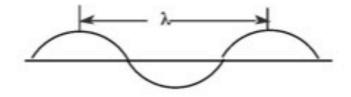
Introduction to Infrared Spectroscopy

Electromagnetic Radiation

- Electromagnetic radiation: light and other forms of radiant energy
- Wavelength (λ): the distance between consecutive identical points on a wave
- Frequency (v): the number of full cycles of a wave that pass a point in a second
- Hertz (Hz): the unit in which radiation frequency is reported; s⁻¹ (read "per second")

Electromagnetic Radiation

Wavelength



Unit	Relation to Meter
Meter (m)	
Millimeter (mm)	$1 \text{ mm} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$
Micrometer (µm)	$1 \mu m = 10^{-6} m$
Nanometer (nm)	$1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$
Angstrom (Å)	$1 \text{ Å} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

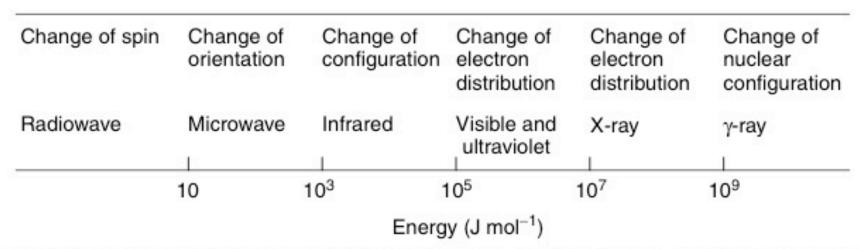


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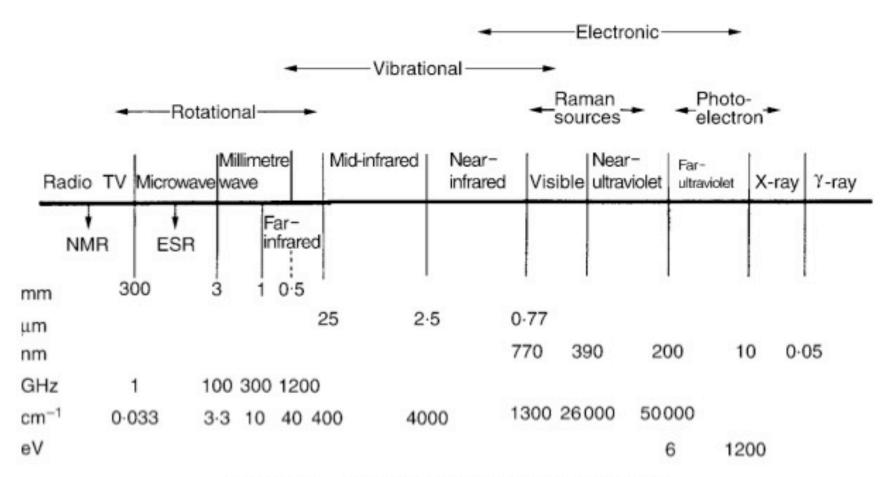


Figure 3.1 Regions of the electromagnetic spectrum

Table 1 Spectral Regions of Electromagnetic Radiation

Electromagnetic radiation type	Wavelength (m)	Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Frequency (Hz)
γ-ray	Less than 1.0×10^{-10}	Greater than 100,000,000	Greater than 3.0×10^{18}
X-Ray	1.0×10^{-10} to 1.0×10^{-8}	1,000,000 to 100,000,000	3.0×10^{16} to 3.0×10^{18}
Ultraviolet			
Far	1.0×10^{-8} to 2.0×10^{-7} (10 to 200 nm)	50,000 to 1,000,000	1.5×10^{15} to 3.0×10^{16}
Near	2.0×10^{-7} to 4.0×10^{-7} (200 to 400 nm)	25,000 to 50,000	$7.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ to } 1.5 \times 10^{15}$
Visible	4.0×10^{-7} to 7.5×10^{-7} (400 to 750 nm)	13,350 to 25,000	4.0×10^{14} to 7.5×10^{14}
Infrared			
Near	7.5×10^{-7} to 2.5×10^{-6} (0.75 to 2.5 µm)	4,000 to 13,350	1.2×10^{14} to 4.0×10^{14}
Mid	2.5×10^{-6} to 2.5×10^{-5} (2.5 to 25 μ m)	400 to 4000	1.2×10^{13} to 1.2×10^{14}
Far	2.5×10^{-5} to 4.0×10^{-4} (25 to 400 µm)	25 to 400	$7.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ to } 1.2 \times 10^{13}$
Microwave	4.0×10^{-4} to 1.0×10^{0} (0.04 to 100 cm)	0.01 to 25	3.0×10^8 to 7.5×10^{11}
Radiowave	Greater than 1	Less than 0.01	Less than 3.0×10^8

Molecular Spectroscopy

- Molecular spectroscopy: the study of which frequencies of electromagnetic radiation are absorbed or emitted by substances and the correlation between these frequencies and specific types of molecular structure
- we study three types of molecular spectroscopy

Region of the Electromagnetic Spectrum	Absorption of Electromagnetic Radiation Results in Transition Between
infrared	vibrational energy levels
radio frequency	nuclear spin energy levels
ultraviolet-visible	electronic energy levels

Infrared Spectroscopy

- The vibrational IR extends from 2.5 x 10^{-6} m (2.5 μm) to 2.5 x 10^{-5} m (25 μm)
 - the frequency of IR radiation is commonly expressed in wavenumbers (v)
 - wavenumber: the number of waves per centimeter, cm⁻¹ (read reciprocal centimeters)
 - expressed in wavenumbers, the vibrational IR extends from 4000 cm⁻¹ to 400 cm⁻¹

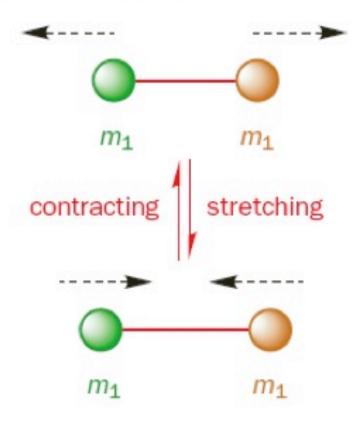
$$v = \frac{10^{-2} \,\mathrm{m} \cdot \mathrm{cm}^{-1}}{2.5 \,\mathrm{x} \, 10^{6} \,\mathrm{m}} = 4000 \,\mathrm{cm}^{1}$$
 $v = \frac{10^{-2} \,\mathrm{m} \cdot \mathrm{cm}^{-1}}{2.5 \,\mathrm{x} \, 10^{5} \,\mathrm{m}} = 400 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$

Infrared Spectroscopy

- ♠ The IR region covers
 - 7.8 x 10⁻⁷ m (just above the visible region) to
 - 2.0 x 10⁻³ m (just below the microwave region)
- ♠ Organic chemistry uses mainly the vibrational IR, which covers
 - $2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} (2.5 \,\mu\text{m}) \text{ to } 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} (25 \,\mu\text{m})$
- ♠ Absorption of IR radiation in this region causes bonds to change from a lower vibrational energy level to a higher one

- ♠ Atoms joined by covalent bonds undergo continual vibrations relative to each other.
- ♠ The energies associated with these vibrations are quantized; within a molecule, only specific vibrational energy levels are allowed.
- ♠ The energies associated with transitions between vibrational energy levels for most covalent bonds are from 2 to 10 kcal/mol (8.4 to 42 kJ/mol).

bond vibration in the infrared



Hooke's law describes the movement of two masses attached to a spring. You may have met it if you have studied physics. You need not be concerned here with its derivation, just the result.

Infrared Spectroscopy: When an organic compound absorbs radiation with a wavelength of λ = 2–15 microns (infrared radiation, 4000–600 cm⁻¹), specific vibrational modes, mostly stretching and bending motions, are excited. The frequency at which this occurs can be approximated by Hooke's Law, and is dependent on the mass of the atoms and the bond strength (the force constant).

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \sqrt{\frac{K}{\mu}}$$
 where,

 $\overline{\mathbf{v}} = \text{frequency in cm}^{-1}$
 $c = \text{velocity of light, } 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm} / \text{sec}$
 $K = \text{force constant in dynes} / \text{cm}$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \text{ the reduced mass}$$

$$\overline{v} = 4.12 \sqrt{\frac{K}{\mu}}$$
 $K = \text{force constant of bond}$ $\mu = \text{reduced mass}$

- From this equation, we see that the position of a stretching vibration depends on
 - the strength of the vibrating bond
 - the masses of the atoms connected by the bond
 - The stronger the bond and the lighter the atoms connected by the bond, the higher the wavenumber of the vibration.
- The intensity of absorption is not governed by this equation; it depends primarily on the polarity of the vibrating bond.

- ♠For a molecule to absorb IR radiation, the bond undergoing vibration
 - must be polar and
 - its vibration must cause a periodic change in the bond dipole moment
- ✿Covalent bonds which do not meet these criteria are said to be IR inactive
 - the C-C double and triple bonds of symmetrically substituted alkenes and alkynes, for example, do not absorb IR radiation because they are not polar bonds

- ♠Consider two covalently bonded atoms as two vibrating masses connected by a spring
- ♠As the bond vibrates, its energy continually changes from kinetic to potential and vice versa
- ♠The total energy (KE + PE) is proportional to the frequency of vibration

- ♣ For even a relatively small molecule, a large number of vibrational energy levels exist and patterns of IR absorption can be very complex (For a nonlinear molecule containing n atoms, there are 3n -6 allowed fundamental vibrations).
- ♠The simplest vibrational motions are bending and stretching

VIBRATIONAL - ROTATIONAL MODES

	SYMMETRICAL	ANTISYMMETRICAL	27
IN PLANE STRETCHING			4000-1500cm ⁻¹ VIBRATIONS OF VALENCE OGO V
B ENDING	(suissoning)	(rocking)	SOO-650 cm-1 VIBRATIONS OF DEFORMATION DEW TIN & OUT
OUT OF PLANE TWISTING	(wagging)		

D' are related to specific molecule

Stretching vibrations

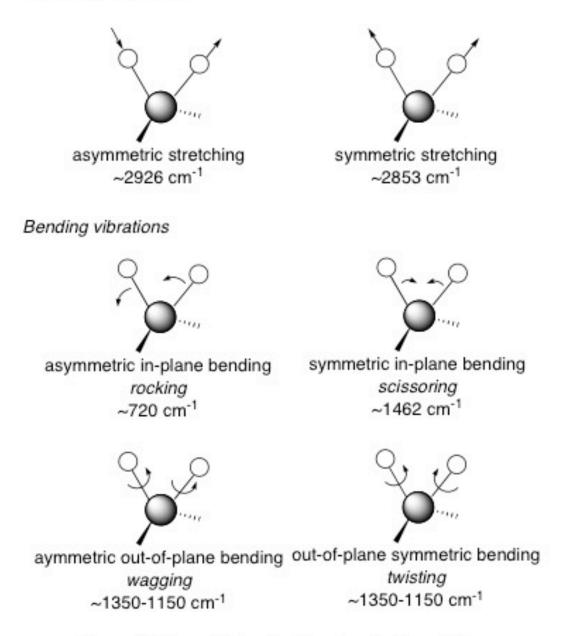
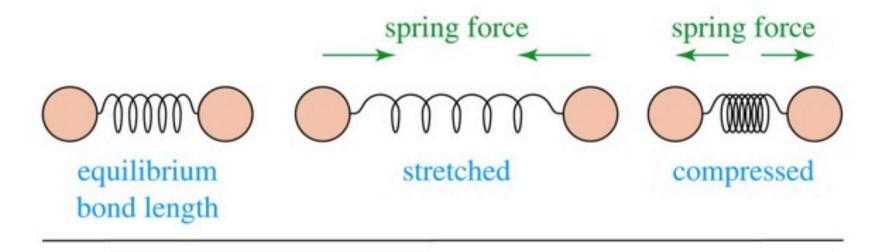
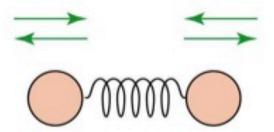


Figure 2. Some of the vibrational modes for a CH2 group.

Covalent bonds vibrate at only certain allowable frequencies





Two types of molecular vibrations

Stretching: rhythmical movement along the bond axis

Bending: change in bond angle between bonds with common atom (twisting, rocking, torsional)

Each atom has 3 degrees of freedom (x, y, z coordinates to describe the position of the atom in space)

A molecule has as many degrees of freedom as the total degree of freedom of its individual atoms

A molecule of n atoms has 3n degrees of freedom

For non-linear molecules:

3 degrees of freedom describe **rotation** and

3 degrees of freedom describe translation

The remaining 3n-6 are vibrational - these are observed in IR

For non-linear molecules:

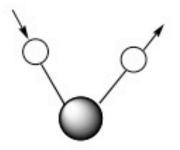
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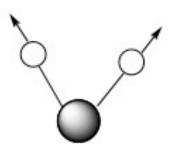
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For linear molecules: 3n-5

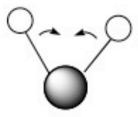
Since only 2 degrees of freedom are required to describe rotation



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symmetric stretching ~3652 cm⁻¹



scissoring ~1596 cm⁻¹

3n-6

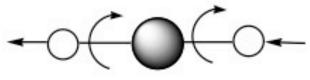
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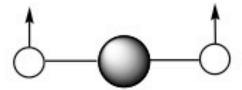
symmetric stretching ~1340 cm⁻¹



asymmetric stretching ~2350 cm⁻¹



bending scissoring ~667 cm⁻¹

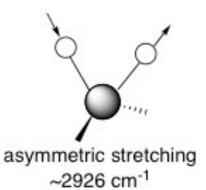


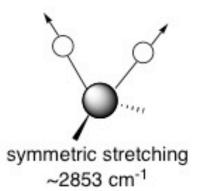
bending scissoring ~667 cm⁻¹

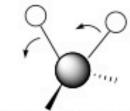
3n-5

$$3x3 - 5 = 4$$

stretching





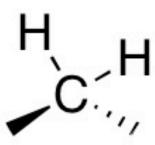


in-plane bending rocking ~720 cm⁻¹

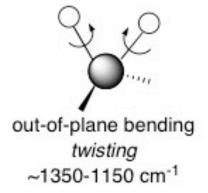


in-plane bending scissoring ~1462 cm⁻¹

bending







IR bands

mass

Light atoms -

High frequency

position

bond strength

Strong bonds -

High frequency

IR bands

mass

Light atoms -High frequency

position

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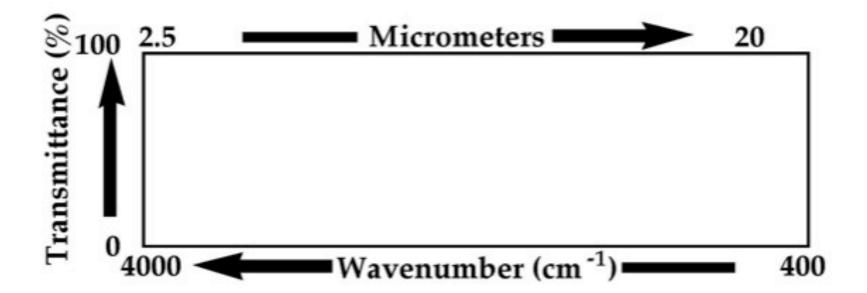
width

hydrogen bonding

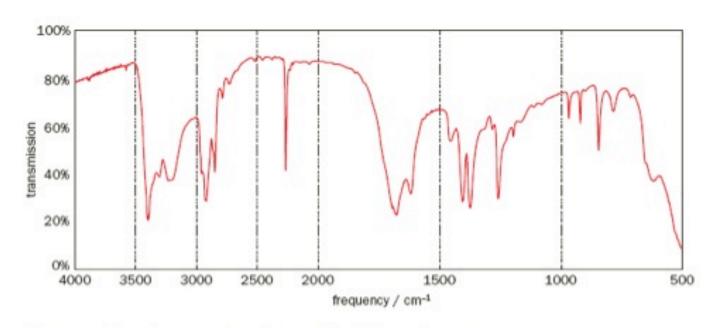
Broad bands

Infrared Spectroscopy

♠For the IR spectra recorded in this text, calibrations are



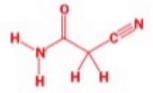
A typical IR spectrum



There are four important regions of the infrared spectrum

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IR spectra are plotted 'upside down' because they record transmission (the amount of light reaching the detector) rather than absorbance.



cyanoacetamide (spectrum taken as a Nujol mull)

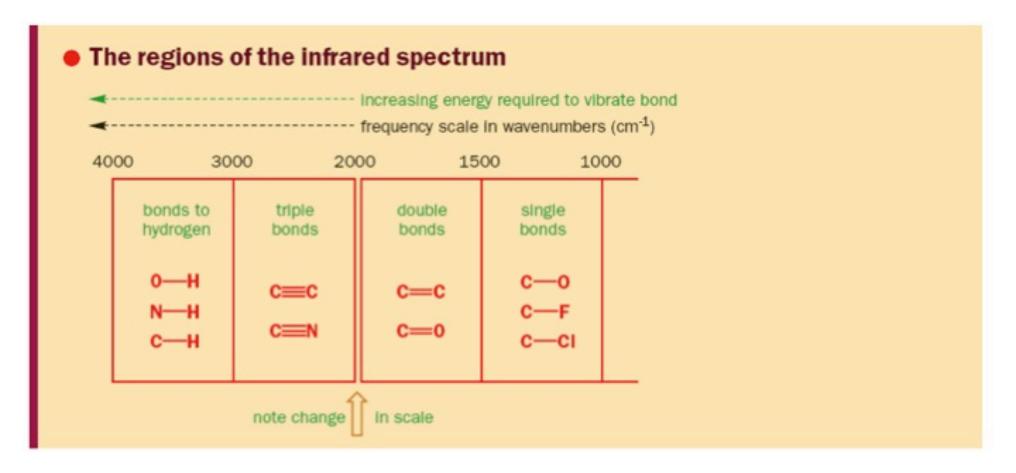


Table 1.

