INFRA-RED SPECTROSCOPY

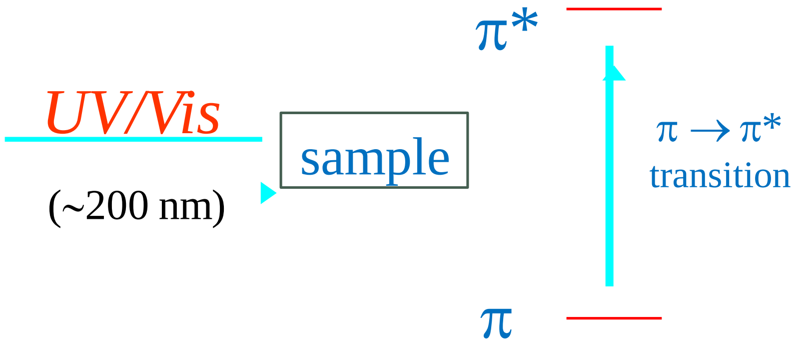
Introduction

- Infrared spectroscopy (IR spectroscopy) is the spectroscopy that deals with the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum, that is light with a longer wavelength and lower frequency than visible light .

- **Near-infrared**; 14000–4000 cm^{-1} (0.8–2.5 μm wavelength) can excite overtone or harmonic vibrations.
- **Mid-infrared**; 4000–400 cm^{-1}(2.5–25 μm) may be used to study the fundamental vibrations and associated rotational-vibrational structure.
- **Far-infrared**, 400–10 cm^{-1} (25–1000 μm), lying adjacent to the microwave region, has low energy and may be used for rotational spectroscopy.

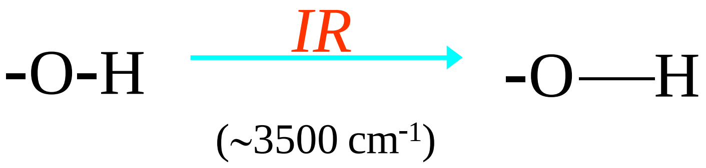
- What happens when a sample absorbs UV/Vis energy?

- Excitation of ground state electrons (typically π and *n* electrons) $E_{electronic}$ increases momentarily



- What happens when a sample absorbs IR energy?

- Stretching and bending of bonds (typically covalent bonds) $E_{vibration}$ increases momentarily



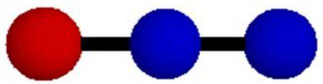
(IR) measures the bond vibration frequencies in a molecule and is used to determine the functional group

MOLECULAR VIBRATIONS

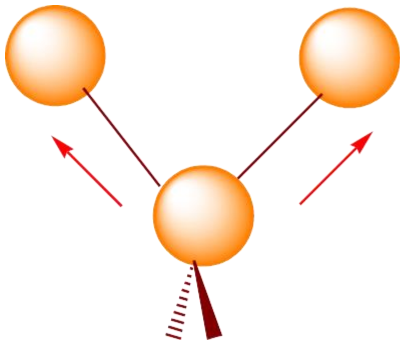
What is a vibration in a molecule?

Any change in shape of the molecule- stretching of bonds, bending of bonds, or internal rotation around single bonds

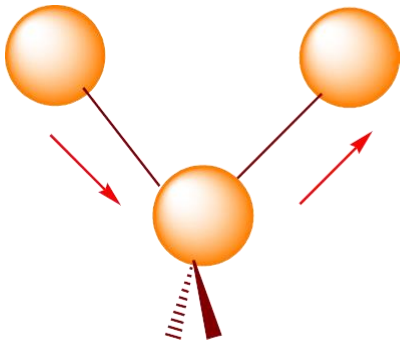
There are two main vibrational modes :



