

# Vibrational Analysis of Water Using the SPC Force Field Model

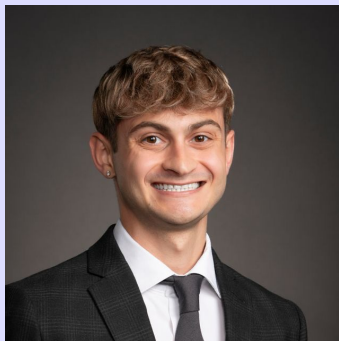
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## Project Introduction

# Team



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*Implemented:*  
Lennard-Jones Potential  
Angle Potential Energy  
Hessian Matrix  
Plotting



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*Implemented:*  
Coulombic energy  
Bond Angle Energy  
Mass-weighting &  
Diagonalization  
Plotting

# Topic & Objectives

## **Vibrational Analysis of Water Using the SPC Force Field Model**

Objectives:

1. Input Geometry to Building the Atomic System
2. Initialize SPC/E Model and Compute Force and Energy Calculations
3. Hessian Matrix Calculation
4. Mass-weighted Hessian Matrix
5. Initialize SPC/FW Model and Compute Vibrational Modes (Eigenvalues & Wavelengths)

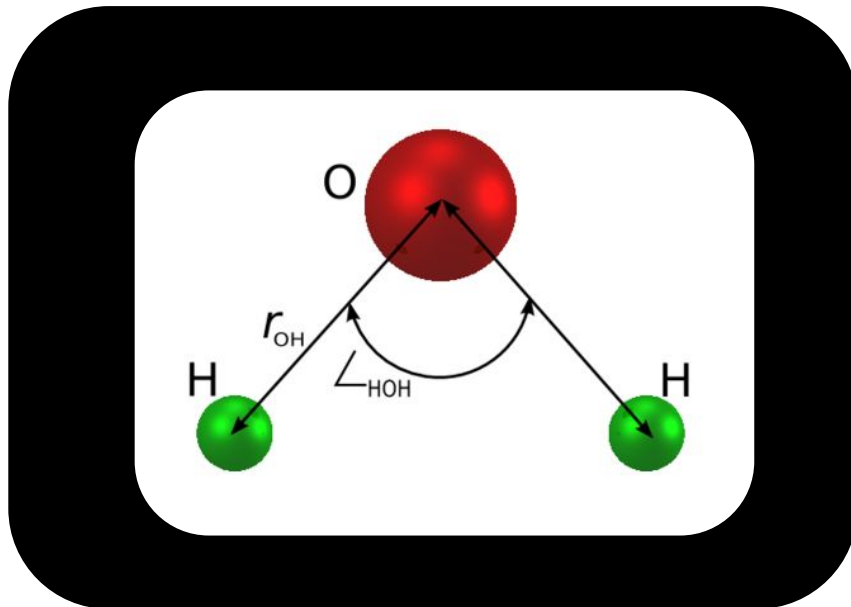
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Methodology

# Input Files & Geometry

- Provides initial atomic coordinates of water molecules.
- H2O files are already defined as theoretical optimum due to rigid model constraints.

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# SPC/E

- Models water as a rigid isosceles triangle with fixed geometry.
- Bond length: 1.0 Å (O-H); H-O-H angle: 109.47°
- Coulombic + Lennard-Jones Energy

$$E_{LJ} = \sum_{i < j, O-O \text{ Pairs}} 4\epsilon_o \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_o}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_o}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right], \text{ for } r_{ij} < r_{cutoff}$$

$$E_{coulomb} = \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}, \text{ for } r_{ij} > 0 \text{ and } r_{ij} < r_{cutoff}$$

Parameter	Original Theoretical Values	Converted to Atomic Units
$\sigma_{oo}$	3.166 Å	5.9819129309 Bohr
$\epsilon_{oo}$	0.650 $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	0.000247572 Hartrees
$r_{oH}$	1.000 Å	1.88973 Bohr
$\angle_{HOH}$	109.47°	1.91061193 Radian
$q_o$	-0.8476e	-0.8476e
$q_H$	0.4238	0.4238e
Polarization Constant	1.25 $\text{kcal/mol}$	0.001992 Hartree

# SPC/FW

- Models water as a flexible 3-site molecule with harmonic bond and angle potentials
- Bond length (O-H): 1.012 Å ;  
H-O-H angle: 113.24°
- Intermolecular Coulombic + Lennard Jones + Bond Energy + Angle Energy

$$V^{\text{inter}} = \sum_{ij}^{\text{all pairs}} \left\{ 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{R_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{R_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] + \frac{q_i q_j}{R_{ij}} \right\}$$

