IR SPECTROSCOPY

Electromagnetic Spectrum



IR Region

Region of IR	Wave length (µm)	Wave number (cm ⁻¹)
Near IR (Overtone region)	0.8-2.5	12,500-4000
Mid IR (Vibration- rotation region)	2.5-50	4000-200
Far IR (Rotation region)	50-1000	200-10
Most used	2.5-25	4000-400

Principle of IR Spectroscopy

- When IR light is passed through a sample of organic compound some of the frequencies are absorbed while others are transmitted.
 - Plot of Absorbance or Transmittance Vs Wave no. gives an IR spectrum
 - But conventionally Wave No. Vs % Transmittance is plotted (because the numbers are more manageable)



Requirements of IR radiation Absorption

1. Correct wavelength of radiation

If a molecule absorbs radiation only when natural

frequency of vibration of some part of molecule is

same as frequency of incident radiation.

Requirements of IR radiation Absorption

 δ^+ $\delta^ \delta^+$ δ^- H---CI-----H---CI

2. <u>Electric Dipole:</u>



If a frequency of vibration of HCI molecule exactly matches with that coming from the source **NET TRANSFER of energy takes place** \longrightarrow change in amplitude of molecular vibration \longrightarrow absorption of radiation

 In case of O₂, N₂,Cl₂ NO NET change in dipole moment occurs thus they cannot absorb IR radiations & do not show IR spectra Two types changes occur in molecule :

Molecular rotations:

Rotational transitions are of little use to the spectroscopist.

Molecular vibrations

The positions of atoms in a molecules are not fixed; they are subject to a number of different vibrations

TYPES OF MOELCULAR VIBRATIONS

Stretching: Change in inter-atomic distance along bond axis



TYPES OF MOLECULAR VIBRATIONS

Bending: Change in angle between two bonds. There are four types of bend:

- Rocking
- Scissoring
- Wagging
- Twisting



Carbon dioxide can vibrate in the following ways:





Below is the infrared spectrum of ethanol with some identified fingerprints:



Vibrational frequency

 A molecular vibration occurs when <u>atoms</u> in <u>a molecule</u> are in <u>periodic motion</u> while the molecule as a whole has constant translational and rotational motion. The frequency of the periodic motion is known as a vibrational frequency

Factors affecting Vibrational frequency

- Vibrational coupling
- H-Bonding
- Electronic effect
- Field effect
- Nature of solvent (Will discuss later)

Potential energy diagrams of oscillators



- Simple harmonic motion is a type of <u>periodic motion</u> where the restoring force is directly proportional to the displacement.
- Anharmonicity is the deviation of a system from being a <u>harmonic oscillator</u>. An oscillator that is not oscillating in <u>simple harmonic motion</u>

Vibration modes

 Normal mode of an <u>oscillating system</u> is a pattern of motion in which all parts of the system move sinusoidally with the same frequency

 Combination Bands are observed when more than two or more fundamental vibrations are excited simultaneously. These combination modes arise from the anharmonicities of the oscillators which leads to an interaction of the vibrational states in polyatomic molecules.

Vibration modes

- **3. Overtones** (multiples of given frequency) results from excitation from ground state to higher energy states.
 - Overtones occur when a vibrational mode is excited from v=0 to v=2, which is called the first overtone, or v=0 to v=3, the second overtone.
 - 0 --> 1 (fundamental)
 - 0 --> 2 (first overtone)
 - 0 --> 3 (second overtone)
 - 0 --> 4 (third overtone)
 - 0 --> 5 (fourth overtone)

Instrumentation

- IR radiation source
- Wavelength selector (Monochromator)
- Sample Holder or cell
- Detector
- Recorder

Sources: Inert solids heated electrically to temp of 1500-2000K

1. <u>Nernst Glower</u>:

- Consists of cylinder of rare earth oxides formed into a cylinder of diameter 1-2mm length approx. 20mm.
- Platinum discs are attached at the ends of cylinder to permit electrical connection.
- They are heated to a temp of
 1200-2200K where IR
 radiations are emitted.



