

Molecular vibrations and molecular electronic spectra

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A) VIBRATIONAL STRUCTURE IN ELECTRONIC SPECTRA

A.1) The Born-Oppenheimer approximation [1]

Schrödinger equation for coupled electronic and nuclear motions:

$$H = H_{el} + T_K$$

$$H_{el} = T_{el} + U(x, Q)$$

$$H_{el}\phi_n(x, Q) = V_n(Q)\phi_n(x, Q) \quad (\text{assume solved})$$

$$H\Psi(x, Q) = E\Psi(x, Q)$$

$$\Psi(x, Q) = \sum_m \chi_m(Q)\phi_m(x, Q)$$

$$[T_K + V_n(Q) - E]\chi_n(Q) = \sum_m \Lambda_{nm}\chi_m(Q)$$

$$\Lambda_{nm} = \sum_i \frac{\hbar^2}{M_i} \int d^{3N} x \phi_n^* \left(\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial Q_i} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial Q_i} - \int d^{3N} x \phi_n^* (T_K \phi_m)$$

x and Q denote the sets of electronic and nuclear coordinates, respectively. Correspondingly ϕ and χ stands for the electronic and nuclear wave functions.

Derivation of the coupled equations

For simplicity, put

$$T_K = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q^2}$$

$$\sum_m (T_{el} + U + T_K) \chi_m(Q) \phi_m(x, Q) = \sum_m E \chi_m(Q) \phi_m(x, Q)$$

$$\sum_m [V_m(Q) + T_K] \chi_m(Q) \phi_m(x, Q) = \sum_m E \chi_m(Q) \phi_m(x, Q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_m \{ [V_m(Q) - E + T_K] \chi_m(Q) \} \phi_m(x, Q) = \\ \sum_m \frac{\hbar^2}{M} \left(\frac{\partial \chi_m}{\partial Q} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial Q} \right) - \sum_m \chi_m (T_K \phi_m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \phi_n^* d^{3N}x : (V_n + T_K - E) \chi_n = \\ = \sum_m \frac{\hbar^2}{M} \int \phi_n^* \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial Q} \frac{\partial \chi_m}{\partial Q} d^{3N}x \\ - \sum_m \chi_m \int \phi_n^* (T_K \phi_m) d^{3N}x \\ = \sum_m \Lambda_{nm} \chi_m . \end{aligned}$$

So far still formally exact. Approximation: put

$$\Lambda_{nm} = 0$$

$$\implies [T_K + V_n(Q) - E]\chi_n(Q) = 0 .$$

It follows:

- (Electronic) eigenvalues, $V_n(Q)$, of a given state correspond to the potential energy hypersurface for the nuclear motion.
- Total molecular wavefunction becomes a product of a nuclear and electronic wave function:

$$\Psi(x, Q) = \chi_n(Q)\phi_n(x, Q)$$

- Valid, e.g., when $\phi_n(x, Q) \approx \phi_n(x - Q)$.
- BO approximation!

Electrons follow the nuclear motion instantaneously (adiabatic), due to the large ratio between nuclear and electronic masses (i.e. the large effective mass of a nucleus compared to that of an electron $M_i \gg m_{el}$).

Simple estimates for hierarchy of energy scales

$$E_{elec} \sim \langle T_e \rangle \sim \frac{\hbar^2 \kappa_{elec}^2}{m} \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{md^2}$$

with $d \approx$ molecular dimension

$$E_{vib} \sim \hbar \sqrt{\frac{f}{M}} \quad \text{mit} \quad f \sim \frac{\partial^2 E_{elec}}{\partial R^2} \sim \frac{E_{elec}}{d^2}$$

$$\implies E_{vib} \sim \hbar^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{Mmd^4}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}} \frac{\hbar^2}{md^2} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}} E_{elec}$$

$$E_{rot} \sim \langle T_{rot} \rangle \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{I} = \frac{\hbar^2}{Md^2} = \frac{m}{M} E_{elec}$$

$$\implies E_{rot} \ll E_{vib} \ll E_{elec}$$

Larger electronic energy scale, shorter time scale of the oscillations (for non-stationary states).

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Similar to classical picture; fast readjustment of electrons to nuclear changes.

Analogous for relative nuclear displacements

$$\begin{aligned} \langle R^2 \rangle &\sim \frac{\hbar}{M\omega} \quad \langle Q^2 \rangle \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{ME_{vib}} \left(\frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{fM}} \right) \\ \kappa &= \frac{\sqrt{\langle R^2 \rangle}}{d} \sim \frac{\hbar}{d\sqrt{M}\hbar} \sqrt[4]{Mmd^4} = \sqrt[4]{m/M} \end{aligned}$$

... and for nonadiabatic coupling elements

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Lambda_{nm} \rangle &\sim \frac{\hbar^2}{M} \langle \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} \rangle_{elec} + \frac{\hbar^2}{M} \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \rangle_{elec} \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \rangle_{vib} \\ &\sim \frac{\hbar^2}{M} k_{elec}^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{M} k_{elec} \sqrt{\frac{M\omega}{\hbar}} \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \rangle_{vib} \\ &\sim \frac{\hbar^2}{Md^2} + \frac{\hbar^2}{Md} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{fM}}{\hbar}} \\ &\sim \frac{m}{M} E_{elec} + \frac{\hbar^2}{M^{\frac{3}{4}}d} \sqrt[4]{\frac{\hbar^2}{md^2\hbar^2d^2}} \\ &\sim \frac{m}{M} E_{elec} + \frac{\hbar^2}{M^{\frac{3}{4}}d^2 m^{\frac{1}{4}} m^{\frac{3}{4}}} \\ &\sim \frac{m}{M} E_{elec} + \left(\frac{m}{M} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} E_{elec} \end{aligned}$$

$E_{rot} \approx Term(\partial^2/\partial R^2) \ll Term(\partial/\partial R) \ll E_{vib}$

 κ^4
 κ^4
 κ^3
 $\kappa^2 \times E_{elec}$

Hellmann-Feynman relation

Re-writing the non-adiabatic (derivative) coupling terms:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial H_{el}}{\partial Q_i} \phi_n(x, Q) + H_{el} \frac{\partial \phi_n(x, Q)}{\partial Q_i} = \\ & \frac{\partial V_n(Q)}{\partial Q_i} \phi_n(x, Q) + V_n(Q) \frac{\partial \phi_n(x, Q)}{\partial Q_i} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying from the left by ϕ_m^* and integrating over the electronic coordinates, x , leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \phi_m(Q) | \frac{\partial H_{el}}{\partial Q_i} | \phi_n(Q) \rangle_x + V_m(Q) \langle \phi_m(Q) | \frac{\partial \phi_n(Q)}{\partial Q_i} \rangle_x = \\ & = \langle \phi_m(Q) | \frac{\partial V_n(Q)}{\partial Q_i} | \phi_n(Q) \rangle_x + V_n(Q) \langle \phi_m(Q) | \frac{\partial \phi_n(Q)}{\partial Q_i} \rangle_x \end{aligned}$$

$$n = m : \quad \langle \phi_n(Q) | \frac{\partial H_{el}}{\partial Q_i} | \phi_n(Q) \rangle_x = \frac{\partial V_n(Q)}{\partial Q_i}$$

$n \neq m$:

$$\int d^{3N} x \phi_m^* \left(\frac{\partial \phi_n}{\partial Q_i} \right) = \frac{\int d^{3N} x \phi_m(x, Q) \left(\frac{\partial H_{el}}{\partial Q_i} \right) \phi_n(x, Q)}{V_n(Q) - V_m(Q)}$$

In the vicinity of a degeneracy the derivative couplings can *diverge* and the adiabatic approximation is expected to break down!

