

# QPTN-9 :: Phase transitions in atomic, molecular and other domains

## An Overview of QPT and ESQPT in Molecular Systems

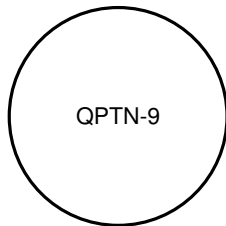
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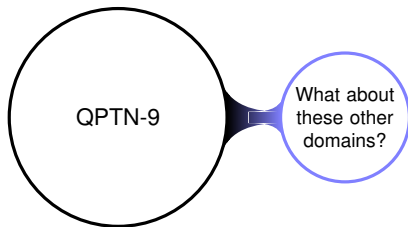
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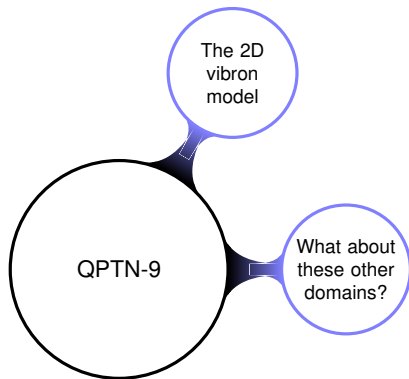


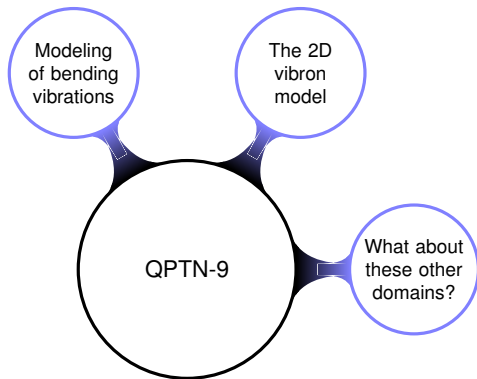
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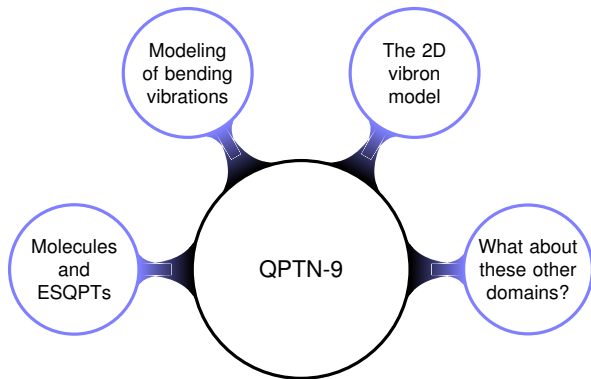


