

# **Optical spectroscopy in materials science 10.**

## **Ellipsometry**

## **Emission spectroscopy**

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# Ellipsometry

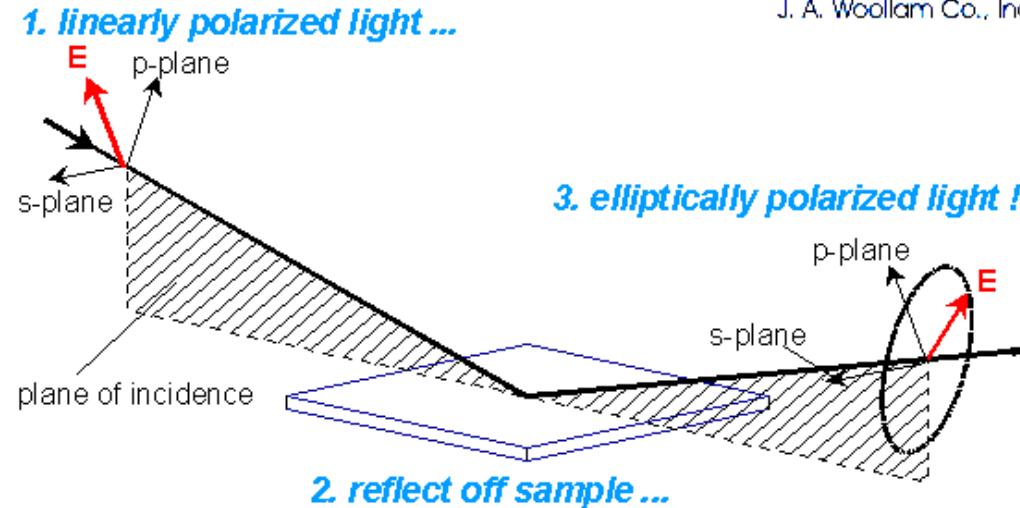
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**Snell's law:**

**(Snellius – Descartes-törvény:**

**Snellius - Gesetz: )**

$$n_a \sin \varphi_a = n_b \sin \varphi_b$$



**From the boundary conditions of**

**Maxwell's equations:**

the tangential components of E and H are continuous at the interface

making use of

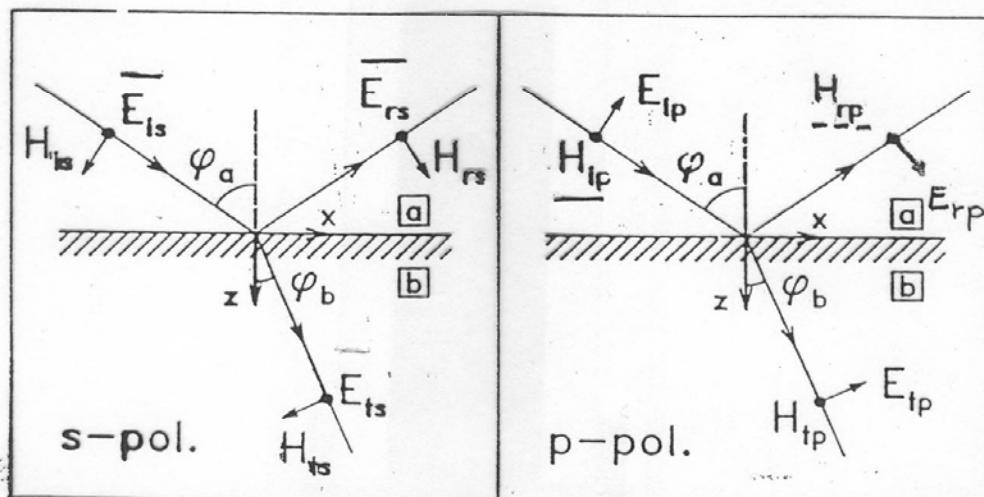
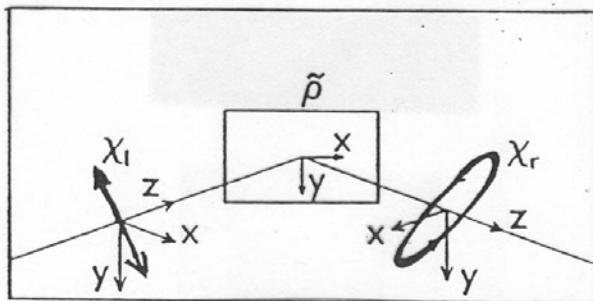
$$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{E} = \frac{\omega}{c} \mathbf{H}$$

$$|\mathbf{k}| |\mathbf{E}| = \frac{\omega}{c} |\mathbf{H}|$$

$$H = \frac{kc}{\omega} E = nE$$



# Fresnel's equations



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$$E_{rs} + E_{is} = E_{ts}$$

$$n_a \cos \varphi_a (E_{rs} - E_{is}) = -n_b \cos \varphi_b E_{ts}$$

$$n_a (E_{ip} - E_{rp}) = n_b E_{tp}$$

$$\cos \varphi_a (E_{rp} + E_{ip}) = \cos \varphi_b E_{tp}$$

**Fresnel coefficients:**

$$r_p = \frac{E_{rp}}{E_{ip}} \quad r_s = \frac{E_{rs}}{E_{is}} \quad t_p = \frac{E_{tp}}{E_{ip}} \quad t_s = \frac{E_{ts}}{E_{is}}$$

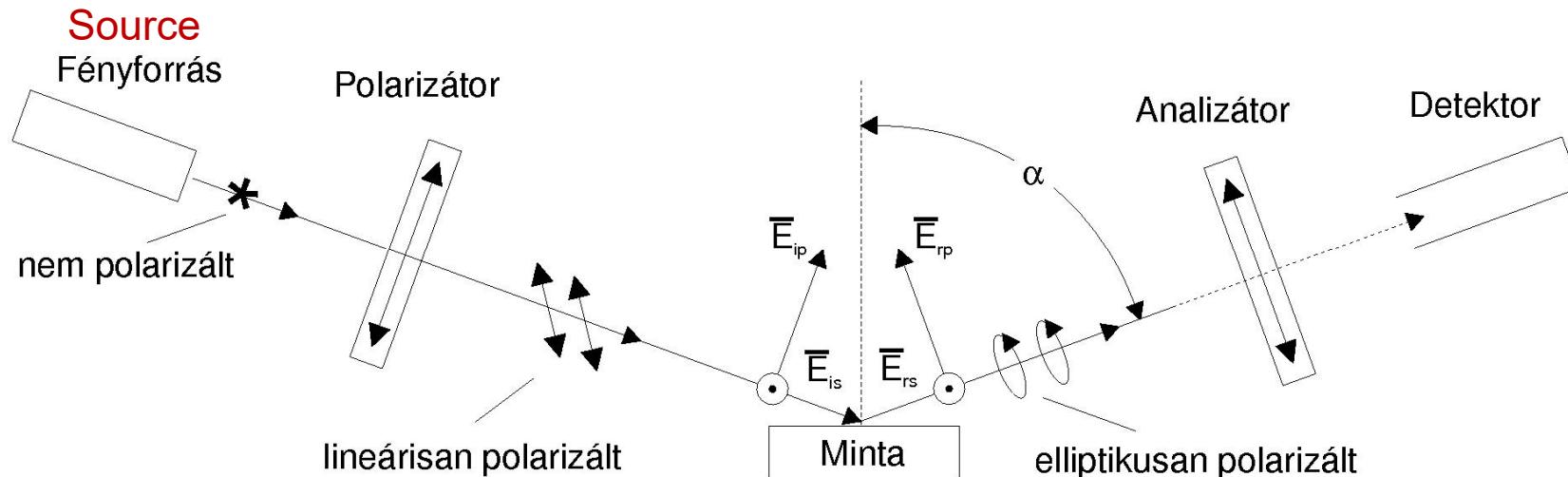
$$r_p = |r_p| e^{i\theta_{rp}} \quad r_s = |r_s| e^{i\theta_{rs}}$$

$$R = r^* r = |r|^2$$

$$r_p, r_s, t_p, t_s = f(n_a, n_b, \varphi_a, \varphi_b)$$

# Measured quantities

Incident light: linear polarization



Reflected light: elliptical polarization

$$\rho = \frac{r_p}{r_s} = \tan \Psi e^{i\Delta}$$

Ellipsometric angles:

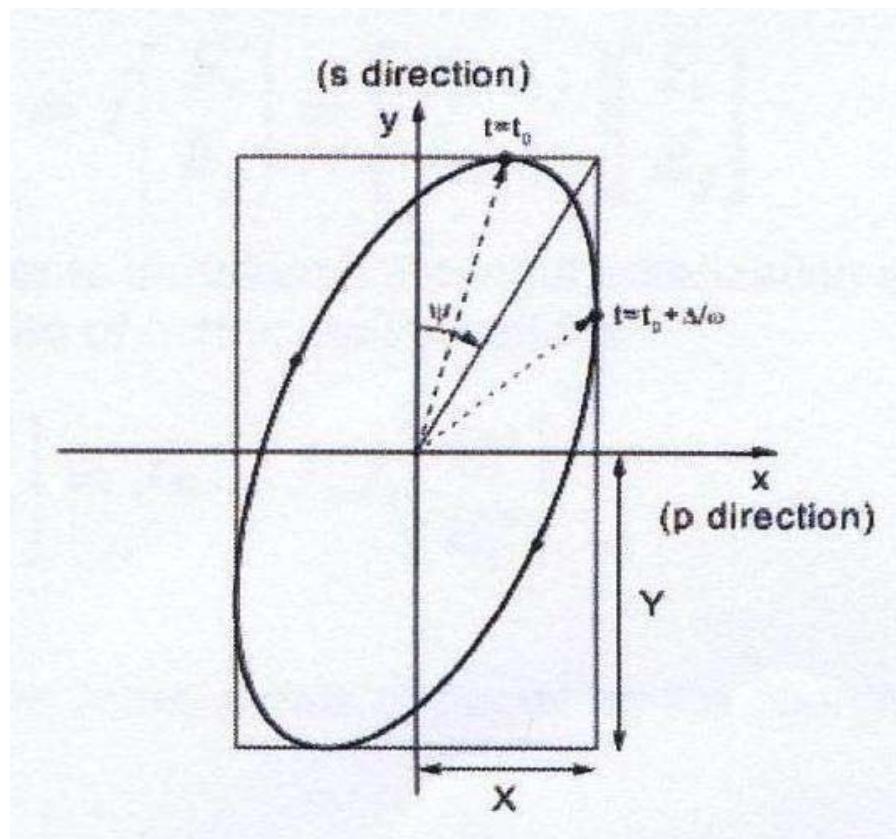
$$\tan \Psi = \left| \frac{r_p}{r_s} \right| \quad \Delta = \theta_{rp} - \theta_{rs}$$

