

Molecules

Consider a typical molecule with K nuclei having charges $Z_1 e, Z_2 e, \dots$ and N electrons. Denote the coordinates of nuclei by $\{\vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_K\}$ and those of the electrons by $\{\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N\}$.

$$H = \underbrace{T_N + T_e}_{\text{kinetic terms}} + V(\{\vec{r}_i\}; \{\vec{R}_i\})$$

(Hamiltonian)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_N = \sum_{i=1}^K \left(-\frac{1}{2M_i} \right) \nabla_{\vec{R}_i}^2 \\ T_e = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2m} \right) \nabla_{\vec{r}_i}^2 \end{array} \right\} \quad V(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) = - \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{Z_i e^2}{|\vec{R}_i - \vec{r}_j|} + e^2/2 \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^N \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|} + e^2/2 \sum_{i,j=1}^K \frac{Z_i Z_j}{|\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j|}$$

Auxiliary problem

Find eigenstates of $(T_e + V)$ by regarding $\vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_K$ as fixed parameters

$$(T_e + V) \Phi_n = e_n \Phi_n \longrightarrow \text{depend on } (\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N; \vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_K)$$

$$|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j| \sim |\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_j| \sim |\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j| \quad (\text{Justify!})$$

$$|\nabla_{\vec{r}_i} \Phi| \sim \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_i|} \Phi \sim |\nabla_{\vec{R}_i} \Phi| \sim \frac{1}{|\vec{R}_i|} \Phi$$

$$e_n \equiv e_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For fixed } \{\vec{R}_i\}, \Phi_n \text{'s form} \\ \text{complete basis of functions of} \\ \vec{r}_i \text{'s.} \end{array} \right.$$

Any function $\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N; \vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_K)$

can be expanded as $\sum_n F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\})$

$$F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) = \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \dots d^3r_N \Phi_n^*(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) \Psi(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\})$$

• Look for $H\Psi = E\Psi$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_N + \tau_e + V) \sum_n F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) \\ & = E \sum_n F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \sum_n e_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) + \\ & \sum_n (\tau_N F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\})) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) + \end{aligned}$$

Terms involving $\left(\frac{1}{M_i} \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{R}_i} \Phi \text{ or } \frac{1}{M_i} \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{R}_i}^2 \Phi \right) \rightarrow \text{ignore}$

$$= E \sum_n F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\})$$

(Born-Oppenheimer Approximation)

$$\tau_N F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) + e_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \cdot F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\})$$

$$= E F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\})$$

(equating coefficients of $\Phi_n \dots$)

Think of as a potential

• For a fixed n , $F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\})$'s form a complete set in $\{\vec{R}_i\}$ space.

• Expand $e_n\{\vec{R}_i\}$ around a minimum upto quadratic terms.
(good enough approximation when M_i 's are large)

$$e_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) = e_n(\{\vec{R}_i^{(0)}\}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^K \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^3 A_{j\alpha, k\beta}^{(n)} (R_{j\alpha} - R_{j\alpha}^{(0)}) (R_{k\beta} - R_{k\beta}^{(0)}) + \dots$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_{j\beta} = (\vec{R}_j)_\beta \\ \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

Change variables to normal modes

$$\tau_N + e_n(\{\vec{R}_i^{(0)}\}) + \sum_{s=1}^{3K} \left\{ \frac{\tilde{p}_s^2}{2M_s} + \frac{1}{2} k_s y_s^2 \right\}$$

(for each n)

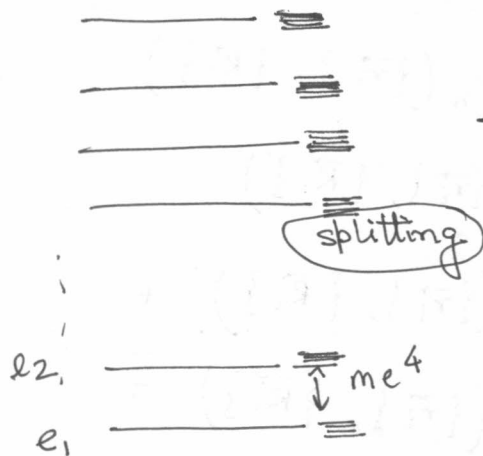
energy eigenvalue $\sum_s \left(\tilde{n}_s + \frac{1}{2} \right) \omega_s$

Rigid body d.o.f.

$\rightarrow$ quantize separately

$$\omega_s = \sqrt{k_s/M_s}$$

Vibrational level spacing



$$\sim \omega_s \approx \sqrt{\frac{k_s}{\tilde{M}_s}}$$

(order of mag.)

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sqrt{\frac{\partial^2 e_n}{\partial R_{i\alpha} \partial R_{j\beta}}}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sqrt{\frac{e_n}{R_i^2}}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sqrt{\frac{me^4}{1/(me^2)^2}}$$

$$\sim \frac{m^{3/2} e^4}{\sqrt{M}}$$

Conclusion

The vibrational spacing is of order $\left(\sqrt{m/M}\right) \times$ electronic level spacing

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Lecture - 16 :

Main steps

① Electronic part : $(T_e + V) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) = e_n \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\})$

② $\Psi = \sum_n F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \Phi_n(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\})$

③ $(T_N + e_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) - E) F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) = 0$ after ignoring terms $\sim 1/M$

④ Replace $e_n(\{\vec{R}_i\})$ by $E_n(\{\vec{R}_i^{(0)}\}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i\alpha, j\beta} A_{i\alpha, j\beta} \times (R_{i\alpha} - R_{i\alpha}^{(0)}) (R_{j\beta} - R_{j\beta}^{(0)})$

$$\left(\sum_s - \frac{1}{2\tilde{M}_s} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_s^2} + \frac{1}{2} k_s u_s^2 + e_n(\{\vec{R}_i^{(0)}\}) - E \right) F_n(\{\vec{u}_s\}) = 0$$

$$e_n(\{\vec{R}_i^{(0)}\}) + \sum_s \left(\eta_s + \frac{1}{2} \right) \omega_s$$

$$\omega_s = \sqrt{\frac{k_s}{\tilde{M}_s}}$$

- Problem : Zero eigenvalues of the matrix -

Define $\sqrt{m_s} u_s = v_s$ $A_{\alpha, j\beta}$

$$\frac{\vec{p}^2}{2M} \rightarrow \text{total modes}$$

zero modes
translational rotational

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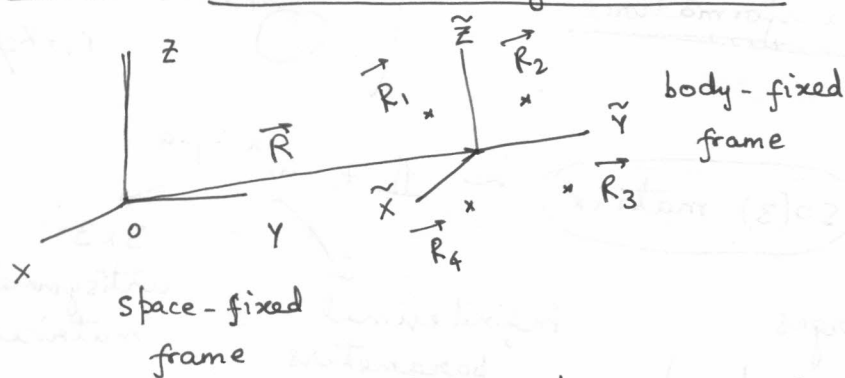
trivial. One can start with COM

coordinates.