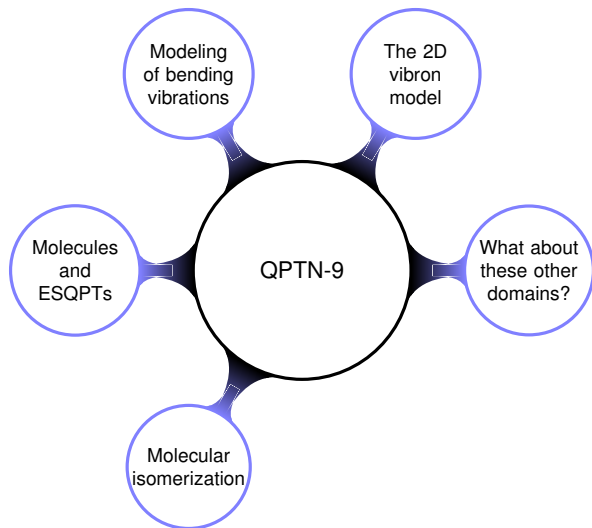


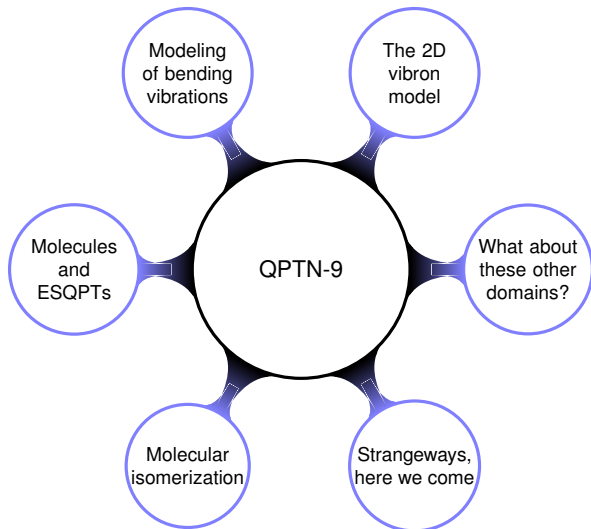








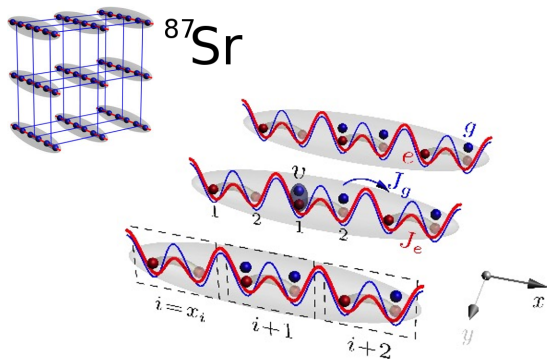






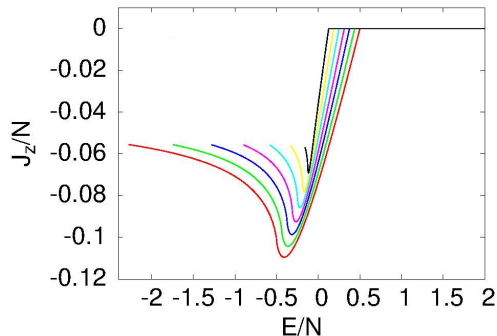
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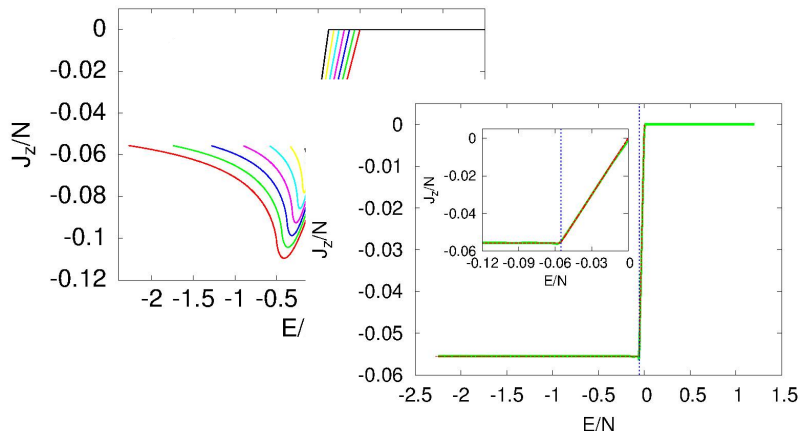
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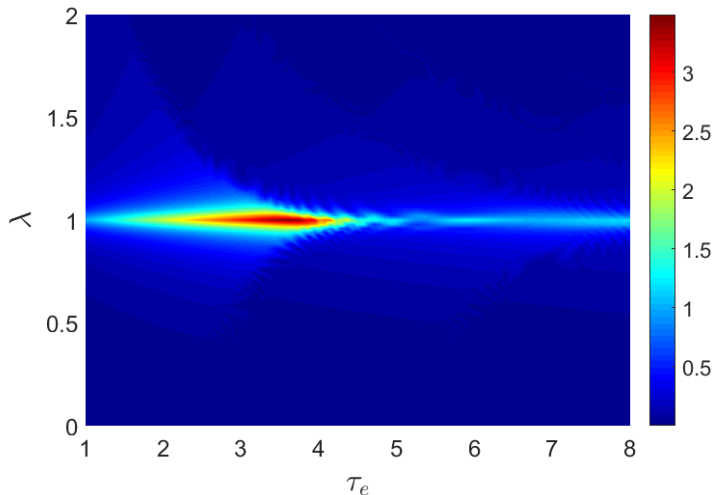
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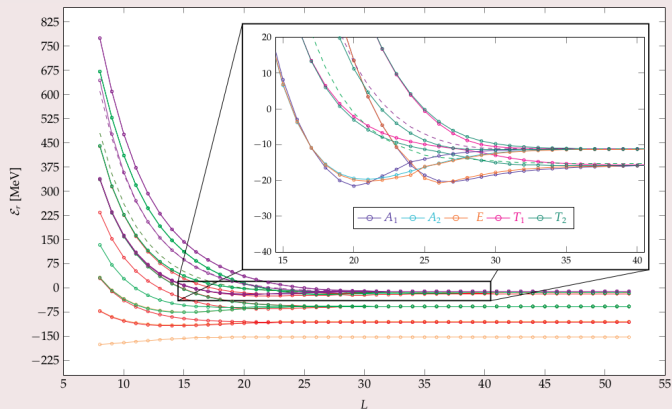
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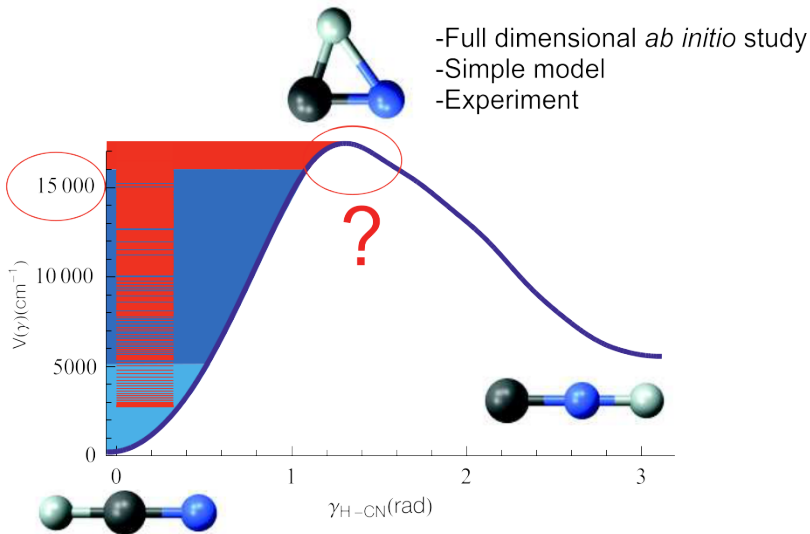
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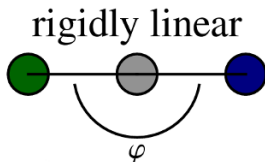
