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**Spectroscopy of atoms , molecules
Vibrational nanospectroscopy for biomolecules**

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-Between which states can transition take place, producing abs. Or emis. Of e.m radiation?

-what is the probability of this transition?

-What can be learned about molecular structure from the intensities, line profiles, and polarisations of the molecular spectral lines?

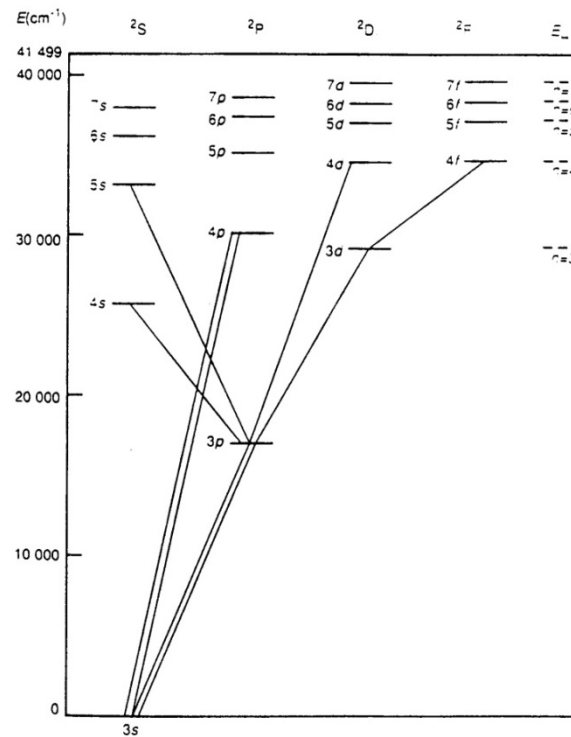
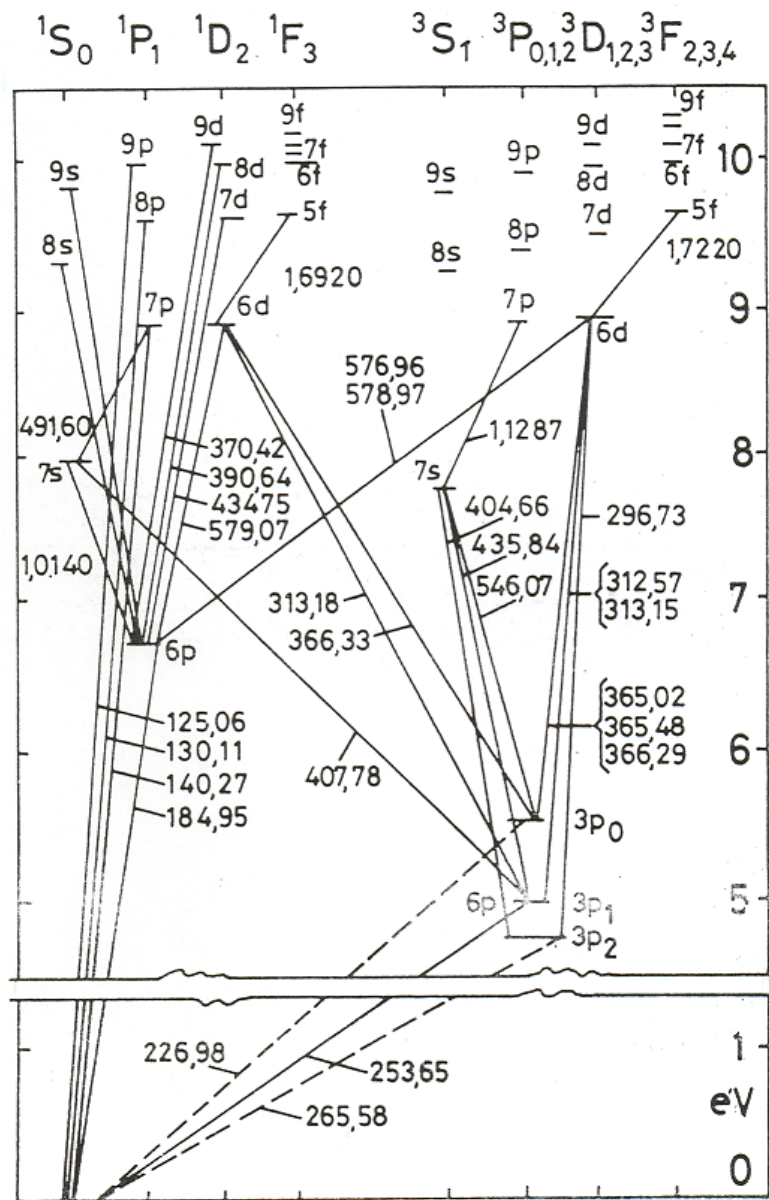
-In Polyatomic molecules, symmetry properties play a crucial role for the simplification and generalization of their representation.

Atom-radiation Interaction

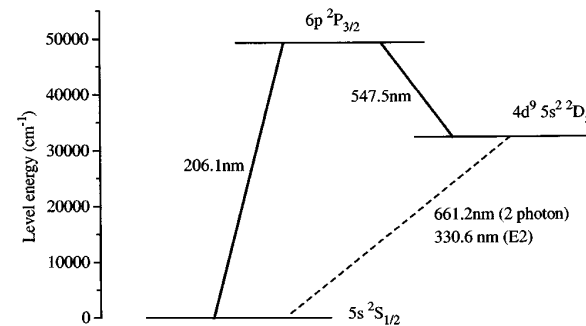
Elastic interaction

Inelastic interaction → access to different energy levels
(absorption, emission– spectra of atoms or molecules)

Spectrum of mercury.



Na



Ag

- Spectra generated by dipole transitions

Spectrum is generated by transitions between different energy states according to certain selection rules- these selection rules for allowed transitions essentially reflect the requirement of conservation of angular momentum for the atom/molecule-photon system and considerations of symmetry for the wavefunction describing the states)

For electric dipole transitions the establishing of the selection rules concern the conditions under which the matrix element $\langle n | \mathbf{r} | i \rangle$ is non Zero

State definition and selection rules transition between energy states for an atom

Interest to the outer electrons- Law of conservation

- one atom, $\mathbf{L} = \sum \mathbf{l}_i$ $\mathbf{S} = \sum \mathbf{s}_i$
- Coupling L S — $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$, $|\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{S}| \leq \mathbf{J} \leq \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$

