

RO-VIBRATIONAL SPECTROSCOPY OF LINEAR C₃H⁺

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The C₃H⁺ ion has been identified as an important reaction intermediate in the carbon chemistry network in the interstellar medium and was recently detected via its rotational lines^a. Laboratory measurements on the rotational spectrum of linear C₃H⁺ provided accurate spectroscopic parameters for the vibrational ground state^b. In addition, vibrational predissociation spectroscopy of the linear C₃H⁺-Ne complex offered first insights on the vibrational band positions of this molecule^c.

Here, we report on the first infrared study of C₃H⁺ at high spectral resolution that was targeted at the C–H stretching mode ν_1 located around 3170 cm⁻¹. The experiment was performed in our cryogenic multipole 22-pole ion trap instrument LIRtrap. In addition to the vibrational fundamental, the associated $\nu_1 + \nu_5 \leftarrow \nu_5$ hot band originating from the energetically lowest bending mode could be detected. Both spectra are in good agreement with estimates based on previous quantum-chemical calculations and low-resolution measurements.

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