CHEM 344/345 – Spectroscopy and Spectrometry in Organic Chemistry



Spectroscopy and Spectrometry in Organic Chemistry

- Ultra-violet and visible (UV/Vis) spectroscopy provides information about the electronic structure of a molecule through the excitation of electrons. (15.2, 16.3D, 19.3D)
- Infrared (IR) spectroscopy can be used to determine functional groups and bond strengths based upon molecular vibrations. (12.1 12.5, 14.3B, 16.3A, 19.3A, 20.3A, 21.4A, 23.4A, & A-3 A-4)
- **3.** Mass Spectrometry (MS) ionizes and energizes a molecule to determine its mass and connectivity through fragmentation. (12.6, 19.3E, 26.8A)
- 4. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy provides detailed information about the structure of a molecule by its interaction with a magnetic field and a radio frequency pulse. (13, 14.3C, 16.3B 16.3C, 19.3B 19.3C, 20.3B, 21.4B, 23.4A, & A-5 A-8)

Electromagnetic Radiation



source

detector

UV/Vis Absorption Spectroscopy

Ultra-**v**iolet and **vis**ible (**UV/Vis**) spectroscopy provides information about the electronic structure of a molecule – particularly useful for conjugated π systems.

UV/Vis photons excite electrons to an excited state if $E_{photon} = E_{LUMO-HOMO}$.



UV/Vis Absorption Spectroscopy



This explains why many organic compounds tend to be boring (white or off-white powders or crystals) in the visible spectrum.

Molecules need to absorb in the visible range in order to be colored.





Conjugation in 4-ethylanisole

The more conjugated the π -system, the lower the HOMO-LUMO gap, the larger the λ_{max} will be.



The p-orbital lone pair of the oxygen atom conjugates to the aromatic ring π -system. ⁶

Brightly Colored Organic Molecules



UV/Vis Spectrum of Crystal Violet



Physical Basis for IR Spectroscopy

Chemical bonds are not rigid, but in continuous states of vibration.



If a molecule absorbs a photon of a frequency of light that matches the frequency of a vibration, an absorption occurs and that vibrational state is excited.

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Factors that Affect IR Absorption Frequency



 $v = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k(m_1 + m_2)}{m_1 m_2}}$

vibration of

distance

Hooke's Law governs the energy of vibration.

The frequency (v) is dependent on the force constant ($k \sim$ bond strength) and the masses of the nuclei.

Bond	Approximate vibrational frequency	Bond	Approximate vibrational frequency		Bond	Approximate vibrational frequency
C–C	1000 cm ⁻¹	C(sp)–H	3300 cm ⁻¹	C((sp³)–D	2200 cm ⁻¹
C=C	1600 cm ⁻¹	C(sp ²)–H	3100 cm ⁻¹	C((sp³)–H	2900 cm ⁻¹
C≡C	2200 cm ⁻¹	C(sp ³)–H	2900 cm ⁻¹			

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IR Spectrum of Acetone



Absorptions are observed as sharp or broad reductions in the % of light transmitted.

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IR Spectrum of Acetone



IR Spectrum of Hexane



This is a pretty boring IR spectrum due to the lack of functional groups in an alkane.

IR Spectrum of Hexane vs. 1-Hexene



IR Spectrum of Phenol



Broad and intense signals in this region are diagnostic for H-atoms connected to N or O atoms that are involved in hydrogen bonding.

Infrared Observation of Hydrogen Bonding – *p*-Cresol

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Appearance of O–H stretches are dependent on conditions. Below, the blue spectrum is of a pure liquid with H-bonding. Below, the red spectrum is of a sample dilute in CCl_4 .





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Functional Group Identification with Correlation Tables

IR spectra provide confirmation of the presence of a functional group or a partial structure determination when used in tandem with other analyses.

Wavenumber range, cm ⁻¹	Type of absorptions	Name of region
3400–2800	O—H, N—H, C—H stretching	
2250-2100	C N, C C stretching	Functional group
1850–1600	C=O, C=N, C=C stretching	
1600–1000	C—C, C—O, C—N stretching; various bending absorptions ∫	Fingerprint
1000–600	C—H bending	C—H bending

- 3400 2800: great for detecting O–H or N–H stretching.
- 2250 2100: great for detecting asymmetric triple bonds R–C=N, R–C=C–R'.
- 1880 1600: great for detecting C=O, C=N, C=C and aromatic rings.

