

Vibrational spectroscopy of chiral molecules and adsorbates

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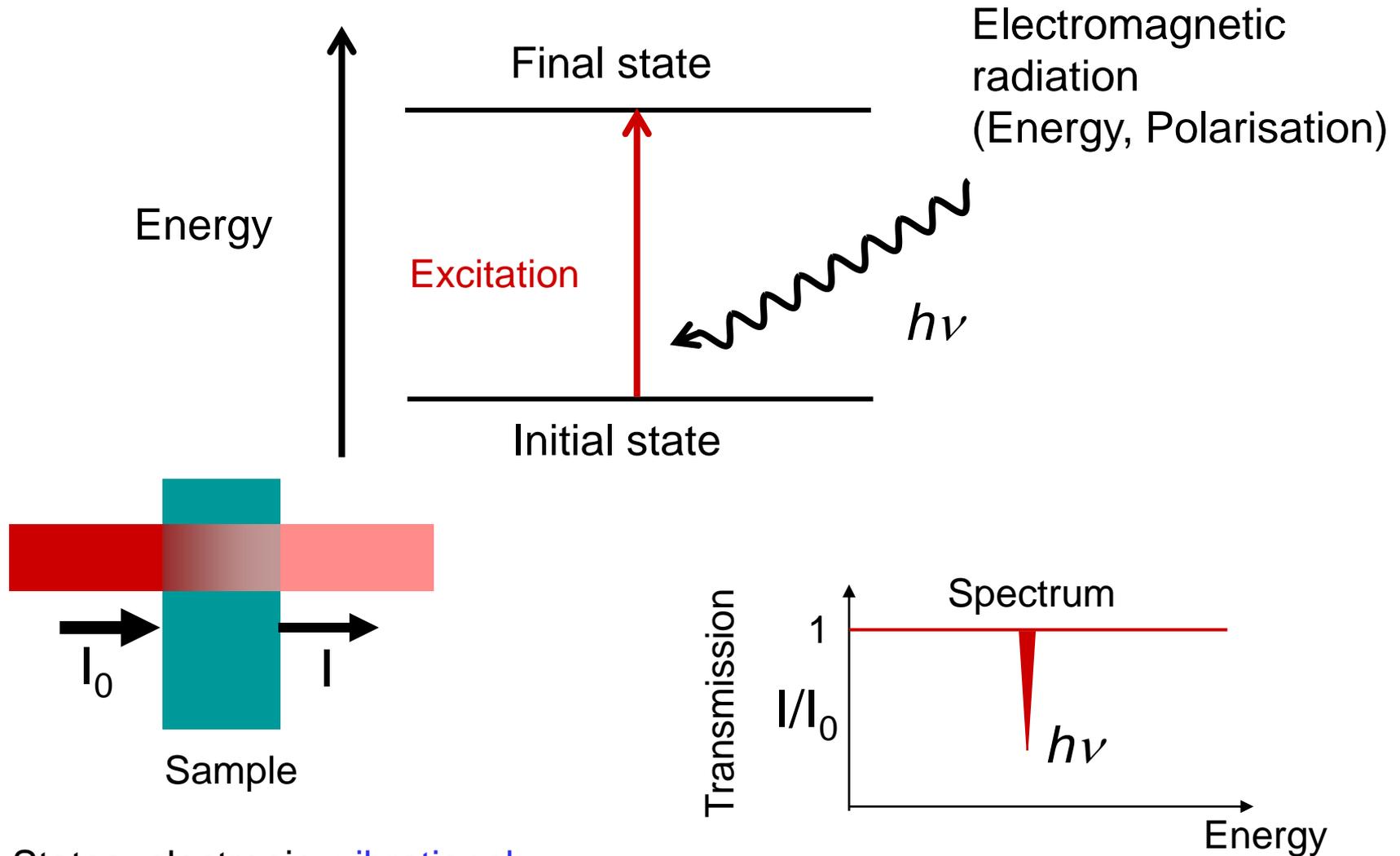
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Outline

- Introduction
- IR spectroscopy of adsorbates
- Vibrational optical activity
 - Vibrational circular dichroism (VCD)
 - Raman optical activity (ROA)
- Chiral nanoparticles

Spectroscopy

(linear spectroscopy)



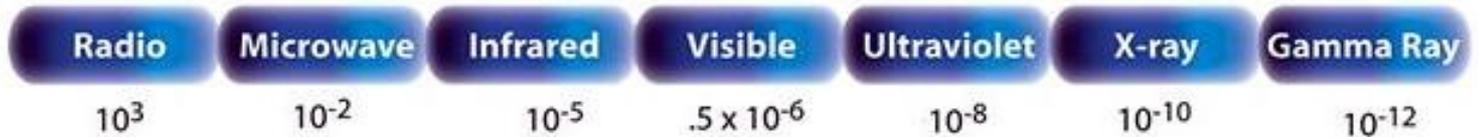
States: electronic, vibrational

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

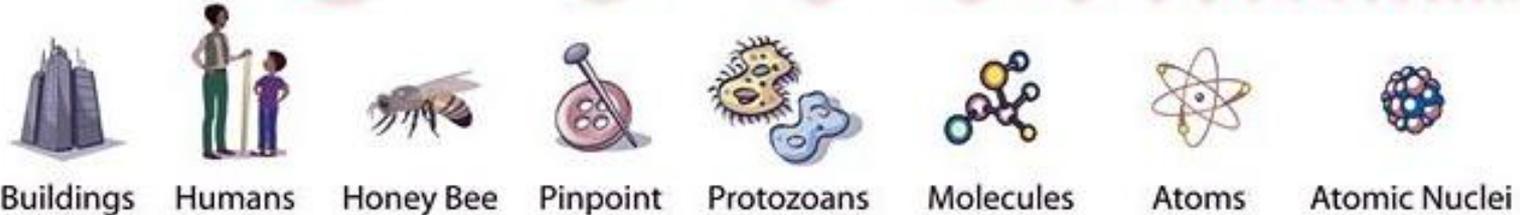
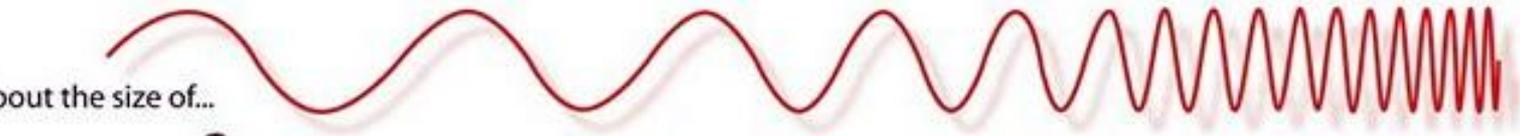
Penetrates Earth Atmosphere?



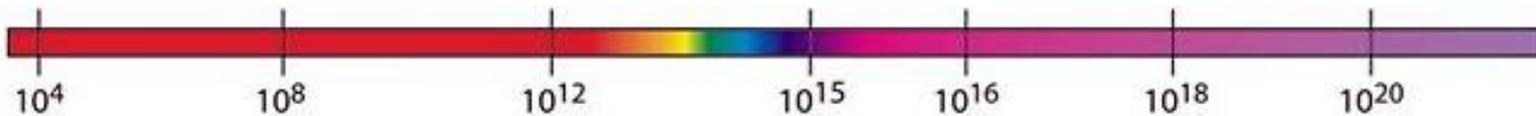
Wavelength (meters)



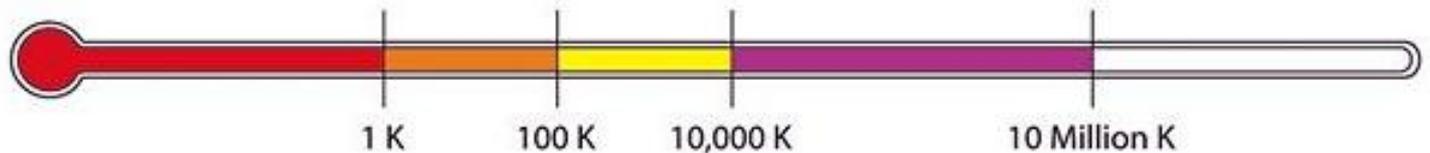
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Frequency (Hz)

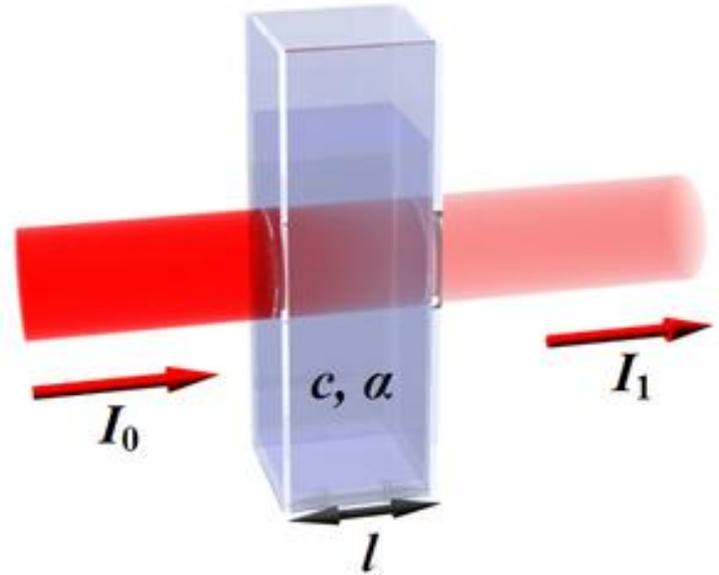


Temperature of bodies emitting the wavelength (K)



