

## 4) Spectroscopy

### ***Atomic Spectroscopy***

- Atomic Emission
- Atomic Absorption
- Atomic Fluorescence
- Use of X-rays

### ***Molecular Spectroscopy***

- Fourier Transform Infra-red (FT-IR)
- Organic UV-Vis Absorption
- Effect of Solvent
- Inorganic UV-Vis Absorption
- Qualitative Analysis
- Quantitative Analysis
- Molecular Fluorescence
- Equipment for Molecular Spectroscopy

## Syllabus Recap



# MOLECULAR SPECTROSCOPY

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# Outline

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# Learning Outcomes

At the end of the chapter:

- 1) Principles and application of **molecular spectroscopy** including **UV-Vis**, **FTIR** and **Fluorescence**.
- 2) Determination of organic, inorganic or biochemical compounds in the unknown sample using **molecular spectroscopy**.
- 3) **Qualitative and Quantitative analyses** using **UV-Vis** and **FT-IR**.
- 4) **Instruments** for molecular spectroscopy **including UV-Vis**, **FTIR** and **Fluorescence**.

# Introduction

- Molecular spectroscopy based on **ultraviolet, visible and infrared radiation** is widely used for the **identification and determination** of many inorganic, organic and biochemical species.
- Molecular **UV/Vis absorption spectroscopy** is used primarily for **quantitative analysis** and is probably more extensively applied in chemical and clinical laboratories.
- **Infrared absorption spectroscopy** is a powerful tool for **determining the structure** of both organic and inorganic compounds.

# Fourier Transform Infra-Red (FT-IR)

One of the premier techniques for **qualitative analysis**. In IR region, absorption of radiation give information:

- Identity of compounds
- Presence or absence of functional groups  
(C=O, C=C, C-H, C≡C or O-H)
- Structure of molecules.

# Fourier Transform Infra-Red (FT-IR)

- IR radiation involves transitions among the vibrational and rotational energy levels → lowest excited energy levels of molecules.
- Infrared are **not energetic** enough to introduce **electronic transitions**
- Change the **vibrational or rotation motion** of the molecule.

# Recall: Molecular Absorption

- The energy  $E$  associated with the bands of a molecule is made up of **three components**.

$$E = E_{\text{electronic}} + E_{\text{vibrational}} + E_{\text{rotational}}$$

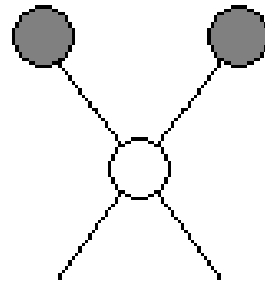
Rotational → very low energy (**low wavelength, microwave or far-infrared region**)

Vibrational → requires higher energies (**near-infrared region**)

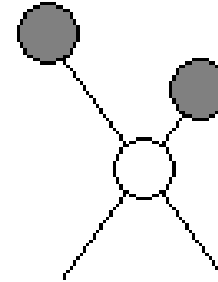
Electronic → require still higher energies (**visible and ultraviolet regions**)



## Stretching vibrations

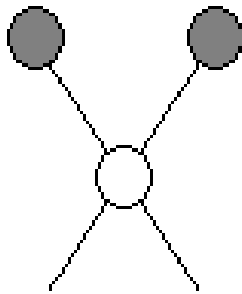


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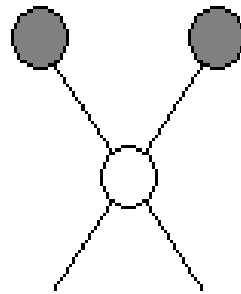


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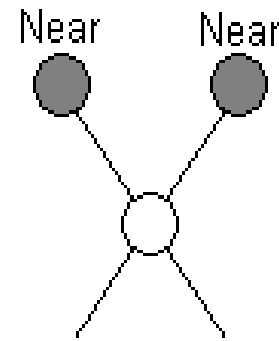
## Bending vibrations



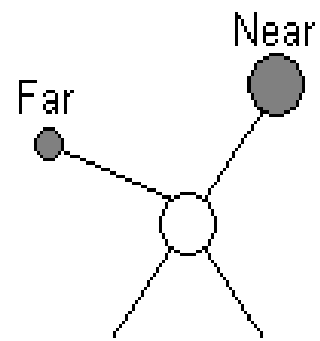
In-plane rocking  
**Asymmetric  
bending**



In-plane scissoring  
**Symmetric  
bending**



Out-of-plane wagging



Out-of-plane twisting

# Infrared Regions

## i) Near IR -4000-14000 $\text{cm}^{-1}$

- for routine quantification determination of certain species, such as water,  $\text{CO}_2$ , sulfur, HCs, amine nitrogen.

## ii) Mid IR - 670-4000 $\text{cm}^{-1}$

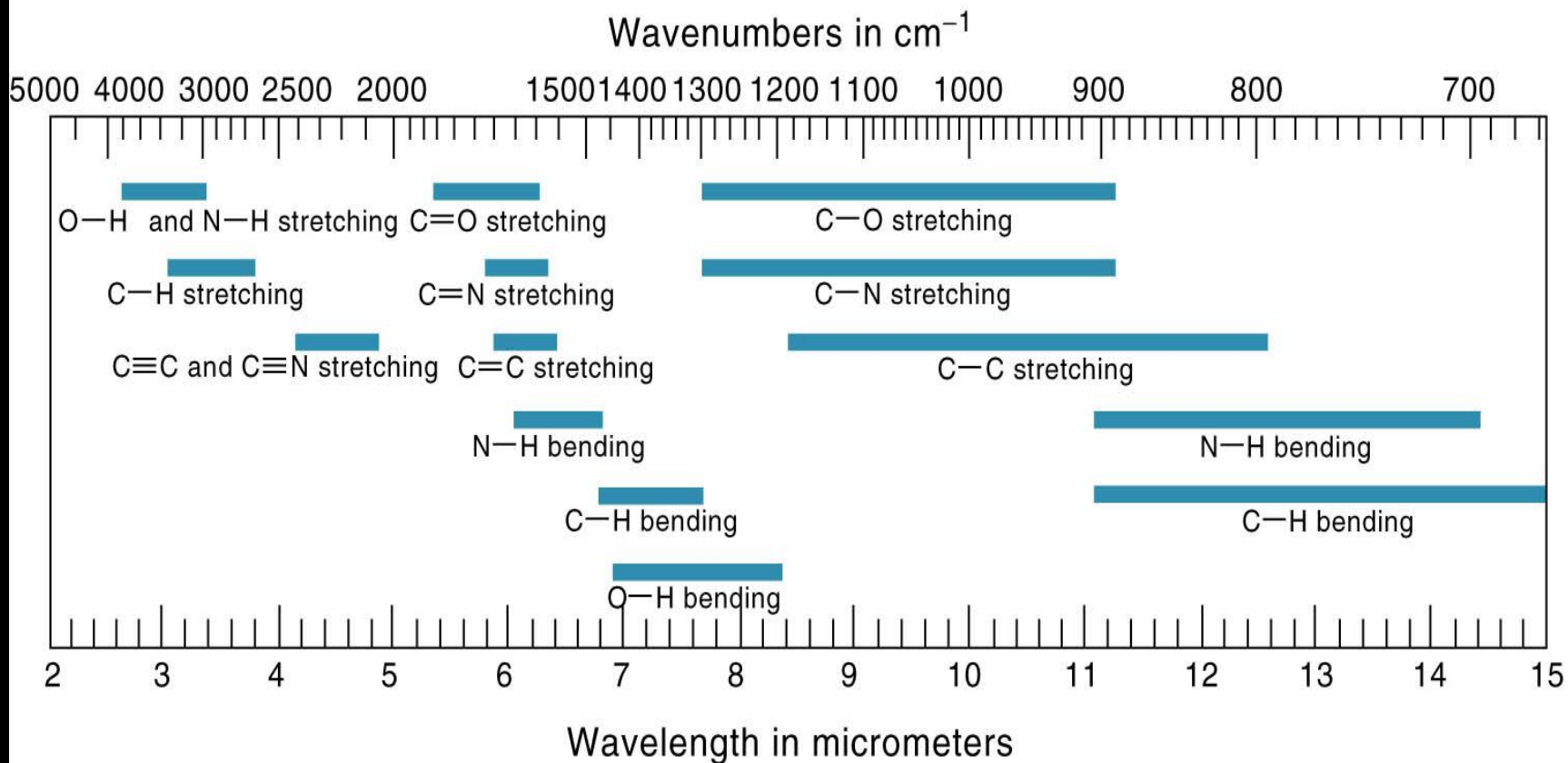
- most widely used region
- determining the structure of organic and biochemical species

## iii) Far IR- < 650 $\text{cm}^{-1}$

- determination of the structure of inorganic and metal-organic species.



## Recall:



Simple correlations of group vibrations to regions of infrared absorption

Typical functional groups that can be identified include **alcohol, hydroxyl, ester carbonyl, olefin and aromatic unsaturated** hydrocarbon group.

# Abbreviation Table of Group Frequencies for Organic Functional Groups

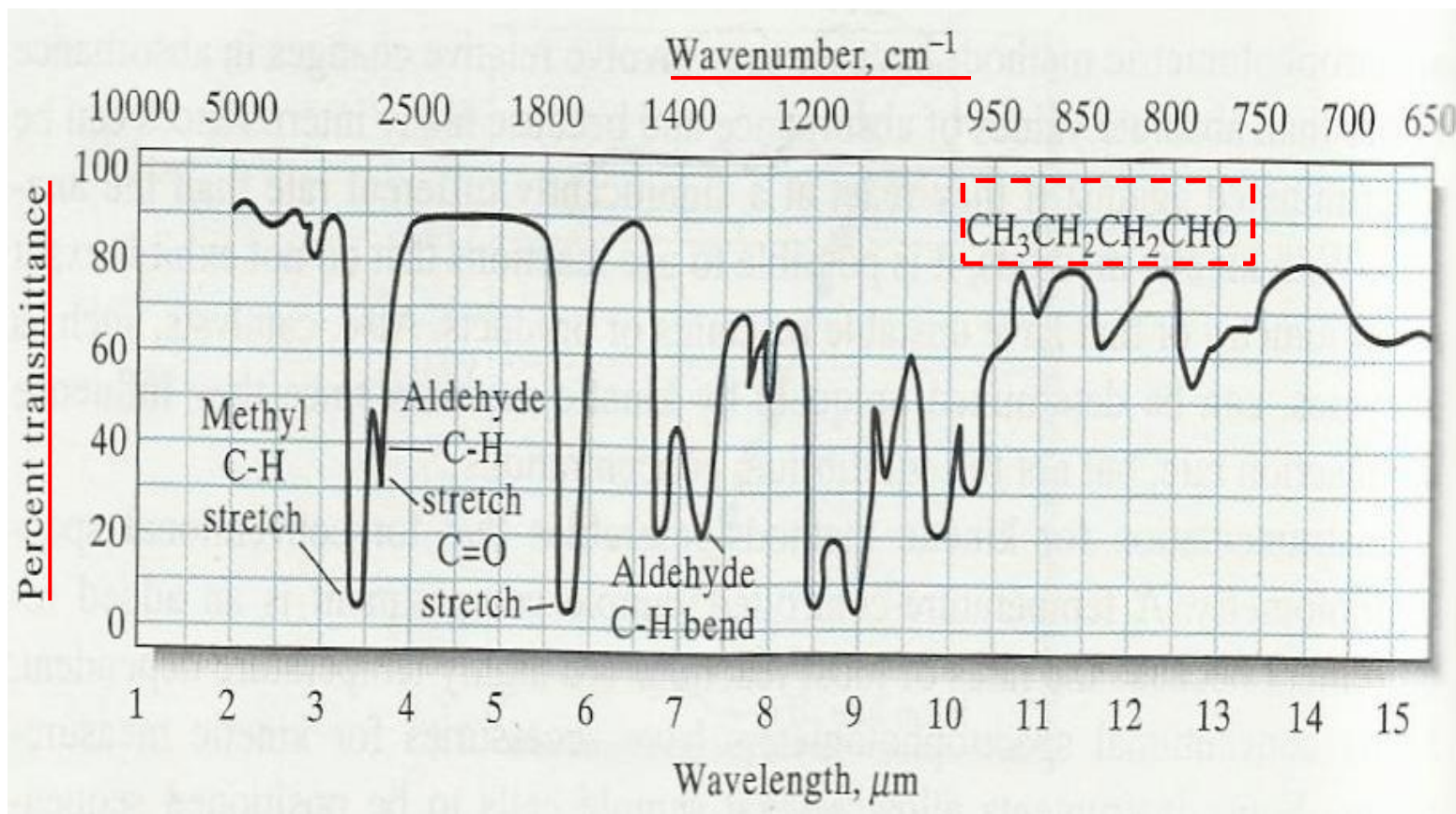


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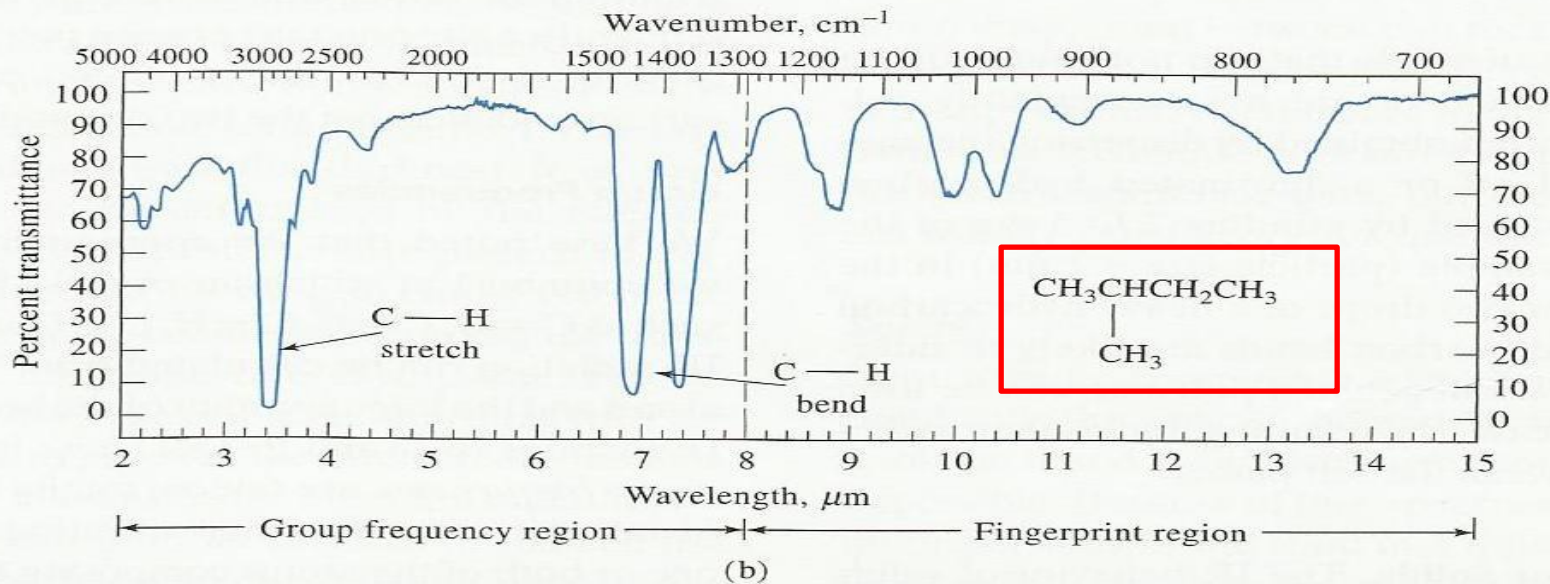
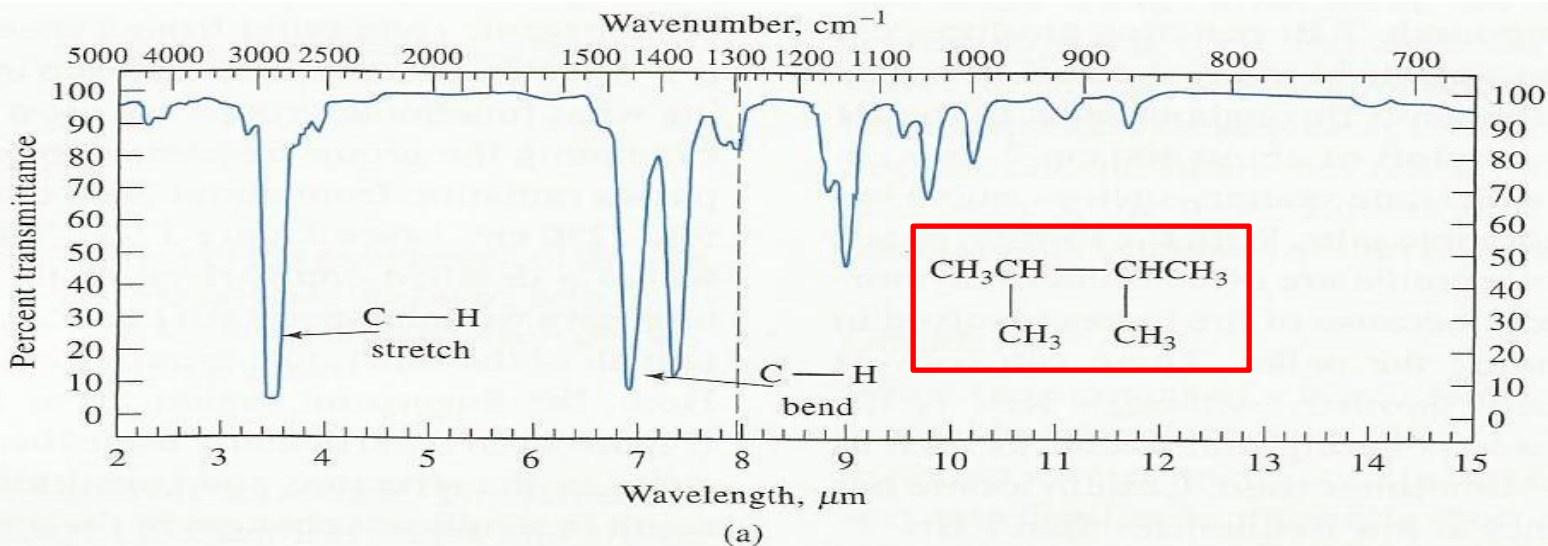
Bond	Type of Compound	Frequency Range, $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Intensity
C—H	Alkanes	2850–2970	Strong
		1340–1470	Strong
C—H	Alkenes ( $\text{>C=C<H}$ )	3010–3095	Medium
		675–995	Strong
C—H	Alkynes ( $\text{—C}\equiv\text{C—H}$ )	3300	Strong
C—H	Aromatic rings	3010–3100	Medium
		690–900	Strong
O—H	Monomeric alcohols, phenols	3590–3650	Variable
	Hydrogen-bonded alcohols, phenols	3200–3600	Variable, sometimes broad
	Monomeric carboxylic acids	3500–3650	Medium
	Hydrogen-bonded carboxylic acids	2500–2700	Broad
N—H	Amines, amides	3300–3500	Medium
C=C	Alkenes	1610–1680	Variable
C=C	Aromatic rings	1500–1600	Variable
C≡C	Alkynes	2100–2260	Variable
C—N	Amines, amides	1180–1360	Strong
C≡N	Nitriles	2210–2280	Strong
C—O	Alcohols, ethers, carboxylic acids, esters	1050–1300	Strong
C=O	Aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, esters	1690–1760	Strong
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitro compounds	1500–1570	Strong
		1300–1370	Strong

