

Molecular Spectroscopy 1. rotational & vibrational spectra

Reading: Atkins, Ch. 13 (7판 Ch. 16)

Molecular spectroscopy vs.
electronic transition (Ch.14) +
Rotational, vibrational

Atomic spectroscopy
electronic transition

$$E_{\text{elec}} \gg E_{\text{vib}} \gg E_{\text{rot}}$$

Energy of electromagnetic field: oscillating electric & magnetic disturbance

$$E = h\nu = h c/\lambda$$

h; Planck constant (6.6×10^{-34} Js)

speed of light (c); 3×10^8 m/s,

wavelength (λ); distance between the neighboring peaks of wave,

$$1 \text{ \AA} = 0.1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

frequency (ν , Hz = 1 s^{-1}); number of times per second

$$\lambda\nu = c$$

wavenumber (cm^{-1} , reciprocal cm), $\bar{\nu} = \nu/c = 1/\lambda$

cf) $1 \text{ eV} \sim 8066 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$$\text{파장}(\lambda, \text{ nm}) = 1240/\text{band gap energy (eV)}$$

Electromagnetic spectrum

Experimental spectroscopy: absorption or emission

$$E_2 - E_1 = h\nu$$

- Absorption spectroscopy

- Emission spectroscopy

Source of radiation

- far IR: mercury arc
- IR: Nernst glower ($\text{ZrO}_2 + \text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$)
- Visible: Tungsten lamp
- UV: H_2 , D_2 or Xe lamp
- laser
- synchrotron radiation

Dispersing element: separating the frequencies of the radiation

- Prism, diffraction grating, monochromator

Detectors: radiation → electric current

- photomultiplier tube (PMT), diode (Si, Ge..), charge-coupled device (CCD)..

Sample: cell/window materials

-UV/visible: quartz, glass..

- IR: NaCl, KBr

- **Raman spectroscopy**

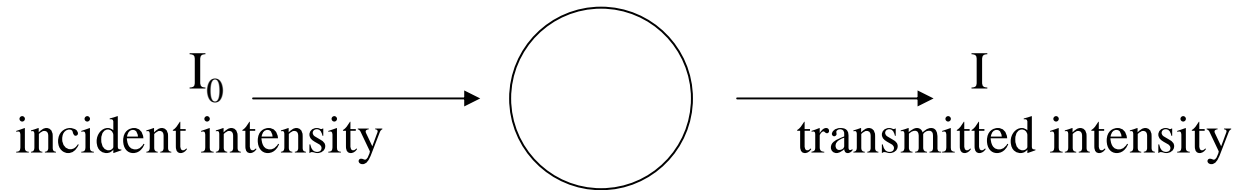
Lower frequency: Stokes radiation

Higher frequency: anti-Stokes radiation

No frequency change: Rayleigh radiation

Why Laser in Raman?: quite small frequency shift (monochromator needed)
low scattered intensity

Intensity of spectral lines



- Transmittance $T = I/I_0$

- Beer-Lambert law $I = I_0 10^{-\epsilon[J]l}$

[J]: molar concentration, l : length,

ϵ : molar absorption coefficient

(extinction coefficient), $\text{Lmol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$

or $\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$

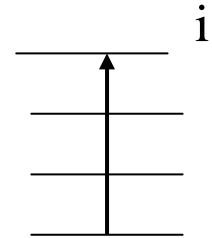
- Absorbance, $A = \log[I_0/I]$, or $A = -\log T$ (at a given wavenumber)

$A = \epsilon[J]l$ “optical density”

Absorption intensities

Population at equilibrium $N_i/N \propto e^{-E_i/kT}$ at T (K)
 $kT \sim 200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at room temperature

$$I \propto \text{population} \propto e^{-E_i/kT}$$



$$N_0/N = Ae^{-E_0/kT}, \quad N_1/N = Ae^{-E_1/kT}$$

$$\rightarrow N_1/N_0 = e^{-(E_1-E_0)/kT}$$

E_2 _____

e.g.) at room T, $E_1 - E_0 = 200 \text{ cm}^{-1} \rightarrow N_1/N_0 = e^{-1}$

E_1 _____

$E_1 - E_0 = 2000 \text{ cm}^{-1} \rightarrow N_1/N_0 \sim 0$

E_0 _____

Rotation: $E_{\text{rot}} = J(J+1) \hbar^2/2I$

$$N_J/N_0 \propto (2J + 1)e^{-E_{\text{rot}}/kT}$$

B_{nm} : Einstein coefficient of stimulated absorption (B)

B_{mn} : Einstein coefficient of stimulated emission (B') E_m, N_m

A_{mn} : Einstein coefficient of spontaneous emission (A)