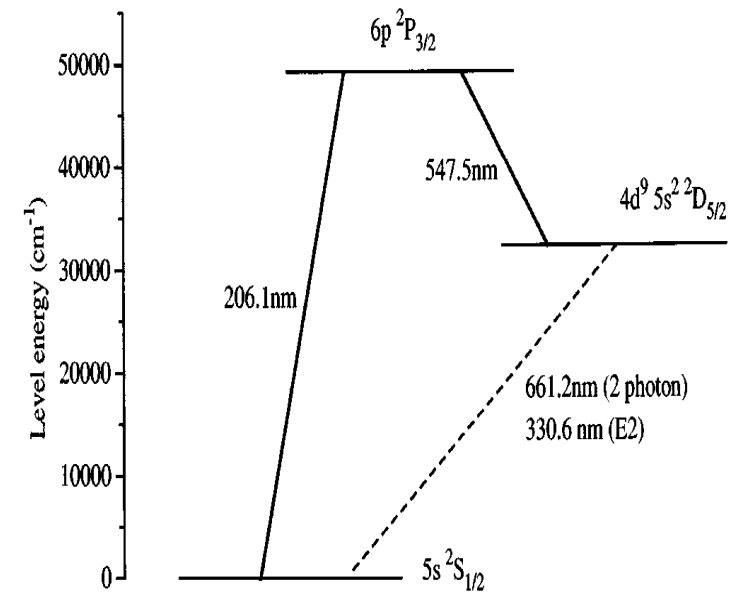
attribution to state $2S+1 L_J$;

Splitting: $2S+1 \rightarrow$ multiplicity

dipole transition $\langle n | r | i \rangle \neq 0$

$\Delta l = \pm 1, \Delta S = 0, \Delta J = 0, \pm 1$

- Other Coupling j j , $\mathbf{J} = \sum \mathbf{j}_i$



Ag states

Optical spectroscopy

Metal atoms have one outer electron as alkali atom , excitation energy of the outer electron electron $\sim 3\text{eV}$

For Optical radiation ($\lambda \sim 500\text{nm} \approx 2,48\text{eV}$) \rightarrow optical spectroscopy

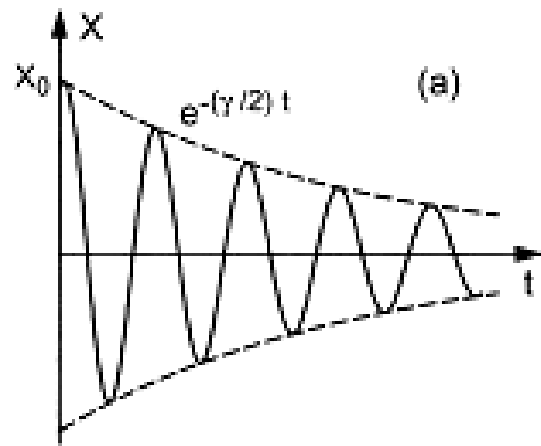
Optical spectroscopy is based on:

- Frequencies and Intensities of optical transitions

These can be translated to structure only in simple systems (atoms, diatomic molecules)

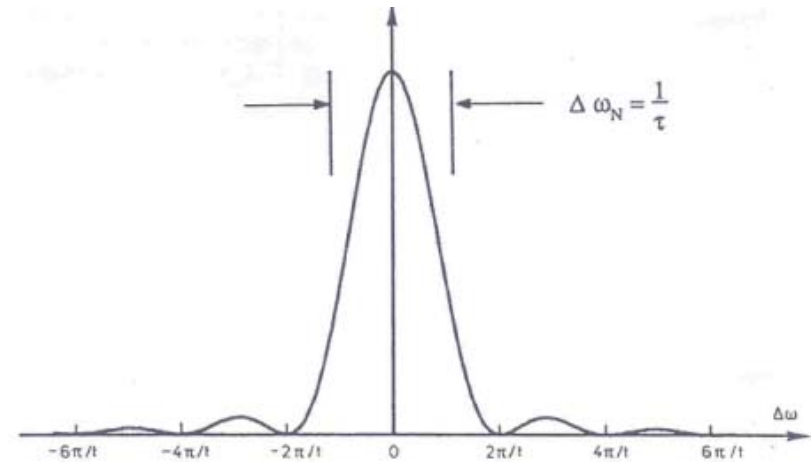
- Group symmetry & Potential surfaces have to be known for more complex systems

Atome ~ damped harmonic oscillator



damped classical harmonic oscillator

τ ~ how many periods oscillations before field decays-



intensity distribution for radiating atome

$$C_e(t)^2 \propto [\sin(\Delta\omega t/2) / \Delta\omega t/2]^2 t^2$$

Spontaneous emission (QED treatment)

Natural radiation width,

$$\Delta\nu_e = 1/2\pi\tau -$$

$$\Delta\omega_e = 1/\tau \text{ (same result for abs. } e \rightarrow f$$

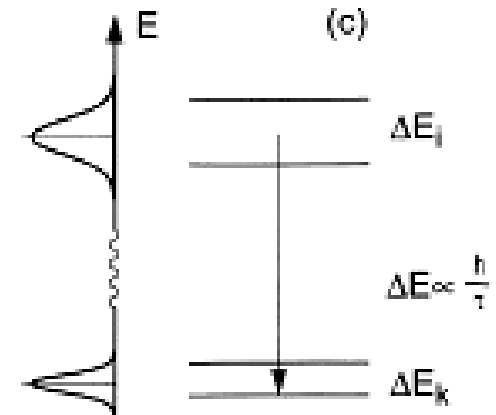
or

for emis. $f \rightarrow e$)

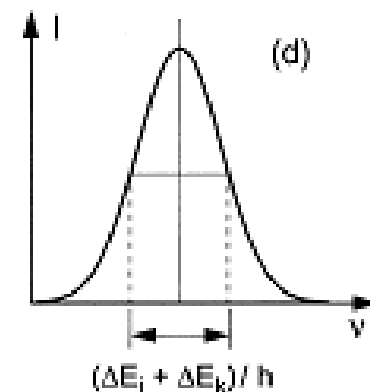
(finite lifetime of the excited states)-
intensity distribution is:

$$|A(\nu)|^2 = (E_0^2 \tau^2) / \pi^2 \{1 + [(\nu - \nu_0) / 1/(4\pi\tau)]^2\}^{-1}$$

Lorentzian profile



Natural linewidths due to
Energy uncertainties due to
limited lifetimes



Resulting line width $\Delta\nu$

-Doppler width (mvt of atoms at different speed and different directions- inhomogeneous broadening)

The intensity : $I(\omega) = I(\omega_0)\exp\{-[c(\omega - \omega_0)/\omega_0 v^*]^2\}$,

v^* the most probable velocity, $v^* = [2k_B T/m]^{1/2}$

The full width at half maximum(FWHM) ,

$$\Delta\nu_D = 2(\nu_0/c)(2RT\ln 2/M)^{1/2}; R = k_B N_A$$

We see that the Doppler width increases linearly with the frequency ν_0 and for a given temperature is largest for small masses.

orders of magnitude:

In the VIS, $\lambda=500\text{nm}$, electronic transition
of Na_2 molecule, $T=500\text{K}$,

$$\Delta\nu_D = 5,6 \times 10^7 \text{s}^{-1} \approx 56\text{MHz}$$

$\Delta\nu_D \sim 0,001\text{nm}$ or 1000MHz in the IR is proportionally smaller, $\sim 50\text{MHz}$ at $10\mu\text{m}$

