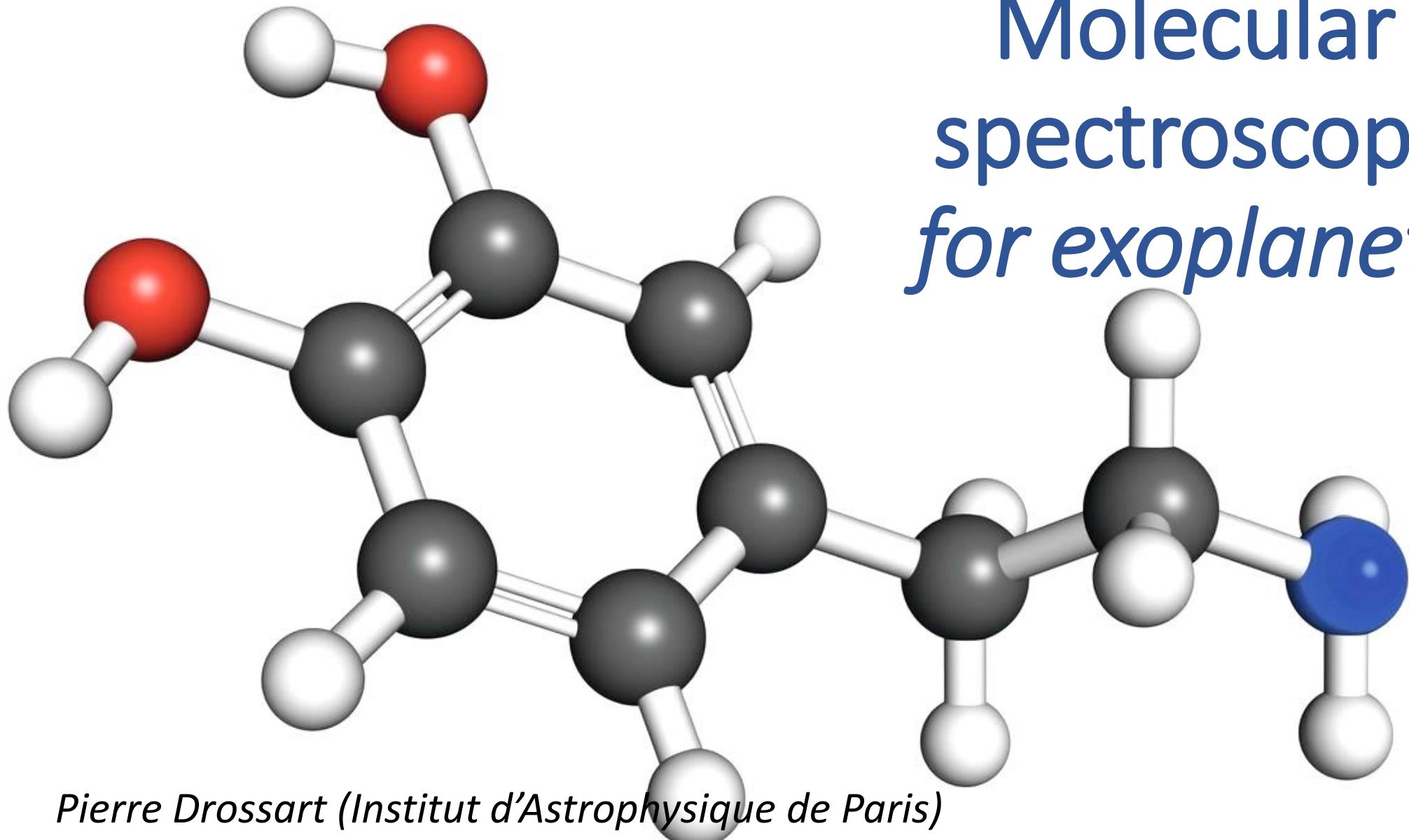


Molecular spectroscopy *for exoplanets*



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Credits

- Isabelle Kleiner, Les Houches course (Ariel school 2022)
- Herzberg : Infrared and Raman spectra of polyatomic molecules
- Spectral line shapes course : Professor Ronald K. Hanson
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- Exomol : Tennyson et al, JQSRT 2020 (The 2020 release of the ExoMol database: Molecular line lists for exoplanet and other hot atmospheres)
- The spectroscopic community : I. Kleiner, M. Rey, V. Boudon, J. Tennyson, V. Tyuterev,... – (*Paris, Reims, Dijon, Rennes, London, Omsk*)

Topics in Molecular spectroscopy

- 1. Concepts : spectroscopy and the rotation and vibration of molecules**
- 2. Diatomic molecules**
 - a. The rigid rotator in quantum mechanics
 - b. The harmonic oscillator in quantum mechanics
- 3. Polyatomic molecules :**
 - a. Linear molecules : CO₂
 - b. Spherical tops : CH₄
 - c. Symmetric tops : NH₃
 - d. Asymmetric tops : H₂O
- 4. Thermodynamics**
 - a. Population of vibro-rotational levels
 - b. Partition functions
- 5. Line widths and absorption coefficients**
 - a. Lorentz shape
 - b. Doppler shape
 - c. Voigt shape
- 6. Some special effects**
 - a. Far wings
 - b. Collision induced absorption
- 7. Data bases**

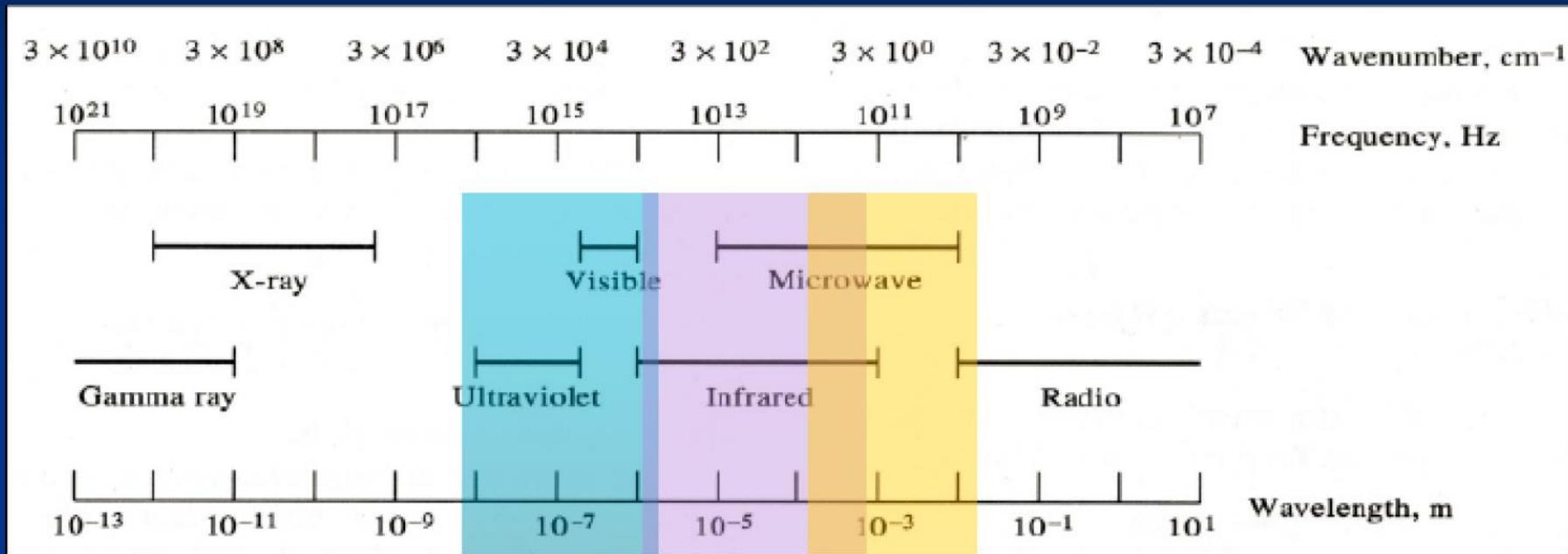
Matter – radiation models for exoplanets

A large part of astrophysics models rely on matter – radiation interaction. In planetary atmospheres, one encounters various phenomena:

- Scattering phenomena (molecular => Rayleigh or particulate => Mie or similar model)
- Molecule-photon interaction in thermal emission or stellar radiation transfer

Here, we explore the molecular models : quantum mechanics is at the base of the description of molecule states. For radiation/molecule model, radiative transfer approximation will treat the light in a classical matter – full quantum radiation/molecule models are usually not necessary => Quantum mechanics is usually limited to the matter domain.

Spectral range and molecular motions



Interaction
Rayonnement-Matière

The Born-Oppenheimer approximation

Due to the large difference in the masses of the nuclei and of the electron, the Born-Oppenheimer approximation stipules that the electronic part of the wave function can be decoupled from the nucleus part with q_i the electronic and Q_i the nuclear coordinates

$$\Psi(q_i, Q_i) = \Psi_{el}(q_i; Q_i) \Psi_N(Q_i)$$

The total energy of the molecule is the sum of

- An electronic part
- A vibrational part
- A rotational part

Which are solved independently

Electronic structure is solved by “freezing” the nuclei at fixed positions and by resolving electronic Schrödinger equation :

$$H_{el} \Psi_{el} = E_{el} \Psi_{el}$$

In which $H_{el} = T_e + V_{ee} + V_{ne}$

If all nuclei are fixed in space, then the coulomb energy associated with the repulsion of two nuclei (V_{nn}) is only a number which can be added to the electronic energy

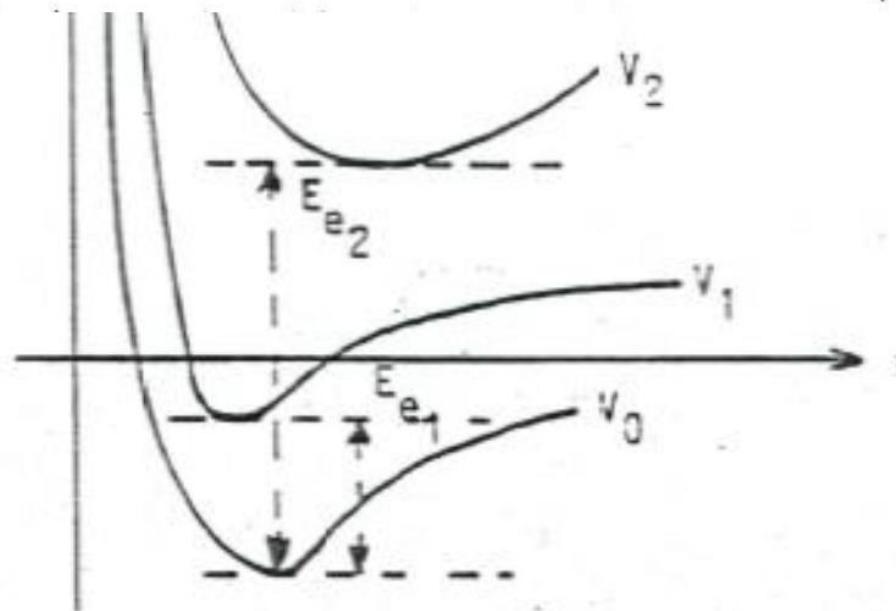
$$U = E_{el} + V_{nn} \quad (7)$$

$$E^{el} = E^{el} \left(\underbrace{\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2, \dots}_{\text{géométrie nucléaire}} \right)$$

For a diatomic molecule

Credit : I. Kleiner, Les Houches 2022

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If the potential energy curves are well separated

