



Symmetry & Bonding

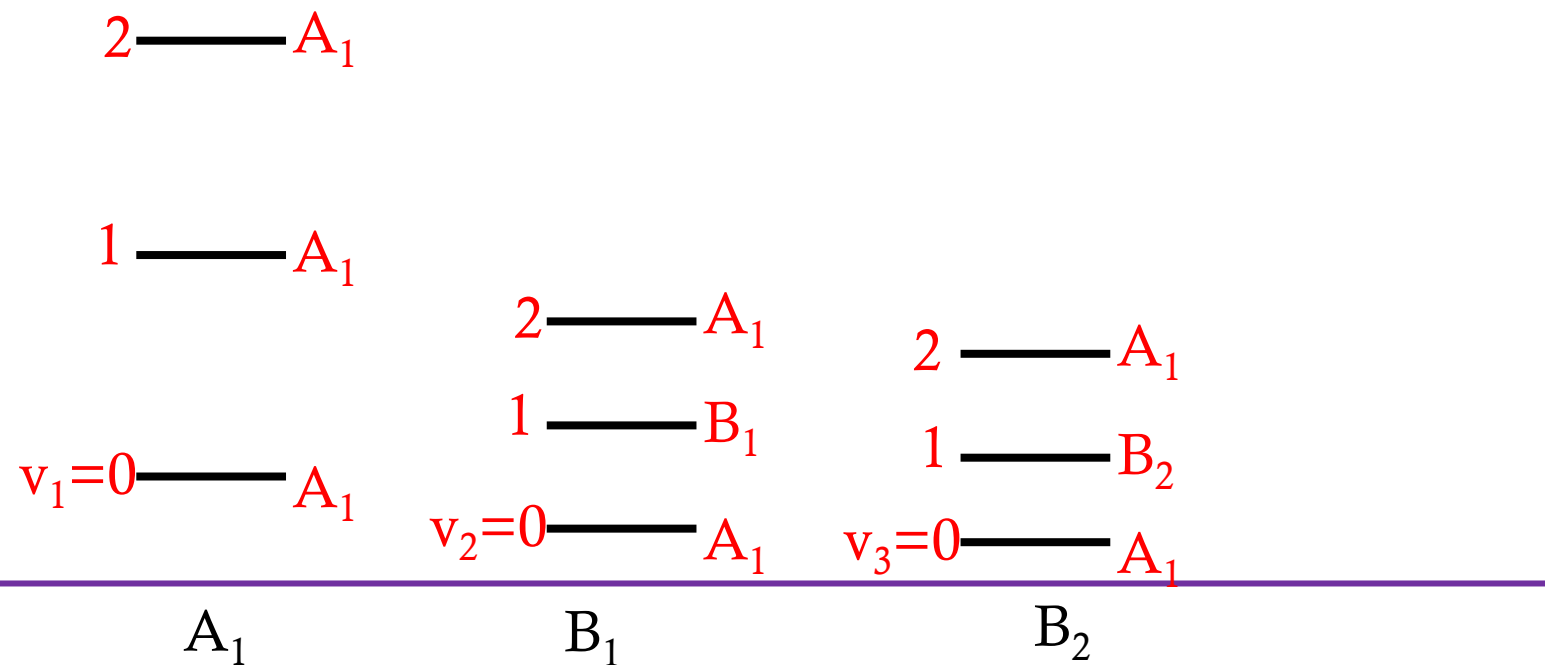
Answers to the Questions 34-39



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- a) Draw a diagram, roughly to scale, showing the energy of the ground, first and second excited states for each normal mode (i.e. the states with $\nu = 0, 1, 2$). Label each state with the irreducible representation to which it belongs.





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b) By computing the appropriate triple direct products, determine whether or not the $\nu = 0 \rightarrow 1$ transition is allowed in the infra-red for each normal mode. State the frequency of any allowed transitions, and mark the transitions on your diagram.

