

1: Introduction to Spectrophotometry | Protocol

UV-visible spectroscopy is the classical and the most reliable technique for qualitative and quantitative analysis of organic compounds. It involves detection of light absorbed by the sample and correlates it with concentration of the solute.

Interactive spectrum Widely used in both research and industry, infrared spectroscopy is a simple and reliable technique used for a variety of measurements and in quality control. It is especially useful in forensic science both in criminal and civil cases. Spectrometers are now small, and can be easily transported, even for use in field trials. With increasing progress in new technology, samples in solution can now be measured accurately water produces a broad absorbance across the range of interest, and thus renders the spectra unreadable without this new technology. Some instruments will also automatically tell you what a substance is by referencing it to a store of thousands of spectra held in storage. By measuring at a specific frequency over time, changes in the character or quantity of a particular bond can be measured. This is especially useful in measuring the degree of polymerisation in polymer manufacture or in identification of polymer degradation for example. The progress of formation of an epoxy resin being hardened by an amine cross linking agent can be monitored by observing the appearance of a hydroxy group in the spectrum of a polymerising sample or by the disappearance of an epoxy group. Modern research instruments can take infrared measurements across the whole range of interest as frequently as 32 times a second. This can be done whilst simultaneous measurements are made using other techniques. This makes the observations of chemical reactions and processes quicker and more accurate. Infrared spectroscopy has been highly successful for applications in both organic and inorganic chemistry. A second type of IR spectrometer is a dispersive spectrometer. The rotating mirror, M temporarily reflects the reference beam towards the machine optics whilst blocking the sample beam. Reference beam and sample beam are alternately blocked and reflected. The thermocouple converts the different wavelengths of IR reaching it to a signal which is represented as a spectrum. The difference between reference and sample signals shows which parts of the spectrum have been absorbed by the sample. In the FT spectrometer, an interferometer is used instead of a diffraction grating. The spectrum is obtained by a mathematical calculation a Fourier Transform. The FT spectrometer is more responsive, accurate and precise than a dispersive spectrometer. Advanced Chemistry " Energy Levels Two balls separated by a spring will oscillate harmonic if stretched and released. This model suggests that the spring will vibrate at any energy dependent on the initial separation of the balls but, this is not true for molecules. The energy is quantised, which means that only certain energy levels are allowed according to the formula: In addition, molecules can only absorb or emit energy equal to the spacing between two levels and, for a harmonic oscillation, this can only occur between adjacent levels. However, bonds in real molecules do not vibrate harmonically. When atoms approach each other closely, they exert a force of repulsion, and beyond a certain separation distance, a bond breaks. Quantisation produces unequal separations of energy levels which add complications to spectra. Finally, molecules will not absorb infrared radiation unless they possess a dipole, thus H₂ is transparent to infrared whilst HCl absorbs. Many molecules possess dipole moments due to non-uniform distributions of positive and negative charges on the various atoms e. These values can be obtained from measurement of the dielectric constant. When the symmetry of a molecule cancels out, there is no net dipole moment and the value is therefore 0. The highest dipole moments are in the range of 10 to Information about the molecular geometry of a molecule can be deduced from the dipole moment. For example the data indicates that carbon dioxide CO₂ is a linear molecule but ozone O₃ is not. Advanced Chemistry " More complicated molecules For non-linear molecules, for example pentane, there are a number of vibrations given by $3N - 6$. N is the number of atoms in the molecule. Pentane, C₅H₁₂, 17 atoms has 45 different vibrations! Although there are a large number of vibrational modes here, the situation can be simplified by considering that each functional group can be considered independently. So a methyl group for example should have the same normal modes of vibration no matter where it is located in a molecule. Carbon dioxide CO₂ is a linear molecule and produces just two peaks in the spectrum. This is because the symmetric stretch does not have a dipole and the two

bending vibrations in plane and out of plane are degenerate. The reason that only two peaks appear in the carbon dioxide spectrum is because the symmetrical stretching vibration does not have a change in dipole moment as it vibrates. The two bending vibrations are degenerate and vibrate at exactly the same frequency. Other simple organic molecules produce a large number of peaks which could be considered in terms of those vibrations which correspond to CH₃, CH₂, benzene ring and the main functional groups etc. The following link shows the spin rotation of the aspirin molecule. The frequency for a C-H bond is approximately 3000 cm⁻¹. Advanced Chemistry – Types of Bonds Values of the force constant for a number of bonds are given in the table below.

