

## Polyatomic Gases

Non-interacting, identical  $\Rightarrow Z = \frac{1}{N!} Z_1^N$       Find  $Z_1$

Each molecule has  $\#$  atoms  $\Rightarrow 3\#$  position coordinates

$$3\# = \underbrace{3}_{\text{C.M.}} + \underbrace{n_r}_{\text{rotation}} + \underbrace{(3\# - 3 - n_r)}_{n_v, \text{ vibration}}$$

MONATOMIC  
Xe



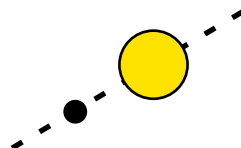
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DIATOMIC  
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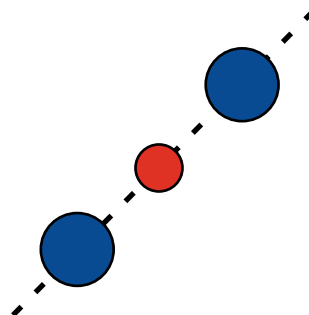
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LINEAR TRI.  
CO<sub>2</sub>



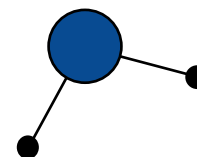
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NON-LINEAR TRI.  
H<sub>2</sub>O



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C.M. Motion:

Particle in a box  $\Delta E_s \ll kT \Rightarrow$  classical

Rotation:

( $\text{H}_2$   $\nu_{\text{rot}} = 3.65 \times 10^{12}$  Hz  $\rightarrow$  175 K )  $\Rightarrow$  Q.M.

Vibration:

( $\text{H}_2$   $\nu_{\text{vib}} = 1.32 \times 10^{14}$  Hz  $\rightarrow$  6,320 K )  $\Rightarrow$  Q.M.

$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{CM}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{vib}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{rot}} \Rightarrow$  problem separates

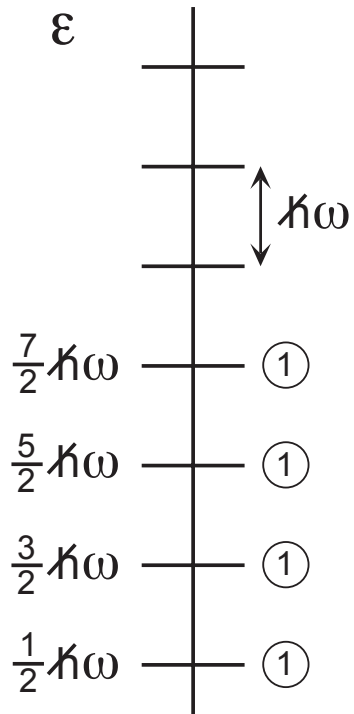
## Vibration

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{vib}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \left( \frac{1}{2} K_i a_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{K_i}{\omega_i^2} \dot{a}_i^2 \right)$$

$n_v$  1 dimensional harmonic oscillators, use Q.M.

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}\psi_n = \epsilon_n \psi_n \quad \epsilon_n = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \hbar \omega \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The energy levels are non-degenerate.

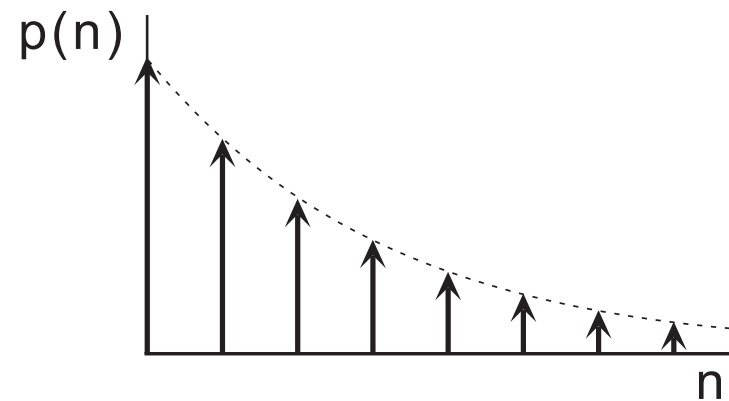


$$p(n) = e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega/kT} / \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\epsilon_n/kT}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega/kT} &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega/kT} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}\right)^n \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega/kT} / \left(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$p(n) = \left(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}\right) \left(e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}\right)^n = (1 - b)b^n$$

