

# Lecture 3: Energy of Electromagnetic Waves and Spectra, Rate of Chemical Reaction and Energy

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## **Week 11; 30<sup>th</sup> June: Experiment 7**

Determination of concentration by absorption photometry (Lambert – Beer law)

## **Week 12; 7<sup>th</sup> July: Experiment 8**

Absorption spectra of bromothymol blue (BTB) at different pH

## **Week 13; 14<sup>th</sup> July: Experiment 9**

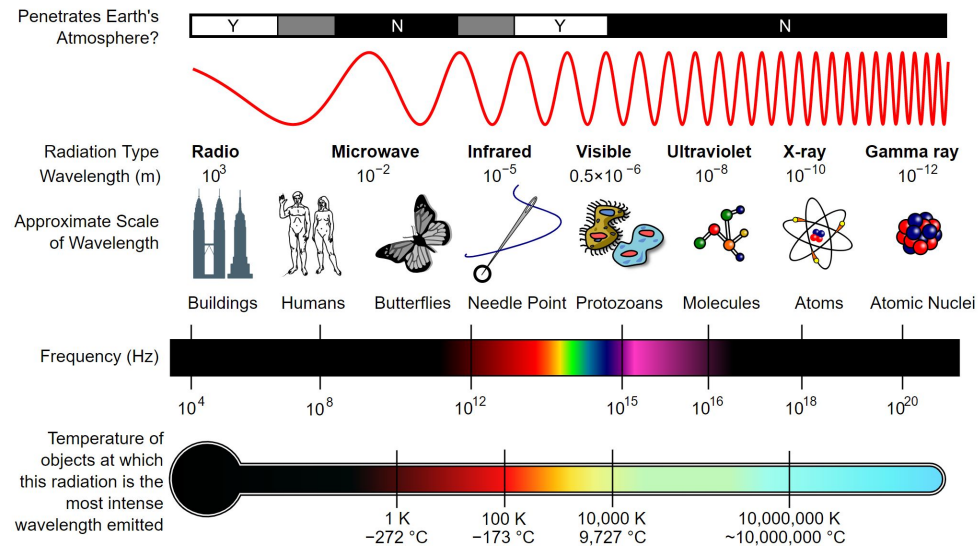
Chemical oscillation reactions (online only)

# Chapter 5: Energy of Electromagnetic Radiation And Spectra

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# Spectra of Various Light Sources (skip)

**Main theme:** In this experiment, you will study the relation between color, wavelength and energy of light.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electromagnetic\\_spectrum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electromagnetic_spectrum)

Wavelength  $\times$  Frequency = Speed

$$\lambda(\text{m}) \times \nu (\text{s}^{-1}) = c(\text{m s}^{-1})$$

$c$ : the rate of travel of all electromagnetic energy in a vacuum and is a **constant exact** value—speed of light.

$c = 2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , usually rounded off to  $3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

A beam of light behaves as if it were a stream of small particles, called photons, whose energy ( $E$ ) is related to their frequency,  $\nu$  (or wavelength,  $\lambda$ )

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

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

Planck's constant

Unit:

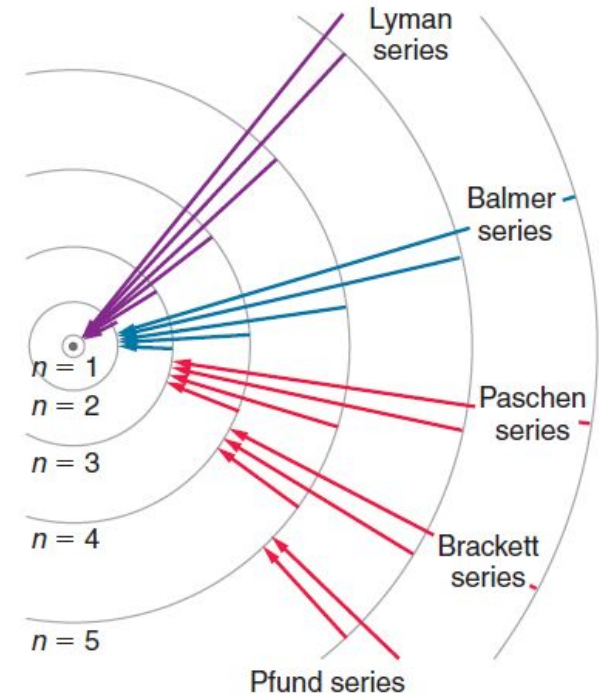
$$\text{J s} \times \text{s}^{-1} = \text{J}$$

Sometimes in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

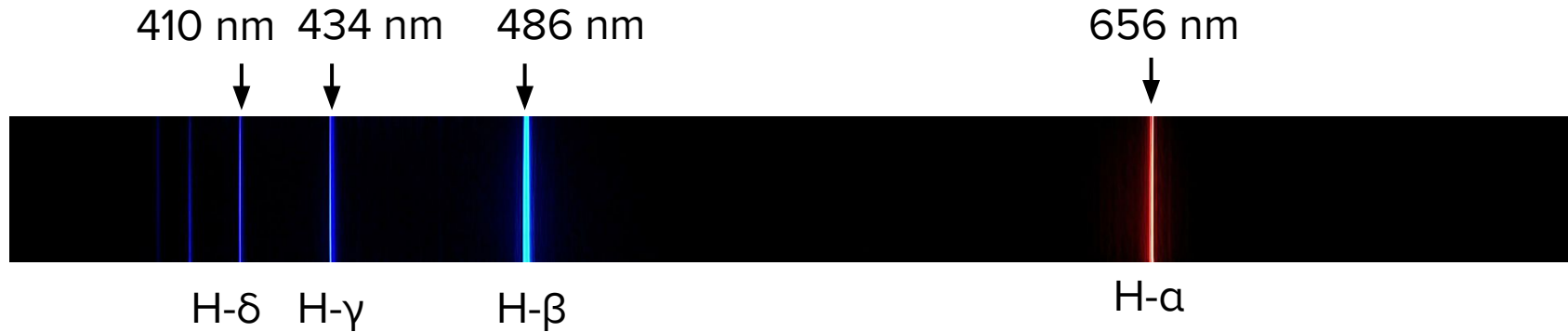
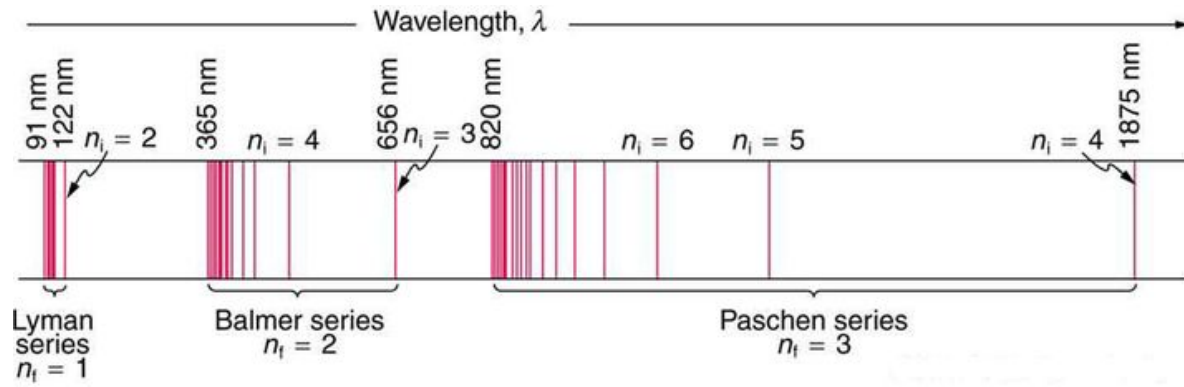
(Energy of 1 photon)

(Energy of  $N_A$  photons)

**Line Spectrum:** A series of discrete lines on an otherwise dark background as a result of light emitted by an excited atom



Line Spectra and the Bohr Model. (2021, November 8).  
<https://chem.libretexts.org/@go/page/21730>



The “visible” H emission spectrum lines in the Balmer series.



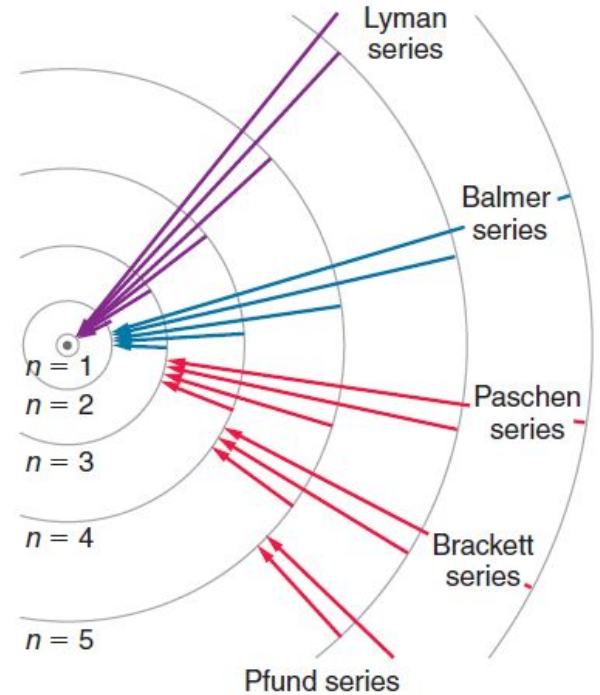
# Rydberg formula (1888)

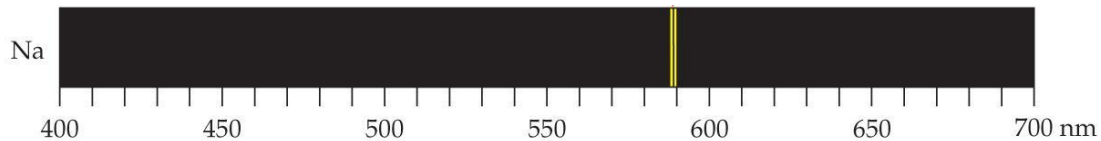
$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$$