$$E \sim E_e + E_v + E_r$$

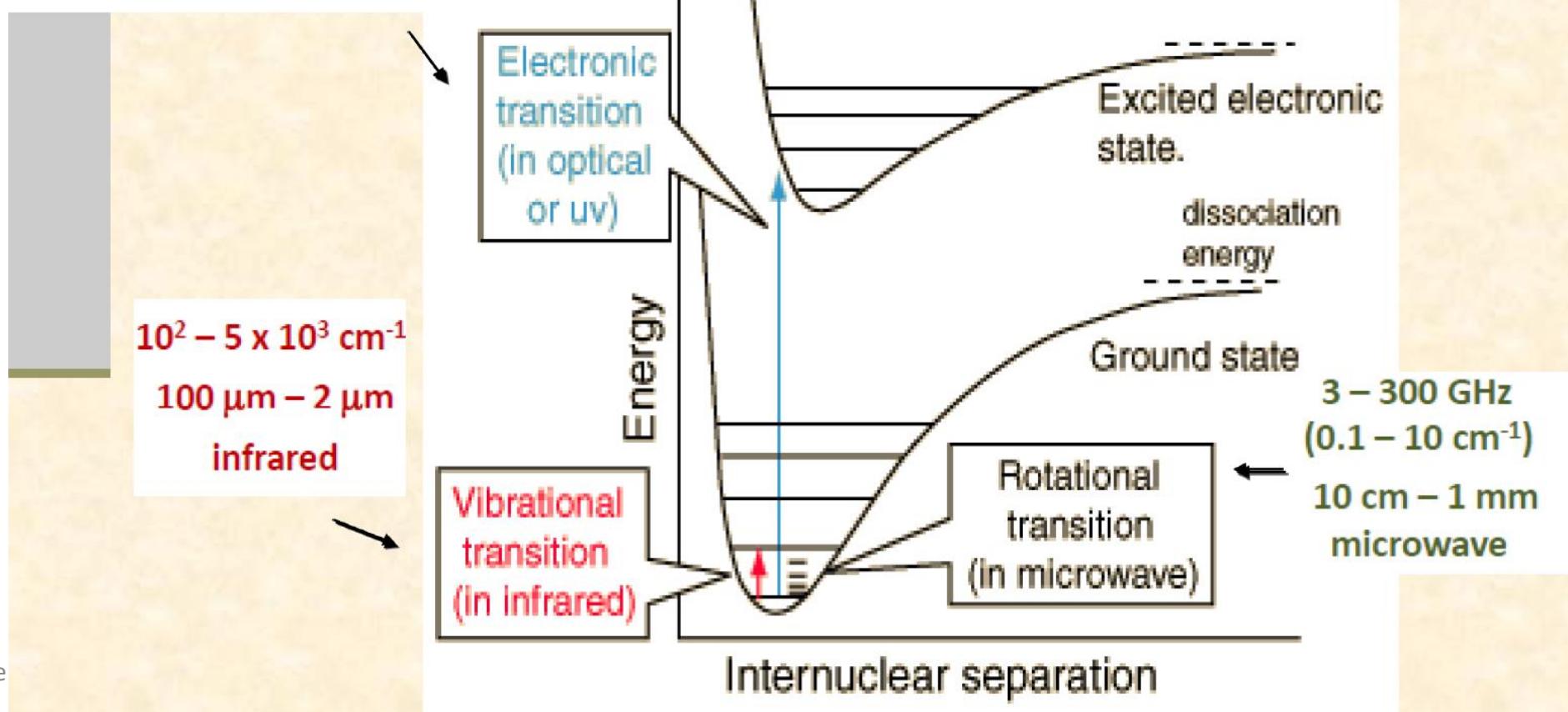
Electron Motions

Nuclei motions

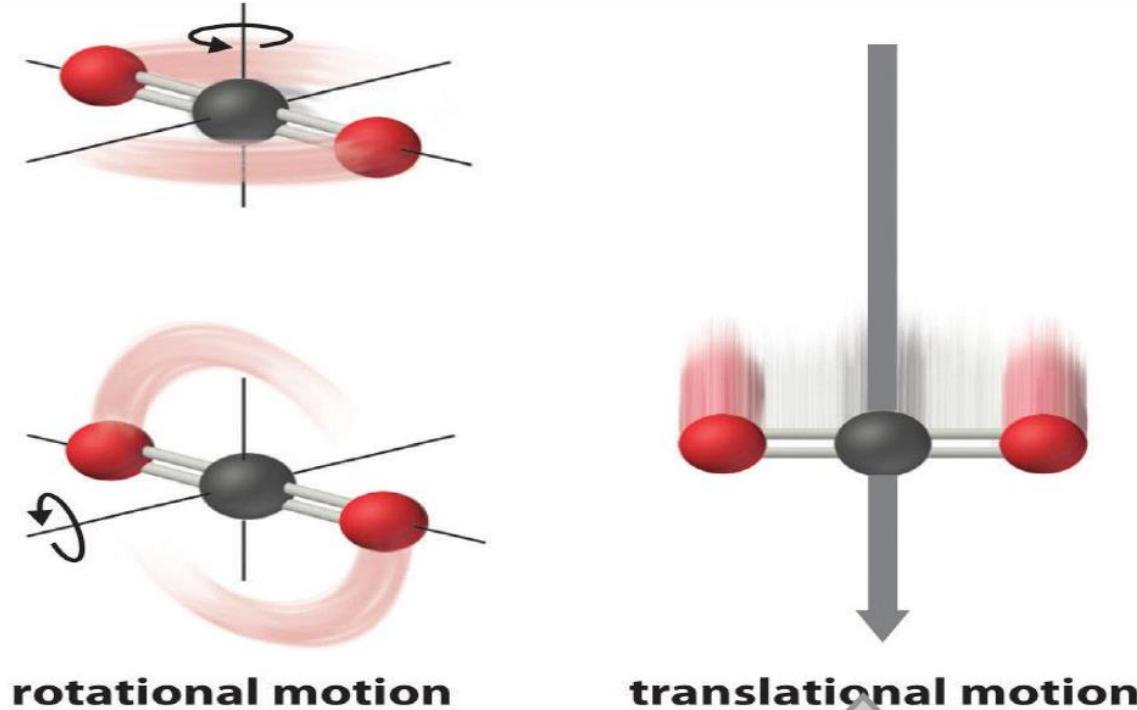
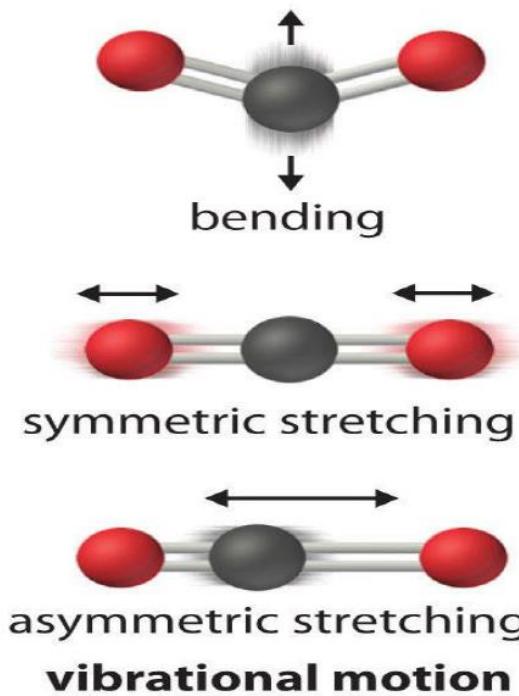
$$\Delta E \approx 2 \times 10^4 - 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Transitions at $\lambda \approx$
 $500 - 100 \text{ nm}$
Vis - UV

$$\Delta E_{\text{el}} \gg \Delta E_{\text{vib}} \gg \Delta E_{\text{rot}}$$



3 types of nuclear motions



Harmonic
Oscillator
model

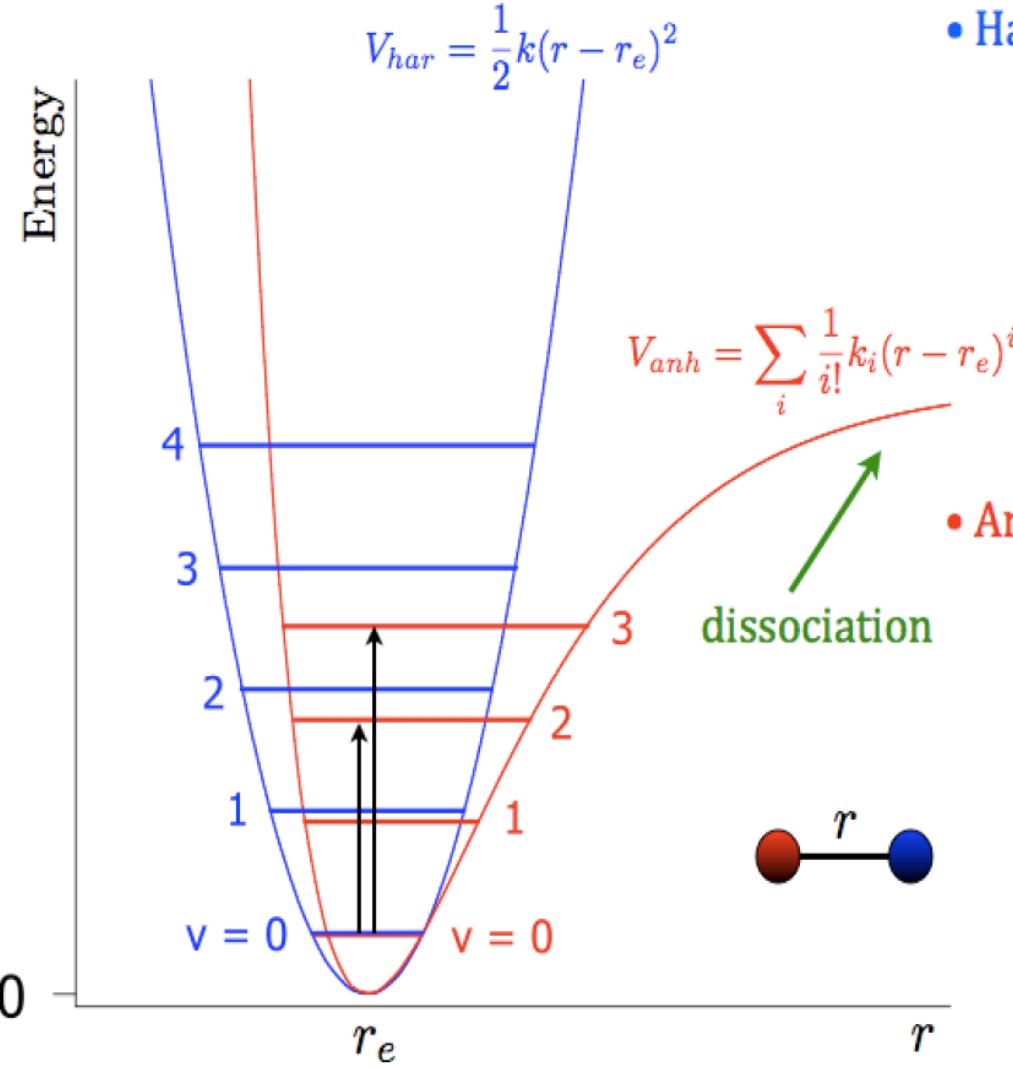


Rigid rotor
model



Can be separated
From the other motions
Energy = constante

Vibration: Harmonic and anharmonic oscillators



- Harmonic oscillator :

$$E_v = \omega_e(v + 1/2)$$

$$k = \frac{d^2V}{dr^2}$$

$$\omega_e = \frac{1}{2\pi c} \sqrt{k/\mu}$$

Reduced mass : $\frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}$

- Anharmonic oscillator :

$$E_v = \omega_e(v + 1/2)$$

$$-\omega_e x_e(v + 1/2)^2 + \dots$$

$$\omega_e x_e = -\frac{5 k_3^2}{48 \omega_e} + \frac{k_4}{16}$$

Force constants : $k_n = \frac{d^n V}{dr^n}$

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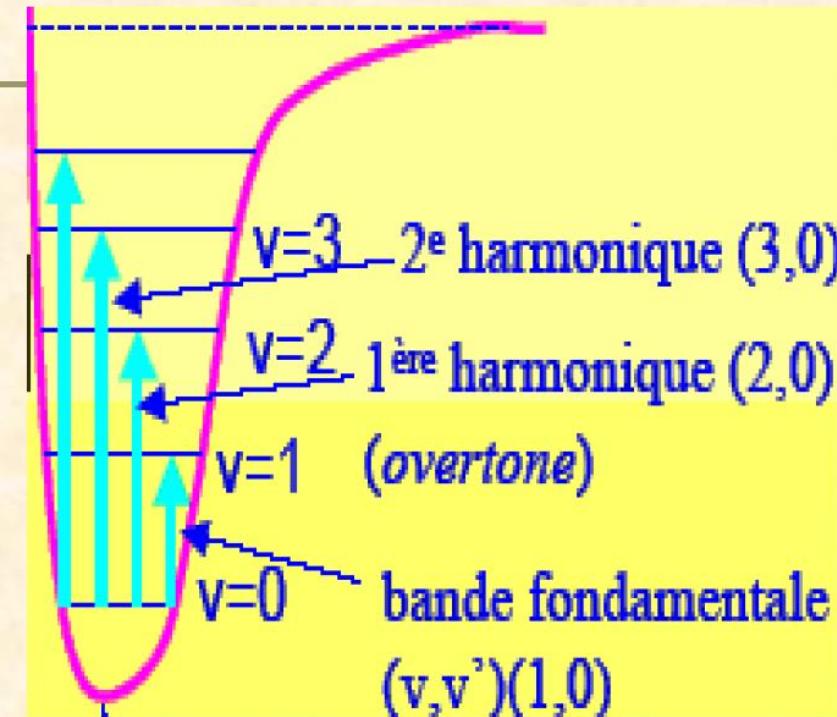
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On the IR spectrum, we observe :

* Fundamental Bands:
vibrations $v=0 \rightarrow v=1$

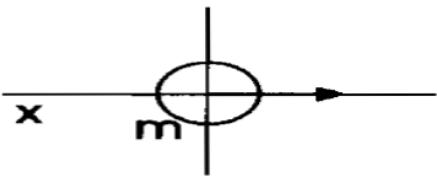
* Overtone bands:
multiples of fundamental
bands (Ex. $2v$)



- Combination bands ($v_1 + v_2$ for example) : simultaneous excitation of several fundamental vibrations
- Hot bands: initial levels are not $v = 0$

Moments of inertia, rotational angular momentum

Linear Motion



Linear Motion

Distance, x

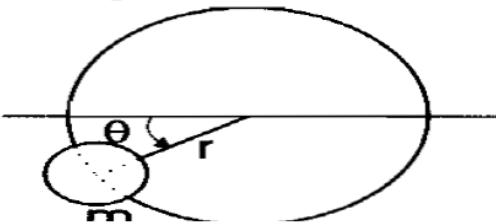
Velocity, $v = \dot{x} = dx/dt$

Mass, m

Linear momentum, $p = mv$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = p^2/2m$$

Angular Motion



Angular Motion

Position

Angle, θ

Velocity

Angular velocity, $\omega = \dot{\theta} = d\theta/dt$

Mass

Moment of inertia, $I = mr^2$

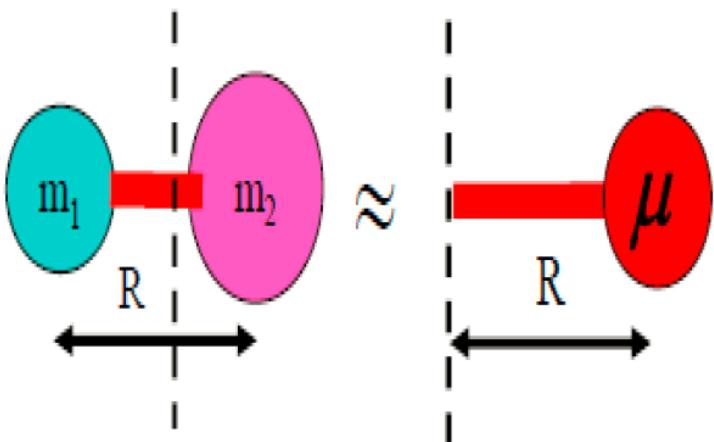
Momentum

Angular momentum, $J = I\omega$

Kinetic energy

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = J^2 / 2I$$

Diatomc molecule



$$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2 = m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2 = \mu R^2$$

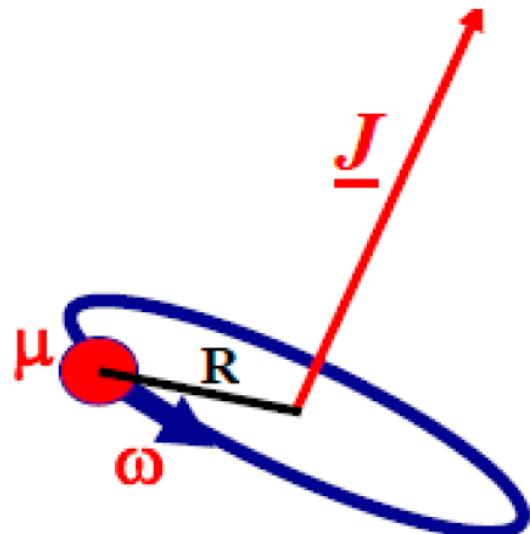
Where the reduced mass,

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)}$$

Definition: The moment of inertia I of centre of mass is given by:

$$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$$

where m_i is the mass of the i th particle and r_i is its perpendicular distance from the axis



The angular momentum,

$$J = I \omega \quad (\text{c.f. } p = mv)$$

The rotational kinetic energy,

$$E = J^2 / 2I = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

$$(\text{c.f. } E = p^2 / 2m = \frac{1}{2} mv^2)$$

From diatomics

to

Polyatomic molecules

$$E = J^2/2I = \gamma_2 I \omega^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} I_x \omega_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_y \omega_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_z \omega_z^2$$

$$J = I\omega$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_x \\ J_y \\ J_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotational energies: how to calculate them ?

$$H_0^{rot}(\text{energie}) = \frac{1}{2} I_x \omega_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_y \omega_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_z \omega_z^2$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$= \frac{J_x^2}{2I_{xx}} + \frac{J_y^2}{2I_{yy}} + \frac{J_z^2}{2I_{zz}} \rightarrow$$

$$= J_x^2 B_x + J_y^2 B_y + J_z^2 B_z$$

Rotational constants

$$B = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 I} = \frac{505379.07}{I(\text{amuA}^2)} \text{MHz}$$

$$B = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c I} = \frac{16.8576314}{I(\text{amuA}^2)} \text{cm}^{-1}$$

$$B \left(\text{in Joule} \right) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I}$$

Rotational constants are related to molecular structure

For diatomics we defined a rotational constant $\tilde{B} \propto \frac{1}{I} = \frac{1}{\mu R^2}$

In general we require three such rotational constants:

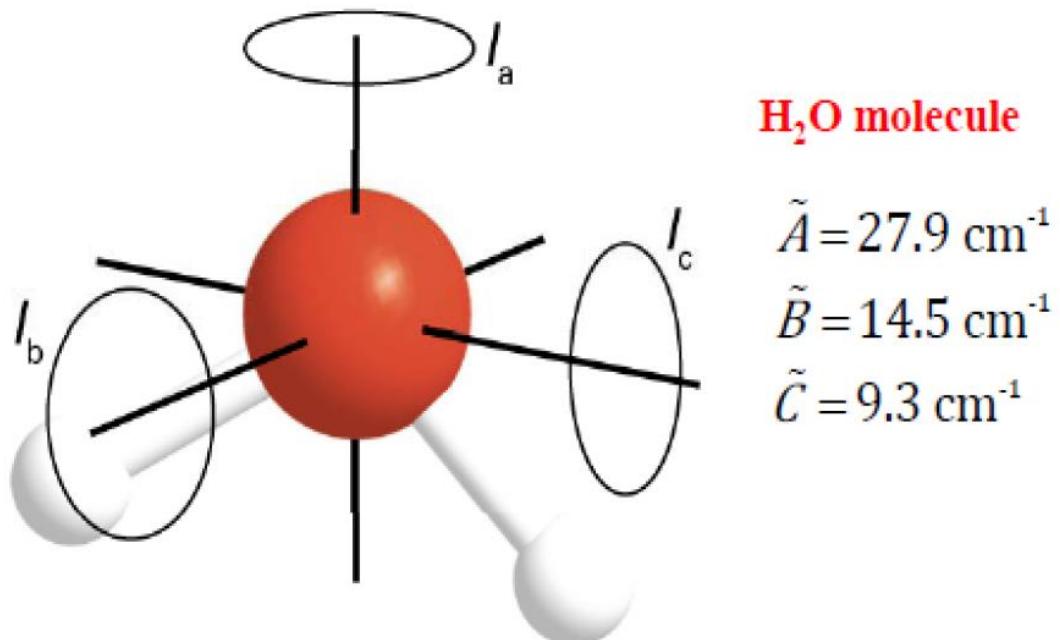
as wavenumbers:

$$\tilde{A} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c I_a}$$

$$\tilde{B} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c I_b}$$

$$\tilde{C} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c I_c}$$

$$\tilde{A} \geq \tilde{B} \geq \tilde{C}$$



But, we can no longer relate these constants explicitly to individual bond lengths within the molecule.

