

Infrared spectroscopy or vibrational spectroscopy

Atoms in a molecule do not remain in fixed relative positions but vibrate about some mean position.

The compression and extension of a bond obeys Hooke's law where the restoring force F

$$F = -k(r - r_{eq})$$

where k is the force constant of the bond and r_{eq} , the eq^m internuclear distance.

The energy curve is parabolic and has the form

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k (r - r_{eq})^2$$

The classical oscillation frequency

$$\omega_{osc} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}} \text{ Joules}$$

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

Spectrum of a simple harmonic oscillator

Vibration energies are quantised and the vibration energy of a simple harmonic oscillator may be calculated from the Schrodinger eqⁿ.

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

$$\text{or } E_v = \frac{E_v}{hc} = (v + \frac{1}{2}) \frac{\omega_{osc}}{c} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

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

where vibrational quantum no. $v = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ etc.

When $v=0$, $E_v = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega}_{osc} \text{ cm}^{-1}$. This is known as the zero point energy and depends only on the classical vibrational frequency and hence on the strength of the chemical bond and the atomic masses.

Selection rule for a simple harmonic oscillator undergoing vibrational changes is $\Delta v = \pm 1$.

A spectrum will be observed only for hetero nuclear molecules where vibration leads in change in dipole moment.

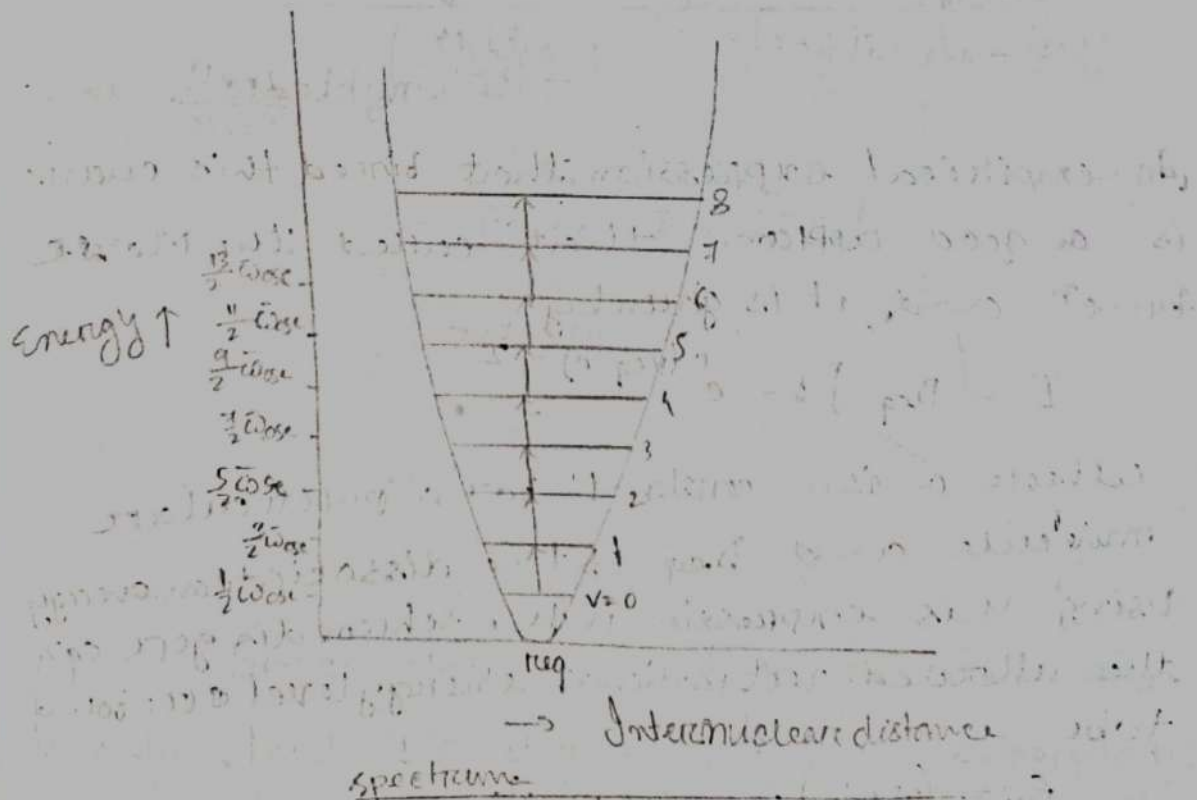
The wave number of the radiation absorbed for the transition from v to $v+1$.

