VIBRATIONAL DYNAMICS AROUND THE CONICAL INTERSECTION RESULTING FROM THE $\tilde{A} \to \tilde{X}$ LASER INDUCED FLUORESCENCE OF THE METHOXY (CH3O) RADICAL

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The results of a theoretical calculation of the spectra associated with the laser induced fluorescence $\tilde{A}^2A_1 \to \tilde{X}^2E$ of both the methoxy molecule and CH₂DO are presented and discussed. The form of the vibronic dipole moment is determined by symmetry and the corresponding dipole expansion coefficients are calculated using *ab initio* methods. The calculated spectra include states up to 3000 cm⁻¹ above the zero point energy. We describe how the various features of the spectrum are related to coordinate dependent terms in the dipole expansion as well as the spin-orbit couplings, Jahn-Teller couplings, and vibrational anharmonicities.