



A THEORETICAL PREDICTION OF ELECTRONIC TRANSITIONS IN C₃

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Theoretical Methods

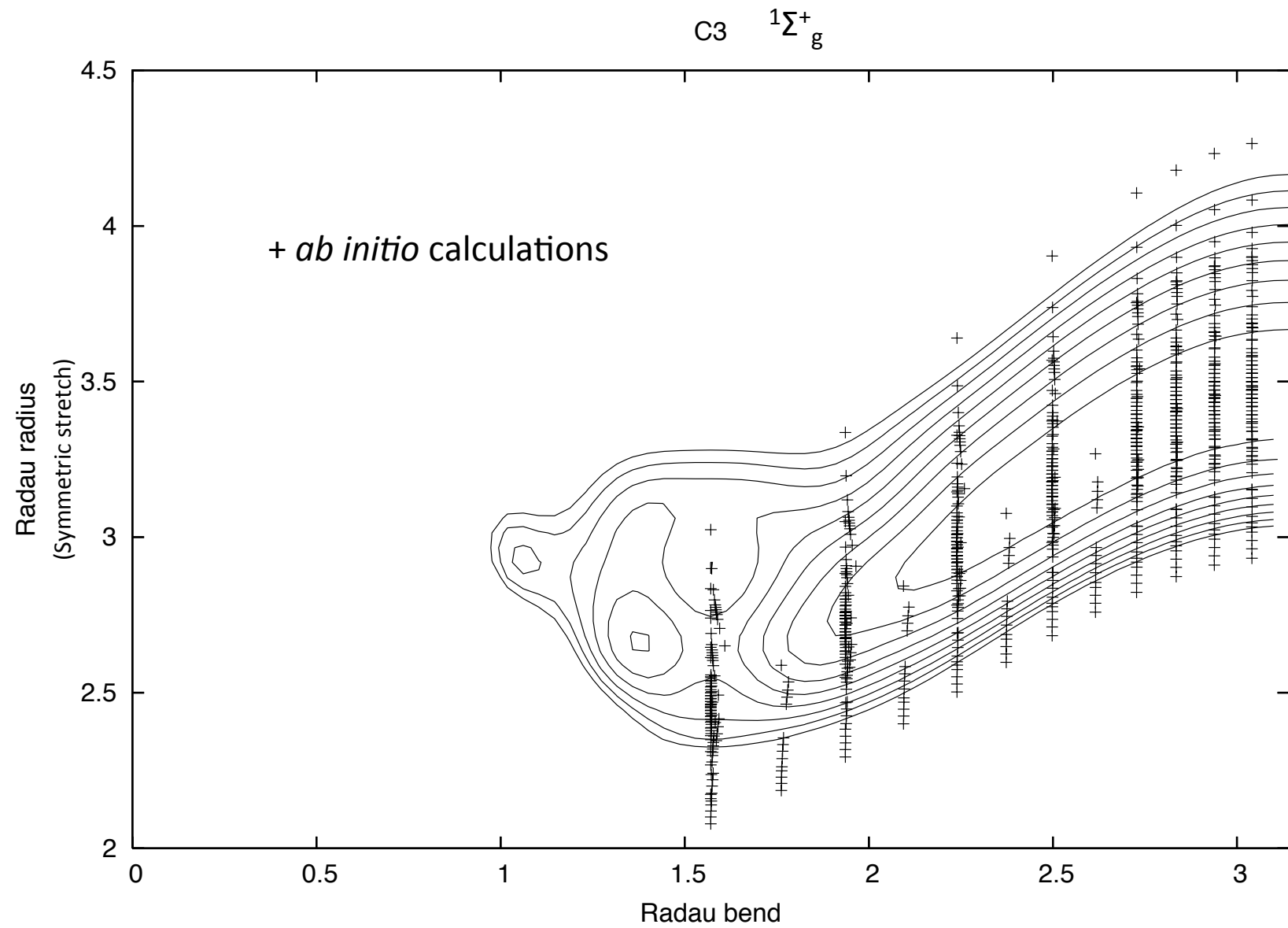
- MOLPRO
- aug-cc-pVTZ
- MCHF
 - FORS or restricted active space
 - dynamic weights
- icMRCI
 - ACPF for ground state
 - projected state method

Summary of States and challenges...