Effect of rotational zero modes

- How many d.o.f. ? (3) Except Diatom molecules.
- Think of nucleus by molecule as rigid body. (2)

Review : Dynamics of rigid bodies



$\vec{R}_i$: coordinates in space-fixed frame

$\vec{r}_i$: coordinates in body-fixed frame

- Choose the origin of the body-fixed frame at the center-of-mass (COM).

Suppose : S is the rotation matrix that take body-fixed coordinates to space-fixed coordinates.

$$R_{i\alpha} = R_\alpha + S_{\alpha\beta} r_{i\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{R}_{i\alpha} = \dot{R}_\alpha + \dot{S}_{\alpha\beta} r_{i\beta} \quad (r \text{ doesn't change})$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,\alpha} \dot{R}_{i\alpha} \dot{R}_{i\alpha} M_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i M_i \left(\dot{R}_\alpha \dot{R}_\alpha + 2 \dot{R}_\alpha \dot{S}_{\alpha\beta} r_{i\beta} + \dot{S}_{\alpha\beta} \dot{S}_{\alpha\gamma} r_{i\beta} r_{i\gamma} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} M \dot{R}_\alpha \dot{R}_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i M_i$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\frac{dS}{dt} K \frac{dS^T}{dt} \right)$$

Define $K_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$

$$= \sum_i M_i r_{i\beta} r_{i\gamma}$$

Euler angle representation

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & \sin\phi & 0 \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ 0 & -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\psi & \sin\psi & 0 \\ -\sin\psi & \cos\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K = V K_d V^T$$

$V \rightarrow$ SO(3) matrix

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & & \\ & K_2 & \\ & & K_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$V \rightarrow$ fixed matrix

$$\tilde{S} = S V$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\frac{d\tilde{S}}{dt} K_d \frac{d\tilde{S}^T}{dt} \right)$$

Inertia matrix

$$\mathbb{I} = \text{Tr}(K) \mathbb{1}_{3 \times 3} - K$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} K_2 + K_3 & & \\ & K_1 + K_3 & \\ & & K_1 + K_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetries & transformations

$$\tilde{S} \rightarrow U \tilde{S}$$

$\rightarrow$ SO(3) matrix

$$\sim \mathbb{1} + \omega^a T^a$$

ω^a infinitesimal parameters

T^a 3x3 antisymmetric matrices

$\rightarrow$ Conserved charges

$$L_a \equiv (L_x, L_y, L_z)$$

• Rotation of space-fixed frame.

$$\tilde{S} \rightarrow \tilde{S} W \rightarrow \text{SO(3) matrix}$$

• Rotating body-fixed axes - - -

$$\rightarrow \text{symmetry only if } \begin{cases} W K_d W^T = K_d \\ W K_d = K_d W \end{cases}$$

• Schur's Lemma

$W = \mathbb{1}$ if all eigenvalues are non-equal.

• What are the generators of $\tilde{S} = \tilde{S} W$?

Call $\tilde{L}_x, \tilde{L}_y, \tilde{L}_z$.

$$\tilde{S} \rightarrow \tilde{S} (\mathbb{1} + \omega^a T^a)$$

$$[L_a, \tilde{L}_b] = 0.$$

Ex

$$H = \frac{\tilde{L}_x^2}{2I_x} + \frac{\tilde{L}_y^2}{2I_y} + \frac{\tilde{L}_z^2}{2I_z}$$

$U \tilde{S} W, U \tilde{S} W \rightarrow \text{equal}$

$$\tilde{L}_x^2 + \tilde{L}_y^2 + \tilde{L}_z^2 = L_x^2 + L_y^2 + L_z^2$$

$\tilde{L}_i \rightarrow$ components of angular momentum along body fixed axes.

$$[\tilde{L}_x, H] \neq 0 \dots$$

• Suppose, we have $K_x = K_y$.

$$\Rightarrow I_x = I_y$$

$\therefore \tilde{L}_z$ is conserved.

$$H = \frac{1}{2I_x} (L^2 - \tilde{L}_z^2) + \frac{\tilde{L}_z^2}{2I_z}$$

$\tilde{L}_z, \tilde{L}^2$ & L_z are mutually commuting & commute with H .

Label eigenstates by $\tilde{m}_z, L(L+1)$ & m_z

$$m_z = -L, (-L+1), \dots, L$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2I_x} (L(L+1) - \tilde{m}_z^2) + \frac{\tilde{m}_z^2}{2I_z}$$

• Result is independent of m_z .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ M_z = -L, -L+1, \dots, L \\ \tilde{M}_z = -L, -L+1, \dots, L \end{array} \right\}$$

? ($1/M$ correction)

Energy level spacing

$$\sim 1/I \sim \frac{1}{M \tilde{R}_i^2}$$

$$\sim 1/me^2$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{m}{M}\right) (me^4) \rightarrow \text{electronic energy levels}$$

(suppression factor)

⊛ wrong analysis (previously)

• Go back to the original equations.

$$\sum_n \left(- \sum_i \frac{1}{2M_i} \nabla_{\vec{R}_i}^2 + e_n(\vec{R}) - E \right) \left\{ F_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \Phi_n(\{\vec{R}_i\}, \{\vec{r}_i\}) \right\} = 0.$$

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{2M_i} \nabla_{\vec{R}_i}^2 \rightarrow \sum_s \frac{1}{2\tilde{M}_s} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_s^2} + A_{\text{rot}}.$$

$$\int d^3r_1 \dots d^3r_N \Phi_p^\dagger(\{\vec{r}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_i\}) (\dots)$$

$\Rightarrow$

P.T.O.

$$\left(- \sum_i \frac{1}{2M_i} \nabla_{\vec{R}_i}^2 + e_p(\{\vec{R}_i\}) - E \right) F_p \phi_p + \sum_n \sum_i \left(- \frac{1}{2M_i} \right)$$

$$\langle \phi_p | \nabla_{\vec{R}_i} | \phi_n \rangle$$

$$+ \sum_n \sum_i \left(- \frac{1}{2M_i} \right) \langle \phi_p | \nabla_{\vec{R}_i}^2 | \phi_n \rangle F_n = 0.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

• Lesson from first order perturbation theory

• Pick only $n=p$ terms

Unperturbed $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ F_p \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \phi_p | \left(- \sum_i \frac{1}{2M_i} \nabla_{\vec{R}_i}^2 + e_p(\{\vec{R}_i\}) - E \right) \left\{ F_p(\{\vec{R}_i\}) | \phi_p(\{\vec{R}_i\}) \right\} \rangle = 0.$$

• Ignore $(1/M^2)$ corrections.