# Geometric or Bose-Einstein



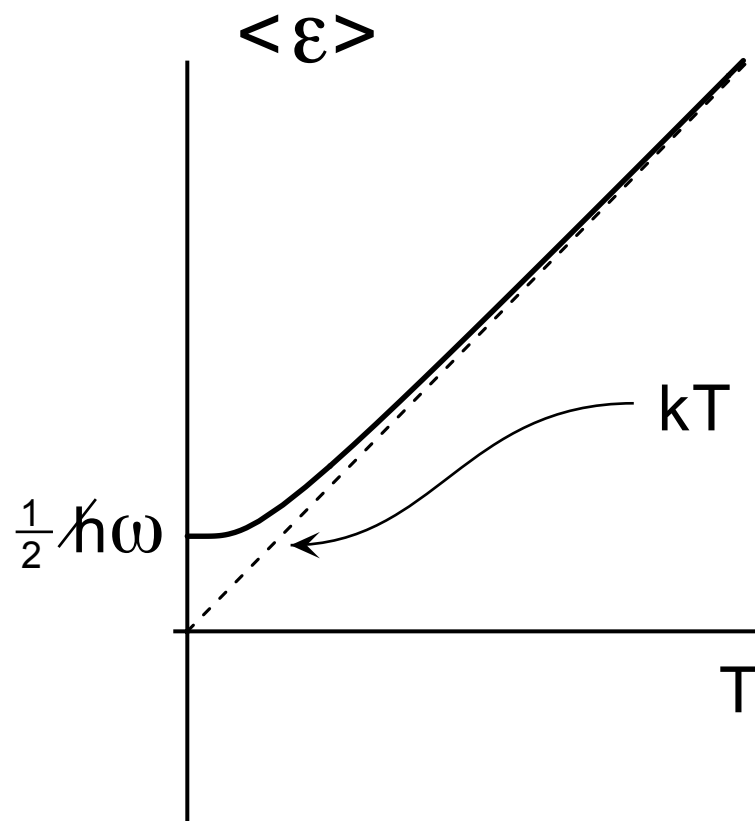
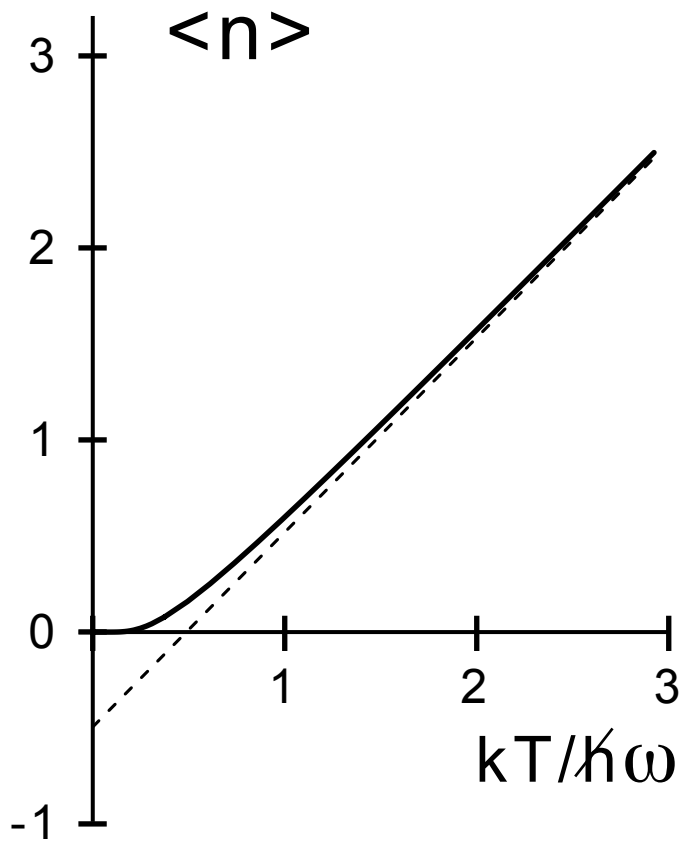
$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{b}{1-b} = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1}$$