Harmonic oscillator and its eigenfunctions

The Hamiltonian of a quantum harmonic oscillator is given by

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{2} f r^2$$

Using the relationship between dimensioned (r) and dimensionless coordinates (Q),

$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \omega}{\hbar}} r; \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{f}{\mu}}$$

we get

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q^2} + Q^2 \right)$$

The eigenfunctions of the harmonic oscillator involve the well-known Hermite polynomials and read as

$$\chi_n(Q) = \{ \sqrt{\pi} n! 2^n \}^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{Q^2}{2}} H_n(Q)$$

The first Hermite polynomials, $H_n(Q)$, are

$$H_0(Q) = 1, \quad H_1(Q) = 2 Q, \quad H_2(Q) = 4 Q^2 - 2.$$

Remember symmetry:

$$H_n(-Q) = (-1)^n H_n(Q)$$

The multidimensional harmonic oscillator

$$H = \sum_i H_i = \sum_i \frac{\hbar\omega_i}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q_i^2} + Q_i^2 \right)$$

From $[H_i, H_j] = 0$ (for all $i, j \leq M(= 3N - 6)$) \Rightarrow

Multidimensional eigenfunction Ξ is product function:

$$\Xi_{v_1, v_2, \dots}(Q_1, \dots, Q_M) = \chi_{v_1}(Q_1) \chi_{v_2}(Q_2) \dots \chi_{v_M}(Q_M)$$

The individual eigenfunctions are well known and read as

$$\chi_v(Q) = \{\sqrt{\pi} v! 2^v\}^{-1/2} e^{-Q^2/2} H_v(Q)$$

The first Hermite polynomials H_v are

$$H_0(Q) = 1, \quad H_1(Q) = 2Q, \quad H_2(Q) = 4Q^2 - 2.$$

Meaning of the coordinate Q : displacement as measured in units of the zero-point amplitude, i. e.,

$$\chi_0(1) = e^{-1/2} \chi_0(0).$$

A.2) The Franck-Condon principle

Consider the transition between different electronic states, particularly, a transition from the electronic ground state, GS, to one of the excited states, ES (optical, UV-absorption).

The transition probability follows from first order time-dependent perturbation theory;

$$I(\omega_{ph}) \sim \sum_F |\langle \Psi_F | H_1 | \Psi_I \rangle|^2 \delta(E_F - E_I - \hbar\omega_{ph})$$

where Ψ_I and Ψ_F are eigenfunctions of H_0 (isolated molecule) and correspond to the initial and final states during a transition.

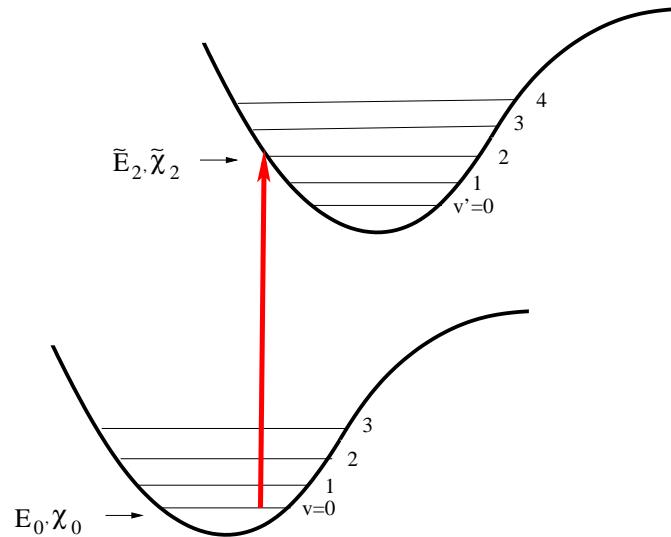
Interaction between the molecule and radiation field in the dipole approximation:

$$H_1(t) \sim - \sum_{j=1}^N e(\vec{\varepsilon} \cdot \vec{r}_j) E_0(t)$$

In contrast to the IR-spectrum the summation index, j , runs only over electronic coordinates (orthogonality of the electronic wave functions).

Within the Born-Oppenheimer approximation the wave functions are written in a product form;

$$\Psi_I = \phi_i \chi_v; \quad \Psi_F = \phi_f \tilde{\chi}_{v'}$$



with

$$\begin{aligned} (T_k + V_i - E_v)\chi_v &= 0 \\ (T_k + V_f - \tilde{E}_{v'})\tilde{\chi}_{v'} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that χ_v and $\tilde{\chi}_{v'}$ are vibrational functions of different potential energy curves.

Evaluate the matrix elements in the Born-Oppenheimer approximation;

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \Psi_F^*(x, Q) H_1 \Psi_I(x, Q) d^{3N}x dQ = \\ &= \int \tilde{\chi}_{v'}^*(Q) \underbrace{\int \phi_f^*(x, Q) H_1 \phi_i(x, Q) d^{3N}x}_{T_{fi}(Q)} \chi_v(Q) dQ \end{aligned}$$

The integral $T_{fi}(Q) = \int \phi_f^*(x, Q) H_1 \phi_i(x, Q) dx$ is called the electronic transition moment or dipole-transition-(matrix) element. It replaces the dipole moments (=diagonal matrix elements) evaluated in IR-spectroscopy. Therefore, one can write the matrix elements as follows:

$$\int \Psi_F^* H_1 \Psi_I dx dQ = \int \tilde{\chi}_{v'}^*(Q) T_{fi}(Q) \chi_v(Q) dQ$$

The transition moment depends on Q only through the electronic wave function. If the transition moment depends sufficiently weakly on Q , one can write;

$$T_{fi}(Q) \approx T_{fi}(Q = 0)$$

with an appropriate reference geometry, $Q = 0$. It is natural to choose (mostly) the reference geometry to be the equilibrium geometry of the molecule in the initial state:

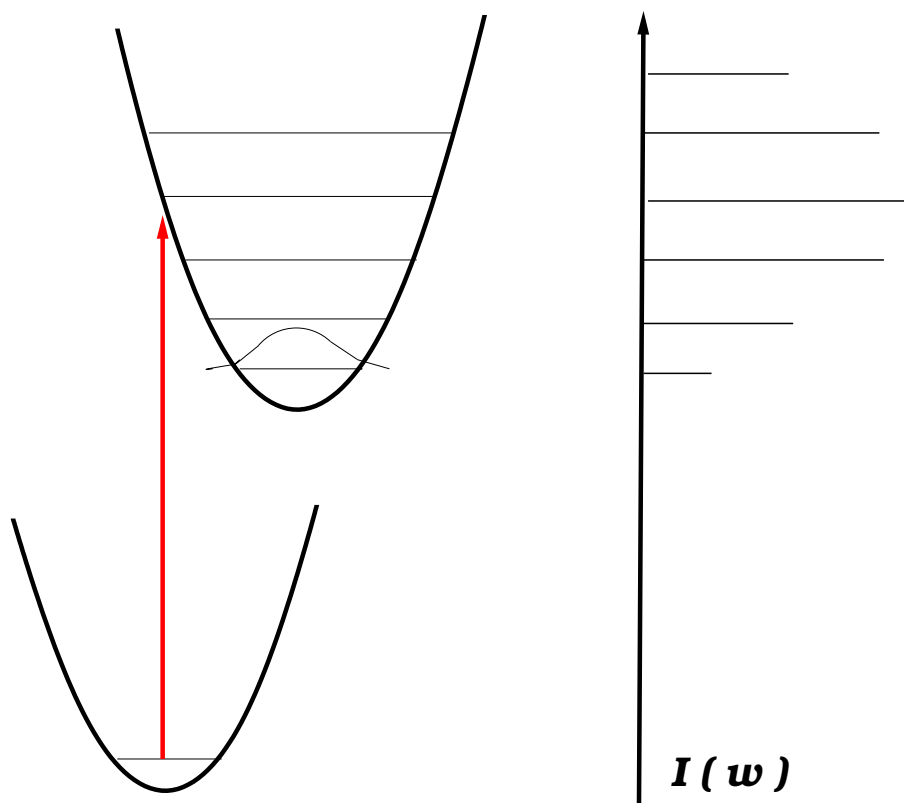
Condon approximation or *Franck-Condon principle*.

In the Condon approximation:

$$\int \Psi_F^* H_1 \Psi_I dx dQ = T_{fi}(Q = 0) S_{v'v}$$

with $S_{v'v} = \int \tilde{\chi}_{v'}^*(Q) \chi_v(Q) dQ$.

$S_{v'v}$ and its square are *Franck-Condon overlap integral* and *Franck-Condon factor*, respectively (see also [2]).



The spectrum follows immediately:

$$I(\omega_{ph}) \sim |T_{fi}(Q=0)|^2 \sum_{v'} |S_{v'v}|^2 \delta(\tilde{E}_{v'} - E_v - \hbar\omega_{ph})$$

The relative intensities are determined only through vibrational wave functions, electronic wave functions play almost no role.

Principle of vertical transitions !

A.3) Shifted harmonic oscillator

Important special case: harmonic potentials with the same curvature (force constant).

Define Q as the dimensionless normal coordinate of initial state (mostly, electronic ground state).

$$V_i(Q) = \frac{\omega}{2}Q^2 \quad (\hbar = 1)$$

With the same curvature (force constant) for $V_f(Q)$, we have

$$V_f(Q) = V_f(Q = 0) + \frac{\omega}{2}Q^2 + kQ$$

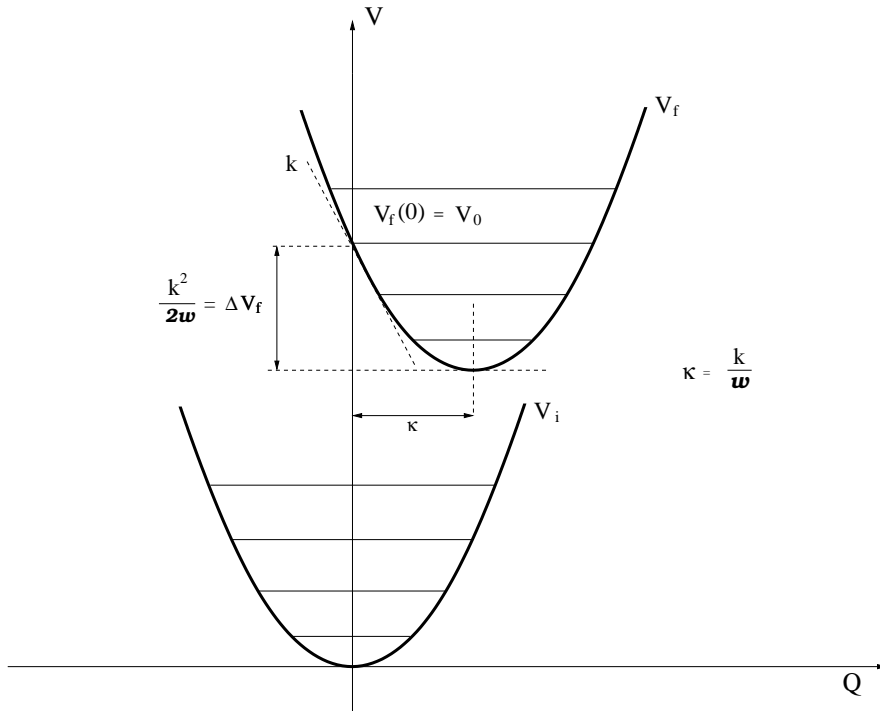
with $k = \left(\frac{\partial V_f}{\partial Q}\right)_{Q=0}$; $V_f(Q = 0) \equiv V_0$

The linear coupling leads to a shift in the equilibrium geometry and a stabilization energy along the distortion (see next Fig).

The oscillator can be easily solved by adding the quadratic terms (completing the square);

$$\begin{aligned} V_f(Q) &= V_0 + \frac{\omega}{2} \left(Q + \frac{k}{\omega} \right)^2 - \frac{k^2}{2\omega} \\ &= V_0 - \frac{k^2}{2\omega} + \frac{\omega}{2} Q'^2 \end{aligned}$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 Stokes-shift ; New normal coordinate



Note: $\frac{\partial}{\partial Q} = \frac{\partial}{\partial Q'} \implies$ same eigenfunctions \implies

$$S_{v'v} = N_{v'} N_v \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dQ H_{v'} \left(Q + \frac{k}{\omega} \right) H_v(Q) e^{-\frac{Q^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(Q+k/\omega)^2}$$

We restrict ourselves to the special case where $v = 0$. By substituting $Q' = Q + \kappa$ and $\kappa = k/\omega$, one can easily obtain:

$$S_{v'0} = N_{v'} N_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dQ' H_{v'} \left(Q' \right) e^{-Q'^2} e^{\kappa Q' - \frac{1}{2}\kappa^2}$$

There are several possibilities to evaluate these integrals, such as the method of generating functions (see exercises) or operator algebra (occupation number representation of harmonic oscillator).