Bond type	Absorption region, cm ⁻¹
C-C, C-O, C-N	1300 - 800
C=C, C=O, C=N, N=O	1900 - 1500
C≡C, C≡N	2300 - 2000
C-H, O-H, N-H	3800 - 2700

Carbon-Carbon Bond Stretching

Stronger bonds absorb at higher frequencies:

C-C 1200 cm⁻¹

C=C 1660 cm⁻¹

 $C \equiv C$ 2200 cm⁻¹ (weak or absent if internal)

Carbon-Carbon Bond Stretching

Conjugation lowers the frequency:

isolated C=C

1640-1680 cm⁻¹

conjugated C=C

1620-1640 cm⁻¹

aromatic C=C

approx. 1600 cm⁻¹

Stretching Frequencies

Bond	Bond Energy [kcal (kJ)]	Stretching Frequency (cm ⁻¹)
	Frequency depende	ence on atomic masses
C-H , .	100 (420)	3000
C—D heavier	100 (420)	$2100 \overline{\nu}$ decreases
C—H C—D heavier atoms	83 (350)	1200 🗸
	Frequency depend	ence on bond energies
C-C	83 (350) strong	1200
c=c	146 (611) strong	1660 Dincreases
$C \equiv C$	200 (840)	2200

Frequency decreases with increasing atomic weight

Frequency increases with increasing bond energy

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \left[\frac{f}{M_1 M_2 / (M_1 + M_2)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$M_1 > M_2$$
, thus $M_1M_2/(M_1+M_2) \approx M_2$

$$M_1 = C$$

$$M_2 = H$$

IR region - between visible and microwave

Practical interest for organic chemistry:

4000-400 cm⁻¹

Any two compounds (except enantiomers) are unlikely to have two identical IR spectra (in the entire spectrum range)

Wavenumbers (ν) in cm⁻¹

Proportional to energy

$$E = hv$$

You can never deduce the structure of the organic compound based just on the IR spectrum

Unless you have an authentic sample that gives IDENTICAL IR spectrum as your sample

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So what is the value of IR?

Certain groups of atoms produce bands at or near the same frequency regardless of the rest of the molecule

IR - "functional group spectroscopy"!

Because IR is not the only spectroscopic tool used for structure determination of a compound, detailed analysis of the IR spectrum is not required

You only consider the major bands, and disregard all others.

IR radiation at <100cm⁻¹ is absorbed and converted into the molecular rotation, this energy is quantized, therefore molecular rotation spectrum consists of discrete lines

10,000-100cm⁻¹ is absorbed and converted into energy of molecular vibration; this energy is also quantized, but single vibrational energy change is accompanied by a number of rotational energy changes

Thus the vibrational spectrum appears as bands rather than lines

Vibrational-rotational (IR) spectrum 400-4000cm⁻¹

Infrared Spectroscopy: An Instrumental Method for Detecting Functional Groups

- Electromagnetic radiation in the infrared (IR) frequency range is absorbed by a molecule at certain characteristic frequencies
 - Energy is absorbed by the bonds in the molecule and they vibrate faster
 - → The bonds behave like tiny springs connecting the atoms
 - ★ The bonds can absorb energy and vibrate faster only when the added energy is of a particular resonant frequency
 - → The frequencies of absorption are very characteristic of the type of bonds contained in the sample molecule
 - → The type of bonds present are directly related to the functional groups present
 - → A plot of these absorbed frequencies is called an IR spectrum

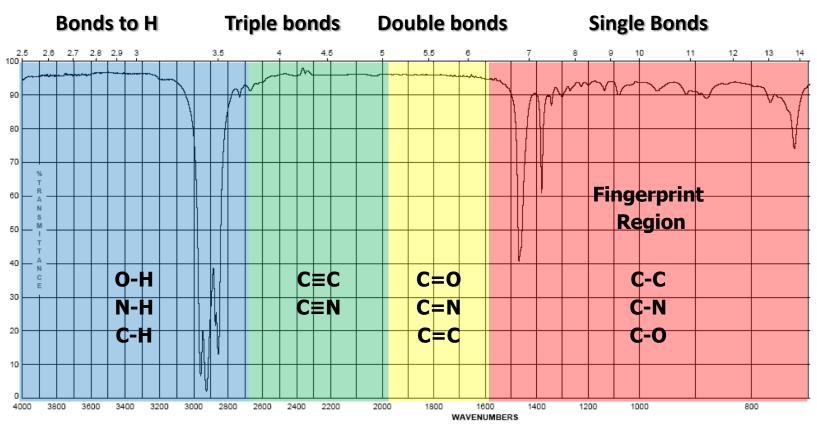
Infrared Spectrometer

- An infrared spectrometer detects the frequencies absorbed by the sample molecule
- → Light of all the various IR frequencies is transmitted to the molecule and the frequencies absorbed are recorded
- → The absorption frequencies are specified as wavenumbers in units of reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹)
 - * Alternatively the wavelength (λ) in units of microns (μm) can be specified

$$\overline{v} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$
 (with λ in cm) or $\overline{v} = \frac{10,000}{\lambda}$ (with λ in μ m)

The spectrum is a plot of frequency on the horizontal axis versus strength of absorption on the vertical axis

The four primary regions of the IR spectrum



4000 cm⁻¹

2700 cm⁻¹ 2000 cm⁻¹ 1600 cm⁻¹

600 cm⁻¹

→ The actual relative frequency of vibration can be predicted

★ Bonds with lighter atoms vibrate faster than those with heavier atoms

GROUP	BOND	FREQUENCY RANGE (CM ⁻¹)		
Alkyl	С-Н	2853-2962		
Alcohol	о-н	3590-3650		
Amine	N-H	3300-3500		

- Triple bonds (which are stiffer and stronger) vibrate at higher frequencies than double bonds
 - * Double bonds in turn vibrate at higher frequencies than single bonds

BOND	FREQUENCY RANGE (CM ⁻¹)
$C \equiv C$	2100-2260
C = N	2220-2260
C=C	1620-1680
c=0	1630-1780

- → The IR spectrum of a molecule usually contains many peaks
 - These peaks are due to the various types of vibrations available to each of the different bonds
 - Additional peaks result from overtone (harmonic) peaks which are weaker and of lower frequency
 - ★ The IR is a "fingerprint" of the molecule because of the unique and large number of peaks seen for a particular molecule

	Group		equency nge (cm ⁻¹)	Intensity			
A. Alkyl							
	C—H (stretching)		2853-2962	(m-s)			
	Isopropyl, —CH(CH ₃) ₂		1380-1385	(8)			
	radically, or do 1972	and	1365-1370	(s)			
	tert-Butyl, -C(CH ₃) ₃	Carrica	1385-1395	(m)			
	terrough, O(origin	and	~ 1365	(s)			
	Allerand	dirid	1000	(0)			
В.	Alkenyl		3010-3095	(m)			
	C—H (stretching)			(m)			
	C=C (stretching)		1620-1680	(v)			
	R-CH=CH ₂ (out-of-plane		985-1000	(s)			
	C—H bondings)	and	905-920	(s)			
	R ₂ C=CH ₂ (C=H bendings)		880-900	(s)			
	cis-RCH=CHR		675-730	(s)			
	trans-RCH=CHR		960-975	(s)			
C.	Alkynyl						
-	=C-H (stretching)		~3300	(s)			
	CIC (stretching)		2100-2260	(v)			
D.	Aromatic						
	Ar-H (stretching)		~ 3030	(v)			
	Aromatic substitution type			0.00			
	(C-H out-of-plane bendings)						
	Monosubstituted		690-710	(very s)			
	o-Disubstituted	and	730-770	(very s)			
	m-Disubstituted		735-770	(s)			
111 61000			680-725	(s)			
		and	750-810	(very s)			
	p-Disubstituted	an na	800-860	(very s)			
E.	Alcohols, Phenois, and Carboxylic Acids						
_	O—H (stretching)						
	Alcohols, phenols (dilute solutions)		3590-3650	(sharp, v)			
	Alcohols, phenols (hydrogen bonded)		3200-3550	(broad, s			
	Carboxylic acids (hydrogen bonded)		2500-3000	(broad, v)			
ĸ.	Aldehydes, Ketones, Esters, and Carboxylic Acids						
	C=O (stretching)		1630-1780	(a)			
	Aldehydes		1690-1740	(s)			
	Ketones		1680-1750	(s)			
	Esters		1735-1750	(8)			
	Carboxylic acids		1710-1780	(s)			
	Amides		1630-1690	(s)			
a	Amines		.000	1-1			
-	N—H		3300-3500	(m)			
н	Nitriles			4.4			
	C=N		2220-2260	(m)			

^{*}Abbreviations: s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, v = variable, -- = approximately.

Interpreting IR Spectra

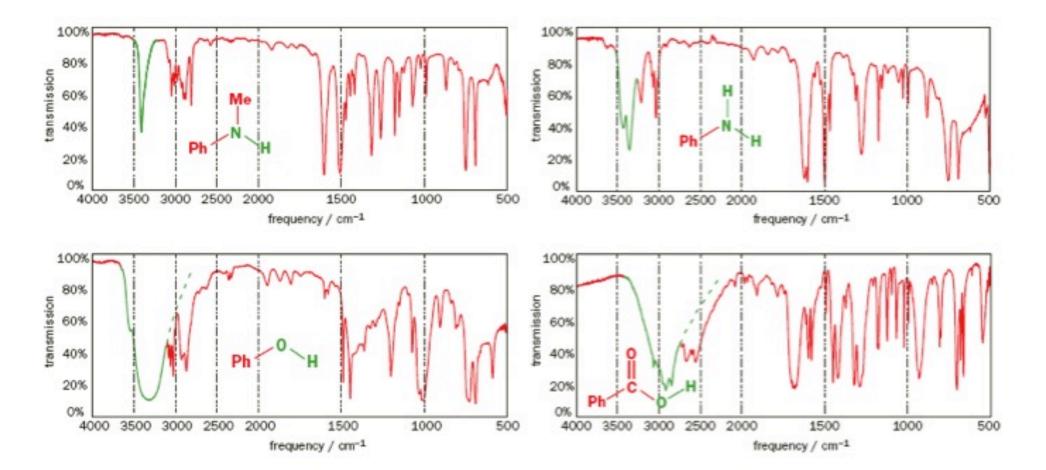
- → Generally only certain peaks are interpreted in the IR
 - ★ Those peaks that are large and above 1400 cm⁻¹ are most valuable

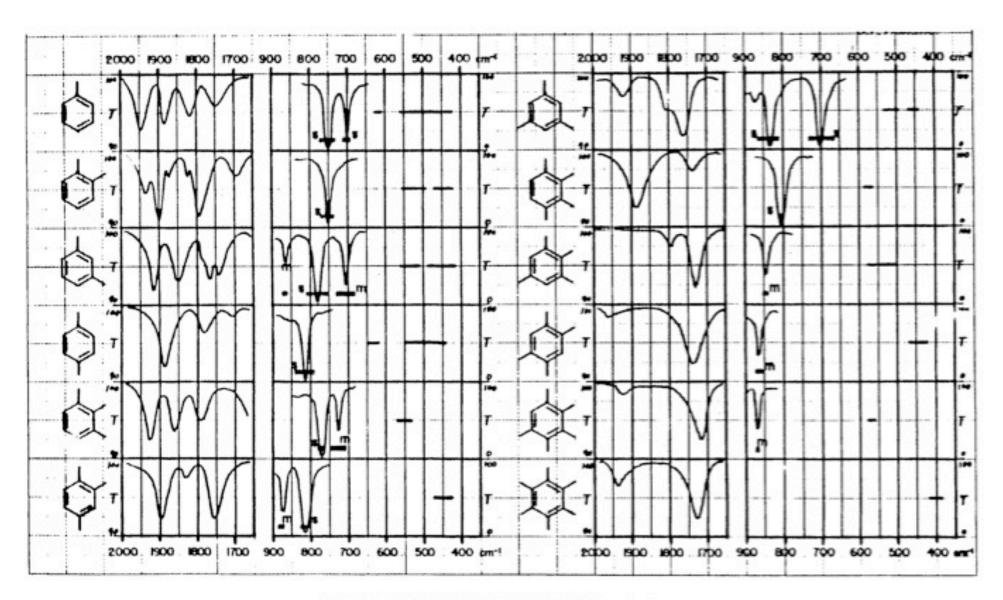
Hydrocarbons

- → The C-H stretching regions from 2800-3300 cm⁻¹ is characteristic of the type of carbon the hydrogen is attached to
- C-H bonds where the carbon has more s character are shorter, stronger and stiffer and thus vibrate at higher frequency
 - ★ C-H bonds at sp centers appear at 3000-3100 cm⁻¹
 - ★ C-H bonds at sp² centers appear at about 3080 cm⁻¹
 - ★ C-H bonds at sp³ centers appear at about 2800-3000 cm⁻¹
- C-C bond stretching frequencies are only useful for multiple bonds
 - ★ C-C double bonds give peaks at 1620-1680 cm⁻¹
 - ★ C-C triple bonds give peaks at 2100-2260 cm⁻¹
 - * These peaks are absent in symmetrical double and triple bonds

It is important to make note of peak intensities to show the effect of these factors:

- Strong (s) peak is tall, transmittance is low (0-35 %)
- *Medium (m)* peak is mid-height (75-35%)
- Weak (w) peak is short, transmittance is high (90-75%)
- * Broad (br) if the Gaussian distribution is abnormally broad (*this is more for describing a bond that spans many energies)





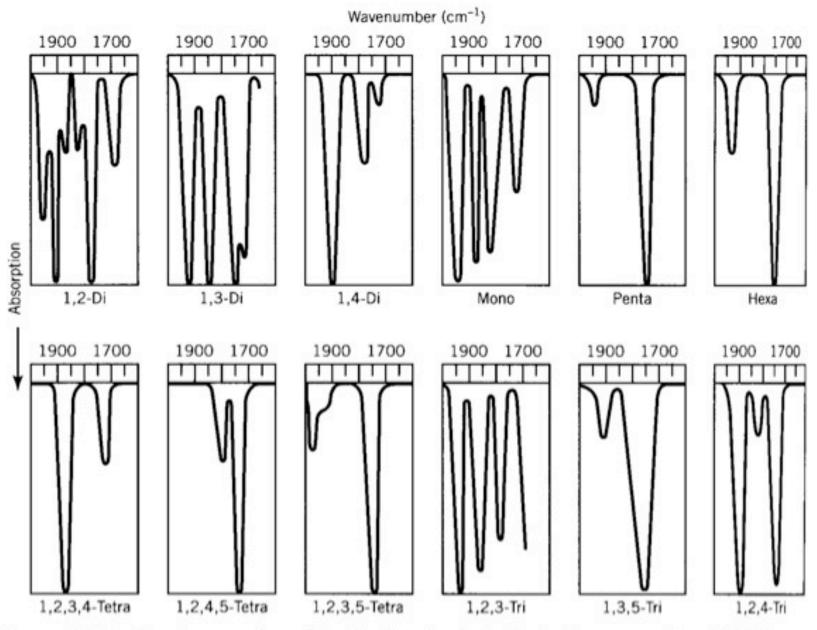


Figure 31.14 Overtones and combination bands of substituted benzenes (from D.W. Mayo, R.M. Pike, and P.K. Trumper, Microscale Organic Laboratory, 3rd ed. New York: Wiley, 1994).