-Collision broadening

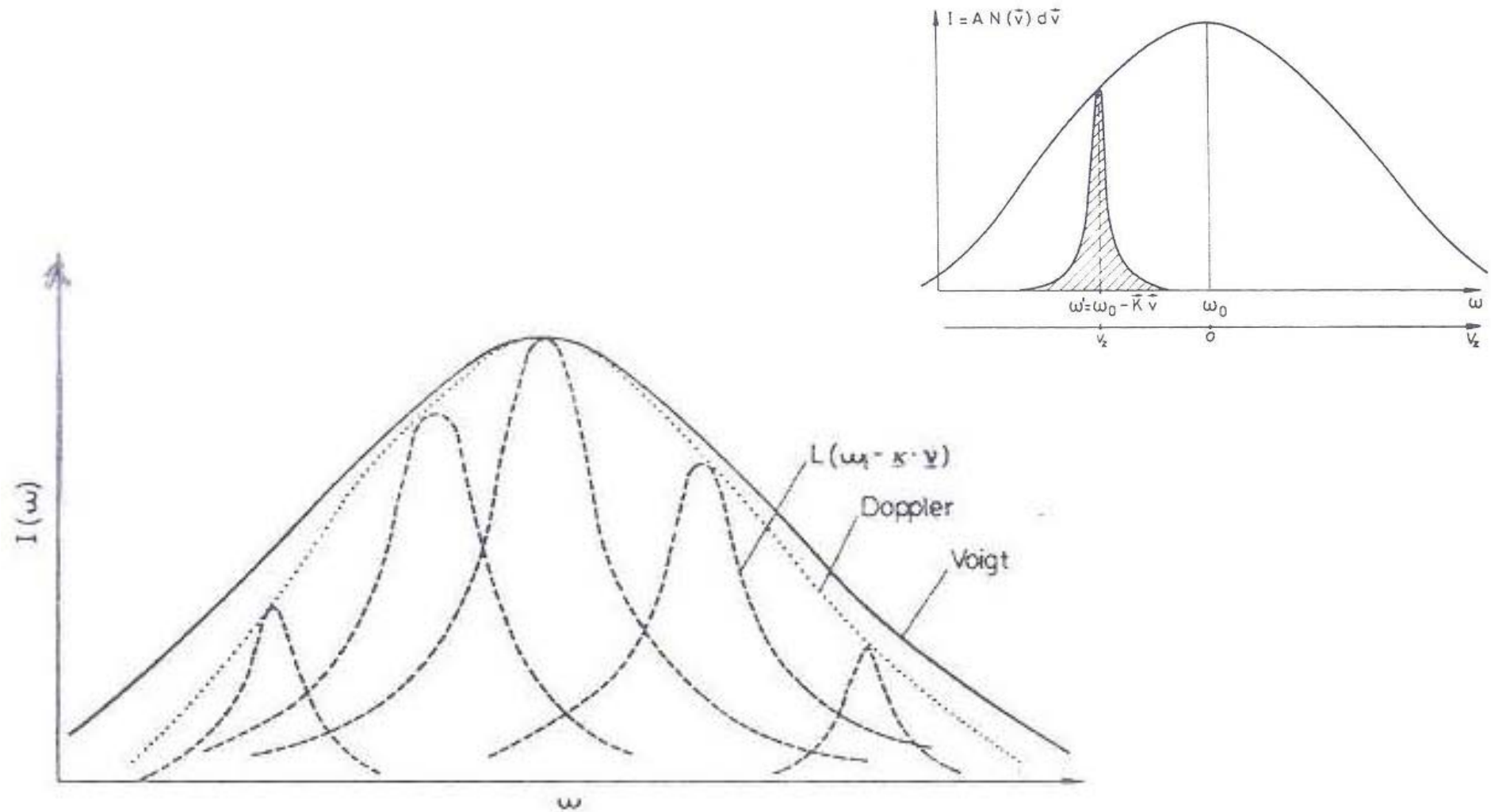
with increasing pressure , the atoms undergo frequent collisions \rightarrow collision broadening, Lorentz profile (between different kind of atoms) or Holtsmark broadening (collision between same kind of atoms), the 2 mechanisms are treated as pressure broadening

$$\Delta\nu_{\text{coll}} (P, T) = \Delta\nu_{\text{coll}} (P_0, T_0) P/P_0 (T/T_0)^{1/2}$$

orders of magnitude:

*For Lorentzian , broad. at atmos.pres. & room T is
0,5-5 GHz*

Profile of a spectral line affected by Pressure + temperature effect



Molecules

- A molecule is formed by the binding of 2 or more atoms in such a way that the total energy is lower than the sum of the energies of the constituents. The bonds are normally of ionic or covalent nature. Particularly weak bonds occur in van der Waals molecules

Classically light is emitted by a system only if its electric dipole moment is changed-This rule is valid by QM and is also valid for molecule

- The dynamic of a molecule is more complicated and is connected to movement of electrons and nucleus with E_e, E_v, E_r , with $E_e \gg E_v \gg E_r$

Electronic states of diatomic molecules

- Electronic angular momentum

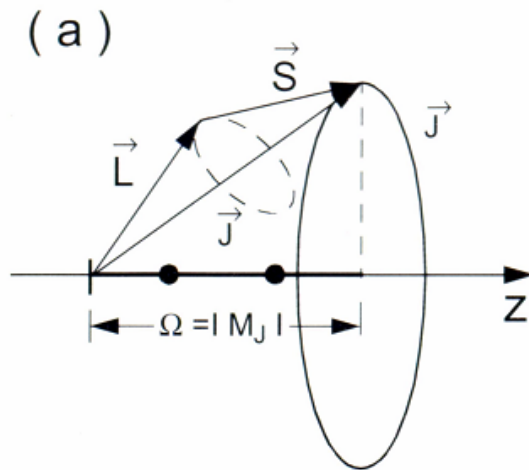
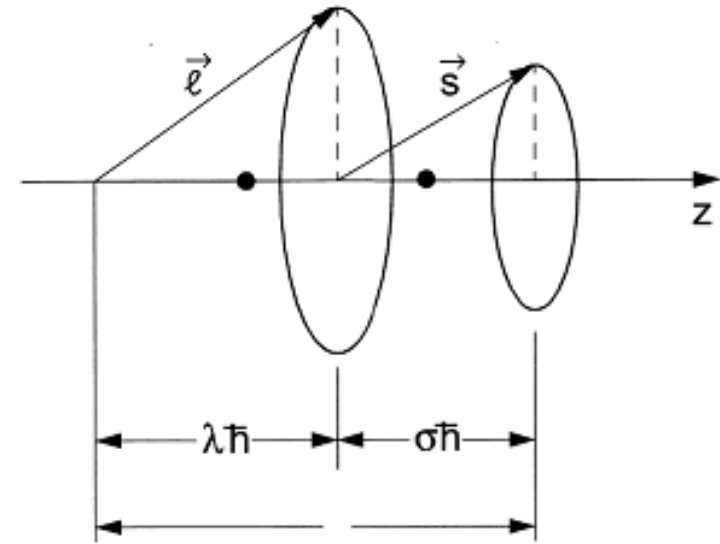
Each electron(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{s}), precesses around the internuclear axis(\mathbf{z} axis) \rightarrow electric current around $\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ along the \mathbf{z} axis

The electrons experiences this magnetic field and aligns its spin magnetic moment either // or ant// to it

