

# The Renner Effect in the $\tilde{X}^2A'$ and $\tilde{A}^2A''$ Electronic States of the HCO Radical

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Three-dimensional potential energy surfaces (PESs) and dipole moment surfaces (DMSs) for the  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  electronic states of the HCO radical have been calculated *ab initio* at the full-valence multi-reference single and double excitation configuration (MR-SDCI) + Davidson correction Q level of theory including core-valence correlations, based on the five-state (i.e., three  $A'$  and two  $A''$  states) averaged CASSCF orbitals, with basis sets of the Dunning aug-cc-pVQZ for H and aug-cc-pCVQZ for C and O.

The  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  states correlate with a  $^2\Pi$  state at H-C-O linear geometries so that they exhibit the Renner effect. We have applied the RENNER program [P. Jensen, M. Brünn, W. P. Kraemer and P. R. Bunker, J. Mol. Spectrosc. **171**, 31-57, (1995); M. Kolbuszewski, P.R. Bunker, P. Jensen and W. P. Kraemer, Mol. Phys. **88**, 105-124 (1996); G. Osmann, P. R. Bunker, P. Jensen and W. P. Kraemer, Chem. Phys. **225**, 33-54 (1997)] to calculate rovibronic energies and intensities for  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  HCO, using the *ab initio* PESs and DMSs described above.

The  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  state is repulsive for the Jacobi angle  $\tau$  in the interval  $65\text{--}85^\circ$  with a barrier to H+CO dissociation [see, for example, H. M. Keller, M. Stumpf, T. Schröder, C. Stock, F. Temps, R. Schinke, H.-J. Werner, C. Bauer, and P. Rosmus, J. Chem. Phys. **106**, 5359-5378 (1997), and references therein]. Since the RENNER program can calculate bound states only, the present work is concerned with low-lying bound rovibronic states, situated below the dissociation barrier, for  $\tilde{X}^2A'$ -HCO.

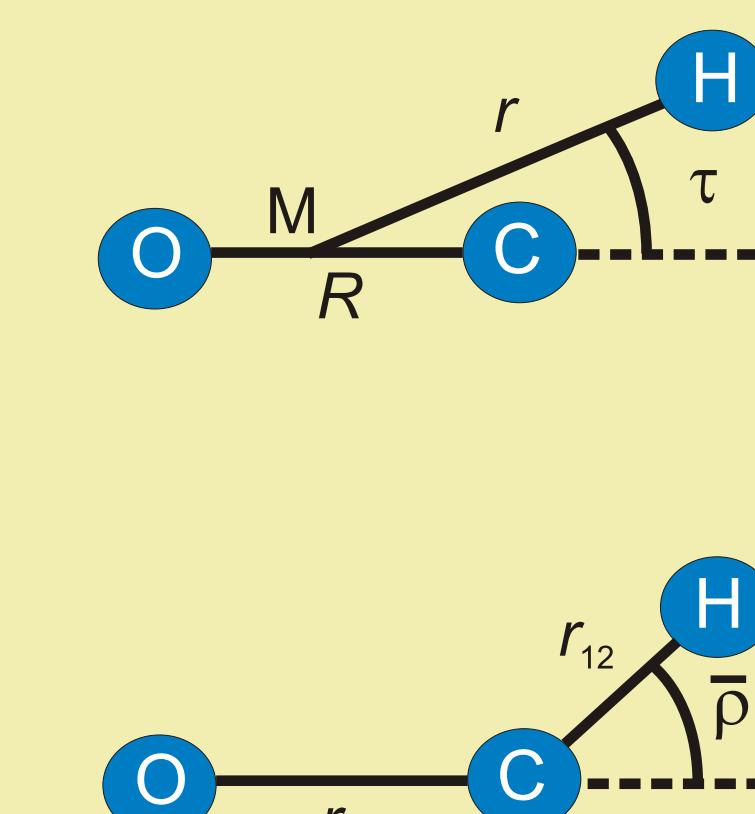
Values of the spin-orbit interaction constant  $A_{so}$  have been calculated *ab initio* at various values of the angle  $\rho$  [and  $r_{12}, r_{32}$  fixed to the equilibrium values in the  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  state]. These  $A_{so}$ -values have been fitted to the expression

$$A_{so}(\rho)/\text{cm}^{-1} = 36.68 - 12.9(1 - \cos \rho) + 20.5(1 - \cos \rho)^2 - 7.2(1 - \cos \rho)^3.$$