Rydberg constant for hydrogen  
 $109677 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

principal quantum number

$$n_2 > n_1$$



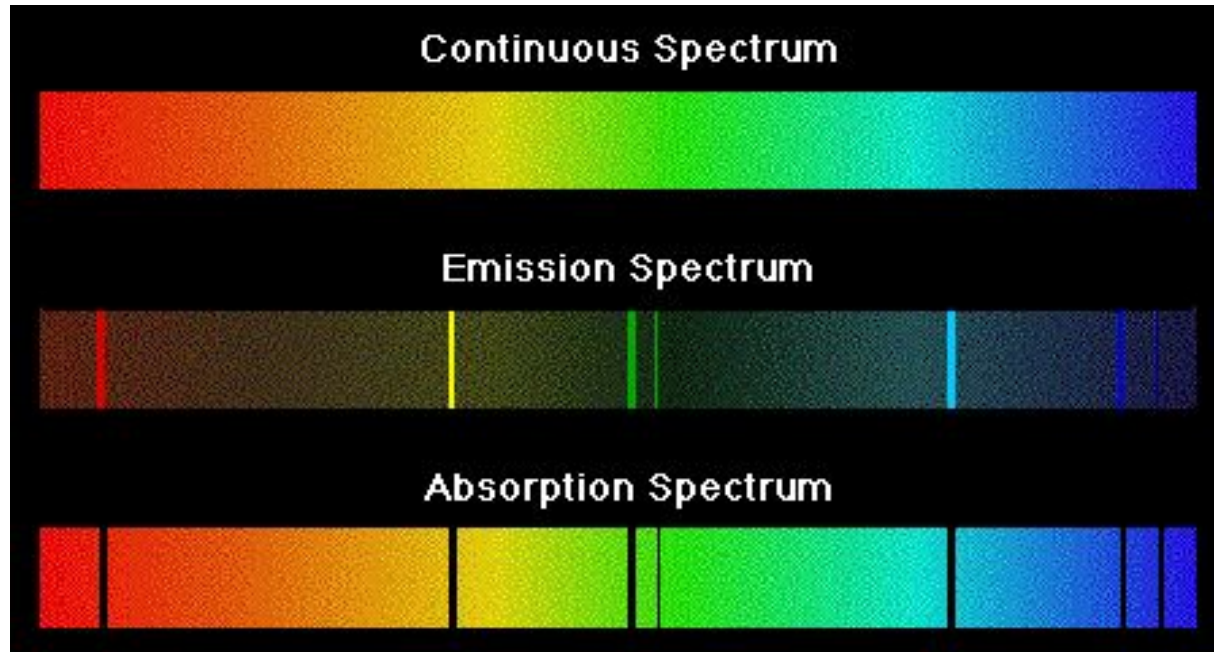


Emission spectrum of atomic sodium



each element has its own unique spectral “signature”

The Bohr Atom. (2015, September 24).  
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Absorption vs. emission spectra

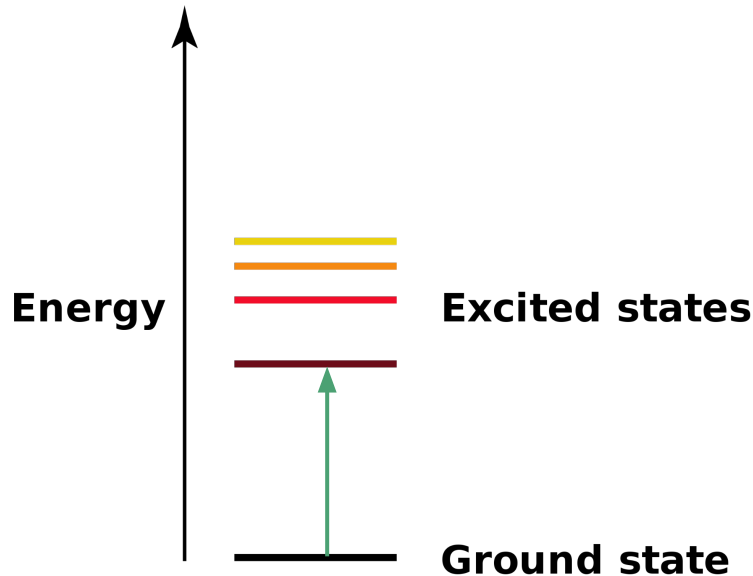
# Absorption spectra and structure of molecules

**Main theme:** In this experiment, you will

- measure molecular absorption spectrum.
- learn how absorption spectrum relates to molecular structure.

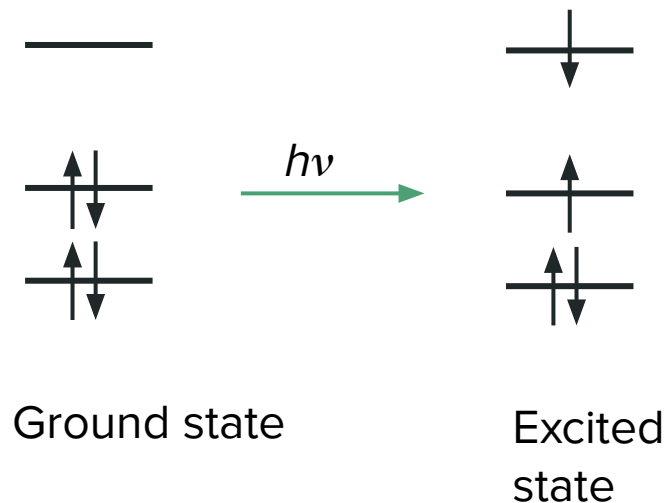
# Light absorption

When a molecule interacts with light and energy is absorbed → the molecule is excited.



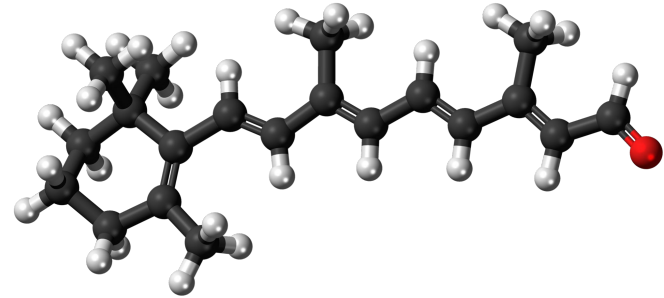
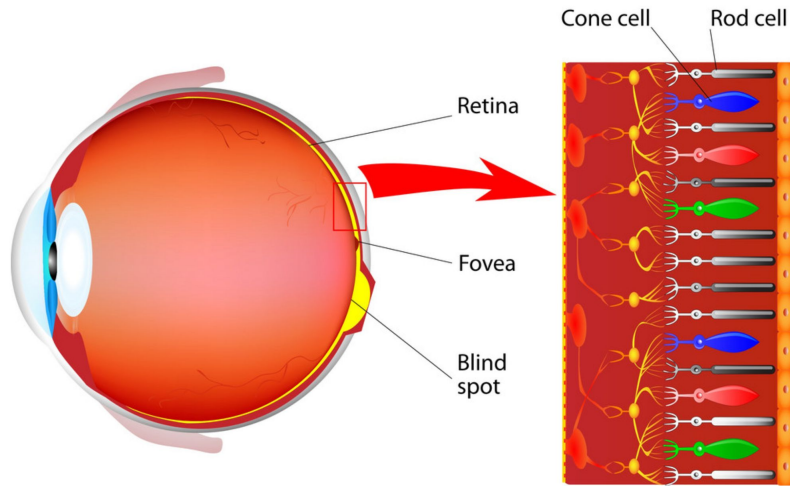
$$\Delta E = E_{\text{excited state}} - E_{\text{ground state}} = h\nu$$

Molecular orbital (MO) picture: promotion of an electron from an occupied MO to an unoccupied MO.



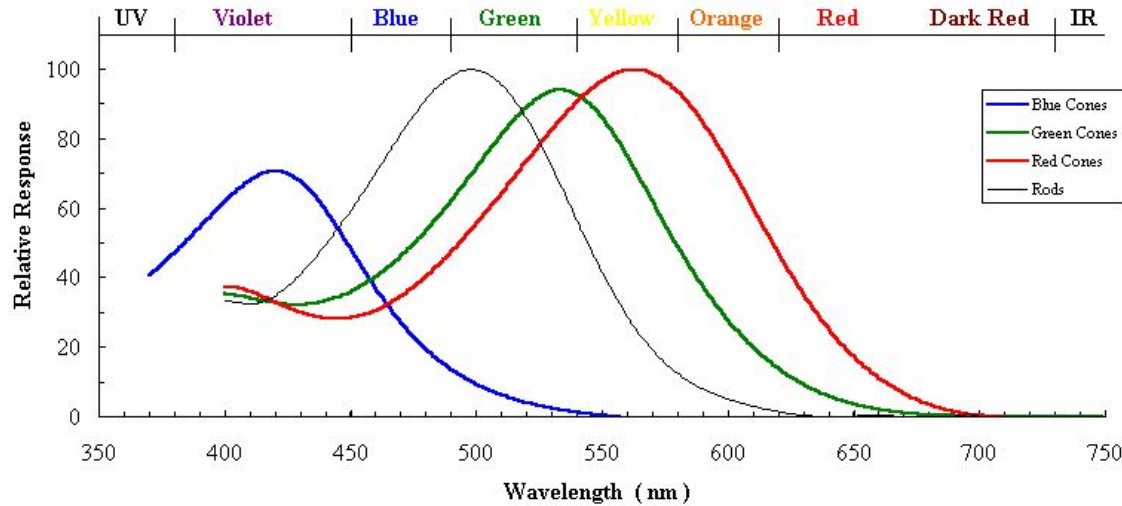
# Color

Our perception of color is determined by the wavelengths of radiation reaching our eyes and the sensitivity of the receptors in our eyes.



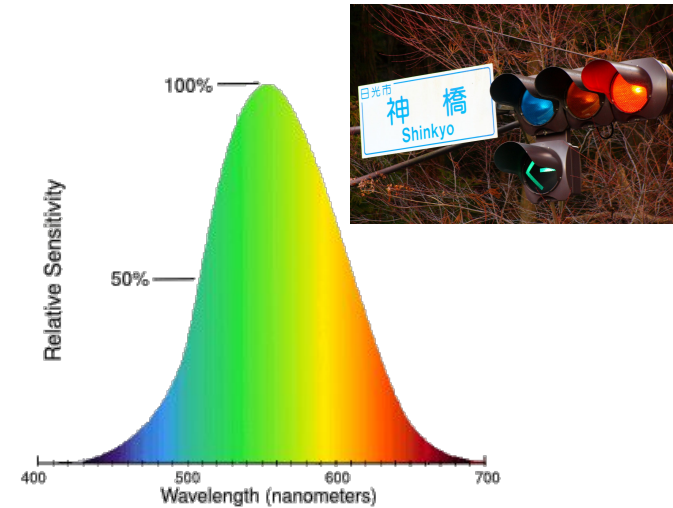
Retinal

Chromophores convert light into electrical impulse.



Rods work under low intensity conditions → black, grey, and white.

Cones work under high intensity conditions → colors.