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UV-visible spectroscopy is a technique that readily allows one to determine the concentrations of substances and therefore enables scientists to study the rates of reactions.

The basic parts of a spectrophotometer are a light source, a holder for the sample, a diffraction grating in a monochromator or a prism to separate the different wavelengths of light, and a detector. The detector is typically a photomultiplier tube, a photodiode, a photodiode array or a charge-coupled device CCD. Single photodiode detectors and photomultiplier tubes are used with scanning monochromators, which filter the light so that only light of a single wavelength reaches the detector at one time. The scanning monochromator moves the diffraction grating to "step-through" each wavelength so that its intensity may be measured as a function of wavelength. Fixed monochromators are used with CCDs and photodiode arrays. As both of these devices consist of many detectors grouped into one or two dimensional arrays, they are able to collect light of different wavelengths on different pixels or groups of pixels simultaneously. Simplified schematic of a double beam UV-visible spectrophotometer

A spectrophotometer can be either single beam or double beam. In a single beam instrument such as the Spectronic 20, all of the light passes through the sample cell. This was the earliest design and is still in common use in both teaching and industrial labs. In a double-beam instrument, the light is split into two beams before it reaches the sample. One beam is used as the reference; the other beam passes through the sample. Some double-beam instruments have two detectors photodiodes, and the sample and reference beam are measured at the same time. In other instruments, the two beams pass through a beam chopper, which blocks one beam at a time. The detector alternates between measuring the sample beam and the reference beam in synchronism with the chopper. There may also be one or more dark intervals in the chopper cycle. In this case, the measured beam intensities may be corrected by subtracting the intensity measured in the dark interval before the ratio is taken. In a single-beam instrument, the cuvette containing only a solvent has to be measured first. The light source consists of a Xenon flash lamp for the ultraviolet UV as well as for the visible VIS and near-infrared wavelength regions covering a spectral range from up to nm. The lamp flashes are focused on a glass fiber which drives the beam of light onto a cuvette containing the sample solution. The beam passes through the sample and specific wavelengths are absorbed by the sample components. The remaining light is collected after the cuvette by a glass fiber and driven into a spectrograph. The spectrograph consists of a diffraction grating that separates the light into the different wavelengths, and a CCD sensor to record the data, respectively. The whole spectrum is thus simultaneously measured, allowing for fast recording [10]. Samples are typically placed in a transparent cell, known as a cuvette. Test tubes can also be used as cuvettes in some instruments. The type of sample container used must allow radiation to pass over the spectral region of interest. The most widely applicable cuvettes are made of high quality fused silica or quartz glass because these are transparent throughout the UV, visible and near infrared regions. Glass and plastic cuvettes are also common, although glass and most plastics absorb in the UV, which limits their usefulness to visible wavelengths. These include attaching spectrophotometers to telescopes to measure the spectra of astronomical features. UV-visible microspectrophotometers consist of a UV-visible microscope integrated with a UV-visible spectrophotometer. A complete spectrum of the absorption at all wavelengths of interest can often be produced directly by a more sophisticated spectrophotometer. In simpler instruments the absorption is determined one wavelength at a time and then compiled into a spectrum by the operator. Microspectrophotometry[edit] UV-visible spectroscopy of microscopic samples is done by integrating an optical microscope with UV-visible optics, white light sources, a monochromator, and a sensitive detector such as a charge-coupled device CCD or photomultiplier tube PMT. As only a single optical path is available, these are single beam instruments. Modern instruments are capable of measuring UV-visible spectra in both reflectance and transmission of micron-scale sampling areas. The advantages of using such instruments is that they are able to measure microscopic samples but are also able to measure the spectra of larger samples with high spatial resolution. As such, they are used in the forensic laboratory to analyze the dyes and pigments in individual textile fibers, [11] microscopic paint chips [12] and the color of

