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ABSTRACT

The geometry of the SCCl_2 molecule in the electronic excited state, ${}^1A_2 \rightarrow {}^1A_1$, has been determined using the polydimensional Franck-Condon method. The molecule in the ground electronic state is planar and belongs to the C_{2v} point group, while in the excited state it becomes non-planar and changes symmetry to the C_s point group. This change in symmetry is accompanied by the increase of the values of the molecular dimensions compared with those in the ground state. Increase in the $\text{C}=\text{S}$, $\text{C}-\text{Cl}$ bond lengths and in ClCCl angle are evaluated to be 0.1838, 0.06845 Å and 9.01° , respectively.

INTRODUCTION

The Franck-Condon method has been used successfully in evaluating quantitatively the geometry of many diatomic as well as polyatomic molecules in the excited electronic state [1,2,3] where the molecules undergo changes in dimensions and in some cases a change of symmetry also occurs. However, the information about the excited electronic state may be obtained from the positions and intensities of the vibronic transitions which are located within the electronic spectrum. The SCCl_2 molecule undergoes electronic transition [4] of the type ${}^1A_2 \rightarrow {}^1A_1$ in the visible region. Fluorescence [4,5], Microwave [6] as well as vibrational studies (7,8,9) have been reported for the SCCl_2 molecule. From these studies, it was concluded that the molecule in the ground electronic state is planar and possesses the C_{2v} symmetry.

In this study we report the evaluation of the structural parameters of SCCl_2 in the excited electronic state using the Franck-Condon principle.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To determine the structure of the excited using the Franck-Condon principle requires that the geometry as well as the normal coordinates of the molecule in the ground state to be known. The method also requires a full vibrational assignments and that the intensities of selected bands within each progression have been determined. However, the quantitative feature of the vibrational structure in electronic transition depends on the evaluation of the overlap integral [10], M ;

$$M = \int \psi''^*(Q'') \psi'(Q') dQ' \quad (1)$$

where Q' and Q'' are the normal coordinates of the ground and excited states, respectively, and ψ' , ψ'' are the corresponding vibrational wavefunctions. The relation between the overlap integrals, M 's, and the displacement D_1 in normal coordinates of the excited state are well established [1,3]. The form of these relations depend on the nature of progression $V' \rightarrow V''$ involved where V' and V'' are the vibrational quantum numbers for the ground and excited states, respectively. On the other hand, the values of the overlap integrals can be evaluated on the basis of the intensities of the emission or absorption lines [10]. However, the change in normal coordinate D_1 is of little value unless it converts to a change in the symmetry coordinates; $\Delta S = S'' - S'$, where S' and S'' are the symmetry coordinates of the ground and excited states, respectively. The relation [10,11] between D_1 and ΔS is expressed as;

$$\Delta S = G_1^{1/2} \cdot D_1 \quad (2)$$

and

$$G_1^{1/2} = L_1 \quad (3)$$

where G_1 and L_1 are diagonal matrices. The first is the kinetic energy matrix while the latter connects the symmetry coordinates, S , to the normal coordinate, Q . The symmetry coordinates of the SCCl_2 in the ground state with C_{2v} symmetry distributed among the symmetry blocks $3A_1 + B_1 + 2B_2$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= t & S_4 &= \alpha \\ S_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (r_1 + r_2) & S_5 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (r_1 - r_2) \\ S_3 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & S_6 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\beta_1 - \beta_2) \end{aligned}$$

where t , $r_1, r_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$ and α are the internal coordinates defined in Figure 1. The G -matrix for each symmetry block was calculated according to the equation (12):

