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Lecture #3: Building an Effective Hamiltonian

Last time: diatomic molecule as anharmonic non-rigid rotor

$$Q = R - R_e$$

$$V(Q) = \frac{1}{2}kQ^2 + \frac{1}{6}aQ^3 + \frac{1}{24}bQ^4 + \dots \underbrace{B(Q)J(J+1)}_{\text{really KE}}$$

$$B(R) = \frac{\hbar^2}{hc} \frac{1}{2\mu R^2}$$

$$B(Q) = B_e \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q}{R_e} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{Q}{R_e} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$\omega_e = \frac{1}{2\pi c} [k/\mu]^{1/2}$$

$$E_{v,J} / hc = \tilde{\omega}_e (v+1/2) - \omega_e x_e (v+1/2)^2 + \omega_e y_e (v+1/2)^3 \dots \\ + J(J+1) [B_e - \alpha_e (v+1/2) + \gamma_e (v+1/2)^2 \dots] \\ - J(J+1)^2 [D_e + \beta_e (v+1/2) + \dots]$$

Problem: find $\tilde{\omega}_e$, $\omega_e x_e$, $\omega_e y_e$, α_e , D_e in terms of k , a , b , R_e , μ using non-degenerate perturbation theory (over-tilde implies additional corrections).

$$\mathbf{H}^{(0)} \psi_v^{(0)} = E_v^{(0)} \psi_v^{(0)} \quad \text{defines basis states}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{H}^{(0)}}{hc} = \frac{1}{2}kQ^2 + \frac{p^2}{2\mu} + B_e J(J+1) \Rightarrow E_{v,J}^{(0)} / hc = \omega_e (v+1/2) + B_e J(J+1) \\ \Rightarrow |v, J\rangle^0 = |v^{\text{HO}}\rangle |JM_J\rangle$$

\mathbf{H}' is everything not in $\mathbf{H}^{(0)}$.

Some tools:

$$Q = \left[\frac{\hbar}{2\pi c \mu \omega_e} \right]^{1/2} \hat{Q}$$

$$P = [\hbar 2\pi c \mu \omega_e]^{1/2} \hat{P}$$

$$\hat{Q} = 2^{-1/2} (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)$$

$$\hat{P} = 2^{-1/2} i(\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a})$$

$$\langle v | \mathbf{a}^\dagger | v-1 \rangle = v^{1/2}$$

$$\langle v-1 | \mathbf{a} | v \rangle = v^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{N}|v\rangle &= v|v\rangle \\ [\mathbf{a}^\dagger, \mathbf{a}] &= \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger \\ [\mathbf{a}^\dagger, \mathbf{a}]|v\rangle &= [v - (v+1)]|v\rangle = -|v\rangle \\ [\mathbf{a}^\dagger, \mathbf{a}] &= -1 \quad \text{OR} \quad [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}^\dagger] = +1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{a}^\dagger] &= [\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}] = \mathbf{a}^\dagger (\mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{a}^\dagger \\ [\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{a}] &= [\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}] = (\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger) \mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Q}^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 2} + \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 2} + (2\mathbf{N} + 1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{P}^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a})^2 = -\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 2} - (2\mathbf{N} + 1)]$$

$$\hat{Q}^2 + \hat{P}^2 = (2\mathbf{N} + 1) \quad (\text{off-diagonal elements cancel})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Q}^3 &= 2^{-3/2}(\mathbf{a}^3 + \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 3} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}) \\ &= 2^{-3/2}[\mathbf{a}^3 + \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 3} + 3\mathbf{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{N} + 1) + 3\mathbf{a}\mathbf{N}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{Q}^4 = \frac{1}{4}[\mathbf{a}^4 + \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 2} + \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 2}(4\mathbf{N} + 6) + \mathbf{a}^2(4\mathbf{N} - 6) + 6\mathbf{N}^2 + 9\mathbf{N} + 4] \quad \{\text{check this}\}$$

OK. We are ready to begin some polyatomic molecule problems.

