

# Interaction of light with matter: scatter, absorption

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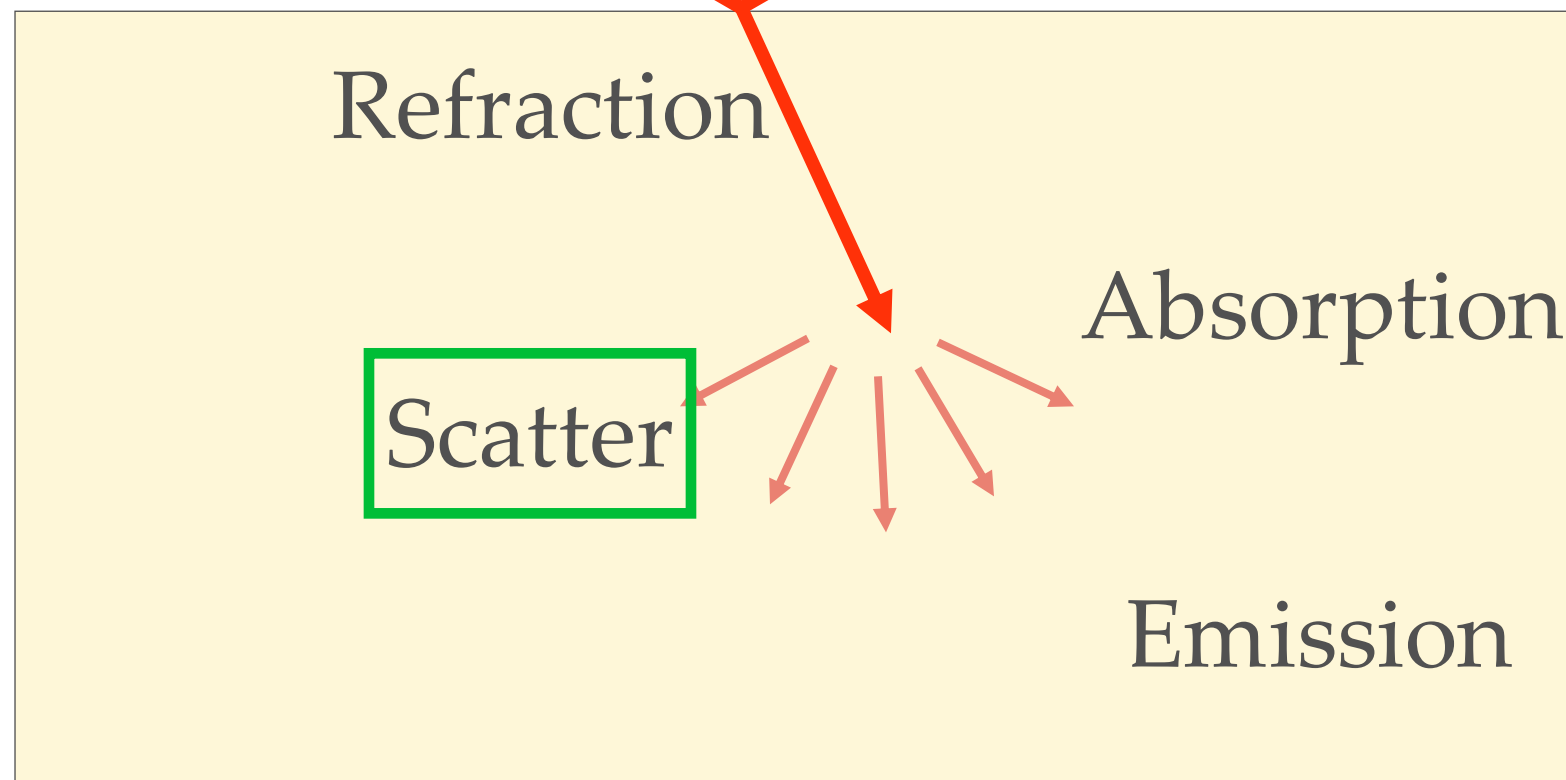
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Incident beam

Reflection

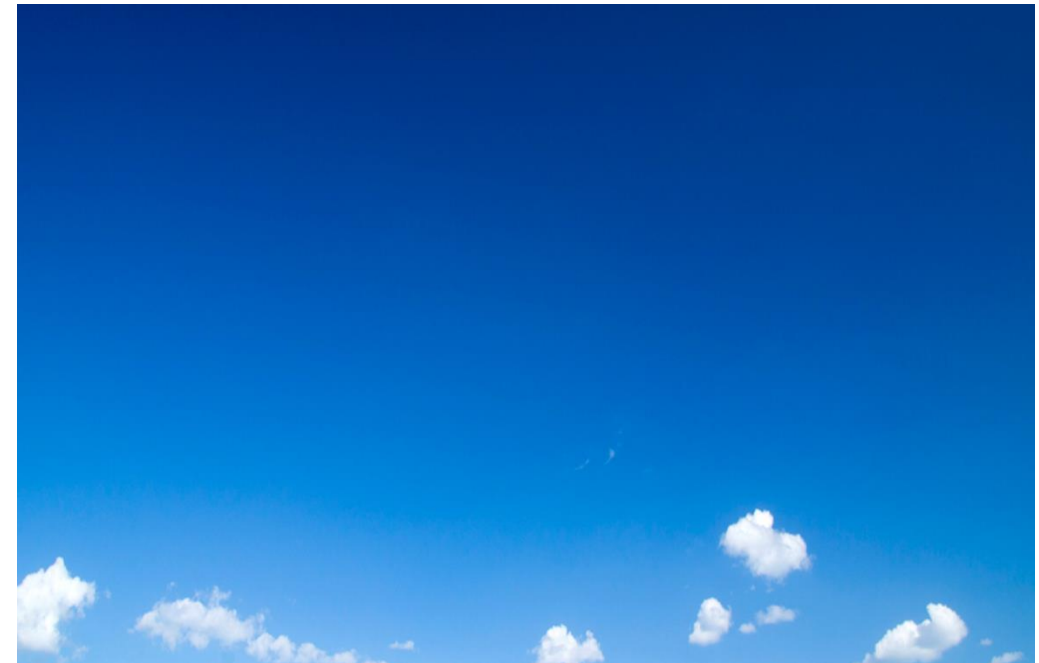


# Scattering of light

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



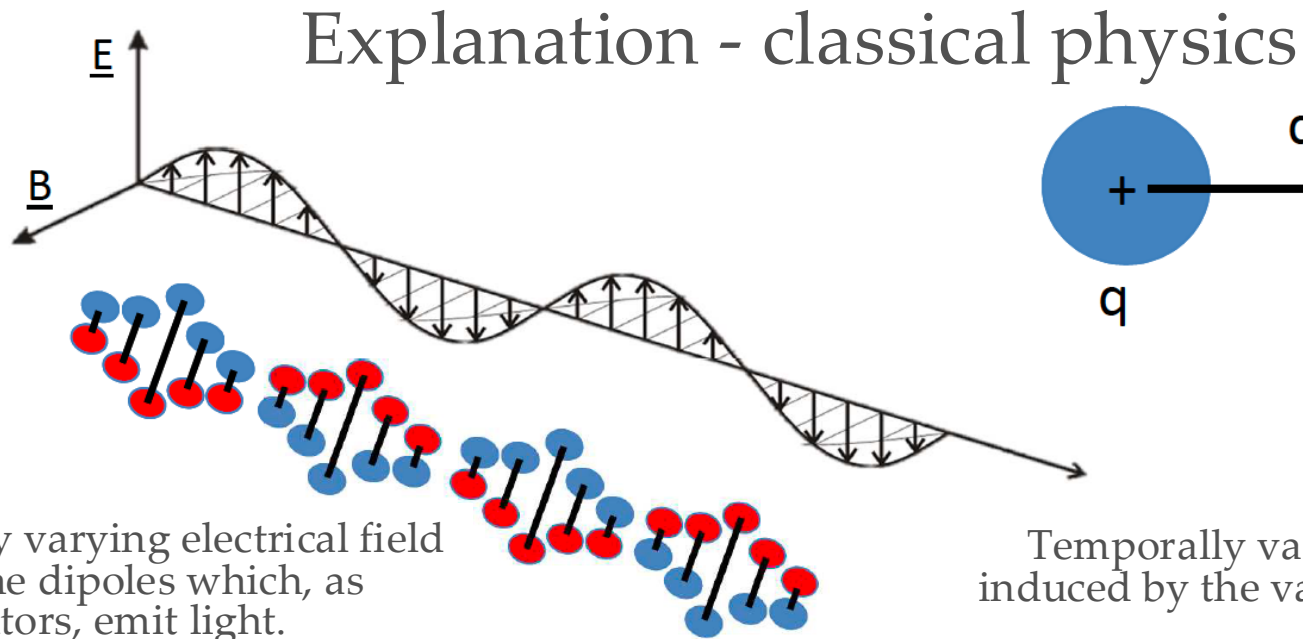
Why is the sky blue?



