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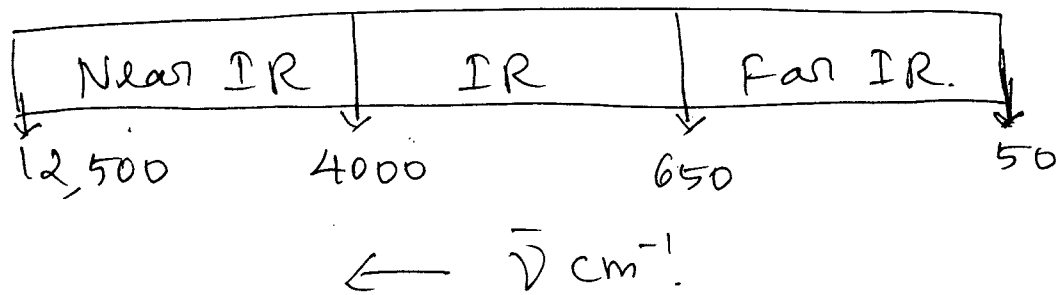
**IR and Raman Spectroscopy**

Combined uses of IR and Raman spectroscopy in the structural elucidation of simple molecules like  $H_2O$ ,  $ClF_3$ ,  $NO_3^-$  ion,  $ClO_3^-$  ion, - effect of coordination on ligand vibrations- uses of group vibrations in the structural elucidation of metal complexes of urea, thiourea, cyanide, thiocyanate, nitrate, sulphate, and dimethyl sulphoxide- effect of isotopic substitution on the vibrational spectra of molecules- vib. Spectra of metal carbonyls with reference to the nature of bonding, geometry, and number of C-O stretching vibrations- group theoretical treatment.-

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## IR and Raman Spectroscopy.

Electromagnetic radiation of Infra red region causes vibration of bonds between atoms in a molecule. There are two kinds of fundamental vibrations for molecules, stretching and bending. The essential requirement for a substance to exhibit IR spectroscopy is that there is a change in dipole moment of the molecule during vibrations. The intensity of an IR band depends upon the magnitude of change of dipole moment. The position of an IR band is specified in wave number  $\bar{\nu}$  units. (frequency in reciprocal cm.)



### Spectral range:

The vibrational transition involves more energy of the order of a few thousands of joules per mole.  $E_{\text{vib}} > E_{\text{rot}}$ . Since each vibrational transition is accompanied by changes in rotational energy levels also IR spectroscopy is termed vibrational-rotational spectroscopy.

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Conditions for a molecule to be IR active :-

The essential requirement for a substance to exhibit vibrational rotational spectroscopy is that the molecule must possess an oscillating dipole moment.

Examples:

(1) Heteronuclear diatomic molecules

e.g.  $\text{HD}$ ,  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{HBr}$ ,  $\text{HI}$ ,  $\text{CO}$ . and

non linear polyatomic molecules like  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$  etc.  
are IR active

(2) ~~HO~~ Homonuclear diatomic molecules like  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2$

$\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  that possess a zero dipole moment will not interact with IR Radiation.

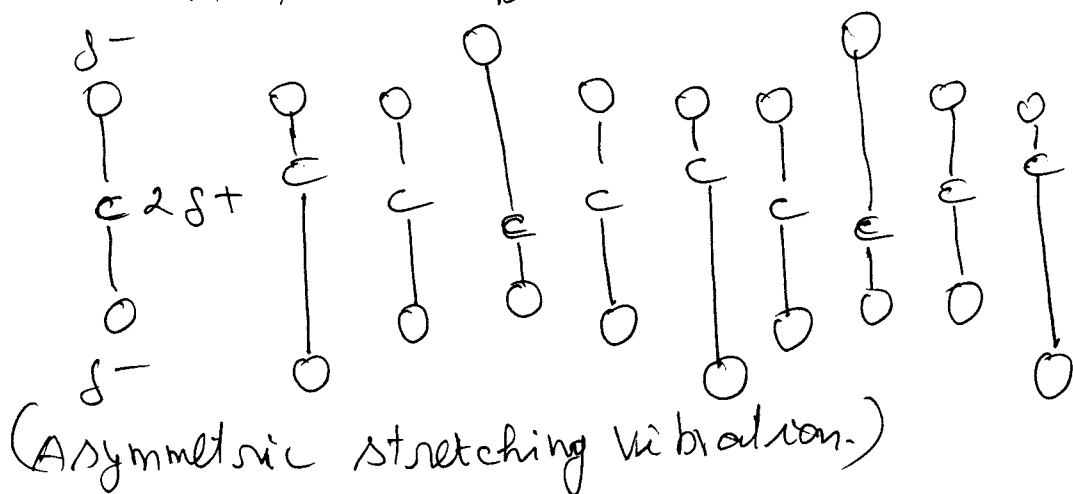
(3) Molecules like  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CS}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  have no dipole moment of their own. However certain modes of vibration of such molecules induce an oscillating dipole moment and make them IR active.

Origin of IR Spectra:

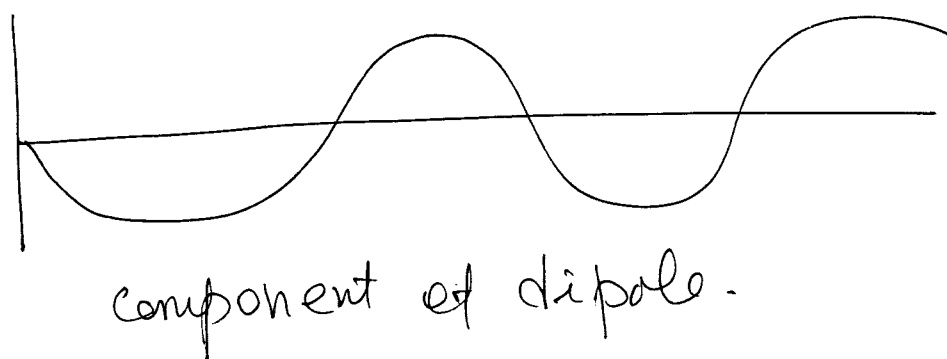
When a molecule undergoes asymmetric stretching or bending vibration, there is a periodic change in the dipole moment of the molecule

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due to alteration in bond length or bond angle  
The oscillating dipole moment thus produced  
is capable of interacting with the electric  
component of the electromagnetic radiation  
in the infra-red region which results in  
an intense IR band.



Dipole  
moment



### Anharmonic oscillator:

Real molecules do not obey exactly the  
laws of simple harmonic motion. The harmonic  
oscillator predicts that the vibrational energy

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levels are equispaced. But experiments show that as  $V$  increases, the spacing goes on decreasing. Further for a harmonic oscillator, each mode of vibration would yield one band only. But actual investigation of the IR spectrum of molecules shows that there is one strong band (fundamental band) with one or two weak bands called overtones. Thus the vibrations of a diatomic molecule are an harmonic

### Selection rule:

Because of anharmonicity the vibrational transitions are not confined to adjacent levels only, they may also occur between different levels so that

$$\Delta V = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

### Vibrational Spectrum:-

At room temperature all the molecules in a sample have the zero point energy and exist in  $V=0$  state. Therefore, the vibrational transitions would originate from  $V=0$  to  $V=1$ ,  $V=0$  to  $V=2$ ,  $V=0$  to  $V=3$  and so on.

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For transitions,

$v=0$  to  $v=1$ , gives fundamental band.

$v=0$  to  $v=2$ , gives the first overtone band.

$v=0$  to  $v=3$  gives the second overtone band.

### Fermi resonance:-

When two vibrational modes in a molecule have frequencies very close to each other, they resonate and exchange energy. This is known as coupling. It may also happen that a fundamental vibration couples with the overtone of some other vibration. This type of coupling is called Fermi resonance. As a consequence of Fermi resonance the overtone band gains intensity at the expense of the fundamental band. Thus, the fundamental and overtone bands are of the same intensity.

Examples:- There are two strong bands at  $1786 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1740 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectrum of benzoyl chloride. If it was known that the spectrum is of benzoyl chloride one would have concluded that the compound contains two carbonyl ~~compound~~ groups.

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The stretching vibration of  $C=O$  ( $1625\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and the first overtone of the bending vibrations of  $C-Cl$  ( $2 \times 800 = 1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) have frequencies close to each other. So they couple together strongly and give two bands of equal intensity.

### Types of molecular vibrations:-

There are two types of fundamental vibrations for a molecule.

(i) Stretching

(ii) Bending.

(i) Stretching: This is a type of molecular vibration in which the distance between two atoms increases or decreases but the atoms remain in the same bond axis. i.e. stretching vibrations involve oscillations of atoms parallel to the bond axis.

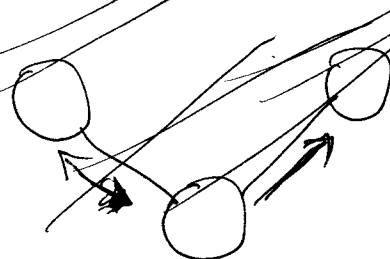
The stretching vibrations are classified as

(i) Symmetric stretching

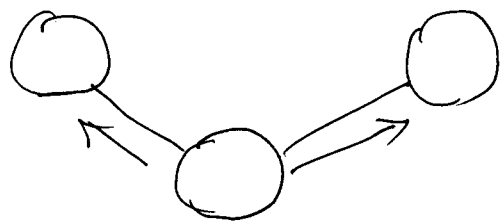
(ii) Asymmetric stretching.

(i) Symmetric stretching:

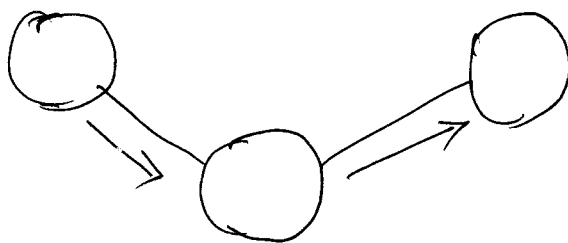
~~One of the bonds is stretched while the other is compressed.~~



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(i) Symmetric stretching: Both the bonds are either stretched or compressed.



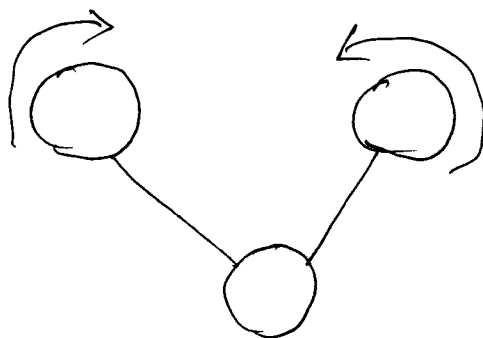
(ii) Asymmetric stretching: One of the bonds is stretched while the other is compressed.



