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Introduction



- Spectroscopy is an analytical technique which helps determine structure.
- It destroys little or no sample.
- The amount of light absorbed by the sample is measured as wavelength is varied.

Types of Spectroscopy



- Infrared (IR) spectroscopy measures the bond vibration frequencies in a molecule and is used to determine the functional group.
- Mass spectrometry (MS) fragments the molecule and measures the masses.
- Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy detects signals from active nuclei and can be used to distinguish isomers.
- Ultraviolet (UV) spectroscopy uses electron transitions to determine bonding patterns. =>

Electromagnetic Spectrum



- Examples: X rays, microwaves, radio waves, visible light, IR, and UV.
- Frequency and wavelength are inversely proportional.
- $c = \lambda v$, where c is the speed of light (3.00x10⁸m/s)
- Energy per photon = hv, where h is Planck's constant, 6.62 x 10⁻³⁷ kJ•sec.

The Spectrum and Molecular Effects





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Mass Spectrometry



- Molecular weight can be obtained from a very small sample (but it is destroyed).
- It does not involve the absorption or emission of light.
- A beam of high-energy electrons breaks the molecule apart.
- The masses of the fragments and their relative abundance reveal information about the structure of the molecule. =>

Electron Impact Ionization

A high-energy electron can dislodge an electron from a bond, creating a radical cation (a positive ion with an unpaired e⁻).





Separation of lons

- Only the cations are deflected by the magnetic field.
- Amount of deflection depends on *m/z*.
- The detector signal is proportional to the number of ions hitting it.
- By varying the magnetic field, ions of all masses are collected and counted. =>



The Mass Spectrum



Relative abundance for fragments are graphed or tabulated as a function of their mass/charge ratio.



The GC-MS (or any other hyphenated technique) A mixture of compounds is separated by gas chromatography, then identified by mass spectrometry.

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High Resolution MS

- Masses measured to 1 part in 20,000.
- A molecule with mass of 44 could be C₃H₈, C₂H₄O, CO₂, or CN₂H₄.
- If a more exact mass is 44.029, pick the correct structure from the table:
- C_3H_8 C_2H_4O CO_2 CN_2H_4 44.0626044.0262043.9898344.03740

Molecules with Heteroatoms



- Isotopes: present in their usual abundance.
- Hydrocarbons contain 1.1% C-13, so there will be a small M+1 peak.
- If Br is present, M+2 is equal to M⁺.
- If CI is present, M+2 is one-third of M⁺.
- If iodine is present, peak at 127, large gap.
- If N is present, M⁺ will be an odd number.
- If S is present, M+2 will be 4% of M⁺. =>



Isotopic Abundance

TABLE 12-4	Isotopic Composition of Some Common Elements						
Element	M+		M+1		M+2		
hydrogen carbon nitrogen oxygen sulfur chlorine bromine iodine	¹ H ¹² C ¹⁴ N ¹⁶ O ³² S ³⁵ Cl ⁷⁹ Br ¹²⁷ I	$100.0\% \\ 98.9\% \\ 99.6\% \\ 99.8\% \\ 95.0\% \\ 75.5\% \\ 50.5\% \\ 100.0\%$	¹³ C ¹⁵ N ³³ S	1.1% 0.4% 0.8%	¹⁸ O ³⁴ S ³⁷ Cl ⁸¹ Br	0.2% 4.2% 24.5% 49.5%	

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Mass Spectrum with Sulfur







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Mass Spectrum with Bromine



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Mass Spectra of Alkenes



Resonance-stabilized cations favored.



methallyl cation, m/z 55



Mass Spectra of Alcohols



- Alcohols usually lose a water molecule.
- M⁺ may not be visible.



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What information we will obtain from mass spectra?

- The mass of the molecular ion.
- What for?
 - ➤To compare the mass of the molecular ion with the mass of the empirical formula of the compound under study.
 - If the molecular ion is twice as heavy as the mass of the empirical formula for the compound, then the molecular formula will be twice the empirical formula.



The UV-Vis Region

- Provides information regarding electronic structure.
- Just above violet in the visible region
- Wavelengths usually 200-750nm
- For wavelengths below 200nm, vacuum is required.

The UV-Vis Region



- Mostly used for systems with conjugated double bonds.
- 1-octene
- 1,3-butadiene
- 1,3,5-hexatriene

 λ_{max} =180nm λ_{max} =220nm λ_{max} =250nm



 β -carotene

 λ_{max} =480nm

Color is between red and orange (because it reflects those colors)

The IR Region



- Just below red in the visible region.
- Wavelengths usually 2.5-25 $\mu\text{m}.$
- More common units are wavenumbers, or cm⁻¹, the reciprocal of the wavelength in centimeters.
- Wavenumbers are proportional to frequency and energy.

