

Infrared (I.R.) Spectroscopy

Infra-red spectrum provides information about functional groups present in the molecule

I.R. spectrum is obtained by exposing molecules to electromagnetic radiation of I.R. region.

When molecule is placed in magnetic field. Vibration of molecule take place. When these vibrations causes change in dipole moment, then that molecule become IR active

In past micron and micrometers are used as the units but nowadays wave number (cm^{-1}) is used.

A simple reciprocal relation is exist in wave number and wavelength

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Principle of IR Spectroscopy

Molecule and atoms in molecule are continuously rotating , vibrating and moving from one point to another point. This require definite amount of energy.

When molecule exposed to IR radiations, molecule absorb IR radiation and get excited to higher vibrational energy level.

The type of IR wavelength absorbed by molecule depends on the type of the atoms and the chemical bonds present in the molecule. When these absorption are recorded, we get IR spectra.

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Divisions of IR

- 1) Near IR 12500-4000 cm^{-1}
- 2) IR 4000- 625 cm^{-1}
 - a) Functional group 4000-1300 cm^{-1}
 - b) Finger print 1300-909 cm^{-1}
 - c) Aromatic region 909-625 cm^{-1}
- 3) Far IR 625-50 cm^{-1}

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Subdivisions of Infrared Spectra

1) Functional group region (4000-1300 cm^{-1})

This part of spectrum contain absorption band due to stretching vibrations of functional groups such as -OH , -NH , -CH etc. Functional groups can be identified by this region

2) Finger print region (1430-910 cm^{-1})

This is the most complex part of I.R. spectra These absorption band due to stretching and bending vibrations. Each compounds have different spectra in finger print region.

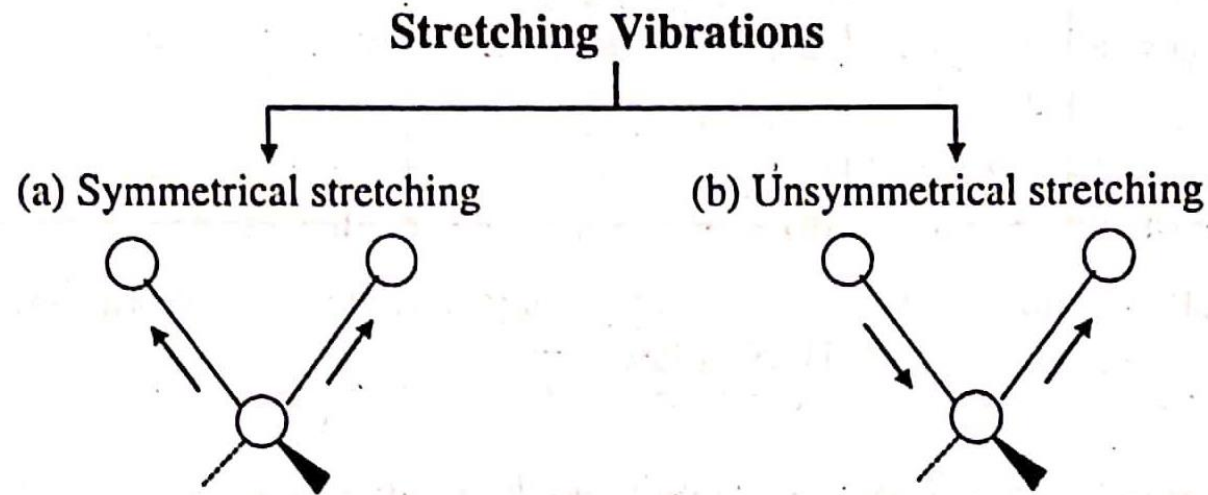
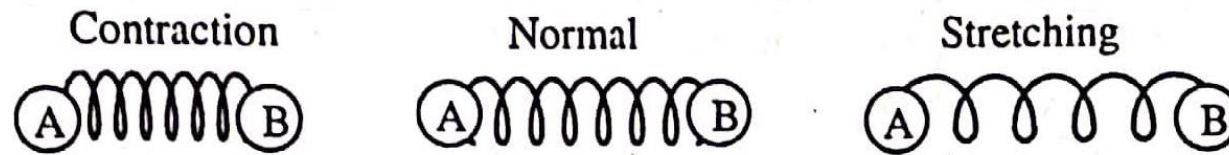
3) Aromatic region (910-650 cm^{-1})

Strong absorption in this region shows presence of aromatic character of compound

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Modes of Vibration

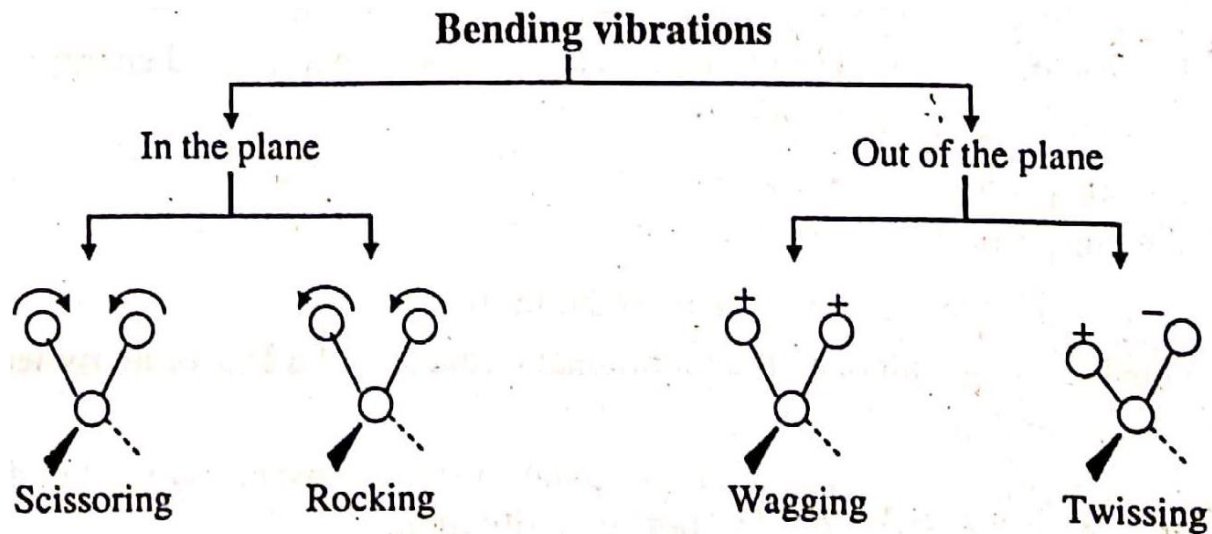
Stretching vibrations: These are characterized by change in inter nuclear distance.



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Modes of Vibration

Bending vibrations: These are characterized by change in angle between covalent bonds.



Bending vibrations

Scissoring :

Both atoms move in opposite direction

Rocking :

Both atoms move in same direction

Wagging :

Both atoms move together either above or below the plane

Twisting :

One atom move above the plane while other atom move below the plane

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Fundamental modes of vibrations

For linear molecule:

($3N-5$) fundamental modes of vibrations

Example Carbon monoxide,

For non linear molecule:

($3N-6$) fundamental modes of vibrations

Example water

(Where N is no. of atoms in molecule)

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Sr. no.	Molecule	Linear /Non linear	Fundamental modes of vibrations
1.	Benzene	Non linear	30
2.	Water	Non linear	03
3.	Methane	Non linear	09
4.	Ammonia	Non linear	06
5.	Nitrogen oxide	Linear	01
6.	Carbon monoxide	Linear	01
7.	Carbon dioxide	Linear	04

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Hooke's Law

Vibrational frequency of a bond is related to the masses of vibrating atoms and the force constant (f) of the vibrating bond.

$$\text{Vibrational frequency } \nu = \frac{1}{2\pi C} \sqrt{\frac{f}{\mu}} \quad \dots (i)$$

Where, ν = vibrational frequency in terms of cm^{-1}

C = velocity of light 3×10^{10} cm/sec.

f = force constant of bond (dynes cm^{-1}) proportional to bond energy.

μ = reduced mass of atoms.

$$\text{i.e. } \mu = \frac{m_a \times m_b}{m_a + m_b} \quad \dots (ii)$$

where m_a = mass of atom 'a' m_b = mass of atom 'b'

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Hooke's Law

- 1) Vibrational frequency is directly proportional to the force constant. (Stronger the bonds, higher is the frequency)
- 2) Frequency is inversely proportional to reduced mass (μ)
(when reduced mass is small, frequency is more)

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Example : O-H $\mu = \frac{m_a \times m_b}{m_a + m_b} = \frac{16 \times 1}{16 + 1} = \frac{16}{17} = 0.94$

N-H $\mu = \frac{m_a \times m_b}{m_a + m_b} = \frac{14 \times 1}{14 + 1} = \frac{14}{15} = 0.93$

C-H $\mu = \frac{m_a \times m_b}{m_a + m_b} = \frac{12 \times 1}{12 + 1} = \frac{12}{13} = 0.92$

where as, C-C $\mu = \frac{m_a \times m_a}{m_a + m_a} = \frac{12 \times 12}{12 + 12} = \frac{144}{24} = 6.0$

Frequency

-OH, -NH, -CH from 3000-3600 cm^{-1}

C-C around 1100 cm^{-1}

Relation between force constant, frequency and bond length :

Bond	Bond length	Force constant	Frequency
C-C	1.54 Å	$5 \times 10^5 \text{ dynes cm}^{-1}$	$\sim 1100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
C=C	1.34 Å	$10 \times 10^5 \text{ dynes cm}^{-1}$	$\sim 1650 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
C≡C	1.20 Å	$15 \times 10^5 \text{ dynes cm}^{-1}$	$\sim 2200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Infrared (IR) Absorption of some functional groups

Functional group	Molecular motion	Wave number cm ⁻¹
Alkanes	-C-H stretch	2850-2950
	-C-C-	1100-1120
Alkenes -	=C-H stretch	3000-3100
	-C=C stretch isolated	1630-1699
	-C=C stretch conjugated	1610-1640
	-C-H bend (monosubstituted)	990 & 910
	-C-H bend (disubstituted 1,1)	890
	-C-H bend (disubstituted E)	960-980
	-C-H bend (disubstituted Z)	675-730
	-C-H bend (Trisubstituted)	800-840
Alkynes	-C-H stretch	3200-3310
	C≡ C-H stretch	2100-2140
	C≡ C-C stretch	2200-2260

