

Phonons and light



infrared spectroscopy

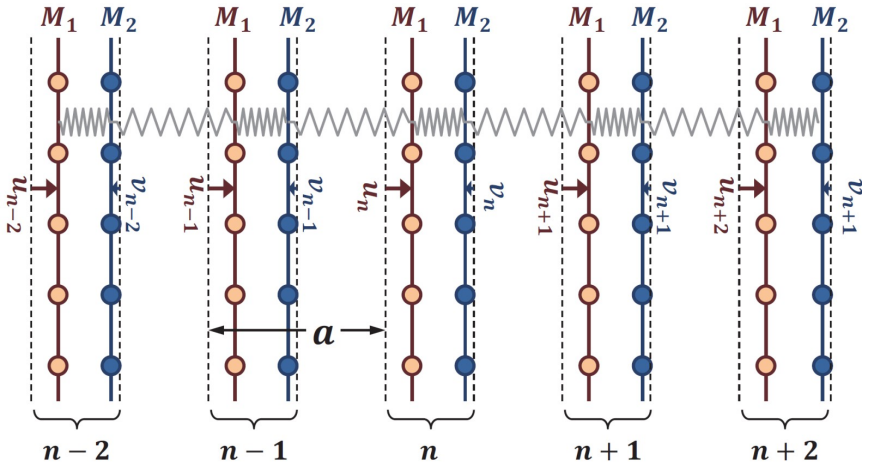


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Acoustic vs. optical

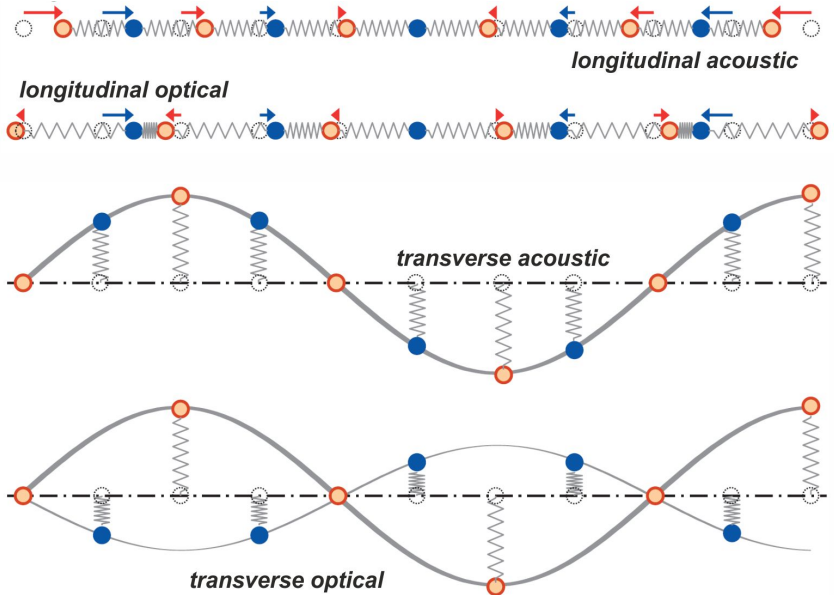


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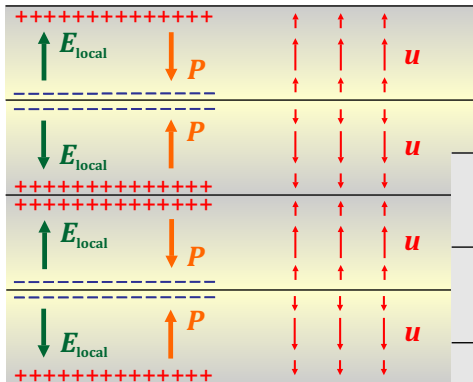
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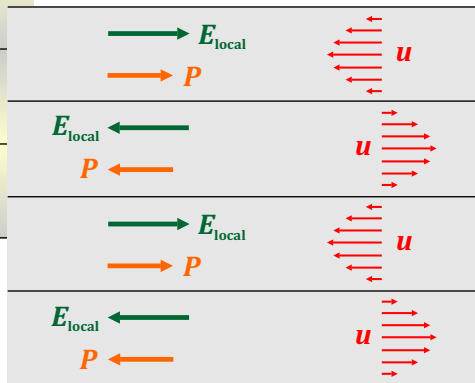
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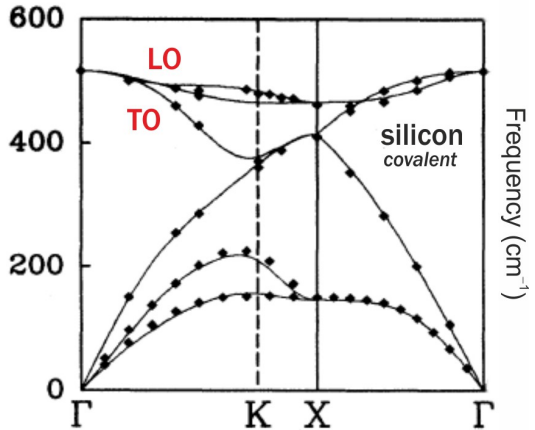
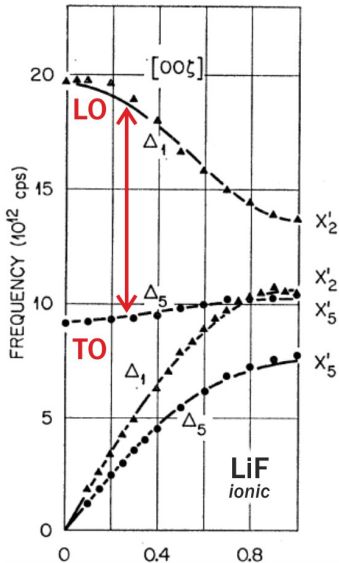