Spectroscopic ellipsometry:  $\Psi(\omega), \Delta(\omega)$

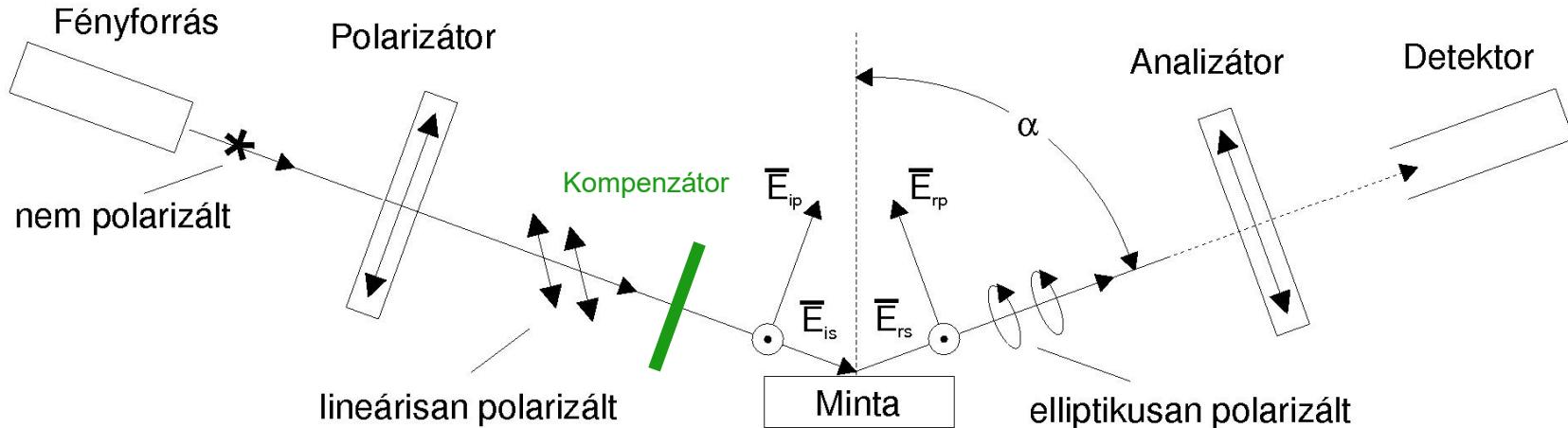


# Ellipsometric angles

Forrás: Tamáska István, 2009



# Measurement: rotating analyzer setup



Polarizer: fixed angle (P)  
 Analyzer rotating:  $A(t)$

$$I_{\text{det}}(A) = 1 + \frac{|\rho|^2 \cos^2 P - \sin^2 P}{|\rho|^2 \cos^2 P + \sin^2 P} \cos 2A + \frac{\text{Re}(\rho) \sin 2P}{|\rho|^2 \cos^2 P + \sin^2 P} \sin 2A$$

$$I_{\text{det}}(A_i) \sim 1 + \alpha(\rho, P) \cos 2A_i + \beta(\rho, P) \sin 2A_i$$

$$\tan \Psi = \sqrt{\frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \tan P \quad \cos \Delta = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}}$$



## Evaluation: Isotropic, infinite two-phase model

$$n_b^2 = \epsilon_r(\text{sample}) = n_a^2 \left( \sin^2 \varphi_a + \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{(1+\rho)^2} \sin^2 \varphi_a \tan^2 \varphi_a \right)$$

$$\rho = \rho' + i\rho''$$

If  $n_a = 1$ :

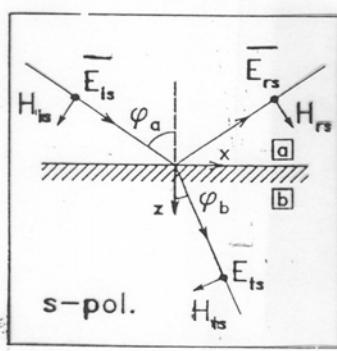
$$\rho = \frac{r_p}{r_s} = \tan \Psi e^{i\Delta}$$

$$\epsilon_r' = \sin^2 \varphi_a + \frac{(1-\rho^2)^2 - 4(\rho'')^2}{1+\rho^2 + 2(\rho')^2} \sin^2 \varphi_a \tan^2 \varphi_a$$

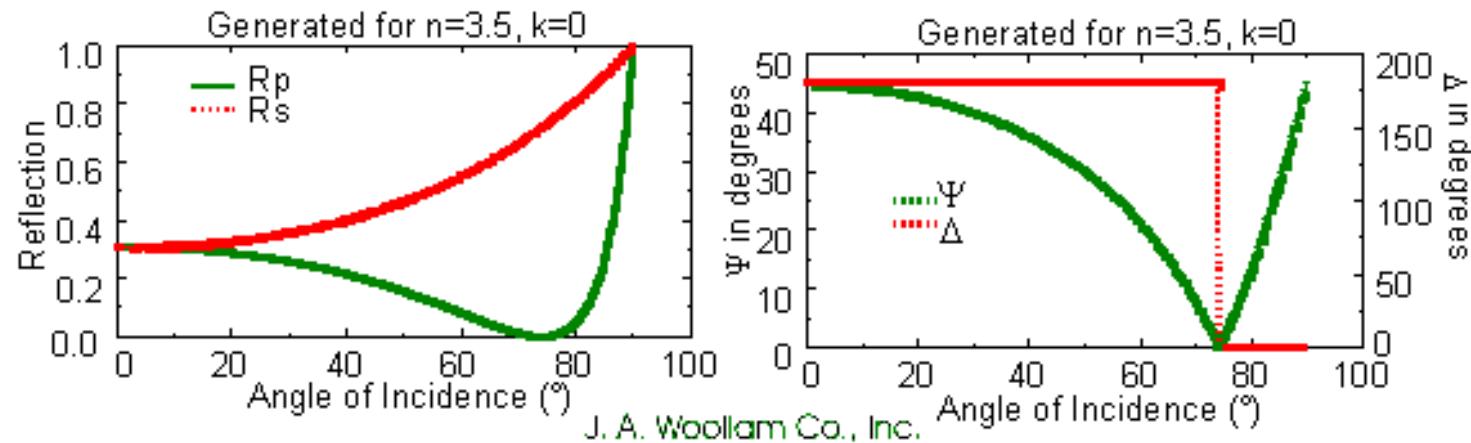
$$\epsilon_r'' = -\frac{4\rho''(1-\rho^2)}{1+\rho^2 + 2(\rho')^2} \sin^2 \varphi_a \tan^2 \varphi_a$$

$$\epsilon_r'' > 0 \Rightarrow \rho'' = \tan \Psi \sin \Delta < 0 \Rightarrow -\pi < \Delta < 0$$

convention! (measured quantity:  $\cos \Delta$ )



# Accuracy of measurement

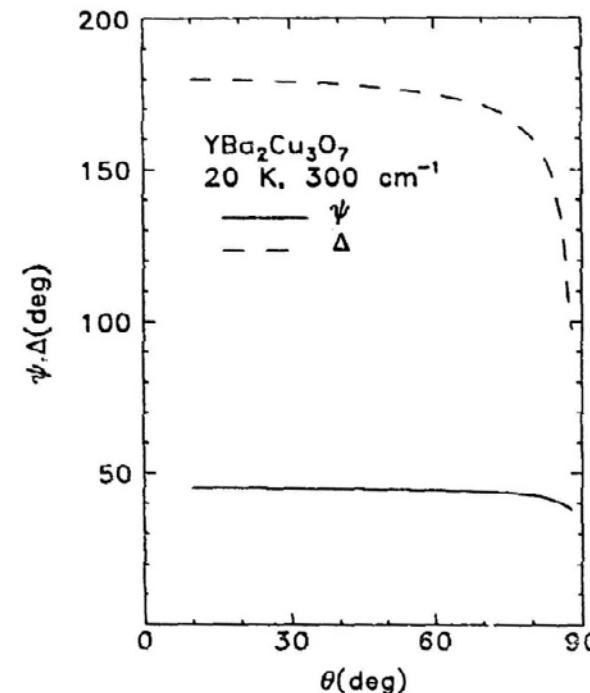
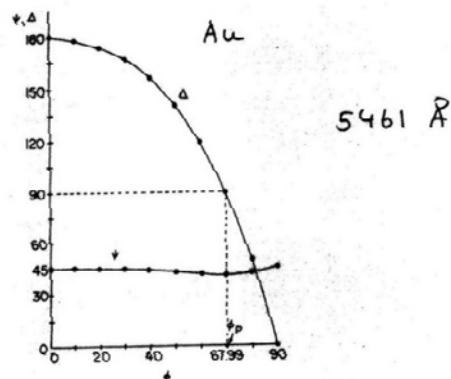
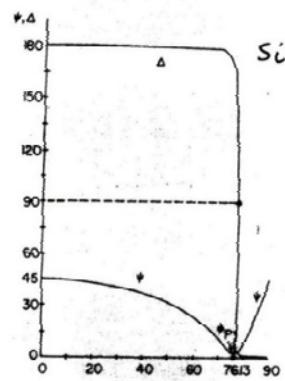
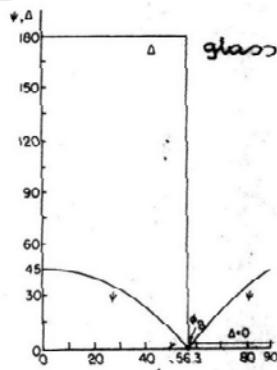


**Brewster angle:**  $r_p=0$        $\Psi = 0, \Delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\tan \varphi_a(B) = n_b/n_a$

**cos  $\Delta$**  is the measured quantity – optimal range is where it is the most sensitive to  $\Delta$   
however, sensitivity to angle of incidence is also large there  
sensitivity of  $\Psi$  to angle is small around minimum



# Dependence on angle of incidence



R.M.A. Azzam, N.M. Bashara: Ellipsometry and Polarized Light.  
North-Holland, Amsterdam, 1977

$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$  20 K

K.Kamarás, D.van der Marel, C.C.Homes, T.Timusk:  
*Physica C* **235**, 1085 (1994)



# **Advantages - disadvantages**

## **Advantages:**

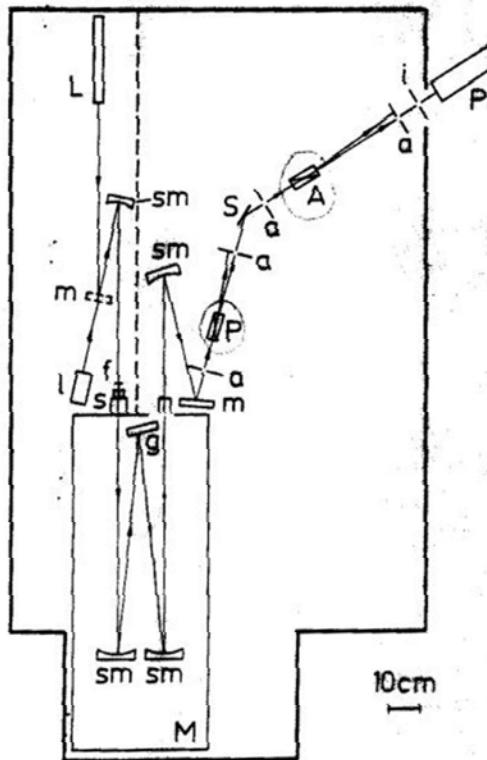
- direct determination of complex dielectric function (with appropriate model)
- no reference needed
- scattered light, small surface discontinuities cause small errors
- non-destructive
- remote sensing possible (visible range)

## **Disadvantages:**

- large angle of incidence – large light spot, large sample area required
- evaluation complicated
- many parameters of the sample have to be known beforehand.



