

Fundamentals of Spectroscopy
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Lecture 56
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A is related to the unpaired electron density (ρ)

$A \propto \rho$

$\rightarrow A = R\rho$

Atom

$A = 0.05 \text{ T}$ and $\rho = 1$

$R = A/\rho = 0.05 \text{ T}$

$A = (0.05 \text{ T}) \rho$

$A = 23 \text{ mT} = 23 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$

$23 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T} = (0.05 \text{ T}) \rho$

$\rho = 0.046$

Hyperfine interaction of $\cdot\text{CH}_3$

$A \rightarrow$ hyperfine coupling constant

experiment

Total electron density

$3 \times 0.046 = 0.138 \Rightarrow 0.14$

$(1 - 0.138) = 0.862$

14% H atom
86% C atom

Hello all. Welcome to the lecture in the last lecture we looked into the hyperfine interactions of methyl radical which can be also represented as $\text{CH}_3 \cdot$ so we saw that the A which is the hyperfine coupling constant, so this A the hyperfine coupling constant can be obtained from experiment and this is A related to the unpaired electron density. So A is related to the unpaired electron density which is given by ρ in other word we can write A is proportional to ρ .

And because A is proportional to ρ we can write $A = R$ times ρ where R is the proportionality constant. So, this value of R can be obtained if you know the values of A and ρ in other words value of R can be obtained using the known values of A and ρ for any suitable system. Let us take the system of hydrogen atom, for this hydrogen atom A equals 0.05 and ρ

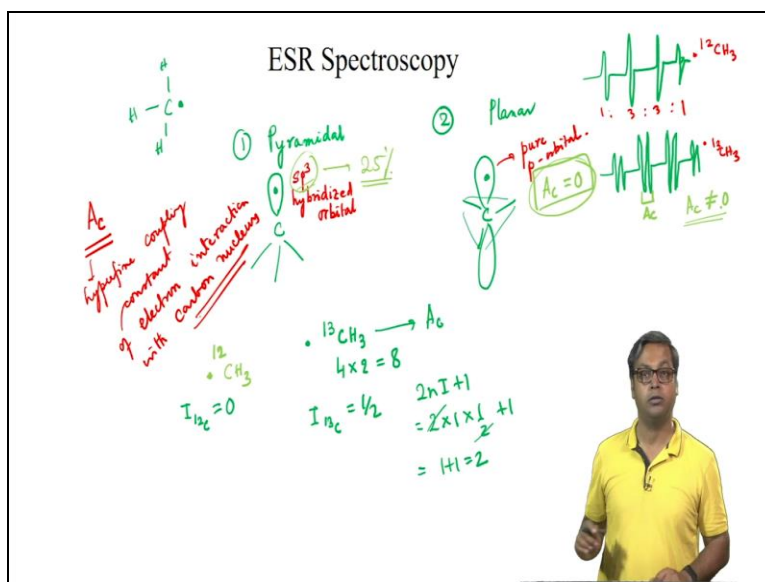
equals 1 of the electron density that is ρ for the unpaired electron in hydrogen atom is one because the hydrogen atom has only one electron and interact with only one Proton.

So thus we can write R equals A divided by ρ so that is 0.05 because ρ was 1 and because R is given by 0.05 T we can go back to this equation and write $A = 0.05 \text{ T} \times \rho$. Now for particular system, let us say we take the system of methyl radical. So for a particular system the value cannot be calculated using this expression. So let us talk about the methyl radical or $\text{CH}_3\cdot$ and for methyl radical A is given by 23 mT.

So that means 23 times 10^{-3} T so we can write 23 times 10^{-3} T that is equals to $0.05 \text{ T} \times \rho$ so from here we get ρ equals 0.046. So, now you can ask that this value of ρ indicate? So this value of ρ that is 0.046 in the case of methyl radical indicates that the electron density on each atom for this case is a Proton is 0.046 does the total electron density or let us write total electron density is given by 3 times 0.046 that is 0.138.

This is because in the methyl radical there are 3 protons and the remaining density that is if the total density is 1 and then $1 - 0.138 = 0.862$ so this remaining density is on the carbonate. So what does this mean? This means that the unpaired electron is not localized on the carbon atom. In other words, it is delocalized. It is delocalized such that that over the molecule it is spending approximately let say this you can and write as 0.14. So it is delocalize over the molecule such that its spends 14% time on the hydrogen atom and the rest that is 86% time on carbon atoms.

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So, now let us focus on the geometry of this methyl radical. So, the methyl radical we see there are three hydrogens and an unpaired electron. So, this can have possible geometry one is the pyramidal geometry if I draw this looks like this and this where the unpaired electron is. The other possibility is a planar geometry. So, I can draw it this way so this is the plane and this where the unpaired electron is.

So, in the pyramidal structure the electron is in an sp^3 hybrid orbital on the other hand in the planar geometry the electron is in a pure p-orbital. So one has to know the value of A_C where C stands for Carbon that is A_C is the hyperfine coupling constant of the electron with the carbon nucleus or the carbon atom. So this is the hyperfine coupling constant of interaction electron interaction with carbon nucleus. So, we need to know the value of A_C .

So for a pyramidal structure the electron is in the sp^3 hybrid orbital in other words in an sp^3 hybrid orbital here is 25% of s character. So, that means the A_C should have an appreciable value in the geometry is pyramidal because if it is in s orbital, then the electron spin can interact with the nucleus spin. So, in sp^3 hybrid orbital 25% s character, that means the A hyperfine coupling constant is not zero but has an appreciable value.