What makes the sunset red?

# Scattering of light

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



Molecule as a dipole  
Dipole moment ( $p_0$ ):

$$p_0 = Qd$$

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

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  $W = Fdt^{-1}$ )

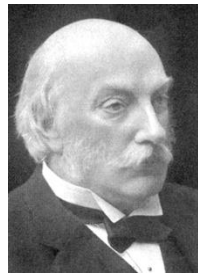
N.B. - Coulomb's law:  $F \sim \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2}$  (dimension  $Q^2 d^{-2}$ )

Dimensional derivation

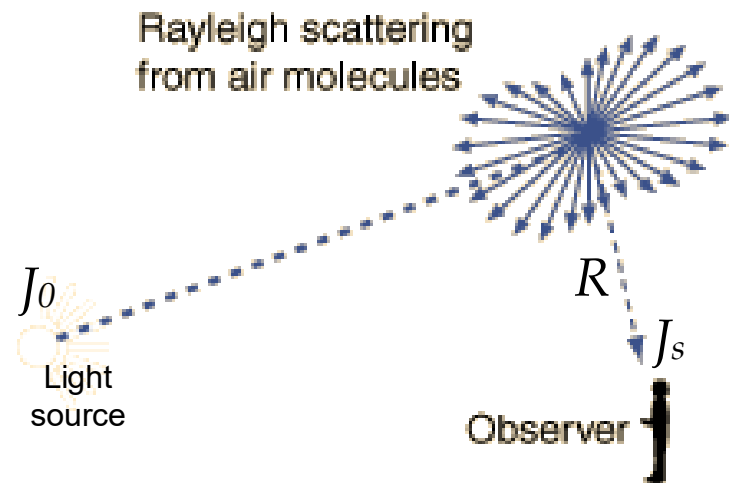
Physical parameter	Dimension	Operation
$p_0^2$	$Q^2 d^2$	Square
$p_0^2$	$Q^2 d^{-2} d^4 = Fd^4$	Expand with $d^2 d^{-2}$
$p_0^2 / c^3$	$Fd t^3$	Divide by $c^3$ ( $d^3 t^{-3}$ )
$(p_0^2 / c^3) \omega^4$	$Fd t^{-1} = W$	Multiply by $\omega^4$ ( $t^{-4}$ )

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

# Light scattering



Lord Rayleigh  
(1842-1919)



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

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

$J_s$ =intensity of scattered light  
 $J_0$ =intensity of incident light  
 $N$ =number of scattering particles  
 $\alpha$ =polarizability (dipole moment per electric field)  
 $\lambda$ =wavelength of light  
 $R$ =distance between scatterer and observer  
 $\Theta$ =angle between light source and observer



Strong wavelength dependence → enhancement of short wavelengths → blue sky



Mie scatter  
( $d \sim \lambda$ )  
( $J_s$   $\lambda$ -independent)

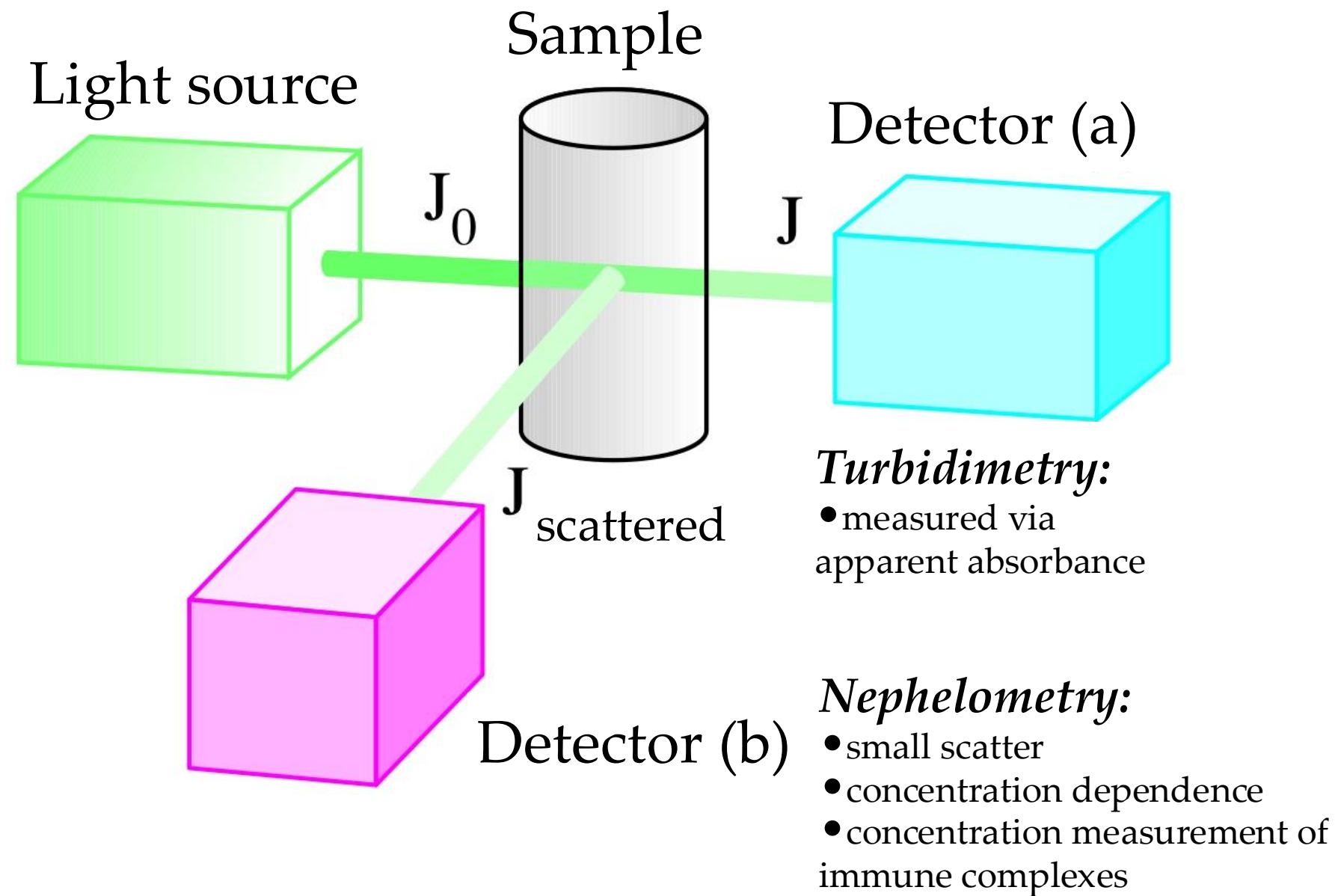


Gustav Mie  
(1868-1957)

