Rotationally resolved photoelectron spectroscopic study of the \tilde{A}^+ state of H_2O^+ .



photoelectron spectroscopy

Introduction to water

The experimental set-up

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The Results

The Conclusions

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$H_2O + h\nu_{\text{VUV}} \to H_2O^+ + 1e^-_{\text{photon}}$

Two different approaches

The frequency of the light source is:

1 Fixed



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Ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS) Threshold photoelectron spectroscopy (TPES)

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Photoelectron spectroscopy: Effect of a change of geometry



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Experimental set-up



Experimental set-up (II)





Molecular beam and a resolution of $11 \text{ meV} (89 \text{ cm}^{-1})$





Room temperature threshold photoelectron spectrum Resolution of $8 \text{ meV} (64 \text{ cm}^{-1})$



He I radiation source coupled with a Doppler free beam device Resolution of $2 \text{ meV} (16 \text{ cm}^{-1})$





Selection rules



The outgoing electron parity is expected to be more even (l_{even}) than odd (l_{odd}) !

Selection rules

| $\langle \Psi(ion) \Psi(electron) \mu \Psi(neutral) \rangle$ | $C_{2v}(M):$ $C_{2v}:$ Equiv.rot.: | E E R ⁰ | $(12) \\ C_{2b} \\ R_b^{\pi}$ | E^* σ_{ab} R_c^{π} | $(12)^*$ σ_{bc} R_a^{π} | |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | $A_1:$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| $\left \Gamma_{e^-,l} \otimes \Gamma_{rve}^+ \otimes \Gamma_{rve}^" \supset \Gamma^* \right $ | $\begin{array}{c} A_2:\\ B_1: \end{array}$ | $\begin{vmatrix} 1\\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$ | 1 -1 | -1 -1 | -1 1 | |
| A_1, A_2 | B_2 : | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | |
| l_{even}, l_{odd} | $A_1 \longleftrightarrow A_2, B_1 \longleftrightarrow B_2$ for l even | | | | | |
| $\Delta K_a = K_a^+ - K_a'' = \text{odd}$ $\Delta K_c = K_c^+ - K_c'' = \text{odd}$ for <i>l</i> even | $A_1 \longleftrightarrow A_1, A_2 \longleftarrow$ | $\rightarrow A_2, B$ | $a_1 \longleftrightarrow B_1$ | $, B_2 \longleftrightarrow$ | B_2 for l odd | |

| $\Delta K_a = K_a^+ - K_a^{\prime\prime} = \operatorname{even} \left\{ \right\} \text{ for } l \text{ odd}$ | | $\Gamma_{elec}\otimes\Gamma_{rot}$ | | |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | $K_a K_c$ parity | H_2O (GS) | $H_2O^+(\tilde{A}^+ {}^2\tilde{A}_1)$ | |
| $\Delta K_c = K_c^+ - K_c'' = \text{even} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 101 & 101 \\ 0 & 101 \\ 0 & 0 $ | ee | A ₁ | A ₁ | |
| | eo | B_1 | B_1 | |
| | oe | B_2 | B_2 | |
| | 00 | A_2 | A_2 | |

Comparison with ab initio predictions $\Pi(0,8,0), v_{2,bent}=3$



wavenumber - IP(H₂O) / cm⁻¹

In agreement with the rotational assignment of H. Lew, Can. J. Phys. 54, 2028 (1976).

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Comparison with previous results $\Pi(0,6,0), V_{2,bent}=2$



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 $\Sigma(0,7,0), V_{2,bent}=3$



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In our supersonic expansion (10K) and without nuclear spin relaxation: One needs to consider only the $O_{00}, 1_{01}, 1_{10}$ ground state rotational levels.

Tentative assignment of $\Sigma(030), V_{2,bent}=1$



wavenumber / cm⁻¹

- First jet-cooled rotationally resolved photoelectron spectrum of the $\tilde{A}^+ {}^2A_1 \leftarrow \tilde{X}^1A_1$ transition.
- Confirmation of the rotational assignment of the $\Pi(080)$ band.
- Tentative assignment of the $\Sigma(030)$.
- These measurements could support a future potential energy surface refinement.

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chemical reaction¹:

A process that results in the interconversion of chemical species. Chemical reactions may be elementary reactions or stepwise reactions

chemical species¹:

An ensemble of chemically identical molecular entities that can explore the same set of molecular energy levels on the time scale of the experiment.

Chemical reaction following selection rules

 $\langle \Psi(\textit{ion}) \Psi(\textit{electron}) | \mu | \Psi(\textit{neutral}) \rangle$

$$\Gamma_{e^-,l} \otimes \Gamma_{rve}^+ \otimes \Gamma_{rve}^" \supset \Gamma^*$$

¹IUPAC Gold book 2014, http://goldbook.iupac.org/C01033.html





$$E_I(\alpha^+, \alpha)$$

represents the energy difference between the ionized species in quantum state α^+ and the neutral parent in quantum state α .

$$E_{kin}^{(\alpha^+,\alpha)}$$

Kinetic energy released during the photoionization process.

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