HIGH-RESOLUTION ANALYSIS OF THE 83.3 μm TORSIONAL BANDS OF THE Clono $_2$ Molecule

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Chlorine nitrate (ClONO₂) is a very important atmospheric "reservoir" of ClO and NO₂, destroying stratospheric ozone through catalytic cycles^a. It was detected for the first time by infrared (IR) spectroscopy^b, a detection confirmed and extended by the MIPAS^c and the ATMOS satellite experiments^d. Many high-resolution microwave and mid-IR spectroscopy studies of ClONO₂ have been published^e. However, ClONO₂ presents 4 fundamentals in the far-IR region below 600 cm⁻¹, with the lowest one corresponding to the torsional mode ν_9 around 83.3 μ m. This band has been observed at low resolution^f but without precise determination of the band center. More recently, the analysis of the mid-IR ν_8 and ν_8 + ν_9 band spectral regions of ³⁵ClONO₂ allowed the indirect but accurate determination of the ν_9 band center^g.

In this work, the 83.3 μ m region of ClONO₂ has been recorded at high resolution (0.001 cm⁻¹) using a Fourier transform spectrometer and the SOLEIL synchrotron light source. The spectrum corresponds to the absorption of the torsional mode, ν_9 around 123 cm⁻¹ and a series of $n\nu_9$ -(n-1) ν_9 hot bands. In this talk, the analysis of the ν_9 bands of 35 ClONO₂ and 37 ClONO₂ and $^{2}\nu_9$ - ν_9 band of 35 ClONO₂ will be presented. In turn, this will enable an analysis of the hot bands involving low energy levels in the mid-IR region where ClONO₂ is detected and modelled.

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