Spontaneous emission: $-dN_m/dt = +A_{mn}N_m$

B_{nm}

B_{mn} A_{mn}

Stimulated emission: $-dN_m/dt = +B_{mn}N_m\rho(v_{mn})$

ρ : density of radiation E_n, N_n

Stimulated absorption: $dN_n/dt = -dN_m/dt = B_{nm}N_n \rho(v_{mn})$

At equilibrium rate $\uparrow =$ rate \downarrow

$$B_{nm}N_n \rho(v_{mn}) = A_{mn}N_m + B_{mn}N_m\rho(v_{mn})$$

$$N_m/N_n = B_{nm}N_n \rho(v_{mn}) / [A_{mn}N_m + B_{mn}N_m\rho(v_{mn})] = e^{-(E_m - E_n)/kT} = e^{-h\nu_{mn}/kT}$$

$$\rho(\nu_{mn}) = A_{mn}/(B_{nm}e^{-h\nu_{mn}/kT} - B_{mn}) \quad (1)$$

Planck's law

$$\rho(\nu_{mn}) = (8\pi h\nu^3/c^3)(1/e^{-h\nu_{mn}/kT} - B_{mn}) \quad (2)$$

$$(1) = (2) \quad B_{mn} = B_{nm} = B$$

$$A/B = A_{mn}/B_{mn} = 8\pi h\nu^3/c^3$$

$\nu \uparrow \rightarrow A \uparrow$ (spontaneous emission) \rightarrow laser

Lower frequency (rotational & vibrational transitions) \rightarrow A can be ignored

Selection rules: transition is forbidden or allowed?

transition dipole moment (μ_{fi})

$$\mu_{fi} = \langle f_f | \hat{\mu} | f_i \rangle = \int \psi_f^* \hat{\mu} \psi_i dz$$

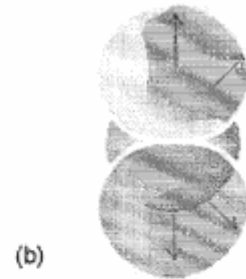
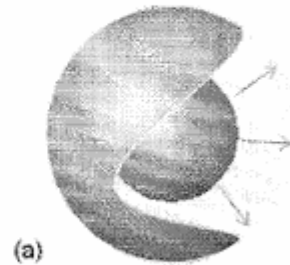
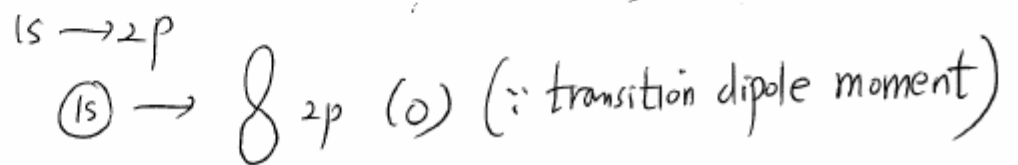
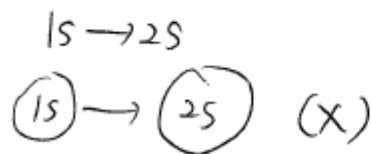
$\hat{\mu}$: electric dipole moment operator

$\mu_{fi} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ "transition allowed" : selection rule

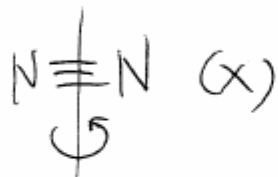
Stimulated absorption (& emission)

$$B = \frac{|\mu_{fi}|^2}{6 \epsilon_0 \hbar^2} \Rightarrow \text{intensity of transition} \propto |\mu_{fi}|^2$$

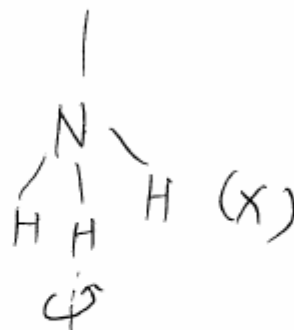
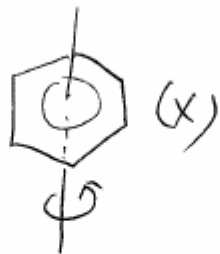
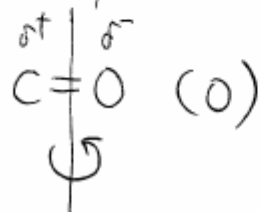
• electronic transition: $\Delta l = \pm 1$ (angular momentum q. #)



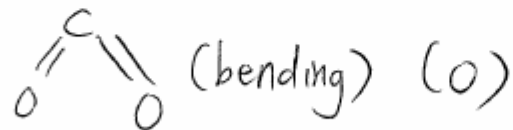
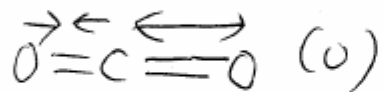
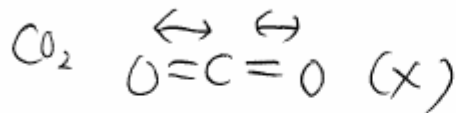
• rotation