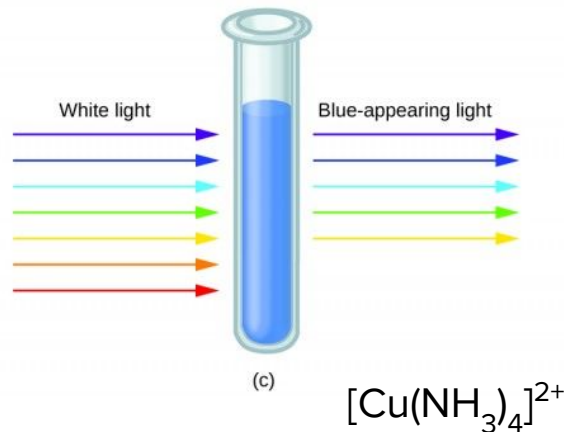
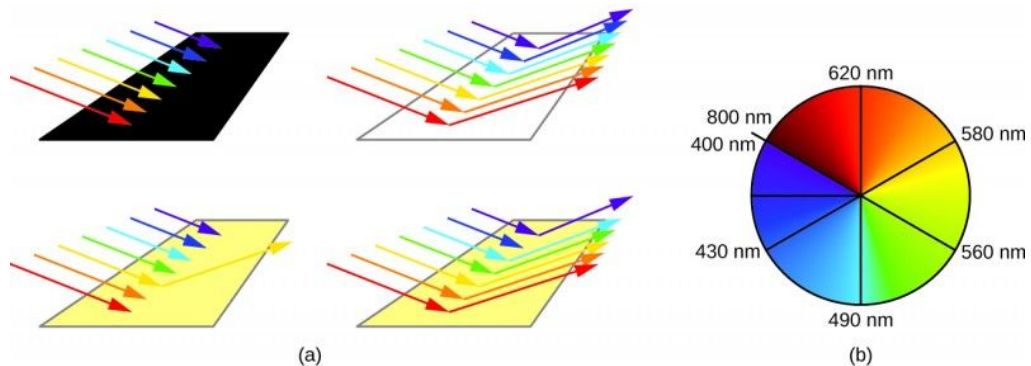
Human eye is the most sensitive to green color

[https://www.unm.edu/~toolson/human\\_cone\\_response.htm](https://www.unm.edu/~toolson/human_cone_response.htm)  
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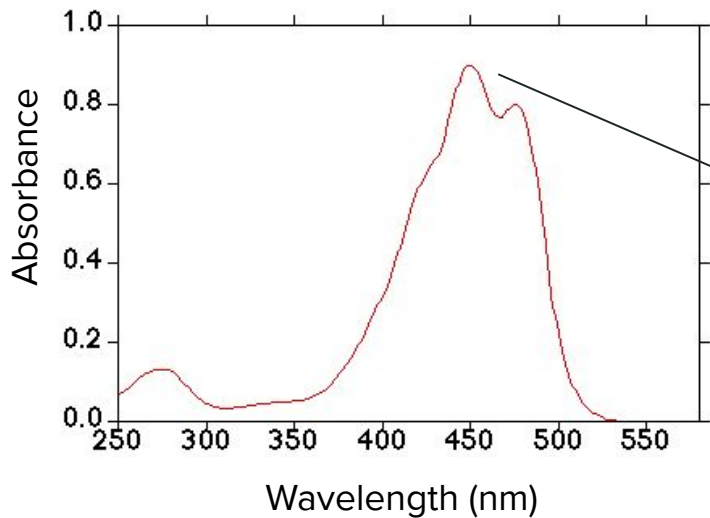
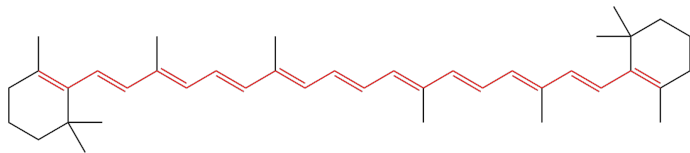


# Complementary Colors

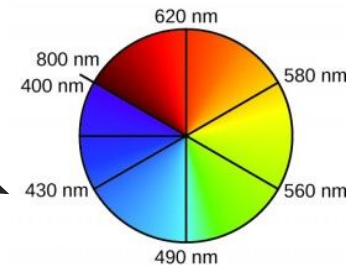
If wavelengths of light from a certain region of the spectrum are absorbed by a material, then the material will appear to be the complementary color.



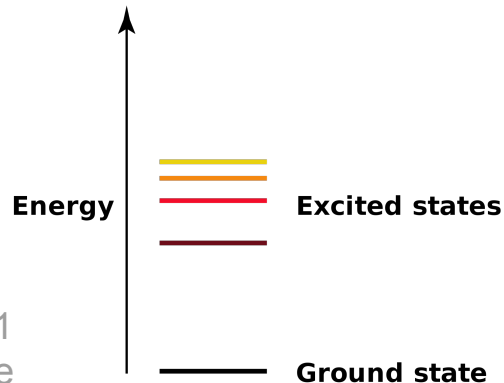
Theopold, P. F., Klaus, & Richard Langley et al. (2021, May 21).  
Color and the Colors of Complexes. OpenStax CNX.  
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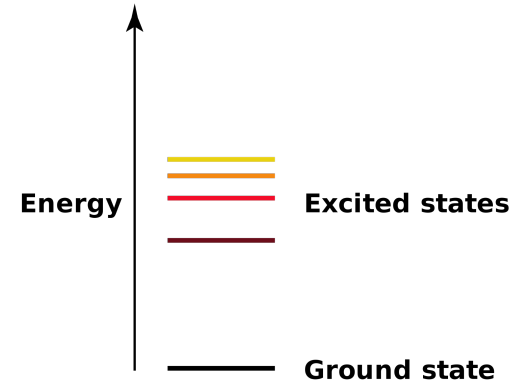
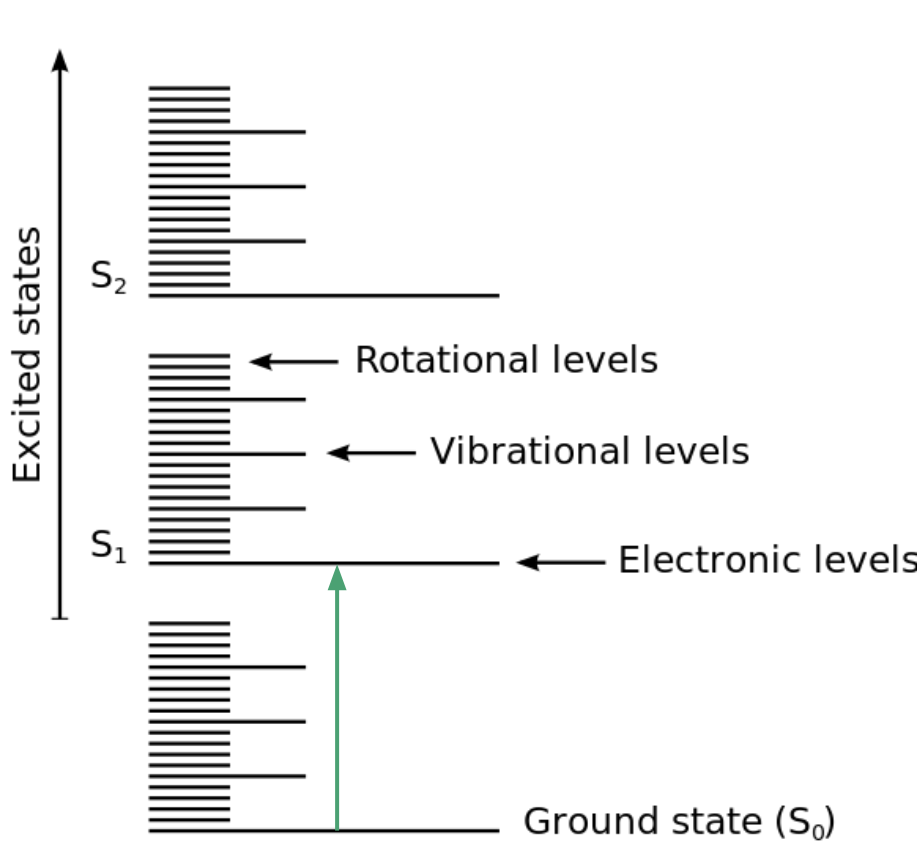
UV-Vis spectrum of  $\beta$ -Carotene in methanol



<http://lipidbank.jp/cgi-bin/detail.cgi?id=VCA0001>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%CE%92-Carotene>

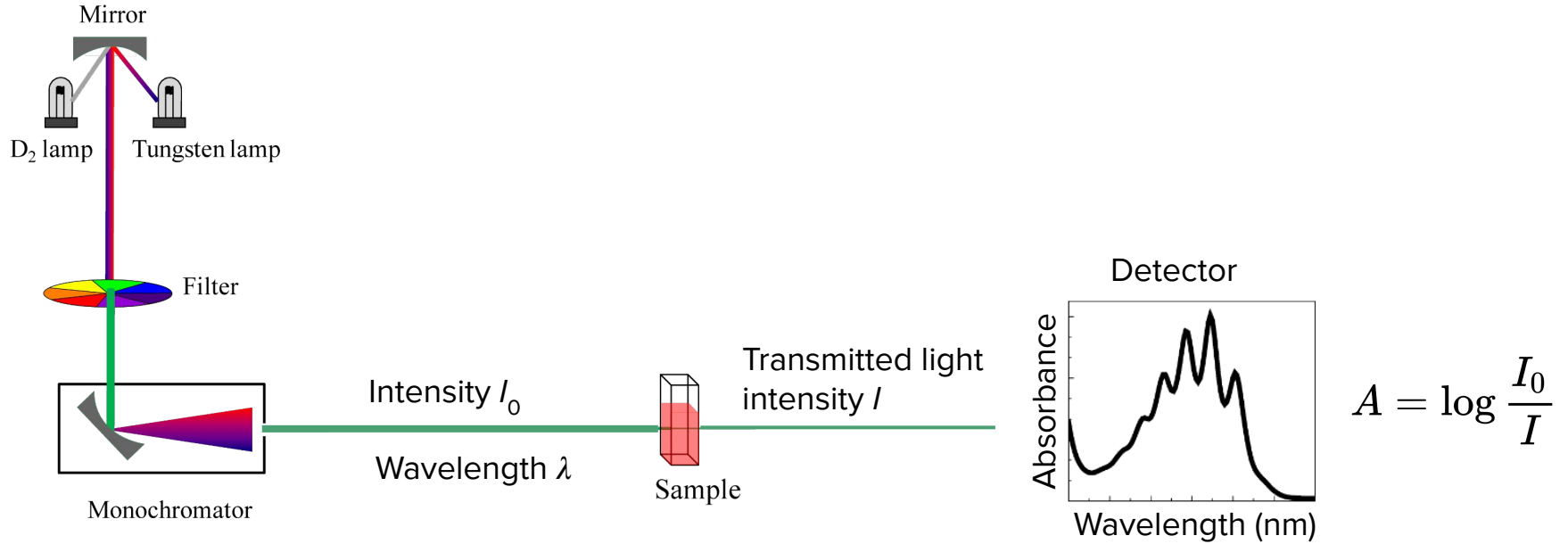


Why do atoms produce line spectra, while molecules produce band spectra?



