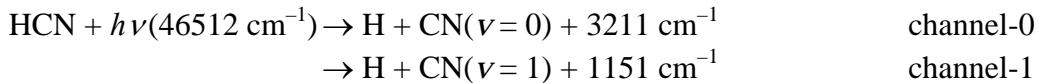


### 3. Prior Distribution

- statistically equal distribution in *final* states

#### 3.1 Rotational distribution and rotational sum

*ex.) Photodissociation of HCN at 215 nm (46512 cm<sup>-1</sup>):*



$E^*$  → rel. translation + CN rotation

- Probability of finding CN in a specific rovibrational state  $\propto$

$$\rho(v, J) = g(J) \rho_{trans}^\circ [E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v) - \varepsilon_{rot}(J)] \quad (3.1.1)$$

*ex.) Rotational distribution of CN via channel-1  $\propto$*

$$(2J+1) \rho_{trans}^\circ [1151 - BJ(J+1)] \propto (2J+1) [1151 - 1.8996J(J+1)]^{1/2} \quad (J_{\max} = 24, \text{fig. 3.1})$$

- Probability of finding CN in a *vibrational* state (indistinctive of rot. states)  $\propto$  Rotational sum:

$$\rho(v) = \sum_J g(J) \rho_{trans}^\circ [E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v) - \varepsilon_{rot}(J)], \quad [\varepsilon_{rot}(J) \leq E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v)] \quad (3.1.2)$$

(summation → integration)

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(v) &= \int_0^{E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v)} \rho_{rot}^{(2D)}[\varepsilon_{rot}] \rho_{trans}^\circ [E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v) - \varepsilon_{rot}] d\varepsilon_{rot} \\ &= \int_0^{E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v)} c_{rot}^{(2D)} c_{trans} [E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v) - \varepsilon_{rot}]^{1/2} d\varepsilon_{rot} = \frac{2}{3} c_{rot}^{(2D)} c_{trans} [E^* - \varepsilon_{vib}(v)]^{3/2} \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.3)$$

*ex.) Branching ratio of channel-0 : channel-1 = (3211)<sup>3/2</sup> : (1151)<sup>3/2</sup> ~ 4.66 : 1*

#### Problem-3.1 [OPTION]

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Derive an equation similar to 3.1.3 for the formation of an atom and a non-linear molecule.

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#### [Rotational sum]

Rotational sum for two fragments formation:

$$\rho_{rot-sum} = C_{rot-sum} E^{\frac{n_r+1}{2}} \quad (3.1.4)$$

$$C_{rot-sum} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n_t}{2}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{m_r} \Gamma\left(\frac{n_{r,i}}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n_t + n_r}{2}\right)} c_{trans} \prod_{i=1}^{m_r} c_{rot}^{(n_{r,i})} \quad (3.1.5)$$

$E^\neq = E^* - \sum_i \varepsilon(v_i)$  : Energy in translation and rotation ( $E^*$ : Total excess energy)

$n_t$  : Translational degree of freedom (= 3),  $m_r$  : Number of rotators,  $n_r$  : Total rotational degree

of freedom ( $= \sum_{i=1}^{m_r} n_{r,i}$ )

for integer  $n$ :  $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ ,  $\Gamma(1) = \Gamma(2) = 1$

for half integer  $n$ :  $\Gamma(1/2) = \pi^{1/2}$ ,  $\Gamma(3/2) = \Gamma(1/2) \times (1/2) = \pi^{1/2} / 2$ , ...

### Problem-3.2

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1) Calculate the *prior* vibrational energy distribution of OH formed from  $O(^1D) + H_2 \rightarrow OH + H$

$(\Delta H_{0K}^\circ = -182.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1})$  at 298 K. (total excess energy)  $E^* = -\Delta H_{0K}^\circ + 2.5RT$ , (vib. freq.)  $\tilde{\nu}(OH) = 3568 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

2) [OPTION] Calculate the *prior* rotational distribution OH in its  $v=0$  state formed in the above reaction. (rot. const.)  $B(OH) = 18.51 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

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## 3.2 Vibrational sum

Branching probability for a reaction channel  $\propto \rho_{vib-sum} = \sum_v \rho_{rot-sum}(v)$  (vibrational sum)



$$\Delta H_{0K}^\circ [O(^1D) + H_2 \rightarrow OH + H] = -182.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Vibrational frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) - OH: 3568, OD: 2632, H<sub>2</sub>: 4162, HD: 3633

Rotational constants ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) - OH: 18.51, OD: 9.87

