

Vibrational spectroscopies: infrared and Raman

From theory to pharmaceutical and biomedical applications

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- **History of infrared and basics of molecular vibrations**

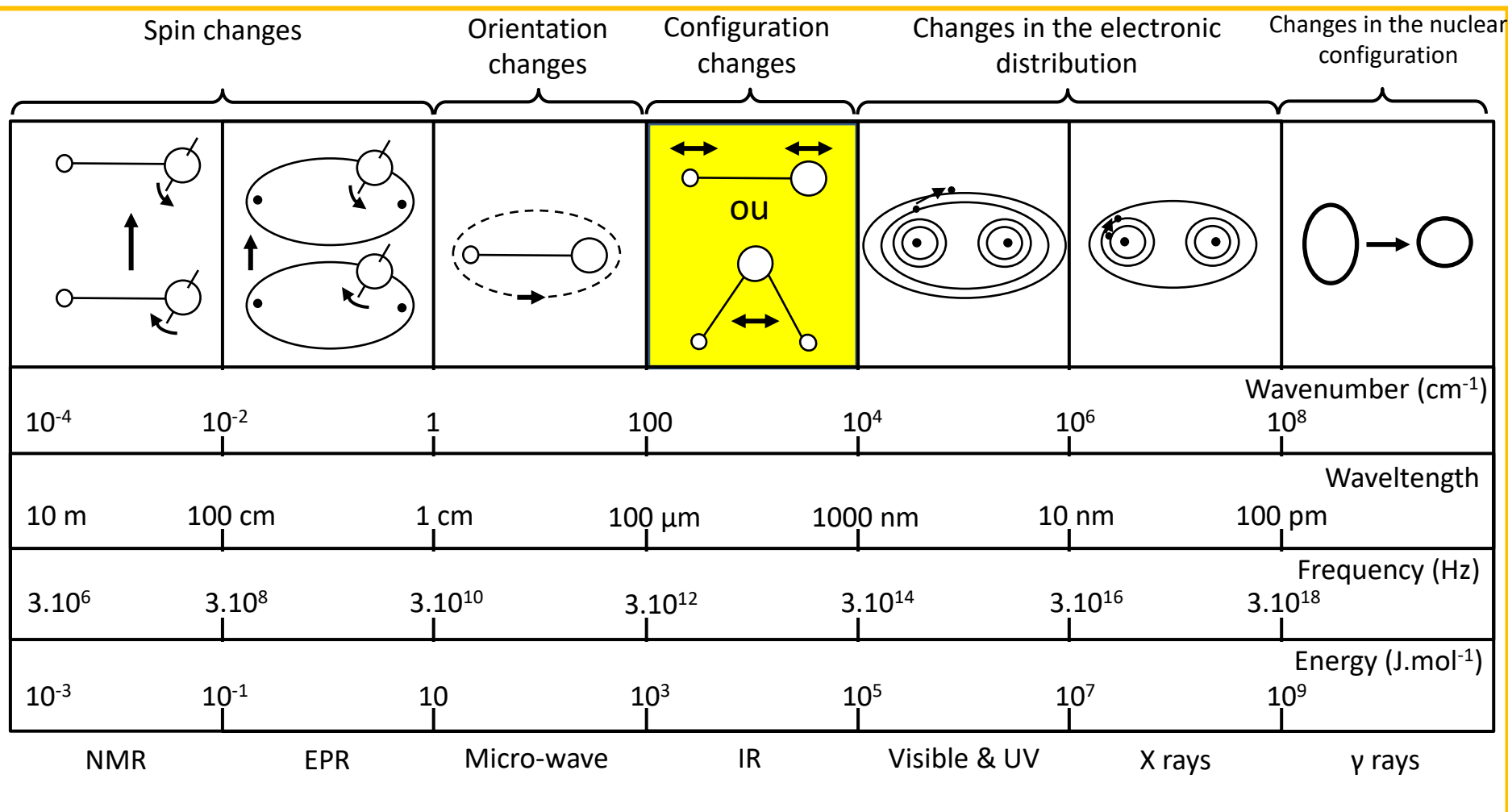
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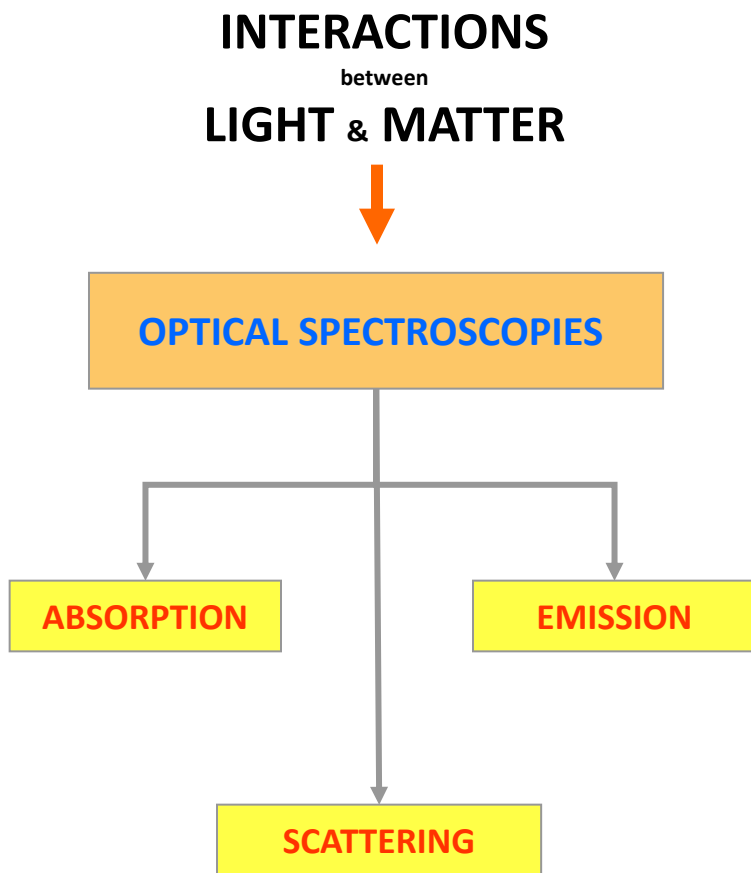
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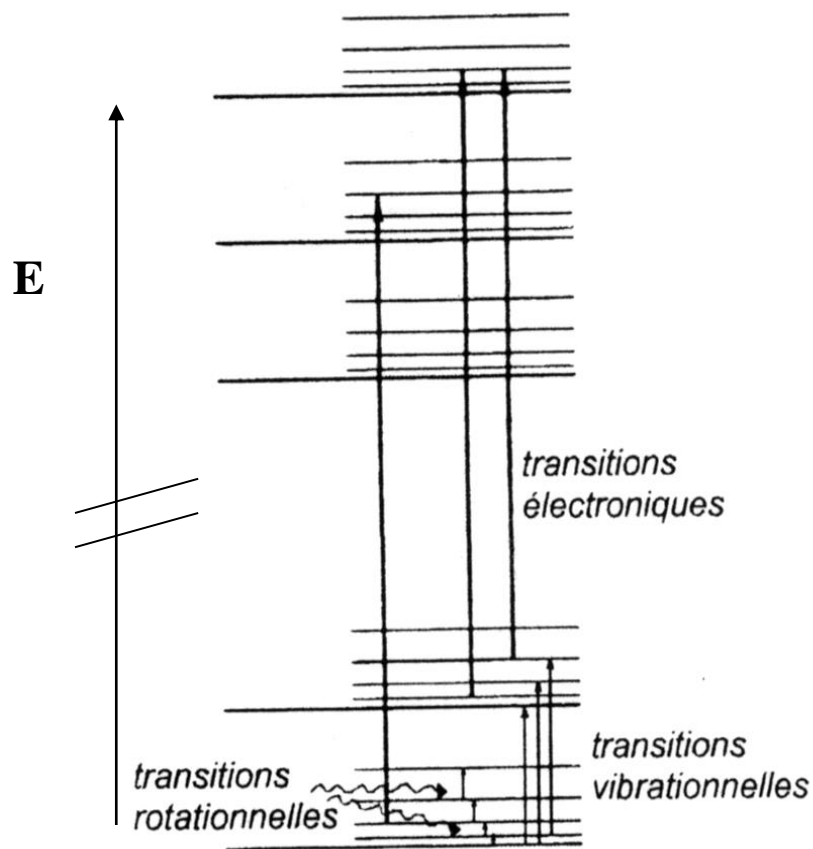
INTERACTIONS between LIGHT & MATTER



Vibrational spectroscopies



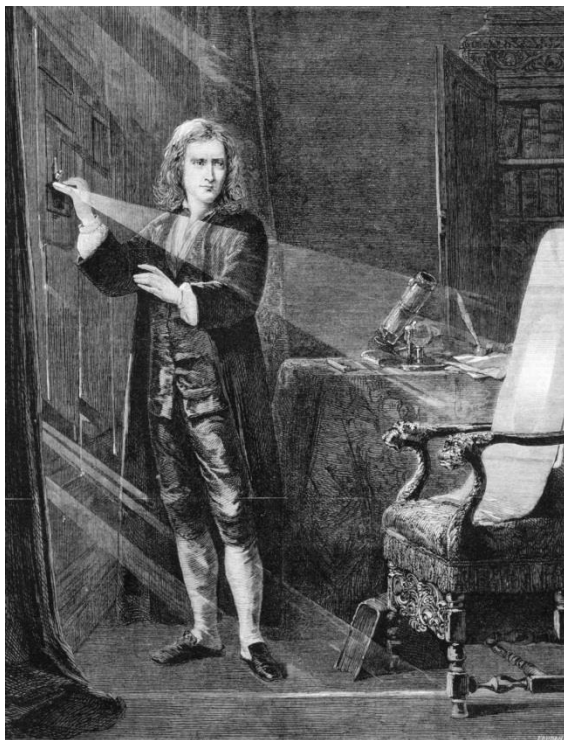
Jablonski Diagram



$$E_{\text{tot}} = E_{\text{el}} + E_{\text{vib}} + E_{\text{rot}}$$
$$E_{\text{vib}} \approx 1 \text{ kcal} \quad E_{\text{ele}} \approx 100 \text{ kcal}$$

What is infrared spectroscopy?

The story of infrared spectroscopy begins with Sir Isaac Newton. He set up an experiment in which a beam of sunlight passed through window shutters into a dark room



By placing a prism in the beam of light, he showed that **white light is composed of different colors**. Violet light is bent the most of the prism while red light is bent the least. Although this was known before Newton, he was the first to describe it accurately

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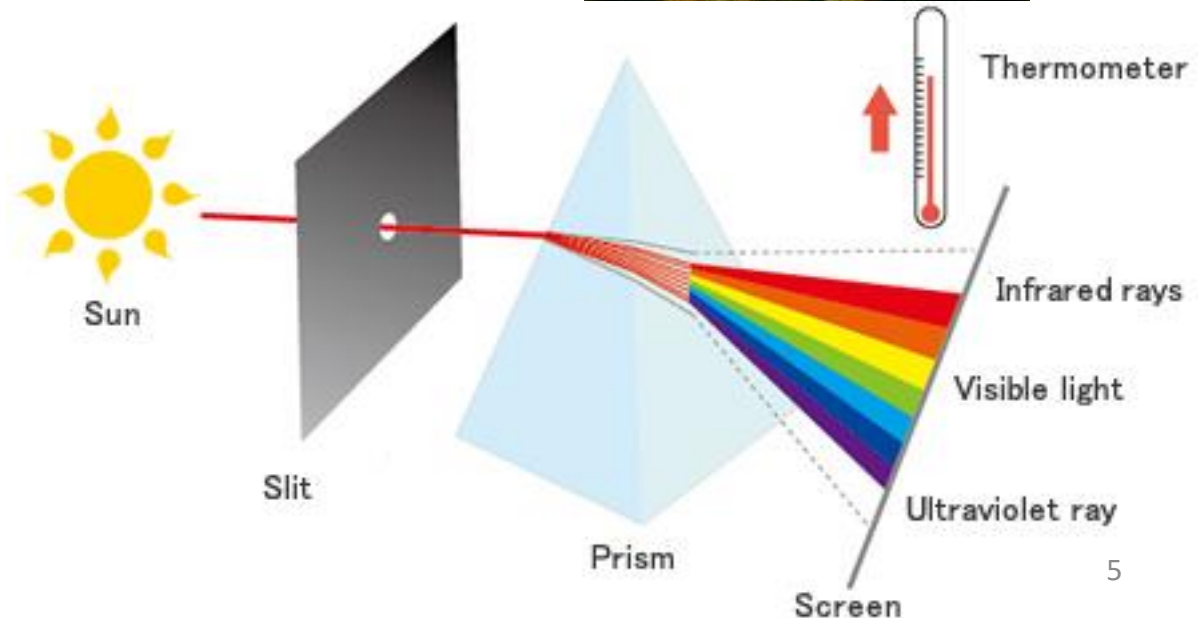
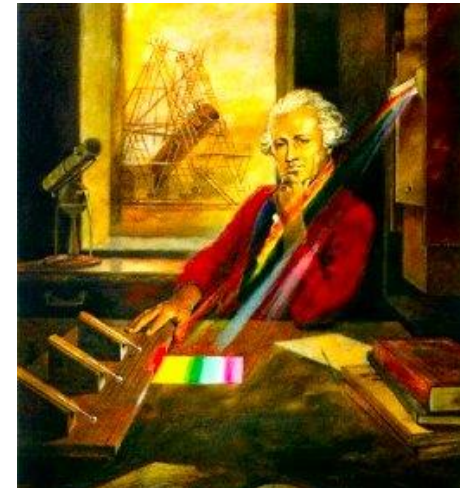
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Much later, Frederic William Herschel explored the existence of other components of white light, outside the visible region.