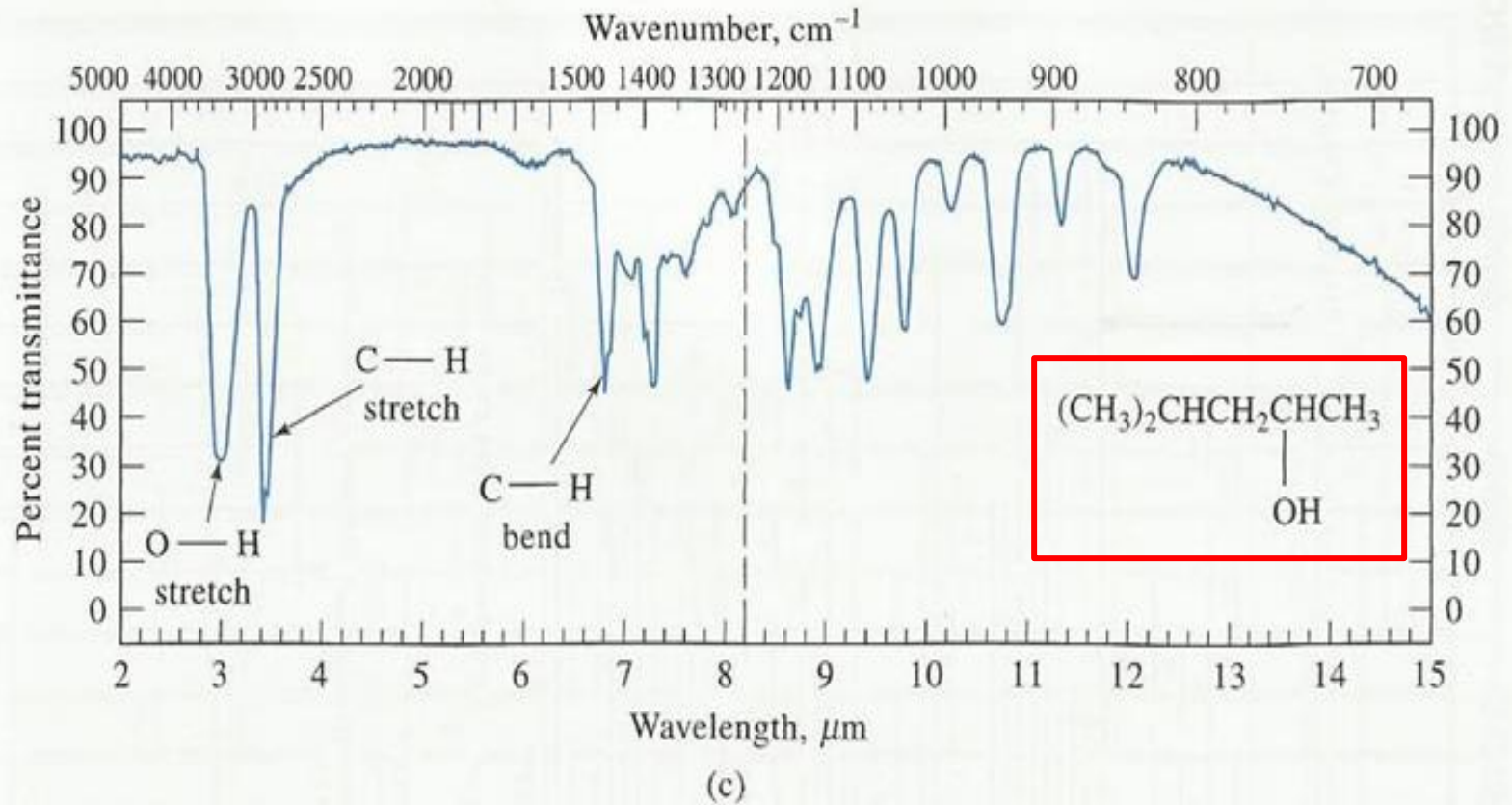


## Example: IR spectrum for *n*-butanal (*n*-butyraldehyde)



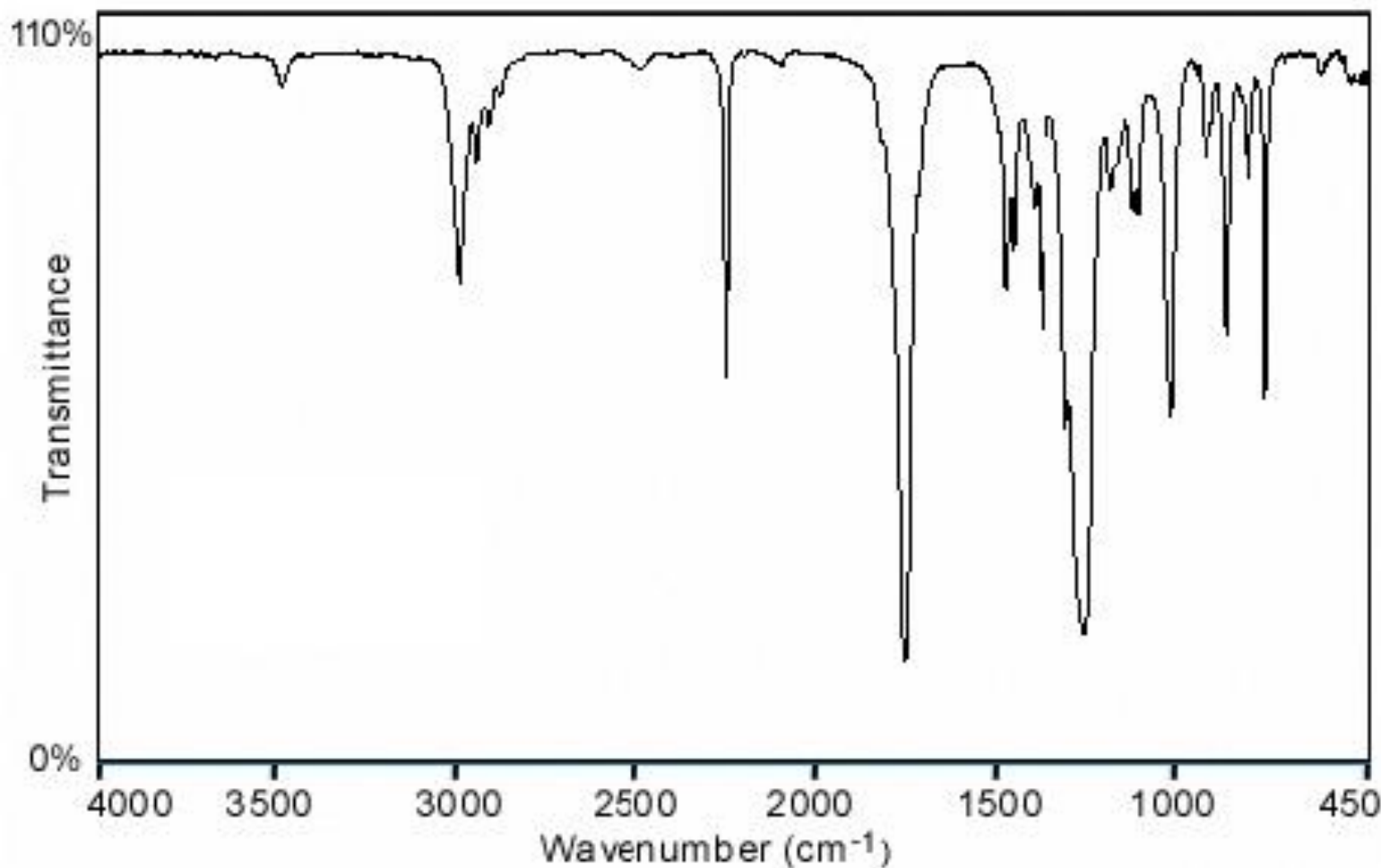
# Examples: IR spectrum for other compounds







# Identify the molecular structure based on this IR spectrum: Example 1



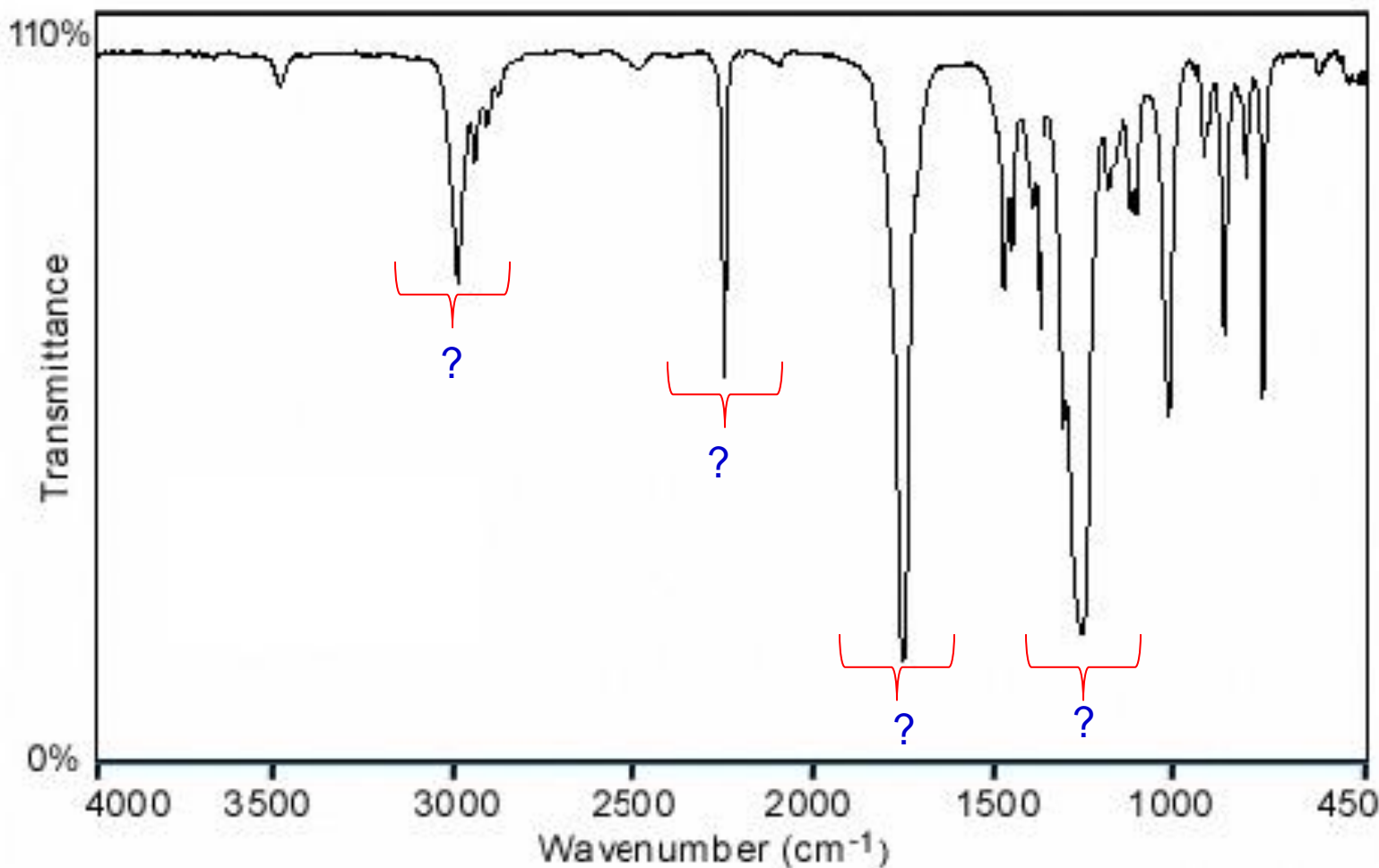
**Given: Molecular formula=  $C_4H_5O_2N$**



# Five Important Steps in identifying the molecular structure of the sample from FT-IR Spectrum

- 1) Check **molecular formula** given
- 2) Identify the peaks (wavenumber range) → **possible vibration group** by referring to the correlation table
- 3) Draw the **possible structure**
- 4) Check the **balance** of the chemical bonding.
- 5) The possible structure should **contain the vibration groups in Step 2**

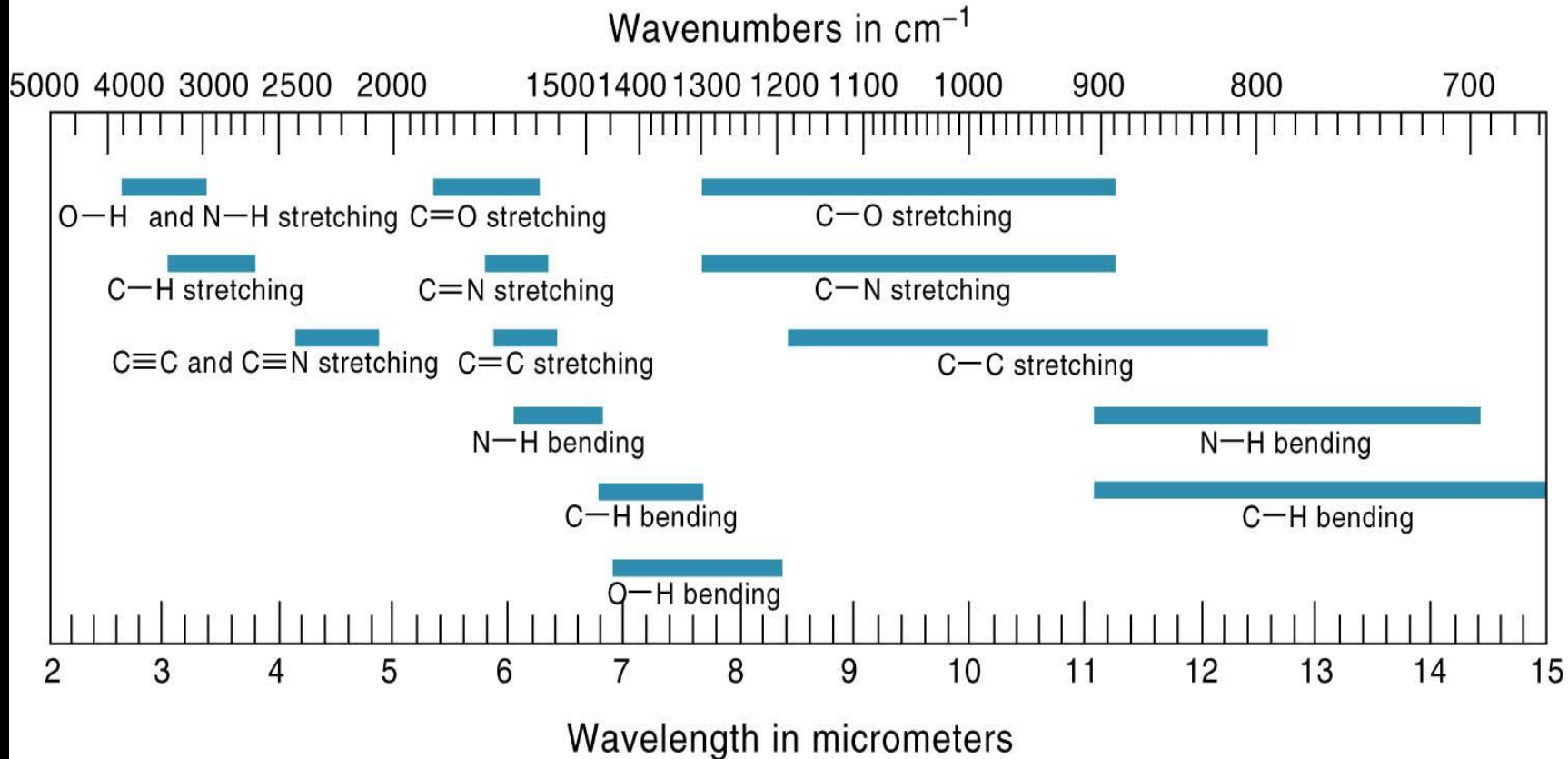
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**Molecular formula:  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_2\text{N}$**