(after ZPE & thermal corr. @ 298 K)  $E^*(a) = 15952$ ,  $E^*(b) = 15484 \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)}$

$$C_{rot-sum}(a) : C_{rot-sum}(b) = \frac{\mu_{H+OD}^{3/2}}{B_{OD}} : \frac{\mu_{D+OH}^{3/2}}{B_{OH}} \sim 1 : 1.382$$

$$v_{max}(a) = 6 [15792 \text{ cm}^{-1}], \quad v_{max}(b) = 4 [14272 \text{ cm}^{-1}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Branching ratio} &= \rho_{vib-sum}(a) : \rho_{vib-sum}(b) = \sum_v \rho_{rot-sum}(a, v) : \sum_v \rho_{rot-sum}(b, v) \\ &= C_{rot-sum}(a) \sum_{v=0}^6 [E^*(a) - 2632v]^{3/2} : C_{rot-sum}(b) \sum_{v=0}^4 [E^*(b) - 3568v]^{3/2} = 1 : 1.017 \end{aligned}$$

cf.) summation → integration

$$\rho_{vib-sum-cl}(a) = \frac{C_{rot-sum}(a)}{hv(OD)} \int_0^{E_{cl}^*(a)} [E_{cl}^*(a) - \epsilon_{vib}]^{3/2} d\epsilon_{vib} = \frac{2}{5} \frac{C_{rot-sum}(a)}{hv(OD)} [E_{cl}^*(a)]^{5/2} \quad (3.2.1)$$

$$\text{note) } E_{cl}^*(a) = E^*(a) + \text{ZPE(OD)} = 17268 = E^*(b) + \text{ZPE(OH)} = E_{cl}^*(b)$$

$$\rho_{vib-sum-cl}(a) : \rho_{vib-sum-cl}(b) = \frac{C_{rot-sum}(a)}{hv(OD)} : \frac{C_{rot-sum}(b)}{hv(OH)} = 1 : 1.019$$

### [Vibrational sum]

General formula by replacement of summation by integration:

$$\rho_{vib-sum-cl} = \frac{\Gamma(l_r + 1)}{\Gamma(l_r + n_v + 1)} \frac{C_{rot-sum}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_v} h \nu_i} E_{cl}^{\neq(l_r + n_v)} \quad (3.2.2)$$

$l_r = (n_r + 1)/2$ ,  $n_v$ : vibrational degree of freedom,  $\nu_i$ : vibrational frequency

$E_{cl}^{\neq}$ : excess energy measured from the classical origin

ex.)  $O(^1D) + CH_4 \rightarrow OH + CH_3$  ( $\Delta H_{0K}^{\circ} = -182.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ): Prior vibrational distribution of OH (298 K)

Motion other than OH-vibration  $\rightarrow$  (3.2.2),  $h\nu_{OH} = 3568 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$ZPE(CH_3) = 76.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \rightarrow E_{cl}^* = (182.3 + 76.1) [\text{kJ mol}^{-1}] + 3RT = 22222 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

cf.  $E^* = 182.3 [\text{kJ mol}^{-1}] + 3RT = 15860 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

$\nu_{max} = 4 [14272 \text{ cm}^{-1}]$ ,  $l_r = (3 + 2 + 1) / 2 = 3$ ,  $n_v = 6$ ,  $l_r + n_v = 9$

Vibrational distribution  $\propto (E_{cl}^{\neq})^9 = (E_{cl}^* - \nu h \nu_{OH})^9$  (fig. 3.2)

$\nu = 0 \quad 1$

$\nu = 1 \quad 0.207$

$\nu = 2 \quad 0.0306$

$\nu = 3 \quad 0.00270$

$\nu = 4 \quad 9.60 \times 10^{-5}$

### Problem-3.3

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Calculate the prior vibrational distribution of OH formed by  $O(^1D) + C_2H_6 \rightarrow OH + C_2H_5$  ( $\Delta H_{0K}^{\circ} = -210.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $ZPE(C_2H_5) = 148.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) similarly to above, and compare it with the cases for  $O(^1D) + H_2$  and  $O(^1D) + CH_4$ .

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### 3.3 Degeneracy of the electronic states

**[Atoms]** (except for the excited states of rare gas atoms)

(spectrum) Term :  $^{2S+1}[L]_J$

$S$  : electron spin q. n.

$L$  : electron orbital angular momentum q. n.

$J$ : total angular momentum q. n.  $J = |L - S|, |L - S| + 1, \dots, L + S$

$[L]$ : symbolic representation of  $L$  - S, P, D, F, G, H, ... (for  $L = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$ )

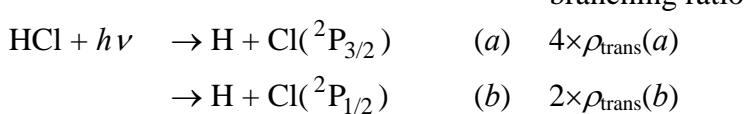
Total degeneracy:  $g_{LS} = (2S+1)(2L+1)$

Degeneracy of the fine-structure state:  $g_J = 2J + 1$

ex.)

term	$L$	$S$	$g_{LS}$	$g_J$	$J$	fine str. term
$^1\text{D}$	2	0	5	5	2	
$^2\text{S}$	0	1/2	2	2	1/2	
$^2\text{P}$	1	1/2	6	2 4	1/2 3/2	$^2\text{P}_{1/2}$ $^2\text{P}_{3/2}$
$^3\text{P}$	1	1	9	3 5	0 1 2	$^3\text{P}_0$ $^3\text{P}_1$ $^3\text{P}_2$

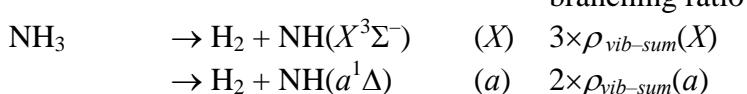
ex.)

