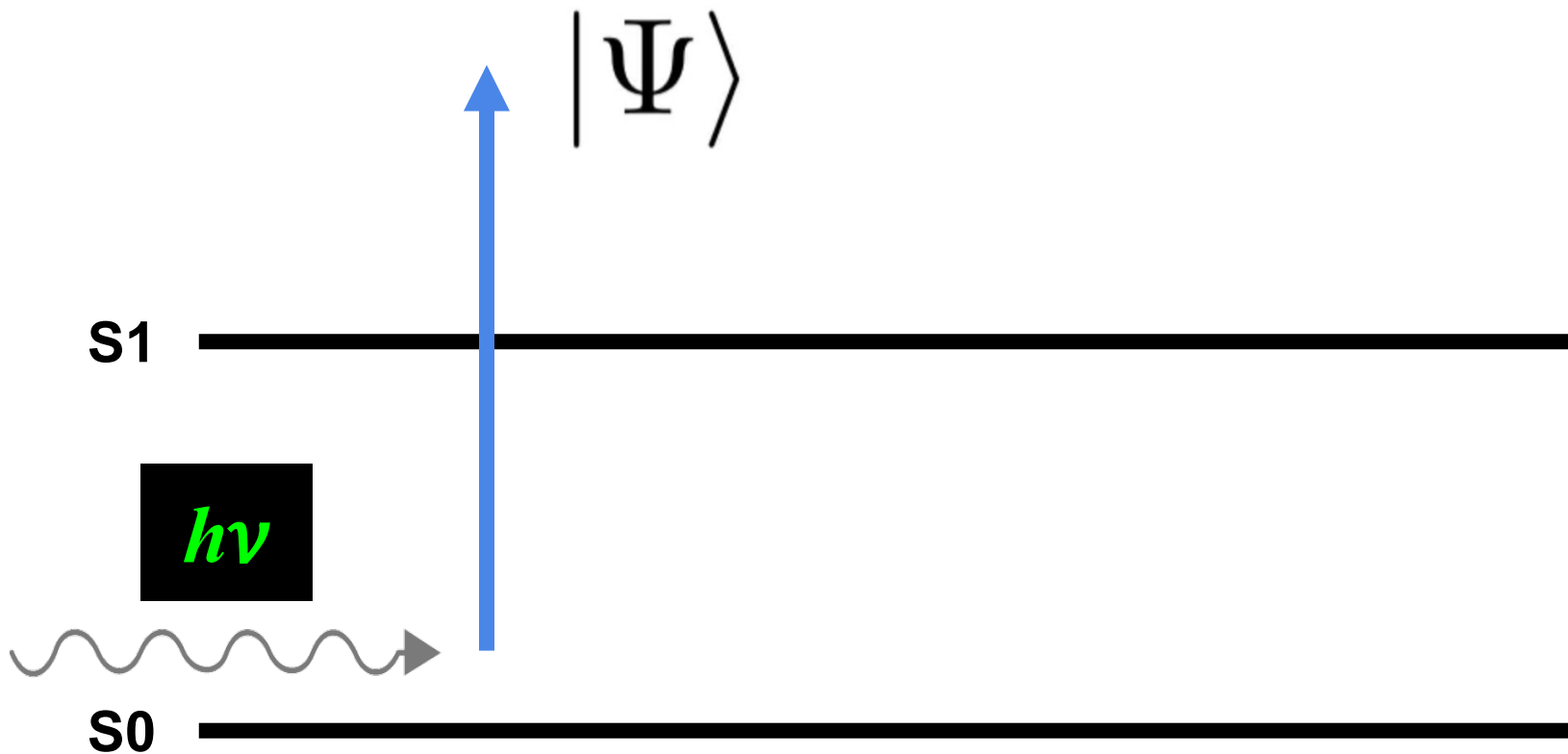
## STEP 1: Absorption



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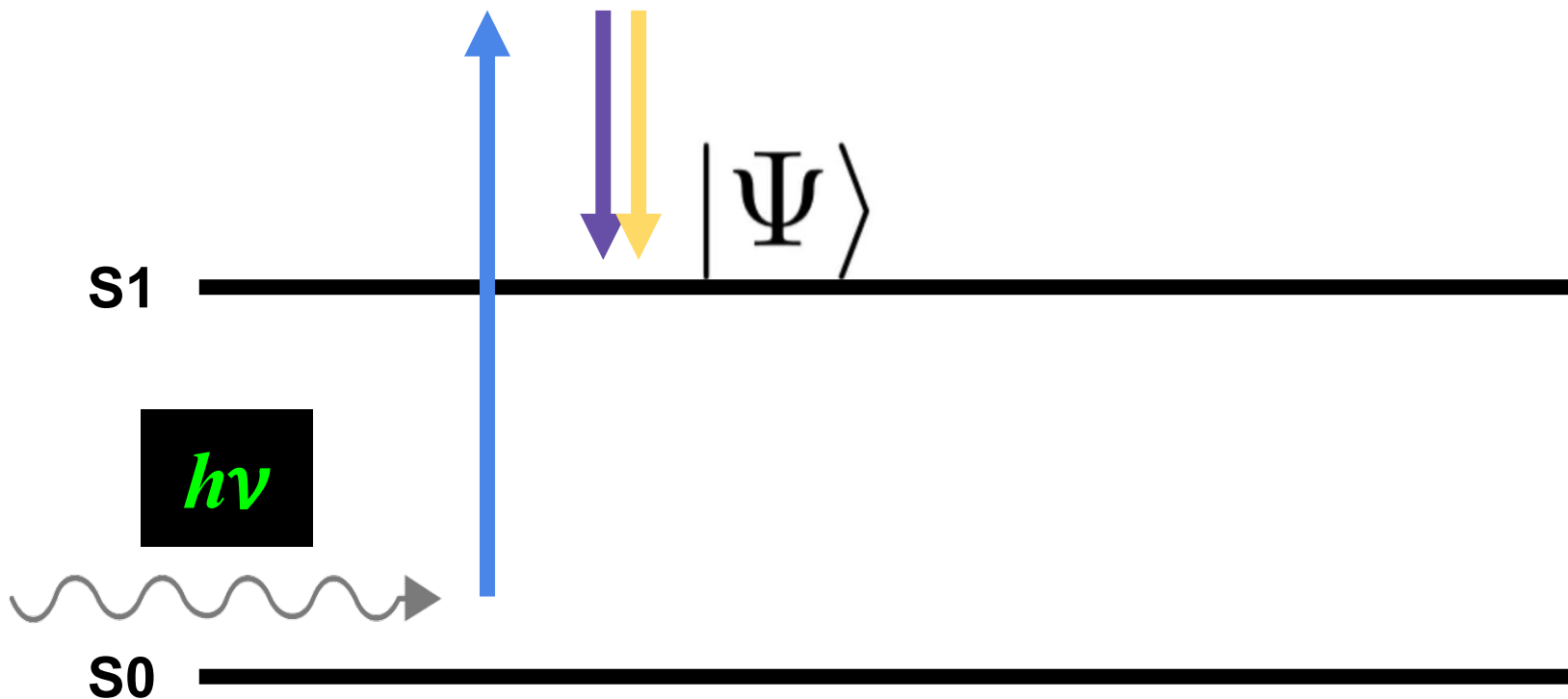