# Experimental setup



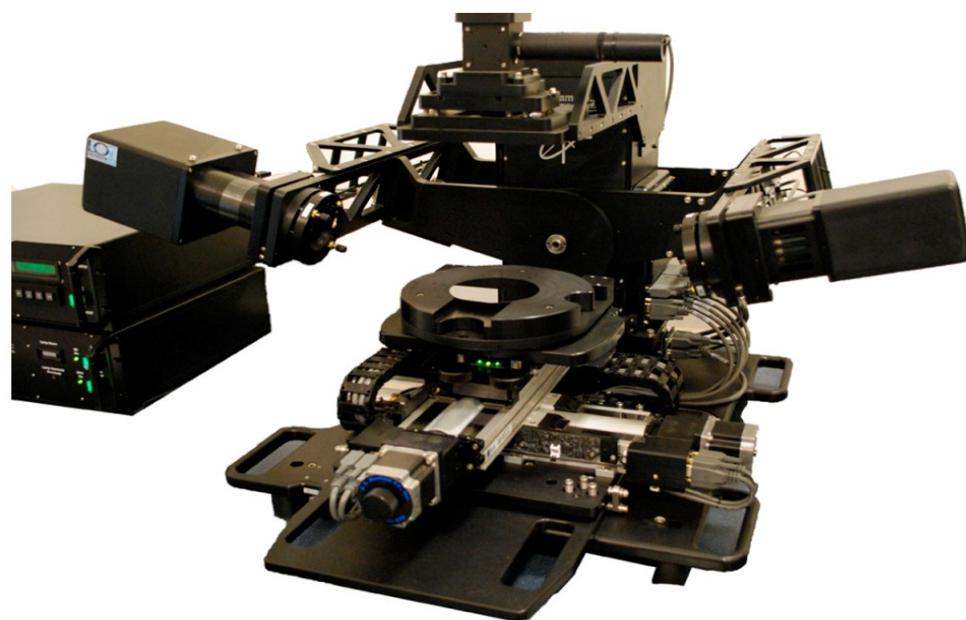
**UV-VIS ellipsometer**  
(MPI Stuttgart)

$$I(A, \omega) \Rightarrow \Psi, \Delta(\omega) \Rightarrow \langle \epsilon \rangle(\omega)$$

**Pseudodielectric function  $\langle \epsilon \rangle$ :**  
*approximation calculated with isotropic two-phase model  
independent of angle of incidence!!!!  
can be used for routine tasks with appropriate calibration*



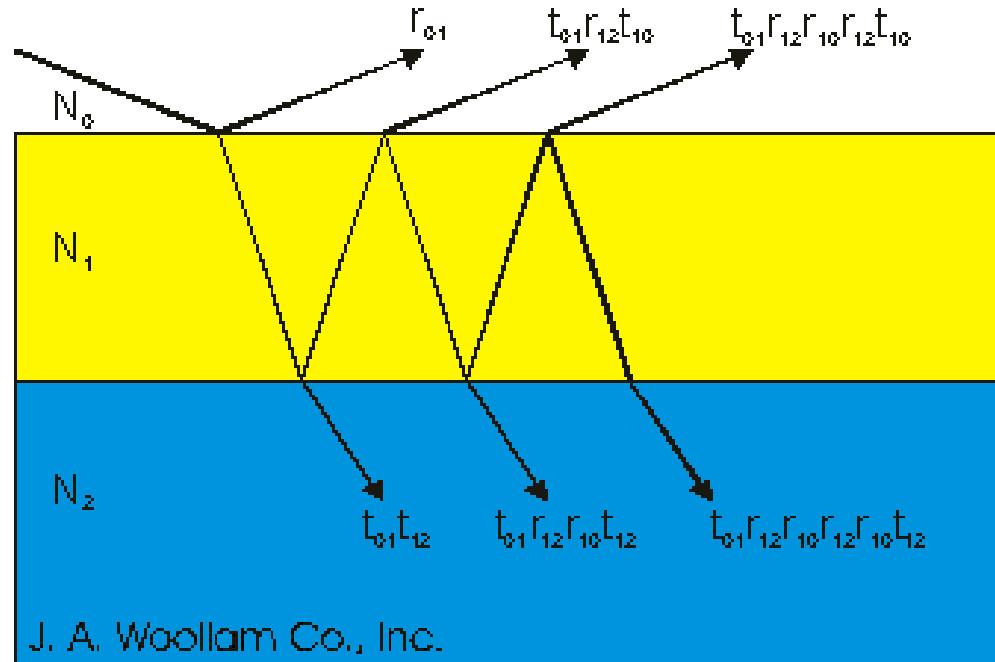
## Modern ellipsometer



**Woollam M2000DI – (MFA)**  
Rotating compensator  
spectroscopic ellipsometer  
range: **190-1700 nm**  
minimum focus spot **0.15 mm**



## Evaluation: multilayer systems



$$\rho(\varphi_a, \varepsilon_b, d_b, \varepsilon_c, d_c \dots)$$

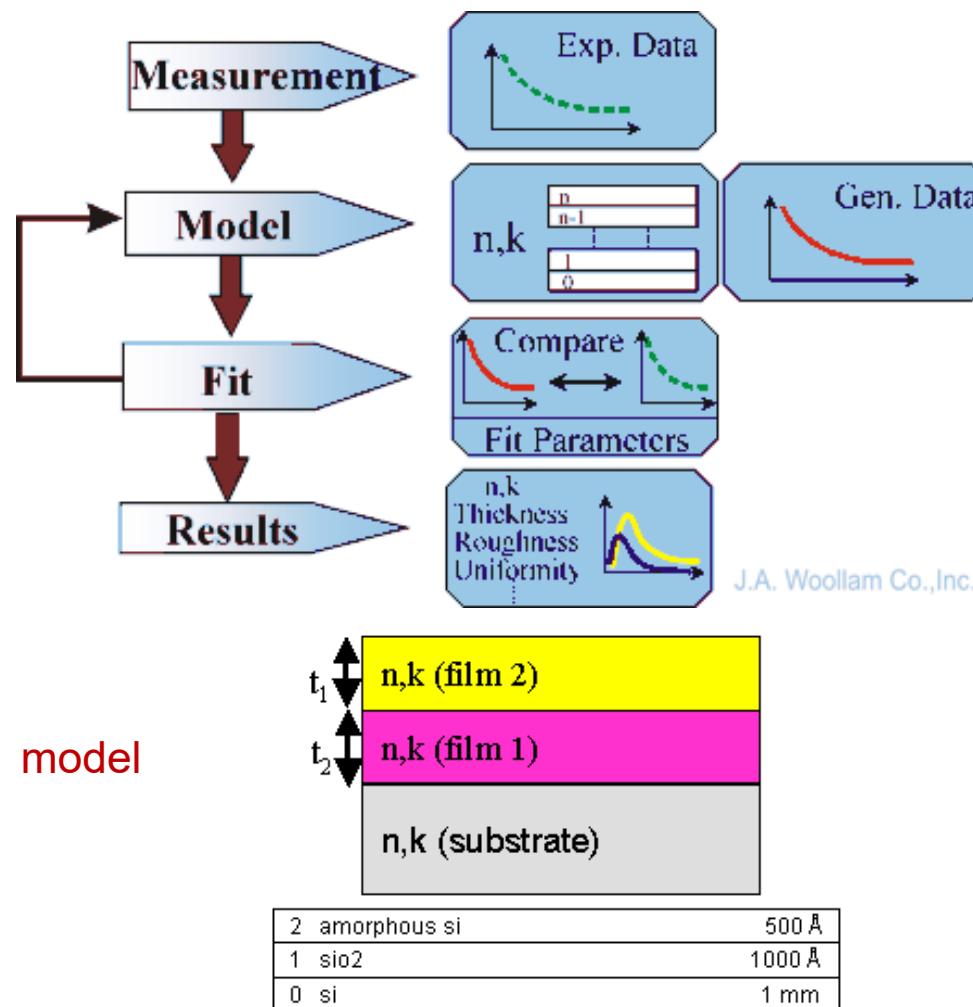
knowing  $(n-2)$  parameters,  
any two unknown quantities  
can be determined  
(e.g. thickness)

[www.jawoollam.com](http://www.jawoollam.com)



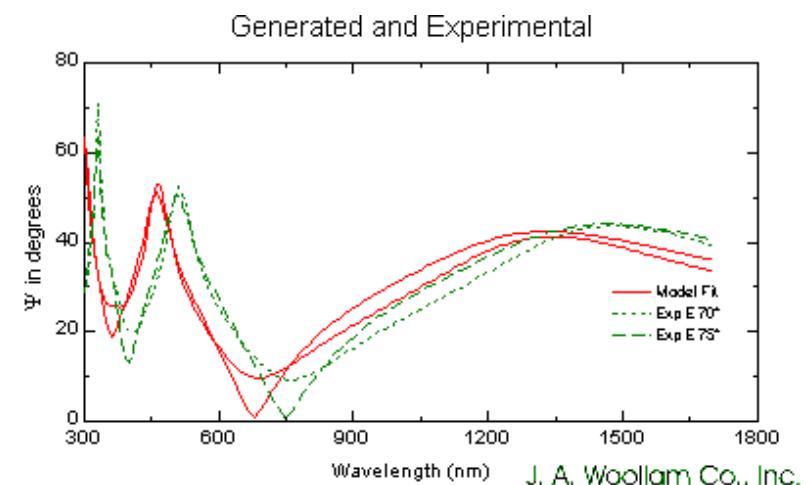
# Fitting procedures

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If  $n(\omega)$  is known, more than two parameters can be fitted

more angles of incidence – more information



# Sensitivity of ellipsometry

$\Psi, \Delta = 0.01 - 0.02^\circ$        $\rightarrow 0.01\text{nm}$  sensitivity on layer thickness

d (nm)	$\Delta$	$\Psi$
0	179.257	10.448
0.1	178.957	10.448
0.2	178.657	10.449
0.3	178.356	10.450
0.4	178.056	10.451
0.5	177.756	10.453
1	176.257	10.462

Precise calibration (e.g. angle of incidence) is crucial!

**Technology:** process monitoring  
process control

Source: Tamáska István, 2009



# Application

- quick determination of dielectric function
- thickness measurement, technology control
- investigation of distribution in layered systems  
(comparison with model calculations)
- ideal for semiconductors, multilayers
- small sensitivity in case of transparent and strongly absorbing samples

*“Kramers-Kronig transformation is arbitrary –  
ellipsometry gives directly the dielectric function”*

**What's wrong with this sentence?**



# Combination of ellipsometry and Kramers-Kronig analysis

K. Kamarás, K.-L.Barth, F.Keilmann, R.Henn, M.Reedyk, C.Thomsen,  
M.Cardona, J.Kircher, P.L.Richards, J.-L.Stehlé:  
J. Appl. Phys. **78**, 1235 (1995)

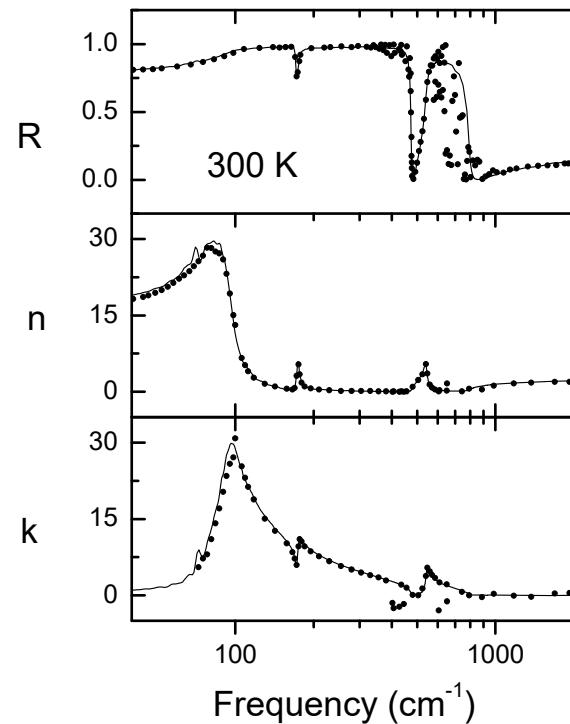


Fig. 1. Kamaras et al.