$$G = U g U' \quad (4)$$

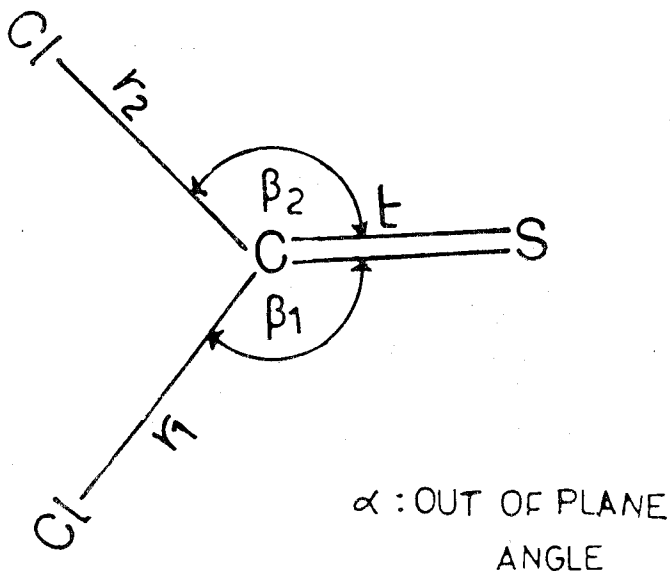


Figure 1. Definition of the internal coordinates in SCCl_2 .

where U is the matrix formed by the coefficients of symmetry coordinates, U' is the transpose of U and g is a matrix involves kinetic energy elements. The diagonalized elements of G -matrix for the A_1 symmetry used in our calculation are;

$$G_{\text{diag}} = [0.03463 \quad 0.16109 \quad 0.14480] \quad \text{and}$$

the corresponding values of the diagonalized L matrix elements;

$$L_{\text{diag}} = [0.18610 \quad 0.40136 \quad 0.38053] .$$

The vibrational data [7] related to the symmetric motions in both the ground (A_1) and excited (A') states as well as the progression [4] of the A_1 modes and their intensities used in the calculations are given in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. These data were used to evaluate the in plane D_i displacement quantities related to the change in $C = S$ and

Table 1. Symmetric vibrational wavenumbers (cm^{-1}) for SCCl_2 in the ground and excited states.

Mode	ground	excited
ν (C = S)	1139	907
ν (C — Cl)	503	480
ρ (ClCCl)	288	245

Table 2. Intensities of vibrational lines (cm^{-1}) and their assignments for SCCl_2 molecule.

$\Delta\nu$	Intensity	A_1		B_1	
		ν_1	ν_2	ν_3	ν_4
290	16	1	0	1	0
1230	2	0	0	1	2
2169	6	0	0	1	4
497	3	0	1	0	0
1435	98	0	1	0	2
2374	22	0	1	0	4
3312	10	0	1	0	6
4246	5	0	1	0	8
582	14	0	0	2	0
1521	13	0	0	2	2
2463	8	0	0	2	4

C — Cl bonds and ClCCl $^\circ$ angle in the excited state. These displacements were transferred to the change in symmetry coordinates S_i according to the equations:

$$\Delta S_1 = G_{11}^{1/2} \cdot D_1 \quad ; \text{ C = S}$$

$$\Delta S_2 = G_{22}^{1/2} \cdot D_2 \quad ; \text{ C — Cl}$$

$$\Delta S_3 = G_{33}^{1/2} \cdot D_3 \quad ; \text{ ClCCl}^\circ$$

This led to the evaluation of the new dimensional parameters of SCCl_2 in the excited state as given in Table 3. The data clearly demonstrate that the SCCl_2 in the excited state shows increase in the values of C = S, C — Cl bond lengths and ClCCl $^\circ$ angle, compared with those of the ground state. These results agree with the decrease of the vibrational wavenumber values of the excited state compared with those of the ground state (see Table 2). Force constant [13] calculations on both state also support our results. These indicate that the C = S and C — Cl bonds in the excited state is 0.72 and 0.46 weaker than in the ground state.

Table 3. Structural data for SCCl_2 (in Å and degrees) in the ground and excited states.

Parameter	ground	excited*		
		a	b	c
C = S	1.601	1.785	1.756	1.730
C — Cl	1.729	1.797	1.853	1.745
ClCCl	111.19°	120.15°	119.22°	112.3°
out of plane angle	0.0	—	—	27.2°

* (a) Calculation based on anharmonic motions,

(b) Calculation based on harmonic motions.

(c) Ref. 14.

However, Lombardi [14] calculated the parameters of SCCl_2 in the excited state and his data is given beside ours in Table 3. Although, both data agree in the increase of molecular dimensions compared with those of the ground state they differ in their values. This may be related to the fact that Lombardi obtained his data using methods based on the values of the rotation constants of the species in the excited state.

Finally, the out of plane angle in the excited state can not be calculated using the Franck-Condon principle because the symmetry coordinate related to this angle is not the same in the ground and excited states.

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