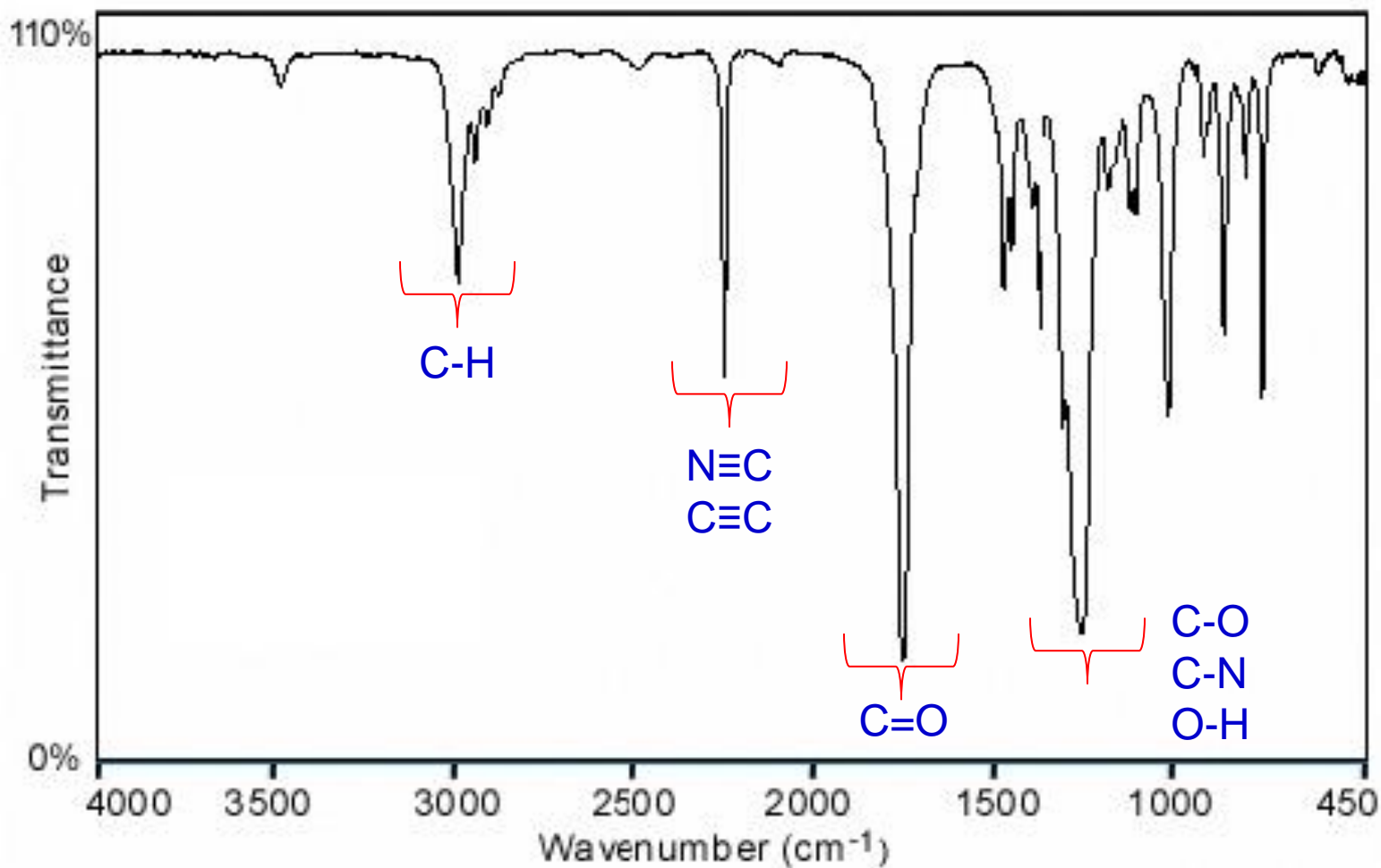
## Recall:



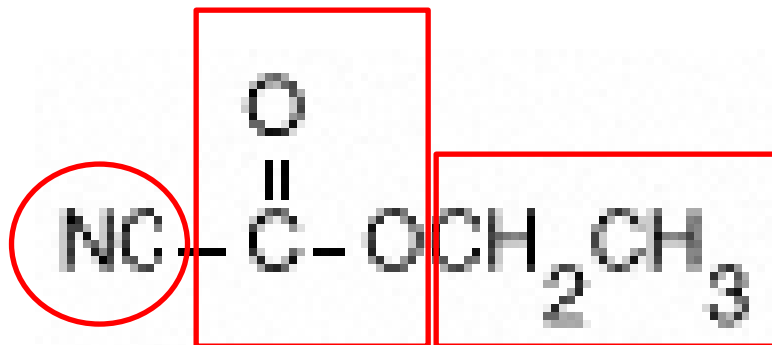
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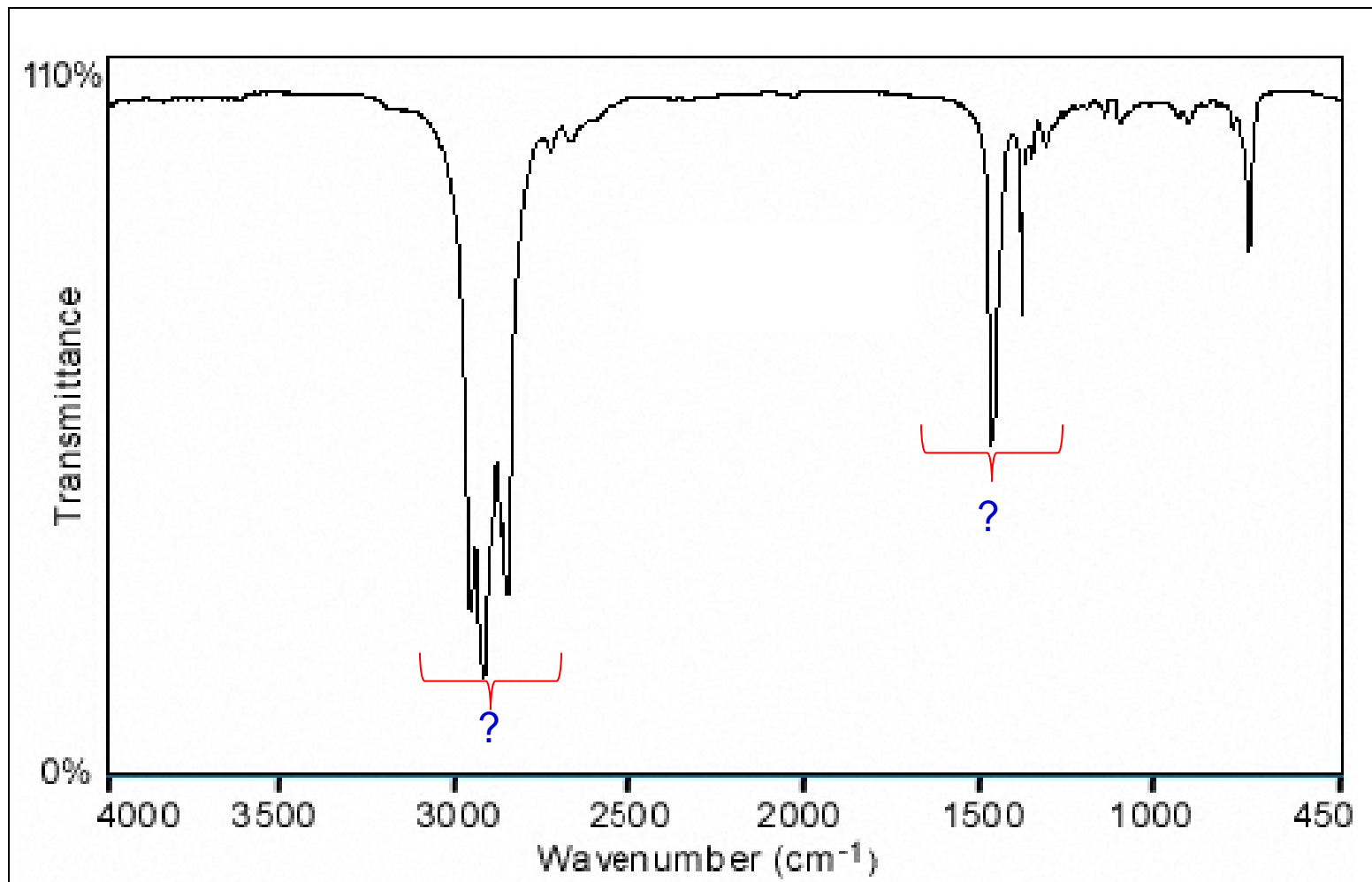
# Identify the major peaks



# Answer

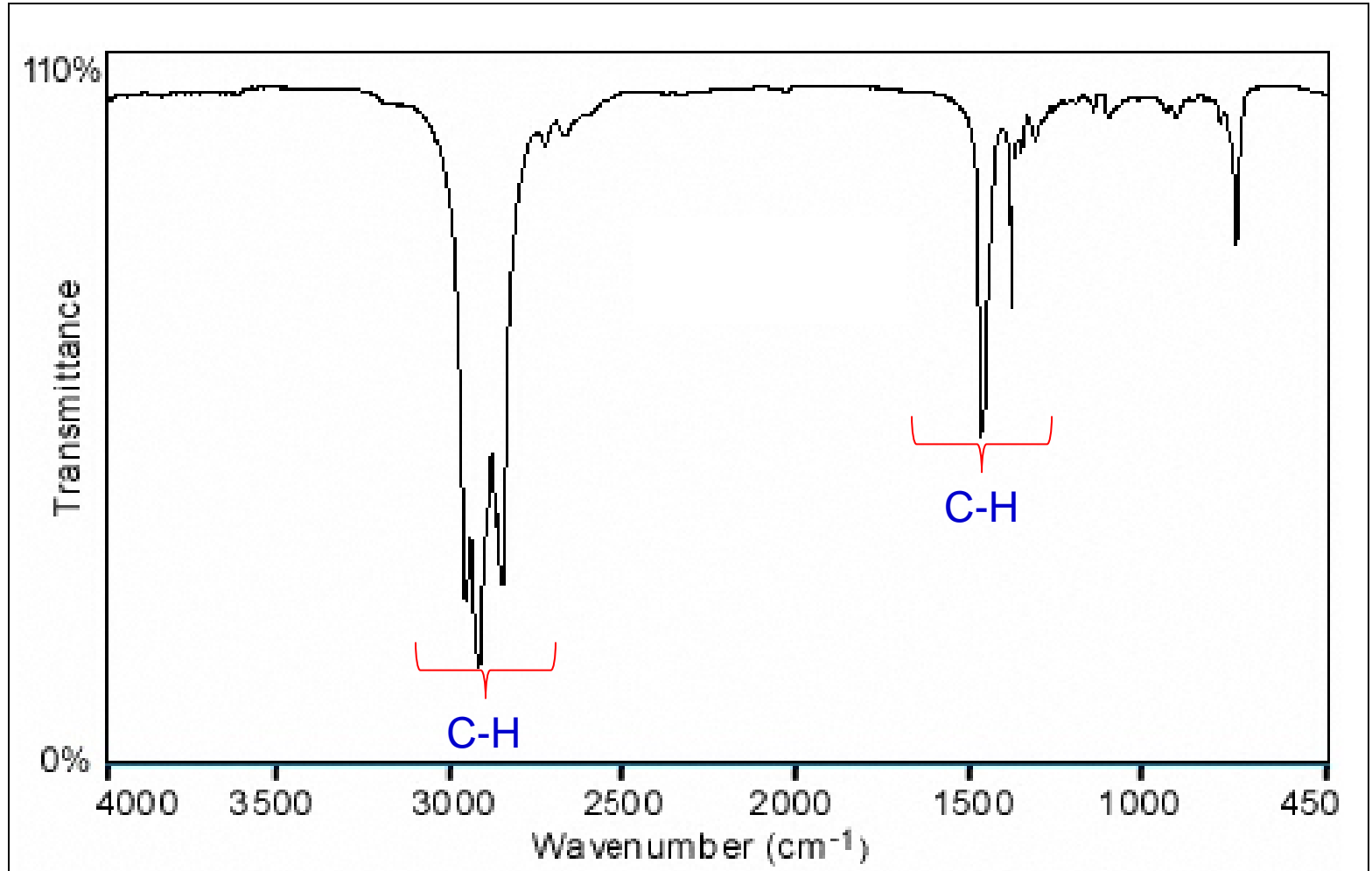


# Example 2



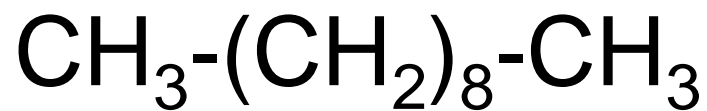
**Molecular formula:  $C_{10}H_{22}$**

# Identify the major peaks



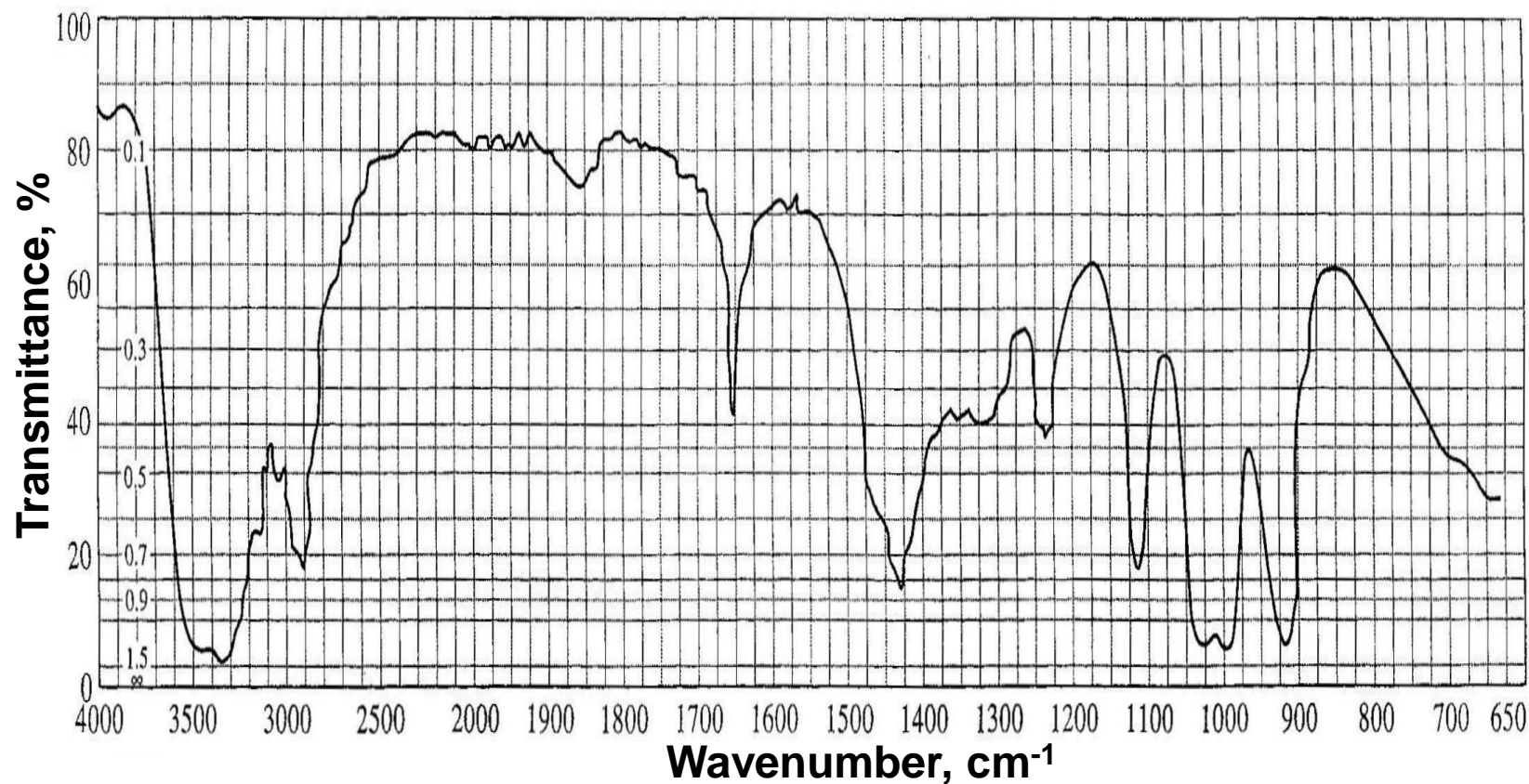
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# Answer