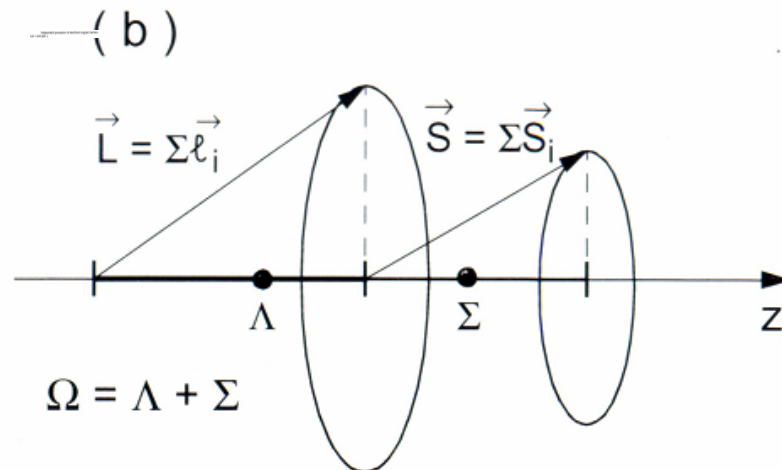
For nuclei with small nuclear charges the coupling \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{s} is usually weaker than the coupling of \mathbf{l} with internuclear axis (molecular axis), in this case \mathbf{l} & \mathbf{s} precess independently around the internuclear axis and their projections are $\hbar\lambda$ or $\hbar\sigma$

Independent precession of
 electronic angular momentum
 \mathbf{l} and spin **\mathbf{s}**

Angular momentum coupling



L-S coupling



Independent coupling of **\mathbf{L}** and **\mathbf{S}**
 to the molecular axis **z**

As the magnetic field \mathbf{B} is proportional to \mathbf{L} , then to λ
And the expectation magnetic spin momentum μ_s is
proportional to the electron spin projection $\sigma \rightarrow$ the
interaction energy between \mathbf{L} & \mathbf{s} is

$$W = A \lambda \sigma$$

A fine molecular structure depends on the molecular state. This interaction energy depending on the angular momentum projections create a fine structure splitting of molecular terms:

-For molecule with single electron, $\sigma = \pm \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow$ each energy level in electronic state with $\lambda = A \lambda$

-For molecule with more than one electron, angular momentum are added depending on the relative Coupling strength

Ex:

Consider molecule AB (Z_A electrons, Z_B electrons)

a) A-B as one nucleus ($Z_A + Z_B$) electrons, \rightarrow the electrons move in a spherical symmetric potential of this nucleus and their total angular momentum \mathbf{J} must be constant- For light atoms we may assume L-S coupling ($L = \sum l_i$; $S = \sum s_i$); the total angular momentum is $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ and its absolute value is:

$$J = [J(J+1)]^{1/2}$$

B) we increase the internuclear distance A-B until it reaches the equilibrium distance $R_e \rightarrow$ the electrons move in a cylindrically symmetric field of the 2 nucleus A & B

The total angular momentum \mathbf{J} of the electrons is no more constant because the field creates a torque $\mathbf{D} = d\mathbf{J}/dt$ which leads to a precession of \mathbf{J} around the internuclear axis, We can therefore observe only the time average of \mathbf{J} , i.e. the projection of $M_j \hbar$

On the internuclear axis, that means J is not a good quantum number

The quantum number of this projection Ω ;

$$\Omega = |M_j| ; M_j = J, J-1, J-2, \dots, 1/2 \text{ or } 0$$

If the spin-orbit coupling energy ALS in the united atom is smaller than the coupling of L to the internuclear axis (which is true for light atoms) then L & S will be decoupled by the axial electric field and precess independently around the internuclear axis the projection of L and S on the internuclear axis are well defined and they are on s, in this case their projection are expressed in terms of the quantum numbers Λ & Σ

$$\Lambda = |M_L| ; \Lambda = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$$

$$\Sigma = M_s = s, \dots, -s$$

And the projection of the total angular momentum is :

$$\Omega = | \Lambda + \Sigma |$$

Names: for $\Lambda = 0, 1, 2, 3$, States are called $\Sigma, \Pi, \Delta, \Phi$

Note:

Each state Λ is twofold degenerate in nonrotating molecules the two projections $\pm M_j \hbar$ the energy lead to the same energy in the axial electric field of the nuclei. In other words for non rotating molecules the energy does not depend on the sense of rotation of electrons



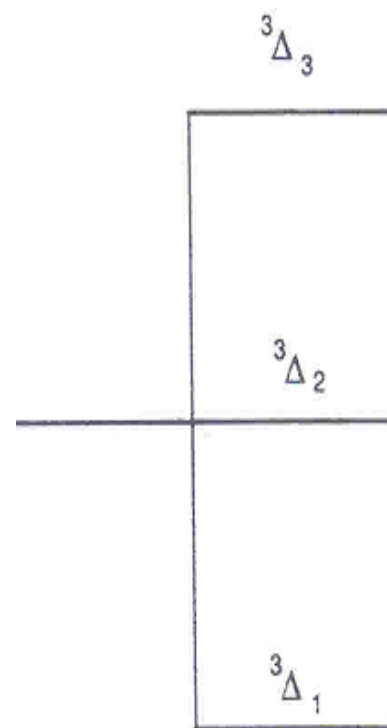
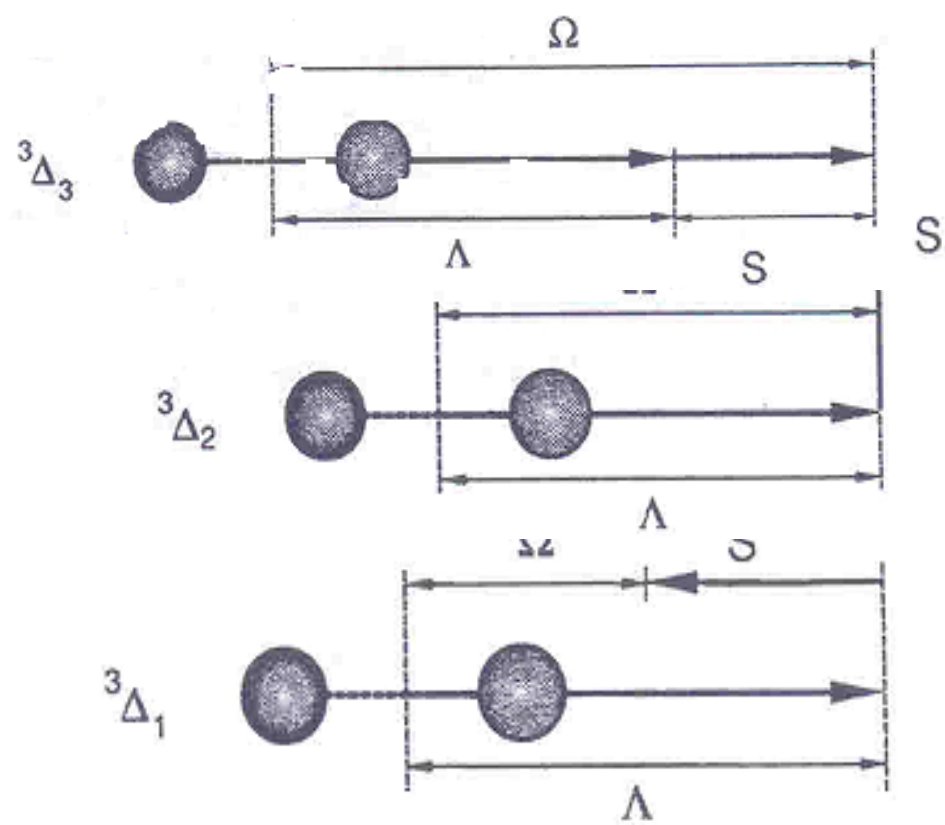
The energy of a molecular state depends on the

