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Foreword

Instrumental methods, especially infrared, nuclear resonance, mass and electronic spectroscopy, have in recent years become very important for the elucidation of the structure of organic compounds. The number of textbooks and particularly of monographs has increased correspondingly to an alarming degree. The especial effectiveness of the combined use of these four methods for the structural elucidation of organic compounds was first impressively shown in 1963 by R. M. Silverstein and G. C. Bassler in 'Spectrometric Identification of Organic Compounds'. Today this combination is already being taught systematically in various well-known colleges. Experience gained from courses and seminars in the organic chemistry laboratory, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zürich, was used in the compilation of the tables given in this book. No claim to comprehensiveness is made; instead data have been selected which by experience have been found sufficient for the interpretation of the spectra of relatively simple compounds. The tables are intended primarily for those who wish to make use of the advances in instrumental analysis without having an expert knowledge of the various spectroscopic methods. Consequently only a basic knowledge, such as today is found in the basic training of an organic chemist, is assumed. There are doubtless omissions in the tables and we should be grateful to have these brought to our attention and also for suggestions for improvements.

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Editor's Foreword

The book in this Series *Applications of Spectroscopy to Organic Chemistry* by Brand and Eglinton provides for honours students a review of spectroscopic principles and, by means of examples and problems, shows the relationships between structure and spectra. The successful application of spectroscopic methods depends on experience and practice and this volume by Simon and Clerc is regarded as complementary to the earlier text, in providing a large number of additional examples and problems. It is also likely to be a valuable reference book at research level.

M. F. Grondon

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Introduction

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s.	strong
m.	medium
w.	weak
v.	variable
st.	stretching vibration
skel.	skeletal vibration
def.	deformation vibration
as.	asymmetric
sy.	symmetric

UV: Spectroscopy in ultraviolet and visible regions (electronic spectroscopy) *

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Table 1

Type of compound: C—C alkane

	Position	Assignment	Notes
IR	2960...2850 cm ⁻¹ s.	CH st.	See also: $\text{H}-\triangle$: ~3050 cm ⁻¹ $\text{H}-\text{C}-\text{Hal}$: ~3010 cm ⁻¹ $\text{CH}_3\text{O}-$: 2830...2815 cm ⁻¹ $\text{CH}_3\text{N}-$: ~2800 cm ⁻¹ $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$: ~2780 cm ⁻¹ $\text{H}-\text{C}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}$: 2880...2650 cm ⁻¹ (usually two bands)
			Also in same region: =CH— st.; ArH st.; OH assoc. st.
	~1460 cm ⁻¹ m.	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CH}_3 \text{ def. as.} \\ \text{CH}_2 \text{ def.} \end{array} \right\}$	'Activated' as with CH ₂ groups adjacent to C=C or Ar at 1440...1400 cm ⁻¹ . → Table 21.
	~1380 cm ⁻¹ m.	CH ₃ def. sy.	Doublet for gem. methyl groups → Table 23. Missing for compounds with no CH ₃ groups. In methyl ketones, acetates at 1360...1340 cm ⁻¹ .
	1350...1100 cm ⁻¹ v.	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{C}-\text{C st.} \\ \text{skel.} \\ \text{CH def.} \end{array} \right\}$	No practical importance except for gem. CH ₃ groups → Table 23.
	~720 cm ⁻¹ v.	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CH} \\ \text{CH}-\text{C} \\ \text{CH}_2-\text{C} \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{array} \right\}$ skel.	Rocking of —CH ₂ —. Present for $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$, $n \geq 4$. For $n < 4$ at higher frequencies (up to 800 cm ⁻¹)—and less intense, often invisible; for cyclohexanes at ~890 cm ⁻¹ . See also: —O—(CH ₂) _n —: ~740 cm ⁻¹ . Also in same region: =CH def. (out-of-plane); ArH def. (out-of-plane); NH ₂ def. (out-of-plane); NO def.; CS st.; SO st.; PC st.; CCl st.; ring def.; —OC(CH ₃) ₂ skel.

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Table 1 (cont.)

	Position	Assignment	Notes
UV	none above 210 nm		For saturated hydrocarbons.
NMR	0.8...1.2 ppm	$\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$	Characteristic pseudotriplet for $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$.
	1.1...1.8 ppm	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C} \\ \text{C}-\text{CH}-\text{C} \\ \text{CH} \end{array} \right\}$	Estimation of chemical shift $\rightarrow$ Table 41. Alicyclics with at least 6-membered rings give usually a broad, unstructured signal. See also: $\text{H}-\triangleleft: -0.3...-0.8 \text{ ppm}$ $\text{JCH-CH} : 6...7 \text{ Hz}$ if freely rotatable; $\rightarrow$ Table 44.
MS		Molecular ion	n -Alkanes: weak $\frac{m}{e} = 14n + 2$. Isoalkanes: very weak
		Fragment	Monocycloalkanes: moderately intense $\frac{m}{e} = 14n$. n -Alkanes: $\frac{m}{e} = 29, 43, 57, 71, 85...14n + 1$; continuous variation in intensity; max. at $\frac{m}{e} = 43$ or 57; min. at $\frac{m}{e} = M-15$. Isoalkanes: $\frac{m}{e} = 29, 43, 57, 71, 85...14n + 1$; irregular variation in intensity; relative max. from fragmentation at branching position. The charge predominantly stays on the more highly branched fragment. Same order of peaks also with aliphatic carbonyl compounds, but these have rearrangement peaks at $\frac{m}{e} = 14n + 2$.