Each electronic energy level has many sublevels associated with vibration and rotation of the molecule

# UV-Vis spectrophotometer



# Lambert-Beer law

**Absorbance**

$$A = \log \frac{I_0}{I} = \epsilon [J] L$$

sample length  
cm

molar absorption (extinction)  
coefficient  
 $\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$

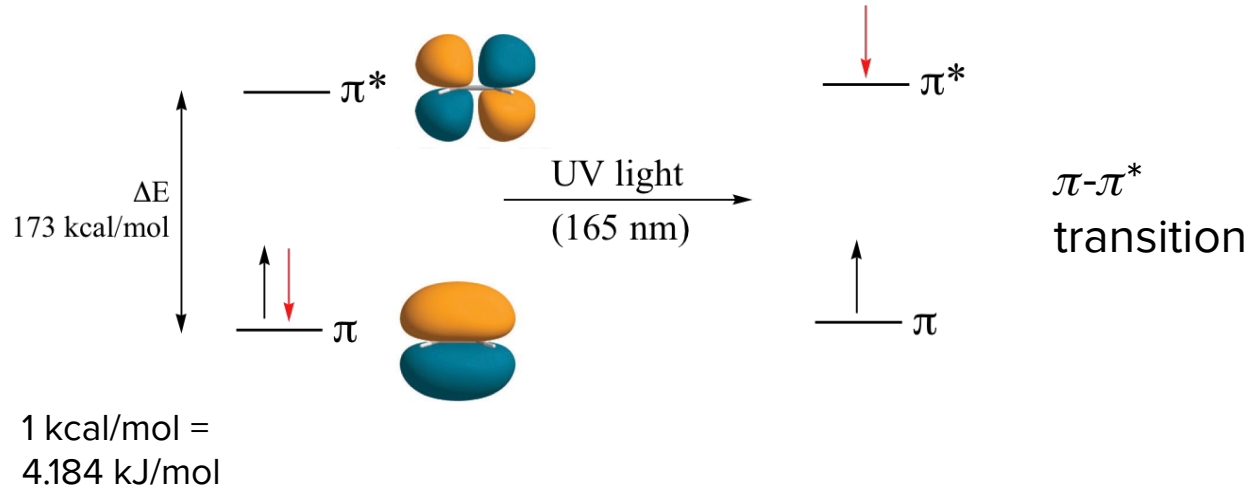
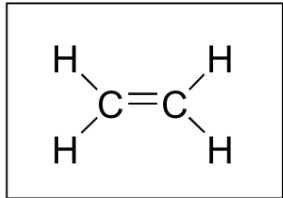
molar concentration  
 $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$

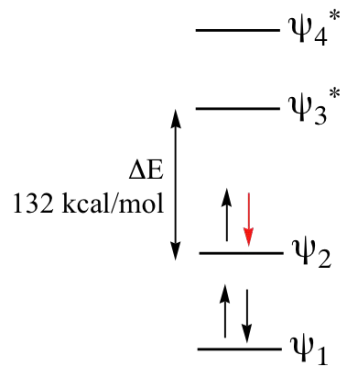
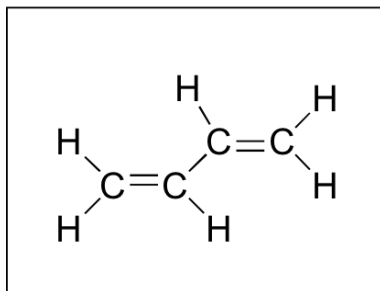
**Transmittance**

$$T = \frac{I}{I_0}$$

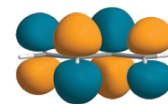
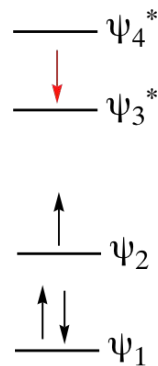
$\epsilon$  depends on wavelength of the light  $\lambda$ , solvent, and temperature  
 $\epsilon$  can be evaluated by plotting  $A$  with  $[J]$  (linear)

# Absorption spectra of conjugated systems

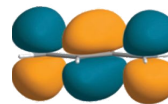




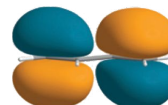
217 nm



Antibonding  
(3 nodes)



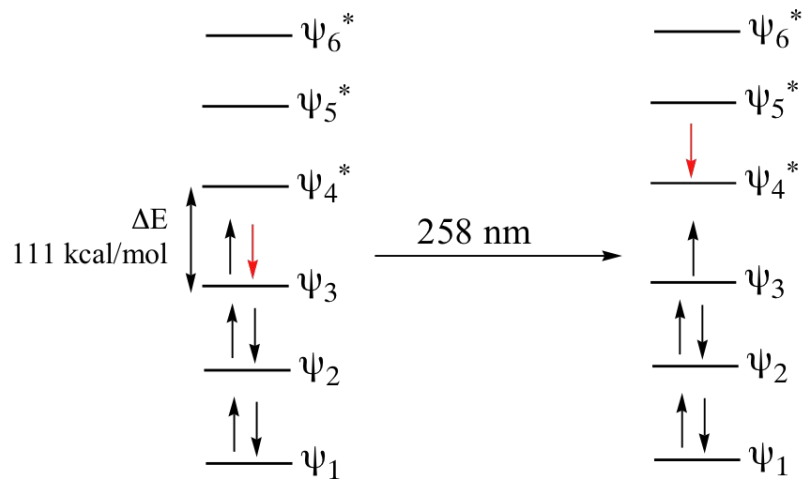
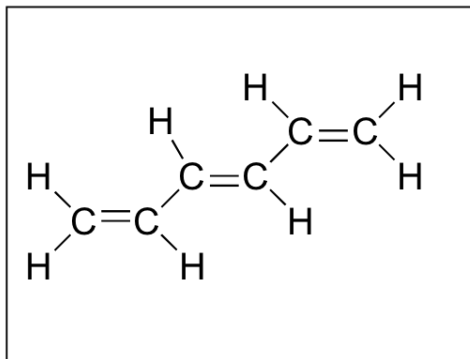
(2 nodes)



(1 node)



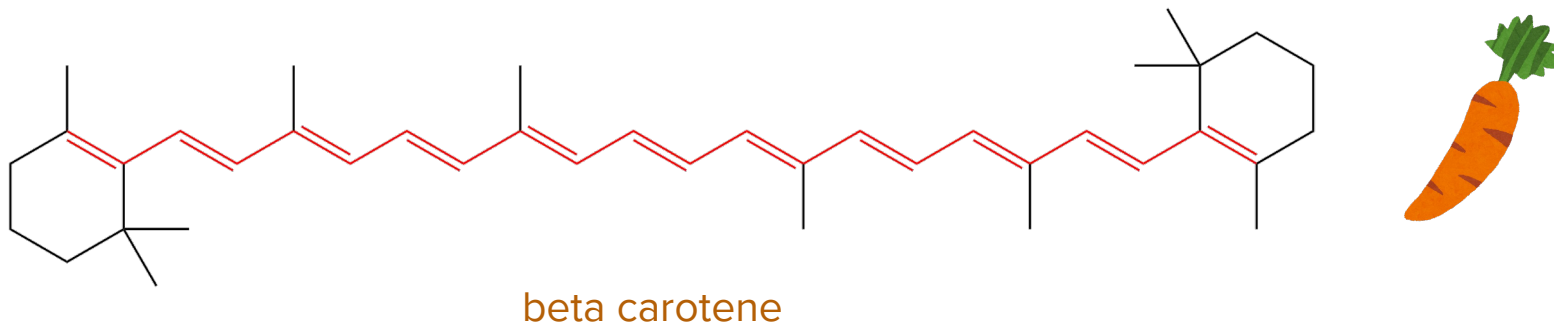
Bonding  
(0 nodes)



The longer the conjugated system, the smaller the gap between the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO).

Short conjugated systems exhibit absorption in UV.

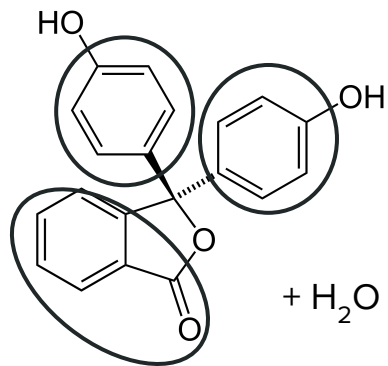




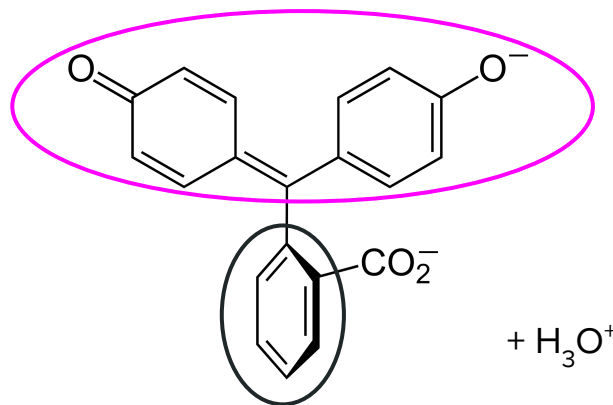
In molecules with extended pi systems, the HOMO-LUMO energy gap becomes so small that absorption occurs in the visible rather than the UV region of the electromagnetic spectrum.