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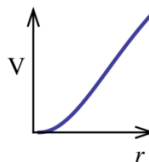
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$n$	$\ell$
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# Displaced Oscillator Dynamical Symmetry

## Chain II

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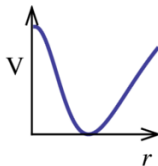
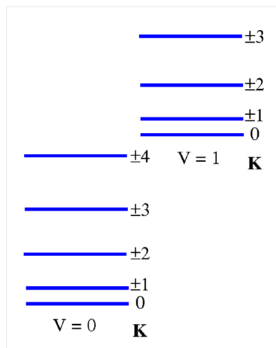
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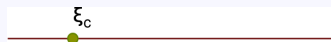
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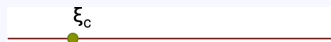
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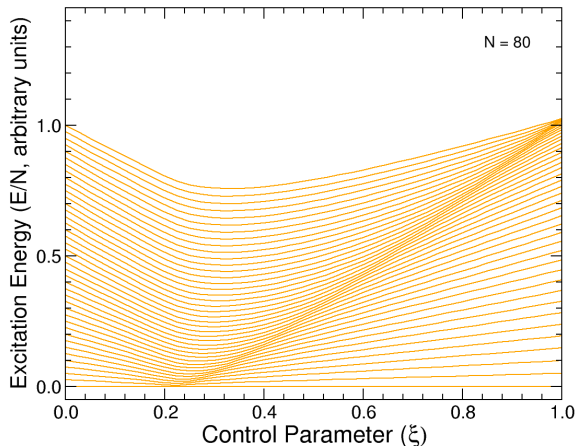