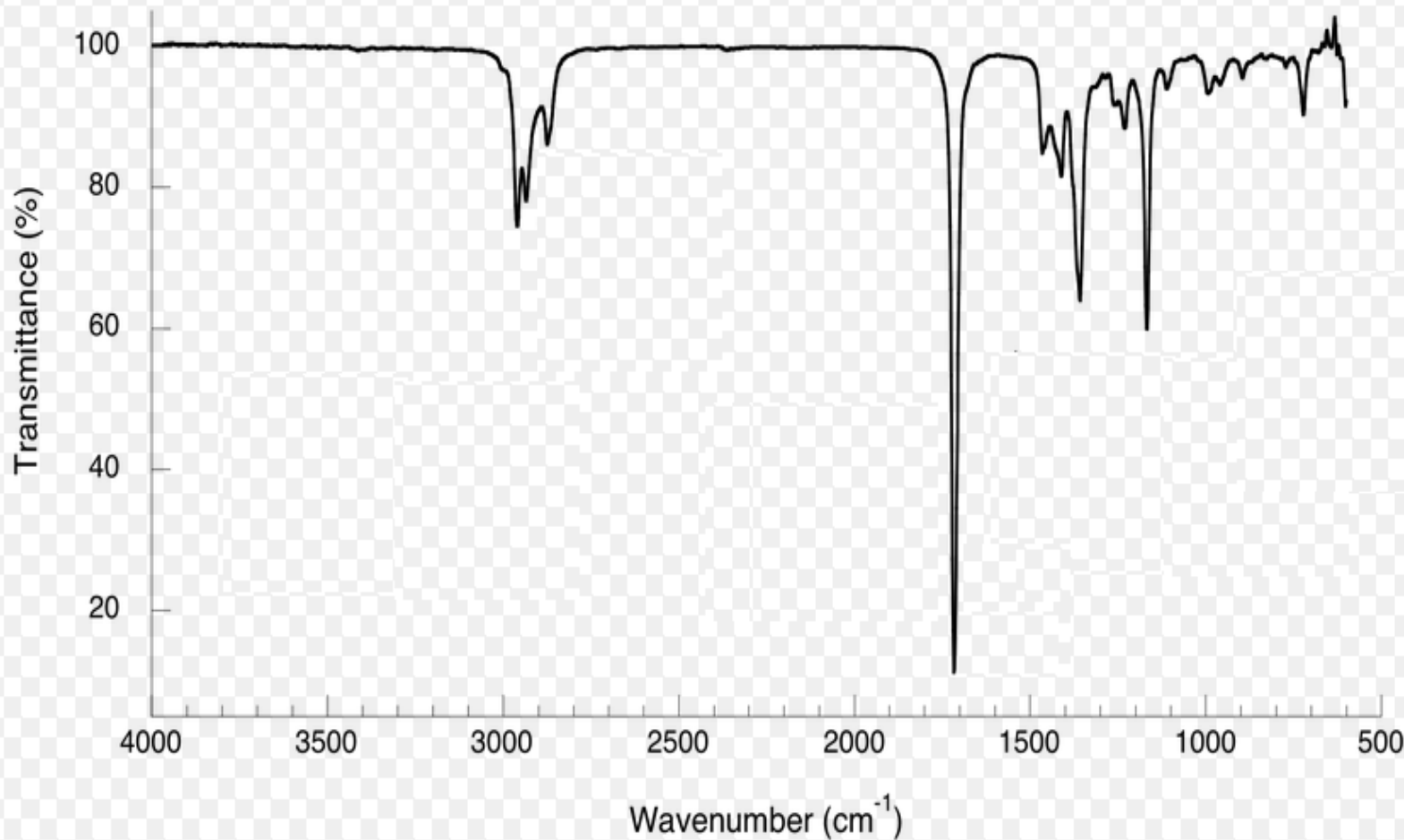


# Example 3



**Given: Molecular formula = C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O, alcohol**

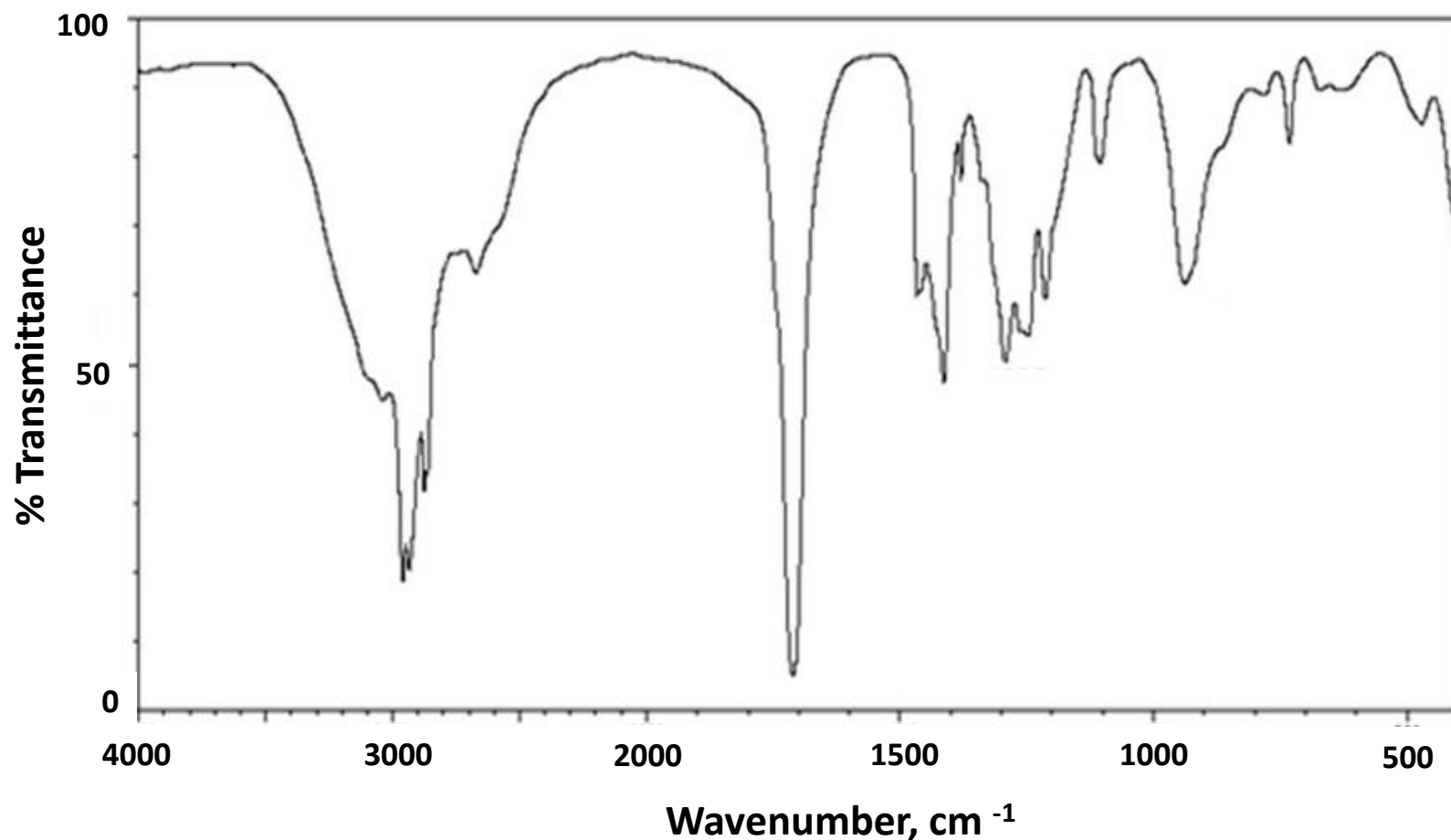
# Example 4



**Given: Molecular formula = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O**

## Example 5

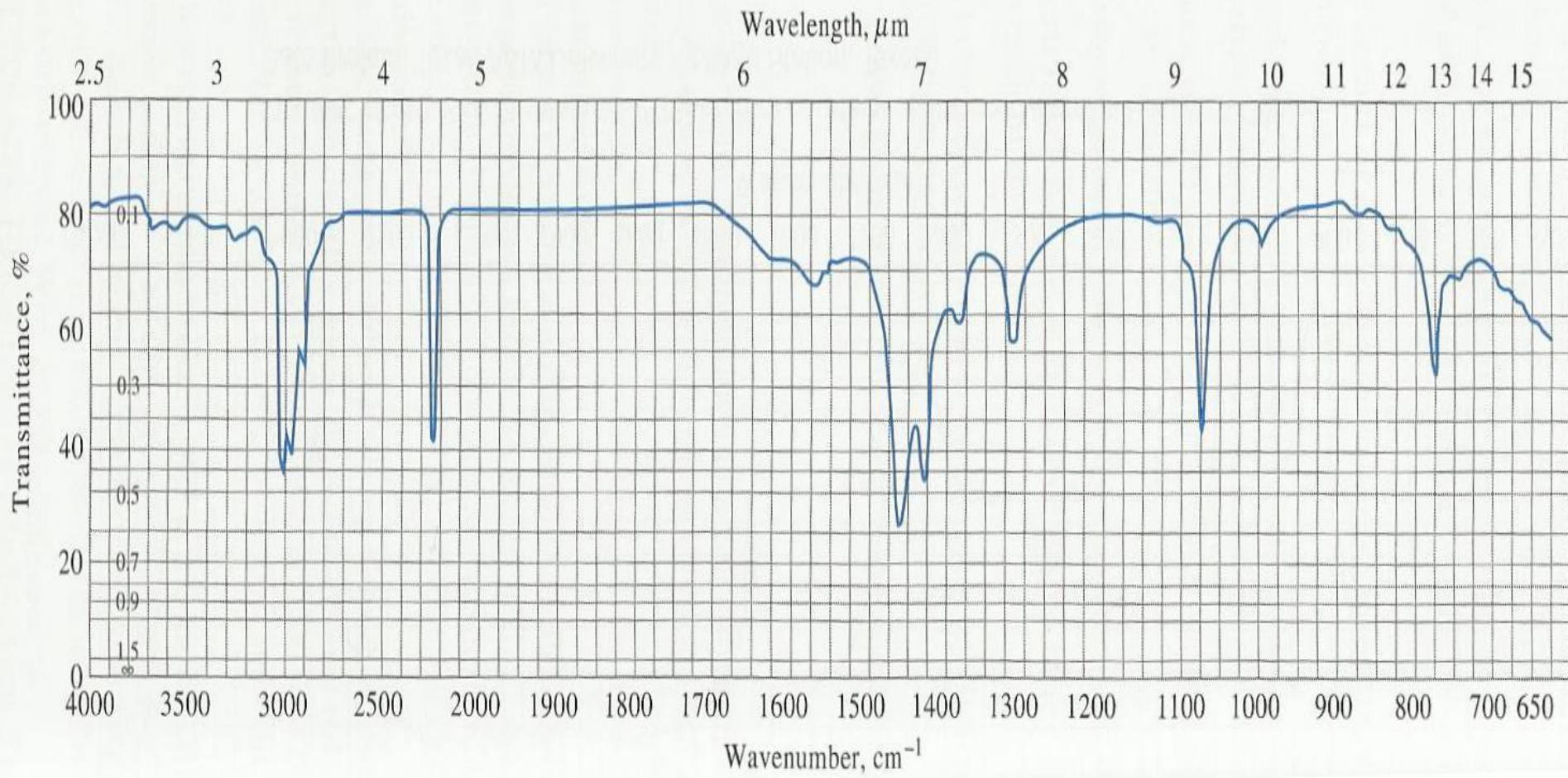
The following figure shows the FTIR spectrum of an acid compound with the formula of  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$





# Example 6

The spectrum below is that of a nitrogen-containing substance and has a molecular weight of about 55. Sketch the possible molecular structure of this substance?



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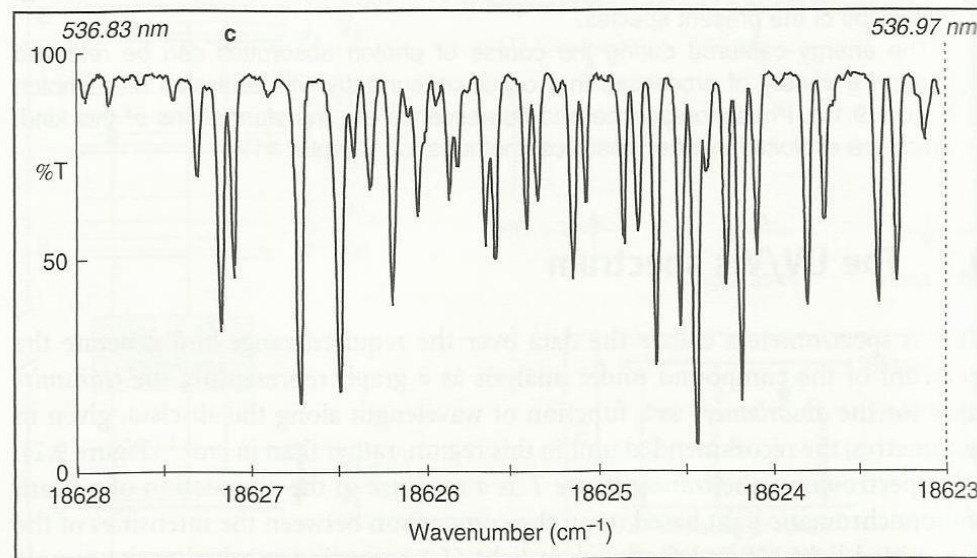
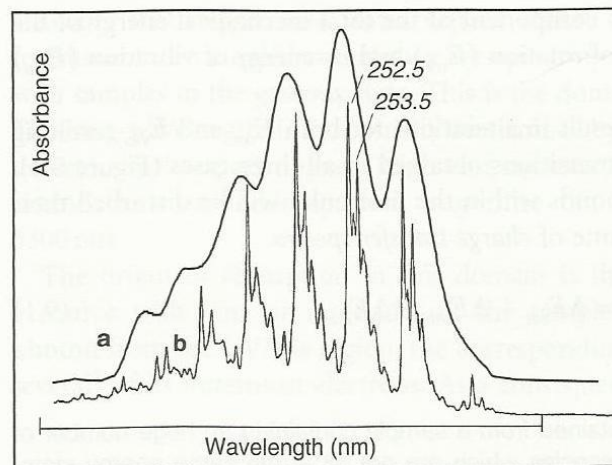
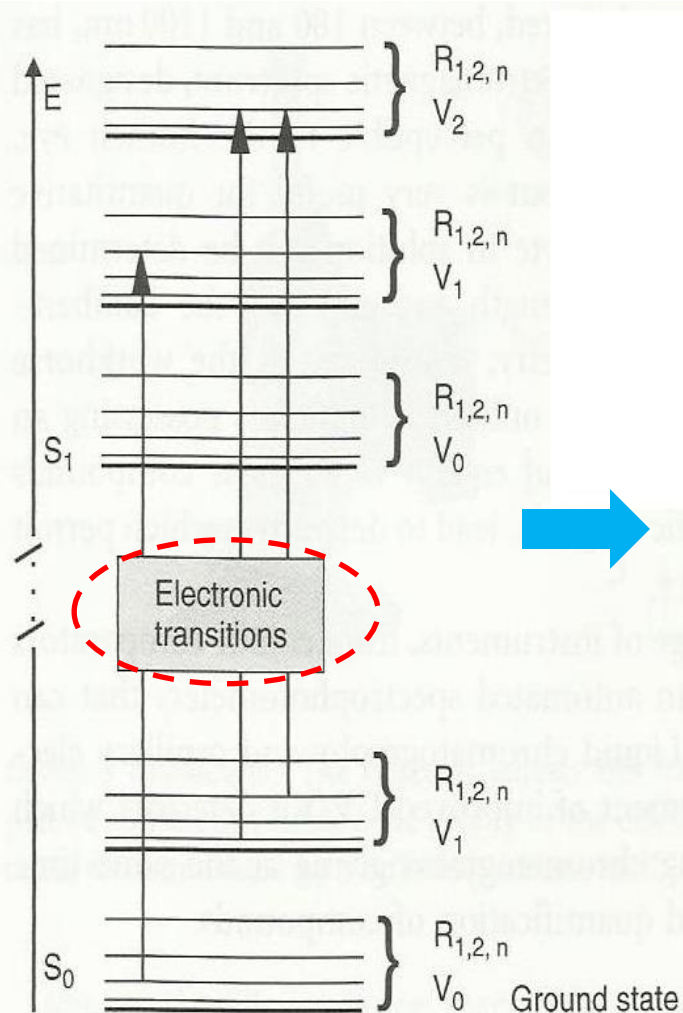
# Ultraviolet and Visible (UV/Vis) Absorption Spectroscopy

- Are widely used for all **quantitative analysis** in chemical, environmental, forensic and clinical laboratories.
- The region of spectrum: **UV** → 185-400 nm, **visible** → 400-700 nm.
- The absorption of UV/Vis generally results from **excitation of electrons**.
- Valuable for identifying **functional groups** in a **molecule or compound containing absorbing group**.

# UV/Vis Spectrum

- UV/Vis spectrometers collate the data over the required range and generate the spectrum of the compound under analysis as a graph representing the transmittance/absorbance as a function of wavelength, unit  $\rightarrow \text{cm}^{-1}$ .





Three different aspects of UV/Vis spectra



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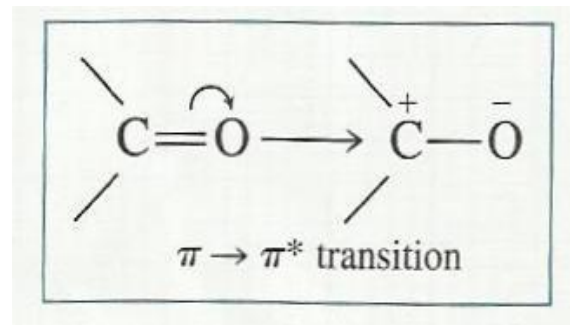
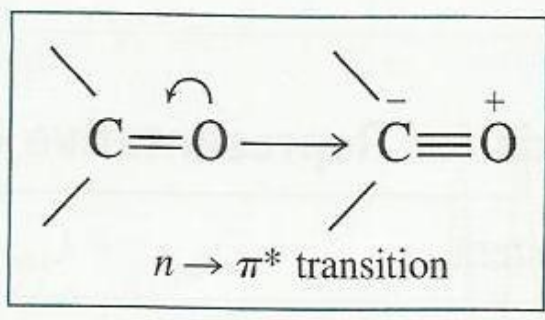
# Organic UV/Vis Absorption: Kind of Transitions

- All organic compound contain valence electrons that can be excited to higher energy level. → **transitions of electrons.**
- Electron involved in UV/Vis absorption can be classified into three different types.
- (1) Covalent single bond electrons ( $\sigma$  or sigma) → possesses too high excitation energy to contribute to absorption of UV/ Vis radiation, (e.g. single valence bonds in saturated HC, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-)
- (2) Paired nonbonding outer shell electron ( $n$ ) → those on N, O, S and halogens, which can be excited by UV/Vis radiation.

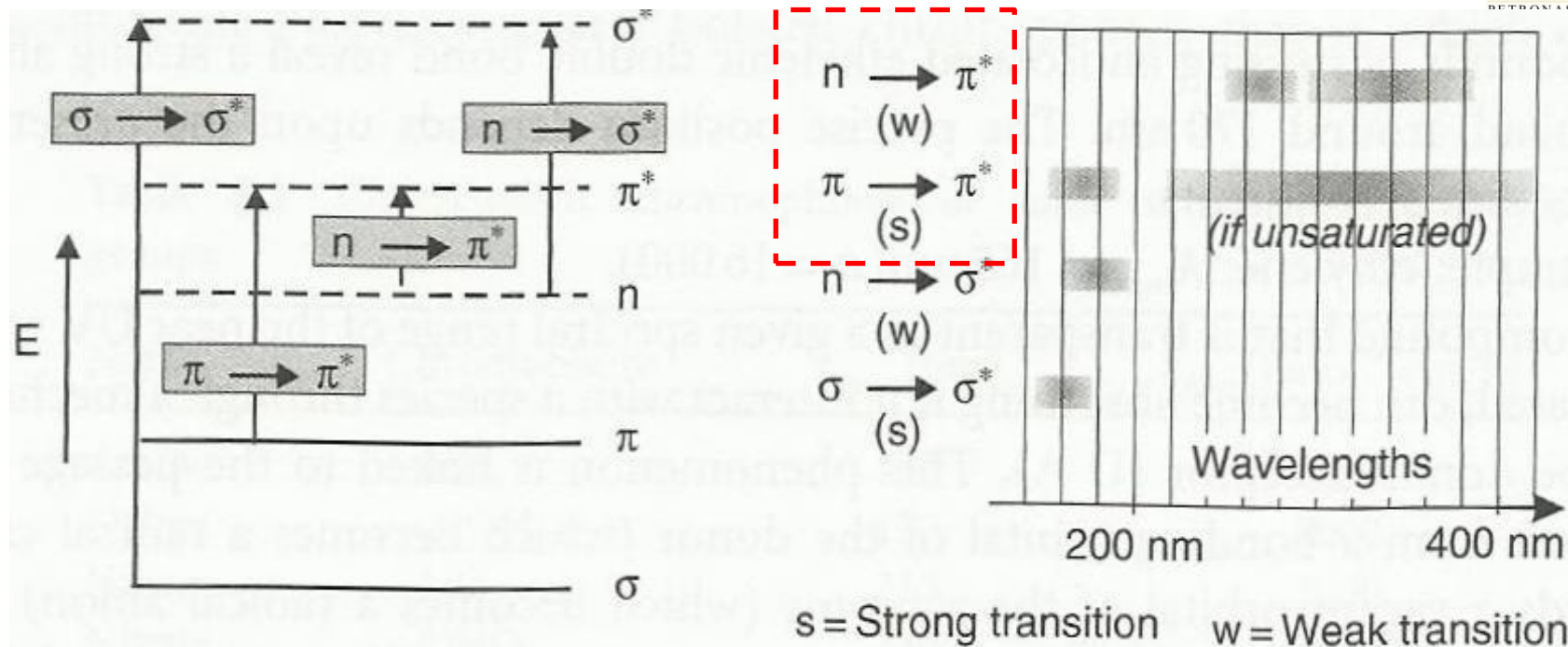
- (3) Electron in pi orbital ( $\pi$ ) → double or triple bonds. These electrons are most readily excited and are responsible for a majority of electronic spectra in the UV/Vis regions.
- A molecule also possessed normally unoccupied orbitals called **antibonding orbitals** → these correspond to excited-state energy levels and are either  $\sigma^*$  or  $\pi^*$  orbitals.
- Therefore, absorption of radiation results in an **antibonding orbitals**.