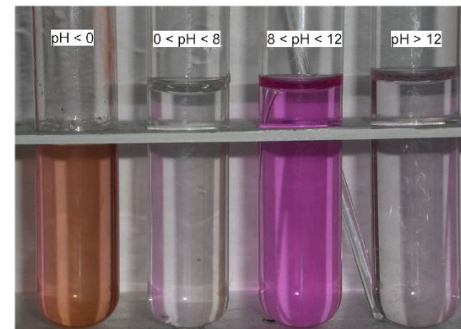
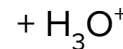
# Experiment 0: UV-Vis spectrum of Phenolphthalein (skip)



Colorless  
pH = 0–8.3



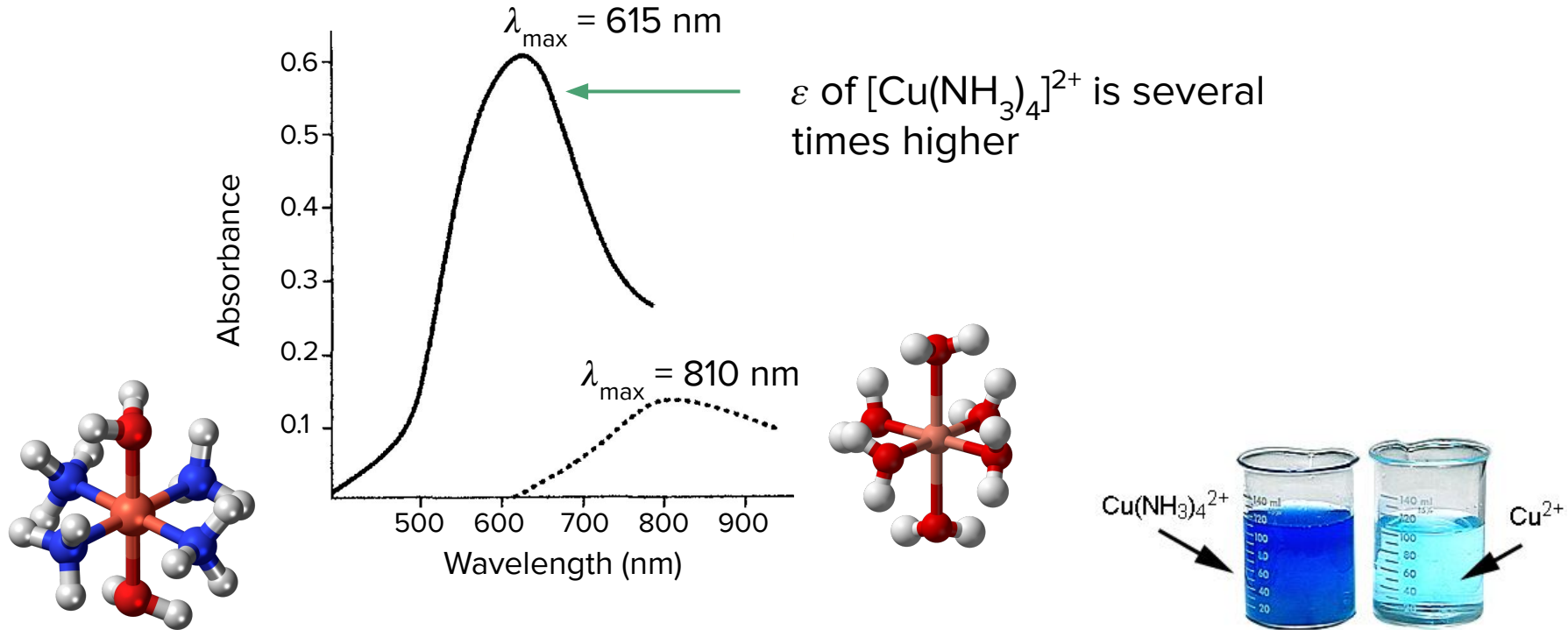
Pink  
pH = 8.3–10.0



Can you see the difference in the length of the conjugated pi-electron system?  
Where are the two form absorption peaks located in the electromagnetic spectrum?

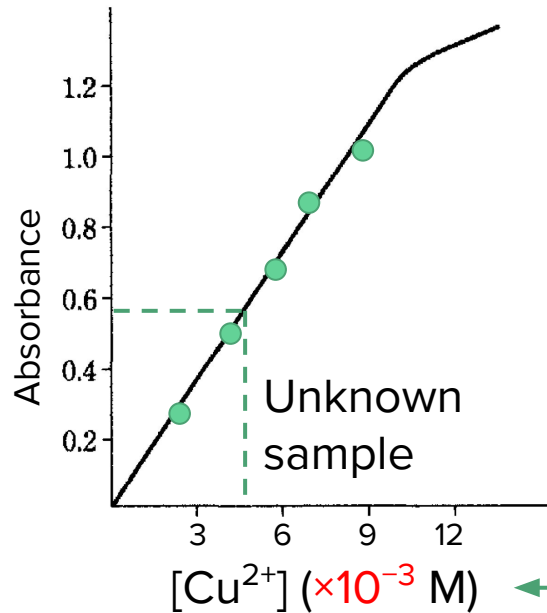
Moore, Justin Shorb, Xavier Prat-Resina, Tim Wendorff, E. V., John W., & Hahn, A. (2020, November 6). Indicators. Chemical Education Digital Library (ChemEd DL). <https://chem.libretexts.org/@go/page/49692>

# Experiment 1: UV-Vis spectra of $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4]^{2+}$



# Experiment 1: Determine the concentration of $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

$$A = \epsilon [J] L$$



High concentrations, stronger intermolecular interaction

Calibration curve for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$   
 $A = k[\text{Cu}^{2+}] + b$

High sensitivity (can be up to  $10^{-6} \text{ M}$ )



# Technical Details

Results are sensitive with respect to impurities:

- Highly purified solvents and chemicals are necessary.
- Clean glassware.
  - Avoid contact with clear sides of cuvettes with any hard surface.
  - Avoid spillage of the solution on the outer side of the cuvettes.
  - Hold the cuvettes such that transparent sides are not being touched.
  - Ensure that transparent sides of the cuvettes are in the optical path.



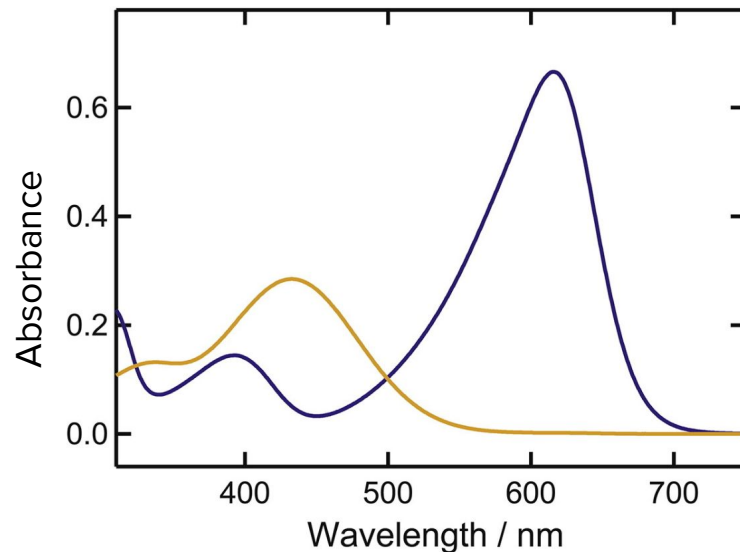
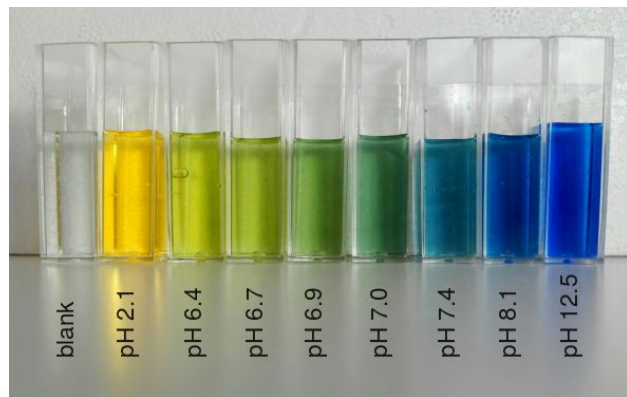
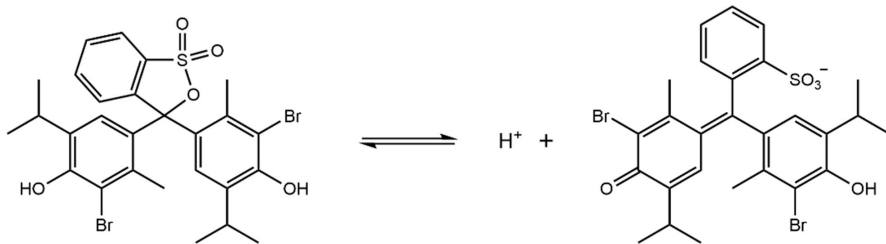
## Technical Details

The absorption of solvent must be taken into account by measuring the absorption spectrum of a reference solution (containing the same volume of solvent—2.4 M aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$ ).

Absorbance of the reference solution is set to 0

Absorbance of the sample solution is 0.3–0.6 (optimal range)

# Experiment 2: Absorption spectrum of bromothymol blue (BTB) at different pH



Can you see the difference in the length of the conjugated pi-electron system?


Shimada, T., Hasegawa, T. (2017). *Spectrochimica Acta Part A Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy*, 185, 104-110.



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{L}^-]}{[\text{HL}]}$$

$$\frac{[\text{L}^-]}{[\text{HL}]} = 10^{(\text{pH} - \text{p}K_a)}$$

Total  
concentration of  
BTB (HL and L<sup>-</sup>)



$$A = \epsilon_{\text{HL}}[\text{HL}] + \epsilon_{\text{L}}[\text{L}^-]$$

(Ignore sample length)

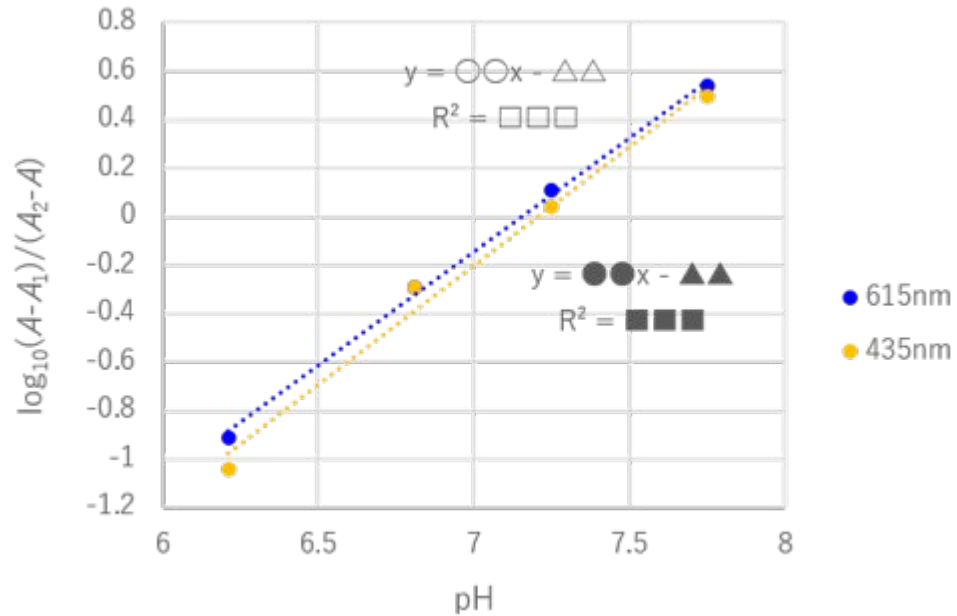
Acidic solution  $\rightarrow$   $A = \epsilon_{\text{HL}} C = A_1$

Basic solution  $\rightarrow$   $A = \epsilon_{\text{L}} C = A_2$

$$\log_{10} \frac{A - A_1}{A_2 - A} = \text{pH} - \text{p}K_a$$

$$\log_{10} \frac{A - A_1}{A_2 - A} = \text{pH} - \text{p}K_a$$

Intercept



# Chapter 6: Rate of Chemical Reactions and Energy

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**Main theme:** In this experiment, you will learn

The Arrhenius equation (the relationship between temperature and the reaction rate) and the Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction (chemical oscillation reactions).