Parameter	Value	Converted to Atomic Units
$\sigma_{oo}$	3.165492 Å	5.982 Bohr
$\epsilon_{oo}$	0.1554253 kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	0.000247 Hartrees
$q_o$	-0.82 e	-0.82 e
$q_H$	0.41e	0.41 e
$k_b$	1059.162 kcal.mol <sup>-1</sup> Å <sup>-2</sup>	0.474 Hartree/Bohr <sup>2</sup>
$r_{OH}^{eq}$	1.012 Å	1.912 Bohr
$k_a$	75.90 kcal.mol <sup>-1</sup> rad <sup>-2</sup>	0.145 Hartree/Radians <sup>2</sup>
$\vartheta^{eq}_{<HOH}$	113.24°	1.976 Radians

$$V_{\text{bond}} = \frac{1}{2} k_r (r - r_0)^2 \quad V_{\text{angle}} = \frac{1}{2} k_\theta (\theta - \theta_0)^2$$



# Forces & Hessian Matrix

Force Calculation:  $F_i \approx -\frac{E(x_i+h) - E(x_i-h)}{2h}$

- Method: Central difference approximation for numerical derivatives.
- Gradient of potential energy, used to compute the Hessian.

Hessian Matrix:  $H_{ij} \approx -\frac{F_{ij}(x_i+h) - F_{ij}(x_i-h)}{2h}$

- Method: Central difference approximation for numerical derivatives
- Captures curvature of energy surface

===== Force Calculation =====

Central Difference Forces (Hartree/Bohr):

0	0	0
-3.6361e-04	-1.9095e-04	5.5455e-04
-5.4853e-04	5.1940e-04	2.9030e-05

===== Hessian Calculation =====

Numerical Hessian (Hartree/Bohr<sup>2</sup>):

-6.0769e-04	0	0	3.0618e-04	0	0	3.0401e-04	0	0
0	5.8320e-01	-1.2257e-01	0	-4.7400e-01	-3.6600e-02	0	-1.0920e-01	1.5917e-01
0	-1.2257e-01	4.7605e-01	0	-2.7182e-04	-5.5631e-02	0	1.2284e-01	-4.2042e-01
3.0618e-04	0	0	-1.1333e-05	0	0	-2.9610e-04	0	0
0	-4.7400e-01	-2.7182e-04	0	4.7400e-01	2.7159e-04	0	-2.3308e-17	-1.4343e-17
0	-3.6600e-02	-5.5631e-02	0	2.7159e-04	3.9752e-02	0	3.6328e-02	1.5878e-02
3.0401e-04	0	0	-2.9610e-04	0	0	-9.1623e-06	0	0
0	-1.0920e-01	1.2284e-01	0	-2.3308e-17	3.6328e-02	0	1.0920e-01	-1.5917e-01
0	1.5917e-01	-4.2042e-01	0	-1.4343e-17	1.5878e-02	0	-1.5917e-01	4.0455e-01

# Mass-weighting & Diagonalization

## Mass-weighting

- Rescales Hessian using atomic masses:

$$\tilde{H}_{ij} = \frac{H_{ij}}{\sqrt{m_i m_j}}$$

## Diagonalization

- Solves for eigenvalues ( $\omega^2$ ) to get normal modes
- Eigenvalues  $> 0$ : vibrational frequency
- Eigenvalues  $< 0$ : imaginary frequency
- Converts eigenvalues ( $\omega^2$ ) to frequencies in wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) using the conversion factor:  $5140.484532 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