$$\rightarrow e^{-\hbar\omega/kT} \quad \text{when } kT \ll \hbar\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{For } kT \gg \hbar\omega \quad \langle n \rangle &\rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\hbar\omega}{kT} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}\right)^2 \dots - 1} \\
&= \frac{kT}{\hbar\omega} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}\right)} \approx \frac{kT}{\hbar\omega} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}\right)\right) \\
&= \frac{kT}{\hbar\omega} - \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

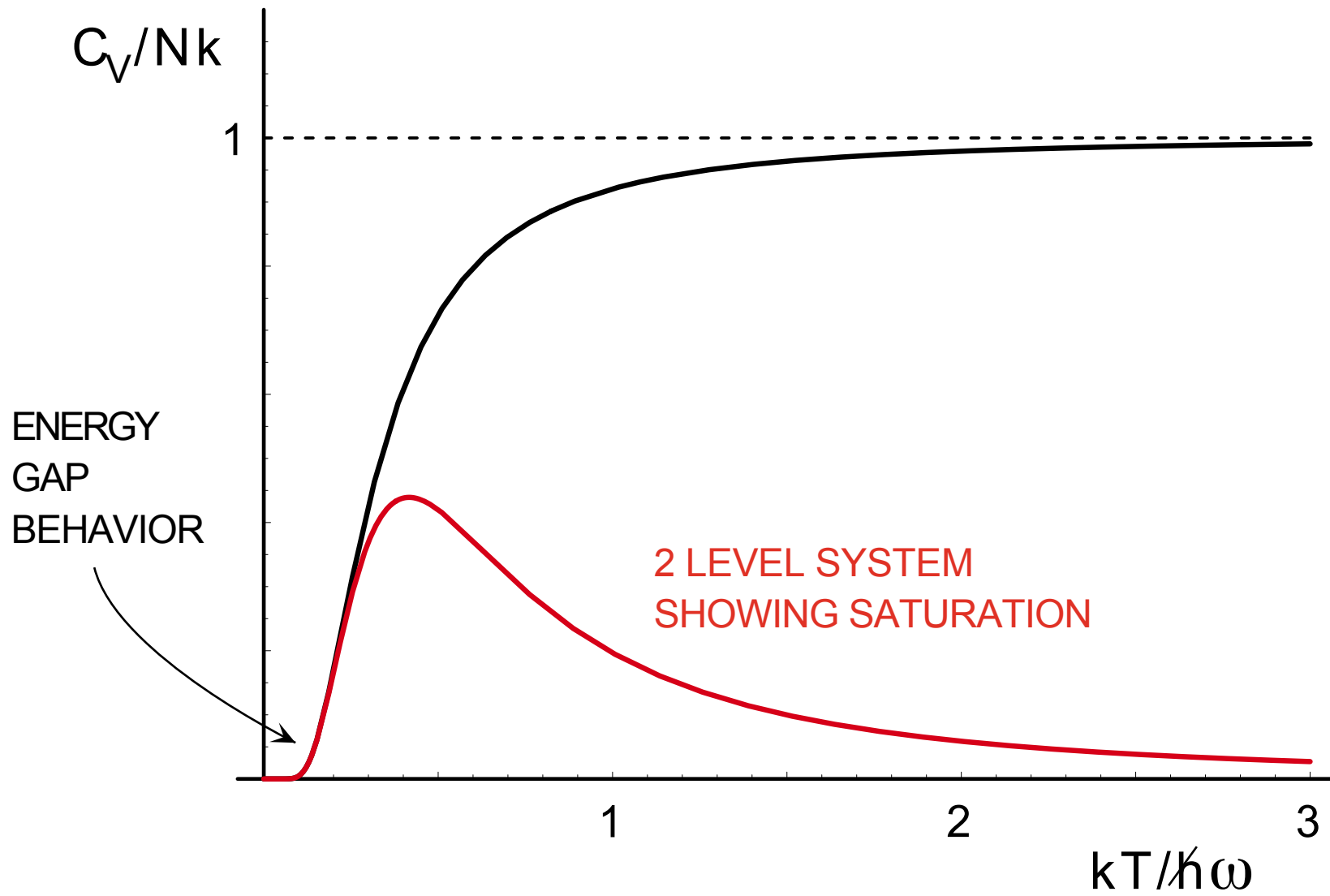
$$\langle \epsilon \rangle = \left(\langle n \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar\omega \rightarrow kT \quad kT \gg \hbar\omega \quad (\text{Classical})$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \hbar\omega \quad kT \ll \hbar\omega \quad (\text{Ground state})$$

