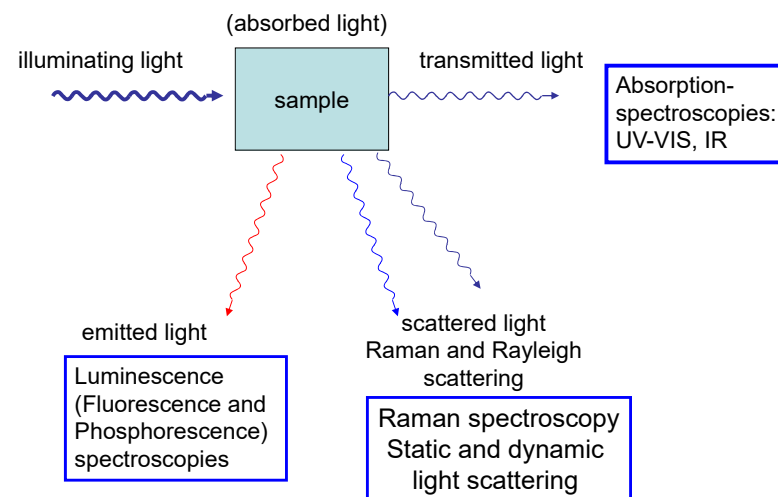


# Optical spectroscopic techniques

László Smeller

## What happens if a sample is illuminated by light?

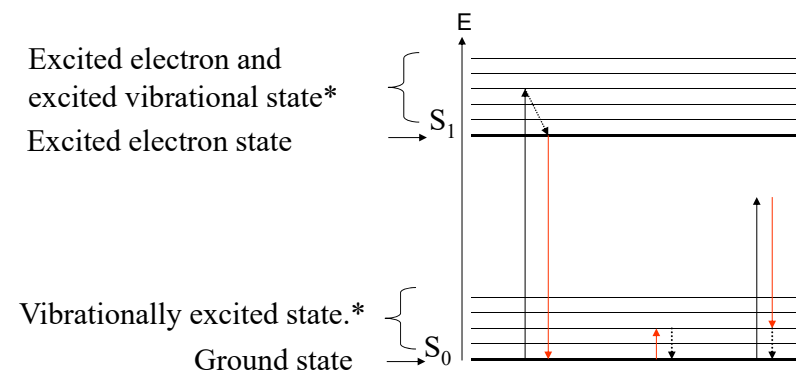


## Spectroscopy (Absorption and emission spectroscopy)

- Analysis of the wavelength dependence of the transmitted or emitted light.
- Information:
  - identification of atoms and molecules,
  - detection of changes in the molecular structure (conformation)
  - determination of the concentration

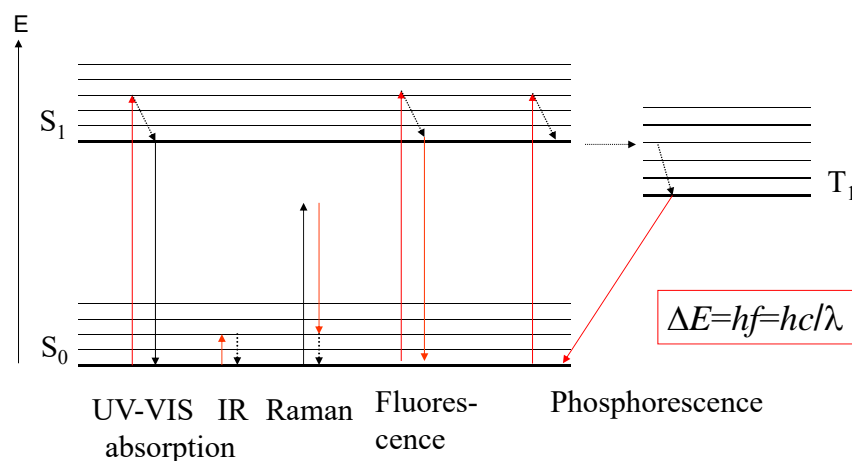
## Why is light absorbed or emitted?

### Jablonski diagram



\*only for molecules! (not for atoms)

## Why is light absorbed or emitted?



## Absorption spectroscopy (UV-VIS)

As a reminder:

- law of absorption:  $J = J_0 \cdot e^{-\mu x}$  where  $\mu(\text{material}, c, \lambda)$

- Lambert-Beer law:

$$A = \lg \frac{J_0}{J} = \varepsilon(\lambda) cx$$

- spectrum:  $A(\lambda)$
- measurement: spectrophotometer  
(details: see pract. exc.)  
reference solution ( $J_0$ )
- information: identification ( $\lambda_{\max}$ ), concentration (A)

