

TOPIC 10. STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

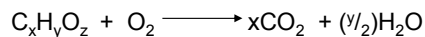
OBJECTIVES

1. Use combustion analysis to determine empirical formula.
2. Determine molecular weight (and molecular formula) from mass spectrometry.
2. Calculate number of rings and double bonds from molecular formula.
3. Determine functional groups present from infrared spectroscopy.
4. Use ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy to identify other structural features.
5. Combine conclusions from individual techniques to determine the structure of organic compounds.

Problems in this section will be restricted to the following classes of aliphatic and aromatic compounds:

Alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, alkyl halides, alcohols, ethers, aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, esters, acyl chlorides, anhydrides, amides, amines, nitriles

COMBUSTION ANALYSIS



Measure mass of CO_2 and H_2O formed from a known mass of compound;
data cited as mass% of each element present. Generally do not measure mass%O.

e.g.,

	C	H	O
Mass%	54.51	9.09	$100 - (\%C + \%H)$ $= 36.40$

Mole Ratio	$\frac{54.51}{12.01}$	$\frac{9.09}{1.01}$	$\frac{36.40}{16.00}$
=	4.539	9.00	2.275
=	1.995	3.96	1.000

Empirical formula

Be careful when rounding, elemental analyses provided ± 0.4 mass% - do not round by more than 0.05 to 0.1. Multiply ratios *before* rounding.

EMPIRICAL AND MOLECULAR FORMULAS; DETERMINATION OF "SODAR"

Molecular formula is an integral number of times the empirical formula.



Sum of double bonds and rings ("SODAR")

For C,H,O: $(2\#C + 2 - \#H) / 2$

For C,H,O,N,Hal: $(2\#C + 2 - \#H - \#\text{Hal} + \#N) / 2$

Each Hal replaces a H

Each N adds an extra H

S,O: no effect on calculation

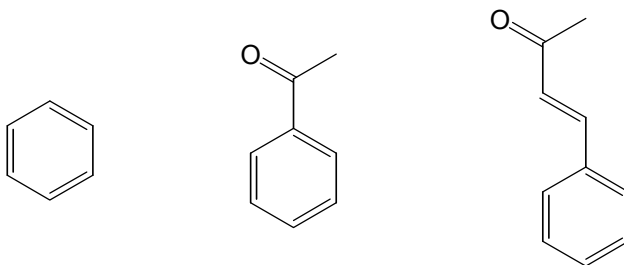
If SODAR calculated from empirical formula is not a positive integral (or 0), this cannot be the molecular formula.



MOLECULAR FORMULA COULD BE:

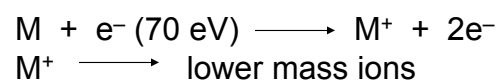
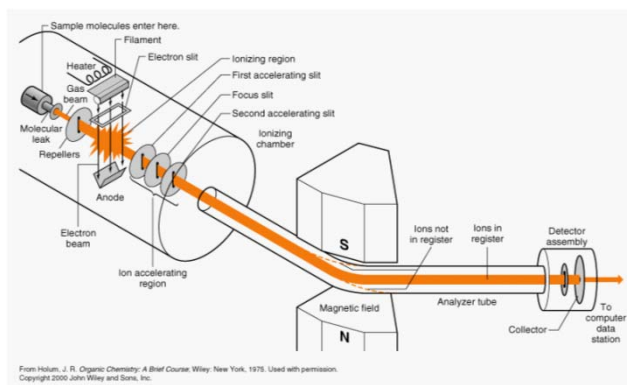


If $SODAR \geq 4$: consider the possible presence of a benzene ring



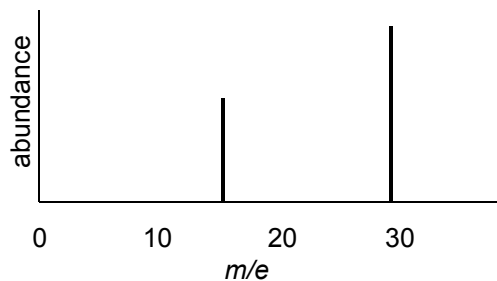
MASS SPECTROMETRY

Theory and Experiment



Data Available

e.g., mass spectrum of ethane, CH_3CH_3



Ions also fragment, which can give further clues about the structure (beyond scope of this course).

Knowledge of molecular weight (from mass spec) and empirical formula (from combustion analysis) allows determination of molecular formula.

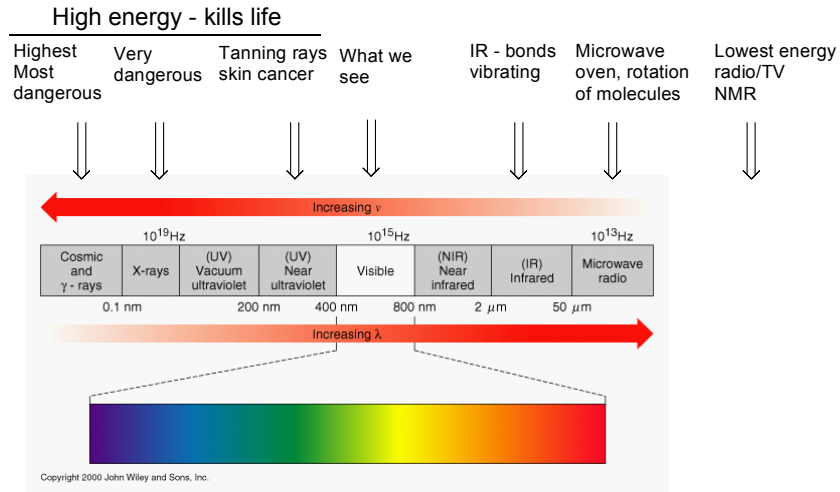
Empirical formula: $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}$

Mass spectrum: $\text{M}^+ m/e = 88$

MOLECULAR FORMULA IS:

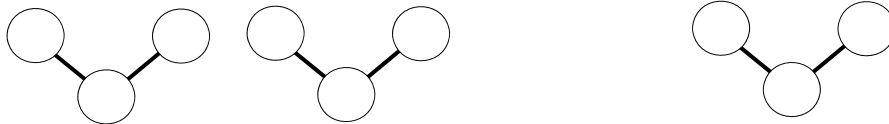


SPECTROSCOPY: THE INTERACTION OF LIGHT AND MATTER



INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

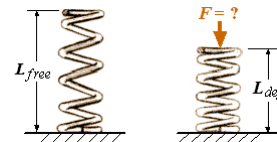
Molecular Vibrations: Stretching and Bending



Analogy to masses and springs:

Spring constant (strength) $\uparrow$, Frequency, ν

Masses $\uparrow$, ν



Electromagnetic Radiation

$$E = h\nu \quad c = \lambda\nu$$

For molecular vibrations,

Frequency, $\nu = 6 \times 10^{12}$ to 1.25×10^{14} Hz

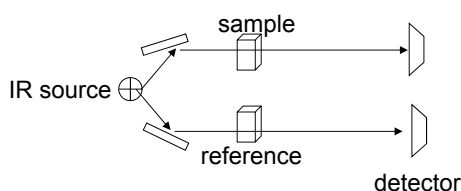
Wavelength, $\lambda = 50$ to $2.5 \mu\text{m}$