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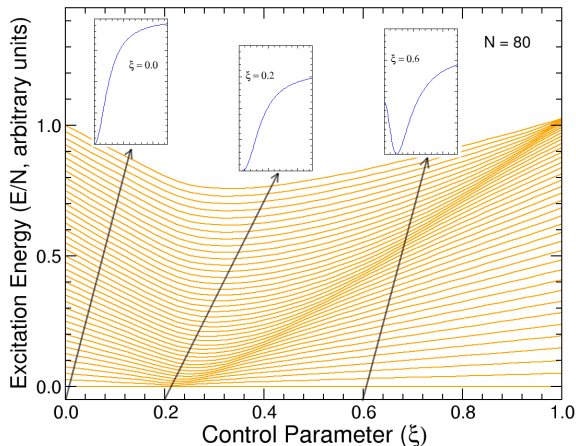


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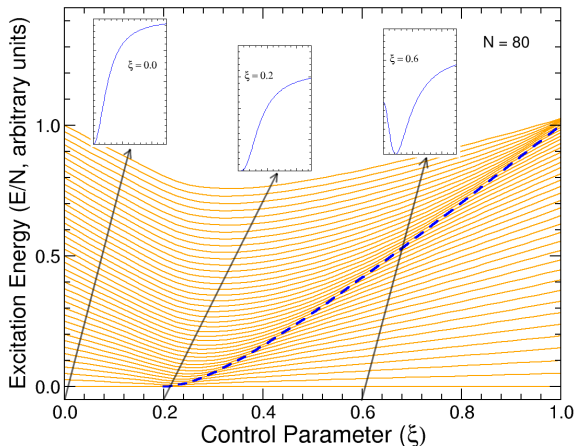


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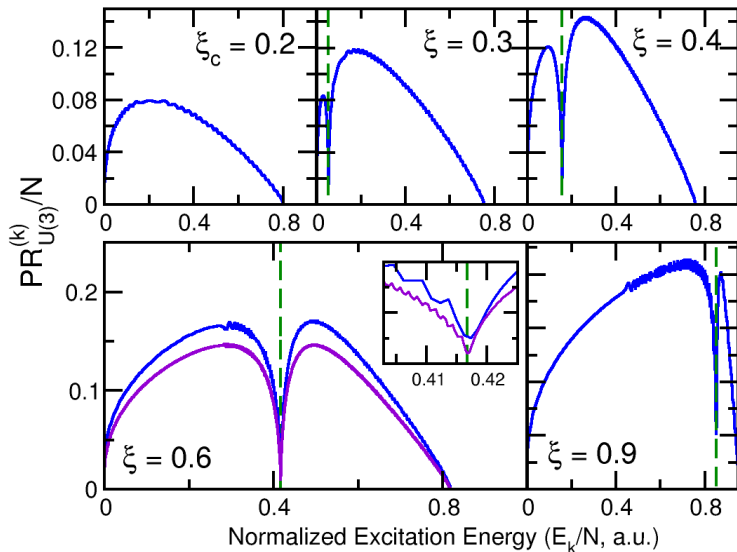
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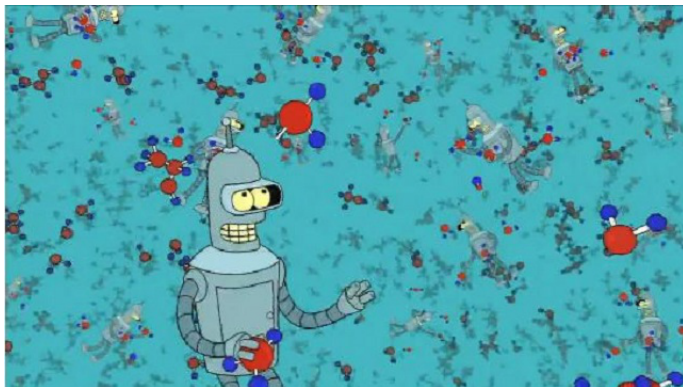
Chain I: Cylindrical oscillator case ( $N = 600, 2000$ )



