

Atomic and Molecular Physics

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Lecture Topic

Molecular Spectroscopy

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Please see the video lecture at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2DQ_OxJ2Og

Outline

Questions that comes in our mind ?

What is the term Spectroscopy?

What does light do to the molecules?

How can you produce a molecular spectrum?

What information does the molecular spectrum give?



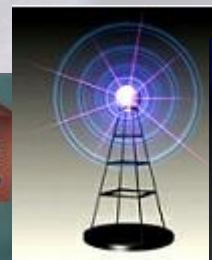
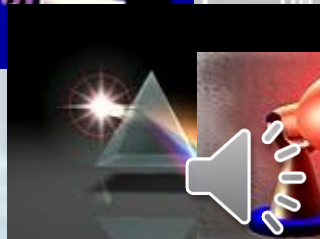
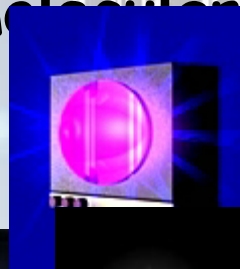
What we achieve?

Understanding of:

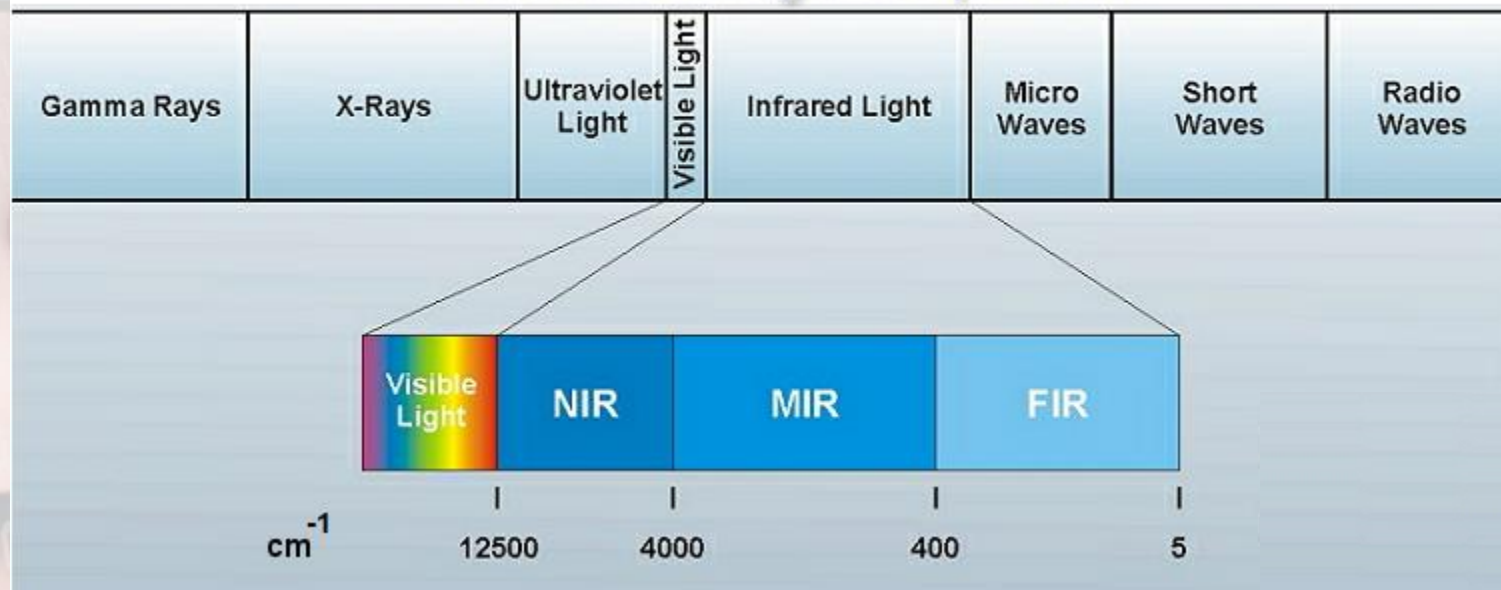
- How light interacts with molecules
- Molecular Energy States
- How to use spectroscopy to quantitatively characterize molecule
- How to extract molecular information