1. Stretching - change in bond length (higher frequency) Occurs at higher energy: 4000-1250 cm^{-1}



Symmetric



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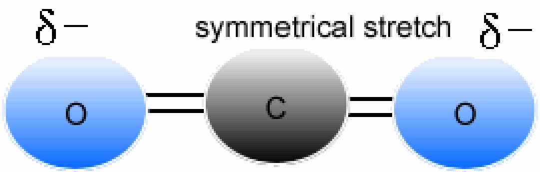
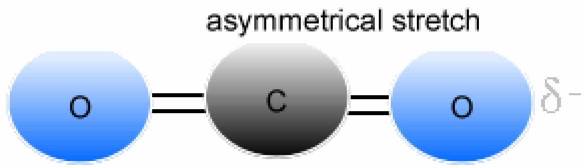
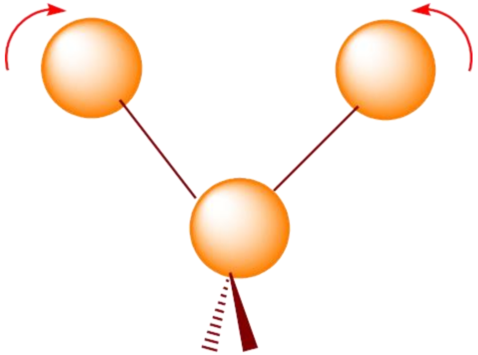


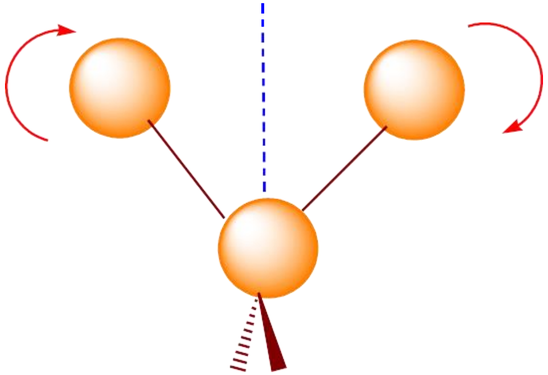


2. Bending - change in bond angle (lower frequency)

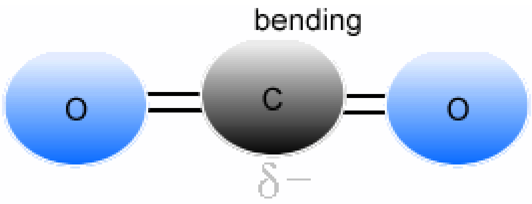
Occurs at lower energy: 1400-666 cm^{-1}.



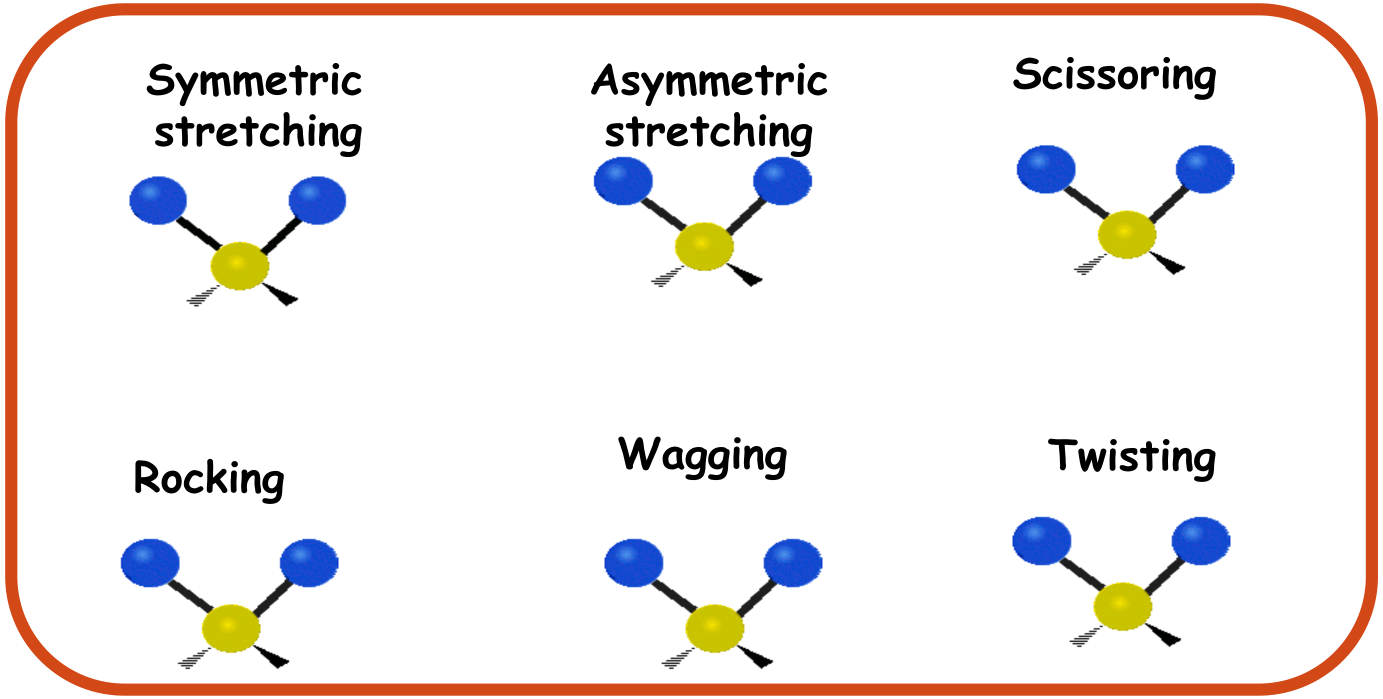
In-plane (Scissoring)