$\sigma$	bonding
$\pi$	bonding
$n$	bonding
$\sigma^*$	anti-bonding
$\pi^*$	anti-bonding

- The most common transitions are from  $\pi$  or  $n$  to antibonding  $\pi^*$  orbitals, and these are represented by  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions, indicating a transition to an excited  $\pi^*$  stage.
- The nonbonding  $n$  electron can also be excited, at a very short wavelengths, to an antibonding  $\sigma^*$  stage:  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ , but occur at wavelength less than 200 nm.



Example transitions occur in ketone



Comparison of the transitions met most frequently  
with simple organic compound

Probability:  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  >  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  >  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$  >  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$

## 1) $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition

- appears in the far UV,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} < 150 \text{ nm}$
- requires a significant energy.
- adsorption corresponding to breaking of saturated carbon: C-C, C-H, C-O, C-X and etc.
- not observed in a normal UV/Vis work.
- Example: Hexane (gas state) :  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 135 \text{ nm}$

## 2) $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition

- promotion of  $n$  electron from an atom of **O, N, S, Cl** to an  $\sigma^*$ .
- Adsorption range: 150-250 nm.
- Example: **180 nm for alcohols, 190 nm for ethers or halogen** derivatives and in the region of **220 nm for amines.**

Example	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm	$\epsilon_{\text{max}}$
H <sub>2</sub> O	167	1480
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	184	150
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	215	140
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	227	600
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S	229	140



### 3) $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition

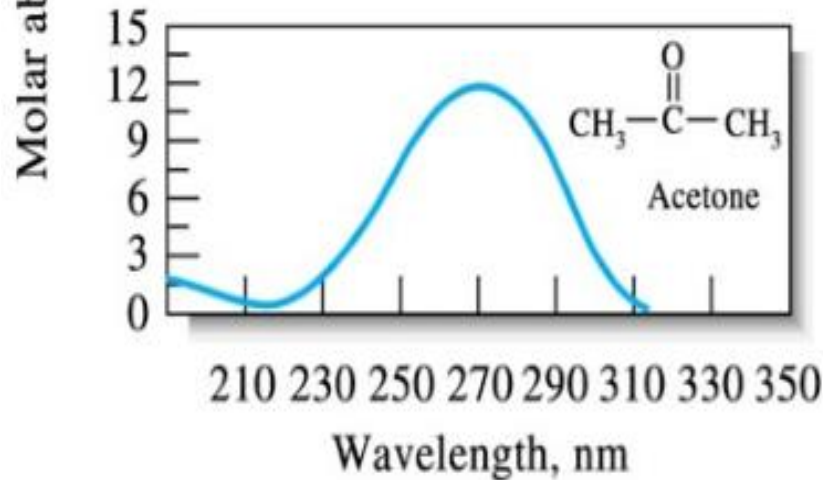
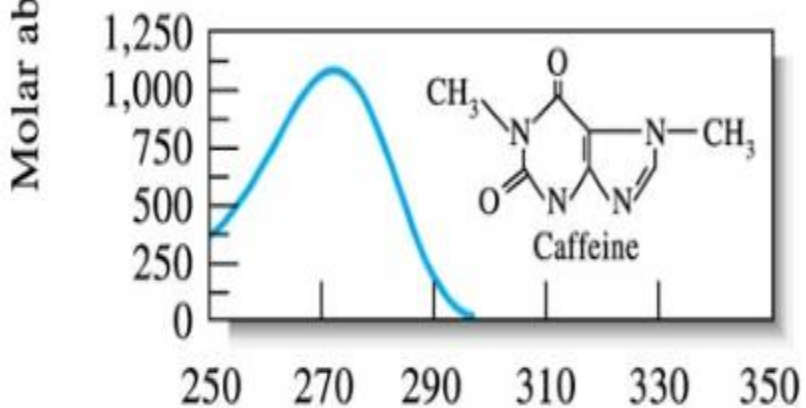
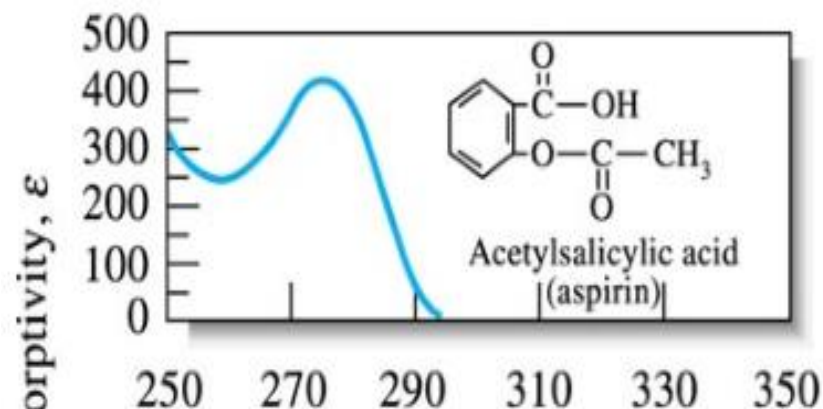
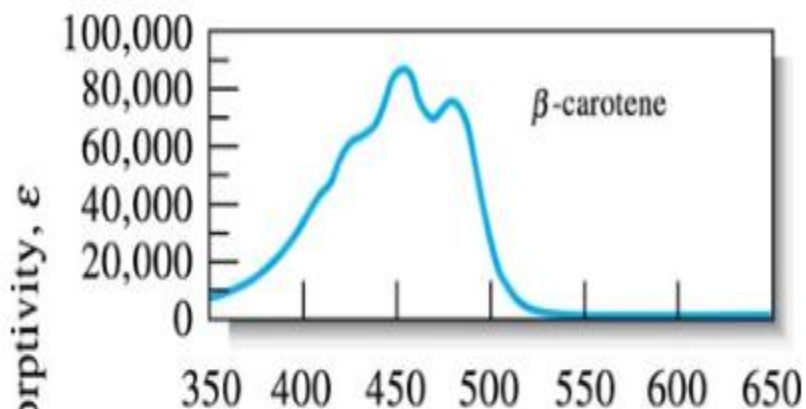
- usually observed in molecules of an **unsaturated group (halogen)**.
- Example: carbonyl band ( $C=O$ )  $\rightarrow$  **270-295 nm**

### 4) $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition

- compounds possessing an isolated ethylenic double bond ( $C=C$ )  $\rightarrow$  **strong adsorption band  $\sim 170$  nm.**
- Example: Ethylene:  $\lambda_{\max} = 165$  nm



# Examples: Typical Absorption Spectra



# Absorption characteristic of some common Chromophores

- Molecules containing **unsaturated organic functional groups** and **capable of absorbing UV/visible radiation**.

Chromophore	Example	Solvent	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm	$\epsilon_{\max}$	Transition Type
Alkene	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	<i>n</i> -Heptane	177	13,000	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
Alkyne	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$	<i>n</i> -Heptane	178	10,000	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
Carbonyl	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{CCH}_3 \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$	<i>n</i> -Hexane	196	2000	—
			225	160	—
			186	1000	$n \rightarrow \sigma^*$
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{CH} \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$	<i>n</i> -Hexane	280	16	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			180	large	$n \rightarrow \sigma^*$
			293	12	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Carboxyl	$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	Ethanol	204	41	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Amido	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{CNH}_2 \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$	Water	214	60	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Azo	$\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NCH}_3$	Ethanol	339	5	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Nitro	$\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$	Isooctane	280	22	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
Nitroso	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NO}$	Ethyl ether	300	100	—
Nitrate	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{ONO}_2$	Dioxane	665	20	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
			270	12	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$

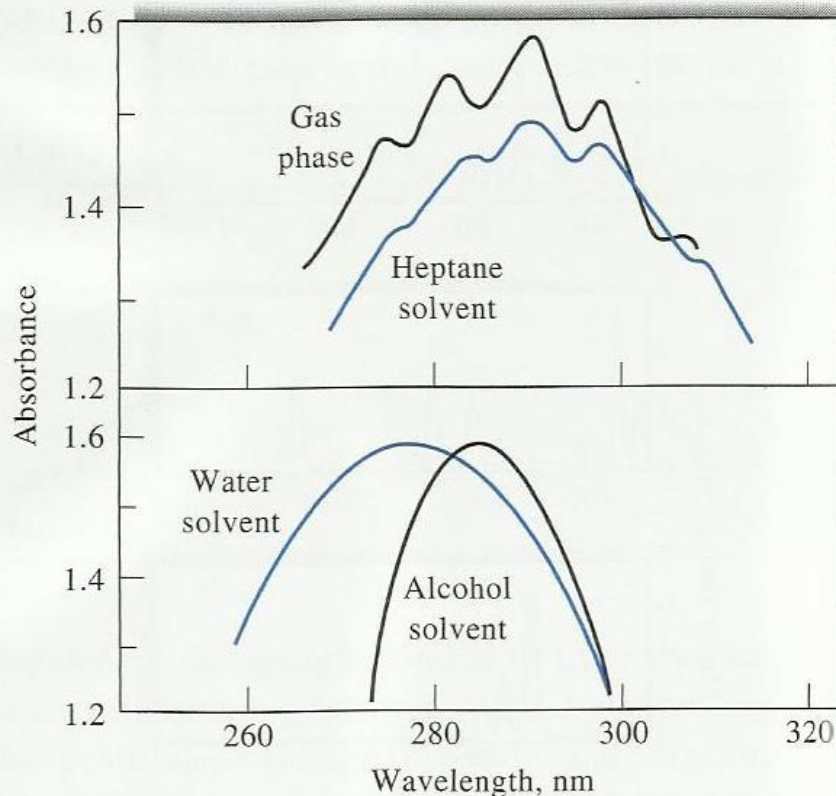
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# Effect of Solvent

- The **position and intensity** of the absorption bands will vary with the **nature of the solvent** used → each solvent has its own characteristic polarity.



Effect of solvent on the absorption spectrum of acetaldehyde

# Common solvent for UV/Vis Region

**TABLE 26-3**

**Solvents for the Ultraviolet and Visible Regions**

Lower Wavelength		Lower Wavelength	
Solvent	Limit, nm	Solvent	Limit, nm
Water	180	Carbon tetrachloride	260
Ethanol	220	Diethyl ether	210
Hexane	200	Acetone	330
Cyclohexane	200	Dioxane	320
		Cellosolve	320

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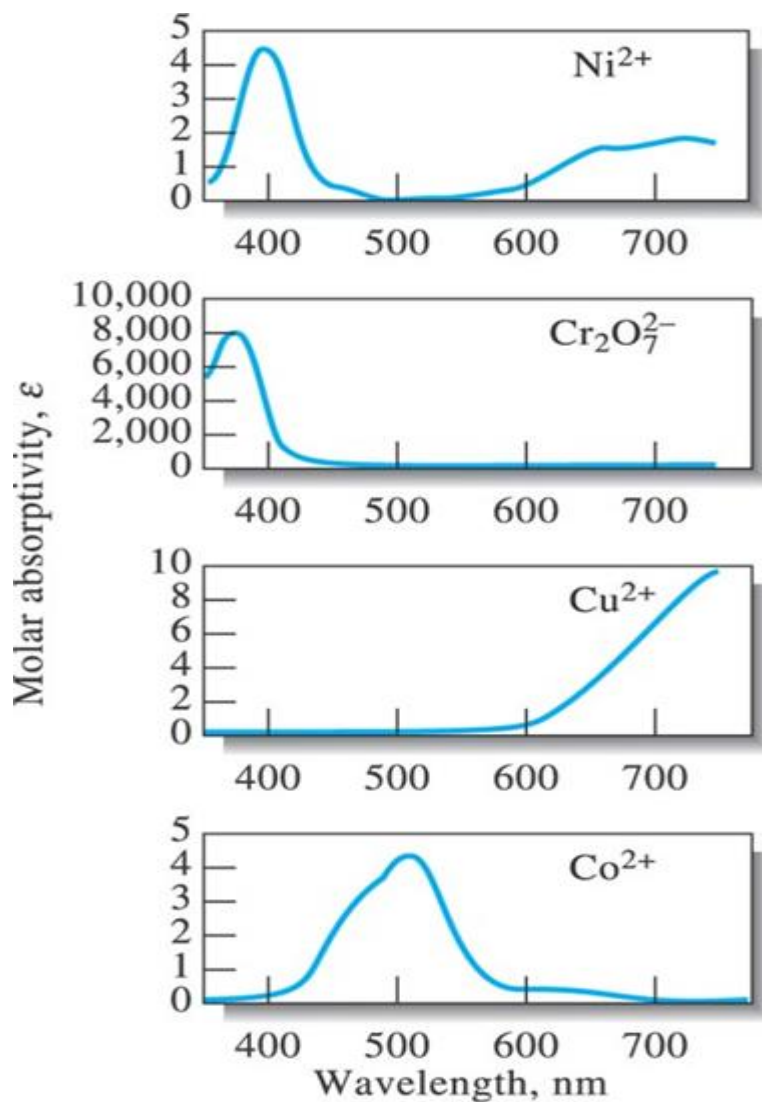
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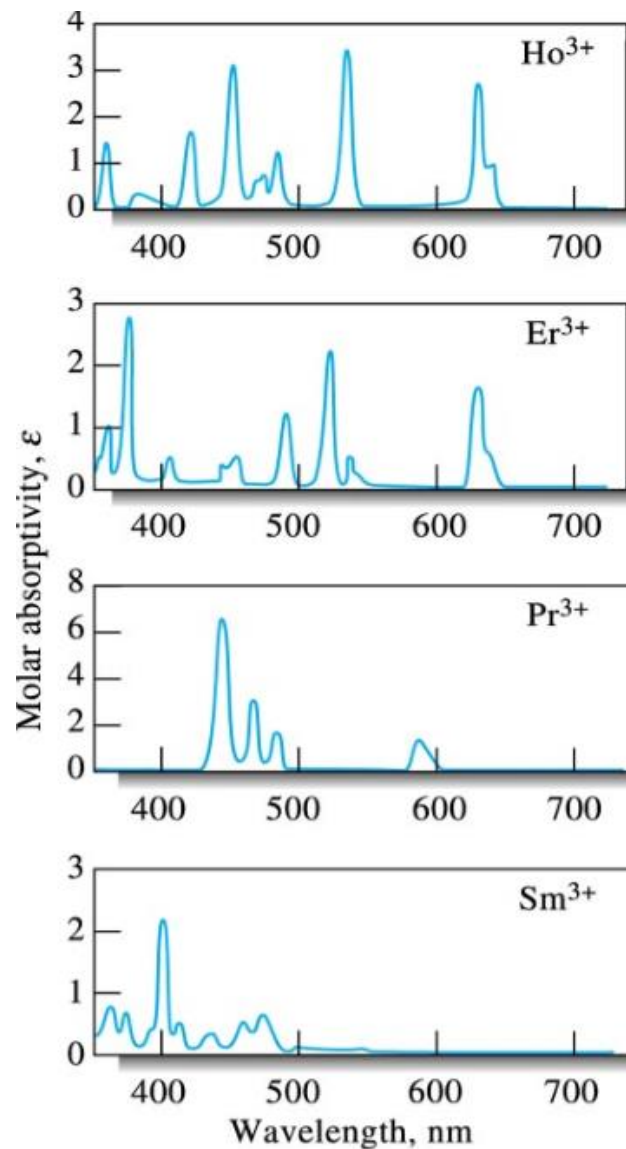
# Inorganic UV/Vis Absorption: Absorption by Organic Compounds

- A number of inorganic anions exhibit UV absorption bands.
- Example: **nitrate**, **nitrite** and **chromate**.

## Examples:



Absorption spectra of aqueous solutions of **transition metal ions**



Absorption spectra of aqueous solutions of **rare earth ions**

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# Qualitative Applications of UV/Vis Absorption Spectroscopy

- Detecting **chromophoric groups**.
- The appearance of one or more peaks in the region from **200-400 nm** is clear indication of the **presence of unsaturated groups** or of atoms such as **sulfur or halogens**.
- Spectral position → **indication of the presence or absence** of certain structural features or functional groups in a molecules.
- Identity of the absorbing groups → can be determined by **comparing the spectrum of an analyte** with those of simple molecules containing various **chromophoric groups**.

# Quantitative Analysis

- UV/Vis absorption spectroscopy → most useful tools available for **quantitative analysis**.
- Important characteristic of spectrophotometric method:
  1. wide applicability to both organic & inorganic systems.
  2. typical detection limits to  **$10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-5}$  M**.
  3. **good accuracy** (1-3%)
  4. **ease and convenience** of data acquisition.