Derivation of Poisson Distribution

Start from

$$S_{v'0} = N_{v'} N_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dQ' H_{v'}(Q') e^{-Q'^2} e^{\kappa Q'} e^{-\frac{\kappa^2}{2}}$$

and supplementary sheet on Hermite polynomials, item 2. Use $\lambda = \kappa/2$, $z = Q' \rightarrow Q$, $v' \rightarrow v$

$$\Rightarrow S_{v0} = N_v N_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dQ H_v(Q) e^{-Q^2} e^{-\kappa^2/4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa/2)^n}{n!} H_n(Q)$$

$$\left[N_v = \left\{ \sqrt{\pi} v! 2^v \right\}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$

$$= N_v N_0 e^{-\kappa^2/4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa/2)^n}{n!} \frac{\delta_{vn}}{N_v N_n}$$

$$= e^{-\kappa^2/4} \frac{(\kappa/2)^v}{v!} \sqrt{2^v v!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{|S_{v0}|^2 = \frac{(\kappa^2/2)^v}{v!} e^{-\kappa^2/2}}$$

Poisson Intensity Distribution

Summary of the shifted harmonic oscillator

$$P(E_{ph}) = \sum_v \frac{a^v}{v!} e^{-a} \delta(E_{ph} - V_0 + a\omega - v\omega)$$

where $a = \kappa^2/2 = k^2/(2\omega^2)$

Sum rule:

$$\sum_v |S_{v0}|^2 = e^{-a} \sum_v \frac{a^v}{v!} = e^{-a} e^{+a} = 1$$

Mean quantum number:

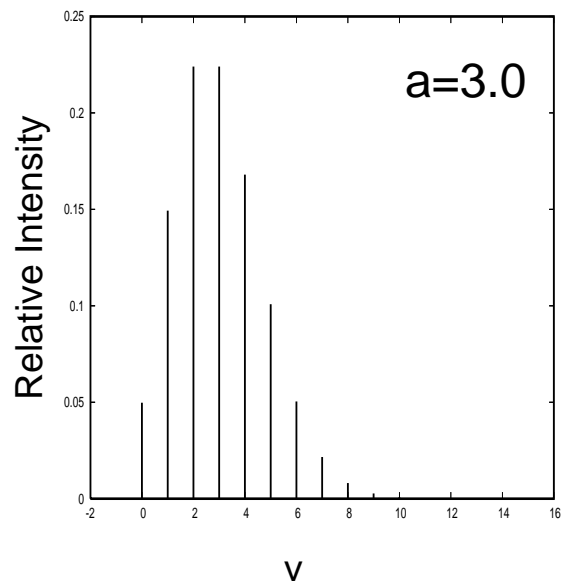
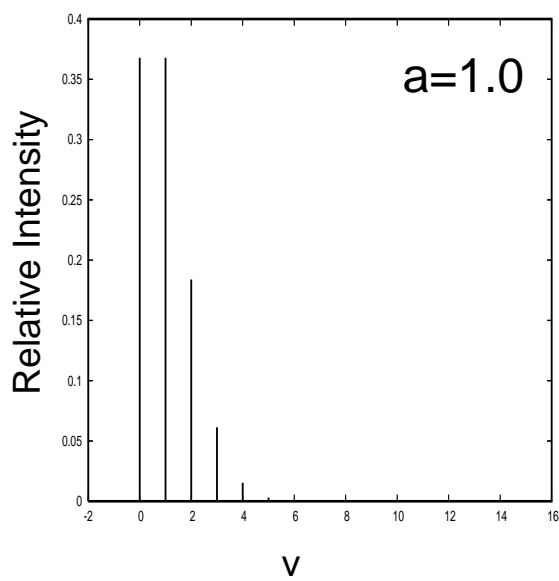
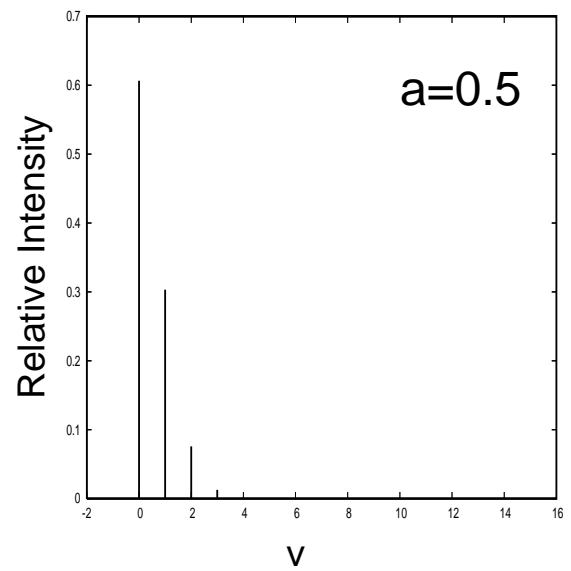
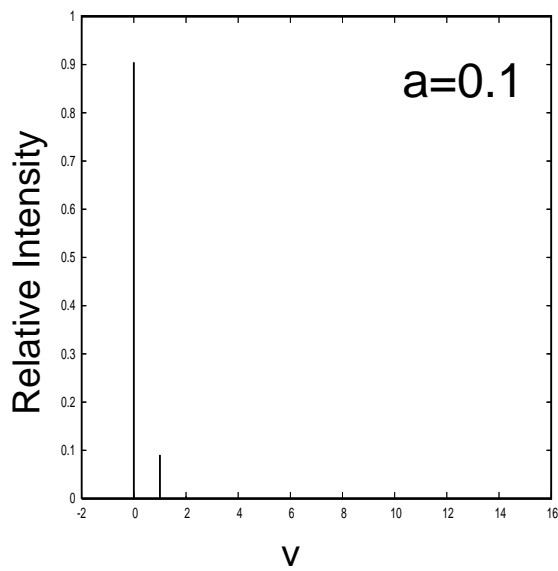
$$\bar{v} = \sum_v \frac{a^v v}{v!} e^{-a} = a \sum_{v>0} \frac{a^{v-1}}{(v-1)!} e^{-a} = a$$

The parameter a is a measure of the vibrational excitation in an electronic transition.

$a\omega$ is the mean vibrational energy during the transition ($=$ Stokes-shift $k^2/(2\omega)$)

For $a \rightarrow 0$ we have $|S_{v0}|^2 \rightarrow \delta_{v0}$, which means no excitation (potential curves V_i and V_f are identical).