C_{2v}	E	C_2^z	σ^{xz}	σ^{yz}	
A_1	1	1	1	1	z $x^2; y^2; z^2$
A_2	1	1	-1	-1	R_z xy
B_1	1	-1	1	-1	x R_y xz
B_2	1	-1	-1	1	y R_x yz

2 — A_1

1 — A_1
 2783 cm^{-1}
 $\nu_1=0$ — A_1

2 — A_1
 1 — B_1
 1249 cm^{-1}
 $\nu_2=0$ — A_1

2 — A_1
 1 — B_2
 1167 cm^{-1}
 $\nu_3=0$ — A_1

A_1

B_1

B_2

$A_1 \nu_1 = 0 \rightarrow 1: A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes A_1 = A_1$ if $\Gamma_\mu = A_1$, allowed

$B_1 \nu_2 = 0 \rightarrow 1: A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes B_1 = A_1$ if $\Gamma_\mu = B_1$, allowed

$B_2 \nu_3 = 0 \rightarrow 1: A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes B_2 = A_1$ if $\Gamma_\mu = A_2$, allowed



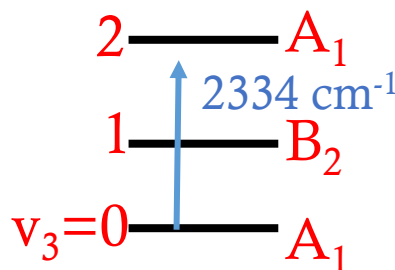
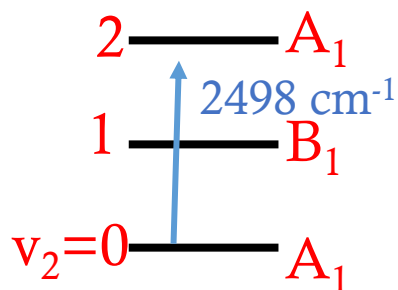
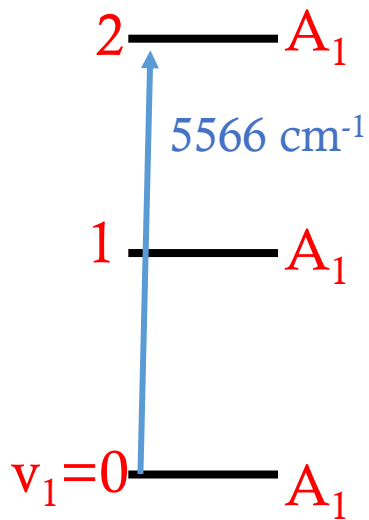
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- c) For each normal mode, determine whether or not the $\nu = 0 \rightarrow 2$ transition (i.e. the first overtone) is symmetry allowed in the infra-red. Compute the frequency of any allowed transitions, and mark the transitions on your diagram.

C_{2v}	E	C_2^z	σ^{xz}	σ^{yz}		
A_1	1	1	1	1	z	$x^2; y^2; z^2$
A_2	1	1	-1	-1	R_z	xy
B_1	1	-1	1	-1	x	R_y xz
B_2	1	-1	-1	1	y	R_x yz



$$A_1 \nu_1 = 0 \rightarrow 2: A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes A_1 = A_1 \text{ if } \Gamma_\mu = A_1, \text{ allowed!}$$

$$B_1 \nu_2 = 0 \rightarrow 2: A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes A_1 = A_1 \text{ if } \Gamma_\mu = A_1, \text{ allowed}$$

$$B_2 \nu_3 = 0 \rightarrow 2: A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes A_1 = A_1 \text{ if } \Gamma_\mu = A_1, \text{ allowed}$$

 A_1 B_1 B_2



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- d) Determine whether or not the following combination lines are symmetry allowed in the infra-red: (i) mode 1 $\nu_1 = 0 \rightarrow 1$ together with mode 2 $\nu_2 = 0 \rightarrow 1$; (ii) mode 1 $\nu_1 = 0 \rightarrow 1$ together with mode 3 $\nu_3 = 0 \rightarrow 1$; (iii) mode 2 $\nu_2 = 0 \rightarrow 1$ together with mode 3 $\nu_3 = 0 \rightarrow 1$. Compute the frequency of any allowed transitions.

