

Periodic Bond Breaking and Making in the Electronic Ground State on a Sub-Picosecond Timescale: OH Bending Spectroscopy of Malonaldehyde in the Frequency Domain at Low Temperature

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Table S1: Band positions $\tilde{\nu}/\text{cm}^{-1}$, IR intensities $I/\text{km mol}^{-1}$, and Raman activities $A/\text{\AA}^4 \text{u}^{-1}$ from B3LYP and MP2 calculations with the 6-311+G(d) basis set using the Gaussian03 program package.¹ σ' was calculated from A and $\tilde{\nu}$ using equation 1. By clicking on the normal mode descriptions in the first column, a dynamic gif file of the corresponding normal mode is opened.

	MP2/6-311+G(d)				B3LYP/6-311+G(d)			
	$\tilde{\nu}$	I	A	σ'	$\tilde{\nu}$	I	A	σ'
$\delta\text{C}_a\text{H}$	1299	180	3.7	17	1291	179	2.2	10
δOH	1409	44	29.4	121	1395	90	17	71
$\delta\text{C}_c\text{H}$	1428	40	25.3	102	1409	29	7.9	32

For the comparison of theoretical predictions with experimental spectra, a conversion of the Raman scattering activities A , that are calculated by Gaussian03,¹ to the scattering cross sections σ' is useful. Equation 1 applies for the case of a photon counting measurement with a CCD detector and simultaneous detection of polarized and unpolarized light ($\perp^s + \parallel^s$) at 90° detection geometry like it was used in this work. The polarization vector of the incident laser light was oriented perpendicularly to the plane of detection (\perp^i). In equation 1, $\tilde{\nu}_k$ and g_k are the vibrational wavenumber and the degeneracy of the corresponding vibration. $\tilde{\nu}_0$ is the wavenumber of the incident laser light (in this work, $\lambda_0 = 532 \text{ nm}$, i.e. $\tilde{\nu}_0 \approx 18797 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), h and k are Planck's and Boltzmann's constants, c is the speed of light and T the temperature. For the comparison with the supersonic jet expansion spectra, $hc\tilde{\nu}_k \gg kT$ was assumed (corresponding to low temperatures in the expansion).

$$\sigma' \left(90^\circ; \perp^s + \parallel^s, \perp^i \right) = \frac{2\pi^2 h}{45c\tilde{\nu}_k} \cdot \frac{(\tilde{\nu}_0 - \tilde{\nu}_k)^3 \tilde{\nu}_0}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{hc\tilde{\nu}_k}{kT}\right)} \cdot g_k A. \quad (1)$$

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