The region after the red part of the visible spectrum: the **infrared (IR) region**

Since this region is invisible to the human eye, Herschel needed a way to detect it. A blackened thermometer bulb was the answer.

When placed in the beam of infrared light, the thermometer warms above room temperature.

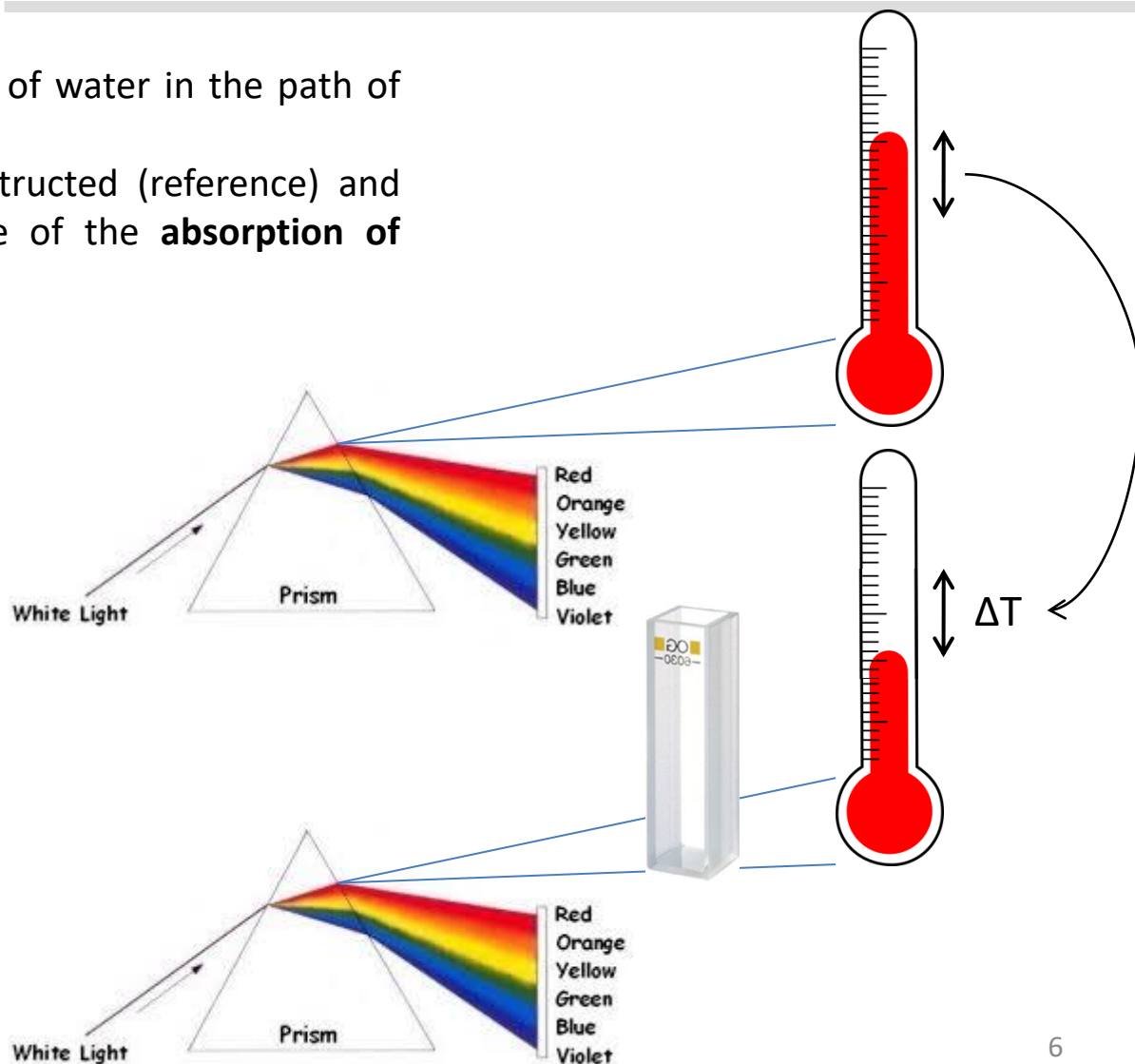


What is infrared spectroscopy?

In March 1800, Herschel put a well of water in the path of the beam.

The difference between the unobstructed (reference) and sample temperatures is a measure of the **absorption of infrared light**.

By changing the part of the spectrum that shines through the sample, Herschel showed that **the absorption varies with wavelength** (or ‘color”) of infrared light.



What is light?

Infrared spectroscopy is thus the measurement of the absorption of infrared light by a sample.

But what is light?

Observations of Isaac Newton showed that white light is composed of different visible colors.

Much later Herschel proved the presence of “invisible” colors such as infrared

Nature of light: waves or particles?

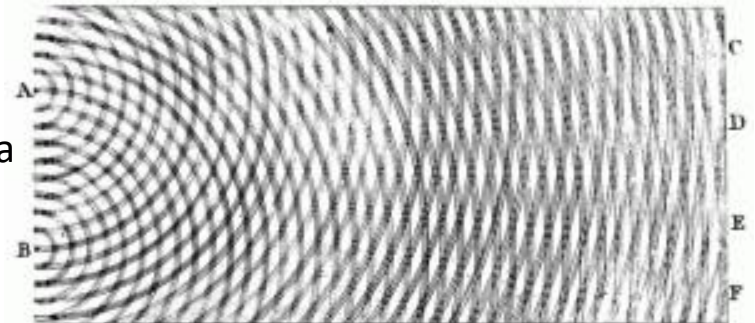
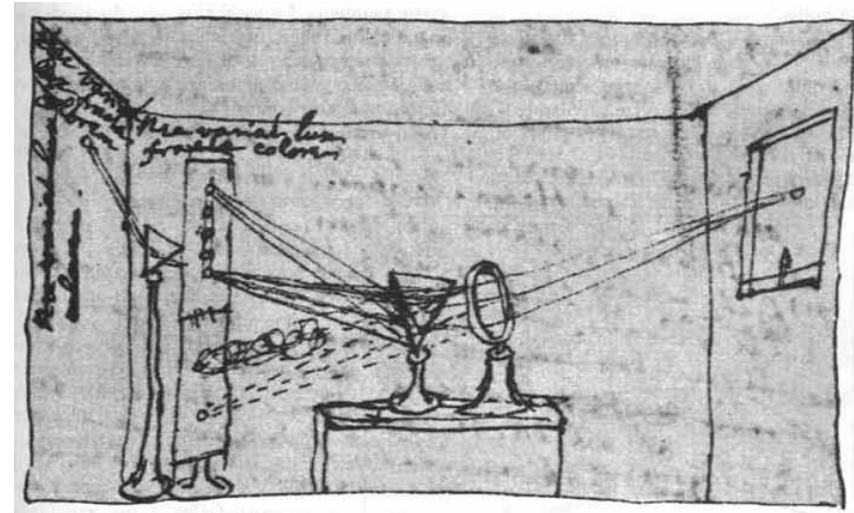
Particles: **Newton** argued vehemently that light was comprised of streams of particles that he dubbed "corpuscles."

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Waves: Descartes, Huygens, Fresnel and **YOUNG**

Young shone the light onto a barrier in which he'd cut two narrow, parallel slits, about a fraction of an inch apart. On the other side was a white screen.

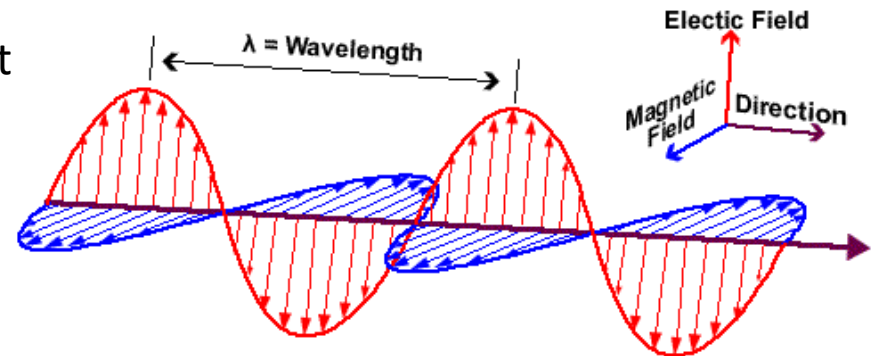
Thomas Young's sketch of his observed interference pattern
He reasoned that if light were made of particles, as Newton claimed, the screen would show two bright parallel lines where the light particles had passed through one slit or the other. But if light were a wave, it would pass through both slits, separating into secondary waves that would then recombine on the other side -- i.e, they interfere with each other.



Nature of light: electromagnetic waves of photons

Electromagnetic wave: Maxwell predicted that light was an electromagnetic wave

Several observations could not be explained by any wave model of electromagnetic radiation,



Photons:

Planck: the energy of any system that absorbs or emits electromagnetic radiation of frequency ν is an integer multiple of an energy quantum $E = h\nu$.

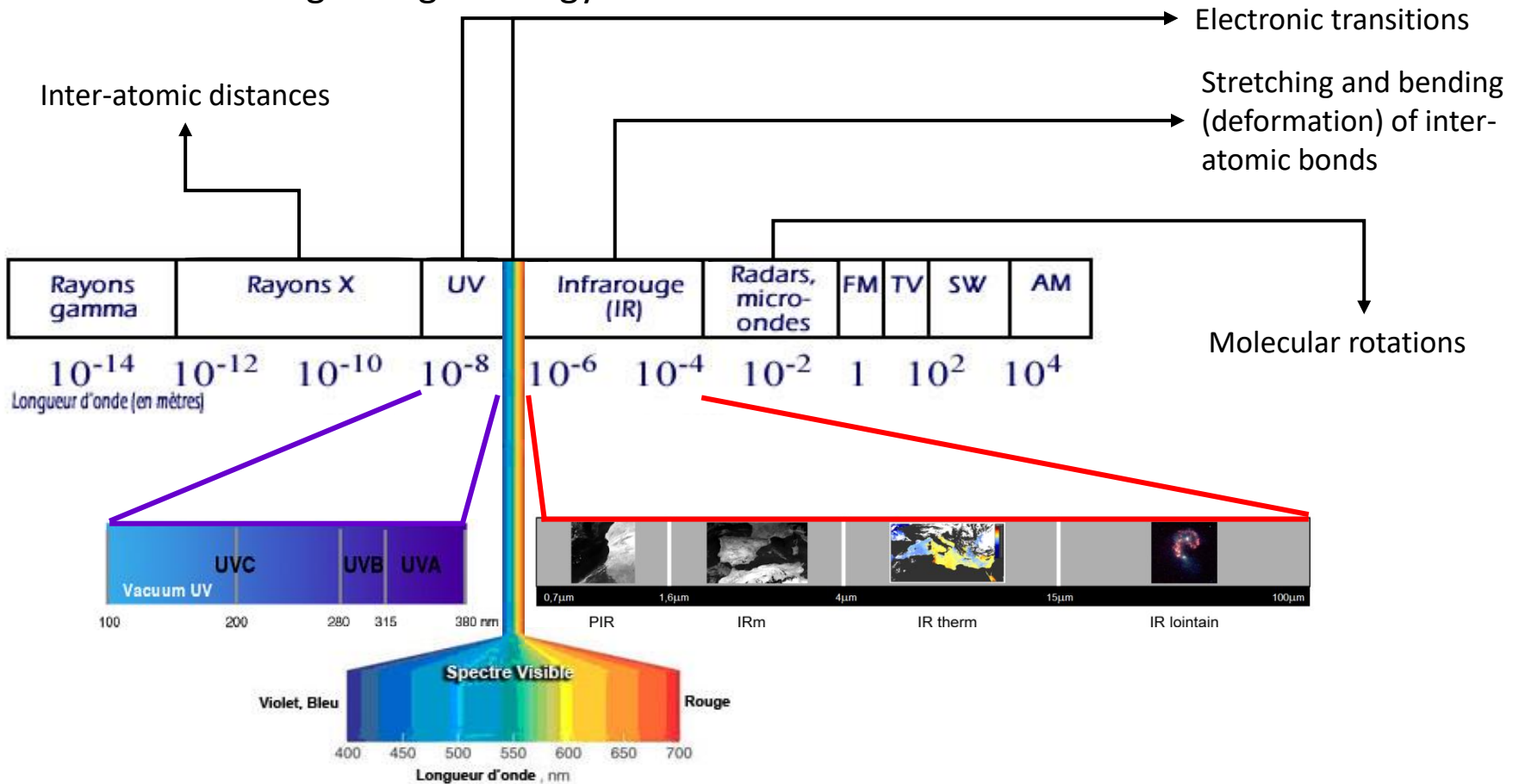
Albert Einstein: some form of energy quantization must be assumed to account for the thermal equilibrium observed between matter and electromagnetic radiation;

Einstein: energy quantization was a property of electromagnetic radiation itself, but many anomalous experiments could be explained if the energy of a Maxwellian light wave were localized into point-like quanta that move independently of one another. Einstein showed that, if Planck's law of black-body radiation is accepted, the energy quanta must also carry momentum $p = h/\lambda$, making them full-fledged particles.