Functional Group Identification with Correlation Tables

Double Bond Stretching Vibrations				
1710 cm ⁻¹	Aldehyde or ketone			
1680	Conjugated ketone			
1745	Cyclopentanone			
1780	Cyclobutanone			
1730	α-Hydroxy ketone			
1740	Ester			
1660	Amide			
1800	Acid chloride			
1810 and 1760	Acid anhydride			
1700	Carboxylic acid			
1680-1500	C=C stretch			
1675-1590	Aromatic C=C stretch			

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Functional Group Identification with Correlation Tables



Conjugation of the C=O π bond with the aromatic π system increases the C–O length by decreasing the C=O double bond character and increasing the C–O single bond character.

Bond	Approximate vibrational		
	frequency		
C–C	1000 cm ⁻¹		
C=C	1600 cm ⁻¹		
C≡C	2200 cm ⁻¹		

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Infrared Prediction with Computational Chemistry



A quick (~ 1 min) calculation using Gaussian09 with B3LYP/6-31G(d) overestimates the absorption frequencies. (More sophisticated calculations can predict more accurately.)

Fully Assigned IR spectrum – CON₆



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IR Spectroscopy to Observe Reactions



Reaction progress can be monitored by looking for the disappearance or appearance of spectral features associated with the changing functional group.

IR Spectroscopy in Photochemistry

How to determine which product is formed?

- *Predict (calculate)* the IR spectrum of *each* product.
- Compare experimental IR spectrum to all of the computed IR spectra.
- A good match between experimental and computed IR spectra establishes the identity of the product.



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IR Spectroscopy in Photochemistry



Frequency (cm⁻¹)

∆ Absorbance

IR Spectroscopy – Summary

Infrared (IR) spectroscopy can be used to determine functional groups and bond strengths based upon molecular vibrations.

Frequency of the IR absorptions is dependent upon the bond strengths and the masses of the atoms in the molecule.

IR intensity is related to a change in dipole upon vibration.

IR spectra can be used to easily identify functional groups.

- O–H, N–H, and C–H
- C≡N and C≡C
- C=C, C=N, C=O

Much of the spectra less than 1500 cm⁻¹ can be ignored at the Chem 344/345 level, but can be assigned with a deeper analysis using computational chemistry.

Electron Impact Mass Spectrometry (EI-MS)



Electron-Impact Mass Spectrometry (EI-MS) is used to determine molecular masses and connectivity by bombarding a molecule with high energy electrons and detecting the masses of the resulting fragments.

- Highly sensitive and destructive.
- Ionization from a 70 eV beam of electrons.
- Ions formed are controlled by a magnetic field, mass selected, and detected at an ion collector.
 - Detection does not use electromagnetic

radiation (not spectroscopy).

Fragmentation provides structural and molecular mass information.



EI-Mass Spectrum of Pentane



Often many different cation fragments appear in the mass spectrum of a single molecule.

Neutral fragments do not respond to the magnetic field and are not detected.

EI-Mass Spectrum of 2-Methylpentane



Isotopic Abundance and Masses for Selected Elements

Element	Isotope	Exact Mass	Abundance %
Hydrogen	¹ H	1.007825	99.985
	² H or D	2.0140	0.015
Carbon	¹² C	12.0000	98.90
	¹³ C	13.00335	1.10
Nitrogen	¹⁴ N	14.00307	99.63
	¹⁵ N	15.00011	0.37
Oxygen	¹⁶ O	15.99491	99.759
	¹⁷ O	16.99913	0.037
	¹⁸ O *	17.99916	0.204
Fluorine	¹⁹ F	18.99840	100.0
Silicon	²⁸ Si	27.97693	92.21
	²⁹ Si	28.97649	4.67
	³⁰ Si	29.97377	3.10
Phosphorus	³¹ P	30.97376	100.0
Sulfur	³² S	31.97207	95.0
	³³ S	32.97146	0.75
	³⁴ S	33.96787	4.22
Chlorine	³⁵ Cl	34.96885	75.77
	³⁷ Cl	36.96590	24.23
Bromine	⁷⁹ Br	78.91834	50.69
	⁸¹ Br	80.91629	49.31
Iodine	127	126.90447	100.0