Schrödinger equation rigid rotors

$$\hat{H}\psi_r = E_r\psi_r$$

Rotational operators

$$\nearrow J^2 |\Psi_r\rangle = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{J}+1) |\Psi_r\rangle$$

$$\searrow J_z |\Psi_r\rangle = \mathbf{K} |\Psi_r\rangle$$

J and **K** are the quantum numbers for rotation

$$(J = 0 \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

repérer la molécule dans le système d'axes

Rotational energies for diatomic or linear molecules

$$E_J = BJ(J+1)$$

- J is the rotation quantum number = 0, 1, 2, ...
- B is the rotational constant

$$B \text{ (in Joule)} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I}$$

We can also give the B in cm^{-1}

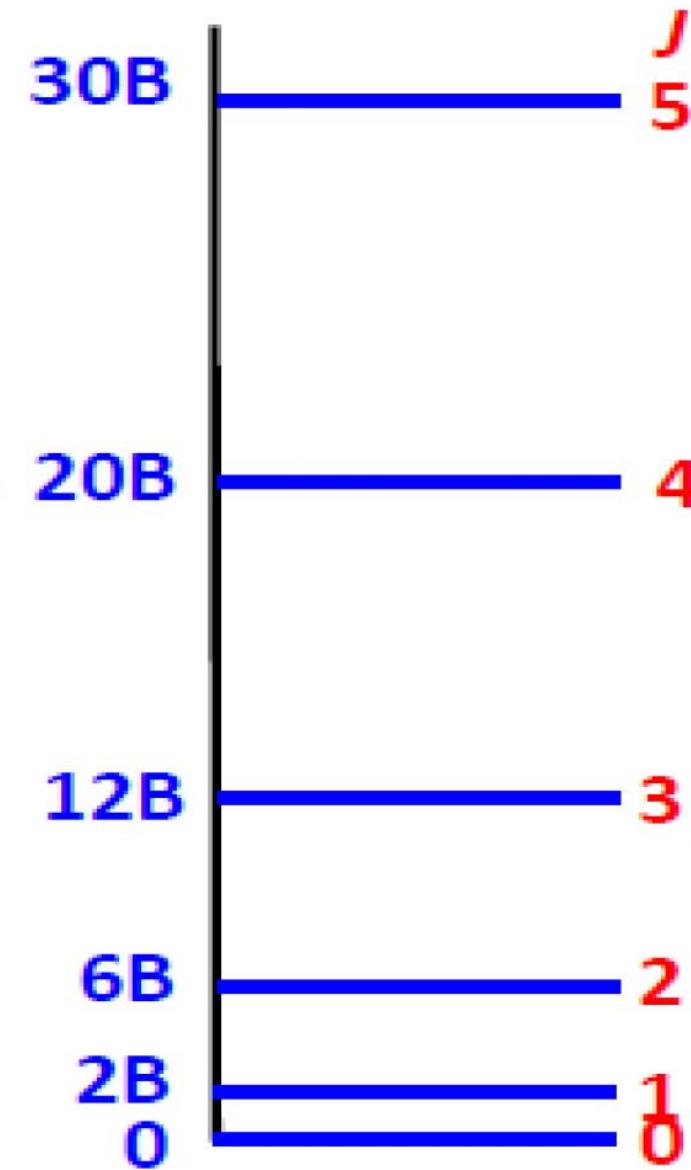
$$F_J = \frac{E_J}{hc} = \tilde{B}J(J+1)$$

$$\tilde{B} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 cl} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c \mu R^2}$$

$$\tilde{B}$$

H_2	60.85 cm^{-1}
CO	1.93 cm^{-1}
HCl	10.59 cm^{-1}

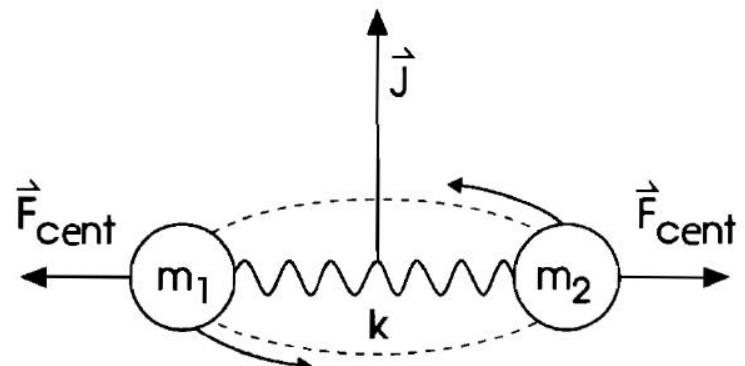
Wavenumber / cm^{-1}



Centrifugal distortion

The bonds between the atoms are not really rigid, the centrifugal force imposed to the atoms is susceptible to increase the bond length.

if J increases, the molecule turns faster, the centrifugal force increases, which **increases the bond length**, r , and thus the moment of inertia increases, since $I = m r^2$.



$$B = \frac{\hbar}{8\pi^2 c I}$$

This increase of I implies a decrease of B

Centrifugal distortion

$$E(v, J) = hc [G(v) + F(J)]$$

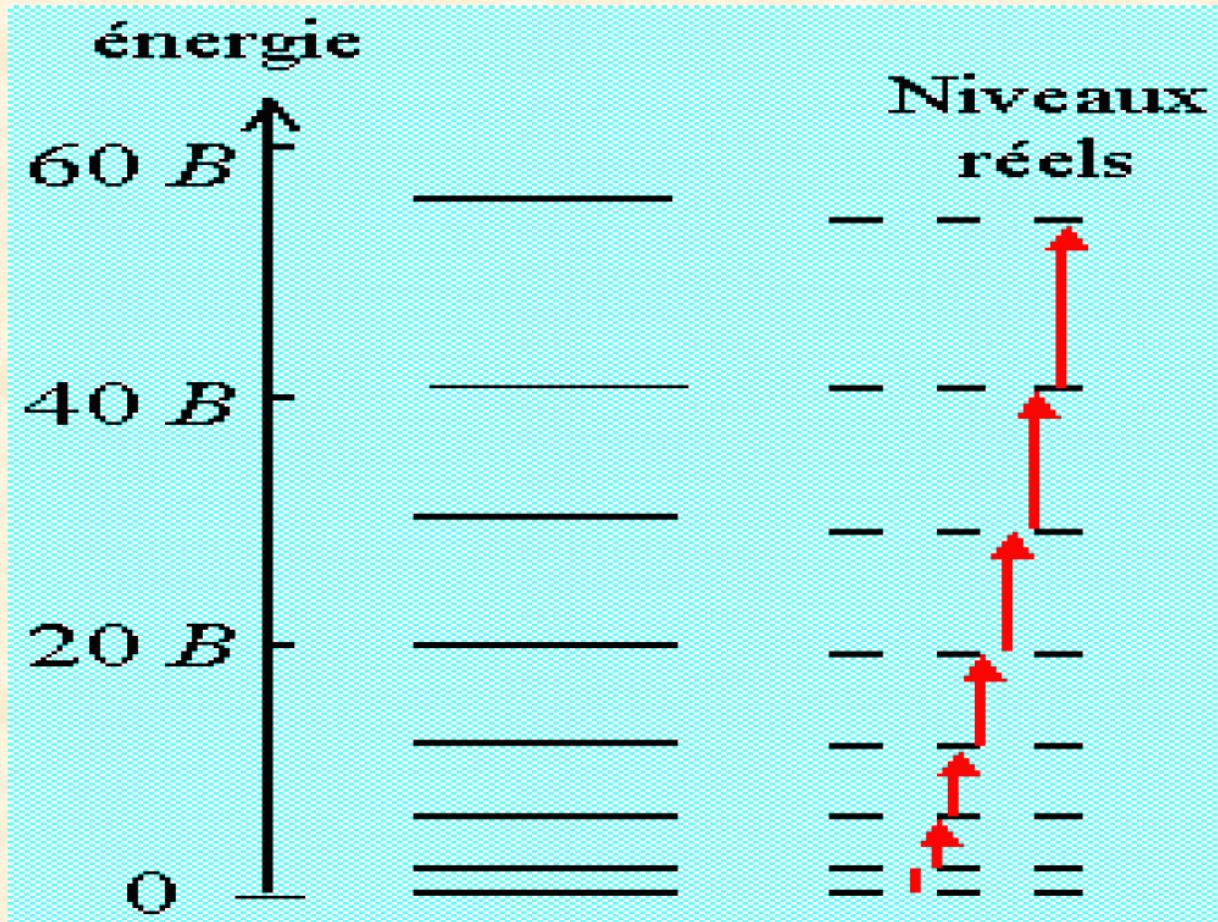
The energy of the vibrating-rotating molecule is :

$$\begin{aligned} G(v) + F(J) = & \omega_e(v + 1/2) - \omega_e x_e (v + 1/2)^2 \\ & + B J (J + 1) \\ & - D J^2 (J + 1)^2 - \dots \end{aligned}$$

The D parameter is centrifugal **distortion**

Whereas $\omega_e x_e$ is
related to the anharmonicity of the vibration

Centrifugal distortion effect on the energy levels



Diatomique molecules

$J \rightarrow J' = J - 1$: P Branch

$J=0 \rightarrow J'=0$: Q branch
« forbidden » transition

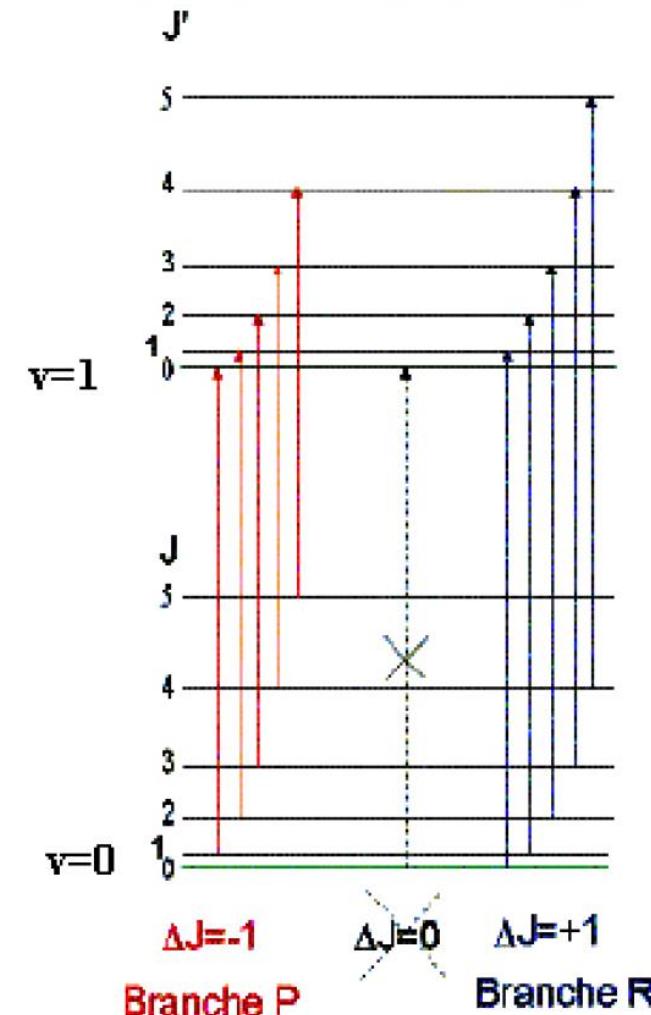
$J \rightarrow J' = J + 1$: R Branch

a) $\Delta v = 0$; $\Delta J = \pm 1$: pure rotation spectrum (microwave).

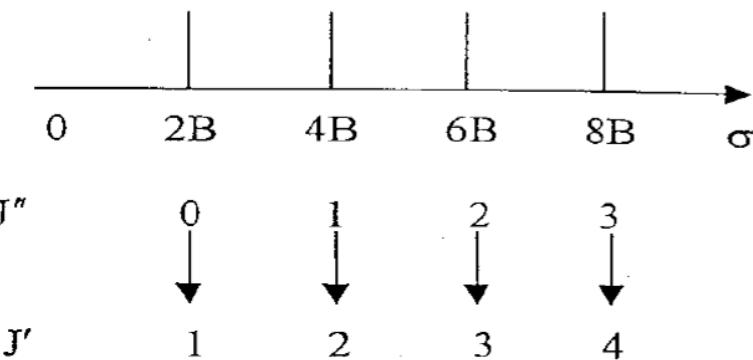
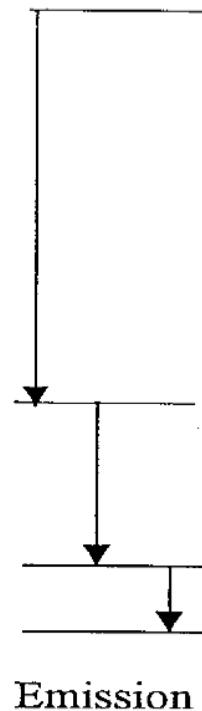
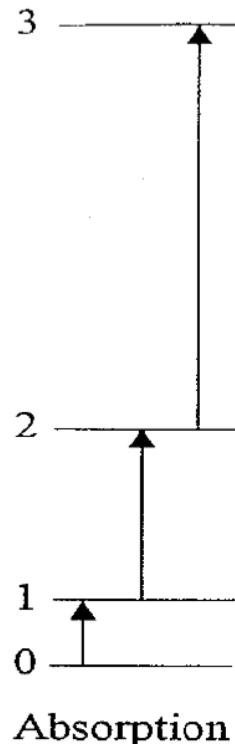
The molecule must have a permanent dipolar moment

b) $\Delta v = \pm 1$; $\Delta J = \pm 1$: vibration-torsion (infrared)

The dipole moment must change during the vibration



Pure rotation spectrum (microwave) for a diatomic molecule

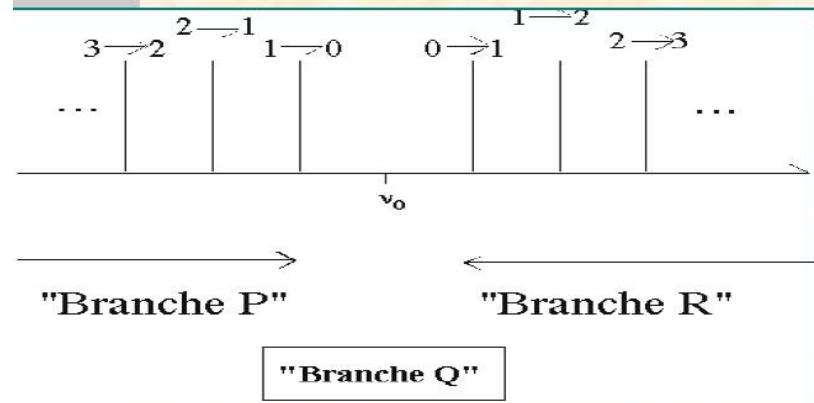


Spectre d'absorption

The heavier the molecule is , the closer the lines are

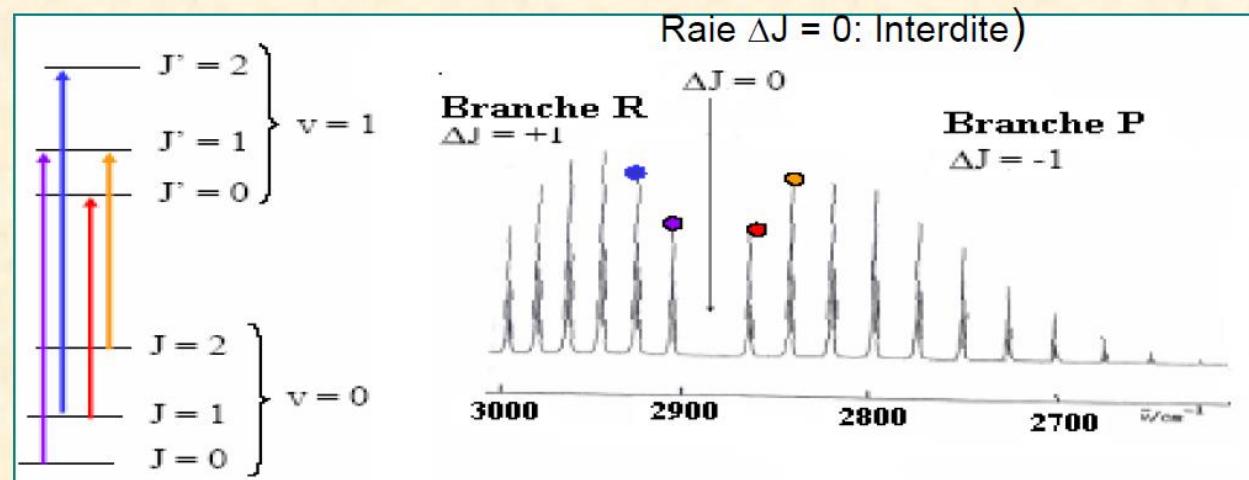
B) rotation-vibration spectrum

- Vibration-rotation transitions lead to a series of lines



R Branch : at higher frequencies ν relative to the band center ν_0

- Like for pure rotation spectra, intensities depend on the level population (function of J)



What about polyatomic molecules???

