Interaction of light with matter:

Scatter, absorption

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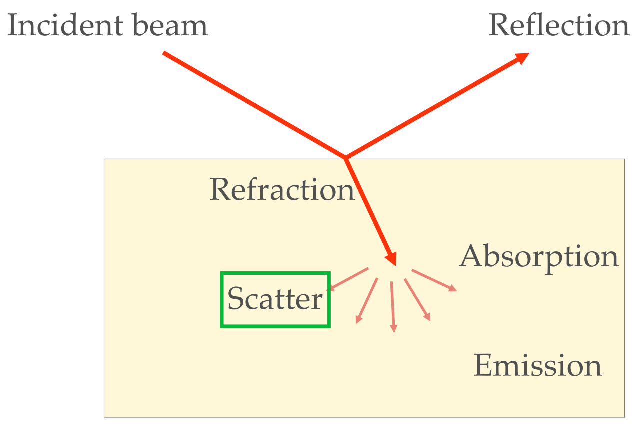


Scattering of light


What are these days?
Crepuscular rays
(St. Peter's basilica)

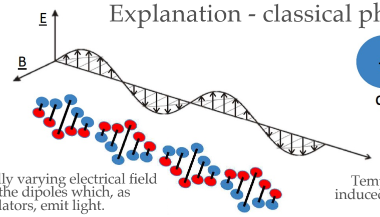

Why is the sky blue?


What makes the sunset red?

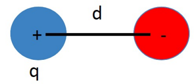
Scattering of light

Explanation - classical physics

Light is an electromagnetic wave (E, B: electric and magnetic fields)



The temporally varying electrical field vibrates the dipoles which, as oscillators, emit light.



Molecule as a dipole
Dipole moment (p_0):

$$p_0 = Qd$$

Temporally varying dipole moment induced by the varying electrical field: $p = p_0 \sin \omega t$

Dimension: Qdt^{-1}

How large is the scattered ("re-radiated") light's power? (P_{scatt}; dimension $W = Fdt^{-1}$)

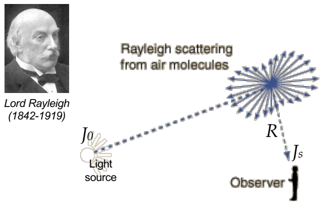
N.B. - Coulomb's law: $F \sim \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2}$ (dimension $Q^2 d^{-2}$)

Dimensional derivation

Physical parameter	Dimension	Operation
p_0^2	Q^2d^2	Square
p_0^2	$Q^2d^{-2}d^4 = Fd^4$	Expand with d^2d^{-2}
p_0^2/c^3	Fdt^3	Divide by c^3 (d^3t^{-3})
$(p_0^2/c^3)\omega^4$	$Fdt^{-1} = W$	Multiply by ω^4 (t^{-4})

$$P_{scatt} = \frac{p_0^2}{c^3}\omega^4$$

Light scattering



- Elastic collision: photon energy (wavelength) does not change
- Emission by resonating dipoles
- Scattering particles far from each other

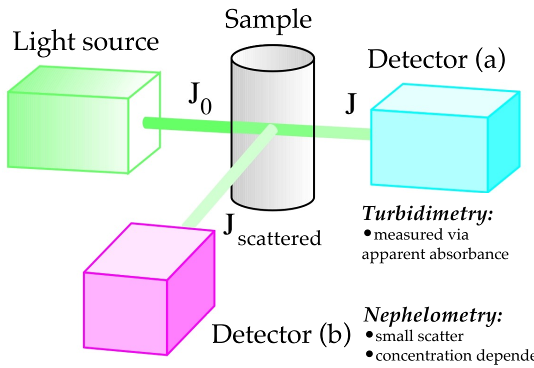
$$J_s = J_0 \frac{8\pi^4 N\alpha^2}{\lambda^4 R^2}\left(1+\cos^2\Theta\right)$$

J_s=intensity of scattered light
J_0=intensity of incident light
N=number of scattering particles
α=polarizability (dipole moment per electric field)
λ=wavelength of light
R=distance between scatterer and observer
Θ=angle between light source and observer

Strong wavelength dependence → enhancement of short wavelengths → blue sky

If scatterers are interacting particles the the overall size of which is comparable to the wavelength → interference, cancellation → gray clouds