Arthur Compton observed this photon momentum experimentally

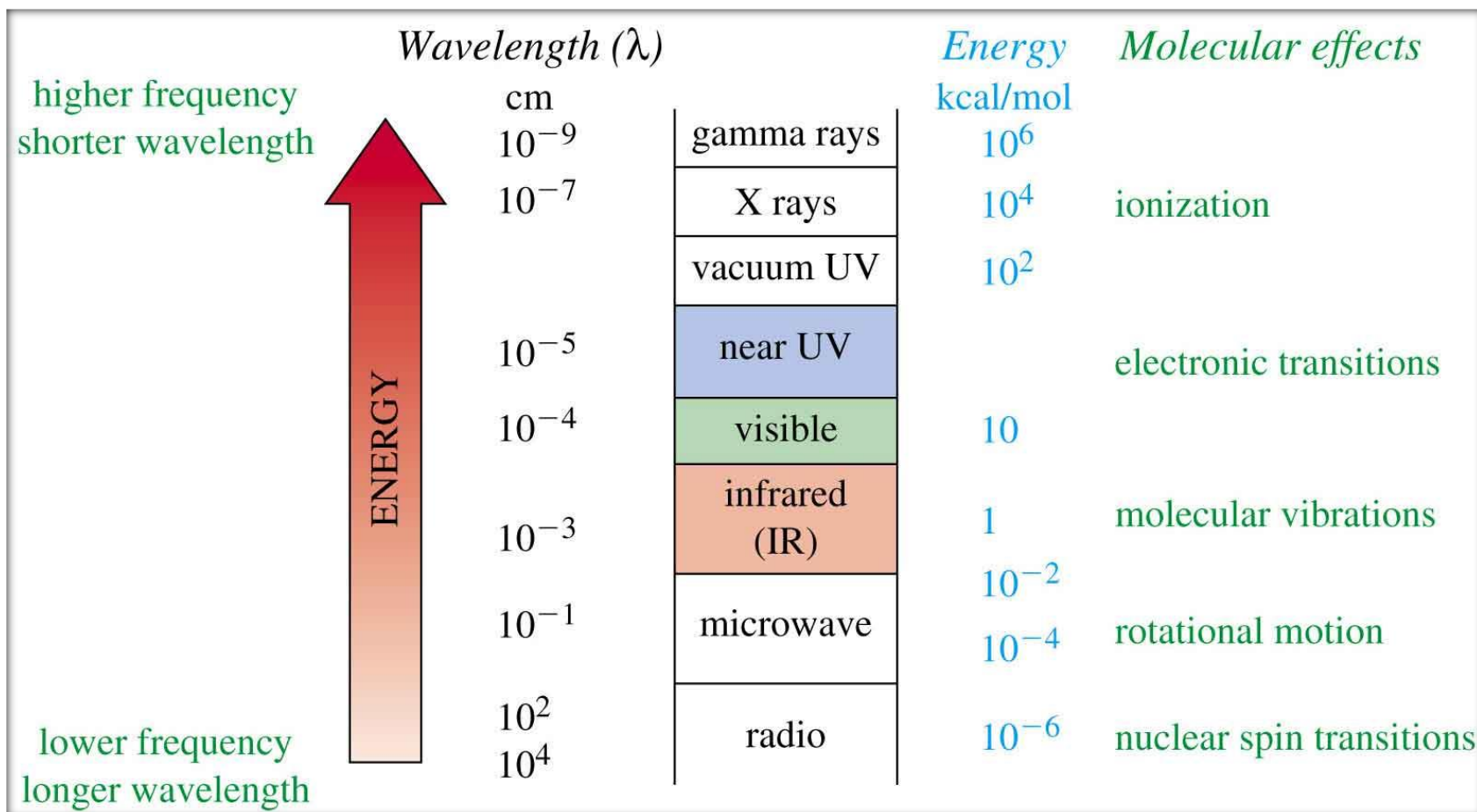
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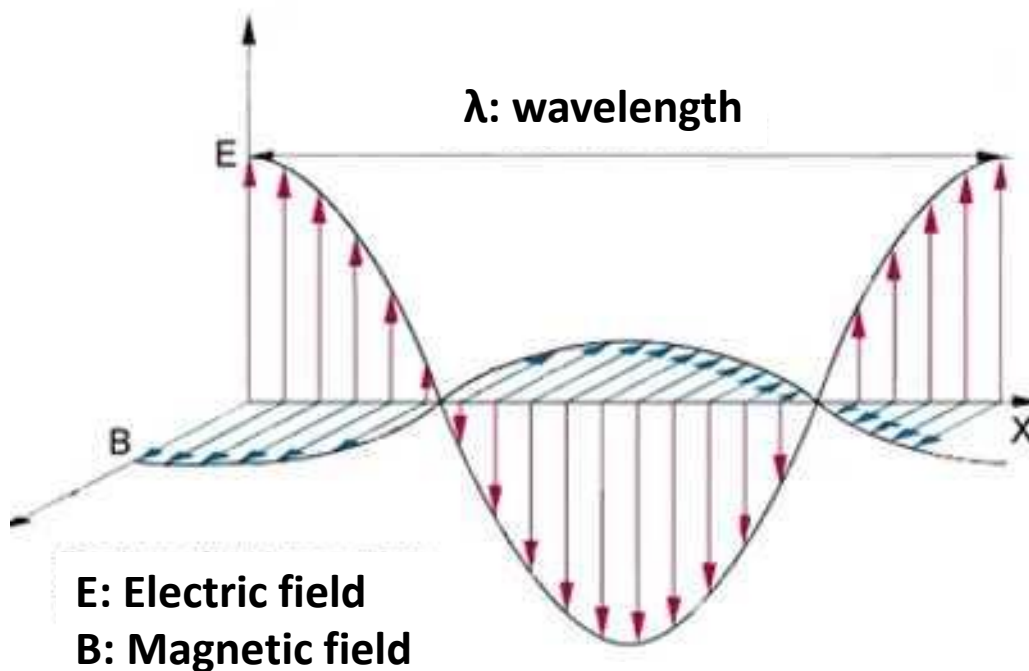
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Electromagnetic spectrum

The electromagnetic spectrum can be described as a combination of oscillating electric, and magnetic fields,



This scheme presents a polarized light, as the electric field lies in one plane

Wave properties:

- Wavelength λ (nm): the distance between two maxima or minima
- Frequency ν (hertz): number of cycles that pass a point in one second

$$\nu = C / \lambda$$

(C is the speed of light: 2.99792458 .108 m/s)

- Wavenumber ω (cm^{-1}): number of cycles in 1 cm.

$$\omega = \nu / C$$

(the symbols $\bar{\nu}$ or σ are also used for wavenumber)

$$\omega = 1 / \lambda$$

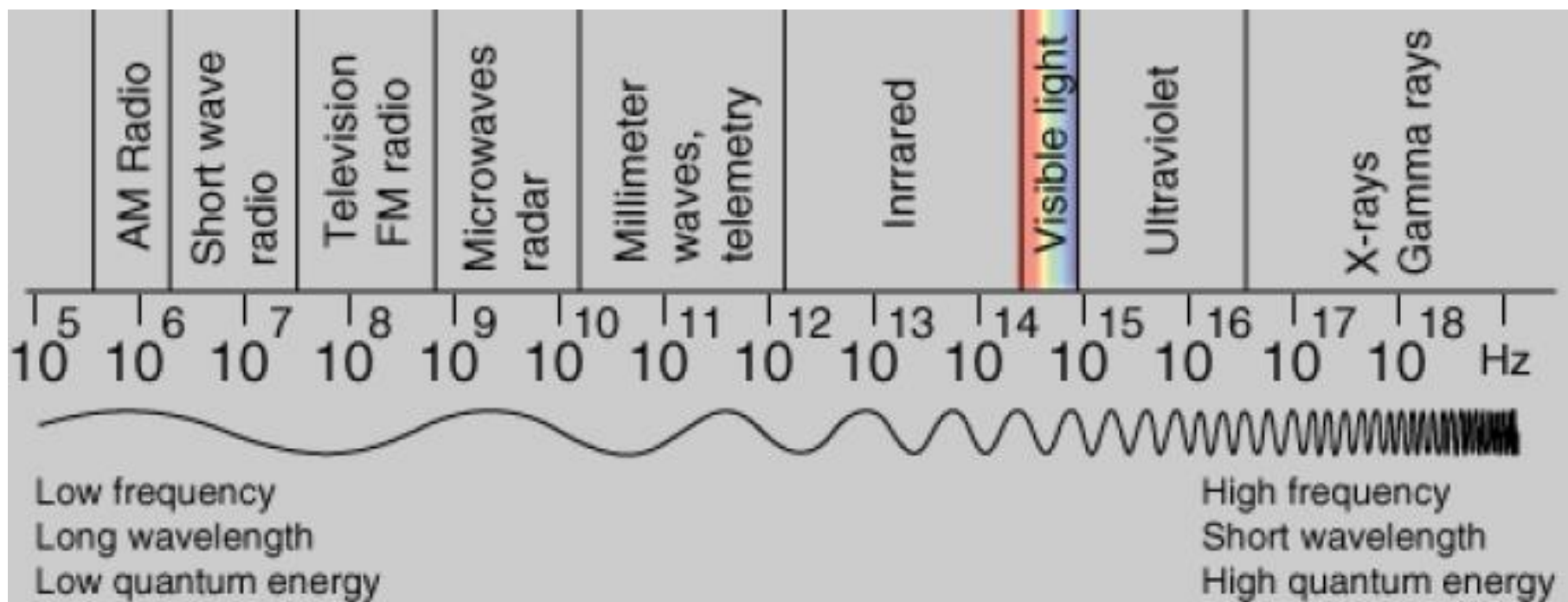
Particles properties:

- The Energy E (Joules):

$$E = h \cdot \nu = h \cdot \omega \cdot C$$

h: Planck's constant

Electromagnetic spectrum



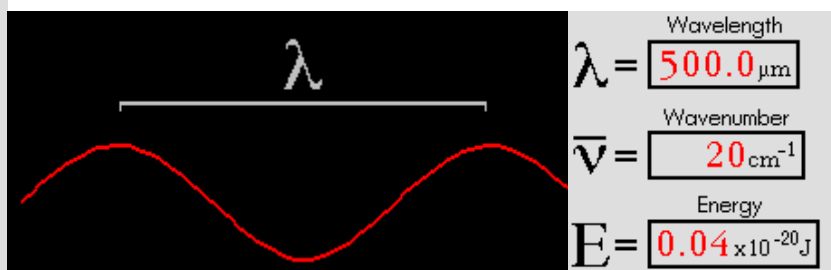
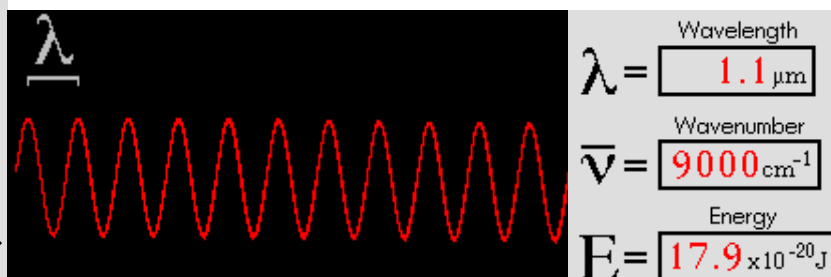
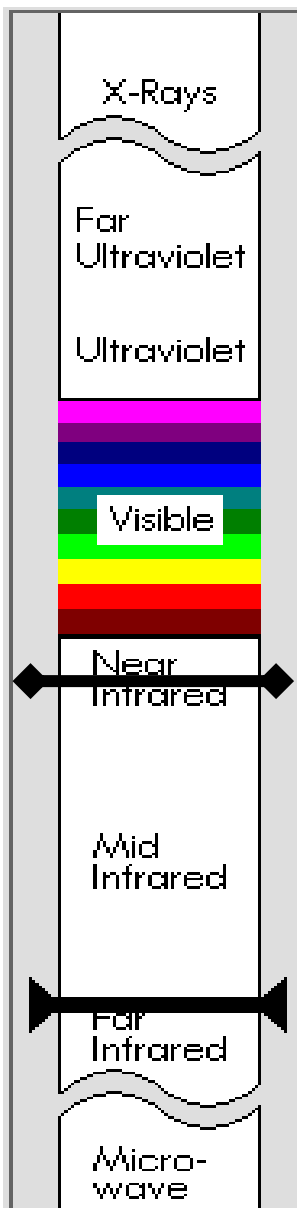
$$v = c / \lambda$$

$$\omega = v / c$$

$$\omega = 1 / \lambda$$

$$E = h \cdot v = h \cdot \omega \cdot c$$

Electromagnetic spectrum



$$\nu = c / \lambda$$

$$\omega = \nu / c$$

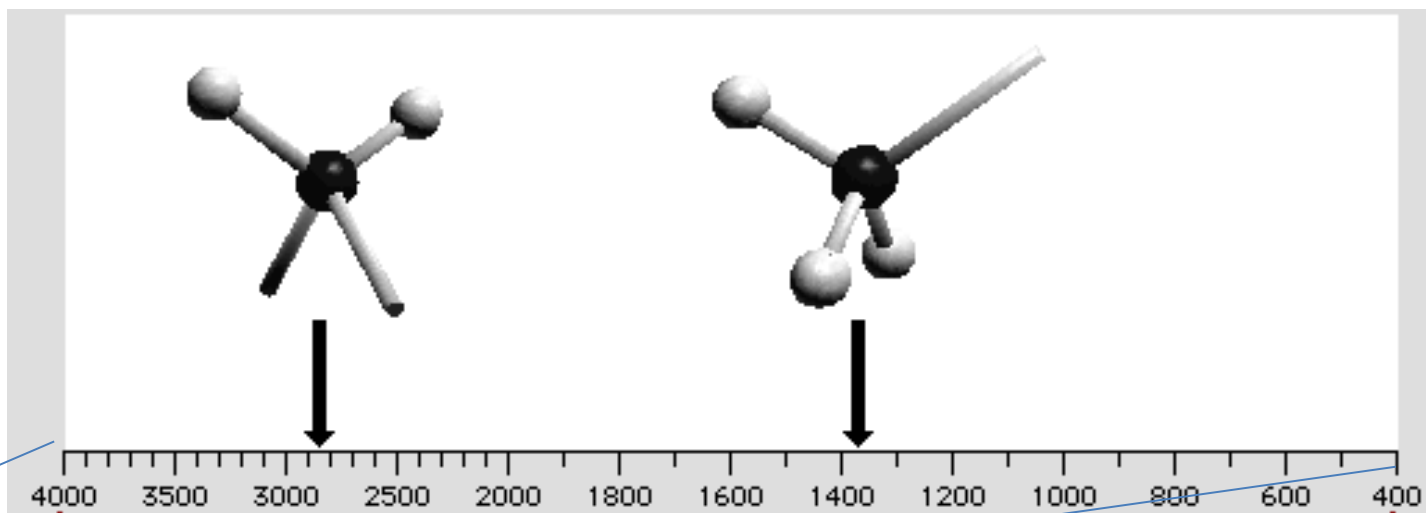
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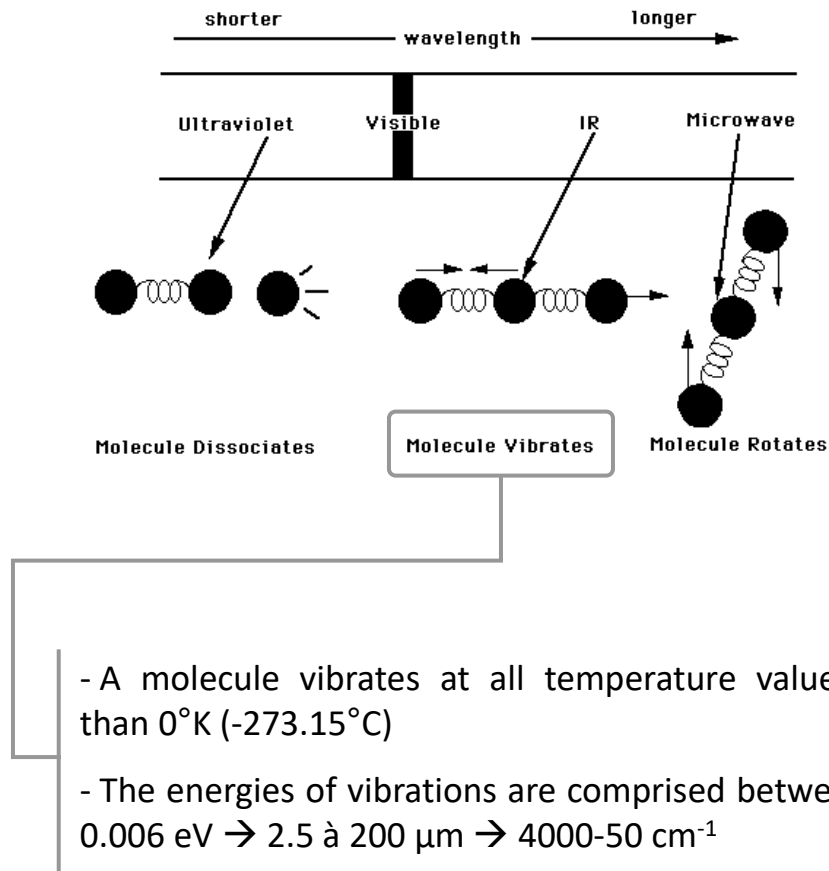
Infrared	λ (μm)	ω (cm^{-1})
Near	0,78-2,5	128000-4000
Mid	2,5-50	4000-200
Far	50-1000	200-10
Most common for mid	2,5-25	4000-400



Radiation in the mid infrared region ($4000\text{-}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$) correspond to the vibrational frequencies of molecules.

The theory of molecular vibration explains the appearance of infrared spectra.

Theory of molecular vibrations

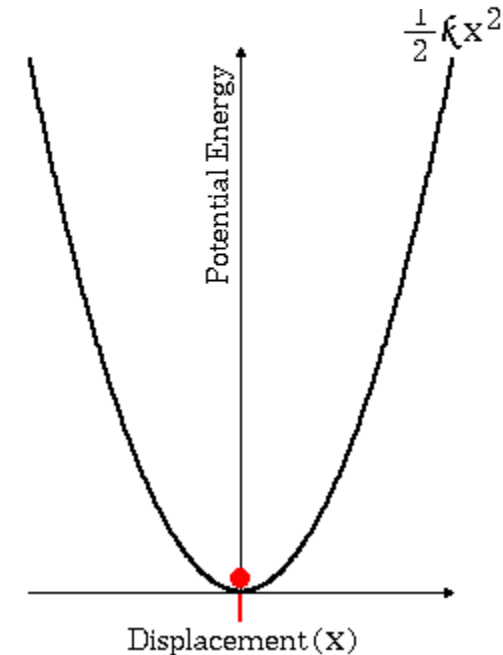
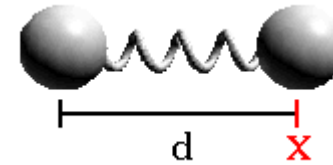


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Model of a Simple Molecule

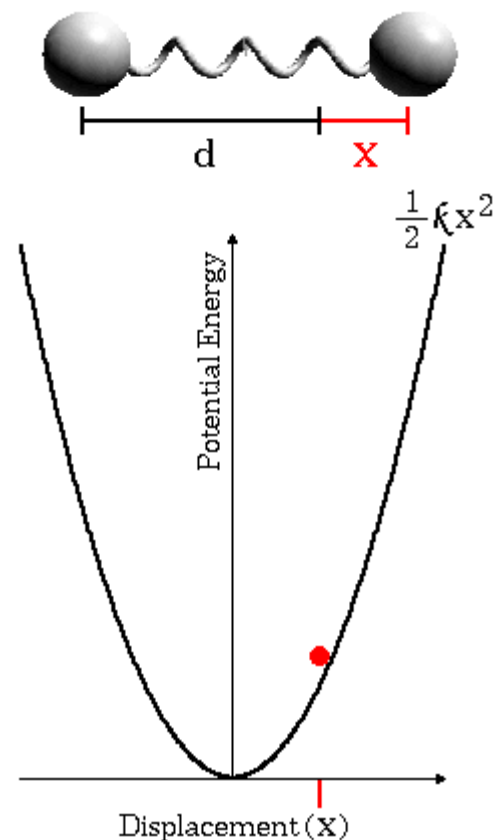
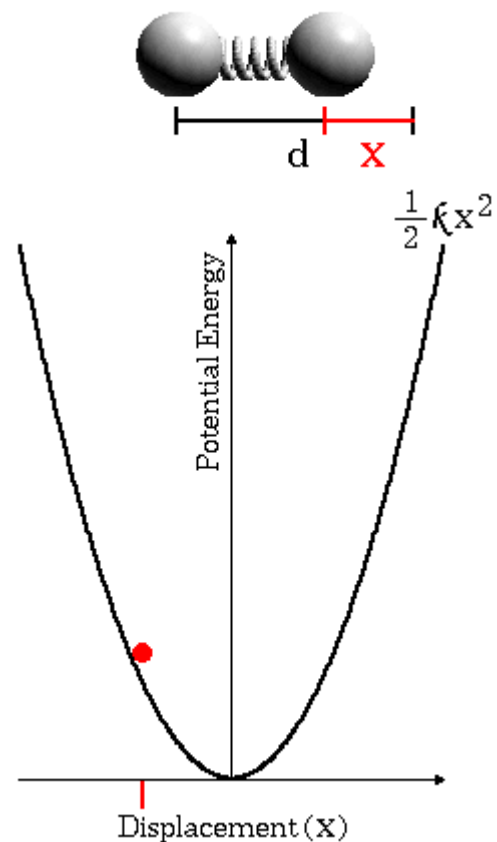


A diatomic molecule can be modelled by a spring with force constant **K** attached to two balls of mass **m**. This is called the **classical harmonic oscillator** model



At the equilibrium length d , the spring has zero (relative) potential energy. As the spring is stretched or compressed, the potential energy increases along a parabola. This curve is called the **harmonic potential**.

Theory of molecular vibrations



Compressed spring: the potential energy increases along a parabola.

Stretched spring: the potential energy increases along a parabola.