Poisson distributions for various values of the parameter a



Intensity ratio: $|S_{v+1,0}/S_{v,0}|^2 = \frac{a}{v+1}$

Mean energy (center of gravity or centroid):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{E} &= \int EP(E)dE \\
 &= \sum (V_0 - a\omega + v\omega) \frac{a^v}{v!} e^{-a} \\
 &= V_0 - a\omega + \omega \sum_v v \frac{a^v}{v!} e^{-a} \\
 &= V_0 - a\omega + \omega \sum_v \frac{a^v}{(v-1)!} e^{-a} = V_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Energetic width:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Delta E)^2 &= \overline{(E - \bar{E})^2} = \overline{E^2} - \bar{E}^2 \\
 &= \sum_v (v - a)^2 \omega^2 \frac{a^v}{v!} e^{-a} \\
 &= \sum \{v(v - 1) + v - 2av + a^2\} \omega^2 \frac{a^v}{v!} e^{-a} \\
 &= \sum \omega^2 \frac{a^v}{(v-2)!} e^{-a} + (a - 2a^2 + a^2) \omega^2 \\
 &= (a^2 + a - a^2) \omega^2 = a\omega^2 = \frac{k^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

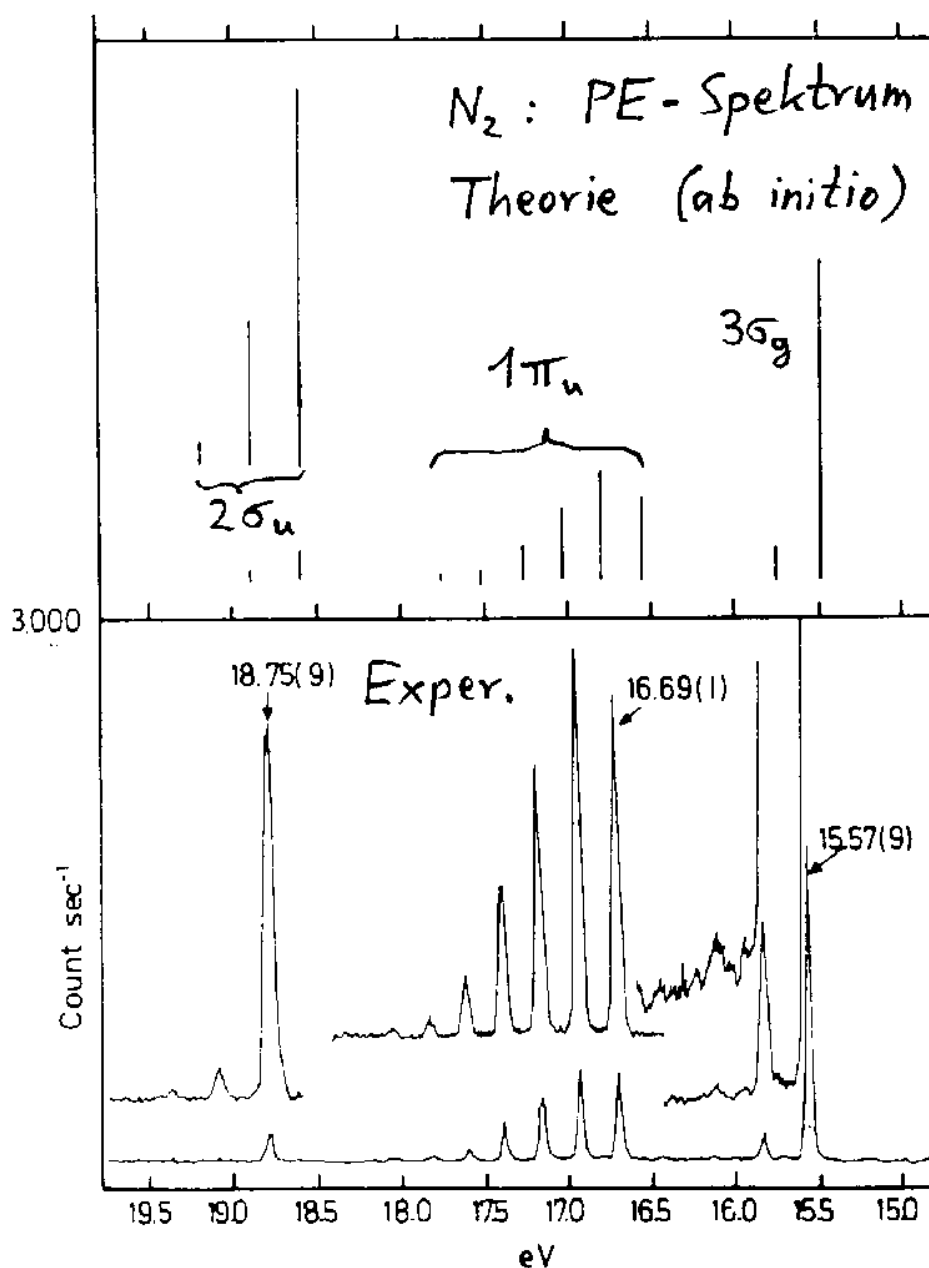
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta E \sim \frac{k}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

Width is defined through the gradient of the final state, $V_f(Q)$, at $Q = 0$ (because of the finite extension of $\chi_0(Q)$).

TESTS FÜR POISSON-VERTEILUNG

$$I_v = \frac{\alpha^v}{v!} e^{-\alpha}, \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \frac{k^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\rightarrow I_{v+1}/I_v = \frac{\alpha}{v+1}$$



$1\pi_u$ - Bande:

$$\alpha = 1.33$$

$$\frac{I_{v+1}}{I_v} (v+1) \approx$$

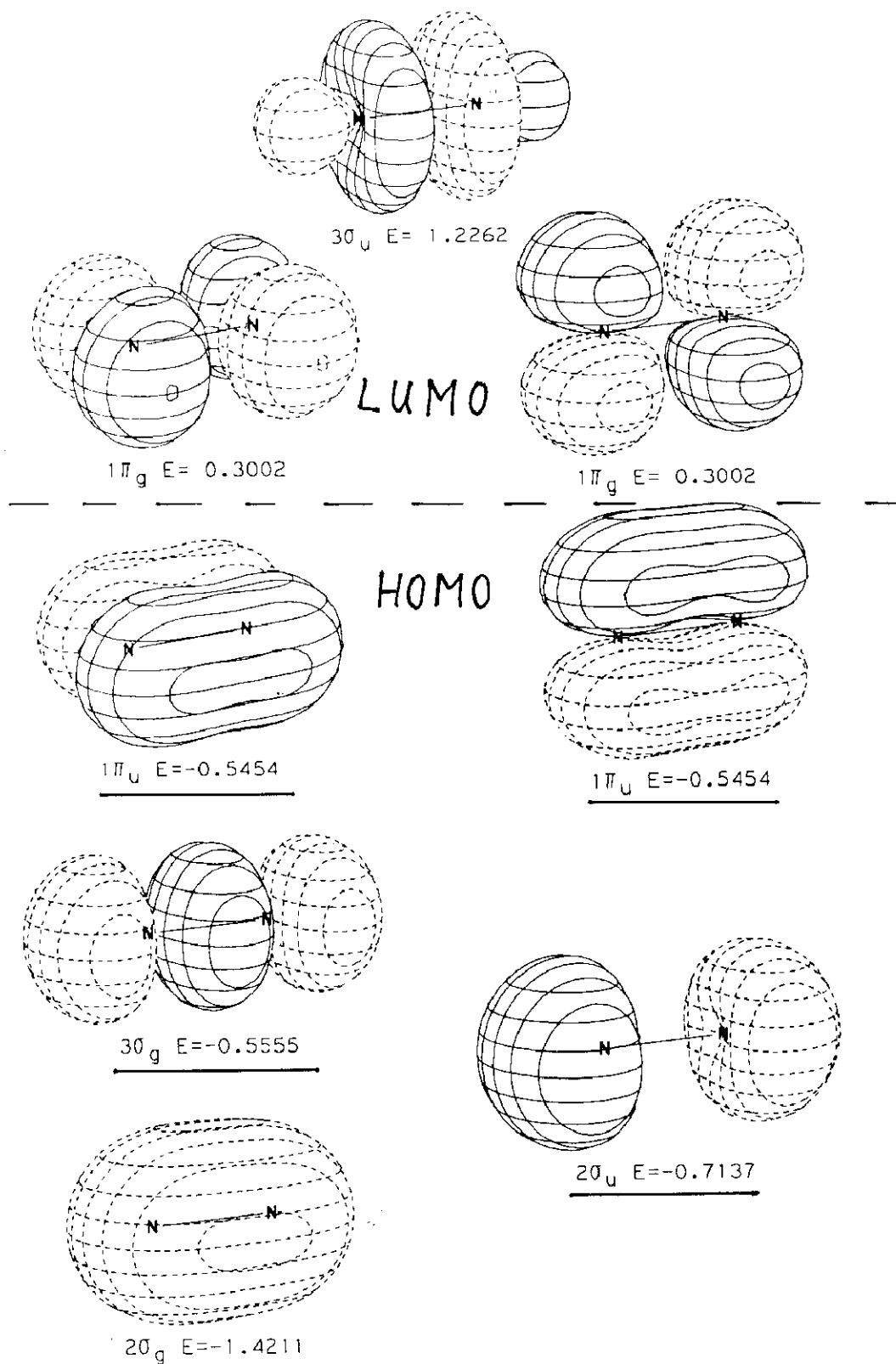
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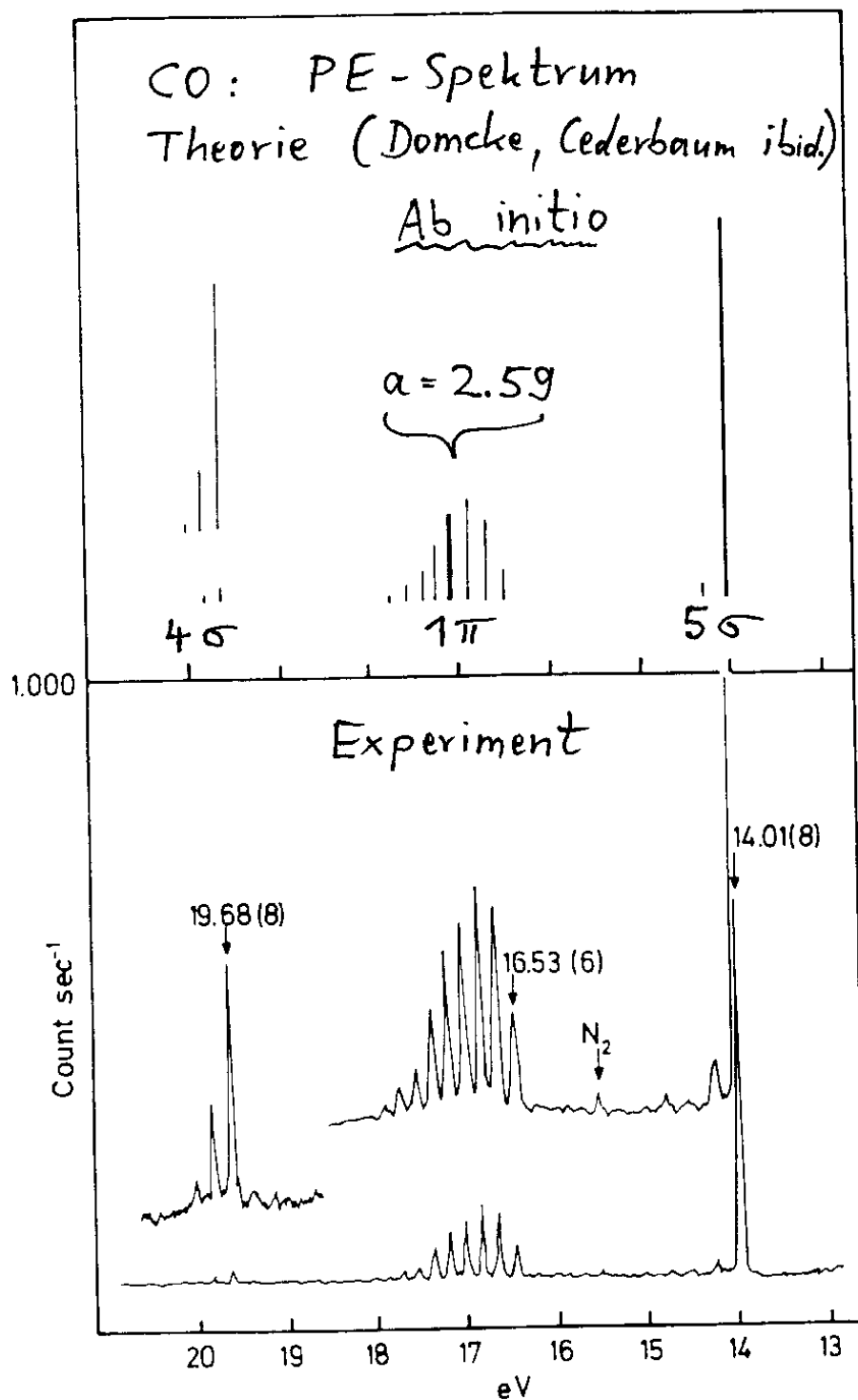
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16. Nitrogen

Symmetry: $D_{\infty h}$ 

POISSON :
$$\frac{I_{v+1}}{I_v} = \frac{a}{v+1}$$



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Bande:

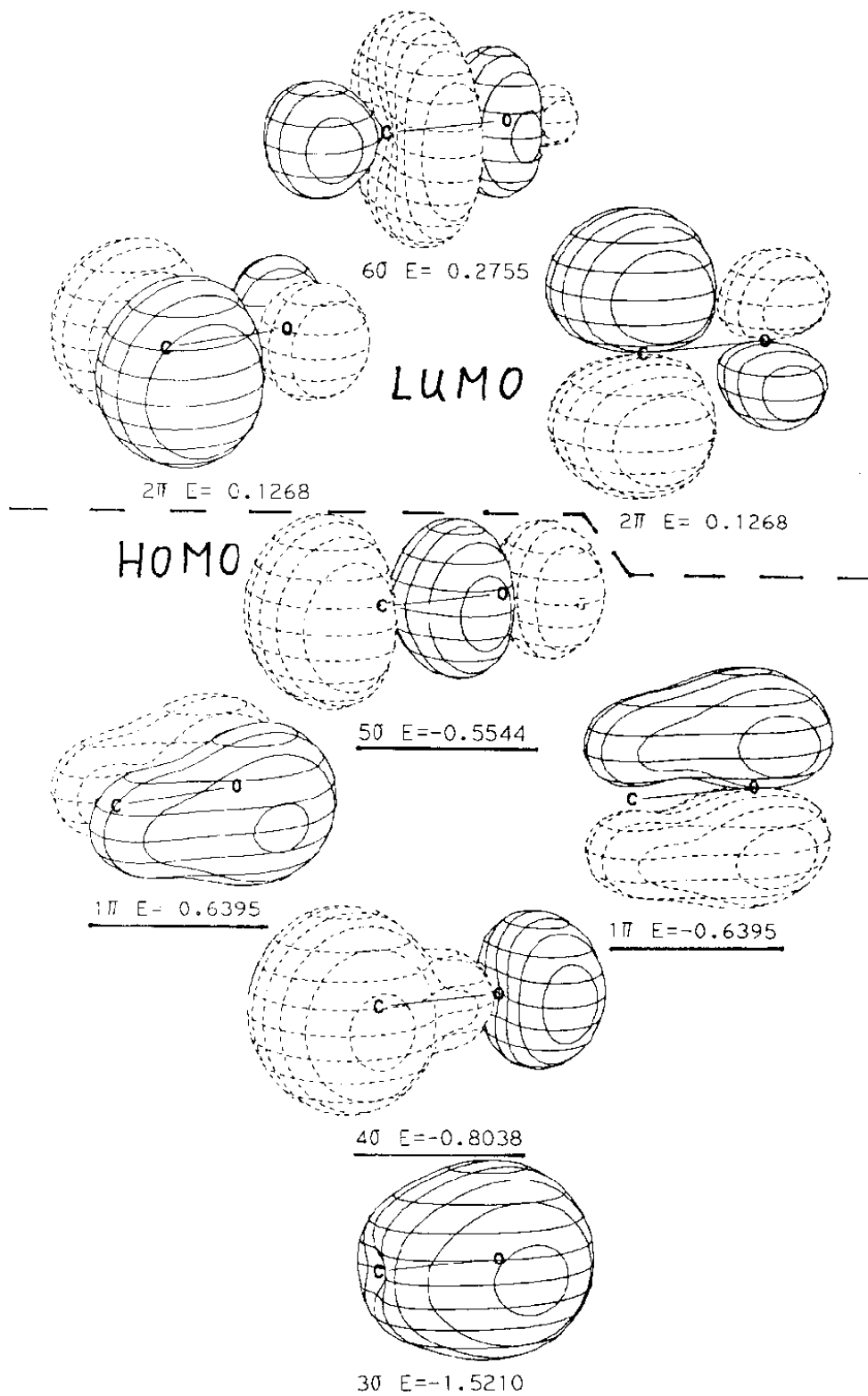
$$\frac{I_{v+1}}{I_v} (v+1) \approx$$

2.13, 2.19,
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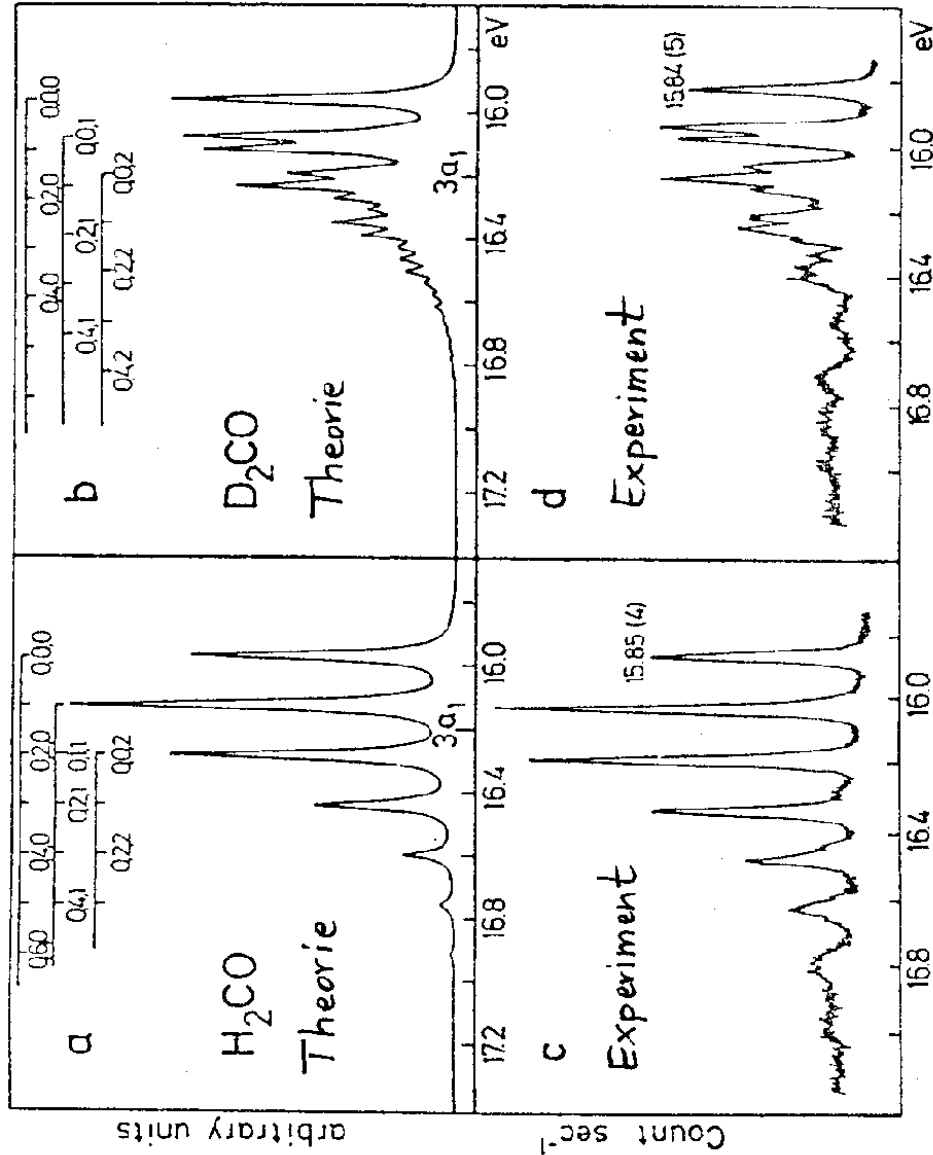
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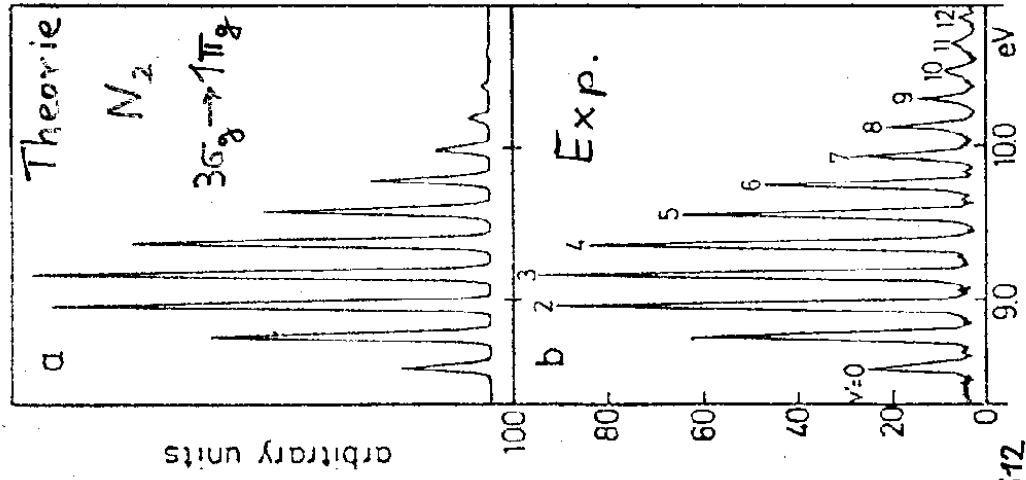
15. Carbon Monoxide