(no dipole moment)



• Vibration



Linewidths

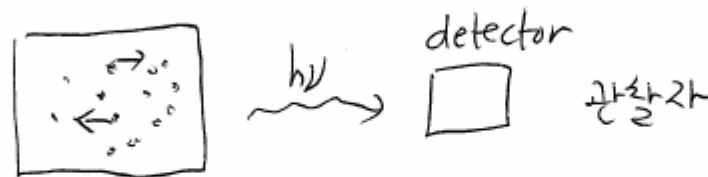
Why? 1. experimental conditions, 2. Inherent limitations

→ To achieve high resolution, we need to know how to minimize these contributions

- Inherent limitations: Doppler broadening & lifetime broadening

(a) Doppler broadening

- Doppler effect: radiation is shifted in frequency when the source is moving towards or away from the observer



speed v_x (speed of source)

$$\nu_{\text{receding}} = \nu \left(\frac{1 - v_x/c}{1 + v_x/c} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \nu_{\text{approaching}} = \nu \left(\frac{1 + v_x/c}{1 - v_x/c} \right)^{1/2}$$

For nonrelativistic speeds ($v_x \ll c$)

$$\nu_{\text{receding}} \approx \frac{\nu}{1 + v_x/c}, \quad \nu_{\text{approaching}} \approx \frac{\nu}{1 - v_x/c}$$

(red shift)

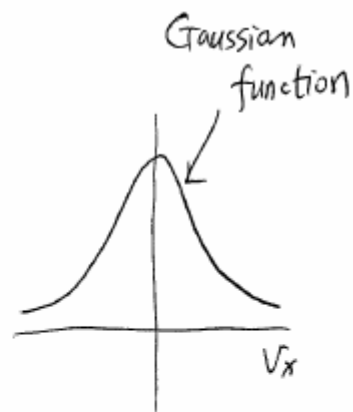
Consider $\nu_{\text{approaching}} \approx \frac{\nu_0}{1 - v_x/c} \xrightarrow{\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda}} \lambda = \lambda_0 \left(1 - \frac{v_x}{c}\right)$

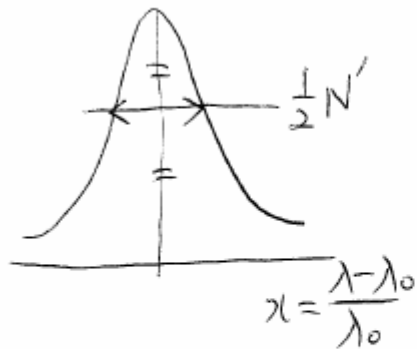
$$\% \text{ shift } x = \frac{\lambda - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0} = \frac{v_x}{c}$$

$$v_x \sim v_x + dv_x$$

probability $f(v_x)dv_x = N e^{-\frac{1}{2}mv_x^2/kT} \cdot dv_x$

$$= N e^{-\frac{1}{2}mc^2x^2/kT} \cdot c dx =$$
$$= F(x) dx = N' e^{-\frac{1}{2}mc^2x^2/kT} \cdot dx$$



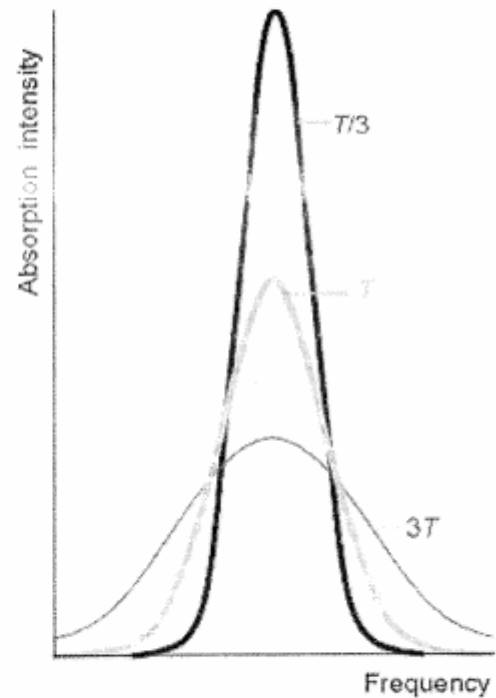


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$$\frac{1}{2} mc^2 x^2 / kT = -\ln \frac{1}{2} = \ln 2$$

$$x_{\pm} = \pm \left(\frac{2kT \ln 2}{mc^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_0 (x_+ - x_-) = \frac{2\lambda_0}{c} \left(\frac{2kT \ln 2}{m} \right)^{1/2}$$



