

IR Spectroscopy, Vibrational Transitions

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IR SPECTROSCOPY

- Study of vibrating molecules
- Homodiatomic molecules $\rightarrow \text{H}_2, \text{N}_2, \text{O}_2 \dots$

IR inactive

WHY?

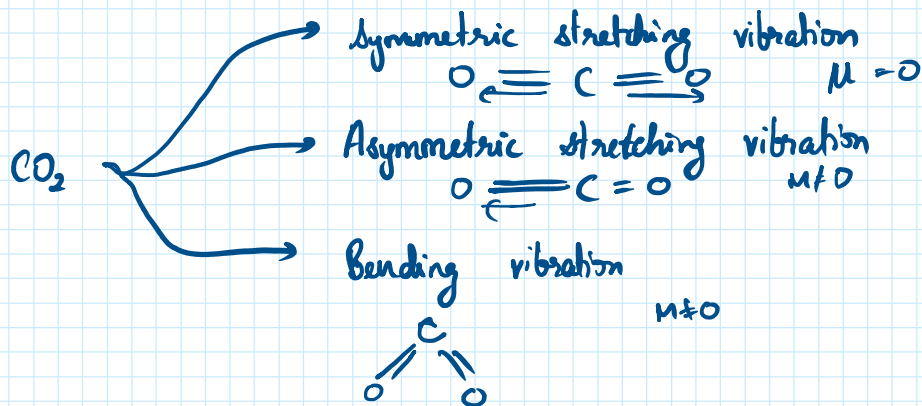
Dipole moment $= \mu = 0$

- Heterodiatomic molecules $\rightarrow \text{HCl}, \text{HBr}, \text{CO}_2 \dots$

IR active

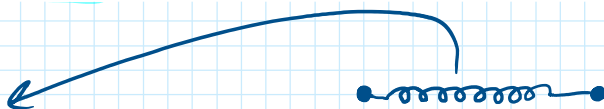
WHY?

$\mu \neq 0$



H_2O

Hooke's Law



$$f = -k(x - x_{eq})$$

f = restoring force
 k = force constant
 x = internuclear distance
 x_{eq} = equilibrium b/w internuclear distance

The energy given is parabolic

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k (x - x_{eq})^2$$

Simple harmonic oscillations

$$\nu_{osc} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{osc} = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 4\pi^2 c^2 \bar{\nu}_{osc}^2 \mu$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Quantum Mechanical Suppression

Schrodinger equation (vibrational) =

$$E_v = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) h \nu_{osc} \text{ Joules}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \epsilon_v &= \frac{E_v}{hc} \text{ cm}^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{\left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) h \nu_{osc}}{hc}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\epsilon_v = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) \bar{\nu}_{osc} \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \left. \vphantom{\epsilon_v} \right\} \frac{\nu_{osc}}{c} = \bar{\nu}_{osc}$$

Zero Point Energy

$$E_v = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) h \nu_{osc} \text{ Joules}$$

$$V=0$$

$$E_v = \frac{1}{2} h \nu_{osc} \quad \text{joules}$$

$$E_v = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) \bar{\nu}_{osc} \quad \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$V=0$$

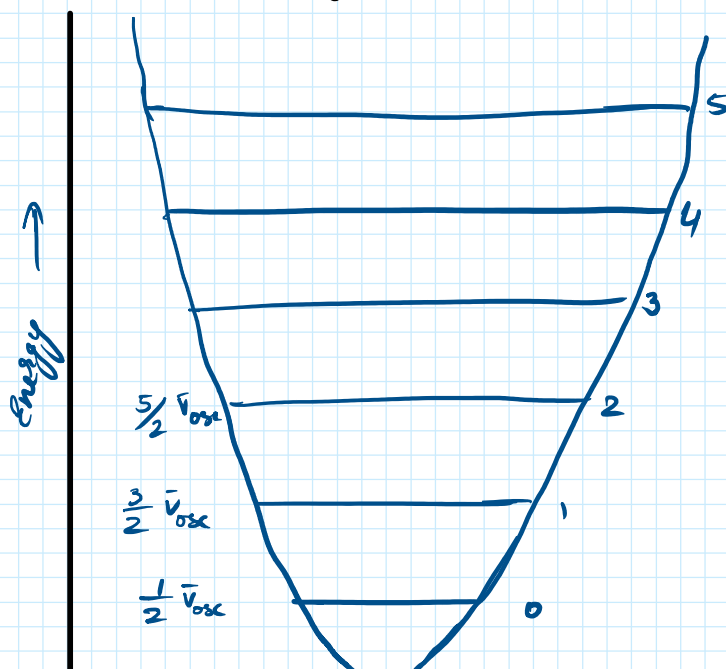
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Selection Rule

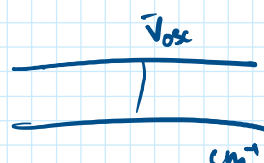
$$\Delta V = \pm 1$$

V	$E_v = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) \bar{\nu}_{osc} \quad \text{cm}^{-1}$
0	$\frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_{osc}$
1	$\frac{3}{2} \bar{\nu}_{osc}$
2	$\frac{5}{2} \bar{\nu}_{osc}$
3	$\frac{7}{2} \bar{\nu}_{osc}$
4	$\frac{9}{2} \bar{\nu}_{osc}$
5	$\frac{11}{2} \bar{\nu}_{osc}$

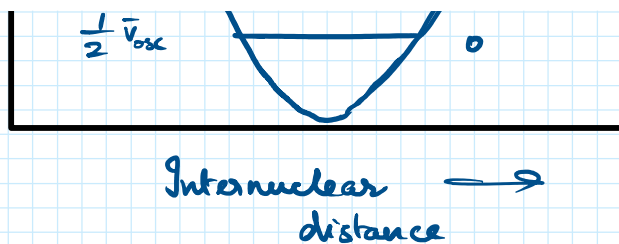
Allowed Energy Level Diagram (vibrational)



$$\Delta V = \pm 1$$



Why only 1 line?



ROTATION & VIBRATION COMPARED

Rotation

- $E_{\text{rot}} = \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 I} J(J+1)$ Joules
- $E_{\text{rot}} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 I c} J(J+1)$ cm^{-1}
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Vibration

- $E_{\text{vib}} = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) h \nu_{\text{osc}}$
- $E_{\text{vib}} = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) \bar{\nu}_{\text{osc}}$