glass fragments. They are also used in materials science and biological research and for determining the energy content of coal and petroleum source rock by measuring the vitrinite reflectance. Microspectrophotometers are used in the semiconductor and micro-optics industries for monitoring the thickness of thin films after they have been deposited. In the semiconductor industry, they are used because the critical dimensions of circuitry is microscopic. A typical test of a semiconductor wafer would entail the acquisition of spectra from many points on a patterned or unpatterned wafer. The thickness of the deposited films may be calculated from the interference pattern of the spectra. In addition, ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry can be used to determine the thickness, along with the refractive index and extinction coefficient of thin films as described in Refractive index and extinction coefficient of thin film materials. A map of the film thickness across the entire wafer can then be generated and used for quality control purposes. From these measurements, the concentration of the two species can be calculated. Therefore, graphing the natural log of the concentration $[A]$ versus time will graph a line with slope $-k$, or negative the rate constant. Different rate orders have different integrated rate laws depending on the mechanism of the reaction. After determining optimal wavelengths for all species involved in equilibria, a reaction can be run to equilibrium, and the concentration of species determined from spectroscopy at various known wavelengths. See also [edit] Isosbestic point important in kinetics measurements. A wavelength where absorption does not change as the reaction proceeds.

3: UV-Vis spectroscopy

Introduction to Ultraviolet Visible Spectroscopy (UV) 1 UV Background Theory Absorption of ultraviolet and visible radiation Absorption of visible and ultraviolet (UV) radiation is associated with excitation of electrons, in both atoms and molecules, from lower to higher energy levels.

Structure Determination with Spectroscopy UV1. Introduction to UV-Visible Spectroscopy. To begin a story about spectroscopy, it is probably easiest to start with wavelengths of light that people can see. There are all kinds of electromagnetic radiation around us, mostly coming from the sun, and just a thin slice of the wavelengths in the middle are visible to the eye. You probably already know that if you look at a white light, what you are seeing is really a composite, a blend of all different colours of light. If you shine that light through a prism really, any glass object that varies in thickness, that has a thicker edge and a thinner edge, you can separate the white light into these different colours. So what happens when you see a coloured object? Maybe a cobalt blue pickup truck or a red barn? The object is absorbing some of those photons, those little packages of light. But the object is very selective; it will take these photons, but not those ones, and not those other ones, either. The colour that you see is made of just the leftover photons, the ones that did not get absorbed. We sometimes use the colour wheel to keep track of this phenomenon. Partly because of how our eyes process light, when something absorbs a colour on one side of the colour wheel, we see the colour on the opposite side. When something absorbs orange photons, for instance, we see the complementary colour, the one on the opposite side of the colour wheel. So the pickup truck looks blue because it absorbs the orange light. The barn looks red because it absorbs green light. You observe a coloured object. Estimate the wavelength of light that was absorbed by the object. There are different factors with different kinds of materials. What they all have in common, however, is that they involve electronic transitions. When ultraviolet or visible light are absorbed, in general the photons are interacting with electrons in the material. And what happens to the electrons when they interact with the light? Well, photons have energy, so when the photons interact with the electrons, they transfer their energy to the electrons. We say that the electrons become excited, or that they are promoted to a higher level. If we look at a simple Bohr model of the atom, from the early 20th century, we think of the electrons orbiting the nucleus in shells. Each shell is a little farther from the nucleus, and at a higher energy than the one below it. If an atom absorbs a photon, one of the electrons gets promoted to a higher level. These electronic energy levels occur at very specific intervals. The energy of the photon has to match, more or less exactly, the amount of energy an electron would need in order to jump from one level to another. Now, it might seem that any atom would have lots of different possible electronic energy levels giving rise to lots of possible transitions between one level and another. However, there really are some limitations on the possible transitions in a given atom. We can measure the wavelengths of light that are absorbed by a material using a UV spectrometer. The spectrometer produces a graph of absorbance versus wavelength. The wavelength, on the x axis, is usually measured in nanometers. In most cases, the sample is dissolved in a solvent such as water or ethanol, so the reference is just plain solvent. That solution is held in a clear vessel called a cuvette, often made of quartz or a type of plastic that does not absorb much light in the wavelengths that we want to look at. The typical graph we get looks like a wide, rounded hill, or maybe a couple of hills. It might seem like maybe there should just be one wavelength that gets absorbed, given what we have these very specific electronic transitions allowed. That may be true with gas phase atoms, but in the condensed phase -- in solids or liquids or in solutions -- things get much messier. There are lots of reasons for that, most of which seem entirely unrelated to light absorption, such as collisions and other interactions between molecules that are sloshing around in the cuvette. This is the wavelength at which the compound absorbs the most light. In the spectrum shown here, that point occurs around nm, just outside the visible range. Estimate the absorption maximum from each of the following spectra. Some of the spectra in the previous question have two different absorbances: Estimate the absorption maxima of each. You might wonder what happens after the electron gets excited. How does it get back down again? There are actually a few different ways for that to happen, but probably the most common way is via processes called