Infrared (IR) Absorption of some functional groups

Functional group	Molecular motion	Wave number cm-1
Aromatics	-C-H stretch	3000-3020
	-C=C Stretch	1500-1600
	-C-H bend (monosubstituted)	690-710 & 730-770
	-C-H bend (ortho)	735-770
	-C-H bend (meta)	750-810
	-C-H bend (para)	790-850
Alcohols	-O-H stretch (free)	3600-3650
	-O-H stretch (bonded)	3200-3500
	-C-O stretch	1260-1000
Ethers	-C-O-C stretch	1300-1000
Aldehyde	-C-H stretch	2700-2900
	-C=O stretch	1730-1740
Ketone	-C=O stretch	1705-1720

Infrared (IR) Absorption of some functional groups

Functional group	Molecular motion	Wave number cm ⁻¹
Esters	-C=O stretch	1730-1750
Acid chloride	-C=O stretch	1770-1815
Halo Alkane	-C-X stretch	500-750
Anhydride	-C=O stretch	1740-1850
	-C-O stretch	1000-1300
Amines	-N-H stretch	3300-3350
Amides	-N-H stretch	3300-3350
	-C=O stretch	1680-1700
Nitriles	C=N stretch non conjugated	2240-2260
	C=N stretch conjugated	2215-2240
	-C=N-	1590-1690
Isocyanate	-N=C=O stretch	~2270
Isothiocyanate	-N=C=O stretch	~2125
Nitro group	-NO ₂	1370-1540

Infrared (IR) Absorption of some functional groups

Site of unsaturation

A) Compound containing CHO elements

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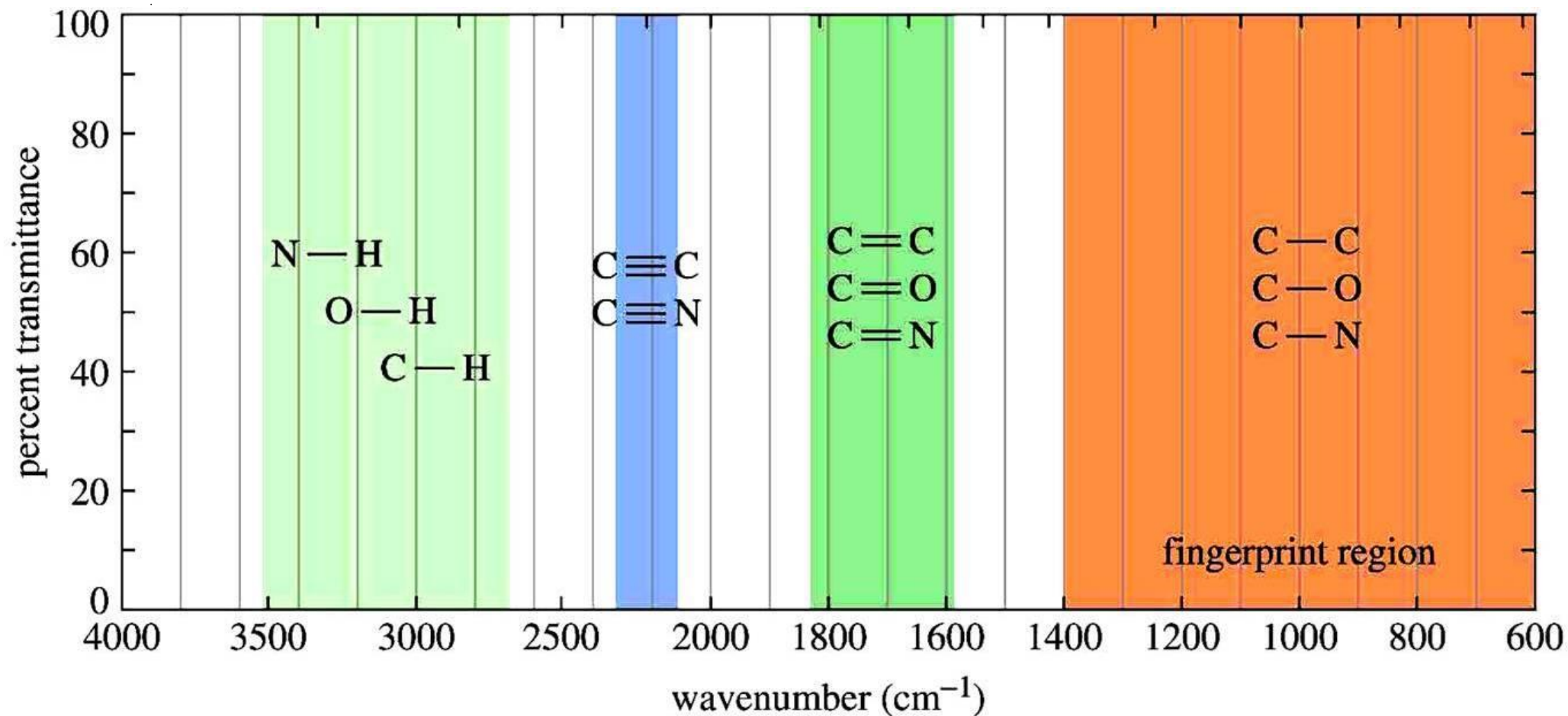
B) Compound containing CHN elements

$$\text{Site of unsaturation} = \frac{(2 \times \text{no. of Carbon atoms} + 2) - (\text{no. of Hydrogen atoms} - 1)}{2}$$

C) Compound containing CHX elements

$$\text{Site of unsaturation} = \frac{(2 \times \text{no. of Carbon atoms} + 2) - (\text{no. of Hydrogen atoms} + 1)}{2}$$

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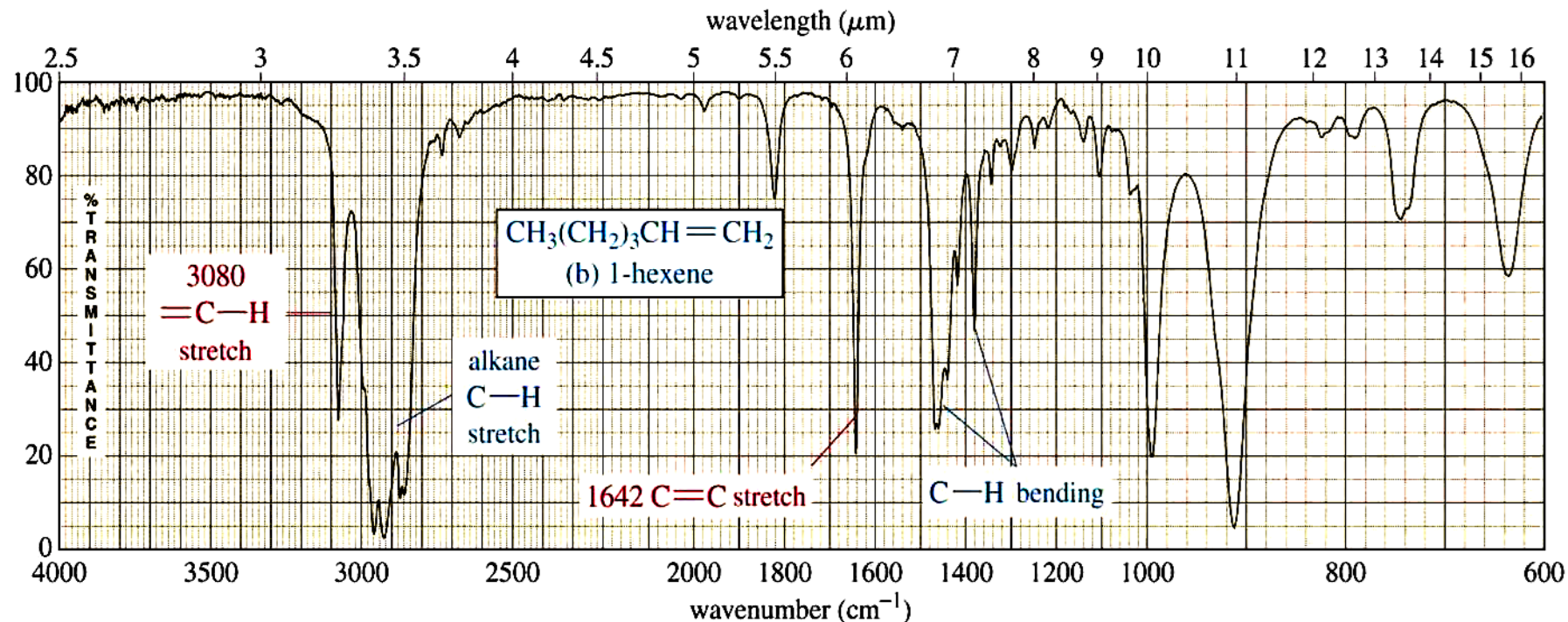


Characteristics of IR Absorption of some functional groups

Alkanes

have no functional groups. Their IR spectrum displays only C-C (800-1200 cm^{-1}) and C-H (2850-3000 cm^{-1}) bond vibrations. Since most organic molecules have such bonds, hence less useful for structure determination.