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EI-Mass Spectrum of Isopropyl Chloride



EI-Mass Spectrum of Propyl Bromide



EI-Mass Spectrum of Methanol

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EI-Mass Spectrum of Acetone



EI-Mass Spectrum of 2-Octanone


Mass Spectrometry – Summary

Mass **S**pectrometry (**MS**) ionizes and energizes a molecule to determine its mass and connectivity through fragmentation. Electron Impact – Mass Spectrometry (EI-MS) uses high energy electrons to ionize the molecules.



Only cationic fragments are responsive to the magnetic field and detected.

Abundance of ions detected is dependent upon their rate of formation and their rate of fragmentation.

More stable ions that are easy to form tend to be responsible for more intense signals.

¹H-NMR & ¹³C-NMR Spectroscopy

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy takes advantage of the magnetic spin properties of some nuclei to provide detailed structural information about molecules.

Nuclei which have an odd number of protons and/or neutrons are NMR active and can be studied by NMR.

NMR active nuclei: ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁵N, ¹⁹F, ³¹P

most common NMR experiments

NMR inactive nuclei: ¹²C, ¹⁶O, ³²S



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¹H-NMR & ¹³C-NMR Spectroscopy



The modern NMR experiment typically involves:

- 1) putting the sample in a magnetic field, usually a He-cooled super-conducting magnet
- 2) bombarding the sample with a radio frequency pulse sequence
- 3) detecting the relaxation of the sample back to its previous state
- 4) applying FFT to convert the signal from time space to frequency space
- 5) interpreting the output

¹H-NMR Interpretation



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¹H-NMR Interpretation

¹H-NMR spectra are filled with useful information about the sample molecule(s).

- The number of separate signals indicate the number of distinct environments in the molecule(s) in which H atoms are located. (# of signals)
- The type of environment is indicated by the upfield or downfield chemical shift of the signals. (chemical shift in ppm)
- The integration of all of the peaks in a signal provides the relative number of atoms that are making that signal. (integration value)
- The couplings or splitting patterns indicate the number of hydrogen atoms in close proximity in the molecule that are in nonequivalent environments. (coupling pattern)
- The substitution pattern or stereochemistry can often be unambiguously determined by the size of the coupling constants. (coupling constant value)
- The purity or relative abundance of two molecules in the sample can be determined by comparing the integration of two signals in separate molecules.









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Curphy-Morrison Additivity Constants for Proton NMR



Standard Shift: Methyl (-CH3) 0.90 &, Methylene (-CH2-) 1.20 &, Methine (-CH-) 1.55 &

Shift Estimate: $\delta_{\rm H}$ = Standard Shift + $\Sigma_{\alpha\text{-shifts}}$ + $\Sigma_{\beta\text{-shifts}}$

Substituent (R)		α-shift	β-shift	Substituent (R)		α-shift	β-shift
Cl	-CH ₃	2.30	0.60	0	-CH ₃	2.90	0.40
	-CH ₂ -	2.30	0.55	L.	-CH ₂ -	2.95	0.45
	-CH-	2.55	0.15	`O´ `alkyl	-CH-	3.45	
Br	-CH ₃	1.80	0.80		-CH ₃	2.84	0.39(1)
	-CH ₂ -	2.15	0.80	∽SO₂Ar	-CH ₂ -	2.66(6)	0.28(5)
	-CH-	2.20	0.25	-	-CH-	3.16(3)	0.32(2)
I	-CH ₃	1.80	0.80		-CH ₃	3.01	0.47(2)
	-CH ₂ -	2.15	0.80	∽SO₂Me	-CH ₂ -	2.90(5)	0.43(2)
	-CH-	2.20	0.25	-	-CH-	2.64(1)	0.61(1)
Aryl	-CH ₃	1.45	0.35	∖∵,alkyl ∖∵,alkyl N N H alkyl	-CH ₃	1.25	0.20
	-CH ₂ -	1.45	0.55		-CH ₂ -	1.40	0.15
	-CH-	1.35			-CH-	1.35	
	-CH ₃	1.25	0.25	 ∴arvl <∷arvl 	-CH ₃	2.08(8)	0.28(10)
	-CH ₂ -	1.10	0.30	N N N	-CH ₂ -	2.03(12)	0.34(2)
	-CH-	0.95		alkyl	-CH-	2.33(2)	?