$T \uparrow \rightarrow$ more broad : cold sample is better sharpness

(b) lifetime broadening: quantum mechanical effect

System that is changing with time → impossible to specify the energy level exactly

Uncertainty broadening

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \because \delta p_x \cdot \delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \\ \delta E \cdot \delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \end{array} \right)$$
$$\delta E \approx \frac{\hbar}{\tau}, \quad \tau = \text{lifetime}$$

Factors influencing the lifetime of excited states

→ Spontaneous emission (coefficient $A \propto \nu^3$), stimulated emission, collision,

deactivation (pressure broadening)

$$E = h\nu = hc\tilde{\nu}, \quad \delta E = hc(\delta\tilde{\nu})$$

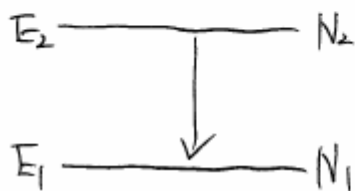
lifetime: τ (sec)

$$hc(\delta\tilde{\nu}) \cdot \tau \approx \hbar$$

$$\delta\tilde{\nu} \approx \frac{\hbar}{hc\tau} = \frac{1}{2\pi c\tau} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-1}}{\tau \text{ (sec)}} = \frac{5.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}}{\tau \text{ (ps)}}$$

$\tau \downarrow$ (shorter lifetime) \rightarrow broader spectral lines
 \rightarrow working at low pressure (collisional linewidth)
 low frequency transitions \rightarrow small linewidth

lifetime vs. rate



rate = $\frac{dN_2}{dt} = -kN_2$, $\int \frac{dN_2}{N_2} = -\int k dt$

rate const

$\frac{N_2(t)}{N_2(0)} = e^{-kt}$, $N_2(t) = N_2(0) e^{-kt}$



$\tau = dt \rightarrow \frac{dN}{N}$, $\tau = \frac{dt}{|dN_2/N_2|} = \frac{dt}{k dt} = \frac{1}{k}$

N_2	$\xrightarrow{k_1}$	N_1	spontaneous emission	$\tau_1 = \frac{1}{k_1}$	$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = -(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) N_2$
	$\xrightarrow{k_2}$	N_1	stimulated "	$\tau_2 = \frac{1}{k_2}$	
	$\xrightarrow{k_3}$	N_1	collision activation	$\tau_3 = \frac{1}{k_3}$	

τ of electronic transitions \ll τ of rotation, vibration
 \Downarrow
 higher natural line width!!

Pure rotation spectra: microwave region

Moment of inertia

I: moment of inertia

$$I = \sum m_i r_i^2$$

where r_i is the perpendicular distance of the atom i from the axis of rotation

→ depending on molecular structure:
masses & molecular geometry

→ rotational spectroscopy:
information about bond lengths & bond angles

Linear molecules: zero I
around the internuclear axis

e.g., I of H₂O around axis

Rigid rotors

Spherical rotors: 3 equal I (e.g., CH₄, SiH₄, SF₆)

Symmetric rotors: 2 equal I (e.g., NH₃, CH₃Cl, CH₃CN)

Linear rotors: 1 zero I (1 about the molecule axis) (CO₂, HCl, OCS, HCCH)

Asymmetric rotors: three different I (H₂O, H₂CO, CH₃OH)

Rotational energy levels

$E = J^2/2I$, J: magnitude of the angular momentum ($J(J + 1)\hbar^2$, $J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)

For a, b, c axes, $E = E_a + E_b + E_c = J_a^2/2I_a + J_b^2/2I_b + J_c^2/2I_c$

(a) Spherical rotors

3 equal I (e.g., CH₄, SiH₄, SF₆)

$$E = (J_a^2 + J_b^2 + J_c^2)/2I = J^2/2I$$

$$E_J = (J(J + 1)\hbar^2/2I), \quad J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Rotational constant of the molecule, B

$$hcB = \hbar^2/2I \quad \text{so } B = \hbar/4\pi cI$$

$$\rightarrow E_J = hcBJ(J + 1), \quad J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \text{wavenumber term, } F(J) = BJ(J + 1)$$

F(J): rotational term

$$F(J) - F(J - 1) = 2BJ$$

$$I \uparrow \rightarrow B \downarrow$$

Large molecules: closely spaced rotational energy levels

e.g., CCl₄, I = 4.85 x 10⁻⁴⁵ kgm²

$$\rightarrow B = 0.0577 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

(b) Symmetric rotors

2 equal I & 1 different I (e.g., CH₃Cl, NH₃, C₆H₆):

principle axis (I_{||}) & other two (I_⊥)

If → oblate (like pancake or C₆H₆)