- **Classification** of the molecules
 - *Linear* molecules : $I_a = 0, I_b = I_c$ (CO_2, HCN)
 - *Spherical tops* : $I_a = I_b = I_c$ (CH_4, SF_6)
 - *Prolate symmetric tops* : $I_a < I_b = I_c$ ($\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}, \text{C}_2\text{H}_6$)
 - *Oblate symmetric tops* : $I_a = I_b < I_c$ ($\text{CCl}_3\text{H}, \text{BF}_3$)
 - *Asymmetric tops* : $I_a < I_b < I_c$ ($\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{HNO}_3, \text{HCOOH}$)

Concept of normal vibrations - fundamentals

Polyatomic molecules : N atoms => $3N$ motions

Suppressing the motions equivalent to translations => $3N-5$ or 6 vibrations

Matrix of motions transformed to eigenvalues => fundamental vibrations

Number of fundamentals < $3N-5$ as degenerate vibrations related to the symmetry of the molecule

Symmetries

- Symmetry elements and operations
 - Plane of symmetry (σ)
 - Center of symmetry (i)
 - P-fold axis of symmetry C_p with $p=1,2,3\dots$
 - P-fold rotation-reflection axis S_p (rotation C_p + symmetry)
- Point groups

The combination of the symmetry elements (+ identity) forms a group structure and characterize the molecular structure relevant to the vibrational fundamentals

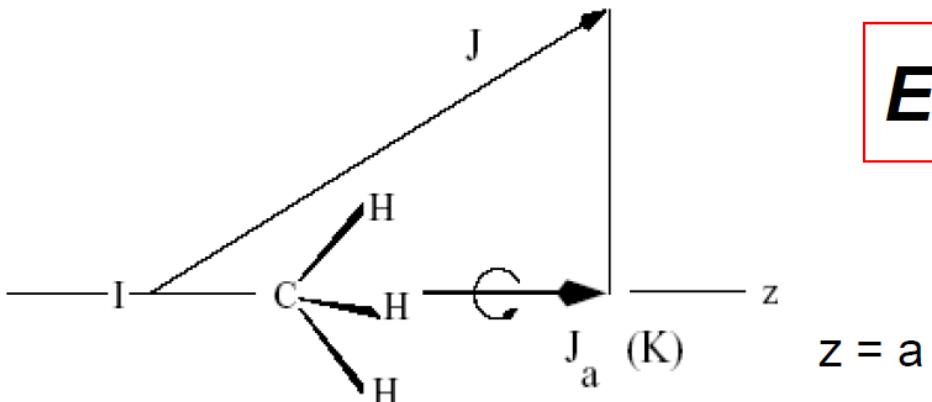
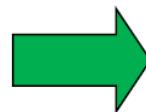
There are two types of symmetric rotors:

1) $B_x = B_y \neq B_z$

- A) Prolate symmetric rotors (“cigar” molecules)

- I_{zz} is defined as the smallest inertia moment and corresponds to the « A » rotational constant (which is always the biggest)

$$A = B_z, B = B_x = B_y$$



$$E_0^{\text{rot}} = B J(J+1) + (A-B) K^2$$

K is called K_a for prolate tops

Second type of symmetric tops

2) $B_x = B_y \neq B_z$

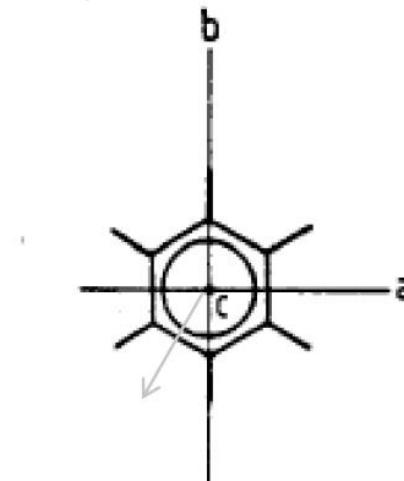
-B) *Oblate symmetric tops* (“plate” molecule):

I_{zz} is defined for those oblate tops as the biggest moment of inertia and correspond to the C rotational constant (which is the smallest constant)

$$B_x = B_y = B, C = B_z$$

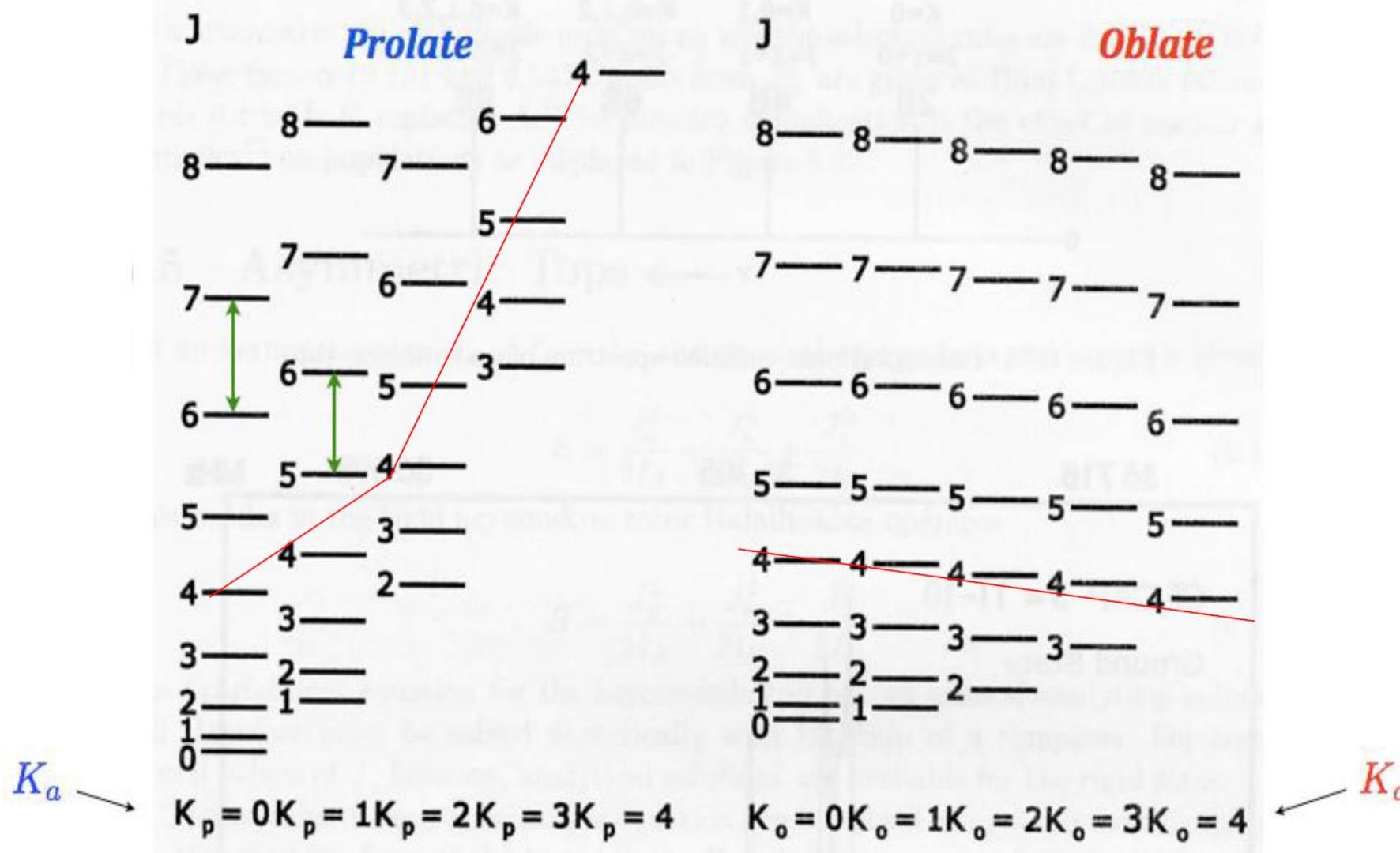
$$E_0^{\text{rot}} = BJ(J+1) + (C-B) K^2$$

K is called K_c for oblate tops



Rotation energies for symmetric tops

$A \geq B \geq C$



$$E_r(J, K) = BJ(J+1) + \frac{(A - B)K^2}{> 0}$$

$$E_r(J, K) = BJ(J+1) + \frac{(C - B)K^2}{< 0}$$

Molécules toupies symétriques

Rotation-vibration: transitions are induced by the variations of the **z component of dipole moment parallel** to the symmetry axis or by the **x et y components perpendicular** to this axis.

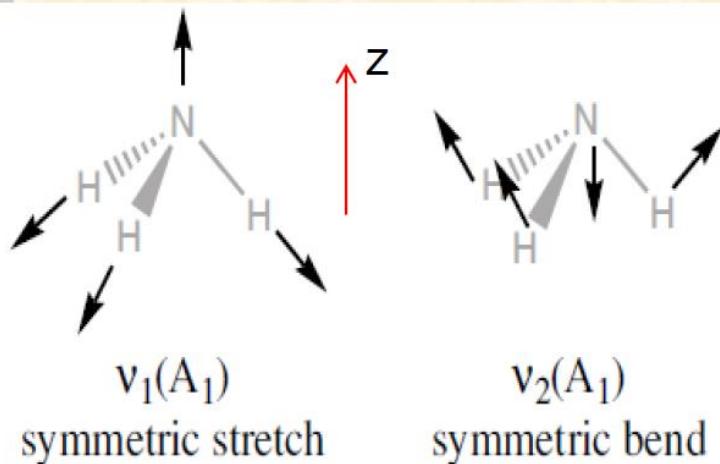


2 types of selection rules and 2 types of bands

■ Parallel Band (induced by the variations de μ_z)

$$\Delta \ell = 0$$

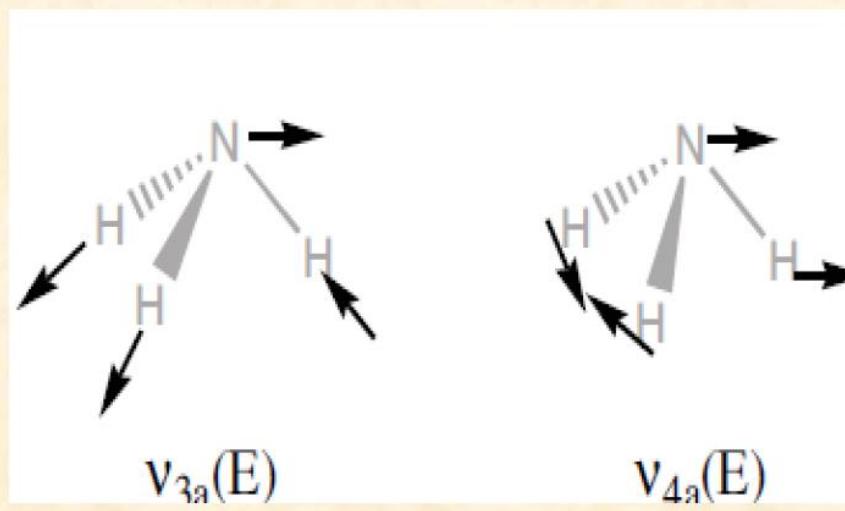
- si $K \neq 0$ $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1$ et $\Delta K = 0$
- si $K = 0$ $\Delta J = \pm 1$ et $\Delta K = 0$



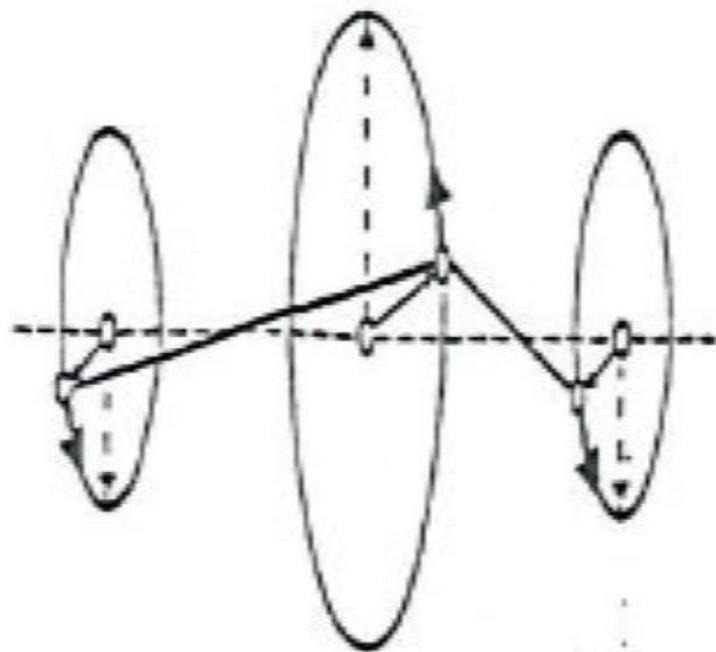
■ Perpendicular Band (induced by μ_x, μ_y)

$$\Delta \ell = \pm 1$$

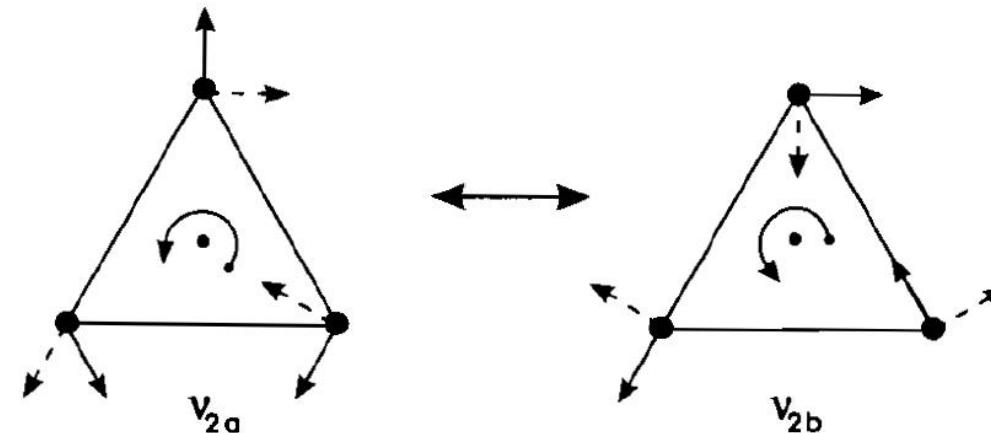
$$\Delta J = 0, \pm 1 \text{ et } \Delta K = \pm 1$$



What is hapening in so-called « degenerate » modes?



