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Nuclear Displacement

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Calculate and compare the root-mean-square displacement of H_2 and O_2 in the lowest vibrational eigenstate. The definition of the root-mean-square displacement is:

$$\sqrt{\langle Q^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_0 Q^2 \chi_0 dQ}$$

The vibrational wavenumbers of H_2 and O_2 are 4,400 and 1,580 cm⁻¹, respectively.