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## 5.80 Small-Molecule Spectroscopy and Dynamics

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## Lecture #25: Polyatomic Vibrations: Normal Mode Calculations

Pure rotation spectrum → A, B, C → some information about molecular shape

Vibrational spectrum:

### Qualitative GROUP THEORY

1. What point group?
2. How many vibrations of each symmetry species?
3. bend vs. stretch character for modes of each symmetry species
4. which modes are IR and Raman active?
5. band types (a-, b-, c-): rotational contours predicted.

### Quantitative NORMAL MODES

1. Derive force constants from spectrum and geometry.
2. Predict spectrum from geometry and force constants.
3. Isotope effects.
4. Pictures of normal modes in terms of internal coordinate displacements.
5. beyond normal modes.
  - A. perturbations
  - B. IVR

Wilson's **FG** matrix Method. Approximately 3 lectures. Not treated in Bernath, i.e., Bernath does what *ab initio* calculations do - eigenvalues of mass weighted Cartesian **f** matrix.

Lecture #1 (#25): Formal Derivation of **GF** matrix secular equation as condition for the existence of a transformation from Cartesian displacements to normal coordinates that permits

$$\mathbf{H} \text{ to be written as } \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \dot{Q}_k^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \lambda_k Q_k^2 \text{ (sum of separate harmonic oscillators)}$$

Lecture #2 (#26): How do we actually obtain the **G** matrix? Eckart condition (a compromise): Vibration-rotation separation.

Lecture #3 (#27): Examples. Beyond the Harmonic Approximation.

Lots of matrices and transformations - introduce all of the actors now!

### COORDINATES

### 3N CARTESIAN DISPLACEMENTS

$$\xi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_{3N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_1^e \\ y_1 - y_1^e \\ z_1 - z_1^e \\ \vdots \\ z_N - z_N^e \end{pmatrix}$$

### BODY

### 3N MASS WEIGHTED CARTESIAN DISPLACEMENTS

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{M}^{1/2} \xi = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^{1/2} & & & & & & \\ & m_1^{1/2} & & & & & \\ & & m_1^{1/2} & & & & \\ & & & m_1^{1/2} & & & \\ & & & & m_2^{1/2} & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & m_N^{1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_{3N} \end{pmatrix}$$

remove C. M.  
translation and rotation

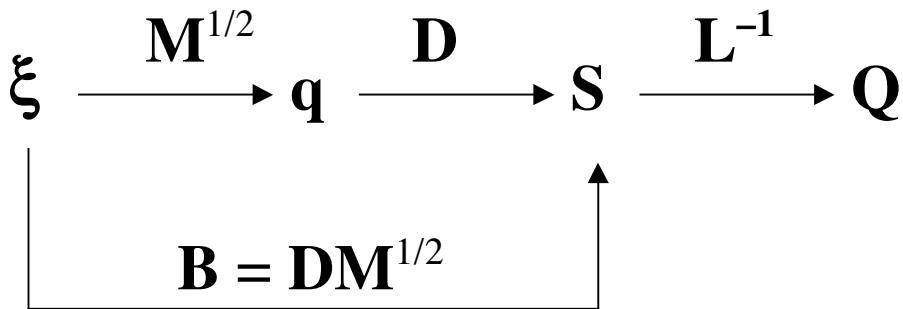
3N-6 INTERNAL  
DISPLACEMENTS

\*\*\* (to be defined later)\*\*\* see WILSON-DECIUS-CROSS  
bond stretch, bend, torsion

3N-6 NORMAL  
DISPLACEMENTS

$$\mathbf{Q} \equiv \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{S}$$

today we will show formally the condition for the existence of  $\mathbf{L}$ .



$\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}$  have  $3N - 6$  rows,  $3N$  columns  $\rightarrow$  to be defined later

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} & 3N - 6 \times 3N - 6 \\ & (\text{not the same as } \mathbf{f}) \\ \mathbf{G} & 3N - 6 \times 3N - 6 \end{aligned}$$

FORCE CONSTANT MATRIX  
 $3N \times 3N$  force constant matrix)  
“GEOMETRY” MATRIX  
to be defined later

TODAY:

\*  $\mathbf{G} \equiv \mathbf{DD}^\dagger$

- \*  $0 = \det[\mathbf{F} - \lambda \mathbf{G}^{-1}]$  is condition for the existence of non-trivial  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $\lambda$ 's are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{FG}$  or  $\mathbf{GF}$  and  $v_k \equiv \lambda_k^{1/2} / 2\pi$  are the normal mode frequencies

Later, show how to derive  $\mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$  in order to do actual calculations!