# Method of Analysis

1) External Standard (calibration curve)

2) Standard Addition

i) Single-point addition

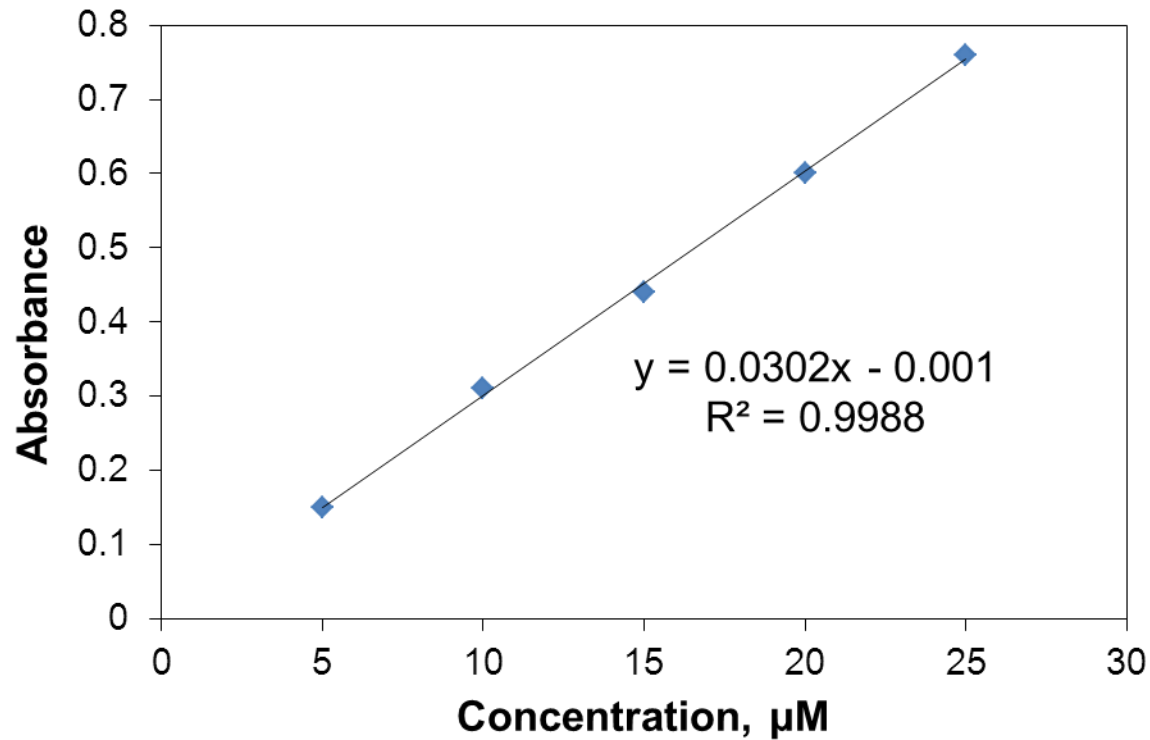
ii) Multiple additions

# External Standard (Calibration Curve)

- A standard solutions of the analyte is used to construct a **calibration curve of absorbance versus concentration**.
- The **slope of the calibration curve** → product of absorptivity and pathlength.
- External standard → determining the **proportionality factor** between **absorbance and concentration** under the same conditions and with the same instrument as is used for the samples.

# Example : The method of external standards

Concentration, $\mu\text{M}$	Measured Absorbance
5.00	0.150
10.00	0.310
15.00	0.440
20.00	0.600
25.00	0.760
unknown	0.421



Determine the **concentration of unknown**:

$$y = 0.0302x - 0.001$$

$$0.421 = 0.0302x - 0.001$$

$$\underline{X = 13.97 \mu\text{M}}$$

# Standard Addition Method

- For those samples having **difficulties** in the production of **standards** with an overall composition.

## i) Single-point addition method:

- a **known amount of analyte** is introduced into a second aliquot of the sample.
- the **difference in absorbance** is used to calculate the **analyte concentration** of the sample.

## ii) Multiple additions method:

- multiple additions can be made to **several aliquots** of the sample and **multiple standard addition calibration curve** is obtained.

# Example: Single-point Addition Method

The **single-point standard solution addition method** was used in the determination of phosphate by the molybdenum blue method.

A **2.00 mL** urine sample was treated with molybdenum blue reagents to produce a species absorbing at 820.0 nm, after which the sample was diluted to **100.00 mL**.

A **25.00 mL** aliquot gave an absorbance of **0.428** (solution 1). Addition of **1.00 mL** of a solution containing **0.0500 mg** of phosphate to a second **25.0 mL aliquot** gave an absorbance of **0.517** (solution 2).

Use these data to calculate the **number of mg of phosphate per mL** of the sample.



# Solution

The absorbance of the **first solution** is given by (**Beer's Law**):

$$A_1 = \epsilon b c_x$$

where  $c_x$  is the unknown concentration of phosphate in the first solution. The absorbance if the **second solution** is given by:

$$A_2 = \epsilon b (V_x c_x / V_t) + \epsilon b (V_s c_s / V_t)$$

$$m_1 v_1 = m_2 v_2$$

$V_x$  = volume of the solution of unknown phosphate concentration (25.00 mL).

$V_s$  = volume of the standard solution of phosphate added (1.00 mL).

$V_t$  = total volume after the addition (26.00 mL).

$C_s$  = the concentration of the standard solution  
(0.0500 mg / 1.00 mL = 0.0500 mg/mL).

If we solve the first equation for  $\varepsilon b$ , substitute the result into the second equation, and solve for  $c_x$ , we obtain:

$$c_x = \frac{A_1 c_s V_s}{A_2 V_t - A_1 V_x}$$

$$c_x = \frac{0.428 \times 0.05 \text{ mg mL}^{-1} \times 1.00 \text{ mL}}{0.517 \times 26.00 \text{ mL} - 0.428 \times 25.00 \text{ mL}} = 0.0078 \text{ mg mL}^{-1}$$

This result is the concentration of the diluted sample. To obtain the concentration of the original urine sample, we need to multiply by 100 mL/2 mL, Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Concentration of phosphate} &= 0.0078 \text{ mg mL}^{-1} \times 100 \text{ mL} / 2 \text{ mL} \\ &= 0.390 \text{ mg mL}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

# Example: Multiple Standard Addition Method

A multiple standard addition method was used for determining  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in a natural water sample.

10.0 mL aliquots of the sample were pipetted into 50.00 mL volumetric flasks, respectively.

Exactly 0.00, 5.00, 10.00, 15.00 and 20.00 mL of a standard solution containing 11.1 ppm of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  were added to each followed by an excess of thiocyanate ion to give the red complex  $\text{Fe}(\text{SCN})^{2+}$ .

After dilution to volume, absorbances of the five solutions were measured in a 0.982 cm cell at 480.0 nm and found to be 0.240, 0.437, 0.621, 0.809 and 1.009, respectively.

What is the concentration of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in the water sample?

# Solution

For several identical aliquots of a standard solution having a known concentration  $c_s$ , the absorbance after each addition,  $A_s$ , is given by:

$$A_s = \frac{\epsilon b V_s c_s}{V_t} + \frac{\epsilon b V_x c_x}{V_t} = k V_s c_s + k V_x c_x$$

$V_t$  = total volume of each flask

$V_s$  = variable volume of standard added

$c_x$  = unknown concentration

$k$  = constant equal to  $\epsilon b / V_t$

**$V_x$  = volume of the solution of unknown sample**

A plot of  $A_s$  as a function of  $V_s$  yield a straight line of the form:

$$A_s = m V_s + b$$

where the slope  $m$  and intercept  $b$  are given by:

$$m = kc_s \text{ and } b = kV_x c_x$$

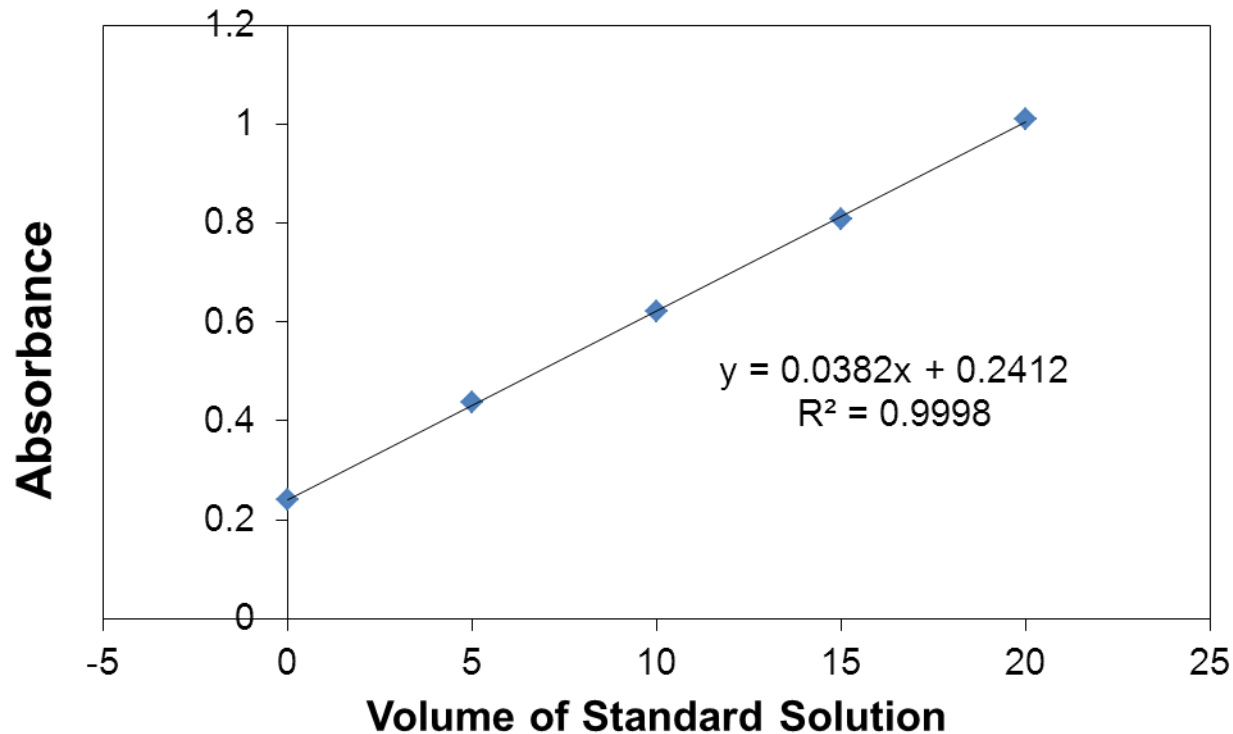
By combining these equations for the slope and intercept, the concentration of the unknown can be found as:

$$c_x = \frac{bc_s}{mV_x}$$

Tabulated the data

Volume of standard solution, mL ( $V_s$ )	Absorbance ( $A_s$ )
0	0.240
5	0.437
10	0.621
15	0.809
20	1.009





$$c_x = \frac{bc_s}{mV_x} = \frac{0.2412 \times 11.1 \text{ ppm}}{0.0382 \text{ mL}^{-1} \times 10 \text{ mL}} = 7.01 \text{ ppm}$$

- Absorbance vs volume → straight-line → obeyed Beer's Law

# Exercise

Q1:

A 25.0 mL aliquot of an aqueous quinine solution was diluted to 50.0 mL. The first 25.0 mL aliquot after the dilution had an absorbance of 0.656 at 348 nm when measured in a 2.50-cm cell. A second 25.0 mL aliquot was mixed with 10.0 mL of a solution containing 25.7 ppm of quinine. This solution had an absorbance of 0.976 (2.50 cm cell). Calculate the concentration of quinine in parts per million in the sample.

Q2:

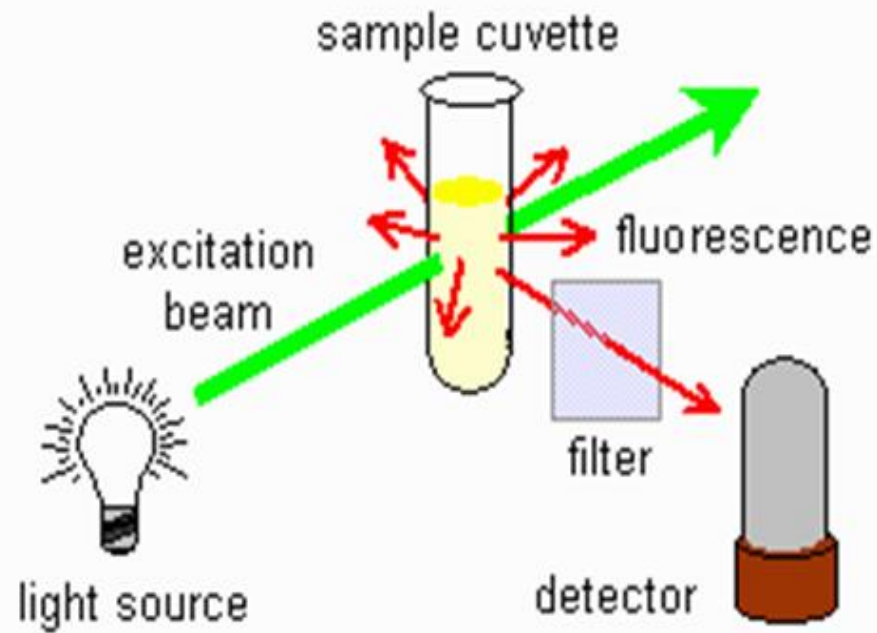
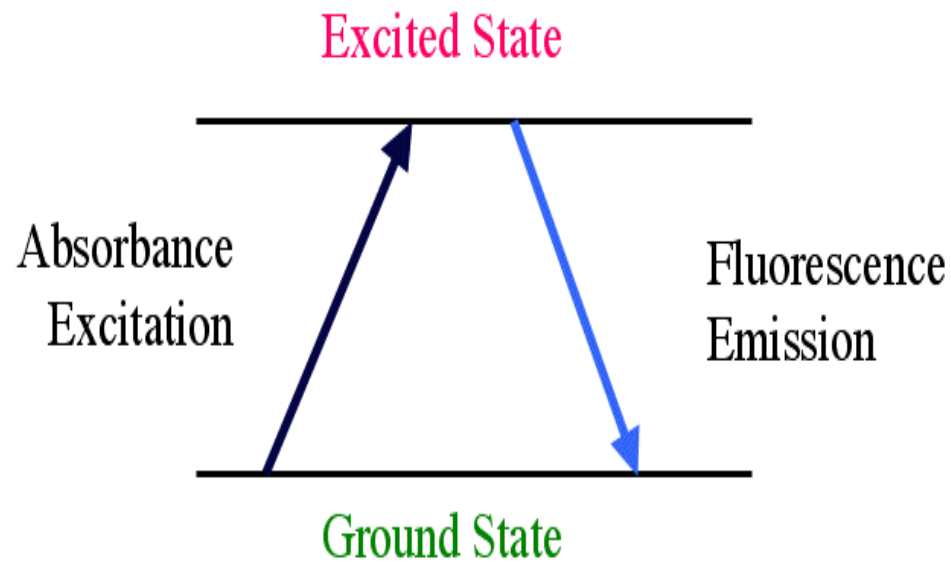
A serum sample is analyzed for potassium by emission spectrometry using method of standard additions. Two 0.500 mL aliquots are diluted to 5.00 mL. To one portion is added 10.0  $\mu$ L of 0.0500 M KCl solution. The net emission signals in arbitrary units are 32.1 and 58.6, respectively. What is the concentration of potassium in the serum?

# Molecular Spectroscopy

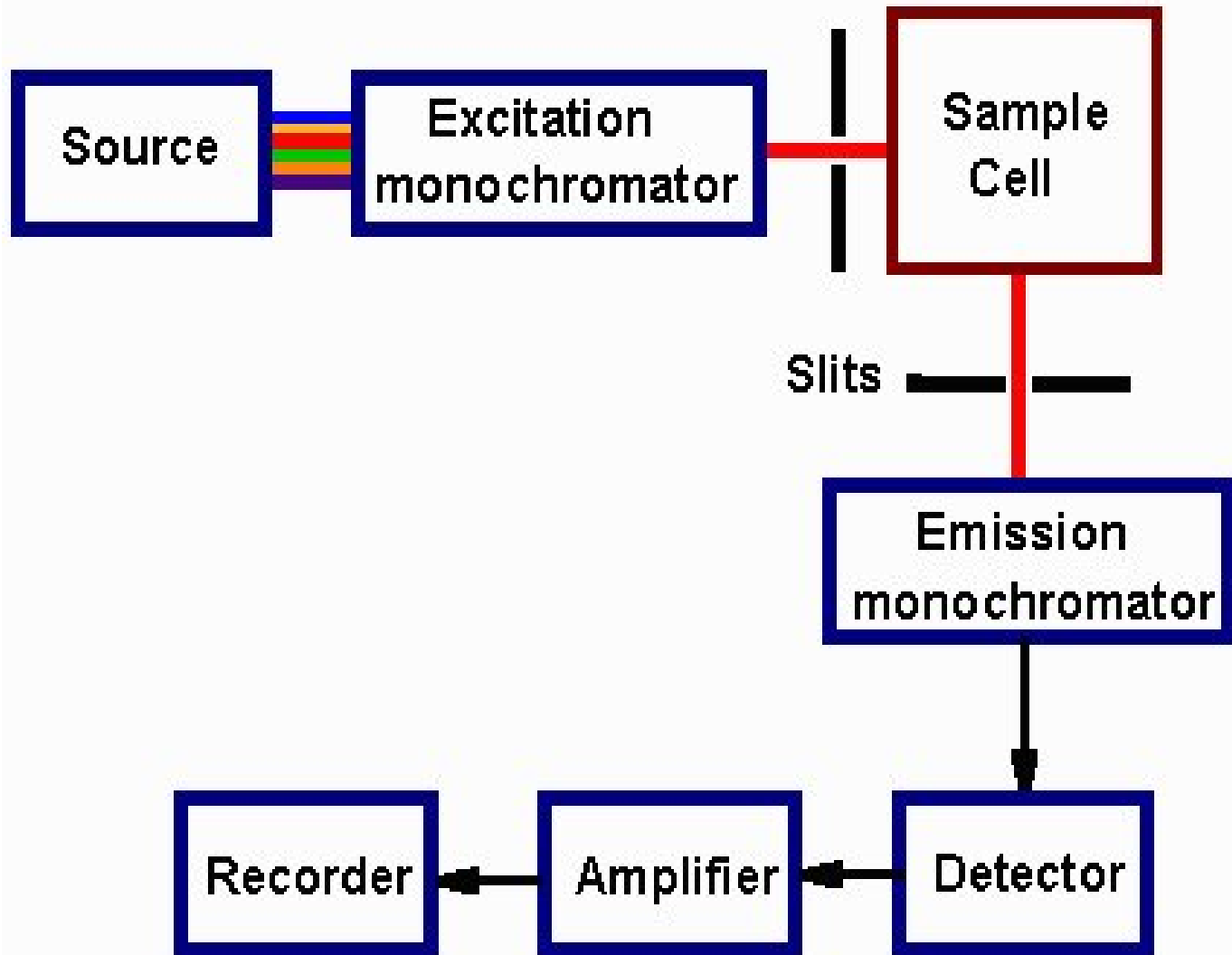
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# Molecular Fluorescence Spectroscopy

- Fluorescence → process in which atoms or molecules are **excited** by absorption of electromagnetic radiation. Then the excited species **relax to the ground state**, giving up their excess energy as photons.
- Measured by: Exciting the sample at the absorption wavelength (**excitation wavelength**), and measuring the emission at longer wavelength → **fluorescence wavelength**.
- Less widely applicable because of the relatively **limited number of chemical systems** that show appreciable fluorescence.







