

What is Spectroscopy?



spectroscopy was defined as the study of the interaction between radiation and matter as a function of wavelength .

1- During a spectroscopy experiment, electromagnetic radiation of a specified wavelength range passes from a source through a sample containing compounds of interest,

2- resulting in absorption or emission. During absorption, the sample absorbs energy from the light source.

3- During emission, the sample emits light of a different wavelength than the source's wavelength.

4-In absorption spectroscopy, the sample's compounds are excited by the electromagnetic radiation provided by a light source.

5-Their molecules absorb energy from the electromagnetic radiation, become excited, and jump from a low energy ground state to a higher energy state of excitation.

6-A detector, usually a photodiode, on the opposite side of the sample records the sample's absorption of wavelengths, and determines the extent of their absorption.

7-The spectrum of a sample's absorbed wavelengths is known as its absorption spectrum, and the quantity of light absorbed by a sample is its absorbance

Each molecule within a sample will only absorb wavelengths with energies corresponding to the energy difference of the present transition.

- In simpler terms, this means that a molecule that jumps from ground state 1 to excited state 2, with an energy difference of ΔE , will allow other wavelengths to pass through until it can absorb radiation from a wavelength that corresponds to ΔE .

Absorption that occurs due to an energy difference between the two states is called an absorption line, and a collection of absorption lines creates an absorption spectra Absorption : Is a situation where some components of - .the light (colors) are retained or absorbed

Transmission: Refers to the situations where some - portions of the light permitted to pass through a given medium.

Refraction: It is defined as a sudden change in the direction of the beam when the light passes from one medium to another with a different physical density.



What is Spectroscopy Used For?

Spectroscopy is used

- 1- in physical and analytical chemistry to detect, determine, or quantify the molecular and/or structural composition of a sample.
- 2- Spectroscopy uses these characteristics to deduce and analyze the composition of a sample.

Examples of Spectroscopy Applications

- Determining the atomic structure of a sample
- Determining the metabolic structure of a muscle
- Monitoring dissolved oxygen content in freshwater and marine ecosystems
- Studying spectral emission lines of distant galaxies
- Altering the structure of drugs to improve effectiveness
- Characterization of proteins
- Space exploration
- Respiratory gas analysis in hospitals.

Spectrometer Components

1-Light Sources
2-Non-dispersive Elements
3-Dispersive elements - Prisms.
4-Dispersive elements - Diffraction Gratings
Beer's and Lambert's Law

Beer's Law: The relative amount of a certain wavelength of light absorbed (A) that passes through a sample is dependent on:

1. Distance of the light must pass through the sample (cell path length (b)).

2. Amount of absorbing chemicals in the sample (analyte concentration (c)).

3. Ability of the sample to absorb light (molar absorptivity (E)

Where: A = absorbance (no units)

b = cell path length (cm)

c = concentration of analyte (mol/L)

E = molar absorptivity (L/mole-cm)

Beer's Law, the relative amount of light making it through the sample (I/Io) is known as the transmit.

T=I/Io

Where:

T: Transmittance

I: Intensity of light

Io: Initial intensity of light

Beer's Law is followed only if the following conditions are met:

• Incident radiation on the substance of interest is monochromatic.

• Solvent absorption is insignificant compared to solute absorbance.

• Solute concentration is within given limits.

• An optical interferant is not present.

• The chemical reaction does not occur between the molecule of interest and another solute or solvent molecule.

Beer's and Lambert's Law:

Most colorimetric analytical tests are based on Beer's-Lambert's law which states that under the correct conditions the absorbance of a solution, when measured at the appropriate wavelength, is directly proportional to its concentration and the length of the light path through the solution using a standard. This law can be applied to measuring the concentration of a substance in an unknown (test) solution by using the formula:

Concentration of test (Ct =) absorbance of test (AT)\absorbance of standard * Concentration of standard(CS)

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- Light Transmission (T) = I/I0 = 10-ELC
- I0: Light Intensity entering a sample.
- I: Light Intensity exiting a sample.
- C: The concentration of analyst in sample.
- L: The length of the light path in glass sample cuvette.
- E: a constant for a particular solution and wave length.