Define wavenumber, $\bar{\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda(\text{in cm})}$

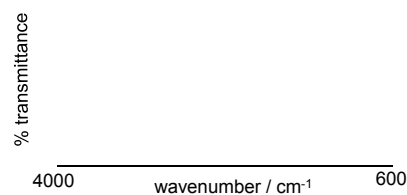
$$= 200 \text{ to } 4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Instrumentation

A simple scheme



Spectrum



Selected Infrared Absorptions

<u>Functional Group</u>	<u>Range cm⁻¹</u>	<u>Intensity and shape</u>
sp ³ C—H	2850-2960	medium to strong; sharp
sp ² C—H	3010-3190	medium to strong; sharp
spC—H	about 3300	medium to strong; sharp
C=C	1620-1660	weak to medium; sharp
C≡C	2100-2260	weak to medium; sharp
N—H	3300-3500	medium; <i>broad</i>
O—H (very dilute)	about 3600	medium; sharp
O—H (H-bonded)	3200-3550	strong; <i>broad</i>
O—H (carboxylic acid)	2500-3000	medium; <i>very broad</i>
C—O	1050-1150	medium to strong; sharp
C=O (aldehyde, ketone)	1690-1740	very strong; sharp
C=O (ester)	1735-1750	very strong; sharp
C=O (carboxylic acid)	1710-1780	strong; sharp
C=O (amide)	1630-1690	strong; sharp
C≡N	2200-2260	medium; sharp

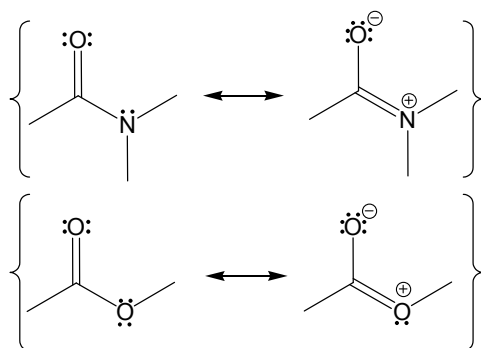
Validating resonance theory



C=O (ester) 1735-1750 cm⁻¹
C=O (amide) 1630-1690 cm⁻¹

Which is the stronger bond?

Can we understand this using resonance theory?



Infrared spectroscopy indicates the presence of particular bonds in a sample. The combination of bonds indicates which functional groups are present.

You do not need to memorize IR frequency data. However, you *must* develop experience at interpreting IR spectra to be able to determine the presence of particular functional groups.

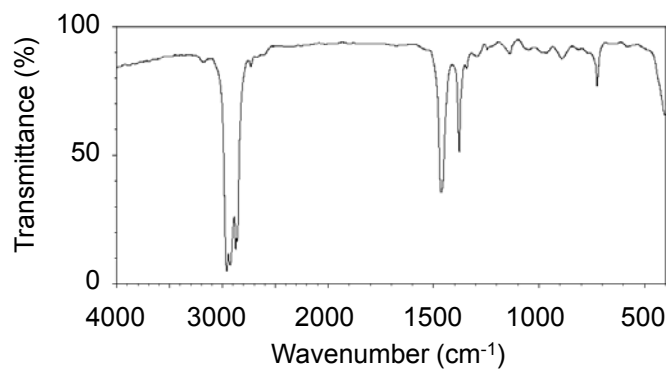
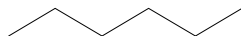
O-H	C=O	C-O	
✓		✓	Alcohol
		✓	Ether
	✓		Aldehyde or ketone
	✓	✓	Ester
✓	✓	✓	Carboxylic acid

4000

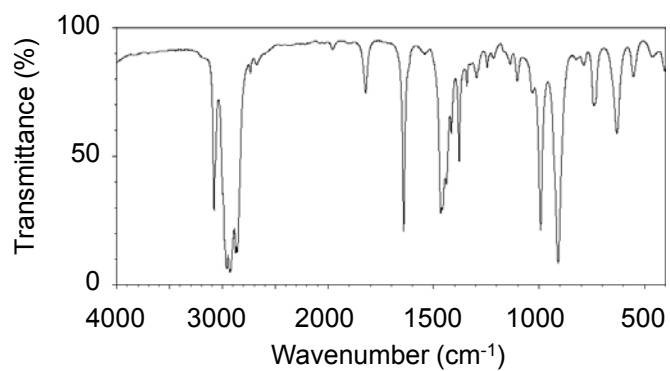
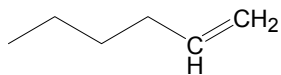
Wavenumber / cm⁻¹

600

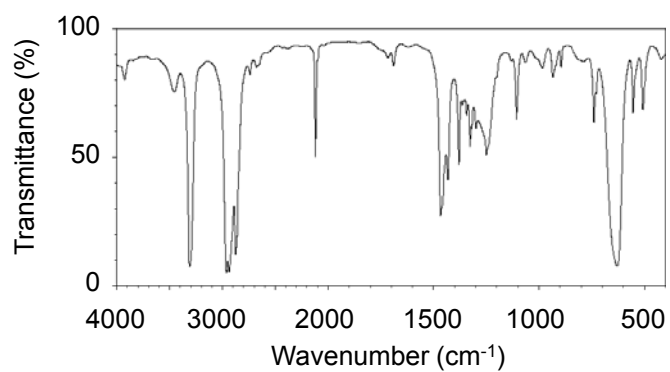
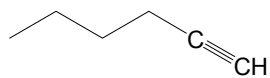
Hexane



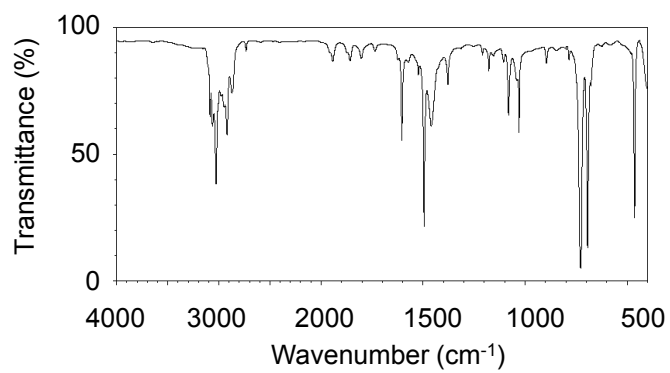
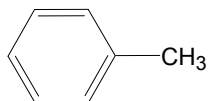
1-Hexene