Beer-Lambert law

$$T = \frac{I}{I_0} = 10^{-\alpha \ell} = 10^{-\varepsilon \ell c}$$



T : Transmittance
 ℓ : path length
 ε : molar extinction coefficient
c : concentration

Beer-Lambert law

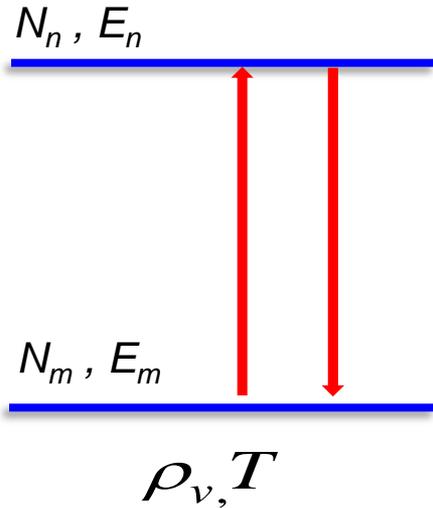
$$A = -\log T = -\log_{10} \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right) = \epsilon c l = \alpha l$$

A: Absorbance: It is proportional to the concentration (or number density)

If the concentration is expressed in moles/L the **molar extinction coefficient** (ϵ) is used in $\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ sometimes in converted SI units of $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$.

ϵ is characteristic for a molecule and a transition: **How is it related to the wavefunctions of a molecule?**

Einstein coefficients



Rate of change of population N_n of state n

$$\frac{dN_n}{dt} = B_{mn}\rho_\nu N_m - B_{nm}\rho_\nu N_n - A_{nm}N_n$$

In thermal equilibrium:
total rate of emission =
total rate of absorption

Steady state $\frac{dN_n}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{N_n}{N_m} = \frac{B_{mn}\rho_\nu}{B_{nm}\rho_\nu + A_{nm}}$

Spontaneous emission

Boltzmann Distribution $\frac{N_n}{N_m} = e^{-h\nu_{nm}/kT}$ $\rho_\nu = \frac{A_{nm}}{B_{nm}} \left(\frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1} \right)$ ($B_{nm} = B_{mn}$)

For Blackbody radiation:
radiation density $\rho_\nu = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1} \Rightarrow \frac{A_{nm}}{B_{nm}} = 8\pi h \left(\frac{\nu}{c} \right)^3$

Relation between Einstein coefficients and wave functions

Transition rate $W_{nm} = B_{nm} \rho_\nu = \frac{|\mu_{nm}|^2}{6\epsilon_0 \hbar^2} \rho_\nu$

Einstein coefficient of stimulated absorption $\frac{|\mu_{nm}|^2}{6\epsilon_0 \hbar^2} \equiv B_{nm}$

Transition dipole moment $\mu_{nm} = \int \psi_n^* \mu \psi_m d\tau$

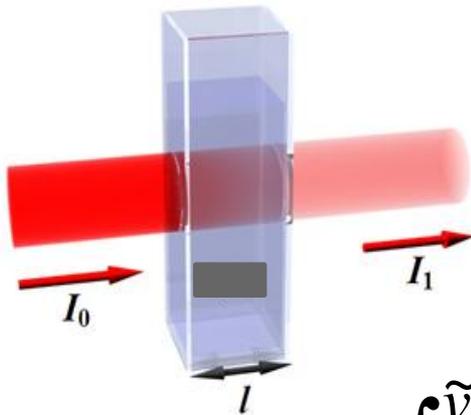
operator $\mu = \sum_i q_i r_i$

B_{nm} may be found experimentally in the case of an absorption experiment

Absorption cross-section $\sigma = h\nu B_{nm}$

“ probability of absorption of a photon per molecule “

Beer-Lambert Law : $A = -\log T = -\log_{10} \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right) = \epsilon c l$



$$\epsilon = \frac{\sigma N_A}{\ln 10} = \frac{N_A h\nu B_{nm}}{\ln 10}$$

$$\int_{\tilde{\nu}_1}^{\tilde{\nu}_2} \epsilon(\tilde{\nu}) d\tilde{\nu} = \frac{N_A h\tilde{\nu}_{nm} B_{nm}}{\ln 10} \quad N_n \ll N_m$$

Note : $\sigma N l = \epsilon c l * \ln 10 \Rightarrow \sigma [m^2] = \frac{0.2303}{N_A} \epsilon [L mol^{-1} cm^{-1}]$

\nearrow #/m³ \nearrow m \nearrow #/N_A*liter \nearrow cm

Transition dipole moment and intensity of vibrational bands

$$R^{v',v''} = \int \psi_{v'}^* \vec{\mu}(r) \psi_{v''} dr \quad \mu: \text{dipole moment}$$

Expansion of dipole moment in a Taylor series around the equilibrium position

$$\vec{\mu} = \vec{\mu}_{eq} + \left(\frac{d\vec{\mu}}{dr}\right)_{eq} q + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d^2\vec{\mu}}{dr^2}\right) q^2 + \dots \quad q: \text{displacement from equilibrium}$$

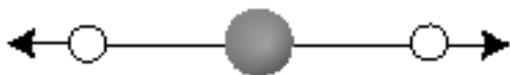
$$R^{v',v''} = \underbrace{\vec{\mu}_{eq} \int \psi_{v'}^* \psi_{v''} dr}_0 + \left(\frac{d\vec{\mu}}{dr}\right)_{eq} \underbrace{\int \psi_{v'}^* q \psi_{v''} dr}_{\neq 0} + \dots$$

$$\text{Intensity} : I \propto \left| R^{v',v''} \right|^2 \propto \left(\frac{d\vec{\mu}}{dr}\right)_{eq}^2$$

Intensity (selection rules) I

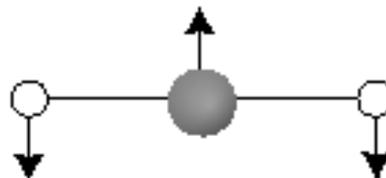
When is a vibration infrared active?

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial Q} \right) \neq 0$$



symmetrical stretching

Not IR active



scissoring (bending in the plane of the paper)

IR active

Intensity (selection rules) II

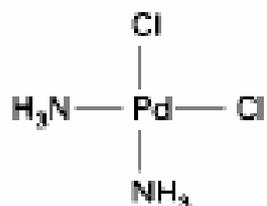
$$B_{12} \propto \left| \int \psi_1 \hat{\mu} \psi_2 dr \right|^2$$

Ψ_1 and Ψ_2 are the ground and excited state wavefunctions, μ is the dipole moment operator and integration is over all space. The integral can only be non zero if the function being integrated has a totally symmetric component within the point group of the molecule.

μ transforms like the functions x , y and z . This means that we can observe an IR transition when the excited state wavefunction belongs to the same irreducible representation as either x , y or z .

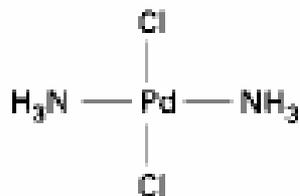
At this point **group theory** comes into play!

Symmetry / Group theory



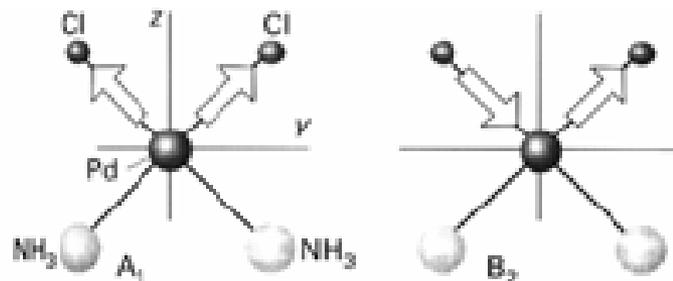
C_{2v}

16 *cis*-[PdCl₂(NH₃)₂]

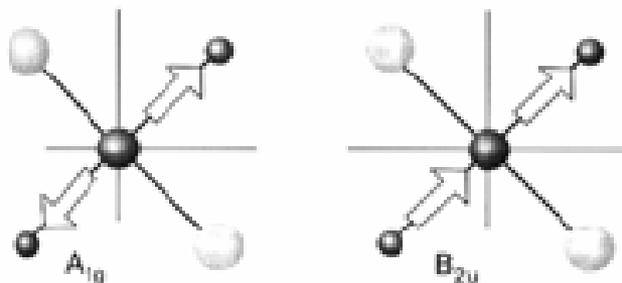


D_{2h}

17 *trans*-[PdCl₂(NH₃)₂]



(a) *cis*



(b) *trans*

4.36 Some of the Pd-Cl stretching modes of a [PdCl₂(NH₃)₂] square-planar complex. The motion of the Pd atom (which preserves the center of mass of the molecule) is not shown.