Bending:

In this mode of vibration, atoms move in and out of the bond axis plane. There are four types of Bending vibrations.

(i) Scissoring: The two atoms move towards and away from each other in the same plane and there is a change in bond angle.

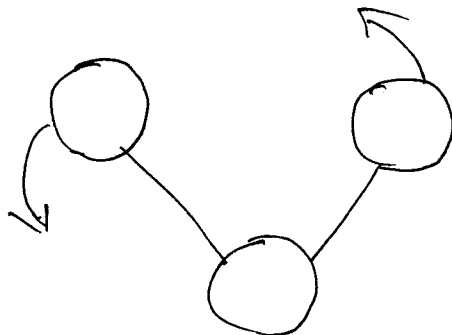




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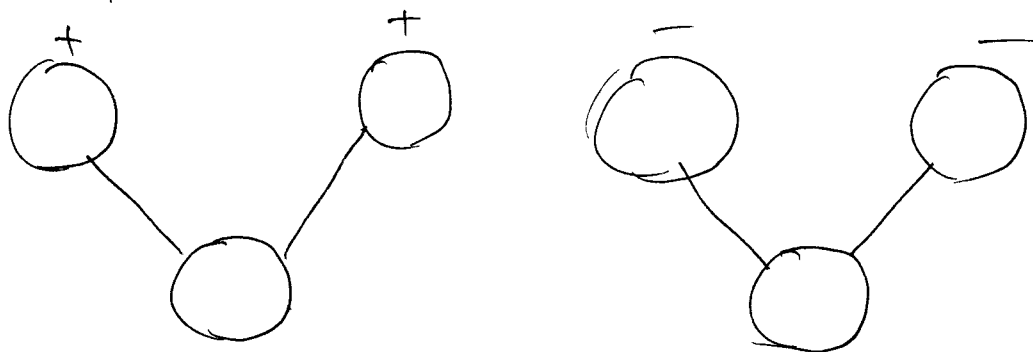
(ii) Rocking :-

The two atoms move in the same direction as also in the same plane.



(iii) Wagging :-

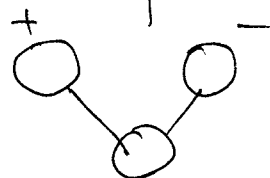
The two atoms move up and down the plane with respect to the central atom.



The + and - signs represent motion above and below the plane of paper respectively.

(iv) Twisting :-

One of the atoms move up the plane and the other moves down the plane with respect to the central atom. There is a change in the angle between two planes in which the two atoms lie.



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## Raman Spectroscopy.

### Raman effect :-

When a beam of monochromatic light is passed through a transparent substance, a part of the light is scattered in all directions.

Rayleigh observed the scattered light in a direction  $\perp$  to the incident beam and found that the frequency of the scattered light is the same as that of the incident light. This is

known as Rayleigh scattering. In 1928 Sir. C.V.

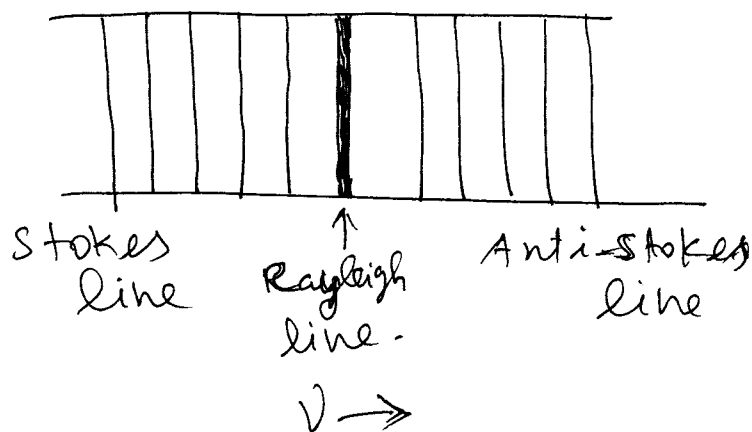
Raman observed that the scattered light contains some additional radiations with frequencies lower or higher than that of the incident light. This is called Raman scattering or Raman effect.

### Raman spectrum :-

Raman scattering observed in the form of a spectrum is called Raman spectrum. It consists of an intense line with frequency equal to that of the incident light. This ~~intense~~ intense line is known as Rayleigh line. In addition there are lines on either side of the Rayleigh line called Raman lines.

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The Raman lines of frequency lower than that of the incident beam are called Stokes lines. While those having higher frequency are referred to as anti-Stokes lines.



The separation or shift in frequency of these lines from the incident frequency is termed Raman frequency or Raman shift designated as  $\Delta\nu$ . For Stokes lines,  $\Delta\nu$  is +ve and for anti-Stokes lines  $\Delta\nu$  is -ve.

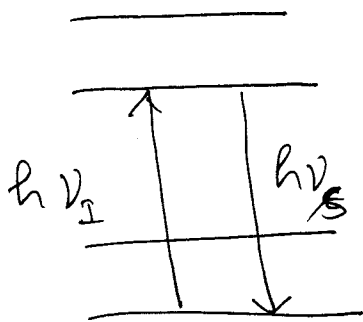
### Theory of Raman effect:

According to quantum mechanics, Raman effect is the outcome of collisions between the light photons and the molecules of a substance.

The collisions may be elastic or inelastic. Depending upon the nature of collisions, three types of interactions between the light photon and the molecule are possible.

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Case I. Suppose a molecule collides with a light photon at the ground state and gets excited. If the collision is elastic, there will be no exchange of energy and the excited molecule returns back to its original state emitting radiation with frequency equal to that of the incident light. This produces Rayleigh line.



$$h\nu_I = h\nu_S \quad \text{or} \quad \nu_I = \nu_S$$

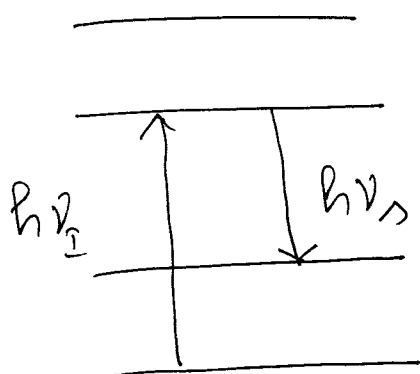
$$\therefore \Delta\nu = \nu_I - \nu_S = 0$$

Case II: (Stokes lines)

When a molecule collides with a light photon at the ground state, it gets excited. If the collision is inelastic, exchange of energy between the photon and the molecule takes place. The excited molecule may return to one of its higher energy levels, instead of returning to the ground state by emitting less energetic radiation. Here, the molecule

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gains energy from the photon and the frequency of the scattered radiation is less than that of the incident radiation. This accounts for the Stokes lines

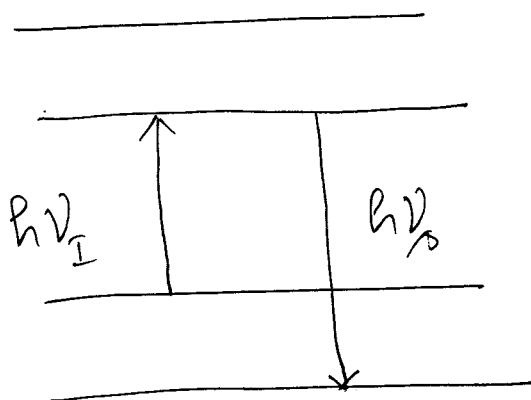


$$h\nu_I > h\nu_s \quad (\ominus) \quad \nu_I > \nu_s$$

$$\therefore \Delta\nu = \nu_I - \nu_s = +ve$$

Case III: Anti Stokes lines:

Some times, the molecule is in its higher energy level at the time of collision. As a consequence of inelastic collision with the photon the molecule gets excited and returns to the ground state by emitting more energetic radiation. These radiations have frequencies higher than that of the incident light. This explains the origin of anti-Stokes lines.



$$h\nu_I < h\nu_s$$

$$(\ominus) \quad \nu_I < \nu_s$$

$$\therefore \Delta\nu = \nu_I - \nu_s = -ve$$

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## condition for a molecule to be Raman active

When a molecule is placed in an electric field the positively charged nucleus and the negatively charged electrons are displaced from their normal positions. Now, an induced dipole moment is set up in the molecule. The induced dipole moment  $\mu$  depends on the magnitude of the field strength  $H$ .

$$\mu \propto H$$

$$\mu = \alpha H$$

where  $\alpha$  is a constant called polarizability of the molecule.

The polarizability can be conveniently represented by drawing a polarizability ellipsoid. The polarizability changes with rotational or vibrational motion of the molecule. This change is reflected from the change in size or direction of the polarizability ellipsoid. In order to be Raman active, a molecular rotation or vibration must cause a change in the polarizability of the molecule.

