

A severe winter storm pummeled the Pacific Northwest in late January 2012, icing roads, downing power lines, and prompting avalanche warnings. On January 20, more than 250,000 customers were without electricity, as utility crews struggled to restore power, news sources said. Rising temperatures and potential new rainfall raised the possibility of flooding in the days that followed.

Snow still blanketed much of Washington state on January 23, 2012, when the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer ([MODIS](#)) on NASA's [Terra](#) satellite captured these images. The top image is a natural-color scene similar to what our eyes would see from the sky. The bottom image is a false-color scene that better distinguishes between snow and clouds. Ice and snow are red. Liquid-water clouds are white, and ice clouds are peach. Vegetation is bright green.

Snow blankets the region east of Seattle and Portland, stretching all the way to the Idaho border. In the band of forest along the Pacific Coast, snow may be more prevalent than it appears, as it is sometimes hidden from satellite imagers by trees.

Warmer air blew into the region soon after the storm, adding to hazardous conditions. Flooding closed roads and forced some residents into emergency shelters. On January 23, KVAL reported that a fresh storm was approaching the region and might drop several inches of rain. The National Weather Service issued a flood warning for the Portland area, as the new round of rain had the potential to push rivers into flood stage.

References

The Spectroscopy of Water

Lecture 5 January 24, 2012 Water
Chapter 12, 8, 9

Spectral properties of phases of water (vapor,
liquid, solid)

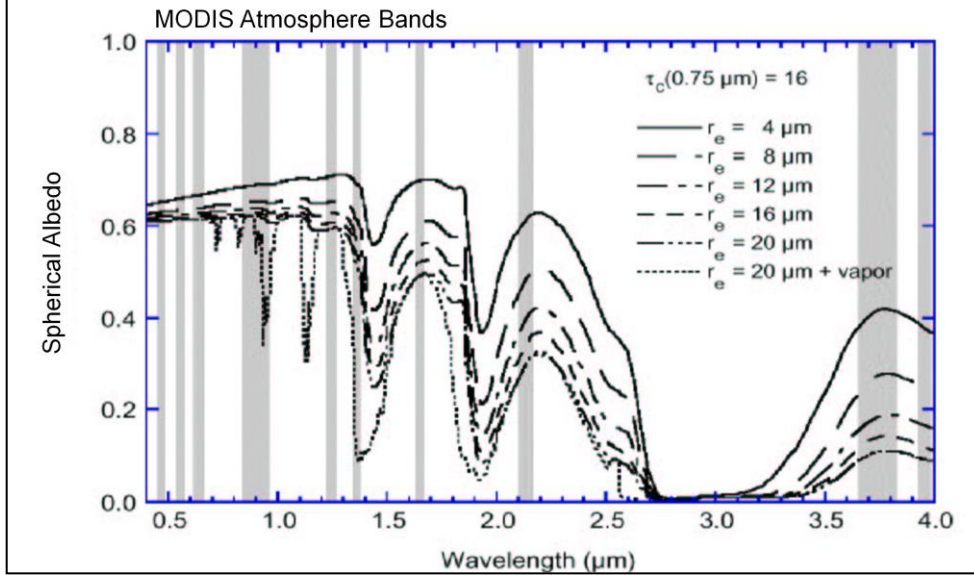
Land Processes: The Medium Resolution Earth
Observing Satellites

Landsat series: Multispectral Scanner (MSS) and Thematic
Mapper (TM)
SPOT series

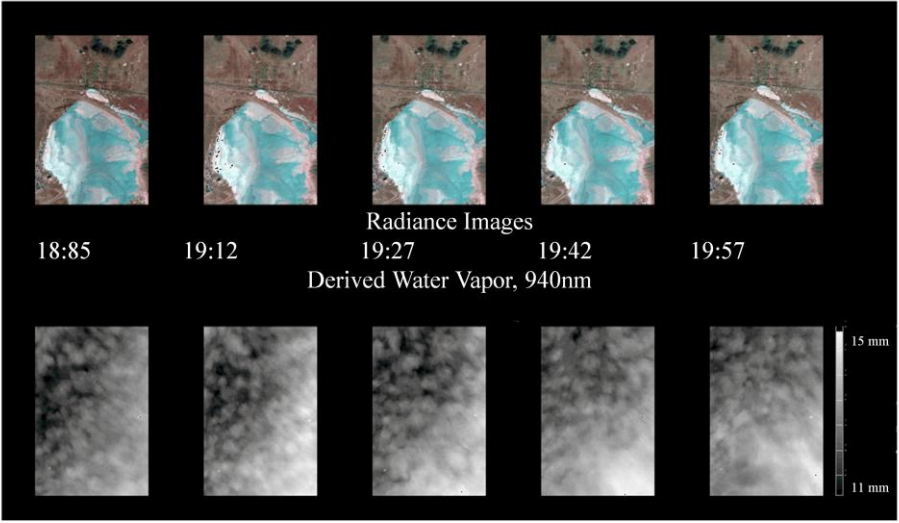
Tasman Sea, Cape Farewell, New Zealand

Reflectance of Clouds...

— *increases with decreasing droplet size - why?*



AVIRIS Water Vapor at Rogers Dry Lake, CA



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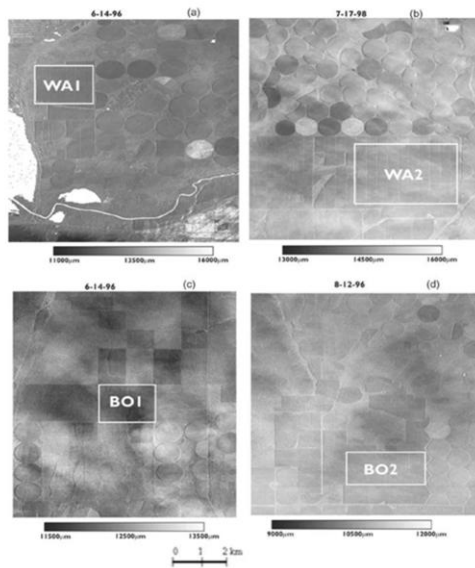
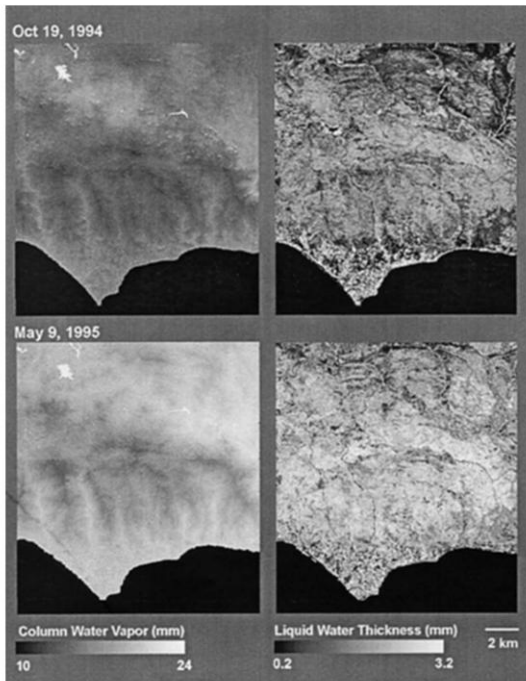


Figure 5. Spatial subset of AVIRIS derived water vapor images of the study sites showing the delineated patches. (a, b, c, d) Column water vapor images corresponding to the false color images shown in Figures 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d, respectively. The dark areas indicate low values of column water vapor while the bright areas indicate high values.

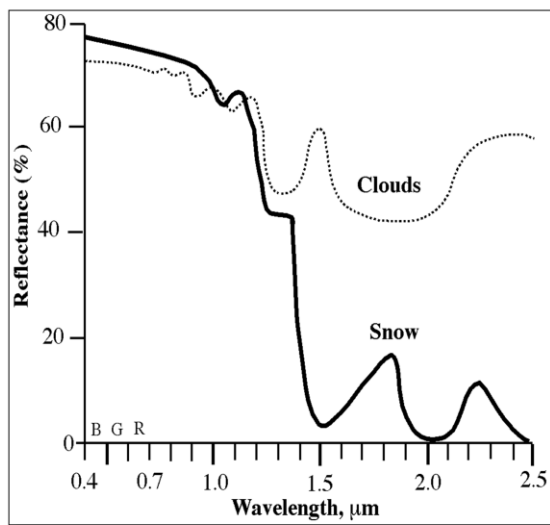
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Water vapor
In Fall, Spring
Over Santa Monica
Mts.



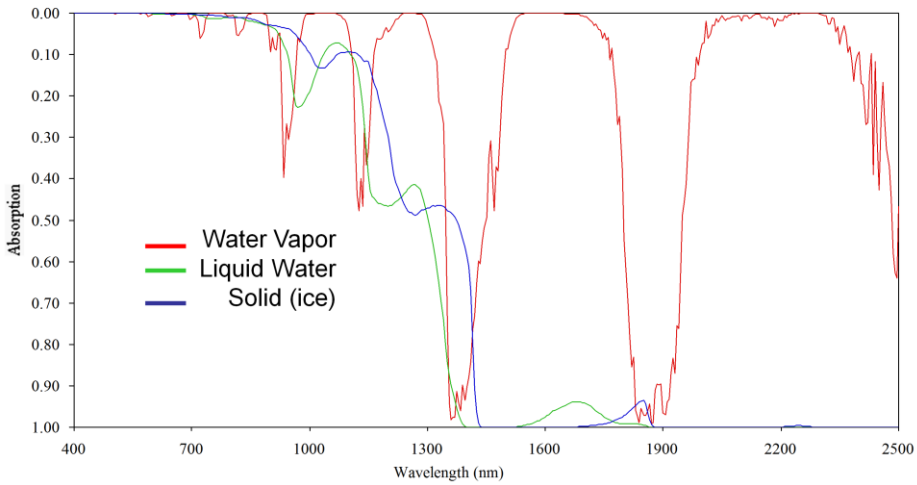
Santa Monica Mountains, CA Measured with AVIRIS

Discriminating Clouds and Snow In Bands Between 1.5 - 2.5 mm



Jensen, 2000

Absorption by Water Vapor, Liquid and Solid Phases in the Solar Reflected Spectrum



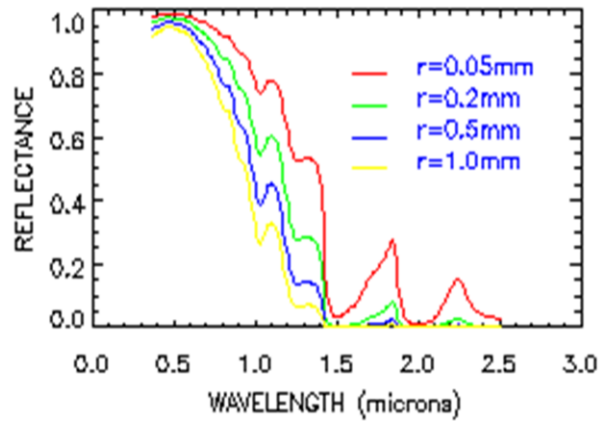
Near 1000 nm absorption spectra for three phases of water overlap but maxima are displaced by wavelength

