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# Vibrational Interactions at Surfaces

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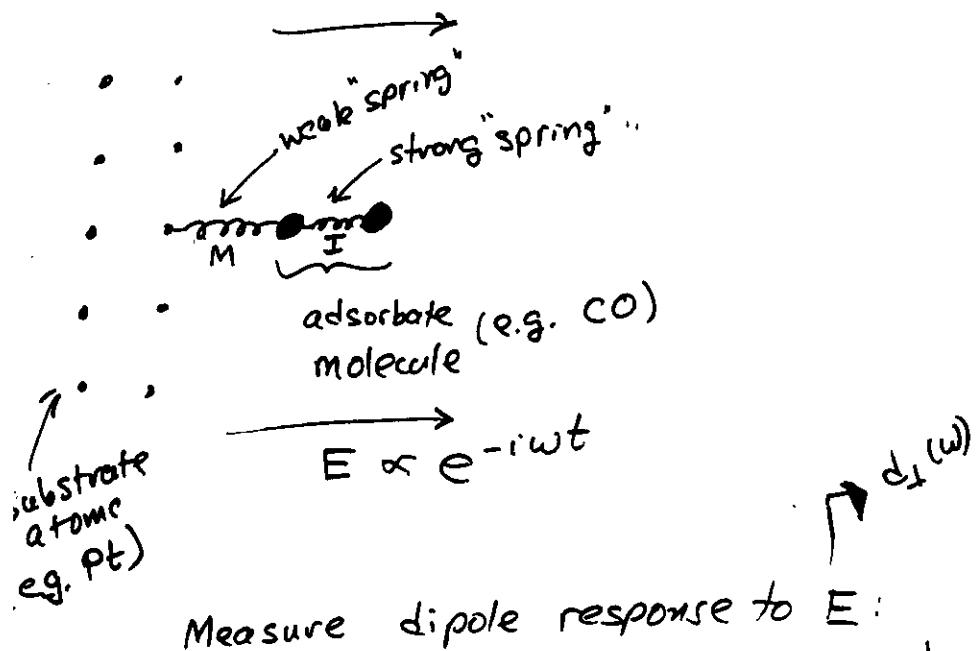
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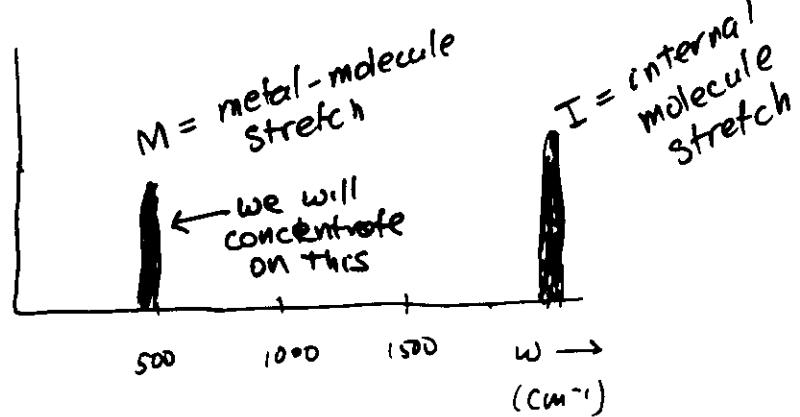
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Adsorbate vibrational  
line shapes due to vibrational  
interactions at surfaces.

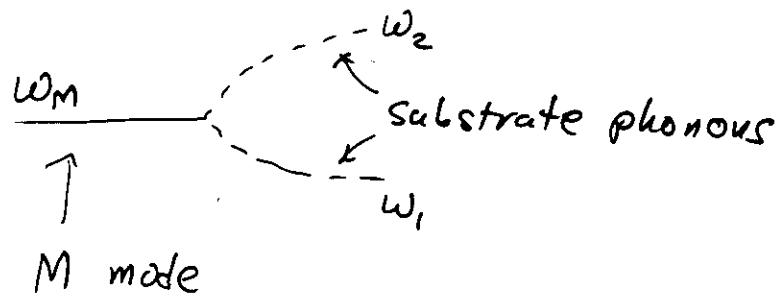


Measure dipole response to  $E$ :