$$\bar{\nu}_{v \rightarrow v+1} = E_{v+1} - E_v$$

$$= (v+1 + \frac{1}{2}) \bar{\omega}_{osc} - (v + \frac{1}{2}) \bar{\omega}_{osc}$$

$$= \bar{\omega}_{osc}$$

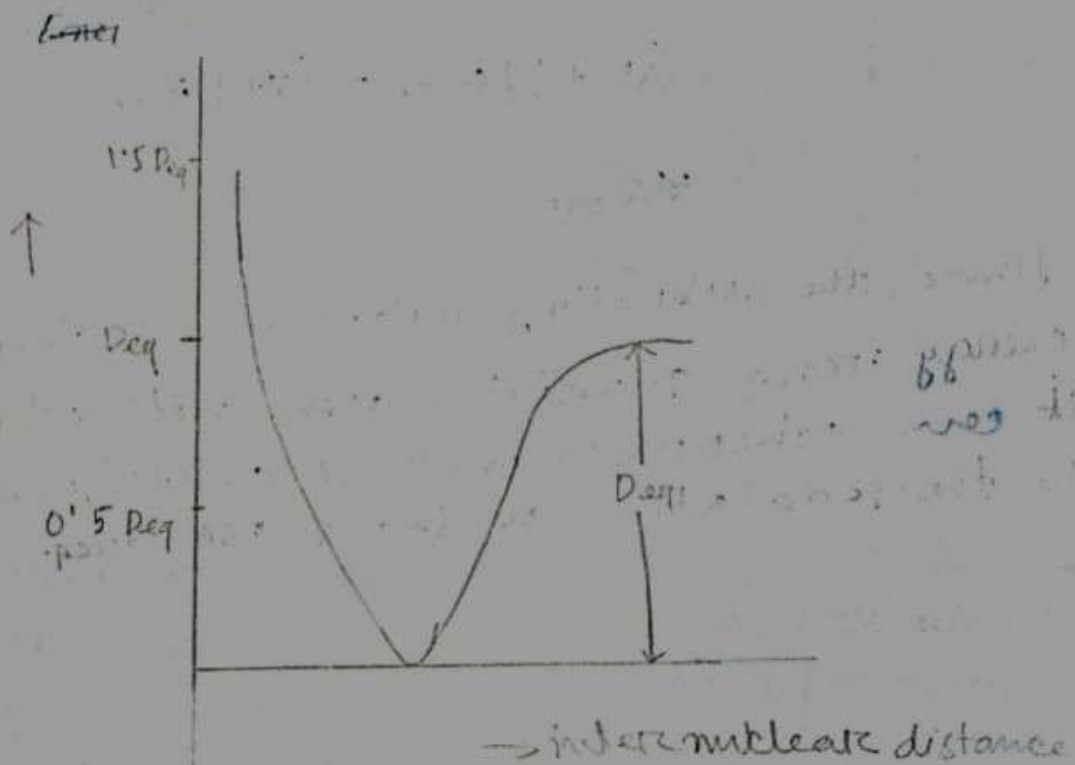
Hence, the vibrating molecule will absorb energy from radiation from which it can coherently interact and this must be the radiation of its own osc. freq.



Anharmonic Oscillation:

Real molecules do not obey laws of simple harmonic motion as the bond betⁿ atoms break and molecules dissociates into atoms if the bond is stretched beyond the point of the

The shape of energy curve of a diatomic molecule is shown in the figure.



An empirical expression that fitted this curve is a good approx. that called the Morse function and it is given by

$$E = D_{eq} \left[1 - e^{a(r_{eq}-r)} \right]^2$$

where a is a constant for a particular molecule and D_{eq} is the dissociation energy. Using this expression in the schrodinger eqⁿ the allowed vibrational energy level are found to be

$$E_v = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) \bar{h} \omega_e - \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \bar{h} \omega_e x_e \quad \text{cm}^{-1}$$

where vibrational quantum number

$$v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$\bar{\omega}$ is the oscillation frequency, and x_e the anharmonic constant which for band stretching vibration is small and positive (0.01)

The vibrational level crowd closely together with increasing v .

The selection rule for anharmonic oscillator is $\Delta v = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$ i.e. all transitions are allowed.