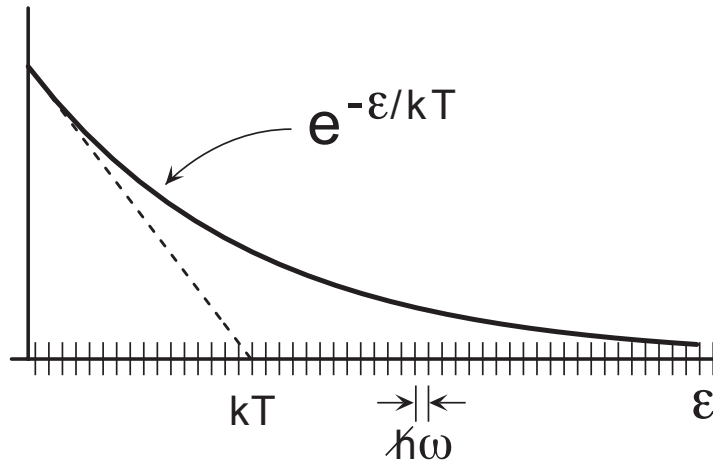




$$\begin{aligned}
C_V &= N \left( \frac{\partial \langle \epsilon \rangle}{\partial T} \right)_V = N \hbar \omega \frac{d \langle n \rangle}{dT} \\
&= Nk \left( \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT} \right)^2 \frac{e^{\hbar \omega / kT}}{(e^{\hbar \omega / kT} - 1)^2} \\
&\rightarrow Nk \left( \frac{\hbar \omega}{kT} \right)^2 e^{-\hbar \omega / kT} \quad kT \ll \hbar \omega \quad (\text{energy gap behavior}) \\
&\rightarrow Nk \quad kT \gg \hbar \omega
\end{aligned}$$



High and low temperature behavior without solving the complete problem Consider first the high  $T$  limit.