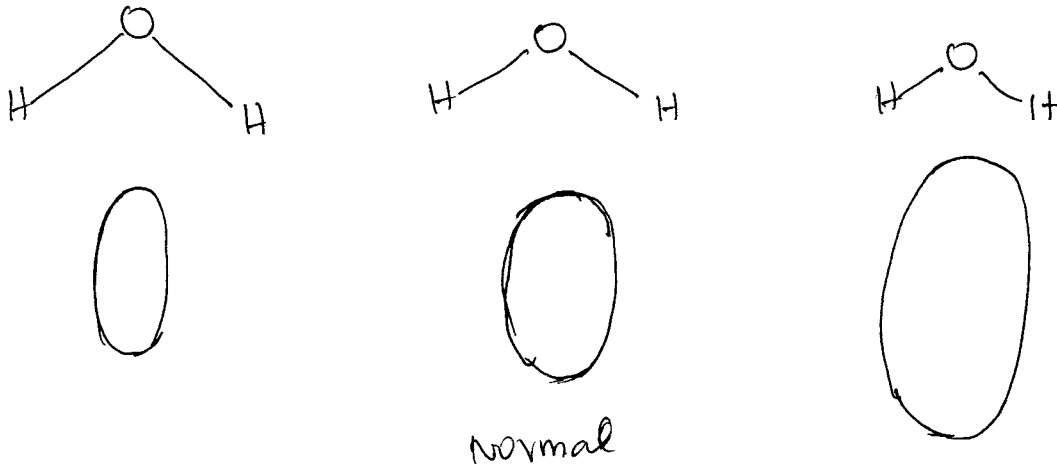
<u>Selection rule</u> - For Raman spectroscopy.
$\Delta J = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$
$\Delta V = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$

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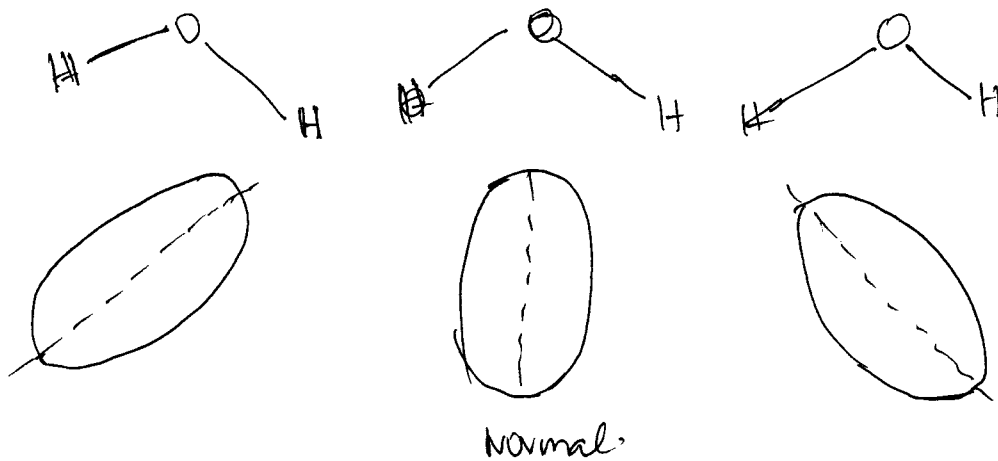
Modes of vibration and change in polarizability.

1. Non linear molecules (e.g.  $H_2O$ )

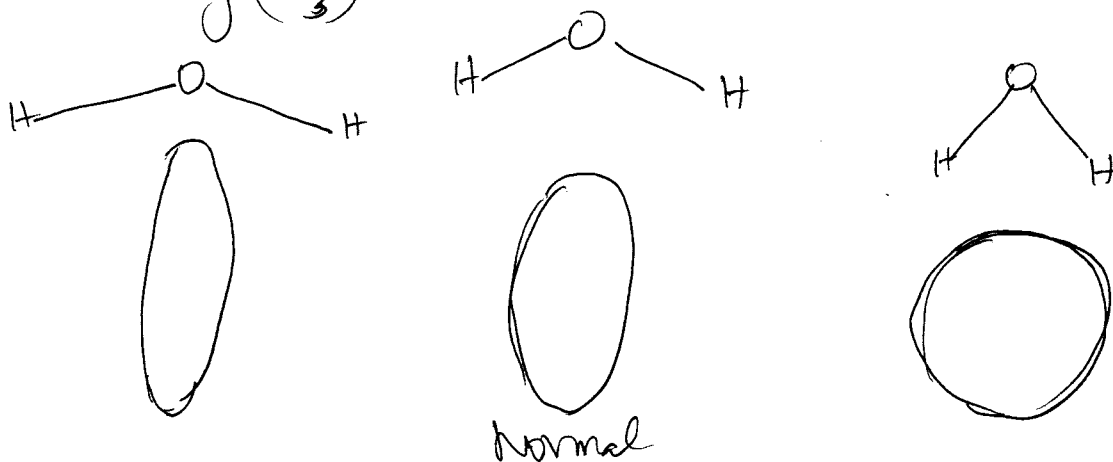
(a) sym. stretching ( $\nu_1$ )



(b) Asym. stretching ( $\nu_2$ )



(c) Bending ( $\nu_3$ )



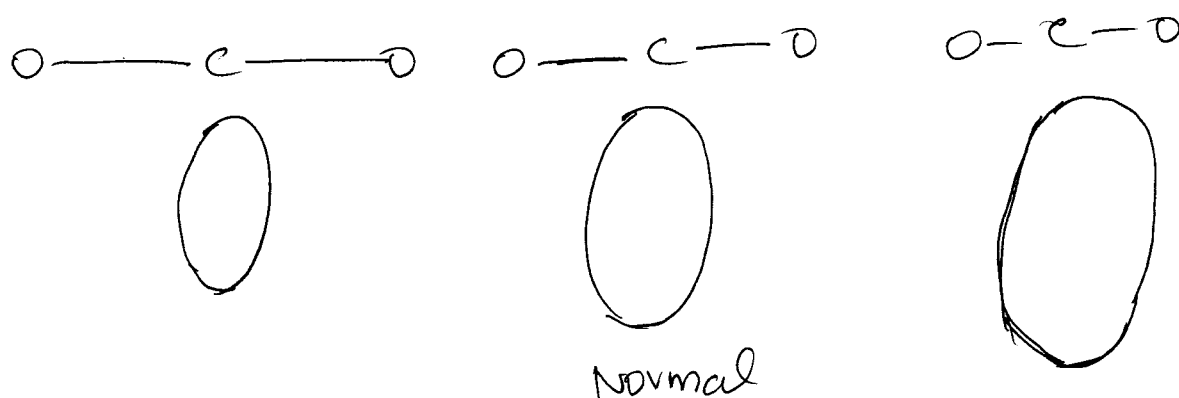
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- (i)  $V_1$  involves change in size of the ellipsoid
- (ii)  $V_2$  involves change in direction of the ellipsoid.
- (iv)  $V_3$  involves change in size and shape of the ellipsoid.

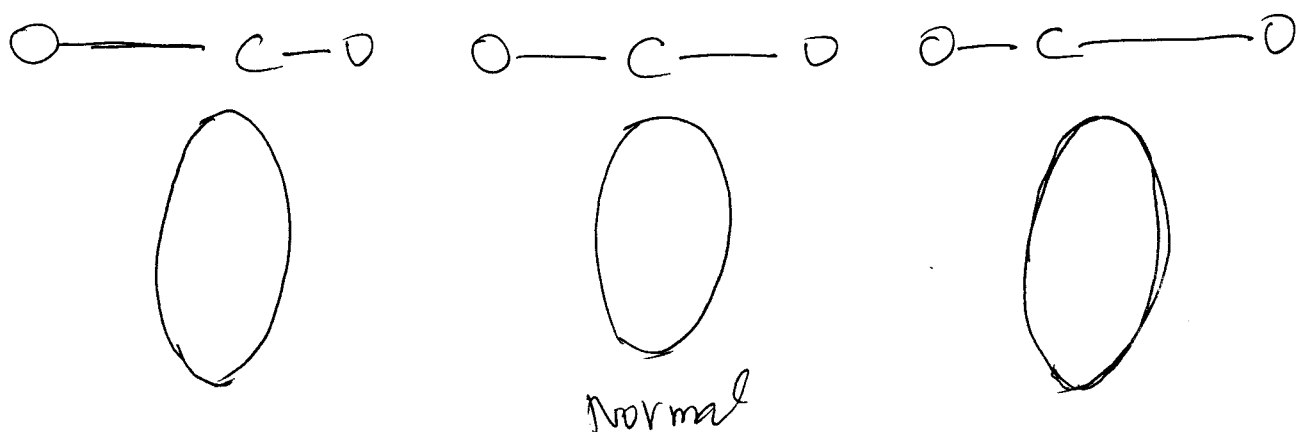
Thus all the three modes of vibration are Raman active.

## 2. Linear molecules (e.g. $CO_2$ )

(a) Sym. stretching ( $V_1$ )



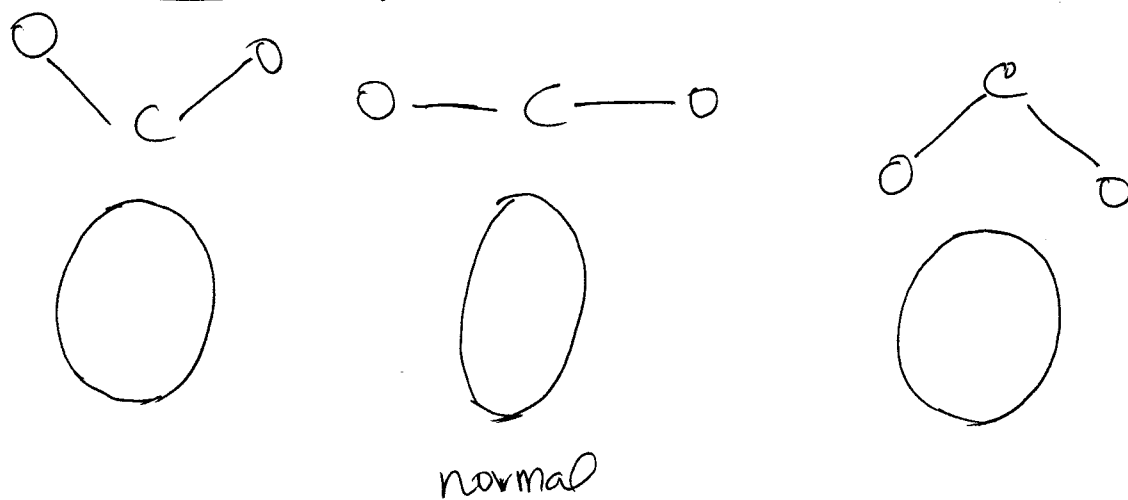
(b) Asym. stretching ( $V_2$ )





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(e) Bending ( $V_3$ )



- (i)  $V_1$  involves change in size of the ellipsoid
- (ii)  $V_2$  involves no change in the ellipsoid.
- (iii)  $V_3$  involves no change in the ellipsoid.

Thus,  $V_1$  is Raman active and  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  are Raman inactive.

### Comparative study of Raman spectra and IR spectra. :-

Both IR and Raman spectra arise out of vibrational and rotational transitions in molecules. They give the same kind of information. i.e. one is complimentary to the other.

Example (1) Water molecule.

Mode of Vibration	IR activity	Raman activity
(i) Sym-stretching	Active	Active
(ii) Asym-stretching	Active	Active
(iii) Sym-bending	Active	Active

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## 2. $\text{CO}_2$ molecule.

Mode of vibration	IR activity	Raman activity.
(i) sym- stretching	Inactive	Active
(ii) Asym- stretching	Active	Inactive
(iii) Sym- bending	Active	Inactive

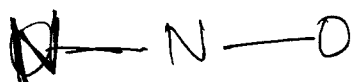
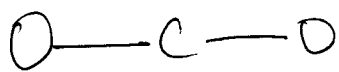
Rule of Mutual Exclusion:- This is a general rule which throws light on the molecular symmetry. According to the rule, if a molecule has a centre of symmetry, then Raman active vibrations are IR inactive and vice versa. If there is no centre of symmetry then some (not all) vibrations may be both Raman and IR active.