If → prolate (like cigar, CH₃Cl)

$$E = (J_b^2 + J_c^2)/2I_{\perp} + J_a^2/2I_{||}$$

$$J^2 = J_a^2 + J_b^2 + J_c^2$$

$$E = (J^2 - J_a^2)/2I_{\perp} + J_a^2/2I_{||} = J^2/2I_{\perp} + (1/2I_{||} - 1/2I_{\perp})J_a^2$$

Quantum mechanics

$$J^2 = J(J + 1)\hbar^2, \quad J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$J_a = K\hbar, \quad K = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm J$$

$$E_{J,K} = J(J + 1)\hbar^2/2I_{\perp} + K^2\hbar^2/2(1/I_{||} - 1/I_{\perp})$$

$$F(J, K) = BJ(J + 1) + (A - B)K^2$$

With $A = \hbar/4\pi cI_{||}$ and $B = \hbar/4\pi cI_{\perp}$

$K = 0$, E depends only on I_⊥

$K = \pm J$, $F(J, K) = BJ + AJ^2$ e.g., 16.2

(c) Linear rotors

$$K = 0$$

$$E = J(J + 1)\hbar^2/2I \quad J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$F(J, K) = BJ(J + 1)$$

(d) Degeneracies and the Stark effect

E of symmetric rotor depends on J & K

J, K \rightarrow M_J quantized, $M_J = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm J$

\rightarrow $(2J + 1)$ degeneracy

Symmetric rotor:

$K \neq 0$; $2(2J + 1)$ -fold degenerate (J, K, respectively)

$K = 0$, $(2J + 1)$ -fold degenerate

Linear rotor ($K = 0$): $2J + 1$ fold degenerate

Spherical rotor: $2J + 1$ fold degenerate

Stark effect: splitting of states by an electric field

Electric field, E

$$E(J, M_J) = hcBJ(J + 1) + a(J, M_J)\mu^2 E^2$$

where $a(J, M_J) = [J(J + 1) - 3M_J^2]/[2hcBJ(J + 1)(2J - 1)(2J + 3)]$

μ : permanent electric dipole moment

(e) Centrifugal distortion

Rigid rotor by centrifugal force: change I

Diatomic molecule

$$F(J) = BJ(J + 1) - D_J J^2(J + 1)^2$$

D_J : centrifugal distortion const

$$D_J = 4B^3/\bar{V}^2$$

Rotational transitions

B of small molecules $\rightarrow 0.1 \sim 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (microwave region)

(a) Rotational selection rules

Gross selection rule: $\mu \neq 0$ (permanent electric dipole moment)

\rightarrow for pure rotational spectrum, it must be *polar*

Homonuclear diatomic molecules,
symmetrical linear molecule (CO_2),
spherical rotor \rightarrow rotationally inactive

Specific rotational selection rules: transition dipole moment between rotational states

For linear molecule: $\Delta J = \pm 1$, $\Delta M_J = 0, \pm 1$

($\Delta J = -1$: emission, $\Delta J = +1$: absorption)

\rightarrow conservation of angular momentum

when a photon, a spin-1 particle, is emitted or absorbed

Symmetric rotors: $\Delta K = 0$, $\Delta J = \pm 1$

(principal axis: no change)

$$F(J, K) = BJ(J + 1) + (A - B)K^2$$

Absorption: $J \rightarrow J + 1$; $\bar{\nu} = 2B(J + 1)$, $J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$\rightarrow 2B, 4B, 6B, \dots$

Separation: $2B$

e.g., 16.3

Intensity of rotational spectrum

I is proportional to N_J : population at equilibrium

$$N_J = N g_J \exp(-E_J/kT) / \sum g_J \exp(-E_J/kT)$$

g_J : degeneracy of level J

Linear molecule: $g_J = 2J + 1$

$$E_J = hcBJ(J + 1)$$

$$N_J = N(2J + 1) \exp(-hcBJ(J + 1)/kT)$$

$$J_{\max} \rightarrow N_J/dJ = 2 \exp(-hcBJ(J + 1)/kT) - [hcB(2J + 1)^2/kT] \exp(-hcBJ(J + 1)/kT)$$

