

Supplementary Information for

The photoelectron spectrum of CCl_2^- : The convergence of theory and experiment after a decade of debate

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I. Geometries, frequencies, and normal mode vectors used in simulations.

Table S1 Spectroscopic quantities and molecular constants used in the simulation of the photoelectron spectrum of CCl_2^- . All calculations for CCl_2^- and CCl_2^- used the Gaussian 03 software package and the CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ method and basis set.

		$r/\text{\AA}$	$\theta/^\circ$	ν_1/cm^{-1}	x_{11}/cm^{-1}	ν_2/cm^{-1}	x_{22}/cm^{-1}	ν_3/cm^{-1}
CCl_2^- X^2B_1	Calculated	1.892	103.75	547.612	--	243.338	--	463.312
	Best Fit	1.90(2) ^a	104(2) ^a	547.612	0.0	243.338	0.0	463.312
CCl_2 X^1A_1	Calculated	1.729	109.02	728.652	--	333.692	--	758.091
	Experimental	1.714(1) ^b	109.3(1) ^b	731.14(22) ^c	-3.34(3) ^c	335.80(1) ^c	-0.305(8) ^c	745 ^d
CCl_2 a^3B_1	Calculated	1.684	127.40	681.635	--	296.845	--	992.617
	Best Fit	1.69(10)	127(10)	681.635	2.8	296.845	0.5	992.617

^a The "best fit" geometry reflects the geometry change between anion and neutral that yields the best agreement between the simulated and experimental spectra. Changing the anion harmonic frequencies has little effect on the simulated spectra; thus, the DFT computed frequencies were used.

^b LIF¹

^c Dispersed fluorescence²

^d Excitation matrix³

Table S2 J-Matrices and K-vectors extracted from the CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ output from Gaussian 03 used in the simulation of CCl_2^- computed with PESCAL.

	J-Matrix				$\text{CCl}_2^-/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\text{CCl}_2/\text{cm}^{-1}$	K-Vector/(g/mol) ^{-1/2} Å
CCl_2 X^1A_1	0.993	-0.114	0.000	ν_1	547.612	728.651	-0.660613
	0.141	0.993	0.000	ν_2	243.337	333.692	-0.539615
	0.000	0.000	0.996	ν_3	463.312	758.090	0.000000
CCl_2 a^3B_1	0.952	-.305	0.000	ν_1	547.612	681.634	-1.275341
	0.305	0.952	0.000	ν_2	243.337	296.844	0.476681
	0.000	0.000	0.994	ν_3	463.312	992.616	0.000000

Table S3 Normal Mode Vectors of CCl_2^- extracted from the CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ output from Gaussian 03.

	ν_1	ν_2	ν_3
CCl_2^-	0.000	0.000	0.000
X^2B_1	0.000	0.000	0.956
	0.963	-0.335	0.000
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	0.098	0.664	-0.164
	-0.165	0.057	0.129
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	-0.098	-0.664	-0.164
	-0.165	0.057	-0.129
CCl_2	0.000	0.000	0.000
X^1A_1	0.000	0.000	0.958
	0.950	-0.480	0.000
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	0.149	0.615	-0.164
	-0.163	0.082	0.117
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	-0.149	-0.615	-0.164
	-0.163	0.082	-0.117
CCl_2	0.000	0.000	0.000
a^3B_1	0.000	0.000	0.965
	0.913	-0.672	0.000
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	0.241	0.511	-0.166
	-0.157	0.115	0.082
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	-0.241	-0.511	-0.166
	-0.157	0.115	-0.082

Table S4 Spectroscopic quantities and molecular constants used in the simulation of the photoelectron spectrum of CBr_2^- .

		$r/\text{Å}$	$\theta/^\circ$	ν_1/cm^{-1}	x_{11}/cm^{-1}	ν_2/cm^{-1}	x_{22}/cm^{-1}	ν_3/cm^{-1}
CBr_2^-	Calculated	2.100	106.36	455.786	--	129.655	--	365.775
X^2B_1	Best Fit	2.09(2) ^a	105(4) ^a	455.786	0.0	129.655	0.0	365.775
CBr_2	Calculated	1.911	110.68	589.1	--	190.082	--	616.314
X^1A_1	Experimental	1.865 ^b	110.7 ^b	606.6(4) ^c	-2.01(4) ^c	199.5 ^c	-1.49(1) ^c	679.8(7) ^c
CBr_2	Calculated	1.839	129.5	533.6	--	185.4	--	878.7
a^3B_1								

^aThe “best fit” geometry reflects the geometry change between anion and neutral that yields the best agreement between the simulated and experimental spectra. Absolute geometries are determined using as reference the experimental LIF geometrical parameters⁴ of $\text{CBr}_2 X^1A_1$. Changing the anion harmonic frequencies has little effect on the simulated spectra; thus, the DFT computed frequencies were used.

^b Combined LIF⁴ and Theory⁵

^c Single Vibronic Level Emission⁶

Table S5 J-Matrices and K-vectors extracted from the B3LYP/6-311++G** output from Gaussian 03 used in the simulation of CBr_2^- computed with PESCAL.