### Illustrations:-

Carbon dioxide and Nitrous oxide molecules give rise to some <sup>no. of</sup> IR bands. They must therefore be linear. In the case of  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule, the IR active vibrations are Raman inactive and the Raman active vibrations are IR inactive. This shows that  $\text{CO}_2$  molecule has a centre of symmetry. However, all the vibrations of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  molecule are simultaneously IR and Raman active.

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Thus, the molecule is asymmetric and has no centre of symmetry. The structures are



### Difference between Raman spectra and IR spectra

<u>Raman spectra</u>	<u>IR Spectra.</u>
1. It is due to scattering of light by the vibrating molecules.	It is outcome of the absorption of light by the vibrating molecules.
2. Change in polarizability is the cause for Raman spectra.	change in dipole moment is the cause for IR spectra.
3. Water can be used as a solvent	Water can not be used as a solvent since it is opaque to IR radiation.
4. Vibrational frequencies of large molecules can be measured.	Vibrational frequencies of large molecules can not be measured.
5. Concentrated solutions must be used.	Dilute solutions are preferred.
6. Homonuclear diatomic molecules are active	Homonuclear diatomic molecules are inactive.
7. For Raman spectra any source of light can be used.	only IR light is used.

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## Combined uses of IR and Raman spectroscopy in the structural elucidation of simple molecules

(Q) ~~H<sub>2</sub>O~~: Three fundamental vibrations are given  
by as follows:

(a) For non linear polyatomic molecules like H<sub>2</sub>O.

Total no. of degrees of freedom =  $3n$

No. of translational degrees of freedom = 3  
(along x, y and z axes)

No. of rotational degrees of freedom = 3  
(Rotation is resolved into three components about three  $\perp$  axes)

$$\therefore \text{No. of vibrational degrees of freedom} = 3n - (3+3) \\ = 3n - 6$$

(b) For linear polyatomic molecules (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O)

Total no. of degrees of freedom =  $3n$

No. of translational degrees of freedom } = 3.

No. of ~~vibrational~~ <sup>Rotational</sup> degrees of freedom = 2

(There is ~~no~~ <sup>only</sup> rotation about the bond axis ~~only~~ is negligible as rotational constant is ~~small~~)  
(only  $\perp$  axes are resolved).

$$\therefore \text{No. of vibrational degrees of freedom} = 3n - (3+2) \\ = 3n - 5$$

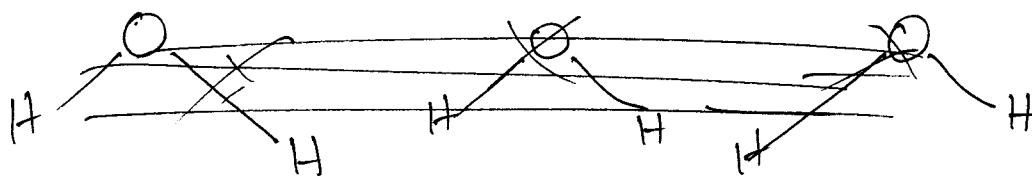
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(i) H<sub>2</sub>O:

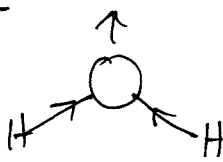
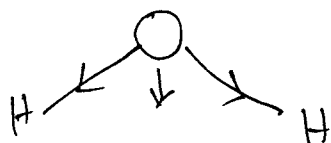
2A<sub>1</sub> + B<sub>1</sub>  
2 Symmetric  
1 Asymmetric

By (3n-6) rule

3x3-6 = 9-6 = 3 fundamental modes of vibrations are observed.



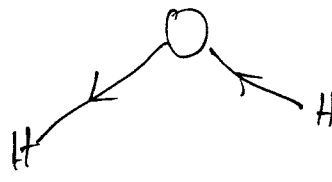
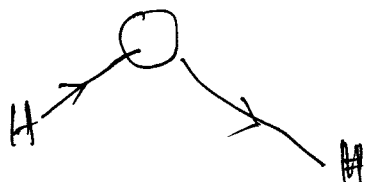
Symmetric stretching:



IR active  
Raman active.

$\nu_1 = 3655 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

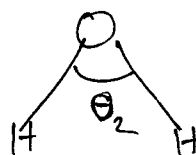
Asymmetric stretching



IR active  
Raman active

$\nu_2 = 3756 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Bending:



IR active  
Raman active.

$\theta_1 > \theta_2$

$\nu_3 = 1595 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

As in the case of H<sub>2</sub>O all fundamentals are both Raman and IR active, the molecule has no <sup>Centre of</sup> symmetry according to mutual exclusion principle.

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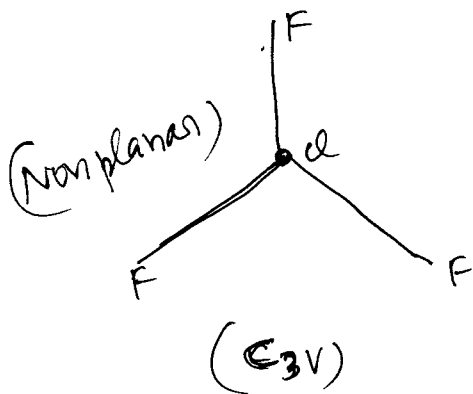
So it is concluded that water has bent structure.

(ii) ClF<sub>3</sub> ✓

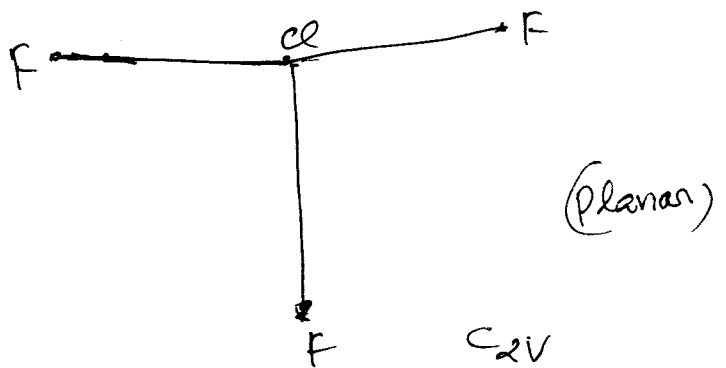
Six fundamentals are observed for this compound. It is established that the structure is non linear. Since  $(3n-6)$  rule is satisfied.

$$3 \times 4 - 6 = 12 - 6 = 6.$$

It is also observed that all ~~the~~ <sup>are</sup> IR and Raman active. It is finally confirmed that ClF<sub>3</sub> has planar T-shaped structure. It fulfills the C<sub>2v</sub> symmetry. Bond angle is nearly 90°.



(C<sub>3v</sub> symmetry is ruled out)



(C<sub>2v</sub> is confirmed)

(iii) NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ✓

(3n bent group)

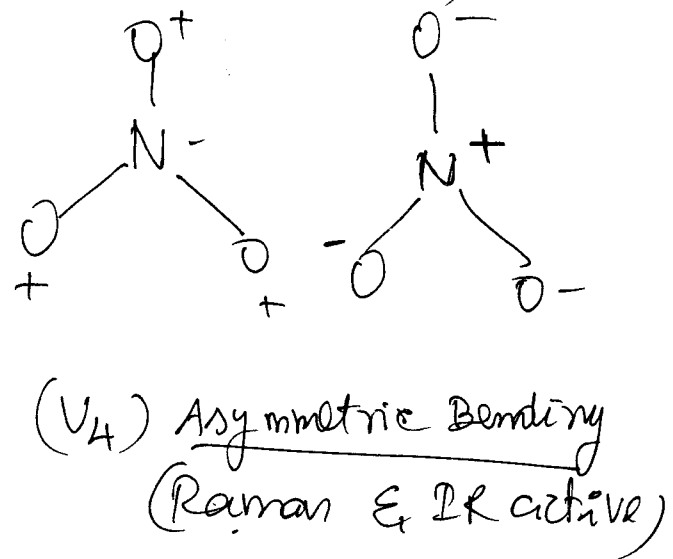
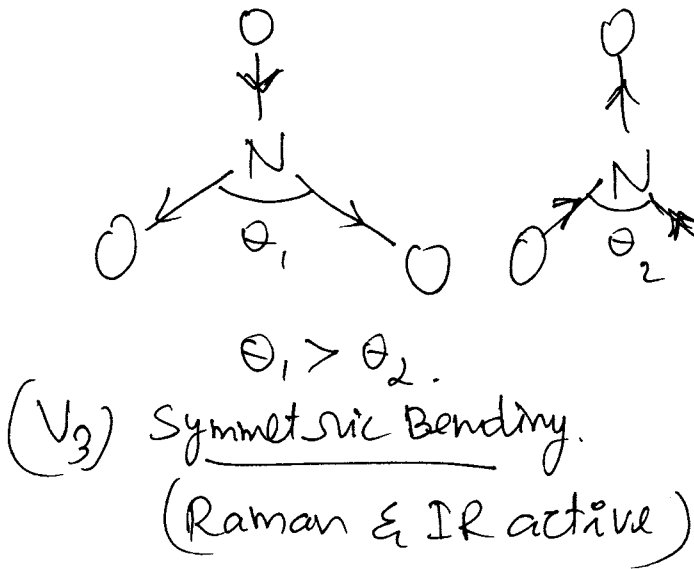
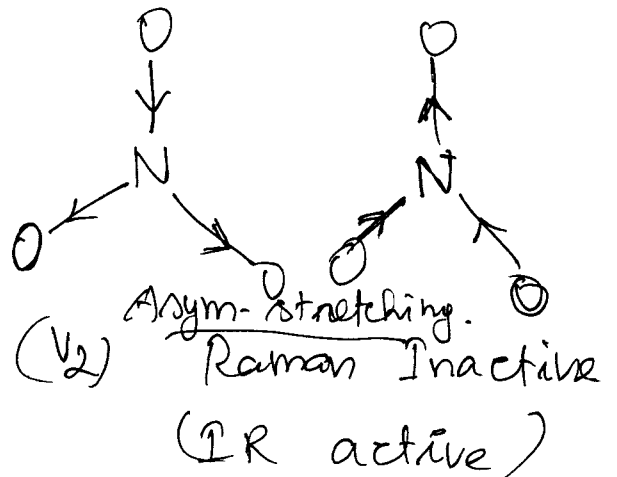
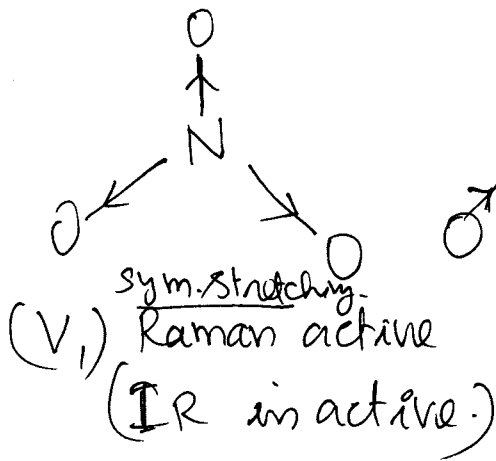
The IR and Raman spectra ~~comp~~ of this compound indicates that  $\nu_1$  is Raman active but IR inactive and  $\nu_2$  is IR active but Raman inactive.  $\nu_3$  and  $\nu_4$  are both Raman & IR active.