2 — A_1

1 — A_1

$\nu_1=0$ — A_1

2 — A_1

1 — B_1

$\nu_2=0$ — A_1

2 — A_1

1 — B_2

$\nu_3=0$ — A_1

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B_1	1	-1	1	-1	x R_y xz
B_2	1	-1	-1	1	y R_x yz

$$\text{i) } A_1 \otimes A_1 = A_1 \rightarrow A_1 \otimes B_1 = B_1$$

$$A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes B_1 = A_1 \text{ if } \Gamma_\mu = B_1, \text{ allowed}$$

$$\nu = \nu_1 + \nu_2 = 2783 + 1249 = 4032\text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\text{ii) } A_1 \otimes A_1 = A_1 \rightarrow A_1 \otimes B_2 = B_2$$

$$A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes B_2 = A_1 \text{ if } \Gamma_\mu = B_2, \text{ allowed}$$

$$\nu = \nu_1 + \nu_3 = 2783 + 1167 = 3950\text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\text{iii) } A_1 \otimes A_1 = A_1 \rightarrow B_1 \otimes B_2 = A_2$$

$$A_1 \otimes \Gamma_\mu \otimes A_2 \neq A_1 \text{ as } \Gamma_\mu \neq A_2, \text{ not allowed}$$

A_1

B_1

B_2

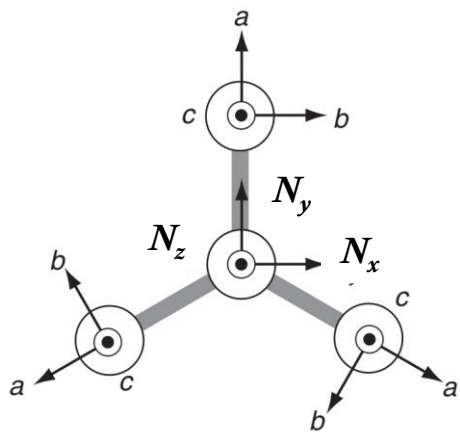


(a) Point group: ?

S&B Ex.36



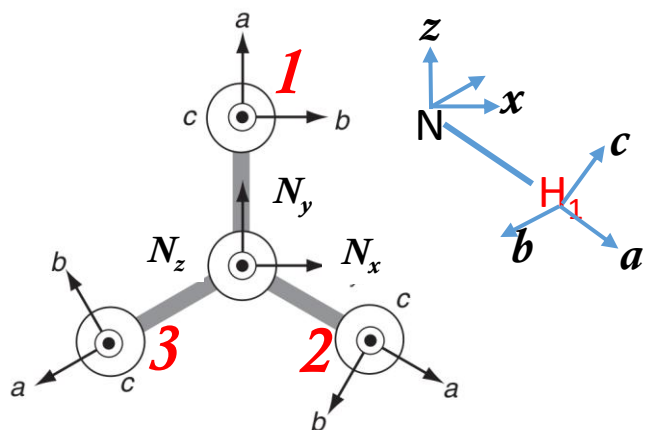
- (b) Determine the symmetries of the normal modes. (You may find it convenient to use a set of displacement vectors analogous to those used in Ex. 33 for BH_3 in which the a set of vectors are along the line of the N–H bonds.)
- (c) Considering only the fundamental transition of each normal mode, draw up a table showing whether or not each transition is allowed in the infra-red and/or Raman.
- (d) How many features would you expect to see in the infra-red spectrum, and how many in the vibrational Raman spectrum? How many coincidences are there i.e. how many of these features occur at the same frequency in the infra-red and Raman spectra?
- (e) Determine the symmetry of those normal modes involving just N–H stretches, sketch these modes and state whether or not their fundamentals will be active in the infra-red or Raman.