# Lineshape of metal-molecule (M) 3 mode

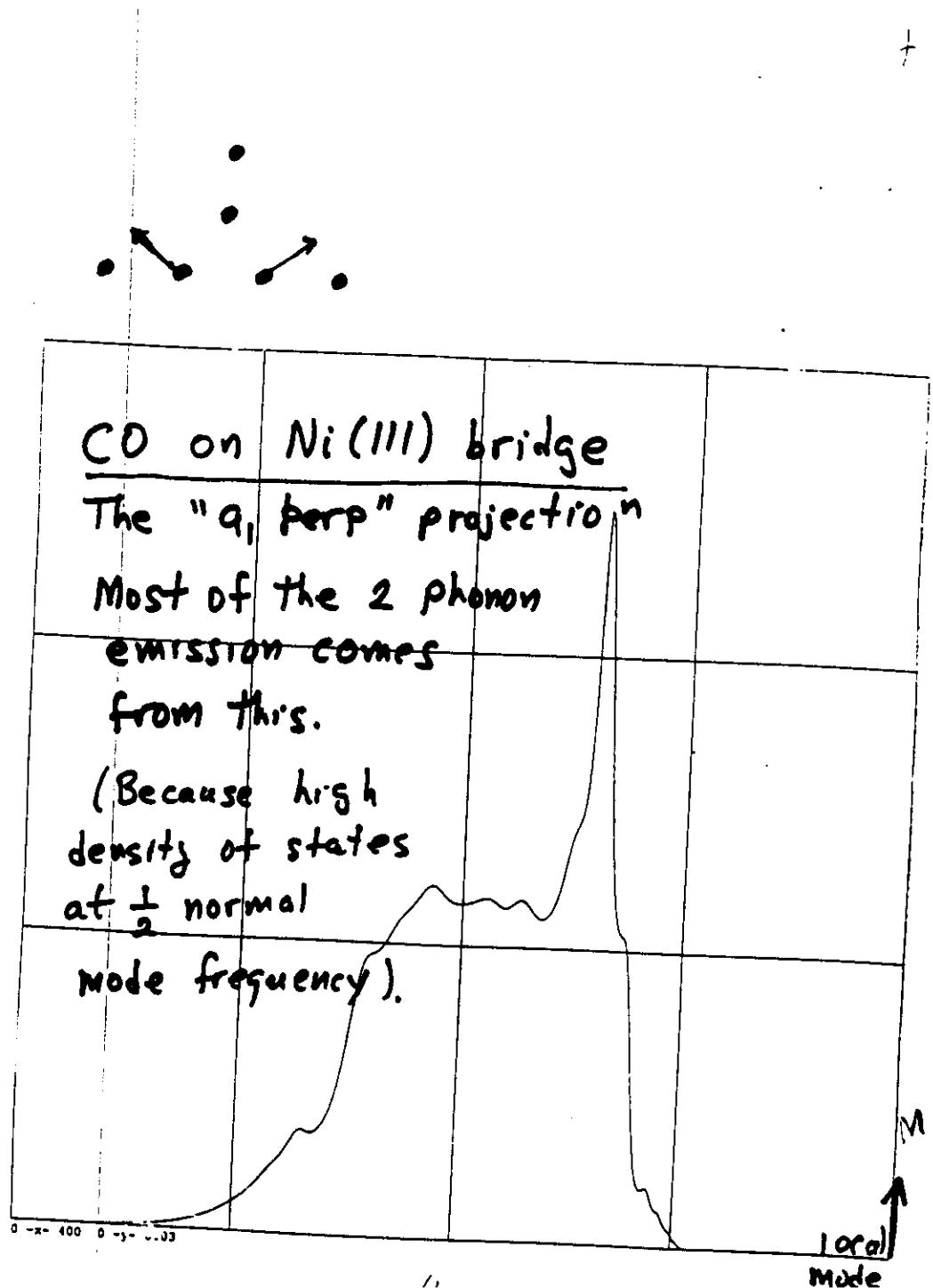
1. Why <sup>multi</sup>phonon emission + adsorption typically doesn't give much contribution



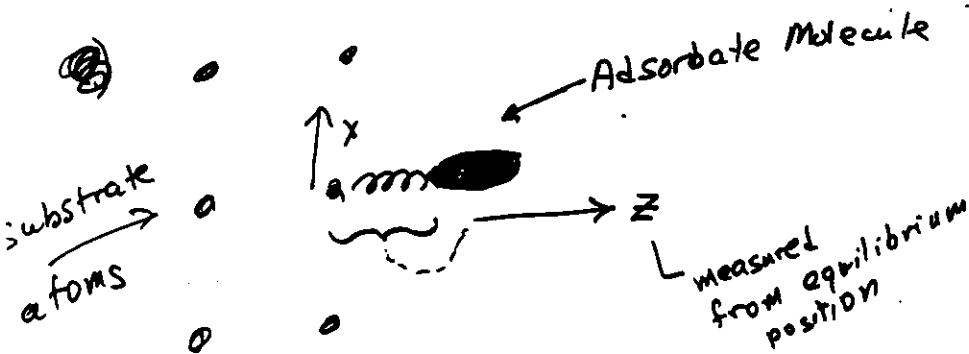
Must conserve energy:

$$\omega_M = \omega_1 + \omega_2$$

But surface phonon projected spectral density dominated by peaks (zone boundary modes), which usually don't come in the right place for energy conservation.



## Dephasing



$$H_{int} = K z^2 x^2$$

Two pictures:  
Other lower frequency vibration or phonon

a)

$$\text{width } \propto$$

$$n(n+1) K^2 P(w) dw$$

$$\text{proj. density of states } n = \frac{1}{e^{Bw}-1}$$

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$$P(w) \sim \frac{\gamma}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \gamma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{width } \propto \frac{n(n+1) K^2}{\gamma}$$

Note: peaky spectrum favors dephasing limit.

This is the weak coupling limit.

b)

$$H = \frac{P^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 z^2 + K z^2 x^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{P^2}{2\mu} + \left( \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 + K x^2 \right) z^2 + \dots$$

So changing  $x$  changes frequency of oscillator being measured.

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## Reduction factor for perpendicular modes + top. site adsorbate

1. B. Persson - discovery + estimate  
for light adsorbate
2. Langreth + M. Persson - generalization  
to arbitrary mass ratio. Exact inequality.

f sum rules a wave-function renormalization  
of substrate phonon intensity. Multiply  
by  $Z_s$  where

$$Z_s \leq \frac{\text{Adsorbate}}{\text{Adsorbate} + M_{\text{substrate}}} \frac{W_{\max}^4}{W_m^4}$$

$\downarrow$   
max substrate  
phonon frequency

$\ll | \leftarrow$  because  
of frequency ratio

For ~~Pt~~ CO / Pt

$$Z_s \sim 10^{-3}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Can neglect effect of  $\perp$  modes

