



Raman and IR spectroscopy in materials science. Symmetry analysis of normal phonon modes

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1. The dynamics of atoms in crystals. Phonons

2. Raman and IR spectroscopy :

most commonly used methods to study atomic dynamics

3. Group theory analysis :

phonon modes allowed to be observed in IR and Raman spectra

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Visualization: UNISOFT, Prof. G. Eckold et al., University of Göttingen

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e.g.,

a mode involving mainly $S-O_t$ bond stretching





a mode involving SO_4 translations and Li motions vs K atoms











Atomic vibrations in a *periodic* solid

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standing elastic waves = normal modes (ω_{s} , { u_{i} },)



crystals : *N* atoms in the primitive unit cell vibrating in the 3*D* space ⇒ 3N degrees of freedom ⇒ finite number of normal states ⇒ quantization of crystal vibrational energy

N atoms × 3 dimensions ↔ 3*N* phonons

phonon = quantum of crystal vibrational energy

phonons: quasi-particles (elementary excitations in solids)

- $E_n = (n+1/2)\hbar\omega$,
- $m_0 = 0$, $\mathbf{p} = \hbar \mathbf{K}$ (quasi-momentum), $\mathbf{K} \equiv \mathbf{q} \in \mathrm{RL}$
- integer spin

Bose-Einstein statistics: $n(\omega,T)=1/[exp(\hbar\omega/k_BT)-1]$ (equilibrium population of phonons at temperature T)







Atomic bonds \leftrightarrow elastic springs Hooke's low : $m\ddot{x} = -Kx \rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}$

Equation of motion for a **3D** crystal with N atoms in the primitive unit cell :



 \Rightarrow phonon $\omega_{\rm S}$, $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}_{\rm S} \leftrightarrow$ eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $\mathbf{D} = f(m_i, K(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}), \{\mathbf{r}_i\})$

 \Rightarrow phonon $\omega_{\rm S}$, $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}_{\rm S}$ carry essential structural information !





1 Longitudinal: wave polarization $(\mathbf{u}) \parallel$ wave propagation (\mathbf{q}) **2 Transverse**: wave polarization $(\mathbf{u}) \perp$ wave propagation (\mathbf{q})





Phonon (Raman and IR) spectroscopy



electromagnetic wave as a probe radiation (photon - opt. phonon interaction):

Infrared absorption:
$$\hbar \omega_{photon} = E_{ES}^{(phonon)} - E_{GS}^{(phonon)}$$

 ω, \mathbf{k} excited state
ground state

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Raman scattering = inelastic light scattering from optical phonons







• only optical phonons near the FBZ centre are involved $\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_s = \mathbf{K} \quad \Rightarrow \quad K_{\max} = \Delta k \approx 2k_i \quad (e.g. Raman, 180^\circ\text{-scattering geometry})$ $\lambda_i (IR, \text{vis}, UV) \sim 10^3 - 10^5 \text{ Å} \Rightarrow k_i \sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-3} \text{ Å} \approx K_{\max} \Rightarrow K_{\max} \ll \frac{\pi}{a} \quad (a \sim 10 \text{ Å})$ $\Rightarrow \text{ photon-phonon interaction only for } K \approx 0$ • spectroscopic units: $\text{cm}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \text{E} = \hbar \text{ck} = \hbar \text{c}(2\pi/\lambda) = \ln(1/\lambda)$ $10 \text{ [cm}^{-1]} \Leftrightarrow 1.24 \text{ [meV]} \quad 10 \text{ [cm}^{-1]} \Leftrightarrow 0.30 \text{ [THz]} \quad [\text{Å}].[\text{cm}^{-1}] = 10^8$

• IR and Raman spectra are different for the same crystal



different interaction phenomena ⇒ different selection rules !

Raman and IR intensities



IR activity: induced dipole moment due to the change in the atomic positions

 $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_x, \mu_y, \mu_z)$ $\mu(Q) = \mu_0 + \sum \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial Q_k} Q_k + \dots \qquad Q_k - \text{configurational coordinate}$ $\neq 0, \text{ IR activity}$



IR: "asymmetrical", "one-directional"

Raman activity: induced dipole moment due to deformation of the e⁻ shell

Polarizability tensor: $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{xx} & \alpha_{xy} & \alpha_{xz} \\ \alpha_{xy} & \alpha_{yy} & \alpha_{yz} \\ \alpha_{xz} & \alpha_{yz} & \alpha_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$ $\boldsymbol{\alpha}(Q) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0 + \sum \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}{\partial Q_k} Q_k + \dots$ $\boldsymbol{\alpha}(Q) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0 + \sum \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}{\partial Q_k} Q_k + \dots$ (dipole moment per unit cell) \neq 0, Raman activity Raman: "symmetrical", "two-directional"