$$= [2 - hcB(2J + 1)^2/kT] \exp(-hcBJ(J + 1)/kT)$$

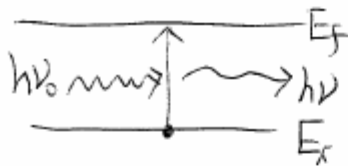
$$J_{\max} \sim (kT/2hcB)^{1/2} - 1/2$$

e.g., typical molecule at room T, $kT \sim 1000hcB \rightarrow J_{\max} \sim 22$

Rotational Raman spectra

Selection rule: must be anisotropically polarizable

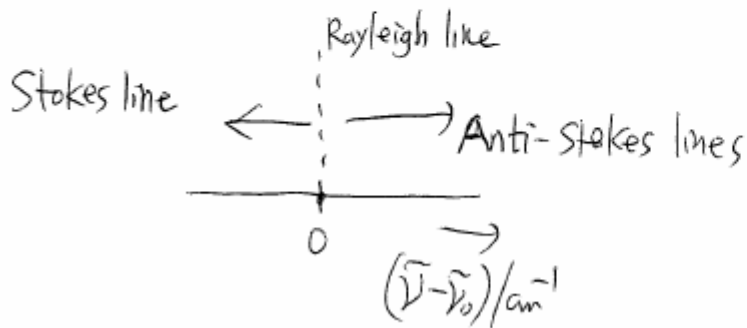
Raman effect: inelastic light scattering



$$h(\nu - \nu_0) = -(E_f - E_i) < 0$$



$$h(\nu - \nu_0) = -(E_f - E_i) > 0$$



⇒ entire spectrum range is very small
 → incident light must be highly monochromatic (e.g. laser)

anisotropically (비정방성) polarizable?

H₂

Induced dipole moment, $\mu = \alpha E$

α : polarizability

Atom: isotropically polarizable

Spherical rotor: isotropically polarizable (정방성)

→ CH₄, SF₆: rotationally Raman inactive, rotationally (microwave) inactive

Nonspherical rotors: anisotropically polarizable (depend on the direction of E)

→ diatomics, linear molecules, symmetric rotors

→ rotationally Raman active

e.g., homonuclear diatomic:

rotational inactive, but rotationally Raman active

Selection rule

Gross selection rule: anisotropic α

Specific selection rule linear rotors: $\Delta J = 0, \pm 2$

Symmetric rotors: $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2; \Delta K = 0$

$\Delta J = 0$: no shift of the scattered photon's frequency (Rayleigh line)

c.f. Why $\Delta J = \pm 2$?

i) $\mu_{\text{ind}} = \alpha E(t) = \alpha E \cos \omega_i t$, ω_i : angular frequency of incident photon

If molecule is rotating at a circular frequency ω_R

$\rightarrow \alpha = \alpha_0 + \Delta\alpha \cos 2\omega_R t$, where $\Delta\alpha = \alpha_{\parallel} - \alpha_{\perp}$, α from $\alpha_0 + \Delta\alpha$ to $\alpha_0 - \Delta\alpha$ as the molecule rotates \rightarrow "2"; 1 revolution, polarizability twice

$$\rightarrow \mu_{\text{ind}} = (\alpha_0 + \Delta\alpha \cos 2\omega_R t) \times (E \cos \omega_i t) = \alpha_0 E \cos \omega_i t + E \Delta\alpha \cos 2\omega_R t \cos \omega_i t =$$

$$\alpha_0 E \cos \omega_i t + (1/2) E \Delta\alpha [\cos(\omega_i + 2\omega_R)t + \cos(\omega_i - 2\omega_R)t]$$

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ω_i , incident frequency
Rayleigh radiation

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$\omega_i \pm 2\omega_R$
shifted Raman lines

ii) Raman \rightarrow 2 photons involved (spin-1 particle) \rightarrow max. changes in angular momentum quantum number = ± 2

Raman spectrum of a linear rotor: $\Delta J = \pm 2$

$\Delta J = +2$, $J \rightarrow J + 2$, Stokes lines

$$\bar{\nu}(J \rightarrow J + 2) = \bar{\nu}_i - [B(J + 2)(J + 3) - BJ(J + 1)] = \bar{\nu}_i - 2B(2J + 3), J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Stokes lines: $-6B, -10B, -14B, \dots$

$\Delta J = -2$, $J \rightarrow J - 2$, Anti-Stokes lines

$$\bar{\nu}(J \rightarrow J - 2) = \bar{\nu}_i + 2B(2J - 1), J = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

e.g., 16.4

The vibrations of diatomic molecules

Molecular vibrations

Diatomic molecule



Harmonic oscillator, $V = 1/2kx^2$, $x = R - R_e$

$$-(\hbar^2/2\mu)(d^2\Psi/dx^2) + (1/2kx^2)\Psi = E\Psi$$

$\mu = m_{\text{eff}} = m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$: reduced or effective mass

$$E_v = (v + 1/2)\hbar\omega, \quad v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{(k/\mu)}, \quad \omega = 2\pi\nu \rightarrow \nu = (1/2\pi)\sqrt{(k/\mu)}$$