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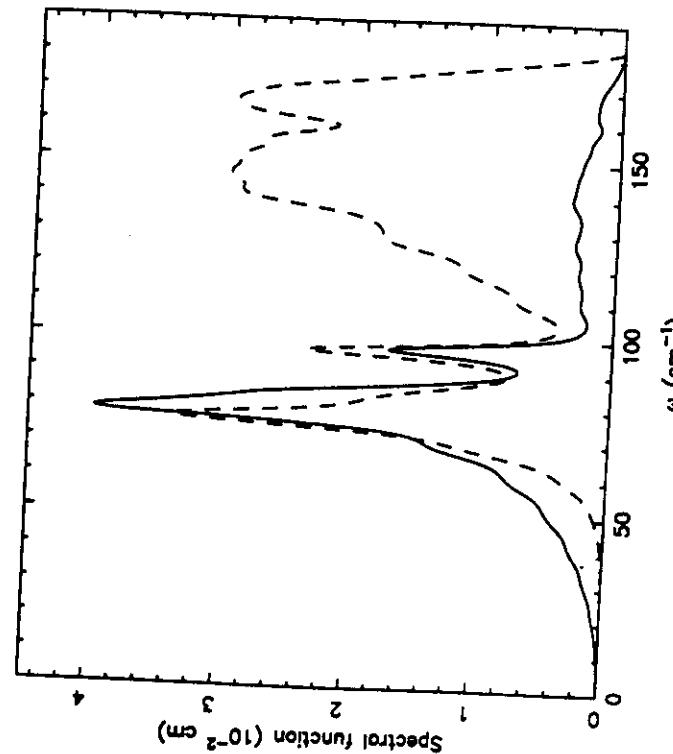


FIG. 2. The bare spectral function  $(M_\omega/\pi)^{h,\text{bare}}(\omega)$  vs.  $\omega$  for Pt(111) (solid line) and this spectral function times the reduction factor  $P(\omega)$  (dashed line) for CO/Pt(111). The dashed line has been multiplied by 1000.

# Spectrum of $\parallel$ modes for CO/Pt(111)



frustrated "translation".

$\omega_T$

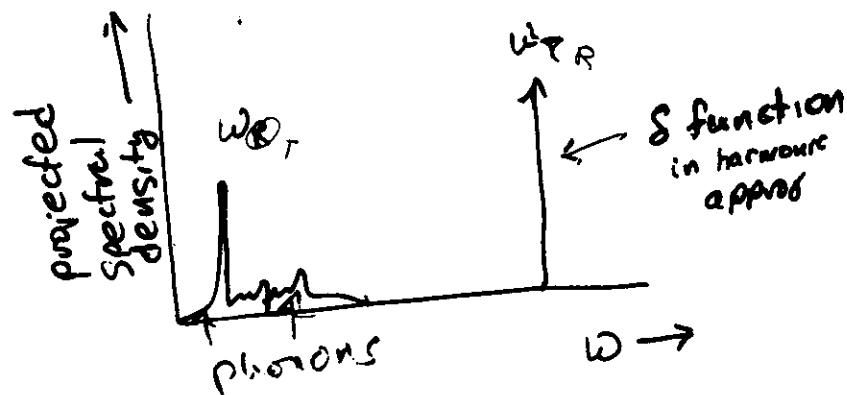
+

frustrated "rotation"

$\omega_R$

+

phonons



CO / Pt(111)

Parallel vibrational projected  
on mode to be measured

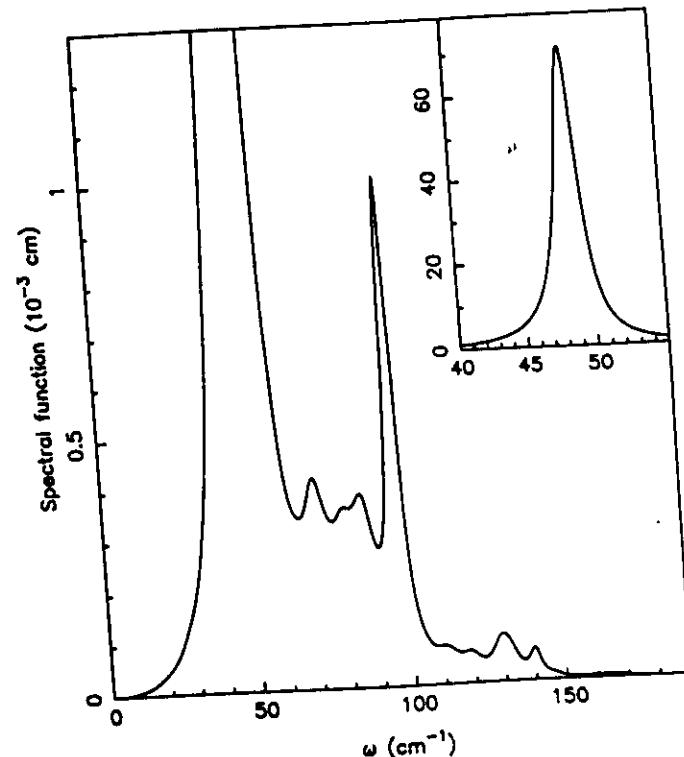


FIG. 5. The spectral function  $(M_\omega \omega / \pi) l_{\parallel}^h(\omega)$  vs.  $\omega$  for CO/Pt(111). The inset shows the quasimode at about  $49 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