TABLE VI. Idealized Patterns Useful for Establishing the Substitution Pattern in Substituted Benzenes

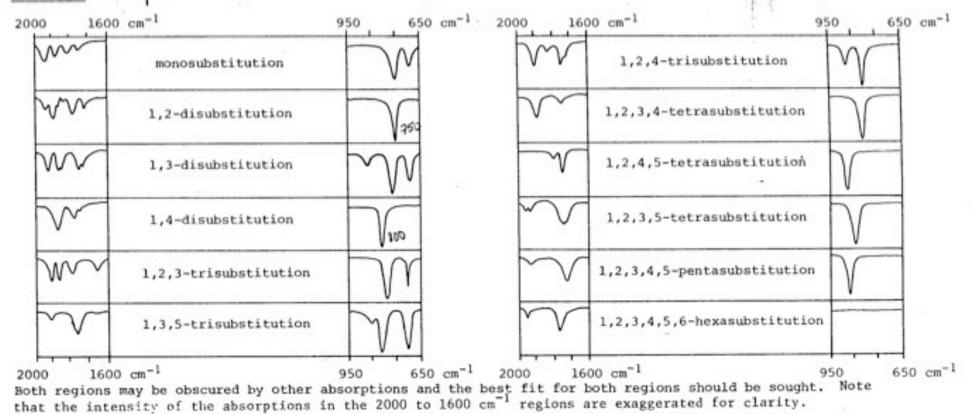
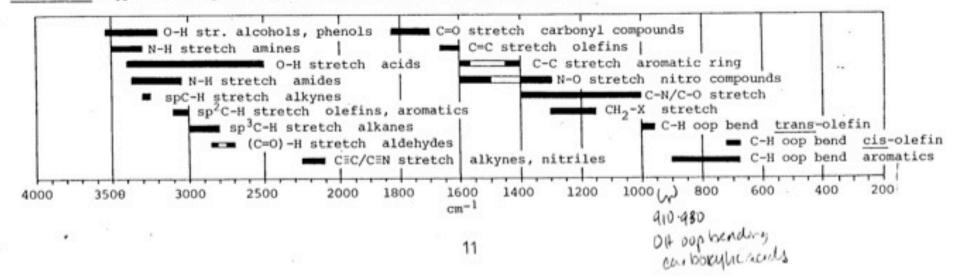
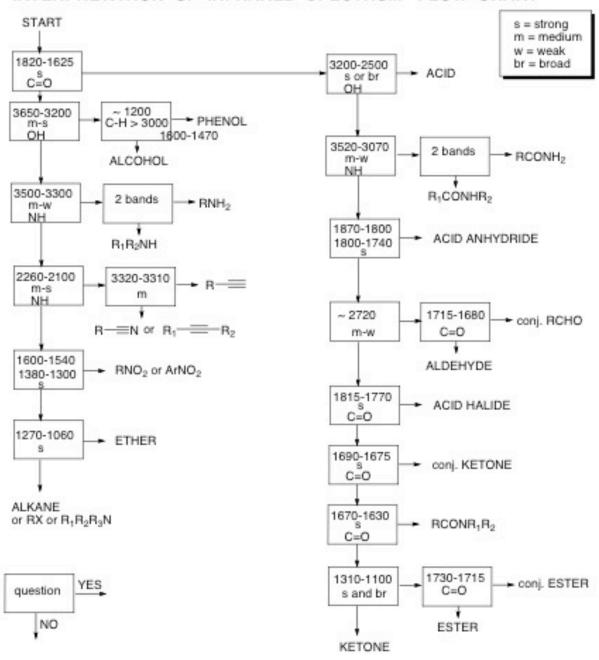


TABLE VII. Typical Absorption Regions for Some Common Functional Groups

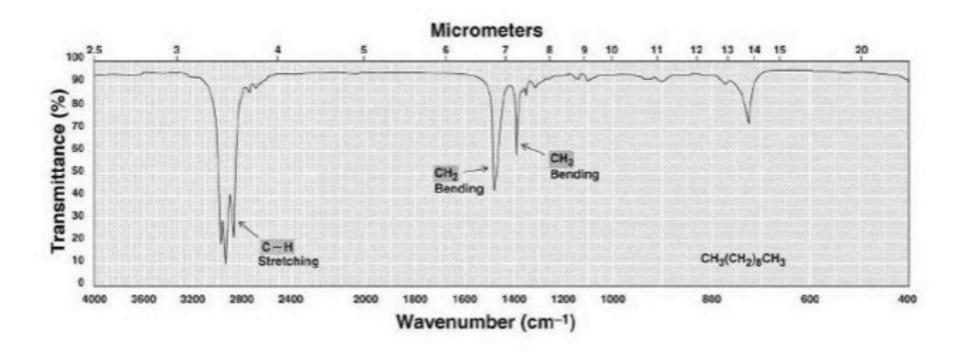


INTERPRETATION OF INFRARED SPECTRUM - FLOW CHART



Warning: this chart is only a guideline for a rational interpretation of an IR spectrum. It cannot be substituted for solubility and class tests. If the compound is polyfunctional, then care must be taken in using this chart as one functional group might be overlooked.

IR of Alkanes





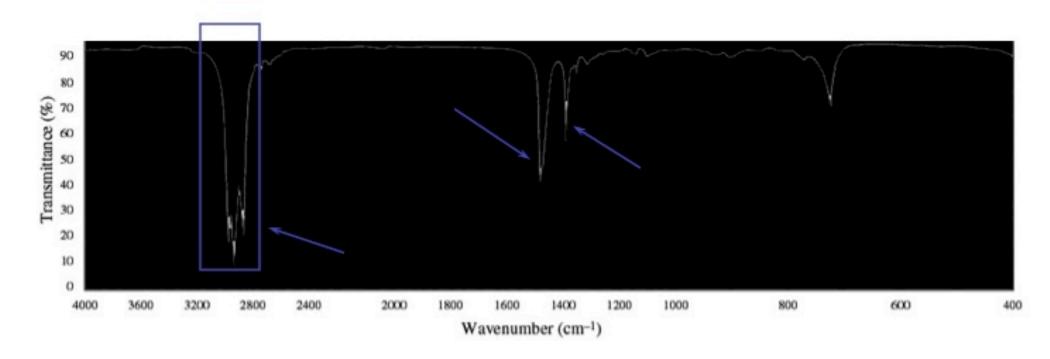


Figure 4.1: IR spectrum of *n*-decane

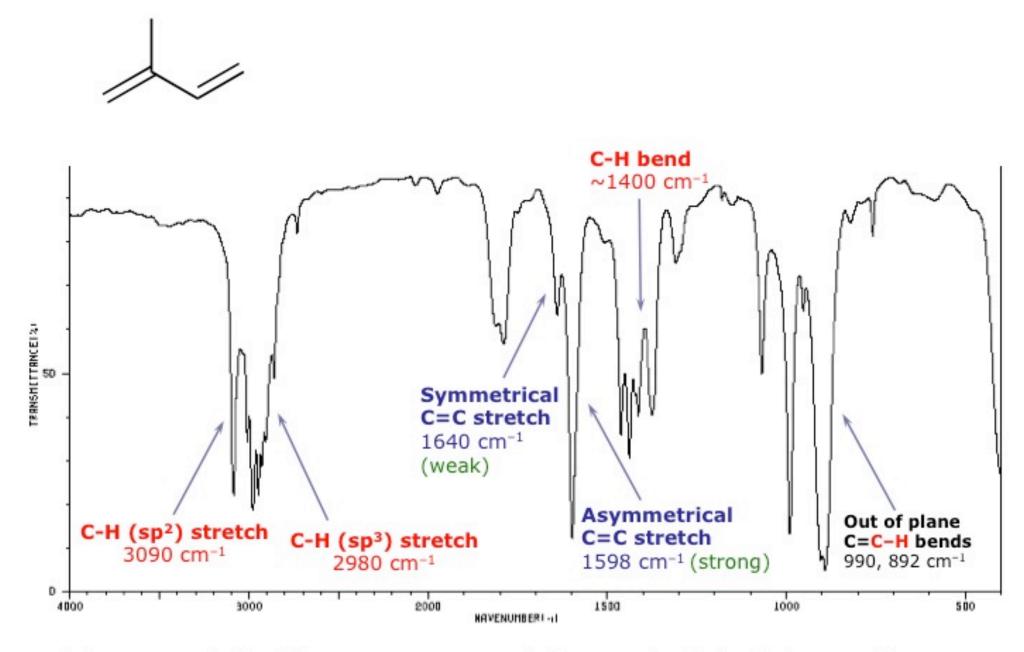


Figure 4.2: IR spectrum of 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene

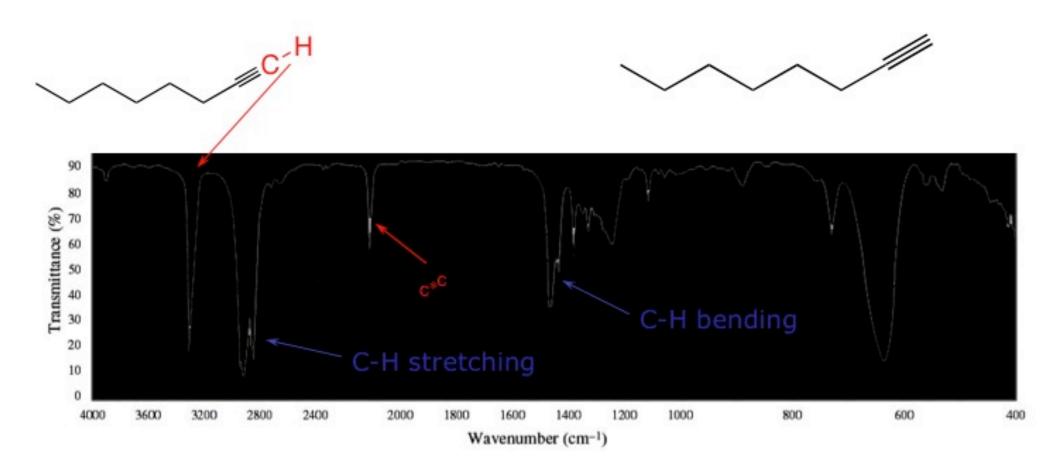
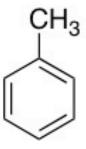


Figure 4.3: IR spectrum of 1-octyne



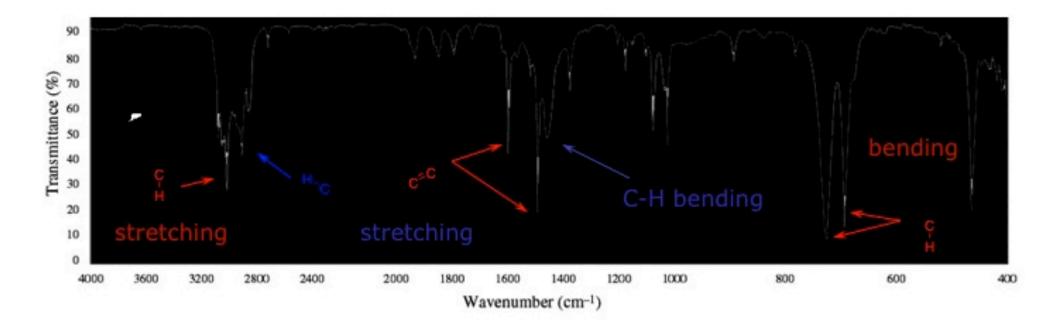


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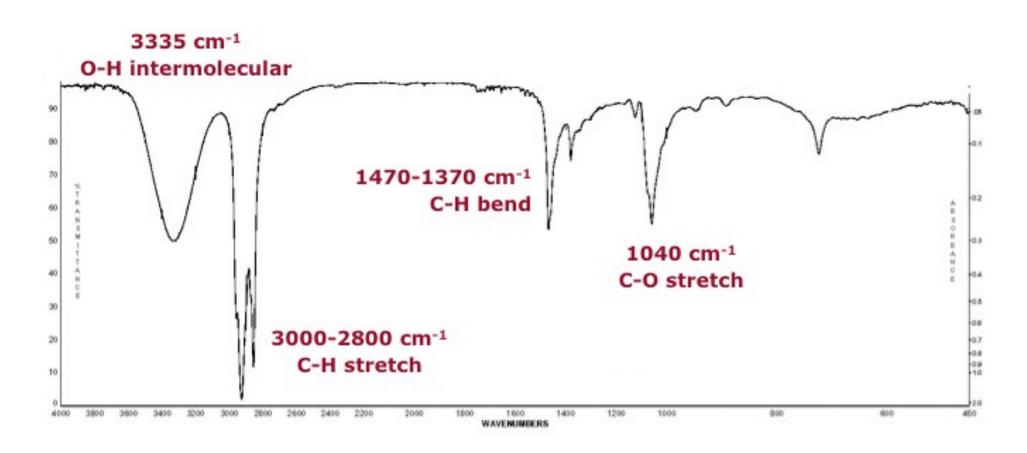


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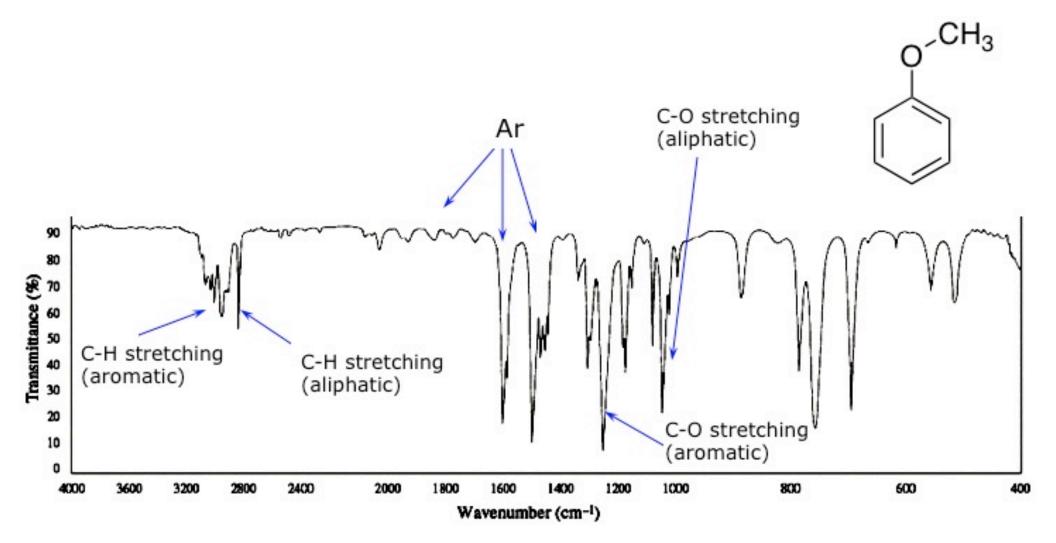