Symmetry: $C_{\infty v}$ 

Mehrmoden PE - Bande



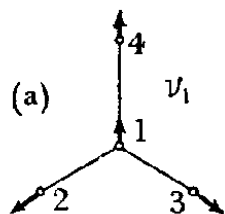
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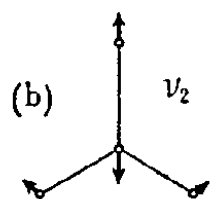
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Normalmoden eines (symm. plan.) XYZ_2 -Moleküls

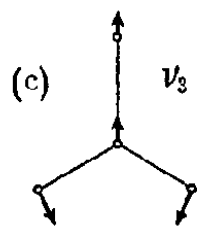
(Freq. für H_2CO)



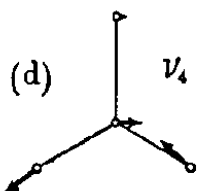
symm. C-H Streckmode
 $\omega_1 = 2944 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



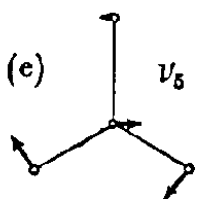
C-O Streckmode
 $\omega_2 = 1764 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



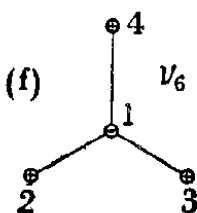
H-C-H Winkelschw.
 $\omega_3 = 1563 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



asymm. C-H Streckmode
 $\omega_4 = 3009 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



"C-O Winkelschw."
 $\omega_5 = 1288 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



Nichtplanare Deformations-
mode
 $\omega_6 = 1191 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Two-dimensional shifted harmonic oscillator

$$V_i(Q_1, Q_2) = \sum_{j=1,2} \frac{\omega_j}{2} Q_j^2 \quad (\hbar = 1)$$

$$V_f(Q_1, Q_2) = V_f(Q = 0) + \sum_{j=1,2} \left(\frac{\omega_j}{2} Q_j^2 + k_j Q_j \right)$$

$$\tilde{E}_{v_1, v_2} - E_{0,0} = V_0 - \frac{k_1^2}{2\omega_1} - \frac{k_2^2}{2\omega_2} + \omega_1 v_1 + \omega_2 v_2$$

$$\Psi_f = \phi_f \tilde{\chi}_{v_1}(Q_1) \tilde{\chi}_{v_2}(Q_2)$$

$$|S_{v_1 v_2, 00}|^2 = |S_{v_1 0}|^2 |S_{v_2 0}|^2$$

$$P(E_{ph}) = \sum_{v_1, v_2} \frac{a_1^{v_1} a_2^{v_2}}{v_1! v_2!} e^{-a_1 - a_2} \times \\ \times \delta(E_{ph} - V_0 + a_1 \omega_1 + a_2 \omega_2 - v_1 \omega_1 - v_2 \omega_2)$$

where $a_j = \kappa_j^2/2 = k_j^2/(2\omega_j^2)$ ($j = 1, 2$).

”Convolution” of two Poisson intensity distributions!

A.4) The frequency-modified harmonic oscillator

Non-totally symmetric modes : $\frac{\partial V_f(Q)}{\partial Q} = 0$

Next order in expansion: $V_f(Q) = V_f(0) + \frac{\gamma}{2}Q^2 + \frac{\omega}{2}Q^2$

New frequency : $\omega_f \equiv \hat{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega(\omega + \gamma)}$

New dimensionless normal coordinate:

$$\hat{Q} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\omega}}{\omega}}Q = \sqrt[4]{\frac{\omega+\gamma}{\omega}}Q$$

$$\implies H_f = -\frac{\omega}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q^2} + \frac{\omega+\gamma}{2}Q^2 \equiv -\frac{\hat{\omega}}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \hat{Q}^2} + \frac{\hat{\omega}}{2}\hat{Q}^2$$

One can find the Franck-Condon factors as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{0,2v+1}|^2 &= 0 \\ |S_{0,2v}|^2 &= \frac{2\sqrt{\omega\hat{\omega}}}{\omega+\hat{\omega}} \left(\frac{\hat{\omega}-\omega}{\hat{\omega}+\omega}\right)^{2v} \frac{(2v-1)!!}{2^v v!} \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$\hat{\omega} = 2\omega \implies$$

$$|S_{0,0}|^2 = \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3} \approx 0.94, \quad |S_{0,2}|^2 \approx 0.05, \quad |S_{0,2}|^2 \approx 0.004$$

Only weak vibrational excitation !