Biomedical applications of light scattering

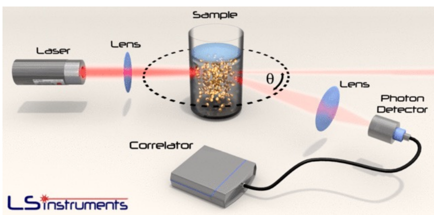


Turbidimetry:
- measured via apparent absorbance

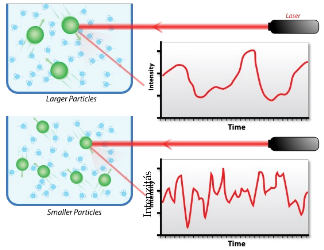
Nephelometry:
- small scatter
- concentration dependence
- concentration measurement of immune complexes

Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)

Diffusing nm-scale particles



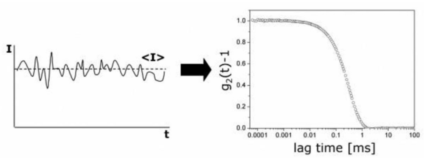
Intensity of scattered light fluctuates in time



Fluctuation rate depends on particle size

- From the autocorrelation function ("self-similarity") of temporal intensity fluctuation the diffusion constant (D) can be calculated.
- From the diffusion constant the radius (r) of the spherical particle can be calculated (Stokes-Einstein):

$$D = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta r}$$



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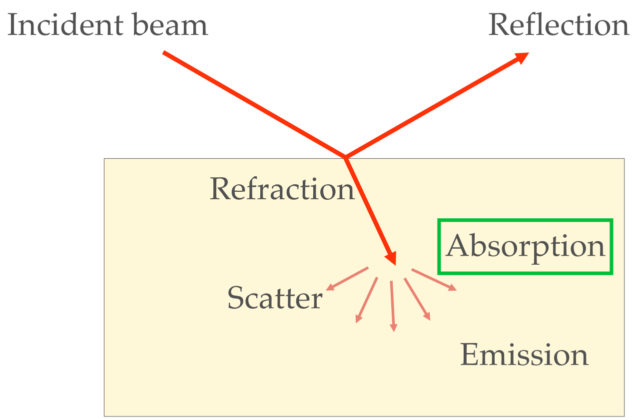
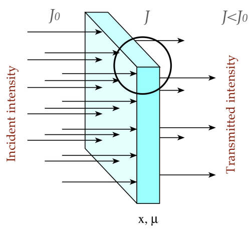
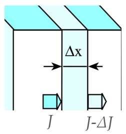


Absorption - *absorbere, lat.*, swallow

General absorption (attenuation) law



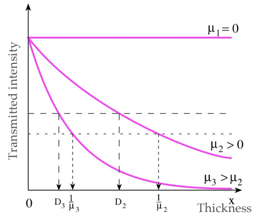


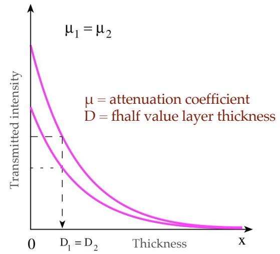
A given quantity (*J*) and its change (*ΔJ*) are proportional:

$\Delta J = -\mu \Delta x J$

Exponential function:

$J = J_0 e^{-\mu x}$



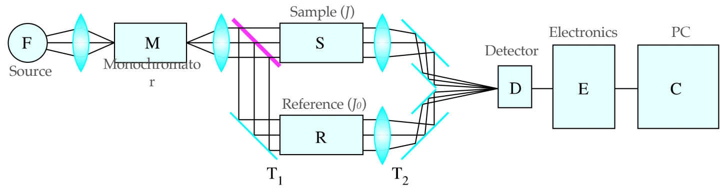


Parameters and measurement of absorption

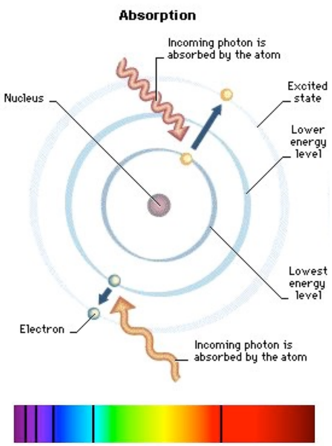
Absorbance (A): $A = \lg \frac{J_0}{J} = \lg e \cdot \mu \cdot x$ Dimensionless number *Synonyms*: extinction, optical density (OD)