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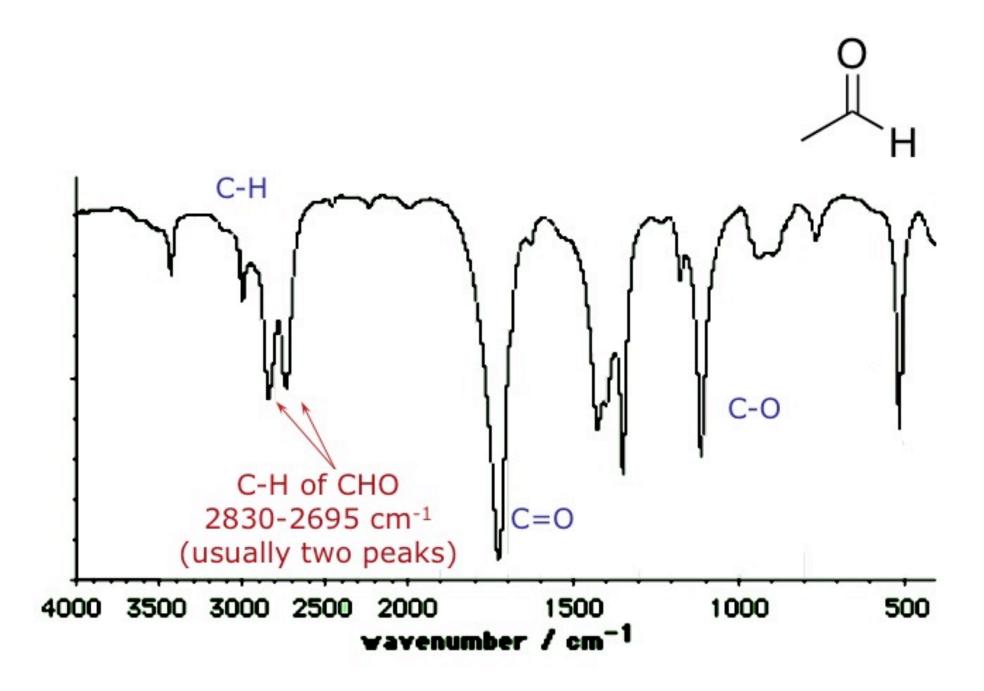


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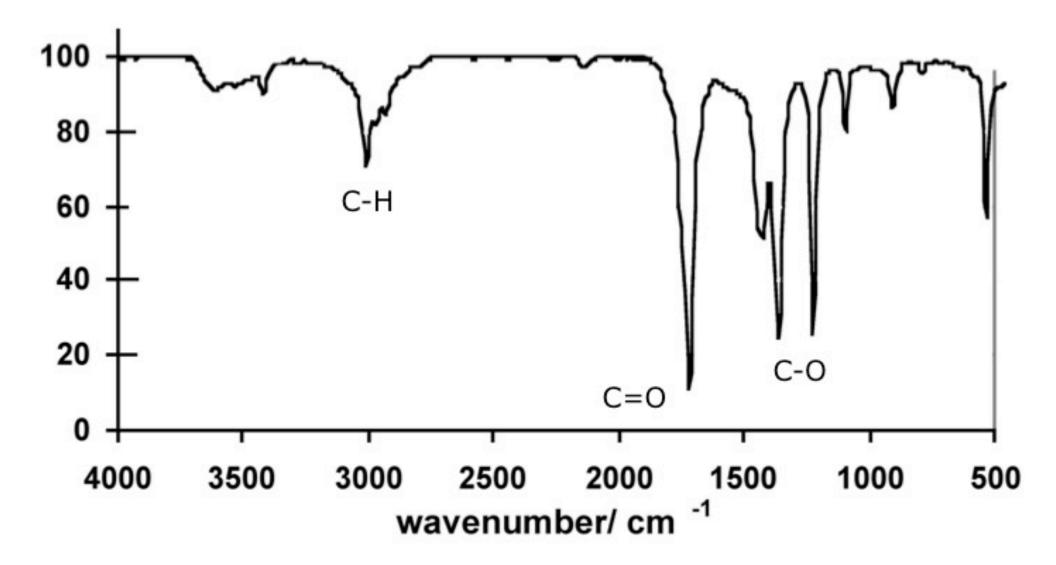


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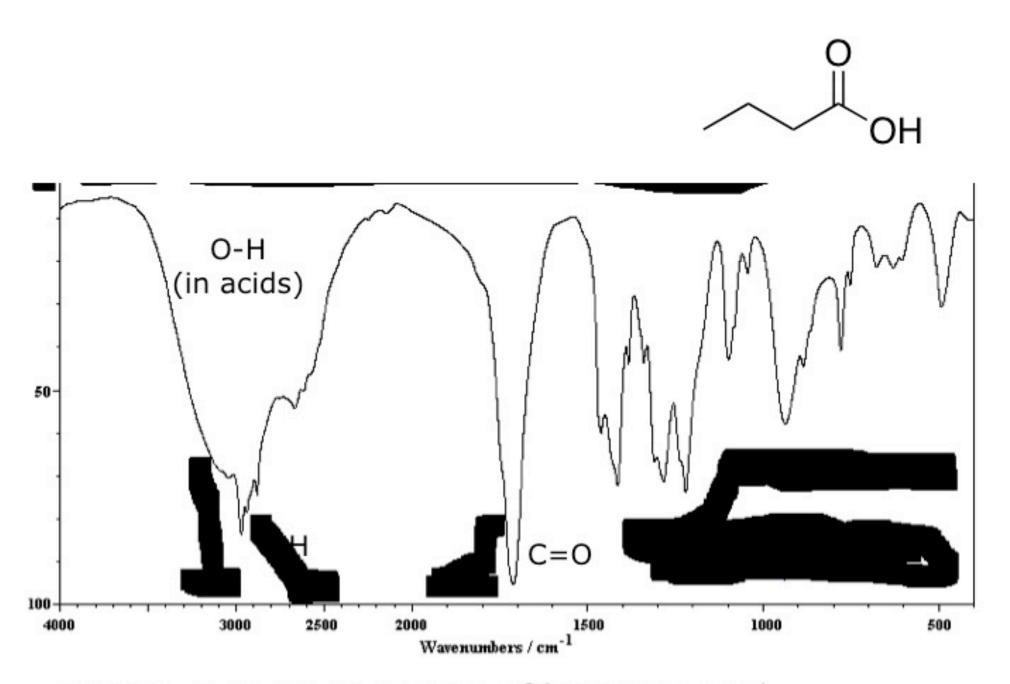


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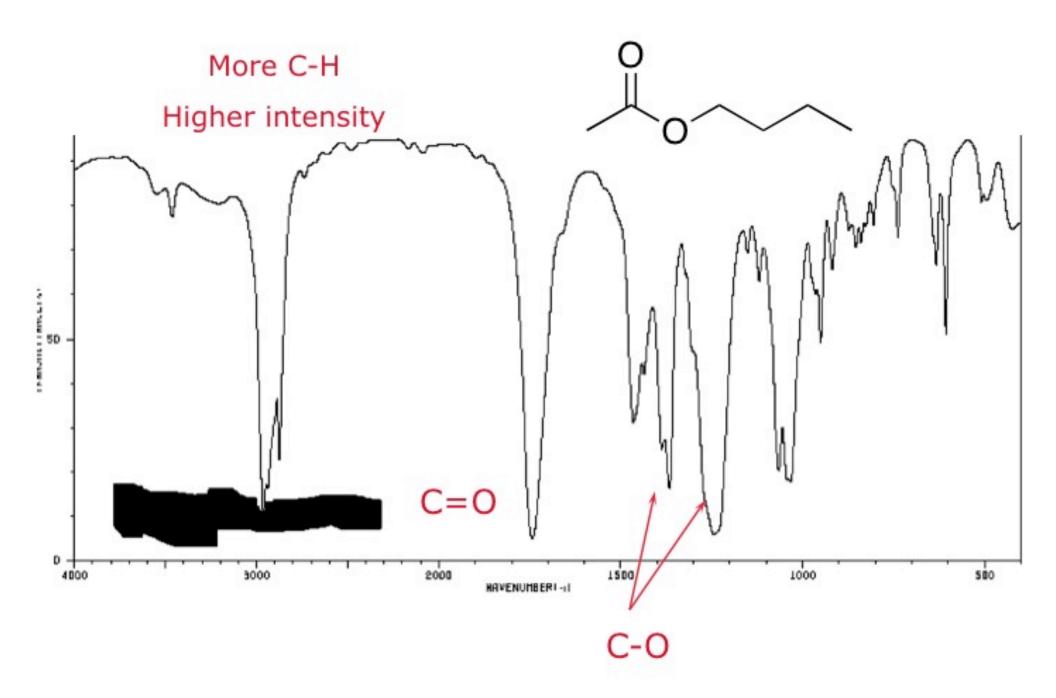
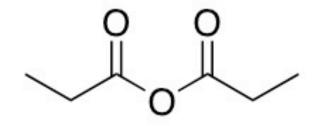


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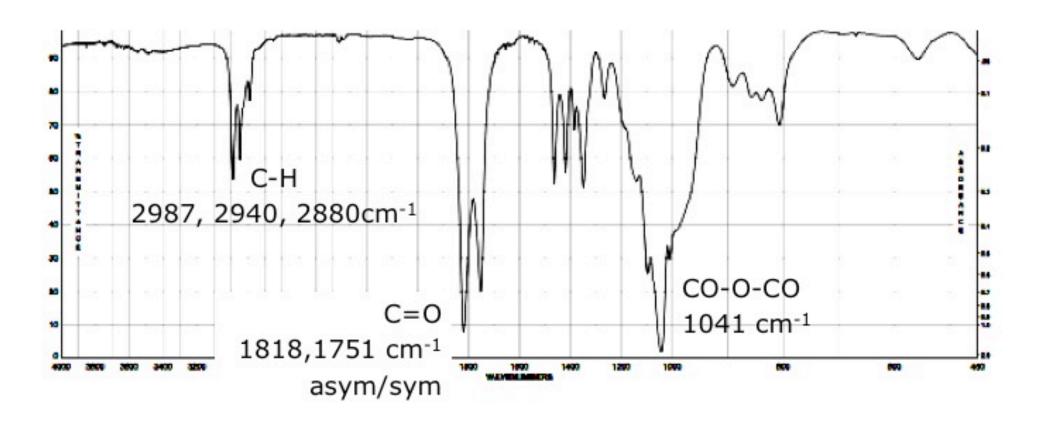


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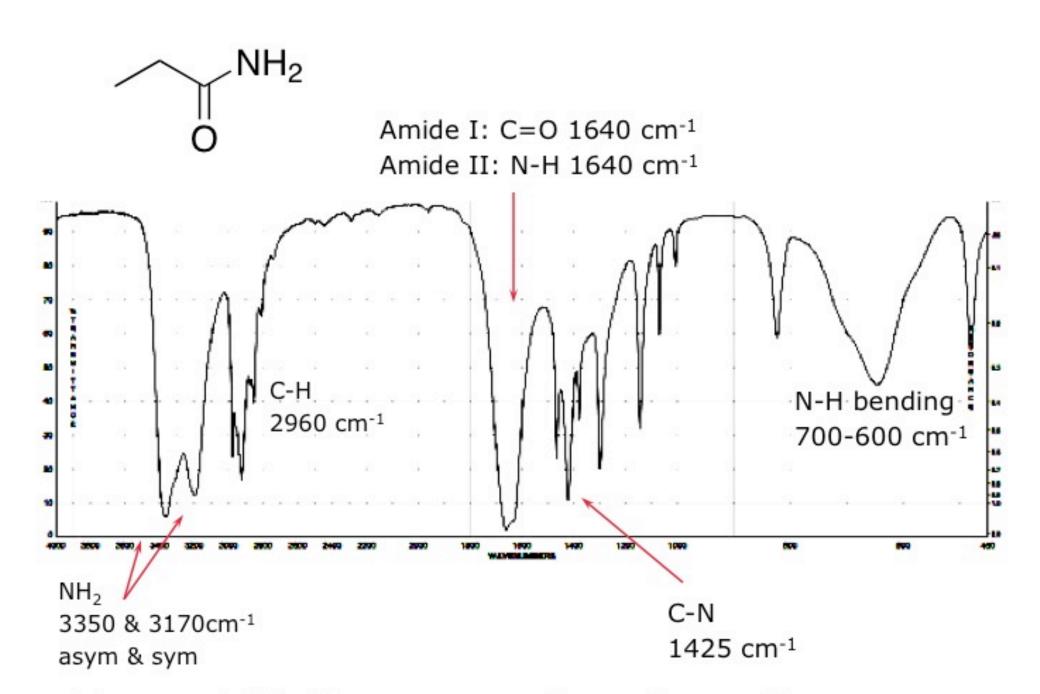
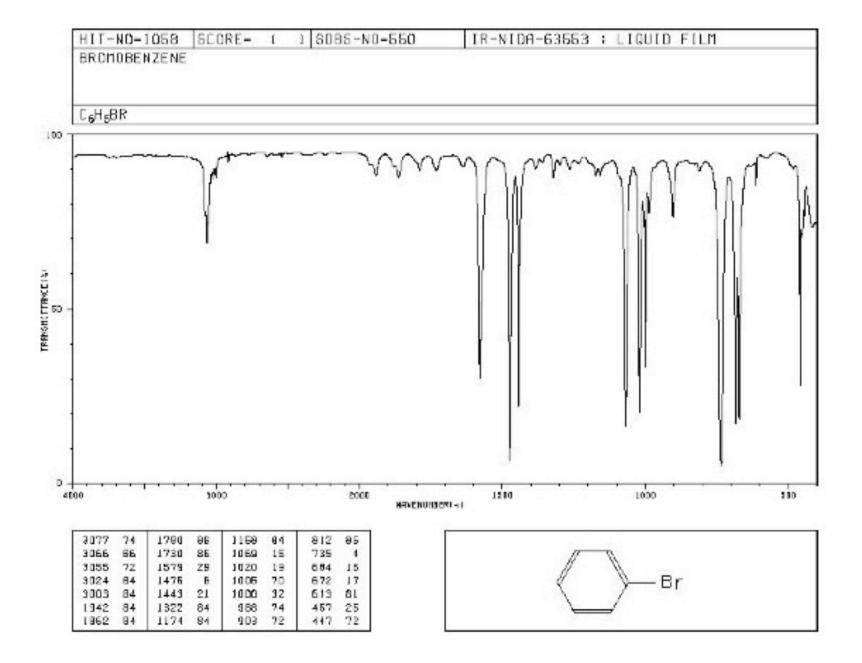
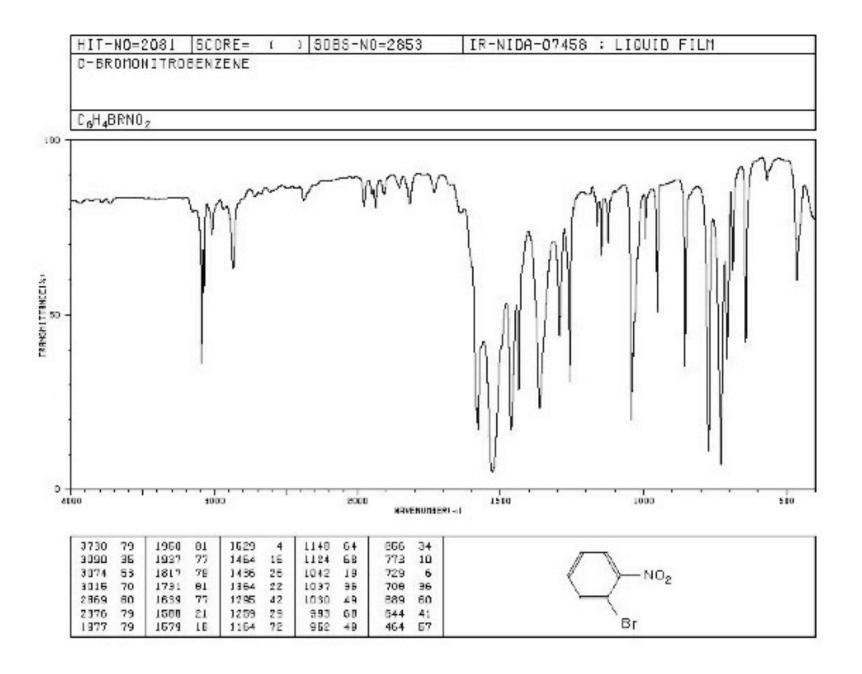
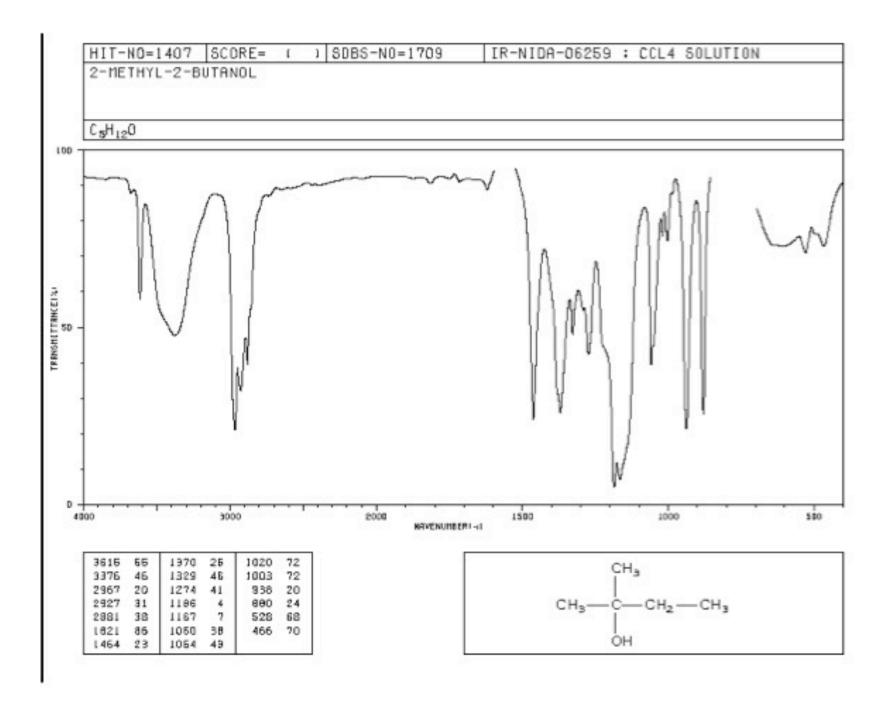
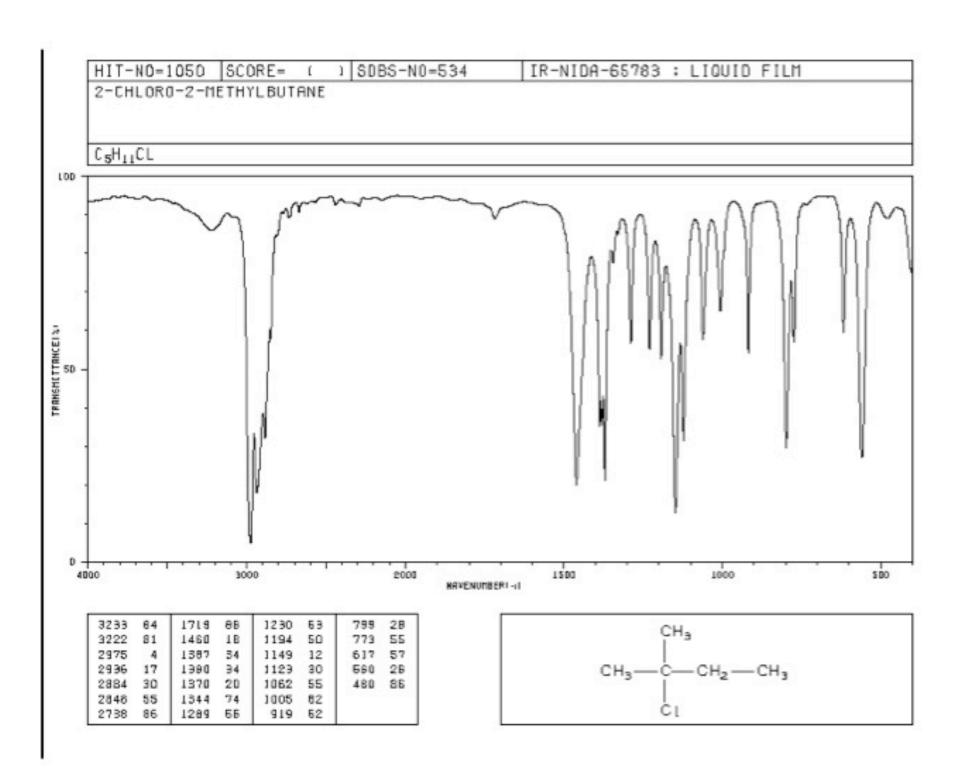