$$= \left(\sum_s - \frac{1}{2\tilde{M}_s} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_s^2} + \Delta_{\text{rot.}} \right)$$

independent of Euler angles

acts totally on F_p (causes shift in vibrational levels)

these don't cause any change in level spacing of vibrational levels.
 rotational

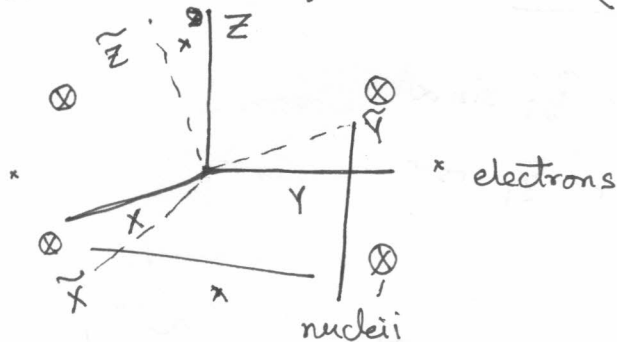
Problem to be solved

$$\langle \phi_p | (-\Delta_{\text{rot.}} - \tilde{E})(F_p \phi_p) \rangle = 0.$$

Find $\tilde{E}$. (vibrational energy levels)

Diatomic Molecules:

- $\vec{L}$ will rotate the electronic coordinates $\vec{r}_i$ keeping $\vec{R}_i$ fixed. (Acts on Φ_n and not on F_n).
- $\vec{N}$ rotates $\vec{R}_i$ keeping $\vec{r}_i$ fixed.
→ acts on Φ_n and F_n .
- $\vec{K}$ rotates $\vec{r}_i$ & $\vec{R}_i$ ($\vec{K} = \vec{N} + \vec{L}$)



- $\vec{K}$ acts trivially on Φ_n . (Justify!)
- acts non-trivially on F_n

- origin → COM (common CM or CM of $\vec{R}_i$'s only)
 $\bar{e}$ mass - small
- Space-fixed & body-fixed axes.
- $\{L_x, L_y, L_z\}$ → components of $\vec{L}$ in space-fixed frame
- $\{\tilde{L}_x, \tilde{L}_y, \tilde{L}_z\}$ → " " " in body-fixed "
- Same definitions for $\vec{N}$ & $\vec{K}$.
- Nuclei decide on choice of body-fixed frame.

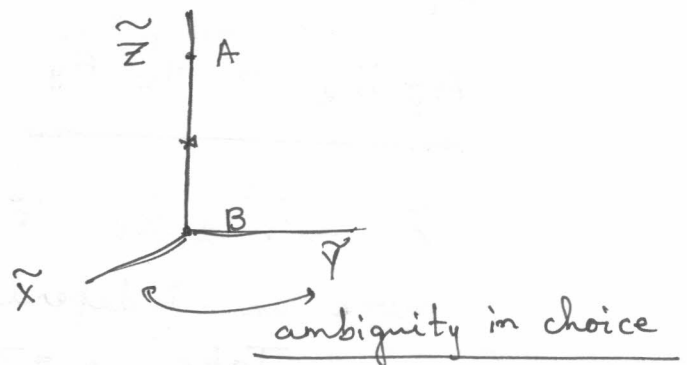
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DIATOMIC MOLECULE ??

$$\vec{R} = \vec{R}_1 - \vec{R}_2$$

In Body-Fixed Frame

$$\vec{\tilde{R}}_1 = (0, 0, \tilde{R}_1)$$

$$\vec{\tilde{R}}_2 = (0, 0, -\tilde{R}_2)$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{R}_1 = \vec{R} \frac{M_1}{M_1 + M_2} \\ \vec{R}_2 = \vec{R} \frac{M_2}{M_1 + M_2} \end{array} \right\}$$

Solve $H_e \phi_n = e_n(\vec{R}) \phi_n$

$\boxed{T_e + V}$

$$H_e = - \sum_i \frac{1}{2m_0} \nabla_{\vec{r}_i}^2 + \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i < j}} \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}$$

$$\sum_i \left\{ \frac{Z_1 e^2}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_1|} + \frac{Z_2 e^2}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_2|} \right\}$$

Symmetries of the problem

① $\tilde{x}_i \rightarrow \tilde{x}_i \cos \alpha + \tilde{y}_i \sin \alpha$

$\tilde{y}_i \rightarrow -\tilde{x}_i \sin \alpha + \tilde{y}_i \cos \alpha$

$\tilde{z}_i \rightarrow \tilde{z}_i$

$\rightarrow$ Generated by $\tilde{L}_z \Rightarrow \tilde{L}_z \phi_n = \tilde{M}_L \phi_n$

Define $\Lambda = |\tilde{m}_L|$ $\tilde{M}_L = \Lambda$ or $-\Lambda$.

$[\tilde{L}_z, H_e] = 0$.

(Only continuous symmetry)

② $\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{y}_i \rightarrow -\tilde{y}_i \\ \tilde{x}_i \rightarrow \tilde{x}_i \\ \tilde{z}_i \rightarrow \tilde{z}_i \end{array} \right\}$

symmetry

Symmetry generator $\rightarrow A_y$

$\tilde{A}_y \phi_n(\{\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_i, \tilde{z}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2\})$

$A_y H_e = H_e A_y$

$= \phi_n(\{\tilde{x}_i, -\tilde{y}_i, \tilde{z}_i\}, \{\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2\})$

$\tilde{x}_i \rightarrow -\tilde{x}_i$ is no

more an independent symmetry.

Take $\alpha = \pi$.

$A_y \tilde{L}_z A_y^{-1} = -\tilde{L}_z$

$\tilde{L}_z A_y \phi_n = -A_y \tilde{L}_z \phi_n$

$= -\tilde{M}_L A_y \phi_n$

- $A_{\tilde{y}}$ takes $\tilde{M}_L = \Lambda$ state to $\tilde{M}_L = -\Lambda$ state with same $e_n(R)$. (Degeneracy) $\longrightarrow$ Residual...

If $\Lambda = 0$, Φ_n can be chosen to be an eigenstate of $A_{\tilde{y}}$ with eigenvalues ± 1 .

Λ : 0 1 2 3 - - - -

Symbol: $\Sigma \Pi \Delta \Phi \dots$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sum^{\pm} \longrightarrow A_{\tilde{y}} = 1 \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \longrightarrow A_{\tilde{y}} = -1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Homonuclear molecules

Special symmetry: $\vec{R}_1 = -\vec{R}_2 \longrightarrow$ extra symmetry
 $(\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_i, \tilde{z}_i) \rightarrow (\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_i, -\tilde{z}_i)$

Parity symmetry $\xrightarrow{\text{implies}} (\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_i, \tilde{z}_i) \rightarrow (-\tilde{x}_i, -\tilde{y}_i, -\tilde{z}_i)$

$$[P, H_e] = 0, \quad [P, \tilde{L}_z] = 0$$

$$\sum_g^+, \sum_u^+, \sum_g^-, \sum_u^-, \quad (\text{understand!})$$

$$\Pi_g, \Pi_u, \Delta_g, \Delta_u, \dots \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Parity even: } g \\ \text{" odd: } u \end{array} \right\}$$

$$T_N = \sum_{i=1}^2 - \frac{1}{2M_i} \nabla_{\vec{R}_i}^2 \quad (\text{Diatomic case})$$

$$= \text{c.m. part} - \frac{1}{2\mu} \nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{relative coordinate}}$$

$$\mu = \frac{M_1 M_2}{(M_1 + M_2)} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{reduced} \\ \text{mass} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\mu} \nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 = - \frac{1}{2\mu} \left[\frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{1}{R^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\mu R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{1}{2\mu R^2} \vec{N}^2 \longrightarrow \text{(same as } \vec{N}^2 \text{)}$$

So, the differential equation to solve looks like —

$$- \frac{1}{2\mu R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R^2 \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial R} \right) + \underbrace{\langle \phi_n | \left(+ \frac{1}{2\mu R^2} \vec{N}^2 \right) | \phi_n \rangle}_{\text{(vibrations)}} F_n(R) = E F_n(R)$$

$$\vec{K} = \vec{N} + \vec{L}$$

$$\vec{N}^2 = \vec{K}^2 + \vec{L}^2 - 2\vec{K} \cdot \vec{L}$$

$\vec{K} \rightsquigarrow$ exact symmetry of the problem.