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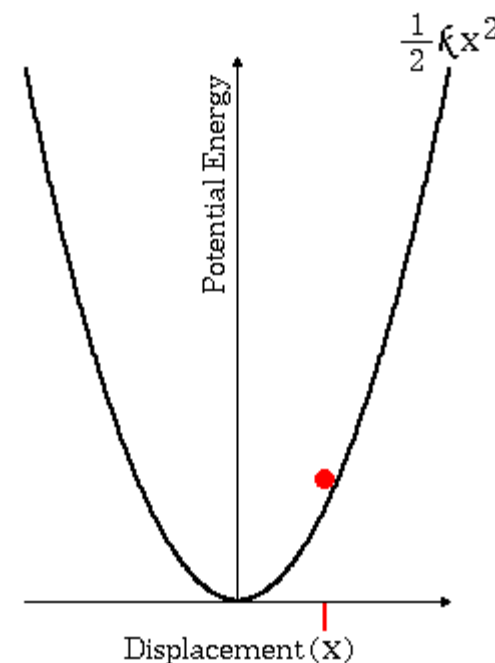
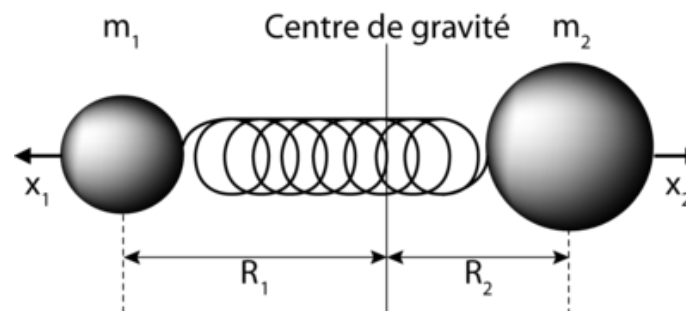
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$$\nu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$$

$$\bar{\nu} = \frac{\nu}{C} = \frac{1}{2\pi C} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$$

$\bar{\nu}$ = wavenumber, ν = frequency, μ = reduced mass

$$\mu = \frac{m_A \cdot m_B}{m_A + m_B}$$



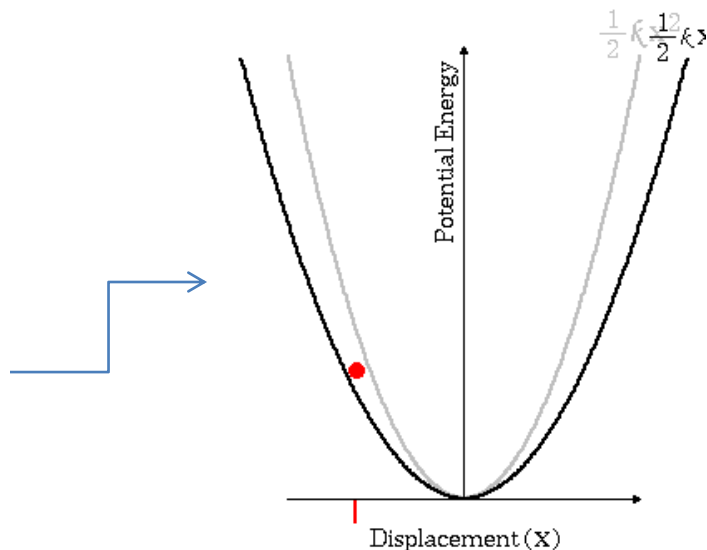
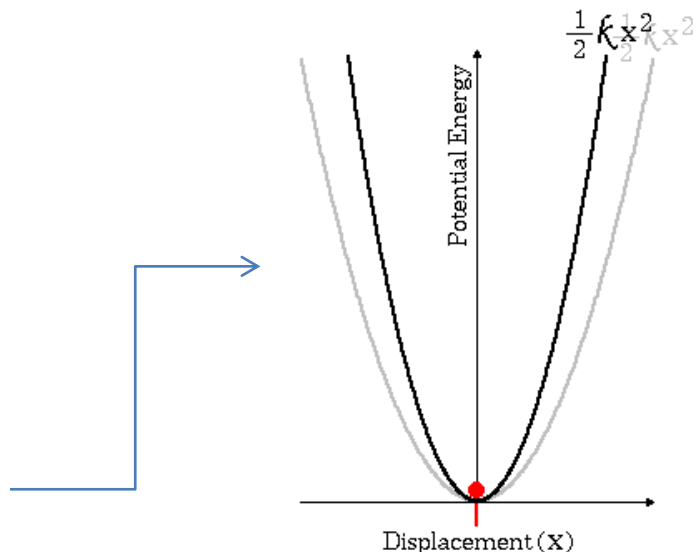
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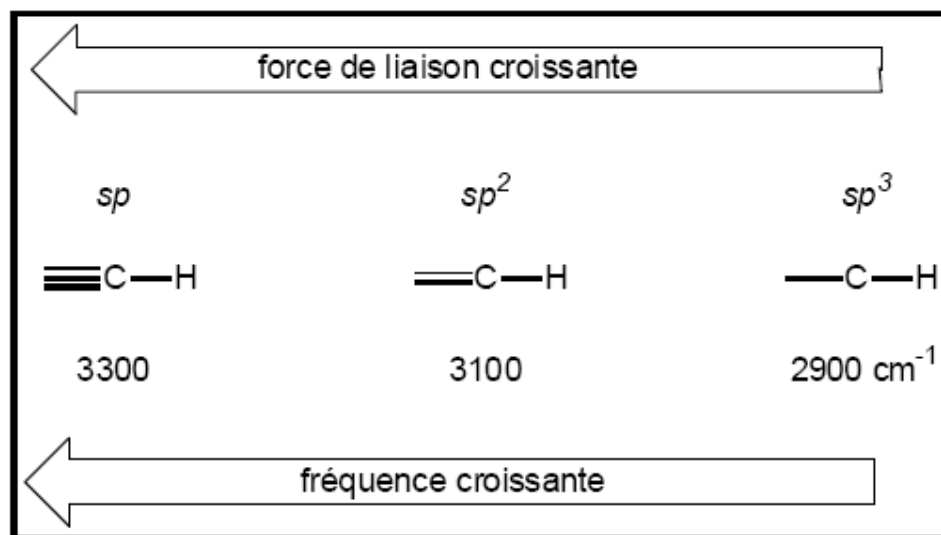
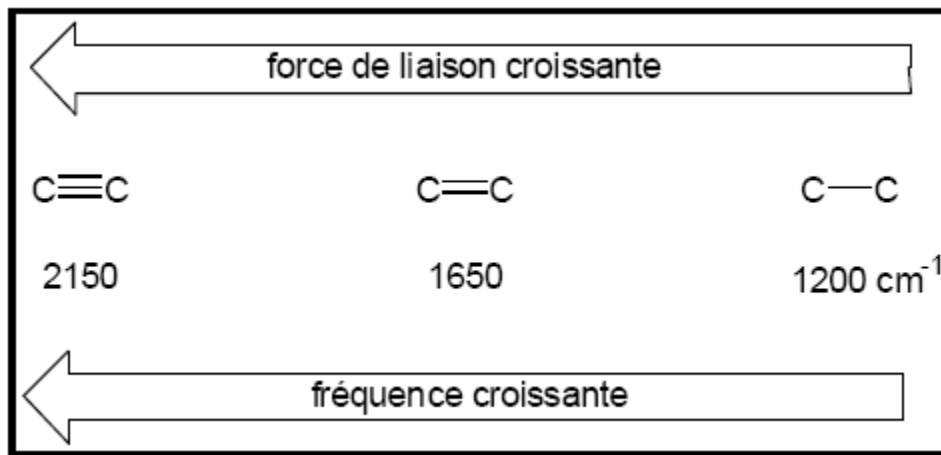
Therefore, a larger force constant (stronger spring) results in a higher frequency...

And a smaller force constant results in a lower frequency



Theory of molecular vibrations

The vibration frequency is related to the force constant



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Classical model

IR absorption bands calculated with Hooke's law

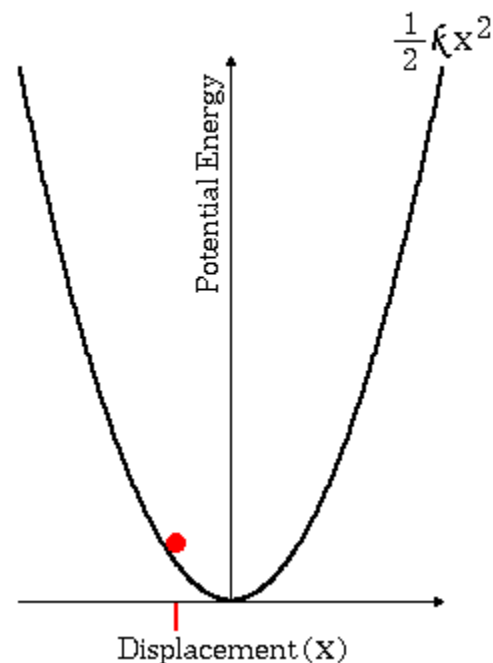
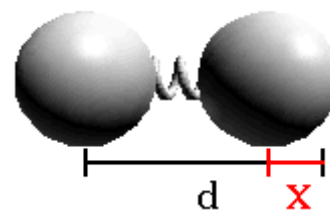
Type of bonds	Force constant (dyne/cm)	Spectral region (cm ⁻¹)	
		Calculated	Observed
C-O	5,0 .10 ⁵	1113	1300-800
C-C	4,5 .10 ⁵	1128	1300-800
C-N	4,9 .10 ⁵	1135	1250-1000
C=C	9,7 .10 ⁵	1657	1900-1500
C=O	12,1 .10 ⁵	1731	1850-1600
C≡C	15,6 .10 ⁵	2101	2150-2100
C-D	5,0 .10 ⁵	2225	2250-2080
C-H	5,0 .10 ⁵	3032	3000-2850
O-H	7,0 .10 ⁵	3553	3800-2700

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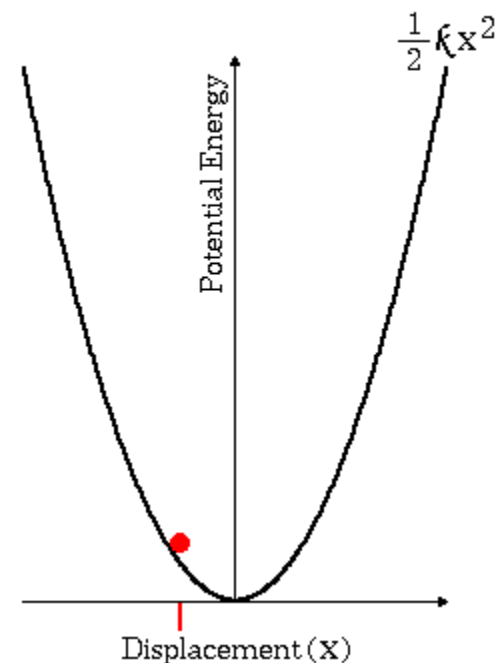
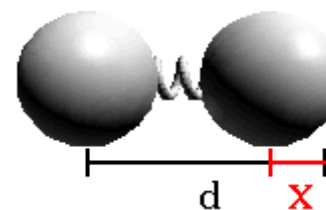
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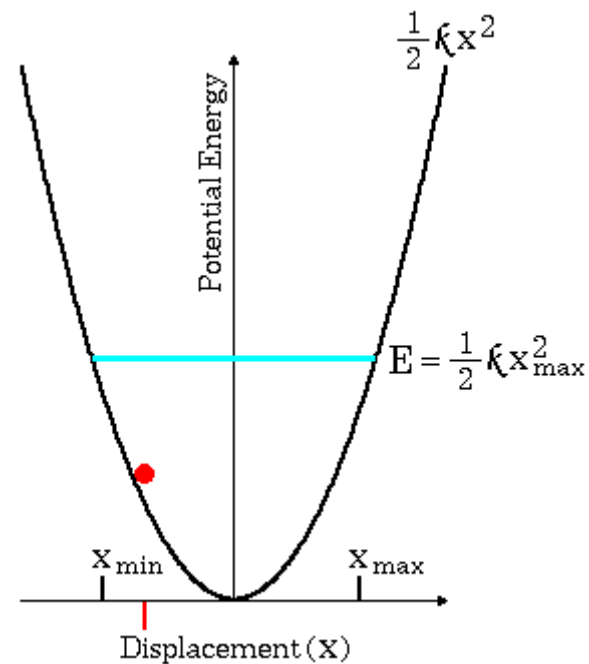
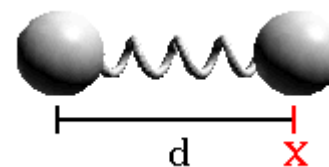
masse atomique croissante →				
C—H	C—C	C—O	C—Cl	C—Br
3000	1200	1100	800	550 cm ⁻¹
← fréquence croissante				



Theory of molecular vibrations

The molecule vibrates with a total energy equal to the potential energy at the stretched or compressed position

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k X^2_{\max}$$



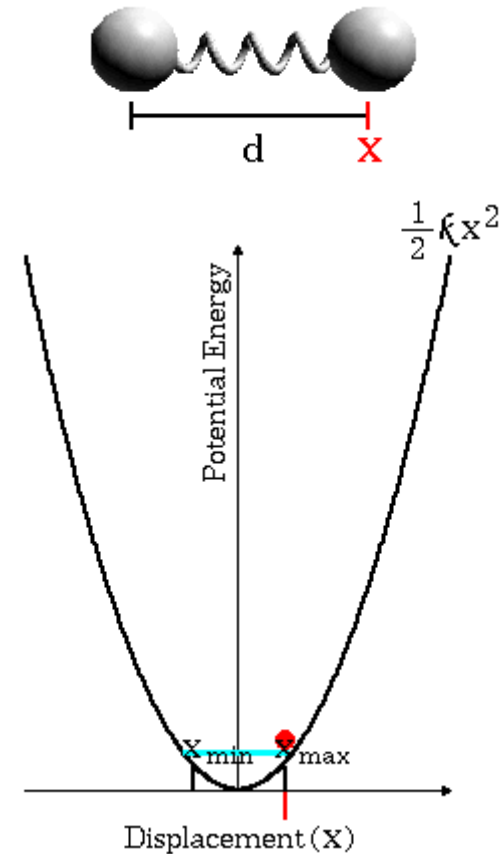
Theory of molecular vibrations

When the spring is stretched an arbitrary amount X_{\max} and then released, it vibrates with a total energy equal to :

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The model therefore predicts that the molecule can vibrate at **any** total energy. While this is true for a real ball and spring, it is **incorrect for a molecule**

A more accurate model, **quantum mechanics**, must be used to predict the observed behavior of molecules.