SPECTROSCOPY

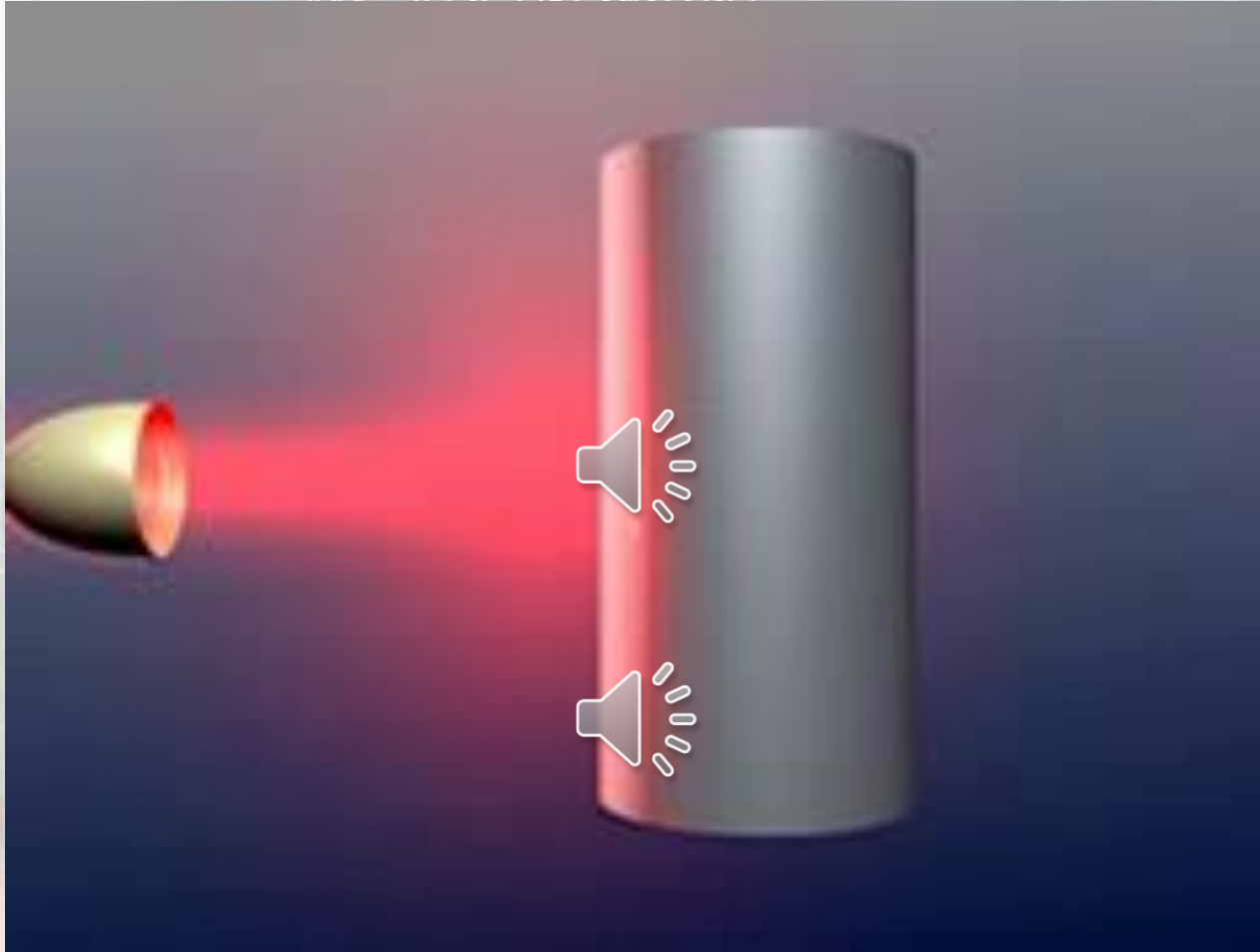
Spectroscopy is the study of electromagnetic spectra - the wavelength composition of light - due to atomic and molecular interactions.