Triangular pyramid a) C_{3v}

S&B Ex.36



C_{3v}	E	$2C_3$	$3\sigma_v$	Basis components		
A_1	1	1	1	z	x^2+y^2, z^2	
A_2	1	1	-1	R_z		
E	2	-1	0	(x, y)	(R_x, R_y)	$(x^2-y^2, xy)(yz, xz)$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3) \quad 3 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad \boxed{A_1 \oplus E}$$

$$(b_1, b_2, b_3) \quad 3 \quad 0 \quad -1 \quad A_2 \oplus E$$

$$(c_1, c_2, c_3) \quad 3 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad A_1 \oplus E$$

b) $N_z \sim A_1$ $(N_x, N_y) \sim E$

Total ($3N=12$)

$$3A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus 4E$$

–translations (x, y, z)

$$A_1 \oplus E$$

–rotations (R_x, R_y, R_z)

$$A_2 \oplus E$$

Vibrations ($3N-6$)

$$2A_1 \oplus 2E$$

c) The fundamental transition for each NM.

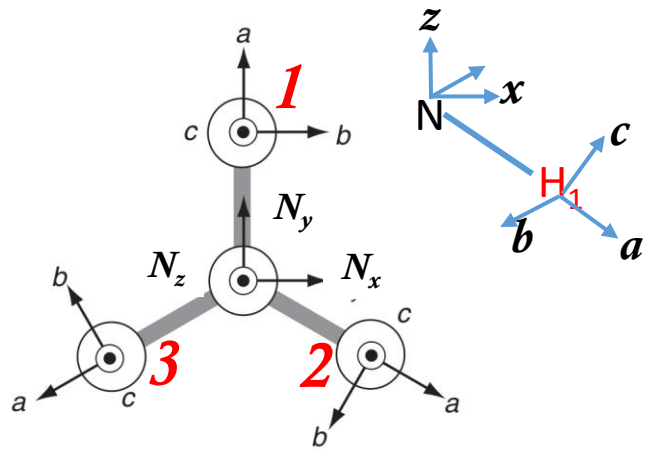
i	Γ_{nm}^i	$\hat{\mu}$	$\hat{\alpha}$	IR	Raman
1,2	A_1	z ; z^2		active	active
3,4	E	(x, y) ; (yz, xz)		active	active

- **Four** features in both IR and Raman spectra.
- **Four** coincidences



Triangular pyramid

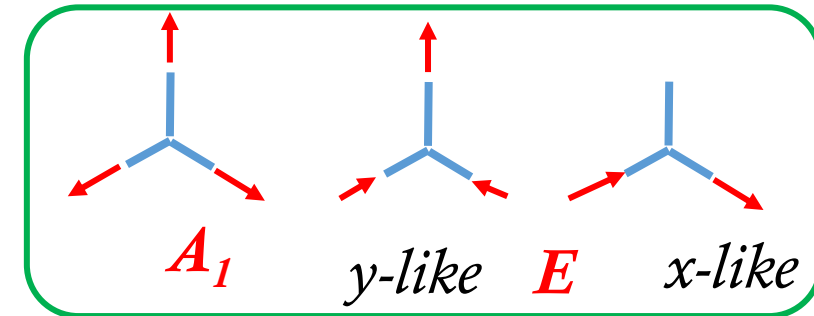
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(a_1, a_2, a_3) **3** **0** **1** $A_1 \oplus E$

(r_1, r_2, r_3) $A_1 \oplus E$



e) 3 N-H stretches (r_1, r_2, r_3): similar to the basis of (a_1, a_2, a_3)

all IR and Raman active!