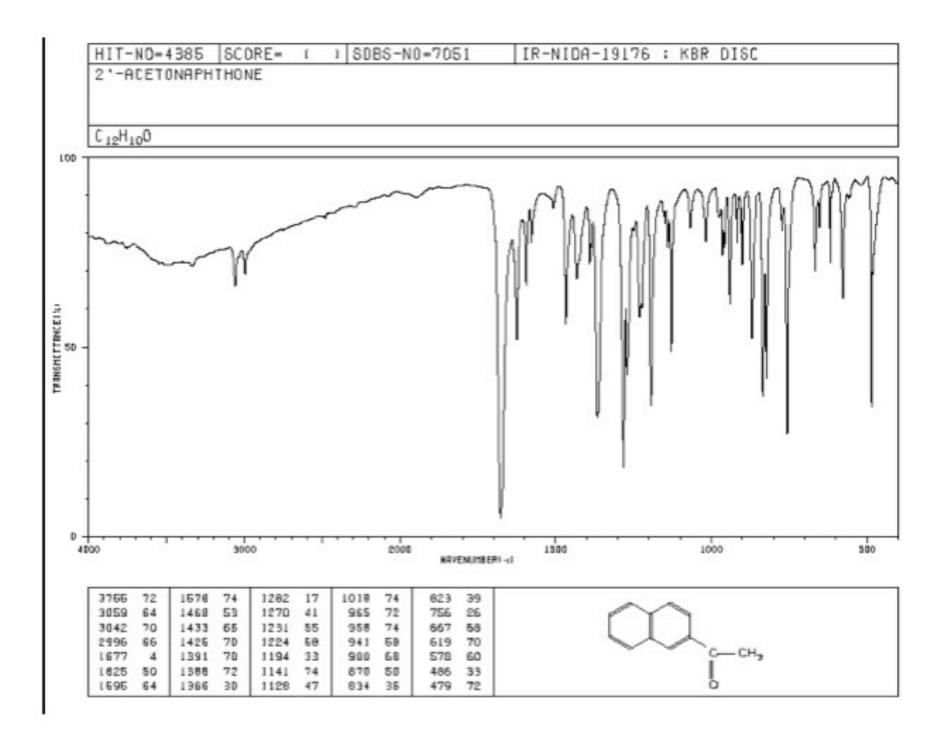
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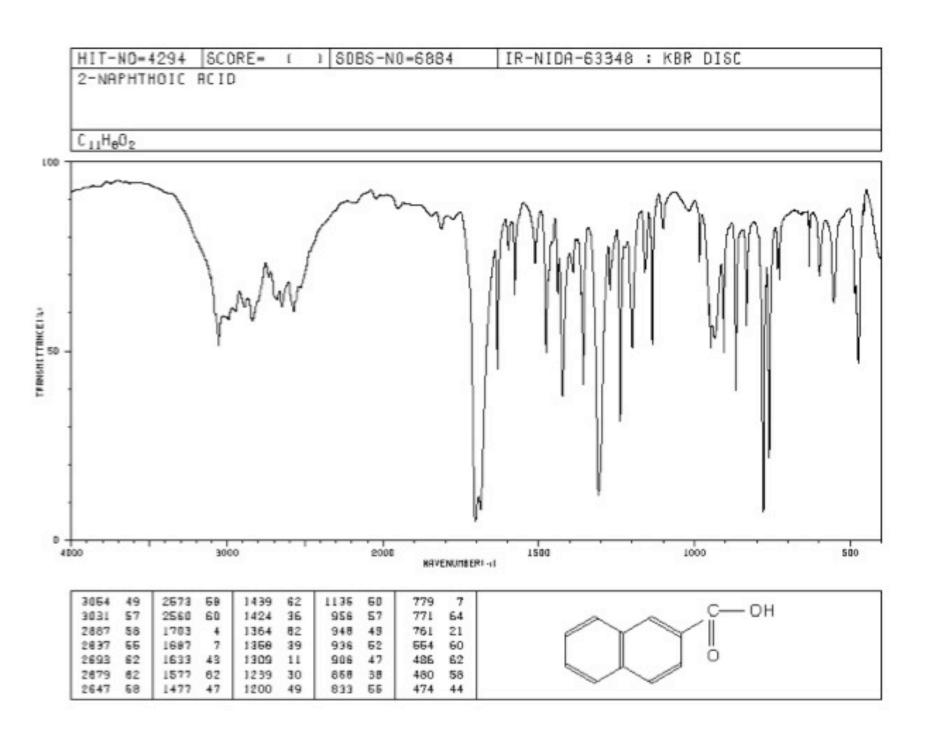


