

- 4) When absorbing material gets coagulated.
- 5) When solute & solvent form complexes through some sort of association.
- 6) When diff. forms of the absorbing molecules are in equilibrium as keto-enol tautomers.

UV-VIS Spectroscopy

Electronic Spectrum

When any molecule absorbs UV or visible radiation, its electrons get promoted from lower energy level (G.S.) to higher energy state (E.S.), then electronic spectrum is obtained.

The study of this spectra is called UV-VIS Spectroscopy.

→ 95% alcohol, H_2O , hexane etc are used as solvent.

An org- compound is dissolved in a solvent that does not absorb the radiations in 200-800nm range of electromagnetic radiation

source of light → Hydrogen-deuterium discharge lamp & tungsten filament lamp.
(UV-VIS range)

(Used to obtain visible spectrum)

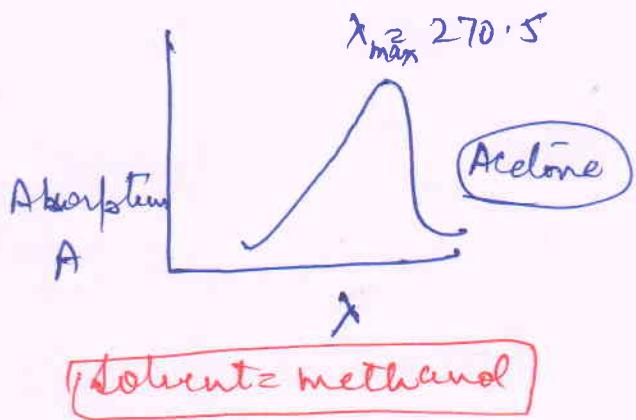
→ This technique is not useful below 200 nm b'coz oxygen absorbs strongly at 200 nm & below.

→ Region below 200 nm is of a Vacuum UV region.

→ Low T region can be extended upto 150 nm by flushing

→ Glass cells, used in visible region (Q)

→ Silica cells / Quartz cells in UV region.



solution in cell



passed. Monochromatic beam of equal intensity



Intensity of respective transmitted beams are then compared over the whole range of instrument.



None absorbance / Transmittance can be measured.

Where absorbance is max is called λ_{max} i.e. λ of max. absorption of light radiation. This is characteristic property of compound.

λ_{max} value changes slightly with change in solvent or with ↑ or ↓ in conjugation.

Selection Rule:

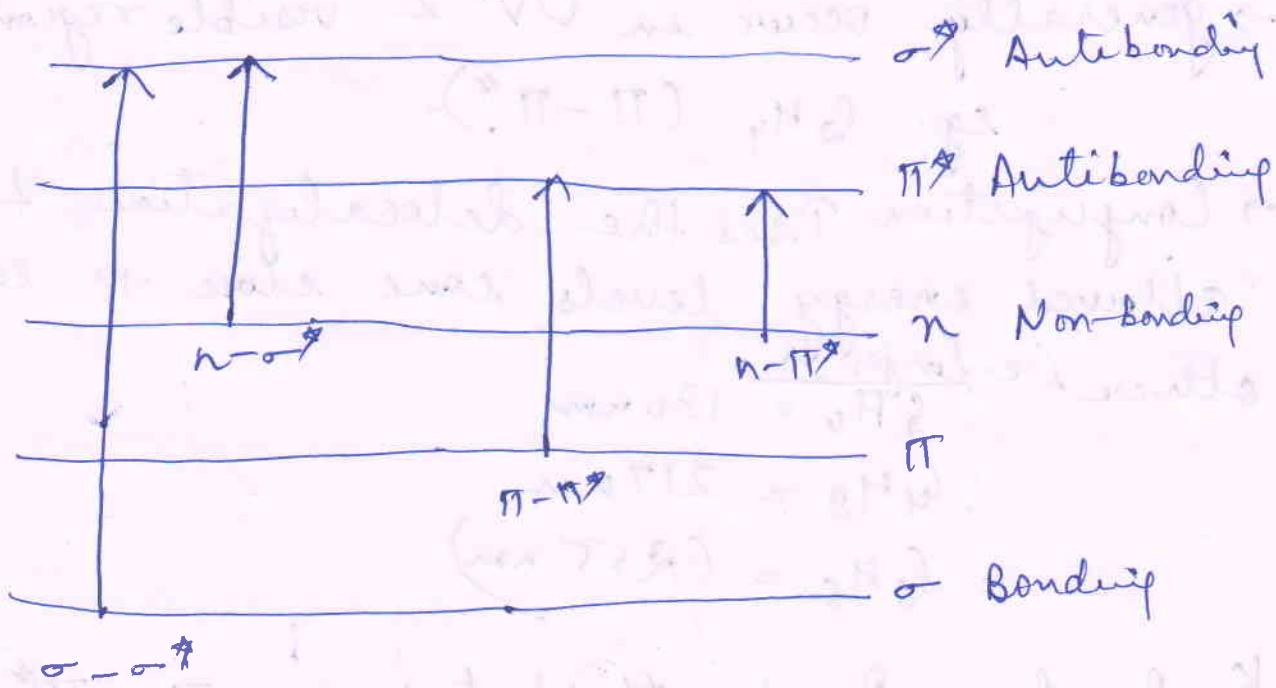
① Transitions which involve a change in spin quantum no. of an electron during transition and is not allowed i.e. singlet - triplet transitions are forbidden.