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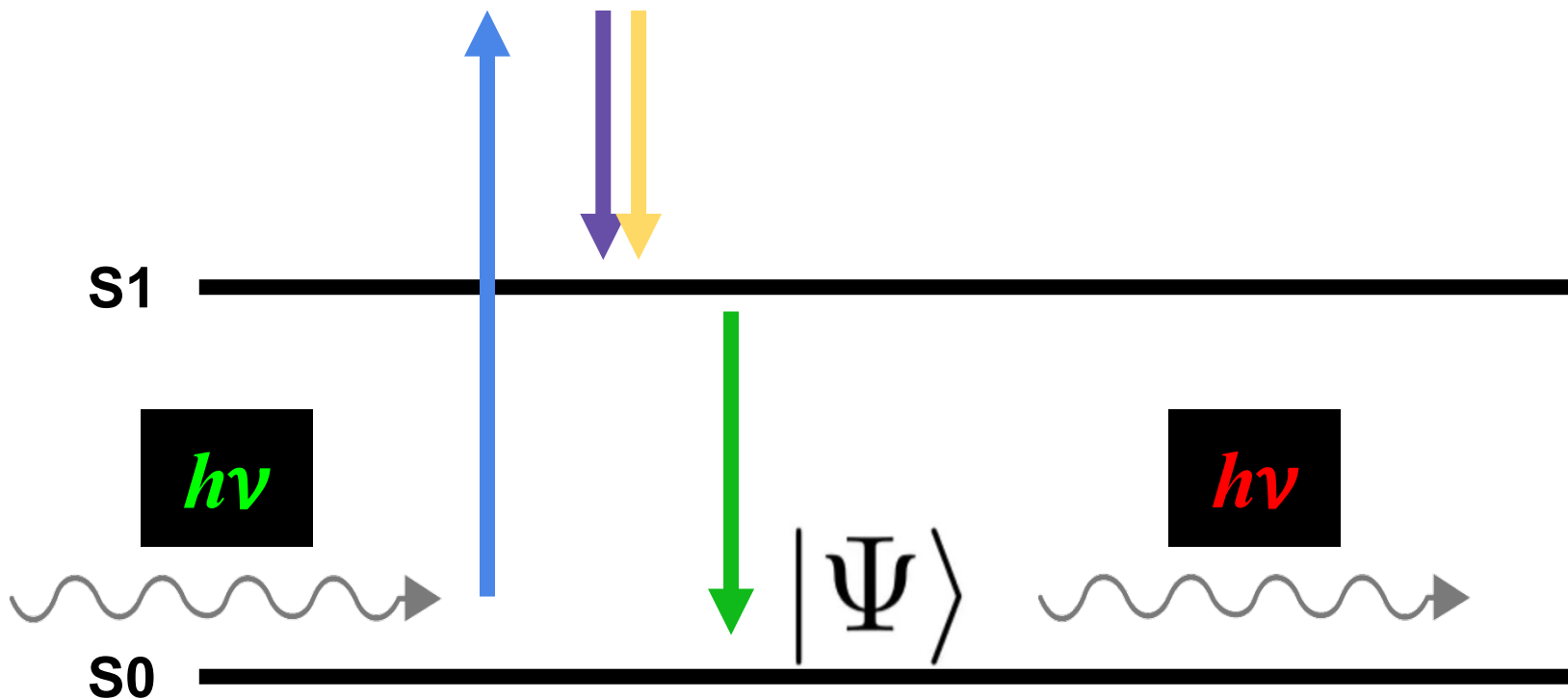
## STEP 2: Internal Conversion and Vibrational Relaxation