radiationless relaxation, in which the energy absorbed from the photon is eventually lost to the surroundings. It often ends up in the form of heat. On the other hand, if an excited electron were to become excited in some other way, such as by great heat, and then fall from its promoted level back down into one below, the energy it lost could be given off by a photon. This phenomenon is called emission or fluorescence, depending on the circumstances. Again, only certain photons would be given off, depending on the atom involved. That specificity allows analysts to study the composition of certain materials, such as mineral ores, or to look for metal ions in groundwater. It also supplies some of the fun of fireworks; people have known for some time that lithium and strontium salts are good for red fireworks, copper for blue ones, calcium for orange, barium for green, sodium for yellow. Rank these fireworks from the most energetic photon emitted to the least energetic. This site is written and maintained by Chris P. It is freely available for educational use. Send corrections to cschaller csbsju.

4: Introduction To UV-Vis Spectroscopy – Master Organic Chemistry

Video created by University of Manchester for the course "Introduction to Molecular Spectroscopy". In this first week we introduce the electromagnetic spectrum and the origin of transitions giving rise to ultraviolet and visible (UV/Vis).

Spectrophotometry is the quantitative measurement of how much a chemical substance absorbs light by passing a beam of light through the sample using a spectrophotometer. In this video, basic concepts in spectrophotometry, including transmittance, absorbance and the Beer-Lambert Law are reviewed in addition to the components of the spectrophotometer. These concepts provide a foundation for how to determine the concentration of a solute in solution that is capable of absorbing light in the ultraviolet and visible range. Furthermore, a procedure for how to operate the spectrophotometer is demonstrated, including instructions on how to blank and measure the absorbance of a sample at the desired wavelength. The video also covers how to make a standard curve for determination of analyte concentration. Several applications of the spectrophotometer in biological research are discussed, such as measurement of cell density and determination of chemical reaction rates. Finally, the microvolume spectrophotometer is introduced, as well as its advantage in measuring the quality and quantity of protein and nucleic acids.

Introduction to the Spectrophotometer. The spectrophotometer is a ubiquitously used instrument in biological, chemical, clinical and environmental research. By measuring the intensity of light detected, this method can be used to determine the concentration of solute in the sample. The beam of light that is radiated toward the sample is made up of a stream of photons. When photons encounter molecules in the sample, the molecules may absorb some of them, reducing the number of photons in the beam of light and decreasing the intensity of the detected signal. Transmittance is the fraction of light that passes through the sample and is defined as the intensity of light passing through the sample over the intensity of incident light. Absorbance is the inverse logarithm of transmittance and is the quantity your spectrophotometer will measure. From the absorbance, the concentration of the sample solution can be determined from the Beer-Lambert Law, which states that there is a linear relationship between the absorbance and concentration of a sample. According to the Beer-Lambert Law, absorbance is the product of the extinction coefficient, a measure of how strongly a solute absorbs light at a given wavelength, the length that light passes through the sample, or path length, and the concentration of solute. Often, the goal to taking absorbance measurements is to measure the concentration of a sample. Each spectrophotometer includes a light source, a collimator, which is a lens or focusing device that transmits an intense straight beam of light, a monochromator to separate the beam of light into its component wavelengths, and a wavelength selector, or slit, for selecting the desired wavelength. The wavelengths of light used in spectrophotometers discussed in this video are in the ultraviolet and visible range. The spectrophotometer also includes some sort of sample holder, a photoelectric detector, which detects the amount of photons that are absorbed, and a screen to display the output of the detector. Newer spectrophotometers are directly coupled to a computer, where the experiment parameters can be controlled and results are displayed. When performing spectrophotometry, be sure to take appropriate precautions, such as wearing gloves, depending on the type of biological or chemical solutions you are working with. Before measuring the UV-visible spectrum of a sample, turn on the machine and allow the lamps and electronics to warm up. Prepare a blank of the same solution but without the analyte, having the same pH and similar ionic strength; a necessary step as the cell and solvent can scatter some light. Traditional spectrophotometer sample holders are designed to hold plastic and quartz cuvettes. Proceed to pipette the blank solution into the cuvette. After wiping any fingerprints and spills off the outside of the cuvette, properly insert the cuvette in the sample holder and close the door to the cuvette compartment. Never forget to close the door as UV radiation emitted from an open spectrophotometer can damage the eyes and skin. Set the desired wavelength or wavelength range to be transmitted at the sample, which depends on the optimal wavelength of light that the analyte absorbs. Then, zero the instrument by taking a reading of the blank, which will subtract the background from your sample buffer. Depending on the type of spectrophotometric experiment you are performing, it may be necessary to generate a standard curve prior to sample measurement, from which the concentration of your sample analyte can eventually be determined. Allow the sample to reach the appropriate