## Infrared spectroscopy

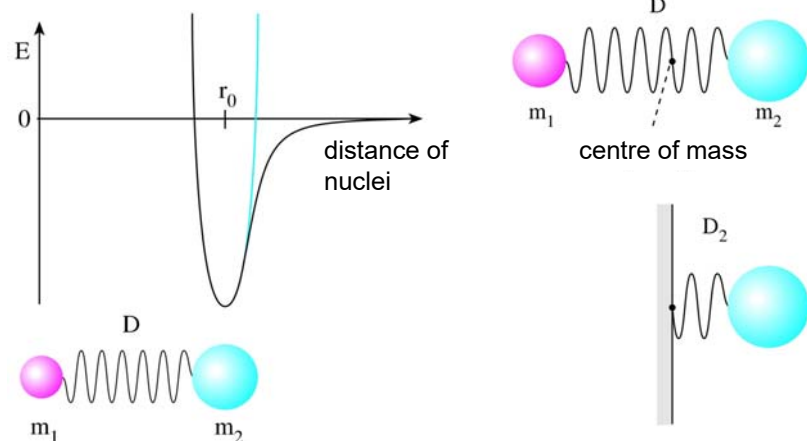
- Infrared light:  $\lambda = 800 \text{ nm} - 1 \text{ mm}$   
MIR (mid-infrared) :  $2,5 - 50 \mu\text{m}$
- absorption spectroscopy
- the absorbed infrared radiation excite molecular vibrations
- very specific for the structure of the molecule
- special method for detection:  
FT spectrometer

## Molecular vibrations

The electrons are light ( $m_e \ll m_{\text{nucleus}}$ ), they can follow the movements of the nuclei easily, therefore the movements of the nuclei are independent of the movements of the electrons.

Classical physical description: the chemical bond is represented by a spring

## Molecular vibrations:

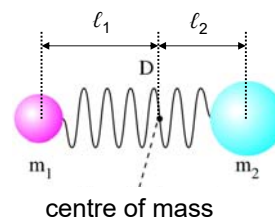


known from elementary mechanics:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{D_2}{m_2}}$$

$$\frac{m_2}{m_1} = \frac{\ell_1}{\ell_2}$$

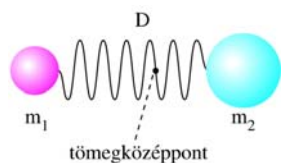
$$F = D\Delta\ell$$



$$\frac{D_2}{D} = \frac{F/D}{F/D_2} = \frac{\Delta\ell}{\Delta\ell_2} = \frac{\ell}{\ell_2} =$$

$$= \frac{\ell_1 + \ell_2}{\ell_2} = \frac{\ell_1}{\ell_2} + 1 = \frac{m_2}{m_1} + 1 = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1}$$

substituting  $\frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1} = \frac{D_2}{D}$  into  $f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{D_2}{m_2}}$



frequency of the vibration:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{D(m_1 + m_2)}{m_1 m_2}}$$

$$m_{red} = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

is called as reduced mass

Frequency with the reduced mass:  $f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{D}{m_{red}}}$

The wavelength:  $\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = 2\pi c \sqrt{\frac{m_{red}}{D}}$

In the IR spectroscopy the wavenumber ( $\nu$ ) is used, which is the reciprocal of  $\lambda$ :

$$\nu = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \sqrt{\frac{D}{m_{red}}}$$

$\nu$ : number of waves in a unit length [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]

Example: CO

The measured wavenumber:  $\nu = 2143 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 4,67 \mu\text{m} \Rightarrow f = 6,43 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ Hz}$$

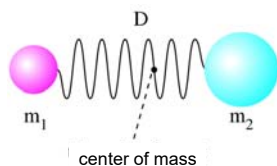
$$m_C = 2 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ kg}, m_O = 2,7 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ kg} \Rightarrow D = 1875 \text{ N/m}$$

if  $\nu$  is known,  $D$  can be calculated

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## Classical vs. quantum physics

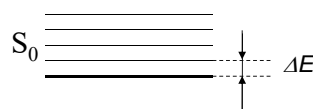
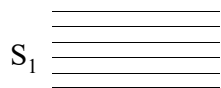
Classical physical picture



$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{D}{m_{red}}}$$

resonance with the light with frequency  $f$

Quantum mechanical picture



$$\Delta E = hf$$

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## Vibrations of the large molecules

Molecule consisting of  $N$  atoms:

- $3N$  degree of freedom,  
3-3 are the rotations and translations of the whole molecule
- $3N-6$  vibrational degree of freedom ( $3N-5$  for the linear molecules)
- $3N-6$  independent normal vibrations

## Normal vibrations

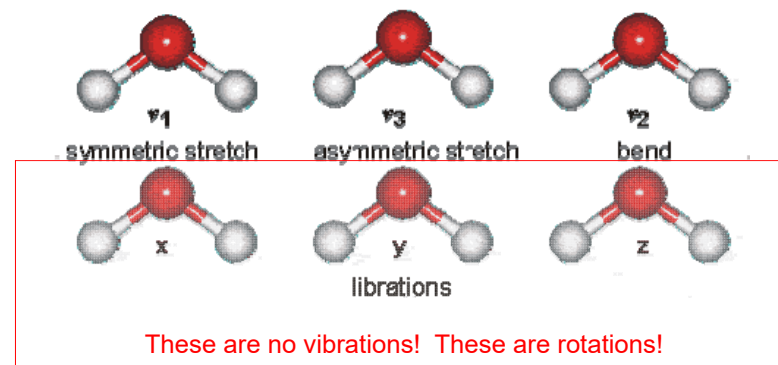
All the atoms vibrate

- with the same frequency but
- with different amplitude and
- in different direction.

