FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

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OUTLINE

- History of IR Radiation and FTIR
- General Information about IR Spectroscopy
- Types of IR Spectrometers
- Sample Preparation
- Instrumentation
- Applications of FTIR

Goals of presentation;

To give general information

- about differences between IR spectrometers
- about FTIR theory

History of IR and FTIR spectroscopy

- Chemical IR spectroscopy was emerged as a science in 1800 by Sir William Herschel
- Firstly most IR instrumentation was based on prism or grating monochromators
- Michelson invented interferometer in 1881

- In 1949 Peter Fellgett obtained the first IR spectrum by using FTIR spectrometer
- In 1960s commercial FTIR spectrometers appeared
- In 1966 Cooley-Tukey developed an algorithm, which quickly does a Fourier transform

What is Spectroscopy?

Spectroscopy deals with interactions between matter and energy

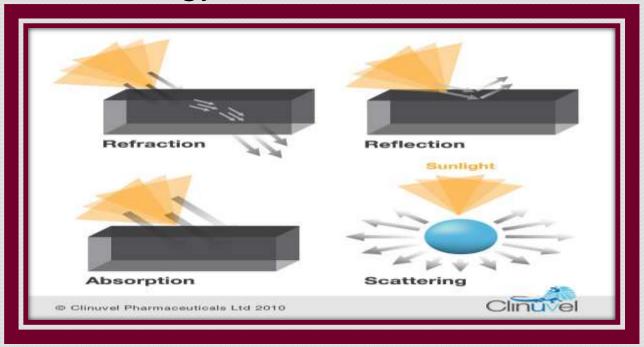


Figure 1: interaction between matter and energy

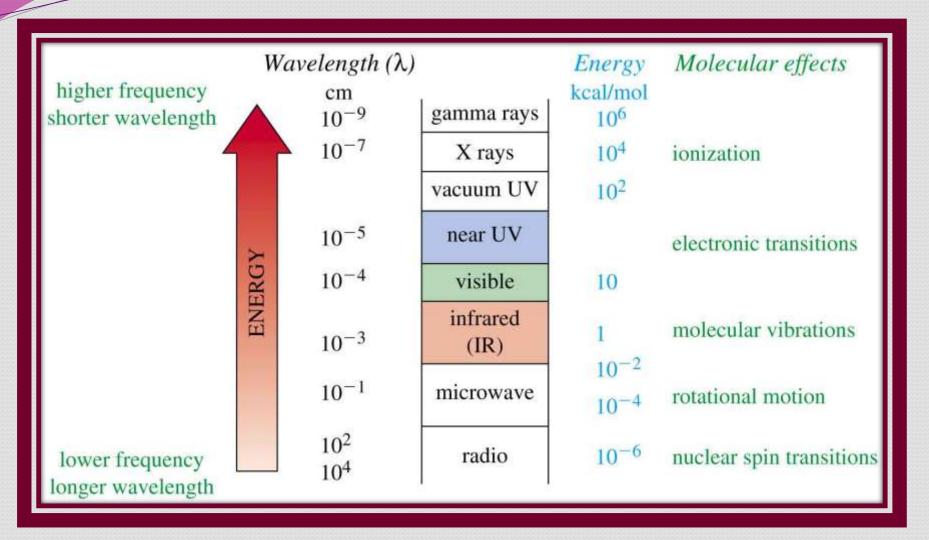


Figure 2 : electromagnetic spectrum

Motion of atoms and molecules --- IR radiation

higher temperature

motion

more IR radiation emission



Figure 3: human body at normal body temperature

Vibrations of Molecules

Symmetrical stretching	Antisymmetrical stretching	Scissoring
Rocking	Wagging	Twisting