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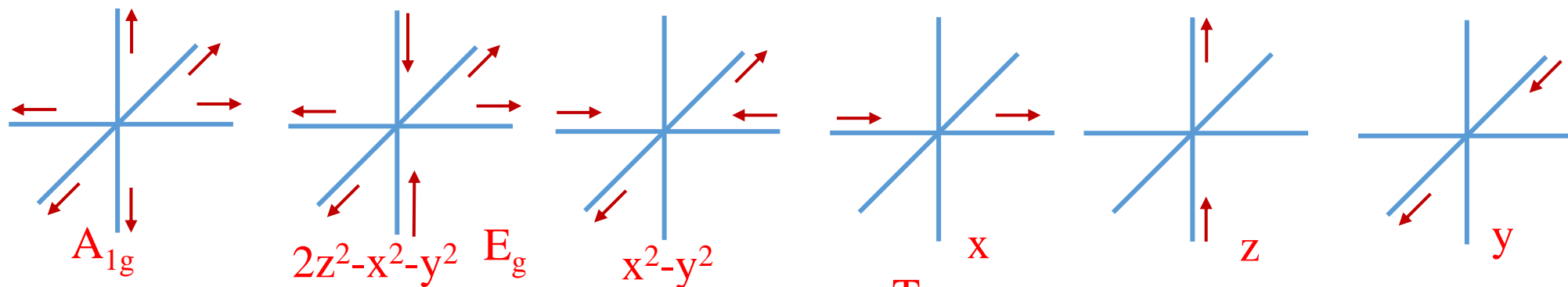
The organometallic species $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6$ has octahedral coordination about the metal atom; for each ligand the $\text{Cr}-\text{C}-\text{O}$ fragment is linear. The $\text{C}-\text{O}$ stretches have a much higher frequency than any of the other bonds in this molecule and so, to a good approximation, can be considered separately.

- State the point group of this molecule.
- Determine the symmetries of the normal modes involving $\text{C}-\text{O}$ stretches; sketch these modes.
- Considering only the fundamental transition of each normal mode, draw up a table showing whether or not each transition is allowed in the infra-red and/or Raman. Does the rule of mutual exclusion apply?

O_h	E	$8C_3$	$3C_4^2$	$6C_4$	$6C_2$	i	$8S_6$	$3\sigma_h$	$6S_4$	$6\sigma_d$
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$\Gamma_{6\text{CO}}$	6	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	2
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$$A_{1g} \oplus E_g \oplus T_{1u}$$



Fundamental transition Raman active, IR inactive

T_{1u}

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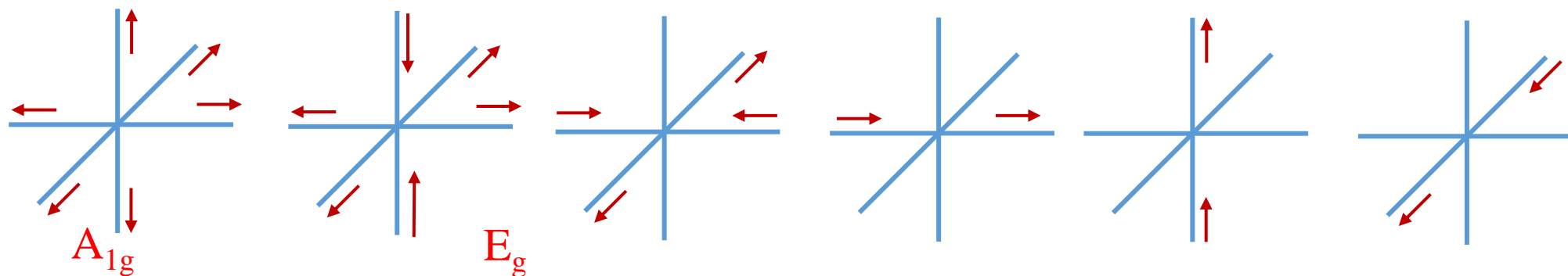
Raman: 2个特征峰

IR: 1个特征峰

无共同特征峰

- e) The experimental infra-red spectrum of this molecule shows a single strong absorption in the carbonyl region. Is this consistent with the assumed geometry?

Yes, consistent!