If the spacing betⁿ the lines is the order of 10^3 than the number of mol in $v=1$ state compared to $v=0$ state is given by the Boltzmann distribution.

$$\frac{N_{v=1}}{N_{v=0}} = e^{-E_v/kT}$$

$$E_v = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) h \bar{\omega}_{osc} - \frac{1}{2} h x_e \bar{\omega}_{osc}$$

$$= h \bar{\omega}_{osc} - h x_e \bar{\omega}_{osc}$$

$$\frac{N_{v=1}}{N_{v=0}} = e^{-\frac{E_v}{kT}}$$

$$E = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) h \bar{\omega}_{osc} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) h x_e \bar{\omega}_{osc}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-1} \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-1}}{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1} \times 300 \text{ K}}}$$

$$= e^{-0.072 \times 10}$$

$$\approx 0.01$$

Since the population of $v=1$ state is only about 1% of the ground state population then to a good approximation we can restrict ourselves to the 3 transitions:

① $v=0 \rightarrow v=1$ $\Delta v = +1$ with considerable intensity.

$$\Delta E = E_{v=1} - E_v$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \bar{\omega}_e - \frac{9}{4} \bar{\omega}_e x_e - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega}_e + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\omega}_e x_e$$

$$= \bar{\omega}_e - 2\bar{\omega}_e x_e$$

$$\Delta E = \bar{\omega}_e (1 - 2x_e) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

② $v=0 \rightarrow v=2$ $\Delta v = +2$ with small intensity.

$$\Delta E = (2 + \frac{1}{2}) \bar{\omega}_e - (2 + \frac{1}{2})^2 \bar{\omega}_e x_e - (0 + \frac{1}{2}) \bar{\omega}_e + (0 + \frac{1}{2})^2 \bar{\omega}_e x_e$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \bar{\omega}_e - \frac{25}{4} \bar{\omega}_e x_e - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega}_e + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\omega}_e x_e$$

$$= 2\bar{\omega}_e - \frac{3}{2} \bar{\omega}_e x_e$$

$$= 2\bar{\omega}_e (1 - \frac{3}{4} x_e) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

③ $v=0 \rightarrow v=3$ $\Delta v = +3$ with negligible intensity

$$\Delta E = \frac{7}{2} \bar{\omega}_e - \frac{49}{4} \bar{\omega}_e x_e - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega}_e + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\omega}_e x_e$$

$$\Delta E = 3\bar{\omega}_e (1 - 4x_e) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Since $x_e \approx 0.01$, the 3 spectral lines lie very close to $\bar{\omega}_e$, $2\bar{\omega}_e$ and $3\bar{\omega}_e$.

The line near $\bar{\omega}_e$ is called fundamental absorption while those near $2\bar{\omega}_e$ and $3\bar{\omega}_e$ are called 1st and 2nd overtone.

If the temperature is raised or if the vibrational frequency is low the population of $v=1$ state may become appreciable and transitions from $v=1$ to $v=2$ will have intensity of about 10% of the fundamental. Such overtone absorptions are called hot bands. Since high temp^r is one condition

for their occurrence and occurs at wave number

$$\bar{\nu}_{v=1 \rightarrow v=0}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{v=1 \rightarrow v=0} = E_{v=2} - E_{v=1}$$

$$= \bar{\omega}(1 - \dots)$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \bar{\omega}e - \frac{25}{4} \bar{\omega}e = \frac{3}{2} \bar{\omega}e - \frac{1}{4} \bar{\omega}e$$

$$= \bar{\omega}e(1 - 4xe)$$

It occurs in a slightly lower wave number than the fundamental and its nature may be confirmed by raising the temperature of sample when a true hot band increases in intensity.

~~The~~ Calculation of force constant.

The force constant of a bond can be calculated from the expression $\bar{\omega} = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$ cm⁻¹.

Knowing $\bar{\omega}$ from an IR spectrum the value of k may be determined.

Ex

The IR spectra of HCl shows intense absorption at 2886 cm⁻¹, a weaker one at 5668 cm⁻¹ and a very weak one at 8347 cm⁻¹. Find the force constant of the bond in HCl. (N/m²)

Solⁿ

$$\Delta E_1 = 2886 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta E_2 = 5668 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\omega}e(1 - 2xe) = 2886$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\bar{\omega}e(1 - 3xe) = 5668$$

$$= \bar{\omega}e = \frac{2886}{1 - 2xe}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times \frac{2886}{1 - 2xe} (1 - 3xe) = 5668$$

$$\Rightarrow 5772(1 - 3xe) = 5668(1 - 2xe)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5772 - 17316xe = 5668 - 11336xe$$

$$\Rightarrow 15920xe = 1134$$