Absorption of IR Radiation

- > Net change in molecules' dipol moment
- > Equivalence in frequencies

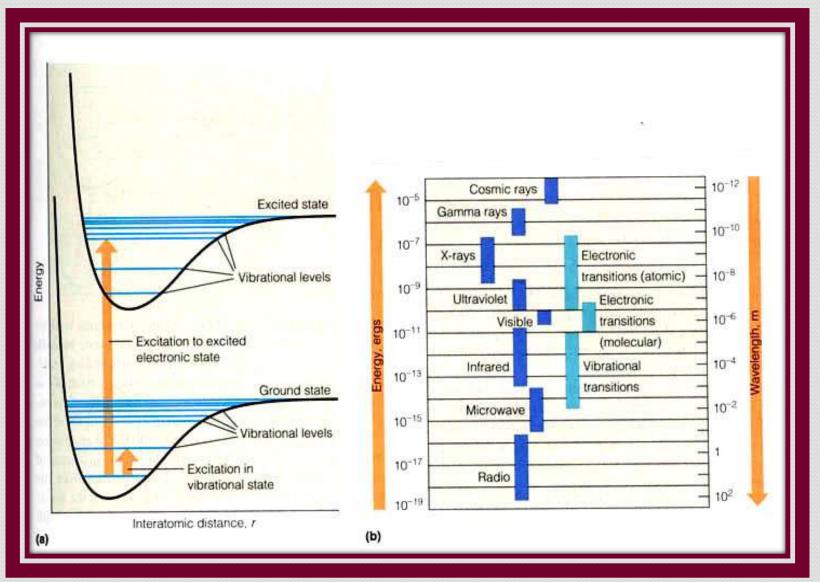


Figure 4: vibration energy levels of molecules

The spectrum tells us;

The infrared spectrum for a molecule is a graphical display

The spectrum has two regions:

- ❖ The fingerprint region 600-1200 cm⁻¹
- ❖ Functional group region 1200-3600 cm⁻¹

- determining structures of compounds
- identifying compounds

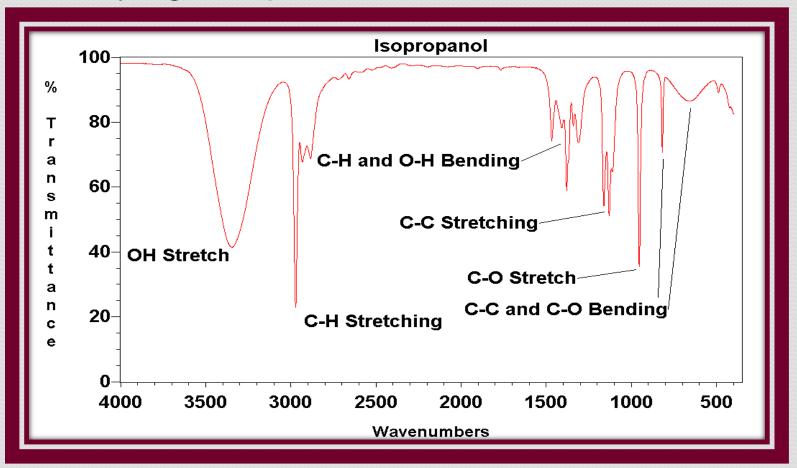


Figure 5: infrared spectrum of isopropanol

Two types of instrumentations are used to obtain IR spectrum;

- Dispersive Type
- Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR)

Dispersive Type Spectrometer

Having a filter or grating monochromator

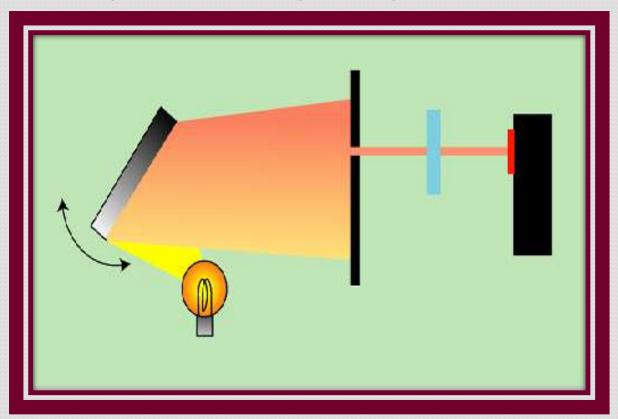


Figure 6 : dispersive type spectrometer instrumentation

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer

- collecting an interferogram
- simultaneously measuring
- acquiring and digitizing the interferogram
- outputing the spectrum

Why FT-IR spectroscopy?