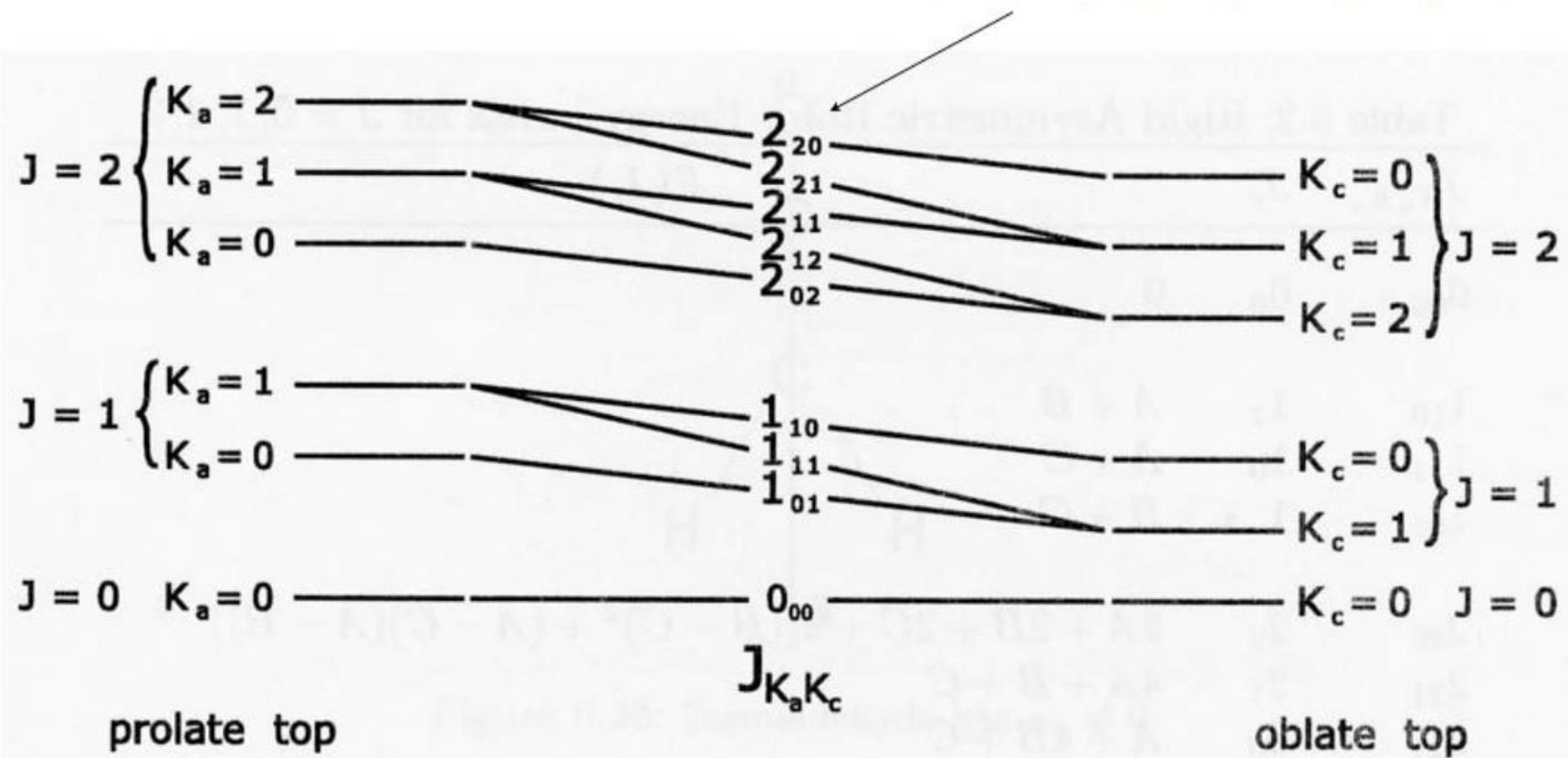
Linear molecule (CO₂)



Symmetric top (H₃⁺)

Asymmetric top: energy levels: J K_a K_c

K_a, K_c = pseudo-quantum numbers



$$\kappa = -1$$

$$\kappa = \frac{2B - A - C}{A - C}$$

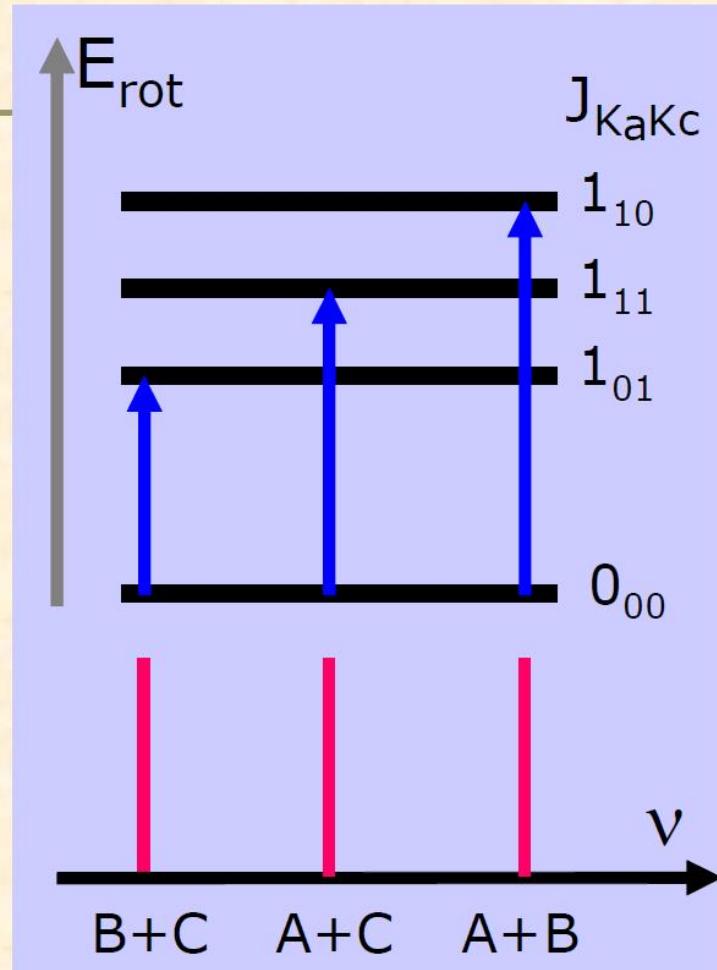
$$\kappa = +1$$

Rotational energy levels and transitions

Rigid rotor
(zero order
energy)

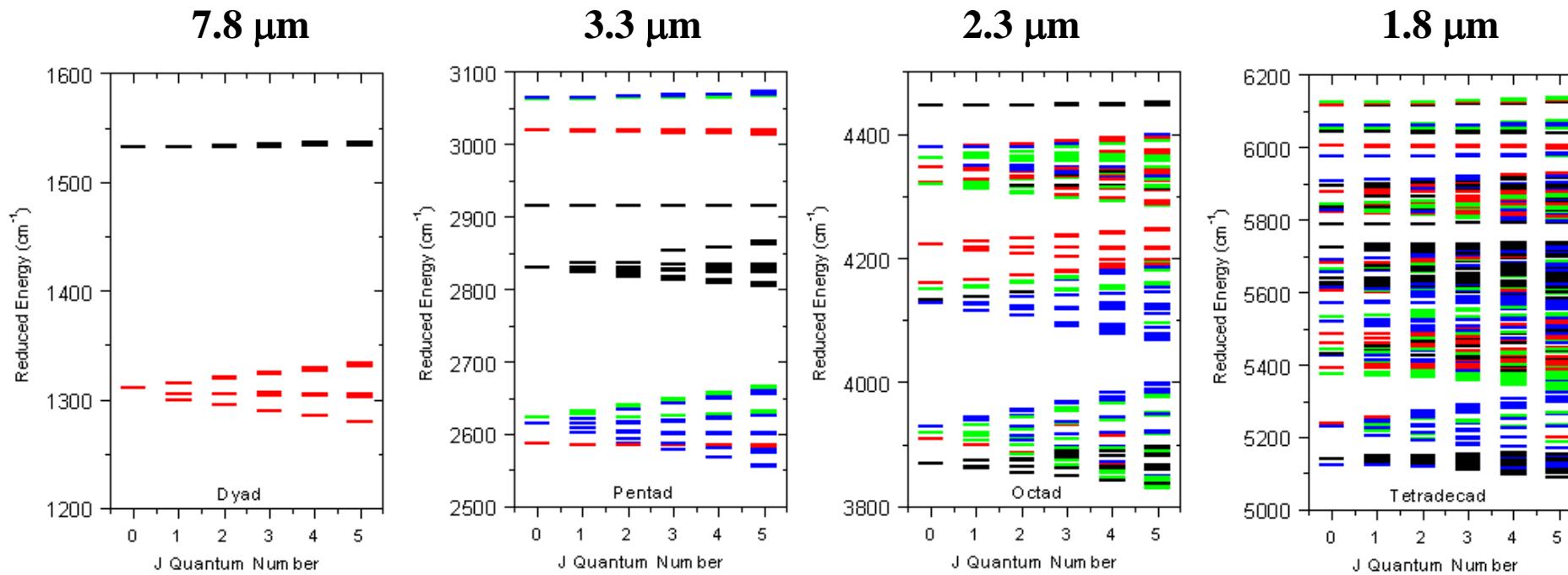
Asymmetric
top, rotation
characterized
by **the
quantum
numbers :**
J, K_a, K_c

Line Intensities :
Depend on the
Electric dipole
moment
 $\mu (\mu_a, \mu_b, \mu_c)$



Limitation of the
size of the molecule
measured by most
of Fourier-
Transform
spectrometers
(2-20 GHz) : 250-300
uma