What is the difference?

Harmonic Oscillator

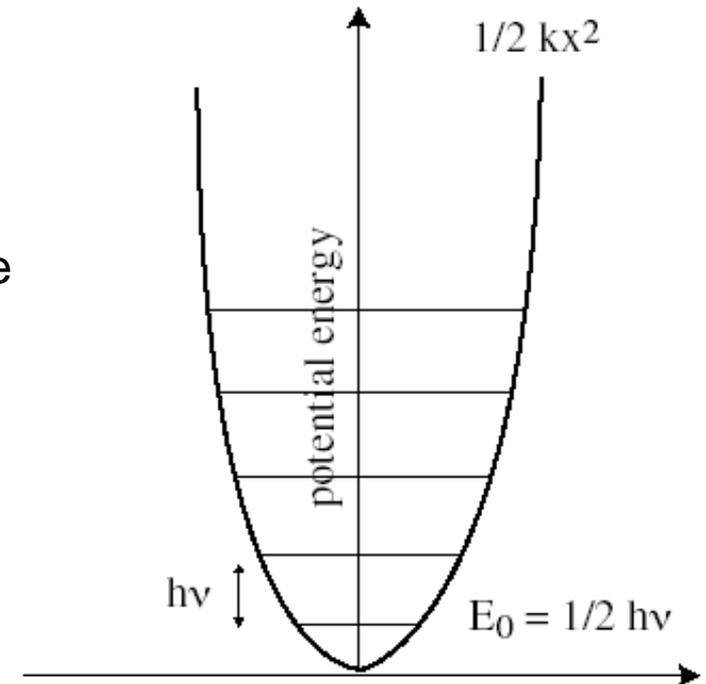
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2\psi}{dq^2} + \frac{1}{2} kq^2\psi = E_{vib}\psi$$

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}} \quad \mu = \frac{m_1 \times m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

k is the force constant, μ the reduced mass q is the displacement from the equilibrium position.

$$E = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) h\nu$$

For molecules with more than two atoms
-> **Normal mode analysis**



What can we learn from spectroscopy?

- Identify species
- Quantify
- Structure determination
- Orientation
- Interactions
- „Imaging“
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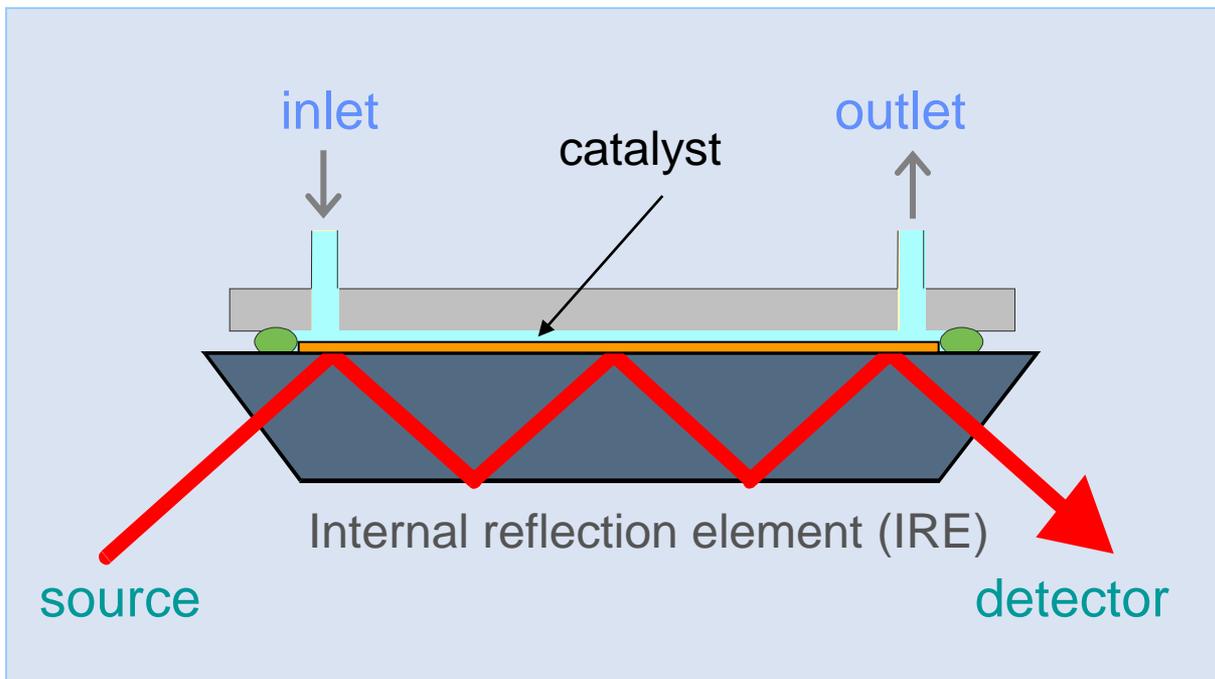
Infrared spectroscopy of adsorbates

(IR spectroscopy of interfaces)