Out-plane (Twisting)

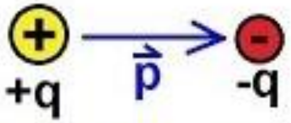


More complex types of stretching and bending vibrations are possible



Dipole moments occur when there is a separation of charge. They can occur between two ions in an ionic bond or between atoms in a covalent bond; dipole moments arise from differences in electronegativity.

The larger the difference in electronegativity, the larger the dipole moment.



(Dipole moment)

Can a vibration change the dipole moment of a molecule?

- Infrared active vibrations (those that absorb IR radiation) must result in a change of dipole moment
- Asymmetrical stretching/bending are IR active.
- Symmetrical stretching/bending is not IR active

Question: Which of the following atoms or molecules will absorb IR radiation and WHY?:

I—Cl H_2 N_2 Cl_2

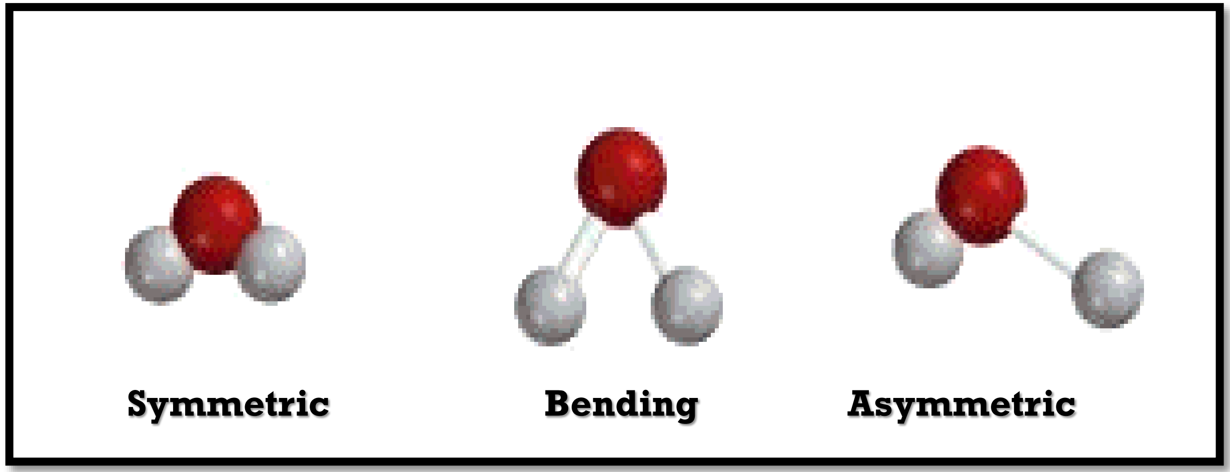
Number of vibrational modes

- A molecule can vibrate in many ways, and each way is called a vibrational mode.
- In order for a vibrational mode in a sample to be "IR active", it must be associated with changes in the dipole moment.

