

Physics 213a-2011 Class 18 Monday 10-17-11 Summary

non-zero initial velocities

$$|z(t)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = C_p e^{i\omega_p t} |e_p\rangle + C_b e^{i\omega_b t} |e_b\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{---} \rightarrow \text{Re } C_p &= \langle e_p | x_0 \rangle & \text{Re } C_b &= \langle e_b | x_0 \rangle \\ \text{Im } C_p &= -\frac{\langle e_p | \dot{x}_0 \rangle}{\omega_p} & \text{Im } C_b &= -\frac{\langle e_b | \dot{x}_0 \rangle}{\omega_b} \end{aligned}$$

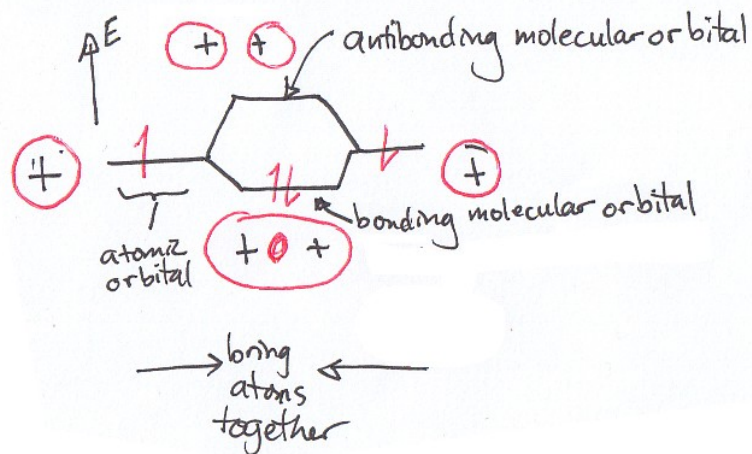
$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) = \frac{A_p}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_p t + \phi_p) + \frac{A_b}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_b t + \phi_b)$$

$$x_2(t) = \frac{A_b}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_b t + \phi_b) - \frac{A_p}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_p t + \phi_p)$$

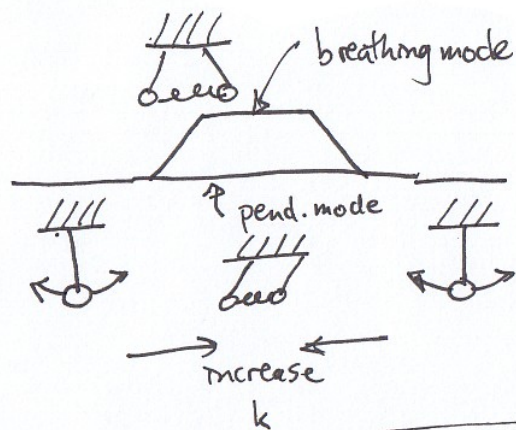
where $A_p = \sqrt{(\text{Re } C_p)^2 + (\text{Im } C_p)^2}$

$$\phi_p = \tan^{-1} \frac{\text{Im } C_p}{\text{Re } C_p} + \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \text{Re } C_p > 0 \\ \pi & \text{if } \text{Re } C_p < 0 \end{cases}$$

Analogy with molecular orbitals



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to



$$\omega_p = \sqrt{g/l} \quad \omega_b = \sqrt{g/l + 2k/m} \quad **$$

\Rightarrow **Quite generally, when the strength of the interaction increases, the difference in the frequencies (or energies) of the normal modes increases.**