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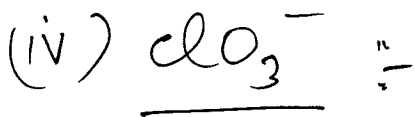
Trigonal planar

Therefore A symmetrical planar structure is proposed.

Mode.	Raman active ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	IR active. ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
$V_1$	1049	-
$V_2$	-	830
$V_3$	1355	1350
$V_4$	690	680



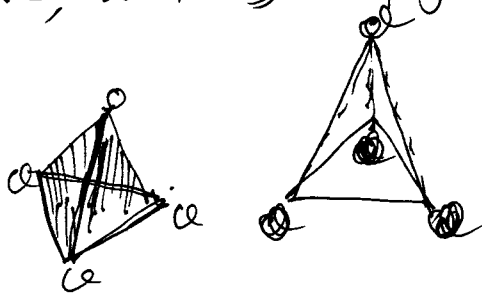
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The following modes of vibrations are assigned for this compound.

Raman active ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	IR active ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Assignment ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
450	434	$\nu_4$
610	624	$\nu_2$
940	950	$\nu_3$
982	994	$\nu_1$

~~All~~ all vibrations are both Raman and IR active, it ~~has~~ has a pyramidal structure (nonplanar)



GROUP VIBRATIONAL Concept :-

Most of the functional groups absorb in a narrow region of the spectrum irrespective of the molecule contains the functional group.



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For example, the carbonyl absorptions due to C=O stretching occur roughly in the region  $1700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Because of mass, inductive and conjugative effects the position of the band varies slightly ( $\pm 150 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) similarly,  $-\text{CH}_3$  group has five absorptions. viz.

stretching: C-H<sub>s</sub> and C-H<sub>as</sub>  $\rightarrow 3000-2860 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Bending: C-H<sub>s</sub> and C-H<sub>as</sub>  $\rightarrow 1470-1400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Rocking: C-H<sub>rocking</sub>  $\rightarrow 1200-800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

The concept of group vibrations implies that the vibrations of a particular group in a compound are relatively independent of the rest of the molecule. i.e. a molecule can be dissected into many independent groups. Many functional groups in unknown compounds have been identified by this assumption.

Limitations of the concept:

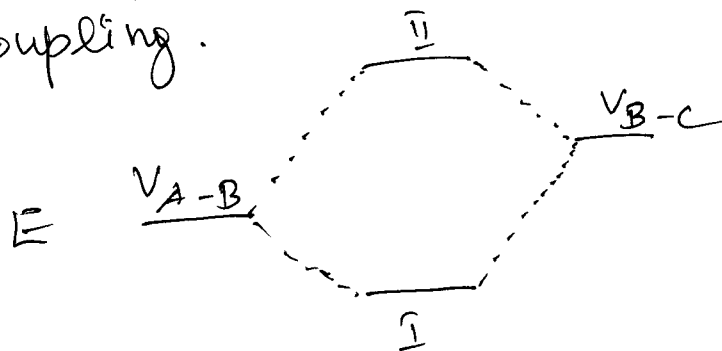
The group vibration concept implies that the vibrations of a particular group are independent of the remaining part of the molecule. During normal modes of vibration the centre of mass has to be retained. If the functional group has heavier atom, very little motion is required to maintain the centre of gravity. But ~~we~~ here group vibration concept is applicable.

But when the atoms in a molecule are of smaller mass and are connected by ~~mass~~ bonds with similar force constants, the entire molecule

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will participate in the vibration. This simultaneous vibration of more than one group is called Coupling of group vibrational modes.

Two group vibrations of similar energies  $\nu_{A-B}$  and  $\nu_{B-C}$  couple to give vibrations I and II. The vibration I involves some motion of B-C bond and the vibration II some motion of A-B bond. When the frequencies of the two group vibrations are close together, there will be extensive coupling.



For example :-

(1) In HCN, C-H and C-N vibrations couple.

Therefore, the observed frequencies cannot be described as being pure C-H and C-N stretch.

The presence of coupling in this molecule can be demonstrated by deuteration.

	H- <del>C</del> N	D-C-N
C-N <sub>s</sub>	2089	1906
C-H <sub>s</sub>	3312	2629

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- The values explain that
- (a) Deuteriation affects the C-N stretching frequency.
  - (b) C-D and C-N frequencies are very closer than  $\nu_{C-H}$  and  $\nu_{C-N}$ . Therefore, there is more extensive Coupling in DEN. and
  - (c) Because of Coupling, expected decrease in  $\nu_{C-H}$  has not been observed on deuteriation (expected  $3312/1.3 = 2540$ , observed =  $2629 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

(2) In some cases the Coupling may occur if the vibrations are of same symmetry. e.g. In acetylene C-H<sub>s</sub> and C-C<sub>s</sub> are of same symmetry. So they Couple. But C-H<sub>as</sub> and C-C<sub>as</sub> are of different symmetry. so they do not Couple. Here the deuteriation effect is normal (C-H<sub>as</sub> =  $3287 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) (C-D<sub>as</sub> =  $2427$ .)

(3.) In Compounds such as F<sub>2</sub>CO, Cl<sub>2</sub>CO and Br<sub>2</sub>CO, the  $\nu_{C-O}$  are 1928, 1827, and 1828  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively. On the basis of electronegativity of halogen atoms the observed decrease can not be explained. The trend is explained due to Coupling of C-F<sub>s</sub> and C-O<sub>s</sub> vibrations, as they are closer, thereby making the  $\nu_{C-O}$  higher than expected for an isolated CO. Since the size increases from F to Br, the extent of Coupling and, hence the  $\nu_{C-O}$  decreases in the same order.

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## Factors that influence the vibrational spectra.

### Factors:

- (a) Rotational fine structures are also obtained for gaseous samples. Fine structures are not obtained in solution because collisions of molecules in the condensed phase occur before a rotation is completed.
- (b) The number of absorption bands and frequencies of vibrations vary in different states.
- (c) There are more bands in the liquid state than in the gaseous state of the substance. New bands below  $300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  appear in the solid state spectrum.

### Reasons:

(i) Intermolecular forces  $\div$  The intermolecular forces existing in the solid and liquid states are stronger compared to that in the gaseous state. As a result slight shifts in frequencies are observed.

(ii) Lattice vibrations  $\div$  The bands appearing around  $300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the solid samples are due to the translational and torsional motions of the molecules in the lattice. Lattice vibrations form combination bands with intramolecular vibrations causing frequency shifts.

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(iii) Vibrational Coupling: If the unit cell contains more than one chemically equivalent molecule, the vibrations in the individual molecules couple with each other and this intermolecular coupling causes frequency shifts.

(iv) Site symmetry: When a molecule is present in a crystal, the symmetry of the surroundings of the molecule in the unit cell determines the selection rules. i.e. bands forbidden in the gaseous state appear in the solid and degenerate vibrations in the gaseous state are split in the solid. For example, the IR spectrum and Raman spectra of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  in calcite where the  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ion is in the site of  $D_3$  symmetry, contain the following bands:

$\nu_1$  1087 (R),  $\nu_2$  879 (I),  $\nu_3$  1432 (I, R)  
and  $\nu_4$  710 (I, R).

The IR spectrum of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  in Aragonite, where the site symmetry of carbonate is  $C_s$ , differs in that  $\nu_1$  becomes IR active and  $\nu_3$  and  $\nu_4$  each split into two bands.

(v) H-bonding: In hydrogen bonding solvents the shifts are due to specific solute-solvent interactions which cause changes in the electron distribution in the solute.

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## Effect of Coordination on ligand vibrations

When a ligand coordinates to a metal atom the electron density is changed which, in turn, changes the bond length, bond angles and inter-atomic forces. Therefore, IR spectrum of coordinated ligand differs from that of free ligand. The differences are observed in

(i) the band positions (ii) the relative intensity of bands and (iii) the nature of bands (single peak being split up into several bands).

These changes are mainly due to ~~the~~ the effect of complex formation on the symmetry of the ligand and changes in the electronic structures and bonding characteristics of the ligand.

### (1) Effect of complex formation on the symmetry of the ligands:

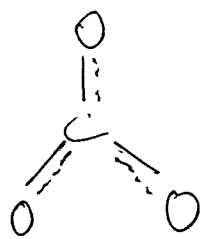
The equivalent bonds in a free ligand become non-equivalent on complex formation, resulting in a change in the symmetry of the ligands. As a result, certain bands are split up and new bands are obtained in IR spectrum.

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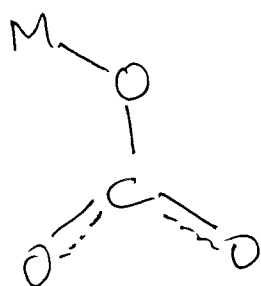
### Example:-

#### 1. CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>

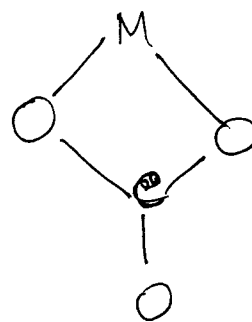
It is observed that the carbonate ion can coordinate with a metal ion as a Unidentate or bidentate ligand. In the free ligand all the three C-O bonds are equivalent; only one IR band is observed. But on coordination, two types of C-O bond result and as a result two bands are observed. The difference between the two kinds of C-O bond is much greater for bidentate coordination than for unidentate coordination.