N.B.! simultaneous IR and Raman activity – only in non-centrosymmetric structures







Three techniques of selection rule determination at the Brillouin zone centre:

• Factor group analysis

the effect of each symmetry operation in the factor group on each type of atom in the unit cell

• Molecular site group analysis

symmetry analysis of the ionic group (molecule) \rightarrow site symmetry of the central atom + factor group symmetry

Nuclear site group analysis

site symmetry analysis is carried out on every atom in the unit cell set of tables ensuring a great ease in selection rule determination preliminary info required: space group and occupied Wyckoff positions

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Bilbao Server, SAM, http://www.cryst.ehu.es/rep/sam.html

N.B.! Tabulated information for:

first-order, linear-response, non-resonance interaction processes

(one phonon only) (one photon only)

 $(\hbar \omega_i < E_{\rm ES}^{electron} - E_{\rm GS}^{electron})$



Symbols and notations



Symmetry element	Schönflies notation	International (Hermann-Mauguin)
Identity	Ε	1
Rotation axes	C_n	n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Mirror planes	σ	m
\perp to <i>n</i> -fold axis	σ_h	<i>m</i> , <i>m</i> _z
to <i>n</i> -fold axis	$\sigma_{\!\scriptscriptstyle V}$	m_{ν} ,
bisecting $\angle(2,2)$	$\sigma_{\! d}$	m_d, m'
Inversion	Ι	$\overline{1}$
Rotoinversion axes	S_n	$n = \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \overline{6}$
Translation	t_n	t_n
Screw axes	C_n^k	n_k
Glide planes	σ^{g}	a, b, c, n, d

Point groups:

Triclinic Monoclinic		Trigonal (Rhombohedral)		Tetragonal		Hexagonal		Cubic			
C_1	1	C_2	2	C_3	3	C_4	4	C_6	6	Т	23
C_i	1	C_S	т	C_{3i}	3	S_4	$\overline{4}$	C_{3h}	$\overline{6}$		
		C_{2h}	2/m			C_{4h}	4/m	C_{6h}	6/ <i>m</i>	T_h	$m\overline{3}$
		C_{2v}	mm2	C_{3v}	3 <i>m</i>	C_{4v}	4 <i>mm</i>	C_{6v}	6 <i>mm</i>		
				D_{3d}	$\overline{3}m$	D_{2d}	42 <i>m</i>	D_{3h}	6 <i>m</i> 2	T_d	$\overline{4}3m$
		D_2	222	D_3	32	D_4	422	D_6	622	0	432
		D_{2h}	mmm			D_{4h}	4/mmm	D_{6h}	6/ <i>mmm</i>	O_h	$m\overline{3}m$

 $D_n: E, C_n; nC_2 \perp$ to $C_n; T$: tetrahedral symmetry; O: octahedral (cubic) symmetry





Mulliken symbols



A, B : 1D representations ↔ non-degenerate (single) mode only one set of atom vector displacements (u₁, u₂,...,u_N) for a given wavenumber ω
A: symmetric with respect to the principle rotation axis n (C_n)
B: anti-symmetric with respect to the principle rotation axis n (C_n)
E: 2D representation ↔ doubly degenerate mode two sets of atom vector displacements (u₁, u₂,...,u_N) for a given wavenumber ω
T (F): 3D representation ↔ triply degenerate mode three sets of atom vector displacements (u₁, u₂,...,u_N) for a given wavenumber ω
subscripts g, u (X_g, X_u) : symmetric or anti-symmetric to inversion 1 superscripts '," (X', X") : symmetric or anti-symmetric to a mirror plane m subscripts 1,2 (X₁, X₂) : symmetric or anti-symmetric to add. m or C_n



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Working example: CaCO₃, calcite, $\overline{R3}c$ (167) D_{3d}^{6} (0,0,0)+ (2/3,1/3,1/3)+ (1/3,2/3,2/3)+ Ca: (6b) 0 0 0 C : (6a) 0 0 0.25 O : (18e) 0.25682 0 0.25



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Calcite

		CI	heck	WP	Representative
				36f	x,y,z
Ca: (6b) 0 0	0			18e	x,0,1/4
C : (62) 0 0	0.25			18d	1/2,0,0
C = (0a) 0 = 0	0.25			12c	0,0,z
$0 : (18e) \ 0.25682 \ 0$	0.25		✓	6b	0,0,0
			~	6a	0,0,1/4



Mechanical Representation

WP	A_{1g}	A _{1u}	$A_{_{2g}}$	$A_{_{2u}}$	E_{u}	E _g	Modes
18e	1	1	2	2	3	3	Show
6b	-	1	-	1	2	•	Show
6a	-	-	1	1	1	1	Show