We can take the molecular states to be eigenstates of $\vec{K}^2$ & K_z (component of $\vec{K}$ along space-fixed axes)

$\downarrow$ $K(K+1)$ $\downarrow$ $M_K \rightsquigarrow$ { Different M_K values will be degenerate. }

$$M_K = (-K, -K+1, \dots, K-1, K)$$

$$\vec{L}^2 = \tilde{L}_x^2 + \tilde{L}_y^2 + \tilde{L}_z^2$$

$$2\vec{K} \cdot \vec{L} = 2(\tilde{K}_x \tilde{L}_x + \tilde{K}_y \tilde{L}_y + \tilde{K}_z \tilde{L}_z)$$

$$\tilde{K}_z \tilde{L}_z \xrightarrow{\quad} \tilde{L}_z^2$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{K} = \vec{N} + \vec{L} \\ \tilde{K}_z = \tilde{N}_z + \tilde{L}_z \end{cases}$$

$$\circ (?) \rightarrow \vec{N} = \vec{R} \times \vec{P}$$

$$\tilde{N}_z = \frac{\vec{R} \cdot (\vec{R} \times \vec{P})}{|\vec{R}|} = 0$$

$$\tilde{K}_x, \tilde{K}_y$$

$\longrightarrow$ don't act on ϕ_n

$$\langle \phi_n | \tilde{L}_x | \phi_n \rangle, \quad \langle \phi_n | \tilde{L}_y | \phi_n \rangle$$

$\uparrow$
0

$\uparrow$
0

$$- \frac{1}{2\mu R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R^2 \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{1}{2\mu R^2} (K(K+1) - L^2)$$

$$+ \langle \phi_n | \tilde{L}_x^2 + \tilde{L}_y^2 | \phi_n \rangle F_n(R)$$

$$- E_n(R) F_n(R) = E F_n(R)$$

• Ignore ~~Λ^2~~ & $\langle \phi_n | \tilde{L}_x^2 + \tilde{L}_y^2 | \phi_n \rangle$ as we are not considering shifts of $O(1/\mu) \rightarrow$ no splitting.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} K = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ M_K = -K, \dots, K \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{NO!}} \tilde{K}_Z | \rangle = \tilde{M}_L | \rangle$$

(2K+1) - fold degeneracy

$$[K = \Lambda, \Lambda+1, \Lambda+2, \dots]$$

dictates this!

get from electronic problem

R_0 : min. of $e_n(R)$

$$E_{\text{rot.}} = \frac{K(K+1)}{2\mu R_0^2}$$

$$e_n(R) = e_n(R_0) + \frac{1}{2}(R-R_0)^2 e_n''(R_0) + \dots$$

$$F_n(R) = \frac{1}{R} G_n$$

$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial^2 G_n}{\partial R^2} + \frac{1}{2}(R-R_0)^2 e_n''(R_0) G_n + G_n \left(e_n(R_0) + \frac{K(K+1)}{2\mu R_0^2} \right) = E G_n \right\}$$

$$\boxed{E = e_n(R_0) + \left(\tilde{n} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \omega + \frac{K(K+1)}{2\mu R_0^2} \quad \dots \quad (A)}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{e_n''(R_0)}{\mu}}$$

A few more minutes . . .

Alternative description derivation of rotational spectrum

• An axisymmetric rigid body.

$$I_x = I_y \neq I_z.$$

$I_z \rightarrow$ small

$$I_x = I_y = \frac{M_1 M_2 R^2}{(M_1 + M_2)} = \mu R^2$$

$$M_K^2 = \Lambda^2$$

Recall that for axisymmetric rigid body,

Erot.

$$= \frac{1}{2I_x} K(K+1) + \left(\frac{1}{2I_z} - \frac{1}{2I_x} \right) \tilde{M}_K^2$$

same as in (A)

overall shift

$$\underline{\underline{H_2^+}}$$

$$H_e = -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 - \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{R}_A|} - \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{R}_B|} + \frac{e^2}{R}$$

$$R = |\vec{R}_A - \vec{R}_B|$$

$$\vec{R}_A = \left(0, 0, \frac{R}{2}\right) ; \quad \vec{R}_B = \left(0, 0, -\frac{R}{2}\right),$$

$$r_A = |\vec{r} - \vec{R}_A| ; \quad r_B = |\vec{r} - \vec{R}_B|$$

Symmetries : • ① Rotation about $z \Rightarrow L_z$ conserved

$$L_z |\psi\rangle = M_L |\psi\rangle$$

$$|M_L| = \Lambda.$$

② $y \rightarrow -y$

A_y

$$r_A \rightarrow r_A$$

$$r_B \rightarrow r_B$$

③ Special to homonuclear molecule

Parity $\vec{r} \rightarrow -\vec{r} \Rightarrow r_A \leftrightarrow r_B$

$\vec{R}_A = -\vec{R}_B$

• Propose (guess!) a ground state

• Intuition $\rightarrow$ For large R ,

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\psi_{1s}(r_A) \pm \psi_{1s}(r_B) \right).$$

$\downarrow$
H-atom ground state

• Reason for taking linear combination $\rightarrow$ symmetries

• $\Lambda = 0, \quad A_y = 1, \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Parity} \rightarrow \pm 1. \end{array} \right\} \sum_{g/u}^+ \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symbol for} \\ \text{states} \end{array} \right\}$

• Take this as an approximation even for finite R .