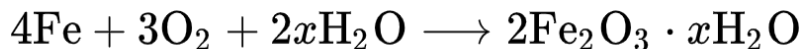
# Rate of reaction

The rate of a chemical reaction or **reaction rate**

- speed at which a chemical reaction takes place
- how quickly amounts (moles) of reactants are converted into amounts (moles) of products



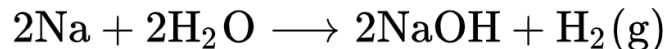
Rusting - slow



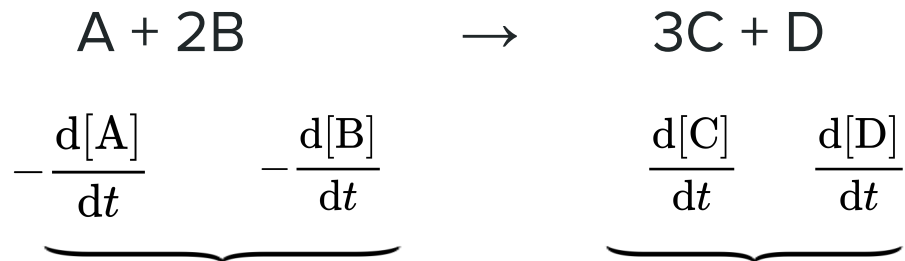
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron\\_oxide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron_oxide)



Sodium in water - fast



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmcfsEEogxs>

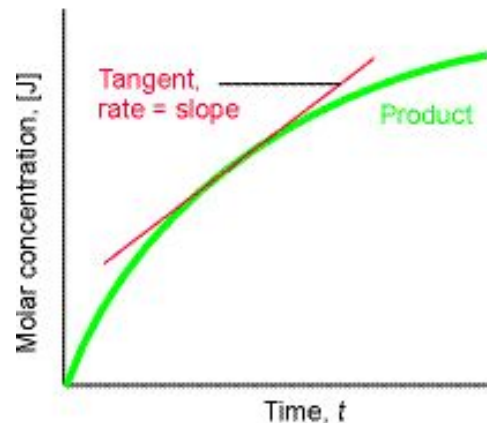
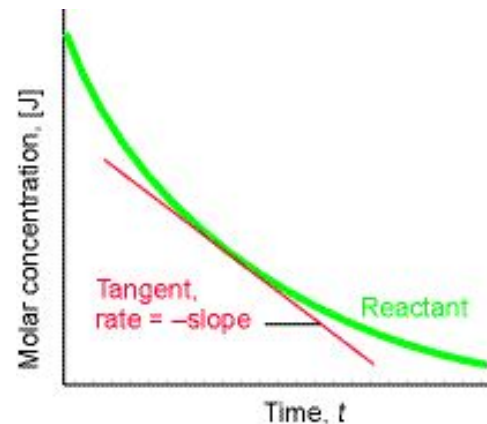


Rate of consumption  
of reactants

Rate of formation  
of products

$$\frac{d[D]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{d[C]}{dt} = -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[B]}{dt} = v$$

Rate of the reaction

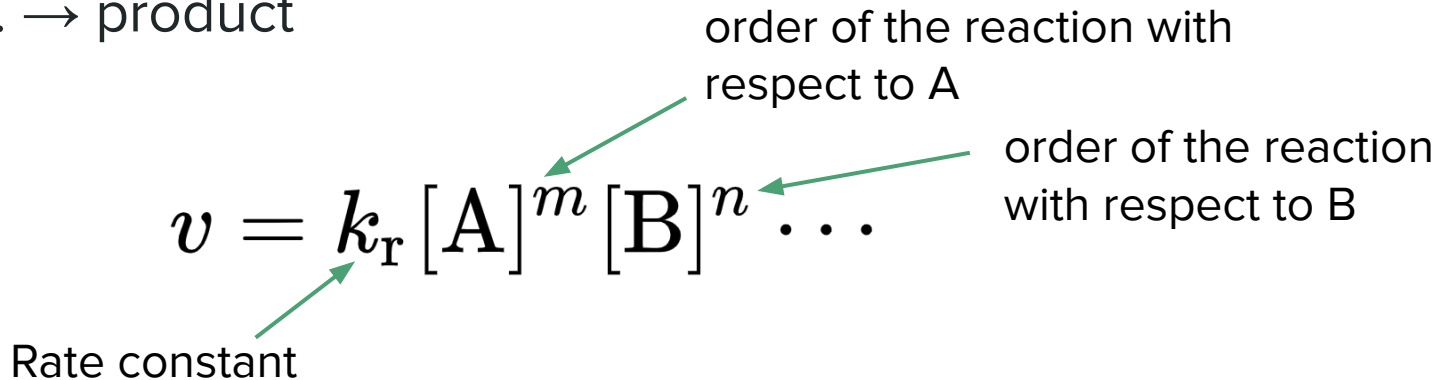




$$\begin{aligned} \text{rate} = v &= -\frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{d[B]}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{d[C]}{dt} = \frac{1}{d} \cdot \frac{d[D]}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

Unit: mol dm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (liquid reactions)  
molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (gas phase reaction)

# Rate law



Generally, there is **no** connection between the order of the reaction and the stoichiometry coefficients!

The overall order =  $m + n + \dots$



Order	Unit of $k_r$
0	$\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$
1	$\text{s}^{-1}$
2	$\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$
3	$\text{L}^2\cdot\text{mol}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$

# Arrhenius Equation

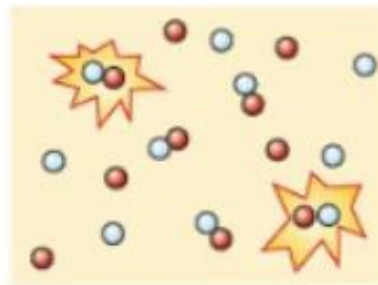
Most reaction rates increase with  $T$ : in solution, by about a factor of 2 to 4 with an increase of 10 °C.



Milk turns sour much more rapidly if stored at room temperature.

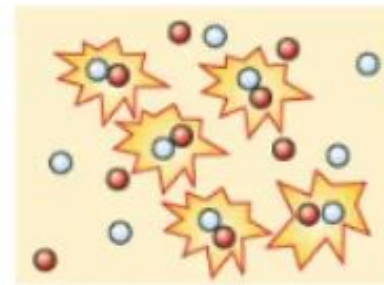
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soured\\_milk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soured_milk)

Low  $T$



Less collisions

High  $T$



More collisions

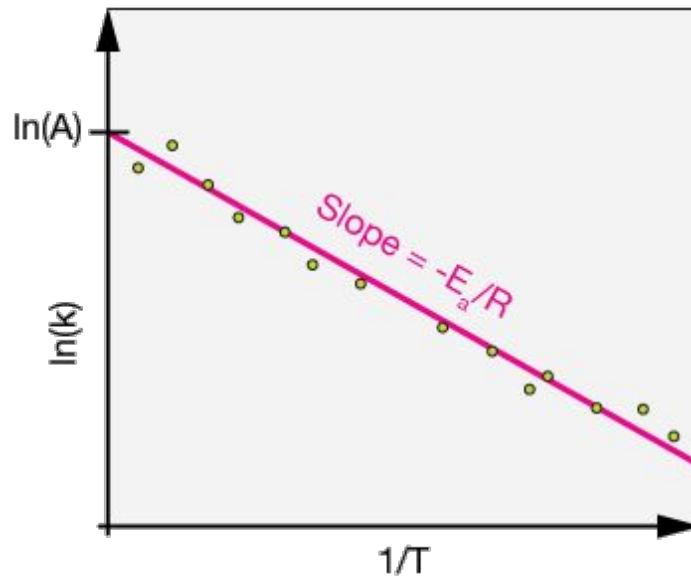
<https://igcseandialchemistry.com/factors-affecting-the-rate-of-reaction/>

$$k_r = A \cdot e^{-E_a/RT}$$

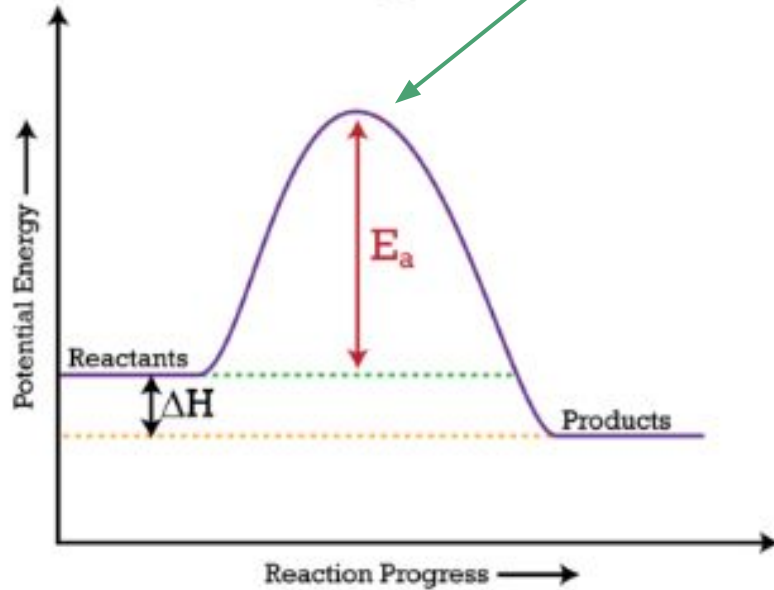
Activation energy  
Unit:  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

