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homework (40%), midterm exam (30%), final exam (30%)

Chap 10

# Molecules and solids

- Molecular bonding and spectra
- Raman spectroscopy
- Stimulated emission and laser
- Structural properties of solids (skip)
- Thermal and Magnetic properties of solids (skip)
- Superconductivity (>> chap 9)

**Chemical bonding** is the attractive force that holds various constituents (atoms, ions, etc.) together and stabilizes them through the overall loss of energy. Below are some typical chemical bonds.



#### Ionic bonds:

**Ex**: Sodium readily gives up its 3*s* electron to become Na<sup>+</sup>, while chlorine readily gains an electron to become Cl<sup>-</sup>. That forms the NaCl molecule.

The resulting oppositely charged ions are held together by electrostatic forces.

- Hydrogen bond:
- **Ex**: H<sub>2</sub>O. In general, between H and N/O/F atoms of another molecule.

A hydrogen bond is a dipole-dipole force between a slightly positive hydrogen on one molecule and a slightly negative atom on another molecule.







• Van der Waals bond:

**Ex**: In graphite, the van der Waals bond holds together adjacent sheets of carbon atoms.

Van der Waals force is a result of temporarily induced dipoles.

• Dipole electric field

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{p}}{r^3} - \frac{3(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r})}{r^5} \mathbf{r} \right]$$

• Induced dipole moment

$$\mathbf{p}' = \alpha \mathbf{E}$$

• Interaction energy

$$= -\frac{\alpha}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2} (1 + 3\cos^2\theta) \frac{p^2}{r^6}$$
  
Van der Waals force  $\sim \frac{1}{r^7}$ 

 $U = -\mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\alpha \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}$ 



### Molecular spectroscopy: diatomic molecule



### 3 types of motion:

- Rotation:  $f \sim 10^{11} 10^{13}$  (far infrared to microwave)
- Vibration:  $f \sim 10^{13} 10^{14}$  (infrared)
- Electronic transition:  $f \sim 10^{14} 10^{16}$  (visible and ultraviolet)

To simplify, "assume" these 3 motions decouple from each other.

### 1. Rotational states

- Moment of inertia  $I = \mu R_0^2$ Reduced mass  $\frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}$
- Energy of rotation  $H_{rot} = \frac{L^2}{2I} = \frac{L^2}{2\mu R_0^2}$
- Schrödinger eq.  $\frac{\hat{L}^2}{2I}\psi = E\psi$

Quantization of angular momentum

$$L^{2} = \ell \left( \ell + 1 \right) \hbar^{2}$$
$$E_{\ell}^{\text{rot}} = \frac{\hbar^{2} \ell \left( \ell + 1 \right)}{2I}$$



•  $E^{\text{rot}} \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} \text{ eV} (\lambda \sim 1 \text{ mm} - 1 \text{ cm})$ 

 $E^{\text{tran}} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$ , so collision can cause rotation

## Ex 10.1:

Estimate the value of  $E_{rot}$  for the lowest rotational energy state of N<sub>2</sub>, which has a bond length 0.110 nm.

#### Solution

For nitrogen,  $m = 2.33 \times 10^{-26}$  kg, and  $R = 1.10 \times 10^{-10}$  m. Thus,



# Transitions between rotational energy levels

(emission/absorption of light is possible *only for molecules with permanent electric dipoles*) e.g., HCl, but not O<sub>2</sub>



## 2. Vibrational states

• Small vibrations are approximately simple harmonic motion

Energy levels:

$$E_m^{\text{vibr}} = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega \qquad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\mu}}$$

For HCl,  $\Delta E$ =0.36 eV, so it's harder to be excited by collisions

• Total energy of a vibration-rotation system

(suppose two motions are independent):

$$E = E_{\ell}^{\text{rot}} + E_{m}^{\text{vibr}} = \frac{\hbar^{2}\ell(\ell+1)}{2I} + \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$$





# Ex 10.2:

(a) Given that the spacing between vibrational energy levels of the HCl molecule is 0.36 eV, calculate the effective force constant. (b) Find the classical temperature associated with this difference between vibrational energy levels in HCl.