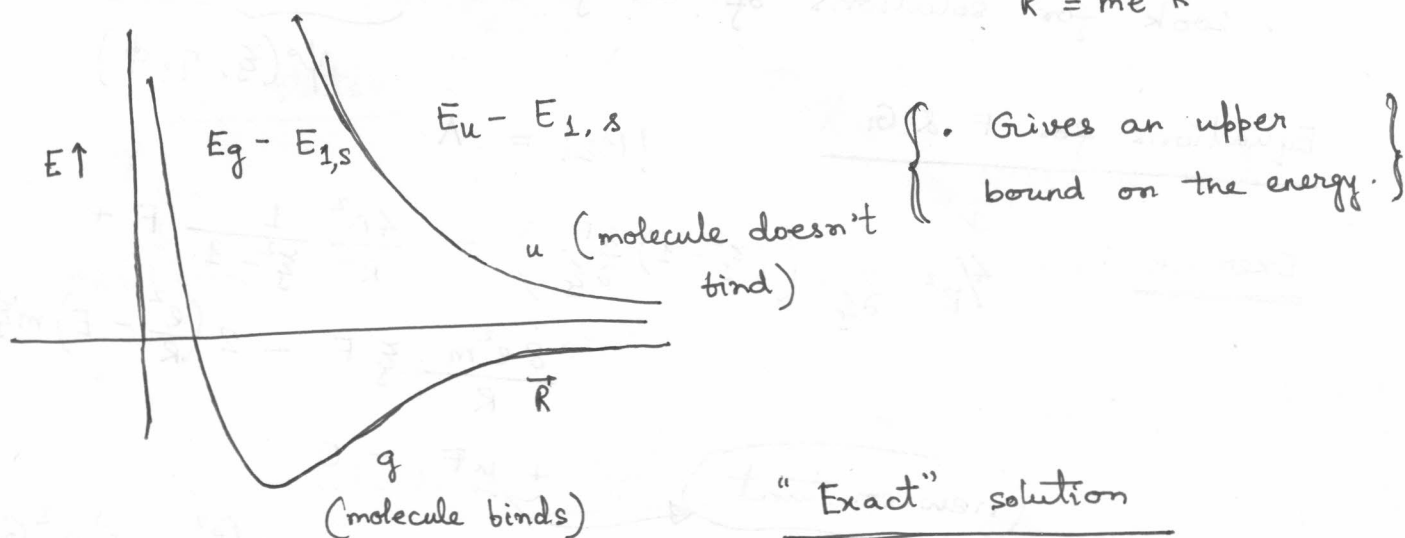
$$E_{g,u} = \frac{\int d^3r \phi_{g,u}^* H_e \phi_{g,u}}{\int d^3r \phi_{g,u}^* \phi_{g,u}}$$

Exercise : Check that, $E_{g,u} = E_{1s} + \text{correction}$

ground state
energy for single-electron atom

$$\text{Correction} = me^4 \left[\frac{1}{\hat{R}} \frac{(1 + \hat{R}) e^{-2\hat{R}} \pm (1 - \frac{2\hat{R}^2}{3}) e^{-\hat{R}}}{1 \pm e^{-\hat{R}} (1 + \hat{R} + \frac{\hat{R}^2}{3})} \right]$$

$$\hat{R} = me^2 R$$



"Exact" solution

$$\xi = \frac{1}{R} (r_A + r_B)$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{R} (r_A - r_B)$$

Elliptic coordinates

$\{\xi, \eta, \phi\} \rightarrow \text{set of independent coordinates.}$

r_A

r_B

Ex Check that, $\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{4}{R^2 (\xi^2 - \eta^2)} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left\{ (\xi^2 - 1) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left\{ (1 - \eta^2) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \right\} + \frac{\xi^2 - \eta^2}{(\xi^2 - 1)(1 - \eta^2)} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \xi \rightarrow \xi \\ \eta \rightarrow -\eta \end{array} \right\} \text{parity}$$

A_y : doesn't change $\xi, \eta, \phi \rightarrow \phi + \pi$

L_z : rotates ϕ .

$$H = -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 - \frac{2e^2}{R(\xi_1 + \eta)} - \frac{2e^2}{R(\xi_1 - \eta)} + \frac{e^2}{R}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda_A = R \left(\frac{\xi_1 + \eta}{2} \right) \\ \lambda_B = R \left(\frac{\xi_1 - \eta}{2} \right) \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} H_e \Psi = E \Psi. \\ \longleftrightarrow \\ \text{Multiply both sides by } (\xi_1^2 - \eta^2). \end{array}$$

$$\partial^2 / \partial \phi^2 \rightarrow -\Lambda^2 \quad \bullet \quad \underline{\text{The variables separate}}$$

• Look for solutions of the form - $\underbrace{e^{iM_L \phi} F(\xi_1) G(\eta)}_{\Psi(\xi_1, \eta, \phi)}$

Equations for F & G

$$|M_L| = \Lambda$$

Exercise :

$$\frac{4}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \left((\xi_1^2 - 1) \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi_1} \right) - \frac{4\Lambda^2}{R^2} \frac{1}{\xi_1^2 - 1} F + \frac{8e^2 m}{R} \xi_1 F - 2 \left(\frac{e^2}{R} - E \right) m \xi_1^2 F$$

new constant

$$+ \mu F = 0$$

$$\frac{4}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left((1 - \eta^2) \frac{\partial G}{\partial \eta} \right) - \frac{4\Lambda^2}{R^2} \frac{1}{1 - \eta^2} G - 2 \left(\frac{e^2}{R} - E \right) \eta^2 G - \mu G = 0.$$

⊛ (No linear η term
→ Parity symmetry)

• Numerical solution

• Look for ground state in both g sector (even under $\eta \rightarrow -\eta$)
and u sector (odd under $\eta \rightarrow -\eta$)

⊛ CAN BE DONE NUMERICALLY.

⇒ gives $E_g(R)$ & $E_u(R)$.

(agrees with our intuition)

Neutral hydrogen H_2

$$H_e = -\frac{1}{2m} (\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_1}^2 + \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_2}^2) - \frac{e^2}{r_{A1}} - \frac{e^2}{r_{A2}} - \frac{e^2}{r_{B1}} - \frac{e^2}{r_{B2}} + \frac{e^2}{R}$$

$$r_{A1} = |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_A|$$

$$r_{12} = |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|$$

and so on ... (!!!)

• Single electron $\rightarrow$ spin doesn't matter

BUT, HERE IT MATTERS !!!

• Think of nucleus as fixed classical object.

Electron spin states

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle, |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle.$$

Choose a different basis,

$S = 1$ states

$\chi_{S m_S} \rightarrow S_z \text{ eigenvalue}$
 $\downarrow$
 total spin

$$\chi_{11} = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$\chi_{10} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

$$\chi_{1-1} = |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

$$\chi_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

• Two independent methods

$\rightarrow$ Molecular Orbital Method
 $\rightarrow$ { Valence Bond Method }

Molecular Orbital Method

• First, solve the single electron moving in the background of both nuclei.

• Use products of these to build multi-electron states.