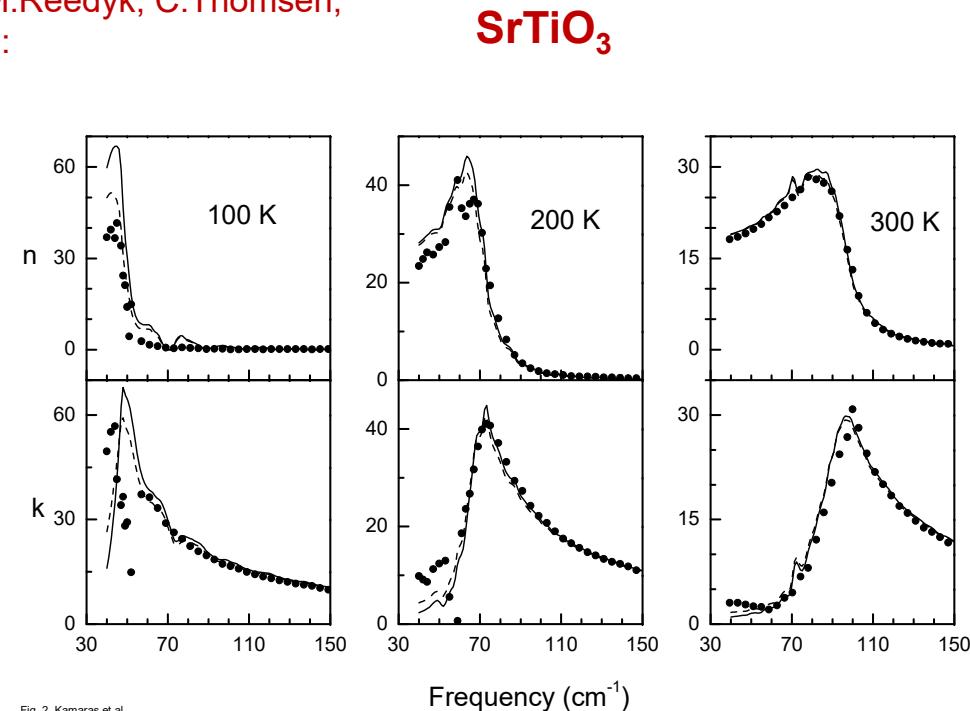


Fig. 2. Kamaras et al.

scaling of normal-incidence reflectance to ellipsometry  
low-frequency extrapolations depend on slope of curve



## Take-home message

- Basics of ellipsometry: illumination of sample with linearly polarized light under finite angle; analyzing polarization state of reflected (elliptically polarized) light

- Measured quantity: ratio of Fresnel coefficients  $\rho = \frac{r_p}{r_s} = \tan \Psi e^{i\Delta}$
- Ellipsometric angles  $\psi, \Delta$  depend on sample dielectric function and angle of incidence
- Pseudodielectric function (isotropic, infinite, two-phase model)
- Multilayer systems: any 2 parameters can be determined when the others are known (mostly thickness of known materials)
- Modeling, process control, remote sensing



# Összefoglalás

- Ellipszometria alapjai: minta megvilágítása lineárisan polarizált fénnnyel véges beesési szöggel ; a visszavert (elliptikusan polarizált) fény analizálása

- Mért mennyiség: Fresnel-együtthatók aránya 
$$\rho = \frac{r_p}{r_s} = \tan \Psi e^{i\Delta}$$
- A  $\psi$ ,  $\Delta$  ellipszometrikus szögek a minta dielektromos függvényétől és a beesési szögtől függenek
- Pszeudodielektronos függvény (izotrop, végtelen, kétfázisú modell)
- Többrétegű rendszerek: bármely 2 paraméter meghatározható, ha a többi ismert (legtöbbször ismert anyagokból álló rétegek vastagsága)
- Modellezés, folyamatirányítás, távoli érzékelés



# Emission spectroscopy

## ➤ Atomic emission spectroscopy (AES)

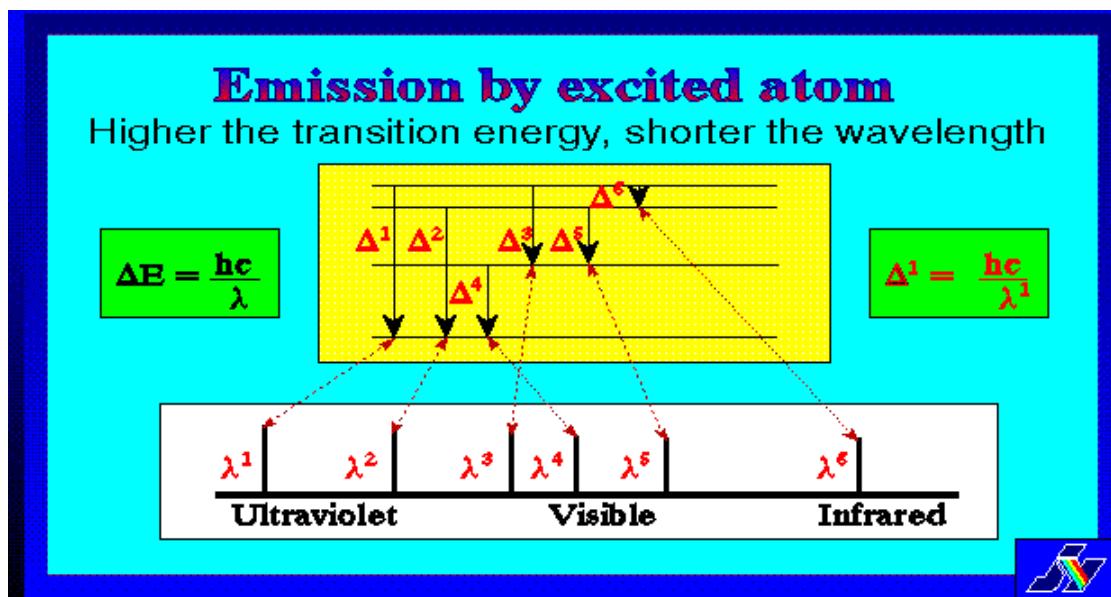
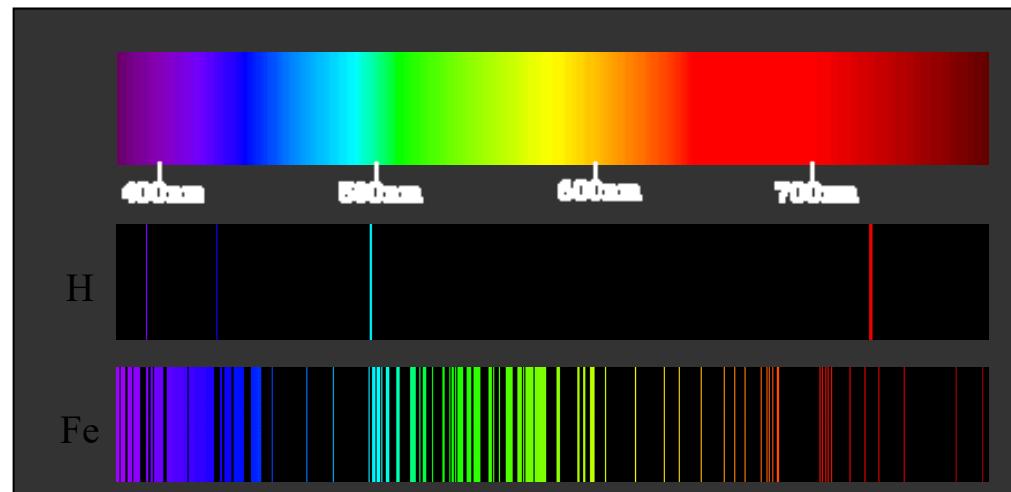
- Flame test
- Flame emission photometry
- Atomic absorption spectrophotometry
- Inductively coupled plasma

## ➤ Molecular spectroscopy

- IR emission spectroscopy
- Luminescence

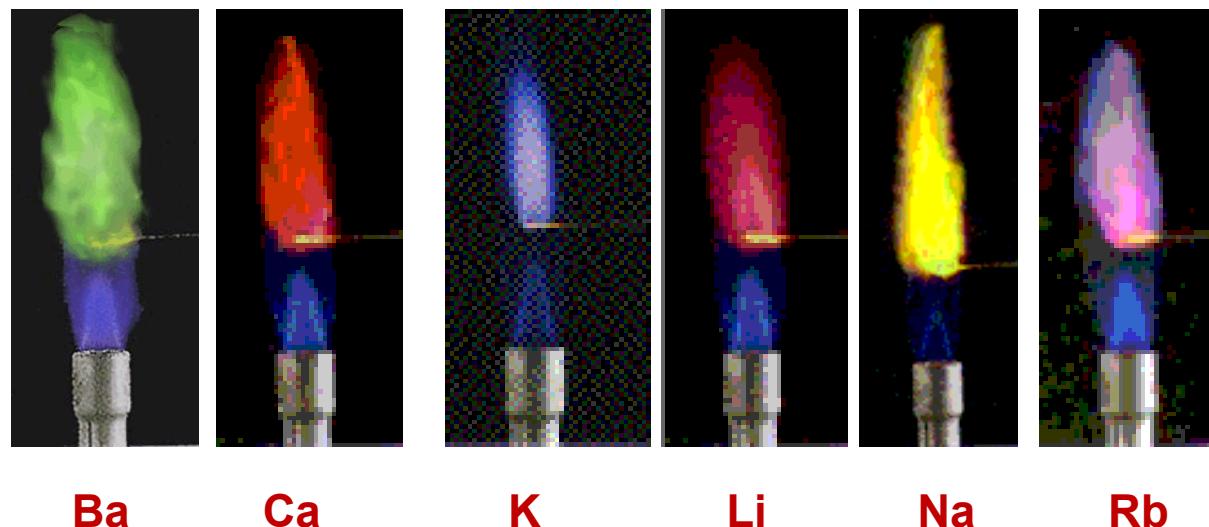


# Emission spectroscopy



## Atomic emission spectroscopy - Flame test

**Walt Wolland, Bellevue Community College**  
<http://www.800mainstreet.com/s/s.html>

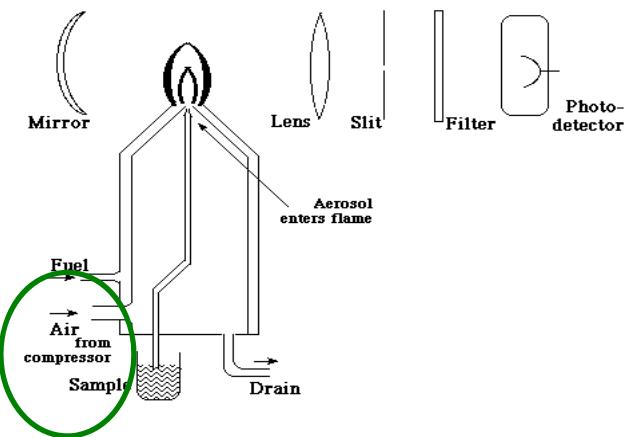


Quantitative methods: flame photometry, atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS)



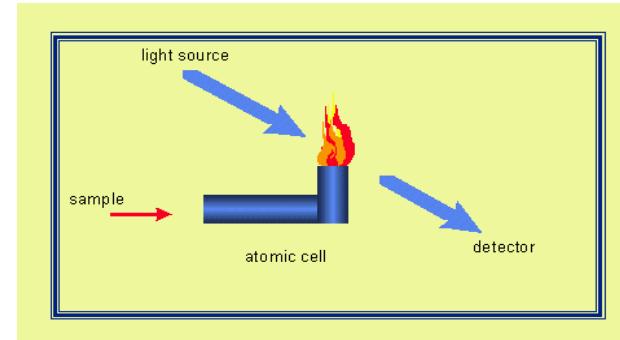
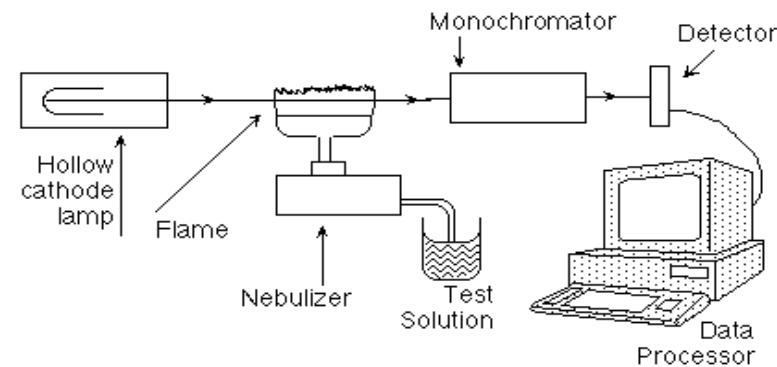
# Atomic emission spectroscopy

## Flame Emission Photometry (FEP)



- **Excitation:** thermal energy of the flame
- **Flame:** - most frequent: acetylene and air
  - vaporization → homogeneous atomic cloud
  - excitation, but not ionization, of atoms
- **Vaporizer** → sample solution
- **Temperature:** 2000 – 3000 °C
- **Requirement:** constant composition, temperature and structure of the flame

## Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS)



<http://www.cee.vt.edu/ewr/environmental/teach/smprimer/aa/aa.html>  
<http://www.resonancepub.com/atomicspec.htm>