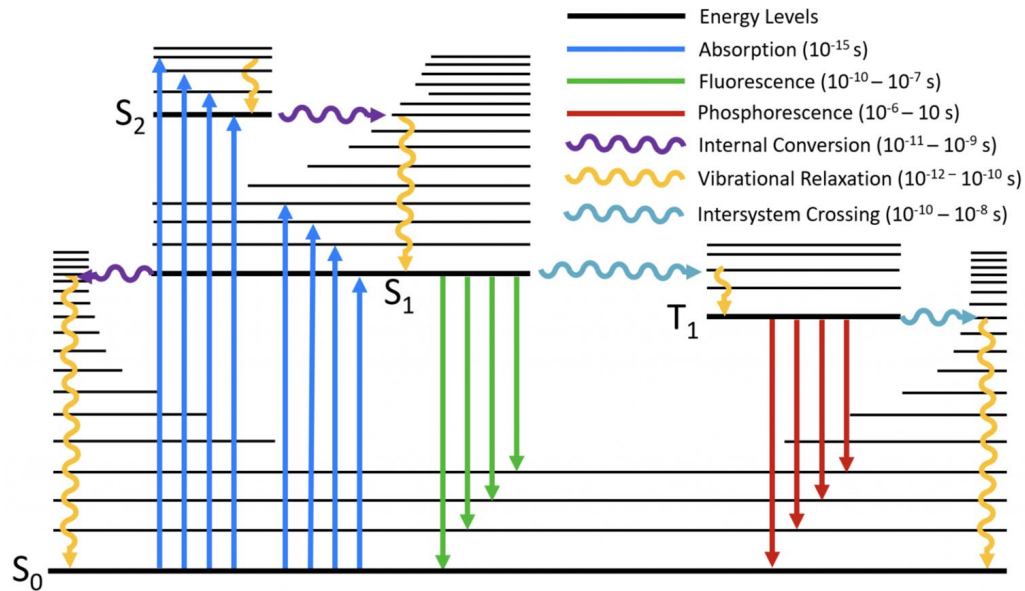
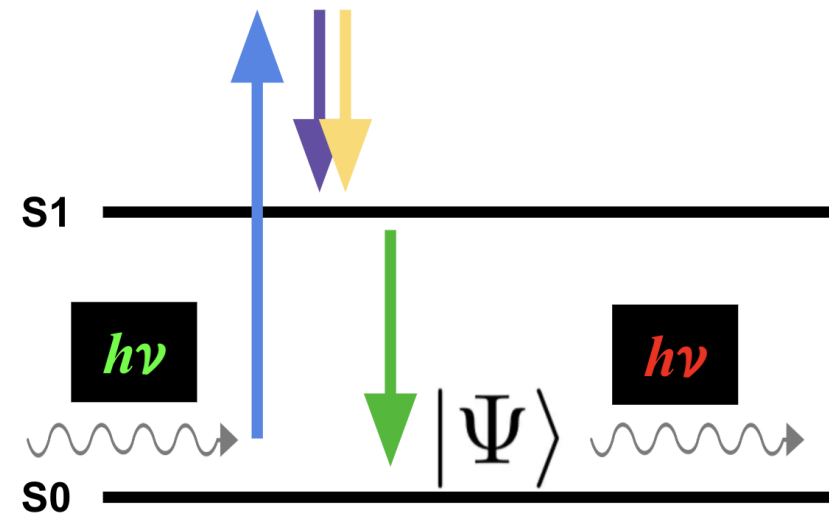
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## STEP 3: Fluorescence