Theory of molecular vibrations

Quantum mechanics predicts the same relationships between vibration frequency, force constant, and mass that are predicted by classical physics. However, quantum mechanics predicts that **the molecule may vibrate only at energy levels which with the formula:**

$$E = h \bar{\nu} c \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

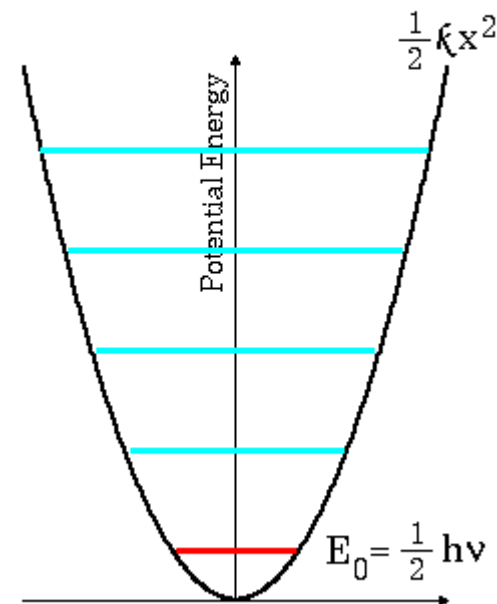
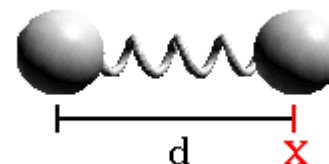
$$n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$$

The energy is said to be **quantized**

In this model, a molecule may only absorb (or emit) light of an energy equal to the spacing between two levels. Furthermore, for a harmonic oscillator these transitions can only occur from one level to next higher (or lower) level, i.e. $\Delta n = \pm 1$.

This is called selection rule

$$E = E_{n+1} - E_n = h \cdot \nu$$



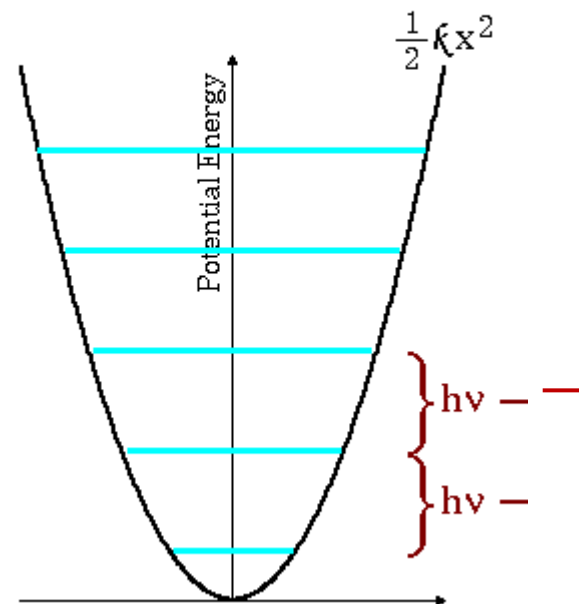
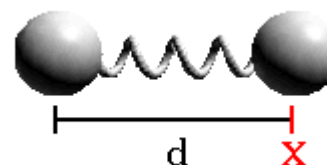
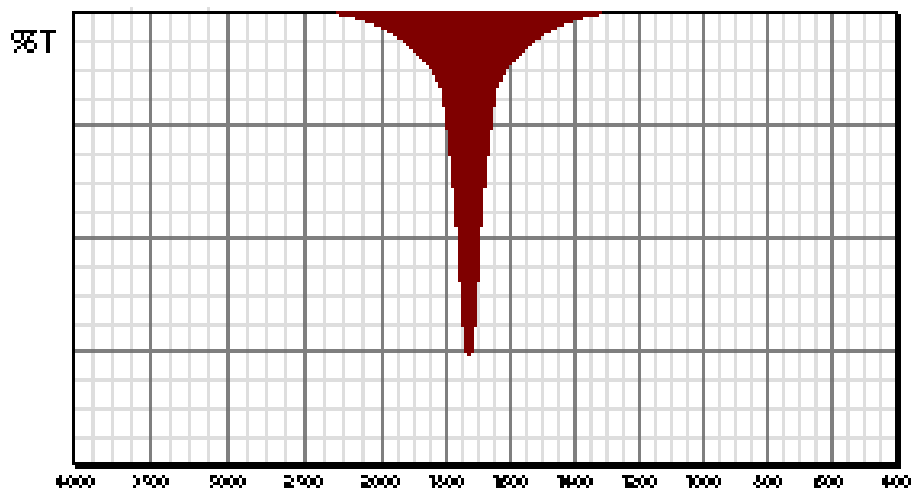
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Quantum mechanics

Because of the selection rule, a molecule can only absorb light with energy equal to $h\nu$.

Therefore, the infrared spectrum of this molecule should have a single peak at the frequency corresponding to that energy.

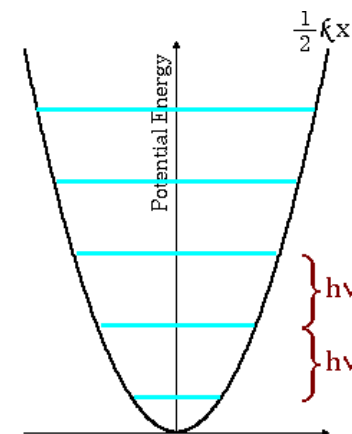
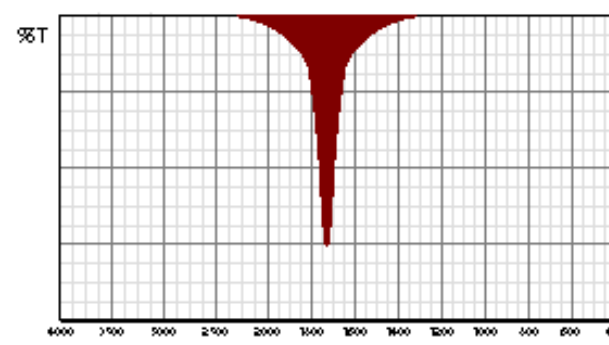
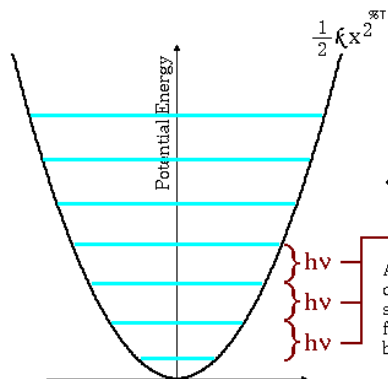
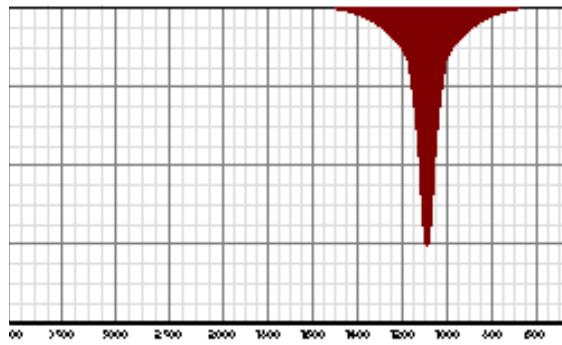
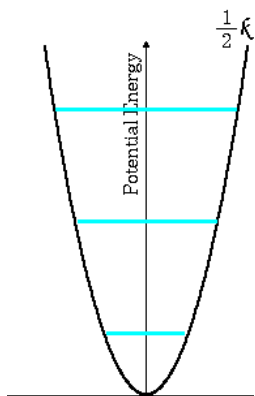
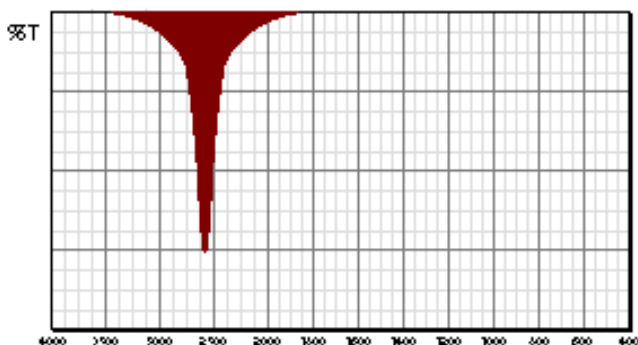
$$E = E_{n+1} - E_n = h\nu$$



Theory of molecular vibrations

Quantum mechanics

A higher frequency (due to a larger force constant or a smaller mass) results in a larger spacing between the levels... and a lower frequency results in a smaller spacing between the levels.



Theory of molecular vibrations

Quantum mechanics

An actual spectrum is more complicated.

1- A real molecule is not a harmonic oscillator. When atoms are pushed very close together, they repel more strongly than a spring.

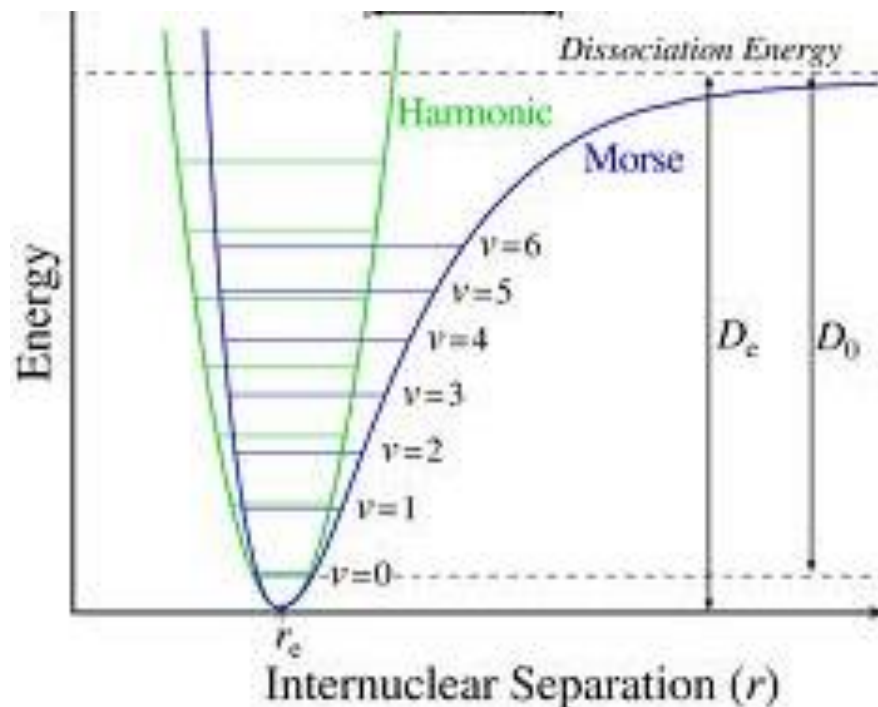
When pulled apart far enough, the bond breaks.

This behavior can be modelled with an **anaharmonic potential**.

In this model, the energy levels are equally spaced only in the region shaped like harmonic potential.

2- The selection rule, which allowed transitions between one level and the next higher (or lower) is not rigorously true. A transition with $\Delta n = +2$, called an **overtone**, corresponds to ΔE approximately $2 \cdot h \cdot \nu$

The overtone band appears at a little less than twice the frequency of the fundamental band, and is less intense. Often the overtone band is so small it cannot be found.



$$E = h\bar{\nu}c \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 h\bar{\nu}cX_e$$

X_e = anharmonicity constant

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A final limitation:

In order to absorb light, the molecular dipole must change when a transition occurs.

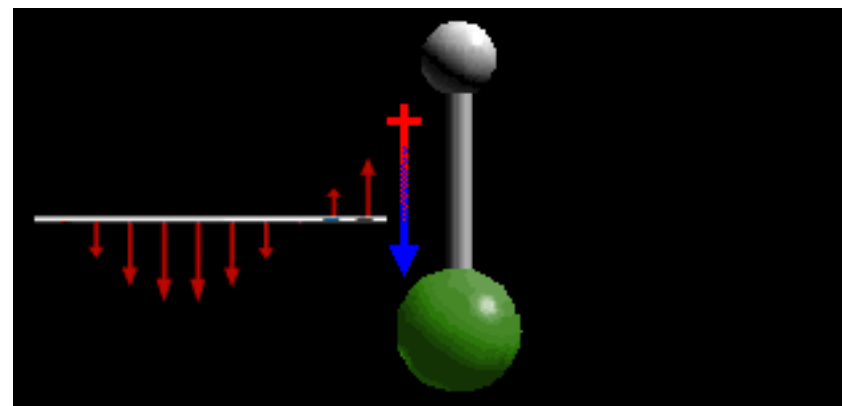
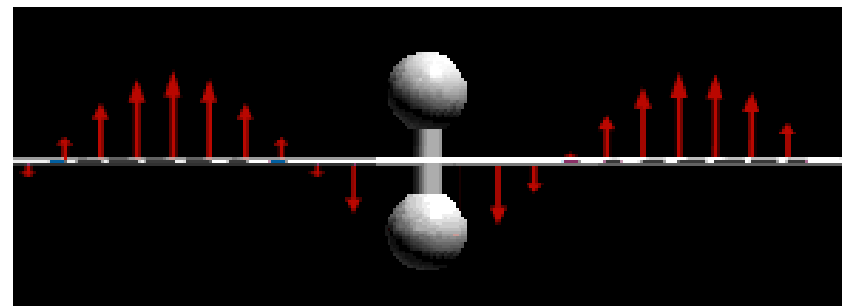
$$\frac{d\mu}{dr} \neq 0$$

For example:

H₂ always has a net zero dipole, and does not absorb infrared light.