The electromagnetic spectrum

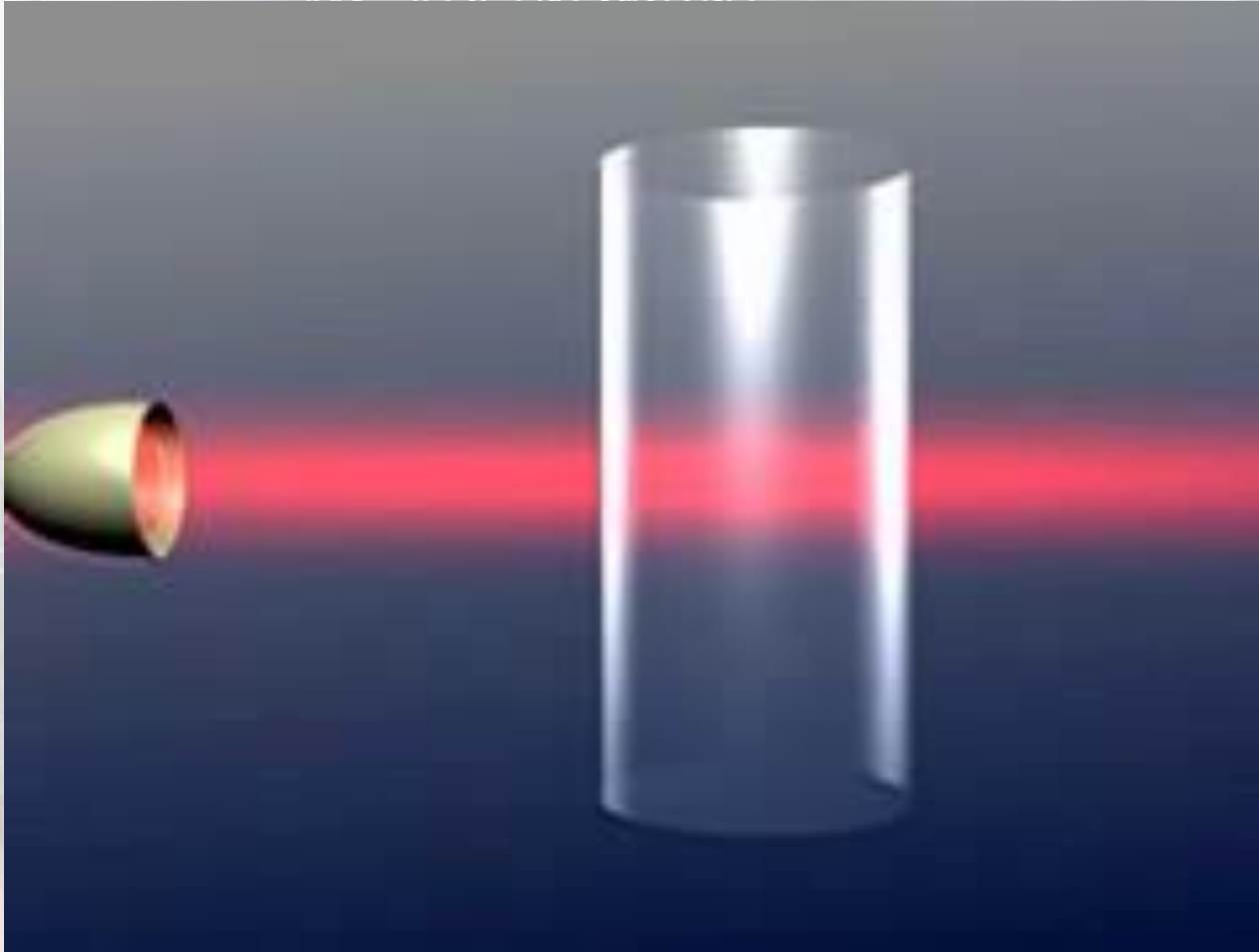


Interaction of radiation with matter



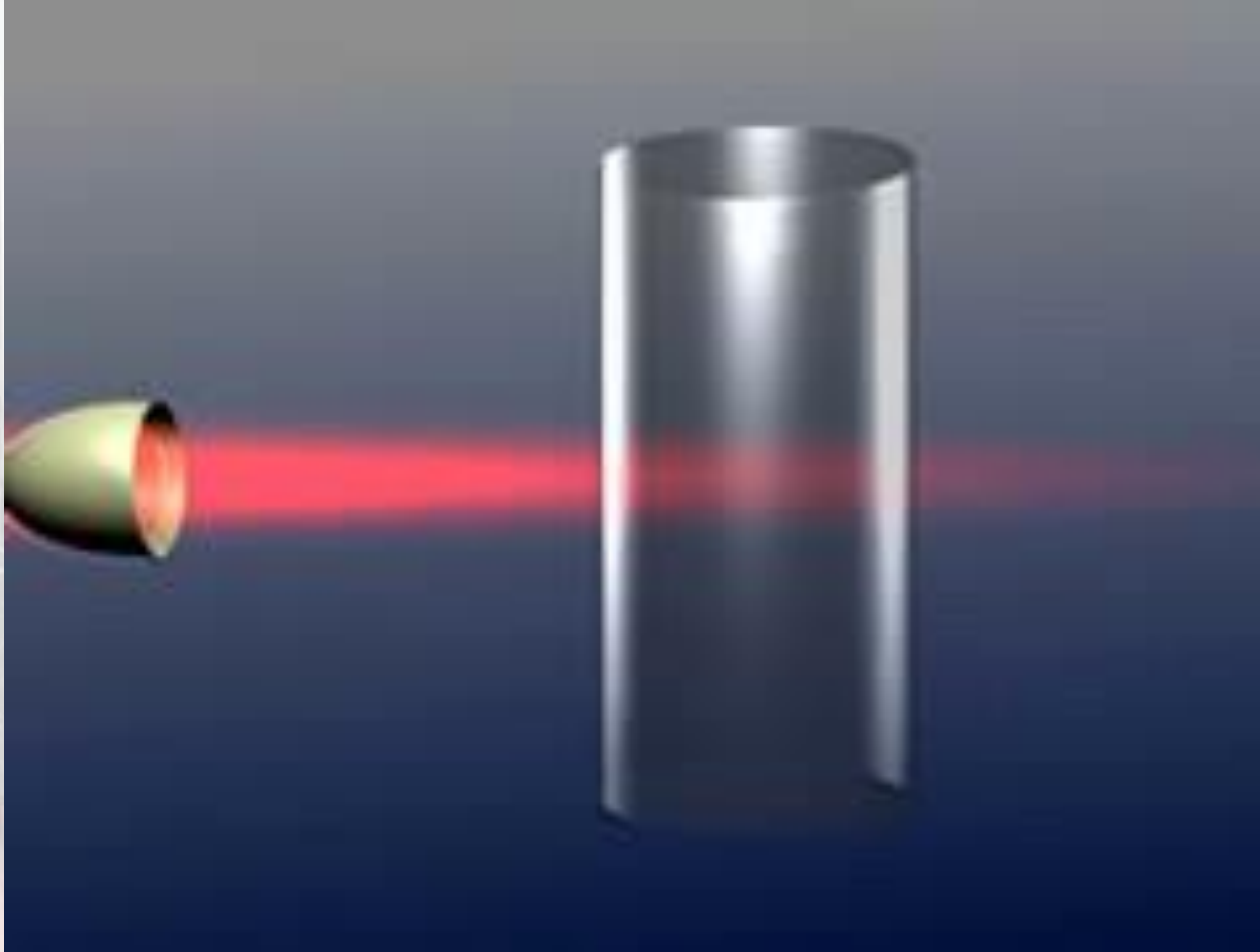
Reflection

Interaction of radiation with matter



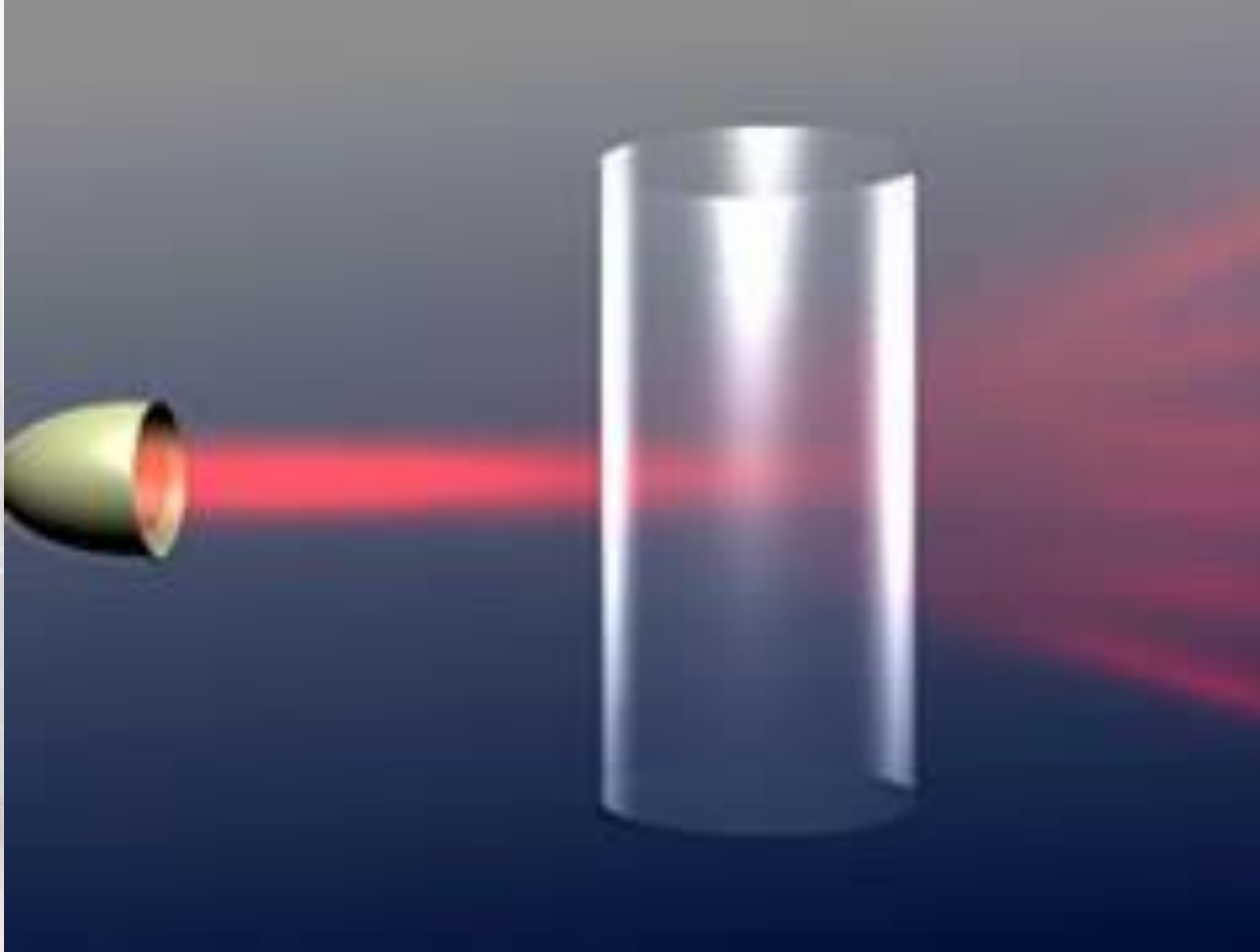
Transmission

Interaction of radiation with matter



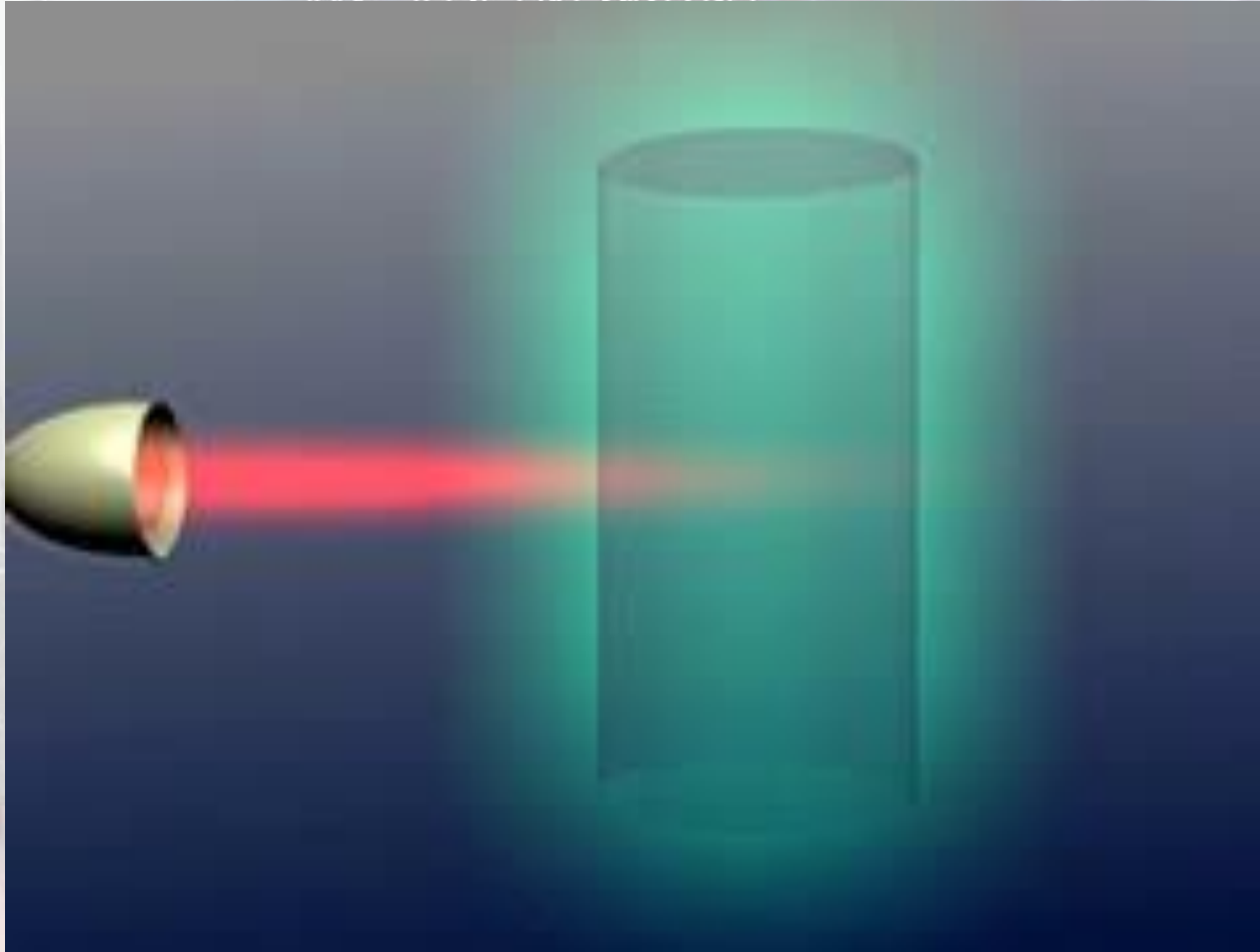
Absorption

Interaction of radiation with matter