Free ion

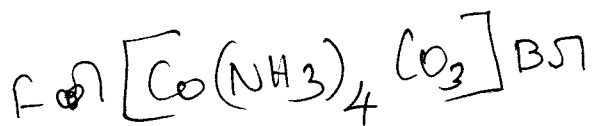


Unidentate



Bidentate

e.g. For  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{CO}_3]\text{Br}$  (Pentamino carbonate cobalt II Bromide)  
 $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  is unidentate; bands are at 1373 and 1070  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; Difference =  $\frac{303}{330} \text{cm}^{-1}$ .

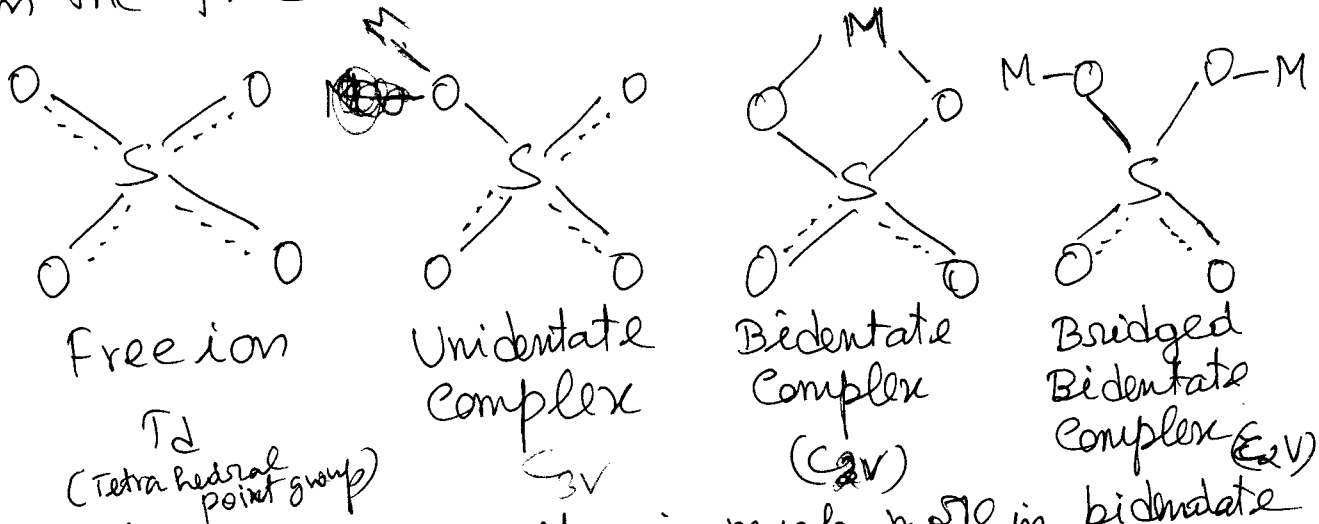


$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  is bidentate, bands are at 1373 and 1030  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; Difference = 343  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

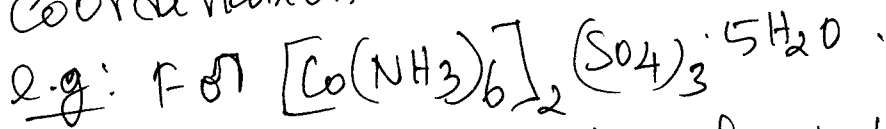
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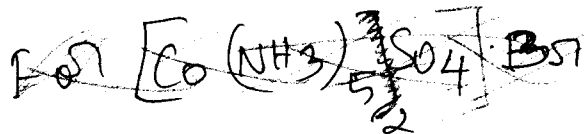
The free sulphate ion belongs to the high symmetry point group  $T_d$ . Of the four fundamental vibrations, only  $\nu_3$  and  $\nu_4$  are infrared active. If the ion is coordinated to a metal, the symmetry is lowered which results in the splitting of the degenerate modes to give new bands in the IR spectrum corresponding to Raman active bands in the free ion.



The lowering of symmetry is much more in bidentate and bridging coordination than in unidentate coordination.



Free sulphate Free sulphate ion shows two IR bands at 1104 ( $\nu_3$ ) and 613 ( $\nu_4$ )  $cm^{-1}$ . ( $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  are inactive)



Bidentate  $SO_4$  is bidentate ( $C_{2v}$ ) shows six bands at 970, 438, 1032-1044, 1117-1143, 645 and 604  $cm^{-1}$



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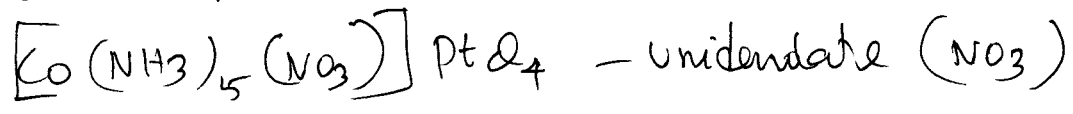
Bridged

For bridged  $SO_4^{2-}$  ( $C_{2v}$ ) the spectrum shows still more numbers of bands.

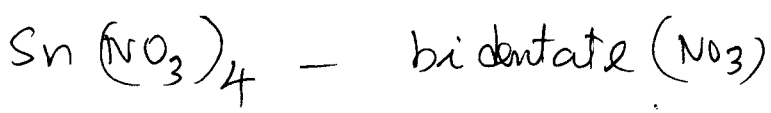
(3)  $NO_3^-$

$NO_3^-$  has more resemblance with carbonate ( $CO_3^{2-}$ ) ion. The results obtained for carbonate complexes are also applicable to nitrate complex. It is observed that the infrared spectra of unidentate nitrate complexes have  $C_{2v}$  symmetry. They show NO stretchings at  $1530-1480\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_3$ ) or  $1290-1250$  ( $\nu_1$ ) and  $1035-970$  ( $\nu_2$ ).

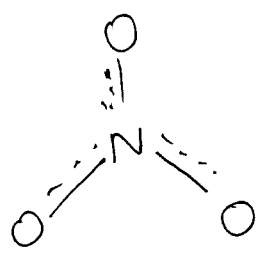
For example



$1481, 1269, \text{ and } 1012\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



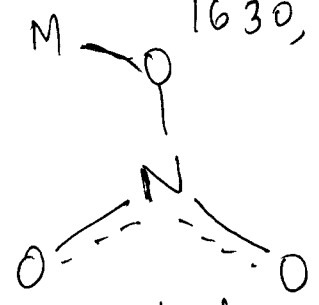
$1630, 1255, 983\text{ cm}^{-1}$



Free ion

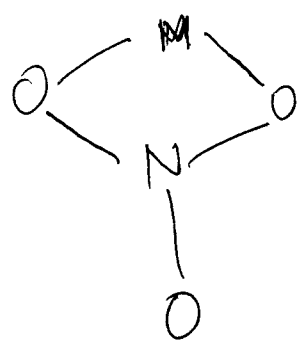
$D_{3h}$

stretching mode  
IR inactive



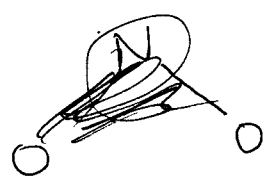
Unidentate

$C_{2v}$



Bidentate

$C_{2v}$



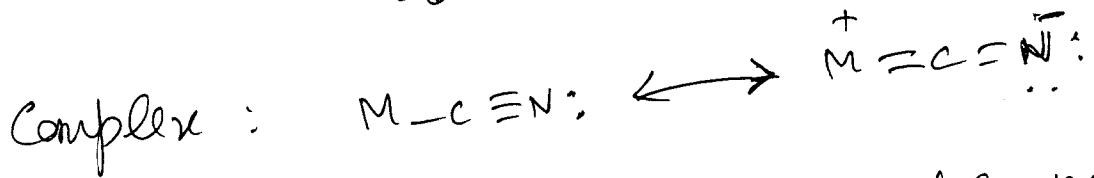
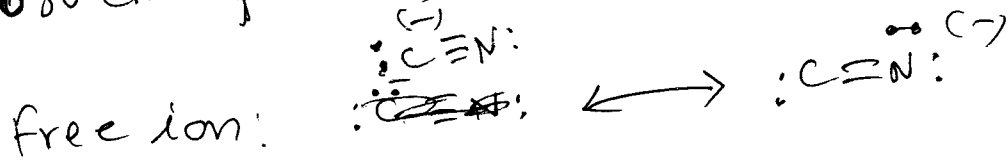
(2) Effect of complex formation on the electronic environment of the ligands.

(i) ~~Cyano~~ complex:

(i) cyano (CN) complexes:

Cyano complexes exhibit sharp  $C \equiv N$  stretching bands at  $2200 - 2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Some complexes exhibit band splitting in the crystalline state. Polynuclear complexes give several bands. Hydrates exhibit spectra different from those of the anhydrides. The  $C \equiv N$  stretching frequencies of cyano complexes are generally higher than that of the free ion

( $2080 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for KCN)



The  $C \equiv N$  stretching frequencies of cyano complexes depend upon (1) Electronegativity (2) the oxidation state (3) the coordination number of the metal.

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The effect of electronegativity is seen in the frequency order  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-} < [\text{Pd}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$

$< [\text{Pt}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-}$ . The effect of oxidation state is seen in the frequency order,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{2-} < [\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_4]^{4-}$

The effect of coordination number is seen in the frequency order  $[\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_4]^{3-} < [\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_3]^{3-} < [\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2]^{-}$

2 examples:

$\text{K}_3[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]$	-	$2125 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$\text{K}_4[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]$	-	$2060 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$\text{K}_5[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]$	-	$2048$

## (2) Thiocyanato Complexes:

The SCN group may coordinate to a metal through the nitrogen or the sulfur or both ( $\text{M}-\text{NCS}-\text{M}'$ ). It is observed that the CN stretching frequencies are generally lower in the  $\text{M}-\text{NCS}$  complexes than in the  $\text{M}-\text{SCN}$  complexes. The C-S stretching frequency is very useful in distinguishing these two isomers as their difference in frequencies.

For $\text{M}-\text{NCS}$	$780-860 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$\text{C} \rightarrow \text{S}$
For $\text{M}-\text{SCN}$	$690-720 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$\text{C} \rightarrow \text{N}$

The bending frequency is also different for these isomers.