J-Matrix				$\text{CBr}_2^-/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\text{CBr}_2/\text{cm}^{-1}$	K-Vector/(g/mol) ^{-1/2} Å	
CBr₂	0.999	-0.044	0.000	ν_1	455.786	589.135	-0.797633
X¹A₁	0.044	0.999	0.000	ν_2	129.655	190.081	-1.262737
	0.000	0.000	1.000	ν_3	365.775	616.313	0.000000
CBr₂	0.982	-0.188	0.000	ν_1	455.786	509.051	-1.583948
a³B₁	0.188	0.982	0.000	ν_2	129.655	183.106	0.195075
	0.000	0.000	0.997	ν_3	365.775	830.998	0.000000

Table S6 Normal Mode Vectors of CBr_2^- computed with PESCAL using B3LYP/6-311++G** output.

	ν_1	ν_2	ν_3
CBr₂⁻	0.000	0.000	0.000
X²B₁	0.000	0.000	0.991
	0.992	-0.388	0.000
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	0.048	0.651	-0.075
	-0.075	0.029	0.056
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	-0.048	-0.651	-0.075
	-0.075	0.029	-0.056
CBr₂	0.000	0.000	0.000
X¹A₁	0.000	0.000	0.992
	0.991	-0.471	0.000
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	0.061	0.623	-0.075
	-0.075	0.036	0.052
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	-0.061	-0.623	-0.075
	-0.075	0.036	-0.052
CBr₂	0.000	0.000	0.000
a³B₁	0.000	0.000	0.993
	0.983	-0.677	0.000
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	0.105	0.518	-0.075
	-0.075	0.051	0.035
	0.000	0.000	0.000
	-0.105	-0.518	-0.075
	-0.075	0.051	-0.035

II. Expanded and enhanced figures.

Expanded view of CDCl_2^- contaminated photoelectron spectrum

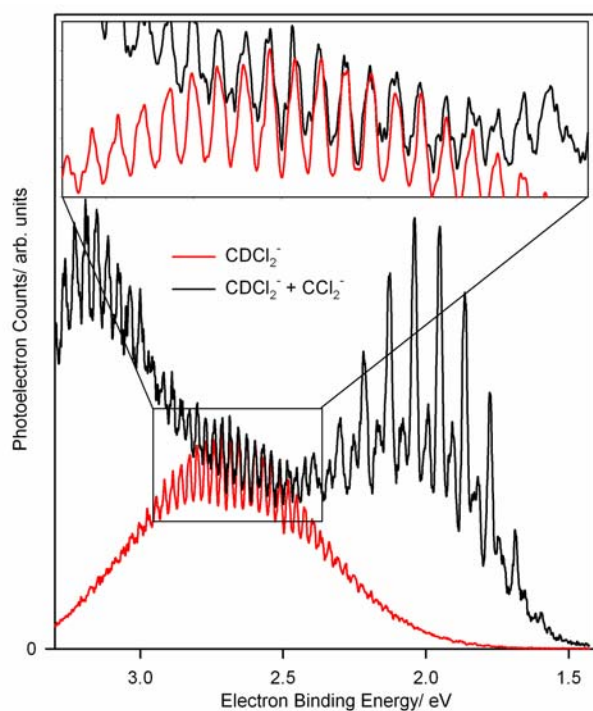


Fig S1 Expanded view of the overlapping spectral features in the contaminated CCl_2^- and the authentic CDCl_2^- photoelectron spectra. The CDCl_2^- spectrum was normalized to match the peak intensities of several common peaks in both spectra, which can be seen in the top portion of Fig. S1.