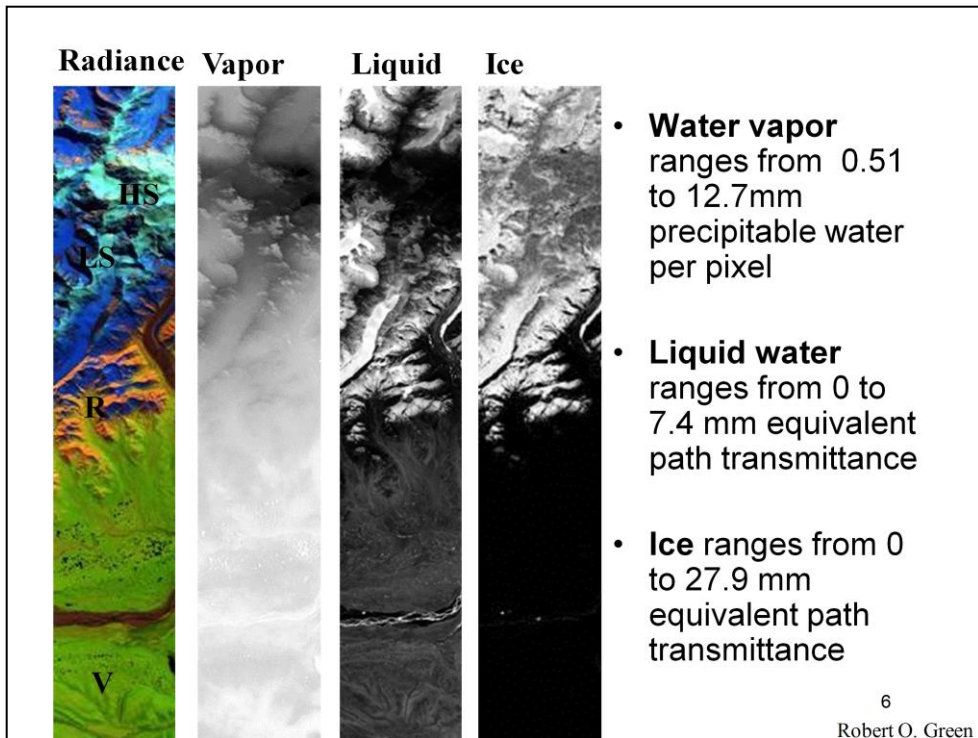
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Note that near 1000 nm, that the wavelength of maximum absorption for water vapor is at the shortest wavelength, then liquid water and frozen water at the longest wavelength.

Reflectance of Snow

— Reflectance *increases* as grain size *decreases* - why?





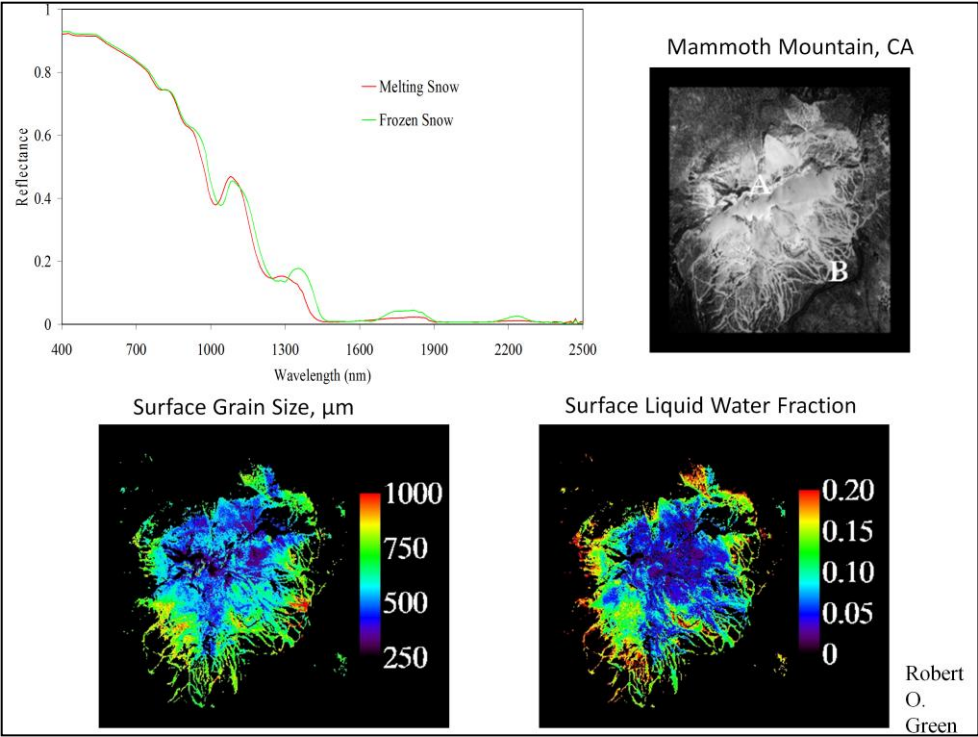
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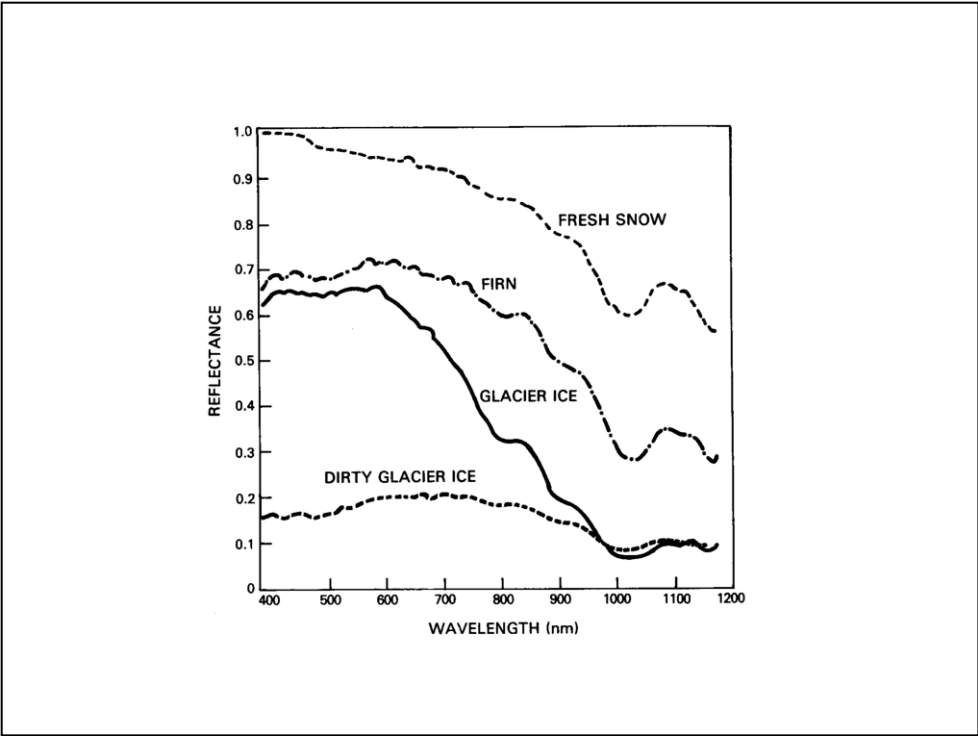
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R=rock