$\Delta\epsilon$  contains  $\frac{\Delta\epsilon}{\hbar\omega}$  states

$$Z_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\epsilon_n/kT}$$

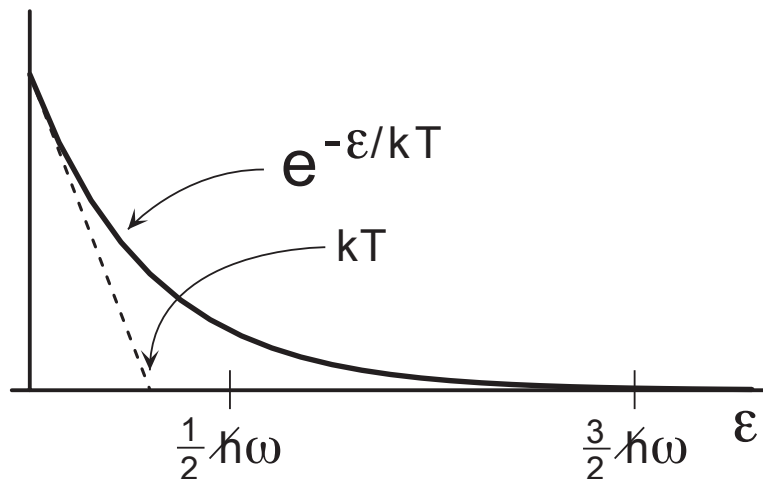
$$\approx \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\hbar\omega} e^{-E/kT} dE = \frac{kT}{\hbar\omega} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} dy = \frac{kT}{\hbar\omega} \propto \beta^{-1}$$

$$Z_{\text{vib}} = Z_1^N \propto \beta^{-N}$$

$$U_{\text{vib}} = -\frac{1}{Z} \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} \right)_N = -\beta^N (-N) \beta^{-N-1} = \underline{NkT}$$

$$C_{\text{vib}} = \underline{Nk}$$

Next, consider the low  $T$  limit.



$\Rightarrow$  consider only 2 states

$$p(n = 1) \approx \frac{e^{-\frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega/kT}}{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega/kT} + e^{-\frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega/kT}} = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} + 1} \approx e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}$$

$$p(n = 0) \approx 1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{2}N\hbar\omega \left(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}\right) + \frac{3}{2}N\hbar\omega e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}N\hbar\omega + N\hbar\omega e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}$$

$$C_V = \frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial T} = N\hbar\omega \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT^2}\right) e^{-\hbar\omega/kT} = \underline{Nk \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT}\right)^2 e^{-\hbar\omega/kT}}$$

## Angular Momentum in 3 Dimensions

CLASSICAL, 3 numbers:  $(L_x, L_y, L_z)$ ;  $(|\vec{L}|, \theta, \phi)$

QUANTUM, 2 numbers: magnitude and 1 component

$$\hat{\vec{L}} \cdot \hat{\vec{L}} \psi_{l,m} \equiv \hat{L}^2 \psi_{l,m} = l(l+1)\hbar^2 \psi_{l,m} \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\hat{L}_z \psi_{l,m} = m\hbar \psi_{l,m} \quad m = \underbrace{l, l-1, \dots, -l}_{2l+1 \text{ values}}$$