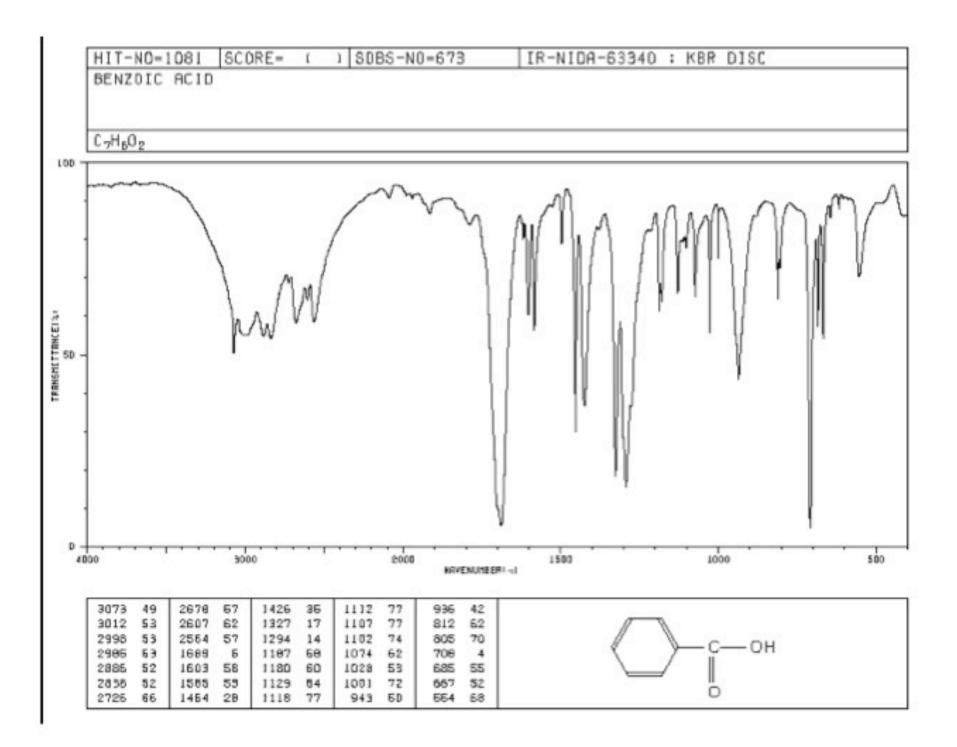


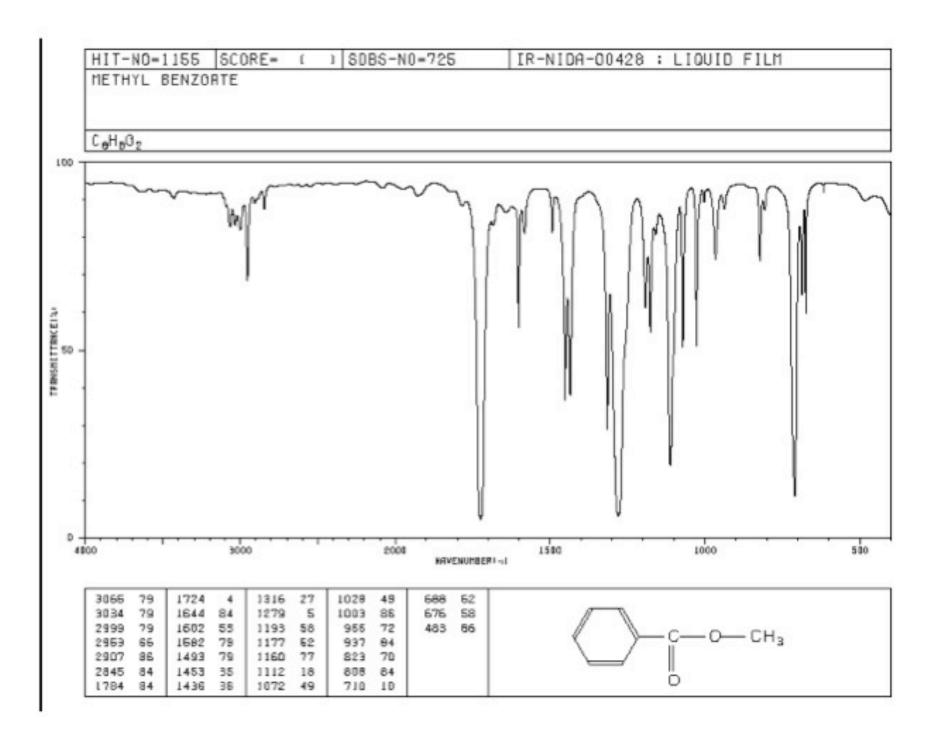


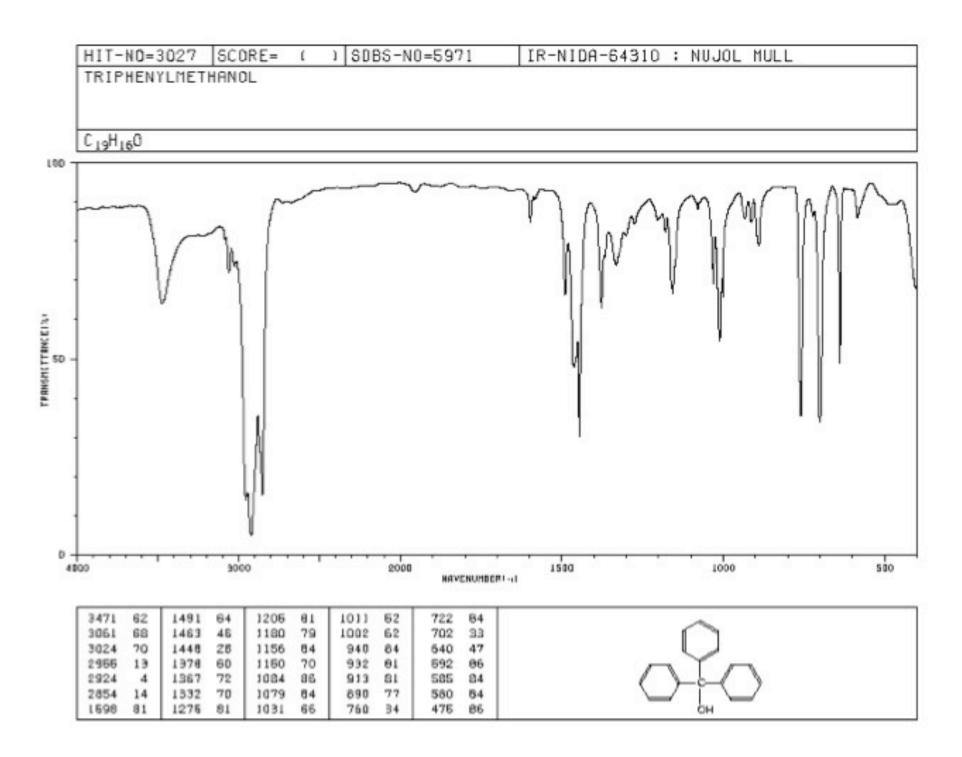




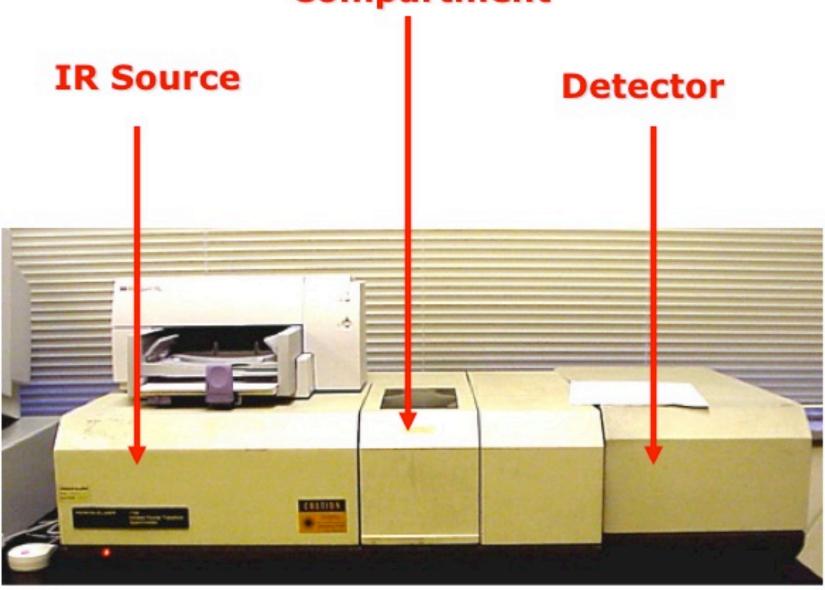








Sample Compartment







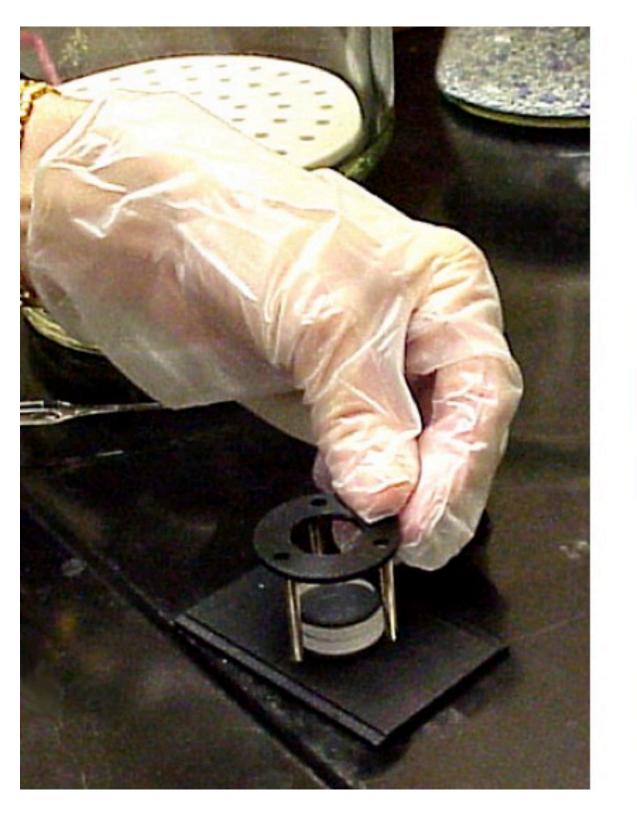




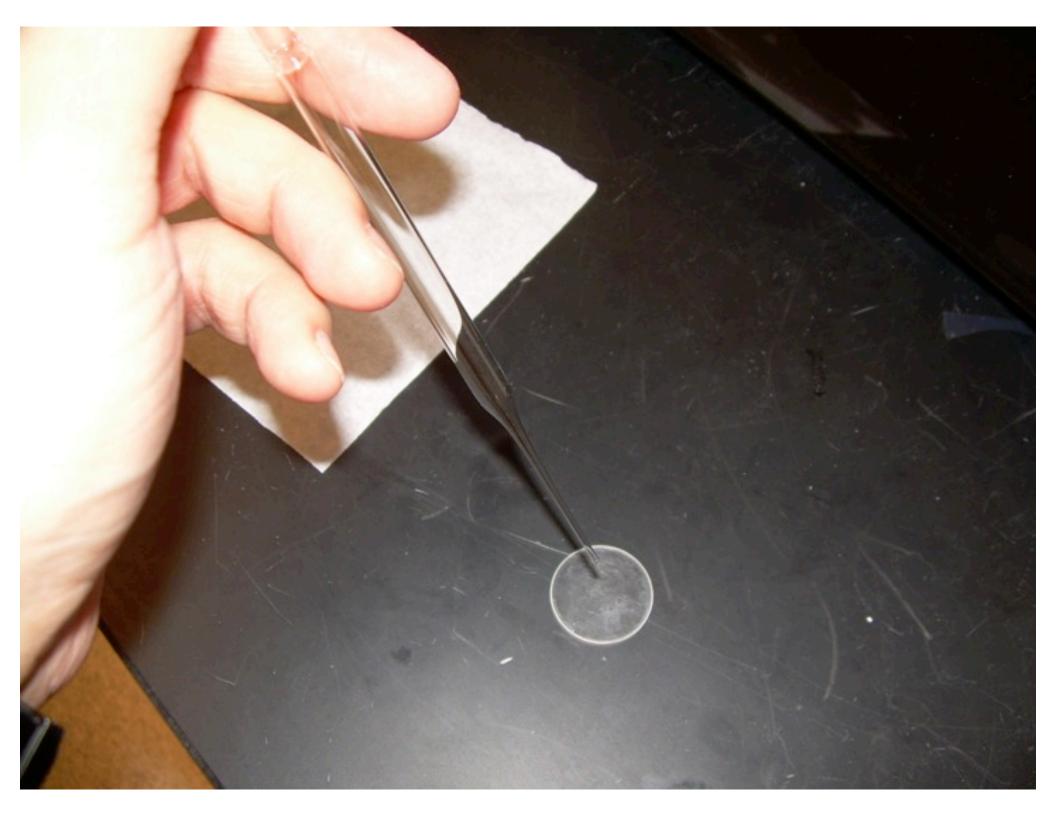


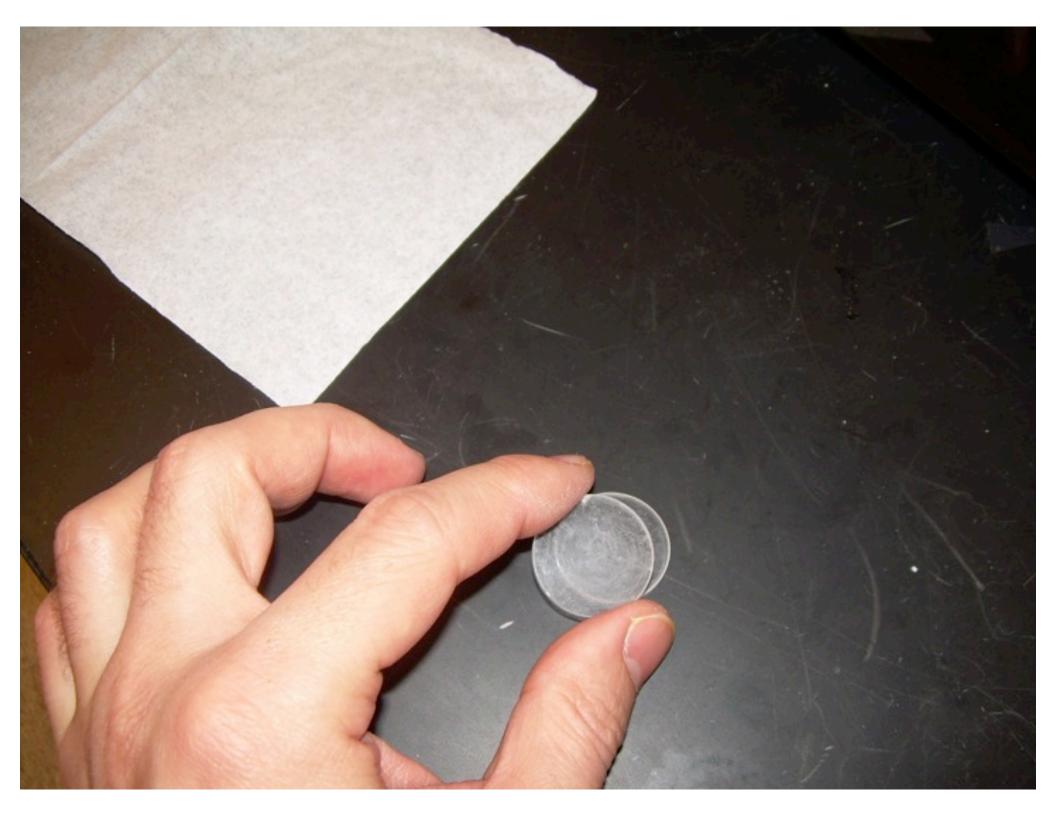
To run an IR spectrum of a liquid sample, a drop or two of the liquid sample is applied to a salt plate (NaCl)