- principal quantum number n
- the quantum number Λ and the spin Σ and on
- the quantum number $\Omega = | \Lambda + \Sigma |$

As Σ can assume $2S + 1$ values from $\Sigma = -S$ to $+S$, an electron configuration with given values of S and Λ results in $2S + 1$ different molecular states which are called fine structure terms,

Diatomic molecular state $^{2S+1}\Lambda_{\Omega}$ with appropriate letter X, A, B, C, ...

An electronic state energy will be : $T_e^{\Lambda, \Sigma} = T_0 + A \Lambda \Sigma$



Example of diatomic interaction potential - spectroscopy and analysis

Alkaline earth oxides are known as thermal conductors and electrical insulators. The beryllium particularly and its derivatives present important interest for in medical , plasma physics and in nuclear physics, where they are used as protection layers (coating material for Tokamak)

The nature of the bonding in these compounds was subject to several controversies. A pronounced ionic character was established for most of them, such as in BeO. Many spectroscopic (characteristiques) features of the gas phase neutral isolated molecules have been deduced (exp.analysing the chemiluminescence Fourier Transform spectra [2–6] and theor.from *ab initio theoretical studies*.)

while Very few are known on the ionized species-

To understand the structure of the system , it is necessary to study the spectroscopy and the metastability of beryllium oxide cation, BeO⁺.

Investigations have been done theoretically:

-Highly correlated wavefunctions are used to deduce the transition moments and the spin–orbit coupling matrix elements between these electronic states.

-A set of accurate spectroscopic data is then deduced for the bound electronic states of BeO⁺.

-For the upper electronic states, rapid spin–orbit-induced predissociation processes are identified.

-the BeO⁺ potential curves together with those of BeO ($X^1\Sigma^+$) are used to predict the single ionization spectrum of beryllium monoxide

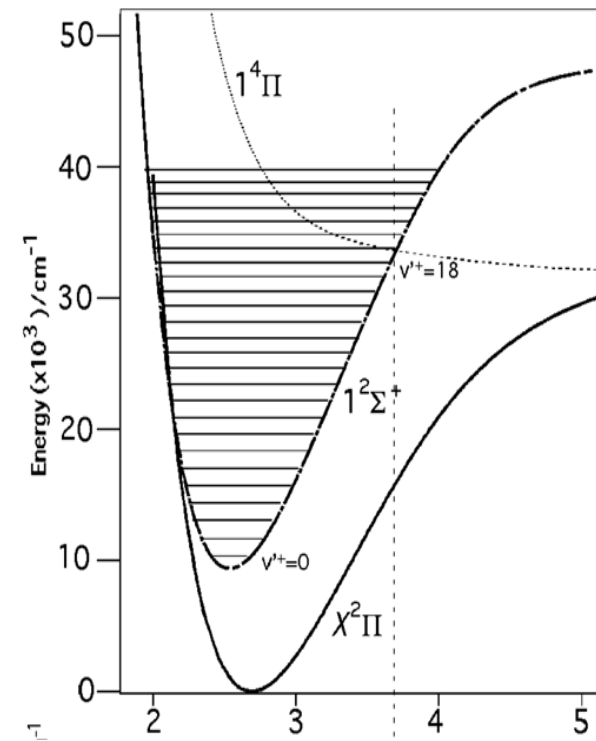
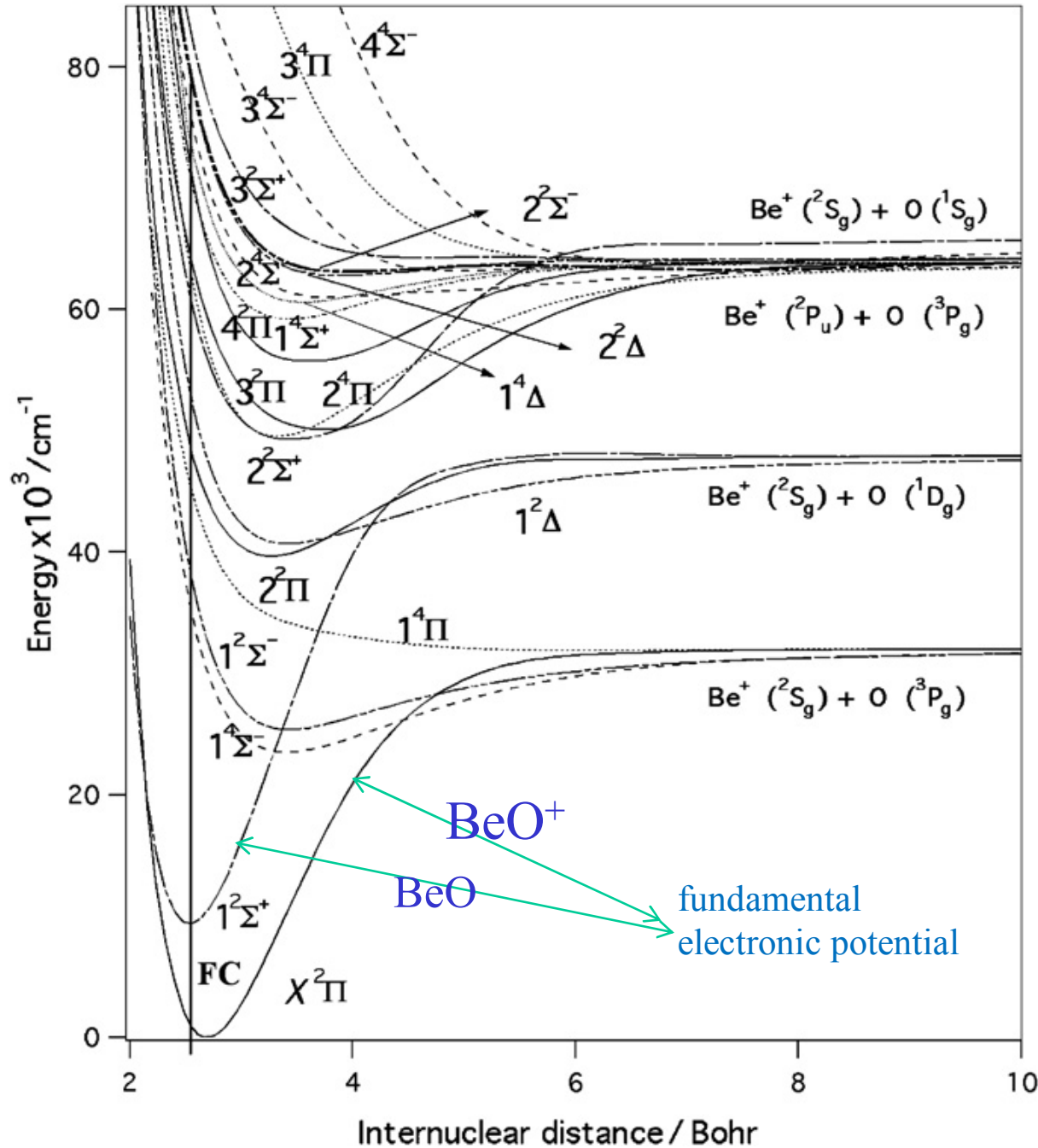
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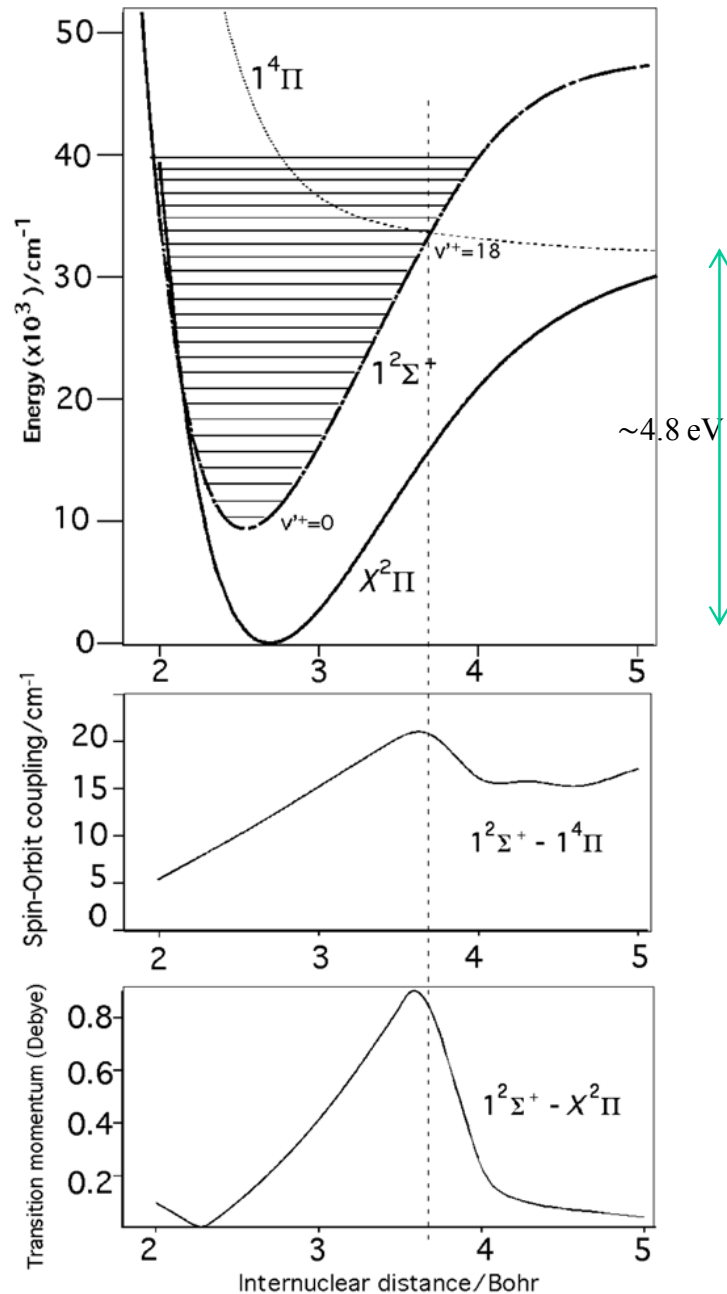
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**Interaction potential [f(R)]
&
Electronic states of BeO⁺
correlating to the four lowest
dissociation limits**