# The mechanism behind fluorescence



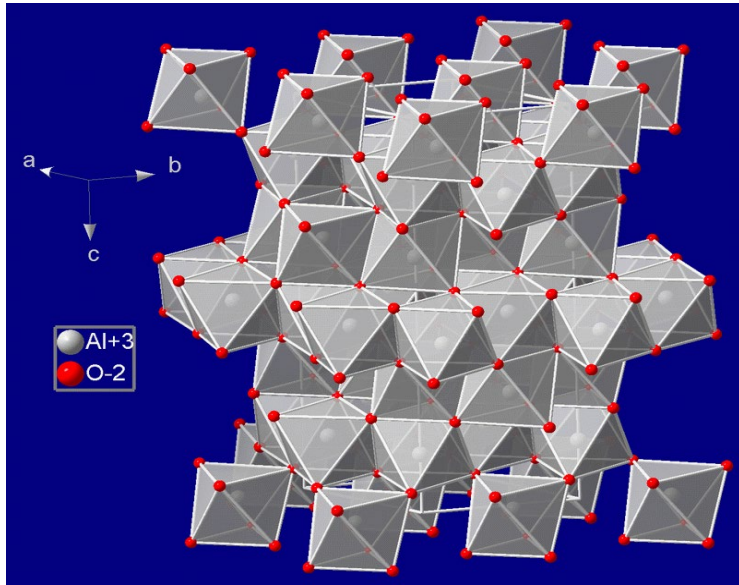
Perrin-Jablonski Diagram *Courtesy Edinburgh Instruments*



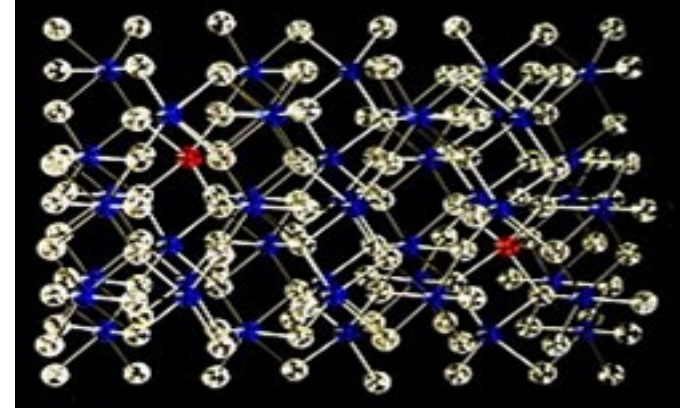
# Fluorescence in rubies

CORUNDUM: Crystalline  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

RUBY: Corundum with  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  impurities



Crystalline  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  Courtesy Wikipedia



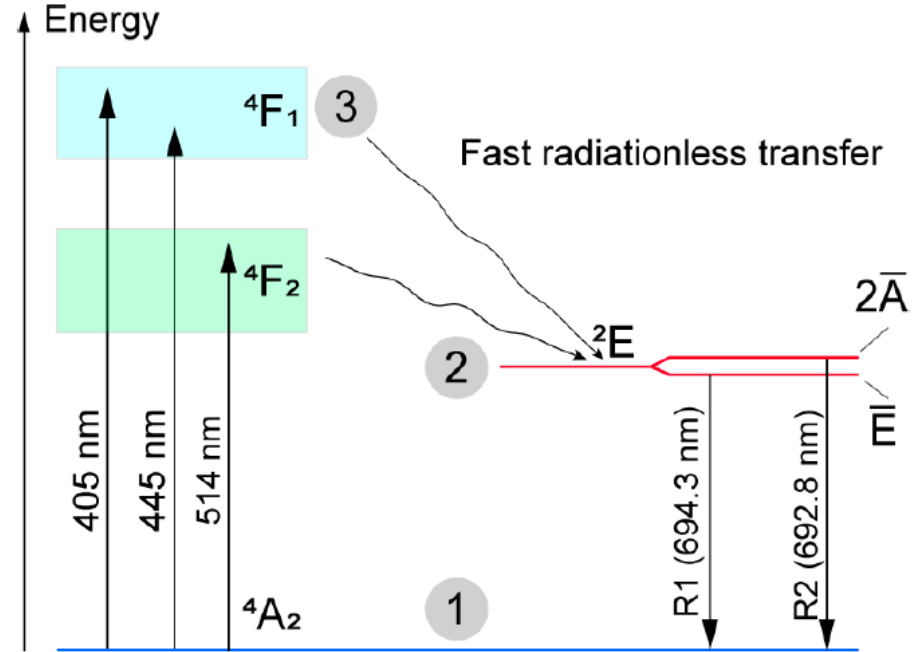
Ruby ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Cr}$ ) Courtesy Wikipedia

$\text{Cr}^{3+}$  impurities are the fluorescence species in ruby.