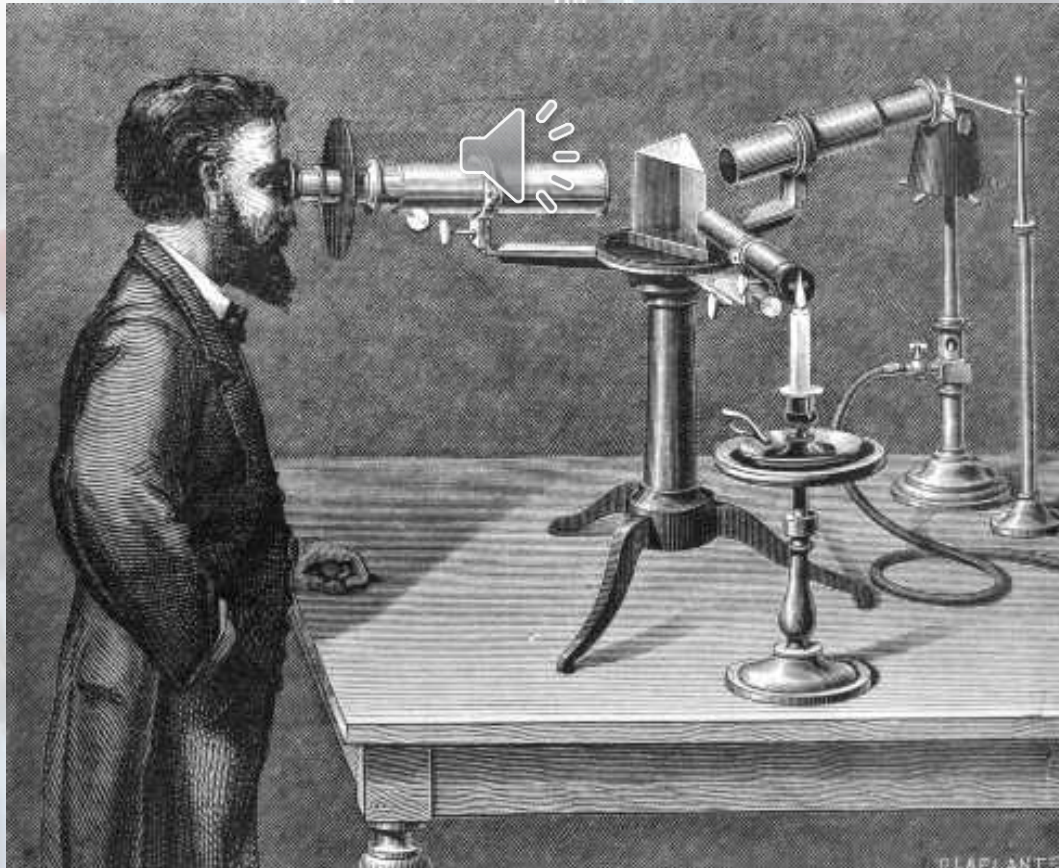
Scattering

Interaction of radiation with matter

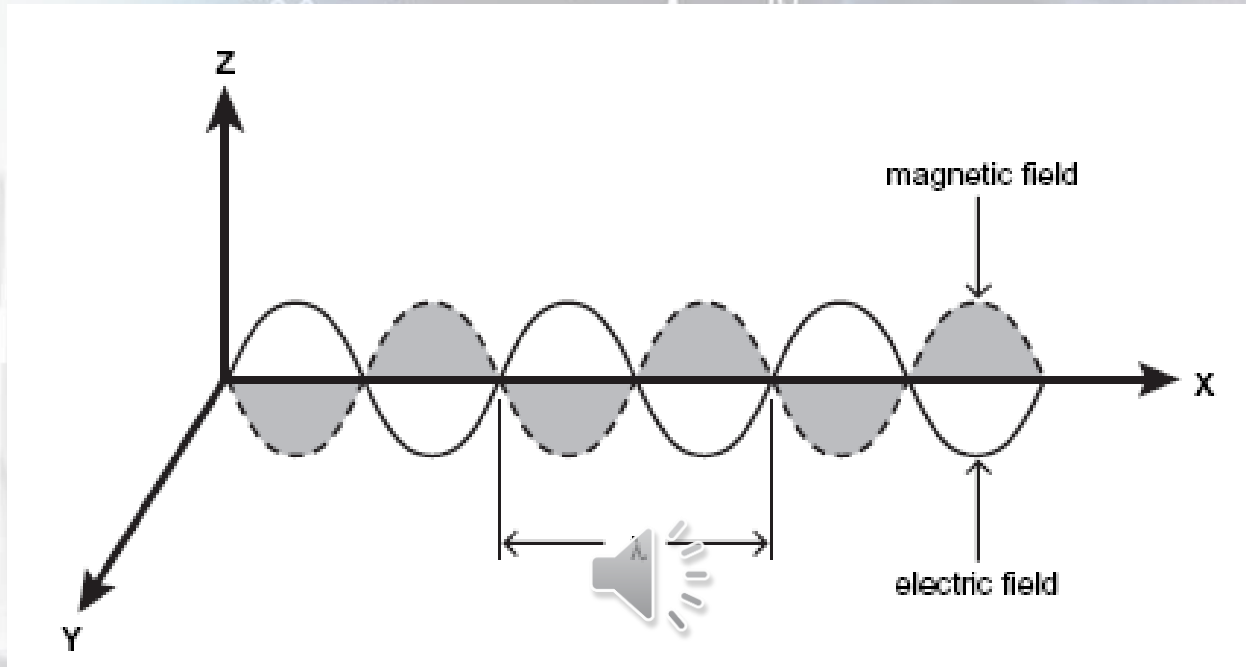


Photoluminescence

Spectroscopy is the study of matter (atom or molecule or any substance) by investigating light, sound, or particles that are absorbed, emitted or scattered by the matter under investigation with the help of spectroscopic instruments