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Ca: (6b) : $A_{1u} + A_{2u} + 2E_u \rightarrow acoustic: A_{2u} + E_u$ (*the heaviest atom*) C : (6a) : $A_{2g} + A_{2u} + E_g + E_u$ O : (18a) : $A_{1g} + A_{1u} + 2A_{2g} + 2A_{2u} + 3E_g + 3E_u$ Total: 10A + 10E = 30 \Leftrightarrow 3N = 30 (N = 6:3 + 6:3 + 18:3 = 10) $\Gamma_{opt} = A_{1g}(R) + 2A_{1u}(ina) + 3A_{2g}(ina) + 3A_{2u}(IR) + 4E_g(R) + 5E_u(IR)$

⇒ 5 Raman peaks and 8 IR peaks are expected











$$\Gamma_{Raman-active} = A_{1g} + 4E_{g}$$
$$\Gamma_{IR-active} = 3A_{2u} + 5E_{u}$$





Practical exercise: number of expected Raman and IR peaks of aragonite



CaCO ₃ ,	aragonite,	Pnma	(62)	D_{2h}^{16}
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Ca	•	(4c)	0.24046	0.25	0.4150
С	•	(4c)	0.08518	0.25	0.76211
01	•	(4c)	0.09557	0.25	0.92224
O2	:	(8d)	0.08726	0.47347	0.68065

Solution:

 $\Gamma_{opt} = 9A_{g}(R) + 6A_{u}(ina) + 6B_{1g}(R) + 8B_{1u}(IR) + 9B_{2g}(R) + 5B_{2u}(IR) + 6B_{3g}(R) + 8B_{3u}(IR)$

⇒ 30 Raman peaks and 21 IR peaks are expected







Calcite: $\Gamma_{Raman-active} = A_{1g} + 4E_g$ Aragonite: $\Gamma_{Raman-active} = 9A_g + 6B_{1g} + 9B_{2g} + 6B_{3g}$

22 observed





Perovskite-type structure ABO₃

single perovskite-type



double perovskite-type



chemical 1:1 B-site order

 $A(B',B'')O_3 Pm\overline{3}m$ (221) O_h^1

 $AB_{0.5}^{*}B_{0.5}^{*}O_{3} Fm\overline{3}m (225) O_{h}^{5}$ (0,0,0)+(0,1/2,1/2)+(1/2,0,1/2)+(1/2,1/2,0)+ A : (8c) : 0.25 0.25 0.25 B': (4a) : 0 0 0 B'': (4b) : 0.5 0 0 O : (24e): 0.255 0 0



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 $A(B',B'')O_3 Pm\overline{3}m (221) O_h^1$ $A: (1b): T_{1u} \longrightarrow \text{acoustic}$ $B: (1a): T_{1u}$ $O: (3d): 2T_{1u} + T_{2u}$ $Total: 5T = 15 \Leftrightarrow 3N (5 \text{ atoms})$ $\Gamma_{opt} = 3T_{1u}(IR) + T_{2u}(ina)$

Mechanical Representation

WP	$A_{_{1g}}$	A _{1u}	$A_{_{2g}}$	A_{2u}	E_{u}	E_{g}	T _{2u}	$T_{_{2g}}$	T _{1u}	T _{1g}	Modes
3d	-	•	•	-	•	•	1	-	2	-	Show
1b	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	1	-	Show
1a	-	•	-	-	•	•	-	-	1	-	Show

Note: Click in the [Show] option to obtain the symmetry adapted modes for a given orbit









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 $AB'_{0.5}B''_{0.5}O_3 Fm\overline{3}m$ (225) O_h^5

Exercise: determine the atom vector displacements for A_{1g} , E_g , T_{2g} , and add. T_{1u}

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A:&(8c):&T_{1u}+T_{2g} \longrightarrow &T_{1u} \text{ acoustic} \\ B':&(4a):&T_{1u} \\ B'':&(4b):&T_{1u} \\ O:&(24e):&A_{1g}+E_g+T_{1g}+2T_{1u}+T_{2g}+T_{2u} \end{array}$$

Total: $1A+1E+9T = 30 \Leftrightarrow 3N (N=8:4+4:4+4:4+24:4)$

 $\Gamma_{opt} = A_{1g} + E_g + T_{1g}(ina) + 3T_{1u}(IR) + T_{2u}(ina)$

	Mechanical Representation											
WP	A_{1g}	A _{1u}	$A_{_{2g}}$	$A_{_{2u}}$	E_{u}	E _g	T_{2u}	$T_{_{2g}}$	T _{1u}	T _{1g}	Modes	
24e	1	•	-	•	•	1	1	1	2	1	Show	
8c	•	•	-	•	•	•	•	1	1	•	Show	
4b	•	•	•	-	•	•	-	•	1	•	Show	
4a	-	-		-	-	•	-	-	1	-	Show	