Nernst Glower:

- Rare earth metals have large -ve temperature coefficient of electrical resistance. (A negative temperature coefficient (NTC) occurs when a physical property (such as <u>thermal conductivity</u> or <u>electrical resistivity</u>) of a material lowers with increasing temperature, typically in a defined temperature range.)
- Temp is inversely related to resistance
- At low temp, they provide high resistance to flow current and as cylinder gets heated resistance gets reduced allowing conduction of current.
- If large amount of current flows through cylinder it can destroy the source.
- To avoid this source circuit should be designed to limit the current.

2. The Globar source

- Similar to nernst glower it is also made up of cylinder
- Material used is **silicon carbide**
- Length of cylinder is 50mm & diameter is 5mm
- It has **positive temperature coefficient** of electrical resistance
- At low temp, they provide low resistance to flow current and as cylinder gets heated resistance increases allowing conduction of current.
- To avoid excessive heating water cooling is necessary
- At high temp source emits IR radiations.



- 3. Incandescent wire source (nichrome wire)
- Cylinder in the above sources is tightly wound by spiral wire of nichrome / rhodium
- It is electrically heated at 1100 k
- 4. Mercury arc:
- Quartz jacketed tube Hg vapors
- Electricity passed through Hg vapour
 - provides radiations
- 4. Tungsten filament : used in Near IR
- 5. <u>CO₂ laser source:</u>
- Detection of pollutants in air.







Wavelength Selectors

Output from a wavelength selector is a band of wavelengths.

Filters

Monochromators

- Entrance slit
- Collimating lens or mirror
- Dispersion element (prism or grating)
- Focusing lens or mirror
- Exit slit

Difference between Monochromator & Filter

	Monochromator	Filter
Means of selection	Diffraction	Absorption
Wavelength width	Narrow	Wide
Cost	Expensive	Cheap
Portability	None	Very
Capable of recording spectra	Yes	No
Suitable for quantitative analysis	Yes	Yes

Filters

- Filters are very simple: they are sheets of plastic or glass that simply absorb wavelengths other than those required for the analysis.
- Generally, the range of wavelengths allowed by a filter is relatively wide

Monochromators

 are far more complicated, and comprise a series of optics inside a lightproof box, which has entry and exit slits which allows the radiation of all wavelengths in

and a narrow range of wavelengths out.

Prism

- The white light pass through a piece of glass and be divided into a rainbow spectrum.
- The problems with a prism include relatively poor throughput (the total amount of light passes through is significantly less than the amount that went in) and the difficulty in finding materials that diffract different wavelength ranges.

Prism: (many older instruments)



Short wavelengths refracted more!



 Entrance slit allows source radiation to illuminate the first lens which collimates the light spreading it across the face of the prism.

- Prism disperses radiation into component wavelengths and the second lens focuses the spectrum at the focal plane.
- An exit slit selects the band of radiation to reach the detector.

Gratings

- It is a device which consists of a series of parallel & closely spaced grooves rules on glass or any reflecting surface
- Gratings are of two types
- ✓ Transmission Gratings
- ✓ Reflection Gratings
- UV gratings have 2000-6000 grooves per mm
- IR gratings have 10-100 grooves per mm
- Materials used for construction are Quartz, NaCl,KBr..

Diffraction Gratings



Monochromator





Handling of samples in IR

- Sampling techniques in IR depend on whether the sample is a
 - ✓ Gas Gas cell
 - ✓ Liquid Thin film
 - ✓ Solid KBr disks
 - Mulls
 - Deposited films

Gases





- Infrared transparent windows allow the cell to be mounted directly
- Internal mirrors are used which permit the beamto be reflected several times through the sampleto increase the sensitivity
- In vapor phase rotational changes in molecule
 occur freely & these low frequency processes
 can modulate the higher energy vibrational baseds

Liquids

- It consists of a sampling liquid as a thin films squeezed between two infrared transparent windows
 like NaCI flats
 - The salt plates or rock salt flats must be optically polished & cleaned immediately after use.
- Toluene, chloroform etc are used to clean them.
- They should be dry & handled only by their edges



Liquids

- The thickness of the film can be adjusted by varying pressure used to squeeze the flats together(0.01-0.1 mm)
- It consists of two windows of pressed salt sealed and separated by thin gaskets of Teflon, copper or lead that have been wetted with mercury. The windows are usually made of sodium chloride, potassium chloride or cesium bromide.
- There are two cells first cell containing sample & second one containing pure solvent placed in reference beam
- By the reference beam solvent absorptions are cancelled out & spectrum recorded is that of solute alone.