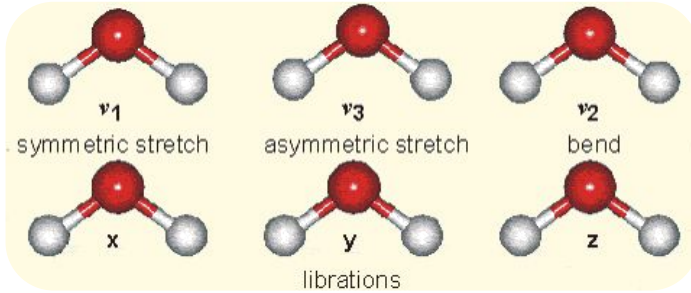
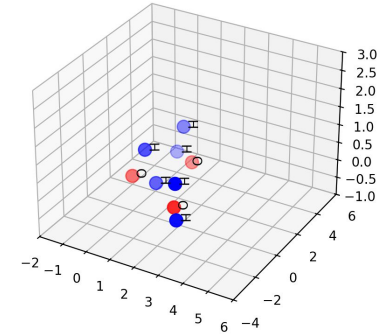
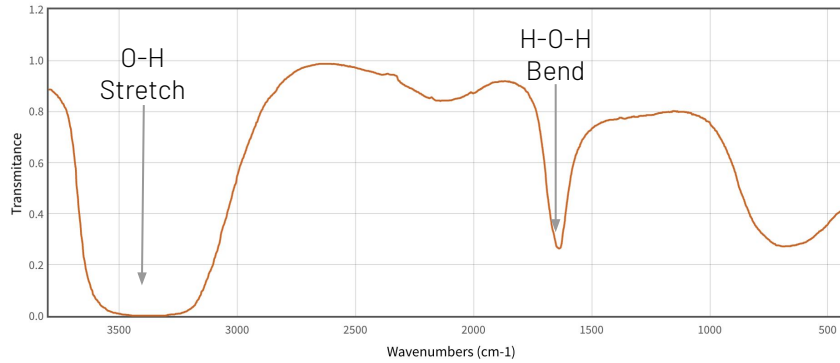
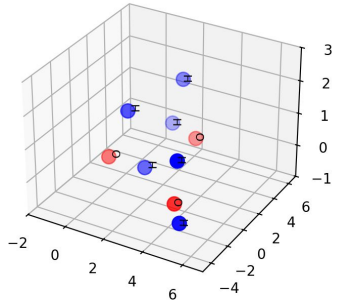
$$\nu_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i} \times 5140.484532$$

## Mode classification

- Degrees of freedom ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ):  $3N = 9$
- 3 translational modes + 3 rotational modes = 6
- So,  $9 - 6 = 3$  vibrational modes

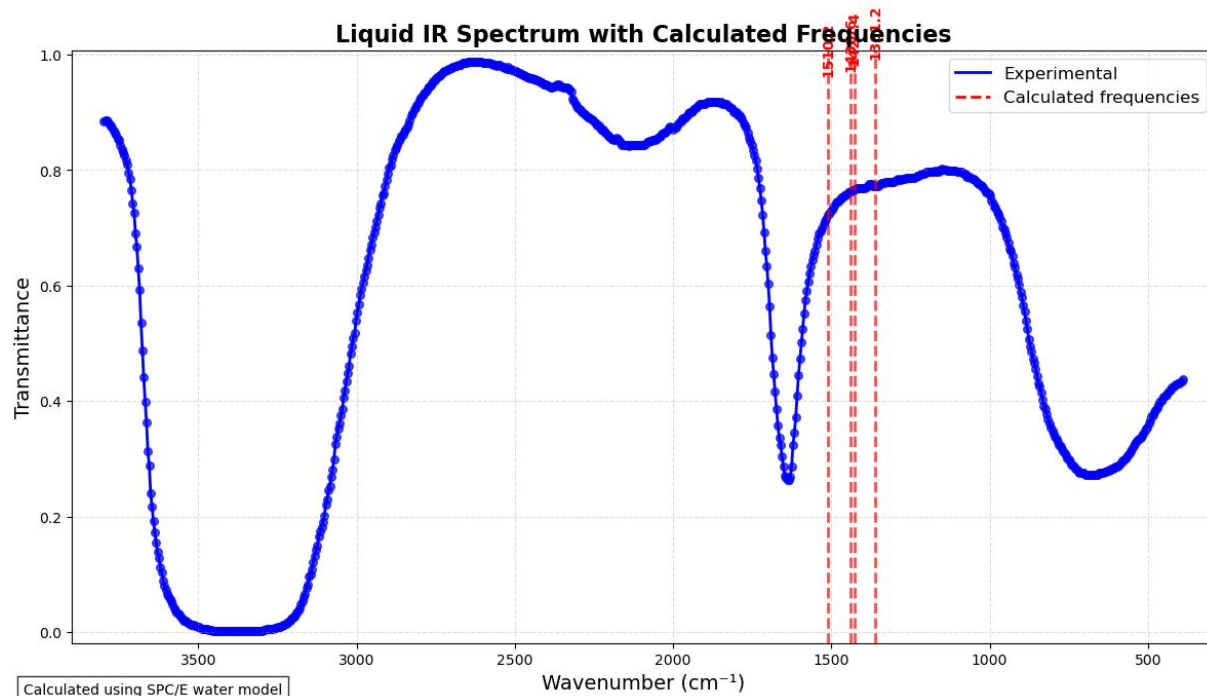
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Results



- Each absorption peak corresponds to a vibrational mode
  - Bending mode:  $\sim 1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
  - O-H Stretch (symmetric and asymmetric):  $\sim 3200\text{--}3650 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- Librations:  $\sim 400\text{--}900 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- Water's IR spectrum is widely researched, making it ideal for validating computational models

