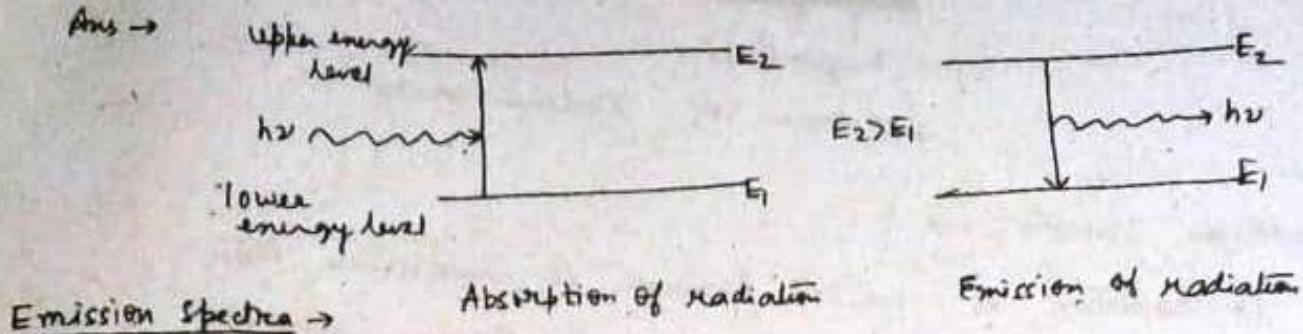


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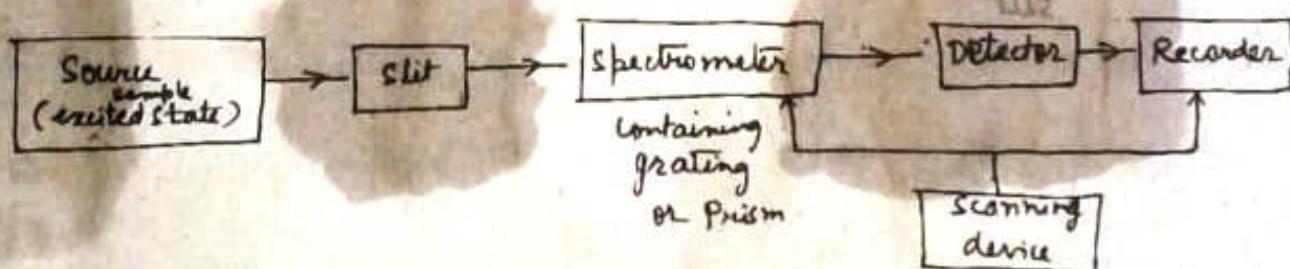
Q What do you understand by absorption spectra and emission spectra?

Ans →



When radiation is absorbed by a particle (sample), it goes to higher energy level, this is called excited state of energy. The excited state is unstable state hence after sometime, it comes back to its ground state. In the process of coming back to ground state the absorbed energy is emitted. This emitted energy is captured by spectrometer in the form of line in case of atoms and in the form of collection of lines (called as band) in case of molecules. Thus spectra formed is called emission spectra.

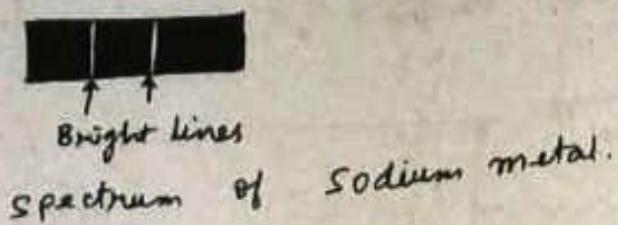
The block diagram for emission spectra can be given as



Absorption spectra are more useful in the study of structure of molecule. Depending upon the the radiation used, it may have called as IR, UV, NMR etc. Spectroscopy.

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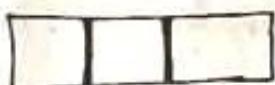
emission spectrum obtained contains bright lines in dark background.



