

Chapter 5: Rotation And Vibration of Molecules

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1 Introduction

系统中包含 M 个原子核和 N 个电子，薛定谔方程写为

$$H(\vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_M; \vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) \psi(\vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_M; \vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) = E \psi(\vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_M; \vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N) \quad (1)$$

进行符号简化

$$\vec{R} = \vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_M \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N \quad (3)$$

$$H(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \psi(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) = E \psi(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \quad (4)$$

将哈密顿量写成

$$H(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) = H_N(\vec{R}) + H_{el}(\vec{r}) + V(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \quad (5)$$

其中 $H_N(\vec{R})$ 是核子的哈密顿量， $H_{el}(\vec{r})$ 是电子的哈密顿量， $V(\vec{R}, \vec{r})$ 是核子与电子的相互作用势。

将波函数近似写成

$$\psi(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \doteq A(\vec{R}) n(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \quad (6)$$

其中 $A(\vec{R})$ 是核子部分的波函数，忽略电子的影响； $n(\vec{R}, \vec{r})$ 是电子部分的波函数，它很大地依赖于核子的位置， \vec{R} 以参数的形式出现。代入薛定谔方程

$$[H_N(\vec{R}) + H_{el}(\vec{r}) + V(\vec{R}, \vec{r})] A(\vec{R}) n(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) = EA(\vec{R}) n(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \quad (7)$$

电子波函数满足薛定谔方程

$$[H_{el}(\vec{r}) + V(\vec{R}, \vec{r})] n(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) = U_n n(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \quad (8)$$

于是

$$[H_N(\vec{R}) + U_n(\vec{R})] A(\vec{R}) n(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) = EA(\vec{R}) n(\vec{R}, \vec{r}) \quad (9)$$

方程两边作用 $\int d\vec{r} n^\dagger(\vec{R}, \vec{r})$ ，忽略 $U_n(\vec{R})$ 的影响

$$[H_N(\vec{R}) + U_n(\vec{R})] A(\vec{R}) = EA(\vec{R}) \quad (10)$$

这是很常见的一种近似，叫 Born-Oppenheimer approximation，第一步近似是将核子与电子的自由度分开，第二步近似是 $\int d\vec{r} n^\dagger(\vec{R}, \vec{r})$ 作用时将 $U_n(\vec{R})$ 的影响忽略不计。

2 Diatomic Molecule

我们先讨论最简单的分子——双原子分子。重新定义符号

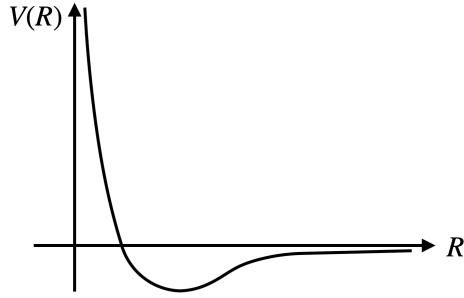
$$A(\vec{R}) = \psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) \quad (11)$$

$$U_n(\vec{R}) = V(\vec{R}) = V(\vec{R}_1 - \vec{R}_2) \quad (12)$$

$$\left[H_N(\vec{R}) + V(\vec{R}_1 - \vec{R}_2) \right] \psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = E_{\text{total}} \psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) \quad (13)$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_1} \nabla_1^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_2} \nabla_2^2 + V(\vec{R}) \right] \psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = E_{\text{total}} \psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) \quad (14)$$

这是一个比较纯粹的数学问题，首先我们要先知道 $V(\vec{R})$, $V(\vec{R})$ 是两原子核间的相互作用。由于 $V(0) \rightarrow \infty$, $V(\infty) \rightarrow 0^-$, 当 $x \rightarrow \infty$ 时为范德瓦尔斯势 (Vander Waals Potential)。定性画出 $V(\vec{R}) = V(R)$ 的图像