## Detectable elements

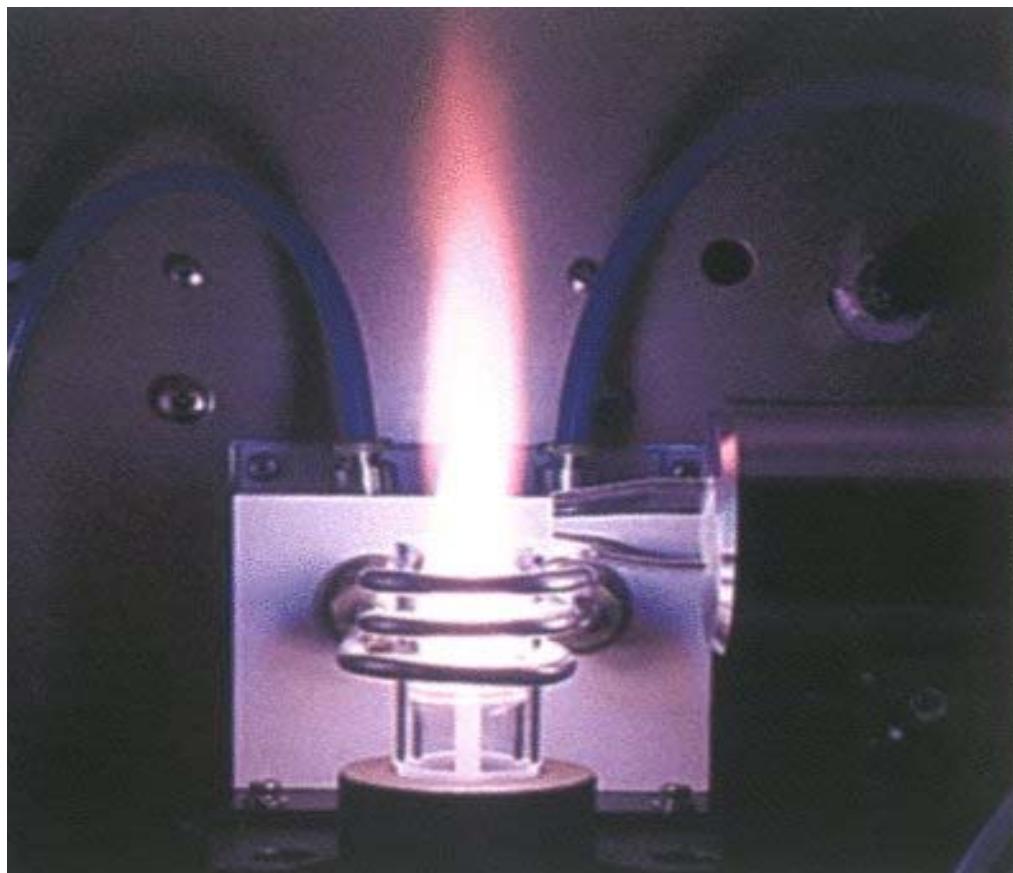
**Fuel-oxidant mixtures**  
Two colours indicate use of either of two mixtures

ATOMIC NUMBER  
SYMBOL  
WAVELENGTH  
ATOMIC WEIGHT

3 Li	4 Be				29 Cu		5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O						
670.8 6.941	234.9 9.01218	N <sub>2</sub> O/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	Air/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	Ar/H <sub>2</sub>	324.8 63.546		249.8 10.81	12.011	14.0067	15.999						
11 Na	12 Mg						13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S						
589.0 22.9898	285.2 24.305						309.3 76.3811	251.8 28.086	213.6 30.9738	32.06						
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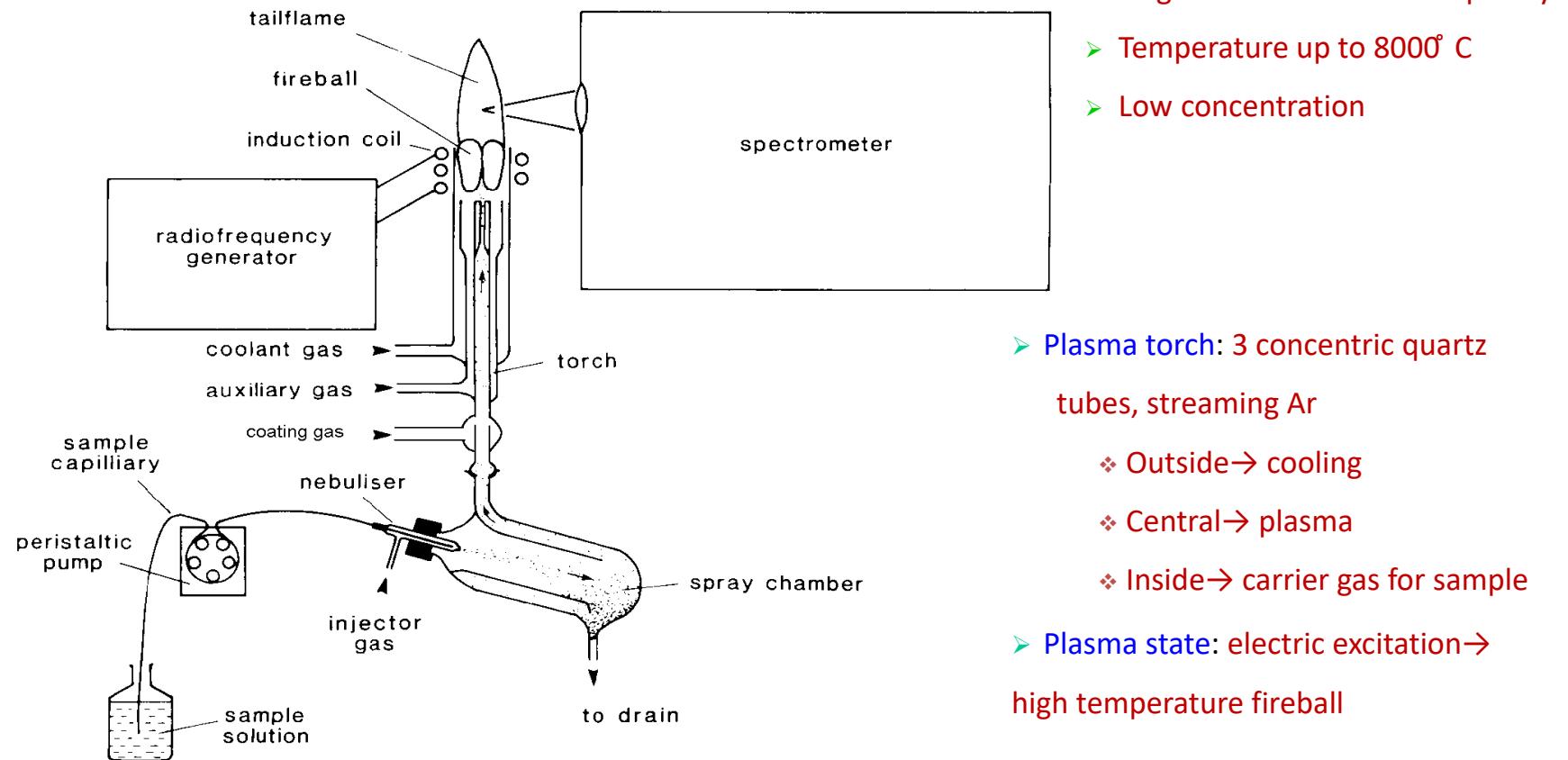
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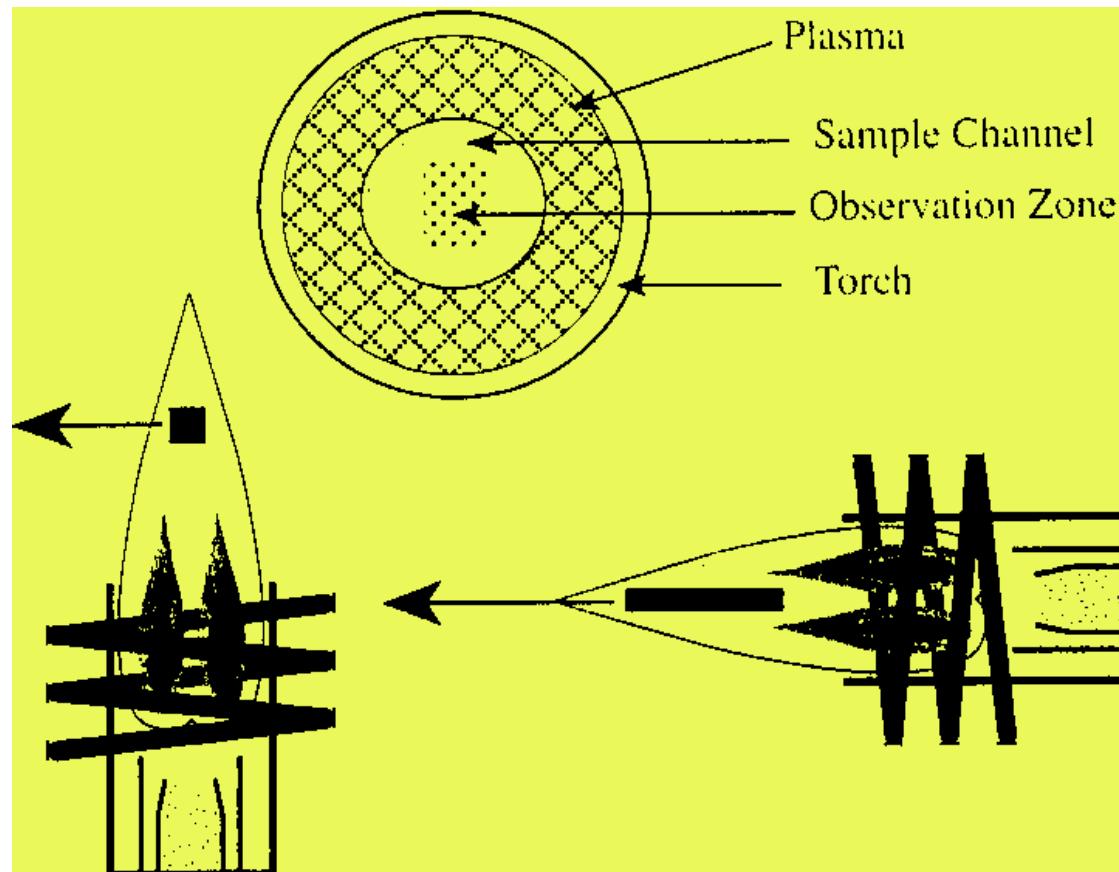
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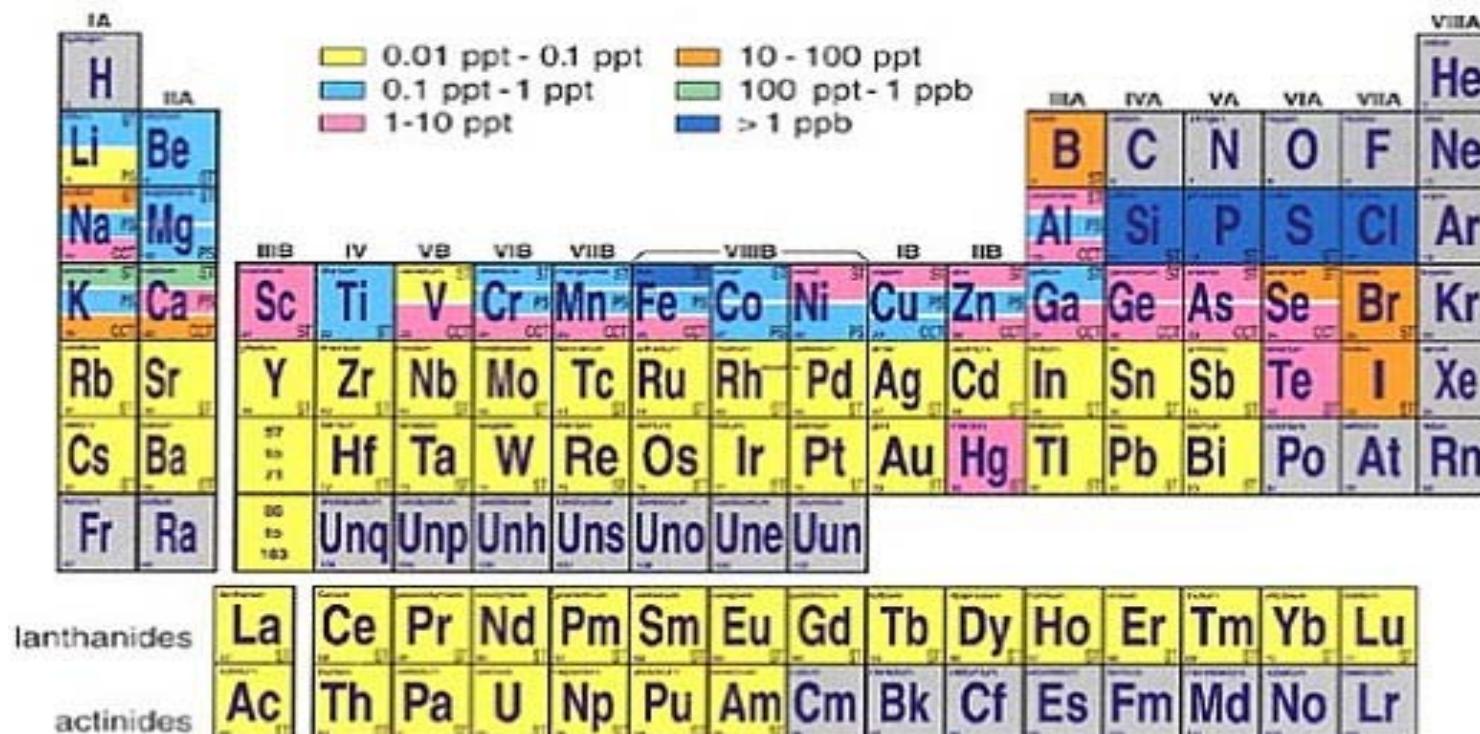
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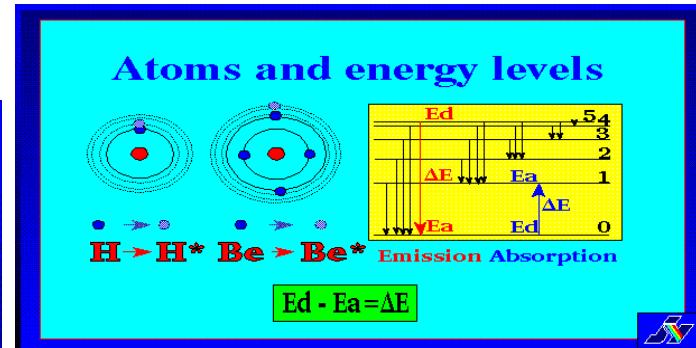
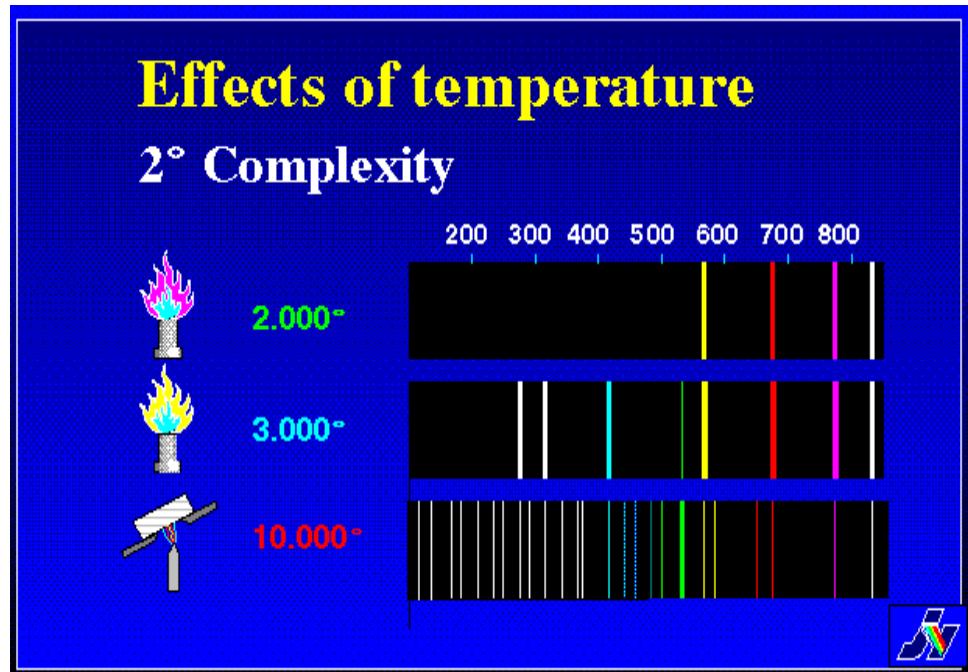
## ICP plasma