Predissociation of BeO⁺

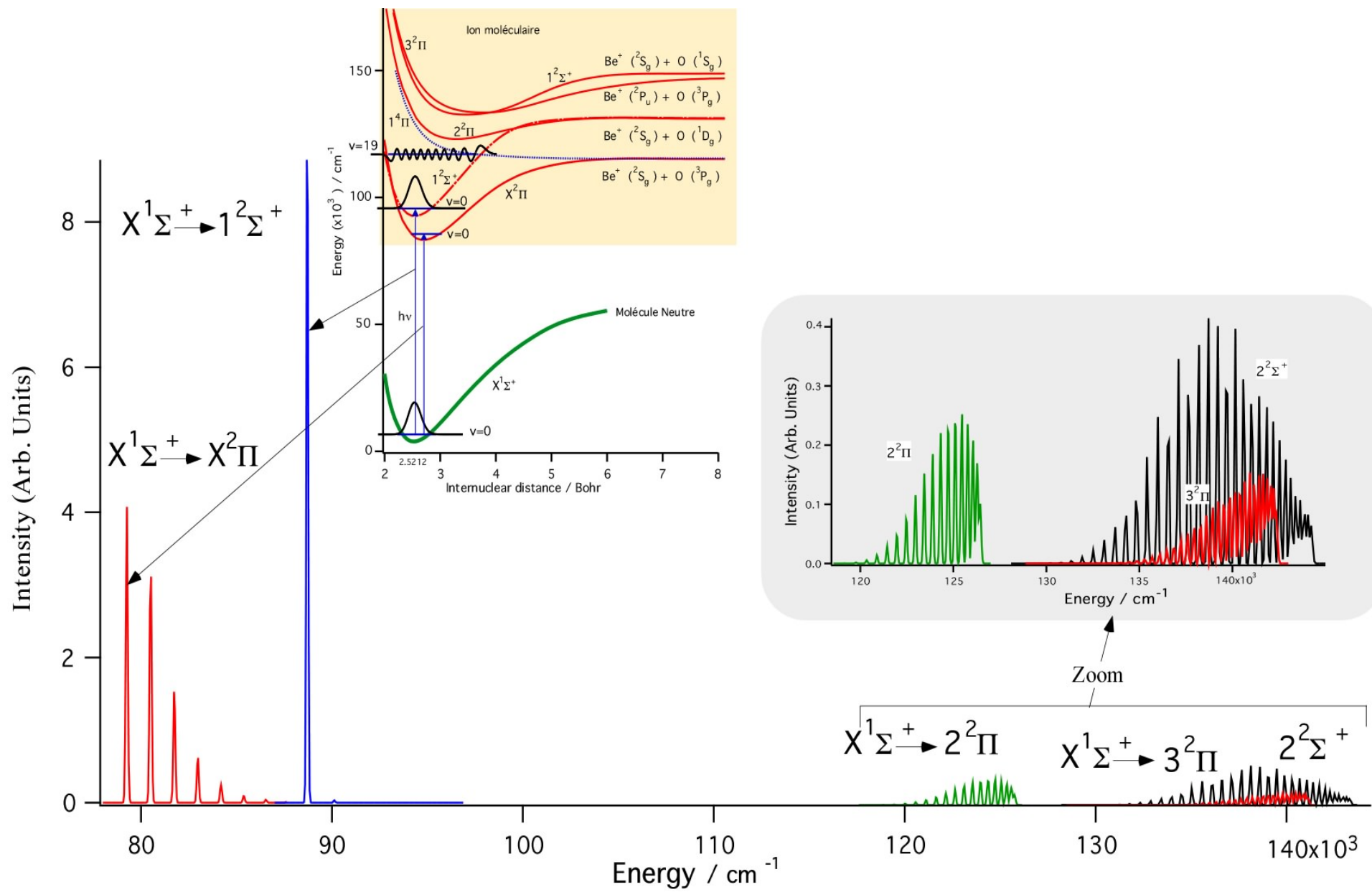


(a) Interaction Potentials of the $X^2\Pi$, $1^2\Sigma^+$ and $1^4\Pi$ states

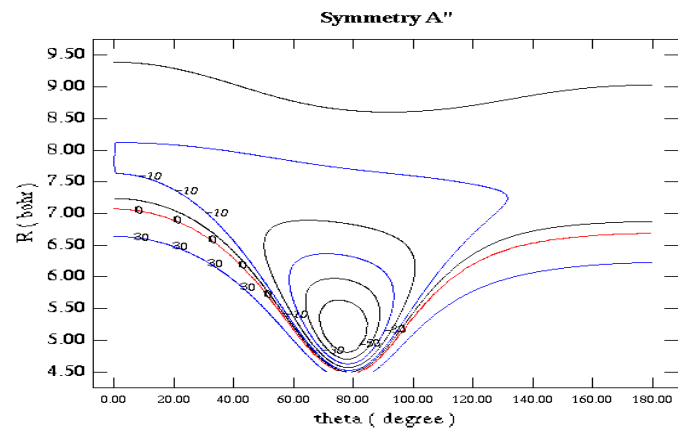
(b) the spin-orbit coupling between the $1^2\Sigma^+$ and $1^4\Pi$

(c) the transition moment between the $1^2\Sigma^+$ and the $X^2\Pi$ states versus the internuclear distance.

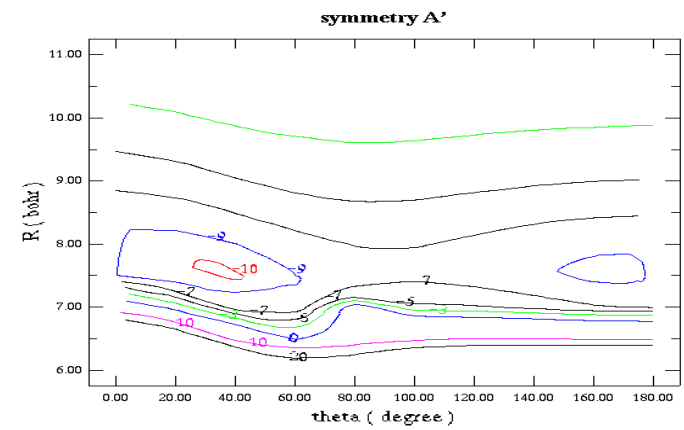
In (a), the horizontal lines correspond to the vibrational levels of the $1^2\Sigma^+$ as deduced variationally.



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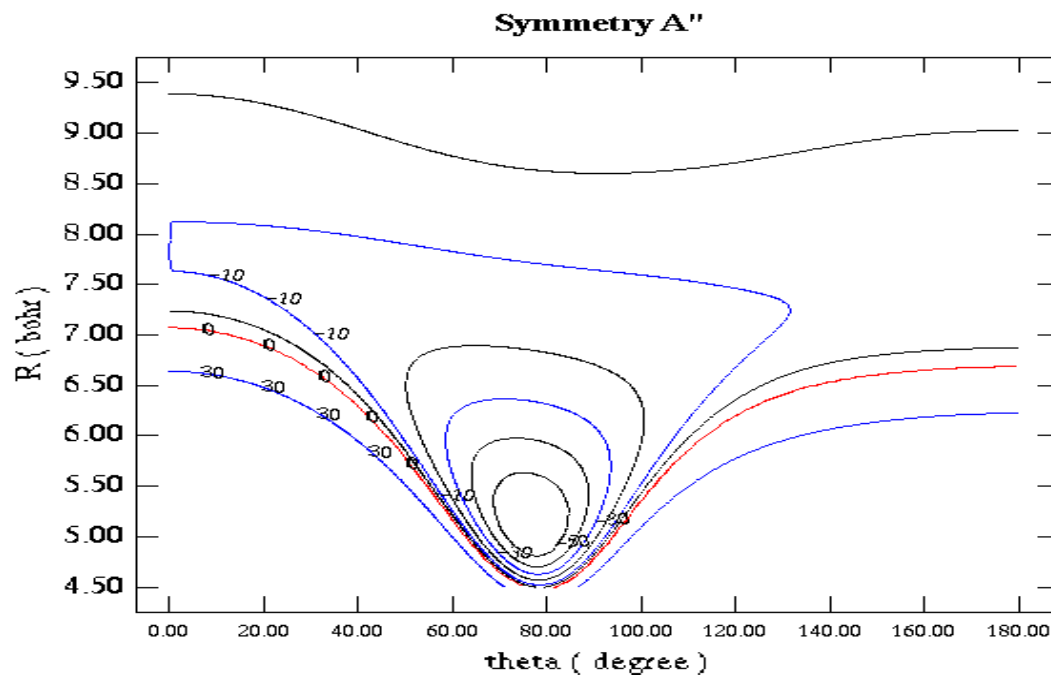
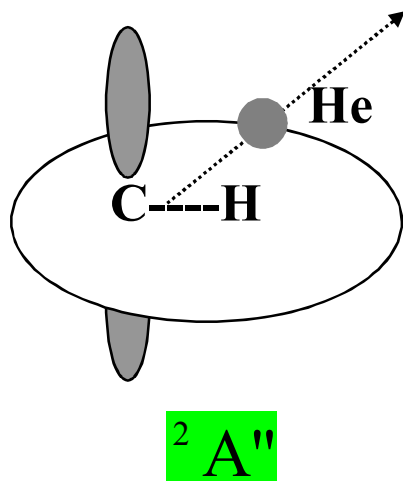


Les courbes des niveaux (CEPA/AVQZ) de CH-He dans l'état électronique de symétrie A''



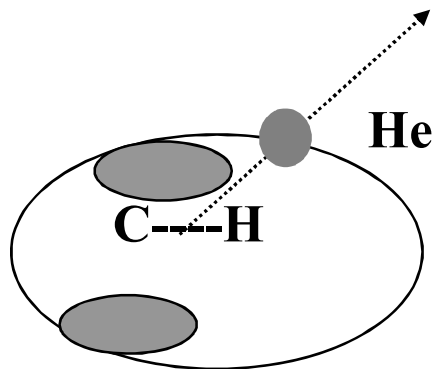
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Résultats de Calcul des surfaces de potentiel d'interaction de CH-He

