

THE WEAKLY-BOUND CO<sub>2</sub>-ACETYLENE COMPLEX: FUNDAMENTAL AND TORSIONAL COMBINATION BAND IN THE CO<sub>2</sub>  $\nu_3$  REGION

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Infrared spectrum of the weakly-bound CO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> complex in the region of the CO<sub>2</sub>  $\nu_3$  fundamental band ( $\sim 2349$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) is observed in a pulsed supersonic slit jet expansion using a tunable diode laser probe. Two bands are observed and analyzed: the fundamental (C–O asymmetric stretch) and a combination involving the intermolecular torsional (out-of-plane bend) vibration. The resulting torsional frequency is 44.385(10) cm<sup>-1</sup>. This represents the first observation of an intermolecular frequency for carbon dioxide-acetylene complex. A comparison between the results obtained here and those previously reported for N<sub>2</sub>O–C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> complex <sup>a</sup> is discussed.

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