# Fluorescence in rubies

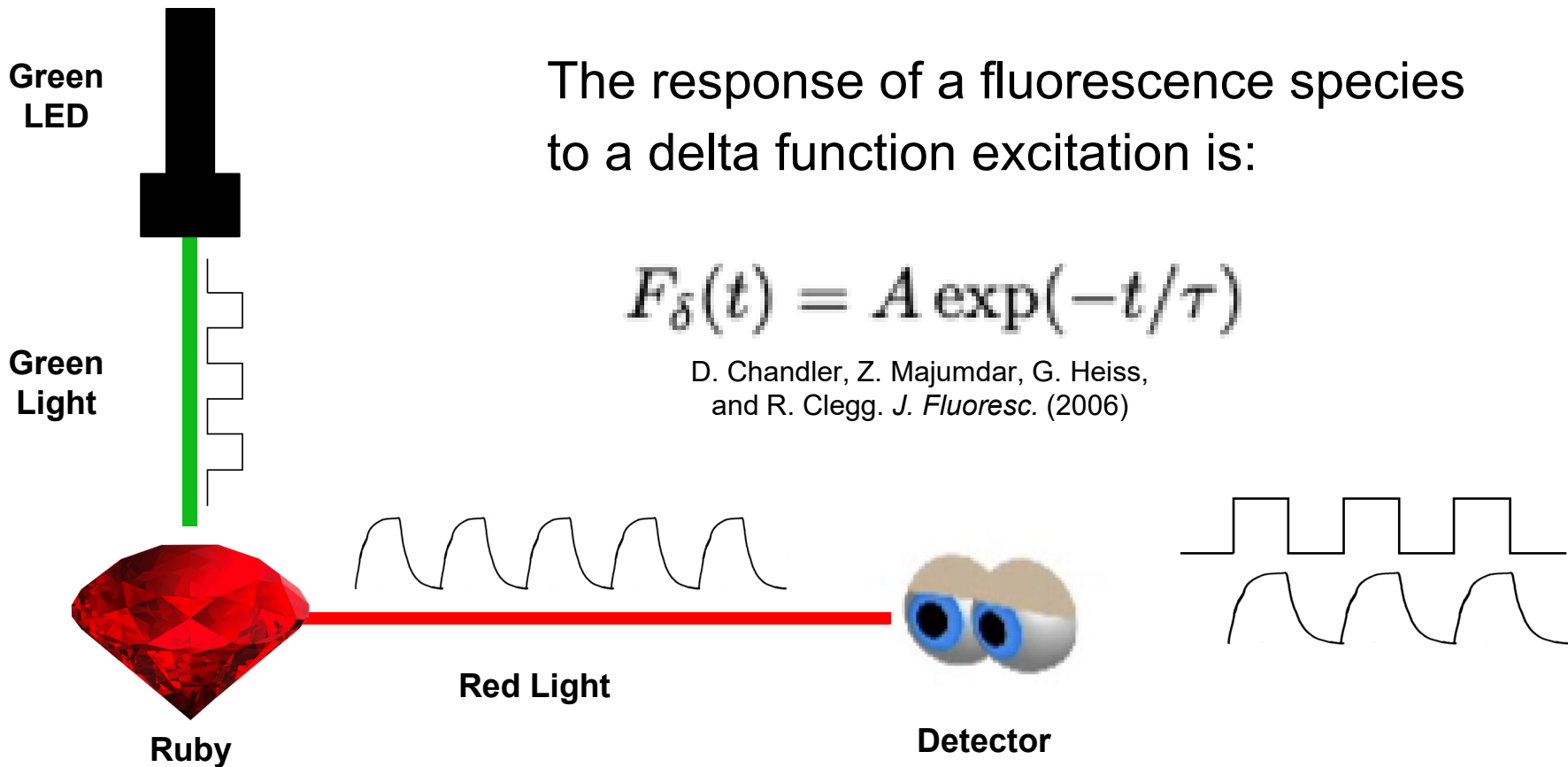
When the  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  ions return to the ground state, they fluorescence red light.