- ATR-IR spectroscopy
- Orientation measurements
- Case studies

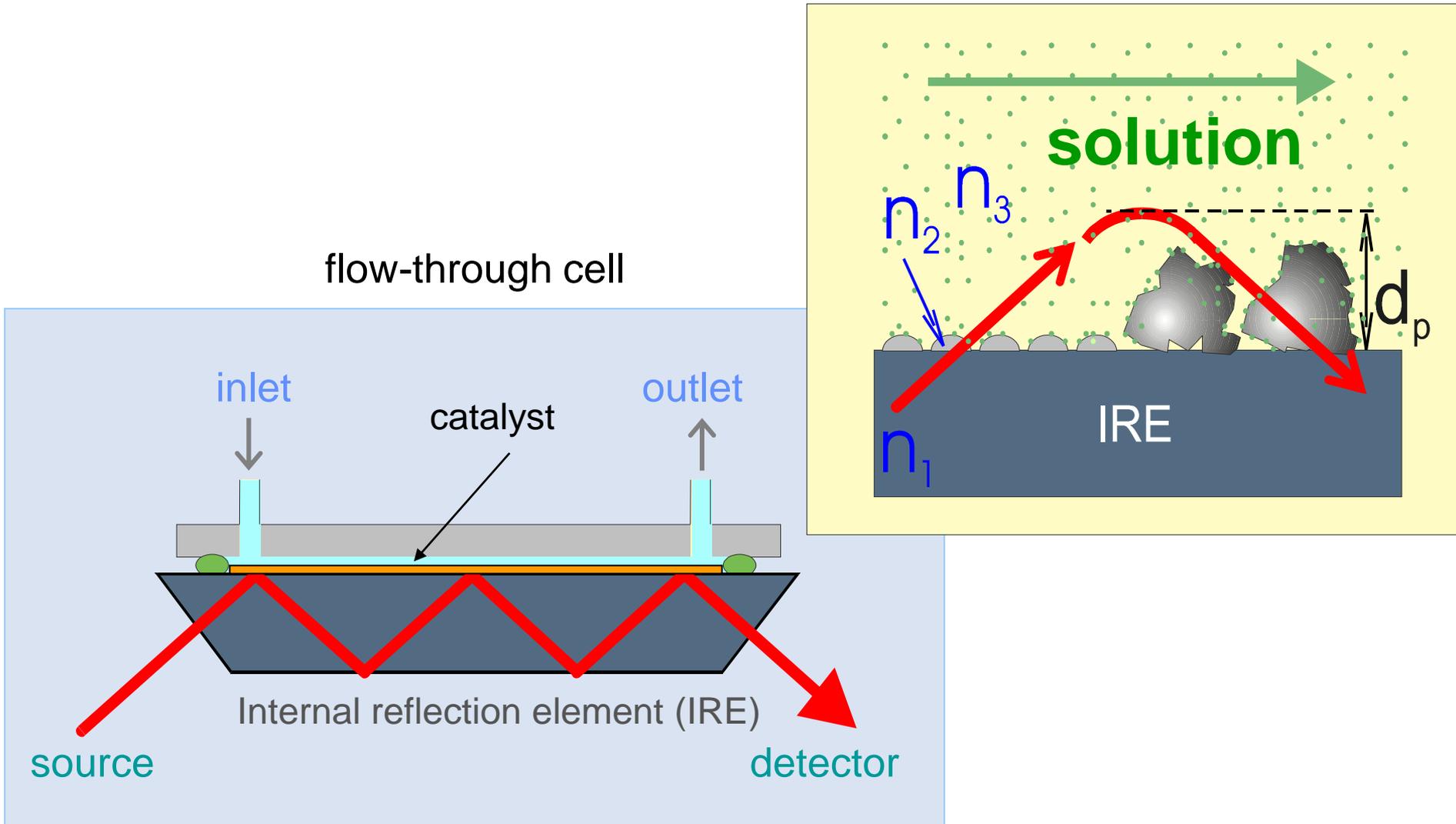
ATR-IR spectroscopy

flow-through cell

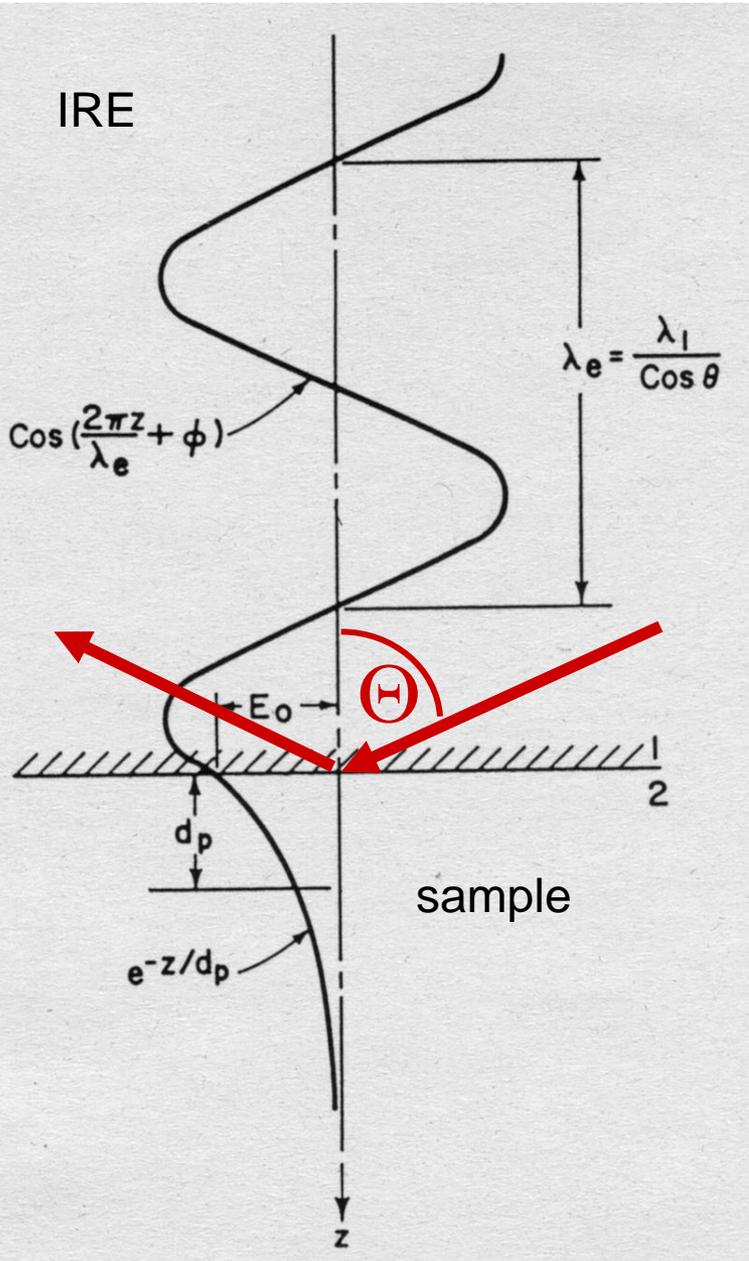


ATR: Attenuated
total reflection

ATR-IR spectroscopy



Electric field at interface for ATR



$$d_p = \frac{\lambda_1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sin^2\theta - n_{21}^2}}$$

$$E = E_0 e^{\frac{-z}{d_p}}$$

z : distance from the interface

d_p : Penetration depths (typically on the order of a μm in the IR). Distance from interface where the electric field has decayed to $1/e$ of its value E_0 at the interface

λ_1 : Wavelength in medium 1

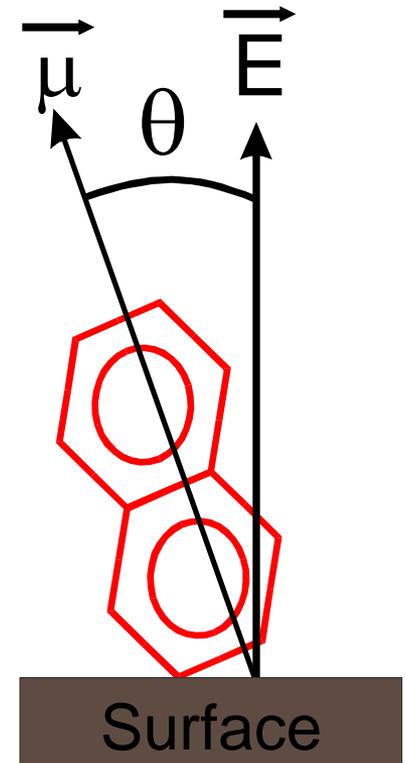
$n_{21} = n_2/n_1$: Refractive indices of internal reflection element (IRE) and sample

Θ : Angle of incidence

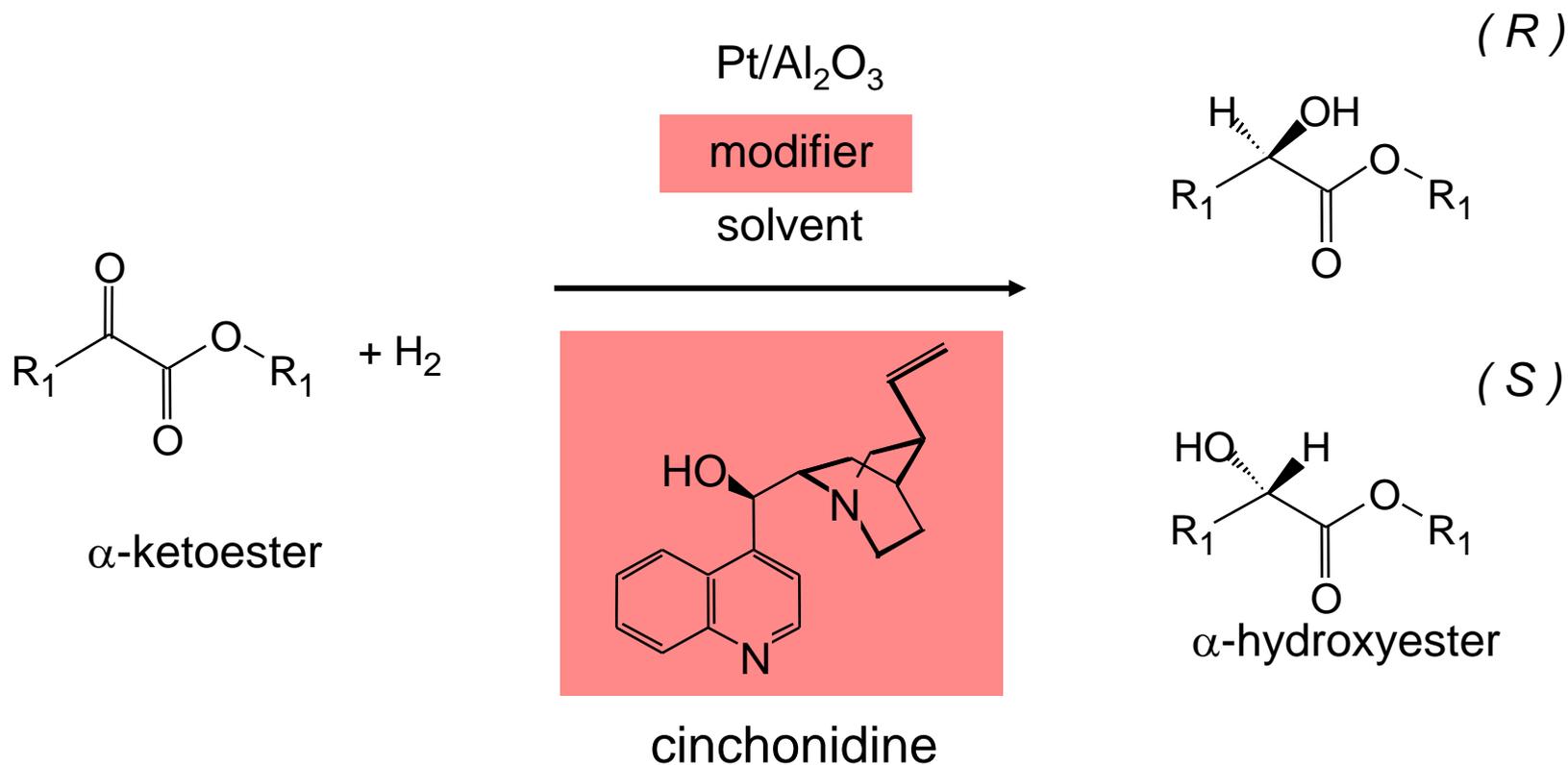
Orientation measurements

- Make use of **polarized light**
- For flat (model) systems
- Usually no net orientation for powder samples

$$I \propto (\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{E})^2 = |\vec{\mu}|^2 |\vec{E}|^2 \cos^2(\theta)$$