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

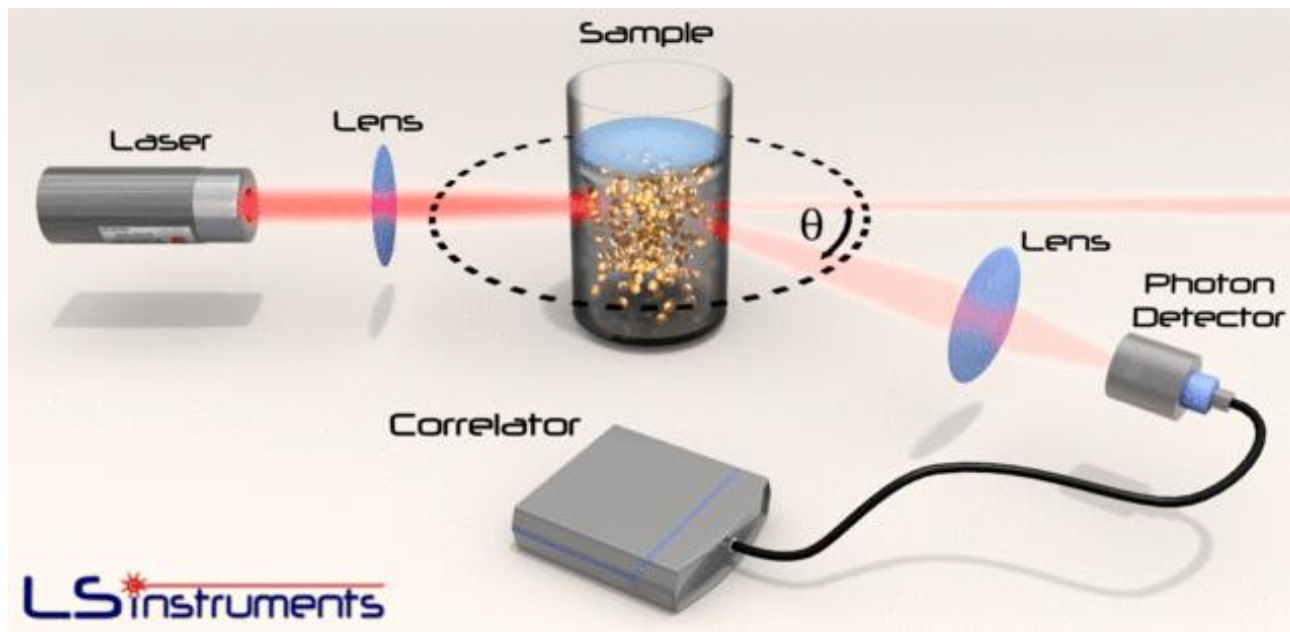
# Biomedical applications of light scattering

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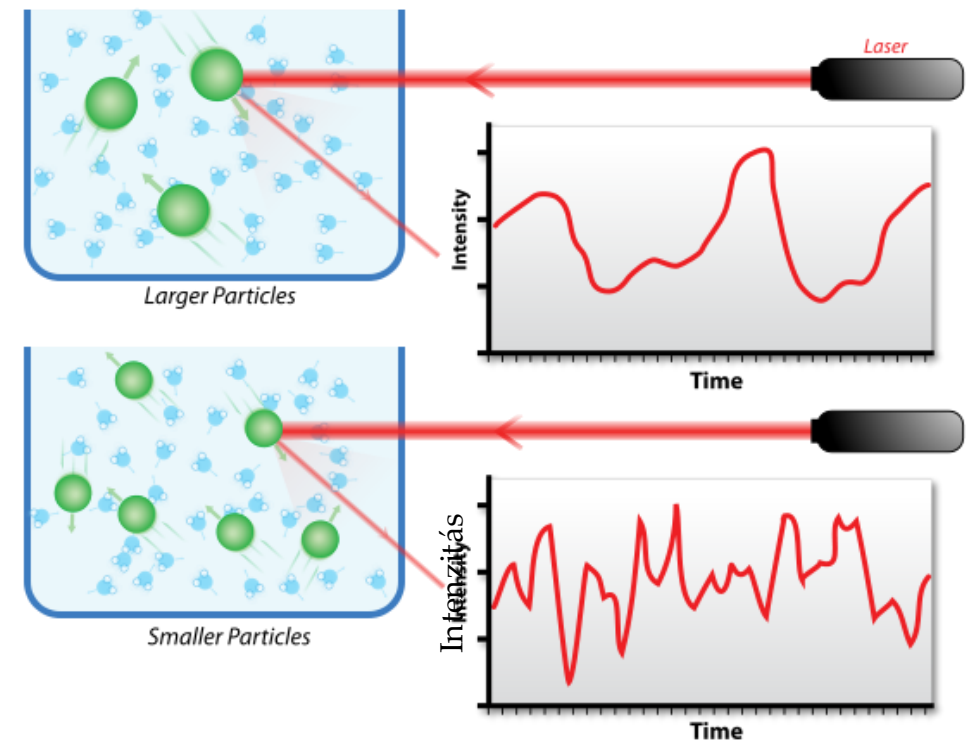


# Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)

Diffusing nm-scale particles



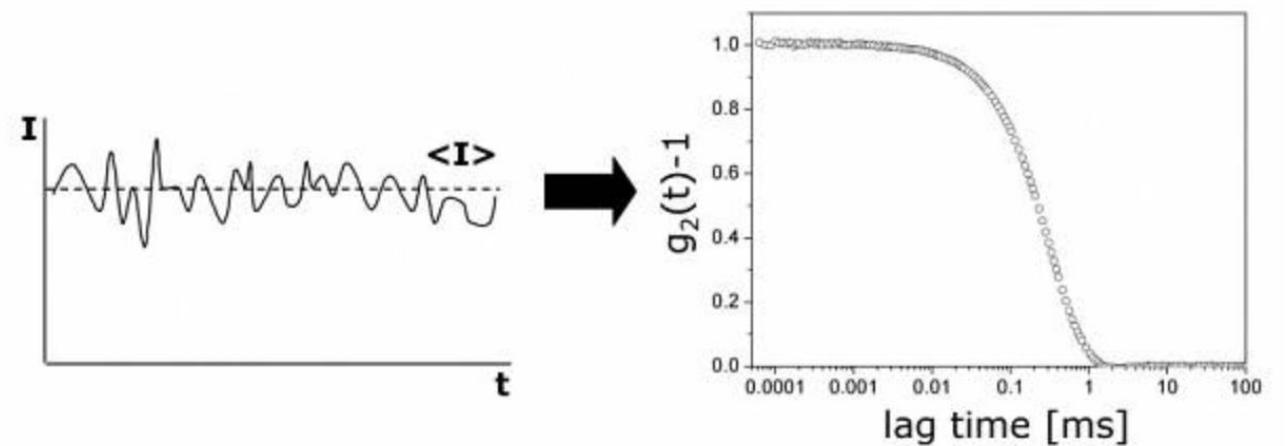
Intensity of scattered light fluctuates in time



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):