405 nm	UV
445 nm	VIOLET
514 nm	GREEN
694 nm	RED



Ruby Perrin-Jablonski Diagram  
Courtesy PhysicsOpenLab.org

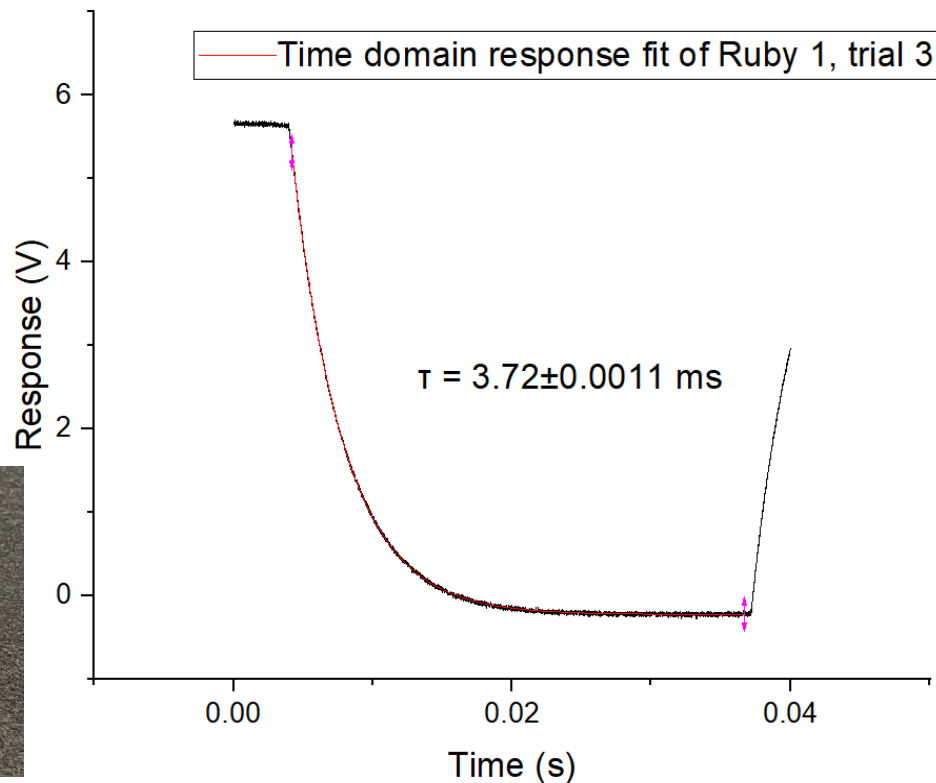
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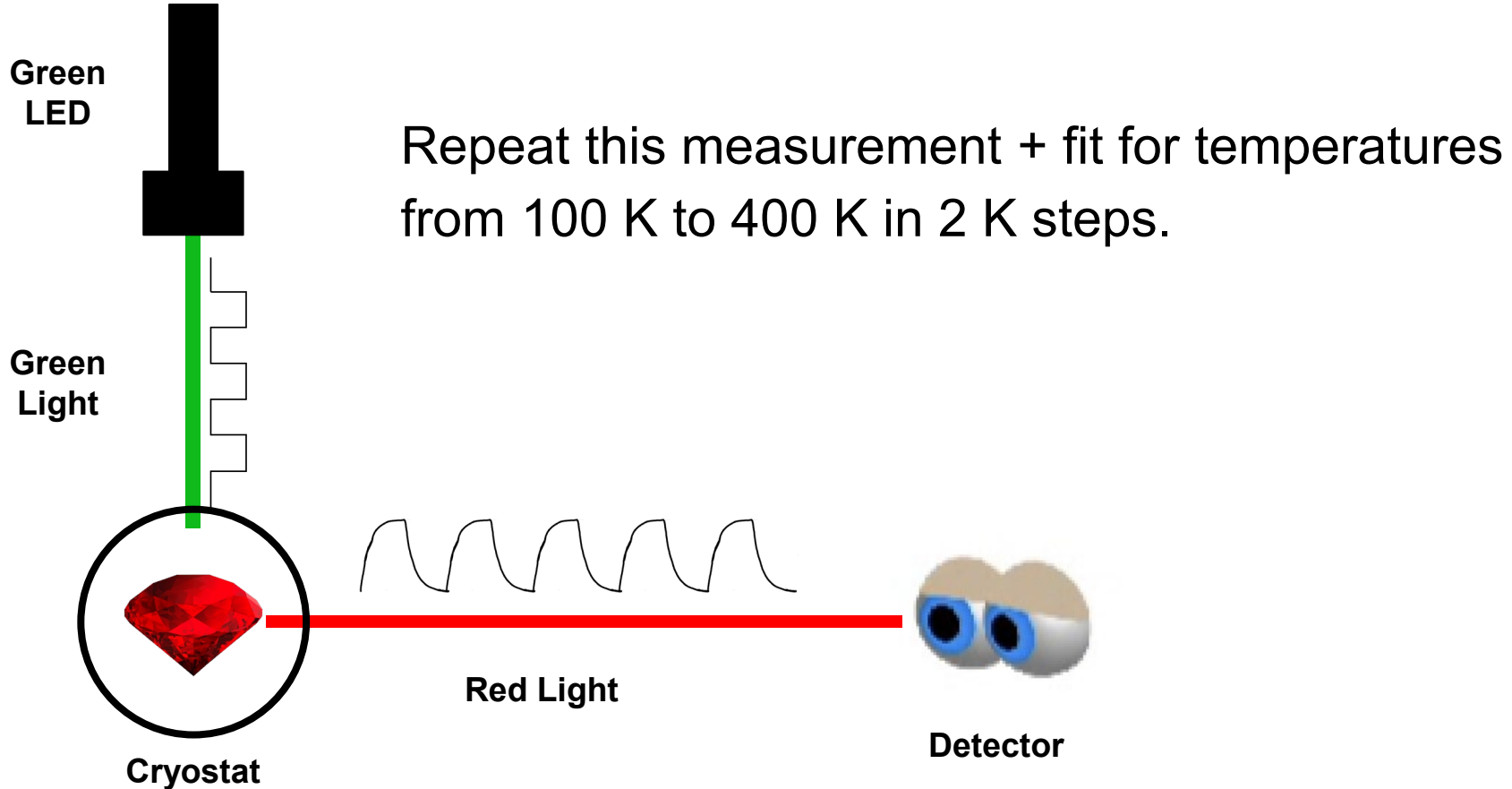
Fit data to exponential to find fluorescence lifetime.