(a)  $k = \mu \omega^2$  $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{(34.97 \text{ u}) (1.008 \text{ u})}{34.97 \text{ u} + 1.008 \text{ u}} \qquad \boxed{1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg}}$   $= 0.9798 \text{ u} = 1.63 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$   $\omega = \frac{\Delta E}{\hbar} = \frac{0.36 \text{ eV}}{6.58 \times 10^{-16} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{s}} = 5.47 \times 10^{14} \text{ rad/s}$   $\implies \kappa = \mu \omega^2 = (1.63 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}) (5.47 \times 10^{14} \text{ rad/s})^2$  = 490 N/m(b) Two energies are associated with an oscillator, one is

(b) Two energies are associated with an oscillator, one is the kinetic energy and the other the potential energy

$$\Delta E = \hbar \omega = 2\left(\frac{kT}{2}\right) = kT \quad \leftarrow \text{Equipartition theo (Chap 9)}$$
$$T = \frac{\Delta E}{k} = \frac{0.36 \text{ eV}}{8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}} = 4200 \text{ K}$$





## Electronic-vibration spectrum:

Bands of CN and  $C_2$  molecules in a carbon arc in air



Next, we talk a different type of light-atom interaction

First, in classical physics: (Elastic) scattering of light by a particle



Raman spectroscopy (Raman and Krishnan, 1928)

- Raman's motivation: In the Compton effect, the X-ray photon changes its frequency after being scattered. Could similar thing happens to photons of visible light?
- Around that time, it is reported that the color of sunlight scattered by a
- 甘油 highly purified glycerine is a brilliant green instead of the usual blue.
- This leads Raman to actively work on this problem, and finally is able
   Air molecule
   to observe the spectral shift of scattered light in several organic liquids
   正戊烷 (such as pentane).
  - They used arc lamp, so extremely long hours were needed (2-100 hours for liquids and more than 180 hours for vapors).

Raman and his effect, by G. Venkataraman

## Raman scattering: inelastic photon scattering

(there are rotational Raman, vibrational Raman etc)



https://www.edinst.com/blog/what-is-raman-spectroscopy/





Note:

For molecules without permanent dipoles like  $O_2$ ,  $N_2$ , the rotational/vibration levels can be detected with Raman spectra (because of the induced dipole by EM wave).

Nowadays, Raman spectra can be easily observed with laser.



To understand how laser works, we need to learn 3 types of optical transitions:



Einstein's *A*, *B* coefficients (Einstein, 1917)

Consider transitions between two molecular states with energies  $E_1 < E_2$ 

### Absorption

The rate that a molecule at *E*<sub>1</sub> absorbs a photon is *B*<sub>12</sub>*u*(*f*).
*B*<sub>21</sub> is a constant.

### Stimulated emission

- The number of molecules in the higher state =  $N_2$ . The energy density of the incoming radiation = u(f).
- The rate of stimulated emissions from  $E_2$  to  $E_1$  is  $B_{21}u(f)$ .

### Spontaneous emission

• The rate of spontaneous emission is *A*, *A* is a constant.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} R_{1 \to 2} = B_{12}u(f) \\ R_{2 \to 1} = A + B_{21}u(f) \end{cases}$$



Once the system reached a steady state, the total number of downward and upward transitions must be equal.

 $N_1 R_{1 \rightarrow 2} = N_2 R_{2 \rightarrow 1}$  $u(f) = \frac{\frac{\overline{A}}{B_{21}}}{\frac{N_1}{N_1} \frac{B_{12}}{-1}} \qquad \frac{N_1}{N_2} = e^{(E_2 - E_1)/kT} = e^{hf/kT}$ Compare with  $u(f) = \frac{8\pi f^2}{c^3} \frac{hf}{e^{hf/kT} - 1}$  $B_{21} = B_{12}, \quad \frac{A}{B_{12}} = \frac{8\pi h f^3}{c^3}$ 

"One major reason that Einstein was so happy with this work, and even called it "the derivation" of Planck's formula, was that it did not at any point use the strange counting of the distribution of energy units that Planck had employed."

Stone, Einstein and the Quantum

Principle of laser (first built by Maiman, 1960)

- 1) Atoms in the ground state are *pumped* to a higher state
- 2) The atom decays quickly to  $E_2$ .

The transition from  $E_2$  to  $E_1$  is *forbidden* by selection rule.

亞穩態  $E_2$  is said to be **metastable**.

粒子數反轉 3) Population inversion: more atoms are in the metastable than in the ground state.





## Scientific application of laser

- Raman spectroscopy
- Holographic techniques for measurement techniques.
- Investigating nonlinear optics phenomena
- Laser based lidar (LIght raDAR) technology has application in geology, remote sensing and atmospheric physics.
- A wide variety of interferometric techniques (e.g. LIGO)
- Inertial-confinement Nuclear fusion
- Laser cooling for atom gas
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# Also,

- Telecommunication (Optical fiber...)
- Data storage (DVD player...)
- Material processing (welding, heat treating...)
- Medicine (diagnostics, LASIK, cosmetic...)
- Laser printers, bar-code readers
- ...













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