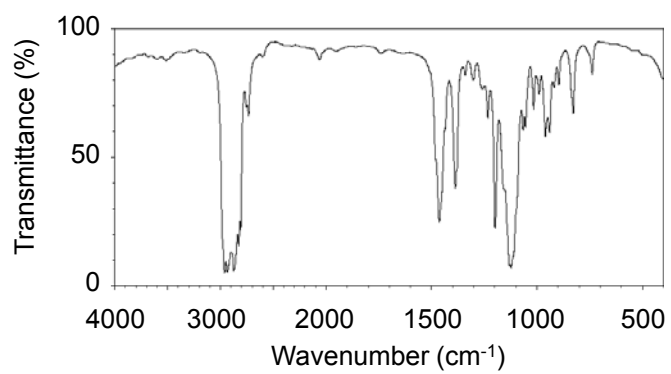
1-Hexyne



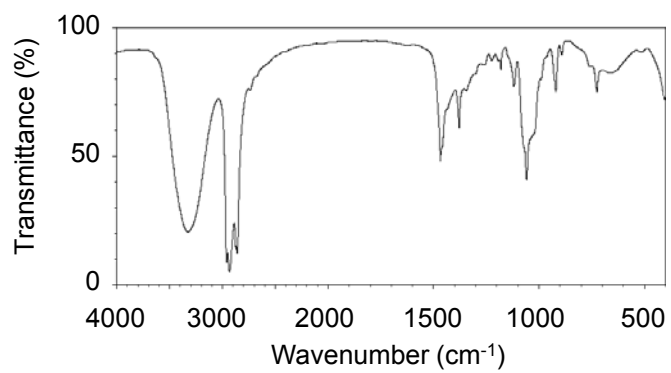
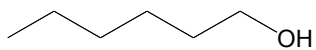
Toluene



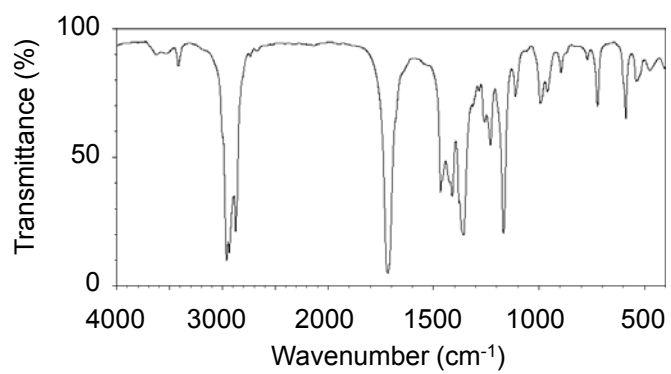
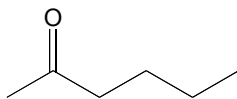
Butyl methyl ether



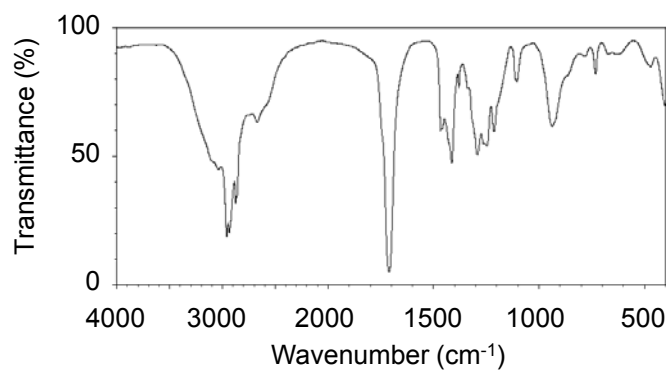
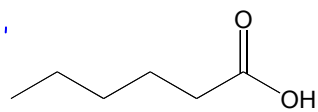
1-Hexanol



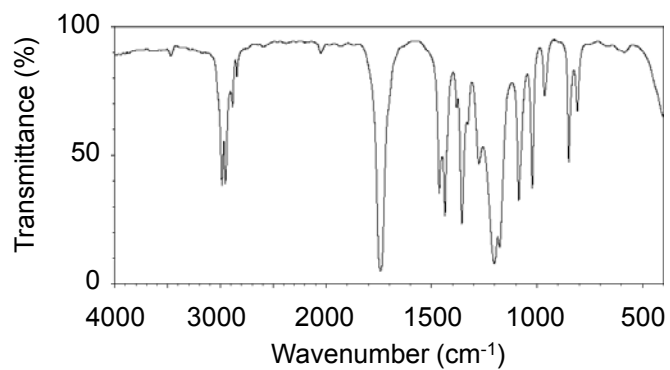
2-Hexanone



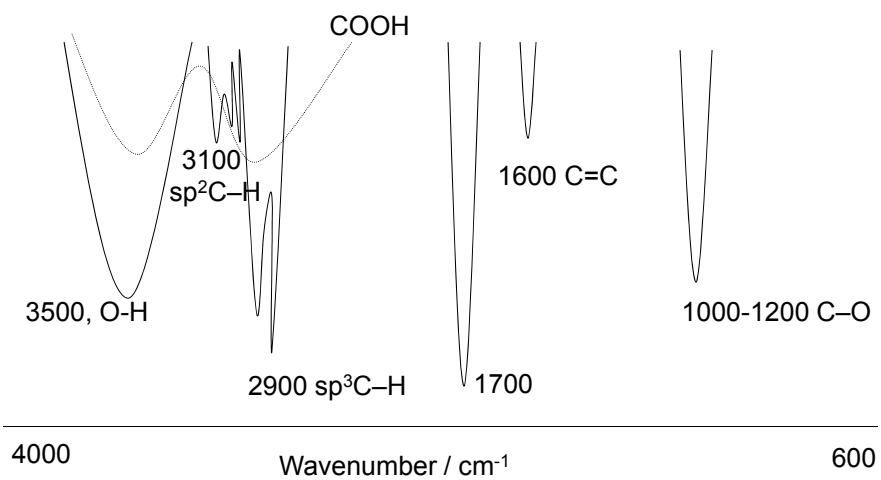
Hexanoic Acid



Methyl Propionate

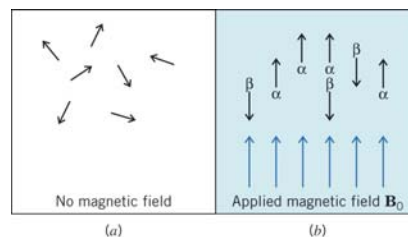
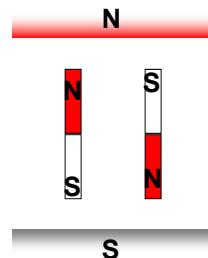
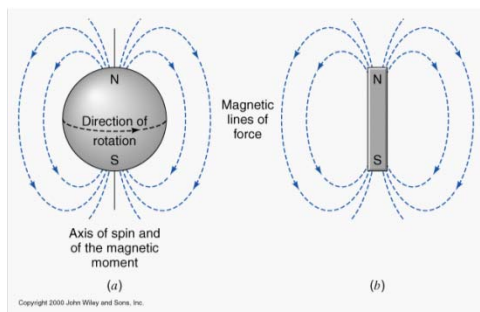


Important infrared absorptions

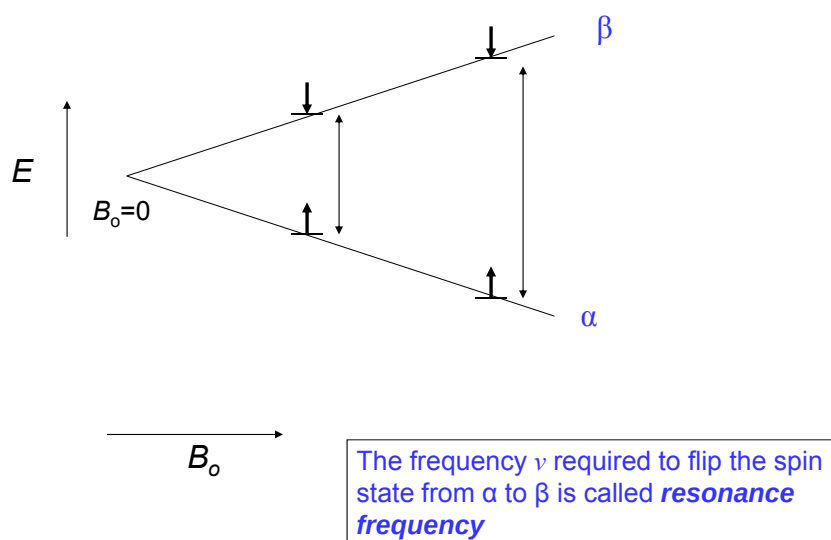


HYDROGEN (PROTON) NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (^1H NMR) SPECTROSCOPY

