

ISOLATED SMALL-AMPLITUDE FUNDAMENTALS EMBEDDED IN A PURE TORSIONAL BATH: FIR AND MW SPECTRA OF THE  $\nu_{10}$  VIBRATIONAL MODE AND HOT TORSIONAL BANDS OF ACETALDEHYDE

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We present<sup>a</sup> the results of achieved progress in our analysis of the far-IR and microwave spectra of the  $\nu_{10}$  vibrational state of acetaldehyde<sup>b</sup>. The analysis of the gs -  $\nu_{10}$  band near 509 cm<sup>-1</sup>involves the energy levels that belong to the v<sub>t</sub> =0, 1 torsional states of  $\nu_{10}$  vibrational mode as well as v<sub>t</sub> =0, 1, 2, 3, 4 torsional states of the ground vibrational state. The intervibrational interactions between  $\nu_{10}$  vibrational state and torsional bath is taken explicitly into account with the help of a new program which was recently developed for fitting several isolated small-amplitude fundamentals embedded in a pure torsional bath in molecules with C<sub>s</sub> frame and C<sub>3v</sub> top. Obtained results provide significant progress in comparison with the previous fitting attempts for gs -  $\nu_{10}$  band of acetaldehyde near 509 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In the talk the details of the results with emphasis on the remaining fitting problems for the hot torsional bands<sup>c</sup> of acetaldehyde will be discussed.

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