- Non-destructive technique
- Good precision
- No external calibration
- High speed
- Signal-Noise ratio
- Mechanically simple

What information can FT-IR provide?

- Identify unknown material
- Determine quality or consistency of sample
- Determine amount of components in mixture

Sample Preparation

Gaseous samples Long pathlength to compensate for the diluteness

Liquid samples

Can be sandwiched between two plates of a salt

- sodium chloride
- potassium bromide
- calcium fluoride

> Solids

- KBr pellet
- Nujol mull
- Dissolving in organic solvent(CCI₄)



Figure 7: preparation KBr pellet

INSTRUMENTATION

1. Radiation Sources

Black-body radiation

- Nernst filament (ZrO and some other rare earth oxides)
- Globar (Si-C)
- Ni-Cr wire
- Heated ceramic
- Mercury lamp

2. The Interferometer

- spectral encoding
- resulting interferogram signal obtains

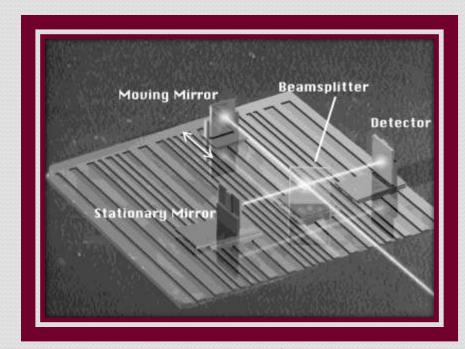


Figure 8 : an interferometer

How does it work?

- 1. Dividing the radiation into two beams
- 2. One of them goes to fixed mirror
- 3. Other one goes to movable mirror
- 4. Recombining
- 5. Sending to detector

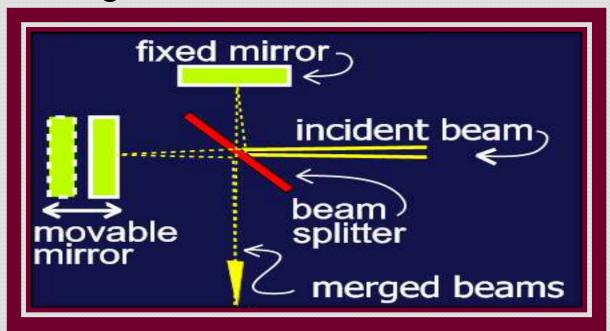


Figure 9: ligth travel in interferometer

- δ =0 or δ = $n\lambda$ constructive interference
- $\delta = \lambda/2$ or $\delta = (n + 1)\lambda/2$ destructive interferences

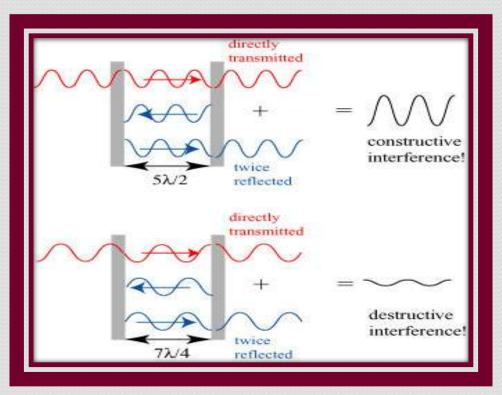


Figure 9 : constructive-destructive interfrence of waves

Interferogram: Name of the signal which has time domain and occurs as a result of constructive interferences.

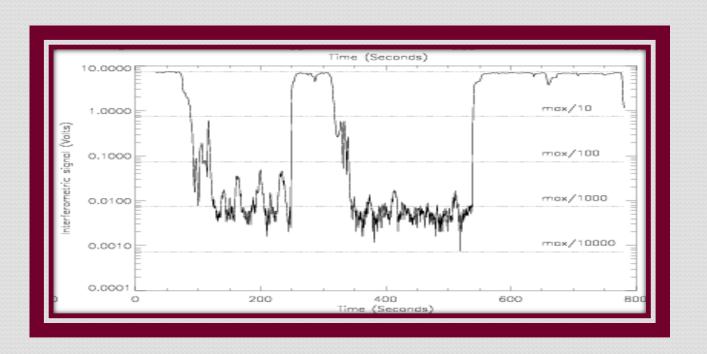


Figure 11: an interferogram example

A Fourier transform converts the time domain to the frequency domain with absorption as a function of frequency.