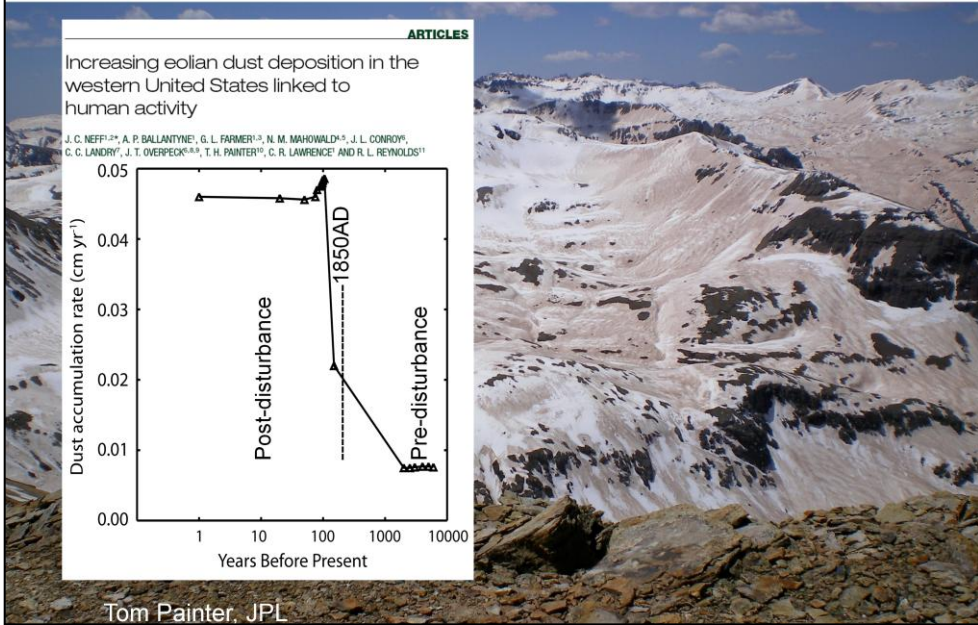
LS=low altitude snow

HS= high altitude snow





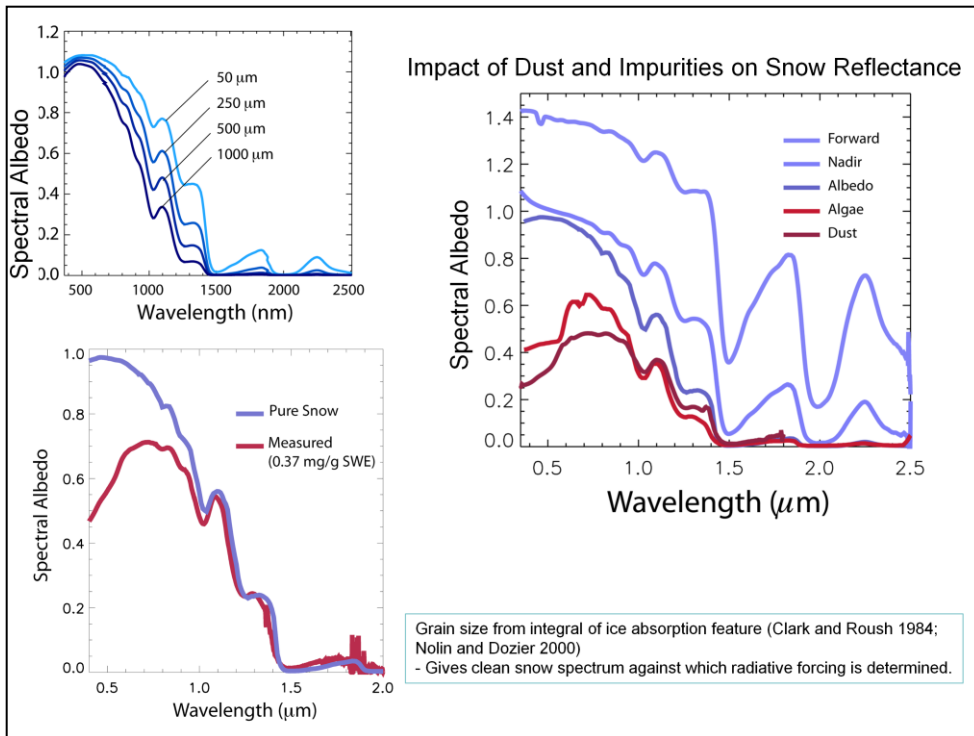
Upper Colorado River Basin



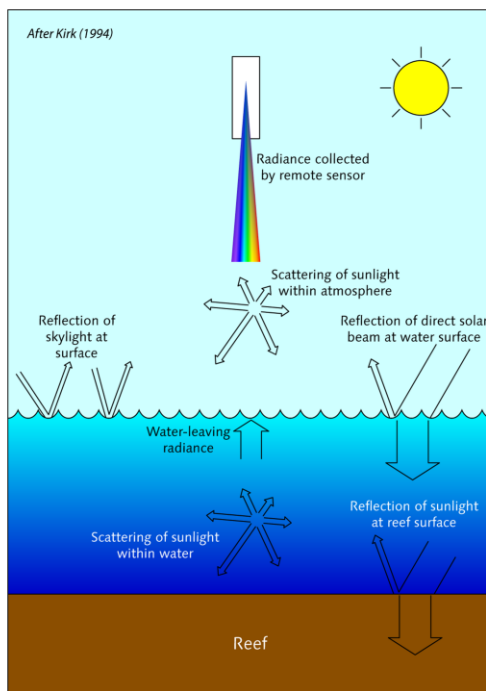


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Kazakhstan

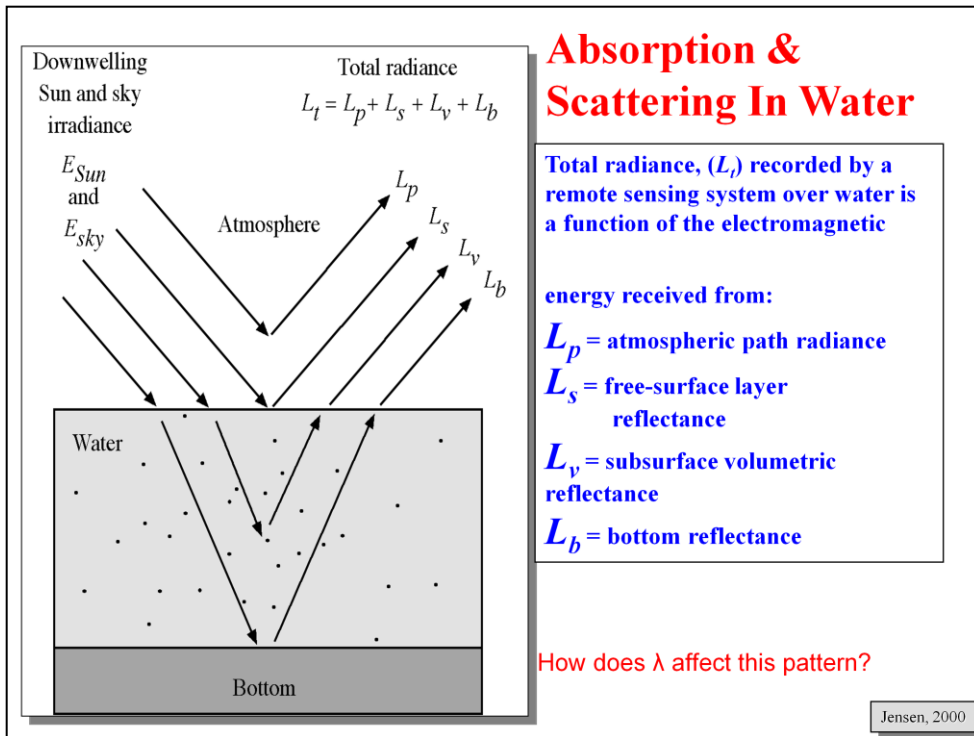
Tom Painter, JPL



Sources of light contributing to the remotely sensed signal

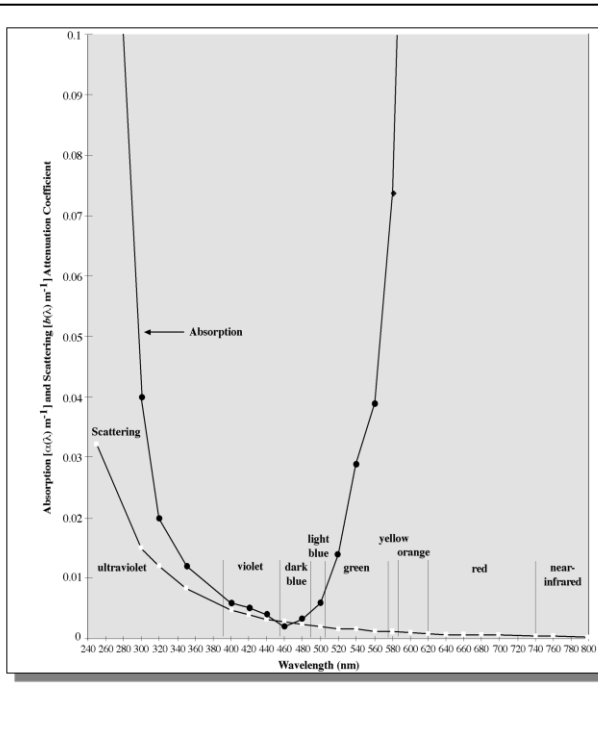


Absorption & Scattering In Water



Shorter Wavelengths penetrate to deeper depths. Some light can be reflected from bottom. Note refraction between air and water.

Absorption and Scattering Attenuation in Pure Liquid Water

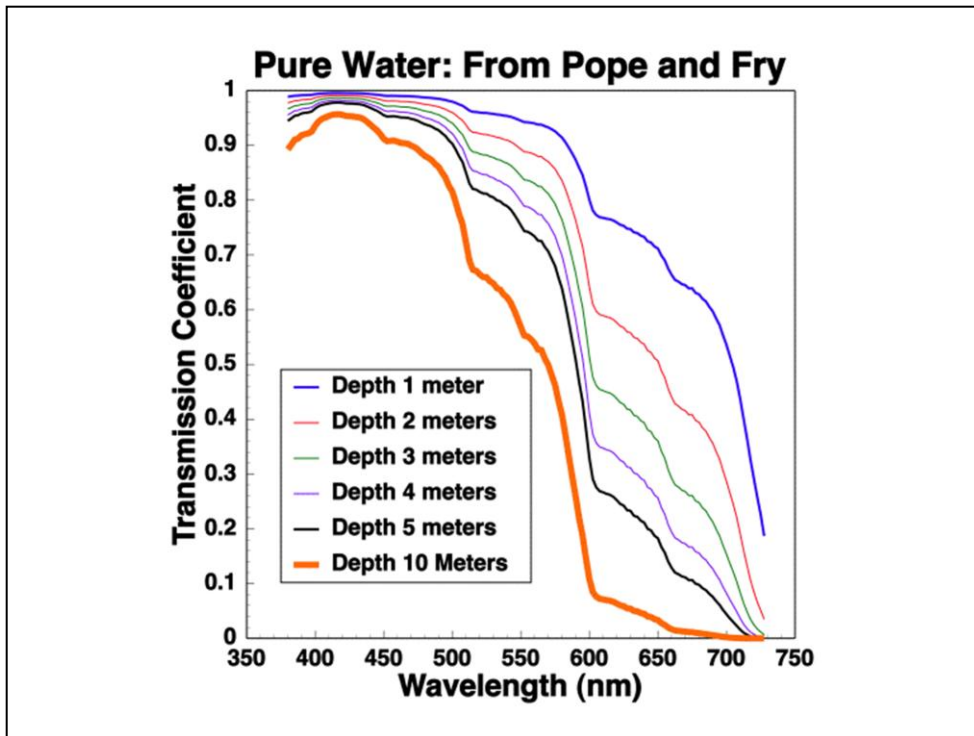


Scattering in the water column is important in the violet, dark blue, and light blue portions of the spectrum (400 - 500 nm).

Absorption data is truncated in the ultraviolet and in the yellow through NIR regions because the attenuation is so great.

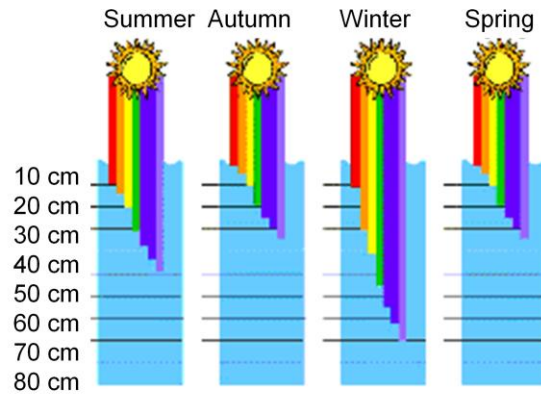
Jensen, 2000

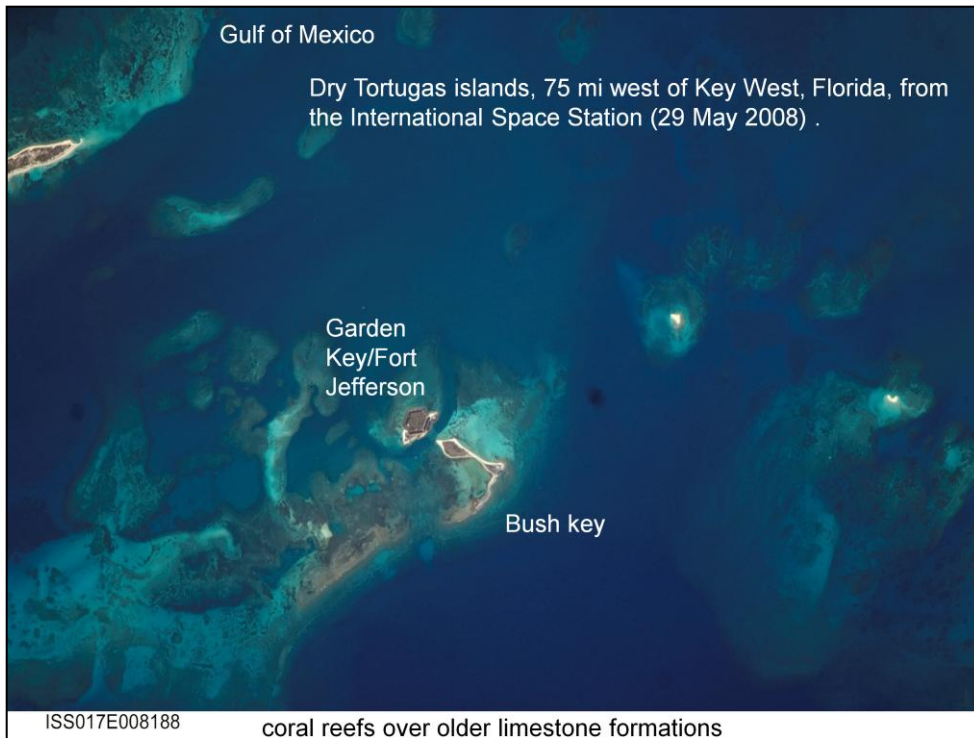
Scattering in the blue is why water appears blue to our eyes.