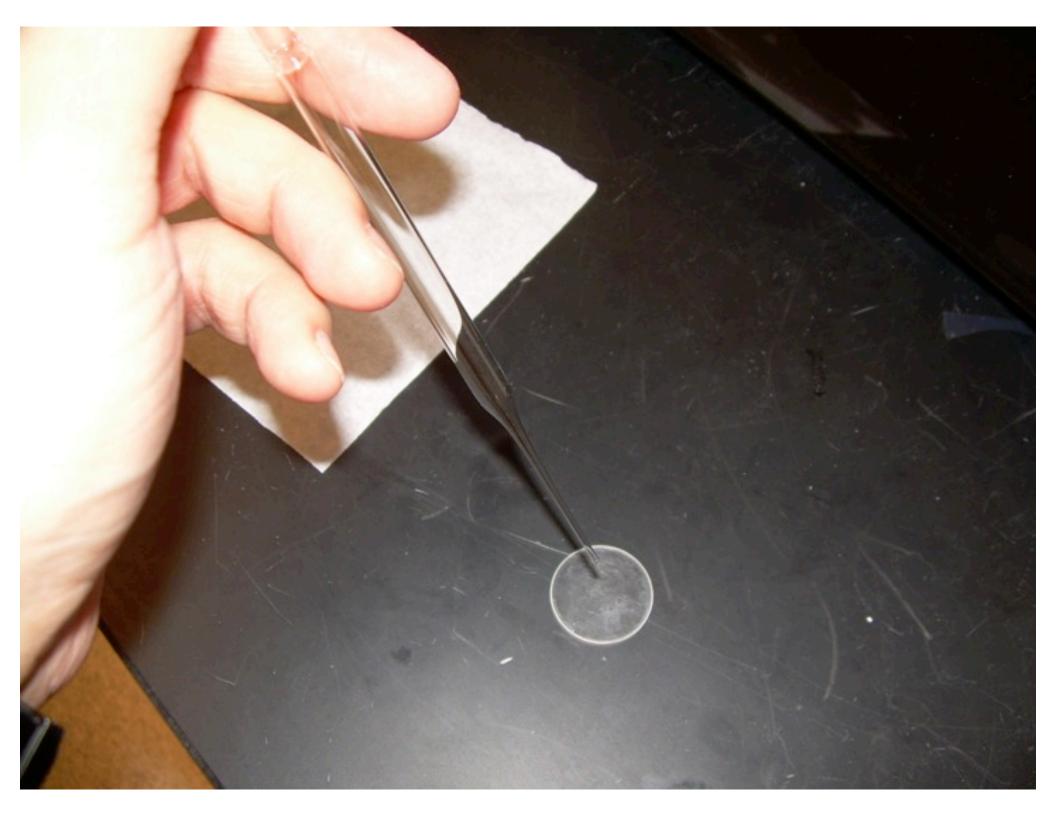




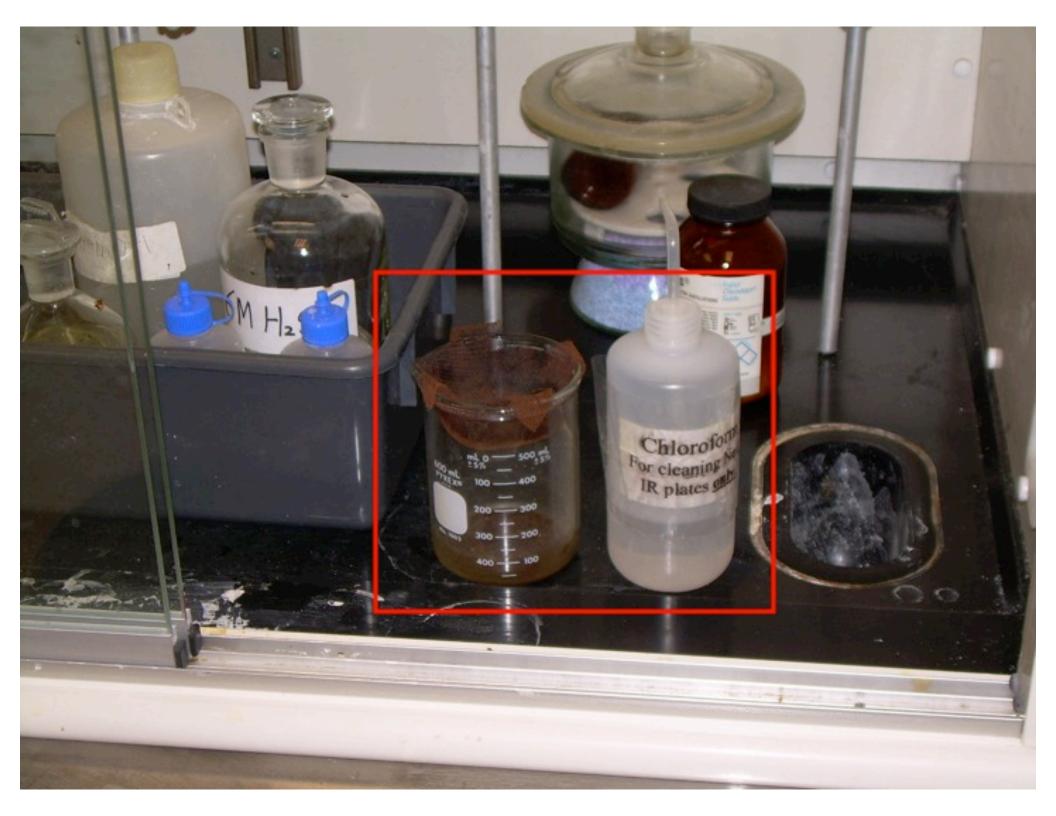






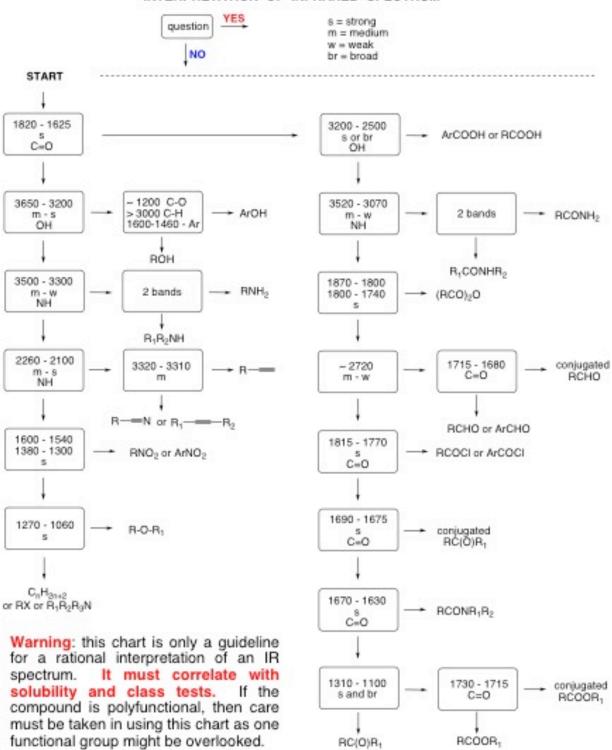


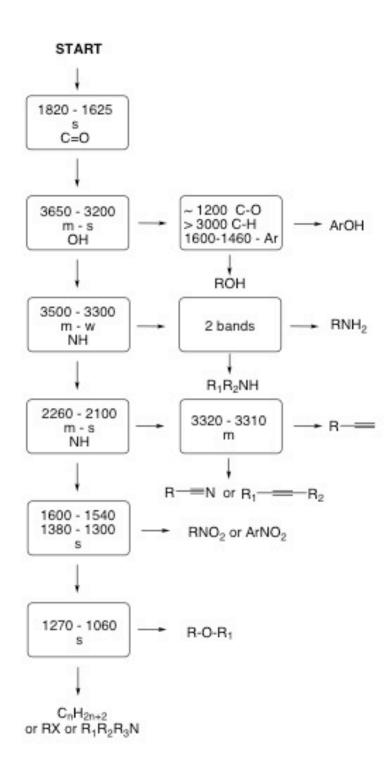


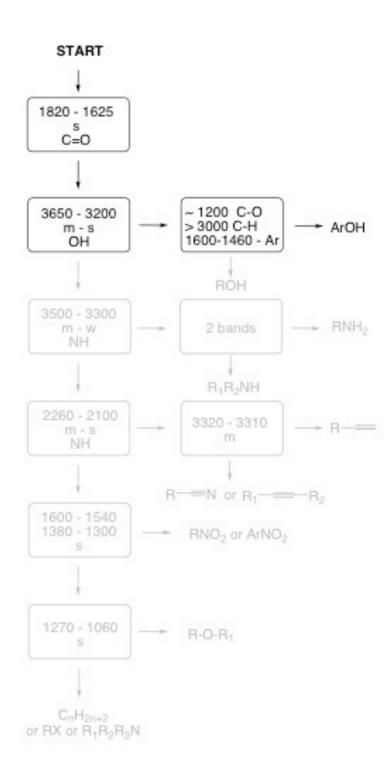


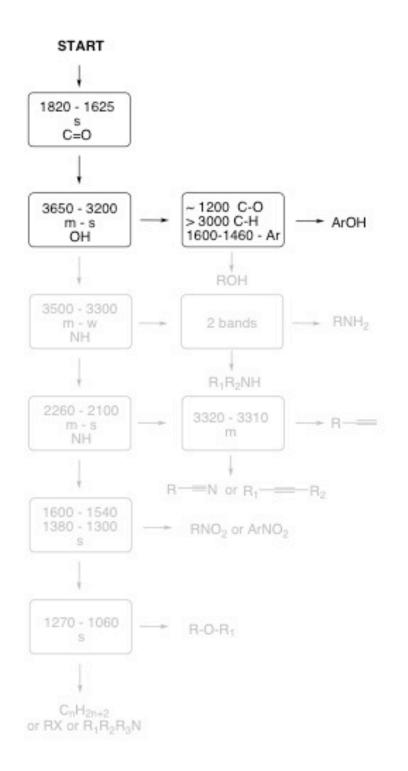


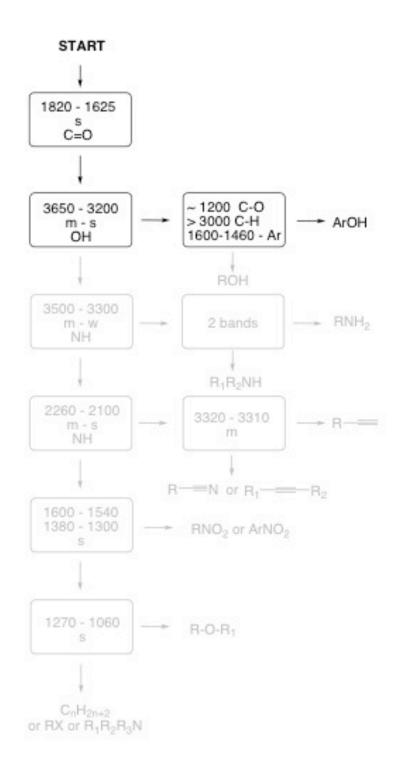
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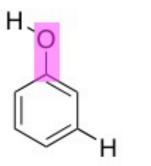