Transmittance (T): $T = \frac{J}{J_0} \cdot 100$ Expressed in percent (%) *Synonym*: transmission coefficient

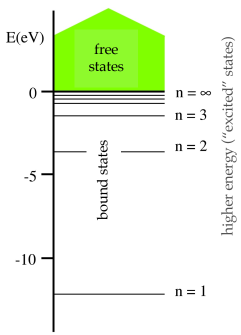
Photometry ("measurement of light"):



Light absorption by an atom

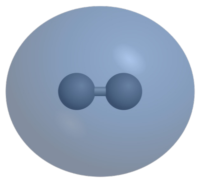


Absorption line spectrum



State of a molecule is affected by its motional modes

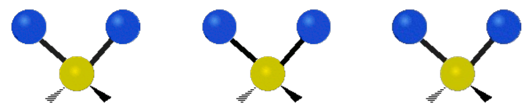
Molecule: atoms connected by chemical bonds
Simplest case: diatomic molecule (e.g., hydrogen molecule)



Molecules ***vibrate*** and ***rotate***!

Vibration: periodic motion ***along*** the axis of the covalent bond
Rotation: periodic motion ***around*** the axis of the covalent bond

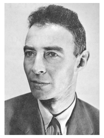
Examples of vibrational motion in the triatomic methylene group ($-CH_2-$):



Asymmetric stretching *Symmetric stretching* *Scissoring*

Energy of a molecule

Max Born
(1882-1970)



J. Robert Oppenheimer
(1904-1967)

Born-Oppenheimer approximation:

$$E_{total} = E_e + E_v + E_r$$

Iportant notions:

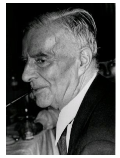
Types of energy states are independent (not coupled)
Energy states are non-continuous, but discrete
Transition between states involves packets (quanta) of energy
Scales of transition energies between different states are different:

$$E_e \overset{\sim 100x}{>} E_v \overset{\sim 100x}{>} E_r$$

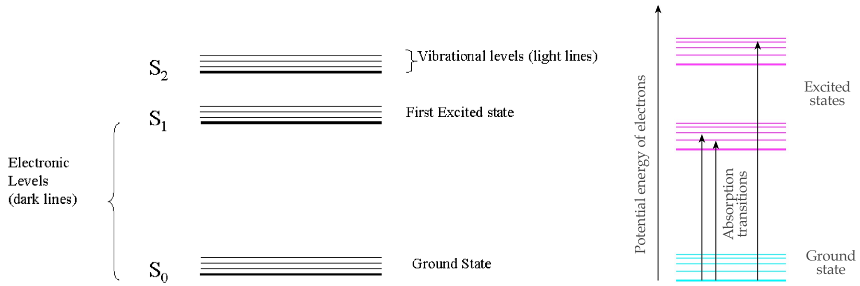
$\sim 3\times10^{-19}$ J ($\sim$2 eV) > $\sim 3\times10^{-21}$ J > $\sim 3\times10^{-23}$ J

Representation of energy states

Jabłoński diagram:
illustrates the electronic states of a molecule and the transitions between them (with arrows)

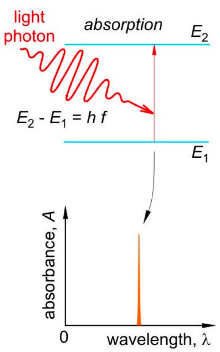


Alexander Jabłoński
(1898-1980)

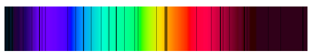


Origin of the band spectrum

Individual atoms

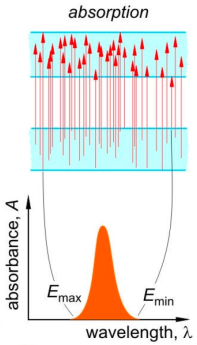


Line absorption spectrum



Narrow black lines ("missing colors") appear in the spectrum of the light source: absorption lines