$\phi_g(\vec{r}), \phi_u(\vec{r}) \rightarrow$ solutions to single-electron problem.

$$\chi_{1 m_S} \rightarrow \left\{ \phi_g(\vec{r}_1) \phi_u(\vec{r}_2) - \phi_g(\vec{r}_2) \phi_u(\vec{r}_1) \right\}$$

$(2S+1) \sum_u^+ \rightarrow$ understand $\left(\sum_u^+ \right)$

$$\chi_{00} \rightarrow \left\{ \phi_g(\vec{r}_1) \phi_u(\vec{r}_2) + \phi_g(\vec{r}_2) \phi_u(\vec{r}_1) \right\}$$

$$\left(\sum_u^+ \right) \checkmark$$

$$\chi_{00} \phi_g(\vec{r}_1) \phi_g(\vec{r}_2)$$

$$\left(\sum_g^+ \right)$$

$$\chi_{00} \phi_u(\vec{r}_1) \phi_u(\vec{r}_2)$$

$$\left(\sum_g^+ \right)$$

Let's call $\sum_{q=1}^{states} \Phi_q$ as Φ_A & Φ_B .
(These can mix)

• Suppose, we use the approximation -

$$\phi_g(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_{1s}(r_A) + \psi_{1s}(r_B))$$

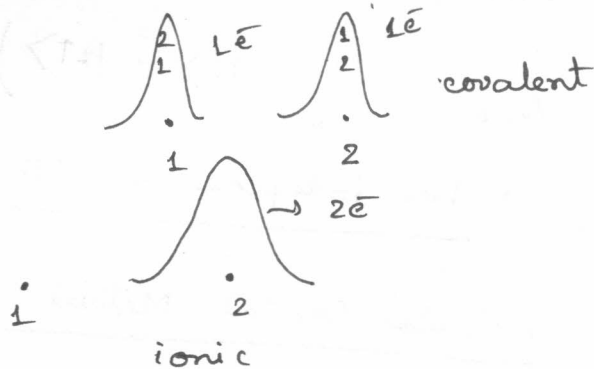
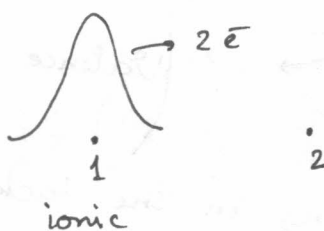
$$\phi_u(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_{1s}(r_A) - \psi_{1s}(r_B))$$

Exercise :

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_A = \phi^{cov} + \phi^{ion} \\ \Phi_B = \phi^{cov} - \phi^{ion} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \phi^{cov} = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{1s}(r_{A1}) \psi_{1s}(r_{B2}) + \psi_{1s}(r_{A2}) \psi_{1s}(r_{B1})) \\ \phi^{ion} = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{1s}(r_{B1}) \psi_{1s}(r_{B2}) + \psi_{1s}(r_{A1}) \psi_{1s}(r_{A2})) \end{cases}$$

1 ↔ 2 exchange symmetry



• In MO method, one doesn't mix electronic wavefunctions.

Valence Bond Method

We first construct the ground state wave function of each atom & then take linear combination of their product. (!)

$$\psi_{1s}(r_A)$$

$$\left\{ \psi_{1s}(r_{A1}) \psi_{1s}(r_{B2}) \pm \psi_{1s}(r_{A2}) \psi_{1s}(r_{B1}) \right\}$$

$$S=0$$

$$S=1$$

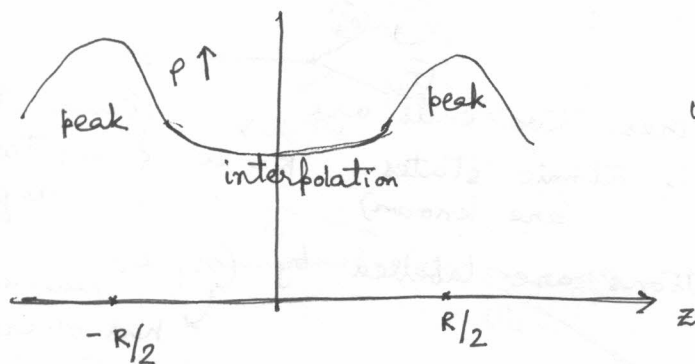
↘ ϕ^{cov} .

(starting point)

LOWER ENERGY
≡ Ground State

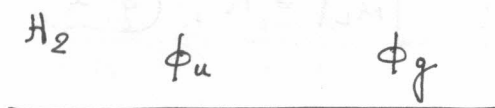
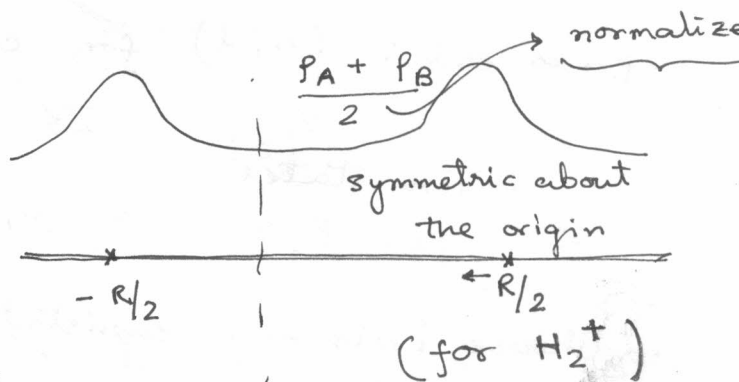
• Effectiveness of a particular approx. depends on the system concerned.

Take trial wavefunction Φ .



- Compare this with what we get by summing the contribution from individual atoms.

- ⊛ If the earlier distribution is above or below the second one throughout the region (intermediate range of R), we can say the nuclei bind / ~~unb~~ don't bind.



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_2^+ \quad \phi_u \rightarrow \text{doesn't bind} \\ \quad \quad \phi_g \rightarrow \text{binds} \end{array} \right.$$

Diatomic molecules with larger nuclei (more electrons)

- Compare the pictures
- ϕ_u has a node at $R=0$

General strategy:

Assume that ^{lowest lying} molecular orbitals are $u_1(\vec{r}_1, q_1), u_2(\vec{r}_2, q_2), \dots$

(m_s)

$u_N(\vec{r}_N, q_N)$

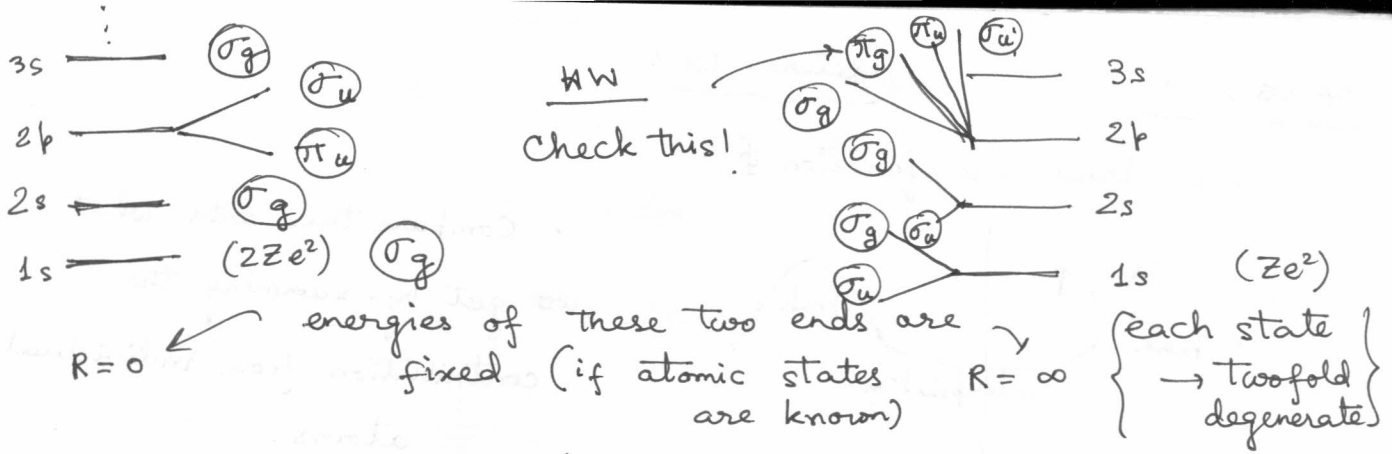
$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1(q_1) & u_2(q_1) & \dots & u_N(q_1) \\ u_1(q_2) & u_2(q_2) & \dots & u_N(q_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_1(q_N) & u_2(q_N) & \dots & u_N(q_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

→ Carry out Hartree-Fock.