We want to separate  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}^{\text{VIBR}}$  into sum over independent oscillators.

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \sum_{i=1}^{3N-6} \hat{\mathbf{h}}_i(Q_i) \text{ where } Q_i \text{ is a “normal coordinate”}$$

to do this we must be able to write  $\hat{T} + V$  in separable forms

$$2T = \sum_{i=1}^{3N-6} \dot{Q}_i^2 \quad \left( T_i = \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 \right)$$

$$2V = \sum_{i=1}^{3N-6} \lambda_i Q_i^2 \quad \text{truncated at harmonic terms} \quad \left( V_i = \frac{1}{2} k_i q_i^2 \right)$$

If we can do this, then

$$\Psi_V^0 = \prod_{i=1}^{3N-6} \phi_{v_i}(Q_i) \quad E_V^0 = \sum_{i=1}^{3N-6} (v_i + 1/2) \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \lambda_i^{1/2}}_{\omega_i}$$

which is a complete set of zero-order functions with which we can solve the exact (full  $V(Q)$ ) vibrational problem.

### Some useful notation

An arbitrary displacement vector  $|q\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_{3N} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\langle q | \equiv (\langle q |)^{\dagger} = \overbrace{\langle q_1^* \dots q_{3N}^*} \quad q's \text{ are real}$$

A unit vector pointing in the i-th direction.

$$|i\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

i-th row

$$\langle i | q \rangle \equiv q_i \quad \text{a number, the value of the i-th displacement coordinate in } |q\rangle$$

A matrix element (an implicit double summation).

e.g.  $\langle S | F | S \rangle \equiv \sum_{i,j} S_i^* F_{ij} S_j$  a number

## PLAN OF ATTACK

1. assume we know  $\mathbf{B}$  or  $\mathbf{D}$  (derive it next time), this specifies the  $\xi \rightarrow S$  transformation
2. define  $S$  in terms of  $\xi$
3. define  $F$  by expressing  $V$  in terms of  $S$
4. define  $G$  by expressing  $T$  in terms of  $S$
5. obtain secular equation from  $\mathcal{L} = T(S) - V(S)$   
and  $0 = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{S}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial S_i}$  Lagrange Equation of Motion
6. set up GF secular equation
7. solve for  $\lambda_i$  (eigenvalues) and  $L$  (eigenvectors)

Mass Weighted Cartesian displacement Coordinates

$$q_i = m_i^{1/2} \xi_i$$

$$|q\rangle = \mathbf{M}^{1/2} |\xi\rangle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_{3N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_N \end{pmatrix}^{1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_{3N} \end{pmatrix}$$

Internal (bond stretch, inter-bond angles, dihedral or torsional angles...) coordinates

$$|S\rangle \equiv \mathbf{B}|\xi\rangle \quad \text{or} \quad |S\rangle = \mathbf{D}|q\rangle$$

$$S_t = \langle t | S \rangle = \langle t | B | \xi \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{3N} B_{ti} \xi_i$$

the  $t$ -th internal coordinate is expressed as a weighted sum of Cartesian displacements.

(if we displace all atoms by  $\{\xi_i\}$ , we can calculate all of the resulting internal coordinate displacements  $\{S_t\}$ )

Since there are only  $3N-6$  independent internal coordinates,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  must be  $3N-6$  (columns)  $\times$   $3N$  (rows) (non-square) matrices.

Normal coordinates

$$|S\rangle \equiv \mathbf{L}|Q\rangle \quad \text{or} \quad |Q\rangle = \mathbf{L}^{-1}|S\rangle$$

$\mathbf{L}$  is  $3N-6 \times 3N-6$  square matrix

Potential Energy — natural to express in terms of internal coordinates.

power series expansion

$$V(S_1, \dots, S_{3N-6}) \equiv V(\{S\}) = V(\{0\}) + \sum_t \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial S_t} \right)_0 S_t + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t,t'} \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S_t \partial S_{t'}} \right)_0 S_t S_{t'} + \text{neglected higher terms}$$

\* choose zero of energy at equilibrium:  $\{S_e\} = \{0\}$   $V(\{0\}) \equiv 0$

\* recognize that, at equilibrium (minimum of  $V$ )

$$\left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial S_t} \right)_0 = 0 \text{ for all } t \quad (\text{all first derivatives are zero at equilibrium})$$

\* so only the  $\left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S_t \partial S_{t'}} \right)_0 \equiv F_{tt'}$  (second derivative) terms are retained.  $F$  is real and symmetric

$$V(\{S\}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t,t'} F_{tt'} S_t S_{t'}$$

or, in matrix form

$$V(\{S\}) = \frac{1}{2} \langle S | F | S \rangle$$

what do we know about the signs of  $F_{tt'}$ ?  
 $F_{tt'}$ ?

barrier?  
saddle?

$$V(\{\xi\}) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \xi | B^\dagger F B | \xi \rangle$$

how is this related  
to Bernath's mass  
weighted  $f$ ?