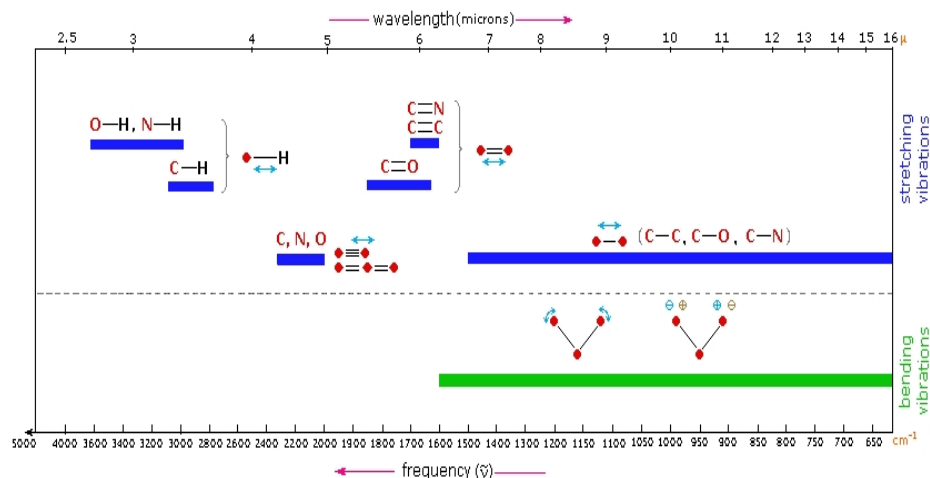
Example: water



## Normal vibrations of water

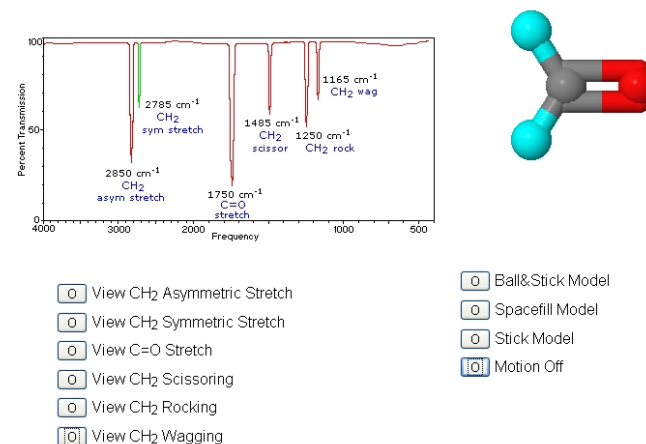


## Typical vibrational frequencies (wavenumbers)



## Example: Formaldehyde

Gas Phase Infrared Spectrum of Formaldehyde,  $\text{H}_2\text{C=O}$

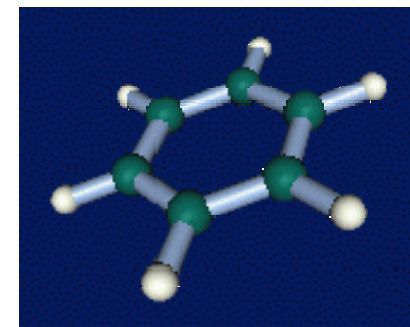


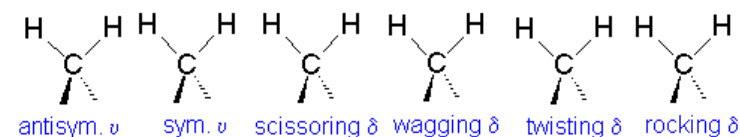
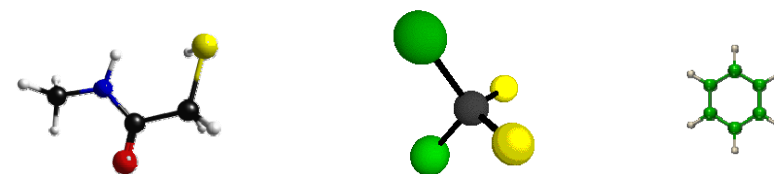
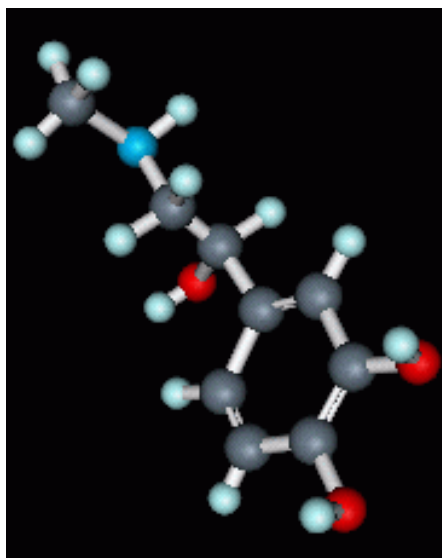
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## Flavin