Fundamental transition Raman active, IR inactive

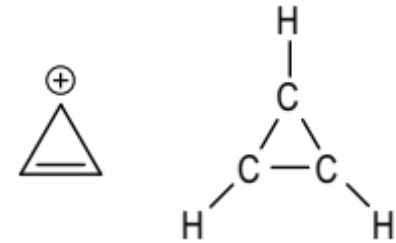
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Ex.38



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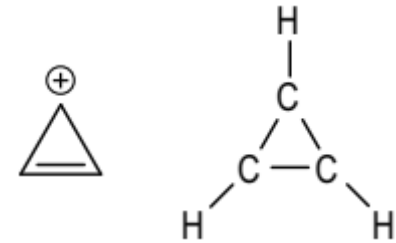
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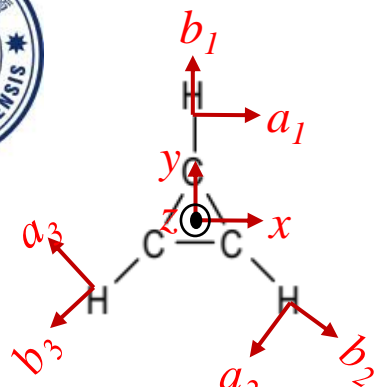
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(a) $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_3]^+$ 属于 D_{3h} 点群.

D_{3h}	E	$2C_3$	$3C_2$	σ_h	$2S_3$	$3\sigma_v$	
A'_1	1	1	1	1	1	1	R_z $x^2 + y^2; z^2$
A'_2	1	1	-1	1	1	-1	
E'	2	-1	0	2	-1	0	
A''_1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	(x, y) $(x^2 - y^2, 2xy)$
A''_2	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	
E''	2	-1	0	-2	1	0	

(b) 主轴为z轴, 三个H原子的局域坐标系如上图所示, 类似地设置三个C原子的局域坐标; 因此各原子核位移矢量可如下分类, 所得表示的约化结果亦列表如下

D_{3h}	E	$2C_3$	$3C_2$	σ_h	$2S_3$	$3\sigma_v$
3 z_{H}	3	0	-1	-3	0	1
3 a_{H}	3	0	-1	3	0	-1
3 b_{H}	3	0	1	3	0	1

三个C原子的位移矢量为
基得到的群表示亦雷同!

$E'' \oplus A''_2$
 $E' \oplus A'_2$
 $E' \oplus A'_1$

则分子总自由度($3N=18$)

平动(x,y,z)

转动(R_x, R_y, R_z)

振动 ($3N-6=12$)

$$2A'_1 \oplus 2A'_2 \oplus 4E' \oplus 2E'' \oplus 2A''_2$$

$$E' \oplus A''_2$$

$$E'' \oplus A'_2$$

$$2A'_1 \oplus A'_2 \oplus 3E' \oplus A''_2 \oplus E''$$

(c) 基频跃迁活性 IR(4) Raman (6)

$$2A'_1$$

N.A.

A.

不存在活

$$A'_2$$

N.A.

N.A.

性互斥!

$$3E'$$

A.

A.

(d) 3 coin.

$$A''_2$$

A.

N.A.

$$E''$$

N.A.

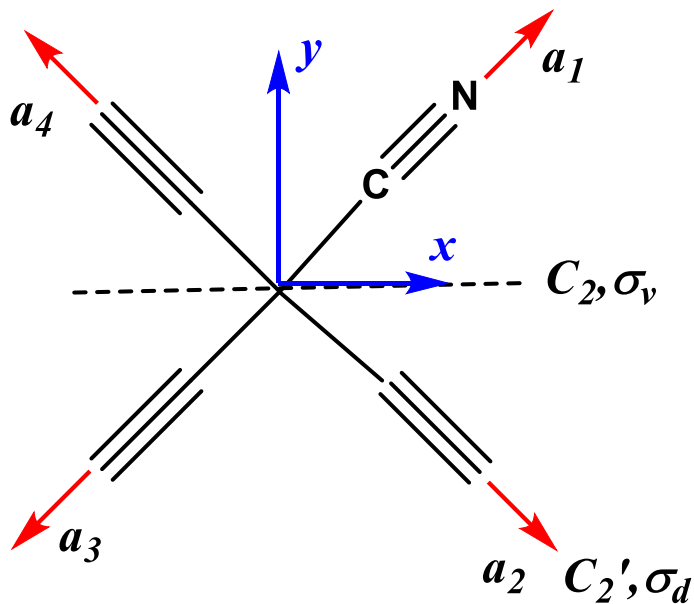
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Basis: 4 C-N bond stretches