② Transitions b/w orbitals of diff. symmetry are not

Electronic Absorption Bands:

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- Electrons in an atom reside in the atomic orbitals, & e's in a molecule reside in the molecular orbitals.
- Acc. to MOT, when a molecule is formed, e⁻ participating in the formation of bond remain in bonding M.O.
- Bonding orbitals (σ , π)
Antibonding orbitals (σ^* , π^*)
Non-bonding orbitals (some e⁻ are not involved in formation of any bond)



$\sigma - \sigma^*$ transition = (σ bond) No lone pair.
High energy required
eg. Saturated hydrocarbons

$$\text{CH}_4 \approx \lambda_{\text{max}} = 125 \text{ nm}$$

$n - \sigma^*$ transition :- (130-200 nm) (11)

Sat. compounds containing heteroatoms (O, N, S, X)

$\rightarrow n - \sigma^*$ energy less than $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$

e.g. CH_3Cl (173 nm)

CH_3OH (184 nm)

CH_3NH_2 (215 nm)

$\pi - \pi^*$ transition :- unsaturated compds.

less energy.

\rightarrow generally occur in UV + visible region.

e.g. C_2H_4 ($\pi - \pi^*$)

\rightarrow Conjugation \Rightarrow the delocalization + allowed energy levels come close to each other i.e. longer λ .

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 = 180 \text{ nm}$

$\text{C}_4\text{H}_8 = 217 \text{ nm}$

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_6 = 255 \text{ nm}$

K Band = Bands attributed to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$

transition. Such bands arise in compounds like diene, polyenes, enones at longest ϵ . Red intensity.

B band :- generated by aromatic or heteroaromatic compounds due to $\pi-\pi^*$ transition.

→ This band originates from being excited, when mol. vibrates. The symmetry of aromatic ring is destroyed, when molecules enters in excited state while vibrating. formed at longer λ & is of low intensity.

e.g. C_6H_6

K band	B band
λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{max} (nm)
204 ($E_{max} = 7400$)	255 ($E_{max} = 204$)

$n-\pi^*$ Transition :-

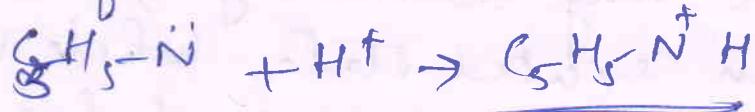
→ by unsaturated compounds in which a hetero atom containing unshared pair of e^- (e.g. $C=O$, NO_2 group)

$n-\pi^*$ transitions of single chromophoric groups ($>C=O$, NO_2) are forbidden and corresponding bands (weak) are characterized by low intensity, generally less than 100. These bands are called R bands.