Heterogeneous enantioselective hydrogenation of α -functionalized ketones (case study)



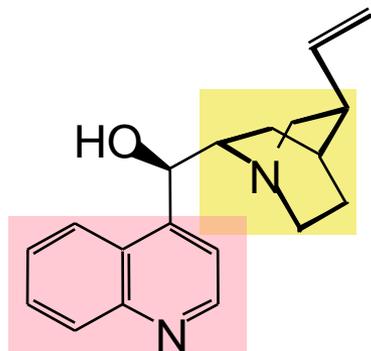
Heterogeneous enantioselective catalysis



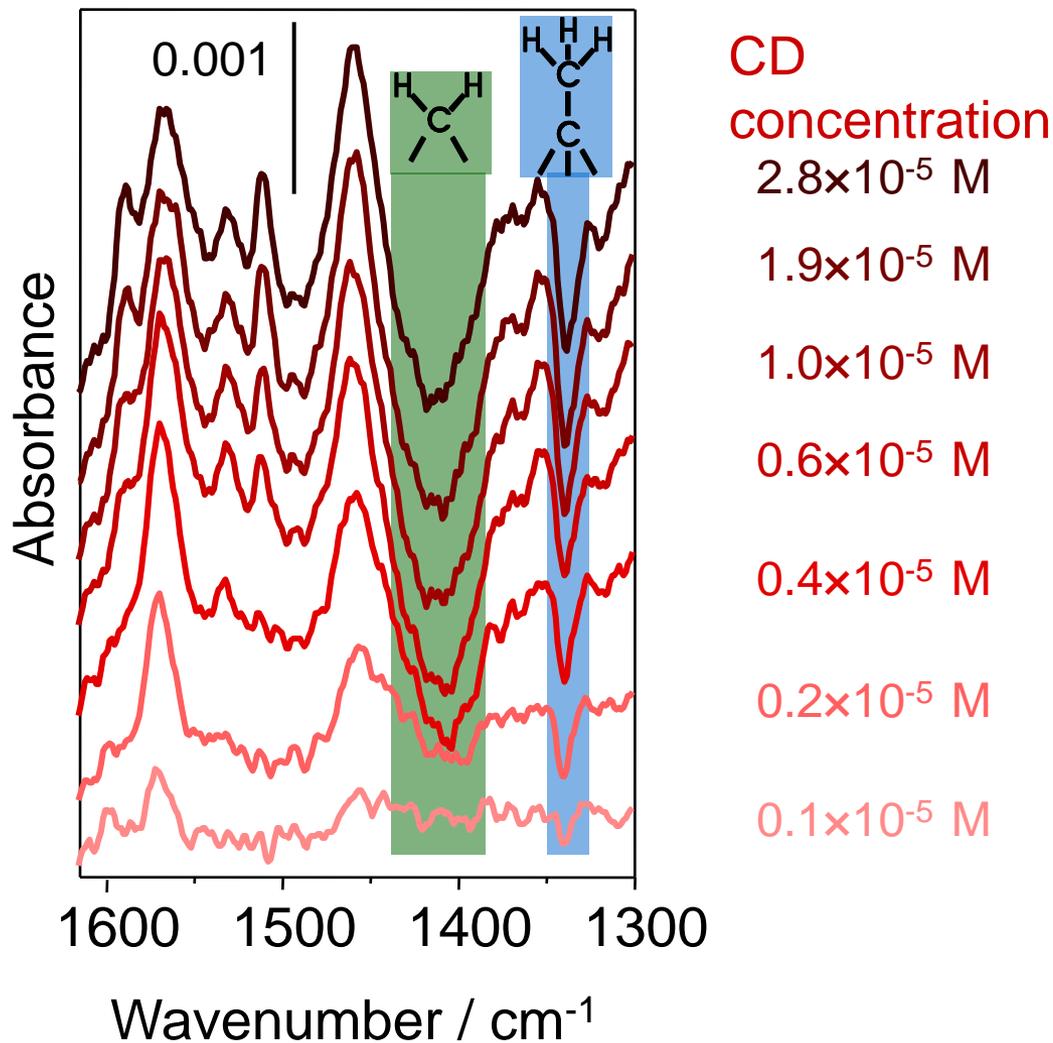
- Structure of the active site?
 - How does the chiral modifier adsorb on the catalyst surface?
- In situ ATR spectroscopy
- Why in situ?

Cinchonidine (CD) adsorption on Pt/Al₂O₃ film

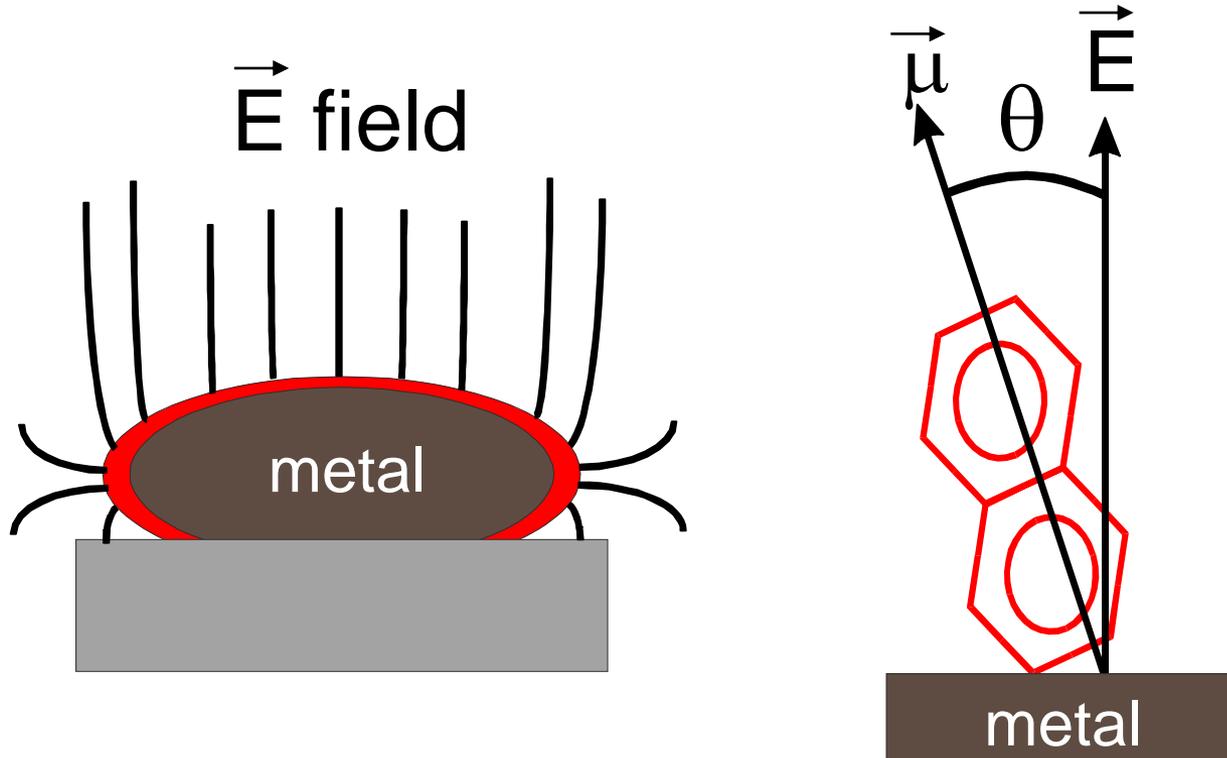
10° C; H₂-saturated CH₂Cl₂



- Adsorption mode depends on coverage
- Competition with solvent for adsorption sites



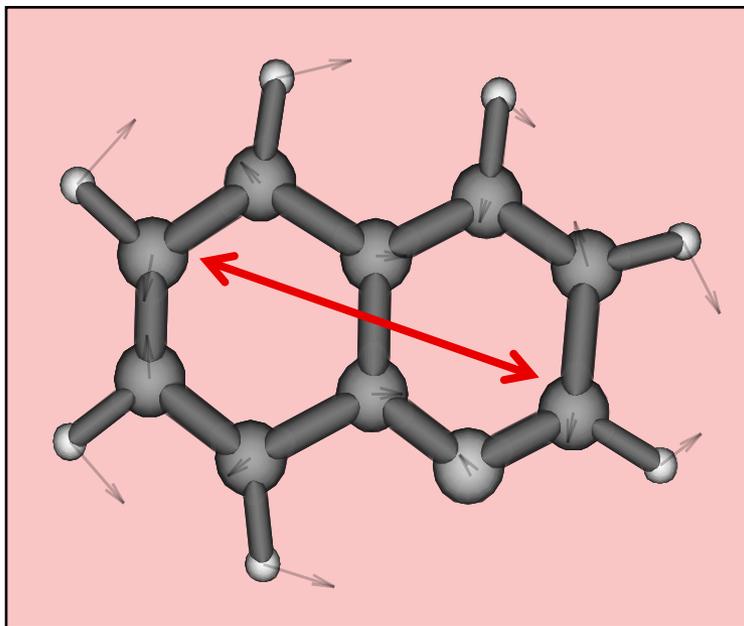
Determination of the orientation of an adsorbate on a metal surface