# Application to Single Bender Molecular Species

## Vibrational bending excitation

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# ESQPT/Quantum Monodromy in bending spectra

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**Table 1**

Best-fit values of Hamiltonian parameters.  $N$  (the integer vibron number) and  $\xi$  (control parameter value) are both dimensionless, while  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $A$ , and rms deviation are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Molecule	$N$	$\varepsilon$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$A$	rms	$\xi$
HCNO	24	716.715	-13.0168	10.7685	7.4363	0.09	0.1927
DCNO	30	634.902	-12.5727	8.4958	5.2775	0.25	0.1942
BrCNO	96	642.047	-6.4154	3.1938	1.6980	0.57	0.2010
ClCNO	92	638.079	-6.4925	3.2283	1.7766	0.71	0.2025
CH <sub>3</sub> NCS	73	523.947	-6.8652	7.8193	1.8524	0.48	0.2029
GeH <sub>3</sub> NCO	90	385.319	-4.1902	4.6941	1.1172	0.38	0.2069
CH <sub>3</sub> NCO	78	453.756	-5.5741	7.6712	1.6313	1.34	0.2168
OCCCS	30	77.5202	-0.13767	0.37183	0.0013568	0.05	0.0004
NCCNO	28	149.141	-1.8472	1.3019	0.97870	0.16	0.1507
NCNCS	70	203.572	-2.5766	1.4957	0.81344	2.18	0.2154

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HNC	40	853.65	-11.56	8.94	3.77	2.3	0.1471
NiCN	40	244	-2.8	4	0.1	5	0.0154
CaOH	20	363.5	-0.05	6.6	0.5	2.3	0.0261
CaOD <sup>a</sup>	27	273.7	-3.0	4.6	0.1	0.5	0.0097
MgOH <sup>b</sup>	20	397.4	-4.5		4.7	2.2	0.1833
MgOD <sup>a,b</sup>	27	299.4	-2.1		2.7	4.2	0.1886
OCS <sup>b</sup>	40	728.3	-5.1	1.4	2.2	0.2	0.1062
HNCS	25	810.1	-22.96	16.97	10.77	3.3	0.2419
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>c</sup>	143	4815.0	-32.15	15.44	8.7	9.1	0.2042
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# ESQPT/Quantum Monodromy in bending spectra