将质心坐标自由度分离

$$\vec{R}_c = \frac{M_1 \vec{R}_1 + M_2 \vec{R}_2}{M_1 + M_2} \quad \vec{R} = \vec{R}_1 - \vec{R}_2 \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{1}{M_1} \nabla_1^2 + \frac{1}{M_2} \nabla_2^2 = \frac{1}{M} \nabla_{\vec{R}_c}^2 + \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 \quad (16)$$

其中

$$M = M_1 + M_2 \quad \mu = \frac{M_1 M_2}{M_1 + M_2} \quad (17)$$

薛定谔方程改写为

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 + V(\vec{R}) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_{\vec{R}_c}^2 \right] \psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = E_{\text{total}} \psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) \quad (18)$$

哈密顿量分成质心坐标部分和相对坐标部分。将 $\psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2)$ 分离变量

$$\psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = f(\vec{R}_c) \Phi(\vec{R}) \quad (19)$$

质心坐标部分薛定谔方程

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_{\vec{R}_c}^2 f(\vec{R}_c) = E_c f(\vec{R}_c) \quad (20)$$

它的解 $f(\vec{R}_c)$ 是平面波，在空间任一点出现概率相等，因此我们对这个方程不感兴趣。相对坐标部分薛定谔方程

$$\left[V(\vec{R}) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 \right] \Phi(\vec{R}) = E \Phi(\vec{R}) \quad (21)$$

$$E_{\text{total}} = E_c + E \quad (22)$$

进一步分离变量

$$\Phi(\vec{R}) = \frac{\chi(R)}{R} Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) \quad (23)$$

$Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi)$ 是球谐函数 (spherical harmonic function)。

$$\nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} R^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial R} - \frac{\vec{L}^2}{\hbar^2 R^2} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} R - \frac{\vec{L}^2}{\hbar^2 R^2} \quad (24)$$

$$\vec{L}^2 Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) = L(L+1)\hbar^2 Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) \quad (25)$$

于是

$$\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \left(-\frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} R + \frac{L(L+1)}{R^2} \right) + V(\vec{R}) \right] \chi(R) Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) = E \chi(R) Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) \quad (26)$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} + \frac{L(L+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu R^2} + V(\vec{R}) \right] \chi(R) = E \chi(R) \quad (27)$$

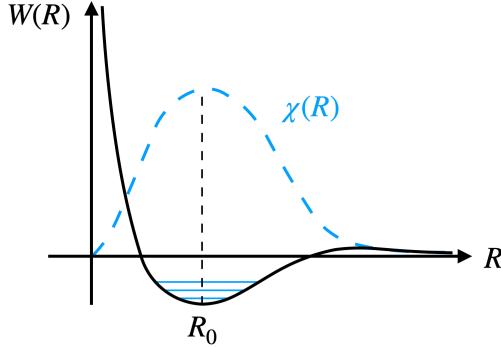
边界条件

$$\chi(\infty) = 0 \quad \chi(0) = 0 \quad (28)$$

定义

$$W(R) = V(R) + \frac{L(L+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu R^2} \quad (29)$$

由于当 $R \rightarrow \infty$ 时, $V(R)$ 的形式是 $(-\frac{\alpha}{R^6})$, 故 $W(R)$ 的图像为



原子核在 R_0 附近振动, 在 $W(R)$ 最小的地方, 原子核出现的几率越大, 即

$$\frac{dW}{dR} \Big|_{R_0} = 0 \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dR} \Big|_{R_0} = \frac{L(L+1)\hbar^2}{\mu R_0^3} \quad (31)$$

将 $W(R)$ 在 R_0 处泰勒展开, 并略去高阶项

$$\begin{aligned} W(R) &= W(R_0) + \frac{dW}{dR} \Big|_{R_0} (R - R_0) + \frac{1}{2} W''(R_0)(R - R_0)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} W'''(R_0)(R - R_0)^3 + \dots \\ &= W(R_0) + \frac{1}{2} W''(R_0)(R - R_0)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