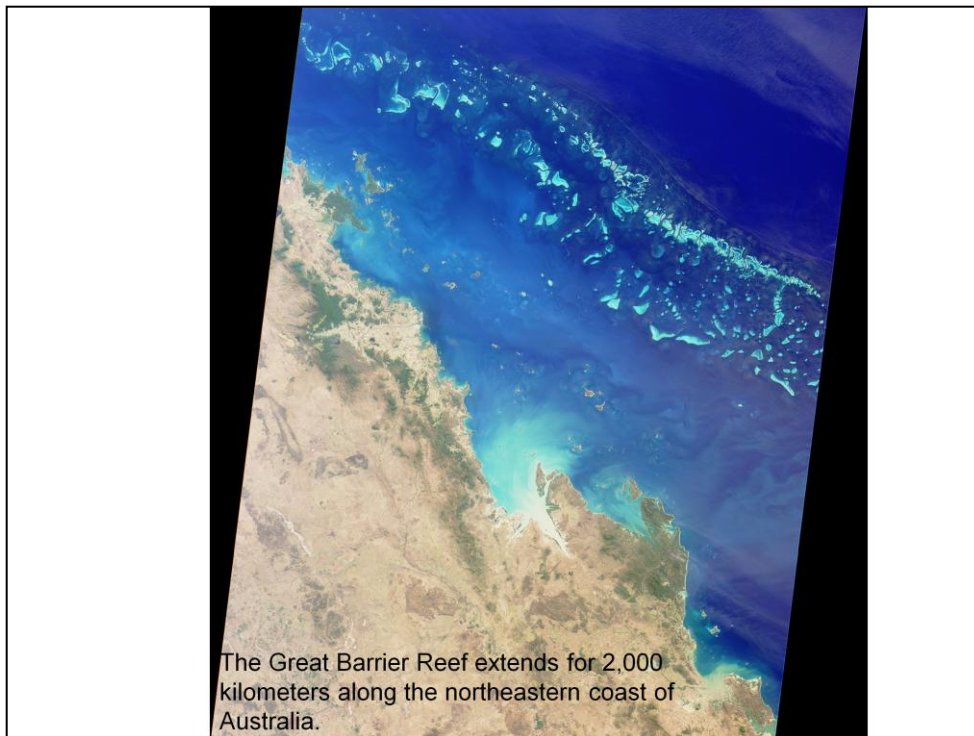
Note that as the depth of water becomes deeper the maximum transmission wavelengths are shifted toward the blue part of the spectrum

Light Penetration Varies with Season: Sediment, Turbidity, Algae, Aquatic Macrophytes





The islands were named "Dry Tortugas" upon discovery by Ponce de Leon in 1513 -- "tortugas" means turtles in Spanish, and the islands are "dry" as no fresh water is found on them. From the air, the islands present an atoll-like arrangement, however no central volcanic structure is present. The islands are only accessible by boat or seaplane; nevertheless they have been designated the Dry Tortugas National Park, and are visited by hundreds every year. This view highlights three islands in the group; Bush Key, Hospital Key, and Garden Key -- the site of Fort Jefferson. Fort Jefferson is a Civil War era fort, perhaps most notable for being the prison of Dr. Samuel Mudd, who set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth following Booth's assassination of President Lincoln. The fort itself is currently undergoing extensive restoration to prevent collapse of the hexagonal outer walls (center). The islands stand out due to brown and light tan carbonate sands visible above the Gulf of Mexico water surface. Light blue-green irregular masses in the image surrounding the islands are coral reef tops visible below the water surface.



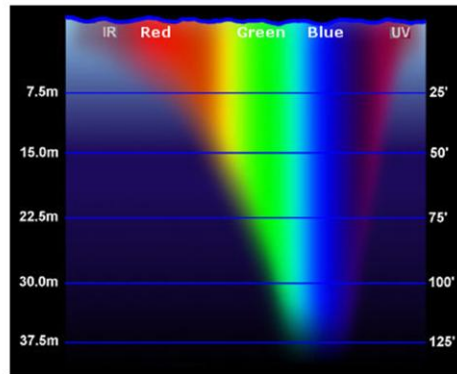
The Great Barrier Reef extends for 2,000 kilometers along the northeastern coast of Australia.

vast maze of reefs, passages, and coral cays (islands that are part of the reef). This nadir true-color image was acquired by the Multi-angle Imaging Spectroradiometer (MISR) instrument on August 26, 2000, and shows part of the southern portion of the reef adjacent to the central Queensland coast. The width of the MISR swath is approximately 380 kilometers, with the reef clearly visible up to approximately 200 kilometers from the coast. It may be difficult to see the myriad details in the browse image, but if you retrieve the [higher resolution version](#), a zoomed display reveals the spectacular structure of the many reefs.

The more northerly coastal area in this image shows the vast extent of sugar cane cultivation, this being the largest sugar producing area in Australia, centered on the city of Mackay. Other industries in the area include coal, cattle, dairying, timber, grain, seafood, and fruit. The large island off the most northerly part of the coast visible in this image is Whitsunday Island, with smaller islands and reefs extending southeast, parallel to the coast. These include some of the better known resort islands such as Hayman, Lindeman, Hamilton, and Brampton Islands.

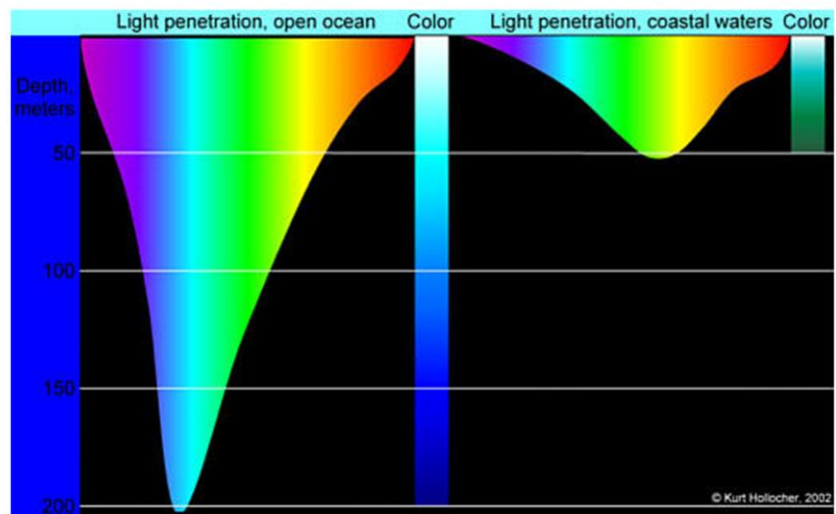
Further south (in the [high-resolution version](#)), just inland of the small semicircular bay near the right of the image, is Rockhampton, the largest city along the central Queensland coast, and the regional center for much of central Queensland. Rockhampton is just north of the Tropic of Capricorn. Its hinterland is a rich pastoral, agricultural, and mining region.

