

# Transition dipole moment for HF

We consider the transition dipole moment of HF. The model is based on the idea that there is an electronegativity difference between the H and F atoms that introduces an asymmetry into the molecule. If we consider the ground and excited state molecular orbitals:

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{\sigma} &= \sin \theta_g 1s_H + \cos \theta_g 2p_{z,F} \\ \Psi_{\sigma^*} &= \sin \theta_e 1s_H - \cos \theta_e 2p_{z,F}\end{aligned}$$

Where the mixing angle  $\theta_g = 30^\circ$  and  $\theta_e = 60^\circ$ . You may assume that all resonance or overlap integrals are zero. The Coulomb integrals have the value

$$\int 1s_H z 1s_H dz = z_H = 0.95R_0 \text{ and } \int 2p_{z,F} z 2p_{z,F} dz = z_F = -0.05R_0$$

as defined in the calculation of the ground state dipole moment. Finally, the bond length is  $R_0 = |z_H - z_F| = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$ .

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Solution: The definition of the transition dipole moment for this case involves one electron since we are considering a single electron excitation.

$$M_{\sigma\sigma^*} = e \int \Psi_{\sigma} z \Psi_{\sigma^*} dz$$

We substitute the linear combinations for each orbital.

$$e \int \Psi_{\sigma} z \Psi_{\sigma^*} dz = e \int (\sin \theta_g 1s_H + \cos \theta_g 2p_{z,F}) z (\sin \theta_e 1s_H - \cos \theta_e 2p_{z,F}) dz$$

Here again we assume that

$$\int 1s_H z 2p_{z,F} dz = \int 2p_{z,F} z 1s_H dz = 0$$

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The transition dipole is represented by the two integrals F and H.

$$M_{\sigma\sigma^*} = e \left[ \sin \theta_g \sin \theta_e \int 1s_H z 1s_H dz - \cos \theta_g \cos \theta_e \int 2p_{z,F} z 2p_{z,F} dz \right]$$

And we use the same identification that was made for the ground state dipole moment:

$$\int 1s_H z 1s_H dz = z_H = 0.95R_0$$
$$\int 2p_{z,F} z 2p_{z,F} dz = z_F = -0.05R_0$$

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We end up with the following values for the transition dipole moment:

$$M_{\sigma\sigma^*} = e[\sin \theta_g \sin \theta_e z_H - \cos \theta_g \cos \theta_e z_F]$$

$$M_{\sigma\sigma^*} = e[\sin \theta_g \sin \theta_e 0.95R_0 + \cos \theta_g \cos \theta_e 0.05R_0]$$

$$M_{\sigma\sigma^*} = e|(0.433)0.95R_0 + (0.433)0.05R_0| = 0.433e(0.95 \text{ \AA}) = 1.97 D$$