Example H_2O, will have (3 × 3 – 6 = 3) degrees of vibrational freedom, or modes.

- For molecules with *N* number of atoms,

1. Linear molecules have *3N – 5* degrees of vibrational modes
2. Nonlinear molecules have *3N – 6* degrees of vibrational modes (also called vibrational degrees of freedom).



Factors affect the *NUMBER* of IR bands

1) Degeneracy of bands from several absorptions of the same frequency
2) Lack of change in molecular dipole moment during vibration
3) Fall of frequencies outside the 4000-400 cm^{-1} region

All of above factors decrease the number of bands

- What are the reasons that affect (reduced or increase) the number of theoretical fundamental vibrations in IR spectroscopy?

HOOKE'S LAW

- Bonds can be thought like a spring, and wavenumbers can be approximated by Hooke's law

a) The electronegativity (force constant of the bond)

b) The relative masses of the atoms

c) Their geometry vibrate at different types

$$\boxed{\bar{\nu} = \frac{1}{2\pi c}\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right)^{1/2}}$$

$$\boxed{\mu = \frac{M_x \bullet M_y}{M_x + M_y}}$$

c = speed of light (3×10^{10} cm/s)
k = force constant
μ = reduced mass of the atoms
M_x = mass of atom x in kg
M_y = mass of atom y in kg

Hooke's law-Example

Calculate the predicted vibrational frequency (in cm^{-1}) for C- H bond, knowing that: The force constant for single bond is 5×10^5 dyne/ cm, the velocity of light is 3×10^8 cm/s, the mass of carbon atom is 20×10^{-24}g, the mass of hydrogen is 1.6×10^{-24} g.

$$\boxed{\bar{v} = \frac{1}{2\pi c}\left(\frac{k}{\mu}\right)^{1/2}}$$

$$\therefore \quad \bar{v} = \frac{7}{2 \times 22} \times \frac{1}{3 \times 10^8} \sqrt{\frac{5 \times 10^5}{(20 \times 10^{-24})(1.6 \times 10^{-24}) / (2.0 + 1.6)10^{-24}}}$$

$$= \sim 3100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

The relationship between wave number (v), bond strength and mass

The vibrational frequency of a bond would increase with the increase in bond strength. Consequently, we can expect that

C=C and C=O > C-C and C-O, respectively

$$\bar{v} \; \alpha \; \sqrt{K}$$

The vibrational frequency of a bond would increase with the decrease in reduced mass of the system.

C-H and O-H > C-C and C-O, respectively

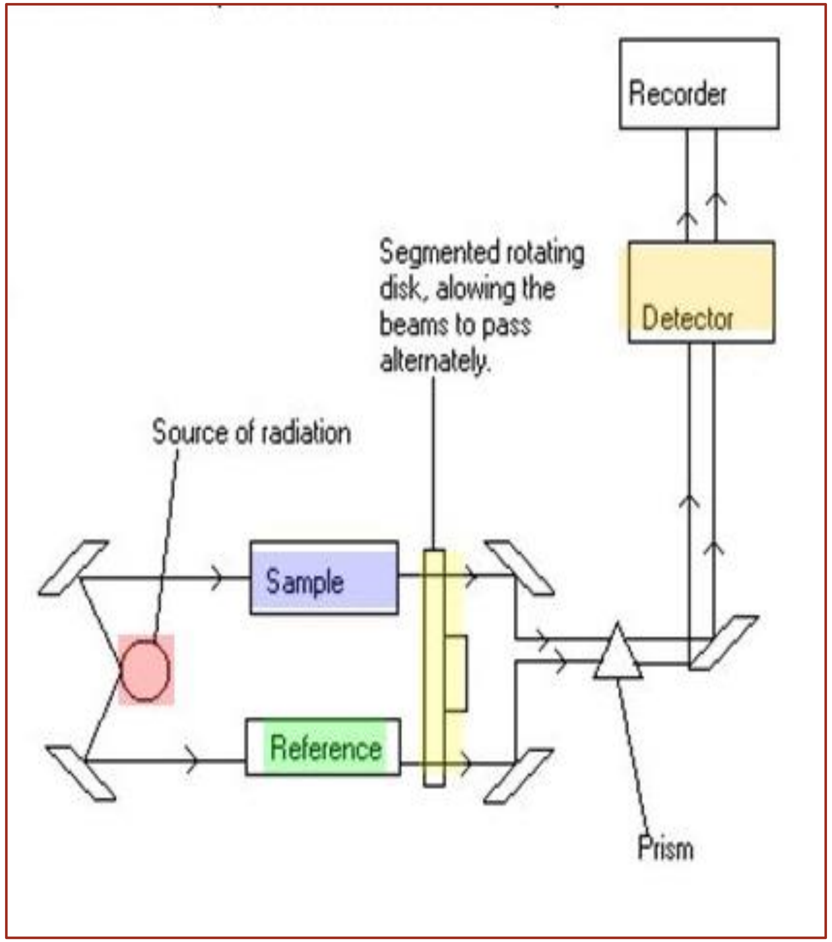
$$\bar{v} \; \alpha \; \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu}}$$