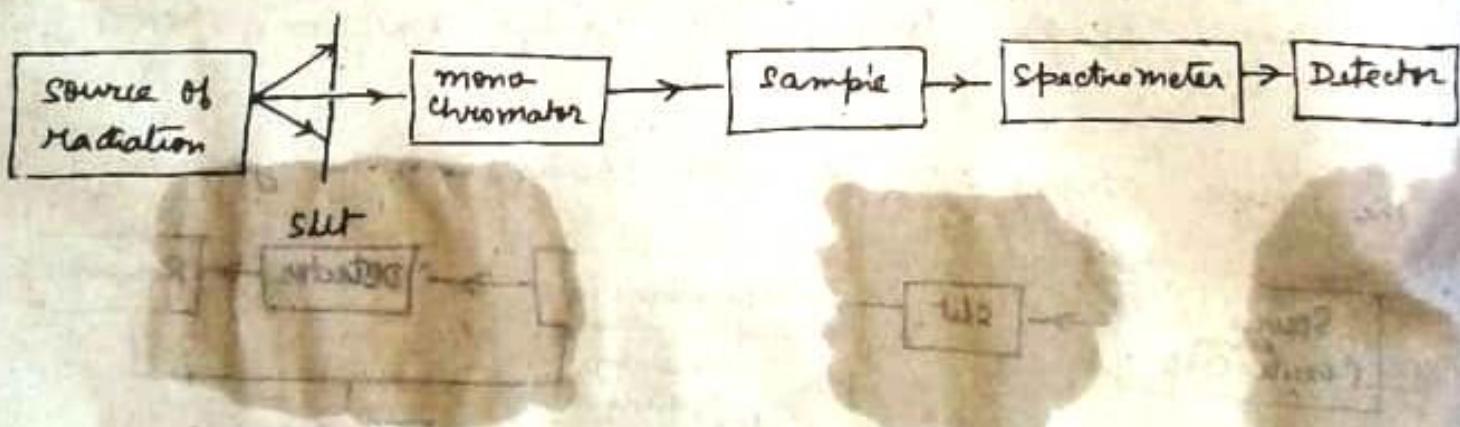
Absorption spectra →

If radiation is passed through a substance, then some part is absorbed by the substance (sample) and rest part is transmitted. The transmitted part of the radiation is passed through spectrometer and a spectrum is obtained. This spectrum contains all the radiations except those are absorbed by the sample.

Absorption spectrum contains dark lines in bright background. e.g. Spectrum of sodium metal seems to be



The block diagram for absorption spectra can be given as



Q Write a note on Chromophore.

Ans → Chromophore may be defined as an isolated group with covalent bond which exhibits a characteristic absorption in UV or in the visible region.

Chromo means colour hence originally chromophores were considered as any molecular system which gives a colour, but it has been found that colour is observed due to absorption of light but in chromophore absorption occurs irrespective of fact whether colour is produced or not.

There are two types of chromophores:

- Groups containing  $\pi$ -electrons which undergo  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition eg. Ethylene, Acetylene etc.
- Groups containing both  $\pi$ -electrons and non-bonding electrons which undergo  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition eg. Carbonyls, nitriles, nitro, azo compounds

There are no set of rules for identification of chromophore. However following facts may be considered:

- For  $E_{max}$  value between 10,000 to 1,000 shows an aromatic system.
- For  $E_{max}$  value between 20,000 to 10,000 shows  $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated ketones
- For  $E_{max}$  value between 100 to 10 shows  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition for carbonyl group.

Q Write a note on auxochrome.

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Ans → Auxochrome may be defined as any group which does not itself act as chromophore but whose presence brings about a shift of absorption band towards the longer wavelength of the spectrum called as red shift or bathochromic shift.

The absorption of radiation at relatively longer wavelength may be attributed to the combination of a chromophore and an auxochrome. The combination behaves like another chromophore. Actually auxochromic group is colour enhancing group. Auxochromic groups do not exhibit absorption above  $200\text{ m}\mu$ .