Solids a) KBr Disks

- It is prepared by grinding the sample with KBr & compressing the whole into a transparent water or disk.
- KBr must be dry, & hence grinding is carried out under infrared lamp to avoid condensation of atmospheric moisture which gives rise to broad absorptions
- Grinding is done in a agate mortar pestle / commercial ball mills
- Poorly ground mixtures lead to disks that scatter light than they transmit
- Particle size of 2µm must be achieved to avoid scattering

Hydraulic press





- Compression of a cohesive disks require high pressure.
- Special die are used from which air can be evacuated by hydraulic compression (10 tonnes load)
- Disks thus formed are easy to handle

Solids b) Mulls

- Pastes prepared by grinding the sample with a drop of oil the mull is the squeezed between transparent windows as for liquid samples
- Mulling agent should ideally be infrared transparent, but this is never true
- Liquid paraffin (Nujol) is used to prepare Nujol mulls which is transparent over a wide range in IR spectrum.





Solids c) Solid Films

- Solid films can be deposited onto NaCl plates by allowing a solutions in a volatile solvent to evaporate drop by drop on the surface of the flat.
- Polymers & various waxy or fatty materials often give excellent spectra in this way.





Thermocouple

- It consists of a pair of junction formed when 2 ends of metal such as Bismuth & antimony are fused to either ends of dissimilar metal wires.
- Heating capacity of absorbing element is small as to detect the change in temperature.
- Potential varies in the 2 junctions with the difference in temperature.



Thermocouple

- One junction is Cold junction which is reference junction kept at constant temperature not exposed to IR radiations
- The other junction is Hot junction exposed to IR radiations which increases temperature of junction.
- Temperature difference due to falling IR radiations generates the potential difference which amounts to Ir radaitions.



 Hot junction is generally blackened to improve its heat absorbing capacity.

Bolometer

- It is a type of resistance thermometer constructed from strips of metals such as platinum or nickel or from semiconductors.
- They show a relatively large change in resistance as a function of temperature.

It forms one of the arm of wheatstones bridge a similar strip is used as balancing arm which is not exposed to the falling IR radiations.



Bolometer

- If IR radiations fall the bridge becomes unbalanced due to change in the resistance occurred due to change in temperature
- This causes current to flow which is measure of intensity of IR radiations.



Golay cells

- They are sensitive gas thermometers
- Xenon gas is contained in a small cylindrical chamber which contains a blackened membrane on one side while other side has a flexible diaphragm; silvered outside.
- A beam of light is reflected from the silvered surface to cathode at a vacuum phototube.



Golay cells

- When IR radiations fall on the blackened membrane it is heated which in turn heats xenon gas by conduction, resulting in increase in pressure causes distortion of silvered diaphragm
- As a result the fraction of reflected light which strikes the active surface of phototube is changed leading to change in photocurrent this is related to the falling IR radiations.



Pyroelectric Detectors

- They are constructed from single crystalline water of pyroelectric material which are dielectric materials which have special thermal & electrical properties.
- Eg deuterated triglycine sulphate
- When an electric field is applied across any dielectric material electrical polarization takes place.
- The magnitude of polarization is a function of dielectric constant of that material
- This pyroelectric crystal is sandwiched between 2 electrodes which are IR transparent.



Pyroelectric Detectors

- The pyroelectric crystal acts as a temperature dependent capacitor
- When IR radiations fall there is a change in temperature, which alters the charge distribution across the crystal which can be detected as a current in an external circuit connecting to two sided of capacitor.
- Magnitude of current is directly proportional to surface area of crystal and rate of change of polarization with temperature.

Photo Conducting Detector

 They consists of a thin film of semiconductor material such as lead sulphide, mercury cadmium telluride or Indium antimonide deposited on Non conducting glass surface & sealed into an evacuated envelope to protect semiconductor from atmosphere



Photo Conducting Detector

 Absorption of radiation by these materials promote nonconducting valence electrons to a higher energy conducting state thus decreasing electrical resistance of semiconductor.





