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Model of a Simple Molecule

A diatomic molecule can be modelled by a spring with force constant k attached to two balls of mass m. This is called the **classical harmonic oscillator** model.



http://www.columbia.edu/itc/chemistry/chem-c1403/ir tutor/IRTUTOR.htm



• for excitation to occur, there must be an exact match between the frequency of the applied radiation and the frequency of the vibration

• in different compounds, the same type of functional group absorb in the same region of the IR

Factors that determine \overline{v}

1. Mass: larger mass = lower frequency (longer wavelength)



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2. Bond strength (k)

Stronger bonds (tighter springs) vibrate with higher frequency

3. Type of vibration

Stretching (along the line of the chemical bond)
Vs
Bending (out of line with the chemical bond)

For the same bond, stretch is higher energy (i.e. higher frequency)

Energy levels are quantized



Energy potential of diatomic molecules



Energy levels are quantized



In this more realistic model, the energy levels are equally spaced only in the region that is shaped like the harmonic potential. The selection rule, which allowed transitions between one level and the next higher (or lower) is not rigorously true. A transition with $\Delta n = +2$, called an **overtone**, corresponds to ΔE approximately 2 hv.

Beyond diatomic molecules



More Complicated Molecules Even H_2O has more complicated vibrations than the simple diatomic molecules studied in the previous section. How can this motion be understood using the quantum harmonic oscillator theory? (Press the right arrow to find out!) find out!)

Coupled interactions occur when

1) vibrations of bonds related by symmetry

2) common atoms between groups

3) independent groups absorb at same frequency

Coupled interactions: Antisymmetric Stretch



Coupled interactions: Symmetric Stretch



Coupled interactions: Antisymmetric bend (scissors)



Coupled interactions: Symmetric bend (rocking)



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Commonly observed for CH_2 groups Stretches



All together



To see molecules in IR, transition must result in a dipole change



Table 11.2	Structural Units	and Absorption Frequer	cies
BOND		TYPE OF COMPOUND	FREQUENCY (CM ⁻¹)
—Ċ—H	(stretch)	Alkane	2800-3000
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́Н	(stretch)	Alkenes, aromatics	3000-3100
$\equiv C - H$	(stretch)	Alkynes	3300
—О—Н	(stretch)	Alcohols, phenols	3600-3650 (free)
			3200-3500 (H-bonded)
			(broad)
-OH	(stretch)	Carboxylic acids	2500-3300
_N_H	(stretch)	Amines	3300-3500 (doublet for NH ₂)
0			
_С_н	(stretch)	Aldehyde	2720 and 2820
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-c=c-	(stretch)	Alkenes	1600-1680
ċ=ċ	(stretch)	Aromatic	1500 and 1600
C==C	(stretch)	Alkynes	2100-2270
0			
	(stretch)	Aldehydes, ketones	1680-1740
-C=N	(stretch)	Nitriles	2220-2260
C-N	(stretch)	Amines	1180-1360
—С—Н	(bending)	Alkane	1375 (methyl)
—С—Н	(bending)	Alkane	1460 (methyl and methylene)
—С—Н	(bending)	Alkane	1370 and 1385 (isopropyl split)
—С—Н	(bending)	R-CH-CH _z	1000-960 and 940-900
—С—Н	(bending)	$R_2C = CH_2$	915-870
—С—Н	(bending)	cis RCH==CHR	790-650
—С—Н	(bending)	trans RCH=CHR	990-940
—С—Н	(out-of-plane bending)	mono subst. benzene	770-730 and 710-690
—С—Н	(out-of-plane bending)	o-subst. benzene	770–735
—С—Н	(out-of-plane	m-subst. benzene	810-750 and 710-690
	bending)		
—С—Н	(out-of-plane	p-subst. benzene	860-800
	bending)		
-C-O	(stretch)	Primary alcohol	1050-1085
-CO	(stretch)	Secondary alcohol	1085-1125
CO	(stretch)	Tertiary alcohol	1125-1200
-C-O	(stretch)	Phenol	1180-1260

CASE STUDIES



Alkynes

- $-C \equiv C$ stretch: weak absorption at 2260-2100 cm⁻¹
 - not observed for symmetrical alkynes
 - very weak for 'pseudo' symmetric alkynes
 - terminal alkynes (R-C \equiv C-H) absorptions are stronger than internal (R-C \equiv C-R) absorptions
- C=C-H stretch:
 - 3333–3267 cm⁻¹
 - strong, narrow (as compared to OH or NH)
- C^{=C-H} bend:
 - 700-610 cm⁻¹: broad, strong absorption
 - 1400-1220 cm⁻¹, overtone of above





Unconjugated Alkenes

- linear alkenes:
 - C=C stretch: moderate to weak absorption at 1667-1640 cm⁻¹



• C=C–H:

- stretch: ≥ 3000 cm⁻¹

Unconjugated Alkenes



- cyclic alkenes:
 - C=C stretch: sensitive to ring strain



- cumulated alkenes:
 - C=C=C stretch (asymmetric): 2000–1900 cm⁻¹
- conjugated alkenes:

-the alkene bond stretching vibrations in alkenes w/o a center of symmetry give rise to two C=C stretches

-for symmetrical molecules, e.g. butadiene, only the asymmetric stretch is observed



1650 cm⁻¹ (as) 1600 cm⁻¹ (s) 1600 cm⁻¹ (as)

Conjugated Double Bonds







case study 2



Alcohols and Phenols



O-H stretch is typically very broad and located at 3550-3200 cm⁻¹
 broadening is due to hydrogen bonding



C–O stretching Vibrations

- Alcohols (1260-1000 cm⁻¹)
- Phenols (1800-1260 cm⁻¹)

primary alcohol: 1050-1085 cm⁻¹ secondary alcohol: 1085-1125⁻¹ tertiary alcohol: 1125-1200 cm⁻¹





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Carbonyls

C=O stretch- easily recognized, intense band

• Ketones, aldehydes, acids, esters, lactones, acid halides, anhydrides, amides and lactams all show C=O stretching in the region 1870-1540 cm⁻¹.

Position is determined by (1) physical state (2) electronic and mass of neighboring groups (3) conjugation (4) hydrogen bonding (5) ring strain

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C=O stretch

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C–H stretch

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Ethers

• C–O–C stretching bands are most characteristic bands - strong because of strong dipole moment

aliphatic ethers: strong band due to asymmetrical stretching, 1150-1085 cm⁻¹ (usually 1125 cm⁻¹) weak band due to symmetrical stretching (lower freq)

Alkyl aryl ethers: asymmetrical stretch at 1275-1200 cm⁻¹ symmetrical stretch at 1075-1020 cm⁻¹

Vinyl alkyl ethers: asymmetrical stretch at 1225-1200 cm⁻¹ symmetrical stretch at 1075-1020 cm⁻¹





case study 3



Ketones

- aliphatic: 'normal' position of a neat aliphatic ketone is ~1715 cm⁻¹
- conjugation: shifts position to lower frequency alkene or phenyl group causes absorption in the 1685-1666 cm⁻¹ region. For α , β -unsaturated carbonyls, 2 absorptions may be observed





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C=O stretch

- Aliphatic aldehydes: C=O stretch at 1740-1720 cm⁻¹
- Electron withdrawing groups shift to higher frequency
- Conjugative groups shift to lower frequency (1710-1685 cm⁻¹)



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Cyclic Ketones

The bond angle influences the absorption frequency of the C=O



In strained rings, interaction with the adjacent C-C bonds increases the frequency of C=O stretching