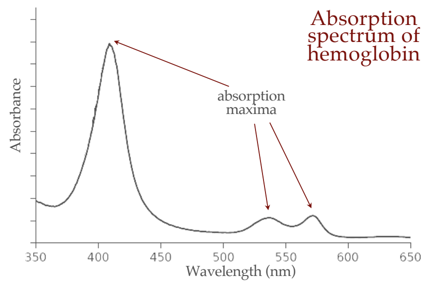
Molecules



Band spectrum - origin:

- chemically identical molecules are in different energy states
- thermal motion
- solvent conditions

Molecules have band absorption spectra



General attenuation law:

$$A = \lg \frac{J_0}{J} = \lg e \cdot \mu \cdot x$$

For dilute solutions - Lambert-Beer law:

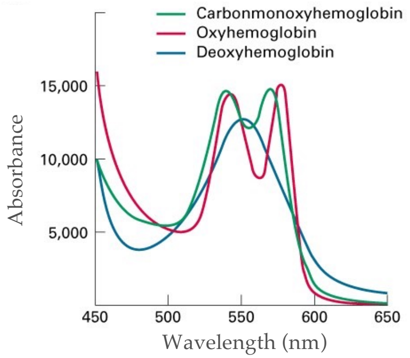
$$A_\lambda = \lg \frac{J_0}{J} = \varepsilon_\lambda \cdot c \cdot x$$

ε_λ = molar extinction coefficient
c = concentration

- SI unit of molar extinction coefficient (ε_λ) : m^2mol^{-1}
- Method ideal for concentration measurement
- Based on the wavelength (at maximum) the transition energy may be calculated:

$$E_2 - E_1 = E_{foton} = h \cdot f = h \cdot \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

Absorption spectroscopy

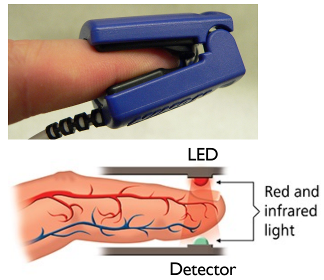


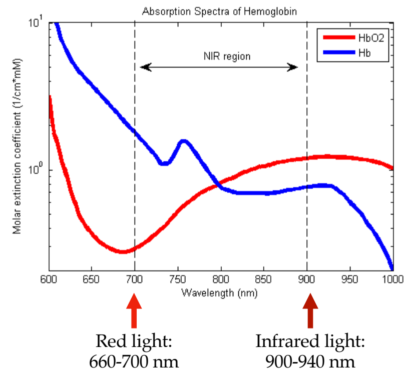
- *Spectrum*: intensity (or its derived units, e.g., OD) as a function of photon energy (or its derived units, e.g., frequency, wavelength).
- *Spectroscopy*: qualitative analysis of the spectrum.
- *Spectrometry, spectrophotometry*: quantitative analysis of the spectrum.
- *Applications*: analysis of chemical structure, concentration measurement, etc.

Pulse oxymetry

Non-invasive meaurement of oxygen saturation (SO_2)

- % of HgB that carries O_2 is measured
- Arterial oxygen saturation (SaO_2) is estimated from the peripheral (SpO_2)
- Normal value: 95-99%
- Ratio measurement is carried out (red/IR)





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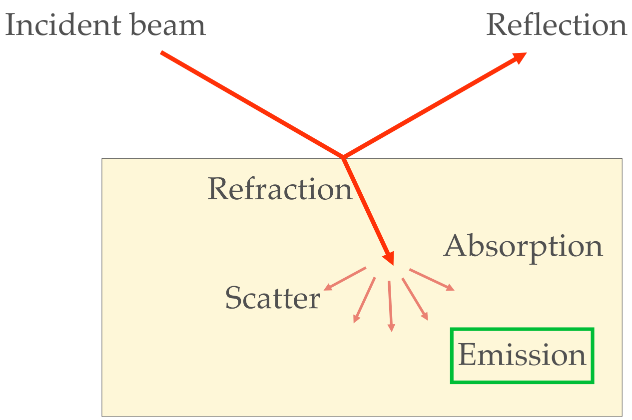

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