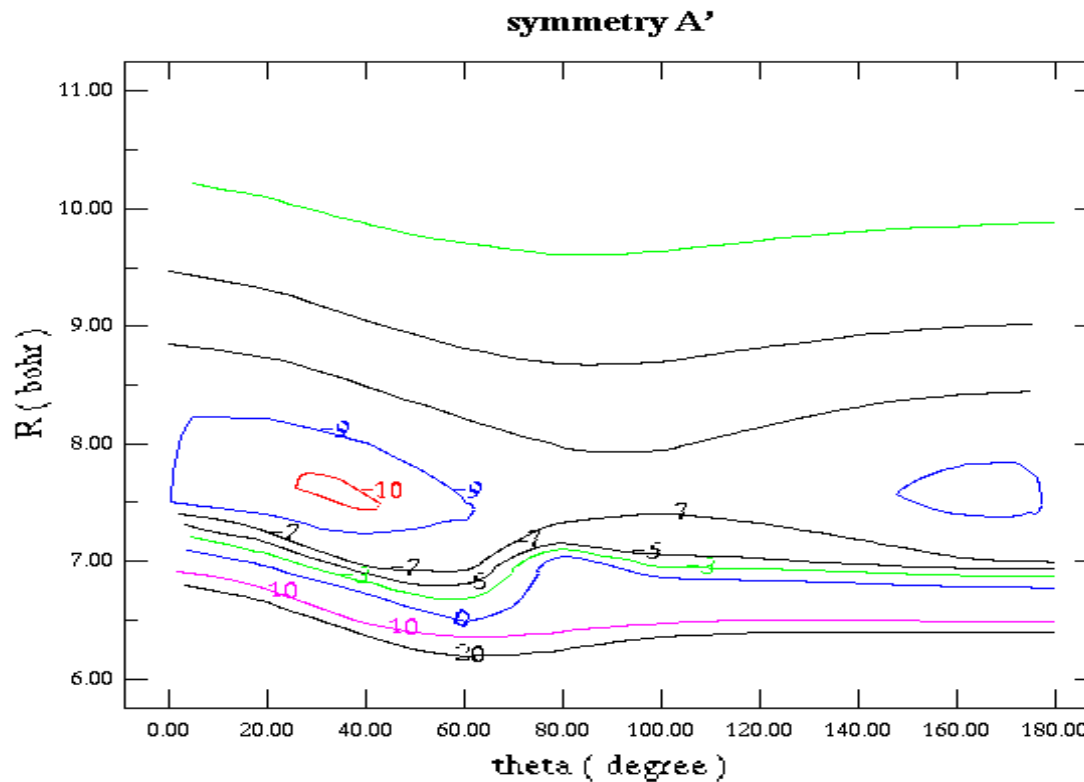


Un seul minimum: $D_e = 60 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($\theta = 80^\circ$, $R = 5.2 \text{ u.a}$)

Au voisinage du minimum: $\Delta\theta = \pm 10^\circ \longrightarrow \Delta V = 30 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



$^2 A'$

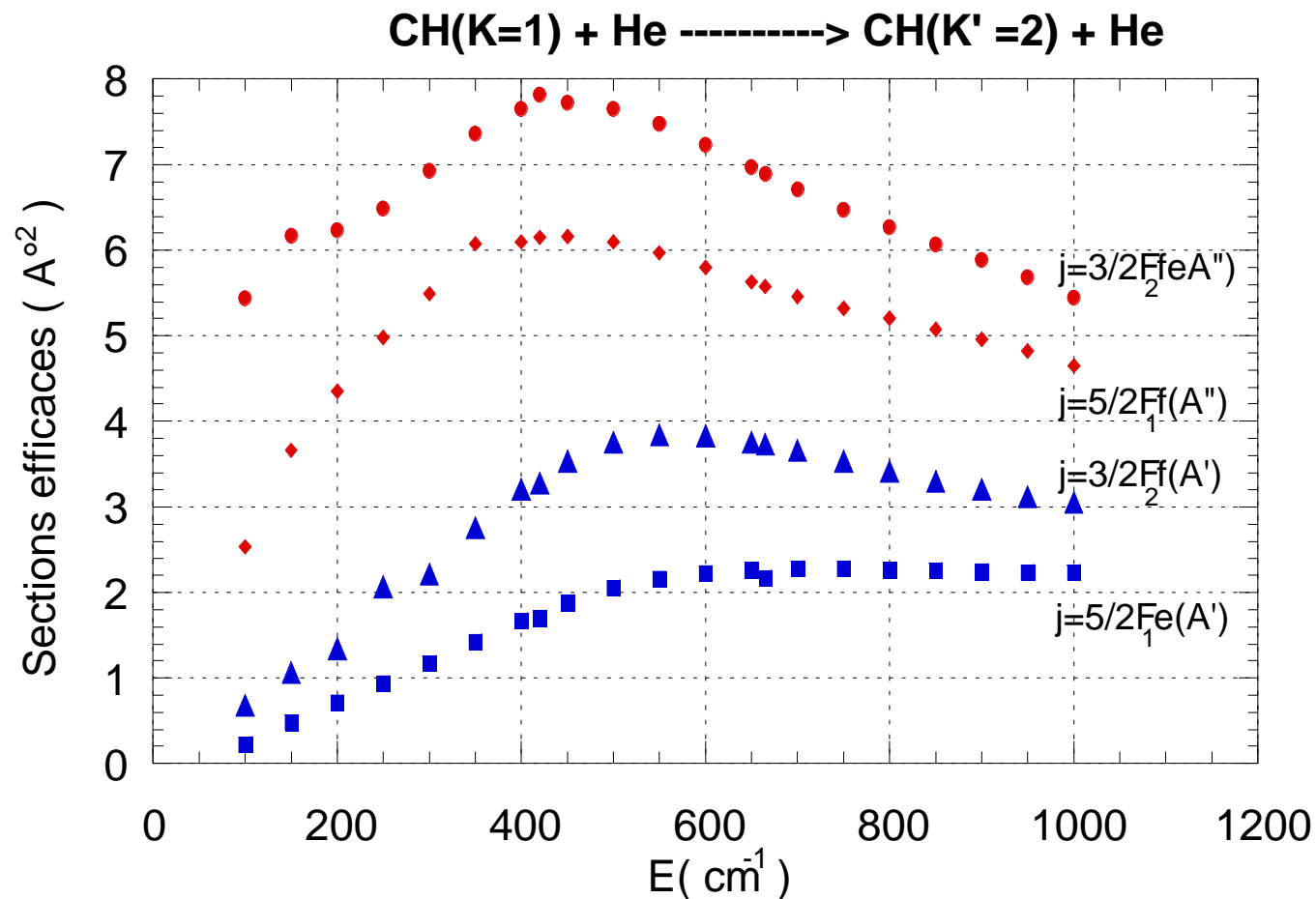


Deux minimums: $D_e = 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta = 180^\circ, R = 7.5 \text{ u.a} \\ \theta = 0 - 40^\circ, R = 7.5-8.0 \text{ u.a} \end{array} \right.$$

Au voisinage du minimum: $\Delta\theta = \pm 10^\circ \longrightarrow \Delta V = 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

2. Résultats du calcul des sections efficaces effectives d'excitation rotationnelle



Thank you