Monocycloalkanes: $\frac{m}{e} = 27, 41, 55, 69, 83 \dots 14n - 1$; relative max. from

$> 310 \text{ m.u.}$ fragmentation of bond to ring.

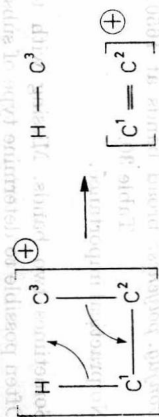
Same peak order also with alkenes and alcohols.

Polycycloalkanes: $\frac{m}{e} = 41, 55, 67, 81, 93, 95, 107$;

Same order of peaks also with polyolefines.

n-Alkanes: none

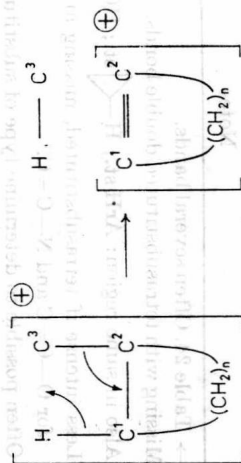
Isalkanes: frequently $1 \rightarrow 3$ rearrangement, $\frac{m}{e} = 14n$;



Rearrangement occurs particularly if:

1. C³: quat. $>$ tert. $>$ sec.
2. C²: quat. $>$ tert. $>$ sec.
3. C¹: tert. $>$ sec. $>$ prim.

Monocycloalkanes: frequently $1 \rightarrow 3$ rearrangement, $\frac{m}{e} = 14n - 2$.



Rearrange-
ments

(out-of-phase)
=CH qet
(in-phase)
=CH qet

C=C qet

=CH qet

fragmentation

Table 2

Type of compound: $C=C$ alkene

	Position	Assignment	Notes
IR	3100...2975 cm^{-1} m.	$=CH$ st.	→ Table 24. Often several bands. Missing with tetrasubstituted double bonds.
	1690...1640 cm^{-1} v.	$C=C$ st.	Also in same region: ArH st.; $H-\triangle$ st.; $HCHal$ st.; OH assoz. st. Less intense if tetrasubstituted, missing at higher symmetry; intense for $O-C=C$ and $N-C=C$. Often possible to determine type of substitution → Table 24. Also in same region: $C=O$ conjug. st.; NH def. (in-plane); $C\equiv N$ st. NO st. Enols: $C=C$ st.: $\sim 1605 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; $C=O$ st.: $\sim 1640 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; → Table 8. Conjug. dienes: 2 bands at $\sim 1650 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\sim 1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; → Table 29; → Table 30. Conjug. polyenes: broad bands at $1650...1580 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; → Table 29; → Table 30. No practical importance.
	1420...1290 cm^{-1} w. 990... 675 cm^{-1} s.	$=CH$ def. (in-plane) $=CH$ def. (out-of-plane)	Sometimes two bands. Missing with tetrasubstituted double bonds. Often possible to determine type of substitution → Table 24. Also in same region; $-(CH_2)_n >_4$ skel.; ArH def. (out-of-plane); CH def. (out-of-plane), OH assoz. def. (out-of-plane); $C-C$ skel.; NH_2 def. (out-of-plane); NO def.; CS st.; SO st.; PC st.; CCl st.; Ring def.; $-OC(CH_3)_3$ skel.; $C-H$ def. (out-of-plane). See also: $CH_2=C=C$ def.: $1445...1430 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.
UV	none above 210 nm		For isolated double bonds; if highly substituted often end absorption $>210 \text{ nm}$. Conjug. polyenes: $>220 \text{ nm}$ ($\log \epsilon = 4...5$) $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$; → Table 30. Estimation of λ_{max} : → Table 29.