$$C_{2v} : A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$$

Suppose we have a bent ABA triatomic molecule where

$$\underbrace{\omega_1 \approx 2\omega_2}_{\text{resonant}}, \quad \underbrace{\omega_3 \approx 1.20\omega_1}_{\text{not resonant}}, \quad \omega_1, \omega_2 \text{ totally sym. } \omega_3 \text{ not tot. sym.}$$

$$\mathbf{H}' = \frac{1}{2}k_{122}Q_1Q_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}k_{1133}Q_1^2Q_3^2 + \frac{1}{12}k_{22233}Q_2^3Q_3^2$$

Fermi Darling-Dennison high order

$$E(\mathbf{V}) = \sum_i \omega_i(v_i + 1/2) + \sum_{i \geq j} x_{ij}(v_i + 1/2)(v_j + 1/2) + \dots$$

Why do we have only these leading terms in the inter-mode coupling in \mathbf{H}' ?

symmetry

resonance

why not higher order terms?

when you put in the $Q \rightarrow \hat{Q}$ scale factor and reasonable estimates of higher derivatives of $V(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)$ get factor of 10 decrease per order in \mathbf{Q} .

How do we begin to solve a problem like this?

1. Perturbation Theory (non-degenerate)

$$E_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)}^{(0)} = \omega_1(v_1 + 1/2) + \omega_2(v_2 + 1/2) + \omega_3(v_3 + 1/2)$$

$$E_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)}^{(1)} = \mathbf{H}_{v_1, v_2, v_3; v_1, v_2, v_3}^{(1)} \quad \text{there is a } \Delta v_1 = \Delta v_3 = 0 \text{ term!}$$

$$E_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)}^{(2)} = \sum'_{v'_1, v'_2, v'_3} \frac{\left(\mathbf{H}_{v_1, v_2, v_3; v'_1, v'_2, v'_3}^{(1)} \right)^2}{E_{(v_1, v_2, v_3)}^{(0)} - E_{(v'_1, v'_2, v'_3)}^{(0)}}$$

2. Off-diagonal matrix element selection rules

$$Q_1 Q_2^2 \quad \Delta v_1 = \pm 1, \Delta v_2 = 0, \pm 2: (\Delta v_1, \Delta v_2) = (1,0), (-1,0), (1,2), (1,-2), (-1,2), (-1,-2)$$

$$Q_1^2 Q_3^2 \quad \Delta v_1 = 0, \pm 2, \Delta v_3 = 0, \pm 2 \quad (\Delta v_1, \Delta v_3) = (0,0), (0,2), (0,-2), (2,0), (-2,0), (2,-2), (-2,2)$$

$$Q_2^3 Q_3^2 \quad \Delta v_2 = \pm 1, \pm 3, \Delta v_3 = 0, \pm 2 \quad (1,0), (-1,0), (3,0), (-3,0), (1,2), (1,-2), (-1,2), (-1,-2), (3,2), (3,-2), (-3,2), (-3,-2)$$

Each selection rule gives a specific combination of $\mathbf{a}_i^\dagger, \mathbf{a}_i$. Try it!

3. Look for “accidental” resonances $\omega_1 \approx 2\omega_2$ ($\omega_1 \neq \omega_3$)

denominator $\rightarrow 0$

quasi-degenerate perturbation theory \rightarrow set up
polyad $\mathbf{H}^{\text{eff}} \quad P = 2v_1 + v_2$

4. Correct for effects of remote perturbers (and look out for accidents).

5. Algebraic reduction (or use computer algebra) (combine terms $(\Delta v_1, \Delta v_2) = (1,-2)$ AND $(-1,2)$ because both have small energy denominator).

So where does this leave us?

The $Q_1^2 Q_3^2$ matrix element appears in 1st order, but it is not resonant.