There is no problem about adding higher order terms to  $V(\{S\})$  later, after we have defined the normal mode basis set (but this is still Classical Mechanics).

Kinetic Energy — natural to express in terms of Cartesian displacement velocities and then to transform to other more useful coordinates.

$$2T = \langle \dot{\xi} | M | \dot{\xi} \rangle \quad T = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$$

$$| \dot{\xi} \rangle = M^{-1/2} | \dot{q} \rangle \quad (M \text{ is independent of time})$$

$$2T = \langle \dot{q} | (M^{-1/2})^\dagger M M^{-1/2} | \dot{q} \rangle = \langle \dot{q} | \dot{q} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{3N-6} \dot{q}_i^* \dot{q}_i \quad \dot{q}_i \text{ are real}$$

$|\dot{q}\rangle = D^{-1} |\dot{S}\rangle$  because  $D$  is independent of time and  $D|q\rangle = |S\rangle$

$$\text{So} \quad 2T = \langle \dot{q} | \dot{q} \rangle = \langle \dot{S} | (D^{-1})^\dagger D^{-1} | \dot{S} \rangle$$

let  $G^{-1} \equiv (D^{-1})^\dagger D^{-1}$

$$2T = \langle \dot{S} | G^{-1} | \dot{S} \rangle$$

What would  $\mathbf{T}$  be in  $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$  basis?

evidently  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{DD}^\dagger$  because  $\mathbf{GG}^{-1} = \mathbf{DD}^\dagger (\mathbf{D}^{-1})^\dagger \mathbf{D}^{-1} = \mathbb{1}$        $[\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{G}^{-1})^{-1} = ((\mathbf{D}^{-1})^\dagger \mathbf{D}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{DD}^\dagger]$   
also  $\mathbf{G}^\dagger = (\mathbf{DD}^\dagger)^\dagger = \mathbf{D}^{\dagger\dagger} \mathbf{D}^\dagger = \mathbf{DD}^\dagger = \mathbf{G}$  so  $\mathbf{G}$  must be real and symmetric

Now we are ready for secular equation.

$$\mathcal{L}(\{S\}, \{\dot{S}\}) = T(\{\dot{S}\}) - V(\{S\})$$

Lagrange Equation of motion:       $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{S}_i} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial S_i}$       (like  $ma = F$ )

$$2T = \langle \dot{S} | G^{-1} | \dot{S} \rangle = \sum_{i,j} (G^{-1})_{i,j} \dot{S}_i \dot{S}_j \quad \text{convenient for } \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{S}_i}$$

$$2V = \langle S | F | S \rangle = \sum_{i,j} F_{i,j} S_i S_j \quad \text{convenient for } \frac{\partial}{\partial S_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= T - V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \left[ (G^{-1})_{ij} \dot{S}_i \dot{S}_j - F_{ij} S_i S_j \right] \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{S}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial S_i} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \left[ (G^{-1})_{ij} \ddot{S}_j + F_{ij} S_j \right] \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, 3N-6 \end{aligned}$$

$3N - 6$  simultaneous coupled differential equations of the form  $\ddot{x} = ax$  (harmonic oscillator)

Amplitude for  $j$ -th displacement in normal mode of frequency  $\lambda^{1/2}/2\pi$ . Same  $\lambda$  for all  $3N - 6$  internal displacements  $\{S_i\}$ .

$$S_j = A_j \cos(\lambda^{1/2} t + \varepsilon) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, 3N - 6$$

try     $\ddot{S}_j = -\lambda S_j$

(see whether  $3N - 6$  independent harmonic oscillations can yield  $3N - 6$  independent and non-trivial normal modes,  $Q_j$ )

plugging into RHS of equation of motion

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{3N-6} S_j [-\lambda(G^{-1})_{ij} + F_{ij}] \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 3N-6$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} \cos(\lambda^{1/2}t + \epsilon) \sum_{j=1}^{3N-6} A_j [F_{ij} - \lambda G_{ij}^{-1}] \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 3N-6$$

set of  $3N-6$  linear, homogeneous equations in  $3N-6$  unknowns (the  $A_j$ 's). Nontrivial solution ( $A$ 's  $\neq 0$ ) only when determinant of coefficients is = 0.