Light Penetration in Water

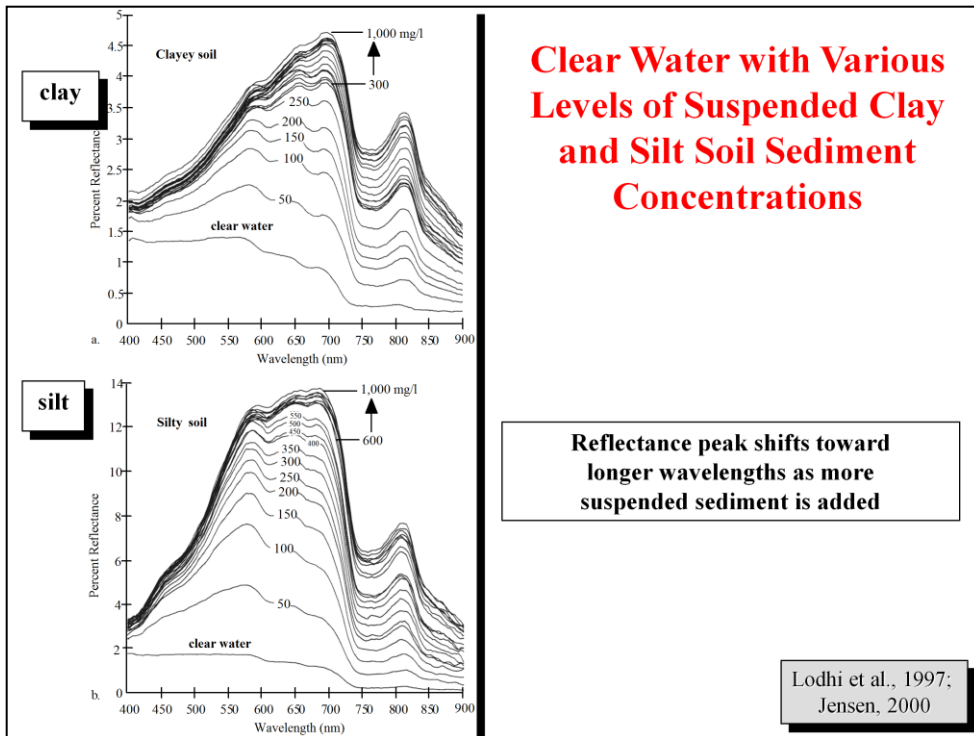


Note Order from long to short wavelengths

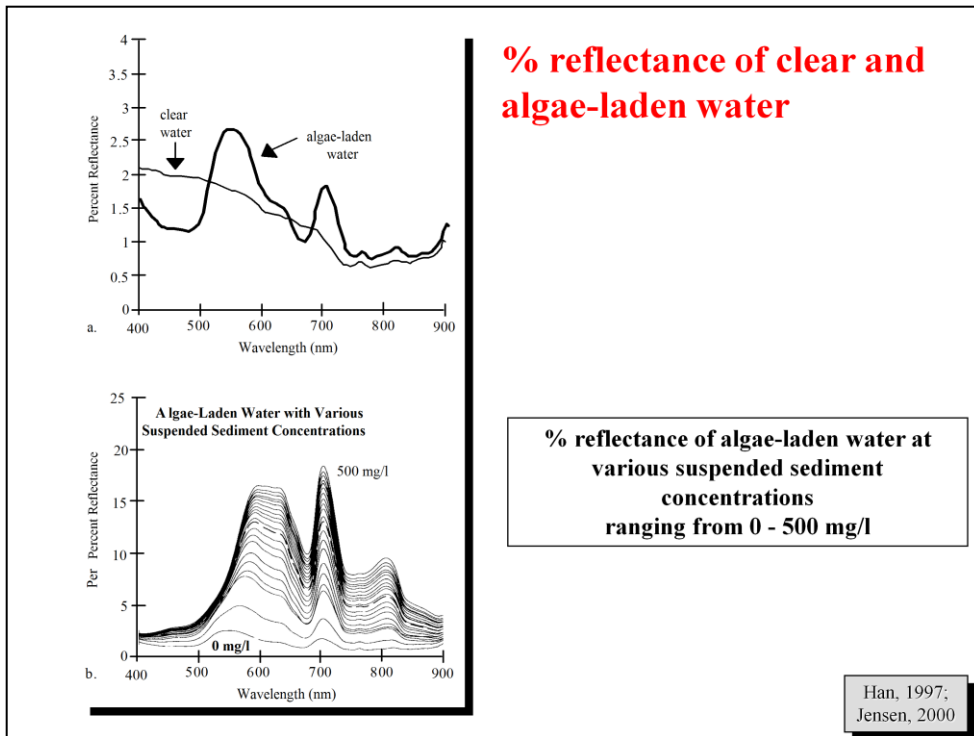
Light Penetration in Water



What λ order are these displayed in?

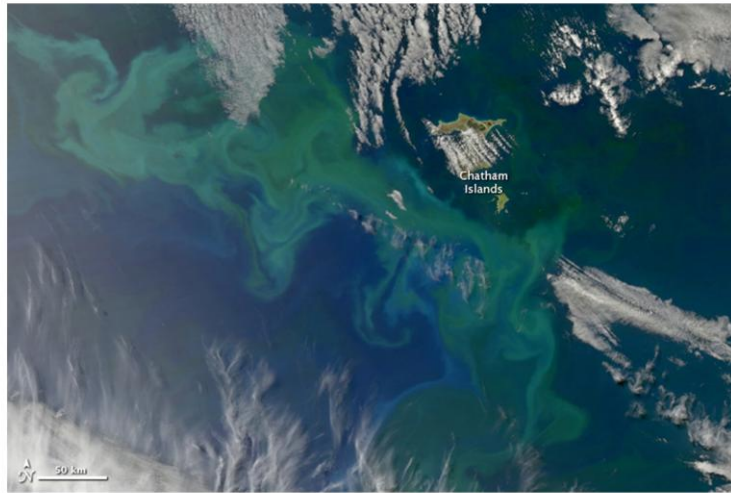


In situ spectroradiometer Measurements



Note strong *chlorophyll a* absorption of blue light between 400 and 500 nm and strong absorption of red light at ~675 nm

New Zealand's Chatham Islands



December 5, 2010, MODIS on Aqua Satellite 28

The waters around New Zealand's Chatham Islands teem with life. The highly productive waters support massive phytoplankton blooms that sustain valuable stocks of fish. This image, taken by the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer ([MODIS](#)) on NASA's [Aqua](#) satellite on December 5, 2010, shows the large annual spring-time bloom.

The bloom is an array of colors from deep green to electric blue, and is probably made up of many different types of marine life, primarily phytoplankton. The phytoplankton, plant-like organisms, contribute to making the ocean in this region a carbon sink, a place where the ocean takes in more carbon dioxide than it releases into the atmosphere.

The ocean is productive in this region because the topography of the ocean floor brings two currents together around the Chatham Islands. The islands sit on the Chatham Rise, an underwater plateau that stretches from New Zealand's South Island east to just beyond the Chatham Islands. The water north and south of the plateau is very deep. Cold, nutrient-rich, but iron-poor water from the Antarctic flows south of the Chatham Rise. To the north is mostly warm, nutrient-poor, but iron-rich water from the subtropics.

The two pools of water come together in a current that rides over the plateau, mixing cold water with warm. The mixed water in the current provides both the nutrients and iron fertilizers needed to support large blooms around the Chatham Islands. The current, and therefore, the bloom, is strongest in the spring and fall.

Bright Waters off the Namibian Coast



November 21, 2010, Coccolithophore Phytoplankton, MODIS on Terra Satellite®

Ocean waters glowed peacock green off the northern Namibian coast in late November 2010. The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer ([MODIS](#)) on NASA's [Terra](#) satellite captured this natural-color image on November 21, 2010.

These bright swirls of green occur along a continental shelf bustling with biological activity. [Phytoplankton](#) blooms often occur along coastlines where nutrient-rich waters well up from ocean depths. The light color of this ocean water suggests the calcite plating of [coccolithophores](#).

Farther south along the coast of Namibia, [hydrogen sulfide eruptions](#) occur fairly frequently. According to a study published in 2009, ocean currents deliver oxygen-poor water from the north, while the bacteria that break down phytoplankton also consume oxygen, depleting the supply even more. In this oxygen-poor environment, anaerobic bacteria produce hydrogen sulfide gas. When the hydrogen sulfide finally reaches oxygen-rich surface waters, pure sulfur precipitates into the water. The sulfur's yellow mixes with the deep blue ocean to make bright green.

So this swirl of bright green could contain phytoplankton, sulfur, or a combination of the two.

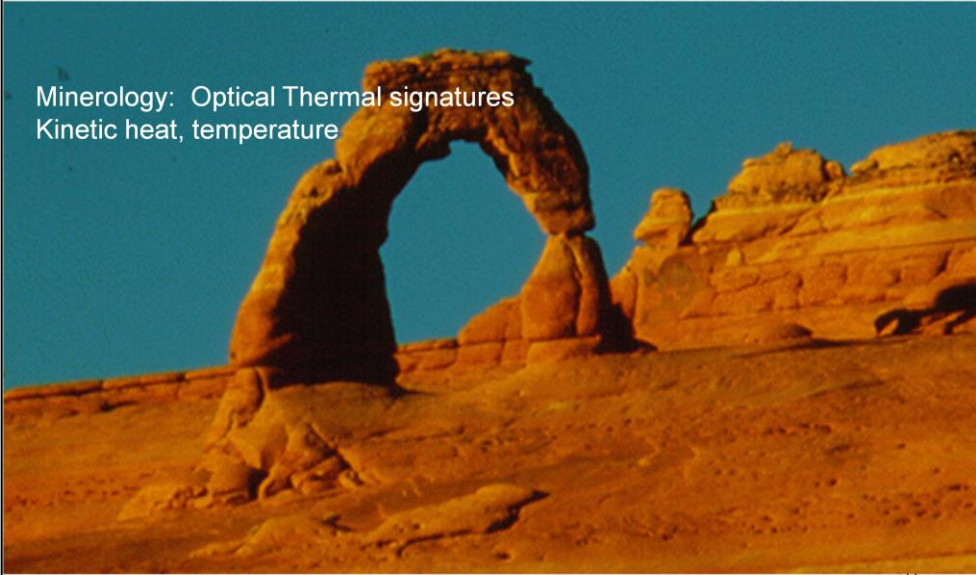
Lecture 5: What you should know about Earth Observing Satellites

1. *Landsat MSS and TM (# bands, approx. λ location, spatial resolution)*
2. *SPOT satellites (compared to Landsat (# bands, approx. λ location, spatial resolution)*
3. Pixel and spatial resolution of Landsat, SPOT
4. Trends: more bands, smaller pixels, more countries, companies flying them, etc.

Lecture 5: What you should know about water

1. Spectral properties of water in all three phases
2. Causes of absorption and scattering in vapor, liquid, ice
3. Effect of particle size on reflectance of ice & water drops in clouds, snow
4. Impact of algae, black carbon, and sediment on ice/snow reflectance
5. Light penetration into water by wavelength
6. Detection of coral, other things in water

Minerology: Optical Thermal signatures
Kinetic heat, temperature



The image above is Delicate Arch in Arches National Park. by Roger N. Clark

What Questions do we Want to Answer About Geology from Remote Sensing

- What is the chemical composition and structure of rocks/minerals observed in a reflectance spectrum in the lab, field, or space?
- That is, “What kind of rock am I looking at?”



Periodic Table of Elements

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		H																		He						
2		Li	IIA	4																	B	6	7	8	9	10
3		Na		Mg	III B	IV B	V B	VIB	VII B	— VII —						IB	IB	Al	14	15	16	17	18			
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Legend - click to find out more...

H - gas	Li - solid	Br - liquid	Tc - synthetic
 Non-Metals	 Transition Metals	 Rare Earth Metals	 Halogens
 Alkali Metals	 Alkali Earth Metals	 Other Metals	 Inert Elements

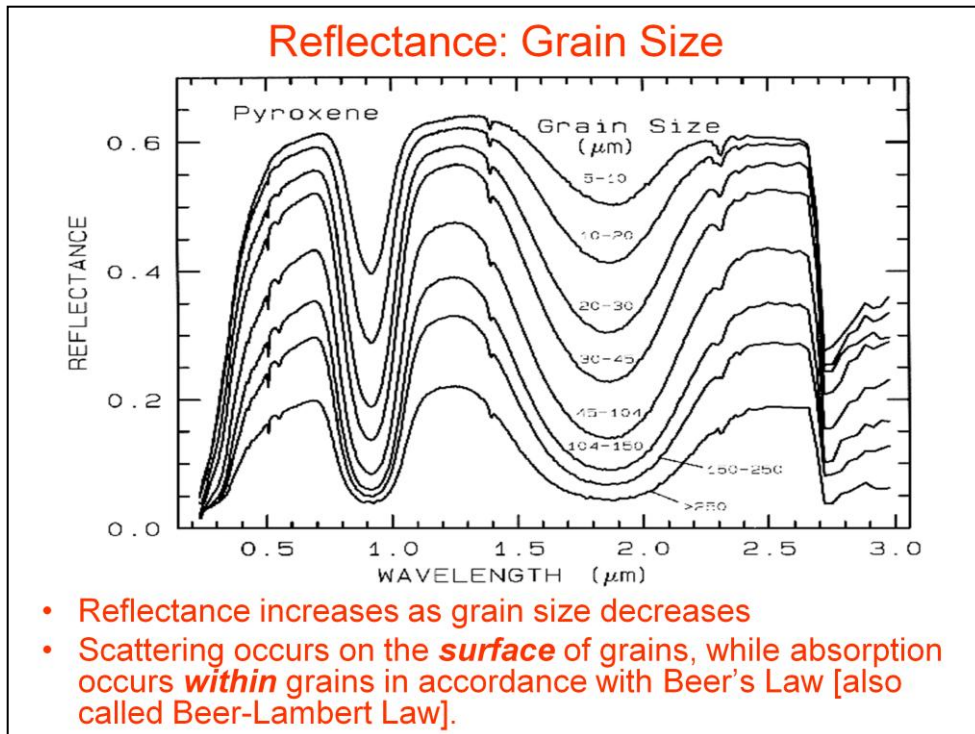
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40 Zirconium, 42 Molybdenum, 43 Technetium, 44 Ruthenium, 45 Rhodium, 46 Lead, 47 Silver, 48 Cadmium