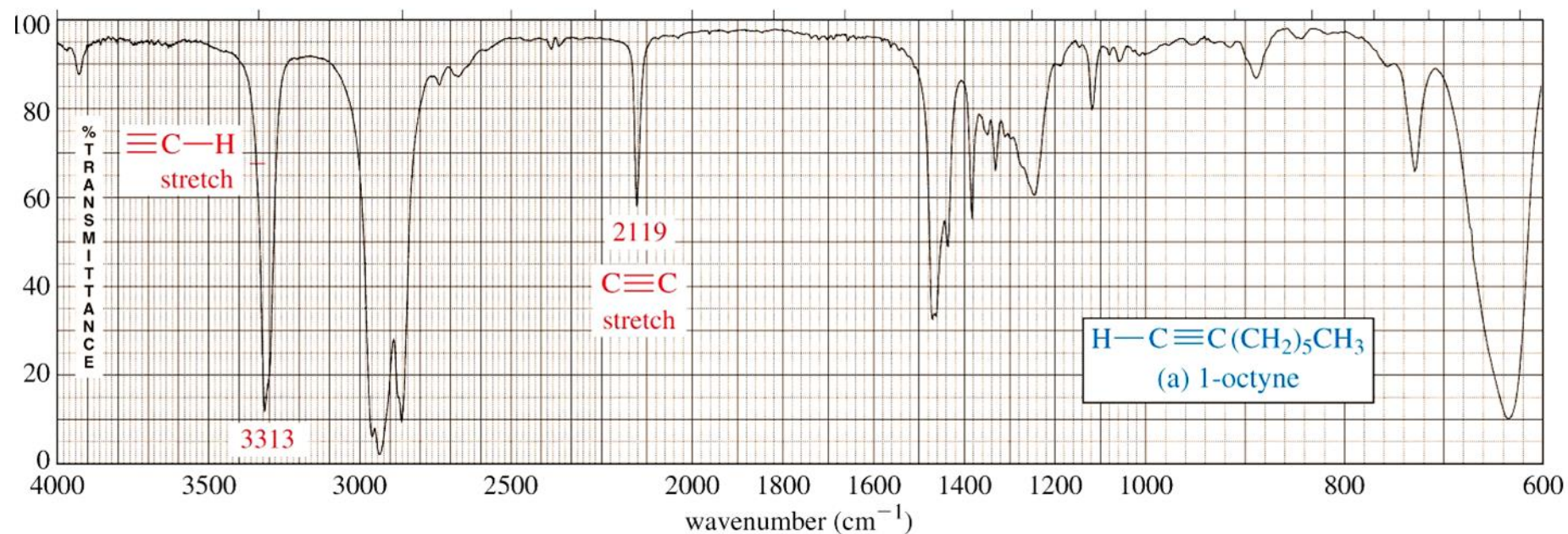
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Alkenes

Alkenes show sharp, medium bands corresponding to the **$\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond stretching vibration** at about **$1600\text{-}1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$** and also show a band for the $=\text{C}-\text{H}$ bond stretch, appearing around **$3000\text{-}3100\text{ cm}^{-1}$** as shown below.

Characteristics of IR Absorption of some functional groups



Alkynes

The most prominent band in alkynes corresponds to the **carbon-carbon triple bond**. It shows as a sharp, weak band at about **$2100 - 2260 \text{ cm}^{-1}$** . Terminal alkynes, have C-H bonds that weak band at about **3300 cm^{-1}** corresponding to the C-H stretch.

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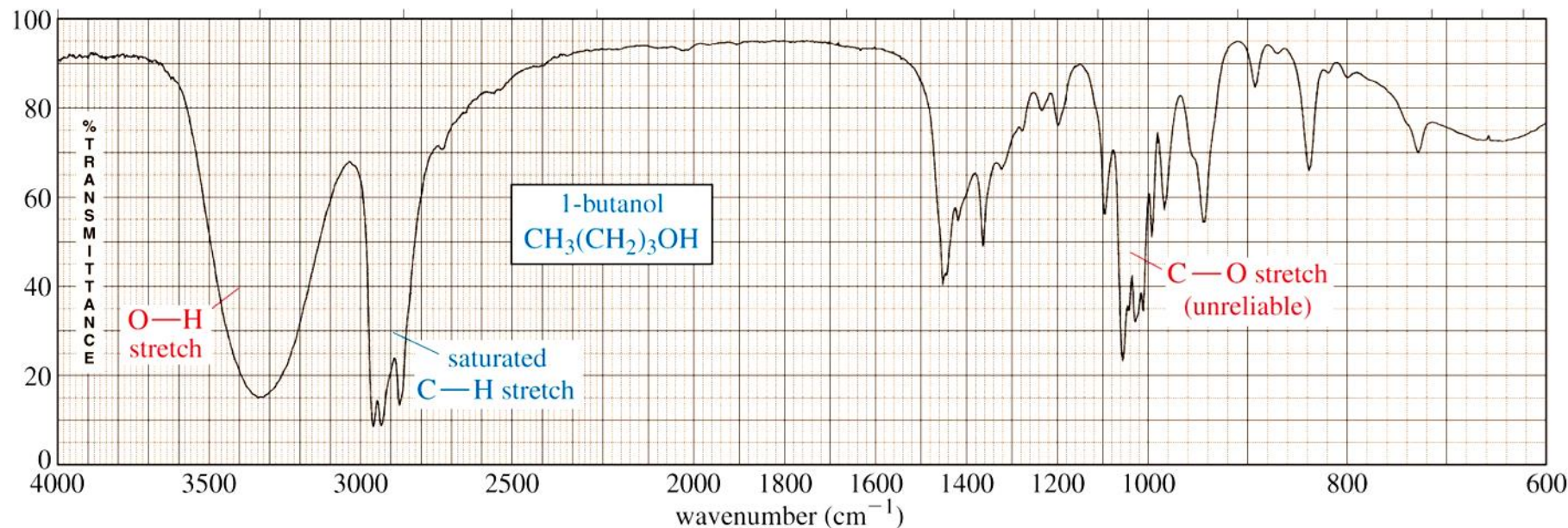
Aromatic Hydrocarbon

Aromatic hydrocarbons shows **carbon-carbon double bond** stretching frequency around **1500-1600 cm⁻¹**.

It shows =C-H bond stretching around **3000-3100 cm⁻¹**.

In these compound =C-H bond bending is observed around **675-710 cm⁻¹**.

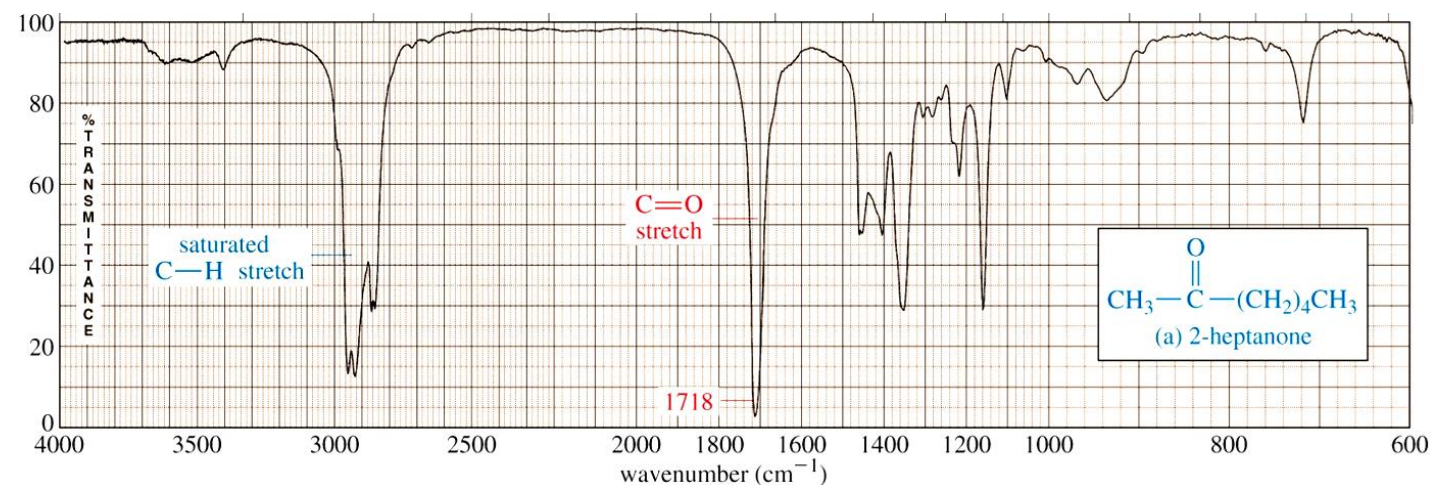
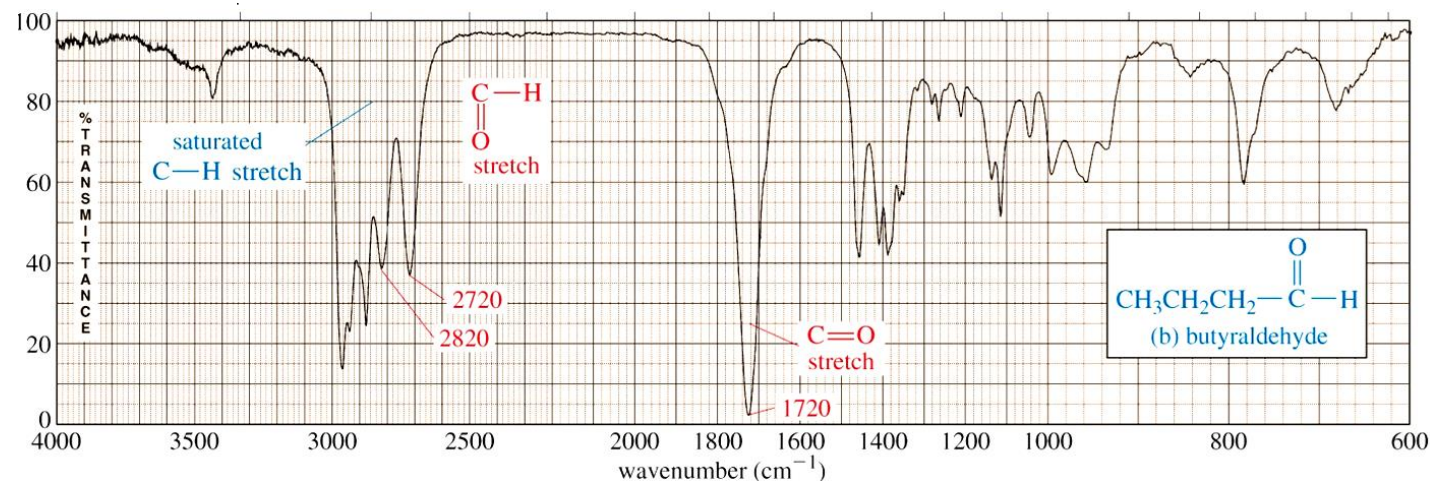
Characteristics of IR Absorption of some functional groups



Alcohols and Ethers The most prominent band in alcohols is due to the **O-H bond**, and it appears as a strong, broad band around **3200 - 3600 cm^{-1}** . Another band for **C-O stretching** is observed around **1000 - 1200 cm^{-1}** .

Ethers They show **C-O stretching** around **1000 - 1300 cm^{-1}** .