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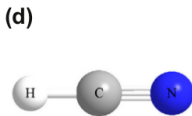
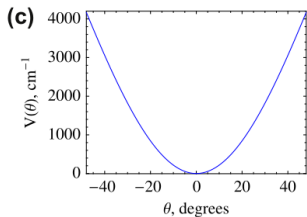
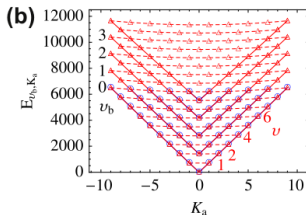
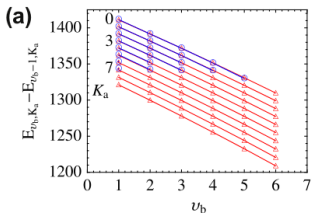
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Molecule	$N$	$\varepsilon$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$A$	rms	$\xi$
HCNO	24	716.715	-13.0168	10.7685	7.4363	0.09	0.1927
DCNO	30	634.902	-12.5727	8.4958	5.2775	0.25	0.1942
BrCNO	96	642.047	-6.4154	3.1938	1.6980	0.57	0.2010
ClCNO	92	638.079	-6.4925	3.2283	1.7766	0.71	0.2025
CH <sub>3</sub> NCS	73	523.947	-6.8652	7.8193	1.8524	0.48	0.2029
GeH <sub>3</sub> NCO	90	385.319	-4.1902	4.6941	1.1172	0.38	0.2069
CH <sub>3</sub> NCO	78	453.756	-5.5741	7.6712	1.6313	1.34	0.2168
OCCCS	30	77.5202	-0.13767	0.37183	0.0013568	0.05	0.0004
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NCNCS	70	203.572	-2.5766	1.4957	0.81344	2.18	0.2154

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HNC	40	853.65	-11.56	8.94	3.77	2.3	0.1471
NiCN	40	244	-2.8	4	0.1	5	0.0154
CaOH	20	363.5	-0.05	6.6	0.5	2.3	0.0261
CaOD <sup>a</sup>	27	273.7	-3.0	4.6	0.1	0.5	0.0097
MgOH <sup>b</sup>	20	397.4	-4.5		4.7	2.2	0.1833
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# Dynamical Symmetry (I): HCN

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(a) Birge-Sponer Plot

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(d) Molecule Model

$N = 40$

$\varepsilon = 794.88$

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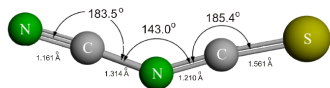
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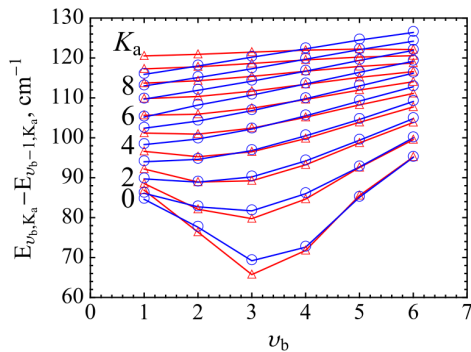


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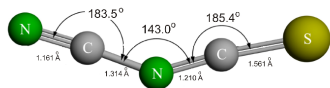
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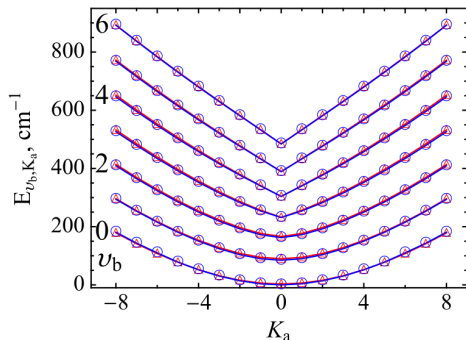


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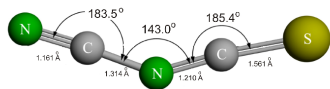
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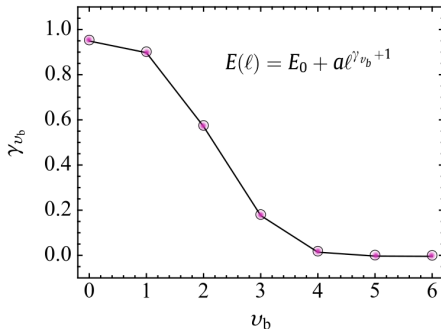


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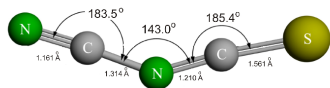
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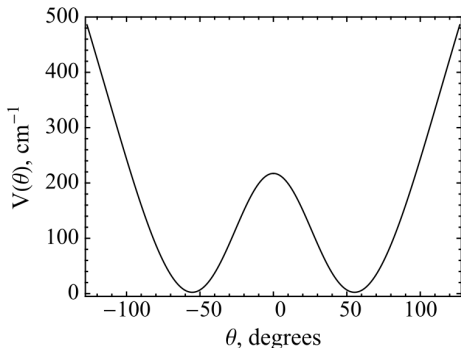