## ICP-AES – Detection limits



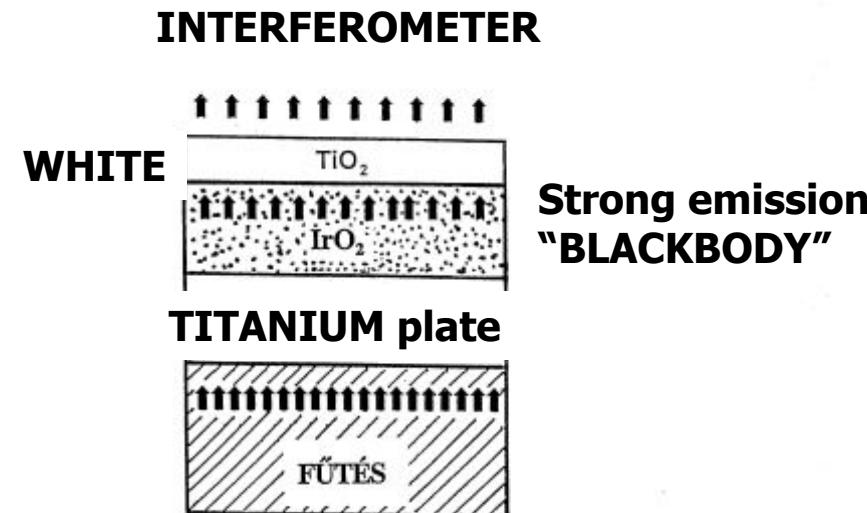
## Emission spectra: effect of temperature



# Infrared emission spectroscopy

Temperature: 100 – 200 °C

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Kristóf János  
MTA Kémiai Kutatóközpont,  
Veszprémi Egyetem



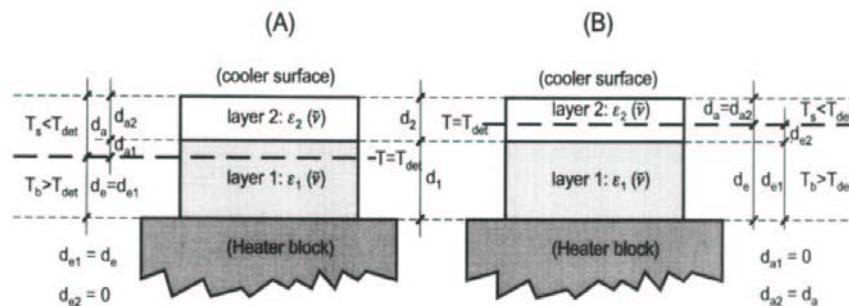
The model of layer structure



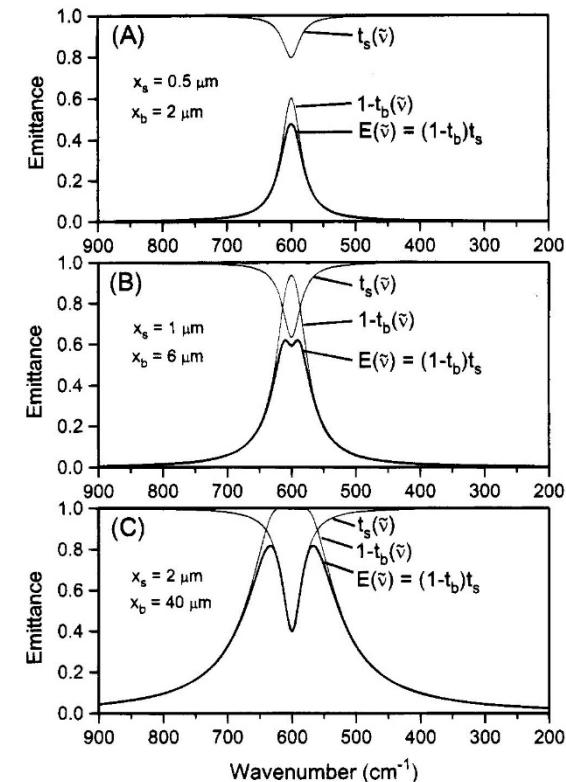
# Self-absorption

The spectral shape depends on:

- effective thickness of the layers ( $d_1$ ,  $d_2$ )
- thickness of emitting, absorbing layers ( $d_e$ ,  $d_a$ )



G. Keresztury, J. Mink, J. Kristóf:  
*Anal. Chem.* **67**, 3782 (1995)



**Figure 2.** Simulation of the effect of self-absorption using eq 12 for different effective thicknesses of emitting bulk ( $x_b$ ) and absorbing surface layer ( $x_s$ ). (Lorentzian band shapes with  $\bar{\nu}_0 = 600$ ,  $l_0 = 2000$ , and  $w = 30 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .)

$t_b$  – transmittance of the bulk

$t_s$  – transmittance of the surface

E - emittance



## Molecular spectroscopy – Luminescence

Light emission by excited molecules



Fluorescence of different sized CdSe quantum dots

Joseph R. Lakowicz – Principles of fluorescence spectroscopy, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition



## Types of luminescence

(a) Excitation Mode	Luminescence Type
absorption of radiation (UV/VIS)	photoluminescence
chemical reaction	chemiluminescence, bioluminescence
thermally activated ion recombination	thermoluminescence
injection of charge	electroluminescence
high energy particles or radiation	radioluminescence
friction	triboluminescence
sound waves	sonoluminescence

(b) Excited State (Assuming Singlet State)	Luminescence Type
first excited singlet state	fluorescence, delayed fluorescence
lowest triplet state	phosphorescence



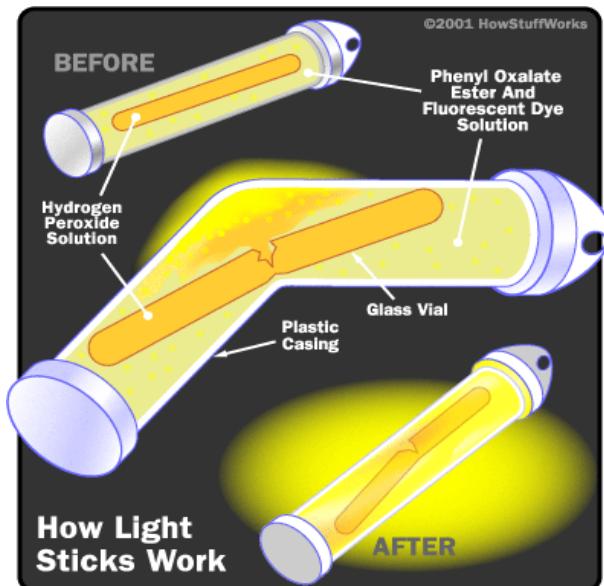
# Chemiluminescence/bioluminescence

**Chemiluminescence** – is the emission of light as the result of a chemical reaction



**Bioluminescence** – one type of chemiluminescence; the light is produced and emitted by a living organism

e.g. firefly, deep-sea fish, jellyfish, squids, bacteria, planktons, mushrooms





Female of *Lampyris noctiluca*,  
the Common Glowworm.