temperature and mix it gently, so that bubbles are not introduced. The sample can then be added directly to the cuvette, within the instrument, and a reading taken. After performing the absorbance measurement on your sample, proceed to the appropriate calculation for your experiment; for example determination of concentration or the rate of enzyme activity. The spectrophotometer is used on a daily basis in many biological research laboratories. One common application of the spectrophotometer is the measurement of cell density. Cell density measurement is useful in generating logarithmic growth curves for bacteria, from which the optimal time for induction of recombinant protein can be determined. The spectrophotometer can also be used to measure chemical reaction rates. In this example, absorbance is used to monitor an enzymatic reaction by the disappearance of a reaction intermediate at nm over time. The rate of this enzymatic step can be calculated by fitting the data to the appropriate equation. Recently, the introduction of micro-volume spectrophotometers has eliminated the necessity for sample holders. Such spectrophotometers use surface tension to hold the sample. Micro-volume spectrophotometers are optimal for measuring the quality and concentration of expensive samples of limited volume, such as biomolecules, including proteins and nucleic acids. The absorbance of a protein at nm depends on the content of aromatic side chains found in tryptophan, tyrosine, and phenylalanine, as well as the existence of cysteine-cysteine disulfide bonds. Protein concentration can be determined from its absorbance at nm and its extinction coefficient, which is based on the amino acid composition. The purity of the nucleic acid can also be assessed from the ratio of absorbance readings at specific wavelengths. In this video we reviewed some basic principles, including spectrophotometry concepts and spectrophotometer components. We also demonstrated step by step operation of the spectrophotometer and discussed its usage in biological research. A subscription to JoVE is required to view this article. You will only be able to see the first 20 seconds.

5: Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-Vis) Spectroscopy | Protocol

Welcome to the introduction to spectroscopy page. Here you will find an explanation of the principles for a range of spectroscopic techniques including infrared (IR), ultraviolet-visible (UV/Vis) and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR).

Jill Venton - University of Virginia Ultraviolet-visible UV-Vis spectroscopy is one of the most popular analytical techniques because it is very versatile and able to detect nearly every molecule. With UV-Vis spectroscopy, the UV-Vis light is passed through a sample and the transmittance of light by a sample is measured. An absorbance spectrum is obtained that shows the absorbance of a compound at different wavelengths. The amount of absorbance at any wavelength is due to the chemical structure of the molecule. UV-Vis spectroscopy is used to quantify the amount of DNA or protein in a sample, for water analysis, and as a detector for many types of chromatography. Kinetics of chemical reactions are also measured with UV-Vis spectroscopy by taking repeated UV-Vis measurements over time. UV-Vis measurements are generally taken with a spectrophotometer. UV-Vis is also a very popular detector for other analytical techniques, such as chromatography, because it can detect many compounds. Typically, UV-Vis is not the most sensitive spectroscopy technique, because not a lot of light is absorbed over a short path length. Other spectroscopy techniques such as fluorescence have higher sensitivity, but they are not as generally applicable, as most molecules are not fluorescent. UV-Vis has a similar sensitivity to other absorbance measurements, such as infrared spectroscopy. Principles UV-Vis is often called a general technique because most molecules will absorb in the UV-Vis wavelength range. The UV extends from 200 nm and the visible spectrum from 400 nm. The 200 nm range is called the deep UV. Light sources are more difficult to find for this range, so it is not routinely used for UV-Vis measurements. Typical UV-Vis spectrometers use a deuterium lamp for the UV that produces light from 200 nm and a tungsten filament lamp for visible, which produces light from 350 nm. When a photon hits a molecule and is absorbed, the molecule is promoted into a more excited energetic state. UV-visible light has enough energy to promote electrons to a higher electronic state, from the highest occupied molecular orbital HOMO to the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital LUMO. Typically, these orbitals are called bonding and anti-bonding. The energy of the photon must exactly match the band gap for the photon to be absorbed. Thus, molecules with different chemical structures have different energy band gaps and different absorption spectra. Pi orbitals arise due to double bonds, and n orbitals are for non-bonding electrons. Pi star are anti-bonding pi orbitals. Thus, the best UV-Vis absorption is by molecules that contain double bonds. Pi orbitals adjacent to each other that are connected, called conjugation, typically increases absorption. The appearance of broad bands or shoulders on the UV-Vis structure is due to the numerous vibrational and rotational states of a molecule, which lead to separate energy band gaps of slightly different energies. For molecules with absorption in the visible region, the compounds will often appear colored. A compound that appears red does not have much absorption in the red region of the spectrum. The color of a compound arises because those wavelengths of light are selectively transmitted through the sample, and thus they are not absorbed. The molar attenuation coefficient is the characteristic of an individual compound to absorb at a given wavelength and this property is due to functional groups, conjugation, etc. If a compound does not have a high attenuation coefficient, it could be tagged with an appropriate group to increase its absorbance. Path length is generally related to the size of the cuvette and is 1 cm in standard spectrophotometers. UV-Vis is performed on a variety of instruments, from traditional spectrophotometers to more modern-day plate readers. The absorbance wavelength must be chosen, either using a filter or a monochromator. A monochromator is a device that separates the wavelengths of light spatially and then places an exit slit where the desired wavelength of light is. Monochromators can be scanned to provide a whole absorbance spectrum. Alternatively, a diode-array instrument allows all colors of light to be transmitted through the sample, then the light is separated into different wavelengths spatially and detected using photodiodes. Diode-array instruments collect full spectra faster, but are more complicated and more expensive. Calibrate the Spectrometer Turn on the UV-Vis spectrometer and allow the lamps to warm up for an appropriate period of time around 20 min to stabilize them. Fill a cuvette with the solvent for the sample