Consider only one term in \mathbf{H}' :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} k_{1133} Q_1^2 Q_3^2 &= \frac{1}{4} k_{1133} \left[\frac{\hbar}{2\pi c \mu_1 \omega_1} \right] \left[\frac{\hbar}{2\pi c \mu_3 \omega_3} \right] \frac{1}{4} (\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_1^\dagger)^2 (\mathbf{a}_3 + \mathbf{a}_3^\dagger)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left[\frac{\hbar}{[k_1 \mu_1]^{1/2}} \frac{\hbar}{[k_3 \mu_3]^{1/2}} \right] k_{1133} (\mathbf{a}_1^2 + \mathbf{a}_1^{\dagger 2} + 2\mathbf{N}_1 + 1) (\mathbf{a}_3^2 + \mathbf{a}_3^{\dagger 2} + 2\mathbf{N}_3 + 1) \\ \langle v_1 v_3 | \mathbf{H}' | v_1 v_3 \rangle &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\hbar}{(k_1 \mu_1)^{1/2} (k_3 \mu_3)^{1/2}} \right) k_{1133} \underbrace{(v_1 + 1/2)(v_3 + 1/2)}_{\text{coefficient of } x_{13}} \\ &\quad \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

We have related x_{13} to k_{1133} !

Could get lots of second-order corrections to $E(\mathbf{V})$, but we need to do something more important first.

NOW we worry about resonances: $\omega_1 \approx 2\omega_2$ We need $\frac{1}{2} k_{122} Q_1 Q_2^2$. Why?

Relevant term in \mathbf{H}' is

$$\mathbf{H}' = \frac{1}{2} k_{122} \underbrace{\left[\frac{\hbar^{1/2}}{(k_1 \mu_1)^{1/4}} \frac{\hbar}{(k_2 \mu_2)^{1/2}} \right]}_K 2^{-3/2} (\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_1^\dagger) (\mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_2^\dagger)^2$$

resonant combination is $\mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2^{\dagger 2} + \mathbf{a}_1^\dagger \mathbf{a}_2^2$
Hermitian (good!)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{matrix element} & \left\langle v_1, v_2 \left| \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_2^{\dagger 2} \right| v_1 + 1, v_2 - 2 \right\rangle = [(v_1 + 1)v_2(v_2 - 1)]^{1/2} \\ \text{scaling} & \left\langle v_1, v_2 \left| \mathbf{a}_1^\dagger \mathbf{a}_2^2 \right| v_1 - 1, v_2 + 2 \right\rangle = [v_1(v_2 + 2)(v_2 + 1)]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Polyad QN

$$\begin{array}{l} P = 1 \quad (v_1, v_2) = (0, 1) \\ \quad 2 \quad (0, 2), (1, 0) \\ \quad 3 \quad (1, 1), (0, 3) \\ \quad 4 \quad (2, 0), (1, 2), (0, 4) \\ \quad 5 \quad (2, 1), (1, 3), (0, 5) \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} P = 1 \\ \quad 2 \\ \quad 3 \\ \quad 4 \\ \quad 5 \end{array}} \right\} \text{membership scaling}$$

Each polyad has

$$\begin{array}{ll} P/2 + 1 & \text{or} \quad P/2 + 1/2 \text{ members} \\ \text{(even } P) & \text{(odd } P) \end{array}$$

Look at P = 6 polyad

	3,0	2,2	1,4	0,6
(3,0)	G(3,0)	$K[3\cdot 2\cdot 1]^{1/2}$	0	0
(2,2)	sym	G(2,2)	$K[2\cdot 4\cdot 3]^{1/2}$	0
(1,4)	0	sym	G(1,4)	$K[1\cdot 6\cdot 5]^{1/2}$
(0,6)	0	0	sym	G(0,6)

$$G(v_1, v_2) = \omega_1(v_1 + 1/2) + \omega_2(v_2 + 1/2) + [x_{11}(v_1 + 1/2)^2 + x_{22}(v_2 + 1/2)^2 + x_{12}(v_1 + 1/2)(v_2 + 1/2)]$$

called diagonal anharmonicity

Most of x_{11} comes from $\frac{1}{6}k_{111}Q_1^3$ in 2nd order, $\frac{1}{24}k_{1111}Q_1^4$ in 1st order.