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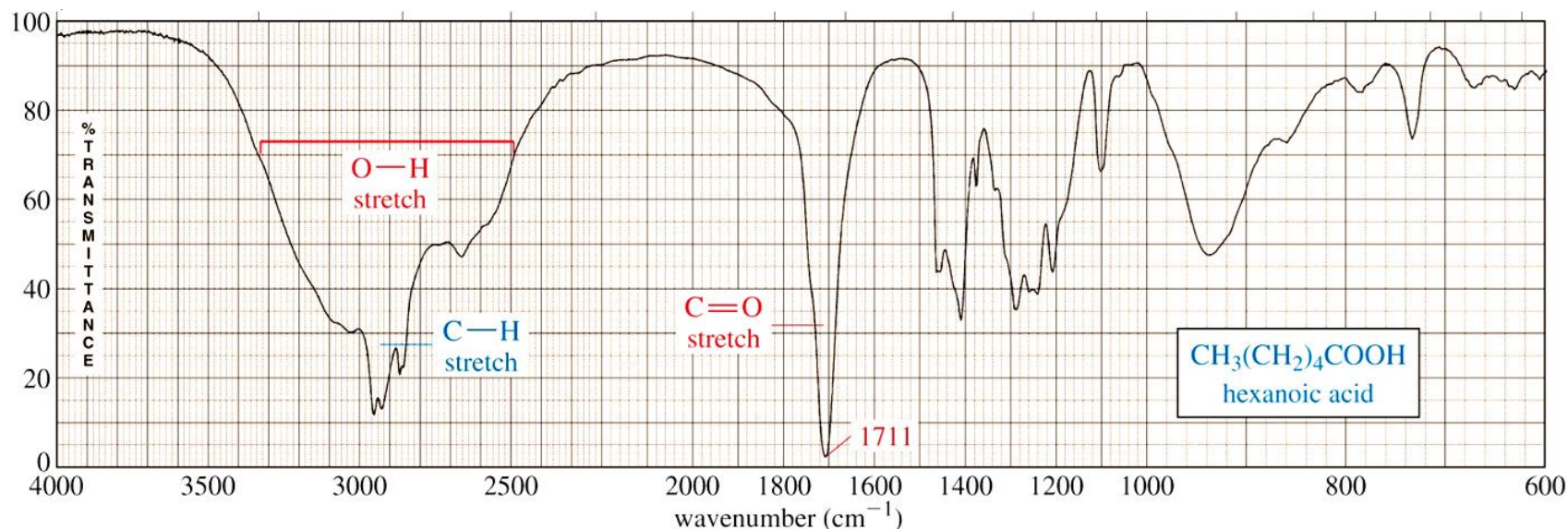


Aldehydes show a strong, prominent band around **1720 - 1740 cm^{-1}** for C=O stretching.

aldehydes also contain a C-H bond which show bands around **2700 - 2800 cm^{-1}** .

Ketone show a strong, prominent band around **1710 - 1715 cm^{-1}** for C=O stretching.

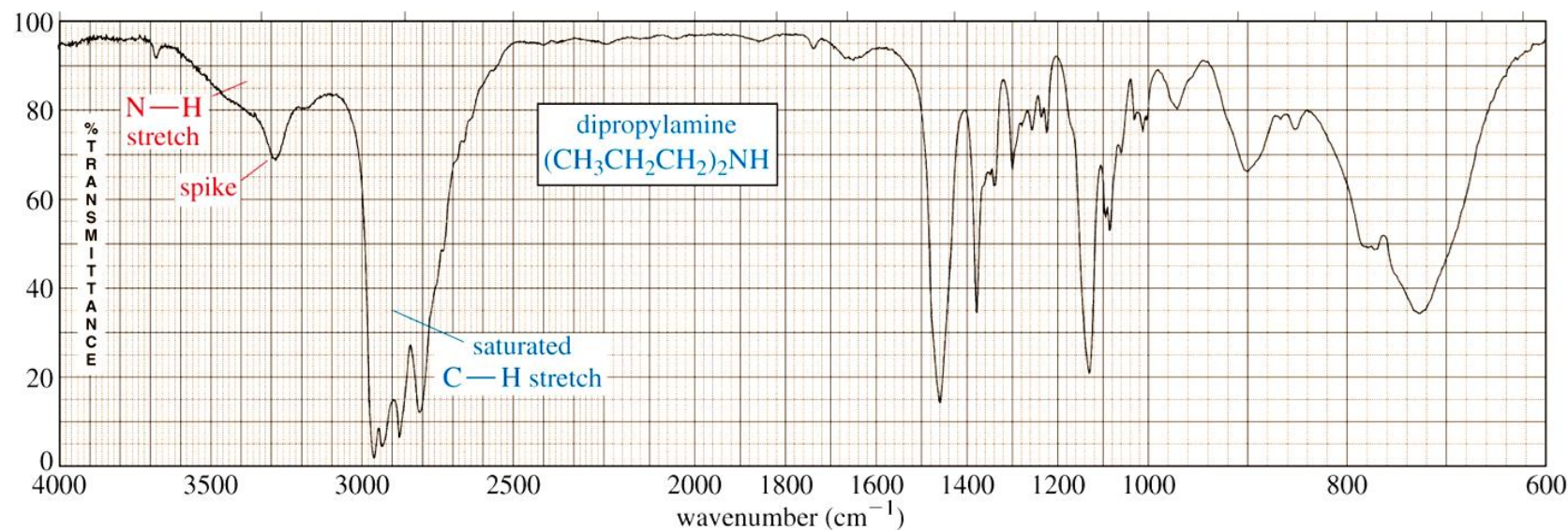
Characteristics of IR Absorption of some functional groups



A **carboxylic acid** has both the **O-H bond** and the **C=O bond**. Therefore carboxylic acids show a very strong and broad band around **2400 - 3500 cm^{-1}** for the O-H stretch. Another band around **1710 cm^{-1}** is observed for the C=O stretch.

Ether shows **C=O stretching** band around **1730-1750 cm^{-1}** and **-C-O stretching** around **1000-1300 cm^{-1}**)

Characteristics of IR Absorption of some functional groups



Amines

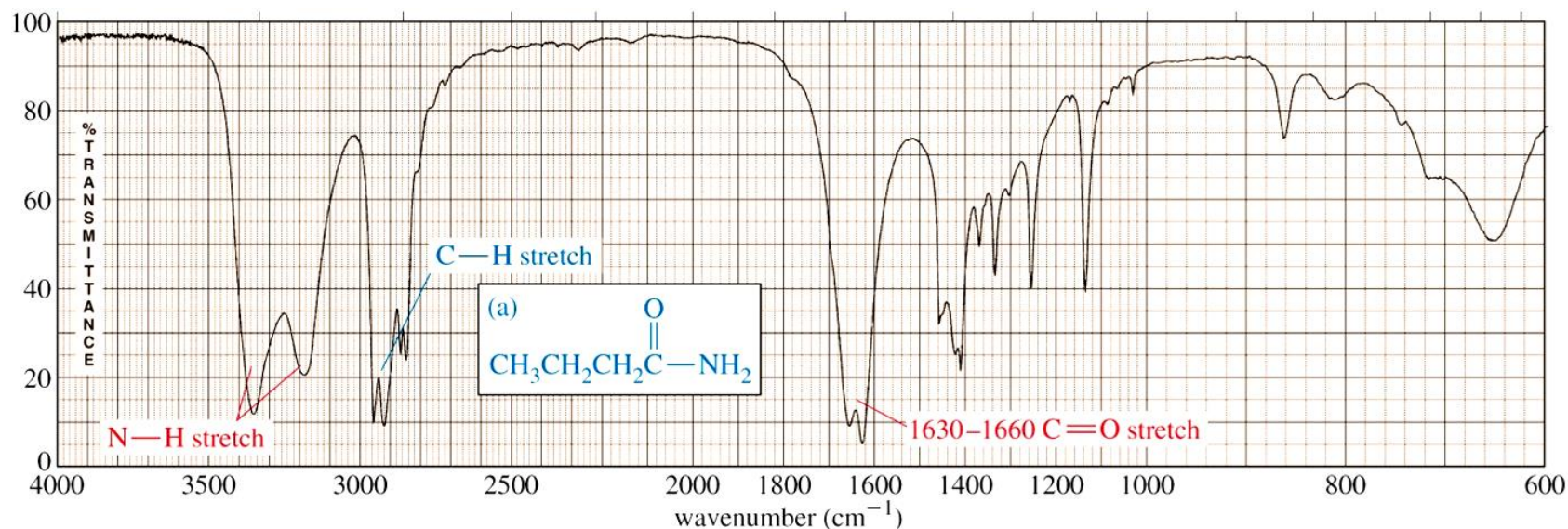
The most characteristic band in amines is due to the **N-H bond stretch**, and it appears as a weak to medium. This band is observed in the range of about **3200 - 3600 cm^{-1}** .

Primary amines have two N-H bonds, therefore they typically show two spikes.

Secondary amines have only one N-H bond, and show only one spike.

Tertiary amines have no N-H bonds, and therefore this band is absent.

Characteristics of IR Absorption of some functional groups



Amide

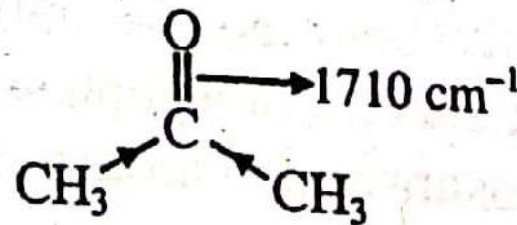
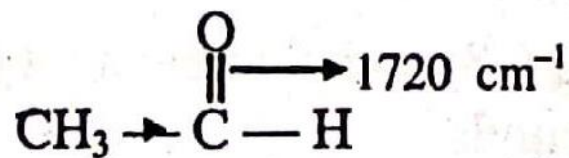
functional group combines the features of amines and ketones because it has It shows both the **N-H bond** and the **C=O bond** stretching bands. The N-H stretch is observed in the range between **3100** and **3500 cm⁻¹** while C=O stretch is seen around **1710 cm⁻¹**

As with amines, primary amides show two spikes, whereas secondary amides show only one spike.