Light : Electromagnetic Radiation



$$E = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$B = B_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi\nu$$

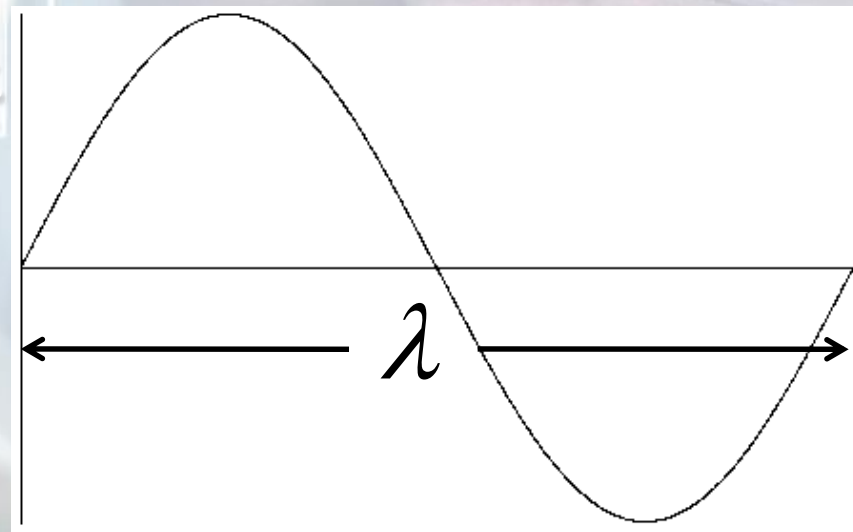
Energy of Photon

$$E = h\nu = h \frac{c}{\lambda} = hc\tilde{\nu}$$

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$c = 2.997 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