$$0 = \det|\mathbf{F} - \lambda\mathbf{G}^{-1}|$$

multiply thru by  $|\mathbf{G}|$  on left  $\det(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) = (\det \mathbf{A})(\det \mathbf{B})$

$$0 = |\mathbf{G}\mathbf{F} - \lambda\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}|$$

must diagonalize  $\mathbf{G}\mathbf{F}$  to get eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_k\}$

$$\mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{GFL} = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{3N-6} \end{pmatrix}$$

We diagonalize  $\mathbf{G}\mathbf{F}$  to obtain eigenvalues and eigenvectors that define  $\mathbf{S}$ .

each internal displacement

$$S_j = A_{jk} \cos(\lambda_k^{1/2} t + \epsilon_k)$$

amplitude in k-th normal mode (obtained from one of the  $3N - 6$  eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{GF}$ ).

obtained as one of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{GF}$ .

all  $S$ 's oscillate harmonically at same frequency and phase for k-th normal mode

$$v_k \equiv \frac{\lambda_k^{1/2}}{2\pi}$$

eigenvectors of transformation that diagonalizes  $\mathbf{GF}$  give  $\mathbf{L}$  ( $\mathbf{L}$  is not the same thing as  $\mathcal{L}$ ), which we use to obtain  $|Q\rangle$ .

$$|\mathbf{S}\rangle = \mathbf{L}|\mathbf{Q}\rangle$$

amplitude of the j-th internal coordinate displacement associated with the k-th eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{GF}$ .

$$\mathbf{S}_j = \sum_k N_k A_{jk} Q_k \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{3N-6} L_{jk} Q_k$$

normalization factor

↔

**j-th internal coordinate  
k-th normal mode**

**how much of each normal displacement?**

$\mathbf{L}$  defines the similarity transformation that diagonalizes  $\mathbf{GF}$

$$\mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{GFL} = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{3N-6} \end{pmatrix}.$$

What properties must  $\mathbf{L}$  have to put both  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  into separable forms?

Want  $2\mathbf{T} = \langle \dot{\mathbf{Q}} | \dot{\mathbf{Q}} \rangle = \sum_k \dot{Q}_k^2$  where  $|\dot{\mathbf{Q}}\rangle = \mathbf{L}^{-1}|\dot{\mathbf{S}}\rangle$  ( $|\dot{\mathbf{S}}\rangle = \mathbf{L}|\mathbf{Q}\rangle$ )

had  $2\mathbf{T} = \langle \dot{\mathbf{S}} | \mathbf{G}^{-1} | \dot{\mathbf{S}} \rangle = \langle \dot{\mathbf{Q}} | \mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{L} | \dot{\mathbf{Q}} \rangle$

so  $\mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{L} = \mathbb{1}$  is required for  $\mathbf{T}$  to be in separable form.

This is equivalent to  $\boxed{\mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{G}^{-1} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}}$

Want  $2\mathbf{V} = \langle \mathbf{Q} | \Lambda | \mathbf{Q} \rangle = \sum \lambda_k Q_k^2$

had  $2\mathbf{V} = \langle \mathbf{S} | \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{S} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{Q} | \mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{F} \mathbf{L} | \mathbf{Q} \rangle$ .

$\lambda$ 's are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{GF}$ .

$\mathbf{F}$  is real and symmetric but  $\mathbf{L}^\dagger \neq \mathbf{L}^{-1}$  so  $\mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{F} \mathbf{L}$  is not a similarity transformation.

This is equivalent to  $\boxed{\mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{F} \mathbf{L} = \Lambda}$  (this must be shown to be compatible with  $\mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{G}^{-1} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}$ ).

WANT  $\mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{L} = \Lambda$  (replace  $\mathbf{L}^{-1}$  by  $\mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{G}^{-1}$ )

$\mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{G}^{-1} \mathbf{GFL} = \mathbf{L}^\dagger \mathbf{FL} = \Lambda$  SELF CONSISTENT!

[Caution:  $\mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{L} \neq \Lambda$  even though eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{FG}$  and  $\mathbf{GF}$  are identical!] We have shown that the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{GF}$  give  $|\mathbf{S}\rangle$  and that the relationship between  $|\mathbf{S}\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{Q}\rangle$  is given by  $\mathbf{L}$ , which diagonalizes  $\mathbf{GF}$ :  $\mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{GFL} = \Lambda$ .