- Ground state
 - $^1\Sigma_g^+$
 - PES curvature
- First excited states
 - $^1\Pi_u$
 - BO breakdown
- VUV state(s)
 - $^1\Sigma_u^+$
 - avoided crossings

Vibrational Coordinates

- Orthogonal : simplest KE
 - Jacobi or Radau
- Nonorthogonal : complicated KE
 - Can optimize



$^1\Pi_u$ state

- Coupled to $^3\Sigma_u^+$ through spin-orbit
- Born-Oppenheimer breakdown terms include
 - $L_z^2/\sin^2\theta$
 - Renner-Teller Effect

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Ye Olde Quantum Mechanix

fly by seat
of pants

Modern Quantum Mechanics

$(Rm_R Lm_L | RLJM)$

Coupled spin-electronic-ro-vibrational wavefunctions

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{Y\kappa S\Sigma\rho}^{JMP} &= \left[\frac{2J+1}{4\pi(1+\delta_{Y0}\delta_{\Sigma 0})} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ f_{\kappa}(\tilde{\omega}) \mathcal{D}_{Y+\Sigma M}^{(J)}(\alpha^{LB} \beta^{LB} \gamma^{LB}) \bar{\Theta}_{S\Sigma\rho}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}; \tilde{\omega}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + P\xi_{\rho}(-1)^{J+S+Y} f_{\kappa}(\sigma_{xz}\tilde{\omega}) \mathcal{D}_{-Y-\Sigma M}^{(J)}(\alpha^{LB} \beta^{LB} \gamma^{LB}) \bar{\Theta}_{S-\Sigma\rho}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}; \tilde{\omega}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