78 Platinum, 79, Gold, 80 Mercury

EMR and Minerals

- What does EMR do when it contacts a rock?
 - Reflects
 - Reflects off grains; scattering either away from the surface (single scattering) or onto other grains (multiple scattering)
 - Transmitted and Refracted through a translucent (semi-transparent) grain onto other grains
 - Absorbed by a grain

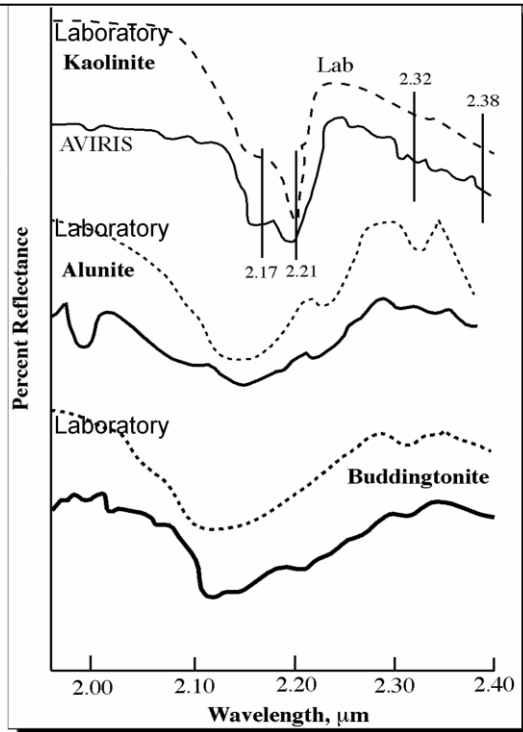


Surface to volume ratio: smaller grains have higher surface to volume ratio, so usually more scattering occurs in smaller grains vs. larger grains, and reflectance is typically higher in the VNIR.

Beer's Law: states that as light is transmitted through a path of a certain length, the absorbance is directly proportional to the concentration of a solution. If you plot absorbance versus concentration, the resulting graph yields a straight line.

Identifying Minerals

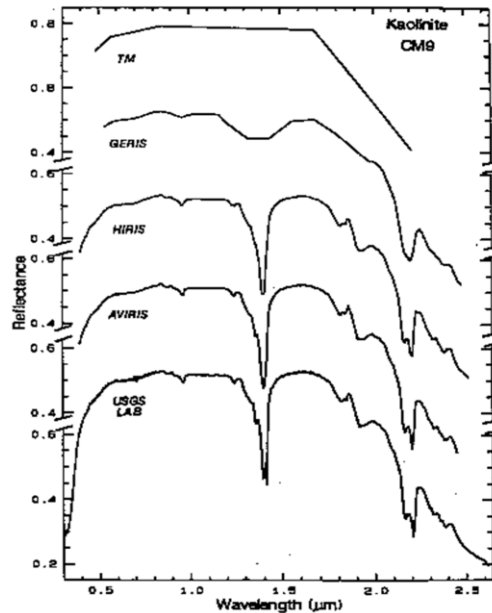
- Minerals absorb and scatter incident energy at different EMR wavelengths
- Differences in absorption and scattering by wavelength can be used to identify the minerals.



Comparison of laboratory spectral signatures and airborne hyperspectral imager (AVIRIS) spectra for three minerals: kaolinite (a type of clay), allunite (another type of clay) and buddingtonite (a rare mineral sometimes associated with gold deposits)

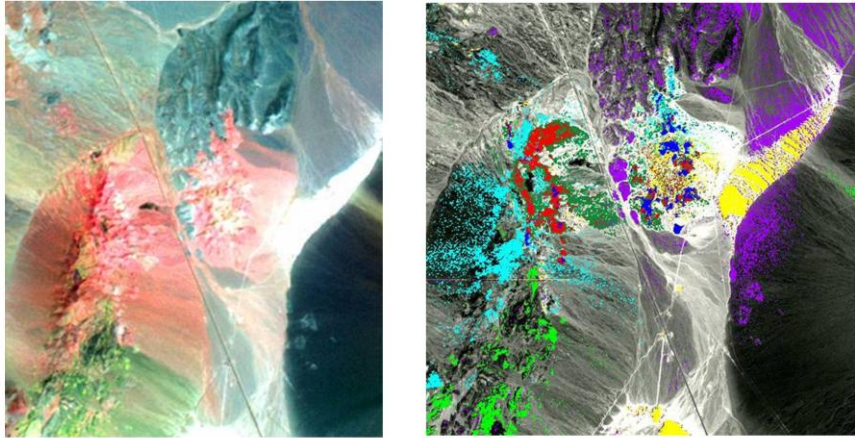
Higher Spectral Resolution Produces a More Precise Identification

- Geologic Absorption features are typically narrow (< 20 nm). Require high spectral resolution.
- Many important absorption bands are shallow, so high radiometric resolution and signal/noise (SNR) is also necessary.



Contrast with soils and plants

ASTER: Cuprite, NV



ASTER (SWIR bands 4,6,8 on left). Classification (right): Blue=kaolinite, red=alunite, light green=calcite, dark green=alunite+kaolinite, cyan=montmorillonite, purple=unaltered, yellow=silica or dickite.

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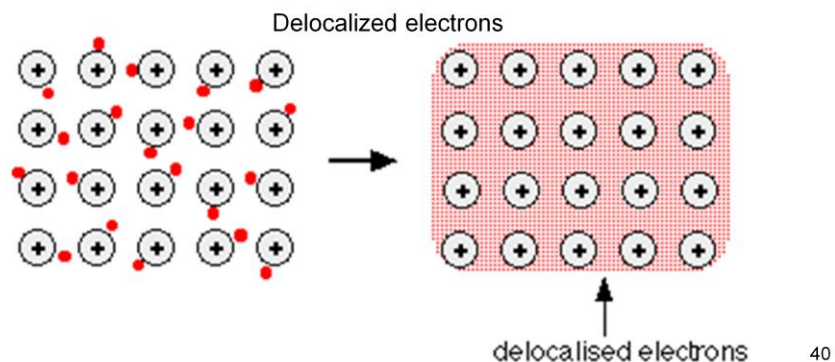
What causes absorption features in geologic minerals?

- **Electronic transitions** – absorption in wavelengths up to about 1.0 μm
- **Vibrations** – ‘shake, rattle and roll’ – at the molecular level – absorption at wavelengths beginning about 0.7 μm and extending beyond the TIR.

What causes absorption features?

Electronic processes

1. **Excitation of an electron** from one energy state to a higher energy state by absorption of a photon of an energy state equal to the difference (**remember, $Q=h\nu$**).
- In solid lattices, electrons may be shared between nuclei causing smearing over wider range of energies.



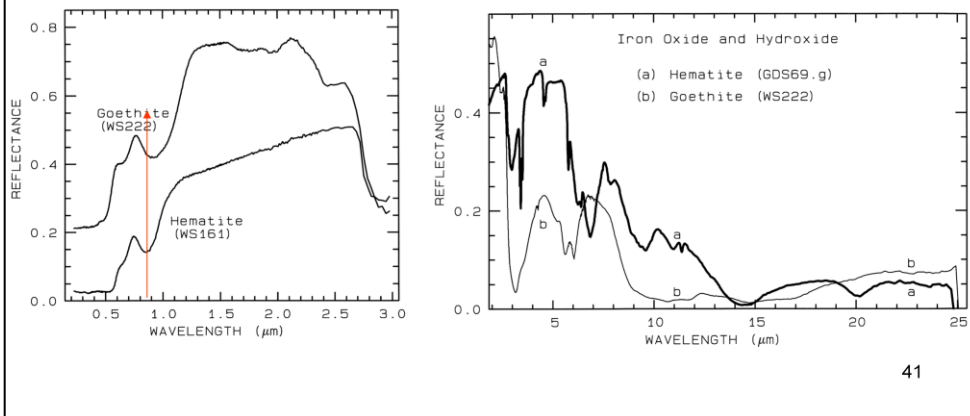
In a solid (like a crystal) electrons may be shared causing the energy levels to be smeared over a range. Energy level depends on valence state of atom (e.g., Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺), coordination number, and symmetry of the site.

The electrons can move freely within the orbitals of the molecular lattice and so electrons become detached from its atom. The electrons are said to be **delocalised**. The metal is held together by the strong forces of attraction between the positive nuclei and the delocalised electrons.

What causes absorption features?

Electronic processes

2. Charge transfer absorptions (CTA): caused when an electron is transferred to another ion or **ligand** after absorbing a photon. This causes large absorptions in the UV that extend into the visible. **One example is the red color of iron oxide.**



Transfer of an electron between ions or between ions and ligands. Can occur with different valence states in a metal (e.g., Fe^{+2} and Fe^{+3}).

A ligand is an atom, ion or functional group that donates its electrons through a coordinated covalent bond to one or more central atoms or ions, usually metals. An array of such ligands around a center is termed a **complex**.

CTA are generally diagnostic of specific minerals. They typically occur in the UV and have wings that extend into the visible. The shape may change with grain size. Absorption bands rapidly decrease in intensity in small sized grains because of the increased surface/volume ratio.

(Left) Reflectance spectra of the iron oxide hematite (Fe_2O_3) [ion Fe^{+3}] and iron hydroxide goethite (FeO-OH), [Fe^{+2}] from Clark *et al.*, 1993b). The intense charge-transfer band in the UV ($< 0.4 \mu\text{m}$) is "saturated" in reflectance, so only first surface (specular) reflection is seen in these spectra. The 0.9- μm and 0.86- μm absorption features are due to Laporte-forbidden transitions (e.g. Morris *et al.*, 1985; Sherman, 1990 and references therein). The absorption at 2.7-3.0 μm is due to trace water in the samples., and in the case of goethite, the OH. The goethite spectrum is offset upward 0.2 units.