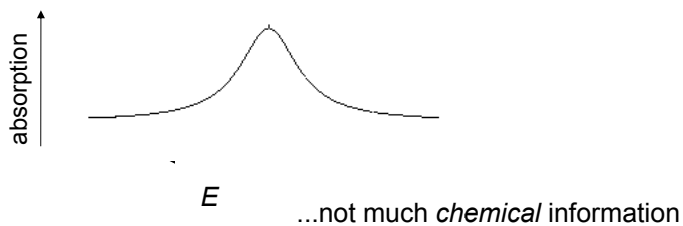
Nuclear Spin (^1H , ^{13}C , ^{19}F , ^{31}P)



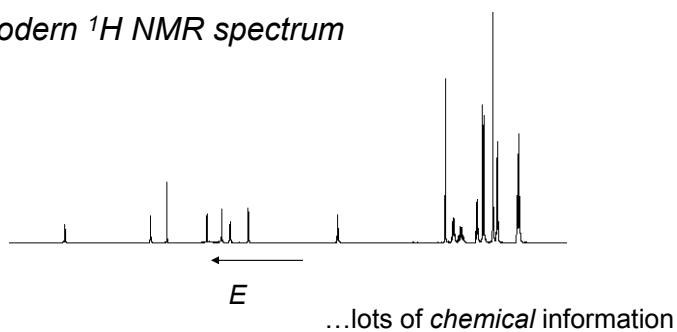
The Energy of the Spin States of Hydrogen Nuclei in a Magnetic Field



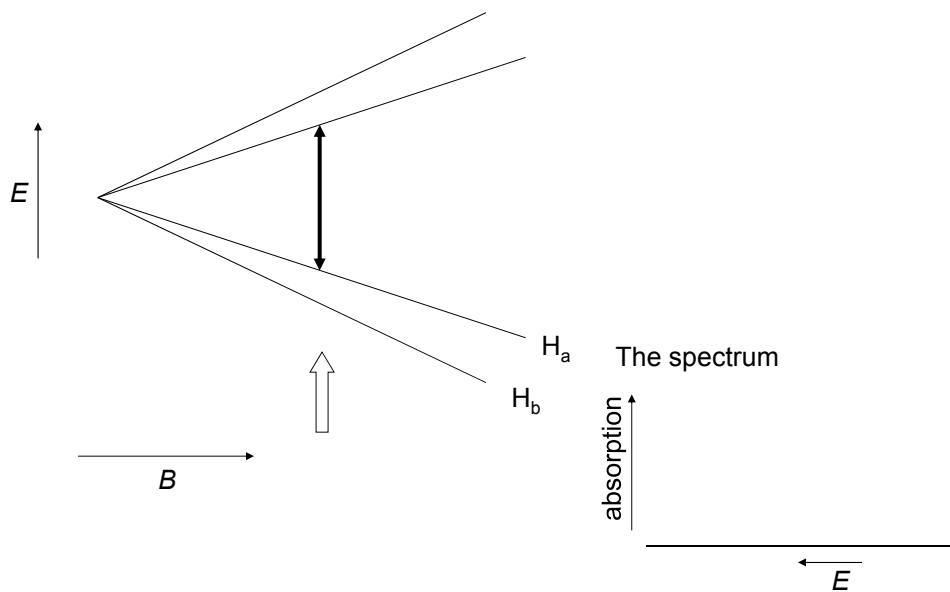
An early ^1H NMR spectrum



A modern ^1H NMR spectrum



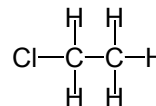
If the *applied magnetic field* is held constant, the protons H_a and H_b absorb irradiation with different frequencies.



Preview: Types of Information available from a ^1H NMR spectrum

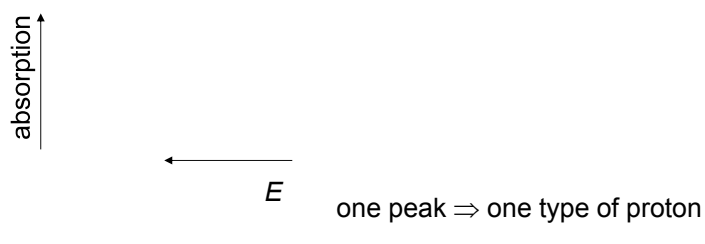
A ^1H nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum contains information about the:

- (a) number of different types of proton
- (b) relative number of each type of proton
- (c) proximity to functional groups
- (d) the number of *adjacent* protons

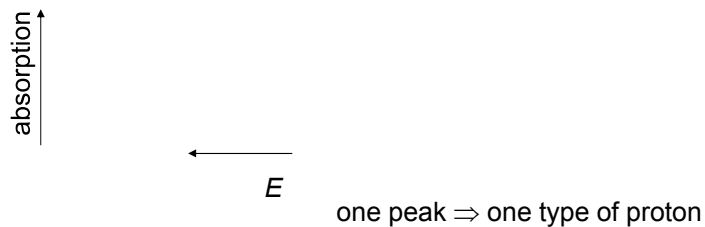
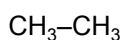


(a) The number of signals in the spectrum is the number of types of proton.

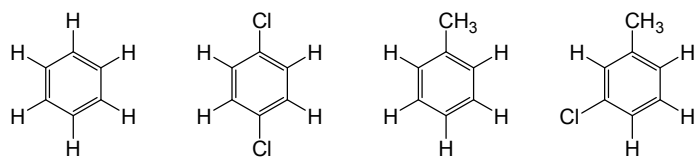
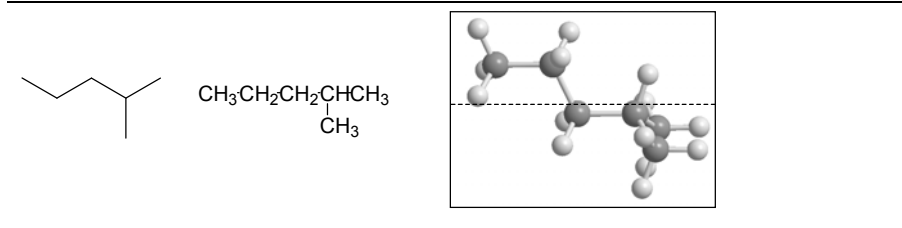
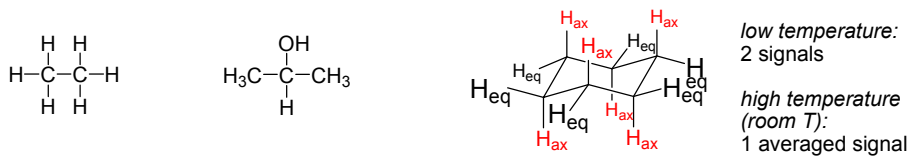
^1H NMR spectrum of methane



^1H NMR spectrum of ethane



Protons that are related to each other by a rotation or plane of symmetry are identical (chemical shift equivalent)

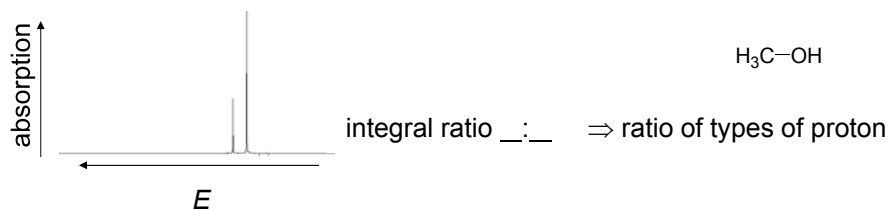


^1H nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum of methanol...