Common auxochromic groups are  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OR}$ ,  $-\text{NH}_2$ ,  $-\text{NHR}$ ,  $-\text{NR}_2$ ,  $-\text{SH}$  etc.

e.g. The value of  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  for benzene is  $255\text{ m}\mu$



whereas value of  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  for aniline is  $280\text{ m}\mu$

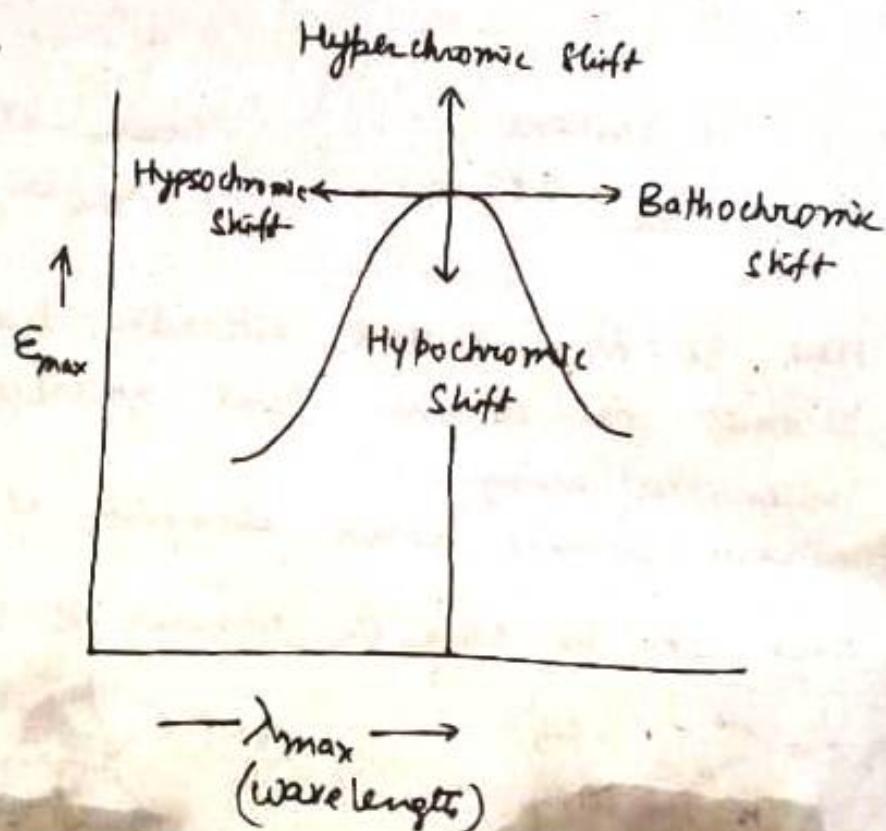


Thus, here,  $-\text{NH}_2$  group acts as auxochrome.

Actually auxochromic group contains non-bonding electrons which causes conjugation of chromophore in enhanced way.

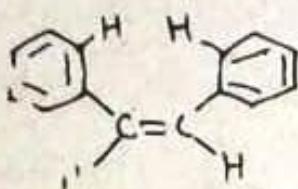
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## Absorption and shift of intensity



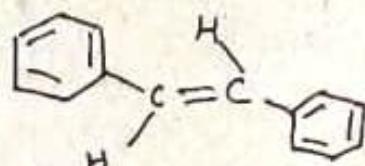
Q How can you distinguish between cis- and trans-isomer with the help of UV spectroscopy?

*Ans.* The results of absorption indicate that cis-form absorbs at different wavelength as compared to its corresponding trans-form. e.g., Diphenyl ethene (Stilbene)



cis-stilbene

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 283 \text{ m}\mu$$



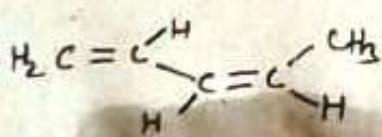
Trans-stilbene

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 295.5 \text{ m}\mu$$

Here cis-form suffers distortion due to steric hindrance becomes non-coplanar and absorption takes place at lower wavelength.

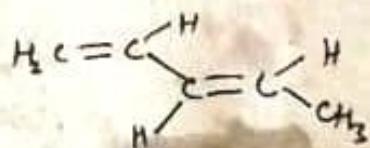
Trans isomers shows absorption at higher wavelength.

Now let us take the example of Pent-1,3-diene.



cis-isomer

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 211 \text{ nm}$$



trans-isomer

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 215 \text{ nm}$$

Here also we see that trans-isomer absorbs at higher wavelength in comparison to cis-isomer.