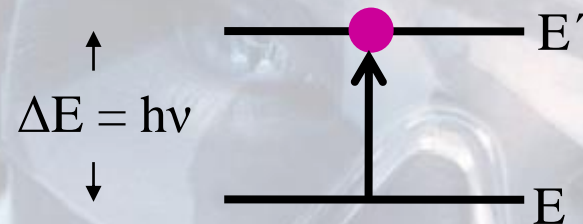
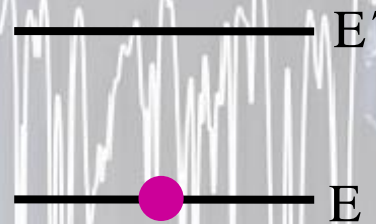
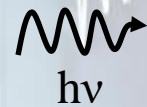
Wave frequency $\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}$



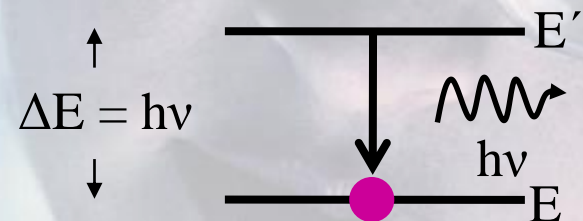
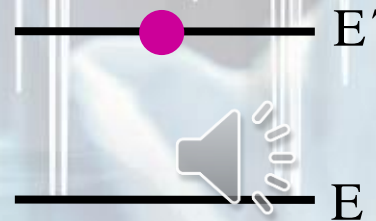
$$\text{Wavenumber (cm}^{-1}\text{)} \quad \tilde{\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda(\text{cm})}$$

Molecular Interaction with Light

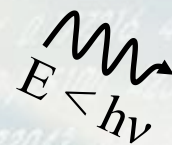
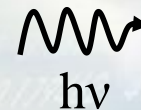
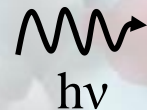
Absorption



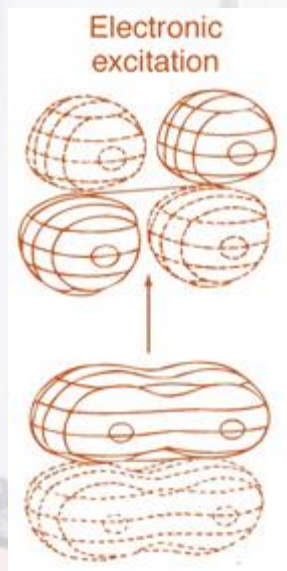
Emission



Scattering



Molecular Energy States

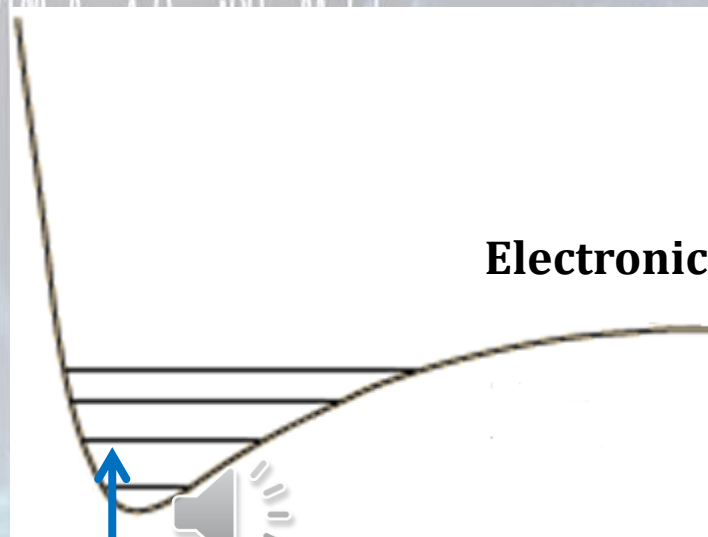


Electronic transition
(in visible
or UV)

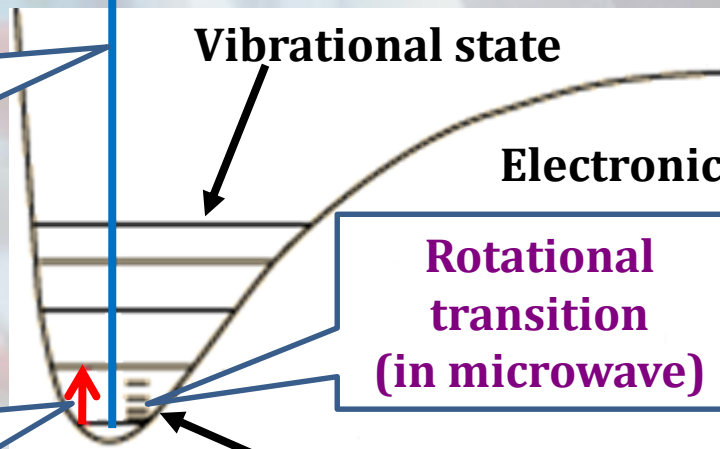


Vibrational transition
(in infrared)