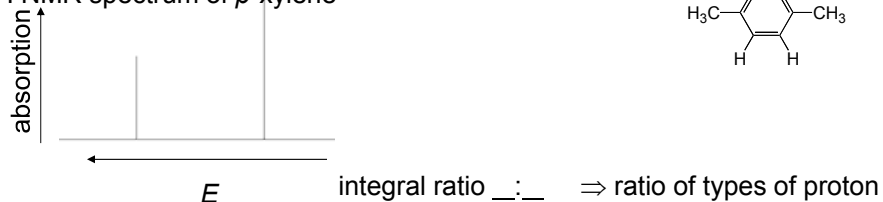


(b) The relative area of each peak (the integration) corresponds to the relative number of each type of proton

^1H NMR spectrum of methanol

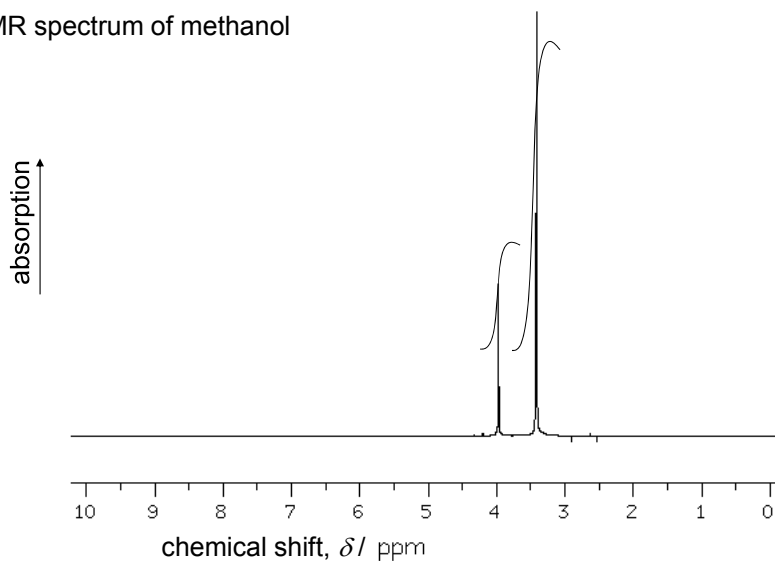


^1H NMR spectrum of *p*-xylene

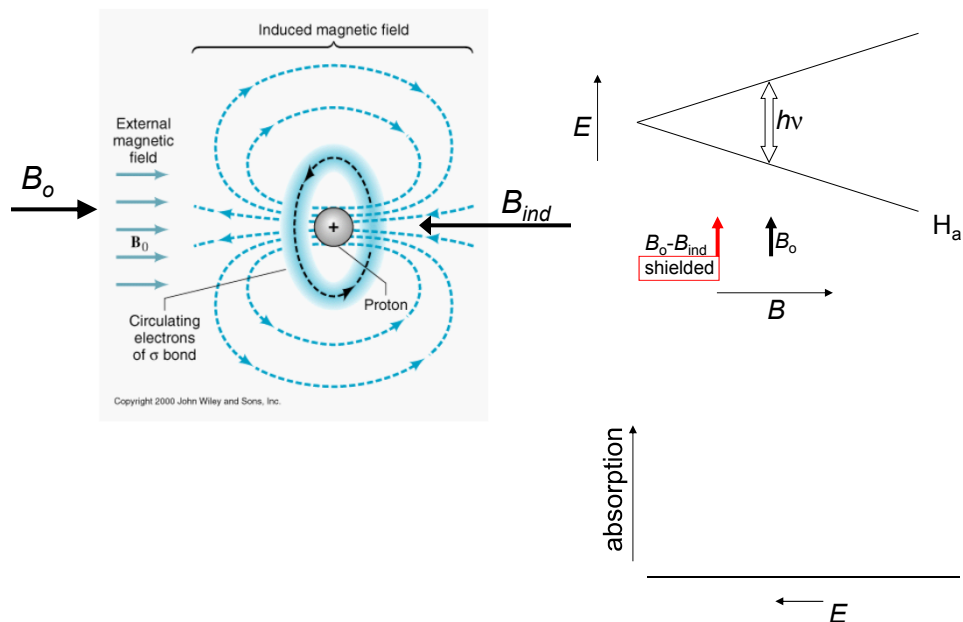


(c) The chemical shift indicates the environment of the proton

^1H NMR spectrum of methanol

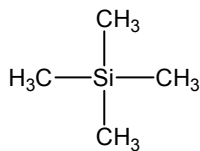


Shielding and Deshielding



The δ -scale

The frequency at which a proton resonates is measured relative to the frequency for the protons of tetramethylsilane, TMS (which resonates at a relatively low frequency), and cited on the δ (delta) scale in parts per million of the frequency at which TMS resonates.



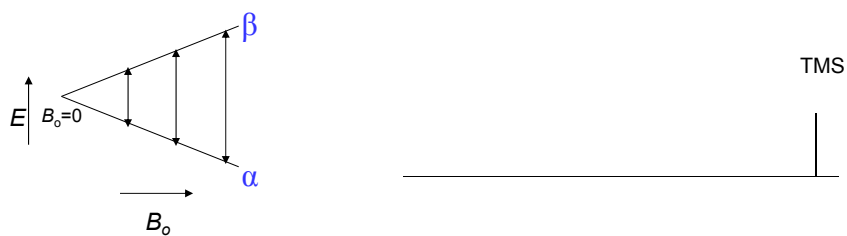
<u>electronegativity</u> C=2.5 Si=1.7

$$\delta = \frac{\nu_{\text{proton}} - \nu_{\text{TMS}}}{\nu_{\text{TMS}}} \times 10^6 \text{ [ppm]}$$

e.g. $\nu_{\text{TMS}} = 300,000,000 \text{ Hz}$ (7 T magnet)

$\nu_{\text{sample}} = 300,000,617 \text{ Hz}$

$\delta = \frac{617}{300 \times 10^6} \times 10^6 = 2.06 \text{ ppm}$



Field Strength B / T	ν_{TMS} / Hz	ν_{CH_4} / Hz	$\delta_{CH_4} / \text{ppm}$
2.33	100,000,000	100,000,100	1
4.66	200,000,000	200,000,200	1
7.00	300,000,000	300,000,300	1

- The *resonance frequency* (in Hz) depends on magnet strength.
- The *chemical shift* (δ) is independent of magnet strength.