Specification: 2 numbers  $l$  &  $m \rightarrow \psi_{l,m}$  or  $|l, m\rangle$

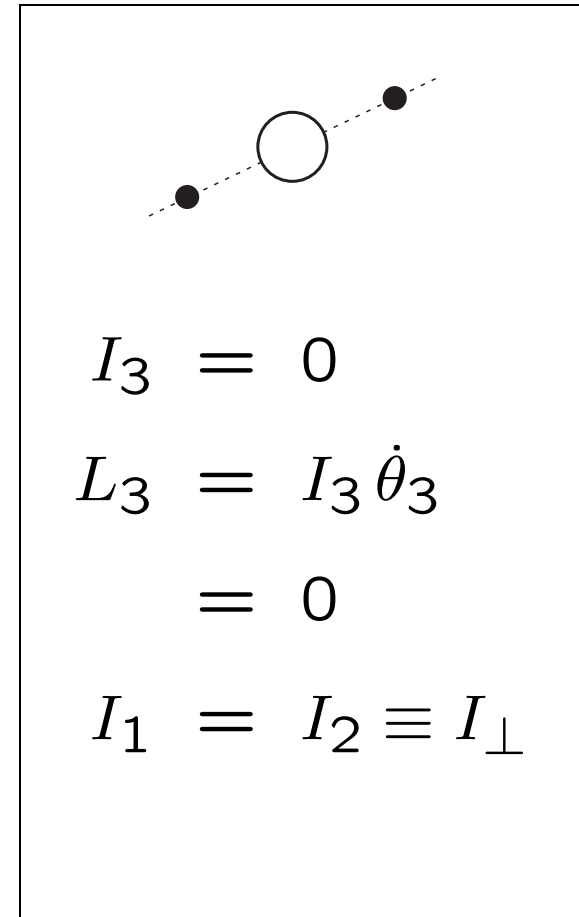
## Molecular rotation

In general

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2I_1}L_1^2 + \frac{1}{2I_2}L_2^2 + \frac{1}{2I_3}L_3^2$$

For a linear molecule

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2I_{\perp}}(L_1^2 + L_2^2) = \frac{1}{2I_{\perp}}\vec{L} \cdot \vec{L}$$



$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2I_{\perp}} \hat{L}^2$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{rot}} |l, m\rangle = \epsilon_l |l, m\rangle$$

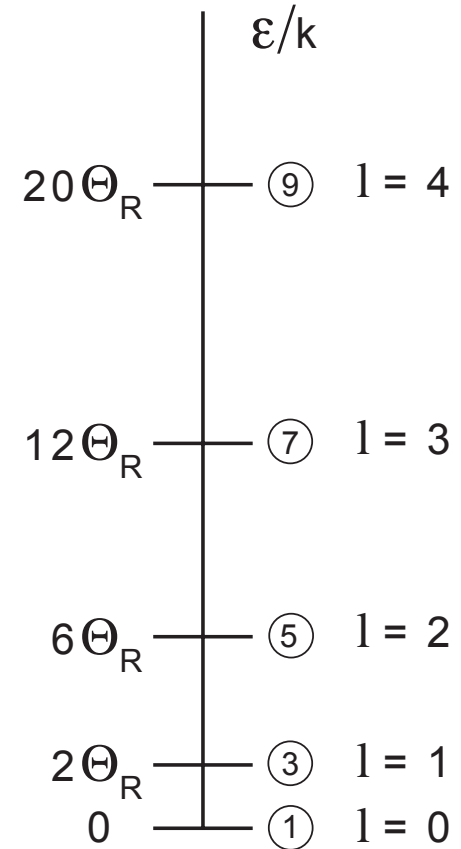
$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_{\perp}} l(l+1) |l, m\rangle$$

$\epsilon_l$  depends on  $l$  only;

it is  $2l + 1$  fold degenerate.

$$\epsilon_l = k\Theta_R l(l+1)$$

$$\Theta_R \equiv \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_{\perp}k} \quad (\text{rotational temp.})$$





$$p(l, m) = \frac{1}{Z_R} e^{-l(l+1)\Theta_R/T}$$

$$Z_R = \sum_{l,m} e^{-l(l+1)\Theta_R/T} = \sum_l (2l+1) e^{-l(l+1)\Theta_R/T}$$

$$\text{For } T \ll \Theta_R \quad Z_R \approx 1 + 3e^{-2\Theta_R/T} = 1 + 3e^{-2\Theta_R k\beta}$$

$$\langle \epsilon \rangle = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = \frac{6\Theta_R k e^{-2\Theta_R k\beta}}{1 + 3e^{-2\Theta_R k\beta}} \approx 6\Theta_R k e^{-2\Theta_R/T}$$

$$C_V|_{\text{rot}} = N \frac{\partial \langle \epsilon \rangle}{\partial T} = 6\Theta_R Nk \left( \frac{2\Theta_R}{T^2} \right) e^{-2\Theta_R/T}$$
$$= \underline{3Nk \left( \frac{2\Theta_R}{T} \right)^2 e^{-2\Theta_R/T}} \quad (\text{energy gap behavior})$$

For  $T \gg \Theta_R$ , convert the sum to an integral.