On the other hand for the planar structure the unpaired electron is in the pure p-orbital and as we know the pure p-orbital has a node at the carbon nucleus. This should make the A_C equals 0 and

because it has a note. So there should be no interaction between electron and the nucleus and that is the reason why s equals 0. So we cannot obtain the value of AC if we take the CH_3 radical where it is ^{12}C this is because the I of ^{12}C is 0 and because the I of ^{12}C is 0 it does not involve any hyperfine interaction.

So, in order to find the structure we need to know the value of AC but we cannot find the value of AC if you use ^{12}C , carbon methyl radical. So the way out is to use the ^{13}C isotope of the methyl radical. So the use of the ^{13}C isotopes that is the ^{13}C methyl radical would enable us to find the value of AC and we will see you have 4 times 2 that is 8 hyperfine structures in case of ^{13}C methyl radical. This is because you already had 4, hyperfine structure for ^{12}C but the carbon nucleus was not interesting.

But now we have a case where not only the 3 protons are interacting with unpaired electrons, but the ^{13}C nucleus is also interact and the I value of ^{13}C equals half. So, the number of line just coming from the interaction the unpaired electron with the ^{13}C nucleus is $2nI + 1$ which is given by $2n$ is 1 because there is 1 carbon nucleus times half plus 1 so 2 to cancel here so we have $1 + 1 = 2$. So, if you did not have this Carbon 13 nucleus we have 4 hyperfine structures.

Now we can think 4, hyperfine structure should individual split into 2 so will have 4 times 2 that is 8 hyperfine structure and this is how we can in principle of then the value of AC . So, from experiment it comes out that the AC as very, very small value or how can we find that? So, let us we have which is the ratio of 1 is to 3 is to 3 is to 1 and this one's for ^{12}C carbon methyl radical. No. If you have a ^{13}C carbon methyl radical this peak would split. So, ideally I should get something like and this splitting this gap will give us this AC .

So, experimentally, it can be seen the value of AC is very, very small. Although AC is not exactly equal to zero. So this means that within this experimental error bar the hyperfine interaction is negligibly small. So this A 's are evident goes in favour of the planar structure and that is because of what as I had mentioned before $AC = 0$ and experiment we do not exactly find $S = 0$ but AC is very, very small it tell us hyperfine interaction is negligible.

So, though we have already used it when we talked about this methyl radical after this you would formal is see what happens when different nuclei with different values of I at present as long as I is not equal to 1.

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$n \rightarrow$ nuclei $\rightarrow I$

number of hyperfine lines

$2nI + 1$

number of nuclei $I = I_i$

$= \prod_i 2n_i I_i + 1$

1. $^1\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ $I_H = 1/2$ $I_{Cl} = 3/2$

number of hyperfine lines

$(2 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1) \times (2 \times 1 \times \frac{3}{2} + 1)$

$3 \times 4 = 12$

2. $^{13}\text{CCH}_2$ ($I_{^{13}\text{C}} = 1/2$, $I_H = 1/2$)

number of hyperfine lines

$(2 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1) \times (2 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1) \times (2 \times 2 \times 1 + 1)$

$2 \times 2 \times 5$

$4 \times 5 = 20$

So this is the last thing you seen. So we have seen that the number of hyperfine line in the ESR spectrum is caused by the interaction of unpaired electron with the nuclear spin. Now let say there are n number of nuclei and this n number of nuclei has spin I so what we know is that the total number of hyperfine lines is given by $2nI + 1$. Now if there are different nuclear present with different type and let say I have few nuclei with I equals 1/2 few other nuclei where I equal to 1 and few other nuclei with C / 2.

So we cannot use this formula that is $2nI + 1$ in such a scenario where we have different nuclei with different I values the number of hyperfine lines if given by this Pi, this is the symbol that you have to multiply of I multiplication all $I 2n_i I_i + 1$ where this n_i is the number of nuclei with nuclear spin I equal I_i so to understand this in a better way let us look into a couple of examples. So, first example with take radical that is CH_2Cl and now that I of h we know is 1/2 and the I of CH is C by 2.

So, we can see the unpaired electron will interact with two of the protons were I equals 1 and 1 chlorine were I equals 3 by 2. So, if I want to find the number of hyperfine line using this

formula what will have for interaction with Proton have 2 times 2 protons time $1/2$ that is the value of I for Proton +1 then we will multiply because we have this symbol here this is 2 times 1 chlorine times I value of chlorine that is 1 by $2 + 1$.

So if I do the Math properly what I get is this is $2 + 1$ that is 3 times this is $3 + 1$ that is 4. So you should have 12 hyperfine lines. Now let us stick another example. We take the example where we have $^{13}\text{CH}_2$ radical. So, we should remember that in the first case ^{12}C and because it was ^{12}C we did not take into account the interaction of the unpaired electron with the carbon nucleus because I equals 0 for ^{12}C .

What is the second example where we get what we are talking about it is ^{13}C . So I of ^{13}C equal $1/2$. So, I of ^{13}C equals $1/2$ and I of proton equals $1/2$ and I of dotron it was 1. So, if I want to find the number of hyperfine lines what we have here. So, let us first considered the interaction of the unpaired electron with the ^{13}C nucleus, so that is 2 and one such nucleus times I value of $1/2 + 1$. So this is coming from ^{13}C .

Then I will multiply and will look into the proton case so that is 2 times 1 proton times I value of Proton that is $1/2 + 1$ so this is where I am looking at H. And finally, I will multiply with 2 then there are 2 dotrons I value of $1 + 1$. So this is where I am looking at this D_2 s and in total we have $^{13}\text{CH}_2$ radical. So, we can write this is 2, 2 cancel that is $1 + 1$ is 2 times the same thing times 2 times $4 + 1$ that is 5.

So, the number of hyperfine interactions will have here is 4 times 5 equals 20. So, this brings us to the end of this lecture and also to the end of electron spin resonance spectroscopy for ESR spectroscopy.