Similarly,

O-H > O-D

Instrumentation IR spectroscopy

- source of energy
- Sampling area
- Photometer
- Grating (monochromator)
- Detector



Sample Preparation

- For recording an IR spectrum, the sample may be gas, a liquid, a solid or a solution of any of these. The samples should be perfectly free of moisture, since cell materials (NaCl, KBr, CsBr etc.) are usually spoiled by the moisture.

- **Liquids** are studied neat or in solution. In case of neat liquid, a thin film of < 0.01 mm thickness is obtained by pressing the liquid between two sodium chloride plates and plates are subjected to IR beam. Spectra of solutions are obtained by taking 1-10 % solution of the sample in an appropriate solvent in cells of 0.1-1 mm thickness.

- A compensating cell, containing pure solvent is placed in the reference beam of the instrument. The choice of solvent depends on the solubility of the sample and its own minimal absorption in IR region. Carbon tetrachloride, chloroform and carbon disulfide are preferred solvents.

Solvents in IR spectroscopy

Properties of solvents

1. Pure solvent is placed in the **reference**
2. The spectrum thus obtained is that of the solute **except** in the region in which the solvent absorbs strongly .
3. The solvent selected **must be dry and transparent** in interest .

Types of solvents

- Solvent, like **carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4)** a is relatively free of absorption at frequencies above 1333 cm $^{-1}$,
- **carbon disulfide (CS_2)** shows little absorption below 1333cm^{-1}

Solvent and solute combinations that react ***must be avoided*** **. For example** :-

1. CS_2 cannot be use as a solvent for primary or secondary amine
2. Amino alcohol react slowly with **CS_2 & CCl_4**

- **Chloroform ($CHCl_3$) shows absorption at all wavelength but its absorption is so high ,so avoid and used analyses dissolving solvent than neglected**

Preparation of solid samples

- The spectrum of a solid can be obtained either as **a mull or as an alkali halide pellet**.