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longitudinal phonon



transverse phonon







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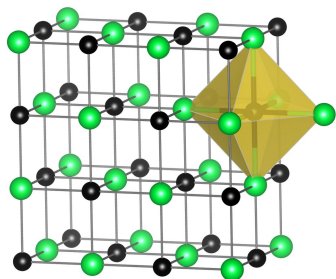
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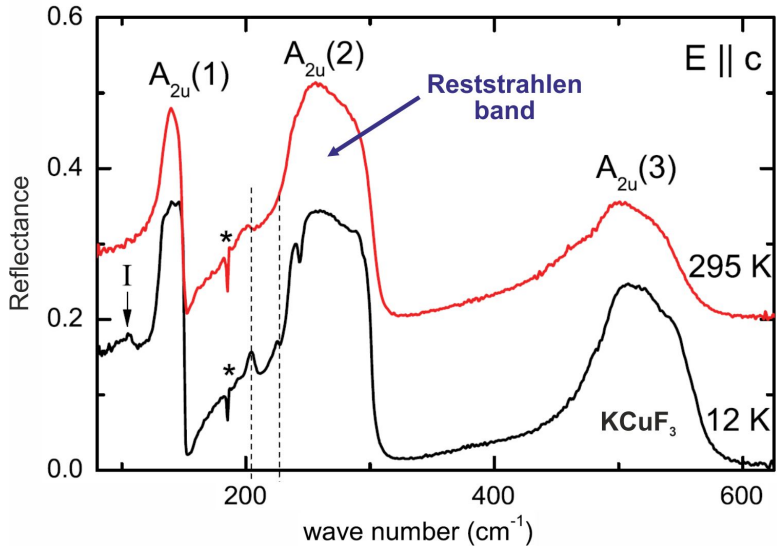
It would have been a better world without Teller (I. Rabi)

	r_0 (Å)	T_m (K)	E_{lat} (eV)	$\omega_{\text{LO}} / \omega_{\text{TO}}$ (THz)	ϵ_{st}
NaF	2.32	1269	9.43	81.6 / 49.9	5.1
NaCl	2.82	1074	7.97	51.3 / 34.1	5.9
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NaI	3.24	933	7.07	34.1 / 22.9	7.3