$$Z_R \approx \int_0^\infty (2l + 1) e^{-l(l+1)\Theta_R/T} dl$$

$$x \equiv (l^2 + l)\Theta_R/T \quad dx = (2l + 1)\Theta_R/T dl$$

$$Z_R \approx \frac{T}{\Theta_R} \int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx = \frac{T}{\Theta_R} = \frac{1}{k\Theta_R} \beta^{-1}$$

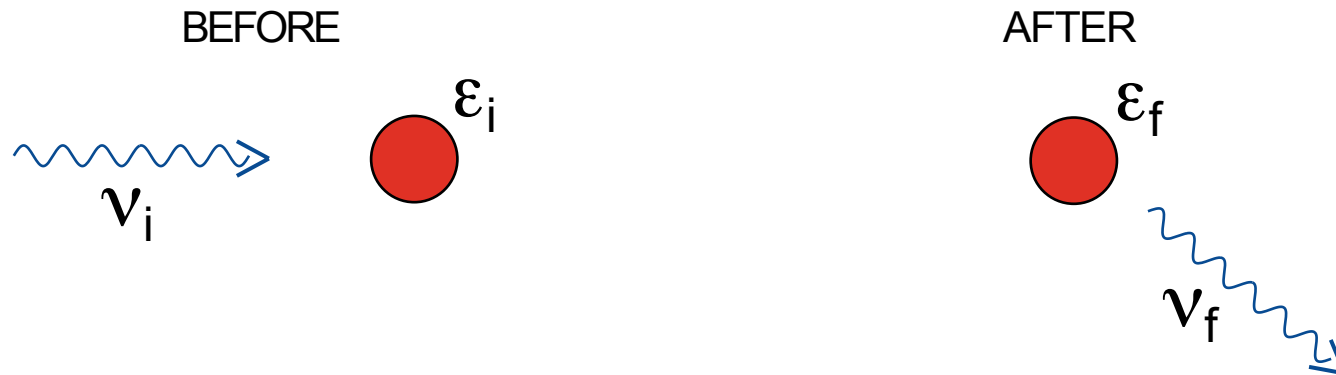
$$\langle \epsilon \rangle = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \beta} = \frac{(-1)(-1)Z/\beta}{Z} = \beta^{-1} = kT$$

$$C_V|_{\text{rot}} = N \frac{\partial \langle \epsilon \rangle}{\partial T} \rightarrow Nk \quad (\text{classical result})$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{CM}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{rot}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{vib}}$$

$$C_V(T) = \underbrace{C_V|_{\text{CM}}}_{\text{all } T} + \underbrace{C_V|_{\text{rot}}}_{\text{appears at modest } T} + \underbrace{C_V|_{\text{vib}}}_{\text{only at highest } T}$$

# Raman Scattering



$$\Delta\epsilon = \epsilon_f - \epsilon_i = h(\nu_i - \nu_f)$$

FREQUENCY CHANGES IN THE SCATTERED LIGHT CORRESPOND TO ENERGY LEVEL DIFFERENCES IN THE SCATTERER.