and make sure the outside is clean. This will serve as a blank and help account for light losses due to scattering or absorption by the solvent. Place the cuvette in the spectrometer. Make sure to align the cuvette properly, as often the cuvette has two sides, which are meant for handling may be grooved and are not meant to shine light through. Take a reading for the blank. The absorbance should be minimal, but any absorbance should be subtracted out from future samples. Some instruments might store the blank data and perform the subtraction automatically. Perform an Absorbance Spectrum Fill the cuvette with the sample. Make sure the outside is clean of any fingerprints, etc. Place the cuvette in the spectrometer in the correct direction. Cover the cuvette to prevent any ambient light. Collect an absorbance spectrum by allowing the instrument to scan through different wavelengths and collect the absorbance. The wavelength range can be set with information about the specific sample, but a range of \approx nm is standard. A diode-array instrument is able to collect an entire absorbance spectrum in one run. To make a calibration curve, collect the UV-Vis spectrum of a variety of different concentration samples. Spectrometers are often limited in linear range and will not be able to measure an absorbance value greater than 1. For a kinetics experiment, take an initial reading of the sample. Quickly add the reagent to start the chemical reaction. If a small amount is added, this could be done in a cuvette. Alternatively, mix the reagent with sample and quickly pour some in a cuvette for a measurement. If using up the reagent being measuring i. Using a calibration curve, make a plot of analyte concentration vs time, converting the absorbance value into concentration. From there, this graph can be fit with appropriate equations to determine the reaction rate constants. Ultraviolet-visible, or UV-Vis, spectroscopy is one of the most popular analytical techniques in the laboratory. If the sample absorbs some of the light, not all of the light will be pass through, or be transmitted. Transmission is the ratio of the intensity of the transmitted light to the incident light, and is correlated to absorbance. The absorbance can be used in a quantitative manner, to obtain the concentration of a sample. It can also be used in a qualitative manner, to identify a compound by matching the measured absorbance over a range of wavelengths, called the absorbance spectrum, to the published data. This video will introduce UV-Vis spectroscopy, and demonstrate its use in the laboratory in determining sample concentration and reaction kinetics. When a photon hits a molecule and is absorbed, the molecule is promoted from its ground state into a higher energy state. The energy difference between the two is the band gap. The energy of the photon must exactly match the band gap in order for the photon to be absorbed. The chemical structure determines the band gap; therefore molecules each have unique absorbance spectra. Path length refers to the distance traveled by light through the sample, which is typically 1 cm for standard cuvettes. UV-Vis is often called a general technique, as most molecules absorb light in the UV-visible wavelength range. The UV range extends from \approx nm, and the visible spectrum ranges from \approx nm. However, most spectrophotometers do not operate in the deep UV range of \approx nm, as light sources in this range are expensive. Most UV-Vis spectrophotometers use a deuterium lamp for the UV range, which produces light from \approx nm, and a tungsten filament lamp for the visible range, which produces light from \approx 2, nm. Since the light source is usually a lamp with broad wavelength ranges, the specific absorbance wavelength is selected using filters or a monochromator. A monochromator is a device that separates the wavelengths of light spatially, and then places an exit slit where the desired wavelength of light is. The monochromator can be scanned over a wavelength range to provide an entire absorbance spectrum. This makes the technique useful for quantifying and identifying a wide range of molecules. Now that the basics of UV-Vis spectroscopy have been outlined, lets take a look at a simple UV-Vis experiment in the laboratory. Before beginning the measurement, turn on the spectrophotometer, and allow the lamps to warm up for an appropriate period of time to stabilize them. Ensure that the cuvette is aligned properly with any grooved sides out of the beam-path, and insert it into the spectrophotometer. Secure the lid to prevent ambient light from entering the system. Measure the absorbance of the blank at one wavelength, or over a wavelength range. Record or save the absorbance, as it must be subtracted from the absorbance of the sample. Next, discard the blank and rinse the cuvette twice with sample. Wipe the outside of the cuvette again, to ensure that it is clean and free of fingerprints. Place the cuvette in the spectrophotometer in the correct orientation, and secure the lid. Collect an absorbance measurement or spectrum at the same wavelength or wavelength range as the blank. Subtract the blank spectrum or measurement, if the instrument does not automatically do so. To quantify the