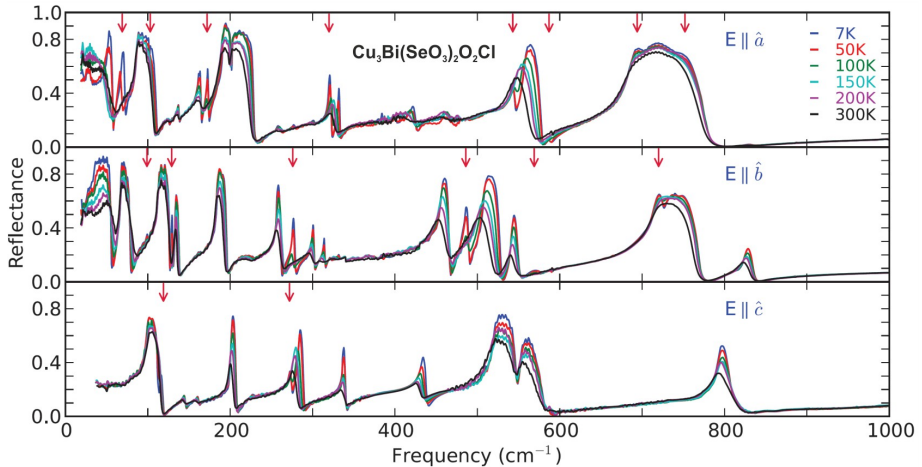


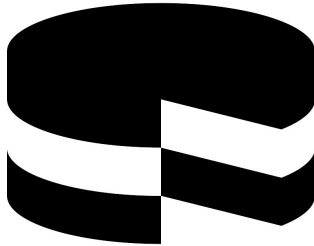
$$E = -\frac{\alpha e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right)$$

Spectrum of optical phonons



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Material

greenhouse gases

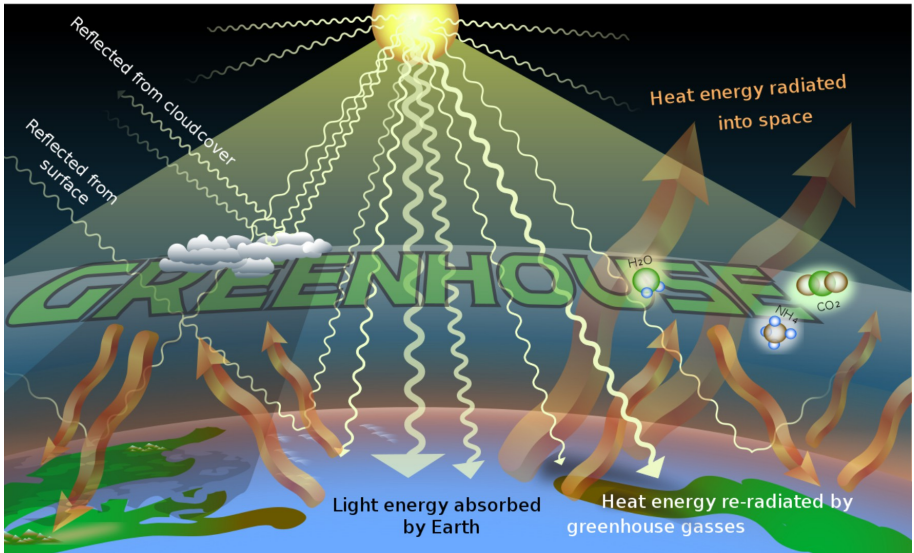


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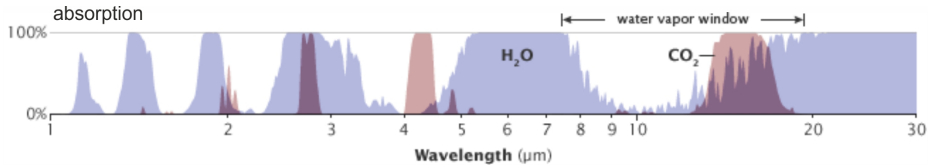