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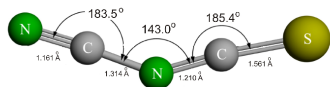
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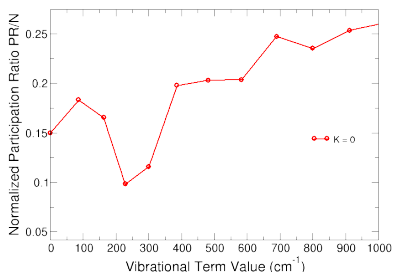


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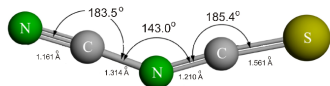
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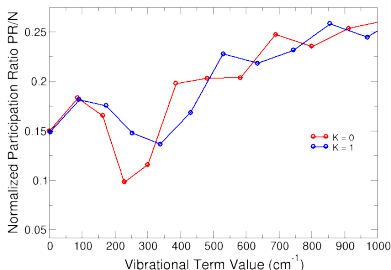


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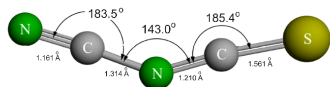
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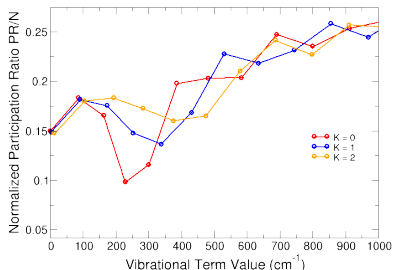


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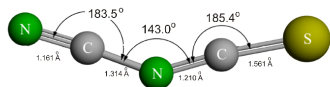
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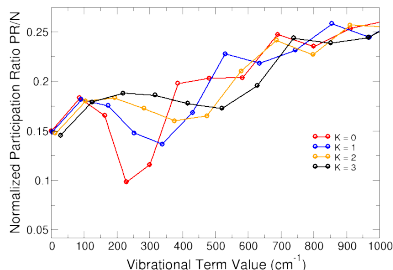


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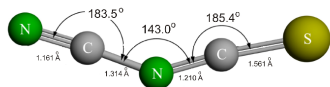
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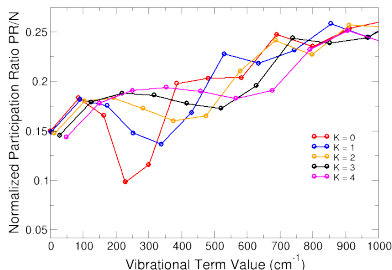