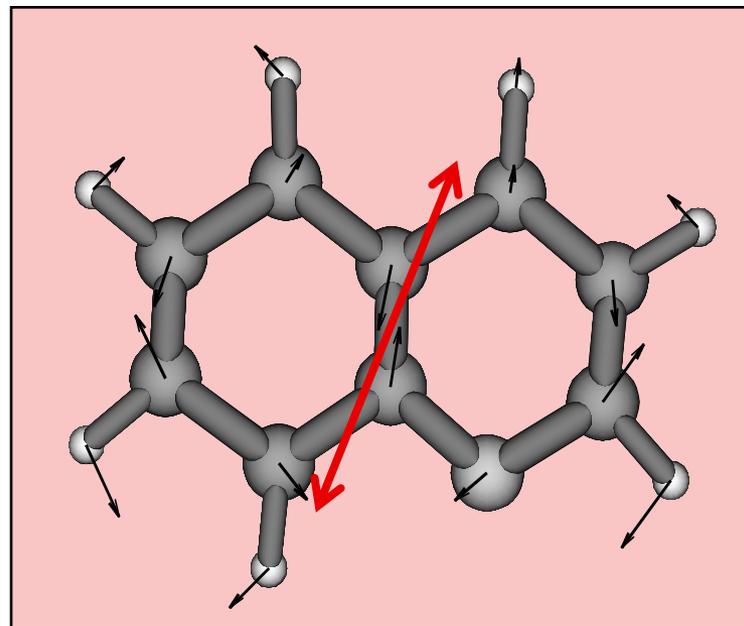
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Orientation of dynamic dipole moment μ associated with a vibrational mode

Quantum chemical calculations

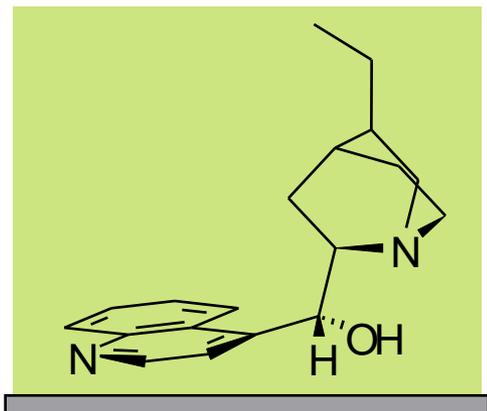


1510 / 1530 cm^{-1}

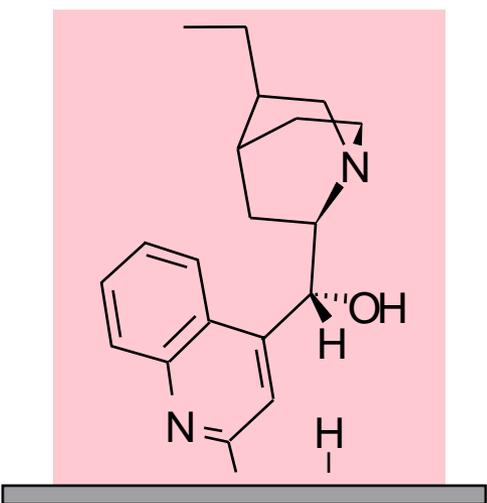


1569 cm^{-1}

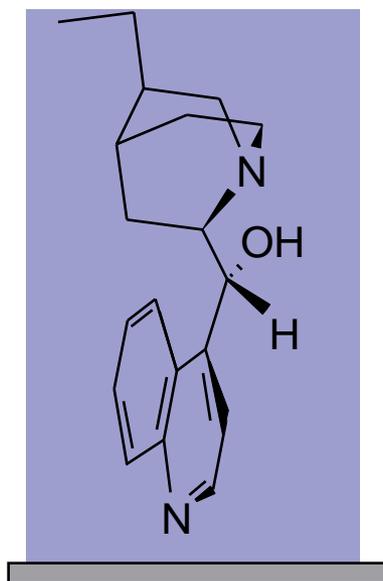
Summary: Adsorption of cinchonidine on Pt