With the RENNER program system we have computed the rovibronic energies of  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  HCO and DCO for  $J$  through 15/2. We use as input for this calculation the optimized potential energy parameters and the  $A_{so}(\rho)$ -parameters given above. For both electronic component states, bending basis functions were included with  $n_2^{\text{bend}} \leq 20$  ( $n_2^{\text{bend}}$  is the bending quantum number appropriate for a bent molecule), the stretching wave equation was prediagonalized in a basis of  $n_1 + n_3 = N_{\text{stretch}} \leq 16$  Morse oscillator functions, and the lowest 28 stretching eigenfunctions were used for the final calculations. An energy threshold of  $E_{\text{limit}} = 18000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was employed for the contraction.

We plot here rovibronic term value diagrams for  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  HCO in the wavenumber region up to  $3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Spectroscopic labels are given for selected states.

The coordinates  $r, R, \tau, r_{12}, r_{32}$ , and  $\rho$  used to describe the HCO radical. M is the center of mass of the CO moiety.



The *ab initio* energy points are fitted to the expansion

$$V_{\pm}(r_{12}, r_{32}, \rho) = \sum_{jl} C_{jl}^{(\text{ref})} (y_1^{(\text{ref})})^j (y_3^{(\text{ref})})^l (1 - \cos \rho)^j$$

with

$$y_i^{(\text{ref})} = 1 - \exp[-a_i(r_{12} - r_i^{(\text{ref})})], i = 1 \text{ or } 3,$$

where  $i = 1$  is associated with the H-C bond, and  $i = 3$  with the CO bond.

In the fitting, the *ab initio* were weighted such that points near the equilibrium structure of  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  are given weights of 1.0 while the weights are decreased with increasing electronic energy so that points around  $25000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  have weights of 0.01. Points with  $\tau \geq 65^\circ$  were given zero weight in the fitting. The input for the fitting consisted of 1315 points (658 points on the lower surface and 657 points on the upper surface). We could usefully vary 61 parameters and have achieved a standard deviation of  $24.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The potential energy surface parameters for the  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  electronic states of HCO

$r_{12}^{(\text{ref})}/\text{\AA}$	1.06386(14)
$r_{32}^{(\text{ref})}/\text{\AA}$	1.182539(15)
$a_1/\text{\AA}^{-1}$	2.4
$a_3/\text{\AA}^{-1}$	2.0
$G_{000}^{(\text{ref})}$	2698.81574(1565)
$G_{001}^{(\text{ref})}$	6459.1(21)
$G_{010}^{(\text{ref})}$	1769(17)
$G_{011}^{(\text{ref})}$	792(16)
$G_{100}^{(\text{ref})}$	1126(270)
$G_{101}^{(\text{ref})}$	360(15)
$G_{110}^{(\text{ref})}$	252(27)
$G_{111}^{(\text{ref})}$	25(22)

