Chem 579  Special Topics in Inorganic Chemistry  Spring 2020

Spectroscopy in Inorganic Chemistry

When: Thursdays 6:00-8:50pm
Location: SMT 240

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Required Text:
Course materials provided by instructor

Grading:
In-Class presentation: 20%
Midterm: 40%
Final: 40%

Course Description/Learning Outcomes:
This physical inorganic course will cover a range of spectroscopy methods and their applications to inorganic (primarily metal-based) complexes and materials. Once this course is successfully completed students will have mastered several fundamental concepts, such as theory of spectroscopy, molecular symmetry and ligand field theory and learned about the applications of specific spectroscopy methods that target different types of transitions (valence, core, vibrational, spin etc) in inorganic systems. The course will have a mix of quantitative and descriptive aspects. Recommended pre-requisite courses include undergraduate Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra.

Topics covered:

I.) Review of fundamental concepts
   - Fundamental theory of spectroscopy
   - Molecular symmetry and group theory
   - Crystal/Ligand Field theory

II.) Low energy “excited state” spectroscopy methods
   - UV-vis absorption and emission spectroscopy
   - CD and MCD spectroscopy
   - vibrational spectroscopy

III.) High energy “excited state” spectroscopy methods
   - X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy
   - X-ray Absorption spectroscopy
   - X-ray emission spectroscopy

IV.) “Ground state” spectroscopy methods
   - EPR
   - NMR
   - Mossbauer
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