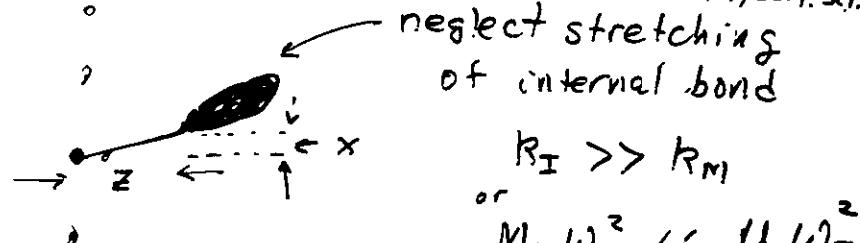
# Solution of Biquadratic

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dephasing model - Langreth + M. Persson

Related model - Volokitin, Surf. Sci. 224, 357 (1991)

neglect stretching  
of internal bond



Fit spectral density of parallel  
modes to Lorentzian (for  $\omega_T$ )  
+  $\delta$  function (for  $\omega_R$ )

$$\propto \frac{\gamma}{(\omega - \omega_T)^2 + \chi^2/4} + 2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_R)$$

For CO / Pt(111):

$$\omega_T = 49 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\omega_R = 410 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\omega_M = 480 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\gamma = 1.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$H_{int} = K x^2 z^2$$

Assumption:

$$\omega_T \ll \omega_M$$

then solution  
for all  $K$

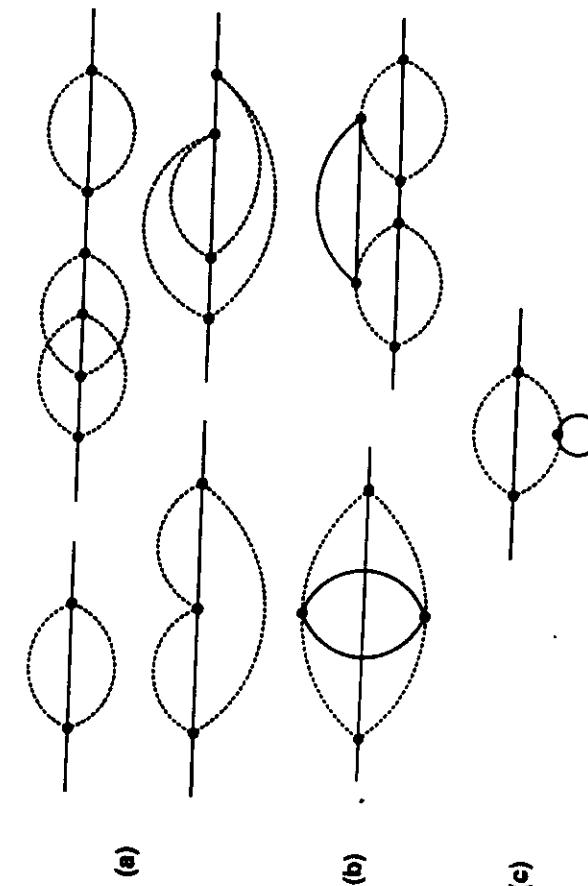
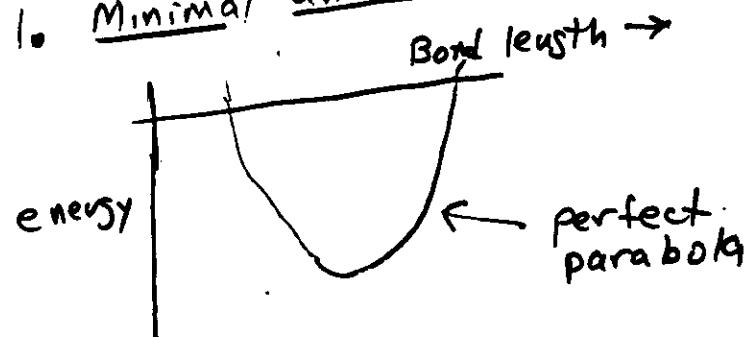


FIG. 4. Typical diagrams for the correlation function  $L_\perp$ . As in Fig. 1, the solid lines represent the correlation function  $L_1^A$  while the dashed lines represent the correlation function  $L_1^B$ . Diagrams of the type (a) must always be kept, while those of type (b) can be neglected if  $\Omega \gg \omega_0$ . For  $\Omega \gg \omega_0$  diagrams of the type (c) do nothing more than give a shift in the phonon energies.

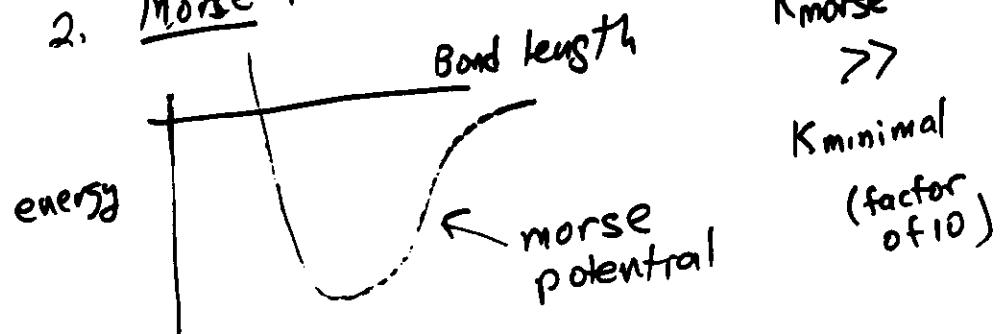
# Models of anharmonicity constant $K$ :

Assume principle anharmonicity is in stretching the metal adsorbate bond, since the angle bending forces are much weaker.