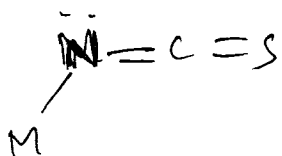
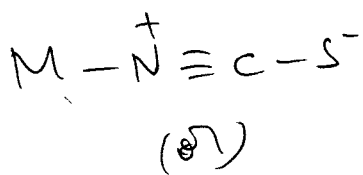
For  $\text{M}-\text{NCS}$  -  $450-490 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

For ~~M-NCS~~  $\text{M}-\text{SCN}$  -  $400-440 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

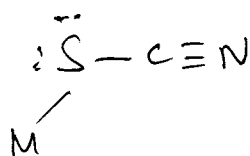
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It is shown that the M-NCS group is linear or bent while the M-SCN group is always bent. This suggests that the following resonance structures are predominant.

M-NCS group



M-SCN group



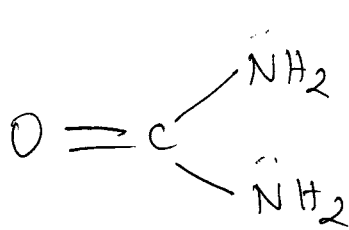
examples:-

thiocyanato complexes		Isothiocyanato complexes	
Complex	$\nu_{C-N} \text{ cm}^{-1}$	Complex	$\nu_{C-S} \text{ cm}^{-1}$
KSCN	748	$K_2 [Co(NCS)_4]$	819
$K_2 [Pt(SCN)_4]$	705	$K_2 [Cr(NCS)_4]$	820
$K_2 [Hg(SCN)_4]$	715	$Ca_2 [Zn(NCS)_4] \cdot 4H_2O$	821, 826
$Zn [Hg(SCN)_4]$	786	$Hg_3 [Cr(NCS)_4]_2$	801

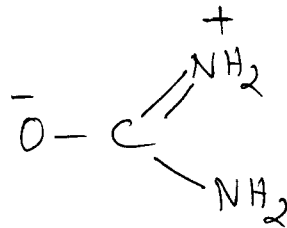
(3) Urea:

It is important to study the I-R spectra of Urea complexes whether coordination occurs through nitrogen or oxygen. The resonance structures of Urea is given as follows.

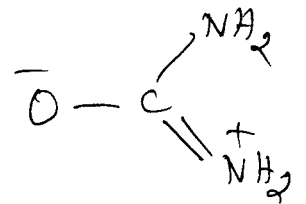
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II



III

If Coordination occurs through nitrogen contribution of structures II and III will decrease. This results in an increase of the CO stretching frequency with a decrease of the CN stretching frequency. The NH stretching frequency may fall in the same range.

If Coordination occurs through oxygen, the contribution of structure I will decrease. This may result in a decrease of the CO stretching frequency but no appreciable change in the NH stretching frequency.

The results showed that coordination occurs through nitrogen in the Pt(II) complex, and through oxygen in the Cr(III) complex including Fe(III), Zn(II) and Cu(II).

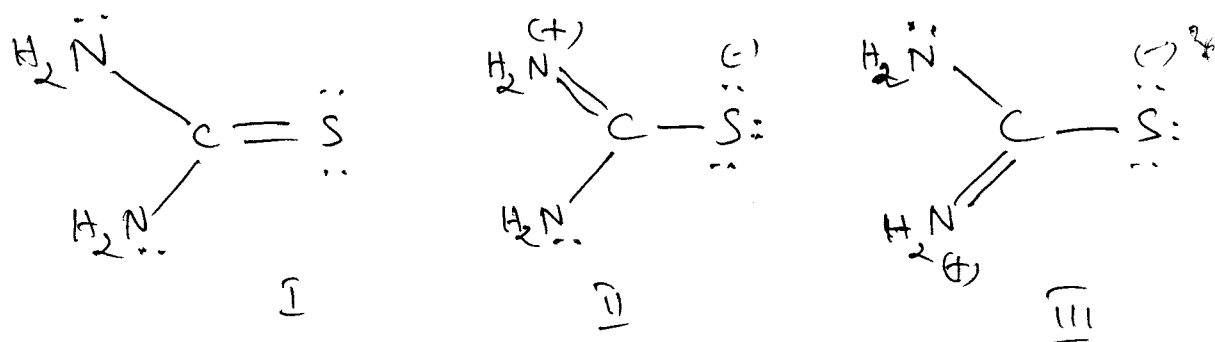
examples:

$[\text{Pt}(\text{urea})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ $\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Urea	$[\text{Cr}(\text{urea})_4]\text{Cl}_3$	Predominant mode.
3390	3500	3440	(NH <sub>2</sub> ), free.
3290	3350	3230	(NH <sub>2</sub> ), bonded
3130		3190	
3030			
1725	1683	1505	(C=O)
1395	1471	1505	(C-N)

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### (4) Thiourea Complexes:-

From the I.R studies on thiourea  $[(NH_2)_2CS]$  complexes. it was observed that all the metals (Pt, Pd, Zn and Ni) form M-S bonds, since the CN stretching frequency increases and the CS stretching frequency decreases upon coordination without an appreciable change of the N-H stretching frequency. The resonance structures of thiourea is given as follows.



When thiourea coordinates through S to a metal ion, structures II and III are favoured and this decreases the  $\nu_{C-S}$  and increases the  $\nu_{C-N}$ . If it coordinates through N, then the nitrogen lone pair is involved (Structure I is favoured) resulting in a decreased  $\nu_{C-N}$  and increased  $\nu_{C-S}$ .

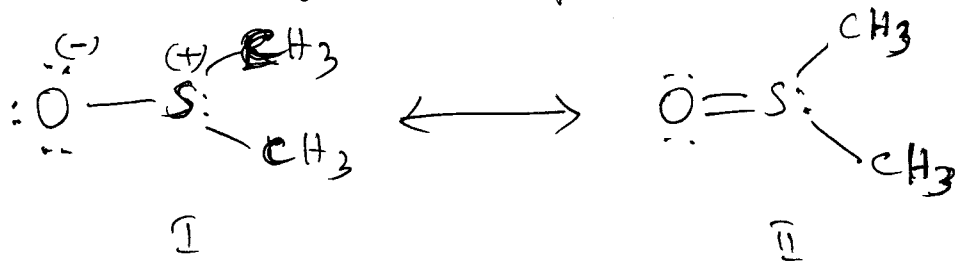
For thiourea  $\nu_{C-S}$   $730\text{cm}^{-1}$

When complexed with  $Mg(I)$  or  $Co(II)$  ions, the value is shifted to lower frequencies, indicating coordination through S-atom.

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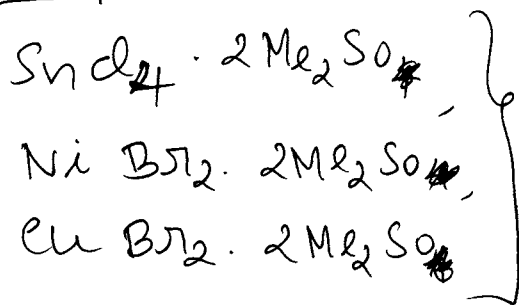
(5) Dimethyl sulphoxide  $\equiv$  (DMSO)

The resonance hybrid structures of dimethyl sulphoxide is given as follows:

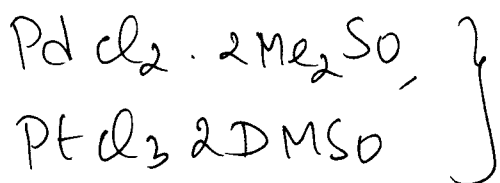


When DMSO coordinates through S-atom, the electron density is shifted from O to S and as a result S-O bond strength increases and  $\nu_{S-O}$  increases. When DMSO coordinates through O atom, the electron density is shifted to metal atom and as a result S-O bond strength decreases and  $\nu_{S-O}$  decreases.

Examples:



DMSO  $\rightarrow$   $1055 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
( $911-957 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicates DMSO has bonded through O-atom)



( $1100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicate that DMSO has bonded through S-atom)

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Effect of Isotopic substitution on the vibrational spectra of molecules:

As vibrational frequencies depend on the masses of moving atoms, substitution of an atom in a molecule by an isotope of different mass, will alter the frequencies of some modes. This can be very useful in assigning particular vibration if there is close range of frequencies.

H/D substitution:

As Deuterium substitution leads to larger relative mass that results in decrease of vibrational frequencies. Thus all M-H stretching frequencies decrease by several hundreds of  $cm^{-1}$ . For example the IR spectrum of  $[Co(CO)_4H]$ , here the lowest frequency is due to deuterium substitution, as given in the table

$Co(CO)_4H$	$Co(CO)_4D$	Assignment
2121	2120	} $\nu_{CO}$
2062	2058	
2043	2043	
1934	1396	$\nu(CoH), D$

All other higher frequencies are due to CO stretches. Thus out of 4 modes of frequencies which are initially



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in the closer range, now become distinguished from the 4th one that is the lowest frequency which is due to C-H stretch.

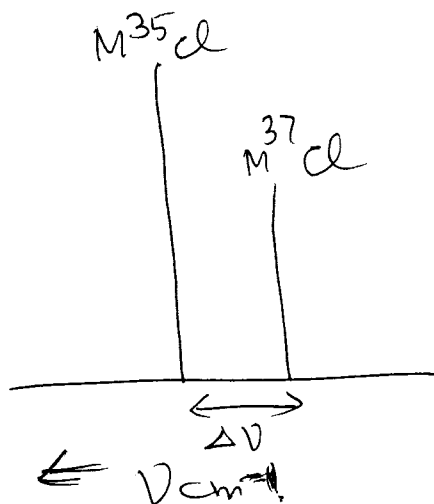
### Heavy-atom isotope substitution:

For atoms other than hydrogen, the relative changes in mass on isotopic substitutions are small, and frequency shifts are less dramatic. But in very few cases, both naturally-occurring and artificial isotope mixture can ~~give~~ give useful information.

For an example, the normal 3:1 mixture of chlorine isotopes leads to a characteristic isotope pattern ~~of~~ for a single M-Cl bond stretch with a stronger higher-frequency band due to  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  and a weaker, lower frequency band due to  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ .

The relative shift is less than 0.5

$\Delta\nu/\nu < 0.5 (\Delta m/m)$ . It is readily resolvable if the bands are narrow.



## Vibrational spectra of metal carbonyls

Metal carbonyls exhibit a variety of structures their structural elucidation by means of vibrational spectra has been a considerable interest. metal carbonyls may be classified into the following four groups.