- Make an initial guess for u 's

(Zeroth order approx.)

Initial guess for u_i 's.



$R=0$ end : Wavefunctions are labelled by (n, l) nucleus

$R=\infty$ end : (n, l) for charge Z for each nucleus.

- Two states for each $(n, l) \rightarrow$ bound to either of the nuclei
- Choose basis $\rightarrow$ eigenstates of parity operator.

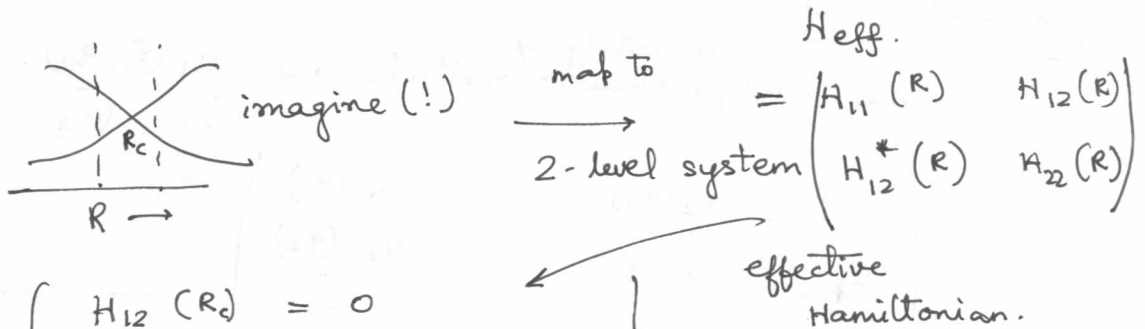
$$\phi_{g/u} \propto (u_{n,l}(r_A) \pm u_{n,l}(r_B))$$

- Conserved quantum numbers : $|M_L| = \Lambda$, $\boxed{g, u}$ parity

$$\Lambda = \begin{cases} 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ \sigma, \pi, \delta, \phi, \dots \end{cases}$$

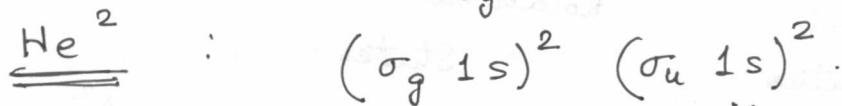
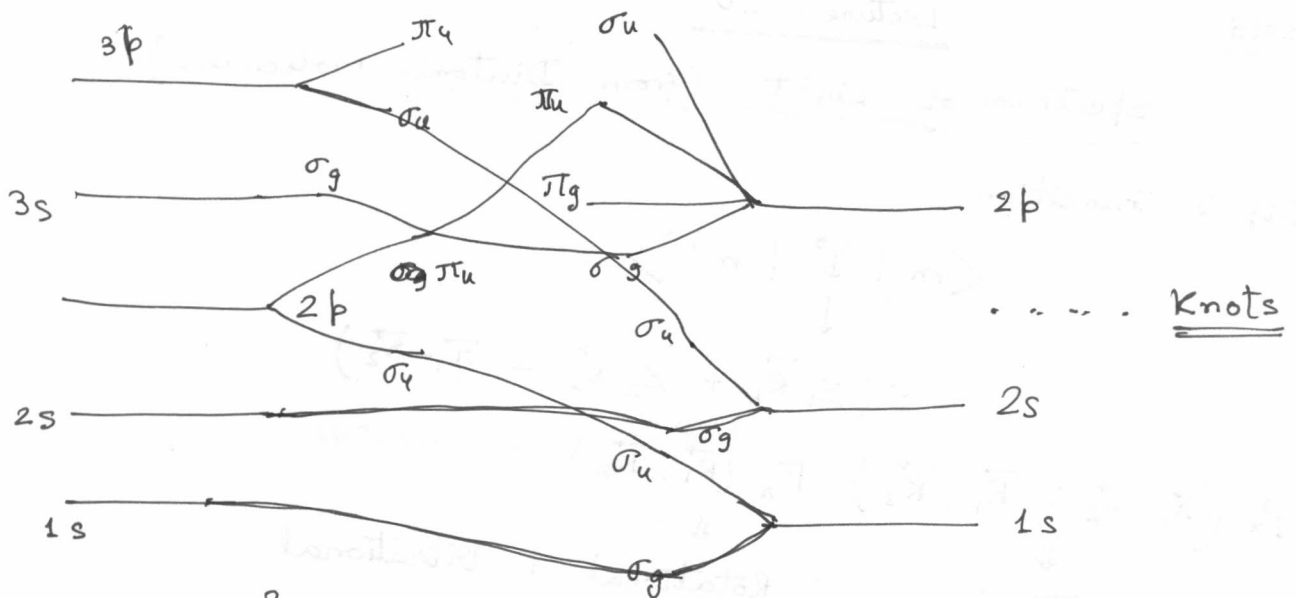
Result : { Levels with same quantum number don't cross }
as functions of R .

Proof :

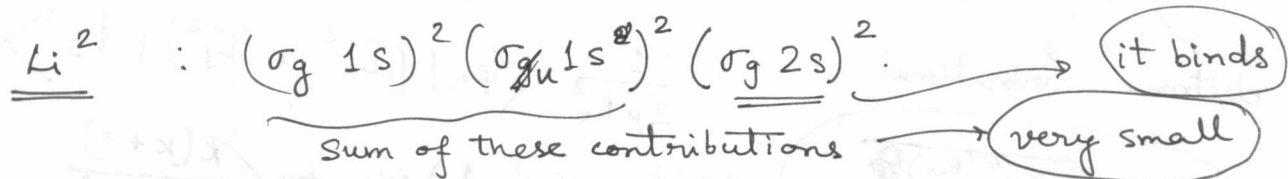


condition for level crossing $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_{12}(R_c) = 0 \\ H_{11}(R_c) - H_{22}(R_c) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$ at $R = R_c$

Simultaneous vanishing is not likely.