CH₄ : vibration/rotation bands



Dyad

2 vibrational states
2 sublevels

Pentad

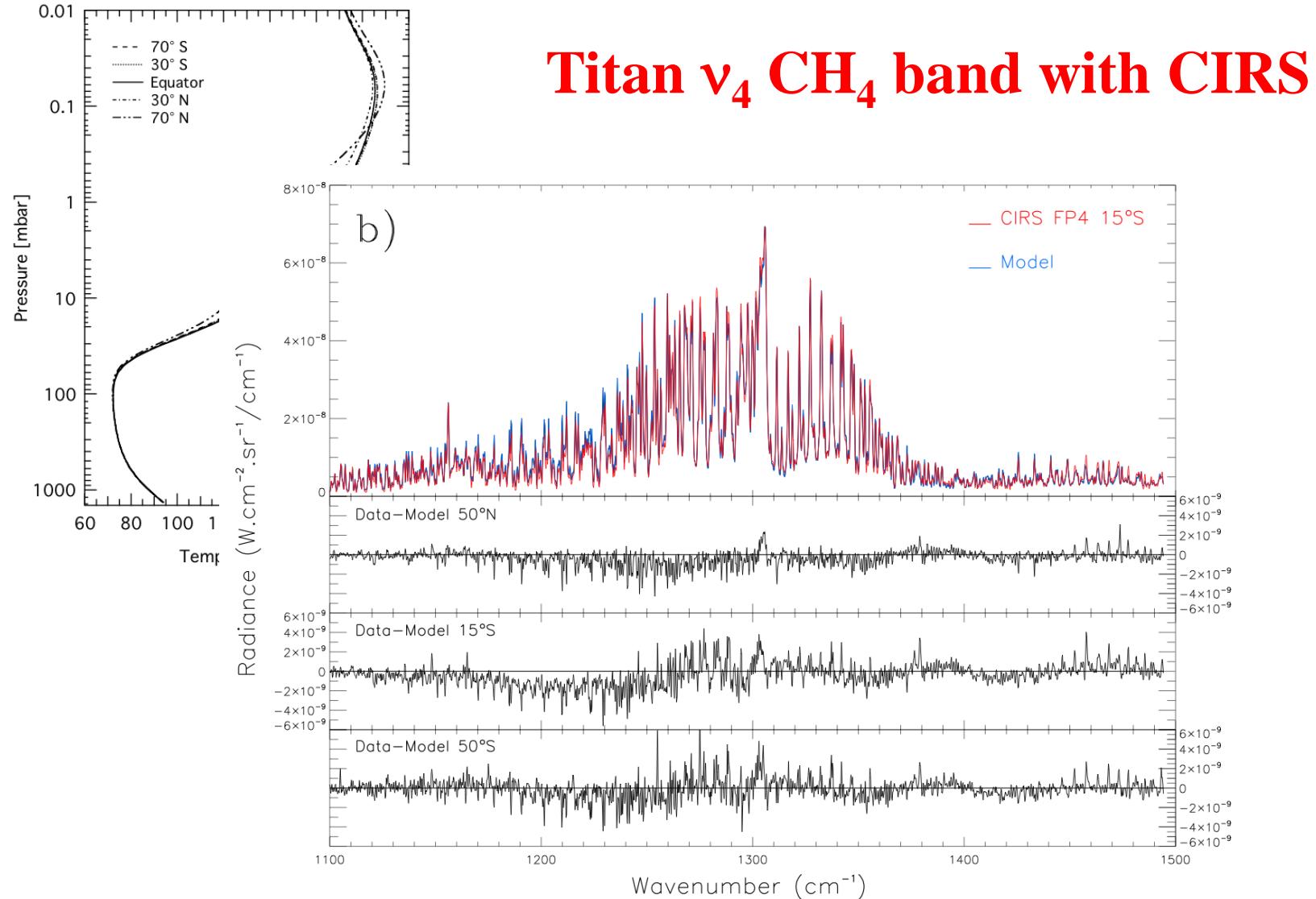
5 vibrational states
9 sublevels

Octad

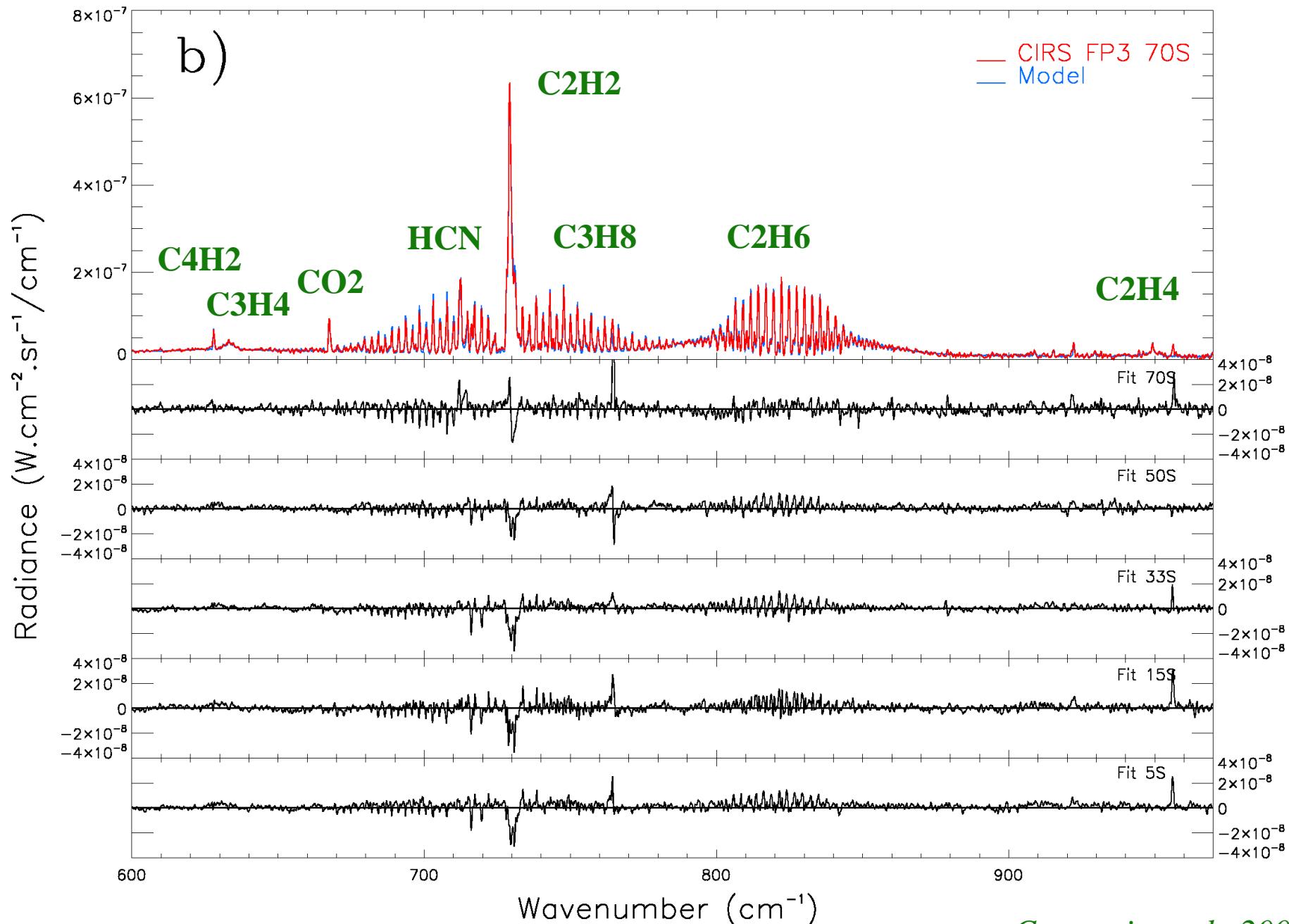
8 vibrational states
20 sublevels

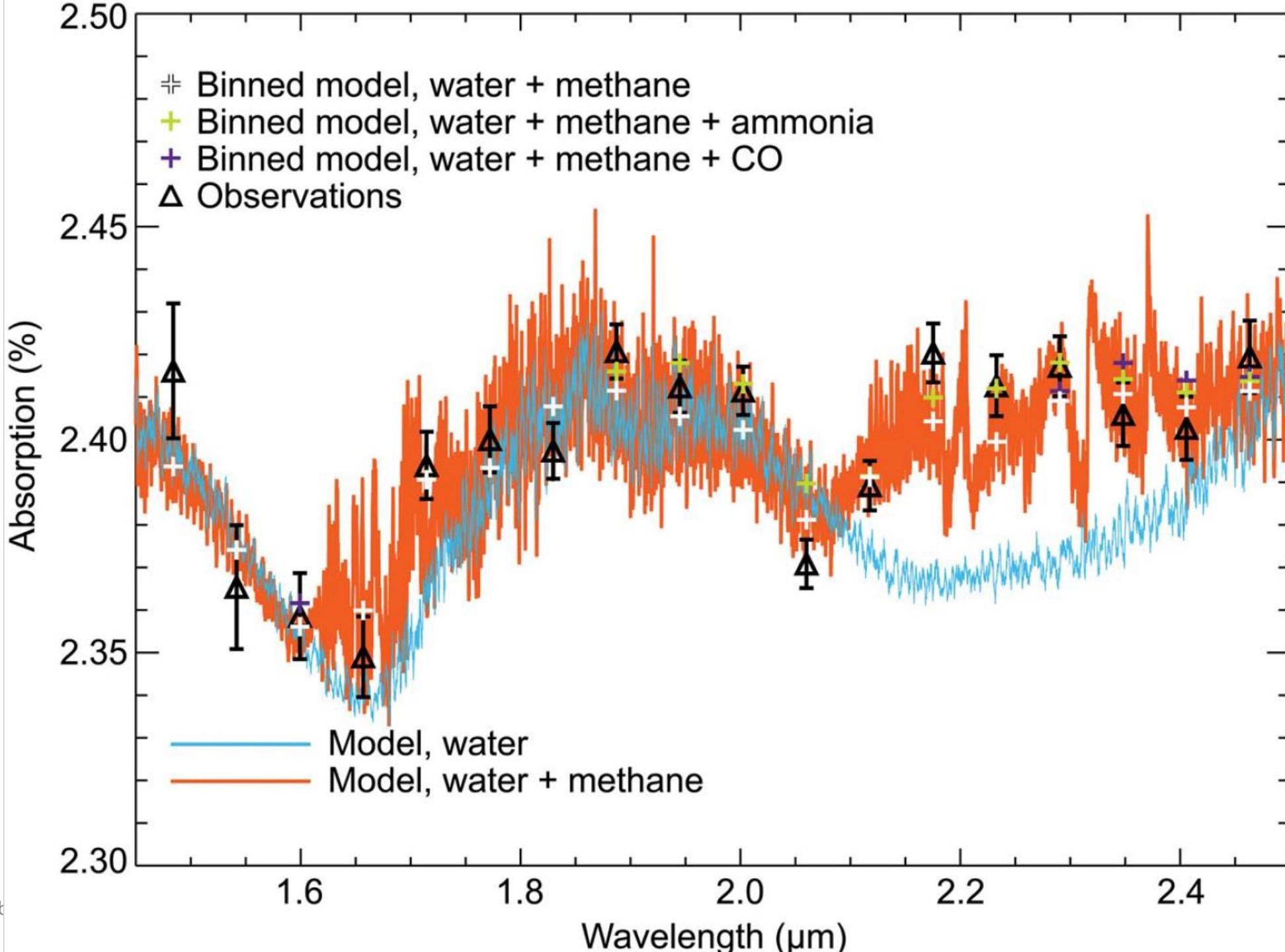
Tetradecad

14 vibrational states
60 sublevels



Coustenis et al., 2007





Additional complexities : internal motions

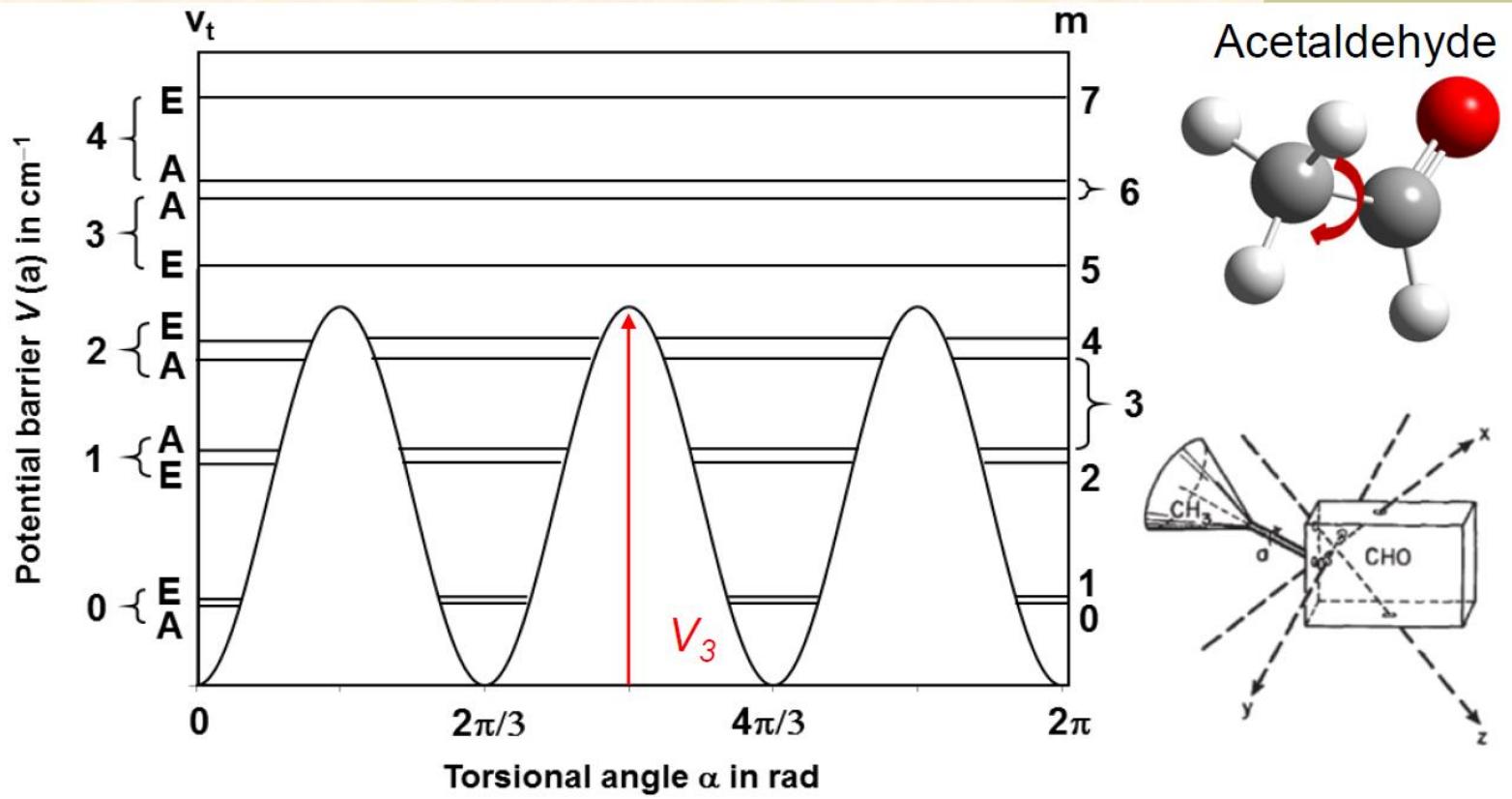
Internal motions in some molecules greatly complexify the spectroscopy.

Examples :

CH₃-COH (formaldehyde)

NH₃

Internal rotation

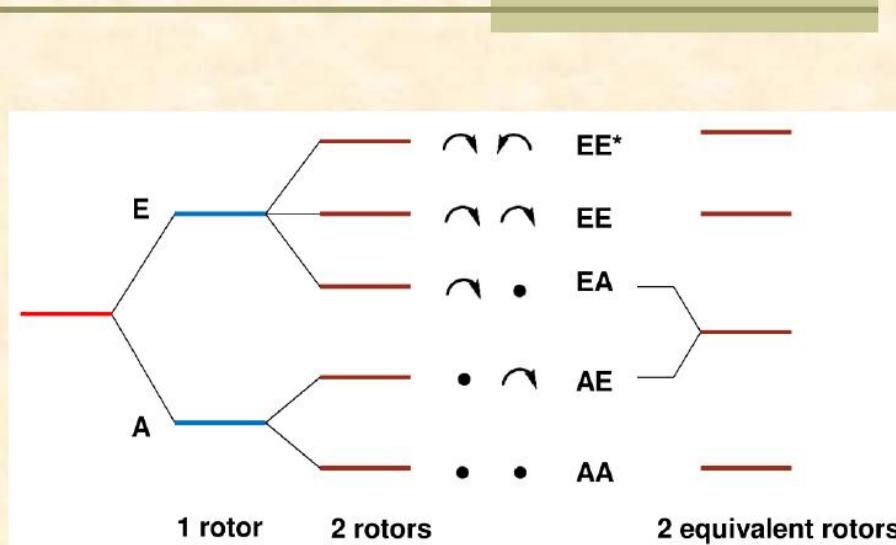
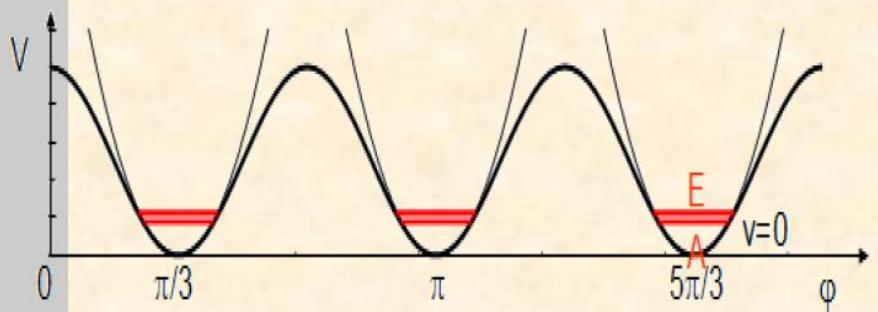
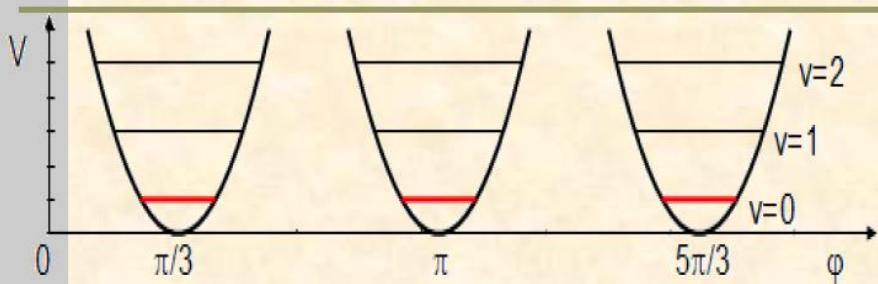


$$V(\alpha) = \frac{V_3}{2}(1 - \cos 3\alpha) + \frac{V_6}{2}(1 - \cos 6\alpha) + \dots$$

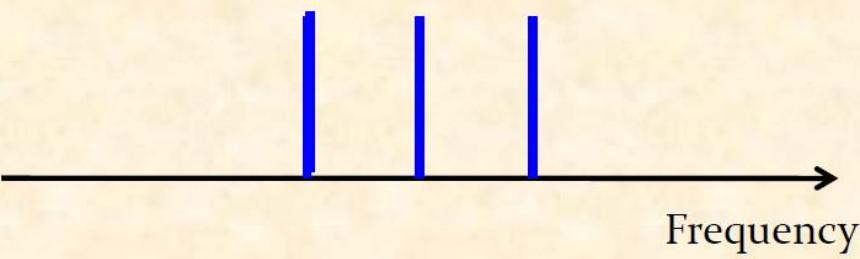
Lin and Swalen
Rev. Mod. Phys
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Internal rotation



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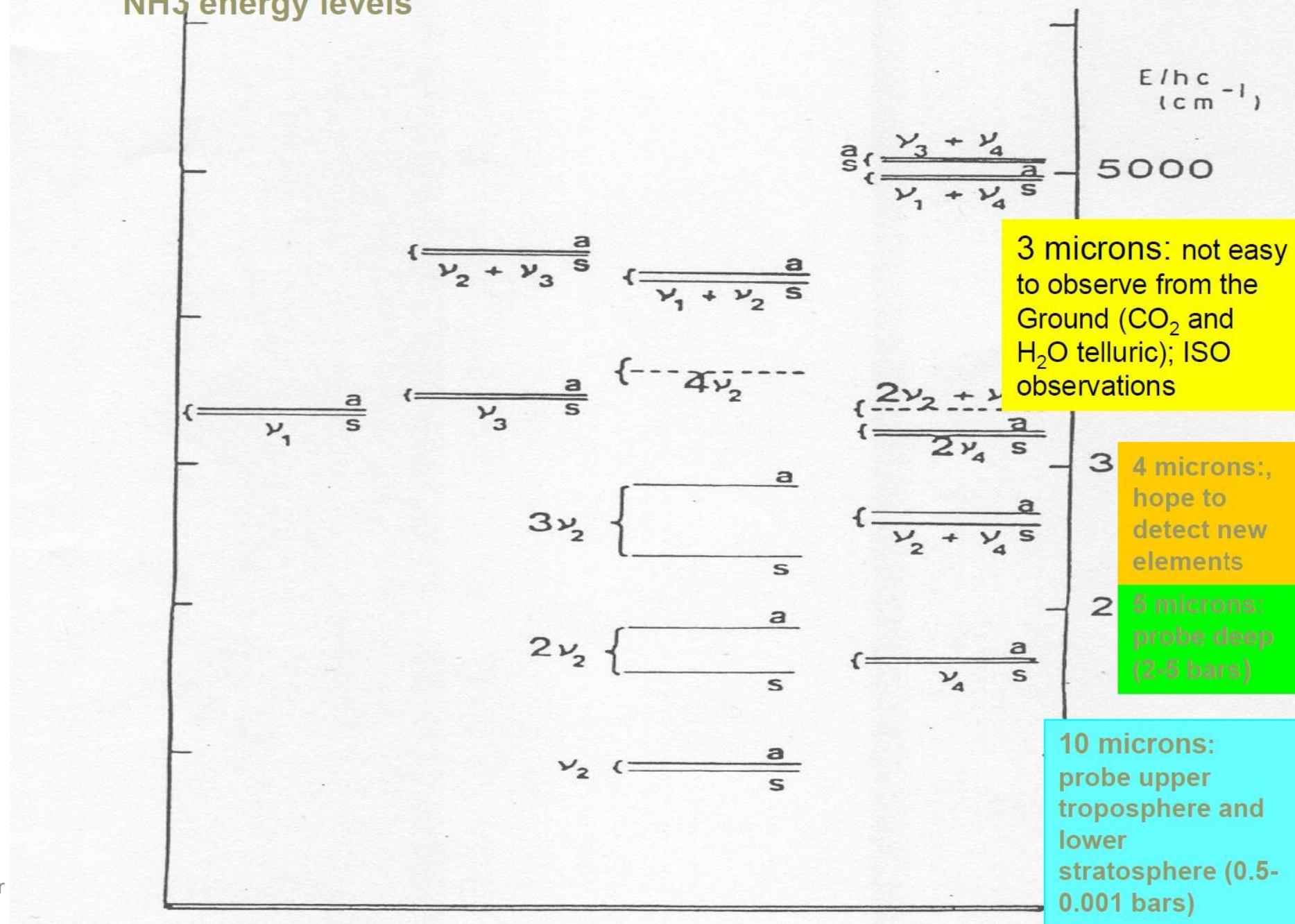


What do we know about the spectroscopy of ammonia NH₃ ?