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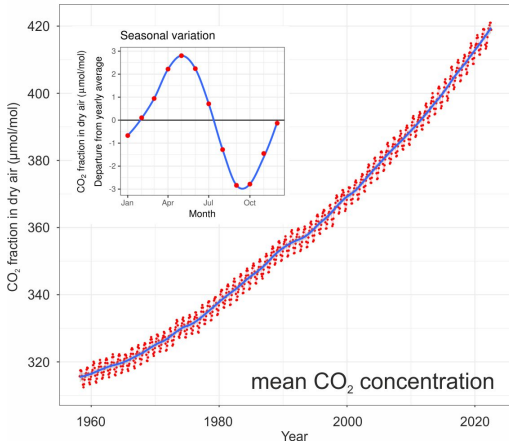
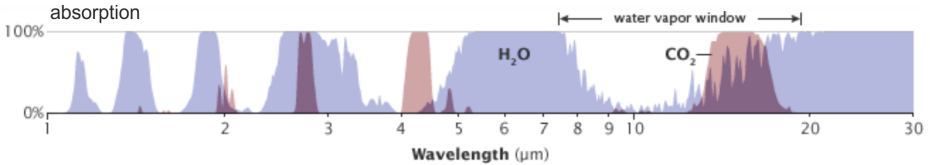
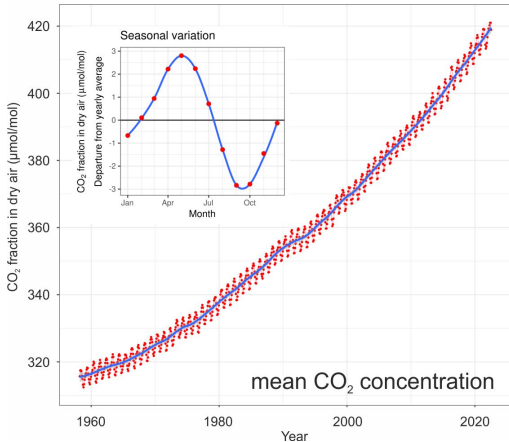
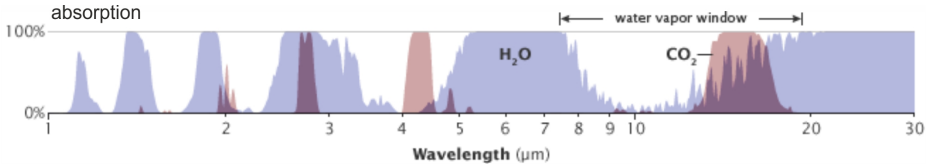


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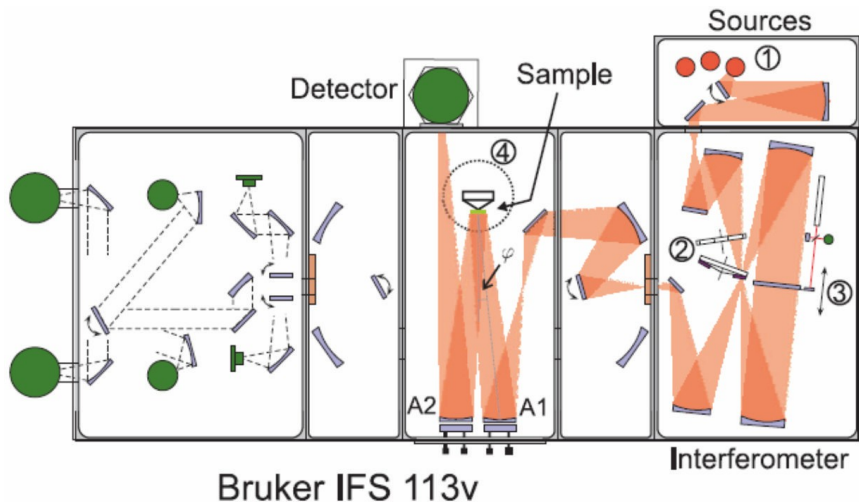
Non-polar molecules
do not absorb IR radiation