Q write a note on finger print region and its significance. 7

Ans → The spectral region  $667\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is called mid IR region. This region is divided into two parts

- $910\text{ cm}^{-1} - 1430\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- $1430\text{ cm}^{-1} - 4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$

The region  $910\text{ cm}^{-1} - 1430\text{ cm}^{-1}$  contains many absorption caused by bending vibrations in a molecule as compared to stretching vibrations. This region of spectrum is relatively rich in absorption bands and shoulders. Hence, it is called finger print region.

However molecules having similar groups show almost identical spectra in the region  $1430\text{ cm}^{-1} - 4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  but there is always notable differences in the finger print region.

Some scientists consider that finger print region is sub-divided into three regions

- $1500\text{ cm}^{-1} - 1350\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- $1350\text{ cm}^{-1} - 1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and below

- a)  $1500\text{ cm}^{-1} - 1350\text{ cm}^{-1} \rightarrow -\text{NO}_2$  gr —  $1350\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
Germ dimethyl —  $1380\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
 $t$ -butyl gr —  $1380\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (s) &  $1365\text{ (s)}$
- b)  $1350\text{ cm}^{-1} - 1000\text{ cm}^{-1} \rightarrow 1^{\circ}$  alcohol —  $1350 - 1260\text{ cm}^{-1}$  &  $1050\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (b & m s)  
phenol —  $1260\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
ester —  $1380 - 1050\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (s)  
ether —  $1150 - 1070\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- c)  $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  & below — cis & trans alkene —  $970 - 960\text{ cm}^{-1}$

Q Discuss IR absorption positions of O and N containing functional groups.

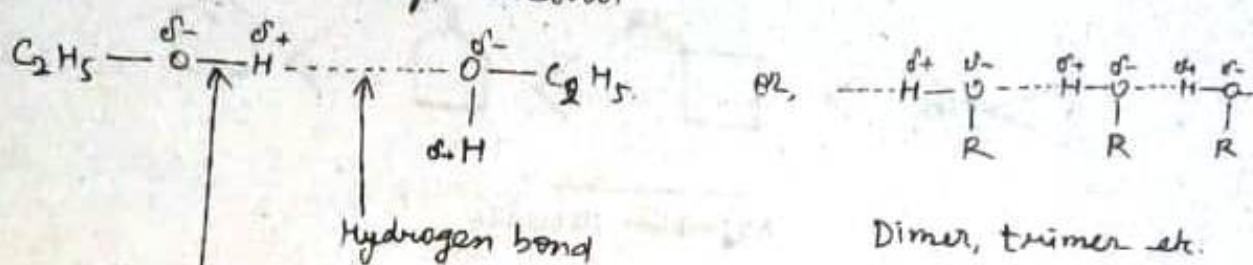
Ans → Characteristic absorption frequencies of functional group are as follows:-

Type of vibration	Class of Compound	Frequency (cm⁻¹)	Intensity
C-H str.	alkane	2960 - 2850	s (sharp)
C-H str.	alkene	3100 - 3010	s
C-H str.	alkyne	~ 3380	s
C-H str.	aromatic	3150 - 3020	s
C-H str.	aldehyde	~ 2820	w (weak)
C=C "	alkene	1675 - 1600	m, w (medium weak)
C≡C "	aromatic	1600 - 1450	m, w
C≡C "	Alkyne	2260 - 2180	s
C=O "	Ketone	1725 - 1705	s
C=O "	aldehyde	1740 - 1720	s
C=O "	Carboxylic acid	1725 - 1700	s
C=O "	ester	1750 - 1730	s
O-H ..	alcohol, Phenol	3650 - 3580	s,
O-H ..	alcohol, Phenol (H-bond)	3550 - 3200	b, s
O-H ..	Carboxylic acid	2700 - 2500	b (broad)
N-H ..	1° amine, amides (free) (two bands)	~ 3580	m
N-H ..	1° amine, amide (H-bonded)	~ 3400	m
N-H ..	2° amine amide	~ 3500 - 3380	
C≡N ..	Nitrile	2260 - 2220	m

Q Discuss the effect of H-bonding in IR spectra

Ans → Due to Hydrogen bonding, the value of force constant decreases because of attraction and hence the shift to absorption goes towards lower wave number.

e.g. H-bonding in ethyl alcohol



Dimer, trimer etc.