定义

$$\frac{1}{2} W''(R_0) = \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega_0^2 \quad (33)$$

则

$$W(R) = W(R_0) + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega_0^2(R - R_0)^2 \quad (34)$$

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dR^2} + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega_0^2(R - R_0)^2 \right] \chi(R) = E'\chi(R) \quad (35)$$

其中

$$E' = E - V(R_0) - \frac{L(L+1)\hbar^2}{2\mu R_0^2} \quad (36)$$

令 $\xi = R - R_0$, 进行符号简化

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{d\xi^2} \chi + \frac{1}{2}\mu\omega_0^2\xi^2 \chi = E'\chi \quad (37)$$

边界条件

$$\chi(R=0) = \chi(\xi=-R_0) = 0 \quad \chi(\xi=\infty) = 0 \quad (38)$$

方程形式与谐振子相同, 而这个边界条件的限制是谐振子所没有的, 因此该方程与谐振子的解不同但相似。谐振子的解

$$\chi(\xi) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2\xi^2} H_\nu(\alpha\xi) \quad (39)$$

其中 $\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{\mu\omega_0}{\hbar}}$ 。本征能量

$$E' = \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar\omega_0 \quad \nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (40)$$

边界条件对解的影响很小, 因为 $R_0 \gg \frac{1}{\alpha}$, 故 $\alpha R_0 \gg 1$, $e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2\xi^2} \rightarrow 0$, 很好地近似满足边界条件。将 $E' = (\nu + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar\omega_0$ 代入 Eq.(36)

$$E_{\nu,L} = V(R_0) + \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar\omega_0 + \frac{L(L+1)\hbar^2}{2J} \quad (41)$$

其中 $(\nu + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar\omega_0$ 是振动能量, $\frac{L(L+1)\hbar^2}{2J}$ 是转动能量, $J = \mu R_0^2$ 是转动惯量。

Example: Rotation Spectrum of H₂

$$\Psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = \phi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) \chi(S_{1z}, S_{2z}) \quad (42)$$

$\chi(S_{1z}, S_{2z})$ 为自旋部分, 自旋部分暂时与我们讨论的内容无关, 但在后面的多体理论中将指出, 自旋部分是影响波函数的。全同性原理要求, 交换原子核时, 波函数可能不变号, 也可能变号。

$$\Psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = \pm \Psi(\vec{R}_2, \vec{R}_1) \quad (43)$$

在两粒子自旋为整数时不变号, 这是玻色子 (Boson); 自旋为半整数时变号, 这是费米子 (Fermion)。氢原子核的自旋是 $\frac{1}{2}$, 因此它是费米子。

$$\Psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = -\Psi(\vec{R}_2, \vec{R}_1) \quad (44)$$

$\chi(S_{1z}, S_{2z})$ 有两种状态, 当它是单态时, 交换两粒子位置波函数变号; 当它是三重态时, 交换两粒子位置不变号。故自旋在全同性原理中起作用。交换两原子核位置

$$\vec{R}_c = \frac{\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2}{2} \rightarrow \vec{R}_c \quad \vec{R} = \vec{R}_1 - \vec{R}_2 \rightarrow -\vec{R} \quad (45)$$

$$R \rightarrow R \quad \theta \rightarrow \pi - \theta \quad \phi \rightarrow \pi + \phi \quad (46)$$

$$Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) \rightarrow Y_{L,M}(\pi - \theta, \pi + \phi) = (-1)^L Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) \quad (47)$$

- 当 L 是偶数时

$$\Psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = \frac{\chi_{\nu,L}(R)}{R} Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) \chi_0(S_{1z}, S_{2z}) \quad (48)$$

$Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi)$ 不变号，则 $\chi_0(S_{1z}, S_{2z})$ 变号，对应自旋单态。