$\tilde{A}'(\sigma = -)$        $\tilde{A}''(\sigma = +)$

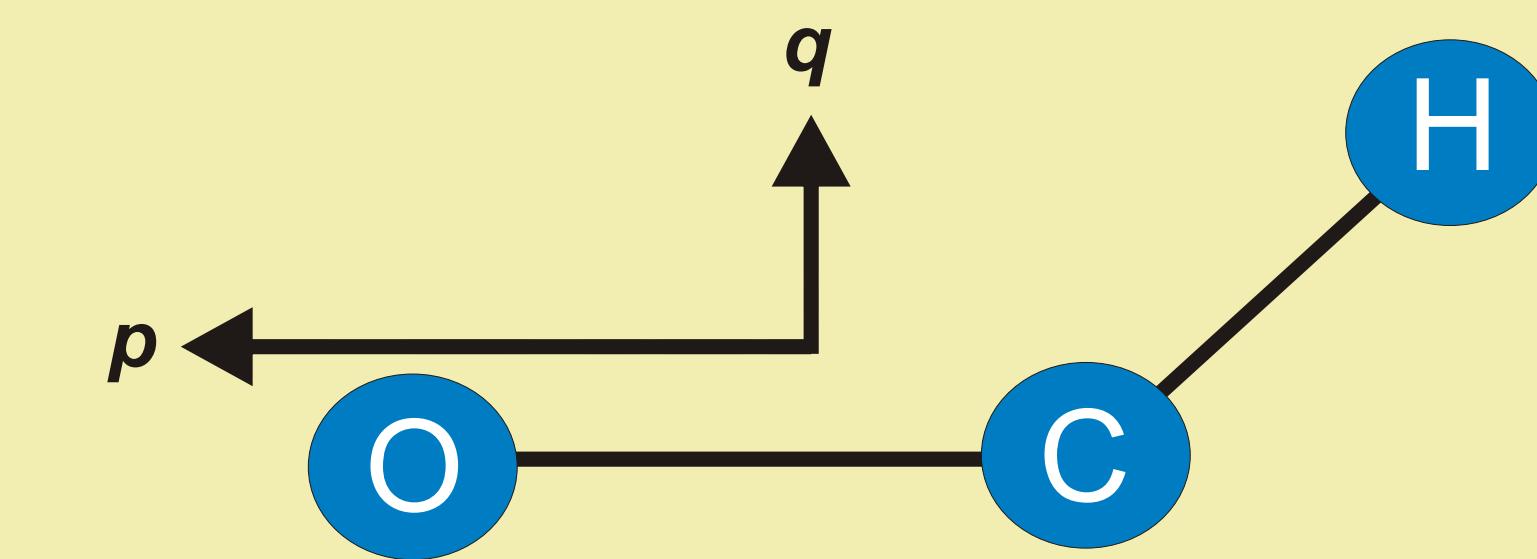
$G_{000}^{(\text{ref})}$	-4598(17)
$G_{001}^{(\text{ref})}$	2020(23)
$G_{010}^{(\text{ref})}$	1852(25)
$G_{011}^{(\text{ref})}$	-7854(114)
$G_{100}^{(\text{ref})}$	181908(4386)
$G_{101}^{(\text{ref})}$	245857(7987)
$G_{110}^{(\text{ref})}$	2701910(4000)
$G_{111}^{(\text{ref})}$	22270(3739)
$G_{200}^{(\text{ref})}$	-946865(4494)
$G_{201}^{(\text{ref})}$	18479(999)
$G_{210}^{(\text{ref})}$	1848(268)
$G_{211}^{(\text{ref})}$	170(369)
$G_{300}^{(\text{ref})}$	13236(34)
$G_{301}^{(\text{ref})}$	-200(1946)
$G_{310}^{(\text{ref})}$	1126(142)
$G_{311}^{(\text{ref})}$	-3008(160)
$G_{400}^{(\text{ref})}$	1093(15)
$G_{401}^{(\text{ref})}$	-2038(32)
$G_{410}^{(\text{ref})}$	508(65)
$G_{411}^{(\text{ref})}$	89(103)
$G_{500}^{(\text{ref})}$	-1043(105)
$G_{501}^{(\text{ref})}$	-49(1074)
$G_{510}^{(\text{ref})}$	-1079(23)
$G_{511}^{(\text{ref})}$	523(212)
$G_{600}^{(\text{ref})}$	6607(192)
$G_{601}^{(\text{ref})}$	2214(318)
$G_{610}^{(\text{ref})}$	1250(294)
$G_{611}^{(\text{ref})}$	2045(1689)
$G_{700}^{(\text{ref})}$	17213(442)
$G_{701}^{(\text{ref})}$	423(667)
$G_{710}^{(\text{ref})}$	3510(470)
$G_{711}^{(\text{ref})}$	1195(55)
$G_{800}^{(\text{ref})}$	-806(68)
$G_{801}^{(\text{ref})}$	-3683(41)