frequency factor or the  
pre-exponential factor  
Unit: same of  $k_r$   
 $A > 0$

$$\underbrace{\ln k_r}_y = \underbrace{\ln A}_{\text{intercept}} + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{E_a}{R}\right)}_{\text{slope}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{T}}_x$$



the activated complex  
or the transition state

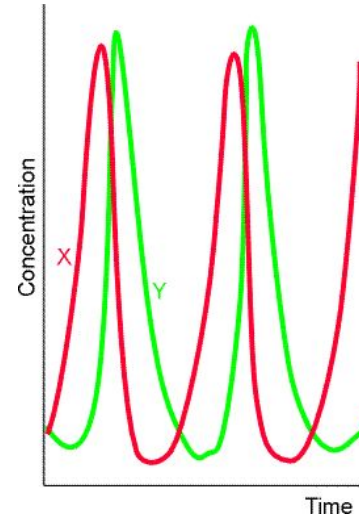
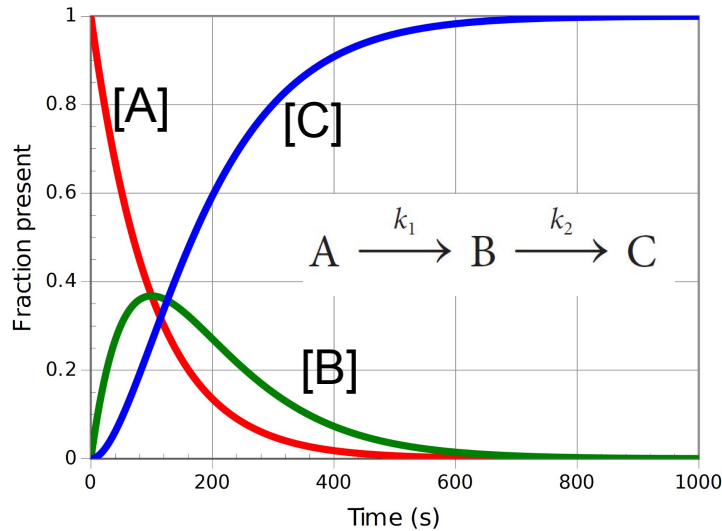


The activation energy is the **minimum** energy reactants must have in order to form products.

Potential Energy Diagrams. (2021, July 10).  
<https://chem.libretexts.org/@go/page/53890>

# Oscillating reactions

<http://staff.um.edu.mt/jgri1/teaching/che2372/notes/09/04/catalysis.html>



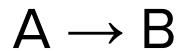
## Normal reactions:

the concentration of species displays a single maximum during the course of the reaction.

## Oscillating reactions:

the concentration of species oscillates with time.  
Is it possible?

# Lotka-Volterra Model



**autocatalytic reaction**  
[X] and [Y] accelerates  
its own production

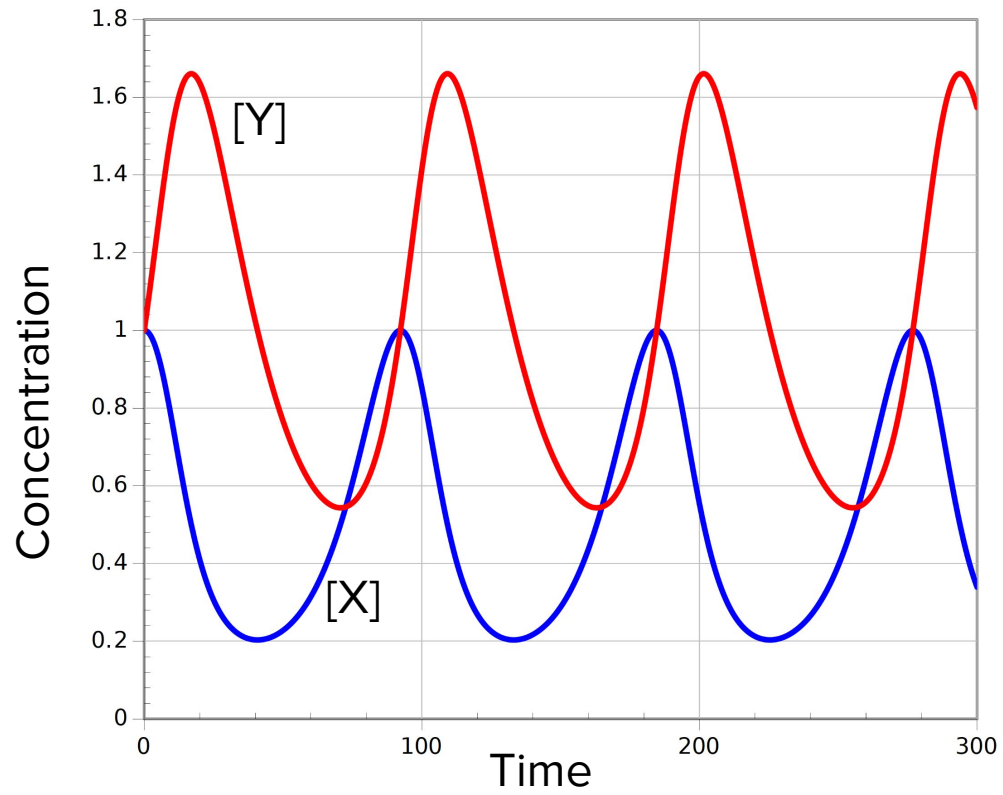
## Assumption:

[A] = constant, A is continuously replaced from an external source as it is consumed in the reaction

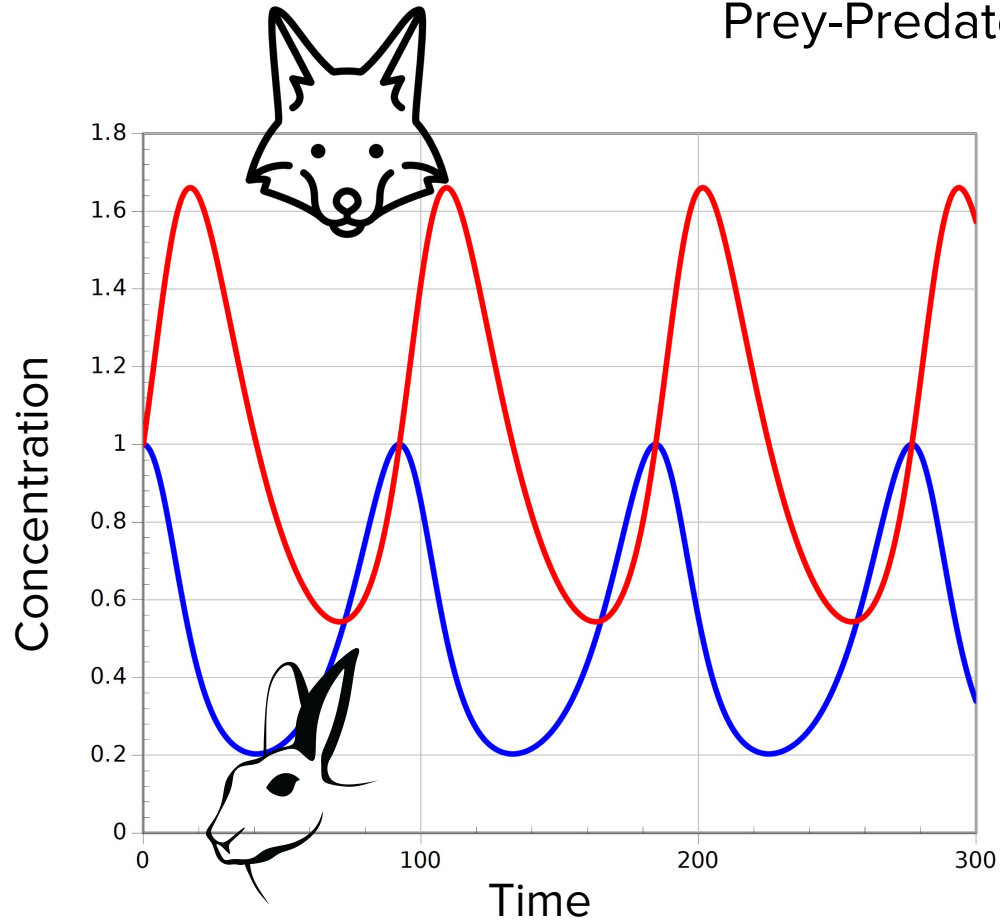
B plays no part in the reaction

X: activation species

Y: inhibitor species



# Prey-Predator Model





## Experiment 3: Belousov-Zhabotinsky (BZ) reaction (online)

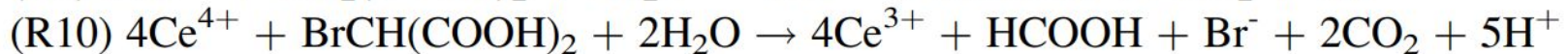
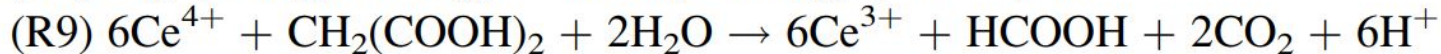
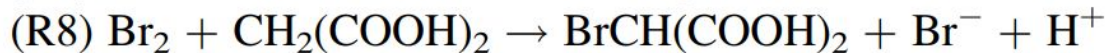
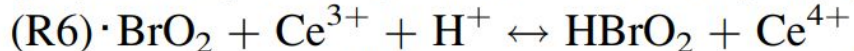
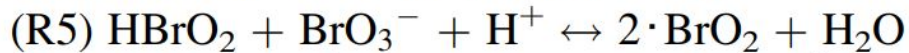
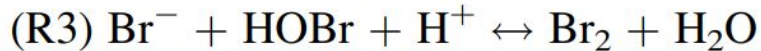
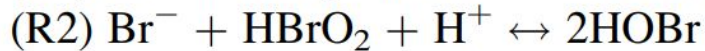
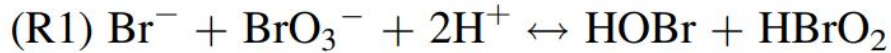
Oxidation of malonic acid ( $\text{CH}_2(\text{COOH})_2$ ) with bromate ion ( $\text{BrO}_3^-$ ) in an acidic solution with the presence of cerium ions (catalyst)