Factors affecting IR frequencies

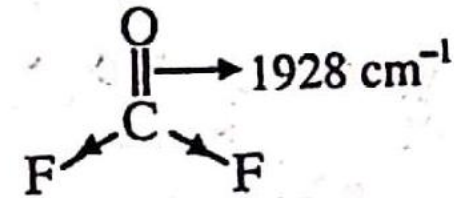
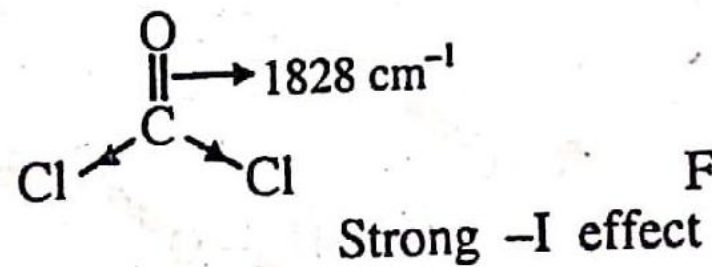
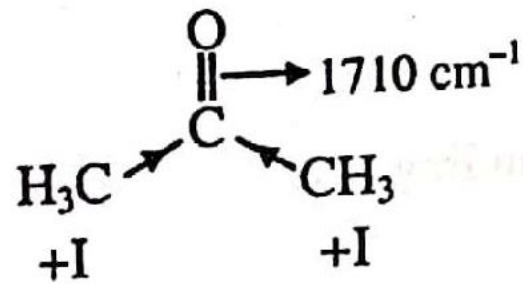
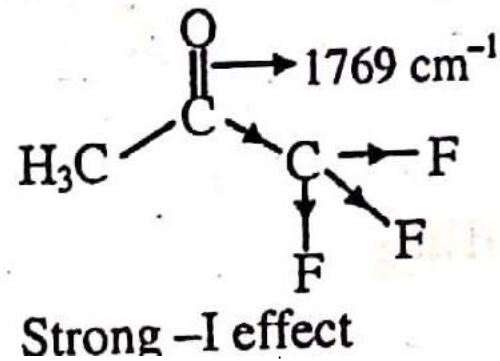
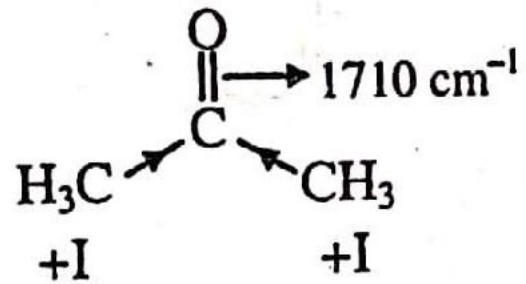
(A) Inductive effects

Groups which have electron donating inductive effects (+I), when attached to functional groups decrease the stretching frequency.



The additional +I effect in acetone decrease the carbonyl stretching frequency. The +I effect actually decrease the double bond character of the $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ (or increase the single bond character of the carbon-oxygen bond)

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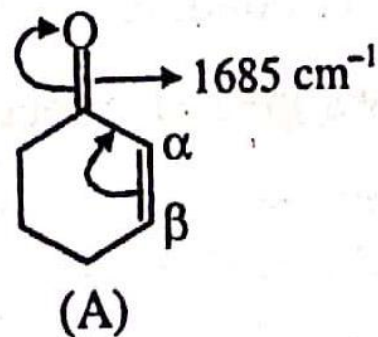
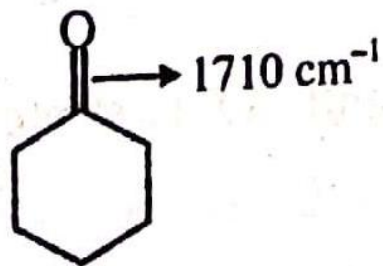
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(B) Resonance effects

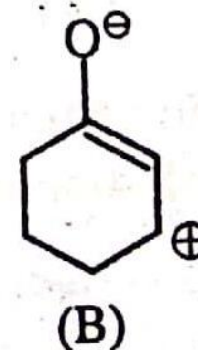
(i) Conjugated aldehydes and ketones

The groups which have electron donating resonance effects, (+R) when attached to functional groups, should decrease the stretching frequency and groups which have electron withdrawing resonance effects (-R) should increase the stretching frequency.

Consider the following molecules



$\alpha : \beta$ unsaturated ketone



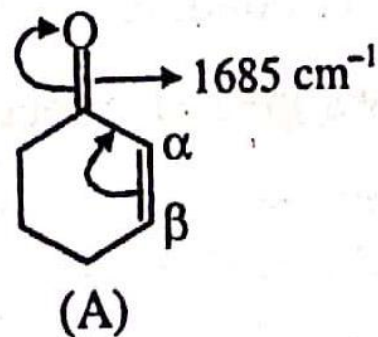
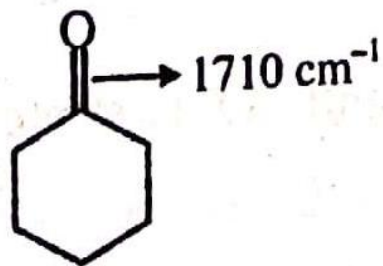
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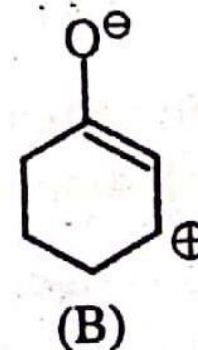
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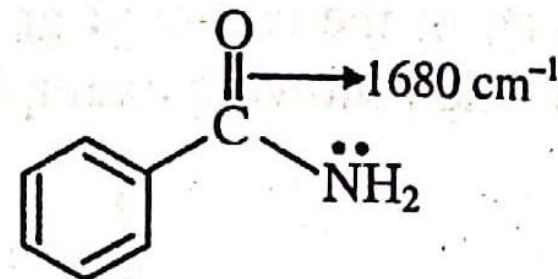
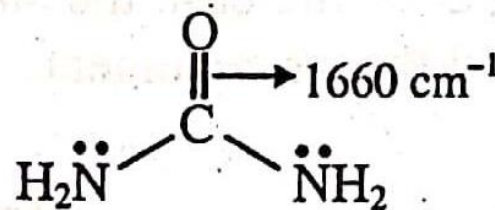
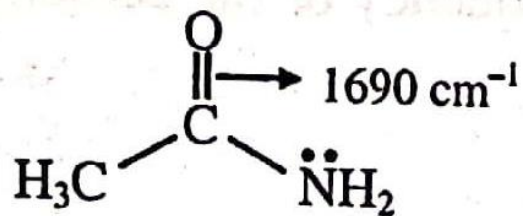
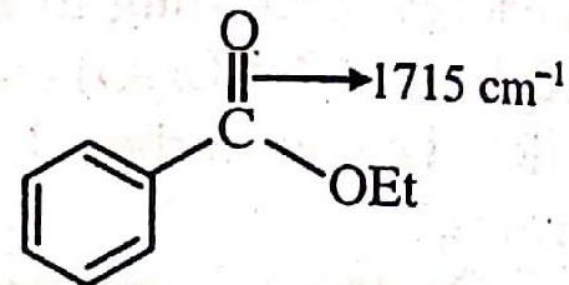
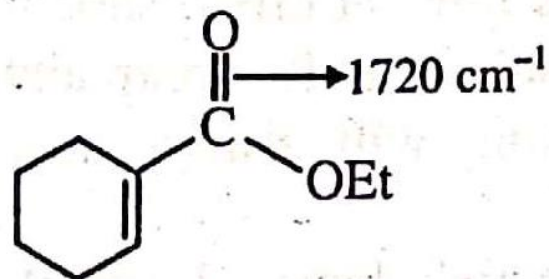
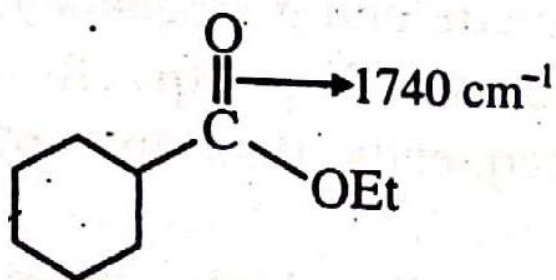
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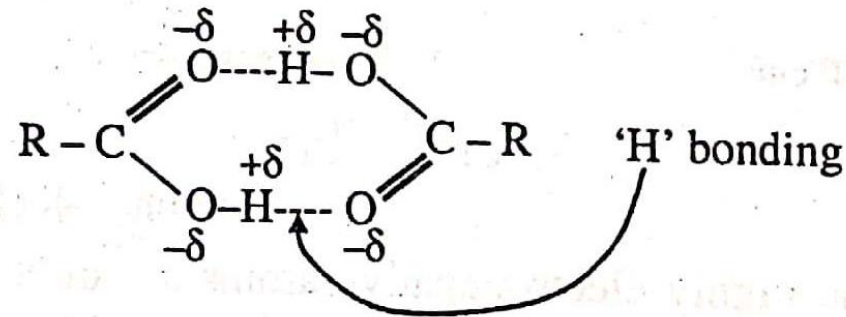


Factors affecting IR frequencies

(c) Hydrogen bonding

(1) Carboxylic acids

Carboxylic acids in solid or pure liquid form usually exist in the dimeric form due to strong hydrogen bonding.



Dimer of carboxylic acid

The strong hydrogen bonding weakens the $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ bond, thus lowering the $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ absorption frequency. The appearance of the carbonyl stretching peak at 1721 cm^{-1} indicates that the acid is largely in the hydrogen bonded, dimeric form.

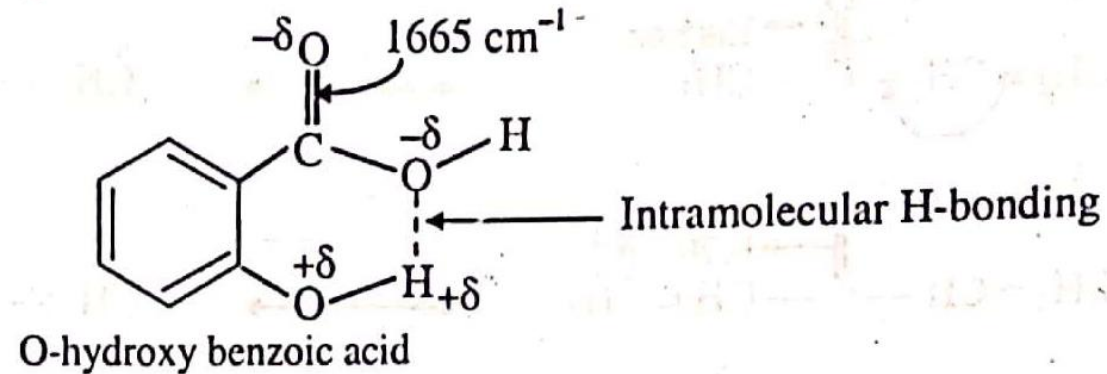
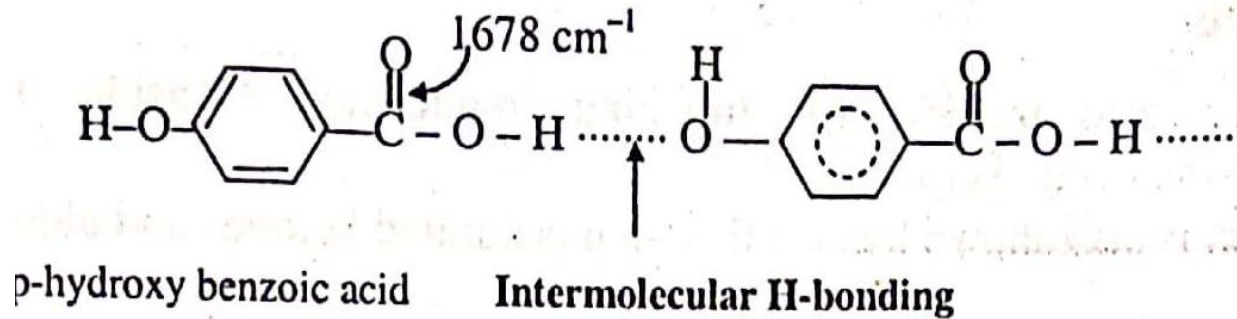
Due to H-bonding not only the $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ frequency decreases but O-H stretching frequency also decreases. The O-H bond length increases due to H-bonding and hence its bond strength decreases.