Most of x_{22} comes from $\frac{1}{6}k_{222}Q_2^3$ in 2nd order, $\frac{1}{24}k_{2222}Q_2^4$ in 1st order.

Most of x_{12} comes from $\frac{1}{6}k_{1122}Q_1^2Q_2^2$ in first order?

can we use this? yes! Why?
 k_{122} in 2nd order?
 can we use this? NO! Why?

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this block? Not yet. But if we did, would not fit simple polynomial in $(v_1 + 1/2)^n(v_2 + 1/2)^m$.

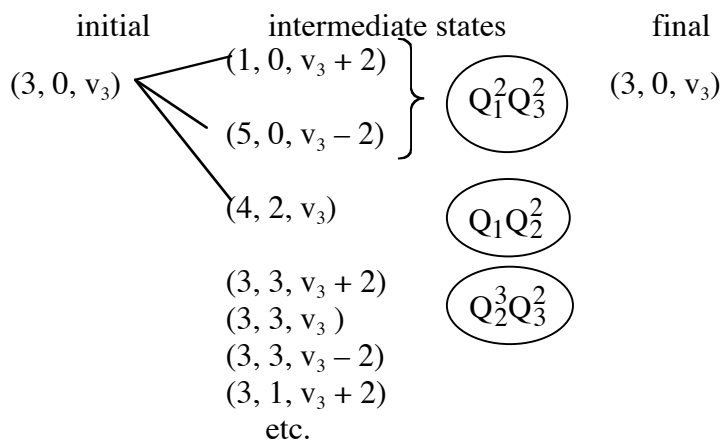
Why not?

Next we need to make out-of-block corrections to each element of polyad block.

“Van Vleck” transformation.

$$\left(\mathbf{H}^0 + \tilde{\mathbf{H}}' \right)_{ij} = \mathbf{H}'_{ij} + \sum_k \frac{\mathbf{H}'_{ik} \mathbf{H}'_{kj}}{\frac{E_i^{(0)} + E_j^{(0)}}{2} - E_k^{(0)}}$$

looks like 2nd order
 perturbation theory



This example is for out-of-block corrections on diagonal. There are also out-of-block corrections off-diagonal within block, e.g.

$$(3, 0, v_3) \quad \text{— intermediate states —} \quad (2, 2, v_3)$$

This gives you a glimpse of the machinery needed to set up $E(v)$ for one anharmonic oscillator and for anharmonic interactions between several (an)harmonic oscillators. “Anharmonically coupled harmonic oscillators”: The standard tool for coupled normal modes.

Atoms — ideas to represent “electric structure” beyond Bernath

Tinkham	Group Theory and Quantum Mechanics	pages 154-188
Weissbluth	Atoms and Molecules	pages 413-454

My goal is a survey of the key ideas — whet your appetite.

3-Lecture Outline

- 1e⁻ atoms $|n\ell m_\ell s m_s\rangle$
 $|n\ell s j m\rangle$
all properties of all states $\rightarrow f(n, \ell, j; Z, \mu)$
 SCALING
- alkali 1e⁻ outside closed shell
 $Z \rightarrow Z^{\text{eff}}(r) \rightarrow Z_{n\ell}^{\text{eff}}$
 $n \rightarrow n^* = n - \delta_\ell \quad \leftarrow$ quantum defect $\delta_\ell \pi$ is a phase shift
 1 : 1 corresponding $n\ell$ orbital \leftrightarrow electronic state
 modified scaling
- many - e⁻ atoms
 configurations \rightarrow L,S terms (several)
 $\epsilon_{n\ell}, F^k(n\ell, n'\ell'), G^k(n\ell, n'\ell'), \zeta_{n\ell}$
 limiting coupling cases [characteristic patterns of levels]
 \mathbf{H}^{eff} models
 scaling in ϵ, F, G, ζ

Many of these ideas will be used (and developed) for molecules.

See Lectures #5 - #8.