Energy



Electronic excited state



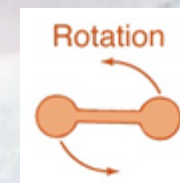
Vibrational state

Electronic ground state

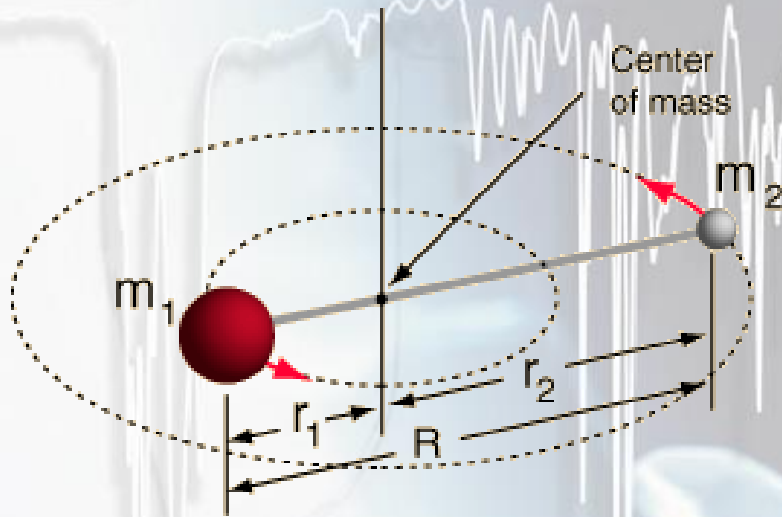
Rotational transition
(in microwave)

Rotational state

Internuclear Separation

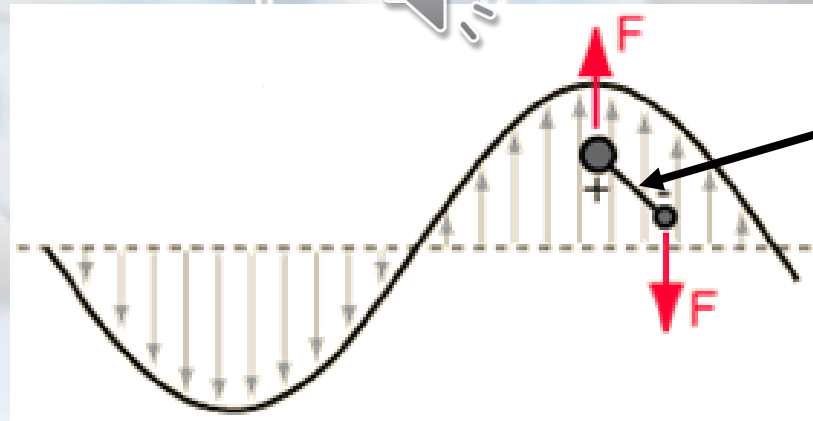


Molecular Rotation in Diatomic Molecule



$$I = \mu R^2$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$



**Permanent
dipole moment**

**The electric field of an electromagnetic wave
exerts a torque on a electric dipole**

Molecular Rotational Energy

$$E = \frac{1}{2} I \omega_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega_z^2$$

Angular momentum $L = I\omega$

$$E = \frac{L_x^2}{2I_x} + \frac{L_y^2}{2I_y} + \frac{L_z^2}{2I_z}$$

$$H\psi = \frac{L^2}{2I} \psi = \frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2I} \psi$$



J is Rotational Quantum Number

$$E = \frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2I}$$

$$F(J) = \frac{E}{hc} = BJ(J+1) \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \text{For rigid rotor}$$

$$B = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 cI}$$

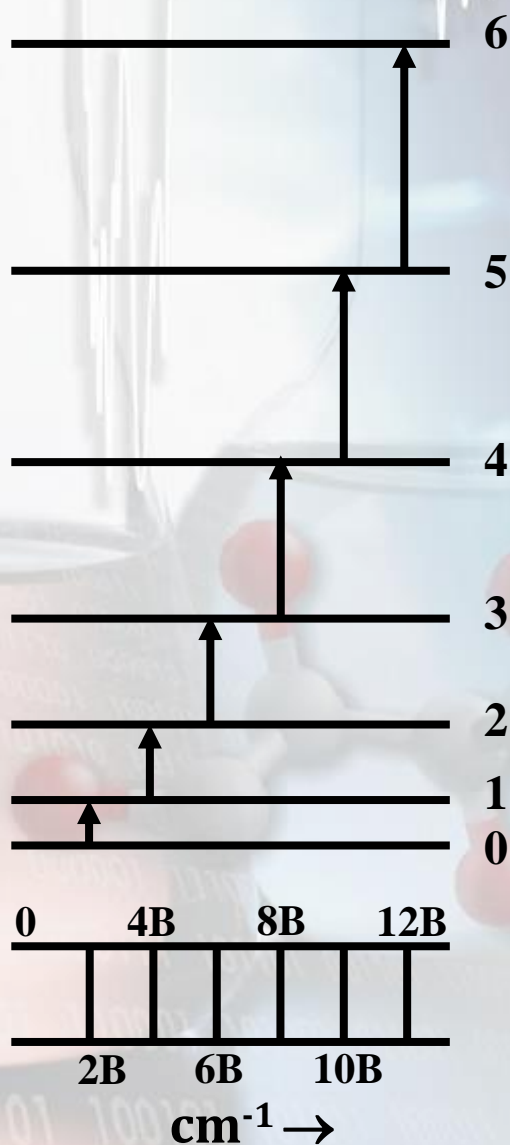
$$F(J) = \frac{E}{hc} = BJ(J+1) - DJ^2(J+1)^2 + \dots \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \text{For non-rigid rotor}$$

B is Rotational constant and **D** is centrifugal distortion constant

Rotational Energy Level

Rigid Rotor

$$F(J) = BJ(J + 1) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$



Non-Rigid Rotor

$$F(J) = BJ(J + 1) - DJ^2(J + 1)^2 \dots \text{cm}^{-1}$$



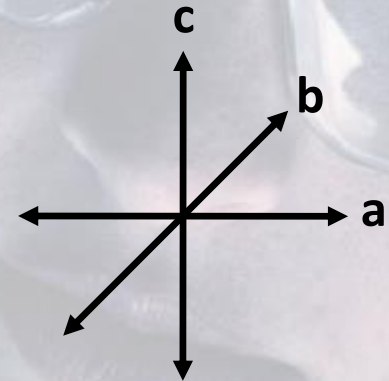
Selection Rule
 $\Delta J = \pm 1$

Molecular Rotation in Polyatomic Molecule

The rotational spectra of molecules can be classified according to their principal moments of inertia