**[Linear molecules]**(spectrum) Term :  $^{2S+1}[\Lambda]_{\Lambda+\Sigma}^{(+/-)}$  $\Lambda$ : projection of  $L$  to the molecular axis $\Sigma$ : projection of  $S$  to the molecular axis[ $\Lambda$ ]: symbolic representation of  $\Lambda$  -  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Pi$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $\Phi$ , ... (for  $\Lambda = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )(+/-): parity (+ or -, only for  $\Sigma$  states)Total degeneracy:  $g_{\Lambda S} = (2S+1)g_\Lambda$ ;  $g_\Lambda = 2$  ( $\Lambda \neq 0$ ) or 1 ( $\Lambda = 0$ )Degeneracy of the fine-structure state:  $g_\Lambda \neq 2(\Lambda + \Sigma) + 1$ 

ex.)

term	$\Lambda$	$S$	$g_{\Lambda S}$	$g_\Lambda$	$\Lambda+\Sigma$	fine str. term
$^1\Delta$	2	0	2	2	2	
$^2\Sigma$	0	1/2	2	1	$\pm 1/2$	
$^2\Pi$	1	1/2	4	2 2	1/2 3/2	$^2\Pi_{1/2}$ $^2\Pi_{3/2}$
$^3\Pi$	1	1	6	2 2	0 2	$^3\Pi_0$ $^3\Pi_1$ $^3\Pi_2$

ex.)



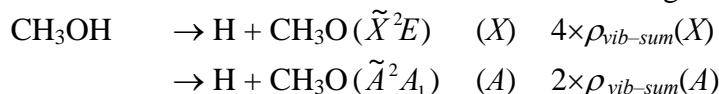
**[Non-linear molecules]**(spectrum) Term :  $^{2S+1}\Gamma$  $\Gamma$ : symmetry species of the electronic state ...  $A, A', A_2, B_1, E, F, \text{etc.}$ Total degeneracy:  $g_{\Gamma S} = (2S+1)g_{\Gamma}$ ;  $g_{\Gamma} = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$  for  $\Gamma = [A, B], E, T(F), G, H, \dots$ non-degenerates ( $A, B$ ) and  $E$  of spherical group:  $\rightarrow$  no angular momentum $E$  of cylindrical group,  $T[F], G, H, \dots$  of spherical group: (non-integer) angular momentumDegeneracy of the fine-structure state:  $g_{\Gamma}$ 

ex.)

term	$S$	$g_{\Gamma S}$	$g_{\Gamma}$	fine str. term
$^1T$	0	3	3	
$^2A'$	1/2	2	1	
$^2E$	1/2	4	2 2	$^2E_{1/2}$ $^2E_{3/2}$

ex.)

branching ratio

**3.4 Number of optical isomers and rotational symmetry number****[Number of optical isomers]**

ex.)

branching ratio

channel- $a \rightarrow$  two optical isomers for CFCIBr (= two reaction pathway = inversion doubling)

**[Rotational distribution and nuclear spin statistics]**

- Nuclear spin  $I$ :  $g_I = 2I + 1$
  - Resultant total nuclear spin of a molecule  $T$ :  $g_T = 2T + 1$
  - Bose/Fermi particle obeys Bose/Fermi statistics (symmetric/asymmetric to permutation)
- ex.)  $\text{H}_2$  ( $v=0$ ) – Rotational state distribution
- H nucleus :  $I = 1/2$  (= proton / Fermi particle)  $\rightarrow \psi_{tot}$  should be Asymmetric
  - $\psi_{elec}(^1\Sigma_g^+)$  : Sym.,  $\psi_{vib}(v=0)$  : Sym.

	ortho- $\text{H}_2$	para- $\text{H}_2$
$T$	1 ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ )	0 ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ )
$\psi_{n.s}$	Sym.	$\leftrightarrow$
$\psi_{rot}$	Asym.	$\leftrightarrow$
$J$	1, 3, ... (odd)	$\leftrightarrow$
$g_T \times g_J$	$3 \times (2J + 1)$	$1 \times (2J + 1)$

ex.)  $\text{N}_2$  or  $\text{D}_2$  ( $v=0$ ) – Rotational state distribution

- N or D nucleus :  $I = 1$  (Bose particle)  $\rightarrow \psi_{tot}$  should be Symmetric

	ortho- $\text{N}_2/\text{D}_2$	para- $\text{N}_2/\text{D}_2$
$T$	0( $\uparrow\downarrow$ ) or 2 ( $\uparrow\uparrow$ )	1 ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ )
$\psi_{n.s}$	Sym.	$\leftrightarrow$
$\psi_{rot}$	Sym.	$\leftrightarrow$
$J$	0, 2, ... (even)	$\leftrightarrow$
$g_T \times g_J$	$(1+5) \times (2J + 1)$	$3 \times (2J + 1)$

- $\sigma = 2 \leftarrow$  either in sym. or asym. rotational state, rotational density of states is 1/2

Problem-3.4 —————