Range	Bands (cm ⁻¹)	Intensity cm ⁻² atm ⁻¹ at 296K	Position RMS (cm ⁻¹)	Intensities RMS (%)	Ref	
local modes						
4800-18000			3.3		Coy and Lehmann, 1989	
1626-18000			5.5		Kauppi and Halonen, 1995	
normal modes						
7600-8000						
6400-6800	$\nu_1 + \nu_3, 2\nu_3$	10.?			Lundsberg-Nielsen et al, 1993 Xu et al 2003, Orphal 2006	
5900-6200						
4750-5150	$\nu_1 + \nu_4 / \nu_3 + \nu_4$	17.			Brown and Margolis, 1996	
4200-4700	$\nu_2 + \nu_3 / \nu_1 + \nu_2$	22.	0.2		Urban et al 1989	
3100-3700	$\nu_1 / \nu_3 / 2\nu_4$	38.	0.085	9	Kleiner et al, 1999	3 microns
2200-3100	$3\nu_2 / \nu_2 + \nu_4$ +hot bands	1.	0.0069	6	Kleiner et al 1995 Cottaz et al 2001	4 microns
1300-2000	$2\nu_2 / \nu_4$ +hot bands	120.	0.003	5	Cottaz et al 2000 Cottaz et al 2001	5 microns
700-1200	ν_2 +hot bands	568.	0.00005	2	Chen et al 1998, Belov et al 1980, 1998 Urban et al 1981, 2000	10 microns
19-40	rotation	441.	0.000002	2	Sasada et al. 1992 and many others !	

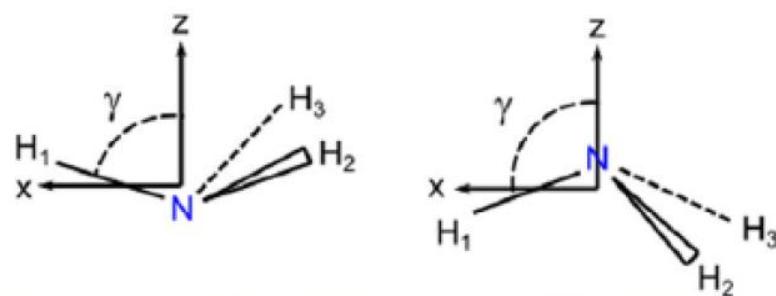
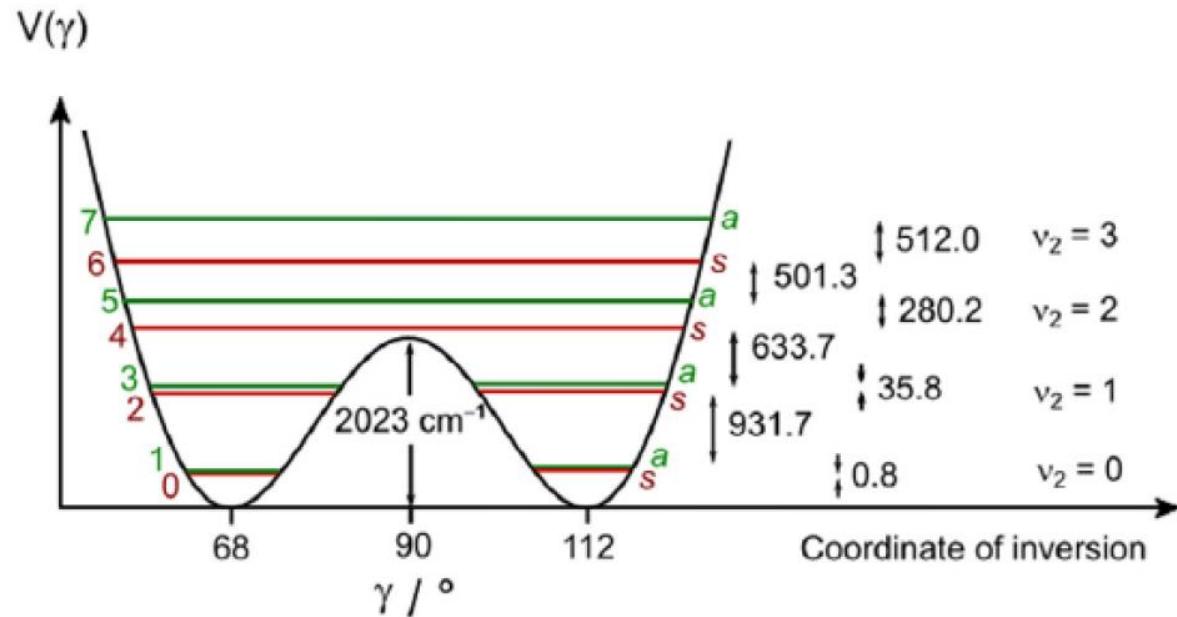
NH₃ ENERGY LEVELS

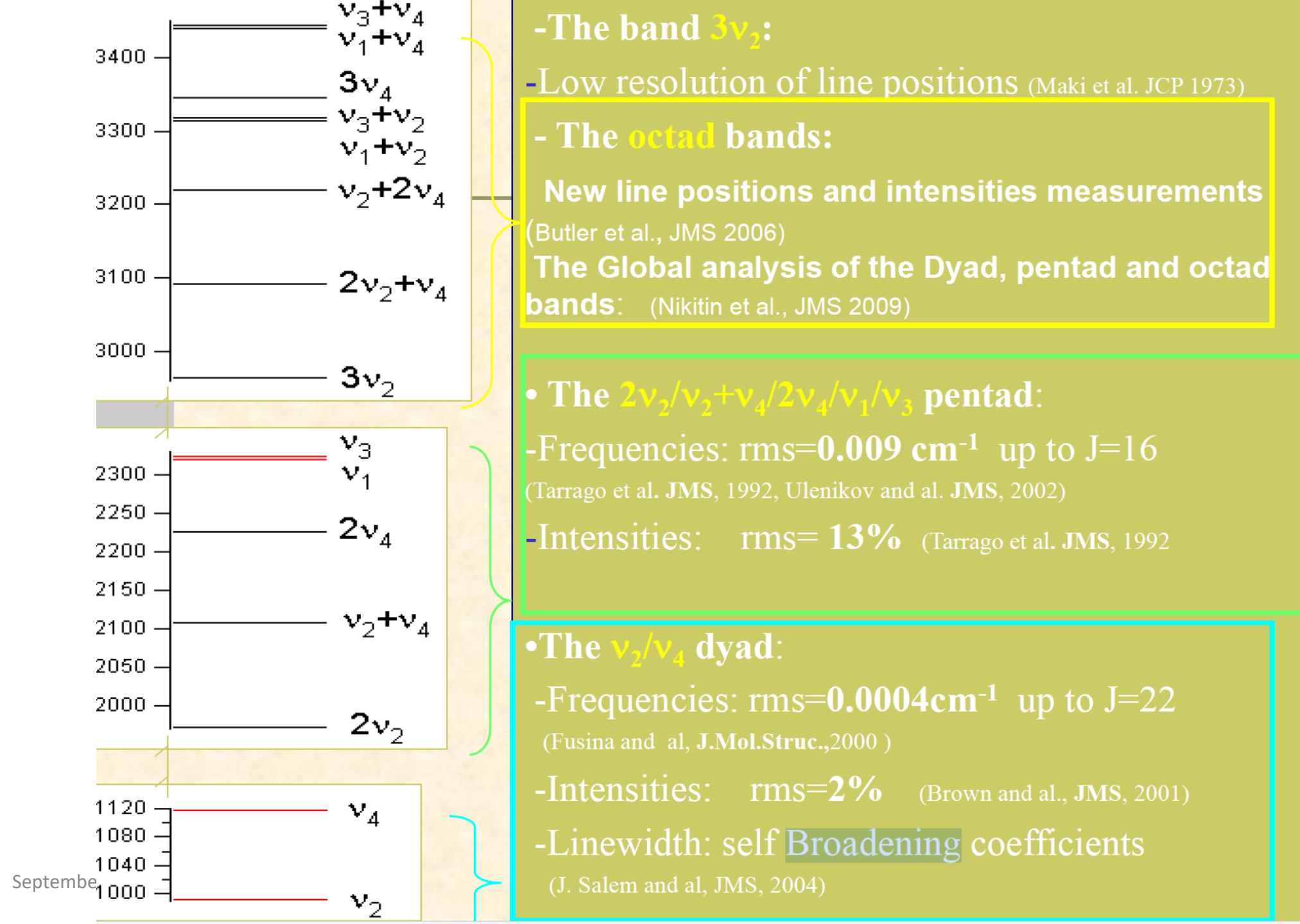
NH₃ energy levels



What makes NH_3 so hard???

Large amplitude motion : inversion





The pentad- 5 micron

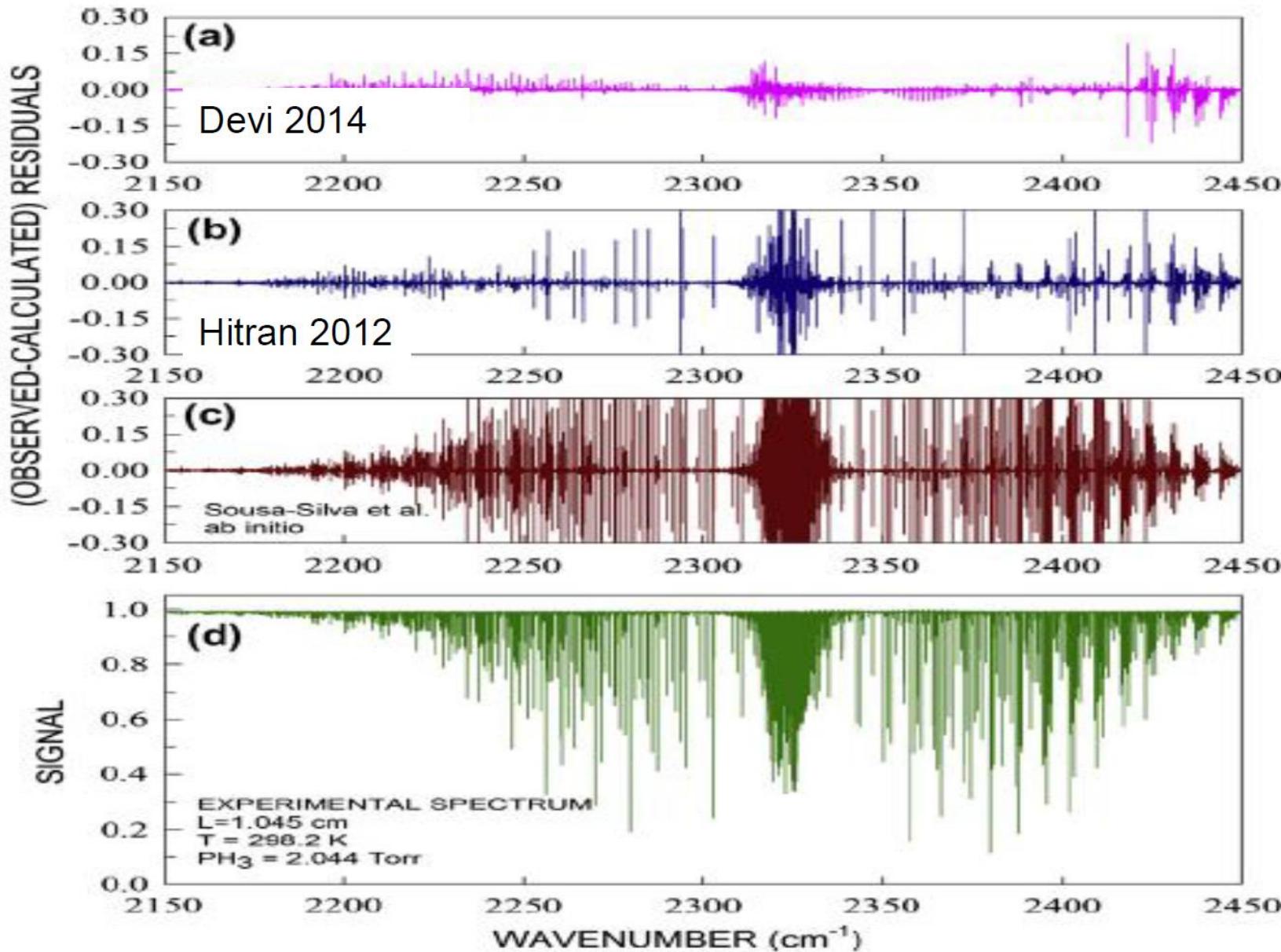
- Over 3400 line positions and 1750 intensities measured and fitted in the pentad bands ($2\nu_2$, $\nu_2 + \nu_4$, $2\nu_4$, ν_1 and ν_3 of PH3) by analyzing 9 high-resolution room-temperature spectra recorded with two FTS spectrometers.

5 spectra recorded using the FT spectrometer at PNNL (short path of 1.045 cm) for the band intensities of the strong ν_1 and ν_3 fundamentals. 4 spectra recorded at Kitt Peak for the weak $2\nu_2$ and $\nu_2 + \nu_4$ (long path cell of 425 cm).

up to $J=14$ (rms = 0.00133 cm⁻¹), total line-list consists of 9894 transitions

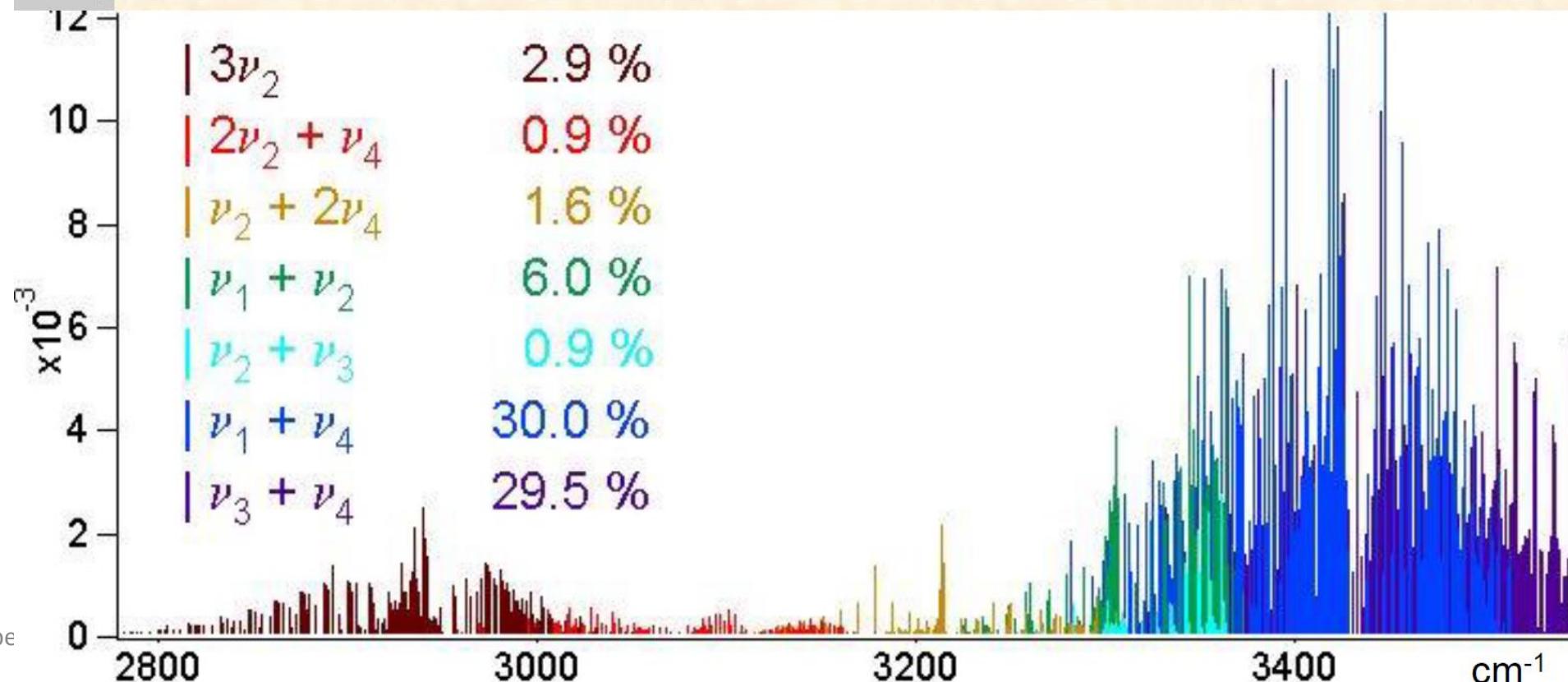
- Our intensity measurements are about 7% higher than previous measurements. This cannot explain the 50% discrepancy observed in the vertical mixing ratios derived by astronomers ! → other effects: aerosol amounts ???