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

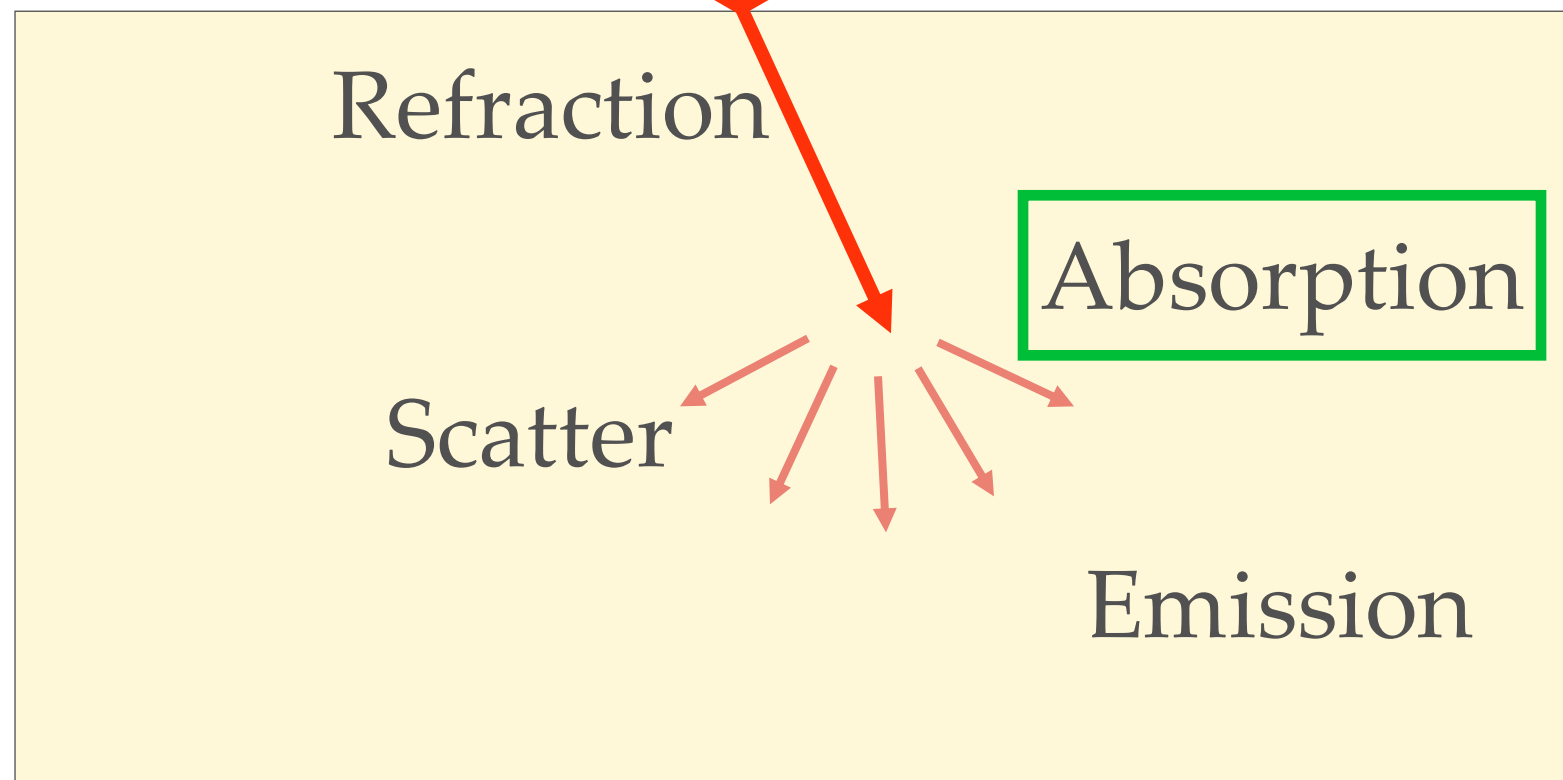


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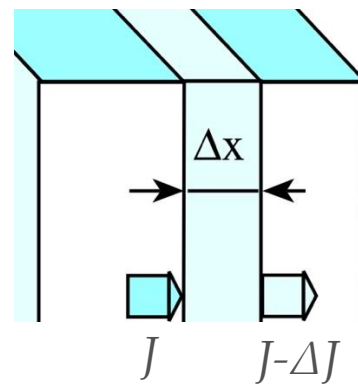
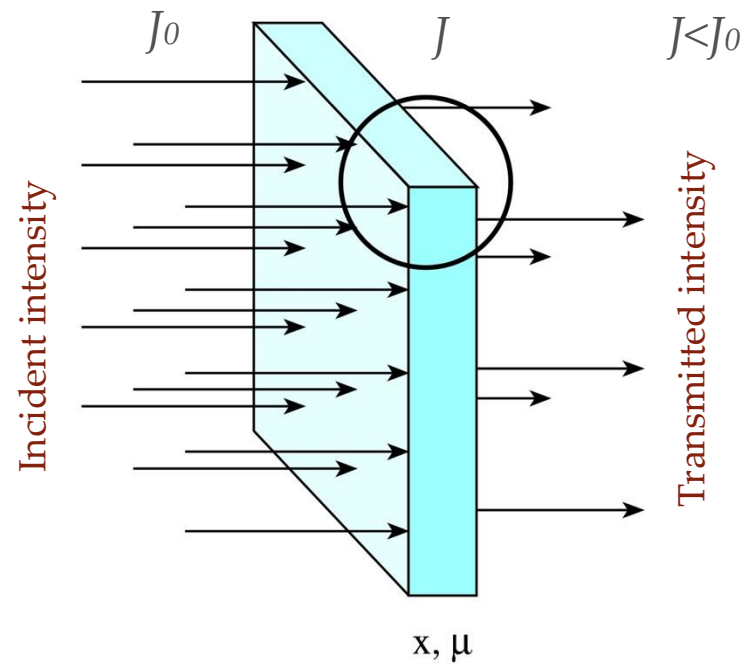
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**Absorption** - *absorbere, lat., swallow*

# General absorption (attenuation) law



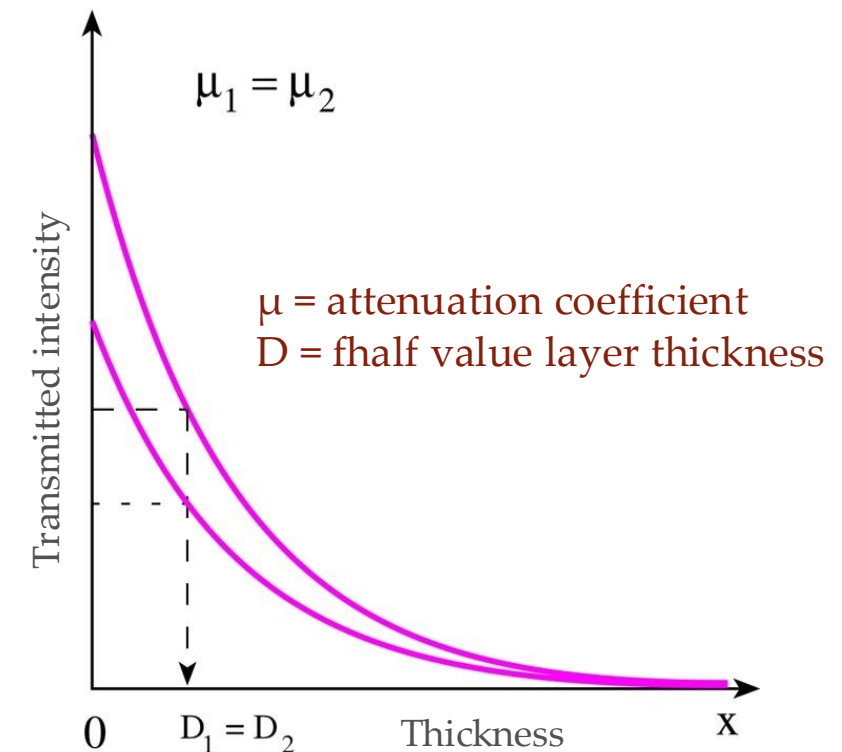
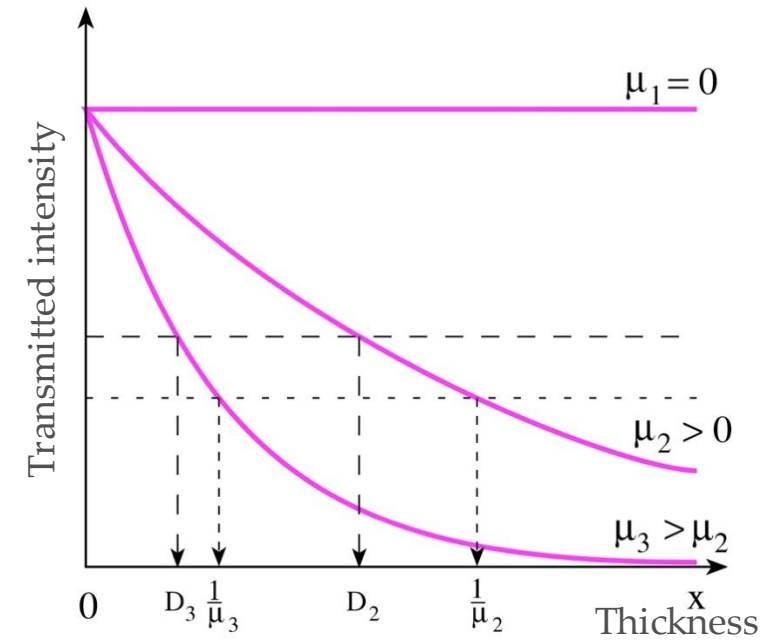
A given quantity ( $J$ ) and its change ( $\Delta J$ ) are proportional:

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



Exponential function:

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

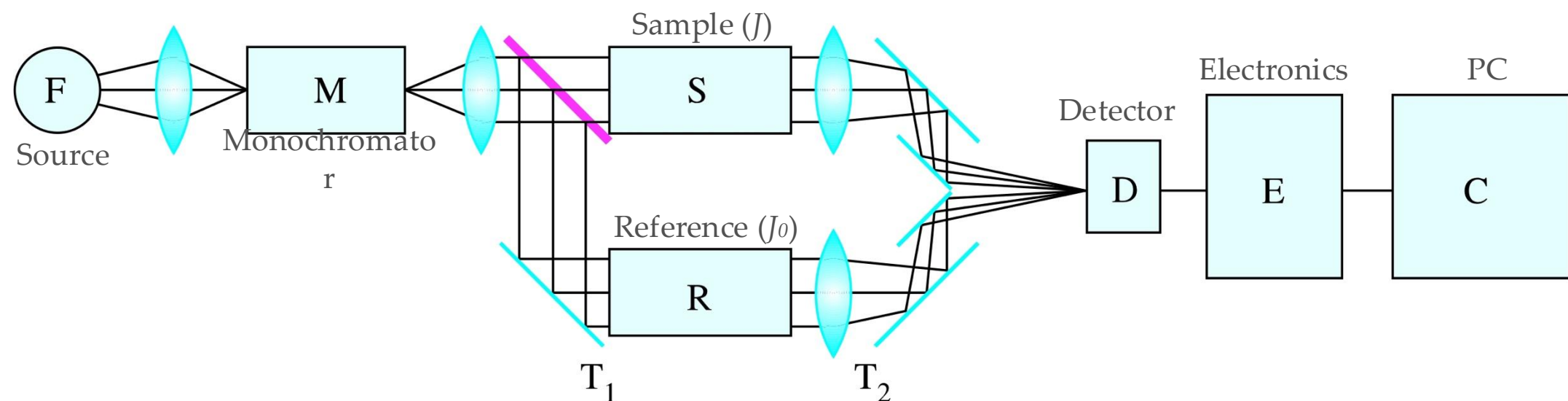


# Parameters and measurement of absorption

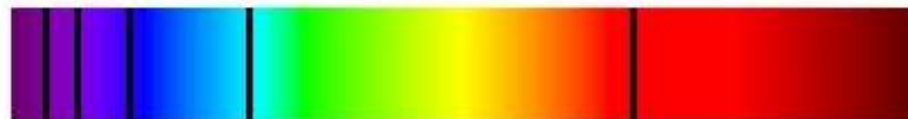
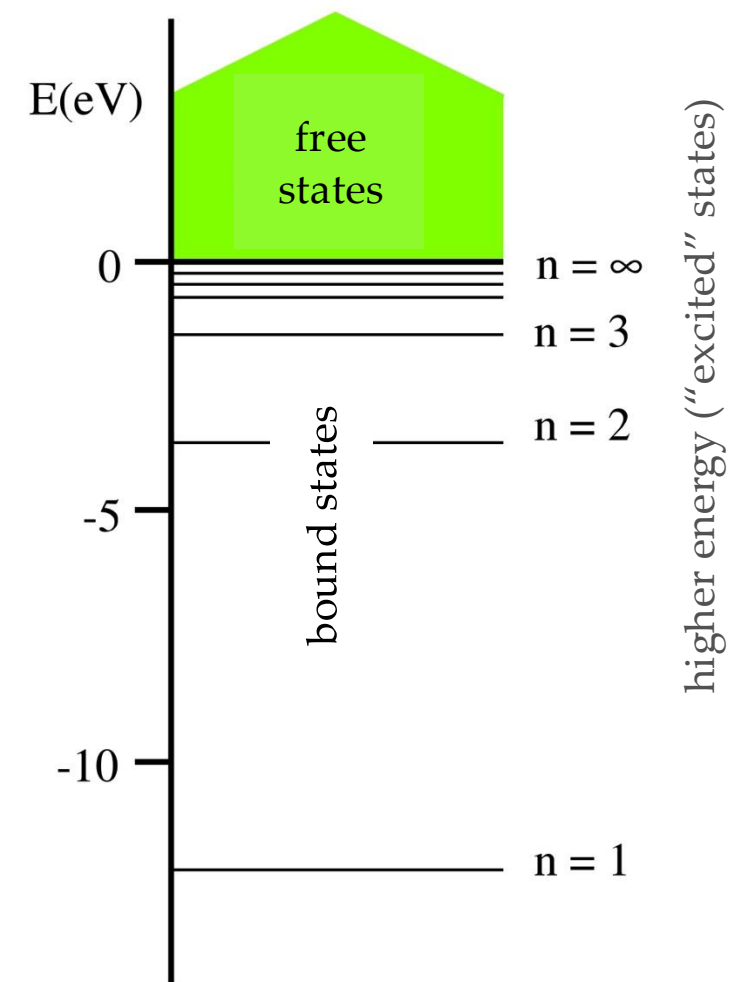
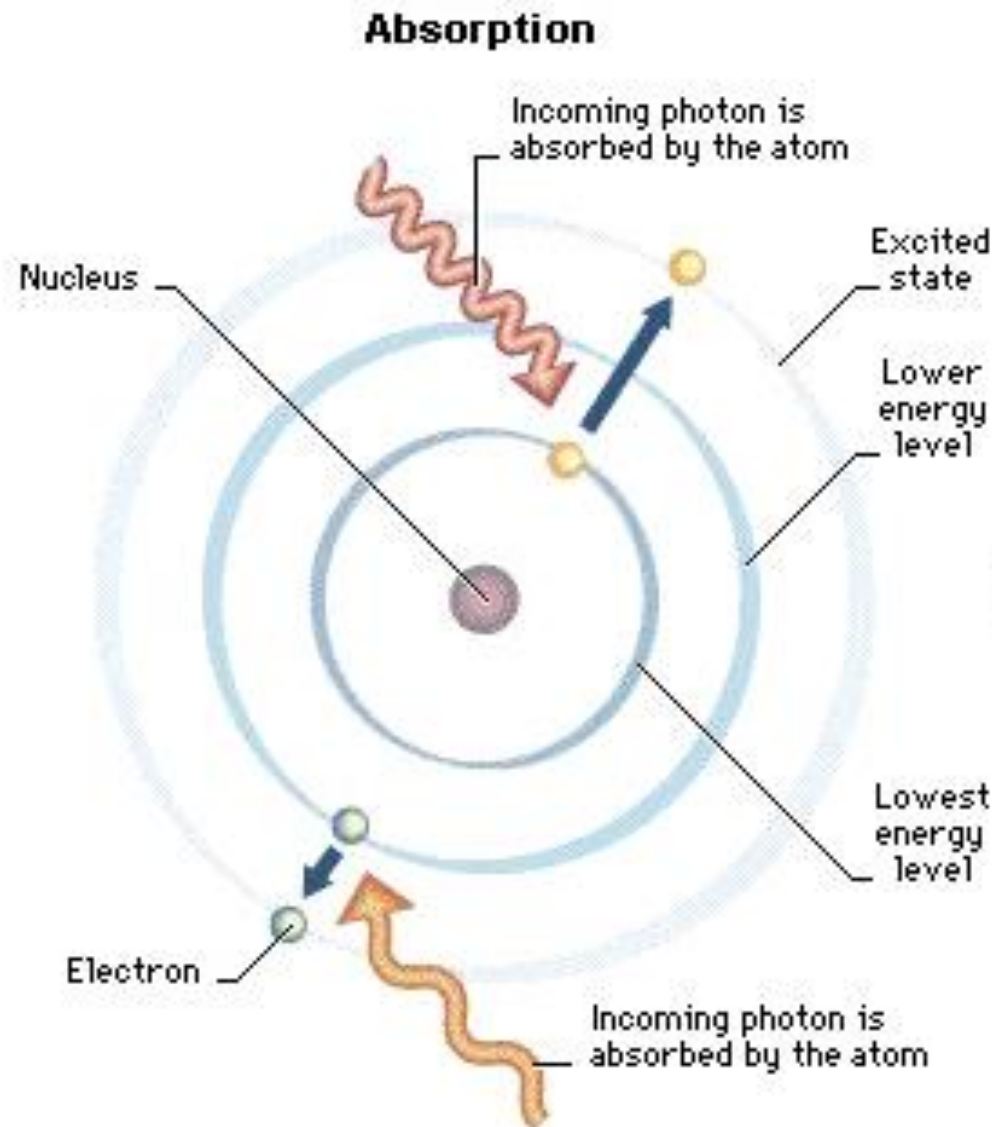
Absorbance (A):  $A = \lg \frac{J_0}{J} = \lg e \cdot \mu \cdot x$  Dimensionless number  
*Synonyms:* extinction, optical density (OD)

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

Photometry  
("measurement of light"):



# Light absorption by an atom

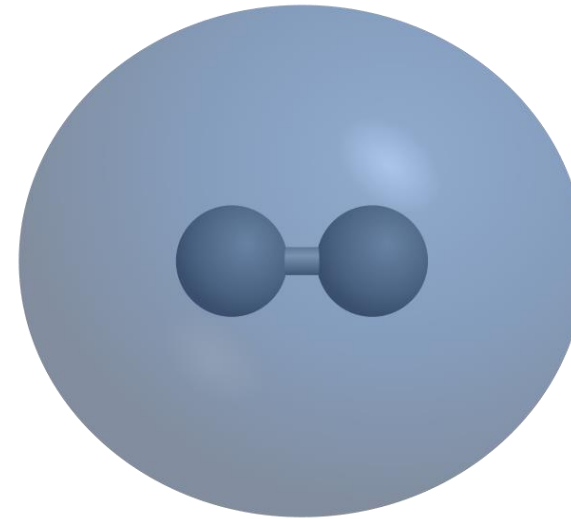


Absorption line spectrum

# State of a molecule is affected by its motional modes

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

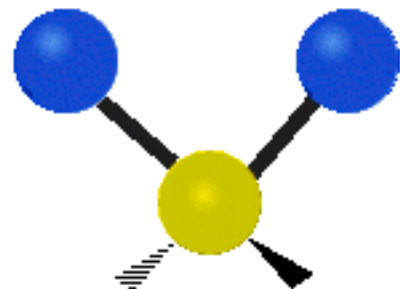


Molecules *vibrate* and *rotate*!