HCl does have a dipole change as it stretches. When this dipole aligns with the electric field of a beam light, the light is absorbed (so long the frequency is correct).

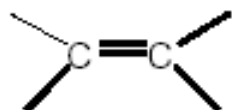
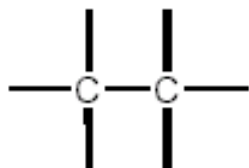
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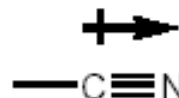
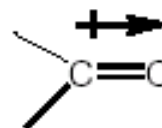
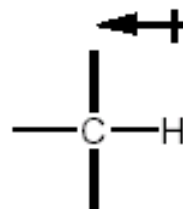
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bandes faibles



bandes intenses



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Molecules bigger than two atoms have more complicated infrared spectra:

Vibration types :

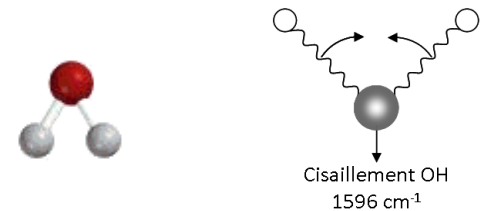
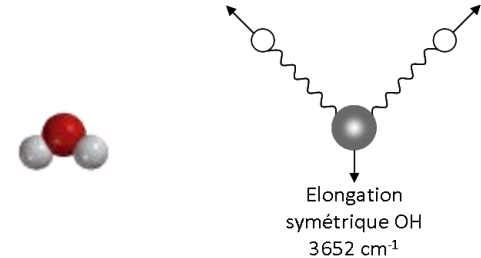
2 types of molecular vibrations :

- Stretching ν :

Movement along the covalent bond axis

- Deformation (bending) δ :

Angular movement (change in the angle between covalent bonds)

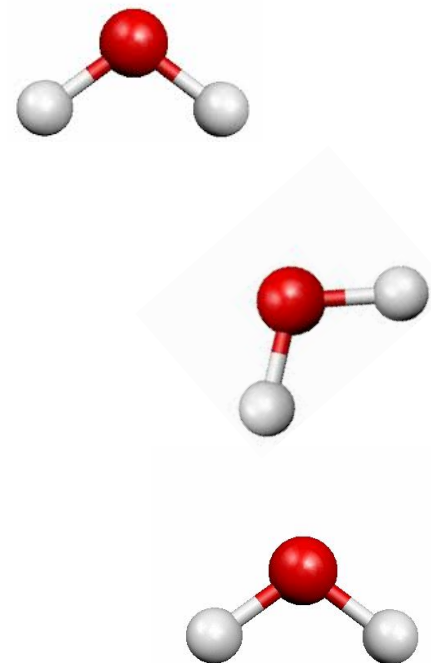


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Molecular movements :

A molecule with N atoms has $3N$ degrees of freedom:

- Translation: 3 degrees of freedom (x,y et z coordinates)
- Rotation: 3 degrees of freedom for non linear molecules
2 degrees of freedom for linear molecules
- Vibration: $3N-6$ degrees of freedom for non linear molecules
 $3N-5$ degrees of freedom for linear molecules



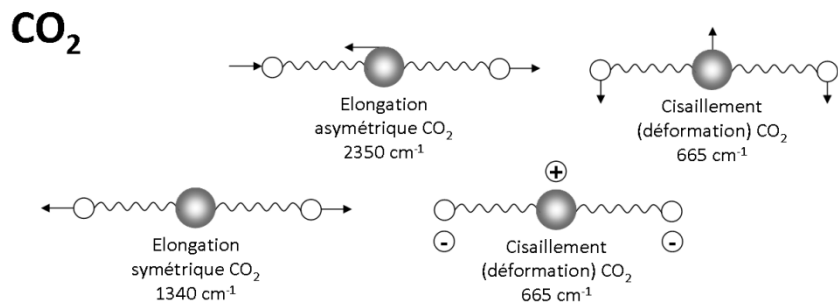
Theory of molecular vibrations

Modes of vibrations:

3N – 6 fundamental modes of vibrations
(3N – 5 pour les molécules linéaires)

CO₂

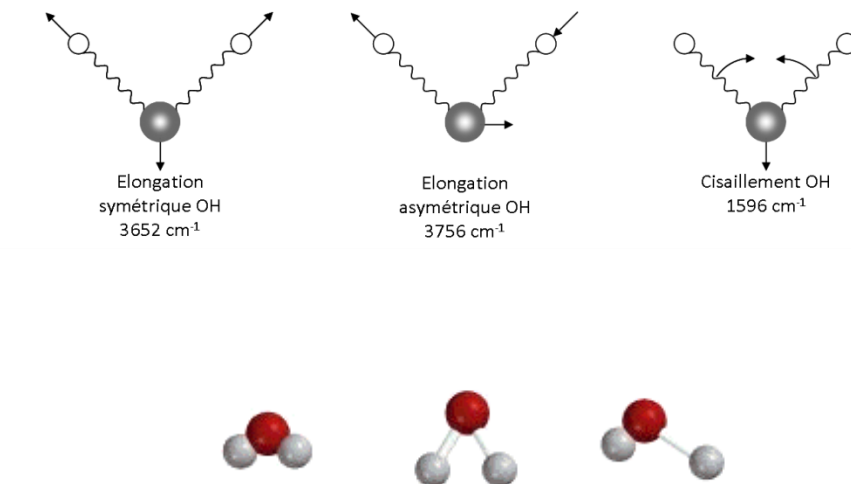
3N - 5 = 3x3 - 5 = 4 degrees of freedom



Water

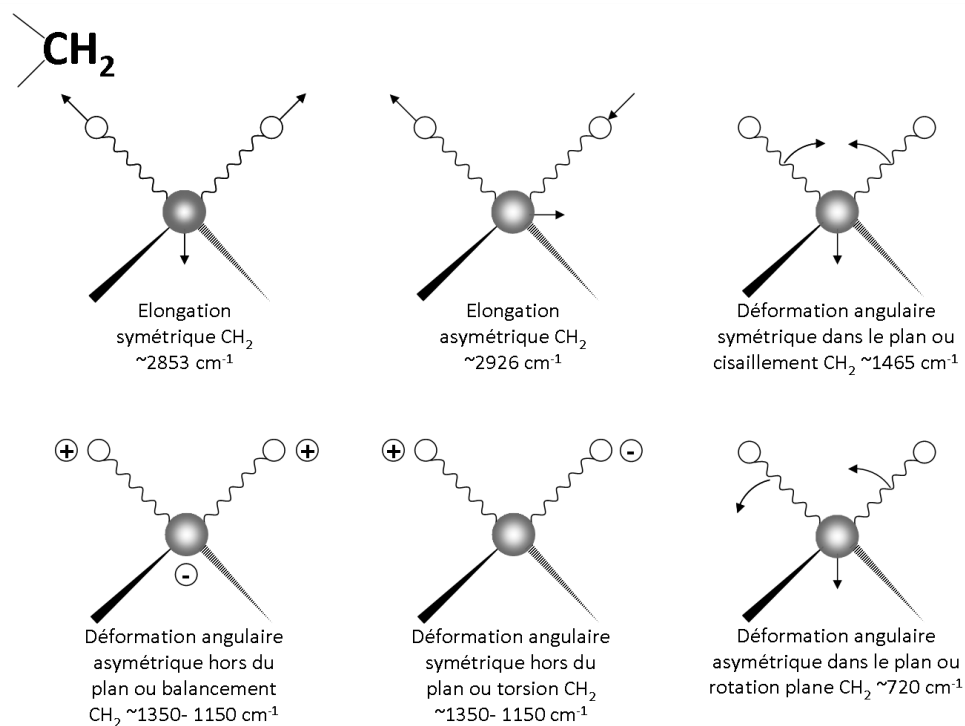
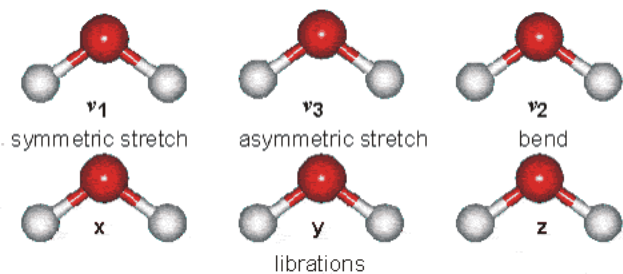
3N - 6 = 3x3 - 6 = 3 degrees of freedom

H₂O



Theory of molecular vibrations

Modes of vibrations:



Theory of molecular vibrations

Modes of vibrations:

The number of vibrations is different than the $3N-6$ ($3N-5$) fundamental modes

Increasing number of IR bands	Decreasing number of IR bands
Overtones (O): multiples of fundamental wavenumber	wavenumbers $> 4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ or $< 400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Combination bands (C): sum or difference between 2 other bands, ex: aromatic rings $2000-1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, aldehydes between $2820-2700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	Very low intensity bands « inactive » (symmetric : $\Delta v = 0$). No changes in the dipole
Mechanical coupling : (ν/ν (common atom); δ/δ (common bond) ou ν/δ) : <u>ex</u> NH_2	Coalescence of very close bands
Fermi resonance : between FV and (H or C)	


Theory of molecular vibrations

Factors influencing the vibrations wavenumbers


Hydrogen bonds

Donors: O=C-OH; OH; NH; O=C-NH

Acceptors: O; N ;Cl ; Br ; I

 Weakened heteroatom – hydrogen bond:
Shift to lower wavenumbers

Conjugation

 e⁻ delocalization of double bonds: weakened constant force
Shift to lower wavenumbers

Ex: aromatic molecules against double bonds

Ex: C=O: -aliphatic ester (1735cm⁻¹)

-phenol ester (1760cm⁻¹)

-amide (~1680cm⁻¹)

Middle infrared spectroscopy

Wavenumber

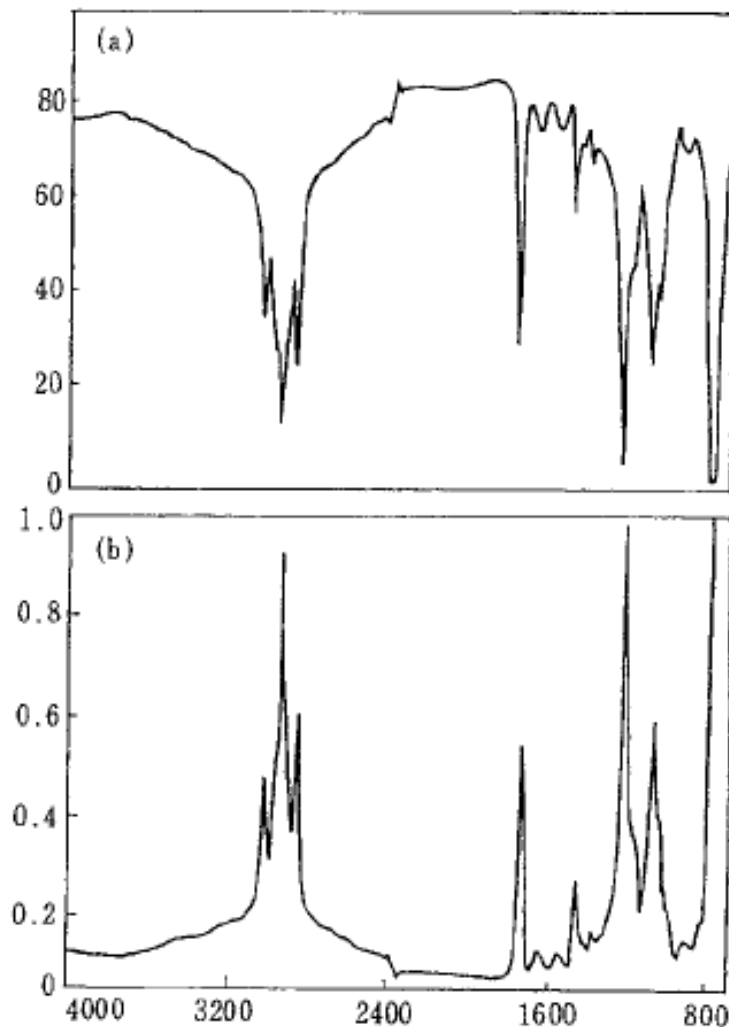
$$\bar{\nu} \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)}$$

