

EXCITED STATES OF CH_5^+ BY DIFFUSION MONTE CARLO

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Understanding the spectrum of CH_5^+ is a problem of long standing interest. Of particular interest is gaining a better understanding of the two high resolution spectra; one observed by White et. al.^a, and one that is partially assigned observed by the Nesbitt group.^b Using excited state Diffusion Monte Carlo techniques in combination with symmetry adapted linear combinations of the internal coordinates of CH_5^+ , obtained from group theoretical analysis of the G_{240} CNPI group, we investigate the nature of the vibrationally, and rotationally excited states of CH_5^+ . By probing CH_5^+ using these methods, we find that we are able to gain insights into the effects of the internal rotor motions of vibrationally excited states of CH_5^+ .

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