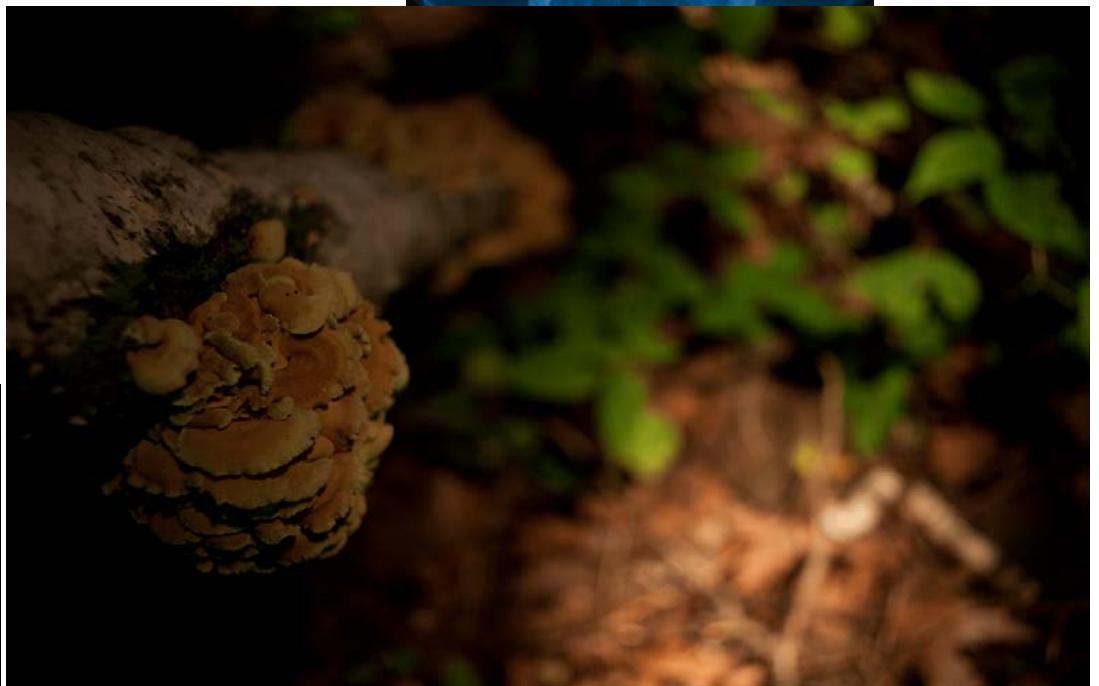
The ctenophore *Bathocyroë*



*Praya dubia*



Bioluminescent mushrooms



The fungus *Panellus Stipticus* displaying bioluminescence.



## Luminescence

### Fluorescence

- Emission: From excited singlet state
- Transition: Allowed
- Emission rate: Fast:  $10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Average lifetime: 1 – 10 ns
- Example:



### Phosphorescence

- From excited triplet state
- „Forbidden”
- Slow:  $10^3 - 10^0 \text{ s}^{-1}$
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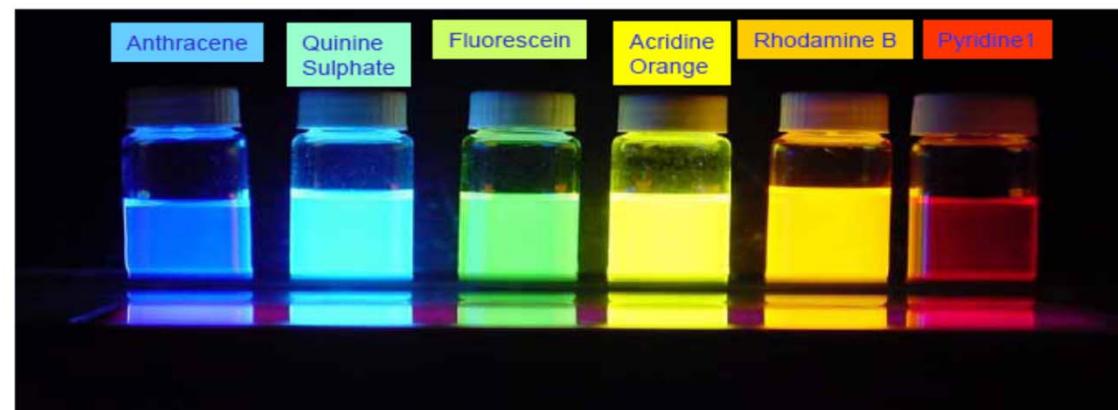
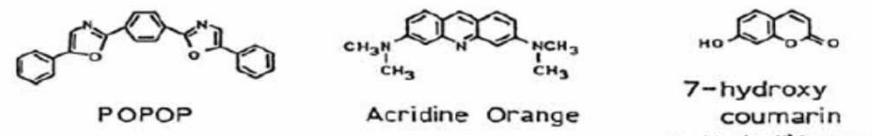
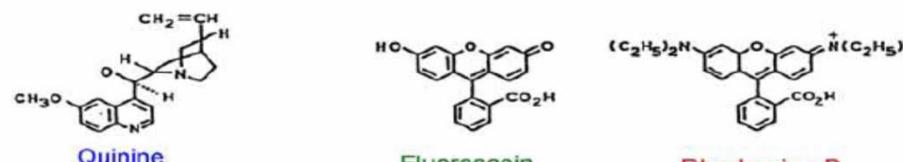
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## Molecular spectroscopy

### Fluorescence – Typical fluorophores

- Typically aromatic molecules
- Usually no fluorescence in condensed state



## Molecular spectroscopy

### Fluorescence – the beginning



Sir John Fredrich William Herschel  
1792 – 1871

*On a case of superficial colour presented by a homogeneous liquid internally colourless. By Sir John Frederick William Herschel, Philosophical Translation of the Royal Society of London (1845) 135:143–145.  
Received January 28, 1845 — Read February 13 1845.*

"The sulphate of quinine is well known to be of extremely sparing solubility in water. It is however easily and copiously soluble in tartaric acid. Equal weights of the sulphate and of crystallised tartaric acid, rubbed up together with addition of a very little water, dissolve entirely and immediately. It is this solution, largely diluted, which exhibits the optical phenomenon in question. Though perfectly transparent and colourless when held between the eye and the light, or a white object, it yet exhibits in certain aspects, and under certain incidences of the light, an extremely vivid and beautiful celestial blue colour, which, from the circumstances of its occurrence, would seem to originate in those strata which the light first penetrates in entering the liquid, and which, if not strictly superficial, at least exert their peculiar power of analysing the incident rays and dispersing those which compose the tint in question, only through a very small depth within the medium.

Fluorescence of quinine is the most widely used example up to now

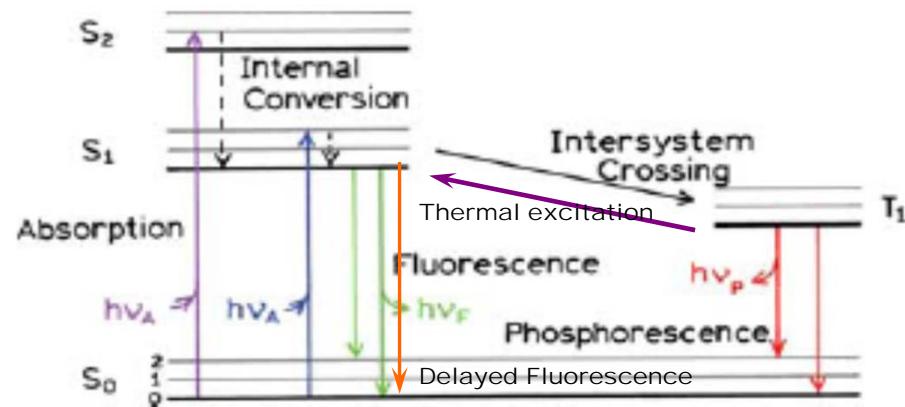


# Luminescence – Jablonski diagram



Professor Alexander Jablonski

1898 – 1980



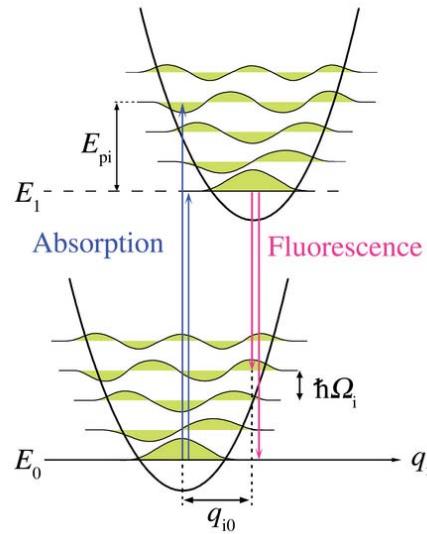
One form of a Jablonski diagram.



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# Luminescence in molecules

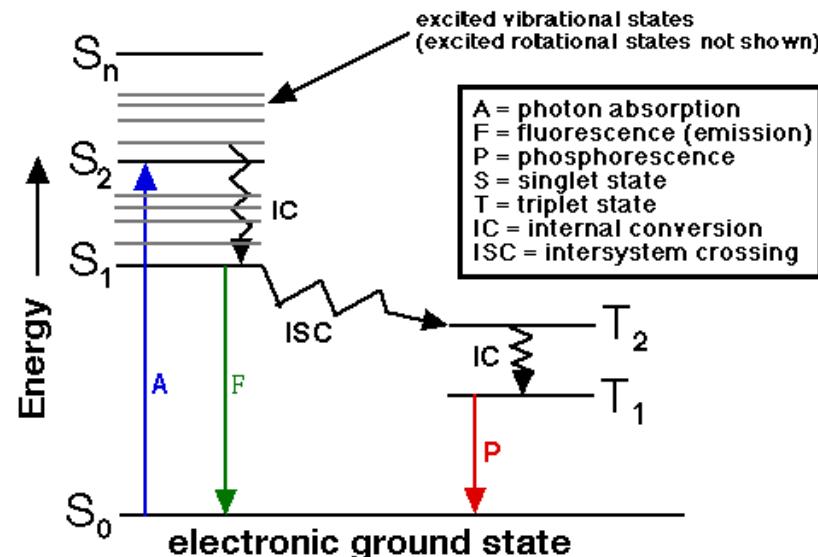


Franck-Condon principle  
R: configuration coordinate  
absorption (vertical)

↓  
relaxation  
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emission (vertical)  
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relaxation

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franck-Condon\\_principle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franck-Condon_principle)

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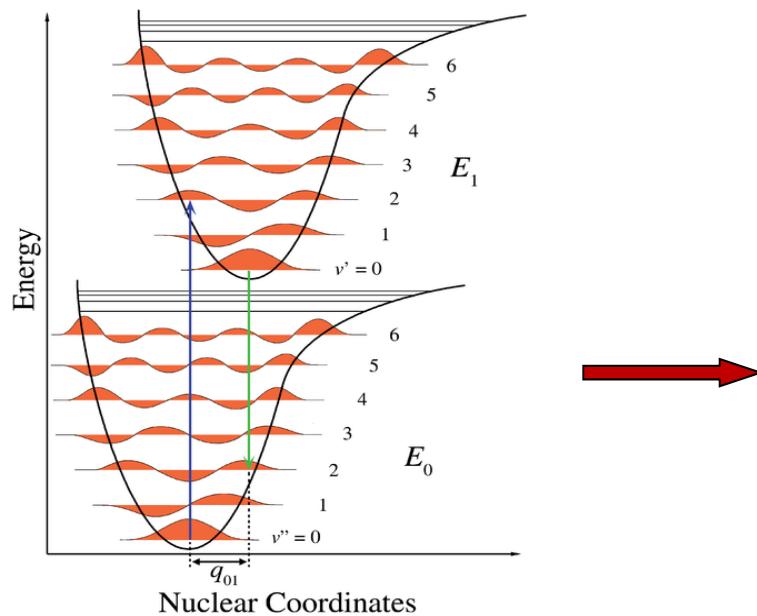
Jablonski diagram

- Intersystem crossing:** singlet – triplet
- Internal conversion:** into vibrationally excited state of higher singlet
- Fluorescence:** singlet - singlet
- Phosphorescence:** singlet – triplet (delayed)