Units are  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  unless otherwise indicated.  $G_{ij} = G_{ij0} + G_{ij1}\rho$ . In  $G_{ij0}$  and  $G_{ij1}$ , the subscript refers to the HC bond, whereas the superscript refers to the CO bond.

Parameters, for which no standard error is given, were not used in the least squares

Quantities in parentheses are standard errors in units of the last digit.

The axis system  $xpq$  used to describe the dipole moment components and the transition moment for the  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  electronic states of the HCO radical. The origin is at the nuclear center of mass, the  $p$  axis is parallel to the CO bond, and the  $x$  axis is chosen such that  $xpq$  is right-handed.



Dipole moment parameters for the  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  electronic states of HCO

Quantities in parentheses are standard errors in units of the last digit given, and  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the fitting.

	$\tilde{A}'(\sigma = -)$	$\tilde{A}''(\sigma = +)$	$\tilde{A}''(\sigma = -)$
$p_{x00}^{(\sigma)}(r_{12}, r_{32}, \rho)$	$\sin \rho \sum_{jl} g_{jl}^{(\sigma)} (\Delta r_{12}^{(\text{ref})})^j$	$\times (\Delta r_{32}^{(\text{ref})})^k (1 - \cos \rho)^l$	
and			
$p_{x00}^{(\sigma)}(r_{12}, r_{32}, \rho)$	$\sum_{jl} p_{jl}^{(\sigma)} (\Delta r_{12}^{(\text{ref})})^j$	$\times (\Delta r_{32}^{(\text{ref})})^k (1 - \cos \rho)^l$	
with			
$\Delta r_{12}^{(\text{ref})} = r_{12} - r_{12}^{(\text{ref})}$ , $i = 1$ or 3,			

where  $i = 1$  is associated with the H-C bond, and  $i = 3$  with the CO bond.

The transition moment between the  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  and  $\tilde{A}^2A''$  electronic states is fitted to

$$\mu_q^{(\sigma)}(r_{12}, r_{32}, \rho) = \sin \rho \sum_{jl} x_{jl}^{(\sigma)} (\Delta r_{12}^{(\text{ref})})^j \times (\Delta r_{32}^{(\text{ref})})^k (1 - \cos \rho)^l$$