Block Diagram of Molecular Fluorescence Spectroscopy

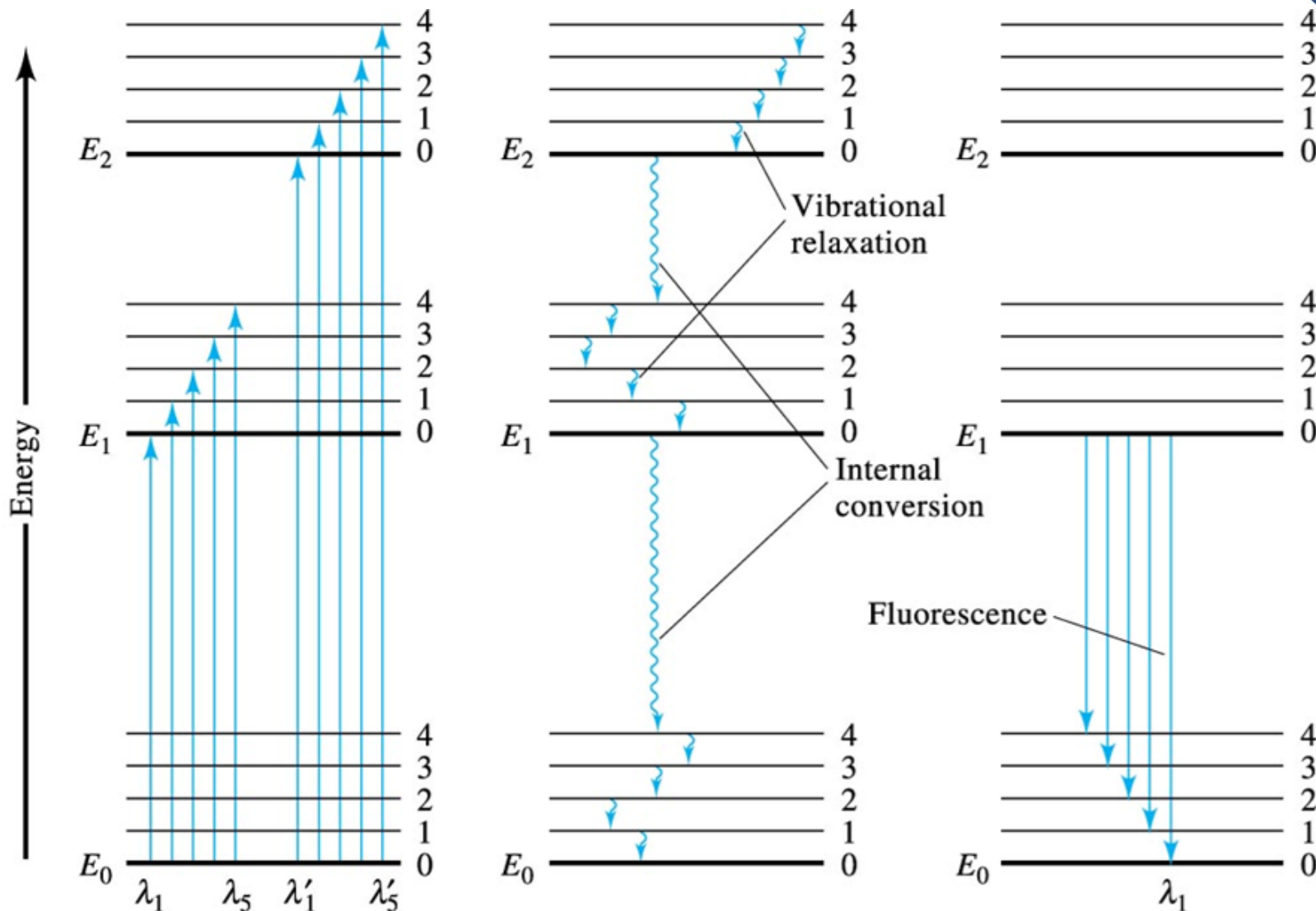
# Relaxation Processes

- Once the molecule is excited to higher energy level, several processes can occur that cause the molecule to lost its excess energy .
- Two of the most important processes : i) Nonradiative Relaxation and ii) Fluorescence Emission.
- Nonradiative Relaxation → i) vibration relaxation and ii) internal conversion.

# Energy Level Diagram: Relaxation Process



SITI  
OGI  
SAS



(a) Molecular absorption

(b) Nonradiative relaxation

(c) Fluorescence

# Nonradiative Relaxation

## ■ Vibration Relaxation:

- involves transfer of the excess energy of a vibrationally excited species
- take place in less than  $10^{-15}$  s and leaves the molecules in the lowest vibrational state of an electronic excited state.

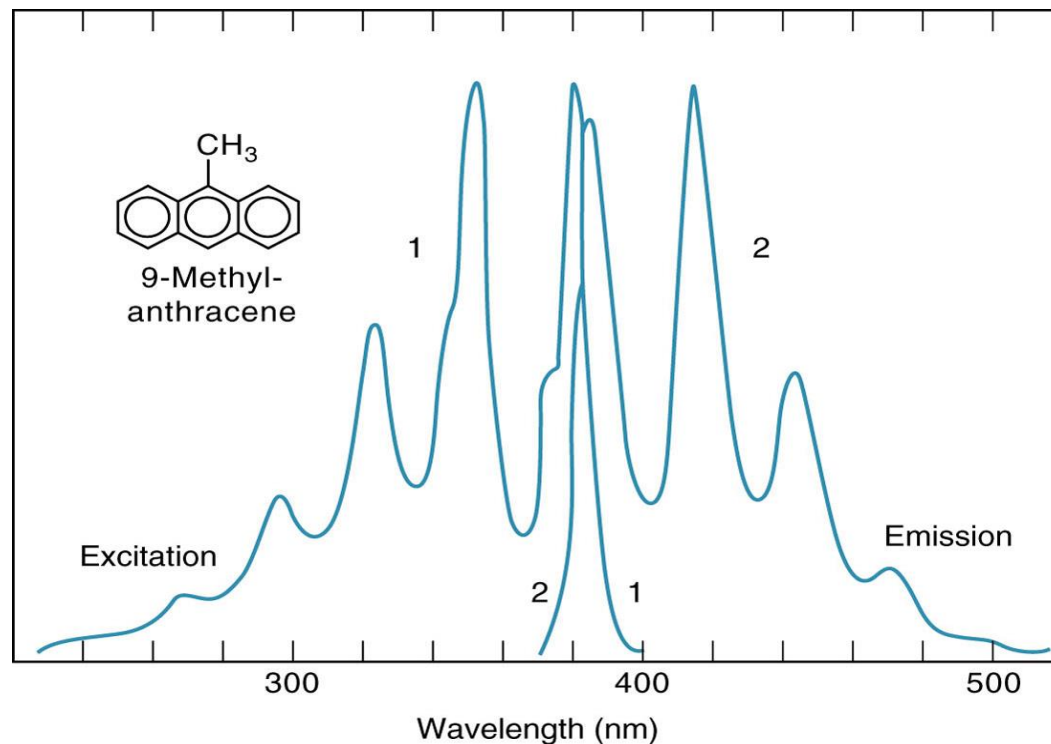
## ■ Internal Conversion:

- involves transfer of the excess energy of a species in the lowest vibrational level of an excited electronic state

# Fluorescence Emission

- Usually observed from the **lowest lying excited electronic state**  $E_1$  to the ground state  $E_0 \rightarrow$  because of the **internal conversion** and **vibration relaxation** processes are very rapid compared with fluorescence.
- Fluorescence line originate in the **lowest vibrational state** of  $E_1 \rightarrow$  all the other line in the band are of **lower energy, or longer wavelength**.
- Therefore, molecular fluorescence bands  $\rightarrow$  **longer in wavelength, lower in frequency, and thus, lower energy** than the band of absorbed radiation responsible for their excitation.

# Relationship between Excitation Spectra and Fluorescence Spectra



Fluorescence spectra for 1ppm anthracene in alcohol:

(1) **excitation spectrum** and (2) **emission spectrum (fluorescence)**

The **excitation spectrum** and **fluorescence spectrum** are nearly mirror images:

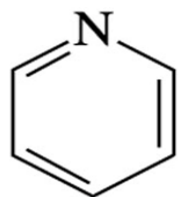
→ Because the **energy differences** between **vibrational states** is about the same for **both ground and excited states**.



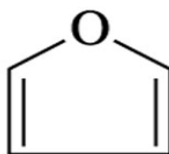
# Fluorescent Species

- All absorbing molecules have potential to fluoresce, but **most compounds do not** → their structure provides relaxation to occur at a greater rate than fluorescence.
- The Quantum Yield → the **ratio of number of molecules that fluoresce to the total number of excited molecules**. Or the **ratio of photons emitted to photons absorbed**.
- Highly fluorescent molecules → quantum efficiency approach unity.
- Nonfluorescent species → quantum efficiency approach zero.

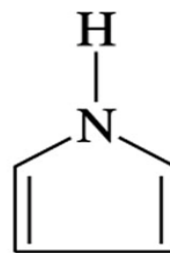
# Fluorescence and Structure



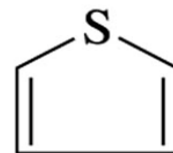
pyridine



furan

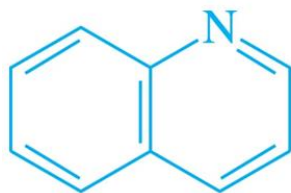


pyrrole



thiophene

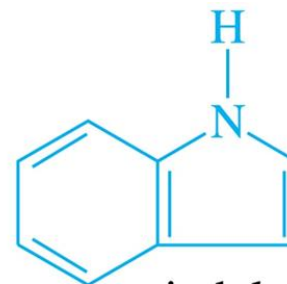
Typical aromatic molecules that **do not** fluoresce



quinoline



isoquinoline



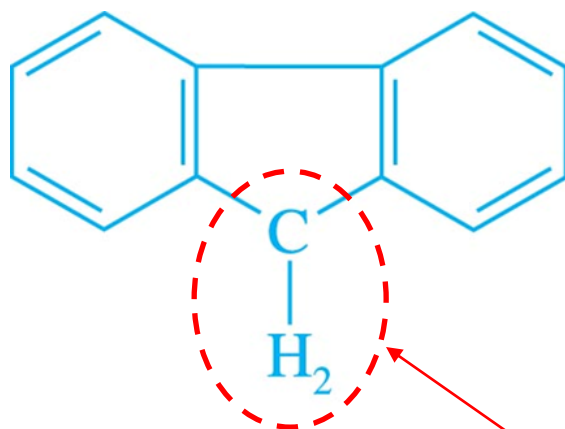
indole

Typical aromatic molecules that **fluoresce**

- The most intense and the most useful fluorescence is found in **compounds containing aromatic functional groups.**

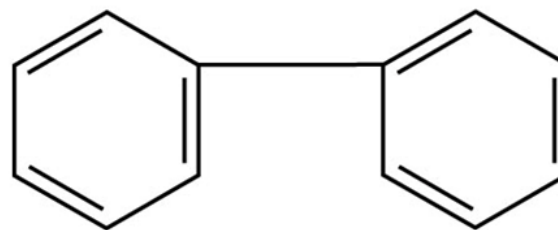
# The Effect of Structural Rigidity

- Fluorescence is particularly favored in rigid molecules.



fluorene  
 $\Phi : 1$

Two benzene rings in biphenyl can  
**rotate** to one another



biphenyl  
 $\Phi : 0.2$

- Increase the rigidity of the fluorene
- Rigidity **lower the rate of nonradiative relaxation**



Compound	Formula	Wavelength of Fluorescence, nm	Relative Intensity of Fluorescence
Benzene	$C_6H_6$	270–310	10
Toluene	$C_6H_5CH_3$	270–320	17
Propylbenzene	$C_6H_5C_3H_7$	270–320	17
Fluorobenzene	$C_6H_5F$	270–320	10
Chlorobenzene	$C_6H_5Cl$	275–345	7
Bromobenzene	$C_6H_5Br$	290–380	5
Iodobenzene	$C_6H_5I$	—	0
Phenol	$C_6H_5OH$	285–365	18
Phenolate ion	$C_6H_5O^-$	310–400	10
Anisole	$C_6H_5OCH_3$	285–345	20
Aniline	$C_6H_5NH_2$	310–405	20
Anilinium ion	$C_6H_5NH_3^+$	—	0
Benzoic acid	$C_6H_5COOH$	310–390	3
Benzonitrile	$C_6H_5CN$	280–360	20
Nitrobenzene	$C_6H_5NO_2$	—	0



# Temperature and Solvent Effect

- The quantum efficiency **decreases with increasing temperature.**
- Increase the **frequency of collision** at elevated temperatures increases the probability of collisional relaxation.
- A decrease in solvent viscosity → decrease the quantum efficiency.

# Topics under Molecular Spectroscopy

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- Organic UV-Vis Absorption
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- Inorganic UV-Vis Absorption
- Qualitative Analysis
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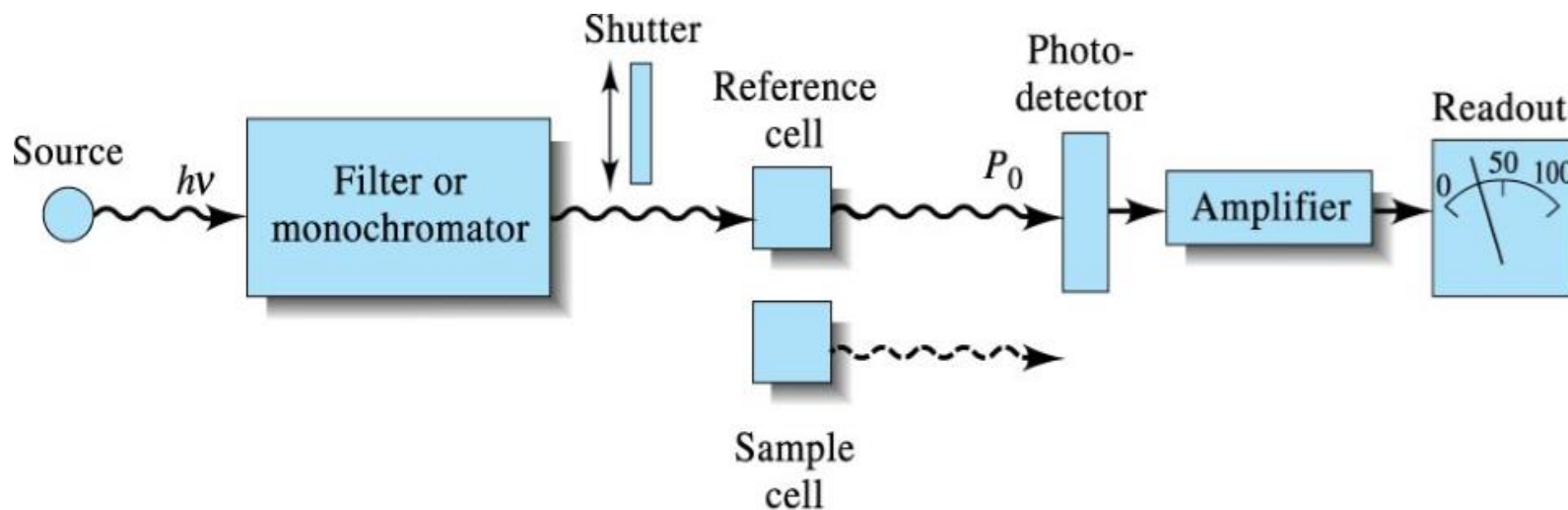
# Equipment for Molecular Spectroscopy

- UV/Visible spectroscopy
- Infrared spectroscopy
- Fluorescence spectroscopy

# UV/Visible Instrumentation

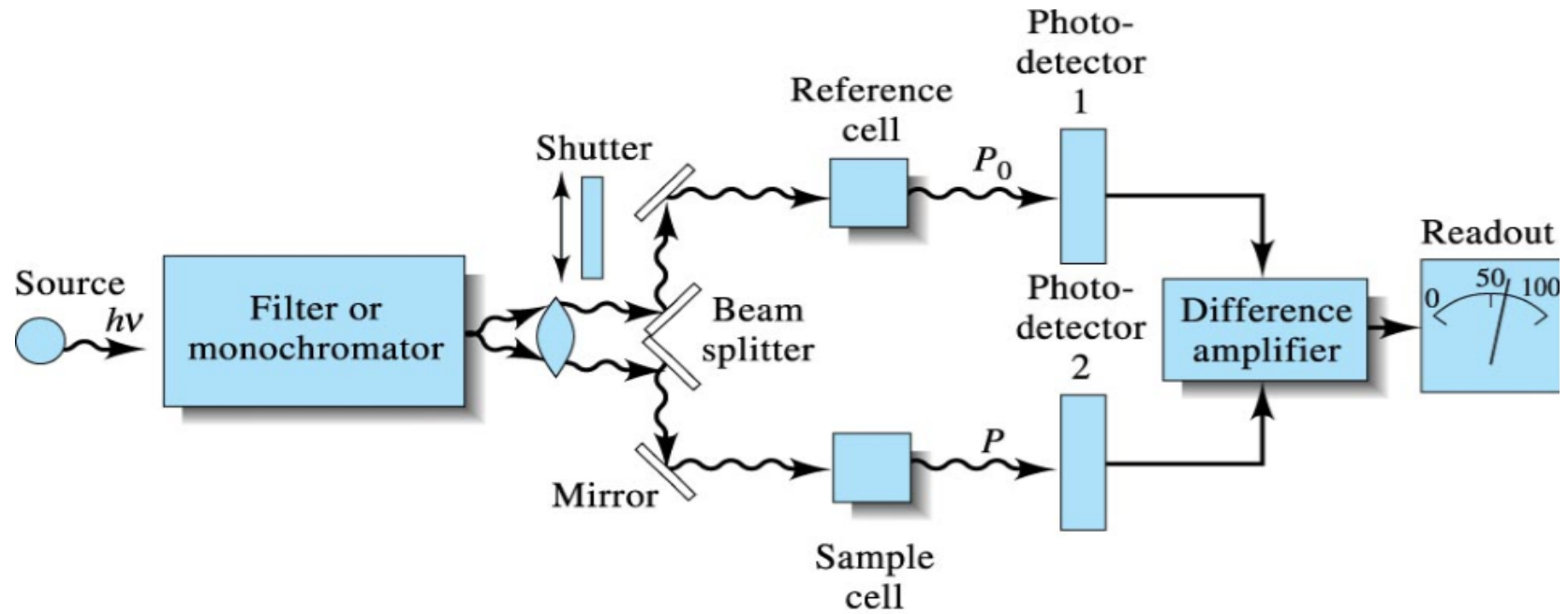
- Molecular absorption spectrometry
- Instrumental design for UV-visible photometers or spectrophotometer consists of **four** general types:
  - (1) Single beam
  - (2) Double beam
  - (3) Double beam in time
  - (4) Multichannel

# UV-Vis: Single Beam Instrument



- Radiation from the filter or monochromator passes through **either the reference cell or the sample cell** before striking the photodetector

# UV-Vis: Double Beam Instrument



- Radiation from the filter or monochromator is split into **two beams** that **simultaneously pass through the reference and sample cells** before striking two matched photodetectors.