- 当 L 是奇数时

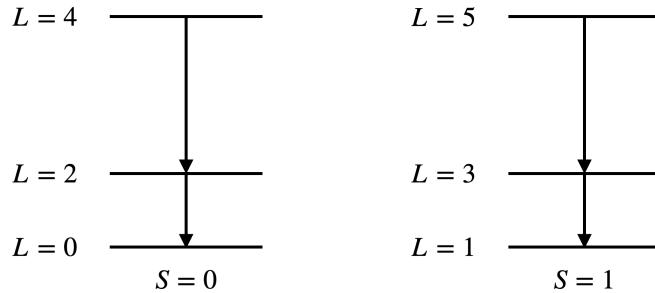
$$\Psi(\vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2) = \frac{\chi_{\nu,L}(R)}{R} Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi) \chi_1(S_{1z}, S_{2z}) \quad (49)$$

$Y_{L,M}(\theta, \phi)$ 变号，则 $\chi_1(S_{1z}, S_{2z})$ 不变号，对应自旋三重态。

这一点可以通过实验来检验，因为自旋三重态与自旋单态在自然界中出现的几率是不同的

$$(S = 1) : (S = 0) = 3 : 1 \quad (50)$$

三重态氢分子 ($S = 1$) 我们也叫正氢 (Orthohydrogen)，单态氢 ($S = 0$) 分子也叫仲氢 (Parahydrogen)。我们来看氢分子的转动谱



为什么两套谱系间不会发生跃迁呢？因为激光跃迁时不带磁场，没有东西与自旋耦合，自旋的自由度是守恒的， $S = 1$ 永远是 $S = 1$ ， $S = 0$ 永远是 $S = 0$ ，因此跃迁永远是 $L \rightarrow L - 2$ 。光谱能量

$$\Delta E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2J} [L(L+1) - (L-2)(L-1)] = \frac{\hbar}{\pi J} + constant \sim L \quad (51)$$



$$\Delta\nu = (\Delta E|_{L+1} - \Delta E|_L) \frac{1}{\hbar} = \frac{1}{\pi J} \quad (52)$$

Example: Order Estimate of E_e , E_{vib} , E_{rot}

从基态到第一激发态

$$E_e \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{ma^2} \quad (53)$$

a 约为两原子核之间的距离， m 是电子质量。

$$E_{\text{vib}} \sim \hbar\omega_0 \sim \hbar \frac{\hbar\alpha^2}{\mu} = \frac{\hbar^2\alpha^2}{\mu} \quad (54)$$

$$E_{\text{rot}} \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{J} = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu R_0^2} \quad (55)$$

令 $\xi = R - R_0 = \frac{1}{x} R_0$, 其中 $x \sim 1 - 10$ 由于 $\alpha\xi \sim 1$, 即 $\alpha \sim \frac{1}{\xi} = \frac{x}{R_0}$, 因此

$$E_{\text{vib}} \sim x^2 \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu R_0^2} \quad (56)$$

比较 E_e 和 E_{vib}

$$E_e \gg E_{\text{vib}} \quad (57)$$

比较 E_{vib} 和 E_{rot}

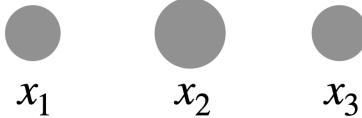
$$E_{\text{vib}} \gg E_{\text{rot}} \quad (58)$$

故

$$E_e \gg E_{\text{vib}} \gg E_{\text{rot}} \quad (59)$$

3 Vibrations of A Linear Triatomic Molecule

排成一条线的三原子分子, 如 CO₂



$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{m_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + V(x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad (60)$$