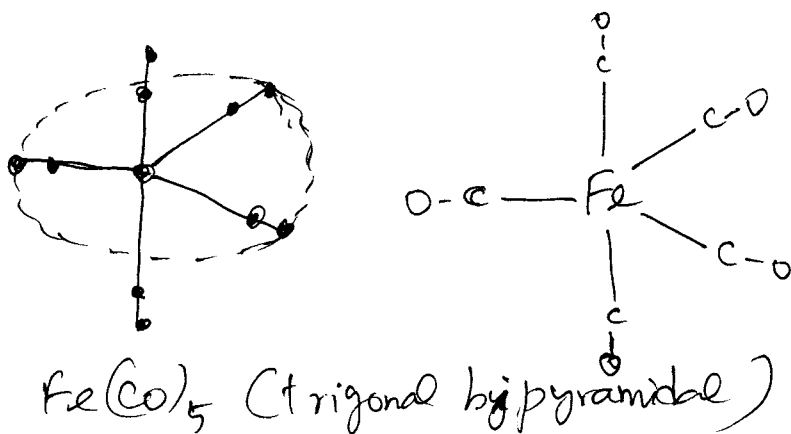
### (a) Mononuclear carbonyls :-

Their ~~str~~ structures are very simple, and they can be determined easily by vibrational spectrum. The following table shows the observed  $\nu_{CO}$  and  $\nu_{MC}$  stretching frequencies of mononuclear carbonyls.

Compound	Symmetry	IR/Raman	Observed $\nu_{CO}$	observed $\nu_{MC}$
$BH_3CO$	$C_{3v}$	IR	2165	691
$Ni(CO)_4$	$T_d$	IR	2057	422
		R	2121 } 2039 }	422 } 381 }
$[Co(CO)_4]^-$	$T_d$	R	1918 1883	532 439
$[Fe(CO)_4]^{2-}$	$T_d$	R	1788	550 464
$Fe(CO)_5$	$D_{3h}$	IR	2028 1994	472 430
		R	2114 } 2031 } 1984 }	492 414 377

The CO stretching frequency decreases remarkably in going from  $Ni(CO)_4$  to  $[Fe(CO)_4]^{2-}$ . This is due to the back donation of electrons from the metal to the CO group in the same order of metals. As a result, the MC stretching frequency increases in the same order.

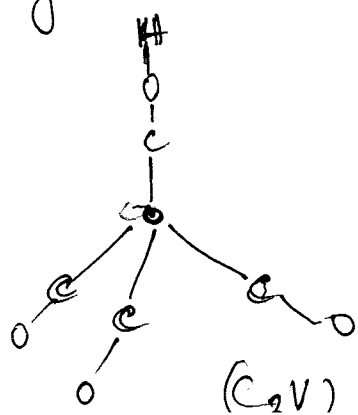
$Fe(CO)_5$  molecule is trigonal bipyramidal; group theory predicts that there are two infrared active ( $A_2$  and  $E'$ ) and three Raman active ( $2A_1'$  and  $E'$ ) fundamentals for both the CO and Fe-C stretching frequency.



(b) Hydrocarbonyls :-

The infrared spectrum of  $HCo(CO)_4$  exhibits one CO stretching band at  $2049\text{ cm}^{-1}$  with a shoulder. It is in agreement with the following structure.

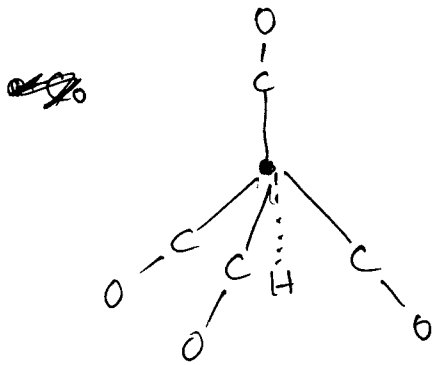
free OH  $\rightarrow \nu \approx 3600\text{ cm}^{-1}$



However, the O-H stretching frequency expected for this structure is not observed. So it is concluded that hydrogen

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may be close enough to one or more oxygens to give ~~one~~ two infrared active Co stretching modes, but not bound strongly enough to produce an observable OH stretching band. So another structure was proposed as given below.



Here the hydrogen atom is on the three-fold axis and about  $2 \text{ \AA}$  away from the Co atom. The  $1s$  orbital of hydrogen and  $2p\pi$  orbitals of carbon and oxygen overlapping occurs at a distance of  $1.2 \text{ \AA}$  from the Co atom. Finally it was assigned that a band at  $1934 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for Co-H stretching and the band at  $704 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the Co-H bending mode.

Another hydrocarbonyl  $[\text{H Fe}(\text{CO})_4]^-$  has a similar structure as  $\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_4$ . The IR spectrum of  $\text{HMn}(\text{CO})_5$  has shown that the structure is having  $C_{4v}$  symmetry.

The IR spectra of  $\text{HRe}(\text{CO})_5$  and  $\text{DRe}(\text{CO})_5$  have shown two bands at  $1832$  and  $1318 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for Re-H and Re-D stretching modes respectively, but it is difficult to propose a definite structures for it.

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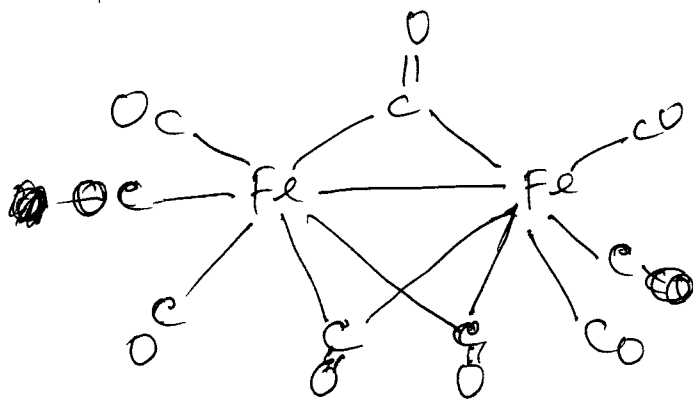
(c) Poly nuclear carbonyls :-

Terminal and bridged carbonyls:

Terminal carbonyls are relatively unchanged from free carbon monoxide (bond order  $\approx 3$ ). But bridged carbonyls are electronically much closer to carbonyl group of organic ketones (bond order  $\approx 2$ ).

Free CO	$\nu_{C-O}$	$2143 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Terminal CO	$\nu_{C-O}$	$2000 \pm 100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Bridged CO	$\nu_{C-O}$	$1800 \pm 75 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

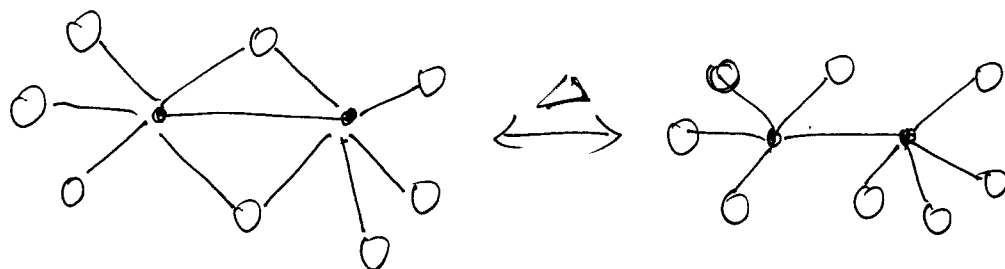
The IR spectrum of  $Fe_2(CO)_9$  shows  $\nu_{C-O}$  bands at  $1828$  and  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , indicating the presence of both terminal and bridged CO groups.



The IR spectrum of  $Co_2(CO)_8$  shows bands at  $2050$  and  $1860 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , establishing the presence of both terminal and bridged CO groups. When the spectrum is recorded at high temperatures, the  $\nu_{C-O}$  band at  $1860 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  disappears, and hence all

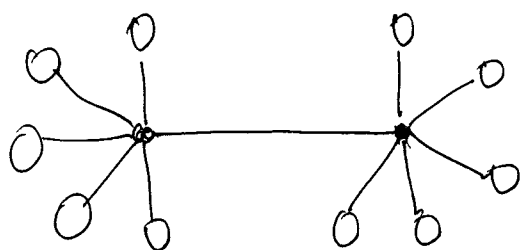
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CO groups become terminals. In solution, both forms exist in equilibrium.



• Co  
○ CO

The IR spectrum of  $Mn_2(CO)_{10}$  contains no band in the region  $1800 - 1900 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , thereby showing the absence of bridged CO.



• Mn  
○ CO

cis and Trans carbonyls:

$[M(CO)_4L_2]$  Trans isomer ( $D_{4h}$ ) has more symmetric structure and shows fewer IR bands but cis isomer ( $C_{2v}$ ) has a lower symmetry and shows many bands.

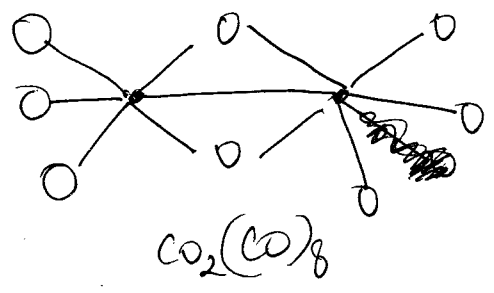
For example:  $[Mo(CO)_4(P(OPh)_3)_2]$ . The trans form has only one band at  $1950 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the cis form shows three bands at  $2010, 1960, 1940 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

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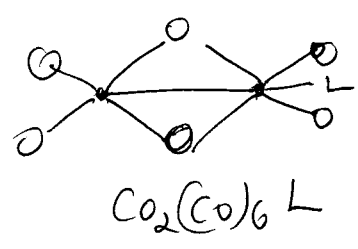
Substituted Metal Carbonyls :

The CO stretching frequencies of a number of Pt(II) carbonyl complexes such as  $Pt(CO)_2X_2$ ,  $Pt_2(CO)_2X_4$  and  $[Pt(CO)_3]^-$  (where  $X = Cl, Br$  or  $I$ ). The CO stretching frequency of the chloro complex was the highest and that of the iodo complex was the lowest in all series of halogeno compounds.

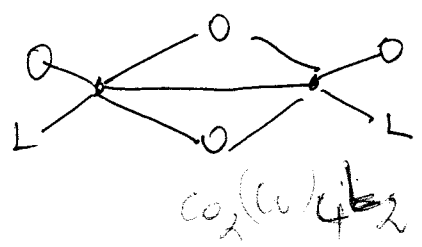
In another case the infrared spectrum of binuclear olefin-substituted Co carbonyl compounds of the type  $Co_2(CO)_6L$  and  $Co_2(CO)_4L_2$  where L is a diene. Appearance of bridging CO stretching bands suggests that the two bridging CO groups originally present in  $Co_2(CO)_8$  are retained in these compounds.



O-CO



L - Diene -



— x —