## 1. Minimal anharmonicity model:



## 2. Morse model



Note!

$$K_{\text{morse}} \gg$$

$K_{\text{minimal}}$   
(factor  
of 10)

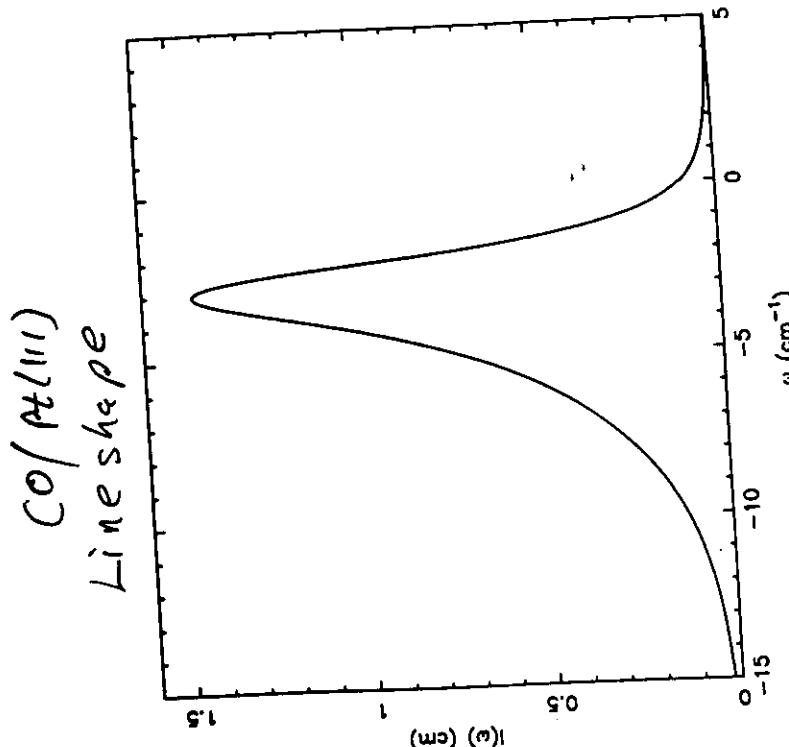


FIG. 8. Our prediction in the minimal anharmonicity model for the line shape  $I(\omega)$  [see Eq. (4.15)] for CO/Pt(111) at 225 K.

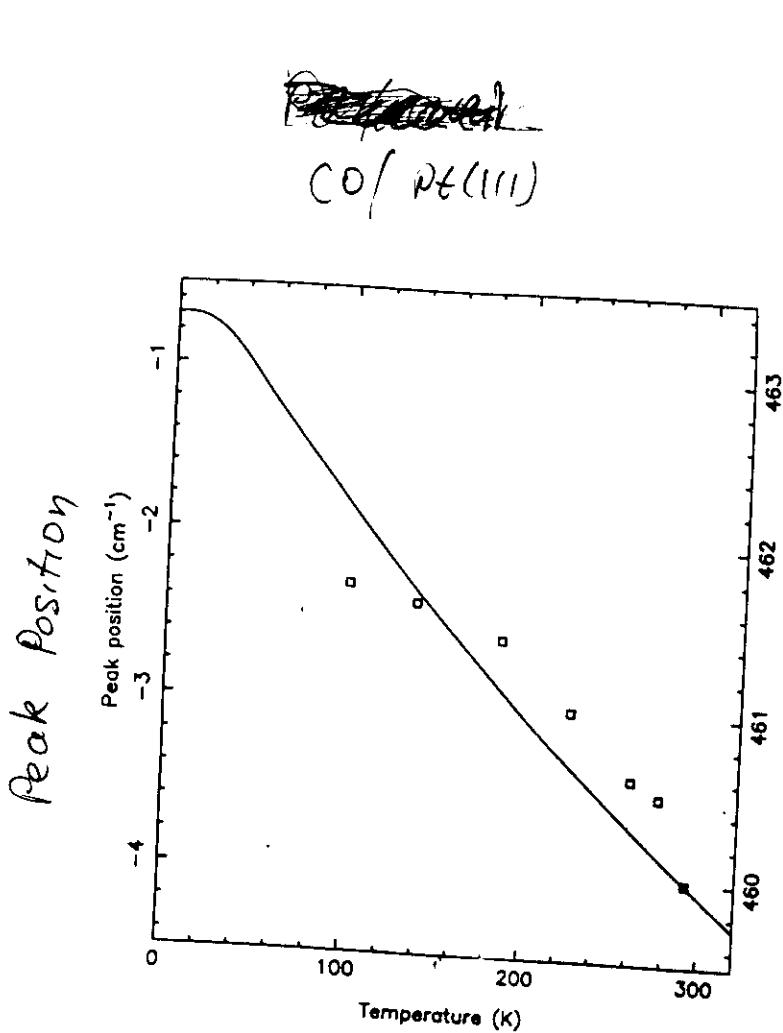


FIG. 7. Our prediction in the minimal anharmonicity model for the shift in peak position (solid line—left scale) vs. temperature for CO/Pt(111). The points are Ryberg's data for peak position (right scale) for the c(4×2) structure ( $\theta = 0.5$ ).