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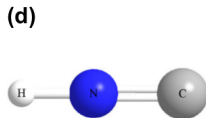
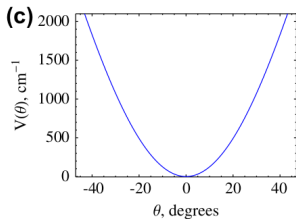
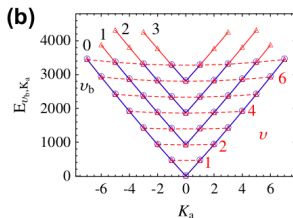
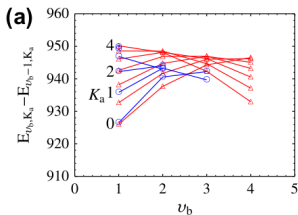
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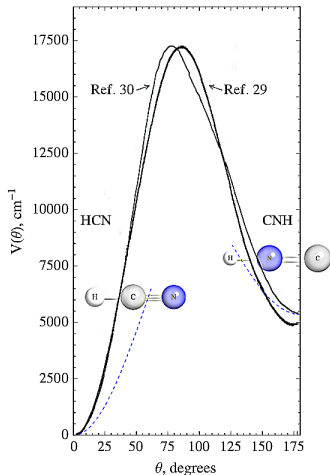
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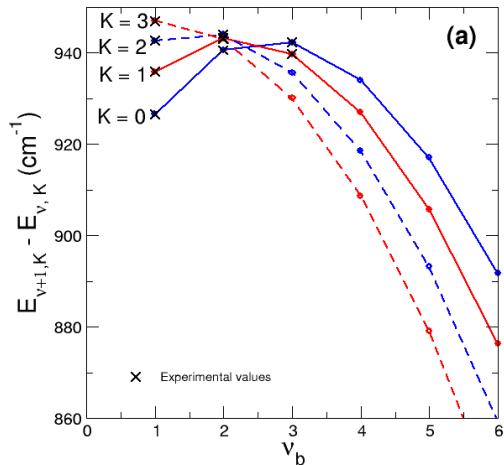
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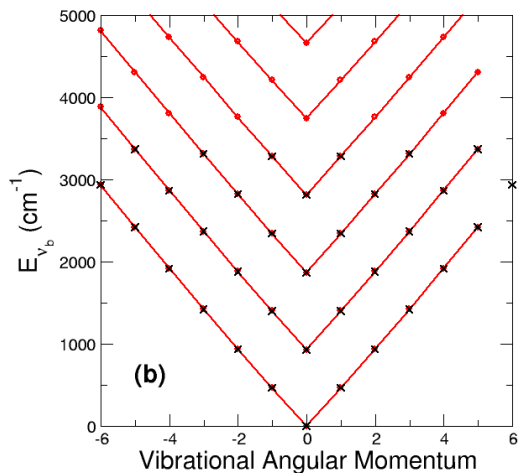
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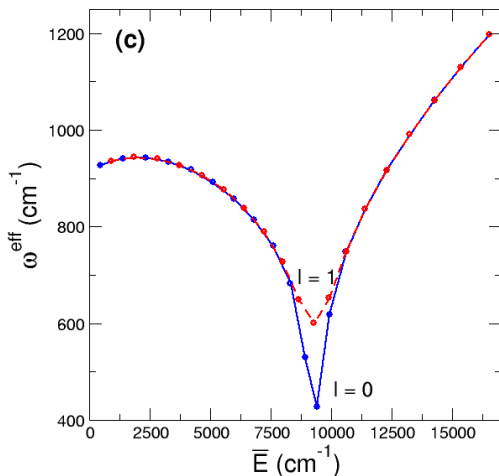
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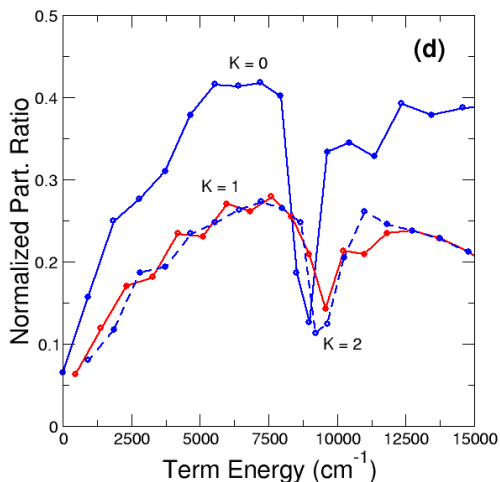
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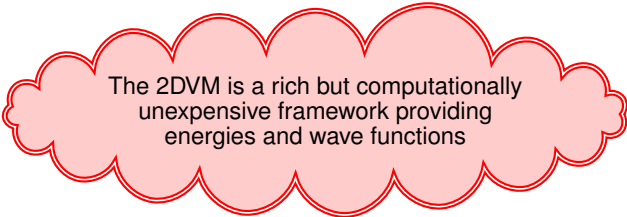
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Thanks for your attention and  
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