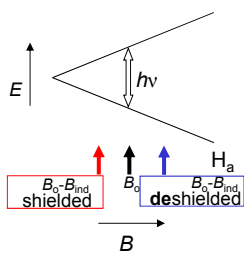
Effect of Structure on Chemical Shift (δ scale, ppm)

CH_3-CH_3
0.9

$CH_3-N(CH_3)_2$
2.2

CH_3-OCH_3
3.2

CH_3-F
4.3



CH_3-Cl
3.1

CH_3-Br
2.7

CH_3-I
2.2

$CHCl_3$
7.3

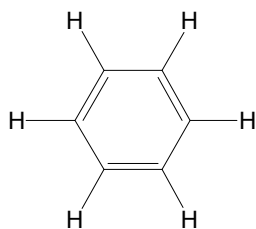
CH_2Cl_2
5.3

CH_3Cl
3.1

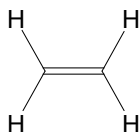
Approximate [^1H]-NMR chemical shifts for various substituent groups

Type of proton	Expected range	Chemical shift (δ)
$(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{Si}$		0.00
$\text{CH}_3\text{-C-R (sp}^3\text{)}$		0.9 - 1.8
$\text{-CH}_2\text{-C-R (sp}^3\text{)}$		1.1 - 2.0
$\text{-CH-C-R (sp}^3\text{)}$		1.3 - 2.1
H-C-N		2.2 - 2.9
H-C-O		3.3 - 3.7
H-C-Cl		3.1 - 4.1
H-C-Br		2.7 - 4.1
H-C-C=O		2.1 - 2.5
H-C-C=C		1.6 - 2.6
H-C-Ar		2.3 - 2.8
H-C=O (sp^2)		9 - 10
H-C=C (sp^2)		4.5 - 6.5
H-Ar (sp^2)		6.5 - 8.5
H-C C (sp)		2.5
H-N (amine)		1 - 3
H-OR (alcohol)		0.5 - 5
H-OAr (phenol)		6 - 8
H-O ₂ CR (acid)		10 - 13

You will be provided with a copy of Table 9.1 on exams. This provides *approximate* ranges for values of chemical shifts for particular types of protons. Remember that protons adjacent to two (or more) electron withdrawing groups will appear further downfield than a proton adjacent to only one.

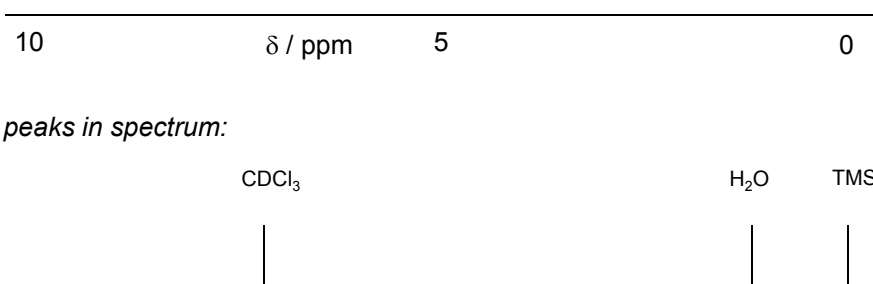


$\delta=7.3$



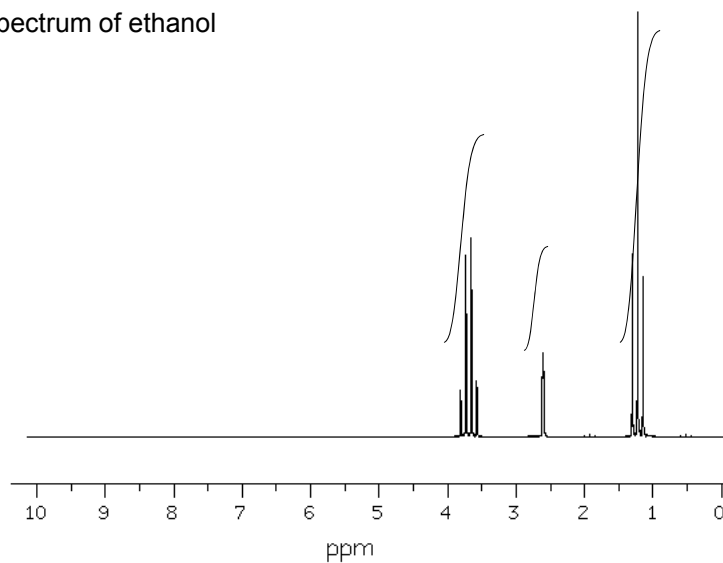
$\delta=5.3$





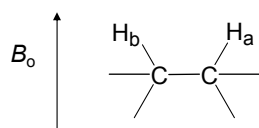
(d) The multiplicity of a signal indicates the number of adjacent protons

¹H NMR spectrum of ethanol

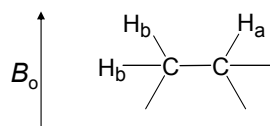
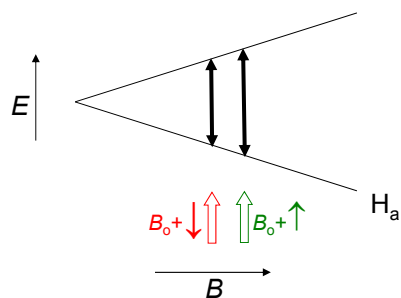


Spin-Spin Coupling

The magnetic field experienced by a proton is effected by the magnetic field generated by each adjacent proton.



If H_b spin $\uparrow$, need to apply *larger* $E (=h\nu)$ to achieve resonance of H_a
 If H_b spin $\downarrow$, need to apply *smaller* $E (=h\nu)$ to achieve resonance of H_a



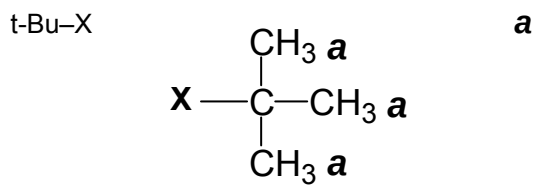
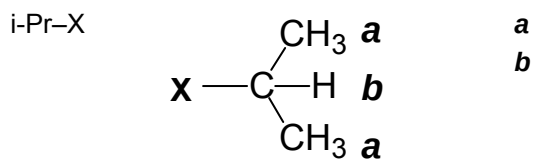
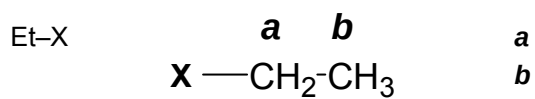
To achieve resonance of H_a
 If H_b spins $\uparrow + \uparrow$, need to apply *higher* ν
 If H_b spins $\uparrow + \downarrow$, or, $\downarrow + \uparrow$ signal appears at δ_a
 If H_b spins $\downarrow + \downarrow$, need to apply *lower* ν

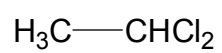
Coupling is only observed between *non-equivalent protons*.