Molecular Vibrations



Covalent bonds vibrate at only certain allowable frequencies.



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Stretching Frequencies



Bond		Bond Energy [kJ	(kcal)] Strete	Stretching Frequency (cm ⁻¹)			
С—Н С—D С—С	heavier atoms	<i>Frequency decreases with</i> 420 (100) <note these<br="">420 (100) 350 (83)</note>	increasing atomic ma are trs> 3000 2100 1200	$\downarrow \overline{\nu}$ decreases			
Frequency increases with bond energy							
С-С		350 (83)	1200				
C = C		611 (146) strong	er 1660	u increases			
$C \equiv C$		840 (200) J bond	2200				

- Frequency decreases with increasing atomic mass.
- Frequency increases with increasing bond energy.

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Vibrational Modes

Nonlinear molecule with *n* atoms usually has 3*n* - 6 fundamental vibrational modes.

Linear molecules will have 3n – 5 modes.



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Fingerprint of Molecule

- Whole-molecule vibrations and bending vibrations are also quantized.
- No two molecules will give exactly the same IR spectrum (except enantiomers).
- Simple stretching: 1600-3500 cm⁻¹.
- Complex vibrations: 600-1400 cm⁻¹, called the "fingerprint region."

IR-Active and Inactive

- A polar bond is usually IR-active.
- A nonpolar bond in a symmetrical molecule will absorb weakly or not at all.



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FT-IR Spectrometer

- Has better sensitivity.
- Less energy is needed from source.
- Completes a scan in 1-2 seconds.
- Takes several scans and averages them.
- Has a laser beam that keeps the instrument accurately calibrated.



FT-IR Interferometer





Interferogram

The interferogram at the right displays the interference pattern and contains all of the spectrum information.

A Fourier transform converts the time domain to the frequency domain with absorption as a function of frequency.





Carbon-Carbon Bond Stretching



- Stronger bonds absorb at higher frequencies:
 - ≻C-C 1200 cm⁻¹
 - ≻C=C 1660 cm⁻¹
 - $>C \equiv C$ <2200 cm⁻¹ (weak or absent if internal)
- Conjugation lowers the frequency:
 ➢ isolated C=C 1640-1680 cm⁻¹
 ➢ conjugated C=C 1620-1640 cm⁻¹
 ➢ aromatic C=C approx. 1600 cm⁻¹



Carbon-Hydrogen Stretching

Bonds with more s character absorb at a higher frequency.

> sp³ C-H, just below 3000 cm⁻¹ (to the right)

 $> sp^2$ C-H, just above 3000 cm⁻¹ (to the left)

≻sp C-H, at 3300 cm⁻¹



An Alkane IR Spectrum





An Alkene IR Spectrum





An Alkyne IR Spectrum



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O-H and N-H Stretching



- Both of these occur around 3300 cm⁻¹, but they look different.
 - ≻Alcohol O-H, broad with rounded tip.
 - Secondary amine (R₂NH), broad with one sharp spike.
 - Primary amine (RNH₂), broad with two sharp spikes.
 - >No signal for a tertiary amine (R_3N) . =>

An Alcohol IR Spectrum





An Amine IR Spectrum







Carbonyl Stretching

- The C=O bond of simple ketones, aldehydes, and carboxylic acids absorb around 1710 cm⁻¹.
- Usually, it's the strongest IR signal.
- Carboxylic acids will have O-H also.
- Aldehydes have two C-H signals around 2700 and 2800 cm⁻¹.

A Ketone IR Spectrum





An Aldehyde IR Spectrum





O-H Stretch of a Carboxylic Acid



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This O-H absorbs broadly, 2500-3500 cm⁻¹, due to strong hydrogen bonding.



Variations in C=O Absorption



- Conjugation of C=O with C=C lowers the stretching frequency to ~1680 cm⁻¹.
- The C=O group of an amide absorbs at an even lower frequency, 1640-1680 cm⁻¹.
- The C=O of an ester absorbs at a higher frequency, ~1730-1740 cm⁻¹.
- Carbonyl groups in small rings (5 C's or less) absorb at an even higher frequency. =>

An Amide IR Spectrum





Carbon - Nitrogen Stretching



- C N absorbs around 1200 cm⁻¹.
- C = N absorbs around 1660 cm⁻¹ and is much stronger than the C = C absorption in the same region.
- $C \equiv N$ absorbs strongly just *above* 2200 cm⁻¹. The alkyne $C \equiv C$ signal is much weaker and is just *below* 2200 cm⁻¹.

A Nitrile IR Spectrum





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Summary of IR Absorptions





Strengths and Limitations

- IR alone cannot determine a structure.
- Some signals may be ambiguous.
- The functional group is usually indicated.
- The *absence* of a signal is definite proof that the functional group is absent.
- Correspondence with a known sample's IR spectrum confirms the identity of the compound.



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