$$F_{\delta}(t) = A \exp(-t/\tau)$$



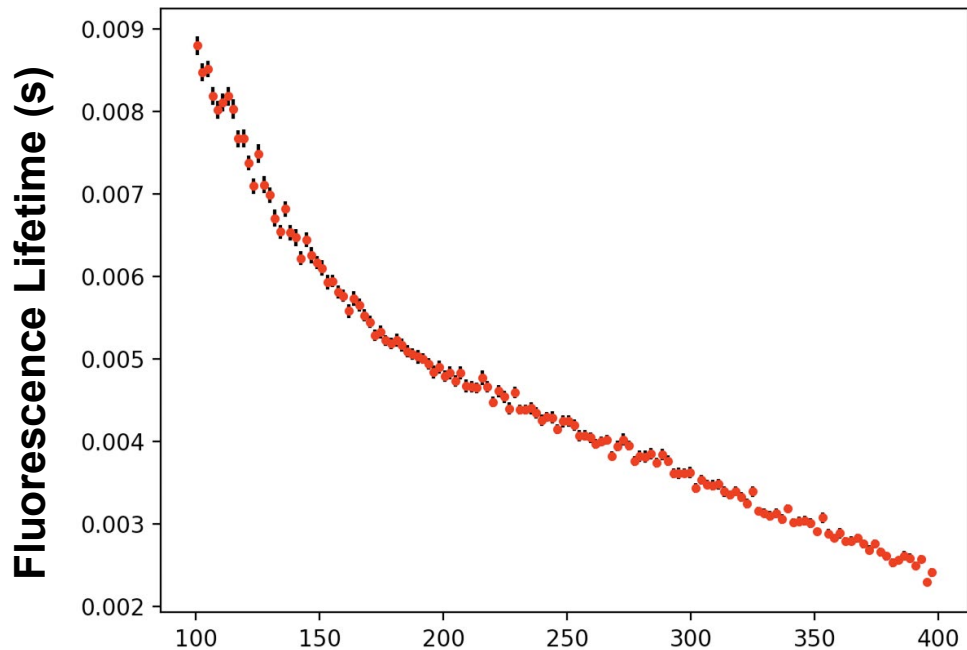
# Varying temperature

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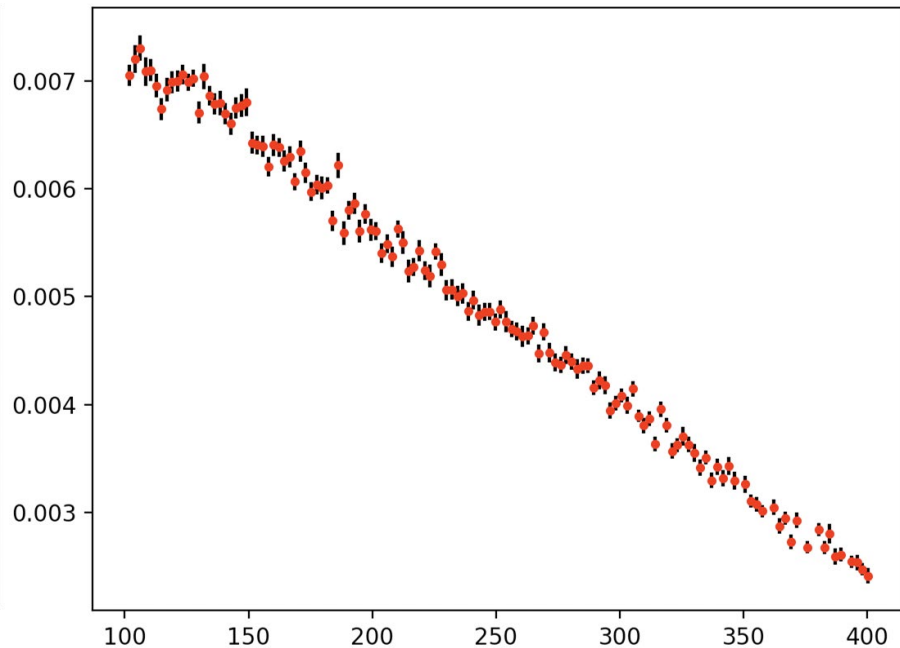


# Results

## Ruby 1



## Ruby 2

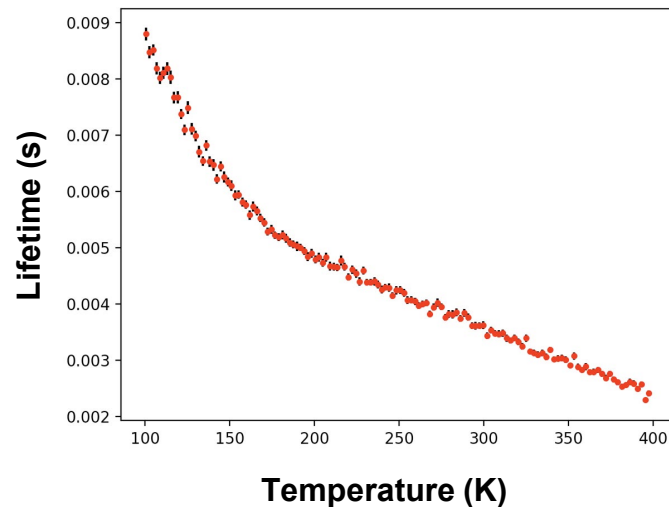
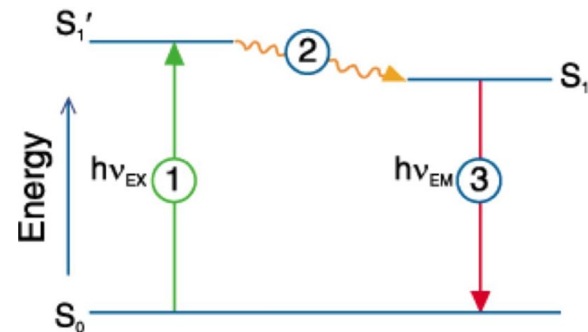