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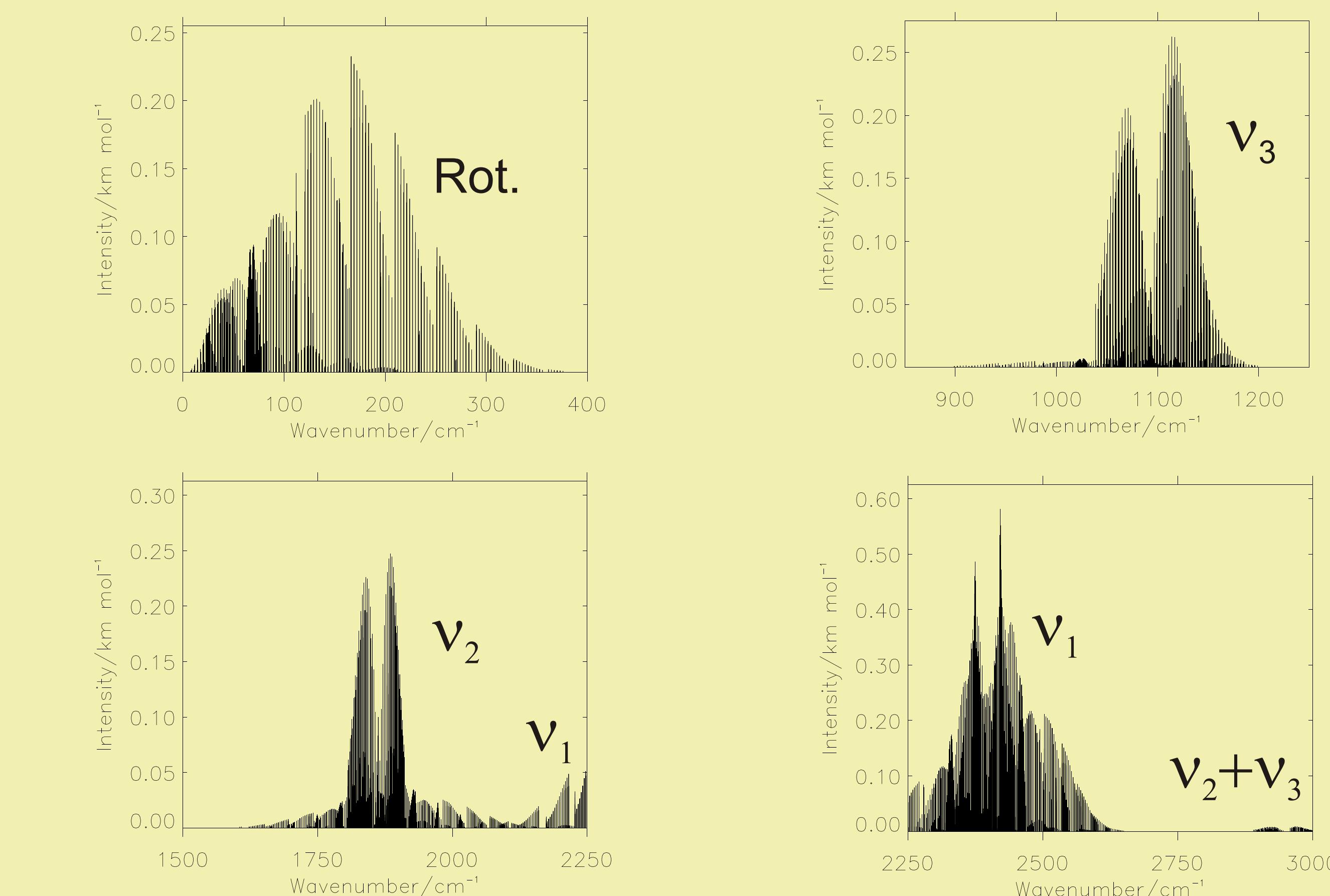
$$\mu_q^{(\sigma)}(r_{12}, r_{32}, \rho) = \sin \rho \sum_{jl} x_{jl}^{(\sigma)} (\Delta r_{12}^{(\text{ref})})^j \times (\Delta r_{32}^{(\text{ref})})^k (1 - \cos \rho)^l$$

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We have used RENNER to simulate the absorption spectra of  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  HCO in the wavenumber region up to  $3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The simulations are done at the absolute temperature  $T = 273 \text{ K}$  and involves states with  $J \leq 35/2$ . The basis set is identical to that used for the energy calculations.



Fundamental term values (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for the  $\tilde{X}^2A'$  electronic state of HCO

	Experiment	Theory
HCO	M69 D69 L81 H86 M86 S90 T95 B86 C88 W95 SA98 PW	
V1	2483 1863 1087	2440 1868 1081
V2	1803 1800 1795	1885 1883 1104
V3	850 852 847	865 882
D <sup>13</sup> CO	V1 1910 1780 845	1910 1780 845