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O-H H-bonded stretching $2700\text{--}2500\text{ cm}^{-1}$

O-H free or without H-bonding 3550 cm^{-1}

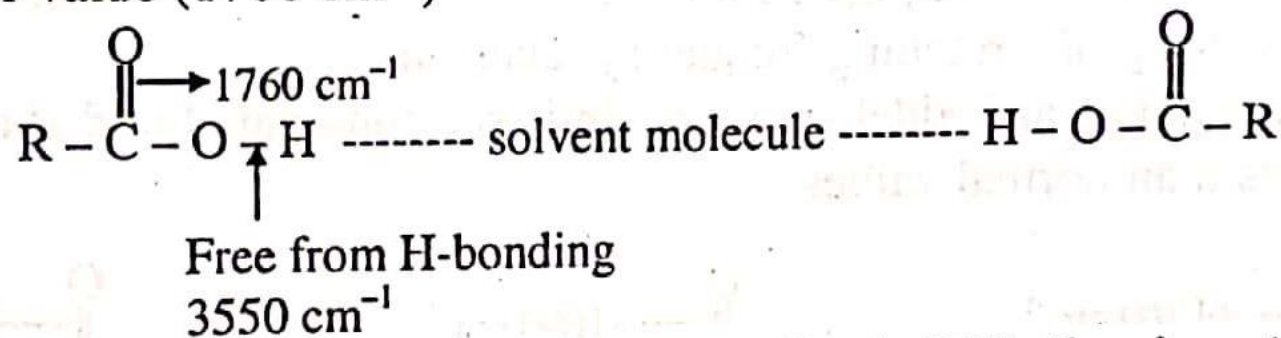
Intramolecular H-bonding shows greater effect of $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ and $-\text{O}-\text{H}$ stretching than intermolecular H-bonding



Factors affecting IR frequencies

Effects of dilution on hydrogen bonding :

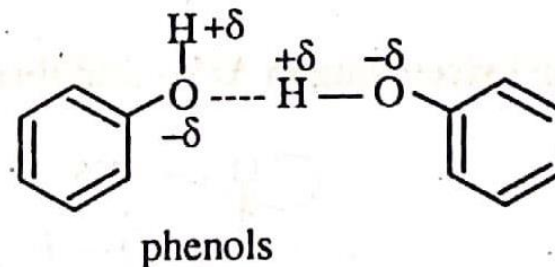
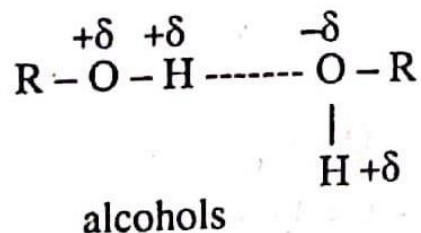
When the IR spectrum of acids is recorded with dilute solution (in aprotic solvents) the intermolecular H bonding effect decrease due to intervening solvent molecules. As a result, the O-H stretching frequency shifts to higher value (3550 cm^{-1}) and $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretching also shifts to higher value (1760 cm^{-1})



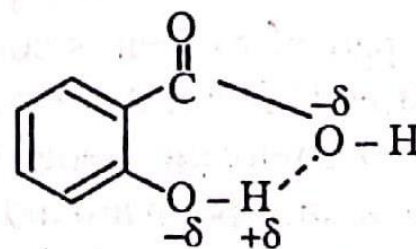
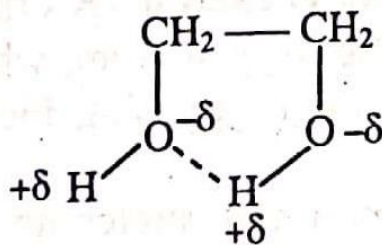
However, if the H-bonding is intramolecular, the effect of dilution is not observed

Factors affecting IR frequencies

(ii) **Alcohols and Phenols** : Similar to acids, alcohols and phenols show strong H-bonding effects. H-bonded alcoholic OH groups show O-H peak in the range of $3200\text{--}3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$



Inter molecular H-bonding

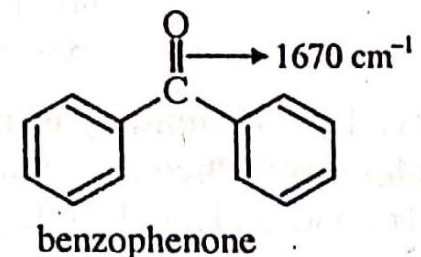
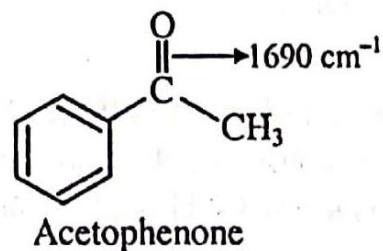
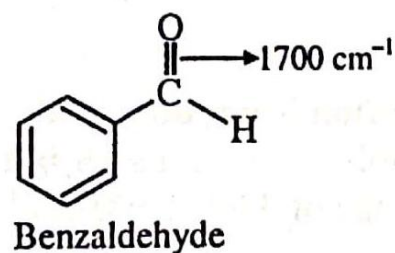


Intra molecular H-bonding

If IR spectrum of alcohols is measured in gas phase or in extremely dilute solution in aprotic solvents, the intermolecular H-bonding disappears and the $-\text{OH}$ stretching frequency increase to 3650 cm^{-1} . Intramolecular H-bonds are however not affected as expected.

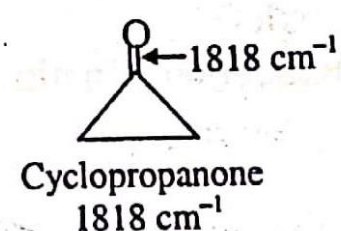
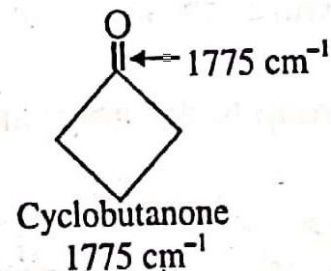
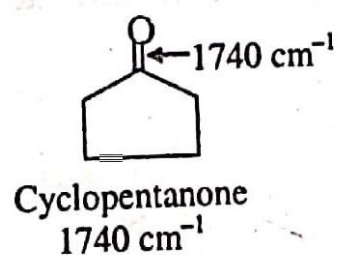
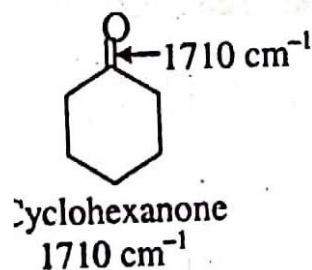
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d) Steric effect



e) Angle strain /ring size

In below example as ring size decreases angle strain increases, which increase carbonyl stretching frequency.



angle strain increases

$>\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretching frequency increases

Structure Determination

1) Molecular formula **C₃H₆O**

IR band **1720 cm⁻¹** , **2720 cm⁻¹**

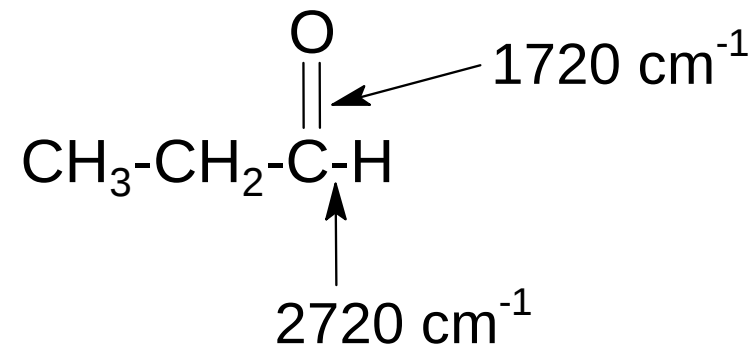
(2 X no. of Carbon atoms + 2) - (no. of Hydrogen atoms)

Site of unsaturation = -----

$$\frac{(2 \times 3 + 2) - (6)}{2} = 1$$

IR band at 1720 cm⁻¹ & 2720 cm⁻¹ indicate presence of -CHO group

Hence structure of molecule is



Structure Determination

2) Molecular formula $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$

IR band 3300 cm^{-1} , 2720 cm^{-1} , 1710 cm^{-1} , 1600 cm^{-1}
 1505 cm^{-1} , 760 cm^{-1}

$$\text{Site of unsaturation} = \frac{(2 \times \text{no. of Carbon atoms} + 2) - (\text{no. of Hydrogen atoms})}{2}$$
$$\frac{(2 \times 8 + 2) - (8)}{2} = 5$$