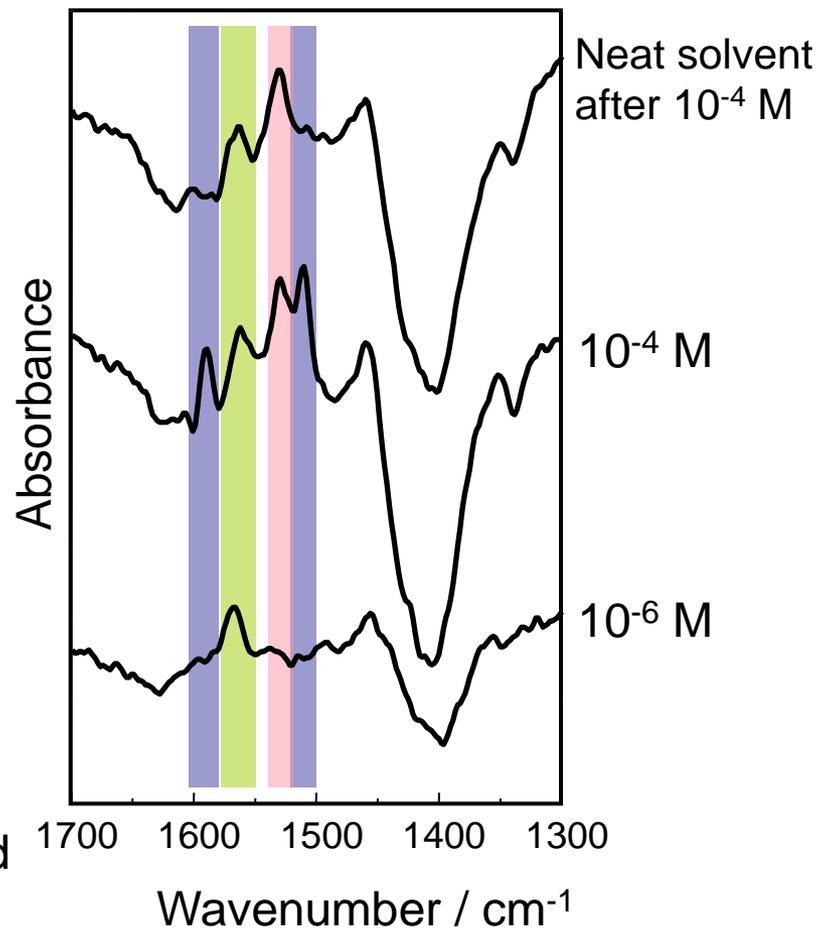
- Low coverage
- Strongly adsorbed



- Strongly adsorbed

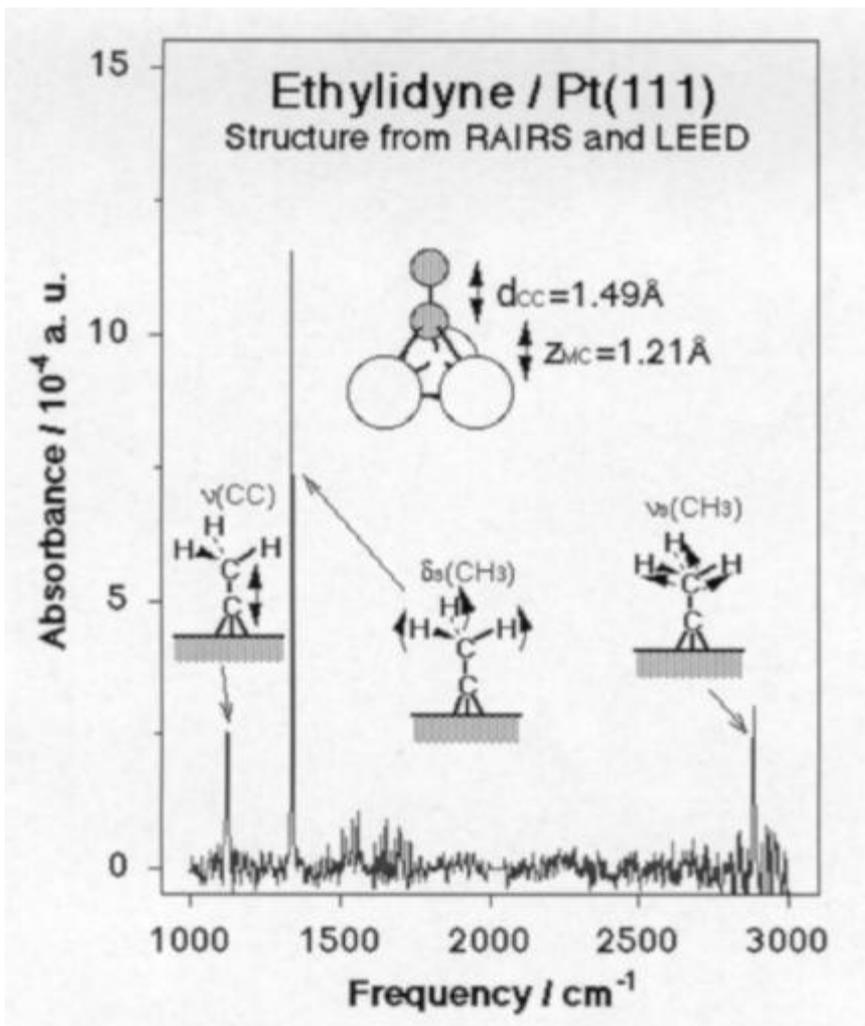


- High coverage
- Weakly adsorbed
- N lone pair bonded

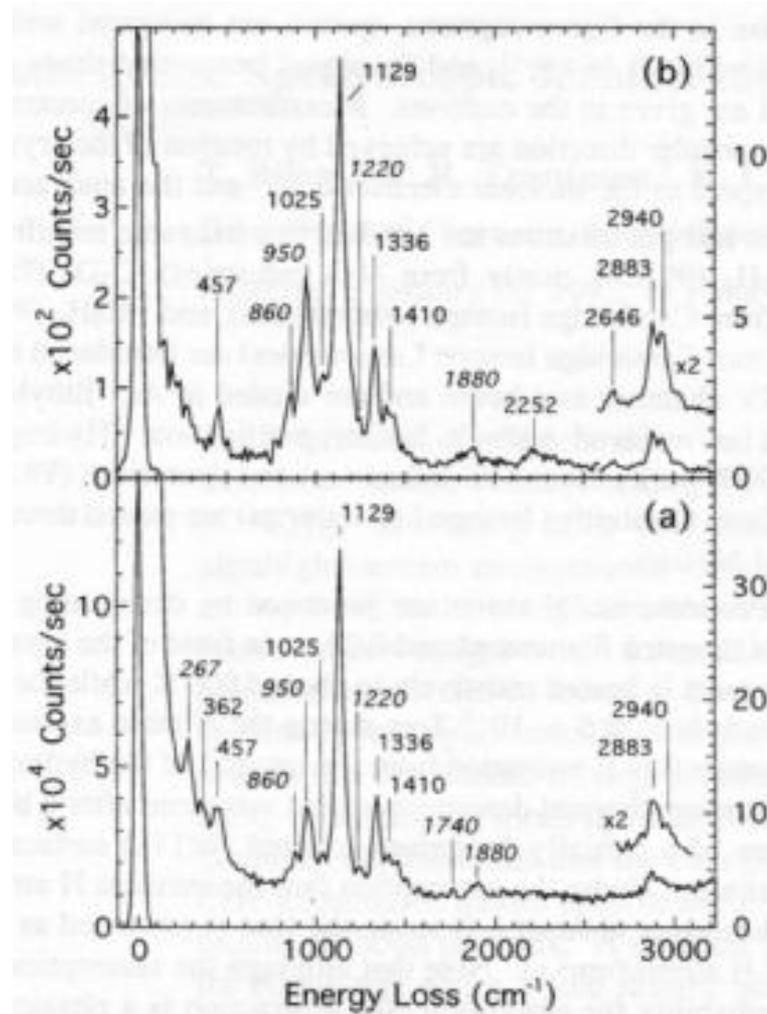


Metal surface selection rule: Ethylidyne on Pt

Comparison between IRRAS and EELS



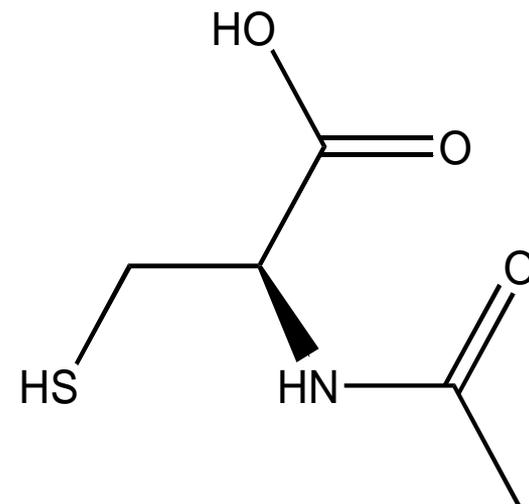
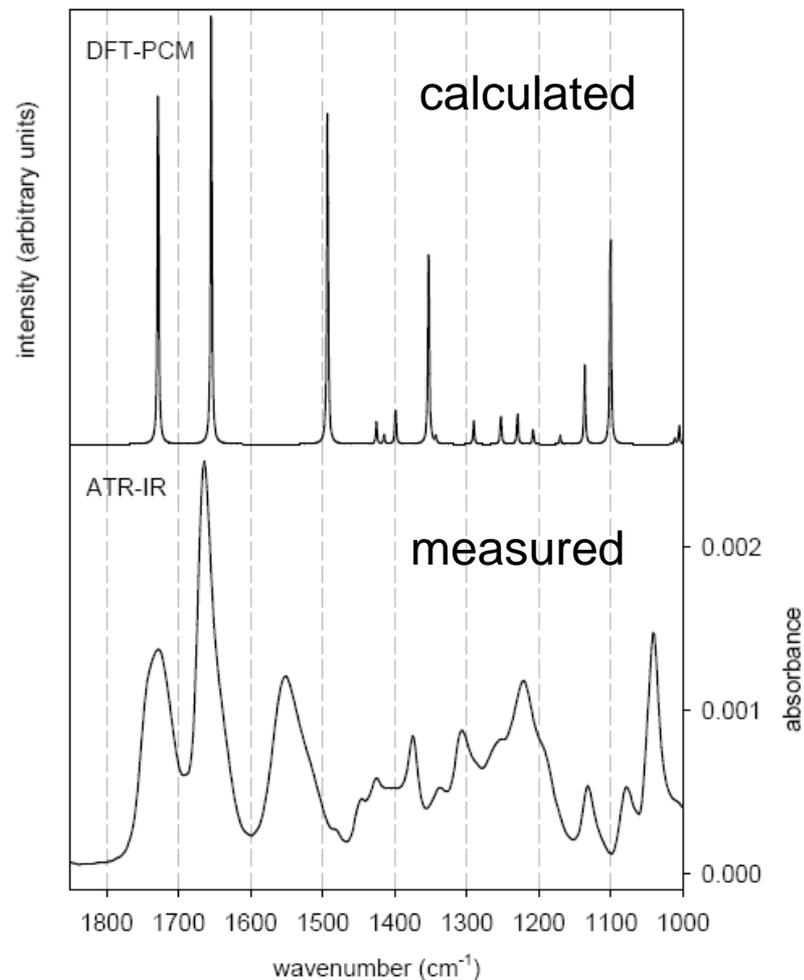
IRRAS



EELS: a) specular; b) off specular

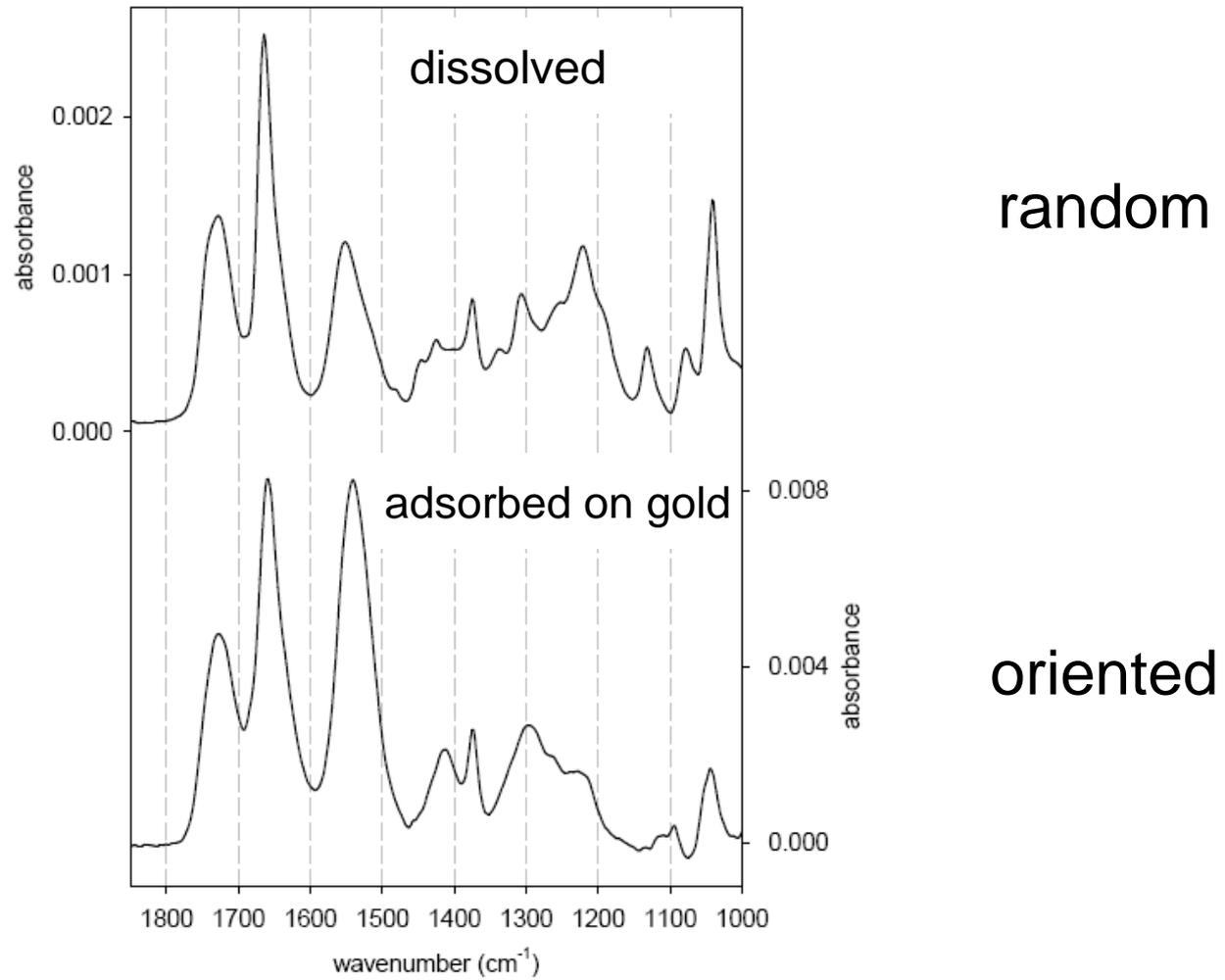
Self-assembly of N-acetyl-L-cysteine on gold

