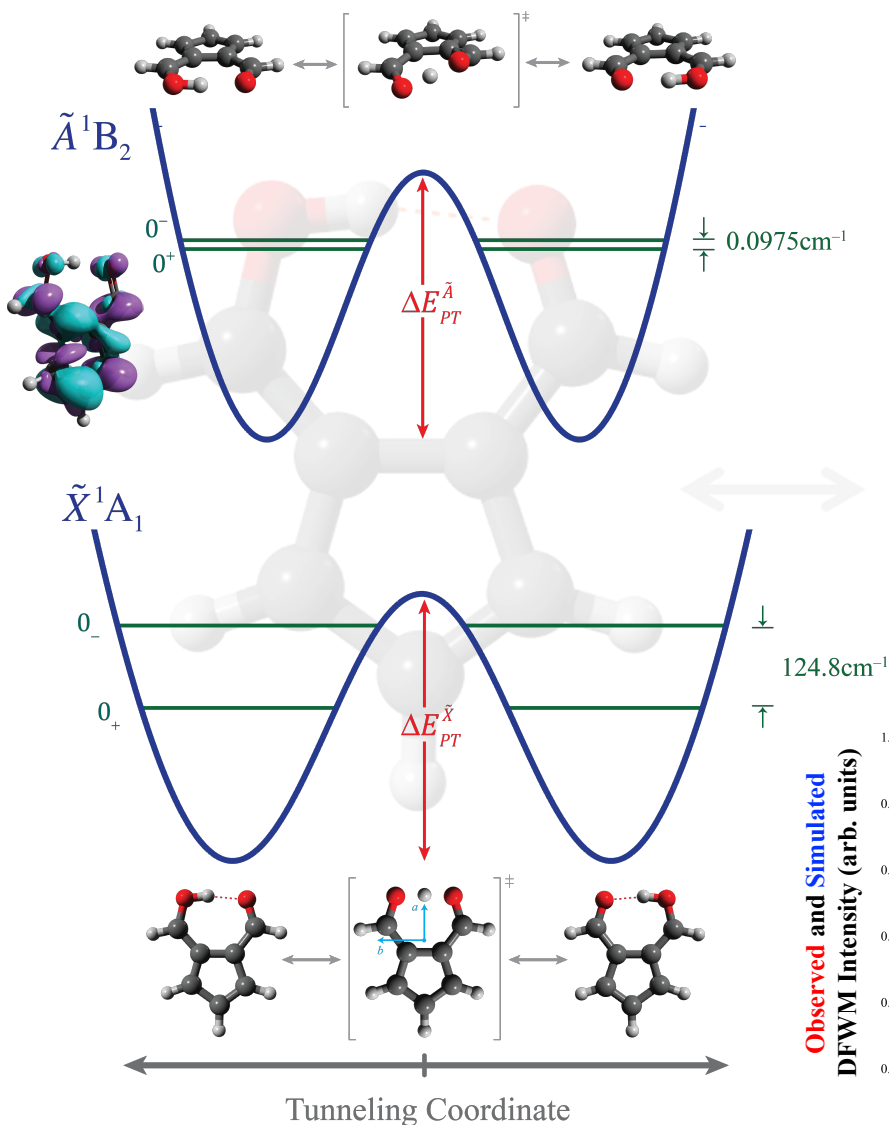


# P4839: Low-Barrier Proton-Transfer Dynamics in 6-Hydroxy-2-Formylfulvene (HFF)

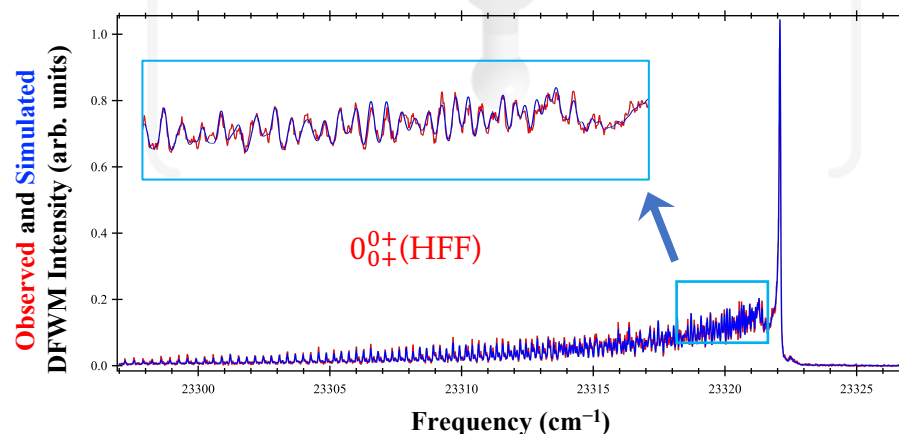
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$\tilde{A}^1B_2 - \tilde{X}^1A_1$  ( $\pi^* \leftarrow \pi$ ) Electronic System of HFF



- As a model system, 6-hydroxy-2-formylfulvene (HFF) affords a potent & flexible platform for studying **low-barrier hydrogen bonding** (LBHBing).
- Evidence for **ultrafast proton-transfer dynamics** commensurate with the onset of LBHBing has been uncovered in the ground electronic state ( $\Delta \tilde{X}_0 \approx 125 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).
- Lack of discernable excited-state spectral bifurcation suggest an **aplanar reaction coordinate** that suppresses tunneling dynamics ( $\Delta \tilde{A}_0 \approx 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).
- Probes of in-plane fundamentals for electronically-excited species show only **modest changes in tunneling behavior** relative to vibrationless level.

Degenerate Four-Wave Mixing (DFWM) Spectroscopy



Fluorescence-Based (LIF & DF) Spectroscopy