Site of unsaturation is 5, hence benzene ring may present

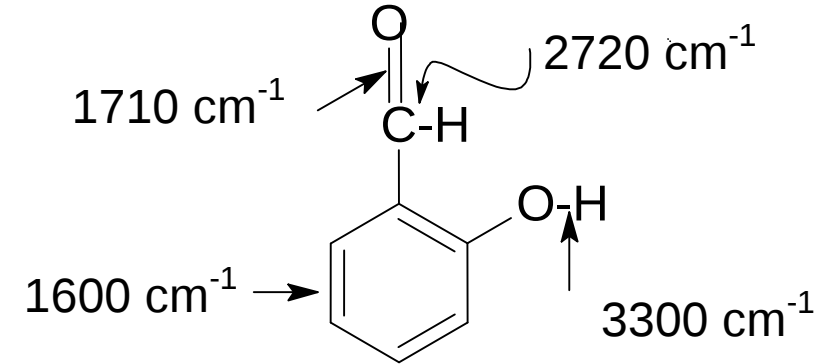
IR band at 3300 cm^{-1} indicate presence of $-\text{OH}$ group

IR band at 1710 cm^{-1} & 2720 cm^{-1} indicate presence of $-\text{CHO}$ group

IR band at 1600 cm^{-1} & 1505 cm^{-1} indicate presence of $\text{C}=\text{C}$ group

IR band at 760 cm^{-1} indicate presence of ortho substituted benzene ring

Hence correct structure is



Structure Determination

3) Molecular formula $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$

IR band 3350 cm^{-1} , 2720 cm^{-1} , 1695 cm^{-1} , 1595 cm^{-1} ,
 1490 cm^{-1} , 850 cm^{-1}

$$\text{Site of unsaturation} = \frac{(2 \times \text{no. of Carbon atoms} + 2) - (\text{no. of Hydrogen atoms})}{2}$$
$$\frac{(2 \times 7 + 2) - (6)}{2} = 5$$

Site of unsaturation is 5, hence benzene ring may present

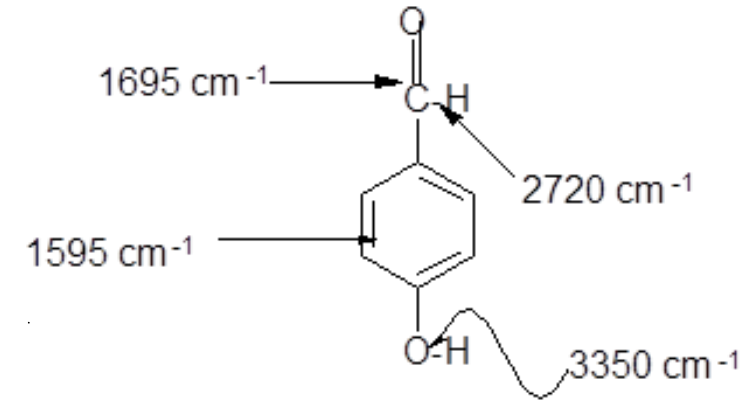
IR band at 3350 cm^{-1} indicate presence of -OH group

IR band at 2720 cm^{-1} & 1695 cm^{-1} indicate presence of -CHO group

IR band at 1595 cm^{-1} & 1490 cm^{-1} indicate presence of -C=C- group

IR band at 850 cm^{-1} indicate presence of para substituted benzene ring

Hence structure of molecule is



Structure Determination

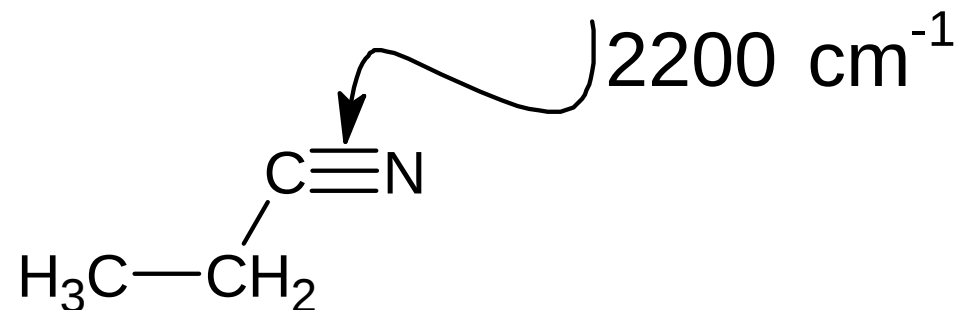
4) $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{N}$

IR band 2200 cm^{-1}

$$\text{Site of unsaturation} = \frac{(2 \times \text{no. of Carbon atoms} + 2) - (\text{no. of Hydrogen atoms} - 1)}{2}$$
$$\frac{(2 \times 3 + 2) - (5 - 1)}{2} = 2$$

IR band at 2200 cm^{-1} indicate presence of -CN group

Hence correct structure is

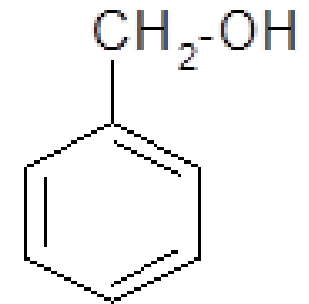


Structure Determination

5) Molecular formula $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}$

IR band 3300 cm^{-1} , 1600 cm^{-1} , 1490 cm^{-1}
 690 cm^{-1} , 760 cm^{-1}

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Site of unsaturation} &= \frac{(2 \times \text{no. of Carbon atoms} + 2) - (\text{no. of Hydrogen atoms})}{2} \\ &= \frac{(2 \times 7 + 2) - (8)}{2} = 4\end{aligned}$$



Site of unsaturation is 4, hence benzene ring may present

IR band at 3300 cm^{-1} indicate presence of -OH group

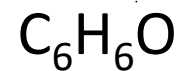
IR band at 1600 cm^{-1} & 1490 cm^{-1} indicate presence of $\text{C}=\text{C}$ group

IR band at 690 cm^{-1} & 760 cm^{-1} indicate presence of mono substituted benzene ring.

Hence correct structure is

Structure Determination

6) Molecular formula



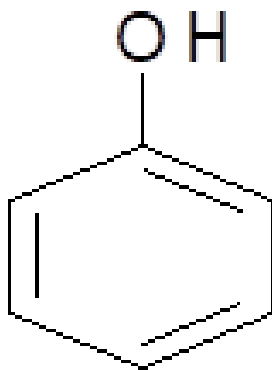
IR band 3300 cm^{-1}

1600 cm^{-1} ,

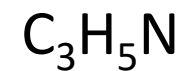
1500 cm^{-1} ,

760 cm^{-1} ,

690 cm^{-1}



7) Molecular formula



IR band 2200 cm^{-1}



Structure Determination

8) Molecular formula $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$

(A) IR band

1720 cm^{-1}
 2720 cm^{-1}

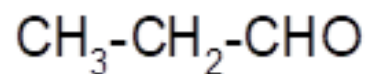
(B) IR band, 1620 cm^{-1} ,

1140 cm^{-1} ,
 990 cm^{-1} ,
 910 cm^{-1}

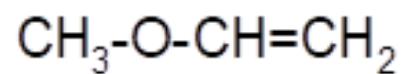
(C) IR band

3300 cm^{-1} ,
 1620 cm^{-1} ,
 990 cm^{-1} ,
 910 cm^{-1}

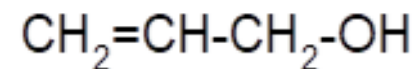
(D) No band above 1500 cm^{-1}



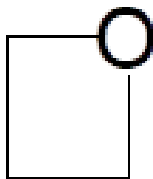
A



B



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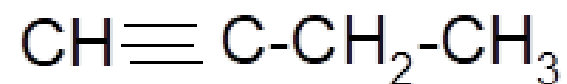


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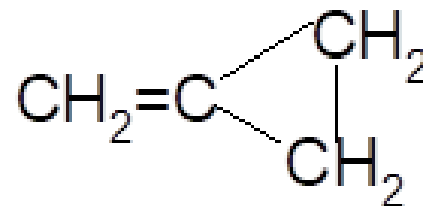
Structure Determination

9) Molecular formula C_4H_6

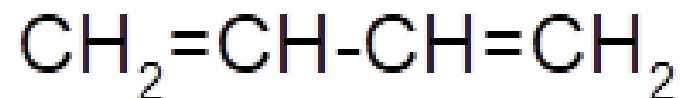
(A) IR band 3300 cm^{-1}
 2100 cm^{-1} ,



(B) IR band 1620 cm^{-1} ,
 890 cm^{-1} ,



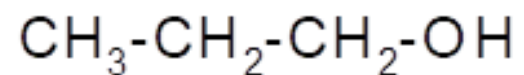
(C) IR band, 1620 cm^{-1} ,
 910 cm^{-1} ,
 990 cm^{-1} ,
 $\lambda_{\text{Max}}=217\text{ nm}$



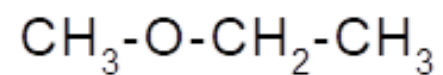
Structure Determination

10) **Molecular formula** $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}$

(A) IR band 3600cm^{-1}



(B) IR band no band above 1500 cm^{-1}

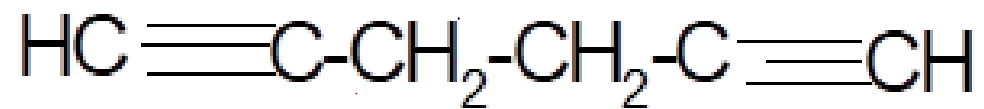


Structure Determination

11) Molecular formula C_6H_6

IR band 3300 cm^{-1}

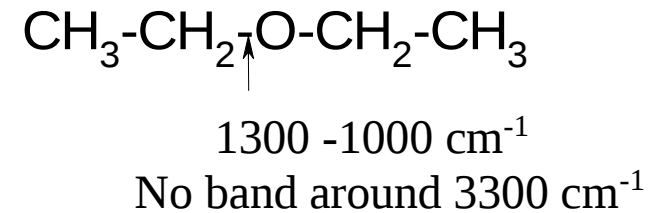
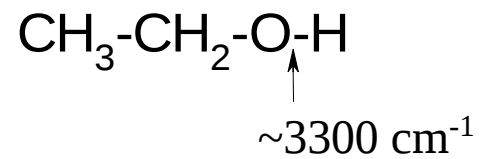
2100 cm^{-1}