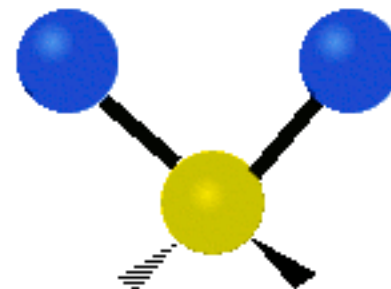
*Vibration*: periodic motion *along* the axis of the covalent bond

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

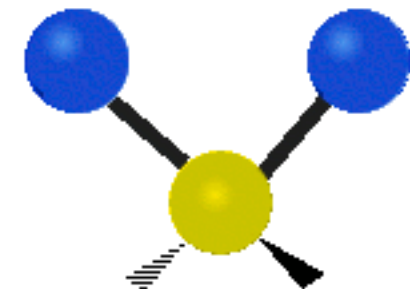
Examples of vibrational motion in the triatomic methylene group (-CH<sub>2</sub>-):



*Asymmetric stretching*



*Symmetric stretching*



*Scissoring*

# Energy of a molecule

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Max Born  
(1882-1970)



J. Robert Oppenheimer  
(1904-1967)

Born-Oppenheimer approximation:

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

## *Important 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:

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

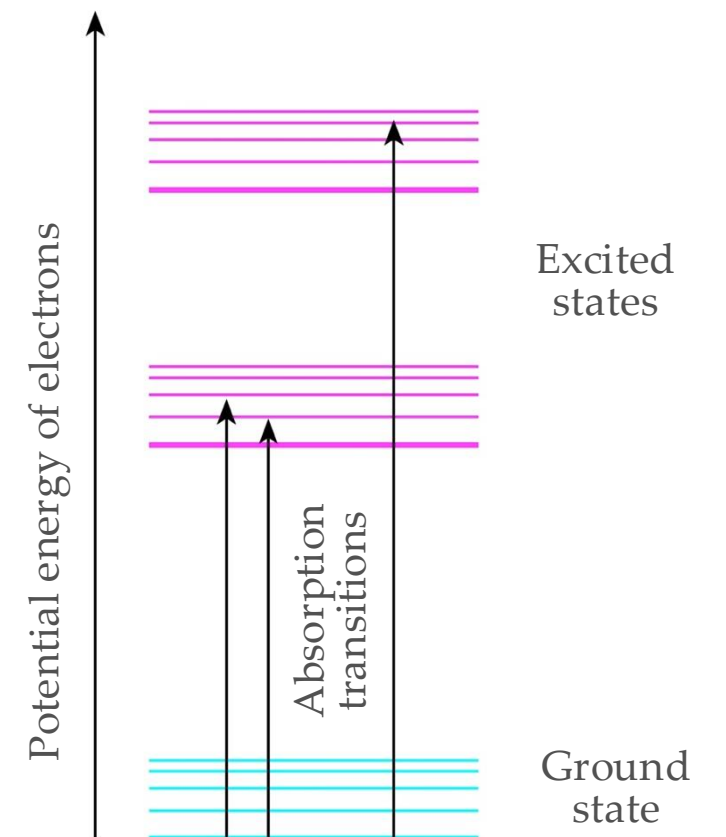
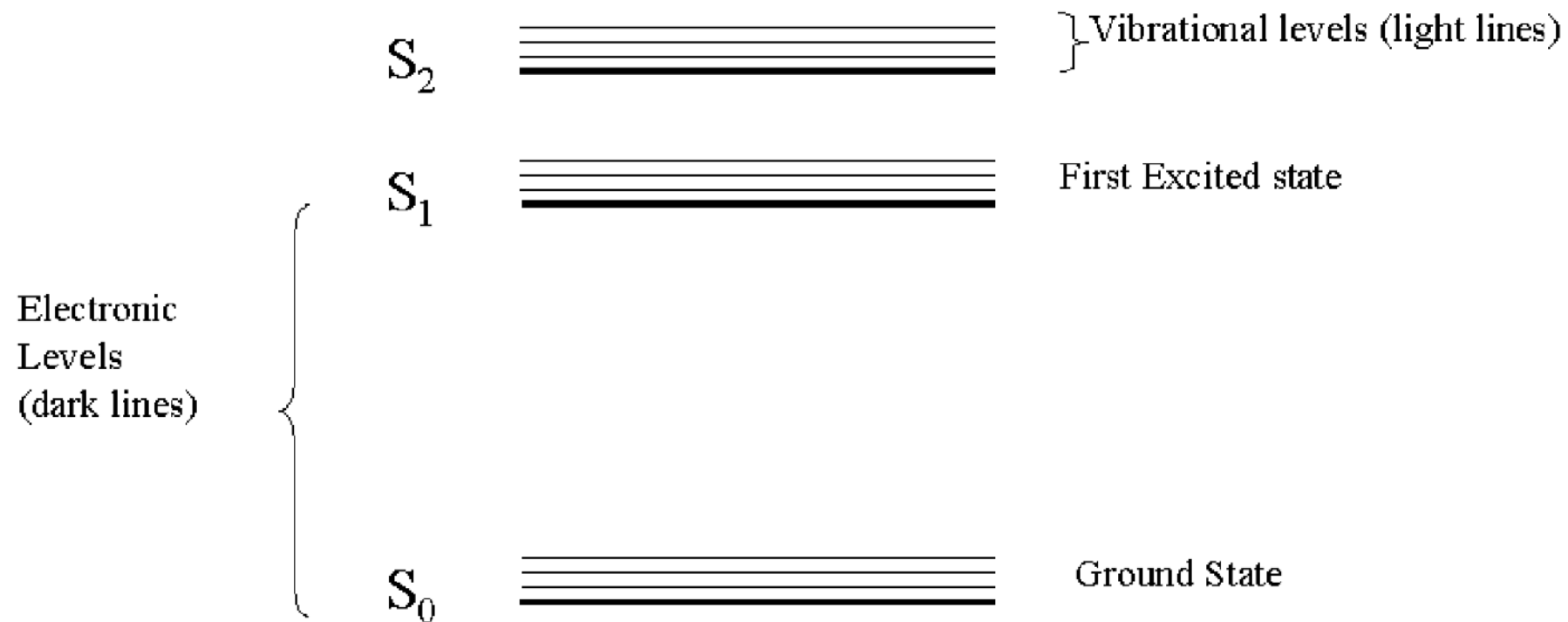
$$\sim 3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J } (\sim 2 \text{ eV}) > \sim 3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J } > \sim 3 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J }$$