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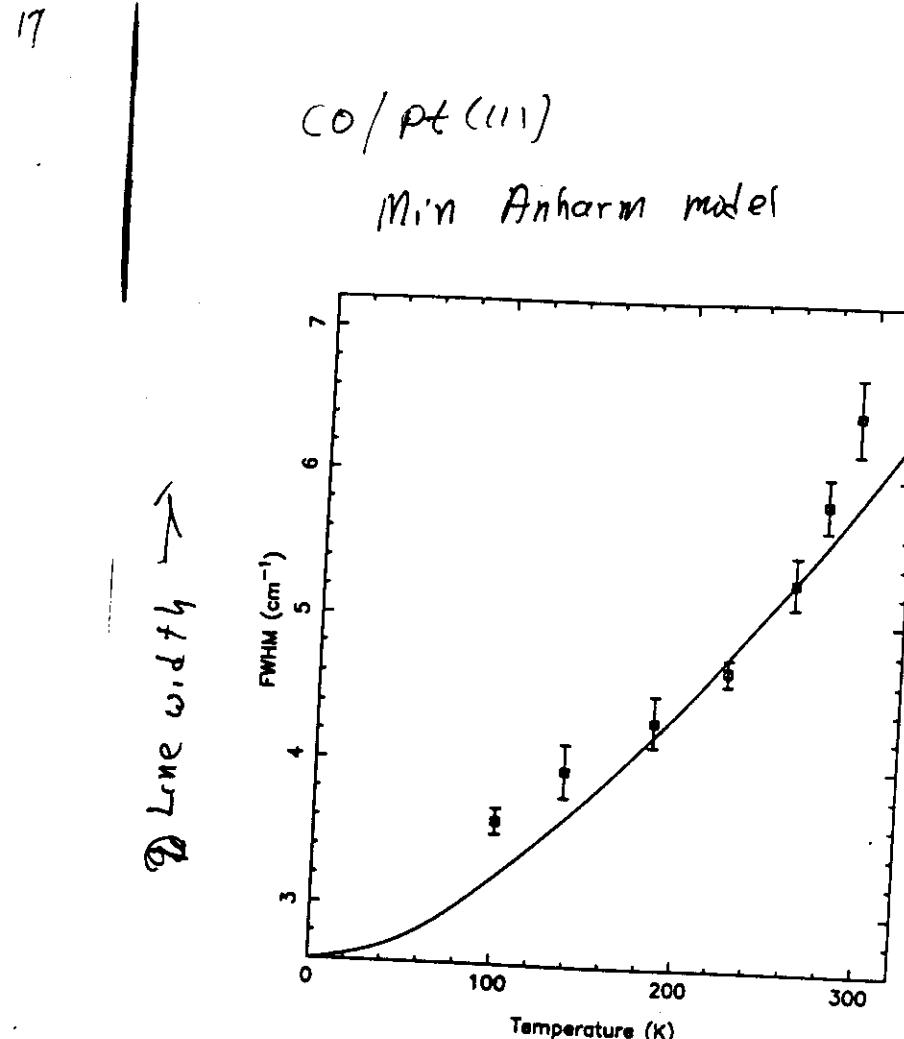


FIG. 6. Our prediction in the minimal anharmonicity model for the linewidth (FWHM) for CC/Pt(111) vs. temperature (solid line). Our prediction has been convoluted with a 2.6 cm<sup>-1</sup> gaussian to represent the experimental resolution. The points are Ryberg's raw data for the c(4×2) structure ( $\theta = 0.5$ ).

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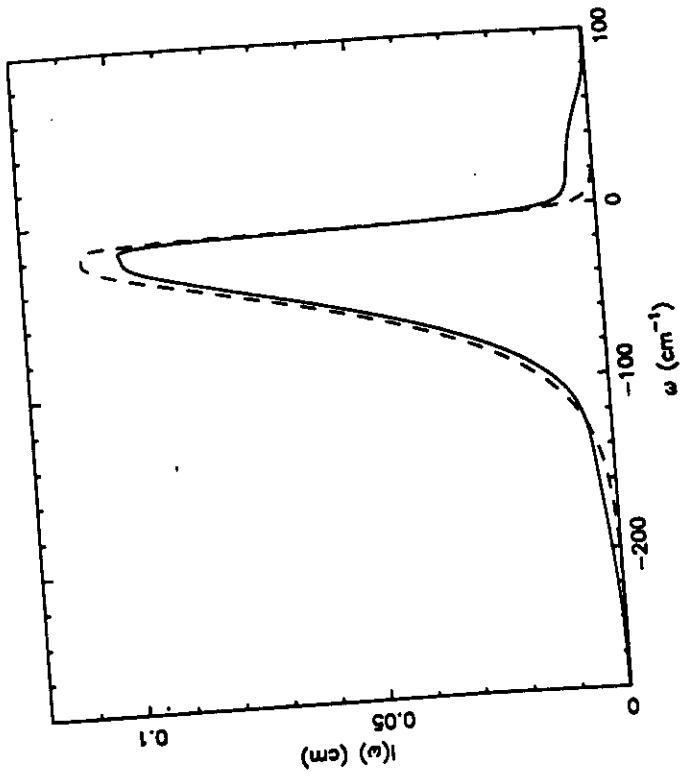


FIG. 9. The line shape for CO/Pt(111) at 225 K (solid line) in the Morse model. The result of the weak fluctuation approximation is also shown (dashed line).

