INFRARED SPECTRA OF ACETYLENE-D2 CLUSTERS

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In an effort to observe the spectra of acetylene clusters $(C_2H_2)_n$ with $n \ge 4$ and the very weakly bound He- C_2H_2 complex, spectra of acetylene- d_2 clusters in the region of the C_2D_2 ν_3 fundamental (\sim 2439 cm $^{-1}$) were recorded using a tunable diode laser to probe a pulsed supersonic slit jet expansion. So far, several bands below 2439 cm $^{-1}$ have been recorded. Two can be attributed to a parallel ν_3^{\parallel} and perpendicular ν_3^{\perp} band for the T-shaped C_2D_2 dimer. The interconvesion splittings are clearly seen in these bands. There are other mystery bands whose origins are being investigated both experimentally and theoretically. In this talk I will discuss possible assignments of these bands to C_2D_2 clusters.