WHICH ENERGY LEVEL CHANGES OCCUR DEPEND ON SELECTION RULES GOVERNED BY SYMMETRY AND QUANTUM MECHANICS

## Example Rotational Raman Scattering

Selection rule:  $\Delta l = \pm 2$

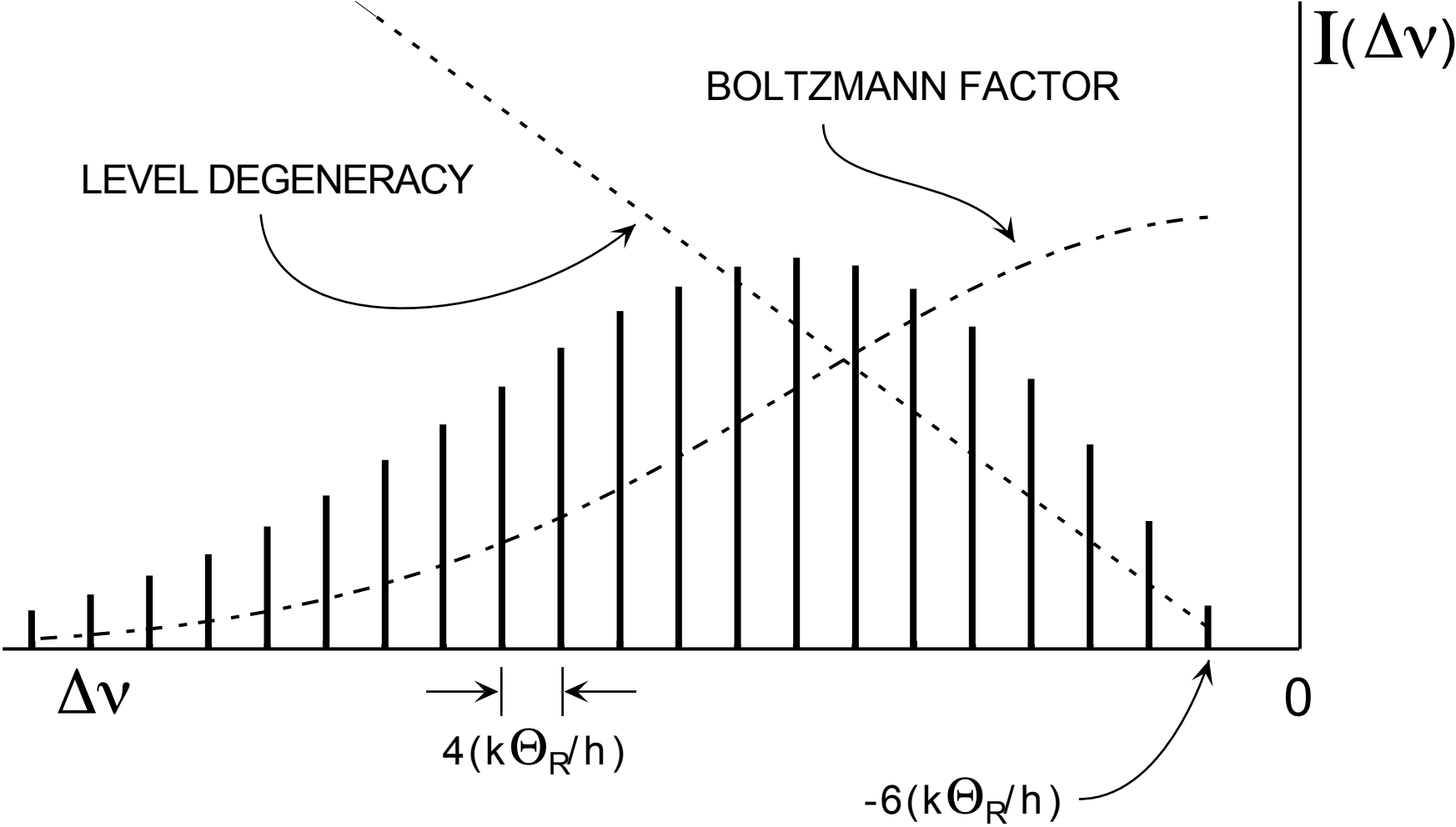
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\nu_{l\uparrow} &= -(k\Theta_R/h)[(l+2)(l+3) - l(l+1)] \\ &= -(4l+6)(k\Theta_R/h)\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  uniform spacing between lines of  $4(k\Theta_R/h)$

$I_{l\uparrow} \propto$  number of molecules with angular momentum  $l$

$$\propto (2l+1)e^{-l(l+1)\Theta_R/T}$$

# ROTATIONAL RAMAN SPECTRUM OF A DIATOMIC MOLECULE



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