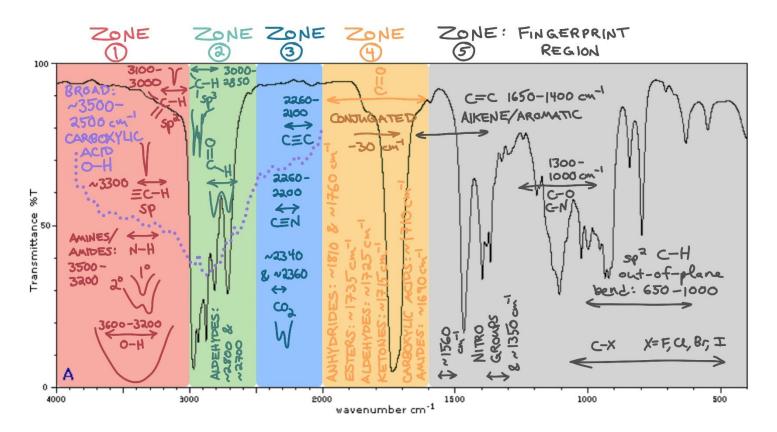
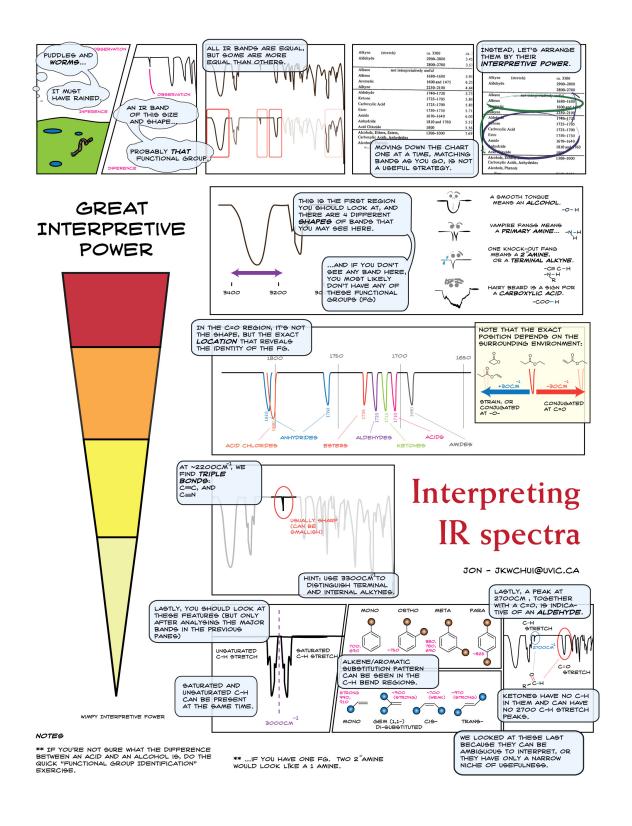
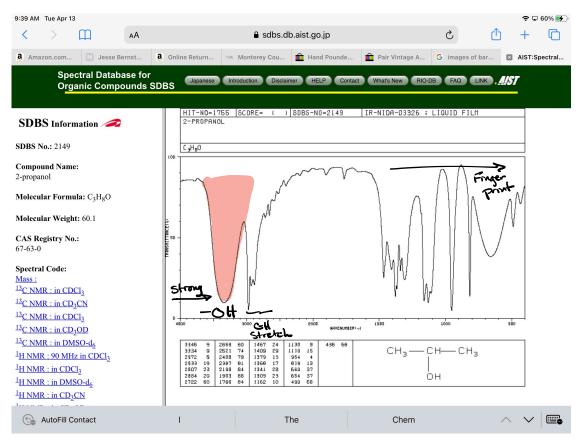
## **IDENTIFYING the MAJOR FUNCTIONAL GROUP:**

- 1. Is a carbonyl present? Check ZONE 4. If no carbonyl is present, go to step 3.
  - The C=O double bond gives rise to a strong absorption in ZONE 4: 2000-1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>. This peak is often the strongest in the spectrum, and characteristic of the type of carbonyl present (see spectrum below).
- 2. If C=O is present, check for additional peaks to confirm the following types of carbonyls:
  - Anhydrides have two C=O absorptions near 1810 & 1760 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Esters should also have C-O stretches in ZONE 5 around 1300-1100 cm<sup>-1</sup> with medium intensity
  - Aldehydes should also have two signals in ZONE 2: ~2800 & ~2700 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Carboxylic acids should have a broad signal that extends from **ZONE 1** through **ZONE 2**: 3500-2500 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Amides (primary & secondary) should have a signal in ZONE 1: 3500-3200 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- 3. If C=O is absent, check for:
  - Alcohols/Phenols have a broad signal in ZONE 1: 3600-3200 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Signals for amines also show up in ZONE 1: 3500-3200 cm<sup>-1</sup>
    - i. Primary amines (RNH<sub>2</sub>) display 2 signals
    - ii. Secondary amines (R2NH) display 1 signal
  - Ethers have signals in ZONE 5 due to C-O stretch: 1300-1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- 4. Double bonds and/or aromatic rings:
  - Phenyl and vinyl sp2 C-H stretches occur in ZONE 1 to the left of 3000 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Alkenes display weak C=C stretching signals near 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Medium to strong signals from 1650-1400 cm<sup>-1</sup> imply an aromatic ring
- 5. sp Hybridized Triple bonds:
  - Nitrile C≡N bonds display in ZONE 3 around 2250 cm<sup>-1</sup>
  - Alkyne C≡C bonds display in ZONE 3 around 2150 cm<sup>-1</sup>
    - Terminal alkynes also have a sharp signal in ZONE 1 around 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- 6. Nitro groups, NO<sub>2</sub>:
  - N=O stretches observed as two signals in ZONE 5 around 1560 & 1350 cm-1
- 7. Alkanes:
  - Main signals for sp3 hybridized C-H bonds are in ZONE 2 just below 3000 cm<sup>-1</sup>





2-propanol 9H



Types of hydroxyl groups
R-OH
Hydrogen Bonding

C-H stretch