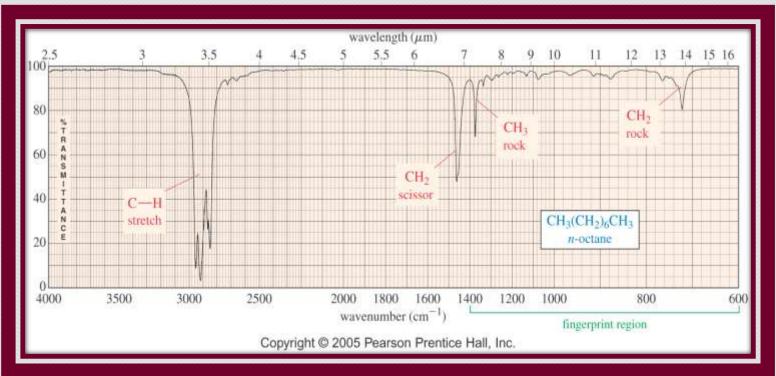


Figure 12: example of spectrum that is converted by fourier transform

3. Detectors

The beam finally passes to the detector

Thermal detectors

- Thermocouples
- Bolometer

Photoconducting detectors

most sensitive detectors.

❖Pyroelectric detectors

- much faster response time
- insulator material
- Triglycine sulphate

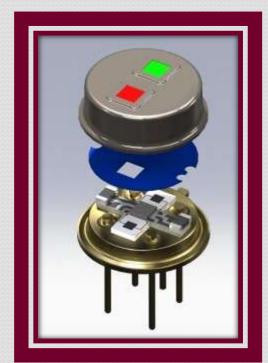


Figure 13: pyroelectricc detector

4.The Computer

The measured signal is digitized and sent to the computer where the Fourier transformation takes place.



Figure 14: FTIR spectrometer

The Sample Analysis Process

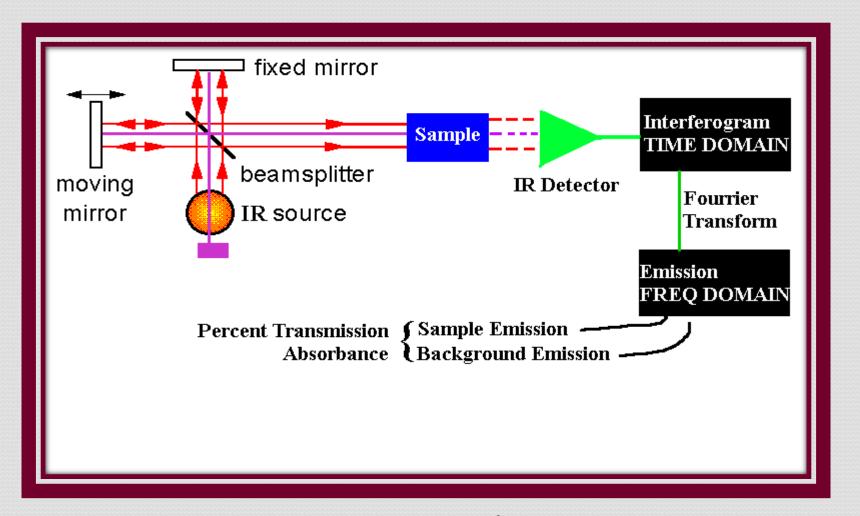


Figure 15: FTIR spectrometeranalysis process

Applications of FT-IR

- Pharmaceutical research
- Forensic investigations
- Polymer analysis
- Lubricant formulation and fuel additives
- Foods research
- Quality assurance and control
- Environmental and water quality analysis methods
- Biochemical and biomedical research coatings and surfactants

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