令

$$x_1 - x_2 = \tilde{x}_1 \quad x_3 - x_2 = \tilde{x}_3 \quad (61)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \tilde{x}_1} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial \tilde{x}_3} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_3^{(0)}} = 0 \quad (62)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \tilde{x}_1^2} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}} = k_1^2 \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \tilde{x}_3^2} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_3^{(0)}} = k_2^2 \quad (63)$$

$$\tilde{x}_1^{(0)} = a_1 \quad \tilde{x}_3^{(0)} = a_2 \quad (64)$$

则

$$\begin{aligned} V(x_1, x_2, x_3) &= V(\tilde{x}_1, x_2, \tilde{x}_3) = V(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_3) \\ &= V(\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}, \tilde{x}_3^{(0)}) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \tilde{x}_1} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}} (\tilde{x}_1 - \tilde{x}_1^{(0)}) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \tilde{x}_3} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_3^{(0)}} (\tilde{x}_3 - \tilde{x}_3^{(0)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \tilde{x}_1^2} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}} (\tilde{x}_1 - \tilde{x}_1^{(0)})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \tilde{x}_3^2} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_3^{(0)}} (\tilde{x}_3 - \tilde{x}_3^{(0)})^2 + \dots \\ &= V(\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}, \tilde{x}_3^{(0)}) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \tilde{x}_1^2} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}} (\tilde{x}_1 - \tilde{x}_1^{(0)})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \tilde{x}_3^2} \Big|_{\tilde{x}_3^{(0)}} (\tilde{x}_3 - \tilde{x}_3^{(0)})^2 \\ &= V(\tilde{x}_1^{(0)}, \tilde{x}_3^{(0)}) + \frac{1}{2} k_1^2 (x_1 - x_2 - a_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2^2 (x_3 - x_2 - a_2)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{m_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + \frac{1}{2} k_1^2 (x_1 - x_2 - a_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2^2 (x_3 - x_2 - a_2)^2 \quad (66)$$

讨论 $k_1 = k_2 = k$, $a_1 = a_2 = a$ 的情况

$$H\Psi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = E\Psi(x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad (67)$$

引入质心坐标

$$M = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \quad X = \frac{1}{M}(m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 + m_3x_3) \quad (68)$$

$$\xi = x_2 - x_1 - a \quad \eta = x_3 - x_2 - a \quad (69)$$

进行微分变换

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial X}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} = \frac{m_1}{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \quad (70)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} = \frac{m_2}{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \quad (71)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = \frac{m_3}{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \quad (72)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} = \left(\frac{m_1}{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 = \frac{m_1^2}{M^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} - \frac{2m_1}{M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X \partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} \quad (73)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} = \left(\frac{m_2}{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 = \frac{m_2^2}{M^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{2m_2}{M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X \partial \xi} - \frac{2m_2}{M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X \partial \eta} - 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \quad (74)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_3^2} = \left(\frac{m_3}{M} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 = \frac{m_3^2}{M^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} - \frac{2m_3}{M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X \partial \eta} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} \quad (75)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{m_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} + \left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{2}{m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \quad (76)$$

薛定谔方程

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left[\frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} + \left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{2}{m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \right] \Psi + \frac{k^2}{2} (\xi^2 + \eta^2) \Psi = E\Psi \quad (77)$$

分离变量

$$\Psi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \Phi(X) \tilde{\psi}(\xi, \eta) \quad (78)$$

质心部分是 trivial 的, 我们对此不感兴趣

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} \Phi(X) = E_c \Phi(X) \quad (79)$$

相对坐标部分

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{2}{m_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \right] \tilde{\Psi}(\xi, \eta) + \frac{k^2}{2} (\xi^2 + \eta^2) \tilde{\Psi}(\xi, \eta) = \tilde{E} \tilde{\Psi}(\xi, \eta) \quad (80)$$

$$E = E_c + \tilde{E} \quad (81)$$

由于 $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta}$ 项的存在, 无法将 $\tilde{\Psi}(\xi, \eta)$ 分离变量, 因此我们需要做一些操作——将 ξ, η 转动, 引入自由度 α , 从而将 $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta}$ 项丢掉。做正交变换