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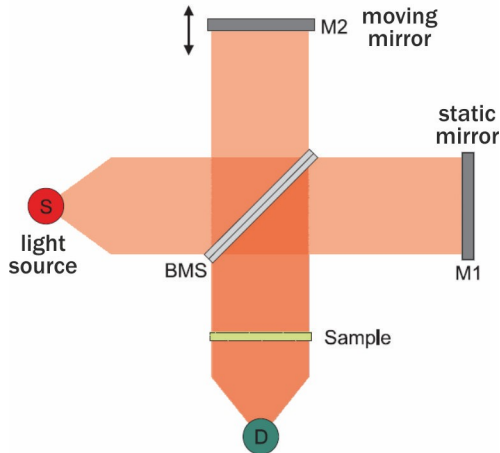


Experimental technique

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Interferometer: operation principle



Moving mirror modulates the interference signal
It can be “decoded” into a frequency dependence

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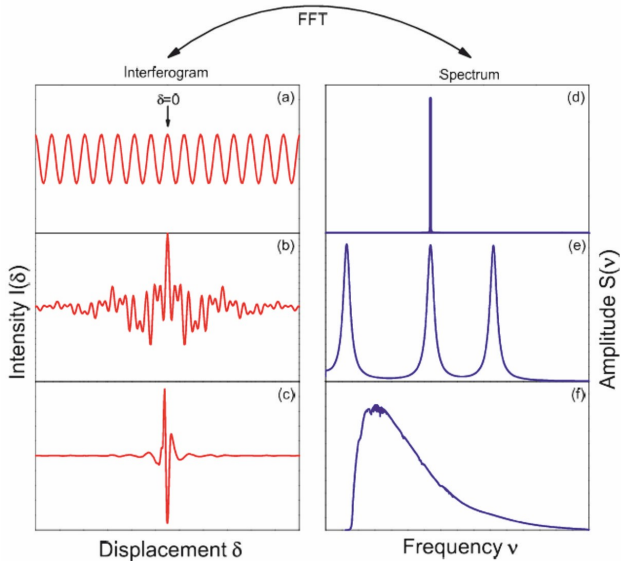
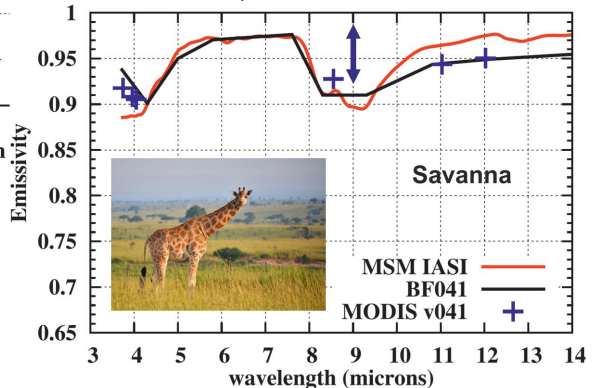
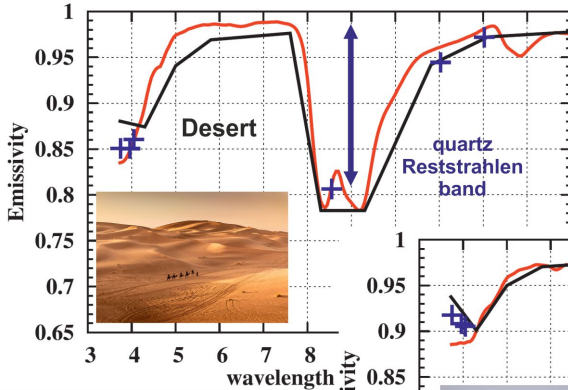


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IR spectroscopy in geoscience



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