CO / Ni(100)

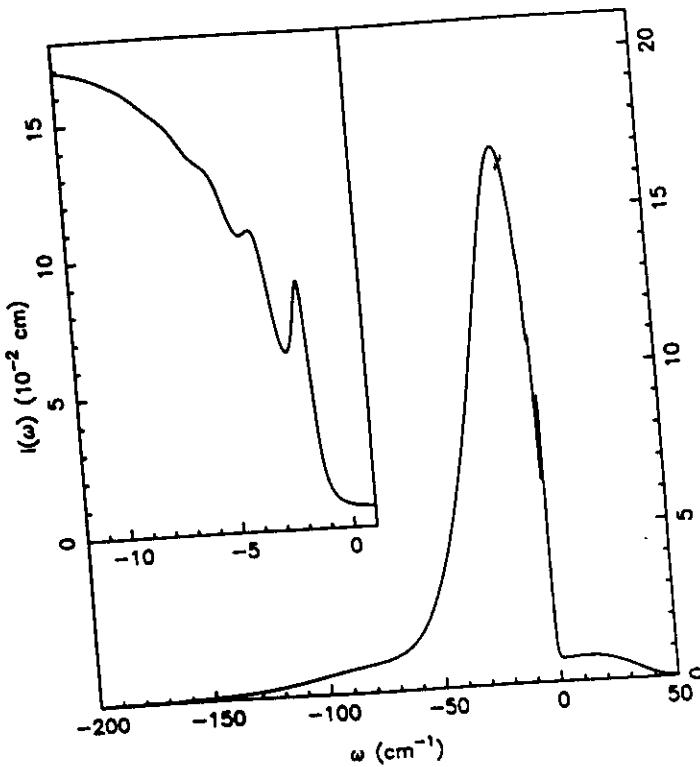


FIG. 10. Our prediction of the line shape in the minimal anharmonicity model for CO/Ni(100) at 310 K. The inset shows an expanded view of the quantum oscillations on the right edge of the line.

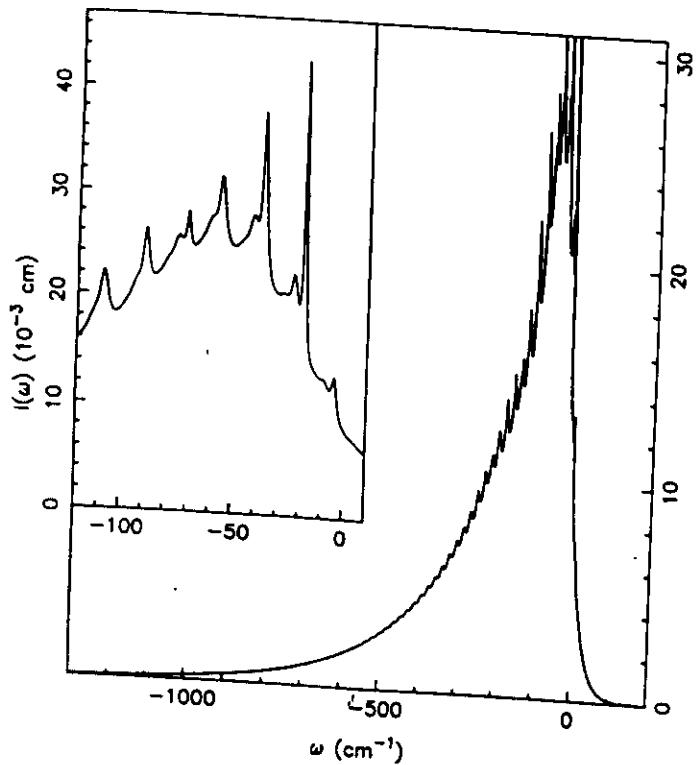


FIG. 12. The line shape in the Morse model for CO/Ni(100) at 310 K. The inset shows an expanded view of the quantum oscillations.

The minimal anharmonicity model fits the data well with no adjustable parameters.

The more physical Morse potential model gives results that are vastly different from experiment.

Why?

# Effect of Cubic terms (Burke + Zhang)

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Note: Also exist cubic terms.  
e.g. in minimal harmonicity model

$$H_{int} = \frac{1}{2} M_e \omega_m^2 [z^2 x^2 - z^3 x^3]$$

where  $l_0$  is bond length. Also have  $z^3$  terms in addition in Morse model.

1.  $z^2 x^2$  terms give  $\neq$  emission + absorption of lower frequency excitations -

2. Renormalize  $K$ , the biquadratic couplings.

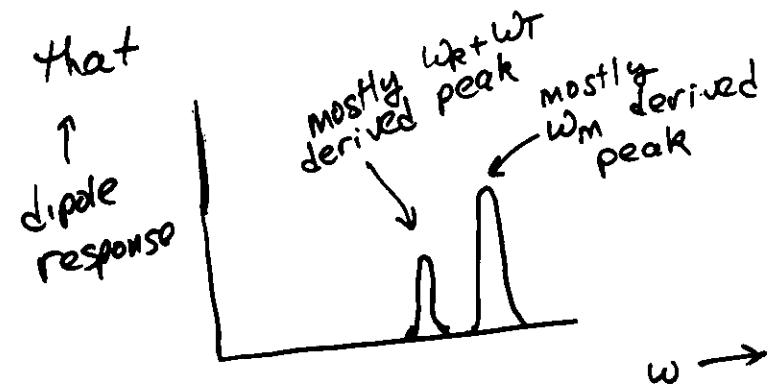
1.  $\omega_m$   $\bar{\omega}_R$   $\omega_T$

$$\omega_m = \cancel{460} ; \omega_R + \omega_T$$

$$= 410 + \cancel{480} = \cancel{459}$$

close - a fermi resonance?

If put in numbers, find  
that



Relative strengths

$$\frac{Z_{RT}}{Z_m} \sim 0.5$$

Should see two peaks?!?