Observed-calculated in the pentad region



ANALYSIS OF THE 3 MICRON REGION :

- Data 2750 - 3600 cm⁻¹ : 8075 line positions and intensities obtained by L. R. Brown and R. Butler (Kitt Peak FTS, spectral resolution of 0.0115 cm⁻¹).
- Analysis of spectra: 4095 lines identified.
- 7 vibrational states simultaneously analysed
- **79% of intensity of region accounted for, - Unassigned state is 3v₄**



Isotopes

Isotopes can be treated as regular molecular structures : isotopic ratio have no reason to be similar to Solar System values (Warning : terrestrial databases include the « standard » terrestrial ratio)

Special case : some isotopes change the symmetry of the molecule and can therefore have a very different spectroscopy – ex. CH₃D

Partition functions

Statistical physics

From the vibro-rotational calculations we have calculated the energy of upper level of each transition – this energy allows us to calculate the population of every level through Boltzmann statistics:

$$N_i = g_i e(-E_i/kT) / Z$$

Where Z is the partition function: $Z = \text{summation over all } N_i$

Emission and absorption coefficients

Calculation of transition probabilities =>

- * related to the molecular dipole momentum of the molecule
- Depends on the population of the emitting/absorbing level
- Basis : spontaneous, stimulated and absorption coefficients (Einstein coefficients)
- Emission and radiation : Einstein relations A_{ij} , B_{ij} , B_{ji}

Definition of line strength and absorption coefficients

See spectral line shapes course : Professor Ronald K. Hanson
<https://cefrc.princeton.edu/sites/g/files/toruqf1071/files/documents/Lecture%20Notes%20-%20Hanson.pdf>

Lorenz shapes (Collisions OR natural lines)
Gaussian shapes (Doppler thermal motions)

Far wings effects

Very strong lines can dominate the opacity very far from line center: the Lorentz line shape reaches the limit of validity when applied too far from line center

Hartmann et al, 2002

Biarritz, 2023 - Pierre Drossart

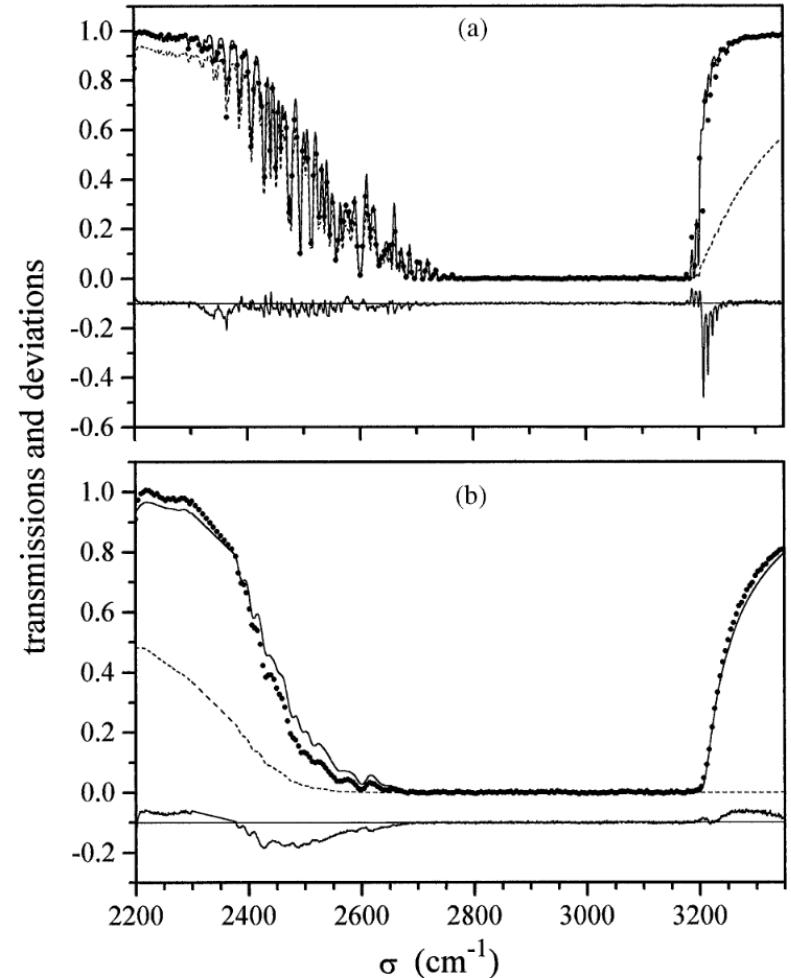
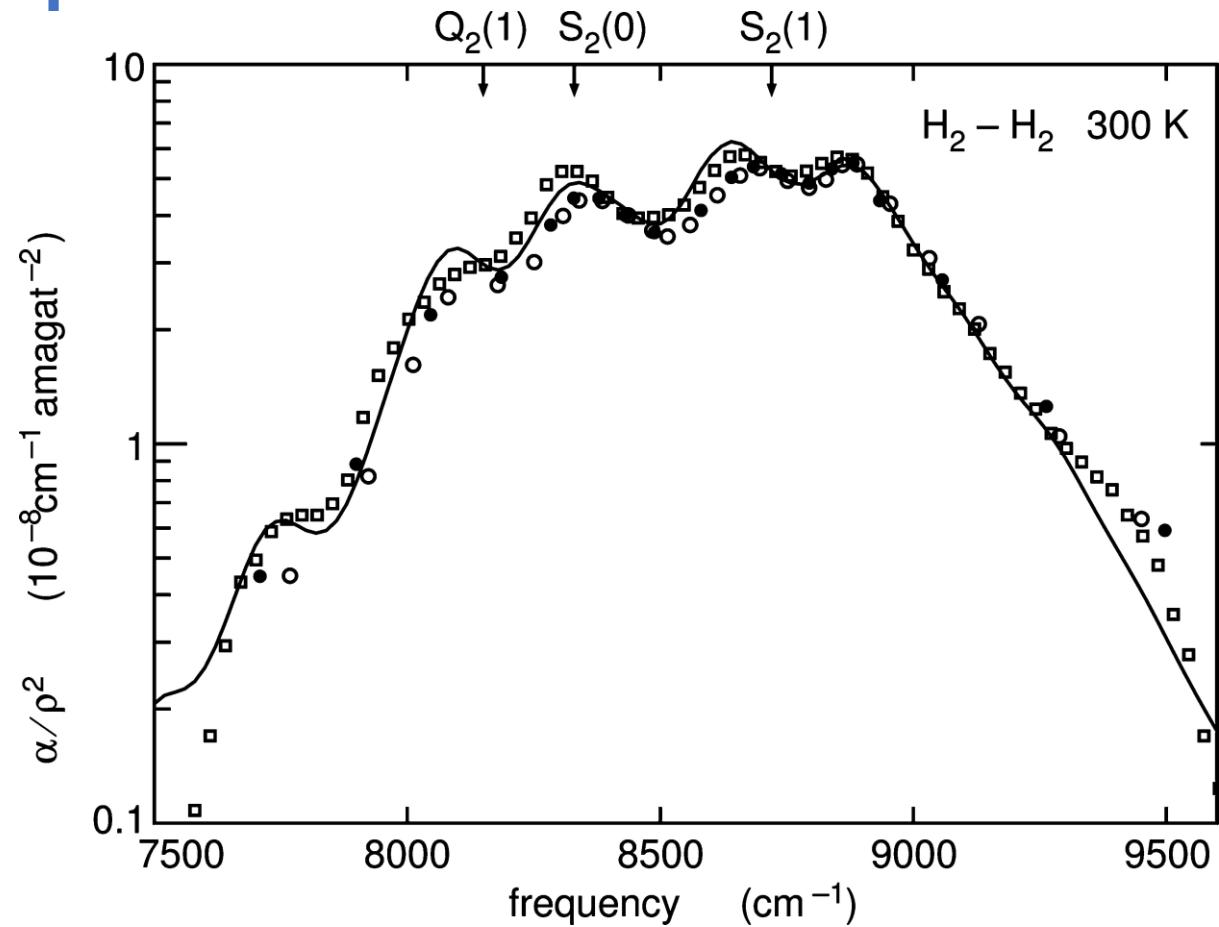


Fig. 1. Transmissions of $\text{CH}_4\text{-H}_2$ mixtures at room temperature (297 K) for a 3 m long path. • are measured values. — and - - - have been calculated with the χ factor of Eq. (2) and purely lorentzian line shapes ($\chi=1$), respectively. (a) $d_{\text{CH}_4}=0.919 \text{ Am}$, $d_{\text{H}_2}=25.0 \text{ Am}$. (b) $d_{\text{CH}_4}=1.84 \text{ Am}$, $d_{\text{H}_2}=163 \text{ Am}$. Measured-calculated residuals are given below the spectra.

Collision induced absorption

The continuum of atmospheric spectra, outside strong molecular bands, is dominated by quadrupolar effects from homopolar diatomic molecules like N₂ or H₂



Abel et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A* 2011, 115, 25, 6805–6812

Databases: how to compute a spectroscopic database ?

- Example = Hitran extraction
- How to retrieve the database ?
 - Schrödinger equation in Born-Oppenheimer approximation
 - Calculation of a database \Leftrightarrow calculation of the hamiltonian of the molecule
- Practical approaches :
 - combination of prediction/experiments => parametrized hamiltonian
 - Ab initio calculations
 - What is the necessary accuracy for practical use ?

International databases for spectroscopy

HITRAN (USA) , GEISA (France), JPL (USA), CDMS (Germany) ...

<https://hitran.org/> HITRAN is an acronym for high-resolution transmission molecular absorption database. HITRAN is a compilation of spectroscopic parameters that a variety of computer codes use to predict and simulate the transmission and emission of light in the atmosphere. (L. Rothman, Y. Gordon)



<https://geisa.aeris-data.fr/>

Developed by the ARA (Atmospheric Radiation Analysis) group at LMD (Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique, France)



GEISA (Gestion et Etude des Informations Spectroscopiques Atmosphériques: Management and Study of Atmospheric Spectroscopic Information), a computer accessible database system [Chédin et al. (1982), Husson et al. (1992), Jacquinet-Husson et al. (1999, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2016), Armante et al (2016), calculations of atmospheric radiative transfer, line-by-line and layer-by-layer approach

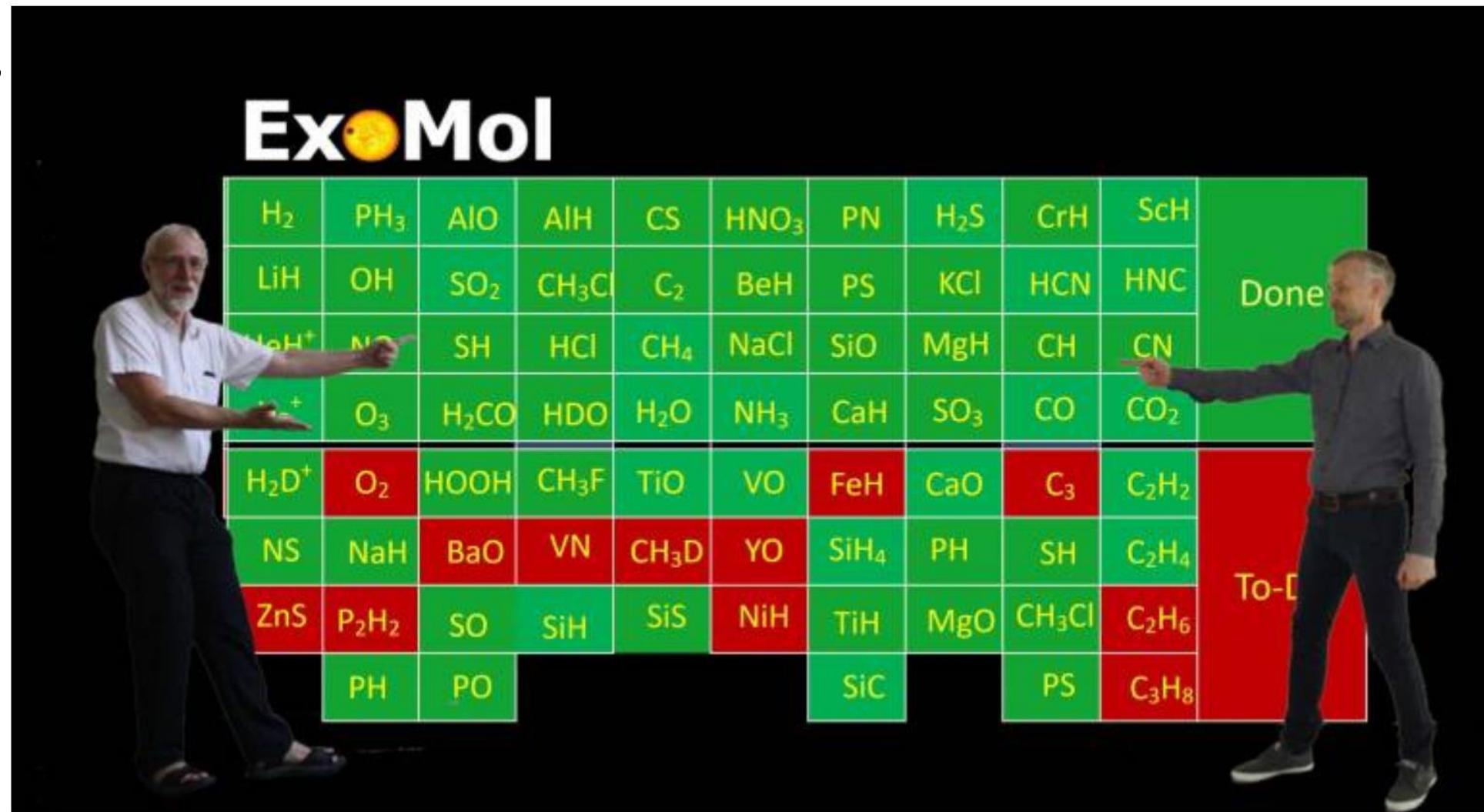
<http://vamdc.org>

International consortium VAMDC (Virtual Atomic and Molecular Data Centre

Databases : ExoMol

Tennyson et al,
JQSRT 2020

Mixture of ab
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calculations
and laboratory
data



The list of spectral lines. HITRAN-2004 format
HITRAN. Molecule CH4. Isotopologue(s): 211.
Wavenumber range: 2000.000000-4000.000000 cm-1, T: 296 K, P: 1 atm, Scut: 1e-20 cm/molecule
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Application to exoplanets

The spectroscopy of exoplanets collect the most challenging parts for spectroscopy : high temperatures (\Rightarrow high J , hot vibrational bands), large number of molecules and complex atmospheric structures

Difficulties for high temperature spectra

- Large number of overtones
- Accuracy of the database (missing bands, accuracy of coefficients at high temperatures)

The need for continued research in cooperation with spectroscopic group is mandatory to adapt the needs of exoplanets community with spectroscopic research !