Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy

from chapter(s) _____ in the recommended text

A. Introduction

B. Origin Of IR Absorbance

Quanta in IR transitions are less energetic than those associated with ultraviolet NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) involves *lower* frequency quanta

FT-IR is accumulated after multiple scans to increase signal-to-noise

IR is most sensitive to *dipole* changes, so it provides a way of observing functional groups, particularly *unsymmetrical* ones like C=O, N-H, N=O.

Energies in IR are greater than in NMR

Strong bonds between the same atoms vibrate *faster* than weaker ones, *ie* at *higher* wavenumbers, for which the units are cm^{-1} .

bonds between carbon and heavy atoms tends to be *slower* than those between carbon and lighter ones, *ie* at a *lower* wavenumber.

write C-H, C-D, and C-T above the appropriate lines

			C-T	C-D	C-H
			increasing wavenumber		
C≡O	write C-O	C=O			
above the appropriate lines		iate lines	C-0	C=O	C≡O

increasing wavenumber

Symmetrical stretches of carbonyl groups in organic molecules involve large changes of dipole moment, hence they are strong and tend to be a *useful* indicator of molecular structure.

Wavenumbers for symmetrical *C*=*O* stretches tend to *increase* along the series ester, ketone, amide, carboxylate

Esters and carboxylates also have C-O symmetrical stretches.

Wavenumbers in IR spectra *are* proportional to frequencies. Transmission in IR is *inversely* correlated to absorbance. Vibrations of the same energy generally have *the same* absorbance wavelength maxima in IR spectra.

The wavenumber axis in IR spectra is expanded below 2000 relative to the 4000 – 2000 cm⁻¹.

so each bond *can* be associated with more than one IR peak.



C-H stretches occur at about 3000 cm⁻¹.

N-H stretches tend to occur around 3300 cm⁻¹.

O-H that are not strongly H-bonded stretch at around 3500 cm⁻¹

Aromatic C=C bonds vibrate around 1600 - 1500 cm⁻¹

C=O bonds stretch between 1900 - 1500 cm⁻¹.

C=*C* bonds vibrate around 1640 cm⁻¹ and absorb much less strongly than *C*=*O* because Aromatic *C*-*C* bonds vibrate at *lower* frequencies because those

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NO₂ groups give two intense bands at about 1550 & 1350 cm⁻¹.

Sulfoxide S^+ - O^- bonds absorb at 1030 - 1080 cm⁻¹.

This is called the *fingerprint* region because it is unique to

C. Functional Group Assignments



A 3300; B 2300; C 1690 cm⁻¹





A 3300 cm⁻¹

A 3050; B 2950 cm⁻¹

A 1730 cm⁻¹



A 3300 and 3250 cm⁻¹



A 3400; B 3050 cm⁻¹

A 1735; B 1250 cm⁻¹



A 2950; B 1715 cm⁻¹



A 3050; B 2100 cm⁻¹

A 2950 cm⁻¹

A 2100; B 1680 cm⁻¹

A 2900 (br); B 1690 cm⁻¹



D. Assigning Structures From Spectra





1/cm



^{1/}cm



1/cm

compound structure