# IR Spectroscopy

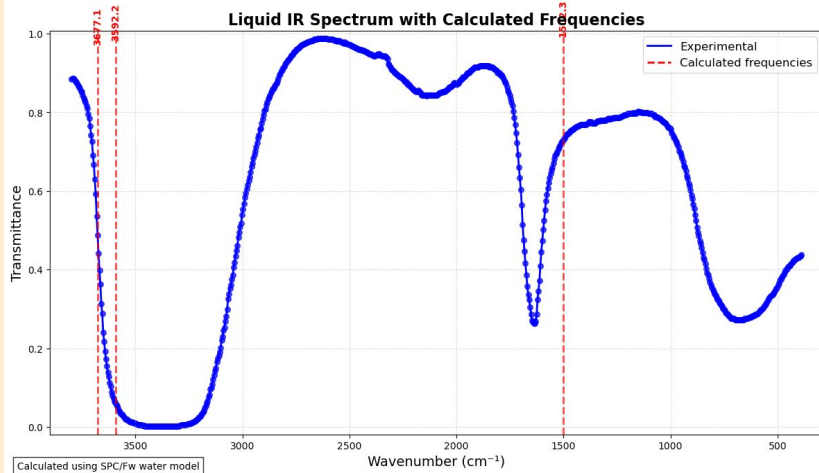


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Frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):
Imaginary (-0.15959)
Imaginary (-0.06901)
Imaginary (-0.00597)
Imaginary (-0.00434)
214.00076  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ 
1361.21608  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ 
1427.41430  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ 
1438.60926  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ 
1510.15642  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ 

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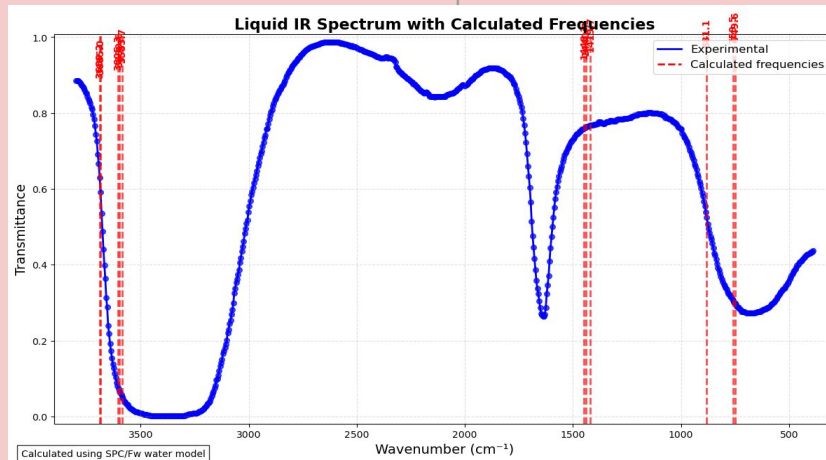
Frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):

- Imaginary (-0.00034)
- Imaginary (-0.00000)
- Imaginary (-0.00000)
- 0.12060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 53.22013  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 86.56577  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 1502.25602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 3592.24853  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 3677.14667  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

1 H<sub>2</sub>O molecule

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3 H<sub>2</sub>O molecules - 3 Å apart



Frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):