The *simplest* coupling patterns (resulting from equal coupling constants) in ¹H-NMR can be interpreted by the n+1 rule where the number of peaks in a signal is equal to the number of nonequivalent vicinal hydrogen atom neighbors plus one.

peaks = n + 1,

n	Number of lines in splitting pattern (name)	Relative line intensity within splitting pattern
0	1 (singlet)	1
1	2 (doublet)	1 1
2	3 (triplet)	1 2 1
3	4 (quartet)	1 3 3 1
4	5 (quintet)	1 4 6 4 1
5	6 (sextet)	1 5 10 10 5 1
6	7 (septet)	1 6 15 20 15 6 1



The coupling of vicinal protons is due to the magnetic field created by each proton due to its spin. Each vicinal proton can either align parallel or anti-parallel to the external magnetic field which alters the resonance of individual protons.

+ = magnetic field created + by coupled proton







Estimating Chemical Shift via Curphy -Morrison parameters

 α and β Substituent Effects on: H β .

Standard Shift: Methyl (-CH₃) 0.90 δ, Methylene (-CH₂-) 1.20 δ, Methine (-CH-) 1.55 δ

Shift Estimate: $\delta_{\rm H}$ = Standard Shift + $\Sigma_{\alpha\text{-shifts}}$ + $\Sigma_{\beta\text{-shifts}}$



Estimating Chemical Shift via Curphy -Morrison parameters



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¹H-NMR Coupling – Or Lack Thereof...

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Structure Determination – C₅H₁₀O₂

With a chemical formula of $C_5H_{10}O_2$, what types of functional groups are possible?

- alkenes
- aldehydes
- ketones
- carboxylic acids
- esters
- alcohols
- peroxides
- ethers
- cyclic alcohols
- cyclic ethers
- epoxides

Structure Determination – C₅H₁₀O₂

Structure Determination – C₅H₁₀O₂

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¹H-NMR Coupling – Or Lack Thereof...

Structure Determination – C₄H₉Cl

$$U = \frac{2C + 2 + N - H - X}{2} = \frac{2(4) + 2 - (9) - (1)}{2} = 0$$

Structure Determination – C₄H₉Cl

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¹H-NMR – Diastereotopic Protons & 2nd Order Coupling

 2^{nd} order coupling is a term applied to coupling patterns where the *n*+1 rule breaks down. This is likely to occur when there are 2 protons that are coupled together that have close, but not equal, chemical shifts.

Diastereotopic protons are a great example of this. The substitution test is a great way to identify diastereotopic protons that may lead to more exciting couplings.

¹³C-NMR Interpretation

¹³C-NMR spectra are almost always decoupled and show no splitting or coupling. Since ¹³C is not highly abundant, ¹³C-NMR spectra are usually nosier. Signal integrals are not directly related to the number of atoms making the signal.

- The number of separate signals indicate the number of distinct environments in the molecule(s). (# of signals)
- The type of environment is indicated by the upfield or downfield chemical shift of the signals. (chemical shift in ppm)

¹³C-NMR Interpretation - Methanol

¹H is > 99% abundant; it couples strongly to ¹³C –atom it is attached to (${}^{1}J_{HC} = 100-210 \text{ Hz}$) with normal *n+1 rule* splitting.

¹³C-NMR Interpretation – 2-Chlorobutane

¹H-NMR Spectrum of *n*-pentane

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¹³C-NMR Spectrum of *n*-pentane

¹³C-NMR Interpretation

Due to its increased chemical shift range, ¹³C-NMR provides a lot more useful information about octane than ¹H-NMR provides.

Structure Determination – C₄H₆O₂

With a chemical formula of $C_4H_6O_2$, what types of functional groups are possible?