Note: Click in the [Show] option to obtain the symmetry adapted modes for a given orbit







Perovskite-type structure *ABO*₃ : ferroelectric phases







Perovskite-type structure *AB*O₃ : ferroelectric phases







Raman scattering

 $I_{\rm Raman} \propto \alpha_{\alpha\beta}^2$

Porto's notation: A(BC)D

A, D - directions of the propagation of incident (\mathbf{k}_i) and scattered (\mathbf{k}_s) light, B, C – directions of the polarization incident (\mathbf{E}_i) and scattered (\mathbf{E}_s) light

back-scattering
$$Y \xrightarrow{k_s} K_i$$

 $geometry$ $Z \xrightarrow{k_s} K_i$
 $(\mathbf{q}_x, 0, 0)$
 $\mathbf{k}_i \stackrel{\mathbf{E}_i \stackrel{\mathbf{E}_s}{\mathbf{E}_s} \stackrel{\mathbf{E}_i \stackrel{\mathbf{E}_s}{\mathbf{E}_s} \stackrel{\mathbf{E}_i \stackrel{\mathbf{E}_s}{\mathbf{E}_s}}{(\mathbf{q}_{xy}, 0)} \stackrel{\mathbf{Q}_{zz}}{(\mathbf{q}_{xy}, 0)} \stackrel{\mathbf{Q}_{zz}}{(\mathbf{Q}_{zz}, 0)} \stackrel{\mathbf{Q}$



Experimental geometry













LO-TO splitting



More peaks than predicted by GTA may be observed (*info is tabulated*) **Cubic systems**: LO-TO splitting of T modes: T(LO) + T(TO) **Non-cubic systems**: {A(LO) ,A(TO)}; {B(LO),B(TO)}; {E(LO),E(TO)} <u>general rule</u>: $\omega(LO) > \omega(TO)$ (*the potential for* LO: U+E; *for* TO: U)

Cubic crystals: LO-TO splitting \Leftrightarrow covalency of atomic bonding $\Delta \omega_{\text{LO-TO}}$: larger in ionic crystals, smaller in covalent crystals

Uniaxial crystals:





if long-range forces dominate :

under certain propagation and polarization conditions \rightarrow **quasi-LO** and **quasi-TO** phonons of **mixed** A-E character





LO-TO splitting: sensitive to local polarization fields induced by point defects



a change in I_{LO}/I_{TO} depending on type and concentration of dopant





different types of atoms in the same crystallogr. position, e.g. $(B'_{1-x}B''_{x})O_{y}$

two-mode behaviour:

- two peaks corresponding to "pure" B'-O and B"-O phonon modes
- intensity ratio I(B'-O)/I(B''-O) depends on x
 - ✓ covalent character of chemical bonding : short correlation length ✓ relatively large difference in f(B'/B''-O) and/or m(B'/B'')

one-mode behaviour:

- one peak corresponding to the mixed B'-O/B"-O phonon mode
- ~ lineal dependence of the peak position ω on dopant concentration x

 \checkmark ionic character of chemical bonding : long correlation length

✓ similarity in $r_i(B'/B'')$, f(B'/B''-O) and m(B'/B'')

intermediate classes of materials:

two-mode over $x \in (0, x_m)$ and one-mode over $x \in (x_m, 1)$



one-mode behaviour

 $PbSc_{0.5}(Ta_{1-x}Nb_{x})_{0.5}O_{3}$

two-mode behaviour

 $\mathsf{Pb}_3[(\mathsf{P}_{1\text{-}x}\mathsf{As}_x)\mathsf{O}_4]_2$





Non-centrosymmetric crystals with compositional disorder



LO-TO splitting + one-mode/two-mode behaviour:

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we may observe **four** peaks instead of **one** !



Transformation of polarizability tensors

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Group theory: predicts the number of expected IR and Raman peaks one needs to know: crystal space symmetry + occupied Wyckoff positions

Deviations from the predictions of the group-theory analysis:

- Control Selitting if no centre of inversion (info included in the tables)
- 🙂 one-mode two-mode behaviour in solid solutions
- 😳 😳 local structural distortions (length scale ~ 2-3 nm, time scale ~ 10⁻¹² s)
- 🙁 Experimental difficulties (low-intensity peaks, hardly resolved peaks)

What should we do before performing a Raman or IR experiment?