## Benzol



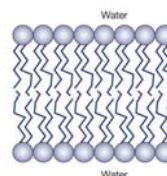
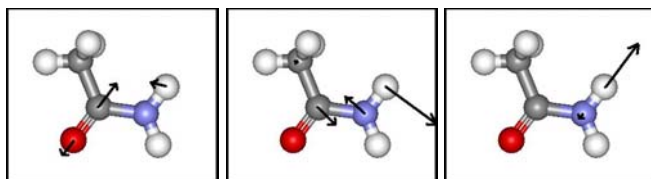
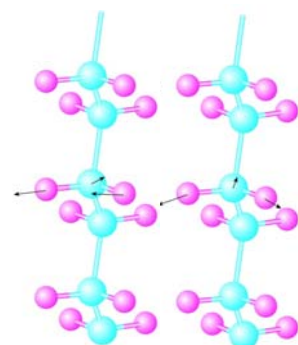


## Vibrations of the macromolecules

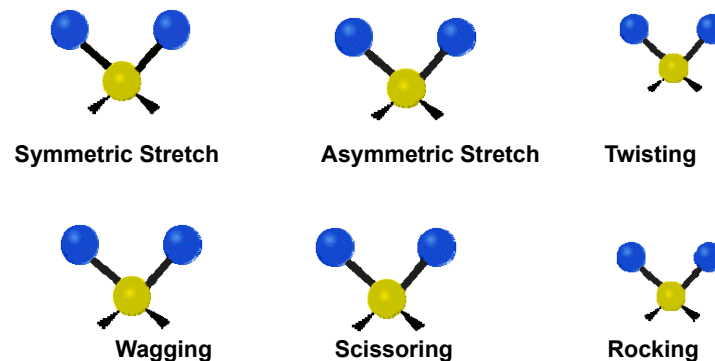
Complex global vibrations

Localised vibrations, e.g.:

- $\text{CH}_2$  vibrations of the lipids
- amid vibrations of proteins (acetamide)

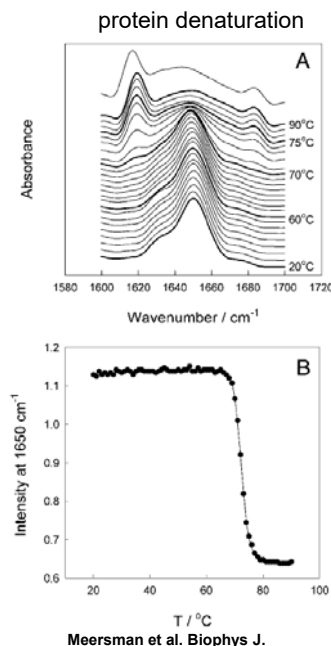
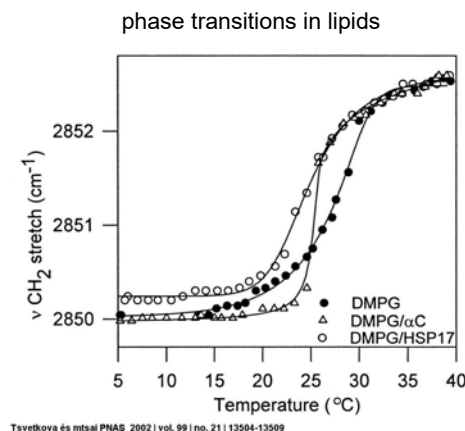