The signal for a proton with N adjacent *equivalent* protons will be split into a multiplet consisting of $N+1$ lines.

The relative area of each peak *within* a multiplet can be determined from Pascal's triangle

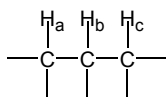
Some Common Sets of Multiplets





Problems: How can you get a pentet?

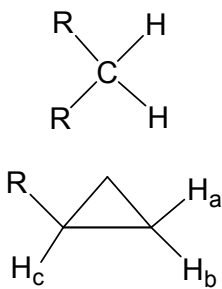
Multiplets of Multiplets



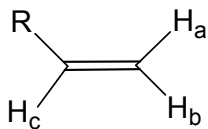
$$J_{ab} = J_{bc}$$

$$J_{ab} > J_{bc}$$

Geminal protons



Rings



Vinyl groups

Summary: Types of information available from ^1H NMR spectrum

Number of signals	Number of <i>types</i> of proton
Integral of signals	<i>Relative number</i> of each type of proton
Chemical Shift	Electronic environment
Multiplicity	Number of <i>adjacent</i> protons

Problems: Predict the appearance (chemical shift, integral and multiplicity) of the ^1H NMR signals of the following compounds.

(a) 2-butanone, $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$

(b) methyl 3-chloropropanoate, $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$

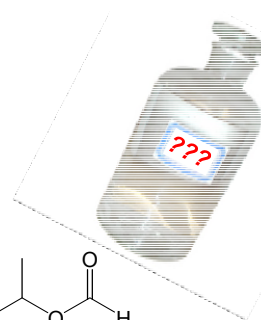
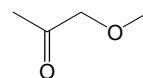
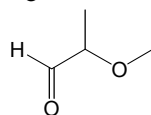
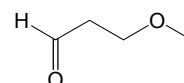
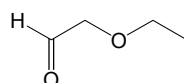
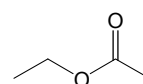
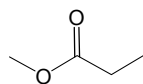
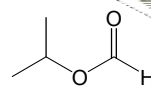
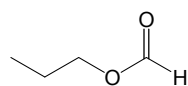
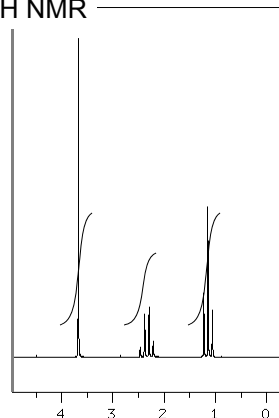
$C_4H_6O_2$

SODAR = 1

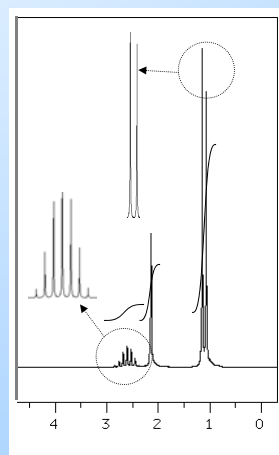
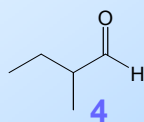
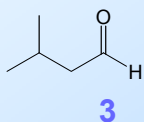
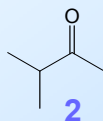
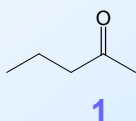
IR: 1720 cm^{-1} » C=O

no peak at 3300 cm^{-1} » no O-H

^1H NMR



Which isomer of $C_5H_{10}O$ gives the following ^1H NMR spectrum?



^{13}C NMR SPECTROMETRY

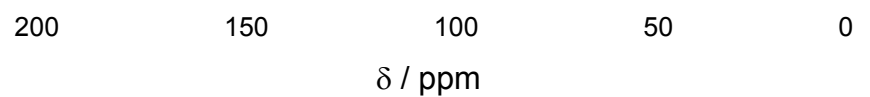
Introduction

^{13}C (*not* ^{12}C) has nuclear spin

However, ^{13}C is only present at 1.1% abundance

- Signals are weak
- Spectra usually acquired without multiplicity information

- Larger range of chemical shifts (0 to >200 ppm)



Types of Information available from a ^{13}C NMR spectrum

A ^{13}C nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum contains information about the:

- (a) number of different types of carbon
 - Each peak corresponds to a different *type* of carbon
- (b) type of carbons and proximity to functional groups
 - Chemical shift provides information about the type of carbon present

Unlike ^1H NMR spectra, simple ^{13}C NMR spectra *do not* provide information about the:

relative number of each type of proton
or
number of adjacent protons or carbons

USING DATA TO DETERMINE STRUCTURE

1. Write down conclusions from *each individual technique*
 - Use combustion analysis to determine empirical formula, and mass spectrometry to give molecular weight (and molecular formula)
 - Calculate number of rings and double bonds from molecular formula (SODAR)
 - Determine presence of functional groups present from infrared spectroscopy.
 - Use ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy to identify other structural features.
2. Use these conclusions to determine the structure
3. *Check your answer* (predict the spectra; do your predicted spectra match the data provided?)

USING SPECTRAL INFORMATION AND OTHER DATA TO DETERMINE THE STRUCTURE OF AN UNKNOWN COMPOUND

Elemental Analysis: C, 54.51; H, 9.09

Mass spectrometry: m/e M^+ , 88

A. If you are provided with the elemental analysis (mass% C,H,O...), determine the *empirical formula*
i.e., ratio of atoms, C : H : O : ... = mass% C/₁₂ : mass %H/₁ : mass% O/₁₆ : ...

empirical formula: _____

REMEMBER: The molecular formula might be an integral times the empirical formula

If you are provided with the molecular weight (from mass spectrometry), determine the *molecular formula*

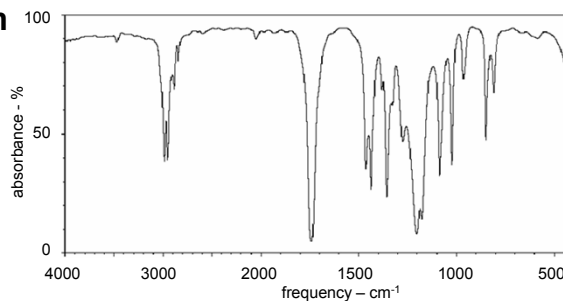
empirical formula weight = _____ molecular weight = _____ molecular formula: _____

Determine the number of sites of unsaturation (i.e., SODAR = π bonds + rings):

SODAR = $(2\#C + 2 - \#H - \#\text{Hal} + \#N) / 2$;

SODAR= _____

Infrared Spectrum



B. Bonds vibrate at certain frequencies. Determine the bonds present (and hence the functional groups) by considering the infrared spectrum

i. Does your compound contain oxygen Y ? N If there is no oxygen, go to part Bii.

(a) C=O bonds vibrate at approximately 1700 cm^{-1} , usually giving rise to a strong absorption. Is there a strong absorption around 1700 cm^{-1} ? Some tables list frequencies for specific carbonyl-containing functional groups.