amount of analyte in the sample, create a calibration curve using a range of known analyte concentrations. The absorbance measurement can also be used to calculate reaction kinetics by measuring the increase or decrease in a compounds concentration throughout the reaction. Begin by taking an initial reading of the sample, blue dye in this case, at the absorbance maximum before the reaction. Next, quickly add the reagent, bleach in this case, to start the chemical reaction. Stir it well, so that it mixes with the sample. Measure the absorbance at the absorbance maximum over time. The initial absorbance spectrum of the blue dye sample is shown.

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Molecular Spectroscopy: an introduction to UV Vis spectroscopy.

The number of orbitals is always conserved: This gives us a diagram that looks like this: No, this is the death-ray part of the UV spectrum. This is why water is colourless. This is why ethanol is colourless. This is why diethyl ether, hexanes, chloroform, and a host of other molecules you encounter both in the lab and in everyday life are colourless: This is of academic interest, sure, but outside the scope of a typical intro course. This is where it gets interesting and relevant. A quick look at its structure reveals 5 sigma bonds and one pi bond. A UV-Vis spectrum plots absorbance or its inverse, transmittance of the sample versus wavelength. Color starts to appear when the conjugation length approaches 7 or so. But one question remains: One last piece of the puzzle. We see the complementary colour of the major color that is absorbed. Knowing where a molecule absorbs visible light allows us to make predictions about its color. Think about that the next time you look at a leaf, a tomato, a carrot, or yellow crayfish blood. We could go on and we will! What kind of questions can UV-Vis help us answer about an unknown molecule? Variants of these rules for more complex conjugated systems also exist Fieser-Kuhn rules. For instance, if, say, rhodamine has a delta E that corresponds to light of nm, why does it also absorb light at and nm? Part of the answer is that the bonds are in constant vibration and this adjusts the value of delta E, so that a range of energies are absorbed.

7: Ultraviolet visible spectroscopy - Wikipedia

Introduction to UV-Visible Absorption spectroscopy from nm to nm Measurement of transmittance Conversion to absorbance $A = -\log T = \epsilon bc$ Measurement of.

8: Ultraviolet and visible spectroscopy - Chemistry LibreTexts

The presence of chromophores in a molecule is best documented by UV-Visible spectroscopy, but the failure of most instruments to provide absorption data for wavelengths below nm makes the detection of isolated chromophores problematic.

9: UV/Vis spectroscopy (video) | Spectroscopy | Khan Academy

UV -Visible spectroscopy Absorption of light in the UV/Visible part of the spectrum ($\lambda \pm nm$). The transitions that result in the absorption of.

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