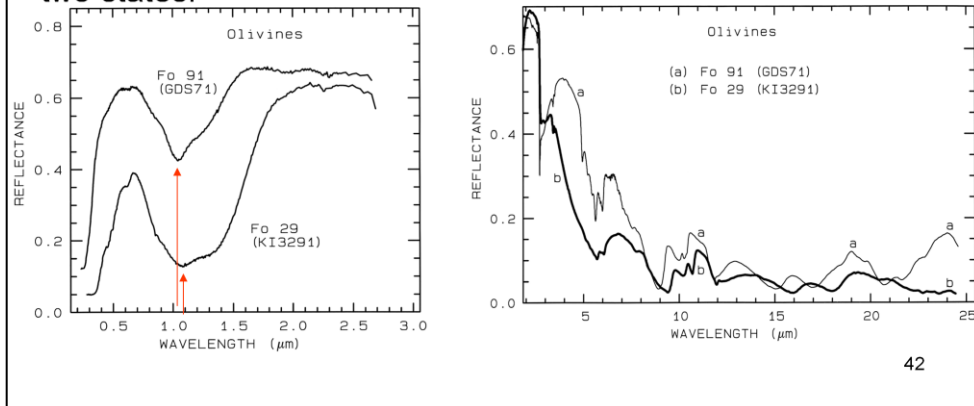
(Right) For mid-infrared wavelengths, without offsets

What causes absorption features?

Electronic processes

3. Crystal field effect: Occurs in **transition metals**: Ni, Cr, Co, Fe, etc. Absorption bands are typically narrow.

An electronic process caused by splitting the energy state of an isolated ion between a lower and a higher energy level, by absorbing a photon of the exact energy difference between the two states.



(left) Reflectance spectra of two olivines showing the change in band position and shape with chemical composition. The 1- μm absorption band is due to a **crystal field absorption of Fe²⁺**. "Fo" stands for forsterite (Mg_2SiO_4) in the forsterite-fayalite ($\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{SiO}_4$) olivine solid solution series. The Fo 29 sample (KI3291 from King and Ridley, 1987) has an FeO content of 53.65%, while the Fo 91 sample (GDS 71; labeled Twin Sisters Peak in King and Ridley, 1987) has an FeO content of 7.93%. The mean grain size is 30 and 25 μm respectively. The 1- μm band position varies from about 1.08 μm at Fo 10 to 1.05 μm at Fo 90 (King and Ridley, 1987).

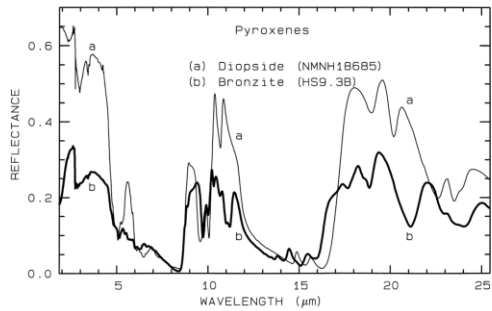
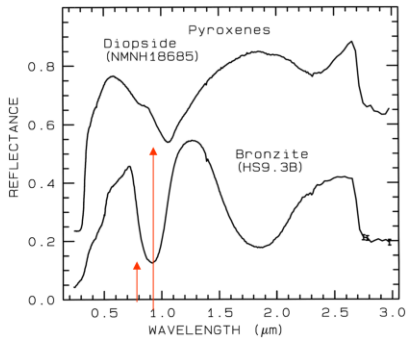
(Right) Same as left, but for mid-infrared wavelengths. Note the shifts in the spectral features due to the change in composition. See text for discussion of vibrational absorption bands.

From Roger Clark, Spectroscopy of Rocks and Minerals, and Principles of Spectroscopy.

What causes absorption features?

3. Crystal field effect: Occurs in Ni, Cr, Co, Fe, etc.
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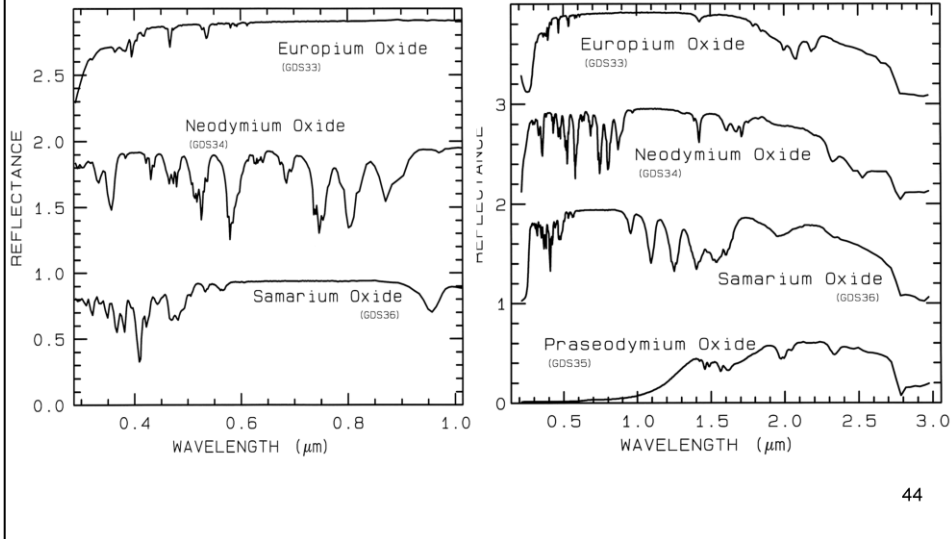
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Spectra of two pyroxenes. Note shift in band position and shape between samples of different mineral compositions

What causes absorption features?

Crystal field effect (cont.):

Reflectance spectra of rare-earth oxides

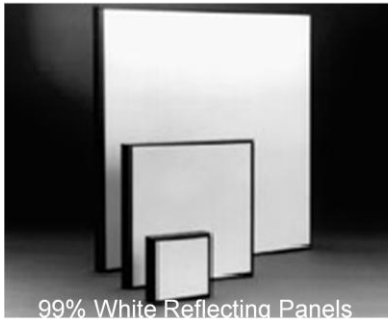


(Left) Reflectance spectra of rare-earth oxides, showing absorptions in the visible region. Spectra are offset 1.0 units for clarity. Spectral resolution is about 1 nm.

(Right) Reflectance spectra of rare-earth oxides. These absorptions are due to crystal-field transitions involving deep-lying electrons of the rare-earth elements and do not shift when the rare-earth ion is in another mineral. Each spectrum is offset by 1.0 units for clarity.

Spectra from Clark *et al.* (1993b).

Spectralon: Approved NIST Standard



99% White Reflecting Panels



Gray panels of known reflectance



Rare Earths calibrate wavelength positions

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

See Rare Earth spectra in previous lecture. The narrow band spectral features are used to determine wavelength calibration. Holmium Oxide for UV-VIS-NIR applications

Dysprosium Oxide for NIR applications

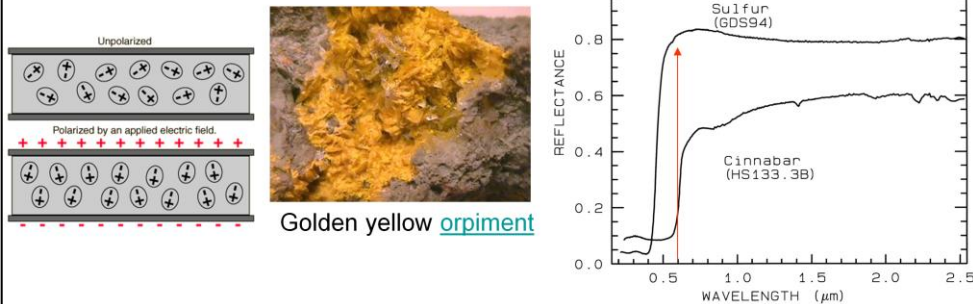
Erbium Oxide for VIS-NIR applications

What causes absorption features?

Electronic processes

4. Conduction bands: Some minerals have lattices with electrons at two energy levels: a higher “conduction band” level and lower “valence band” (ions attached to specific atoms). The difference in energy is a “band gap” --typically small in metals and **large in dielectric (semiconducting) materials**. A photon of a specific energy causes an electron shift in the lattice of some metals. Occurs in the visible to NIR regions.

–Causes of the **yellow color of sulfur**



A dielectric material contains polar (partially charged) molecules. An applied electric field will polarize the material by orienting the dipole moments of polar molecules.

Cinnabar is HgS

In compounds of sulfur (where known), the most common oxidation numbers of sulfur are: **6, 4, 2, and -2**.

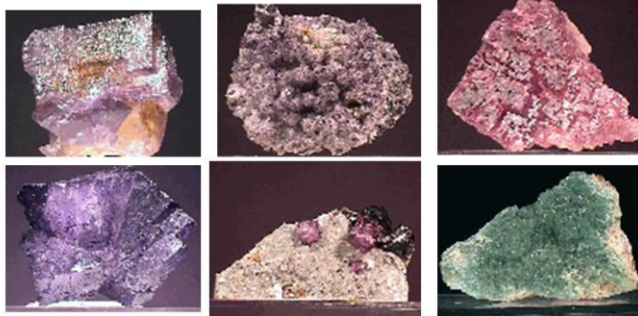
What causes absorption features?

Electronic processes

5. Color Centers: irradiation by UV light on an imperfect crystal (with “defects” i.e., impurities) changes the periodicity of the crystal and causes an electron to shift into the defect.

Calcium Fluoride CaF_2 The most colorful mineral:
purple, blue, green, yellow, colorless, brown, pink, black
and reddish orange (in order of decreasing energy)

Amethyst

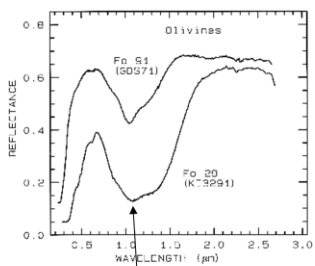


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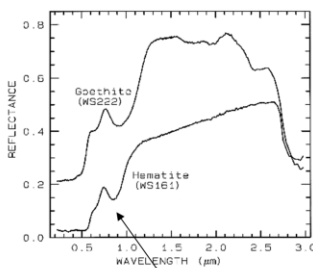
THERMOLUMINESCENCE

Thermoluminescence is a property of some minerals (E.G., FLUORIDE COMPOUNDS) to glow when heated. The minerals contain chemical bonds that emit light when thermal energy (heat) is applied to them. Activator elements must be present in these minerals just like in UV fluorescence.

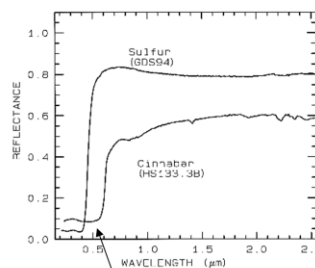
Electronic Processes: Summary



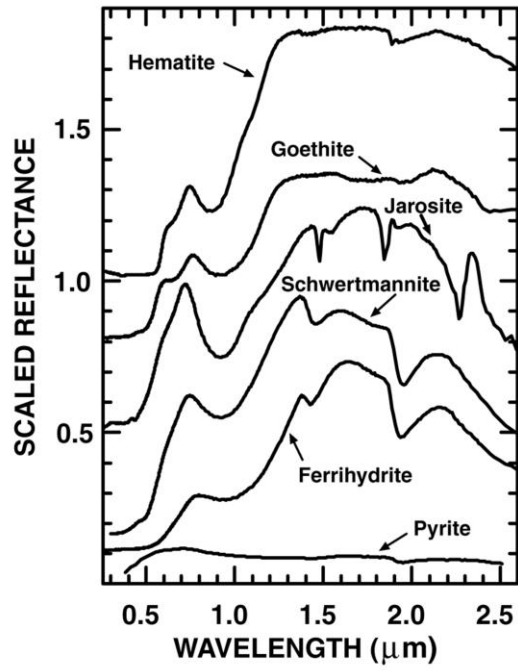
Crystal field effect absorption, Example caused by Fe^{2+} .
Fo29 has 53.65% FeO,
Fo91 has 7.93% FeO.