- Imaginary (-0.07333)
- Imaginary (-0.07311)
- Imaginary (-0.06828)
- Imaginary (-0.00626)
- Imaginary (-0.00347)
- Imaginary (-0.00097)
- Imaginary (-0.00019)
- Imaginary (-0.00004)
- Imaginary (-0.00002)
- Imaginary (-0.00000)
- 0.00456  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 0.01218  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 84.78354  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 144.88435  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 203.18281  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 749.55308  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 759.53739  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 881.06060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 1419.65401  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 1440.73534  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 1448.32118  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 3585.65498  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 3599.59959  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
- 3605.34397  $\text{cm}^{-1}$
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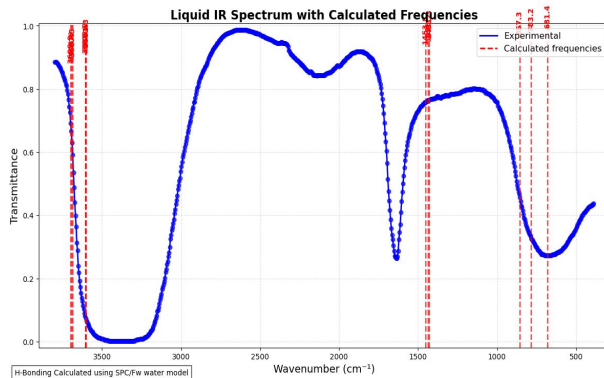
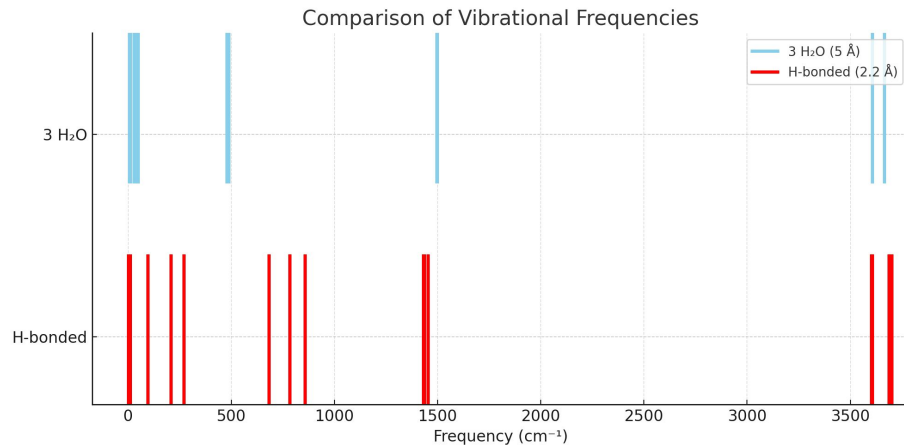
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Discussion

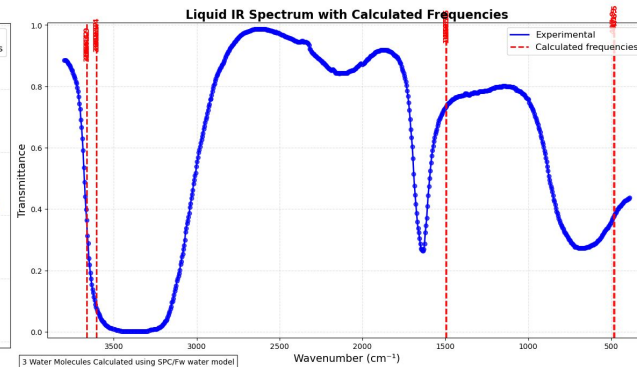
# Hydrogen Bonding

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Mode	3 H <sub>2</sub> O Molecules (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	H-Bonded System (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1-10	Imaginary	Imaginary	Rotations / Translations
11	5.36	0.00514	Low-frequency translation
12	10.73	0.00618	Low-frequency vibration
13	28.03	8.87	Intermolecular vibration
14	37.56	94.79	Intermolecular bend
15	47.80	207.10	Intermolecular bend
16	478.48	270.95	Bending (HOH) mode
17	481.90	681.42	Bending (HOH) mode
18	487.93	783.23	Bending (HOH) mode
19	1495.52	857.31	Bending mode
20	1496.04	1431.32	Bending mode
21	1496.85	1435.15	Bending mode
22	3605.38	3601.30	Stretching (OH)
23	3605.68	3603.87	Stretching (OH)
24	3605.90	3605.55	Stretching (OH)
25	3663.86	3687.49	Free OH stretch
26	3664.18	3691.61	Free OH stretch
27	3664.39	3699.93	Free OH stretch



3 H<sub>2</sub>O molecule - 2.2 Å



3 H<sub>2</sub>O molecule - 5 Å



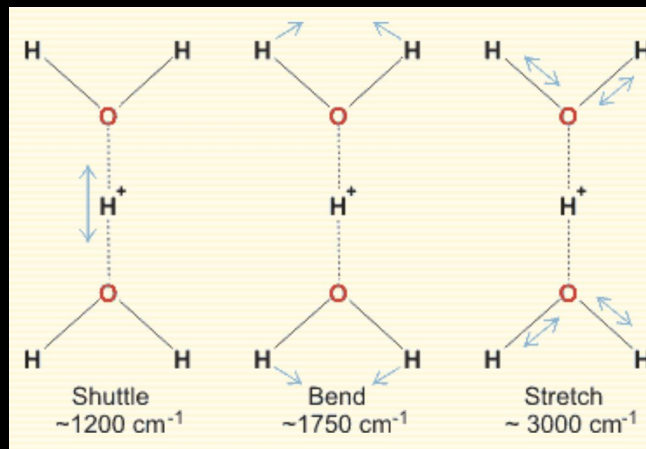
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Questions?

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# Future Directions



Expand the theory to allow  
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