## Lipids



Types of Vibrational Modes. Figure from Wikipedia

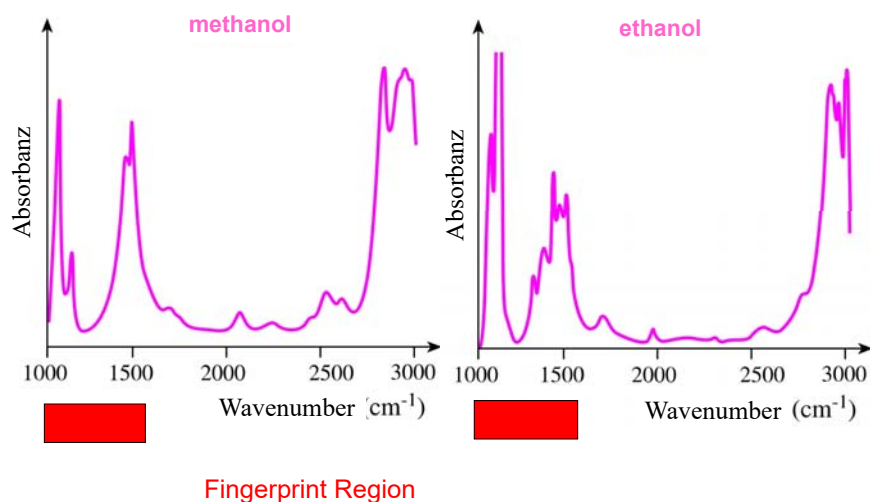
# Applications



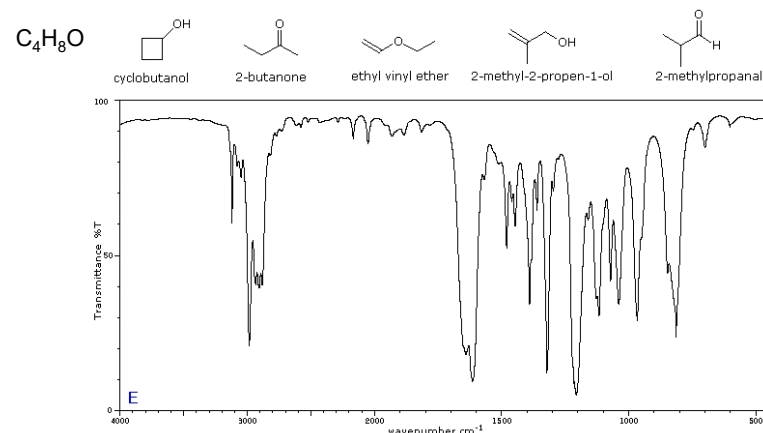
# Pharmaceutical applications

- synthesis: identification of the intermediate and the end product
- determination and justification of the molecular structure
- detection of the metabolites
- quality control (purity)
- Remark.: Lambert-Beer law is valid, determination of concentration is possible

## Identification of the Molecules

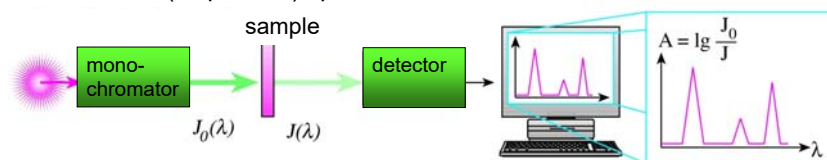


## Example: Identification of molecules

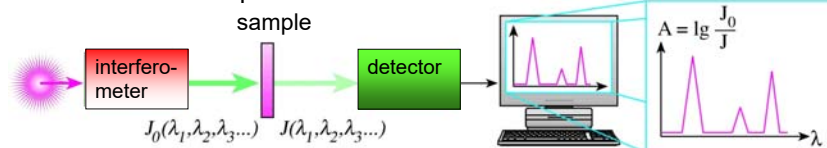


# The technique of the measurement : Fourier transform spectrometer (FTIR)

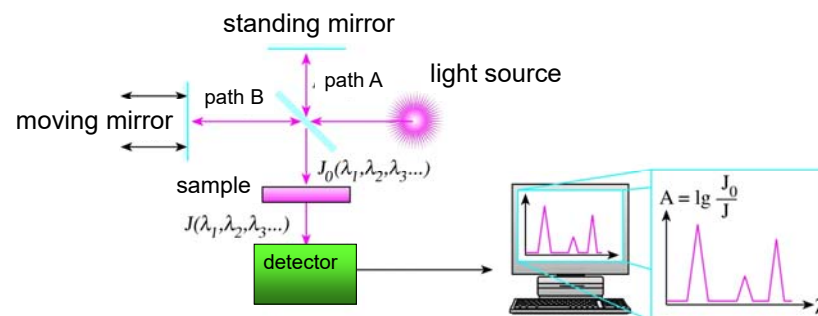
conventional (dispersion) spectrometer



Fourier transform spectrometer

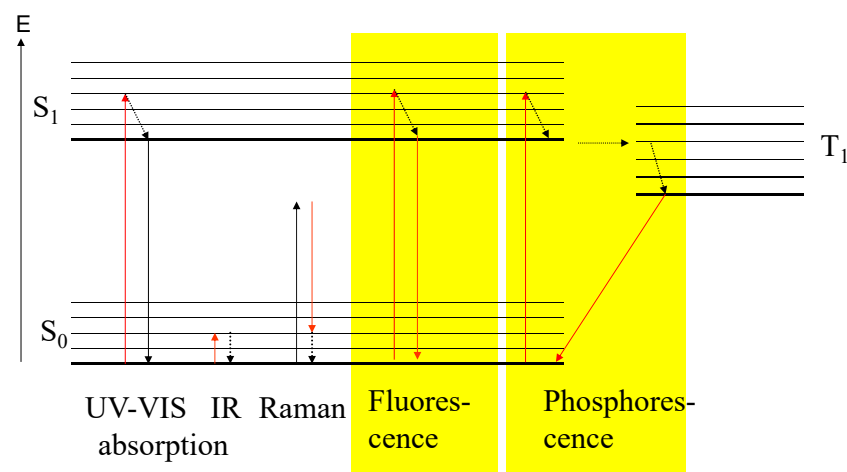


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## Luminescence spectroscopy



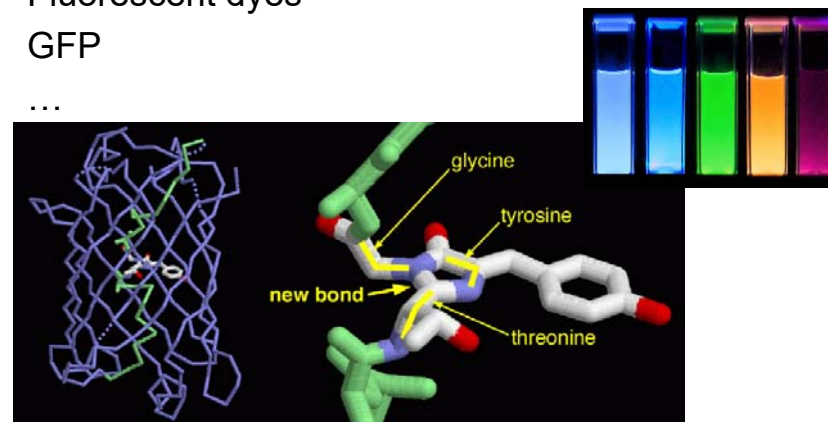
## Which molecules are fluorescent?