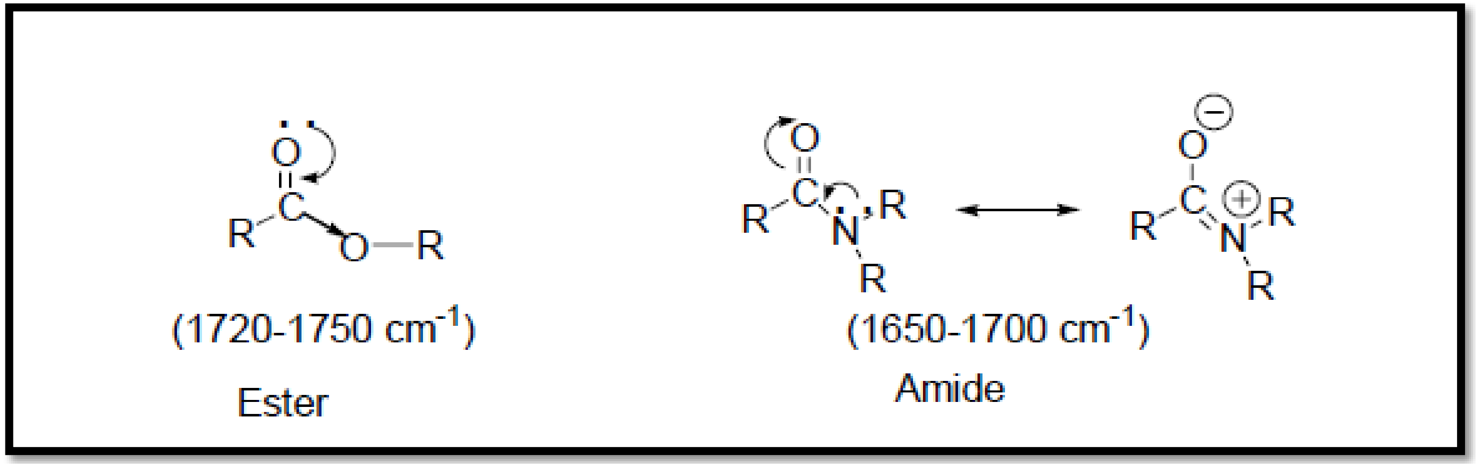
- **Mulls** are obtained by thoroughly grinding 2-5 mg of a solid sample with a drop of **mulling agent** usually **Nujol** (mixture of parafinic hydrocarbons) or **fluorolube** (a completely fluorinate polymer).
- The suspended particles must be less than 2 μm **to avoid excessive scattering of radiations**.
- The mull is placed between **two sodium chloride plates** and plates are subjected to IR beam.

- For preparing **an alkali halide pellet**, 1-2 mg of dry sample is grinded with ~ 100 mg of **KBr** powder. The mixture is then pressed into **a transparent pellet** with a special die under a pressure of **10,000-15,000 psi**. KBr pellet is then mounted on holder and is placed in sample beam of IR spectrophotometer.

Factors affect IR frequencies

- **Inductive and Resonance Effects**
- **Conjugation Effects**
- **Ring size effects**
- **Hydrogen bonding**

- The replacement of an alkyl group of the saturated aliphatic ketone by a heteroatom (O, N) **shifts** the C=O stretching frequencies due to inductive and resonance effects.
- **In esters**, the oxygen due to inductive effect **withdraws** the electrons from carbonyl group and *increases* the C=O bond strength and thus the frequency of absorption.



(1720-1750 cm^{-1})

Ester

(1650-1700 cm^{-1})

Amide

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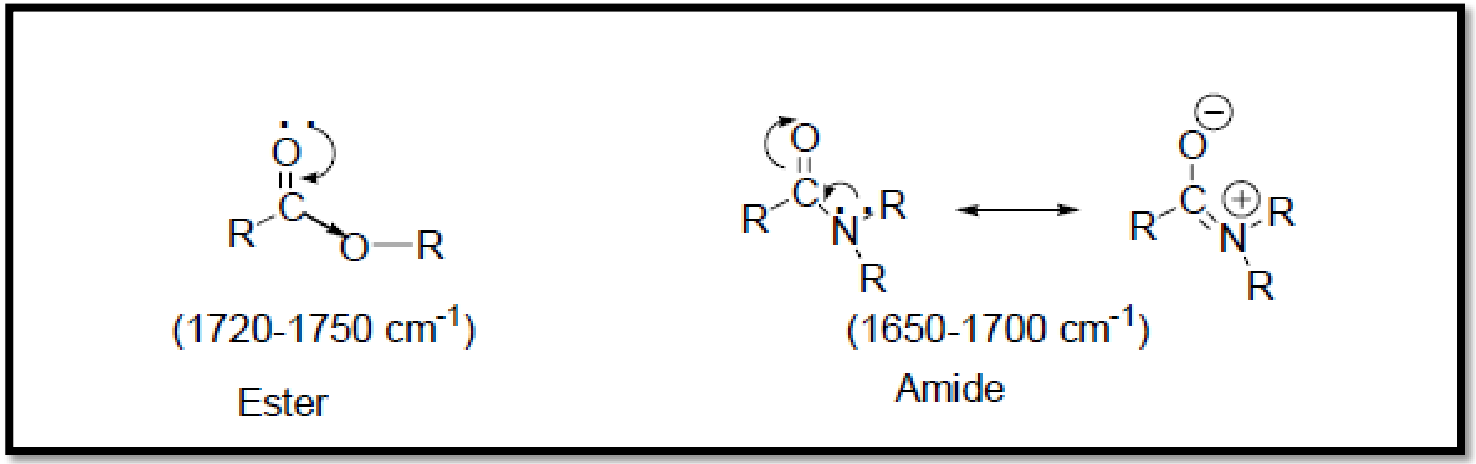
- **In amides**, due to the conjugation of lone pair of electrons on nitrogen atom, the resonance effect increases the C=O bond length and reduces the C=O absorption frequency. Therefore, C=O absorption frequencies due to resonance effects in amides are lowered but due to inductive effect in esters are increased than those observed in ketones.