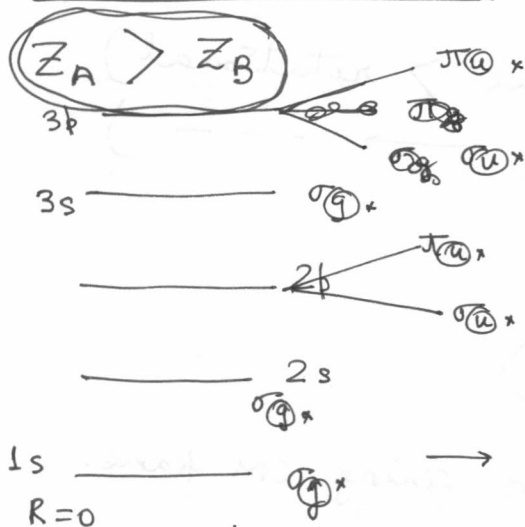


HW : Calculate $E(R)$ & check ^{if} it has a minimum



$$\frac{1+A}{1+B} + \frac{1-A}{1-B} = \frac{2(1-AB)}{(1-B^2)}$$

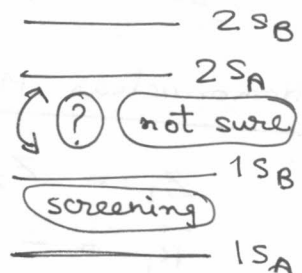
Heteronuclear molecule (diatomic)



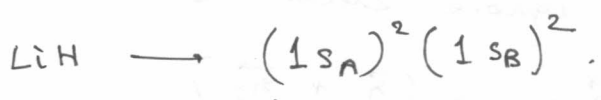
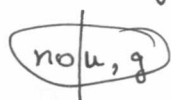
LiH molecule

$Z_A = 3; Z_B = 1$

$u_{nlm_l}(r_A) \pm u_{nlm_l}(r_B)$



Connect in same way



• Read Bransden & Joachain

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Lecture - 20 :

Spectrum of Light (from Diatomic Molecules)

- Dipole transition

$$\langle m | \vec{D} | m' \rangle$$

↓

$$e(\vec{z}_1 \vec{R}_1 + \vec{z}_2 \vec{R}_2 - \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$$\phi_n(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2; \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) F_n(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2)$$

↓

electronic
states

↓

Rotational + Vibrational
States

$$e_{s; n, k} \rightarrow \text{rotational} = e_s(R_0) - \frac{\Lambda^2}{2\mu R_0^2} +$$

electronic vibrational

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{e_n''(R_0)}{\mu}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\mu R_0^2} \langle \phi_s | (\tilde{L}_x^2 + \tilde{L}_y^2) | \phi_s \rangle$$

$$+ (n + \frac{1}{2})\omega + \frac{k(k+1)}{2\mu R_0^2}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 0, 1, 2, \dots & \Lambda, \Lambda+1, \dots \\ \text{(vibrational q. no.)} & \text{(m}_L \text{ value)} \end{matrix}$$

- Hierarchy

(electronic > vibrational > rotational)

(Level spacing goes down → ---)

Homonuclear Molecule

$$\left. \begin{matrix} \vec{z}_1 = \vec{z}_2 \\ \vec{R}_1 = -\vec{R}_2 \end{matrix} \right\} \text{com frame}$$

- ignore electronic masses in fixing CM frame.

$$\vec{D} = +e(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2)$$

For homonuclear
molecules, $|\phi_s\rangle \rightarrow$
parity eigenstates.

$$\langle \phi_s | \vec{D} | \phi_s \rangle = 0.$$

(only electronic part)

- There is no rotational, vibrational spectrum of homonuclear molecule due to electric dipole transition.

• THIS IS SOMETHING UNFORTUNATE (!!!)

- Remedy : Raman Scattering (Scatter photons).
(Info about ω , R_0).

Heteronuclear Molecule

$$e \langle \phi_s | (Z_1 \vec{R}_1 + Z_2 \vec{R}_2 - \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) | \phi_s \rangle$$

- $|\phi_s\rangle$'s are no longer parity eigenstates.

⊗ transitions are possible

- What about selection rules ??

$\vec{D} \Rightarrow$ vector under $\vec{R}, \vec{r}$ rotations.

$$\langle s, n, k, m_k | \vec{D} | s, n', k', m_k \rangle$$

$\rightarrow$ non-zero for $k = k' \pm 1$ or k'
(Clebsch - Gordon coefficients. --) $m_k = m_k' \pm 1$ or m_k'

- A stronger selection rule? (say for $\Lambda = 0$).

Naively, ϕ_s will depend on $\vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{r}_j$ and $\vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{R}_j$
for $i = 1, 2$; $j = 1, 2$.

THIS IS TRUE FOR POLYATOMIC
MOLECULES...

- Rotate $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2$ by ϵ about $\vec{R}_{12}$ axis.

(Problem for diatomic molecules).

$$\phi_s \rightarrow e^{i\tilde{m}_L \epsilon} \phi_s.$$

- In spl. case ($\Lambda = 0$), ϕ_s is invariant.

- Information about overall rotations is encoded within $F_s(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2)$.

$$F_s(\vec{R}) = F_s(R) Y_{k, m_k}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$|\vec{R}_1 - \vec{R}_2|$$

(orientation of space-fixed frame)

Under $\vec{r}_i \rightarrow -\vec{r}_i$

AND $\vec{R}_i \rightarrow -\vec{R}_i$

ϕ_s is unchanged.

$F_s(R)$ is also unchanged.

$Y_{k, m_k}(\theta, \phi) \rightarrow (-1)^k Y_{k, m_k}(\theta, \phi)$

$\vec{D} \rightarrow (-\vec{D})$

For $\Delta = 0$; $k' = k \pm 1$ (not k)

$m_k = m_k' \pm 1, m_k'$

Selection rules for vibrational states

$$\langle \vec{D}(\vec{R}) \rangle = \langle \phi_s | \vec{D} | \phi_s \rangle$$

Define

(integrate over electronic coordinates)

(Taylor expand)

$$\langle D_i(\vec{R}_0) \rangle + (\vec{R} - \vec{R}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_R D_i(\vec{R})|_{\vec{R}=\vec{R}_0}$$

doesn't depend on $\vec{R}$

(doesn't cause any transition)

$n = n' \pm 1$

These give

the most intense lines.

like x in 1D

$$|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_0| \cdot \frac{(\vec{R} - \vec{R}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_R D_i(\vec{R})|_{\vec{R}=\vec{R}_0}}{|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_0|}$$

angular part (don't care)

Rotational Spectrum

No change in vibrational state ($n = n'$)

$S = S'$

$(n, S, k) \rightarrow (n, S, k-1)$

(S, n, k)

$\rightarrow (S, n, k-1)$

Frequency Ω : $\frac{1}{2\mu R_0^2} \cdot \frac{K(K+1) - (K-1)K}{1}$

= $\frac{K}{\mu R_0^2}$

~~$K = \Lambda$~~ $K = \Lambda+1, \Lambda+2, \dots$

• Equally spaced lines.

• There's a lower cutoff

Vibrational - Rotational spectrum

1. ~~(s, n, k)~~ $\rightarrow (s, n+1, k+1) \rightarrow (s, n, k)$

R-branch

$\Omega = \omega + \frac{K(K+1)}{\mu R_0^2}$

(Band-like)

$K = \Lambda, \Lambda+1, \dots$

2.

P-branch

$(s, n+1, k-1) \rightarrow (s, n, k)$

(small gap)

$\Omega = \omega - \frac{K}{\mu R_0^2}$

$K = \Lambda+1, \dots$

3.

$\Lambda \neq 0$

Q-branch

$(s, n+1, K) \rightarrow (s, n, k)$

$\Omega = \omega$

Electronic spectrum

$(s, n, k) \rightarrow (s', n', k')$