# Representation of energy states

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

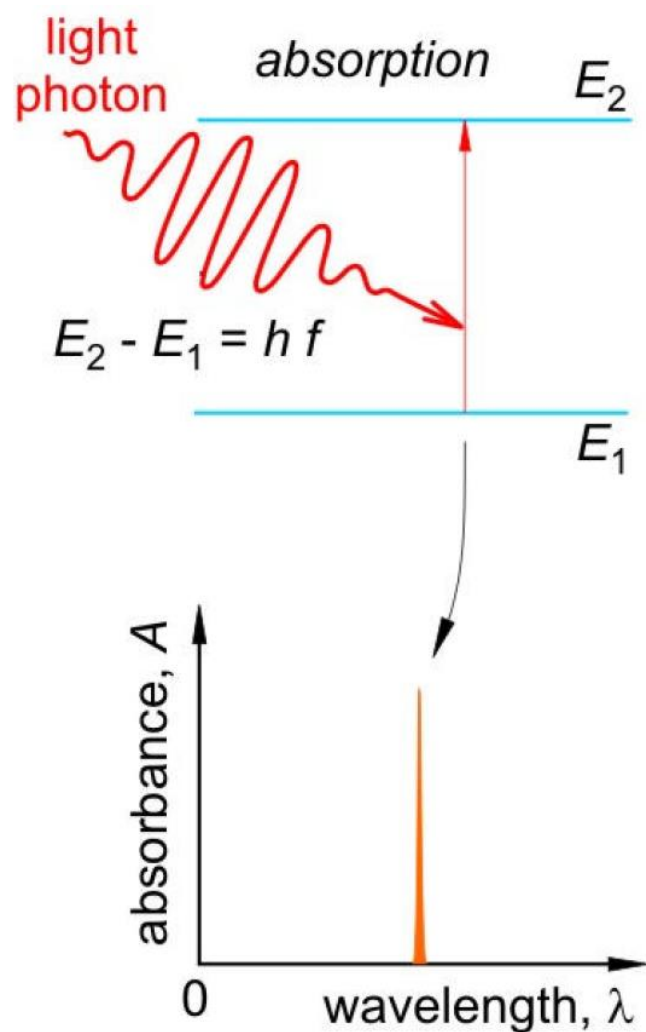


Alexander Jabłoński  
(1898-1980)