S&B Ex.39

- (a) Point group: ?
- (b) Determine the symmetries of the normal modes involving C–N stretches; sketch these modes.
- (c) Considering only the fundamental transition of each normal mode, draw up a table showing whether or not each transition is allowed in the infra-red and/or Raman. Does the rule of mutual exclusion apply?
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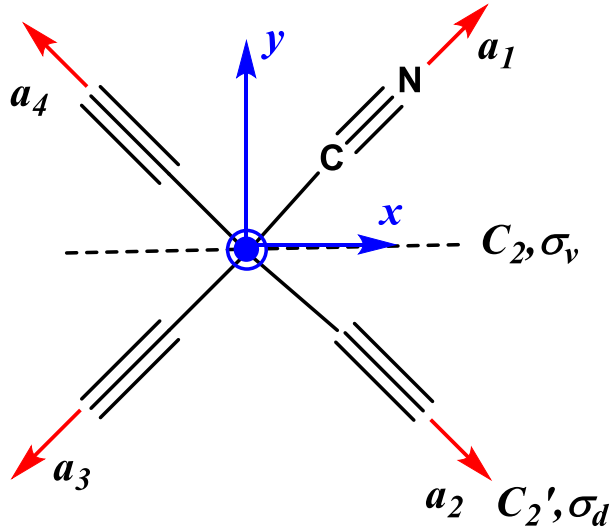


D_{4h}	E	$2C_4$	C_4^2	$2C_2$	$2C_2'$	i	$2S_4$	σ_h	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$		
A_{1g}	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	R_z	$x^2 + y^2; z^2$
A_{2g}	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1		$x^2 - y^2$
B_{1g}	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1		xy
B_{2g}	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	(R_x, R_y)	(xz, yz)
E_g	2	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0		
A_{1u}	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	z	
A_{2u}	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1		
B_{1u}	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1		
B_{2u}	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	(x, y)	
E_u	2	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	2	0	0		



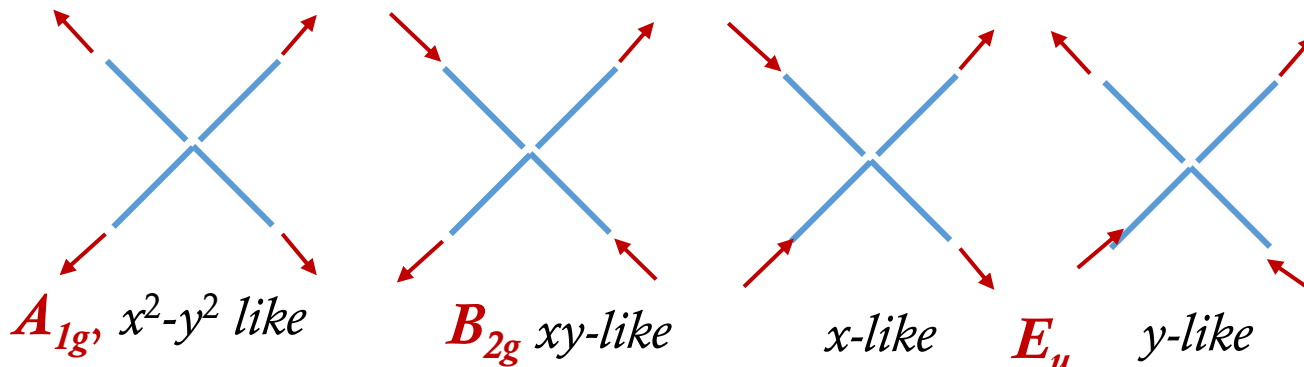
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A_{1g}	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$x^2 + y^2; z^2$
A_{2g}	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	R_z
B_{1g}	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	$x^2 - y^2$
B_{2g}	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	xy
E_g	2	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0	(R_x, R_y) (xz, yz)
A_{1u}	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
A_{2u}	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	z
B_{1u}	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	
B_{2u}	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	
E_u	2	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	2	0	0	(x, y)