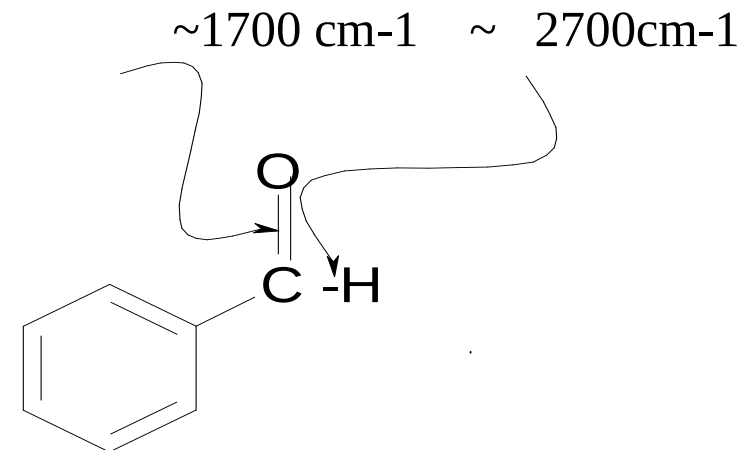
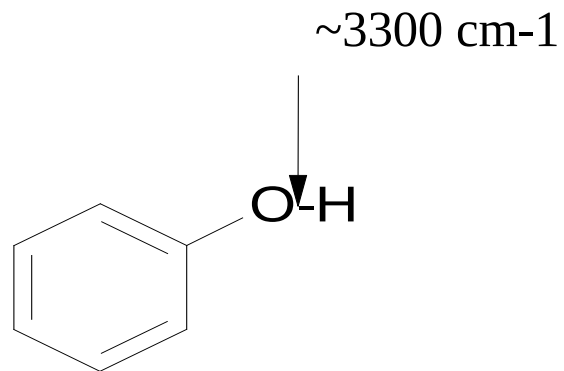
Structure Determination

Distinguish following pairs by IR spectroscopy

Ethanol & Diethyl ether



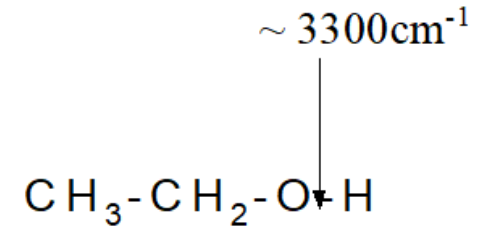
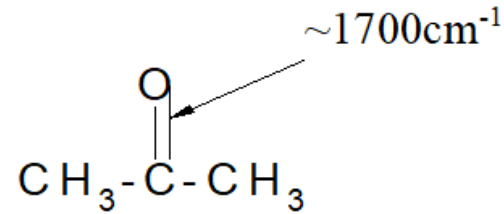
Phenol & Acetaldehyde



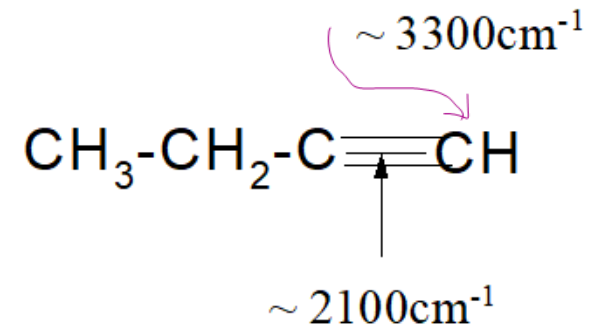
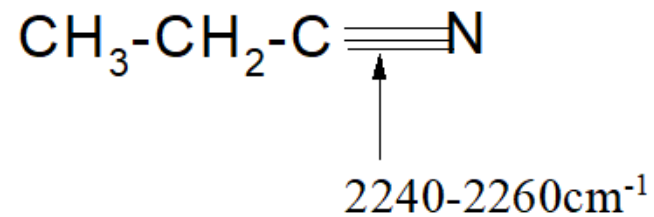
Structure Determination

Distinguish following pairs by IR spectroscopy

3) Acetone & Ethyl alcohol



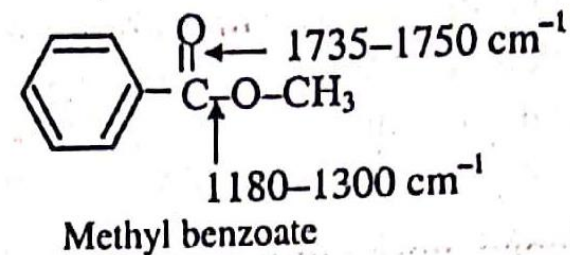
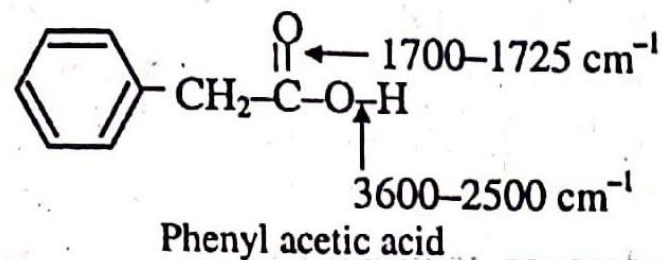
4) Ethyl cyanide & Propyne



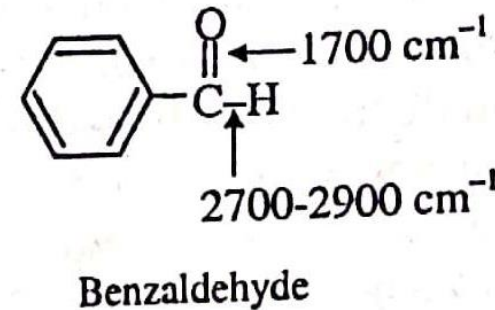
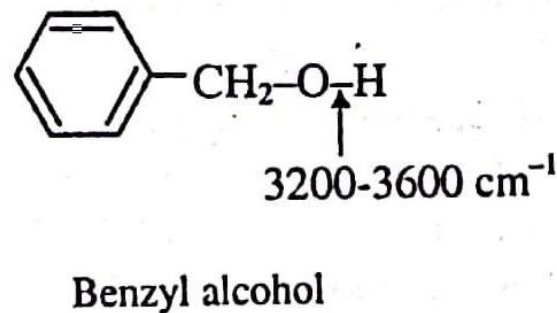
Structure Determination

Distinguish following pairs by IR spectroscopy

Phenyl acetic acid and Methyl benzoate.



Benzyl alcohol and Benzaldehyde :



Applications of IR spectroscopy

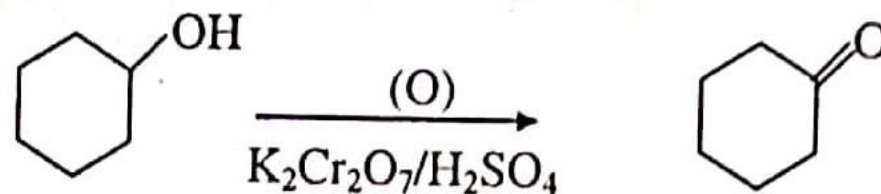
1) Structure Determination

Peaks in functional group region give information regarding different functional groups present in the molecule. Peaks in aromatic region help to find out substitution pattern present in aromatic compounds.

Applications of IR spectroscopy

2) Study of Progress of Chemical reactions

(i) Oxidation of cyclohexanol to cyclohexanone.



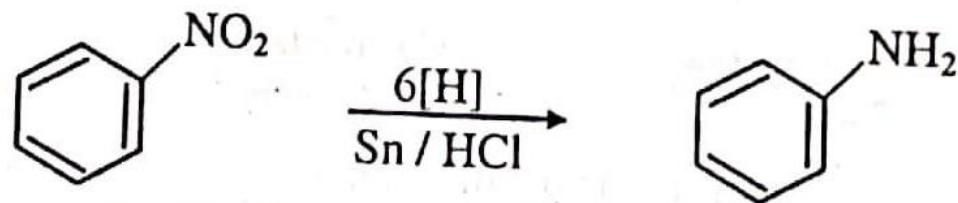
Initially only cyclohexanol is present and the IR spectrum will show O-H stretching peak at 3550 cm⁻¹.

When the reaction is complete the band at 3550 cm⁻¹ due to -OH stretching frequency disappears and a new band at 1710 cm⁻¹ due to ketonic group (C = O frequency) appears. If reaction mixture shows both the peaks, it indicates that reaction is still incomplete.

Applications of IR spectroscopy

2) Study of Progress of Chemical reactions

(ii) Reduction of a nitro group to amino group.



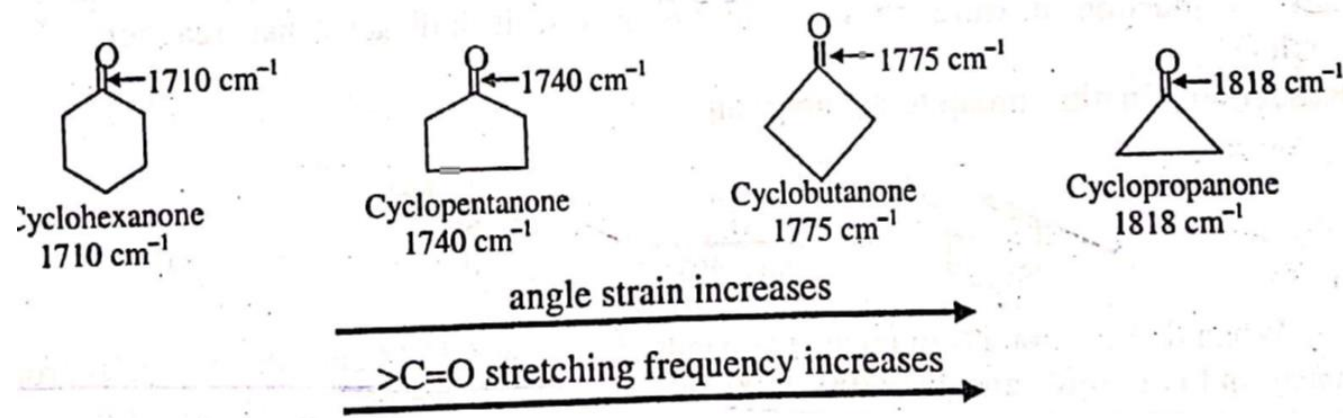
When the reaction is complete, the bands at 1540 and 1370 cm^{-1} due to $-\text{NO}_2$ groups disappear and two new bands at 3300–3500 cm^{-1} appears due to N–H stretching frequency, present in the final product.

3) Detection of hydrogen bonding

Free $-\text{OH}$ appear at higher frequency (3600-3650 cm^{-1}) than bonded $-\text{OH}$ (3200-3500 cm^{-1})

Applications of IR spectroscopy

4) Detection of ring size



5) Detection of Impurities

Small amount of impurity can be detected by carefully observing IR spectrum

Example Ketone in hydrocarbon