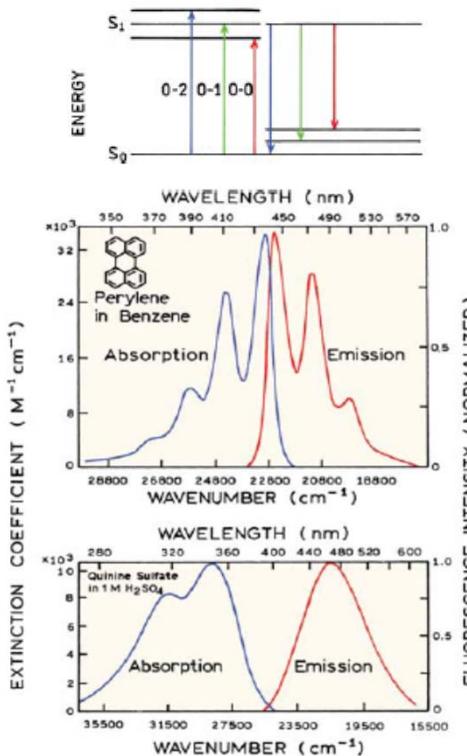
# Fluorescence basics

## Franck-Condon principle



During an electronic transition a change from one vibrational energy level to another will be more likely to happen if the two vibrational wavefunctions overlap more significantly

## Mirror image



Electronic excitation does not greatly alter the nuclear geometry



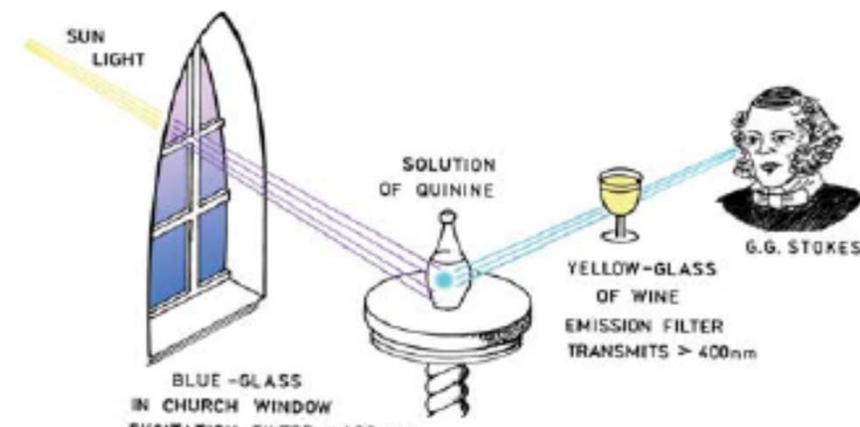
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### Fluorescence – Stokes shift



Sir George Gabriel Stokes

1819 – 1903



Experimental schematic for detection of the Stokes shift.

### Visual observation of Stokes shift



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## Molecular spectroscopy

### Fluorescence – Lifetime ( $\tau$ ) and quantum yield (Q)

- These are the two most important characteristics

$$\text{quantum yield} = Q = \frac{\text{number of emitted photons}}{\text{number of absorbed photons}} = \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma + k_{nr}}$$

where  $\Gamma$  – emission rate of fluorophores

$k_{nr}$  – number of non-radiative transitions to ground state  $S_0$

if there is Stokes shift,  $Q < 1$

Lifetime: average time between excitation and emission

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\Gamma + k_{nr}}$$

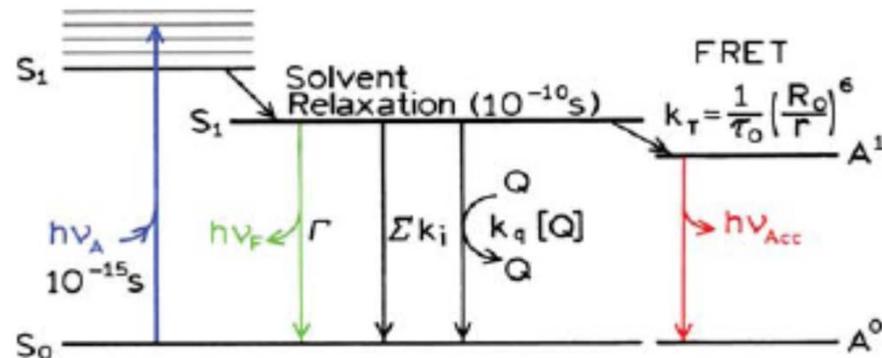
if  $k_{nr} = 0$ , *intrinsic* lifetime



# Molecular spectroscopy

## Fluorescence – Quenching

Quenching – intensity of fluorescence decreases



Jablonski diagram with collisional quenching and fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET). The term  $\Sigma k_i$  is used to represent non-radiative paths to the ground state aside from quenching and FRET.

### Reasons:

- collision with other molecules (quenchers)
- formation of non-fluorescent complexes
- resonance energy transfer (RET)



# Molecular spectroscopy

## Fluorescence – Resonance energy transfer

- emission spectrum of donor overlaps with absorption spectrum of acceptor
- no intermediate photon
- dipole-dipole interaction between donor and acceptor

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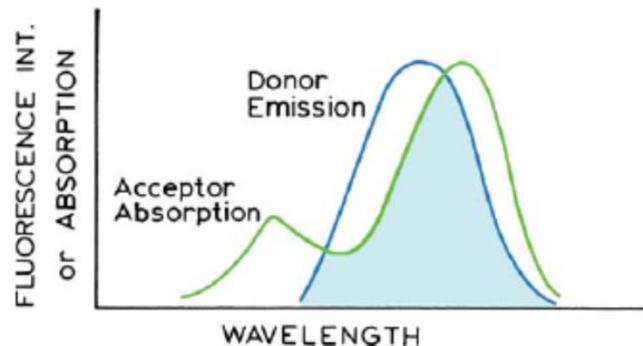
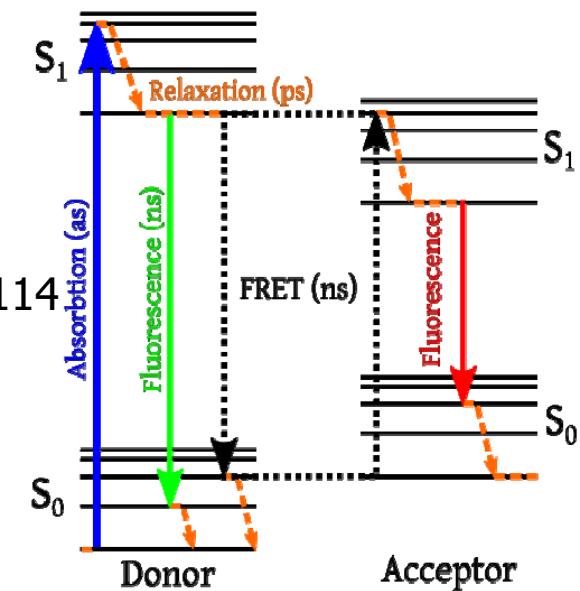


Figure 1.16. Spectral overlap for fluorescence resonance energy transfer (RET).

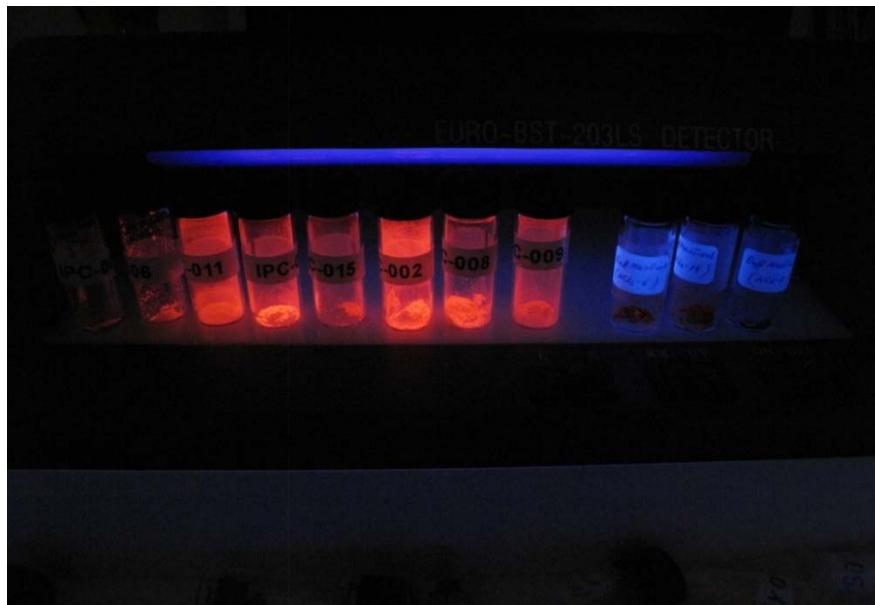


## Molecular spectroscopy

### Fluorescence – Eu-based fluorophores



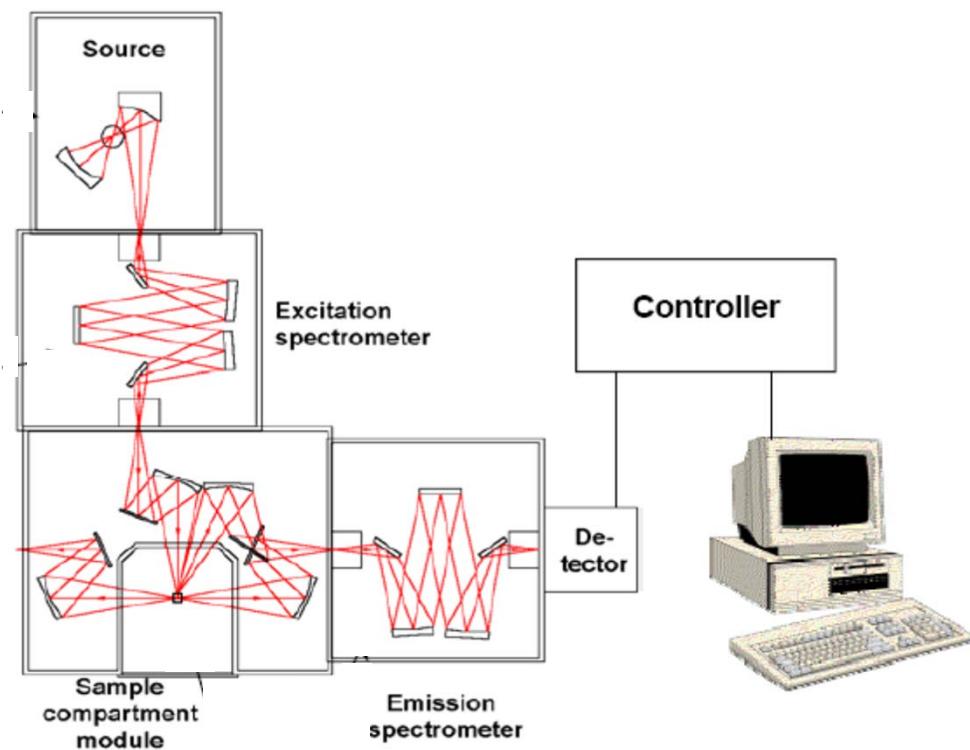
White light illumination



UV light (365 nm)



# Spectrofluorimeter – Fluorolog 3



## Take-home message

- Atomic emission spectroscopy: flame test, flame emission photometry, atomic absorption spectroscopy, inductive coupled plasma
- Infrared emission spectroscopy: vibrational levels, self-absorption
- Molecular spectroscopy: types of luminescence
- Jablonski diagram: absorption, fluorescence, phosphorescence, internal conversion, intersystem crossing
- Quantum yield and lifetime
- Resonance energy transfer



# Összefoglalás

- Atomi emissziós spektroszkópia: lángfestés, lángfotometria, atomabszorciós spektroszkópia
- Infravörös emissziós spektroszkópia: rezgési szintek, önabszorció
- Molekulaspéktroszkópia: lumineszcencia típusok
- Jablonski-diagram: abszorpció, fluoreszcencia, foszforeszcencia, belső konverzió, intersystem crossing
- Kvantumhatásfok és élettartam
- Rezonáns energiatranszfer