Temperature (K)

# Conclusions

Lifetime decreases as temperature increases

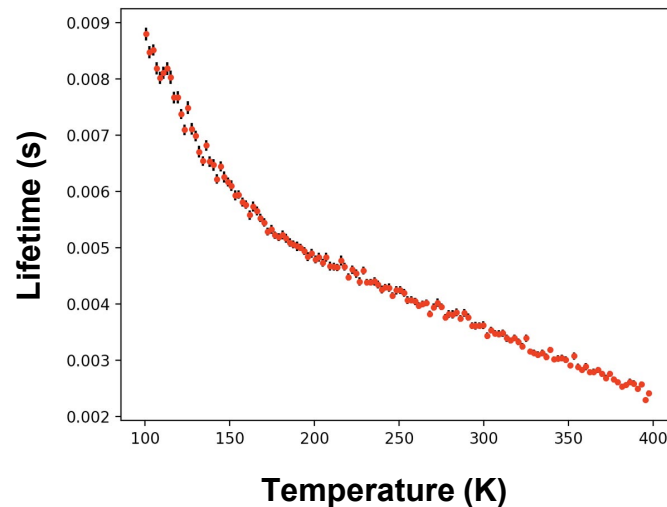
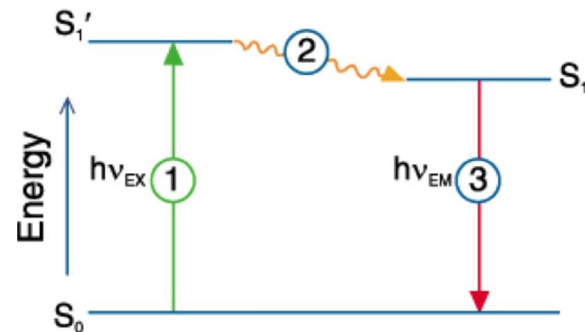
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Questions?



# References

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