Amino acids (tryptophan, tyrosine, phenylalanine)

Fluorescent dyes

GFP

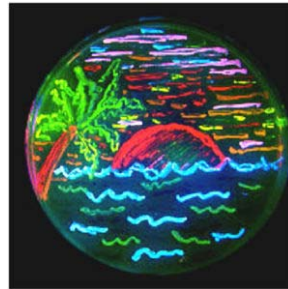
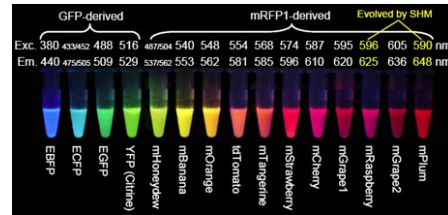
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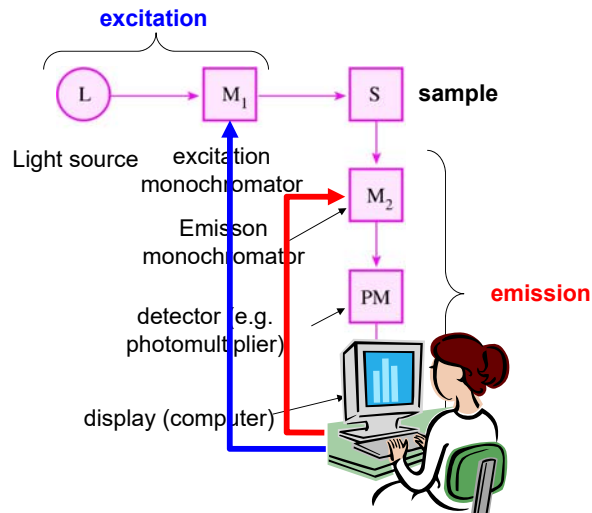
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## Measurable quantities in Fluorescence Spectroscopy

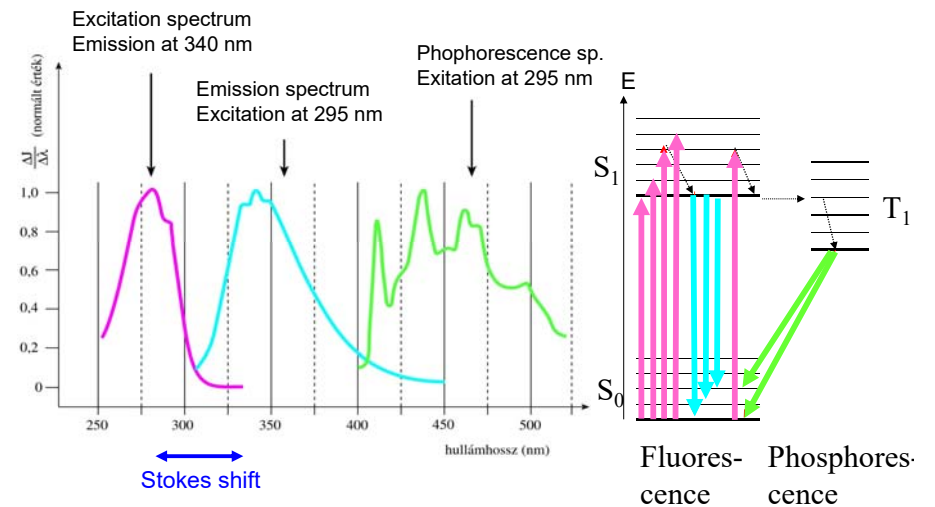
- Wavelength of the exciting light
- Wavelength of the emitted light (fluor., phosph.)
- Time dependence of the emitted light
- Polarisation of the emitted light
- Intensity of the emitted light

## Scheme of the fluorescence spectrometer



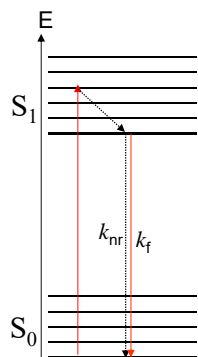
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## Excitation and emission spectra



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## Fluorescence quantum yield(Q)



Quantum yield:  $Q =$   
 $= \frac{\text{number of emitted photons}}{\text{number of absorbed photons}}$

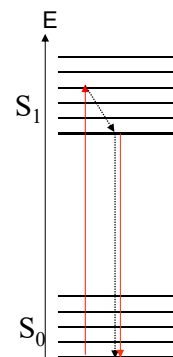
$$Q_f = \frac{k_f}{k_f + k_{nr}}$$

$k_f$  probability of the transition  
 with light emission (fluoresc.)