Sat. Ketone (Acetone) exhibits lowest energy forbidden transition around $\lambda_{max} = 280 \text{ nm}$.

* $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition bands ^{dis}appear in acidic. (13)
solution eg. $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition in pyridine
disappear in acidic solution, why?

b/cz formation of bond b/w acidic proton
& lone pair of e^- on N atom



Chromophore :-

→ Any isolated covalently bonded unsaturated group that shows a characteristic absorption band in UV or visible region & provides colour to the compound.

→ Compound containing a chromophore is called chromogen.

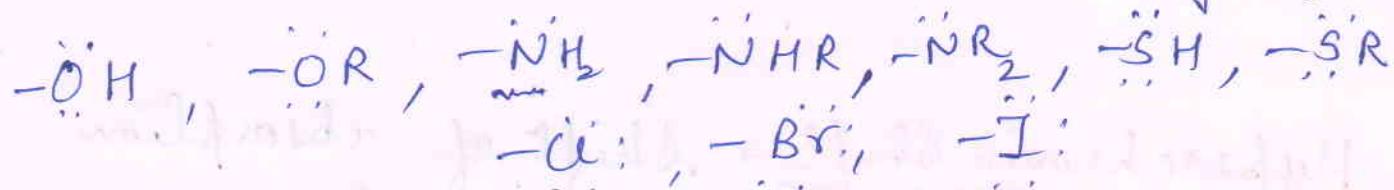
eg: $\gamma\text{C}=\text{C}\gamma$, $-\text{C}=\text{C}-$, $\gamma\text{C}=\text{O}$, $\gamma\text{C}=\text{S}$, $-\text{C}=\text{N}$, $-\text{N}=\text{O}$,
 $-\text{N}=\text{N}$, $-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{N}}{\text{N}}}=\text{O}$.

Colour of a molecule is due to one or more such chromophoric groups, which are all unsaturated in nature.

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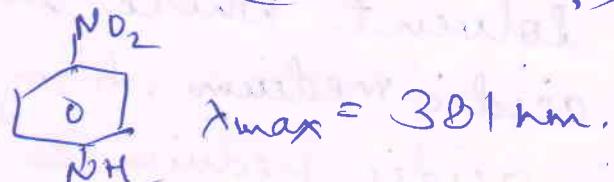
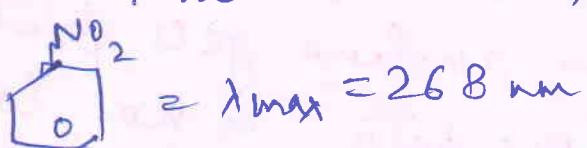
Auxochrome :-

Colour enhancing group which does not itself acts as a chromophore but when attached to a chromophore, it brings about a shift of absorption bands towards red end of spectra (longer λ).

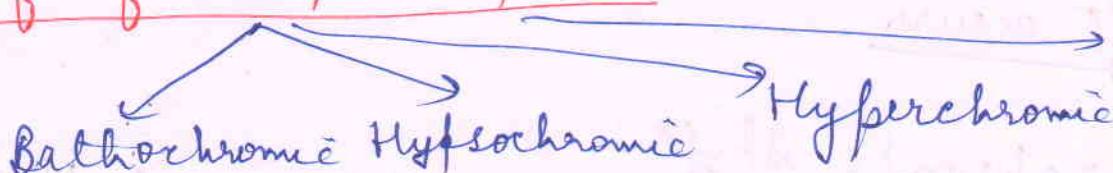


→ Absorption bands usually becomes intense (E_{max}) & shifts to longer λ (towards visible region) due to presence of auxochrome.

→ E.g. Benzene $\lambda_{max} = 285 \text{ nm}$ ($E_{max} = 203$)
Aniline $\lambda_{max} = 280 \text{ nm}$ ($E_{max} = 1430$)



Shift of Absorption peaks :-



Bathochromic shift :-

Shift of absorption band (λ_{max}) to a longer λ due to presence of an auxochrome ($-\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NH}_2$) or by change of solvent is c/a bathochromic.

eg. $C_6H_6 \rightarrow$ absorbs at 254 nm. (15)
 $C_6H_5-CH_3 \rightarrow$ " " 261 nm.
conjugation of = bonds also cause bathochromic shift.

