FIRST OBSERVATION OF THE N_2O -OC VAN DER WAALS COMPLEX AND NEW SET OF EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENTS ON THE N_2O -CO COMPLEX.

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Jet cooled infrared spectrum of the N_2O -CO van der Waals complex was observed in the region of the ν_1 fundamental band of the N_2O monomer (2224 cm⁻¹) and in the CO stretch region (2143 cm⁻¹). These new measurements allowed the predicted less stable isomer, N_2O -OC, to be observed for the first time in both spectral regions. In addition, four combination bands were observed in the CO region. Two of these were assigned to N_2O -CO and the other two to N_2O -OC. Finally, a combination band in the N_2O region was assigned to the most stable isomer. In this talk I will discuss our results for the intermolecular vibrational frequencies and compare these to the recently published experimental values on similar systems CO_2 -CO and CO_2 -OC a and to ab initio predictions on this complex b .

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