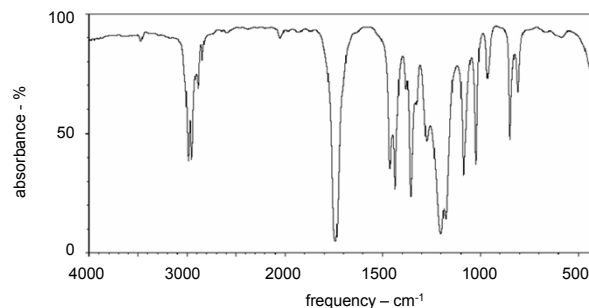
Y ? N Conclusion: _____

(b) C-O bonds vibrate at approximately 1200-1000 cm^{-1} ; these peaks are usually strong. Is there a strong absorption at 1000-1200 cm^{-1} ?

Y ? N Conclusion: _____

(c) O-H bonds give rise to a broad vibration band; in alcohols this appears at approximately 3300 cm^{-1} , but in carboxylic acids this band is very broad and might also appear between 2800 and 3200 cm^{-1} (which overlaps with sharp C-H bond vibrational bands). If nitrogen is present, remember that N-H bonds also vibrate at 3000-3500 cm^{-1} . Is there a broad absorption in the 3500-3000 cm^{-1} range?

Y ? N Conclusion: _____



(d) Based on the presence or absence of vibrational bands arising from *covalent bonds* to oxygen, you should be able to predict the *functional groups* present in the molecule. Circle the combination of bonds present and the corresponding functional group:

<u>Bonds Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Functional Group</u>	<u>Bonds Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Functional Group</u>
C=O, O-H, C-O	-	acid	C-O	C=O, O-H	ether
C=O, C-O	O-H	ester	C=O	O-H, C-O	aldehyde or ketone
O-H, C-O	C=O	alcohol	C=O, N-H	O-H, C-O	1° or 2° amide

ii. Other common vibration bands to look for are those for $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ and $\text{C}=\text{C}$. If nitrogen is present, look for C-N and N-H vibration bands. *Are any of these bands present?*

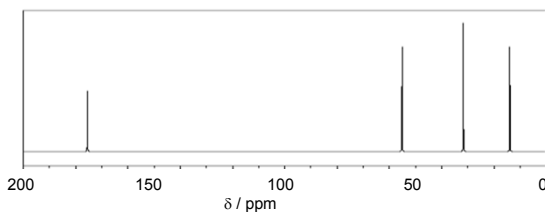
Y ? N Conclusion: _____

iii. sp^2 C-H bonds (in arenes and alkenes) give rise to a *sharp* vibrational band at 3100-3000 cm^{-1} . *Is there a sharp absorption at 3100-3000 cm^{-1} ?*

Y ? N Conclusion: _____

iv. *Draw the functional groups indicated by the infrared spectrum (i.e., structures from i(d), ii and iii)*

^{13}C NMR Spectrum



C. Consider the ^{13}C NMR spectrum...

i. Each type of carbon gives rise to a separate singlet. *How many types are carbon are there?*

ii. *The ^{13}C chemical shift gives you a clue about the type of carbon (i.e., carbonyl, aromatic, alkenes) and the presence of electronegative substituents.*

Conclusion: _____

¹H NMR Spectrum

D. Certain common features give rise to recognizable patterns in the ¹H NMR spectrum...

i. Ethyl groups always give rise to a quartet (2H) downfield from a triplet (3H). *Is there a quartet downfield from a triplet?*

Y N Conclusion: _____

ii. *iso*-Propyl groups always give a septet (1H) downfield from a doublet (6H). Remember, you might not see the weak outside peaks in the septet. *Is there a septet downfield from a doublet?*

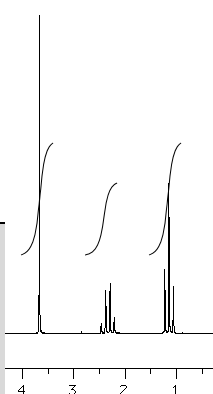
Y N Conclusion: _____

iii. *tert*-Butyl groups always give a singlet (9H) at ca. δ1.2. *Is there a singlet at ca. δ1.2?*

Y N Conclusion: _____

iv. *If there are ethyl or isopropyl groups: consider the chemical shift of the downfield signal, it gives you a clue about the substituent (i.e., "X" in CH₃CH₂-X or (CH₃)₂CH-X).*

Conclusion: _____



v. Aromatic protons appear at δ6.5-8.5. *Is there a signal at δ6.5-8.5?*

Y N Conclusion: _____

vi. *If there are aromatic protons: consider the multiplicity and integration, they give you clues about the substitution pattern?*

Conclusion: _____

vii. Certain functional groups that you have already identified by infrared give rise to specific signals in the ¹H NMR, such as acid (-CO₂H), aldehyde (-CHO), alcohol (-OH), amine (-NH). *Do signals corresponding to these functional groups appear in the ¹H NMR spectrum?*

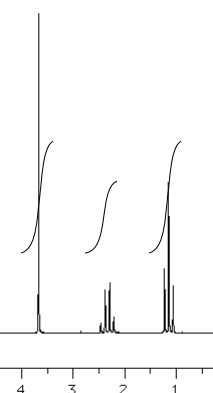
Y N Conclusion: _____

viii. Are there any other singlets or multiplets which you have not assigned? If so, consider the multiplicity and integration. Here is a list of common isolated structural features (i.e., without neighboring protons) and their corresponding signals (multiplicity and integration). *Do any of these appear in the spectrum? (Circle the combination of peaks and the structural subunit).* You will also have to consider vinylic protons in D(x).

CH-CH	d(1) d(1)	CH ₂ -CH ₂	t(2) t(2)	CH-CH ₃	q(1) d(3)
CH-CH ₂	t(1) d(2)	CH ₃	s(3)		

ix. *If you have identified additional fragments in part viii: consider the chemical shift of the downfield signal, it gives you a clue about substituents.*

Conclusion: _____



ix. If any of these multiplets appear: consider the chemical shift of the downfield signal, it gives you a clue about the substituents on the fragment (Remember that substituent effects are cumulative).

Conclusion: _____

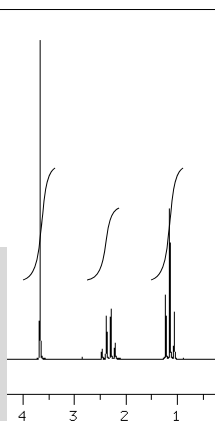
x. Vinylic protons appear at δ 4.5-6.5. Are there signals at δ 4.5-6.5 which you have not yet accounted for?

Y N Conclusion: _____

xi. If there are vinylic protons: consider the multiplicity and integration, they give you clues about the substitution pattern.

Conclusion: _____

xii. Draw the substructures derived from the appearance of the ^1H NMR spectrum (i-xi).



Bringing it all together

E. If you are provided with the molecular formula: do you need to account for any other atoms in the molecule other than those determined in parts B,C and D?

Y N Remaining atoms: _____

F. ...Bring it all together

Draw the functional groups derived from IR (B), substructures derived from NMR (C and D), and any other atoms left over in the molecular formula (E).

G. FINAL STRUCTURE

Combine these fragments in such a way that the valency of each atom ($H=1$, $C=4$, $O=2$, $N=3$) and the number of sites of unsaturation, and formula are satisfied. Remember to consider symmetrical structures.

Check your answer: predict the spectra of your final structure, it should be the same as those provided

Types of Questions

- Use data from elemental analysis, infrared spectroscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry (1H and ^{13}C) to determine the structure of organic compounds.