Charge transfer absorption, Example caused by Fe^{3+} .
 Fe_2O_3 (hematite) &
 FeOOH (goethite).



Conduction bands, Example caused by S and HgS.

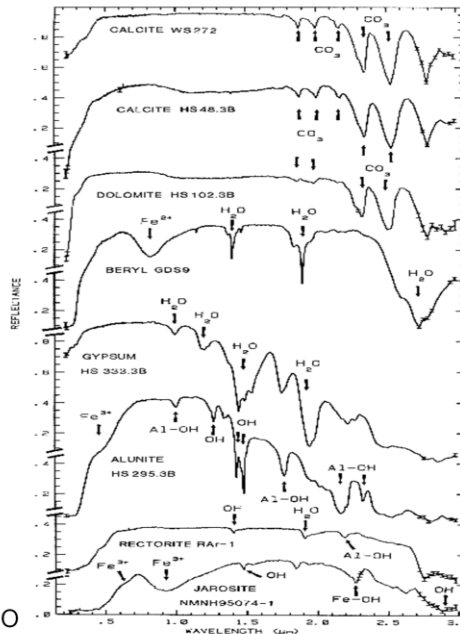


What causes absorption features?

Vibrational processes

- Vibration frequency dependent on bond type and the molecule's mass.
- Vibrations involve displacement and/or rotation.
- Individual bonds absorb at wavelengths $> \sim 0.7 \mu\text{m}$
- Molecules with N atoms where $3N - 6$ are the **fundamental vibration modes**
- **Overtone vibrations** (also called **combinations**) occur approximately at multiples of band frequency

Vibrational bands due to -OH, CO_3 , and H_2O



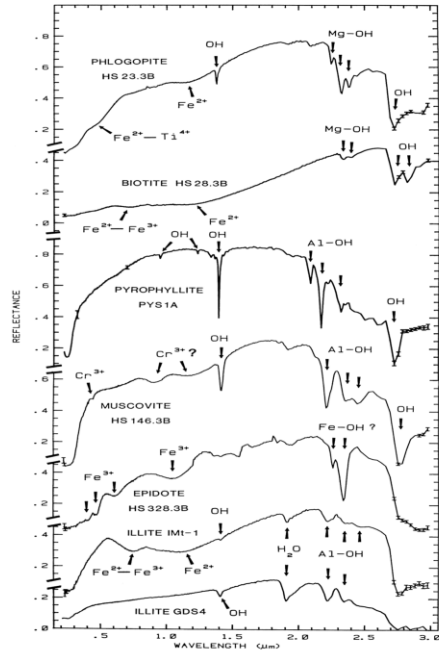
Vibrational bands due to OH, CO_3 , and H_2O

Some materials have important vibrational absorptions: water, hydroxyl, carbonates, phosphates, borates, arsenates, vanadates (metallic elements that combine with vanadium (VO_4)-3 (VO_3)-1 radicals)

What causes absorption features?

Vibrational processes

Vibrational bands due to -OH and H₂O

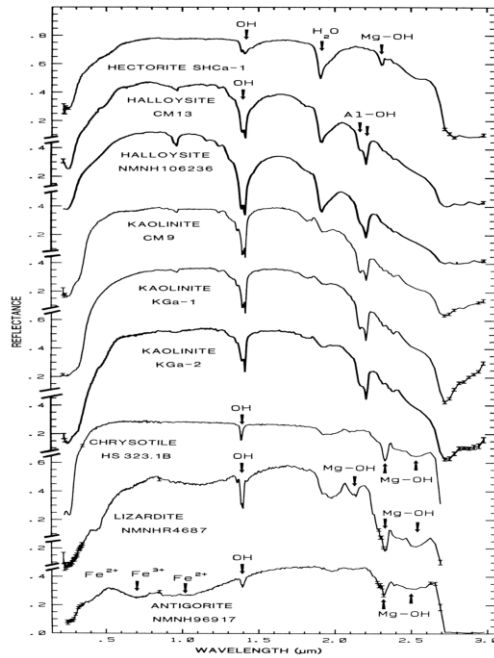


Vibrational bands due to OH and H₂O

What causes absorption features?

- **Vibrational processes**

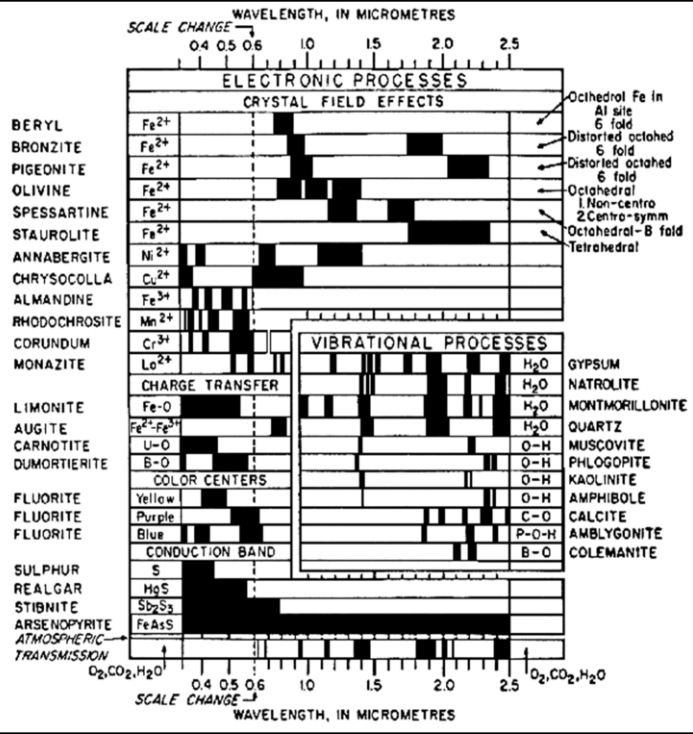
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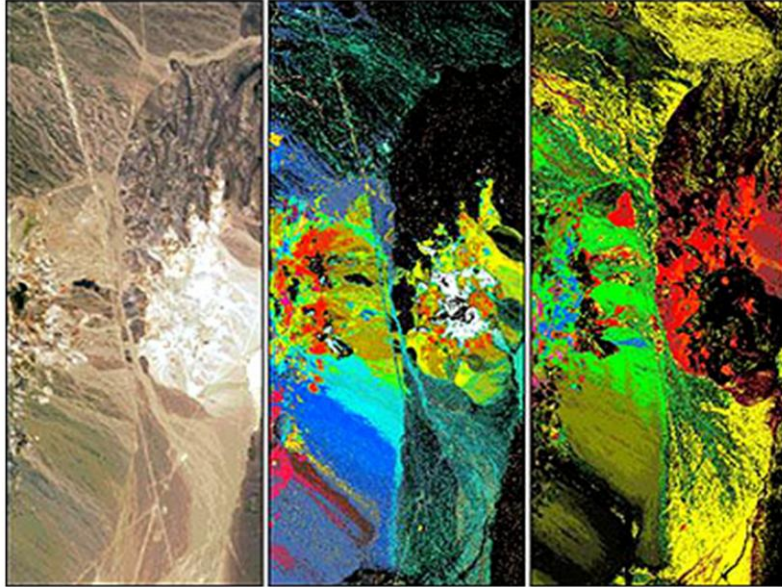


Vibrational bands due to OH

Identifying Minerals with Spectroscopy

Absorption features used to determine the chemical composition of materials from a spectral reflectance curve.

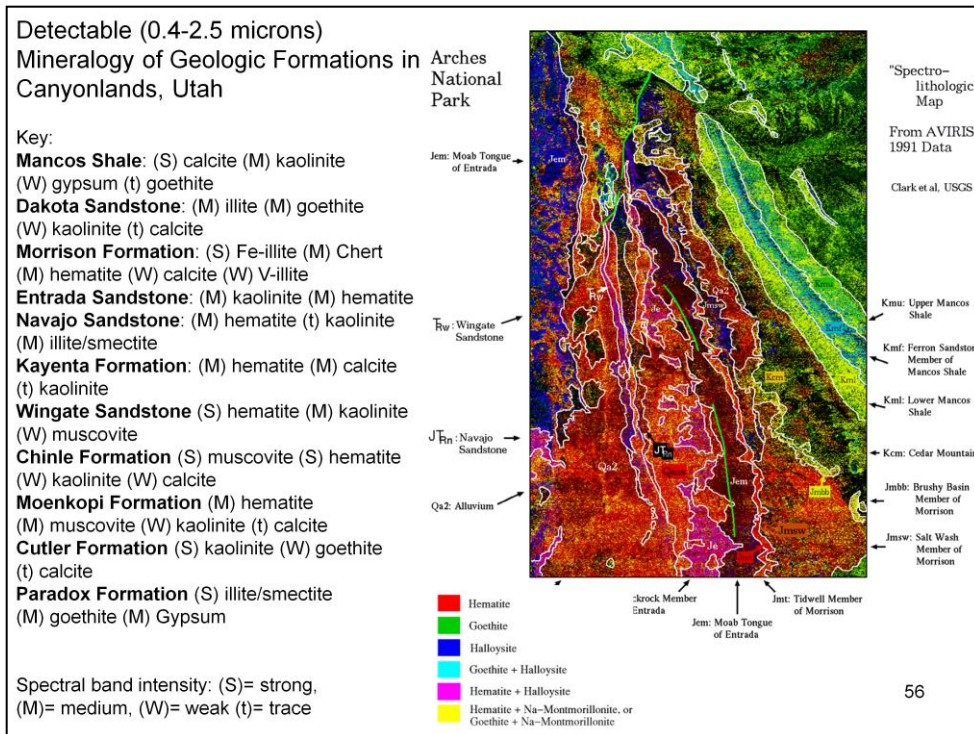




True Color

Minerals
(vibrational absorption)

Minerals
(electronic absorption)



An example of "spectrolithologic mapping" using only 4 minerals: hematite, goethite, halloysite, and montmorillonite. The minerals in their various compositions allow each formation to be distinguished and mapped. The outlines were derived based on the mineralogical boundaries, and agree well with published geologic maps.

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Lecture 6 What you should know

Geologic Mineralogy:

1. Unique spectral features are due to wide range of mineral chemistry
2. Many require narrow bands to measure
3. Grain size affects scattering, where smaller increases scattering/reflectance
4. What causes absorptions:
 - Electronic transitions: crystal field effects, charge transfer absorptions, conduction bands, color centers
 - Vibrational modes: fundamental and overtones