

What is it?

1 Chromatography



Separate mixture into components



Comparison to authentic samples

2 Spectroscopy



Identify components

3 Spectrometry



Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy

Identification of compounds

Based on molecular vibrations



Stretching and bending of chemical bonds



Energy change match that of IR light

Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy

Irradiate a molecule with IR light of the correct frequency



Molecule starts to vibrate

DNA

Fingerprints

Fibre Analysis

Poison

Blood

Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy

Stretching frequency depends on

1 Masses of atoms involved

2 Stiffness of the bond

Single
bonds

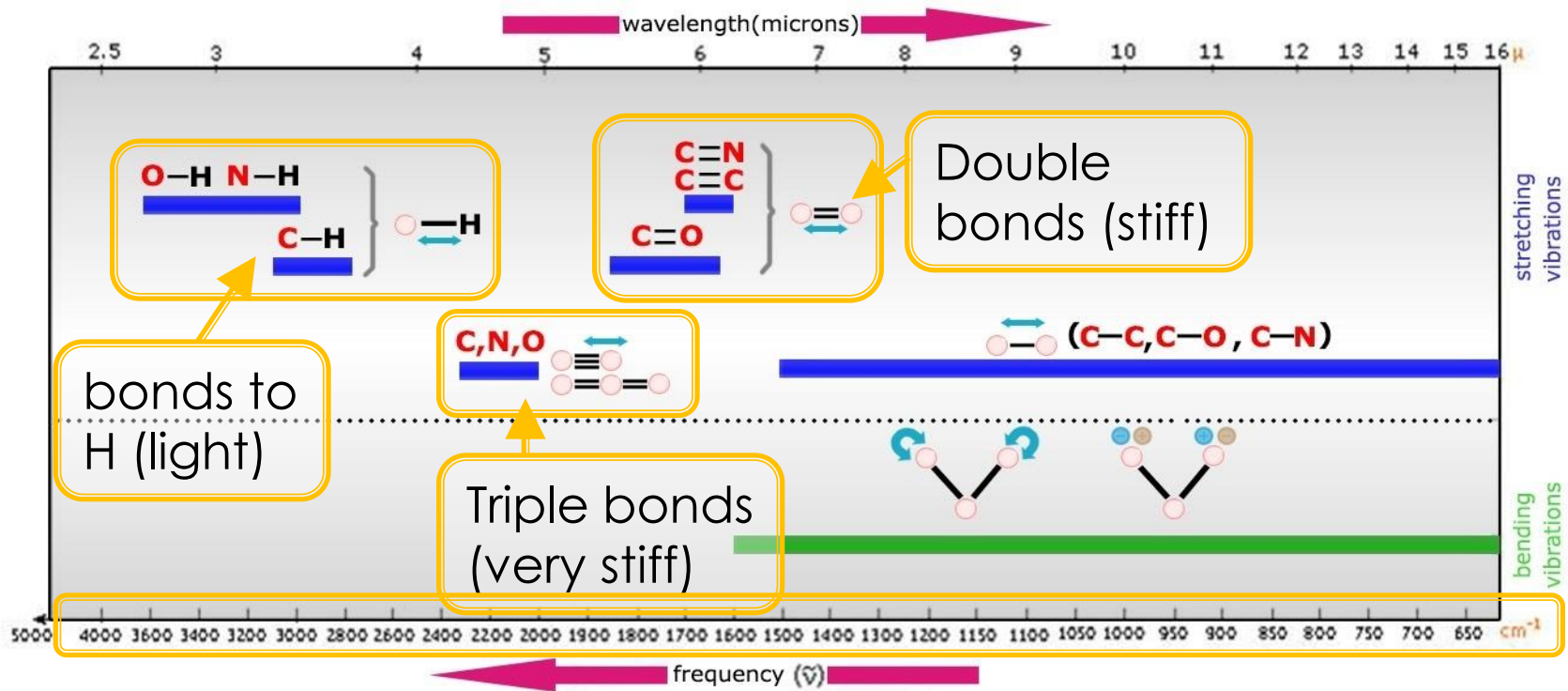


Double
bonds



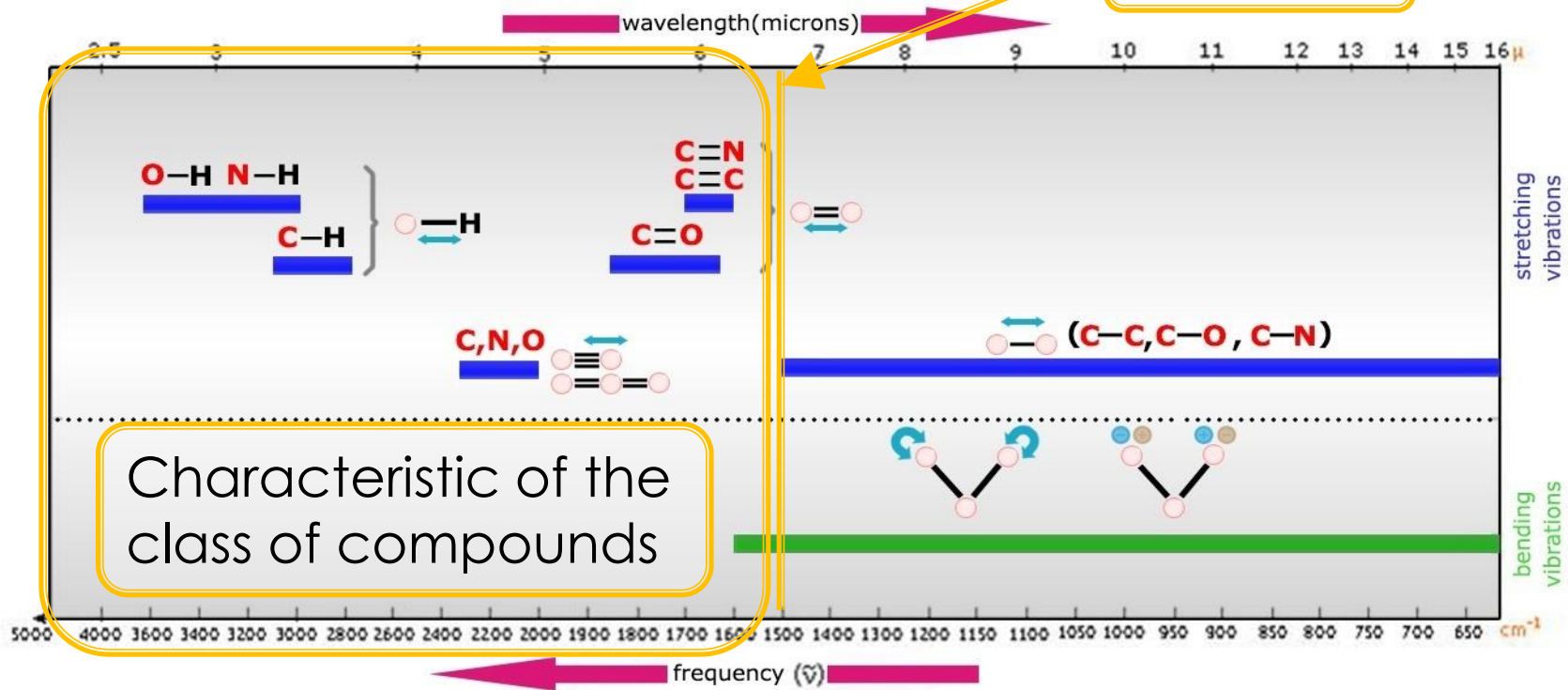
Triple
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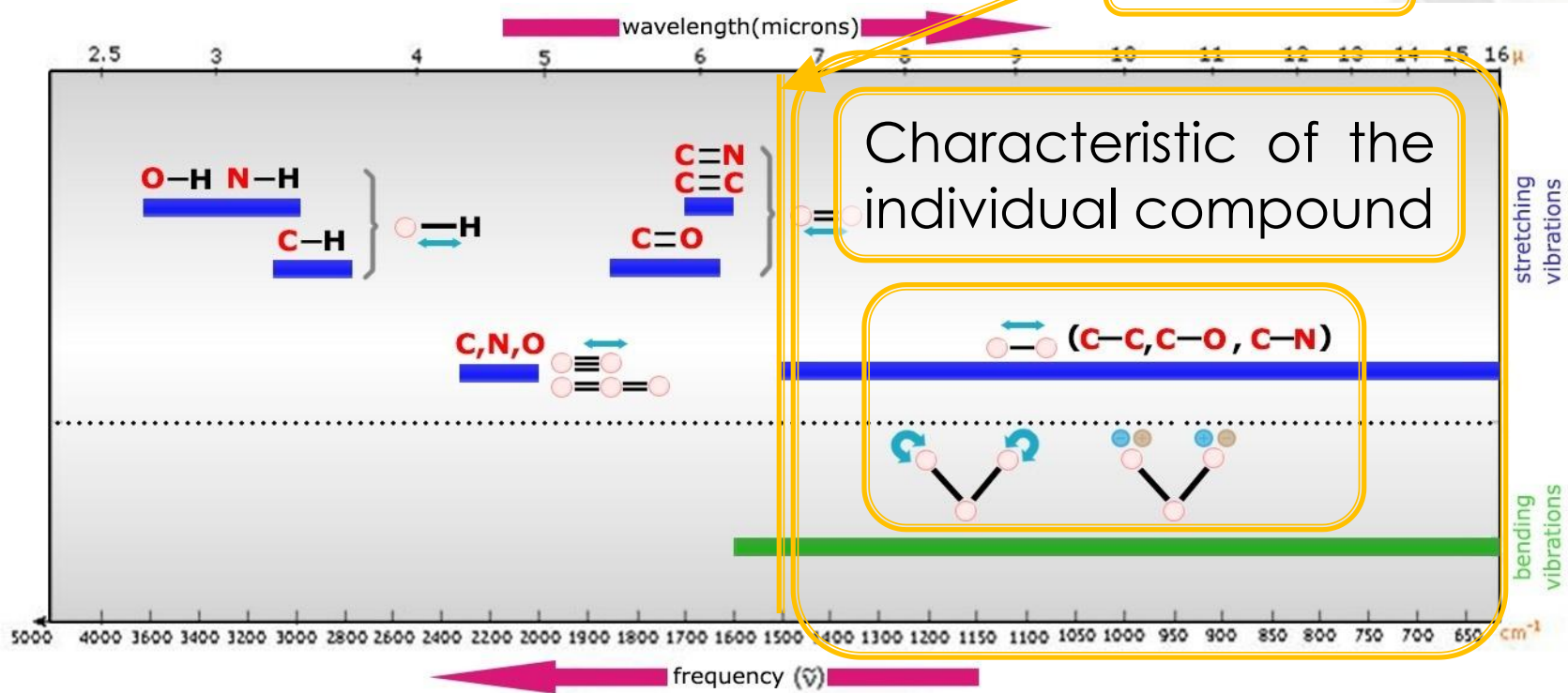
Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy

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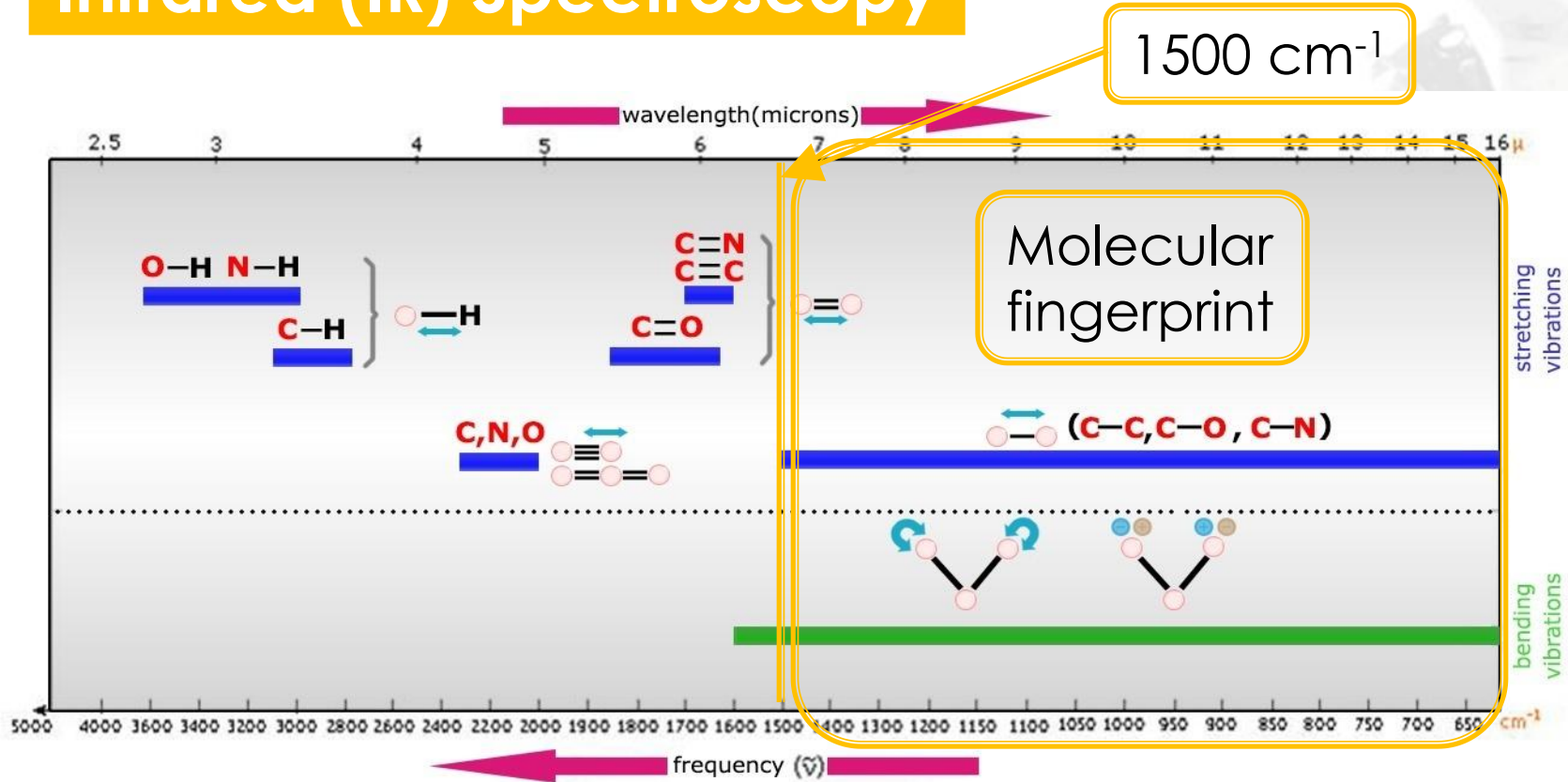


