DOUBLE RESONANCE OVERTONE SPECTROSCOPY OF HYDRAZOIC ACID

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We present double resonance overtone photofragment spectra of hydrazoic acid (HN₃) for several vibrational bands near the lowest energy spin-allowed product channel (HN₃ \rightarrow N₂ + NH(a¹ Δ). Double resonance overtone photofragment spectroscopy is a three-laser technique which combines IR-visible double resonance excitation of a vibrational level above the dissociation energy with LIF detection of the photofragments. We have obtained results for the fifth overtone of the NH stretch ($6\nu_1$), as well as for several close-lying combination bands. With these spectra we can establish more precise limits on the dissociation threshold for the lowest spin-allowed product channel than were previously available. In addition, comparison of the underlying structure in individual rotational lines from different vibrational bands shows dramatic variations.