Transmission

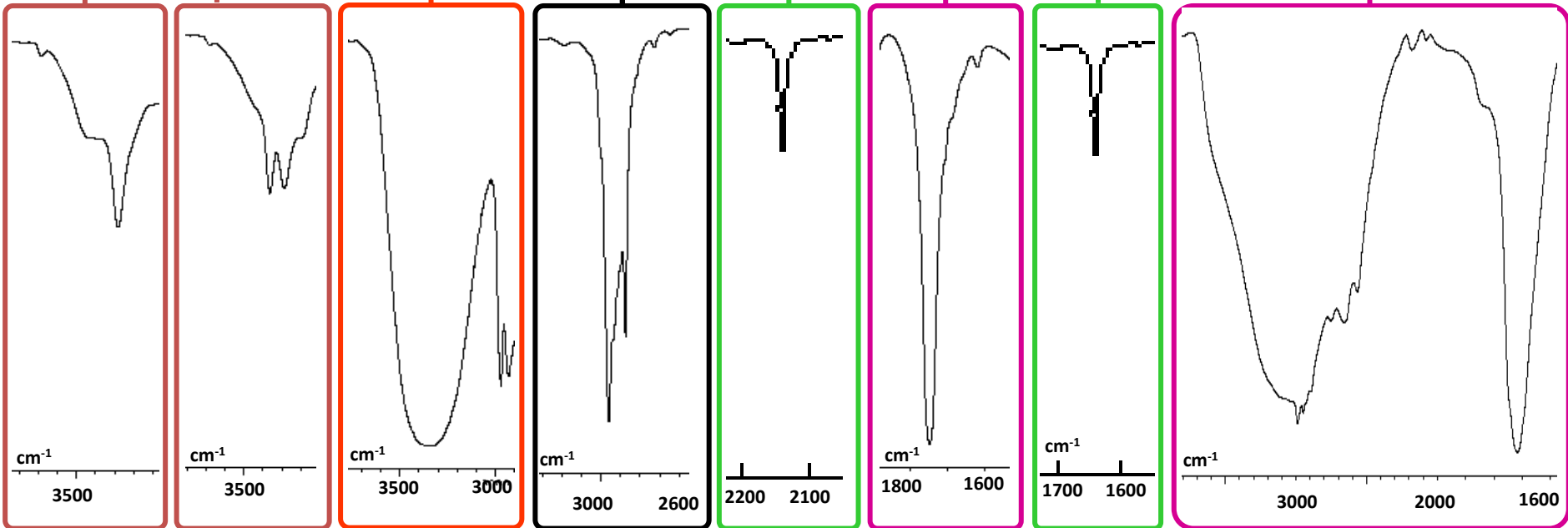
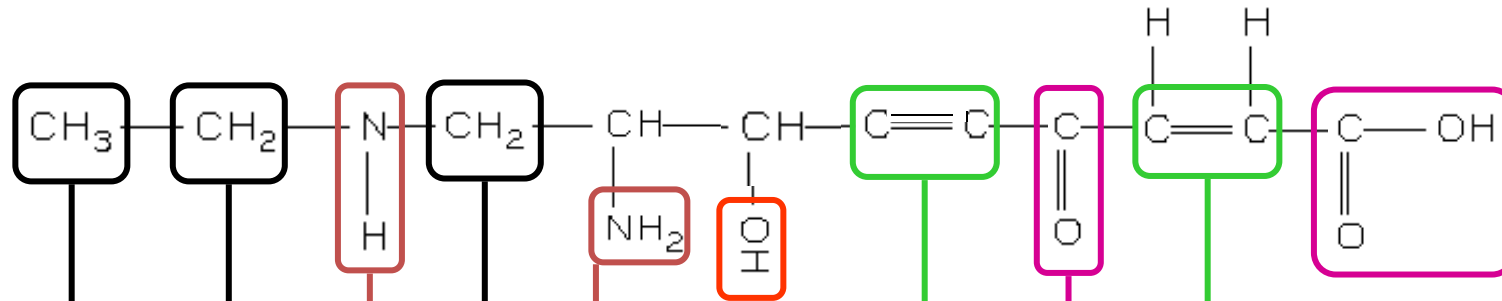
$$T = \frac{I_{\text{withsample}}}{I_{\text{withoutsample}}}$$

Absorbance

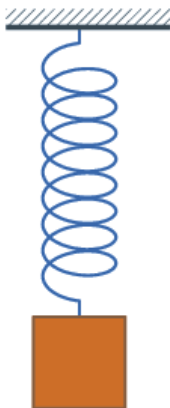
$$A = \log\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$$



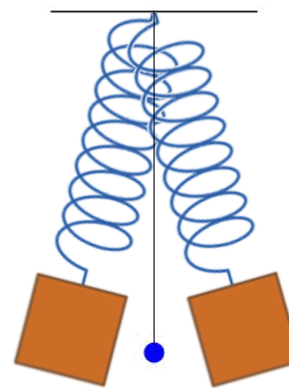
A fake infrared spectrum



ν : stretching
 δ : bending



stretching



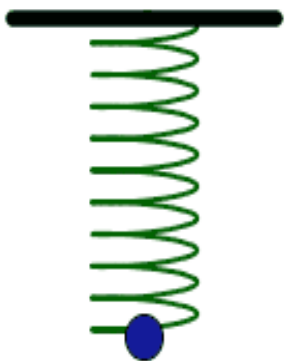
Simple Pendulum

bending

**For the same molecular
bond**

$$\delta X - Y \ll \ll \nu X - Y$$

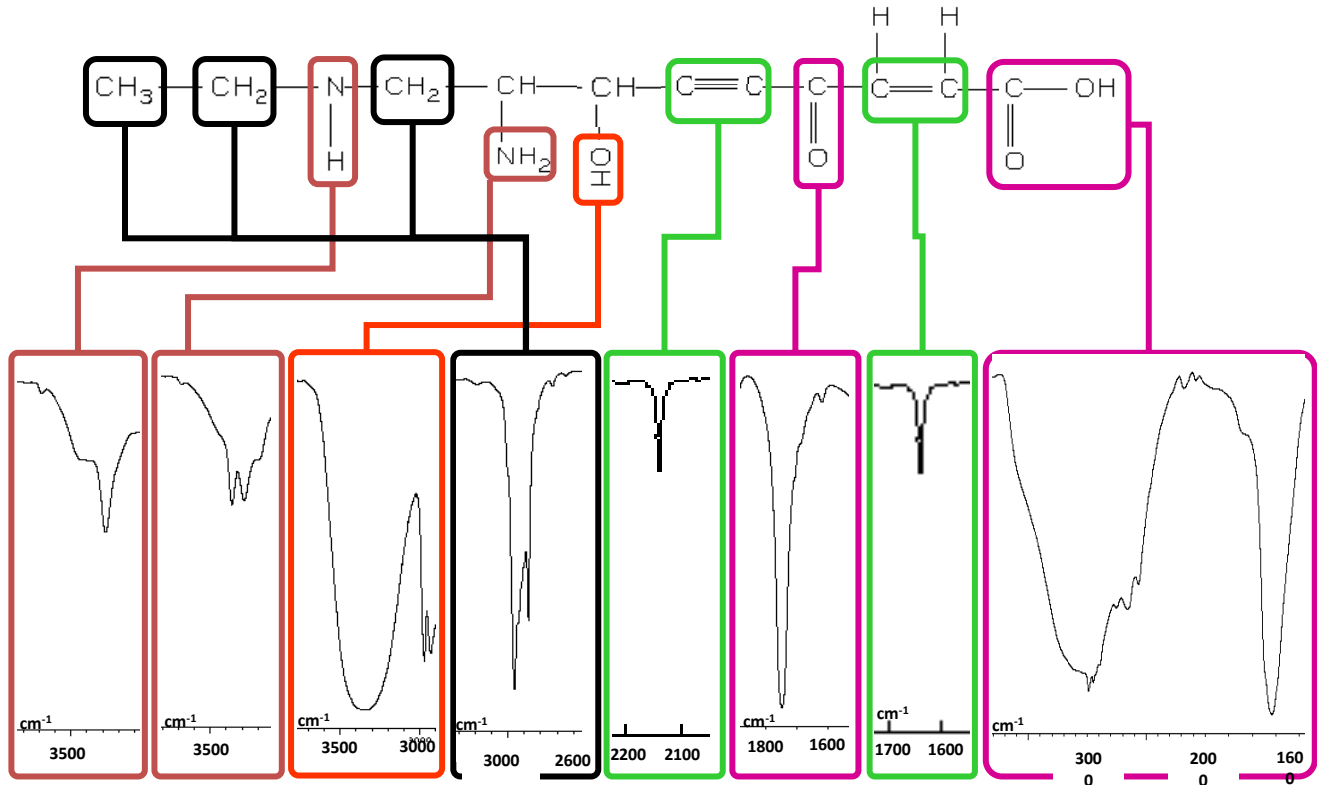
v: stretching



$$\nu_{X-H} > 2500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Stretching

Attention: this is a fake spectrum



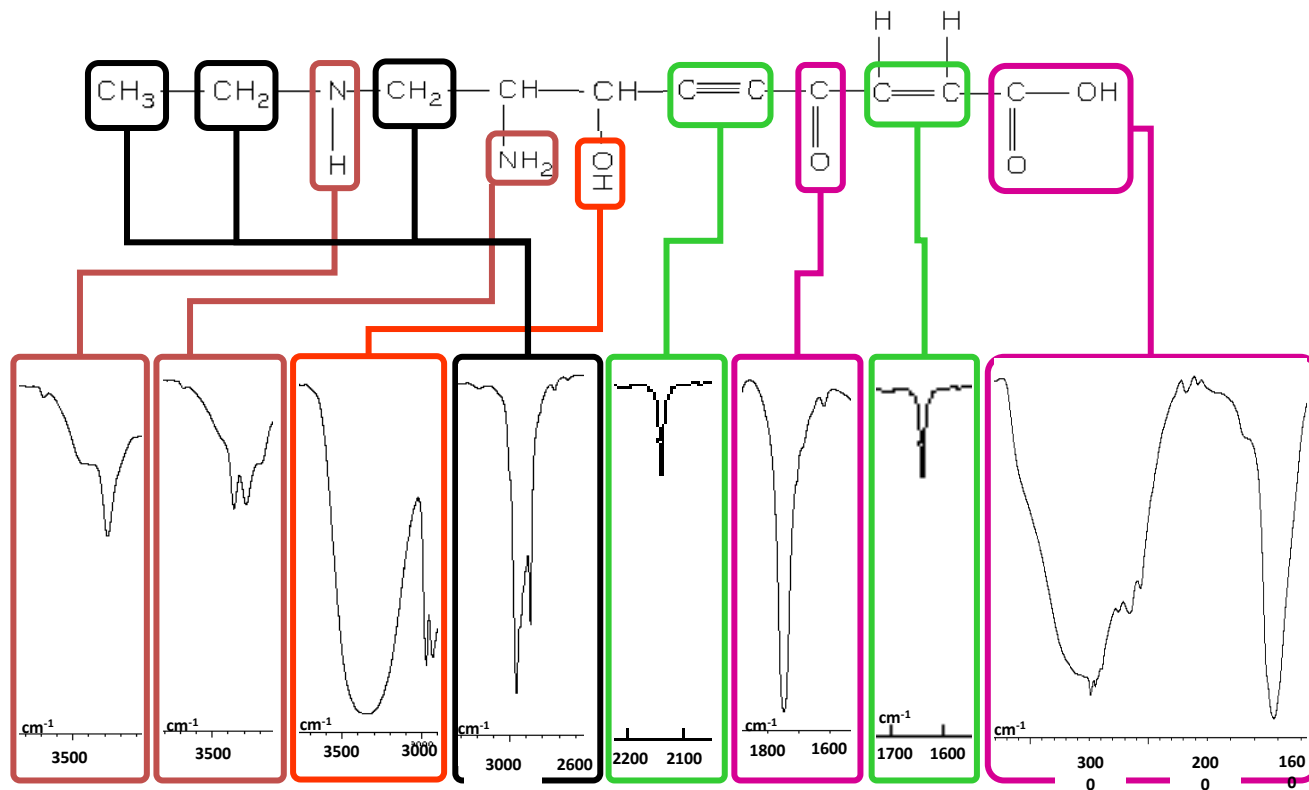
v: stretching



$$\nu_{X-Y} < 1500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Stretching

Attention: this is a fake spectrum



Quick spectral analysis