Vibrational term, $G(v) = (v + 1/2)\bar{\nu}$, $E_v = hcG(v)$

$$\bar{\nu} = (1/2\pi c)\sqrt{(k/\mu)}$$

Homonuclear diatomic molecule, $m_1 = m_2$, $\mu = 1/2m$

Selection rule

Gross selection rule: dipole moment $\mu \neq 0$

(dipole moment must change) \rightarrow infrared active

Specific vibrational selection rule

$\Delta v = +1$: absorption, $\Delta v = -1$: emission

$$\Delta G_{v+1/2} = G(v+1) - G(v) = \bar{\nu}$$

At room T, $kT/hc = 200 \text{ cm}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{IR} > 200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Anharmonicity

True potential energy?

$$V(x) = V(0) + (dV/dx)_0 x + \frac{1}{2}(d^2V/dx^2)_0 x^2 + \dots$$

One approach to anharmonicity

Morse potential energy

$$V = hcD_e[1 - e^{-a(R - R_e)}]^2$$

$a = [m_{\text{eff}}\omega^2/2hcD_e]^{1/2}$, D_e : depth of the potential minimum

$$H = T + V, H\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$\rightarrow E_v = (v + 1/2)h\nu - (v + 1/2)^2 x_e h\nu + (v + 1/2)^3 y_e h\nu + \dots$$

$$x_e = \hbar a^2 / 2\mu\omega = \bar{\nu} / 4D_e: \text{anharmonicity constant}$$

$$G(v) = (v + 1/2)\bar{\nu} - (v + 1/2)^2 x_e \bar{\nu} \dots, \quad v = 0, 1, 2, \dots, v_{\max}$$

Wavenumbers of transitions with $\Delta v = +1$

$$\Delta G_{v+1/2} = G(v + 1) - G(v) = \bar{\nu} - 2(v + 1)x_e \bar{\nu} + \dots$$

$$(\text{or } \Delta E (v \rightarrow v + 1) = h\nu - 2(v + 1)x_e h\nu \dots)$$

\rightarrow when $x_e \neq 0$, the transitions move to lower wavenumbers as v increases

Mainly $\Delta v = \pm 1$ (fundamental frequency), however, anharmonicity allows additional weak lines corresponding $\Delta v = \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$ (“**overtones**”)

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ overtone, } G(v + 2) - G(v) = 2\bar{\nu} - 2(2v + 3)x_e \bar{\nu} + \dots$$

Selection rule is derived from harmonic oscillator, for an anharmonic oscillator, all values of Δv are allowed, but transitions with $\Delta v > 1$ are weak if the anharmonicity is slight

Vibration-rotation spectra

Each line of high-resolution vib. Spectrum of heteronuclear diatomic molecular consists of large # of closely spaced lines (“band spectra”)
→ rotational transition with vibrational transition

$$E = E_{\text{vib}} + E_{\text{rot}} + E_{\text{ele}}, \quad E_{\text{ele}} > E_{\text{vib}} > E_{\text{rot}}$$

IR radiation → no electronic transition,
vib. transition + rotational transition

Diatomic molecule

$$E_{v,J} = (v + \frac{1}{2})h\nu + hcBJ(J + 1) \quad \text{H.O.}$$

$$E_{v,J} = (v + \frac{1}{2})h\nu - (v + \frac{1}{2})2x_e h\nu + hcBJ(J + 1) \quad \text{Anharm.}$$

Vibration-rotation term

$$S(v,J) = G(v) + F(J)$$

Selection rule $\mu \neq 0$

$$\Delta v = \pm 1,$$

$\Delta J = \pm 1, 0$ (total orbital ang. momentum about internuclear axis $\neq 0, \Lambda \neq 0$)

e.g., paramagnetic molecule, NO

$$\Delta v = 1 (v \rightarrow v + 1)$$

i) $\Delta J = -1, \Delta E = h\nu - 2BJ, \bar{\nu}_p(J) = S(v+1, J-1) - S(v, J) = \bar{\nu} - 2BJ$
 $\rightarrow h\nu - 2B, h\nu - 4B, \dots$ P-branch

ii) $\Delta J = 0, \Delta E = h\nu, \bar{\nu}_Q(J) = S(v+1, J) = \bar{\nu}$ Q-branch

allowed: NO, forbidden: HCl

iii) $\Delta J = +1, \Delta E = h\nu + 2B(J + 1), \bar{\nu}_R(J) = S(v+1, J+1) - S(v, J) = \bar{\nu} + 2B(J + 1)$
R-branch

Vibrational Raman spectra of diatomic molecule

Gross selection rule: polarizability should change as the molecule vibrates

Homonuclear and heteronuclear diatomic molecules \rightarrow vibrational Raman active

Specific selection rule: $\Delta v = \pm 1$, $\Delta J = 0, \pm 2$

$$\Delta v = +1$$

- i) $\Delta J = -2$, O-branch
- ii) $\Delta J = 0$, Q-branch
- iii) $\Delta J = +2$, S-branch