Infrared spectrum of dissolved NALC



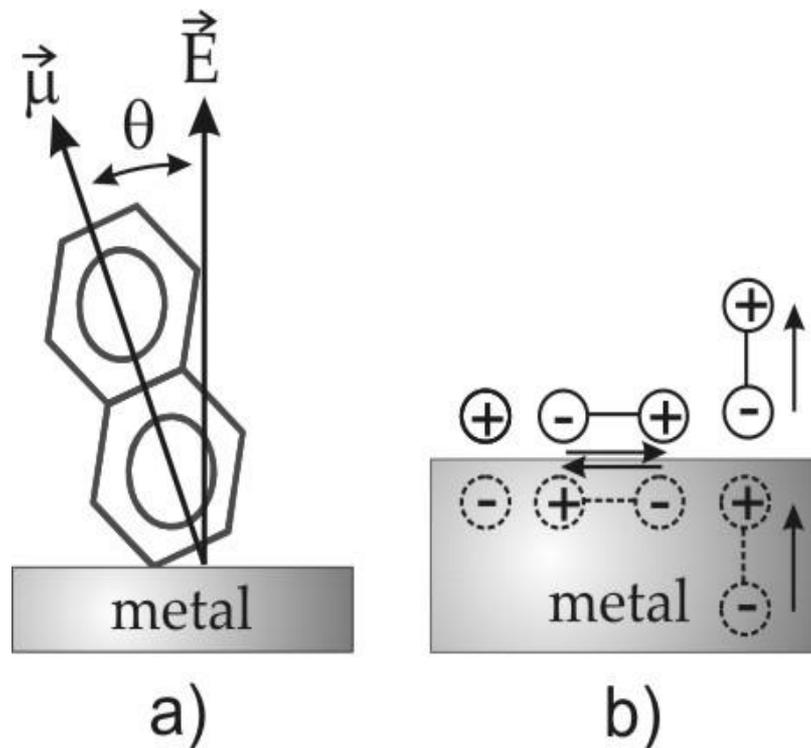
N-acetyl-L-cysteine (NALC)

Self-assembly of N-acetyl-L-cysteine on gold



Investigation of Self-Assembled Monolayers

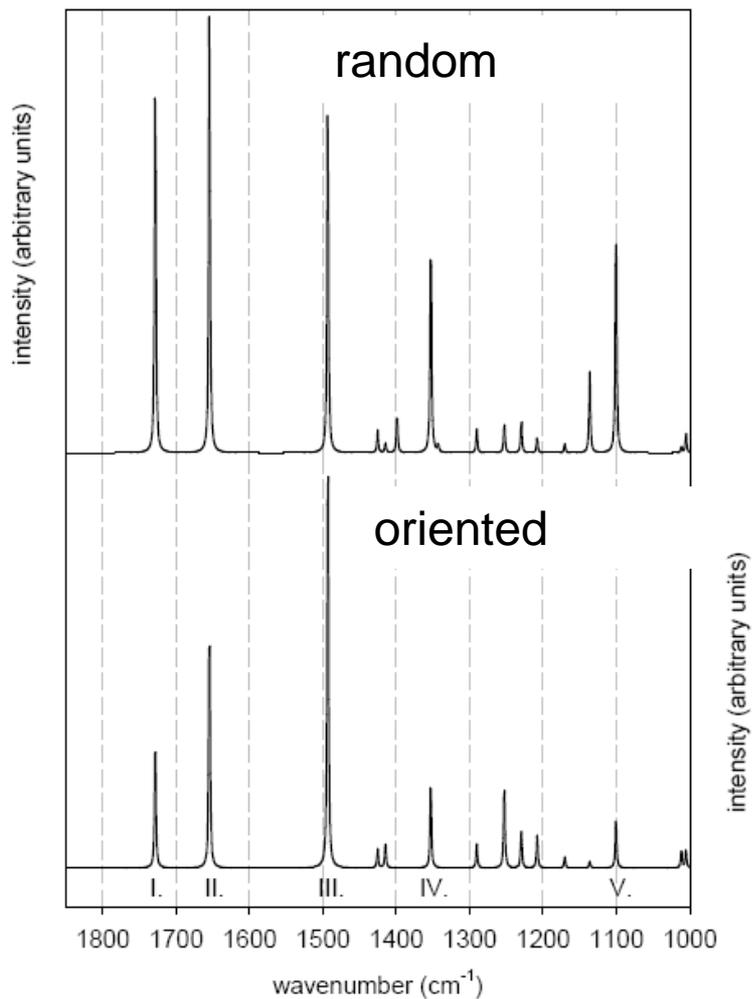
Orientation measurements



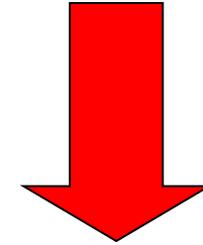
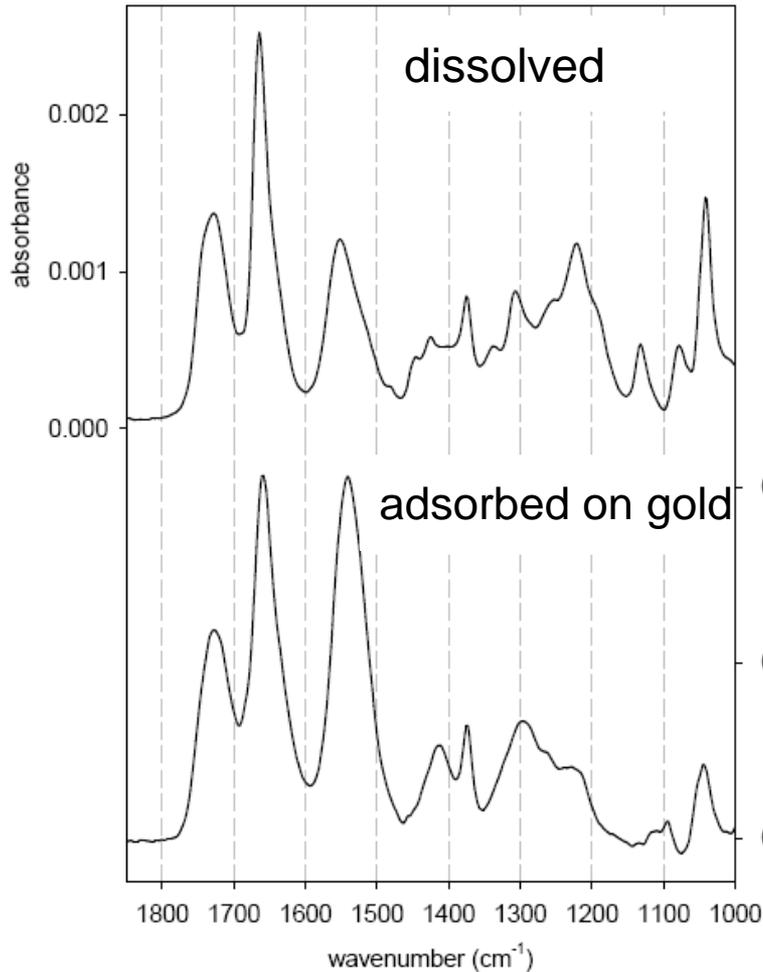
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Self-assembly of N-acetyl-L-cysteine on gold

Effect of orientation on the spectrum



Self-assembly of N-acetyl-L-cysteine on gold



Orientation of NALC on gold
(at the beginning of adsorption)