Expanded view of $\text{CCl}_2^- X^1A_1$ photoelectron spectrum

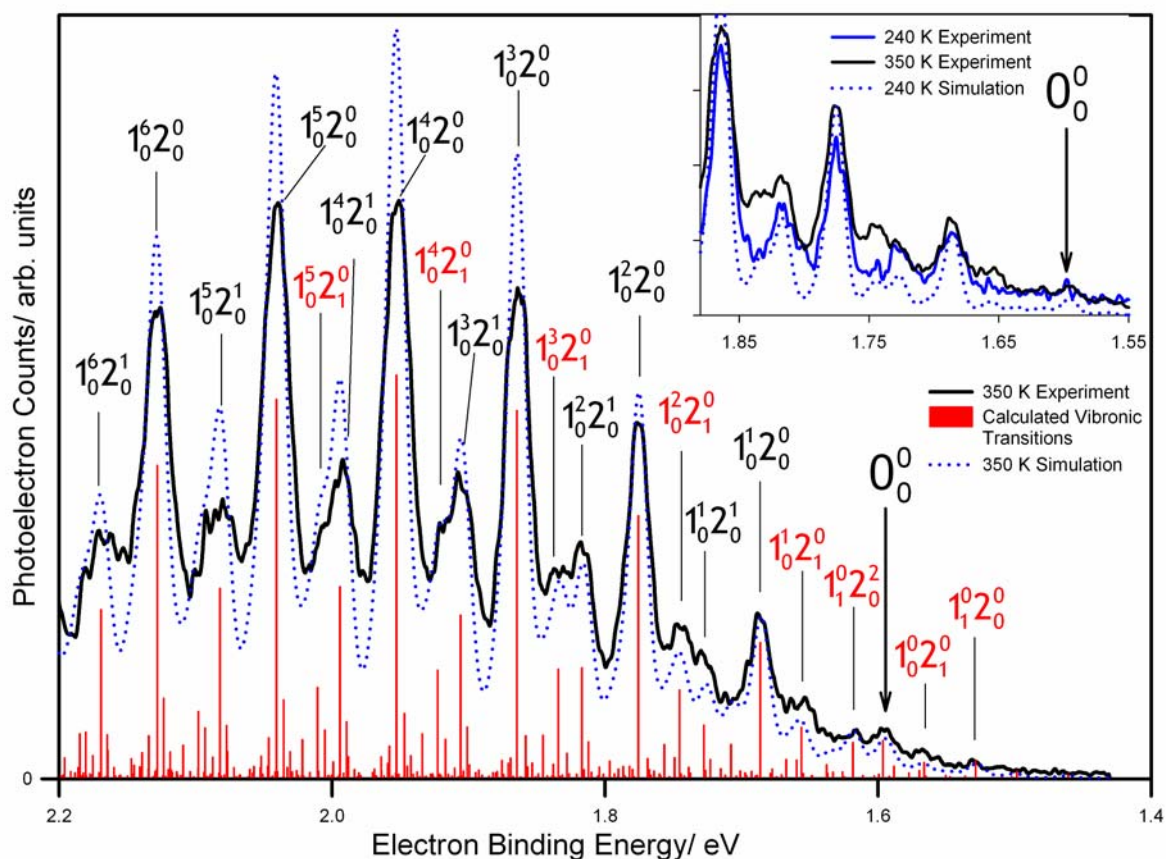


Fig. S2 Expanded view of $X^1A_1 \text{CCl}_2^-$. All the resolved features are identified based on peak position, progression spacing, and agreement with the simulated spectrum. The inset is an expanded view of the cooled photoelectron spectrum with the corresponding simulation. The peak labels in red designate hot bands, and the solid arrows indicate the origin for $X^1A_1 \text{CCl}_2$.

CBr_2^- photoelectron spectrum

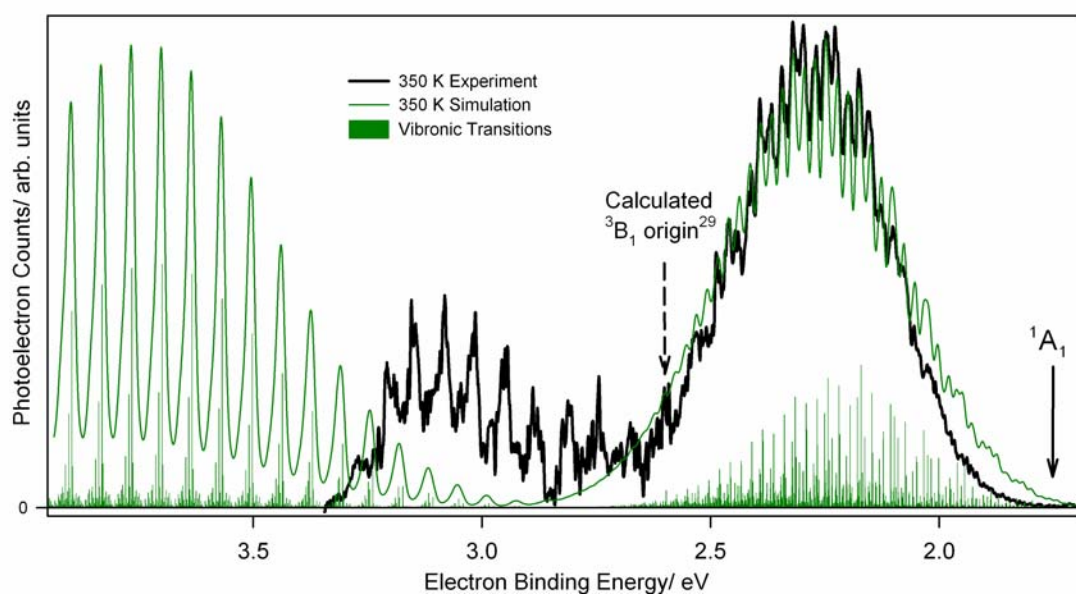


Fig. S3 Comparison of the best fit simulation and the corrected CBr_2^- spectrum, showing both the $a^3\text{B}_1$ and $X^1\text{A}_1$ states of CBr_2 . The $a^3\text{B}_1$ state is simulated using the electron affinity and vibrational frequencies calculated by Dyke *et al.*⁷ The Franck-Condon factors for both the singlet and triplet states are calculated in the Morse oscillator, parallel mode approximation using numerically integrated Laguerre polynomial wavefunctions.

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