Pt(111)

Cu(100)

Ni(100)

IR(100)

frustrated  
moment  
2

26

28

42

28

splitting  
 $\omega_R - \omega_T$ 

1

23

69

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units ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) $\lambda_{\text{eff}}$ 

169

7.5

8.3

11

 $\lambda_0$ 

-.73

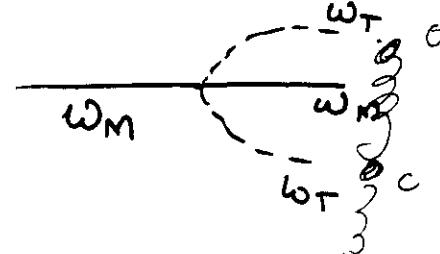
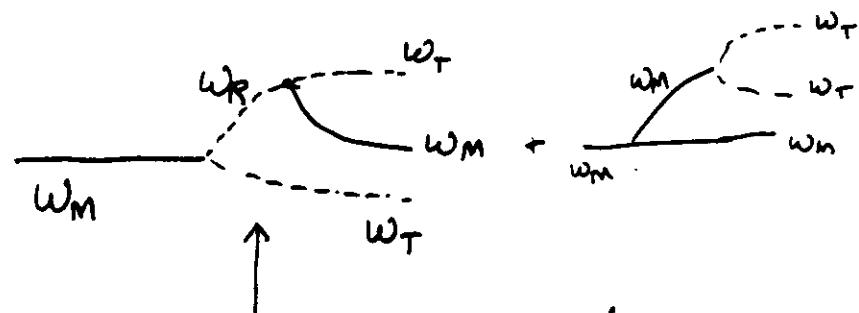
-1.07

-1.66

-0.77

## 2. Renormalization of K

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For ordinary bi-quadratic  
dephasing: $\omega_T = \text{frustrated trans. II}$  $\omega_R = \text{frustrated rotation}$  $\omega_M = \text{metal-molecule stretch}$ with cubic term, build up  
second order matrix element:energy denominator  
here is very large  
because of near  
fermi resonance

$$\omega_M \approx \omega_R + \omega_T$$

Result:

$$K_{\text{eff}} = K \left( 1 - g \frac{\mu_{\perp}}{\mu_{||}} \right)$$

↑ effective cubic coupling constant

=  $M_c + M_0$  for CO      26

=  $M_c$  for CO

$$g = Z_T + Z_R \frac{\omega_m^2}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{(\omega_m - \omega_T)^2 - \omega_R^2} \right]$$

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$$+ \frac{1}{(\omega_m + \omega_T)^2 - \omega_R^2}$$

$Z_T$  and  $Z_R$  are the fractional spectral weights of the R and T modes; for CO/Pt(111)

$$Z_T \approx .2 ; Z_R \approx .8$$

for a monatomic adsorbate:

$$\mu_{\perp} = \mu_{||}$$

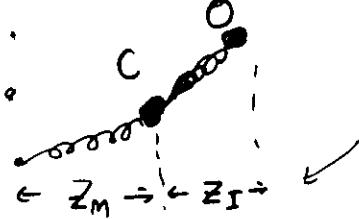
$$Z_T = 1 - Z_R = 1 ; K_{\text{eff}} = 0 !$$

Status at this point:

1. All differences between minimal anharmonicity models and Morse (or other) models has cancelled out (Good)
2. If the adsorbate is an atom (e.g. H on Si) there is no dephasing from the central force. All dephasing must come from anharmonicity in ~~the~~ the angle bending forces which are much weaker. (surprising)
3. Diatomic adsorbates - near Fermi resonance, huge  $K_{\text{eff}}$ . (a disaster)

# The way out; internal anharmonicity <sup>28</sup>

Mats Persson



measure  $z$ 's from equilibrium length.

$$z_I \ll z_m \quad (\text{why we always neglect it})$$

in fact

$$\frac{z_I}{z_m} = \frac{m_0 R_m}{(m_0 + m_c) R_I} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{force constants} \\ \ll 1 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{because} \\ R_m \ll R_I \end{matrix}$$

But one term in interaction

hamiltonian:

$$\frac{R_m}{l_m} z_m x_n + \frac{R_I}{l_I} z_I x_I$$

$\overbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$  relative displacement of surfaces

Bond lengths  $\rightarrow$  This term not present in rigid internal bond model. Neglected because  $z_I \ll z_m$ .

But  $R_I z_I \sim R_m z_m$  so term must be kept !!

Principal effect is to greatly weaken the Fermi resonance <sup>29</sup>

in rigid lattice (substrate) model

$$z_R \rightarrow z_R \times \left( \frac{m_c}{m_0 + m_c} \right)^2 \left( \frac{l_I}{l_I + l_m} \right)^2$$

$$z_I \rightarrow z_I \times \left( 1 + \frac{m_0}{m_0 + m_c} \frac{l_I}{l_m} \right)^2$$

$\sim z_R / 40$  (similar for full numerical solution)

So where do we stand?

1. No dephasing from central forces for monatomic adsorbate
2. Weak dephasing (minimal anharmonicity) for diatomic adsorbates. True anharmonic constants that are large have no effect!
3. Only weak fermi resonance effects even though  $\omega_m \approx \omega_R + \omega_I$  and strong cubic anharmonicity constants!

(D) on

	$\text{Pt}(111)$	$\text{Cu}(100)$	$\text{Ni}(100)$	$\text{Id}(100)$
$\frac{\text{ff}}{\text{matrix element}} \frac{1}{2}$	4.0	4.6	7.0	4.4
$\frac{\text{Matrix element}}{2}$	26	28	42	28
$\text{Splitting}$	1	23	69	19
$\frac{\lambda_{\text{eff}}}{\lambda_0}$	1.4	0.15	0.10	0.33

Conclusion:

Dephasing line widths + shapes give information about ~~anharmonicities~~ an harmonicities in non-central forces, anharmonicities in central forces give negligible contributions except in the rare case where one is very close to a Fermi resonance.