$k_{nr}$  probability of nonradiating  
 transition

dyes, fl. markers  $Q \approx 1$

## The lifetime of the excited state



From  $N$  excited molecules during  
 $\Delta t$  time

$-\Delta N = (k_f + k_{nr})N\Delta t$  will go back to  
 ground state.

Differential equation:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -(k_f + k_{nr})N$$

Solution:  $N = N_0 e^{-(k_f + k_{nr})t} = N_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$

where  $\tau = \frac{1}{k_f + k_{nr}}$  is the lifetime of the excited state

## Decay of the fluorescence intensity

The number of emitted photons is proportional  
 with  $\Delta N$ , i.e. it is proportional also with  $N$ , which  
 means it decays exponentially with the decay  
 constant of  $\tau$ .

How to measure?

-Pulsed illumination (flashlamp, or pulse laser)

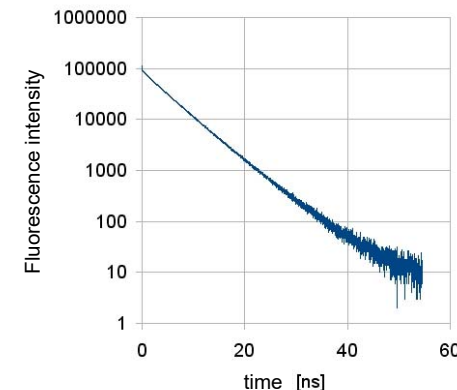
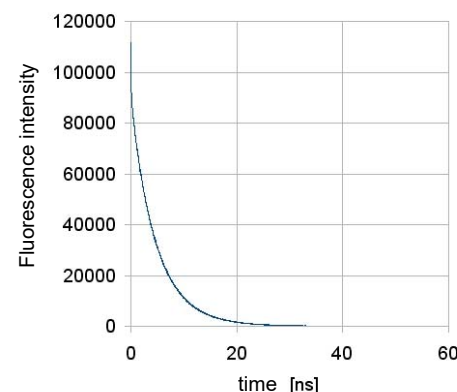
-Photon counting as function of time

Quantum yield and life time can be also defined  
 for phosphorescence, using similar definitions.

Typical lifetimes:

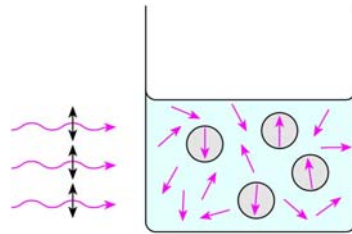
$\tau_{\text{fluor}}$  ns       $\tau_{\text{phosphor}}$   $\mu\text{s} \dots \text{s}$

## Example: tryptophan



# Fluorescence polarization

illumination with  
polarized light



polarization degree of the emitted light is measured  
The fluorescent molecule can rotate between the  
absorption and the emission  $\Rightarrow$   
dynamic information: rotational correlation time  
(how fast is the rotational diffusion?)

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# Ligh scattering

Rayleigh

$$\lambda_{\text{scatt}} = \lambda_{\text{illum}}$$

Raman

$$\lambda_{\text{scatt}} \neq \lambda_{\text{illum}}$$



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Venkata Raman

Raman scattering:

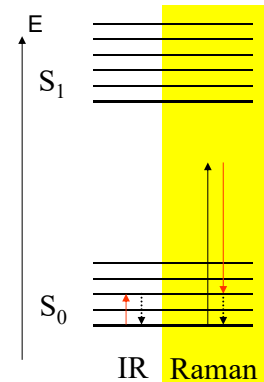
$$\lambda_{\text{scatt}} \neq \lambda_{\text{illum}} \Rightarrow f_{\text{scatt}} \neq f_{\text{illum}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{photon,scatt}} \neq E_{\text{photon,illum}}$$

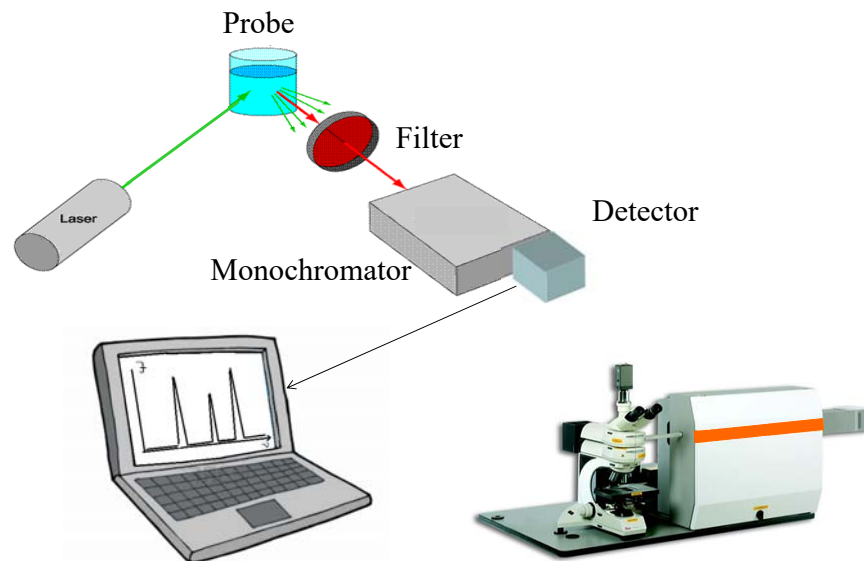
Where is the energy?