$$\Gamma(4C-N) \quad 4 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad = A_{1g} \oplus B_{2g} \oplus E_u$$



IR

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Raman

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✓

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Mutual exclusion applies!

Two features in Raman scattering

One feature in IR

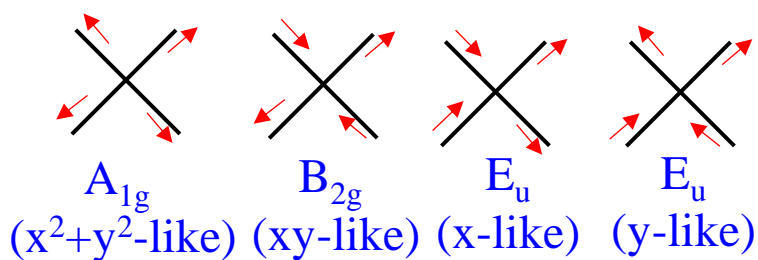
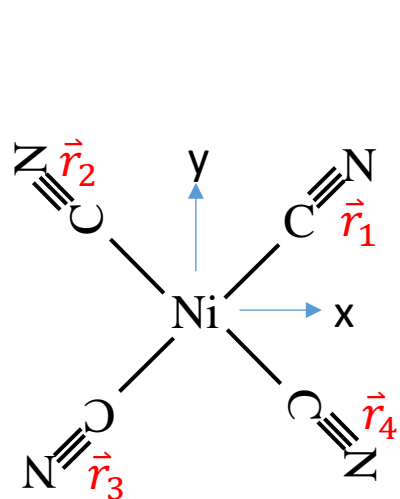
No coincidence!



Ex.39. The complex $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$ has square-planar coordination about the metal atom; for each ligand the Ni–C–N fragment is linear. The C–N stretches have a much higher frequency than any of the other bonds in this molecule and so, to a good approximation, can be considered separately.

- State the point group of this molecule.
- Determine the symmetries of the normal modes involving C–N stretches; sketch these modes.
- Considering only the fundamental transition of each normal mode, draw up a table showing whether or not each transition is allowed in the infra-red and/or Raman. Does the rule of mutual exclusion apply?
- How many features would you expect to see in the infra-red spectrum, and how many in the vibrational Raman spectrum? How many coincidences are there?

Ans. : (a) D_{4h} . (b) use the 4 r_{CN} bond stretch as basis!



(c) Fundamental transitions

Raman active

Raman inactive

IR inactive

IR active

$\Gamma(4r_{\text{CN}})$

D_{4h}	E	$2C_4$	C_4^2	$2C_2$ (x/y)	$2C_2'$	i	$2S_4$	σ_h	$2\sigma_v$	$2\sigma_d$	
A_{1g}	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$x^2 + y^2; z^2$
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B_{1g}	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	$x^2 - y^2$
B_{2g}	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	xy
E_g	2	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0	(R_x, R_y)
A_{1u}	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
A_{2u}	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	z
B_{1u}	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	
B_{2u}	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	
E_u	2	0	-2	0	0	-2	0	2	0	0	(x, y)

$$\Gamma(4r_{\text{CN}}) = 4 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad 0 \quad 2 = A_{1g} \oplus B_{2g} \oplus E_u$$

(d) 1 feature in IR, 2 features in Raman, no coincidence.