$$I = \sum_i M_i R_i^2$$

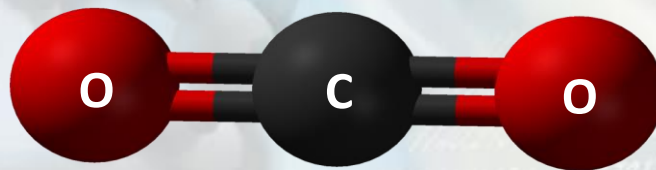
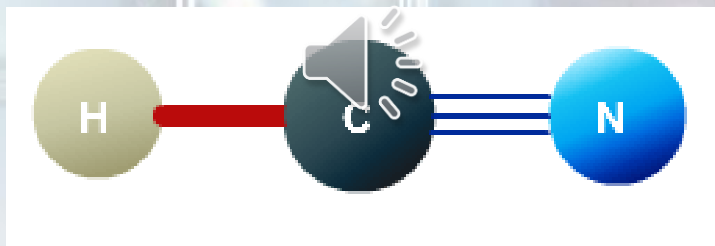
$$I_c \geq I_b \geq I_a$$



The particular pattern of energy levels and hence the transitions in the rotational spectrum for a molecule is determined by its symmetry. Based on the symmetry of their structure, molecules are divided into four different classes.

Linear molecules

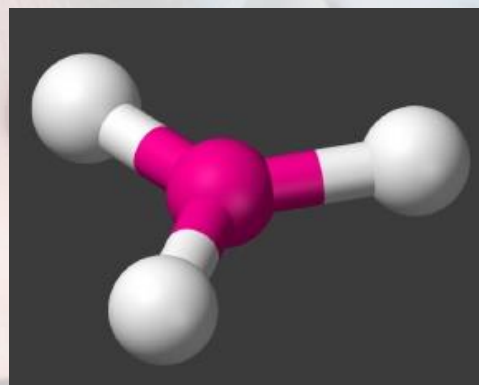
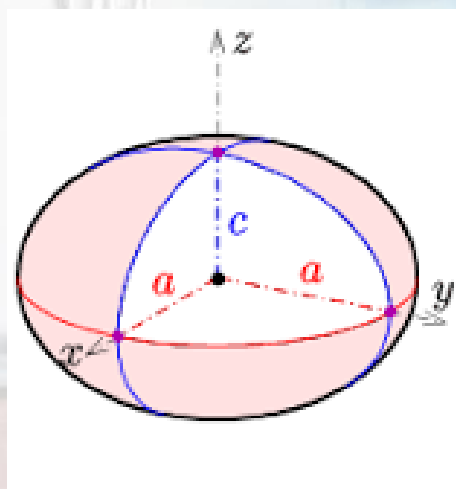
$$I_c = I_b \geq I_a = 0$$



Symmetric top

$$I_c > I_b = I_a$$

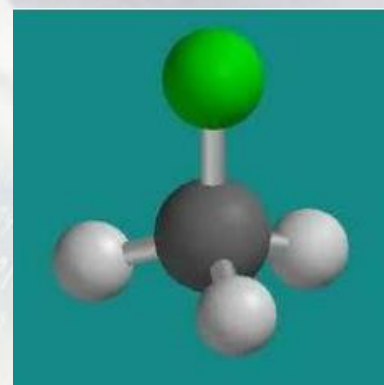
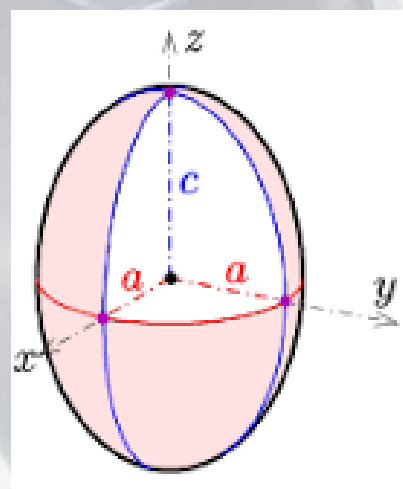
Oblate



BF₃

$$I_c = I_b > I_a$$

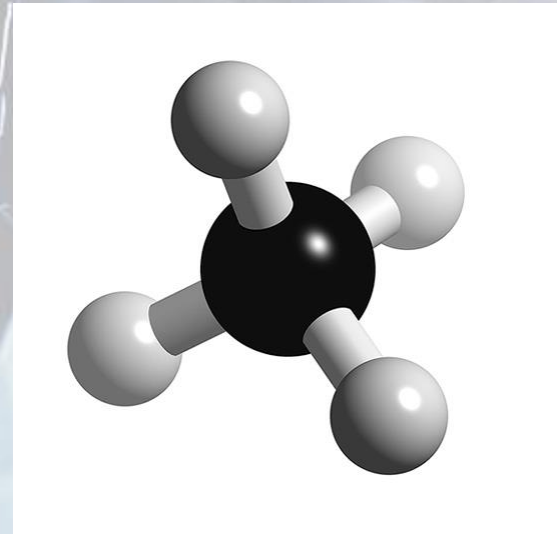
Prolate



CH₃Cl

Spherical top

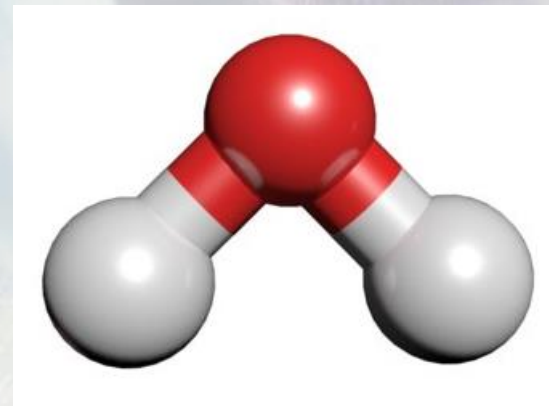
$$I_c = I_b = I_a$$



CH₄

Asymmetric top

$$I_c \neq I_b \neq I_a$$



H₂O

Books for Further Reading

1. Fundamentals of Molecular Spectroscopy by C. N. Banwell (McGraw Hill)
2. Basic Atomic & Molecular Spectroscopy by J. M. Hollas (Royal Society of Chemistry)

References:

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/index.html>

Bruker application notes

Thank you