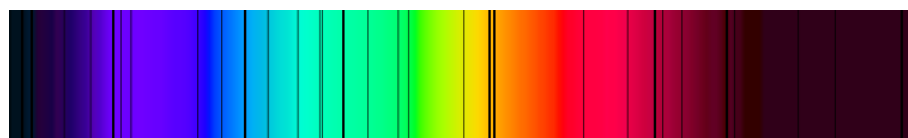


# Origin of the band spectrum

## Individual atoms

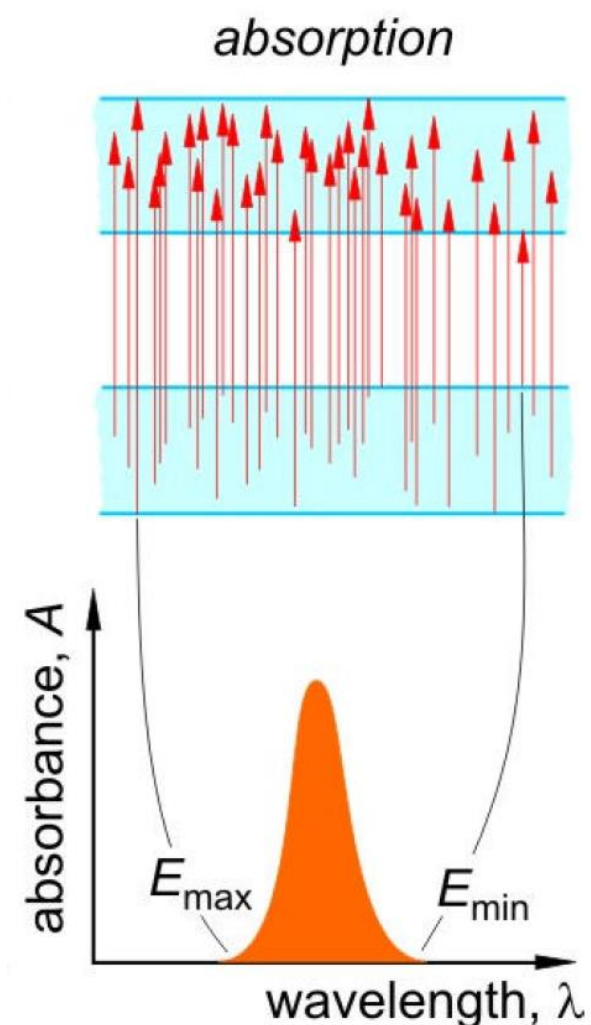


Line absorption spectrum



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

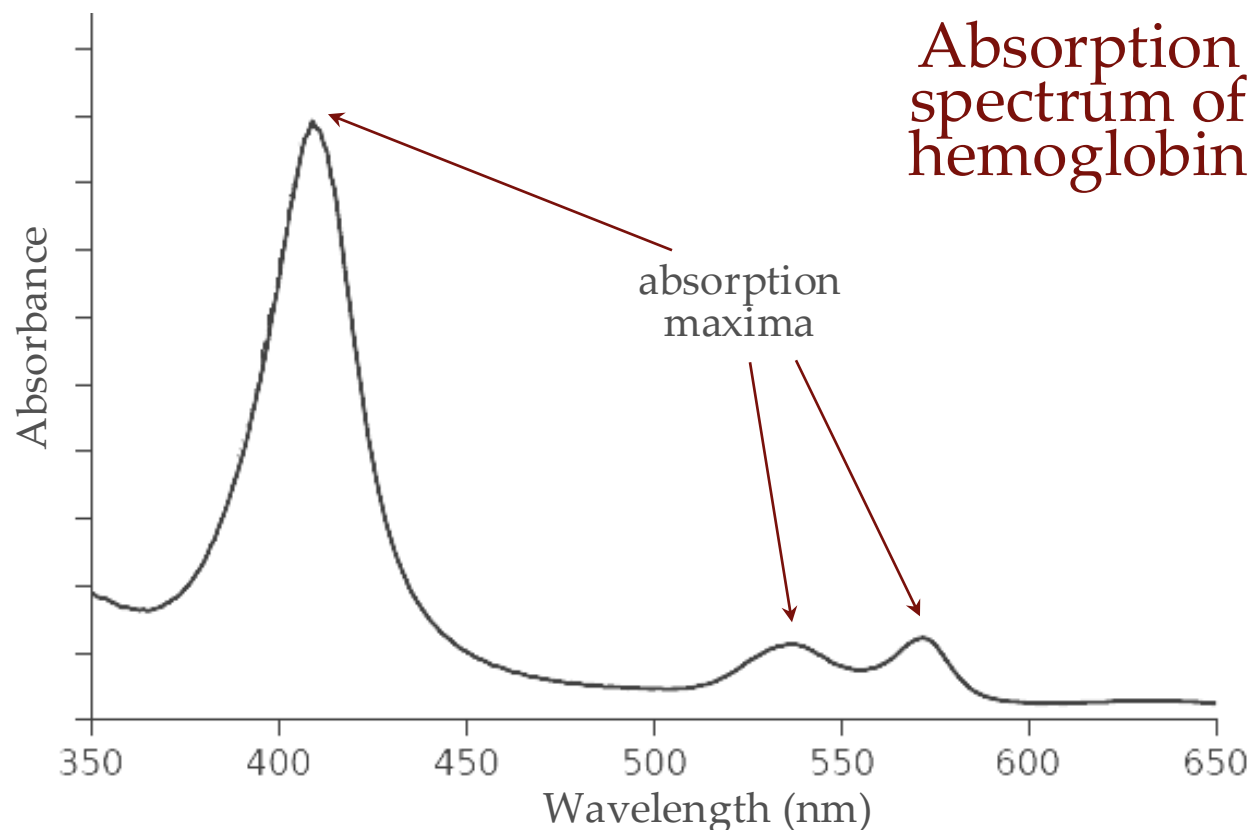
## Molecules



### 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:

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

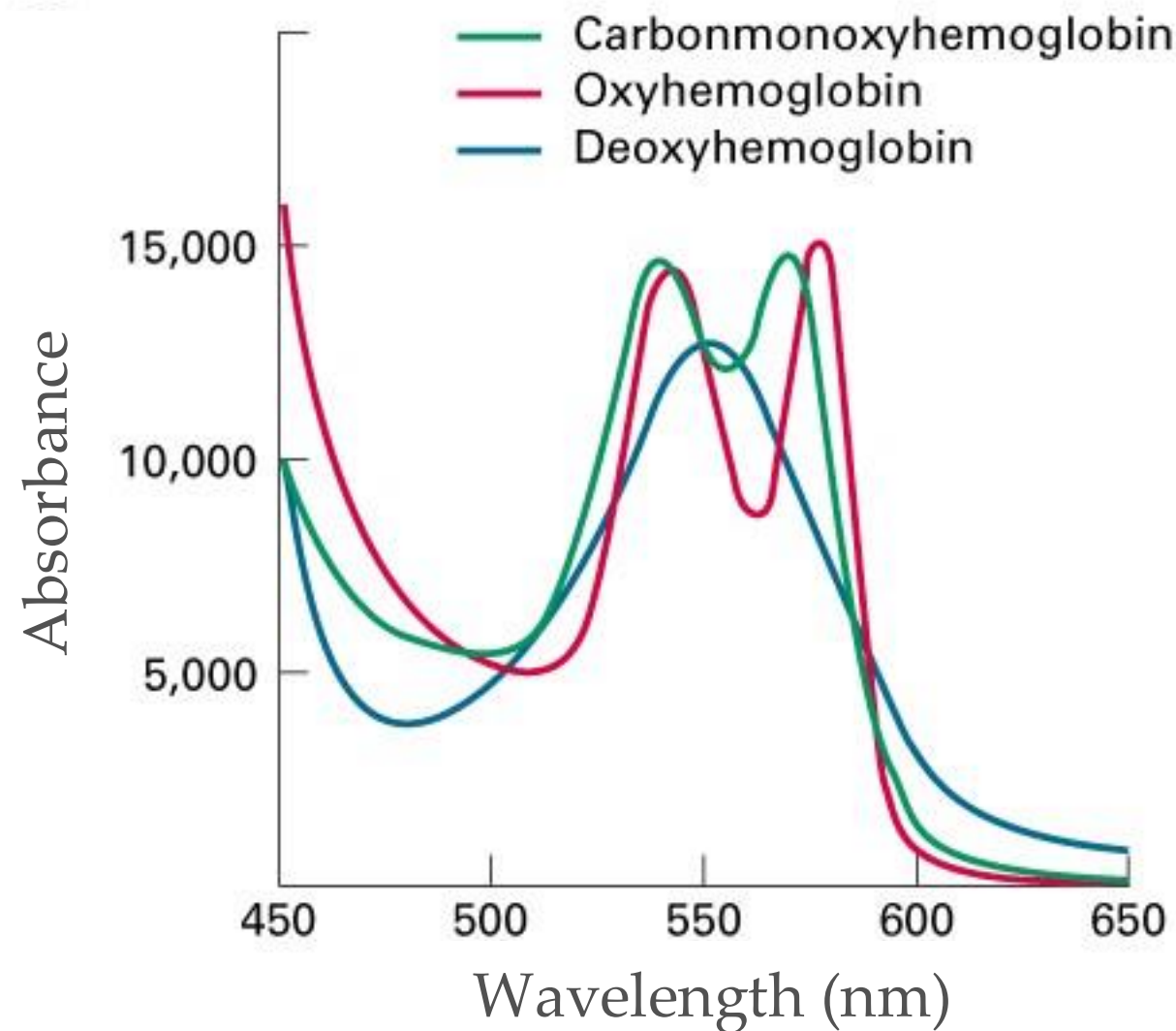
$\varepsilon_\lambda$  = molar extinction coefficient  
 $c$  = concentration

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

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

# Absorption spectroscopy

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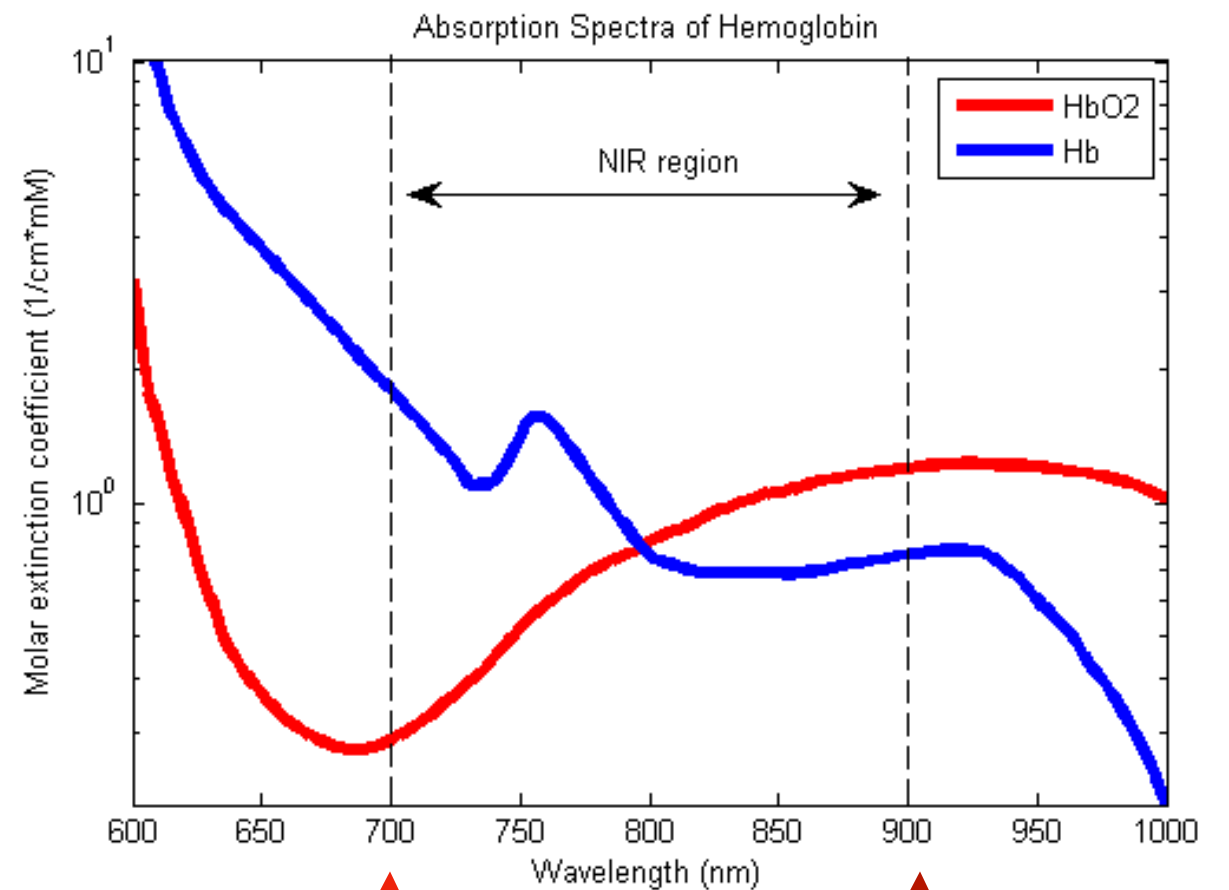
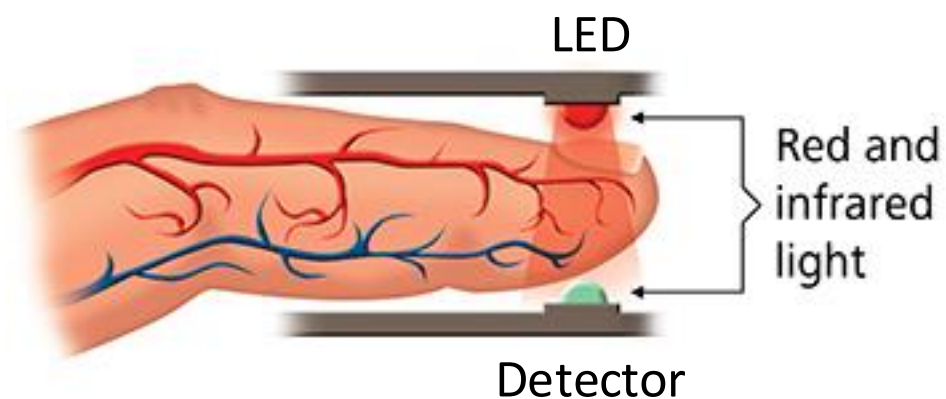


- *Spectrum*: intensity (or its derived units, e.g., OD) as a function of photon energy (or its derived units, e.g., frequency, wavelength).
- *Spectroscopy*: qualitative analysis of the spectrum.
- *Spectrometry, spectrophotometry*: quantitative analysis of the spectrum.
- *Applications*: analysis of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

# Pulse oxymetry

## Non-invasive measurement 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)



Red light:  
660-700 nm

Infrared light:  
900-940 nm

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