UV spectrum of ethanol in acetone absorbs at 272 nm but in hexane, it absorbs at 279 nm.

Hypsochromic Shift \rightarrow Shift of absorption band (λ_{max}) to a shorter λ due to substitution with e^- withdrawing groups like NO_2 , etc. or solvent is c/a hypsochromic shift. or blue shift.

eg $\rightarrow C_6H_5NH_2$ absorbs at 230 nm in neutral solvent while it absorbs at 203 nm in acidic medium, b'coz \rightarrow amine gets protonated in acidic medium & lone pair is no longer present & conjugation removed & thus, blue shift occurs.

Hyperchromic shift:
 \rightarrow ↑ in intensity (E_{max}) of a band, then effect is c/a hyperchromic shift.
 \rightarrow ↑ in intensity of absorption band is due to ↑ in molar extinction coefficient.

e.g. $\epsilon_{\text{max}} \text{ of } \text{C}_6\text{H}_6 \rightarrow 7400$

Systrene $\epsilon_{\text{max}} \rightarrow 14000$

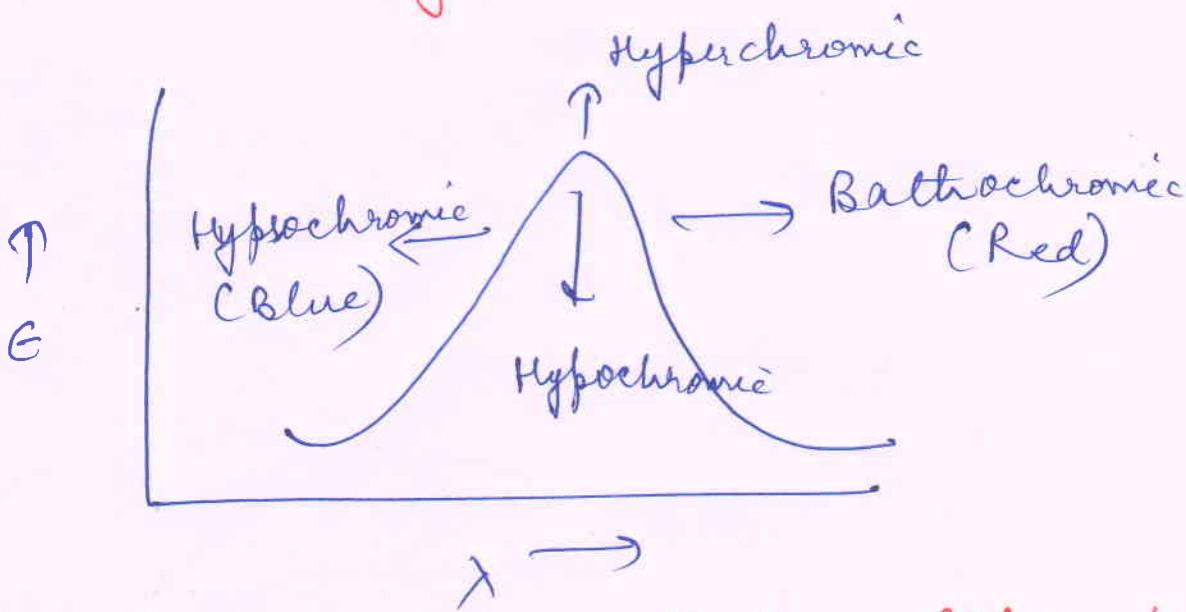
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\therefore Sub. of vinyl gp ($-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$) in benzene causes hyperchromic shift.

Hypsochromic shift:-

Sub. gp \downarrow see intensity of absorption band.

e.g. ϵ_{max} for α -band of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6 = 204 \text{ nm}$
Chlorobenzene $\epsilon_{\text{max}} = 190 \text{ nm}$.



* Generally, sub. gps that exhibit bathochromic shift also shows hyperchromic shift + sub. gps that show hypsochromic shift, also show hypsochromic effect..