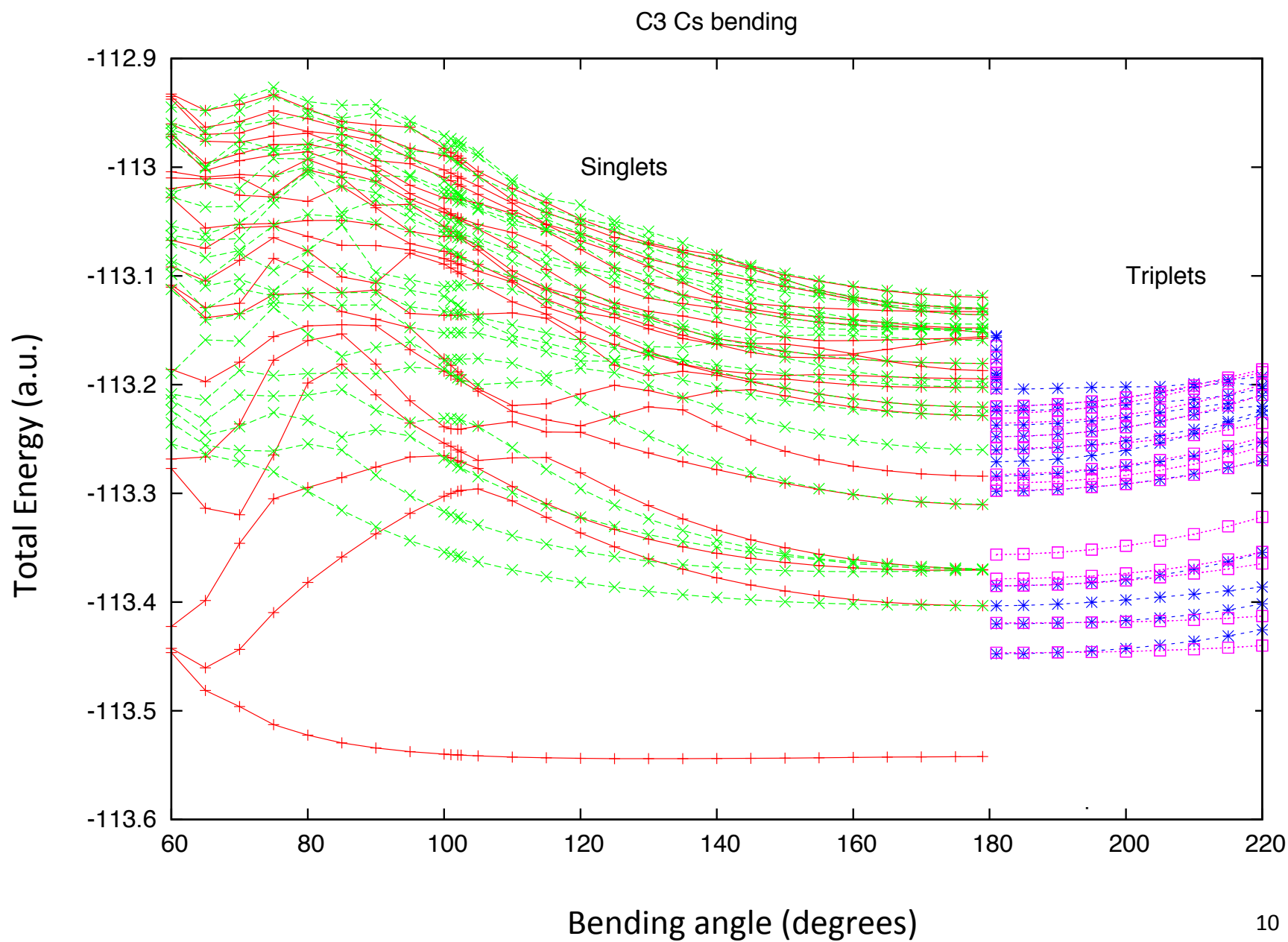
$$\begin{aligned} \langle Y\rho S\Sigma J | \hat{R}_x^{bfn} | Y'\rho' S\Sigma' J \rangle &= -\delta_{YY'\pm 1} \delta_{\rho\rho'} \delta_{\Sigma\Sigma'} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{J(J+1) - (Y+\Sigma)(Y'+\Sigma')} \\ &\quad + \delta_{YY'} \delta_{\Sigma\Sigma'} \frac{1}{2} \langle \rho S | L_+ + L_- | \rho' S \rangle + \delta_{YY'\pm 1} \delta_{\Sigma\Sigma'\mp 1} \delta_{\rho\rho'} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{S(S+1) - \Sigma\Sigma'} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\langle Y\rho S\Sigma J | \hat{R}_z^{bfn} | Y'\rho' S\Sigma' J \rangle = -\delta_{YY'} \delta_{\Sigma\Sigma'} (Y\delta_{\rho\rho'} - \langle \rho S | L_z | \rho' S \rangle).$$

$^1\Sigma_u^+$ state

- Linear:
 - $^1\Sigma_u^+$ big transition moment
 - $^1\Delta_u$ zero transition moment
- Bent
 - mix

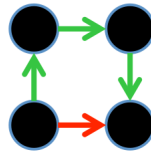


Adiabatic vs. Diabatic

- Unique
- Can change rapidly
- Only KE coupling
- Non-unique
- Does not change rapidly
- Both KE and PE coupling

Diabatization (I)