Excites vibrations of the  
molecule (cfr. IR)

very weak ( $\sim 10^{-8}$ )



## Raman Spectrometer



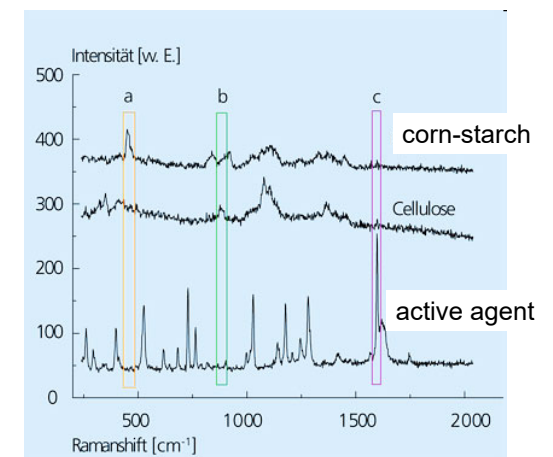
## Raman-Scattering

Vibrations are  
specific for the  
molecules

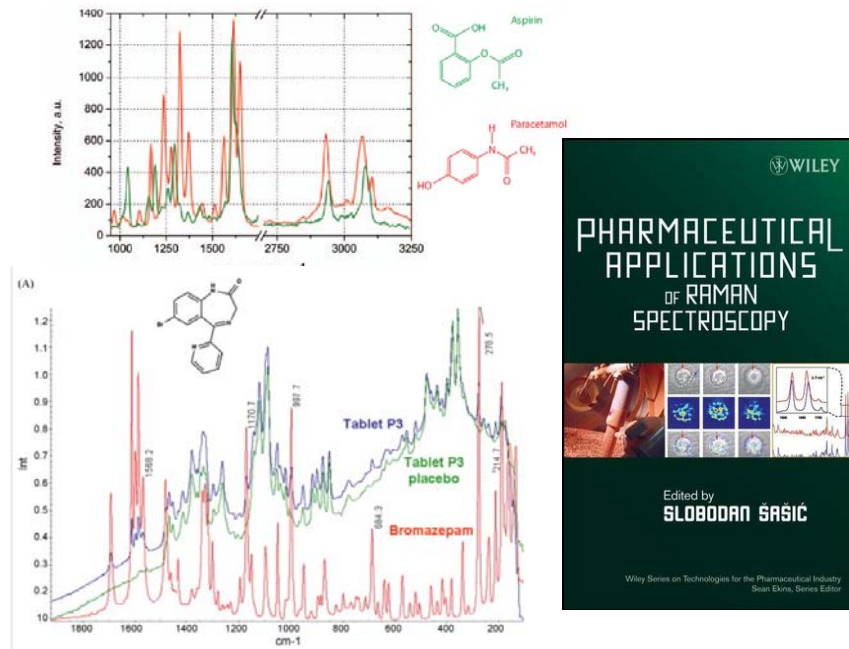


Raman  
Spectroscopy

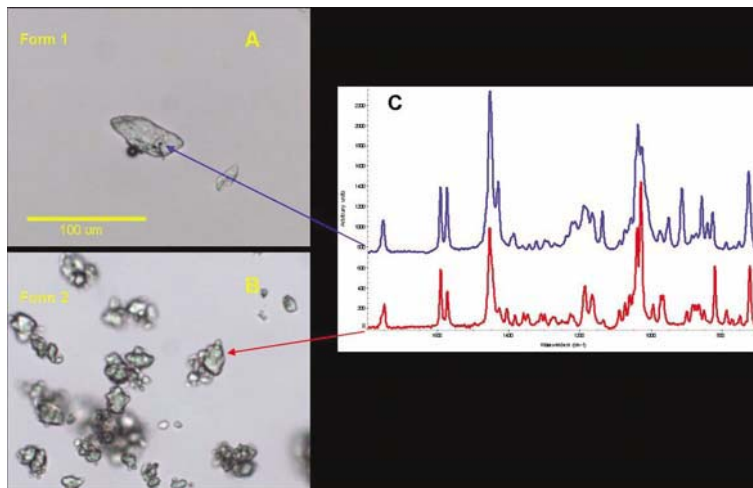
E.g.: active agent  
content of a tablet



## Handheld Raman spectrometer for identification of materi



## Pharmaceutical application



## Rayleigh scattering

Size of the particle:  $a \ll \lambda$

The scattered intensity:

$$J_{\text{scatt}} \sim J_0 N \frac{a^6}{\lambda^4}$$

Information: size, concentration (quantity)  
(e.g. colloids)

# Measurement of the Rayleigh scattering

if  $J_{\text{scatt}} \ll J_0$

$J_{\text{scatt}}$  is measured  
(Nephelometry)

If  $J_{\text{scatt}} \approx J_0$

$J$  is measured  
(turbidimetry)

The same technique as for the absorption spectroscopy but now  $J$  is reduced due to the scattering (and not due to absorption).