Table 16.2 Properties of diatomic molecules

	$\tilde{\nu}_0/\text{cm}^{-1}$	θ_V/K	B/cm^{-1}	θ_R/K	r/pm	$k/(\text{N m}^{-1})$	$D/(\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$	σ
$^1\text{H}_2^+$	2321.8	3341	29.8	42.9	106	160	255.8	2
$^1\text{H}_2$	4400.39	6332	60.864	87.6	74.138	574.9	432.1	2
$^2\text{H}_2$	3118.46	4487	30.442	43.8	74.154	577.0	439.6	2
$^1\text{H}^{19}\text{F}$	4138.32	5955	20.956	30.2	91.680	965.7	564.4	1
$^1\text{H}^{35}\text{Cl}$	2990.95	4304	10.593	15.2	127.45	516.3	427.7	1
$^1\text{H}^{81}\text{Br}$	2648.98	3812	8.465	12.2	141.44	411.5	362.7	1
$^1\text{H}^{127}\text{I}$	2308.09	3321	6.511	9.37	160.92	313.8	294.9	1
$^{14}\text{N}_2$	2358.07	3393	1.9987	2.88	109.76	2293.8	941.7	2
$^{16}\text{O}_2$	1580.36	2274	1.4457	2.08	120.75	1176.8	493.5	2
$^{19}\text{F}_2$	891.8	1283	0.8828	1.27	141.78	445.1	154.4	2
$^{35}\text{Cl}_2$	559.71	805	0.2441	0.351	198.75	322.7	239.3	2
$^{12}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}$	2170.21	3122	1.9313	2.78	112.81	1903.17	1071.8	1
$^{79}\text{Br}^{81}\text{Br}$	323.2	465	0.0809	10.116	283.3	245.9	190.2	1

Data: AIP

The vibrations of polyatomic molecules

Diatomic molecule: one mode of vibration → bond stretch

Polyatomic molecules: several modes

N atoms → degree of freedom for vibration (p. 522, Justification 16.9)

f_v linear $3N - 5$ (total: $3N$, 3 translation, 2 rotation)

nonlinear $3N - 6$ (total: $3N$, 3 translation, 3 rotation)

CO₂ (linear molecule), $f_v = 3 \times 3 - 5 = 4$ modes for vibration

Symmetric stretch, $\nu_1 = 1388 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (IR inactive)

Antisymmetric stretch, $\nu_3 = 2349 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Bending, $\nu_2 = 667 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (degenerate)

$\nu(\text{bending}) < \nu(\text{stretch})$

$$G_p(\nu) = (\nu + 1/2)\bar{\nu}_q, \quad \bar{\nu}_q = (1/2\pi c)\sqrt{(k_q/m_q)}$$

H_2O , $f_v = 3 \times 3 - 6 = 3$ modes

Gross selection rule for IR: change of dipole moment

e.g., symmetric stretch of CO_2 : no dipole moment change \rightarrow IR inactive

antisymmetric stretch, bending modes \rightarrow IR active

Specific selection rule $\Delta v_q = \pm 1$ in harmonic approximation

Molecules can be identified from characteristic frequencies and intensities

Table 16.3 Typical vibrational wavenumbers, $\tilde{\nu}/\text{cm}^{-1}$

C—H stretch	2850–2960	C—F stretch	1000–1400
C—H bend	1340–1465	C—Cl stretch	600–800
C—C stretch, bend	700–1250	C—Br stretch	500–600
C=C stretch	1620–1680	C—I stretch	500
C≡C stretch	2100–2260	CO ₃ ²⁻	1410–1450
O—H stretch	3590–3650	NO ₃ ⁻	1350–1420
H-bonds	3200–3570	NO ₂ ⁻	1230–1250
C=O stretch	1640–1780	SO ₄ ²⁻	1080–1130
C≡N stretch	2215–2275	Silicates	900–1100
N—H stretch	3200–3500		

Data: L.J. Bellamy, *The infrared spectra of complex molecules and Advances in infrared group frequencies*. Chapman and Hall.

Vibrational Raman spectra of polyatomic molecules

Vibrational modes are Raman active if changing polarizability

e.g., symmetric stretch of CO₂: Raman active

Exclusion rule: if the molecule has a centre of symmetry, then no modes can be both IR and Raman active

Depolarization ratio, ρ

The ratio of intensities of the scattered light with polarization perpendicular and parallel to the plane of polarization of the incident radiation

$$\rho = I_{\perp}/I_{\parallel}$$

Measuring ρ : polarizing filter

If emergent light is not polarized: $\rho \sim 1$

$\rho \geq 0.75$: depolarized, $\rho < 0$: polarized