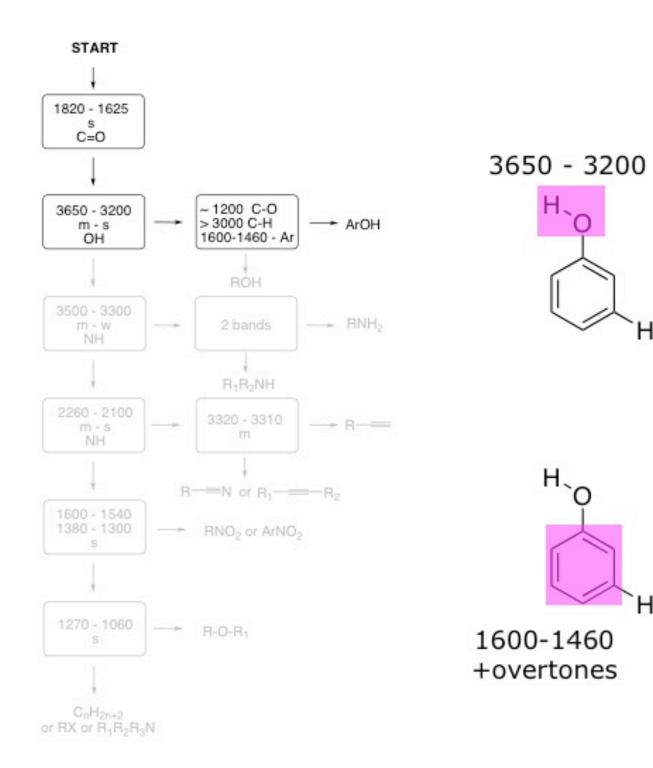




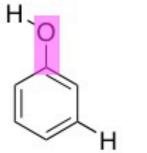


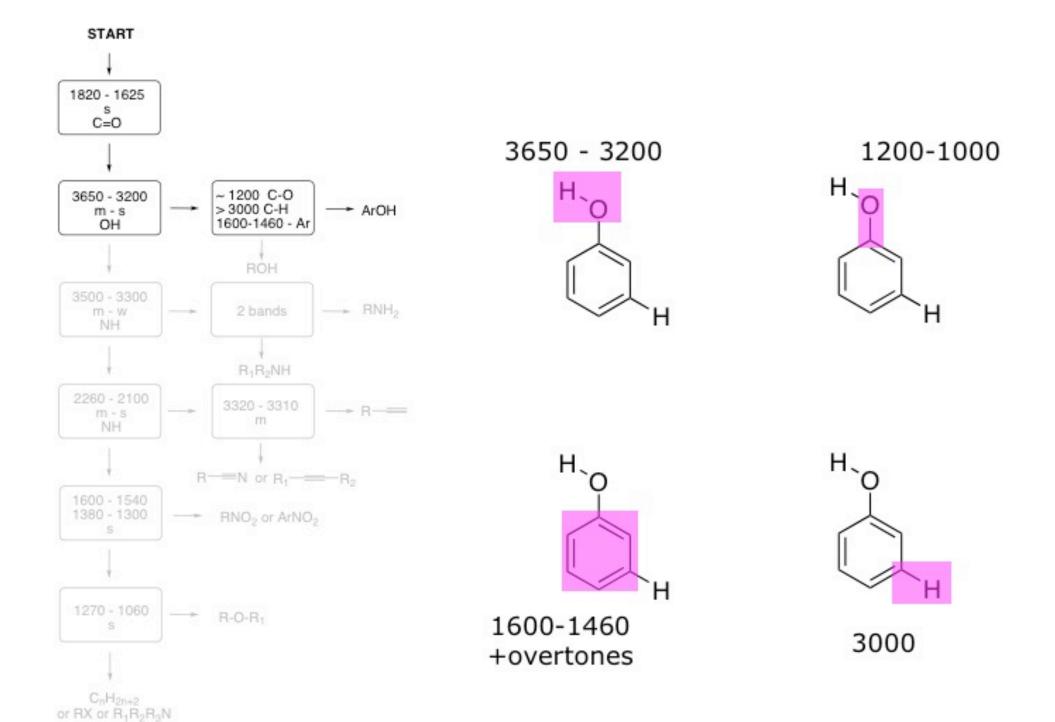


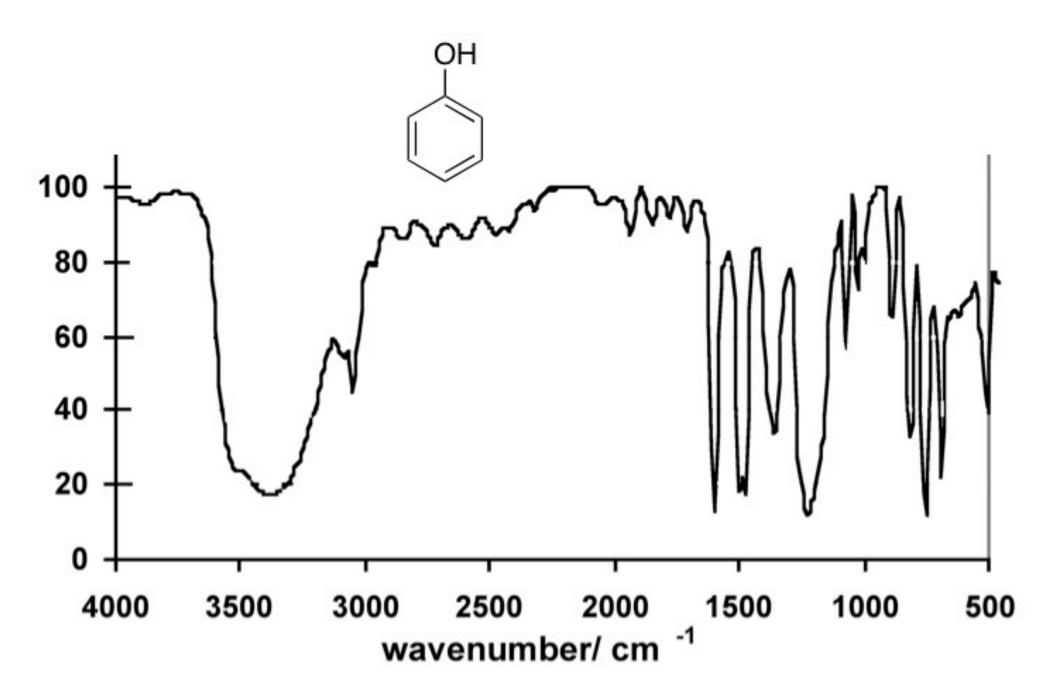


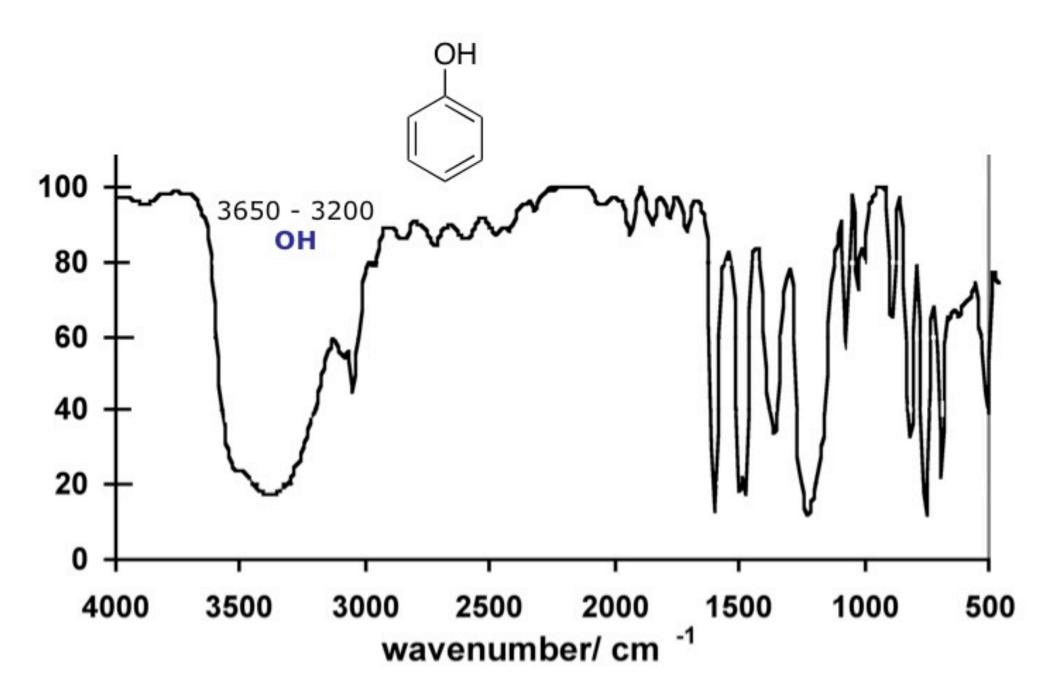


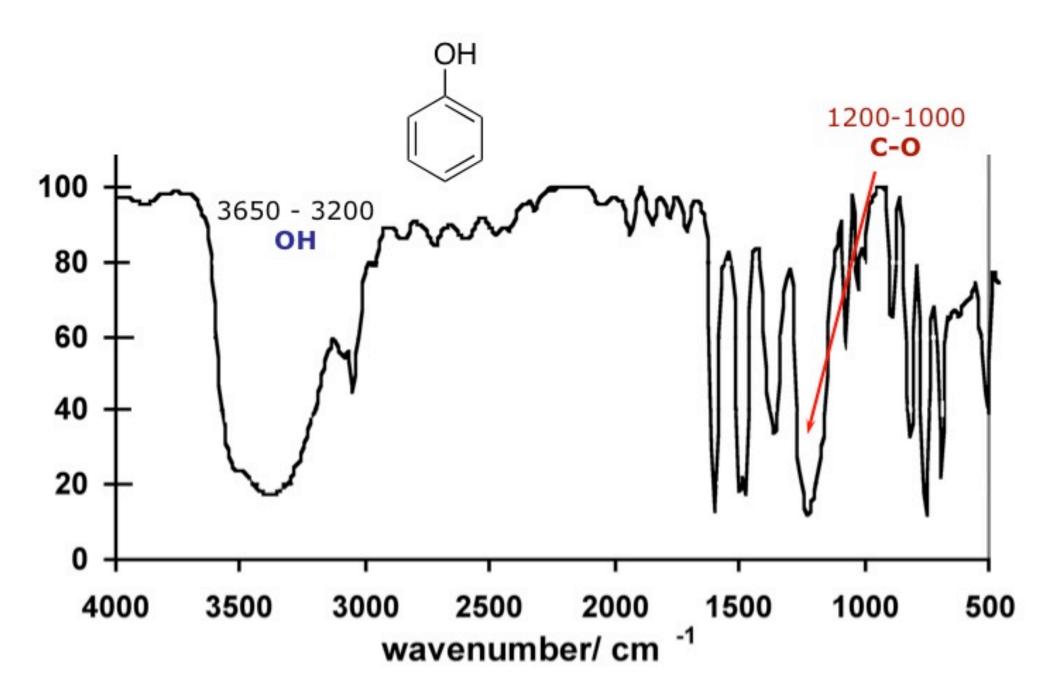
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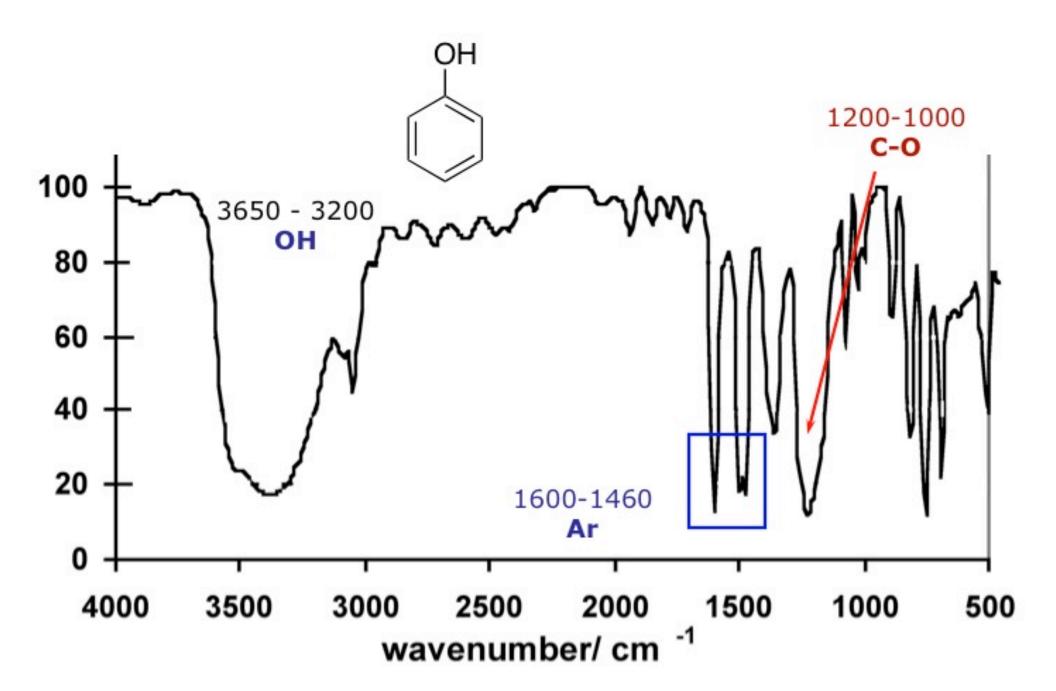


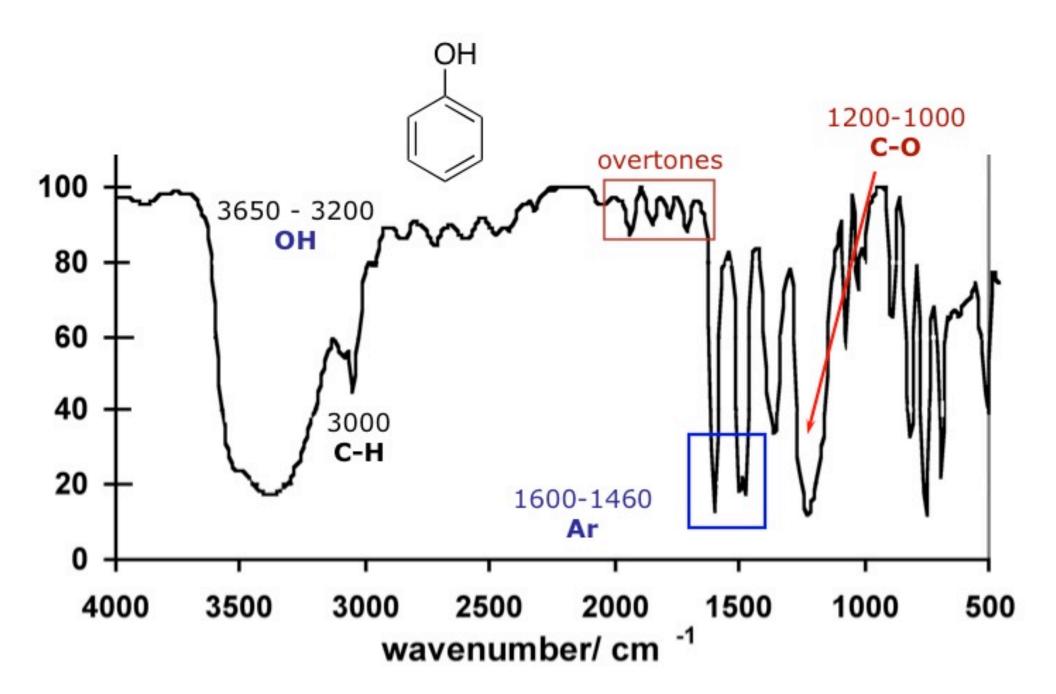








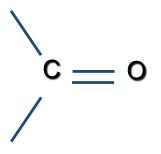




Infrared Absorption Frequencies

Structural unit

Frequency, cm⁻¹



Stretching vibrations (carbonyl groups)

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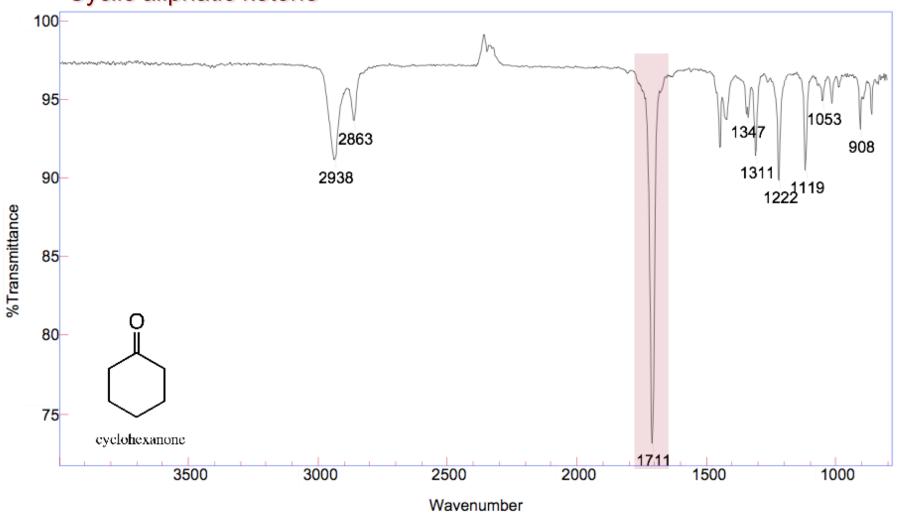
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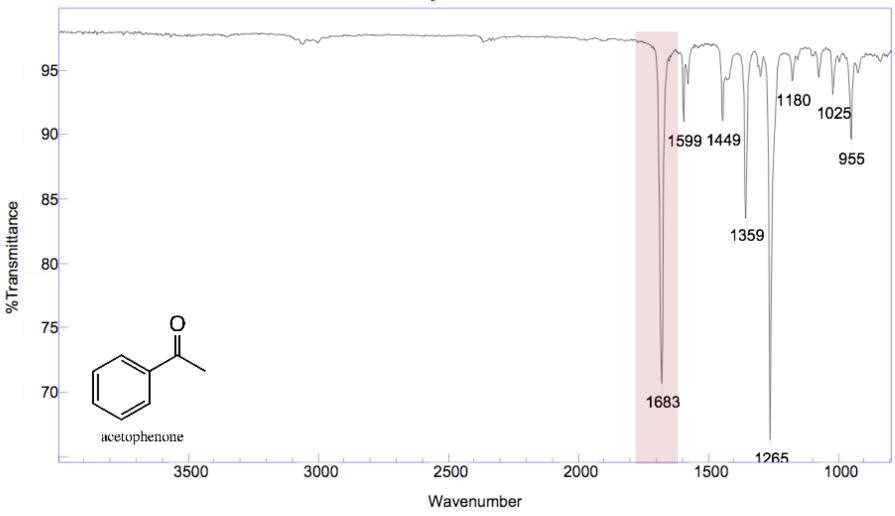
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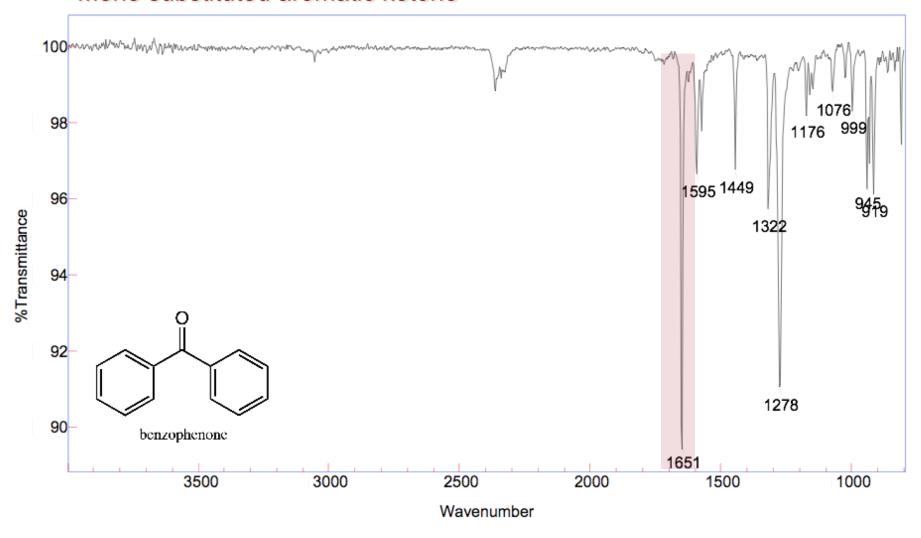
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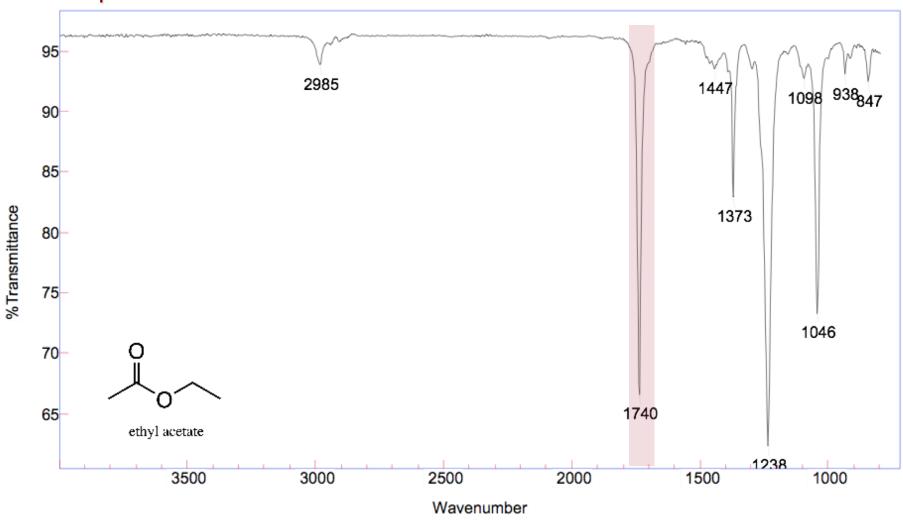
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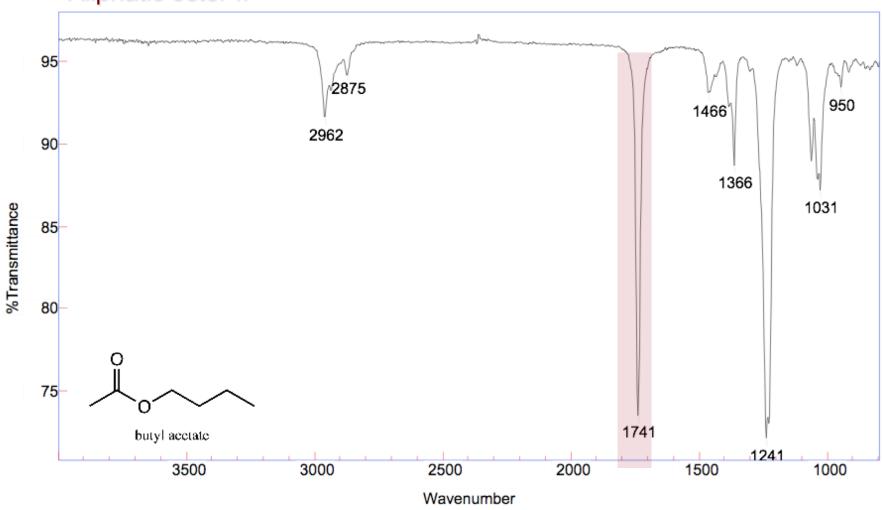
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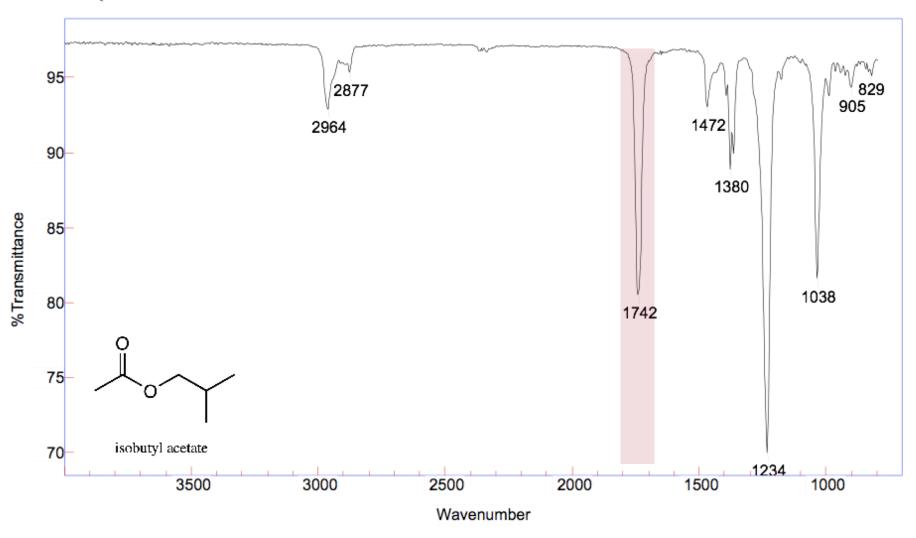




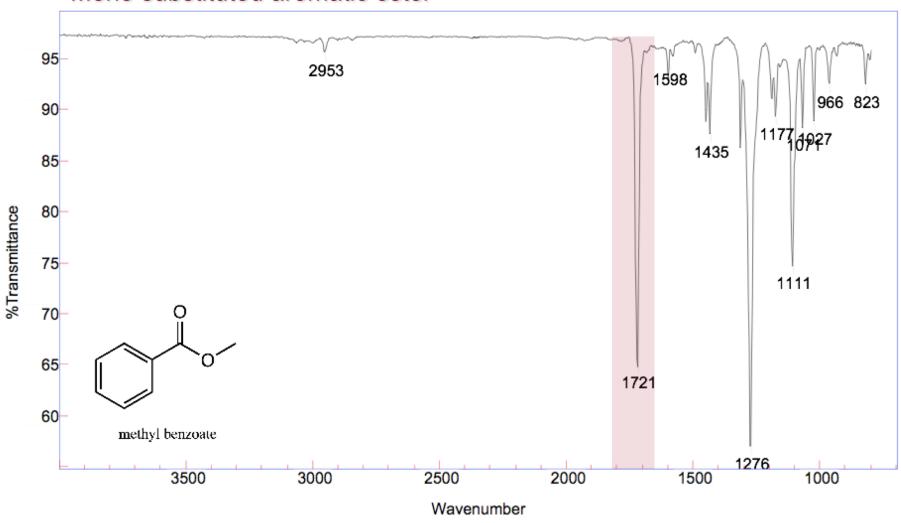




Aliphatic ester III



Mono substituted aromatic ester



Mono substituted aromatic conjugated ester