(1720-$1750\ cm^{-1}$)

Ester

(1650-$1700\ cm^{-1}$)

Amide

What is the effect of inductive and resonance effect at the at Vibration frequencies?

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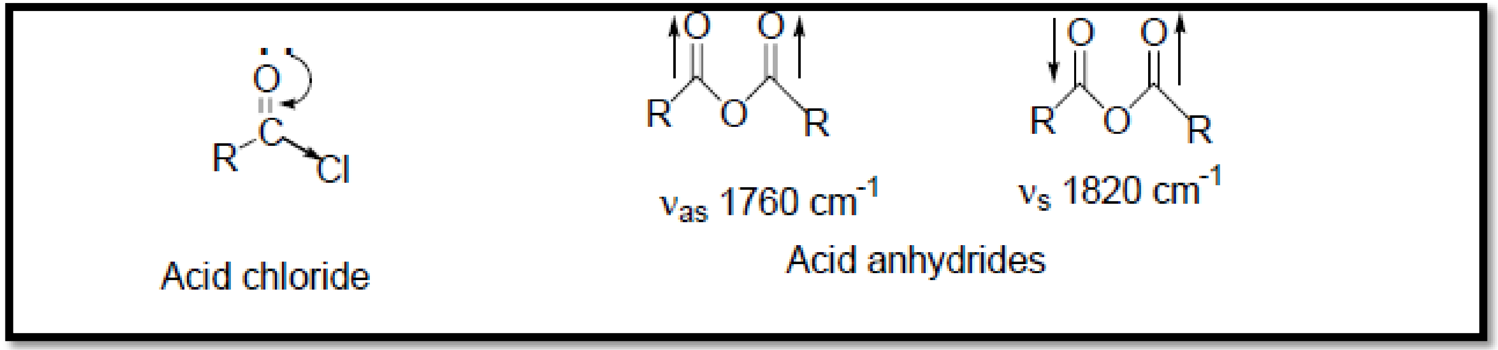
- **In acid chlorides**, the halogen atom strengthens the C=O bond through inductive effect and shifts the C=O stretching frequencies even higher than are found in esters.

- **The acid anhydrides** give two bands in C=O stretching frequency region due to symmetric (~1820 cm^{-1}) and asymmetric (~1760 cm^{-1}) stretching vibrations.



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- ☐ The C=O stretching frequencies for C=C conjugated systems are generally lower by 25-45 cm^{-1} than those of corresponding non-conjugated compounds.
- ☐ The delocalization of π-electrons in the C=O and C=C bonds lead to partial double bond character in C=O and C=C bonds and lowers the force constant.
- ☐ Greater is the ability of delocalization of electrons, the more is lowering in C=O stretching frequency.