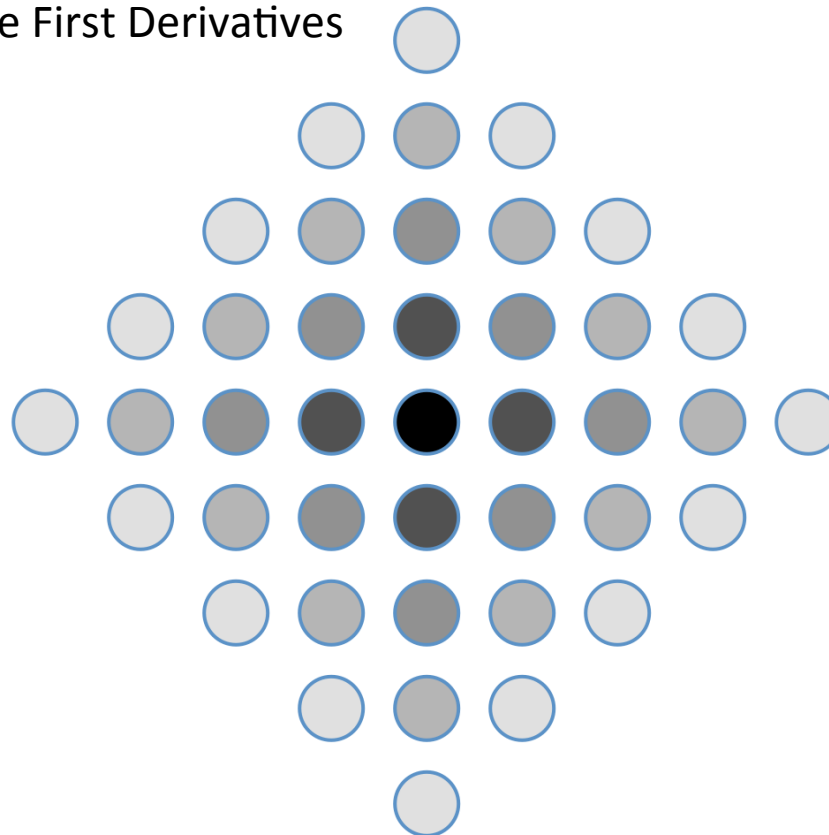
$$\int_a^b \langle \psi_n | \nabla_\rho \psi_m \rangle d\rho = 0$$



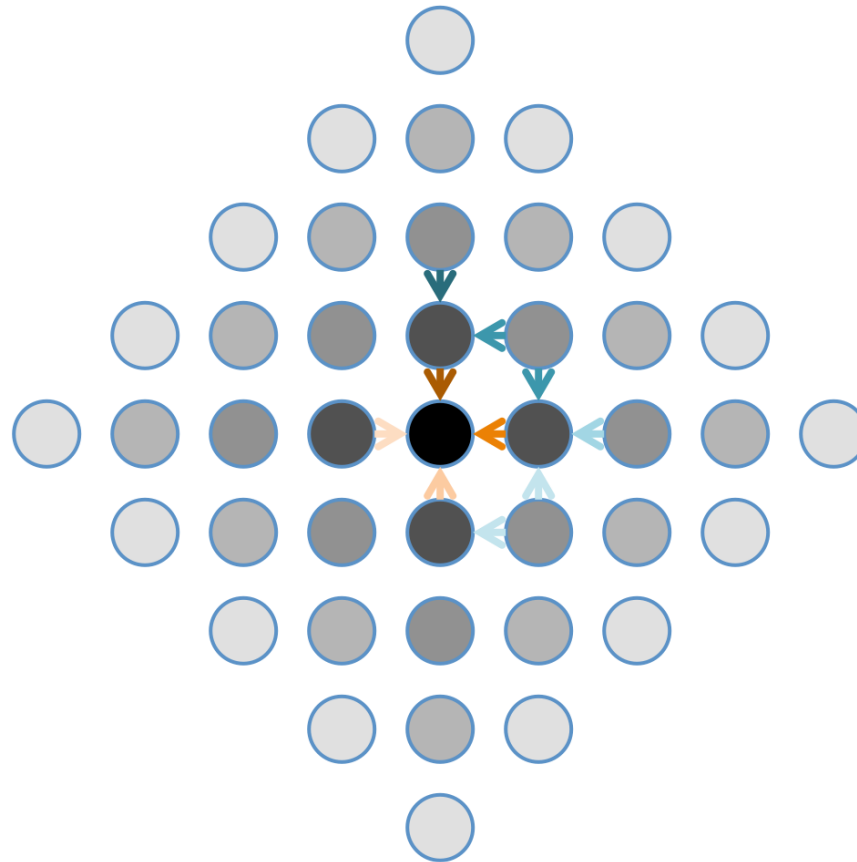
$$\text{minimize } \phi = \langle \psi_n^{(\tau)} | \psi_m^{(\tau+d\tau)} \rangle^2 + \langle \psi_m^{(\tau)} | \psi_n^{(\tau+d\tau)} \rangle^2$$

Diabatization (II)

Central Difference First Derivatives



Diabatization (III)



Conclusions

- Good ground state PES
- Have ingredients for coordinate independent Renner-Teller
- Good method to determine diabatic states for polyatomics