# Single beam UV/Vis Spectrophotometer



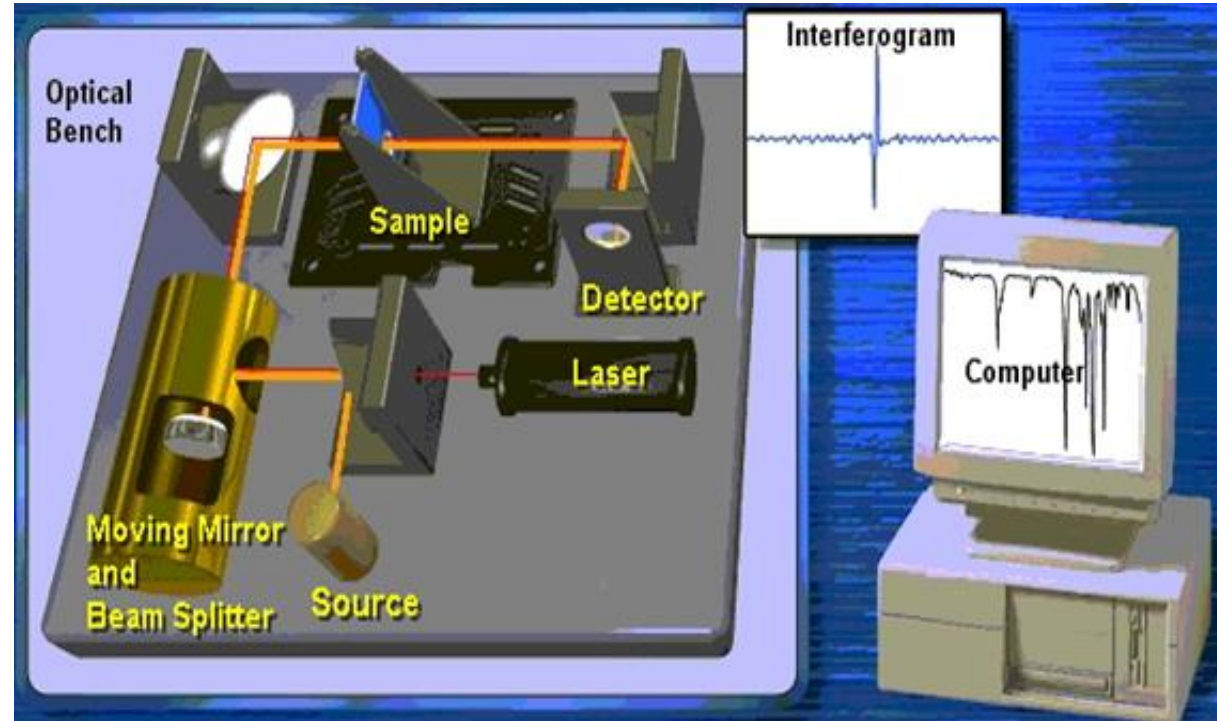
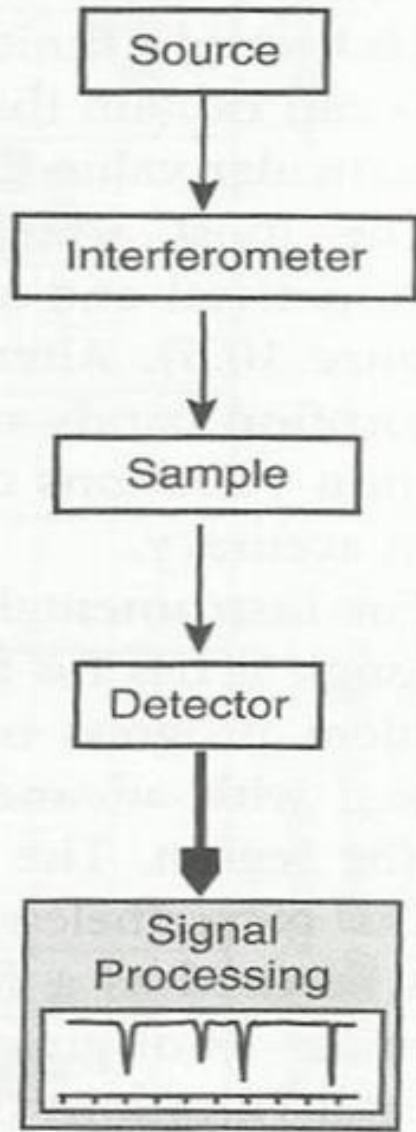
# Double beam UV/Vis Spectrophotometer





# Infrared (IR) Instrumentation

- Molecular absorption spectroscopy
- Instrumental design for IR spectrometer can be divided into two categories:
  - (1) Fourier Transform spectrometers
    - i. single beam
    - ii. double beam
  - (2) Dispersive spectrometer
    - generally double beam



Block diagram of FT-IR spectrometer

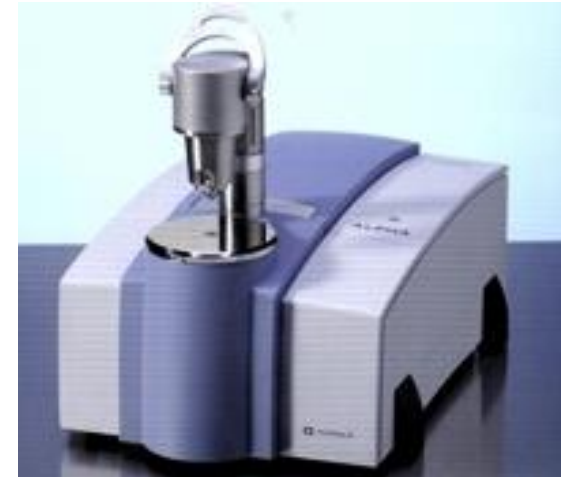
# Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR)

- FTIR spectrometer can be **single beam** or **double beam** instrument.
- General operation of **single beam FTIR**:
  - i. Obtained a **reference interferogram** by scanning reference.
  - ii. **Sample** is inserted in the radiation path and the process repeated.
  - iii. The **ratio of sample and reference spectral** data is then computed to give transmittance at various frequencies.
  - iv. From this ratio, the **absorbance** is calculated as a function of **wavenumber**.

# FTIR Spectrometer



Single Beam



Double Beam

# Fluorescence Instrumentation

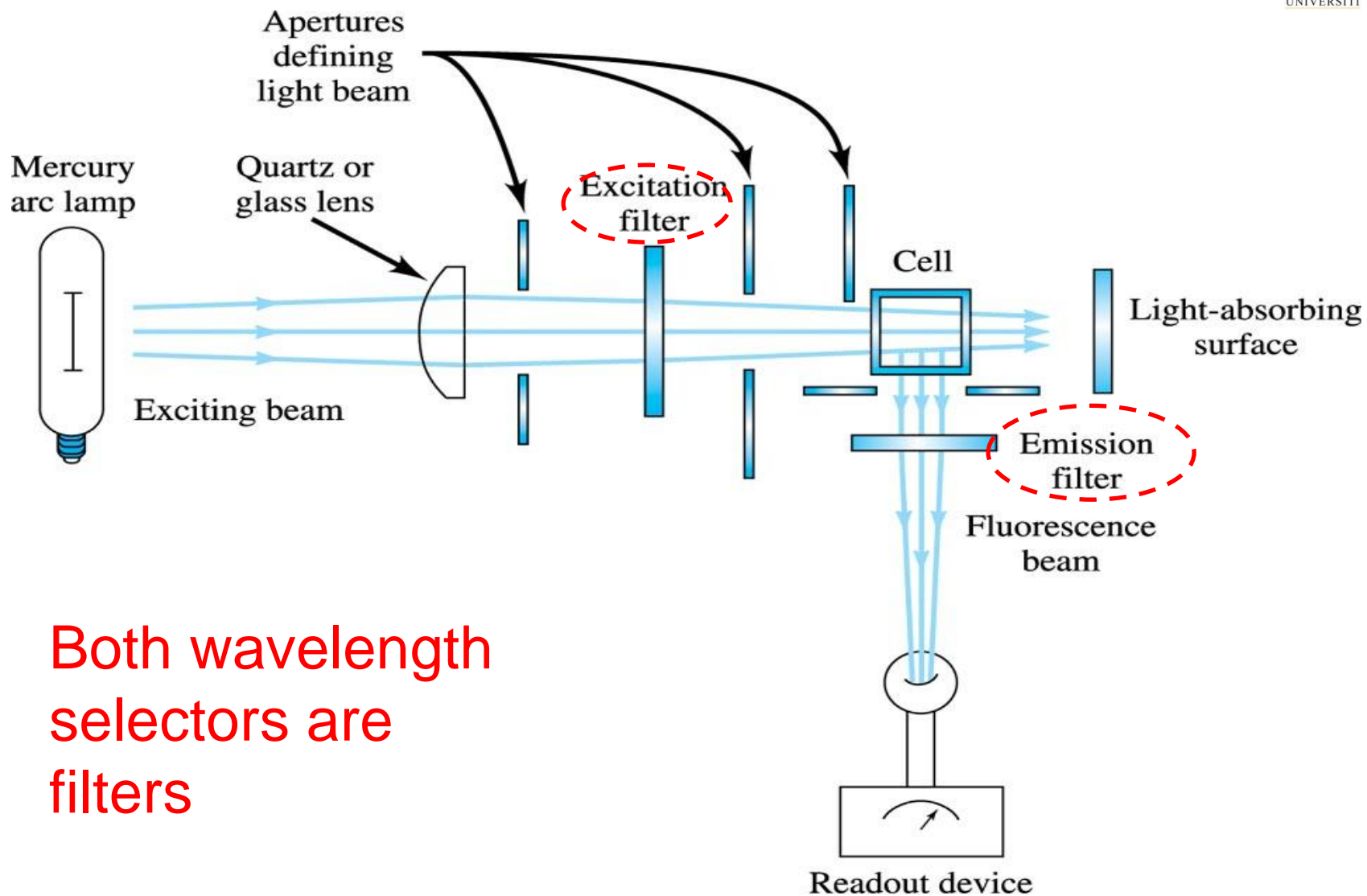
- Molecular fluorescence spectroscopy
- Two types: i) Fluorometer ii) Spectrofluorometer

## General operation:

- The light emitted by primary source initially passes through the **excitation monochromator** which allows a narrow band of wavelengths to be selected.
- A part of the **fluorescence emitted** is collected and passes through the **emission monochromator** allowing the selection of a narrow band of wavelength for measurement.



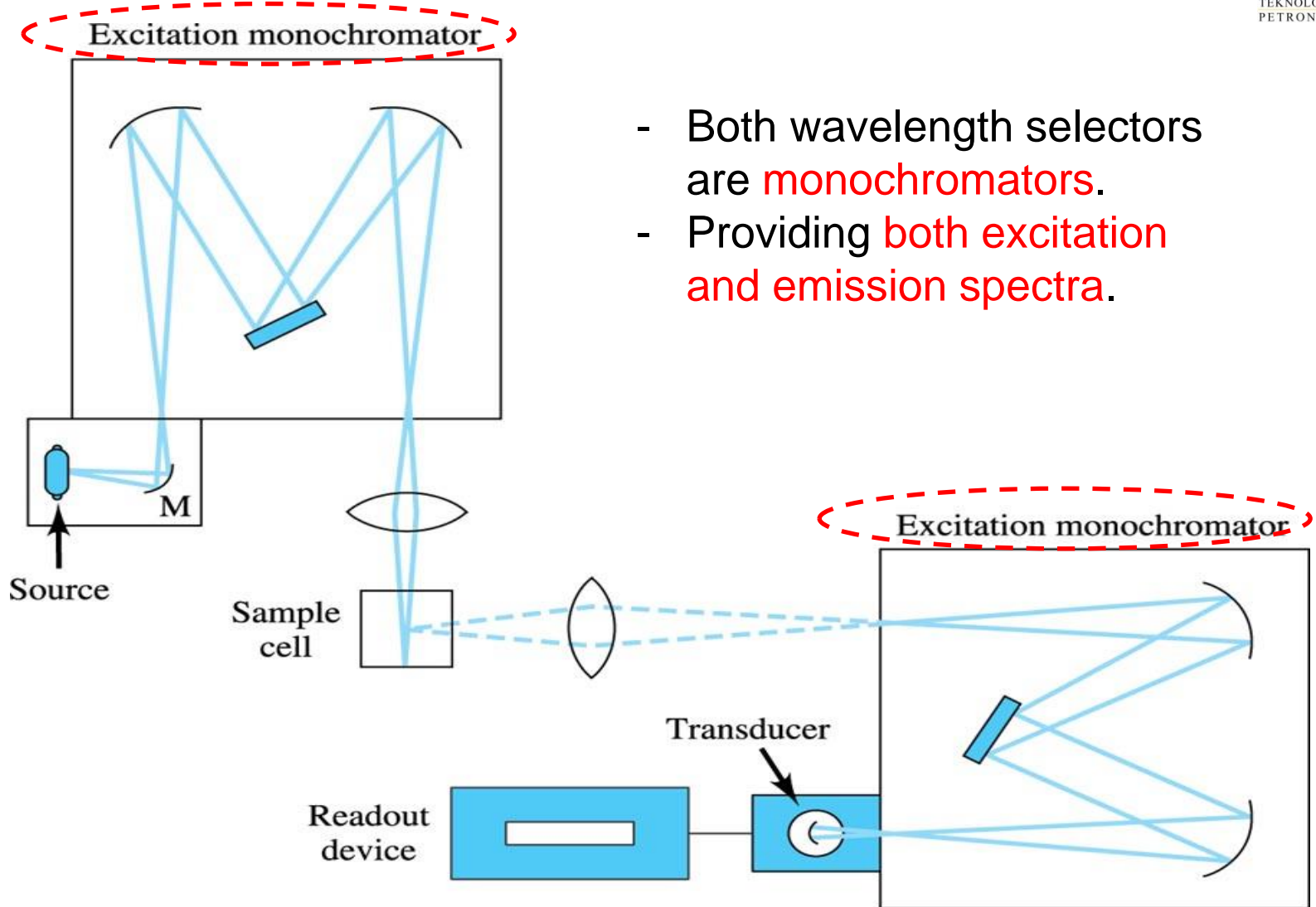
# Fluorometer



Both wavelength  
selectors are  
filters

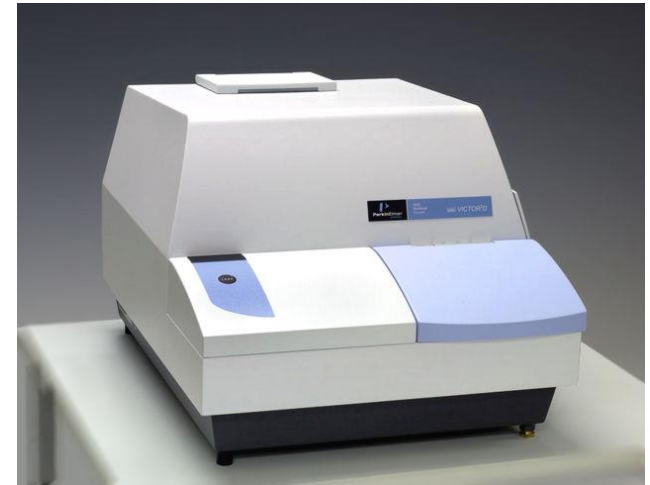


# Spectrofluorometer

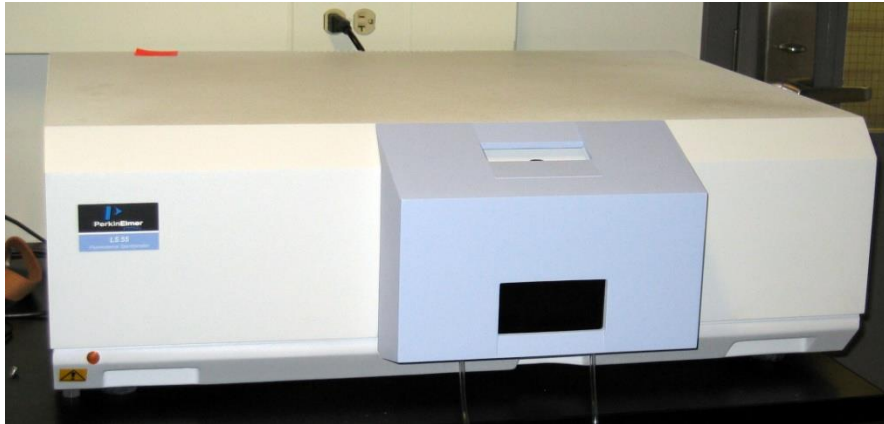


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# Fluorescence Spectrophotometer (fluorometer)



# Fluorescence Spectrometer (spectrofluorometer)



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