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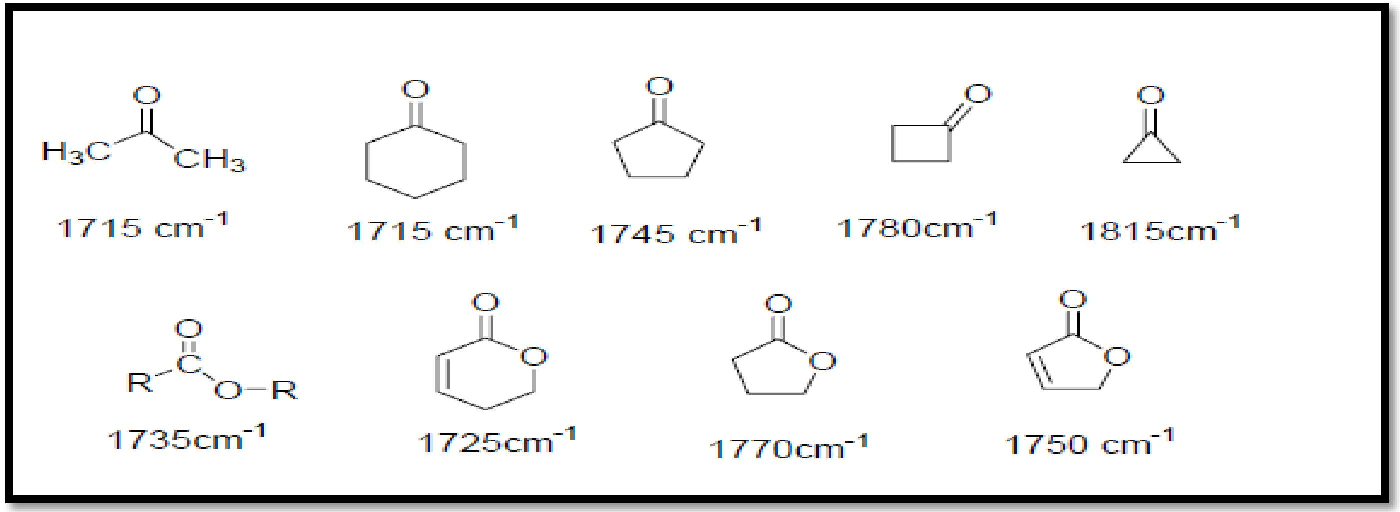
- Decrease in ring size increases the C=O stretching frequency.
- This gives more s character to the C=O sigma bond and thus results in strengthening of C=O double bond.
- The comparison of C=O stretching frequencies of various compounds shows that in ketones and esters, ~ 30 cm^{-1} increase in frequency occurs on moving to one carbon lower ring.



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Hydrogen bonding

- ❑ The strength of Hydrogen bonding decreases as the distance between X & Y increase. Hydrogen bonding alters the force constant of both groups ,thus, the frequencies of both stretching and bending vibrations are altered
- ❑ The X-H stretching band move to lower frequencies (longer wavelength)usually with increase intensity and band widening
- ❑ The stretching frequency of the acceptor group ,for , C=O is also reduced but to a lesser degree than the proton donor group

Factors affect hydrogen bonding

A. Temperature since when temp. increases, the H- bonding decreases

B. Concertation have different affect on both H-bonding result from intermolecular bonding disappear at low conc. While intramolecular bonding has internal effect & so it persist at very low conc.

C. The relative acidity and basicity of the proton donor and acceptor groups affect the strength of bonding.

D. Ring strain

E. Molecular geometry

Factors affect position of $C=O$ stretching band

A. The physical state

B. Electronic and mass effect of neighbouring group

C. The relative acidity and basicity of the proton donor and acceptor groups affect the strength of bonding.

D. Ring strain

E. Conjugation effect

F. Hydrogen bonding effect

G. Inductive effect

Example: The carbonyl stretching frequency in **$RCOCH_3$** (~1720 cm^{-1}) is lower than acid chloride **RCOCl** (1750-1820 cm^{-1}).

This change in frequency of the C=O stretching may be arising due to:

a. Difference in mass between CH_3 and Cl
b. The inductive or mesomeric influence of Cl on the C=O bond
c. Coupling interactions between C=O and C -Cl bonds
d. Change in bond angles arising due to steric factors etc.