

## Light absorption

- 2.70. As a result of the absorption of a light quantum the electron of a hydrogen atom is excited from the L-shell to the N-shell. The energy difference between these shells is 2.55 eV. Give the wavelength of the absorbed light. What kind of light is that?
- 2.77. What is the transmittance of a solution, if reflectance and scattering are negligible, and its the absorbance is
- 0;
  - 0.01;
  - 0.1;
  - 0.8;
  - 1;
  - 2;
  - $\infty$ ?
- 2.78. What is the absorbance of a solution, if reflectance and scattering are negligible, and its transmittance is
- 0;
  - 0.1%;
  - 0.1;
  - 1%;
  - 10%;
  - 0.8;
  - 0.5;
  - 1;
  - 100%?
- 2.79. The linear attenuation coefficient of water for the light with 540 nm wavelength is  $0.08 \text{ m}^{-1}$ . A light with that wavelength and  $300 \text{ W/m}^2$  intensity enters water. Calculate
- the half-value layer (or half-value thickness),
  - the mean penetration depth,
  - the light intensity at 100 m depth,
  - the transmittance of 100 m water layer, and
  - the absorbance of 100 m water layer.
- 2.80. The linear attenuation coefficient of healthy tooth enamel is  $3.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the infrared light with 1310 nm wavelength. A light with that wavelength and  $300 \text{ W/m}^2$  intensity is used to illuminate an enamel layer of 2 mm thickness. Reflectance can be neglected. Calculate
- the transmitted intensity,
  - the transmittance,
  - the absorbance,
  - the half-value layer, and
  - the mean penetration depth for this wavelength.
- 2.81. The decadic extinction of Earth's atmospheric ozone layer (which includes both the absorption and the scattering components) for ultraviolet radiation with 300 nm wavelength is 2.5.
- What percentage of the incident ultraviolet light can pass through the ozone layer?
  - By how many fold does the transmitted radiation intensity increase if the thickness of the ozone layer decreases by 20%? For the sake of simplicity consider the ozone layer a homogeneous layer with uniform ozone concentration.

- 2.82. The linear attenuation coefficient of water strongly depends on the wavelength; e.g. for the violet light with 400 nm wavelength it is  $0.02 \text{ m}^{-1}$  while for the red light with 700 nm wavelength it is  $0.8 \text{ m}^{-1}$ . Let us suppose that the intensity of the two components in the incident ray is equal.
- What will be the ratio of the violet and red intensities at 4 m depth?
  - At what depth will the ratio of the violet and red intensities be 100:1?
- 2.149. A solution of 1 cm layer thickness and 0.3% (m/V) concentration absorbs 20% of the incident intensity of the light passing through it. What percentage of the initial intensity of the same light beam passes through
- 2 cm
  - 3 cm
  - 10 cm
  - 0.5 cm solution layer supposing the same composition and concentration?
  - What layer thickness of the same solution absorbs 90% of the incident intensity?
  - What is the half-value layer,
  - the mean penetration depth,
  - the linear attenuation coefficient of the solution?
  - What is the specific absorption coefficient of the solute for this kind of light?
  - What is the molar absorption coefficient of the solute for this kind of light if its molar mass is 300 g/mol?
- 2.150. A solution of 1 cm layer thickness and 0.3% (m/V) concentration absorbs 20% of the incident intensity of the light passing through it. What percentage of the initial intensity of the same light beam passes through
- the 0.6% (m/V),
  - the 0.9% (m/V),
  - the 0.15% (m/V) solution of the same solute if the layer remains 1 cm?
- 2.151. A sheet of glass transmits 90% of the incident light. How many % is transmitted by
- two,
  - three, and
  - ten such sheets?
- 2.152. The molar extinction coefficient of the aqueous solution of NADH (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, molar mass = 663.43 g/mol) for the 340 nm wavelength light is  $6220 \text{ M}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$ .
- What is the molar concentration of the NADH solution that has an absorbance of 0.12 measured in a cuvette of 9.98 mm thickness?
  - What would be the absorbance of the solution (measured in the same cuvette) that is prepared by dissolving 0.2 mg NADH in 10 mL water?
- 2.153. We dissolved 0.4733 mg of ATP (adenosine triphosphate, molar mass = 507.18 g/mol) in 12 mL water. The absorbance of the resulting solution was 1.2 when measured in a 10.02 mm cuvette at 259 nm.
- What is the molar and
  - specific absorption (extinction) coefficient of ATP?
  - How many  $\mu\text{M}$  is the concentration of the ATP solution (measured in the same cuvette and at the same wavelength) if its OD is 0.07?
  - How many mg ATP should be dissolved in 10 mL water to produce a solution with an optical density of 0.25 (measured in the same cuvette and at the same wavelength)?
  - The absorption maximum of ATP (in aqueous solution at neutral pH) is at 259 nm. How many eV energy difference belongs to the corresponding electronic transition?

## Solutions

2.70. 488 nm, blue light

- 2.77. a) 100%  
b) 97.72%  
c) 79.43%  
d) 15.85%  
e) 10%  
f) 1%  
g) 0%

- 2.78. a)  $\infty$   
b) 3  
c) 1  
d) 2  
e) 1  
f) 0.0969  
g) 0.301  
h) 0  
i) 0

- 2.79. a) 8.664 m  
b) 12.5 m  
c) 0.10064 W/m<sup>2</sup>  
d) 0.03355%  
e) 3.474

- 2.80. a) 161.38 W/m<sup>2</sup>  
b) 53.79%  
c) 0.269  
d) 0.2236 cm  
e) 0.3226 cm

- 2.81. a) 0.316%  
b) to 1%, i.e. it increases by a factor 3.16

- 2.82. a)  $J_{\text{violet}}/J_{\text{red}} = 22.646$   
b) 5.904 m

- 2.149. a) 64%  
b) 51.2%  
c) 10.74%  
d) 89.44%  
e) 10.319 cm  
f) 3.106 cm  
g) 4.481 cm  
h) 0.223 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
i) 32.3 (cm<sup>3</sup>/g) · cm<sup>-1</sup>  
j) 9.691 M<sup>-1</sup> · cm<sup>-1</sup>

2.150. a) **64%**  
b) **51.2%**  
c) **89.44%**

2.151. a) **81%**  
b) **72.9%**  
c) **34.87%**

2.152. a) **19.33  $\mu\text{M}$**   
b) **0.187**

2.153. a) **15270  $\text{M}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$**   
b) **301.1  $(\text{cm}^3/\text{g}) \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$**   
c) **4.575  $\mu\text{M}$**   
d) **0.08287 mg**  
e) **4.8 eV**