FTIR : Michealson interferometer





The Sample Analysis Process

The normal instrumental process is as follows:

- The Source: Infrared energy is emitted from a glowing black-body source. This beam passes through an aperture which controls the amount of energy presented to the sample (and, ultimately, to the detector).
- The Interferometer: The beam enters the interferometer where the "spectral encoding" takes
 place. The resulting interferogram signal then exits the interferometer.
- 3. The Sample: The beam enters the sample compartment where it is transmitted through or reflected off of the surface of the sample, depending on the type of analysis being accomplished. This is where specific frequencies of energy, which are uniquely characteristic of the sample, are absorbed.
- 4. The Detector: The beam finally passes to the detector for final measurement. The detectors used are specially designed to measure the special interferogram signal.
- 5. The Computer: The measured signal is digitized and sent to the computer where the Fourier transformation takes place. The final infrared spectrum is then presented to the user for interpretation and any further manipulation.





Infrared spectrophotometer





 Infrared spectroscopy is widely used in industry as well as in research.
 Some of the major applications of IR spectroscopy are as follows:

1. Identification of functional group and structure elucidation

➢Entire IR region is divided into group frequency region and fingerprint region. Range of group frequency is 4000-1500 cm⁻ while that of finger print region is 1500-400 cm⁻¹.

In group frequency region, the peaks corresponding to different functional groups can be observed. According to corresponding peaks, functional group can be determined.

Each atom of the molecule is connected by bond and each bond requires different IR region so characteristic peaks are observed. This region of IR spectrum is called as finger print region of the molecule. It can be determined by characteristic peaks. $_{60}$



Using the fingerprint region

Compare the infra-red spectra of

propan-1-ol and propan-2-ol.

•Both compounds contain exactly the same bonds.

•Both compounds have very similar troughs in the area around 3000 cm⁻¹ - but compare them in the fingerprint region between 1500 and 500 cm⁻¹.

• The pattern in the fingerprint region is completely different and could therefore be used to identify the compound.

Table of IR Absorptions

Sr. No.	Functional Group	Characteristic Absorption(s) (cm ⁻¹)
1	Alkyl C-H Stretch	2950 - 2850 (m or s)
2	Alkenyl C-H Stretch Alkenyl C=C Stretch	3100 - 3010 (m) 1680 - 1620 (v)
3	Alkynyl C-H Stretch Alkynyl C <u>=</u> C Stretch	~3300 (s) 2260 - 2100 (v)
4	Aromatic C-H Stretch Aromatic C-H Bending Aromatic C=C Bending	~3030 (v) 860 - 680 (s) 1700 - 1500 (m,m)
5	Alcohol/Phenol O-H Stretch	3550 - 3200 (broad, s)
6	Carboxylic Acid O-H Stretch	3000 - 2500 (broad, v)
7	Amine N-H Stretch	3500 - 3300 (m)
8	Nitrile C <u>=</u> N Stretch	2260 - 2220 (m)
9	Aldehyde C=O Stretch Ketone C=O Stretch Ester C=O Stretch Carboxylic Acid C=O Stretch Amide C=O Stretch	1740 - 1690 (s) 1750 - 1680 (s) 1750 - 1735 (s) 1780 - 1710 (s) 1690 - 1630 (s)
10	Amide N-H Stretch	3700 - 3500 (m) ₆₂

Ketones



Amines



Alcohols



2. Identification of substances

IR spectroscopy is used to establish whether a given sample of an organic substance is identical with another or not. This is because large number of absorption bands is observed in the IR spectra of organic molecules and the probability that any two <u>compounds</u> will produce identical spectra is almost zero. So if two compounds have identical IR spectra then both of them must be samples of the same substances.

3. Studying the progress of the reaction

Progress of <u>chemical reaction</u> can be determined by examining the small portion of the reaction mixture withdrawn from time to time. The rate of disappearance of a characteristic absorption band of the reactant group and/or the rate of appearance of the characteristic absorption band of the product group due to formation of product is observed.

4. Detection of impurities

IR spectrum of the test sample to be determined is compared with the standard compound. If any additional peaks are observed in the IR spectrum, then it is due to impurities present in the compound.

5. Quantitative analysis

The quantity of the substance can be determined either in pure form or as a mixture of <u>two or</u> <u>more</u> compounds. In this, characteristic peak corresponding to the drug substance is chosen and log I0/It of peaks for standard and test sample is compared. This is called base line technique to determine the quantity of the substance.

Disadvantages of IR in Quantitative analysis

- Non adherence of beers law
- Complexity of spectra