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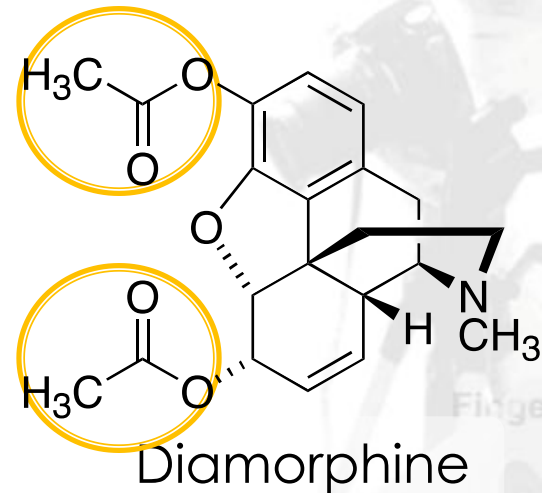
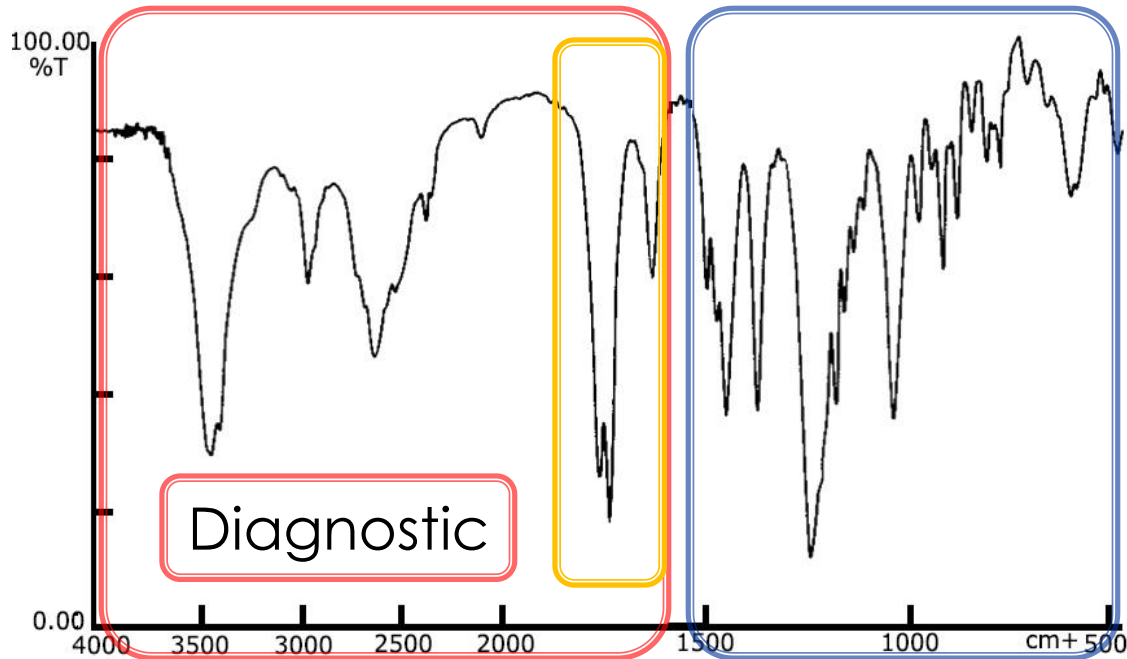
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Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy



IR spectrum of diamorphine



“Fingerprint region”