Spectrophotometry

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Objectives

- Well understand the properties of light
- Well understand the energy levels of various kinds
- Well understand the types of spectroscopy and their origins
- Understand the application of each types of spectroscopy



Properties of Light

- Light can be considered as particles and waves
- The light wave is electric and magnetic field



 Photons: E=h(Planck's constant) υ (Frequency) h=6.626x10⁻³⁴Js)







Energy levels of a compound

- Types of energy states
 - Electronic
 - Vibrational
 - Rotational
- Energy states





Electrons on the energy state





The interaction between light and compounds

- Electrons can be excited by the absorption of light to from the lower energy level to higher energy states.
- The electrons on higher energy states will find their way back to lower energy states and give away energy in the forms of heat (relaxation) or light (called Luminescence: Fluoresecence -rapid and Phosphoresence slow).



IC: internal conversion

ISC: intersystem crossing



Two kinds of techniques

- To detect the absorption of light: absorption spectroscopy.
 - Atomic absorption, change electronic state of <u>an atom</u> e.g. from s orbital (ground) to p orbital.



 Molecular absorption, change a energy state of <u>a molecule:</u> electronic (UV-Visible), vibrational and rotational transitions (IR).



Figure 24-12 Energy-level diagram showing some of the energy changes that occur during absorption of infrared (IR), visible (VIS), and ultraviolet (UV) radiation by a molecular species. Note that with some molecules, a transition from E_0 to E_1 may require UV radiation instead of visible radiation. With other molecules, the transition from E_0 to E_2 may occur with visible radiation instead of UV radiation.



- To detect the luminescence of light (Fluorescence and Phosphorescence): emission spectroscopy
 - By external electromagnetic radiation source or by bombardment with electrons; heating in a plasma, a flame or an electric arc; irradiation with a beam of light.







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Absorption Spectroscopy

• Single beam absorption spectrophotometry



- Transmittance and absorbance
 <u>Transmittance</u> T: the fraction of the irradiance
 (P) of the original light: T=P/P₀
 Absorbance A: A=log(P₀/P)=-log T
- Bear's law: A=εbc



Example: Ultraviolet and Visible spectroscopy (UV-visible)





Example: Ultraviolet and Visible spectroscopy (UV-visible)



Fig. 10. U.v.-visible spectra of soluble Mn(III) species; solid line for 37% discharge; dashed line for 37% on recharge of 2e capacity of a CM MnO, electrode.



Fig. 11. The change of optical absorption spectrum of Mn(m) species with percentage discharge in the discharge process at a CM $MnO_2/Lonza$ graphite mixture (1:4).

Standard 1-cm path











Analysis using UV-Visible

- Bear's law: $A=\sum \varepsilon_i bc_i$
- Find the wavelength for unique and maximum absorption
- Generating calibration curve
- Measure the unknowns
- Calculate the concentration out of calibration curve





Luminescence





Luminescence

- Excitation spectrum: variable excitation wavelength and detect the strength of fix wavelength of emission light
- Emission spectrum: fix wavelength for excitation wavelength and detect the full spectrum of emission light



Atomic Absorption





Atomic Spectroscopy

- Sample is vaporized and the substance is decomposed into atoms in a flame, furnace, or plasma (when a gas is hot enough e.g. 6000K, it will contain ions and free electrons). The concentration and types of atoms in the vapor are measured by emission or absorption of the unique
 - Atomic absorption
 - Atomic emission
 - Atomic fluorescence



Origin of the atomic spectroscopy



Figure 28-1 Origin of three sodium emission lines.







Atomic spectroscopy





Atomic Absorption (AA)





Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP)-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy





Infrared Absorption (IR)







Types of IR spectrometers

- Dispersive Infrared Instrument: doublebeam layout – wavelength by wavelength with monochromator.
- Fourier Transform Instruments
 - Detect all the wavelengths all the time with interferometer which produce interference patterns that contain the infrared spectral information.







Interferometer



Figure 25F-6 Diagram of a Michelson interferometer. A beam from the light source at left is split into two beams by the beam splitter. The two beams travel two separate paths and converge on the detector. The two beams *A'* and *B* converge in the same region of space and form an interference pattern. As the movable mirror on the right is moved, the interference pattern shifts across the detector and modulates the optical signal. The resulting reference interferogram is recorded and used as a measure of the power of the incident beam at all wavelengths. An absorbing sample is then inserted into the beam, and a sample interferogram is recorded. The two interferograms are used to compute the absorption spectrum of the sample.



Interference between Beam A' and Beam B



Image at output

Figure 25F-7 A two-dimensional representation of the interference of two monochromatic wavefronts of the same frequency. Beam *A*' and beam *B* at the top form the interference pattern in the middle, and the two wavefronts constructively and destructively interfere. The image shown at the bottom would appear at the output of the Michelson interferometer perpendicular to the plane of the two-dimensional interference pattern.



Advantages of FTIR

- Better speed
- Sensitivity
- Light-gathering power
- Accurate wavelength calibration
- Simpler mechanical design



Infrared Absorption Spectroscopy

- Powerful tool for identifying pure organic and inorganic compounds – qualitative
 - IR can excite vibrational and rotational transitions.
- Less satisfactory for quantitative purpose





Figure 26-20 Infrared spectrum for *n*-butanal (*n*-butyraldehyde). The vertical scale is plotted as transmittance, as has been common practice in the past. The horizontal scale is linear in wavenumbers, which is proportional to frequency and thus energy. Most modern R spectrometers are capable of providing data plotted as either transmittance or absorbance on the vertical axis and wavenumber or wavelength on the horizontal axis. IR spectra are usually plotted with frequency increasing from right to left, which is a historical artifact. Early IR spectrometers produced spectra with wavelength increasing from left to right, which led to an auxiliary frequency scale from right to left. Note that several of the bands have been labeled with assignments of the vibrations that produce the bands. (Data from NIST Mass Spec Data Center, S.E. Stein, director, "Infrared Spectra" in NIST Chemistry WebBook, NIST Standard Reference Database Number 69, P.J. Linstrom and W. G. Mallard, Eds. March 2003, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 [http://webbook.nist.gov].)



Mass Spectroscopy and Separation



Separation of charged species







Quadrupole MS





Ion Trap MS





Time of Fly





Electrospray





(a)

Electrospray







Resolving power





Chromatography



FIGURE 22-5 The idea behind chromatography: solute A, with a greater affinity than solute B for the stationary phase, remains on the column longer. Panel *f* is a reconstruction of the separation of pigments from red paprika skin from the work of L. Zechmeister in the 1930s. Bands marked by horizontal lines are different pigments. The lower stationary phase is Ca(OH)₂ and the upper stationary phase is CaCO₃. [Panel *f* from L. S. Ettre, "The Rebirth of Chromatography 75 Years Ago," *LCGC* 2007, *25*, 640.]





FIGURE 22-1 Partitioning of a solute between two liquid phases.









RP-HPLC Separation of a Tryptic Digest of BSA