$$\xi' = \xi \cos \alpha + \eta \sin \alpha \quad (82)$$

$$\eta' = -\xi \sin \alpha + \eta \cos \alpha \quad (83)$$

代入相对坐标部分薛定谔方程

$$\left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \left(\cos^2 \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi'^2} - \sin 2\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi' \partial \eta'} + \sin^2 \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta'^2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \left(\sin^2 \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi'^2} + \sin 2\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi' \partial \eta'} + \cos^2 \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta'^2} \right) - \frac{1}{m_2} \left(\sin 2\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi'^2} + 2 \cos 2\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi' \partial \eta'} - \sin 2\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta'^2} \right) + \frac{k^2}{2} (\xi'^2 + \eta'^2) \right\} \tilde{\Psi} = \tilde{E} \tilde{\Psi} \quad (84)$$

令 $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi' \partial \eta'}$ 项的系数为 0

$$-\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \sin 2\alpha + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \sin 2\alpha - \frac{2}{m_2} \cos 2\alpha = 0 \quad (85)$$

解得

$$\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2m_1 m_3}{m_2(m_1 - m_3)} \quad (86)$$

Eq.(84) 整理得

$$\left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \sin^2 \alpha - \frac{1}{m_2} \sin 2\alpha \right] \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi'^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \sin^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \frac{1}{m_2} \sin 2\alpha \right] \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta'^2} + \frac{1}{2} k (\xi'^2 + \eta'^2) \right\} \tilde{\Psi} = \tilde{E} \tilde{\Psi} \quad (87)$$

令

$$\frac{1}{A} = \left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \sin^2 \alpha - \frac{1}{m_2} \sin 2\alpha \quad (88)$$

$$\frac{1}{B} = \left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \sin^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{1}{m_3} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \cos^2 \alpha + \frac{1}{m_2} \sin 2\alpha \quad (89)$$

则

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2A} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi'^2} + \frac{k}{2} \xi'^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2B} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta'^2} + \frac{k}{2} \eta'^2 \right) \tilde{\Psi} = \tilde{E} \tilde{\Psi} \quad (90)$$

分离变量

$$\tilde{\Psi}(\xi', \eta') = f(\xi')g(\eta') \quad (91)$$

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2A} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi'^2} + \frac{k}{2} \xi'^2 \right) f(\xi') = E_A f(\xi') \quad (92)$$

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2B} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta'^2} + \frac{k}{2} \eta'^2 \right) g(\eta') = E_B g(\eta') \quad (93)$$

$$\tilde{E} = E_A + E_B \quad (94)$$

两个方程都是谐振子。定义

$$\omega_A = \sqrt{\frac{k}{A}} \quad \omega_B = \sqrt{\frac{k}{B}} \quad (95)$$

得到能谱

$$E_A = \left(n_A + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \omega_A \quad n_A = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (96)$$

$$E_B = \left(n_B + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \omega_B \quad n_B = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (97)$$

Example: CO₂ (O=C=O)

对于二氧化碳分子

$$m_1 = m_3 \Rightarrow \cos 2\alpha = 0, \tan 2\alpha = \infty \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (98)$$

$$A = m_1 \quad B = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2m_1 + m_2} \quad (99)$$

$$\omega_A = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m_1}} \quad \omega_B = \sqrt{\frac{k(2m_1 + m_2)}{m_1 m_2}} \quad (100)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Psi}_0 &\sim \exp\left(-\frac{A\omega_A}{2\hbar}\xi'^2\right) \exp\left(-\frac{B\omega_B}{2\hbar}\eta'^2\right) \\ &= \exp\left[-\frac{A\omega_A}{4\hbar}(\xi + \eta)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{B\omega_B}{4\hbar}(-\xi + \eta)^2\right] \\ &= \exp\left[-\frac{A\omega_A}{4\hbar}(x_3 - x_1 - 2a)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{B\omega_B}{4\hbar}(x_3 + x_1 - 2x_2)^2\right] \end{aligned} \quad (101)$$