$\text{Ce}^{4+}$

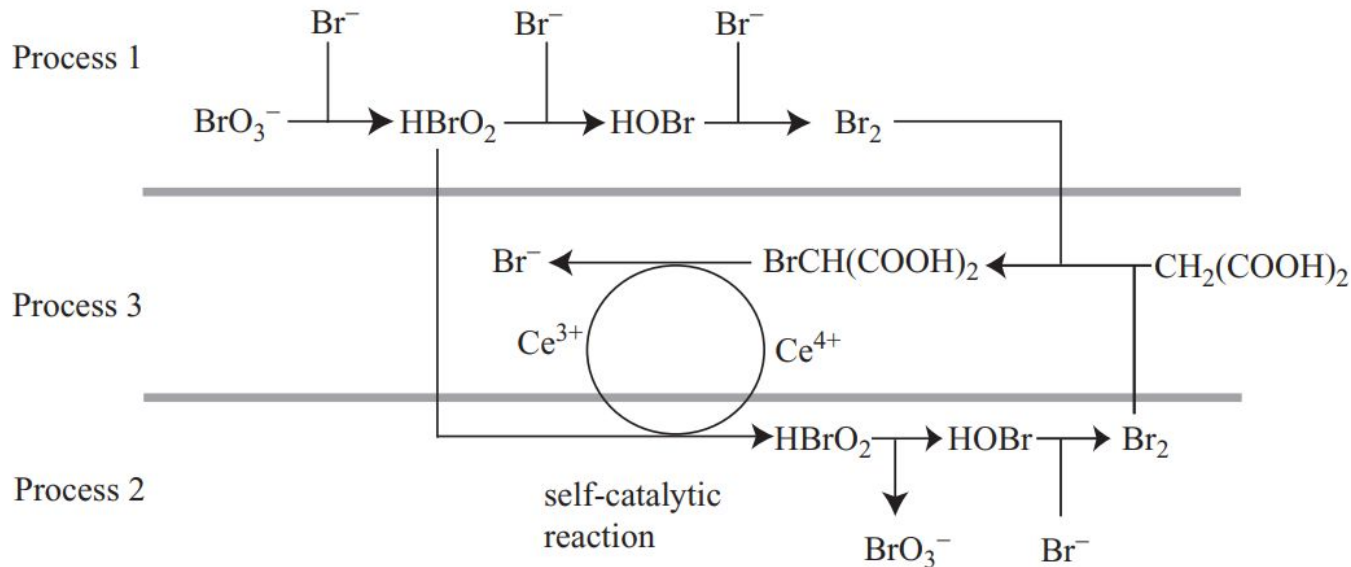


# FNK (Field, Körös and Noyes) mechanism

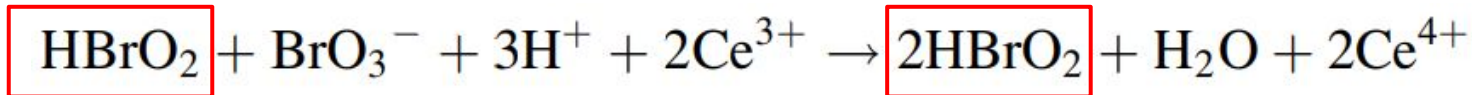


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Process 1: dominant at high  $[\text{Br}^-]$

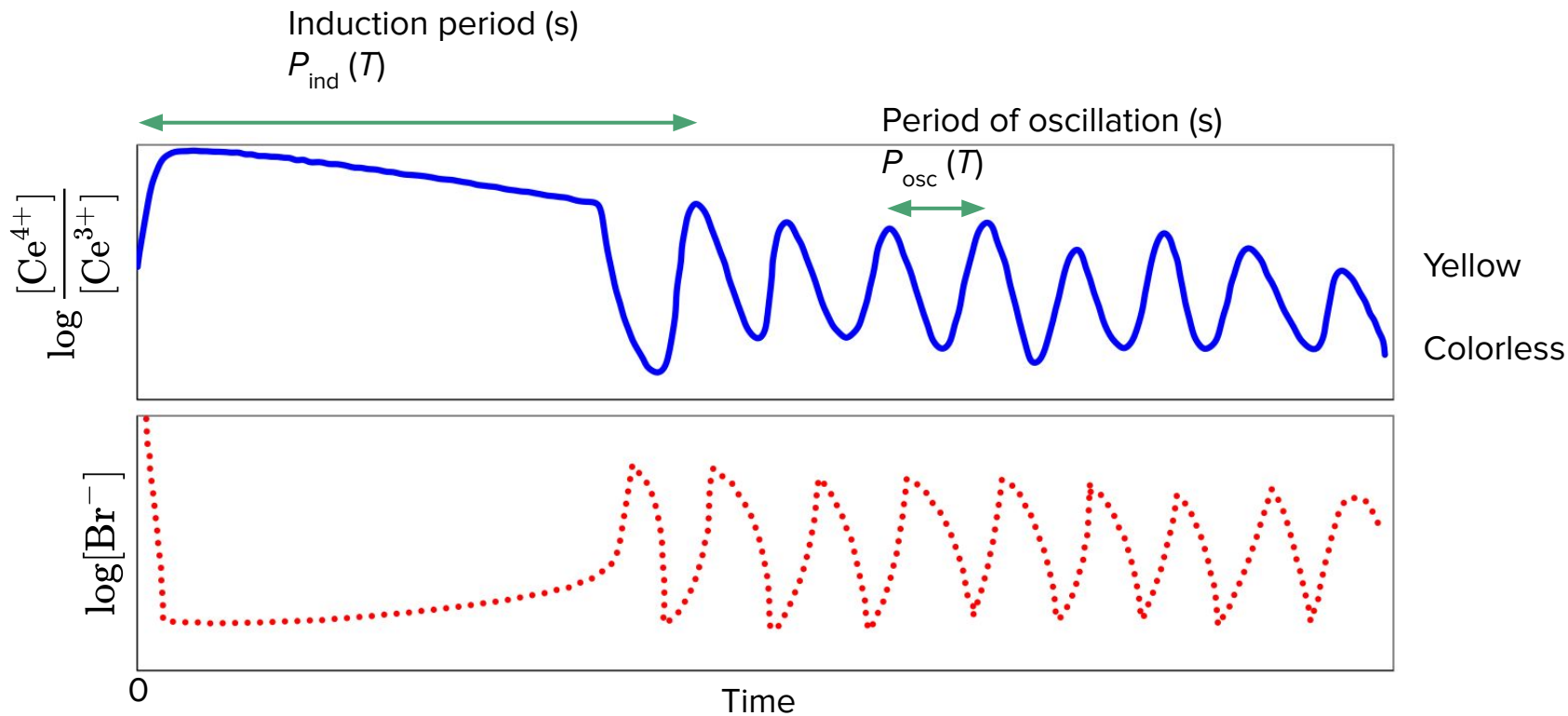


Process 2: dominant at low  $[\text{Br}^-]$

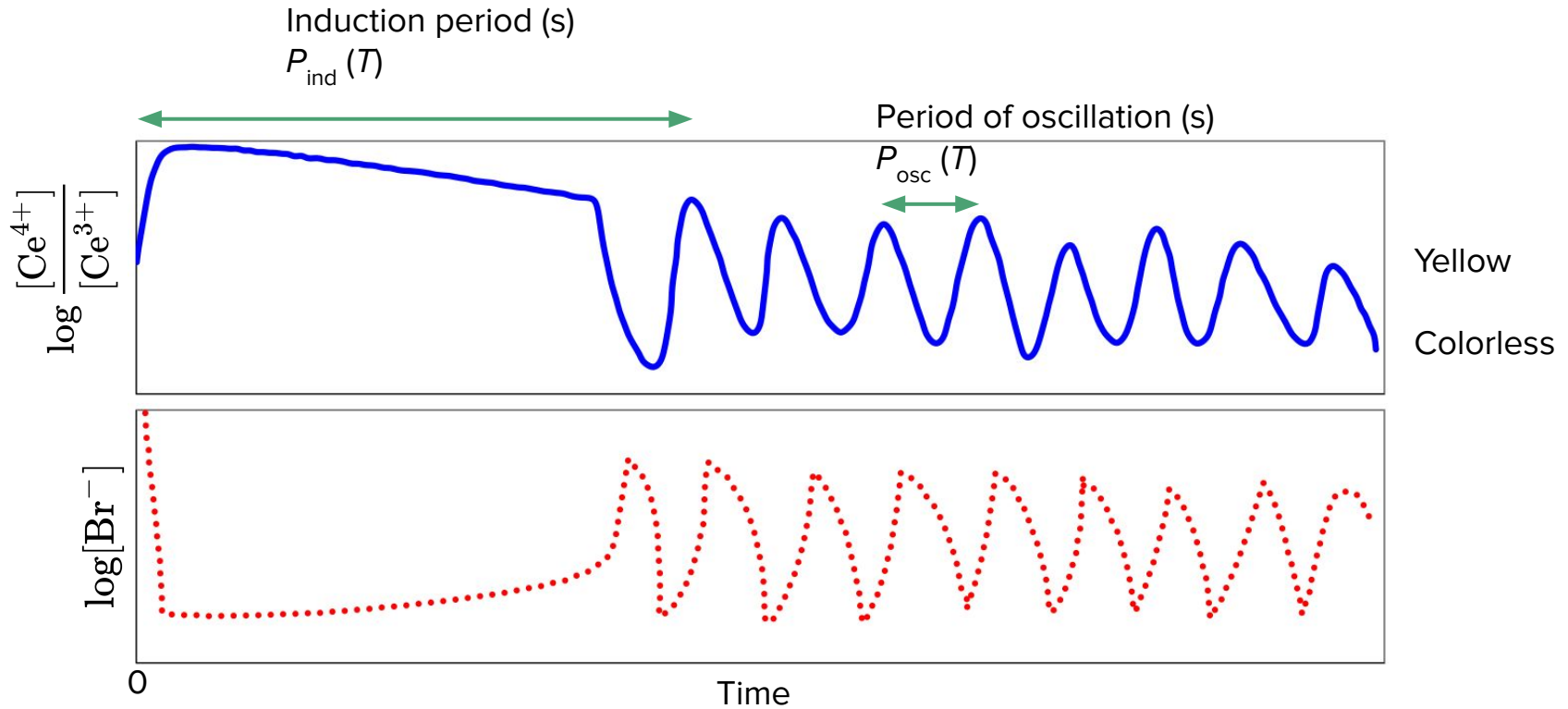


Bromous acid

$\text{Br}^-$  is not presented at the beginning of the reaction  $\rightarrow$  induction period



**Task:** measure  $P_{osc}$  and  $P_{ind}$  at different temperatures → Activation energy





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL3kVtc-4vY>