Following changes may be observed due to H-bonding.

i) Intermolecular H-bonding gives broader band while intra-molecular H-bonding gives sharp and well defined bands.

The appearance of broad band in hydrogen bonded molecule is due to existence of dimer, trimer, etc due to association.

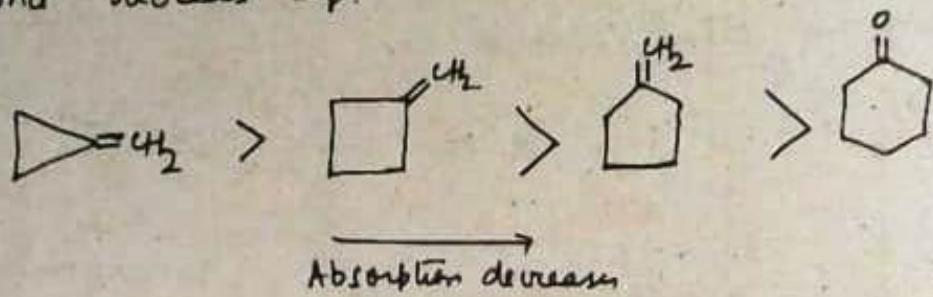
Stronger the H-bonding, more broadening of the band occurring at much lower wave number.

e.g. alcohol in vapour state (isolated) gives absorption at  $3600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , whereas in associated form it gives absorption at  $3200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

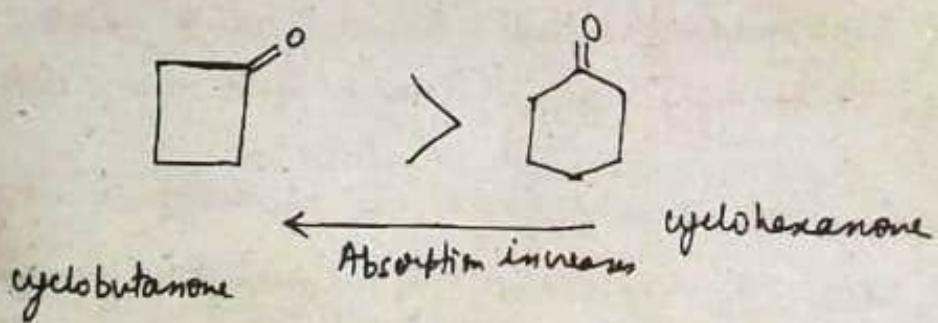
ii) The absorption band in the intermolecular H-bonding depends upon concentration whereas in case of intra-molecular H-bonding does not depend upon concentration because it takes place with only single molecule. This fact can be utilised to differentiate between two types of H-bond.

Q Discuss the effect of ring size in IR spectra.

Ans → As the size of ring increases, the  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  stretching frequency in exocyclic olefinic double bond decreases e.g.



Similarly, in cyclic ketones  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  absorption increases as the size of the ring decreases (ring strain increases)

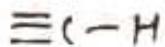
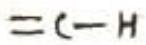
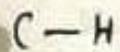


Q. How propanal ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$ ) and propanone ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ) are distinguished by IR spectra?

Ans → In propanal,  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  stretching at  $1720 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C-H}}$  stretching at  $\sim 2720 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is obtained but in propanone,  $\nu_{\text{C-H}}$  stretching at  $\sim 2720 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is missing only  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  stretching at  $1720 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is observed.

Q Discuss the effect of hybridisation of Carbon on the stretching frequency of C-H bond.

$\text{Ans} \rightarrow$  As the s-character of hybridised Carbon increases, the force constant ( $k$ ) for C-H bond increases and therefore, stretching frequency increases.



hybridization  $\rightarrow$   $s\beta^3$

$s\beta^2$

$s\beta$

$\nu_{\text{C-H}}$  value  $\rightarrow (2950-2850 \text{ cm}^{-1}) \quad (3000-3100 \text{ cm}^{-1}) \quad 3300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

s-character  $\rightarrow 25\%$

33.3%

50%