- alkenes
- aldehydes
- ketones
- carboxylic acids
- esters
- alcohols
- peroxides
- ethers
- cyclic alcohols
- cyclic ethers
- epoxides

Structure Determination – C₄H₆O₂

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Structure Determination – C₄H₆O₂



¹H-NMR Vinyl Region

Due to the magnetic field of the electrons in the π bond, ¹H-atoms attached to double-bonded C-atoms experience an enhanced magnetic field resulting in a significant downfield shift to about δ 5.8 ± 1.5 ppm.



- Chemical shift varies with substitution.
- Coupling constants vary from *trans, cis*, and *geminal* protons.

¹H-NMR Vinyl Region

The two remaining signals can be assigned knowing the typical couplings constants for vinyl protons. $J_{trans} = 12 - 18 \text{ Hz} > J_{cis} = 6 - 12 \text{ Hz} > J_{gem} = 1 - 3 \text{ Hz}$



- For couplings with different coupling constants, apply them independently to interpret a splitting pattern.
- Coupling trees can be quite instructive; draw them.
- All three signals are differently-spaced doublets of doublets.

Estimating Chemical Shift via Curphy -Morrison parameters



Shift Estimate: $\delta_{H (vinyl)} = 5.25 + Z_{gem} + Z_{cis} + Z_{trans}$



Estimating Chemical Shift via Curphy -Morrison parameters



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With a chemical formula of $C_9H_{11}OBr$, what types of functional groups are possible?

- alkenes
- alkynes
- arenes
- aldehydes
- ketones
- alcohols
- ethers
- cyclic alcohols
- cyclic ethers
- epoxides
- etc









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¹H-NMR Aromatic Region

Due to the local magnetic field created by the diatropic aromatic ring current, ¹H-atoms attached to C-atoms that are part of a aromatic ring experience an enhanced magnetic field resulting in a significant downfield shift to about δ 7.5 ± 1 ppm.



- Shift is much further downfield than for typical CH protons without multiple strong EWGs.
- Shift is further downfield than an H-atom on an alkene or conjugated diene; aromaticity is important.
- No coupling is observed for benzene as all protons are equivalent.

¹H-NMR Aromatic Region

EWG or EDG substituents on aromatic rings can alter the electron density at a carbon atom in the ring which in turn impacts the shielding for a particular proton. (more e^{-} = more shielding)



¹H-NMR Aromatic Region

The coupling constants of protons on aromatic rings follow some predictable trends.

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¹H-NMR Aromatic Region



This approach is an over-simplification of the coupling, but works well enough in most *simple* cases to make assignments.

Usually assignments can be made from the *ortho* couplings alone; focus on them.

(C): triplet of triplets







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Estimating Chemical Shift via Curphy -Morrison parameters



Shift Estimate: $\delta_{H (vinyl)} = 7.36 + Z_{ortho} + Z_{meta} + Z_{para}$

Estimating Chemical Shift via Curphy -

Morrison parameters



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¹H-NMR Chemical Shift Prediction with Computational Chemistry

	Absolute NMR Shifts	Atom	Symbol	Isotropic
	B3LYP/6-31G(d)	1	C*	52.9167
		2	0	232.4982
		3	C*	151.6931
		4	C*	117.8739
		5	C*	123.0062
		6	C*	110.8253
		7	C*	142.9361
		8	C*	100.3906
		9	H*	7.3705
		10	Ν	-110.9262
		11	0	-262.0486
		12	0	-268.4915
		13	H*	7.7461
		14	H*	7.2304
		15	H*	6.9689
		16	H*	3.9997
		17	H*	3.65
		18	H*	3.65
		*Denotes shift relative to TMS		



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¹H-NMR Interpretation – 4'-sulfamoylacetanilide



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¹³C-NMR Interpretation – 4'-sulfamoylacetanilide



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NMR Spectroscopy – Summary

¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra are very useful for structural determination of sample molecule(s).

- NMR techniques are based upon the interaction between radio frequency light and the magnetic properties of the nuclei in a molecule.
- ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra commonly use TMS as a 0 ppm standard.
- Important information is found in the # of signals, chemical shift in ppm, integration value, coupling pattern, and coupling constant value.
- For 1st order ¹H-NMR spectra, the *n*+1 rule is highly useful for interpreting coupling patterns.
- The size of the coupling constants can be used to interpret stereochemical and regiochemical relationships of protons.

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