NMR	4.5...8.0 ppm	C=C-H	Estimation of chemical shift: → Table 42. $J_{C-H} : 0...3,5 \text{ Hz}$ $J_H : 5...14 \text{ Hz}$ $J_{C-C} : 12...18 \text{ Hz}$ The coupling constants are dependent on electronegativity of the substituents at the double bond; → Table 44. $J_{CH-C-CH} : 0...3 \text{ Hz}$ See also: $CH_3-C=C$: 1.6...1.8 ppm; $CH_2-C=C$: 1.7...2.4 ppm.
MS		Molecular ion Fragments Rearrange-ments	Moderately intense $\frac{m}{e} = 14n$. $\frac{m}{e} = 27, 41, 55, 69, 83, \dots 14n - 1$; in many cases base peak formed by fragmentation between α- and β-position to double bond. Care: double bond readily migrates! Same order of peaks for monocycloalkanes and alcohols. Frequently $1 \rightarrow 3$ rearrangement, $\frac{m}{e} = 14n - 2$. Formation of preferentially stabilised ions. In cyclohexenes often also retro-Diels-Alder reaction: Formation of preferentially stabilised ions.

Table 3
Type of compound: $C \equiv C$ alkyne

	Position	Assignment	Notes
IR	$\sim 3300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ w.	$\equiv CH$ st.	Very sharp; missing with disubstituted triple bonds.
	$2260 \dots 2100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ w.	$C \equiv C$ st.	Also in same region: OH assoc. st.; NH st.
	$700 \dots 600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$\equiv CH$ def. (out-of-plane)	Usually sharp; missing at higher symmetry. Also in same region: $X \equiv Y$ st.; $X = Y = Z$ st.; $\rightarrow$ Table 22. Missing with disubstituted triple bonds; no practical value.
UV	$> 210 \text{ nm}$ end absorption		See also: $CH_2-C \equiv C$ def.: $1445 \dots 1430 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.
NMR	$2.0 \dots 3.2 \text{ ppm}$	$C \equiv C-H$	Often several weak bands $< 240 \text{ nm}$ ($\log \epsilon = 1 \dots 2$) $J_{CH-C \equiv CH}: 2 \dots 3 \text{ Hz}$ See also: $CH_3-C \equiv C: \sim 1.8 \text{ ppm}$ $CH_2-C \equiv C: \sim 2.0 \text{ ppm}$
MS		Molecular ion Fragments Rearrangements	Weak; usually missing with 1-alkynes. Fluctuating between aromatic and alkane types

Table 4

Type of compound: aromatic

	Position	Assignment	Notes
IR	3080...3030 cm ⁻¹ v.	ArH st.	Also in same region: =CH st.; H  st.; HCHal st.; OH assoc. st.
	2000...1660 cm ⁻¹ w.	Combina- tions and overtones	So-called benzene finger. Only clear at higher concentration and/or greater cell thicknesses.
	1625...1575 cm ⁻¹ v.	skel.	Substitution type often determinable; → Table 25.
	1525...1475 cm ⁻¹ v.	skel.	Bands often split. Bands at ~1500 cm ⁻¹ sometimes missing, but usually more intense than bands at ~1600 cm ⁻¹ .
	1460...1440 cm ⁻¹ v.	skel.	Also in same region: C = C conjug. st.
	1225...950 cm ⁻¹ w.	ArH def. (in-plane)	Often several bands; intense in presence of polar substituents, no practical importance.
	900...735 cm ⁻¹ m. s.	ArH def. (out-of-plane), skel.	1 to 3 bands. Substitution type often determinable; → Table 25. Also in same region; $-(CH_2)_n > 4$ skel.; =CH def. (out-of-plane);  skel.: NH ₂ def. (out-of-plane); NO def.; CS st.; SO st.; PC st.; CCl st.; Ring def.; -OC(CH ₃) ₃ skel.; H-C def. (out-of-plane).

See also: CH₂-Ar def.: 1445...1430 cm⁻¹.

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LA 302...380 nm

Position

Assignment

Notes

Table 4 (cont.)

	Position	Assignment	Notes
UV	205...260 nm (log $\epsilon \approx \sim 4$) 260...300 nm (log $\epsilon = 2.5 \dots 3.5$)		→ Table 34, → Table 35. → Table 36. Conjugation raises ϵ and shifts $\lambda_{\max}$ to higher wavelengths.
NMR	6.5...8.5 ppm	ArH	Estimation of chemical shift: → Table 42. $J_{\text{ortho}} : 7 \dots 10 \text{ Hz}$ $J_{\text{meta}} : 2 \dots 3 \text{ Hz}$ $J_{\text{para}} : 0 \dots 1 \text{ Hz}$ See also: $\text{CH}_3\text{—Ar}$: 2.2...2.5 ppm singlet $\text{C—CH}_2\text{—Ar}$: 2.3...2.8 ppm
MS		Molecular ion Fragments	Very intense, often base peak. $\frac{m}{e} = 39, 50 \dots 53, 63 \dots 65, 75 \dots 78$; higher substitution causes shift to lower values. Doubly charged ions frequent. Depending on substitution the following intense peaks appear: $\frac{m}{e} = 90 \dots 92$ $\frac{m}{e} = 91 \dots 93$ $\frac{m}{e} = 93 \dots 94$ $\frac{m}{e} = 105$ $\frac{m}{e} = 127$ $\frac{m}{e} = 153$
IR			