SUB-DOPPLER HIGH RESOLUTION EXCITATION SPECTROSCOPY OF DIBENZO-P-DIOXIN

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Sub-Doppler high-resolution fluorescence excitation spectra of the $S_1 \leftarrow S_0$ transition of dibenzo-*p*-dioxin (DD) have been observed in a collimated molecular beam.[a] The rotational constants in both the S_0 and S_1 states were determined by analysis of the observed rotational contours. The DD molecule has shown to be planar in the S_0 state and folded slightly out-of-plane (butterfly form) in the S_1 state. The observed line widths were about 0.01 cm^{-1}, which were much larger than the instrumental resolution (0.001 cm^{-1}). The lifetime of the S_1 state was evaluated to be about 500 ps.

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