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The complementarity between experiment and ab initio calculations allow to obtain new data on the n:m $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_m$ complexes



The neon matrix isolation apparatus coupled with FTIR

Absorption spectra collected on the same sample at 3 K from 80 to 9000 cm^{-1} with a Bruker 120 FTIR spectrometer
(InSb, MCT, and bolometer detectors)

Calculated binding energy (kJ/mol) of some 1:1 complexes

	Van der Waals complexes				Hydrogen bonded complexes		
	CO_2	OCS	N_2O	H_2O	H_2O	$(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$	diacetyl
Ne	1.3	0.6	1	0.8			
Ar	2.6	2.1	2.6	1.7			
N_2	3.8	1.7	3.9	5.4			
H_2O	12.5	6.6	7.8	-	13	18.8	17.5

Polarizability	$^1\text{H}_2$	$^{14}\text{N}_2$	^{20}Ne	^{40}Ar
(10^{-24} cm^3)	0.80	1.71	0.40	1.64

Vibrational modes for the H_2O and CO_2 molecules in gas phase and in N_2 , Ar, and Ne matrices

	H_2O modes						CO_2 modes			
	ν_1	$\Delta\nu^a$	ν_2	$\Delta\nu$	ν_3	$\Delta\nu$	ν_2	$\Delta\nu$	ν_3	$\Delta\nu$
gas	3656.7		1594.6		3755.8		667.4		2349.1	
N_2	3634.9	21.8	1597.1	-2.5	3727.4	28.4	662.3	5.1	2349.0	0.1
Ar	3638.4	18.3	1588.7	5.9	3734.1	21.7	663.2	4.2	2339.4 ^b	9.7
Ne	3665.4	-8.7	1595.6	-0.8	3759.5	-3.7	668.0	-0.6	2347.8	1.3

^a $\Delta\nu = \nu_{\text{gas}} - \nu_{\text{matrix}}$

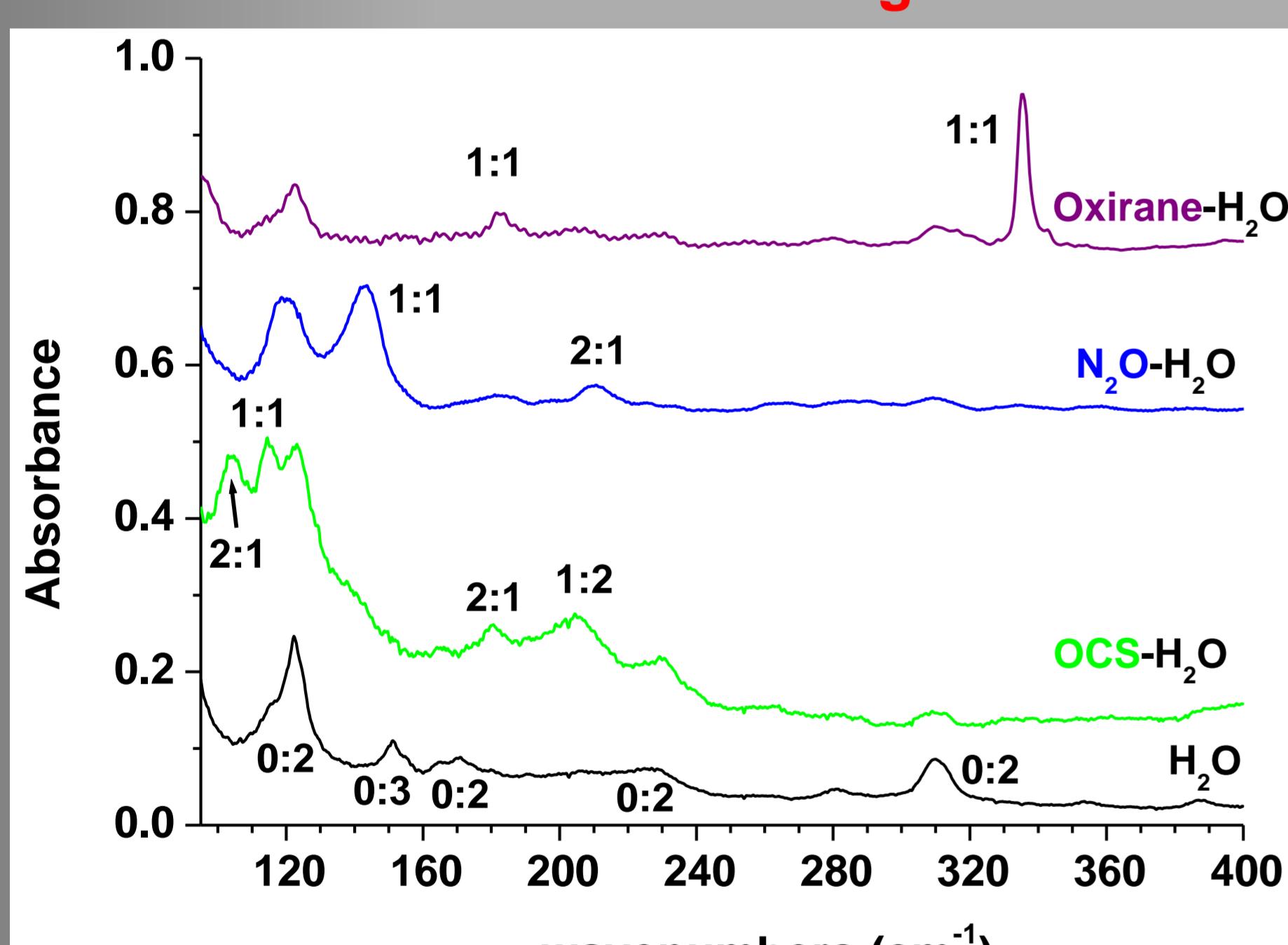
^b In solid argon, the CO_2 ν_3 band has two trapping sites

In matrix experiments, the perturbation induced by N_2 and Ar cannot be neglected for a weak binding complex and the use of less perturbing material like neon is essentiel

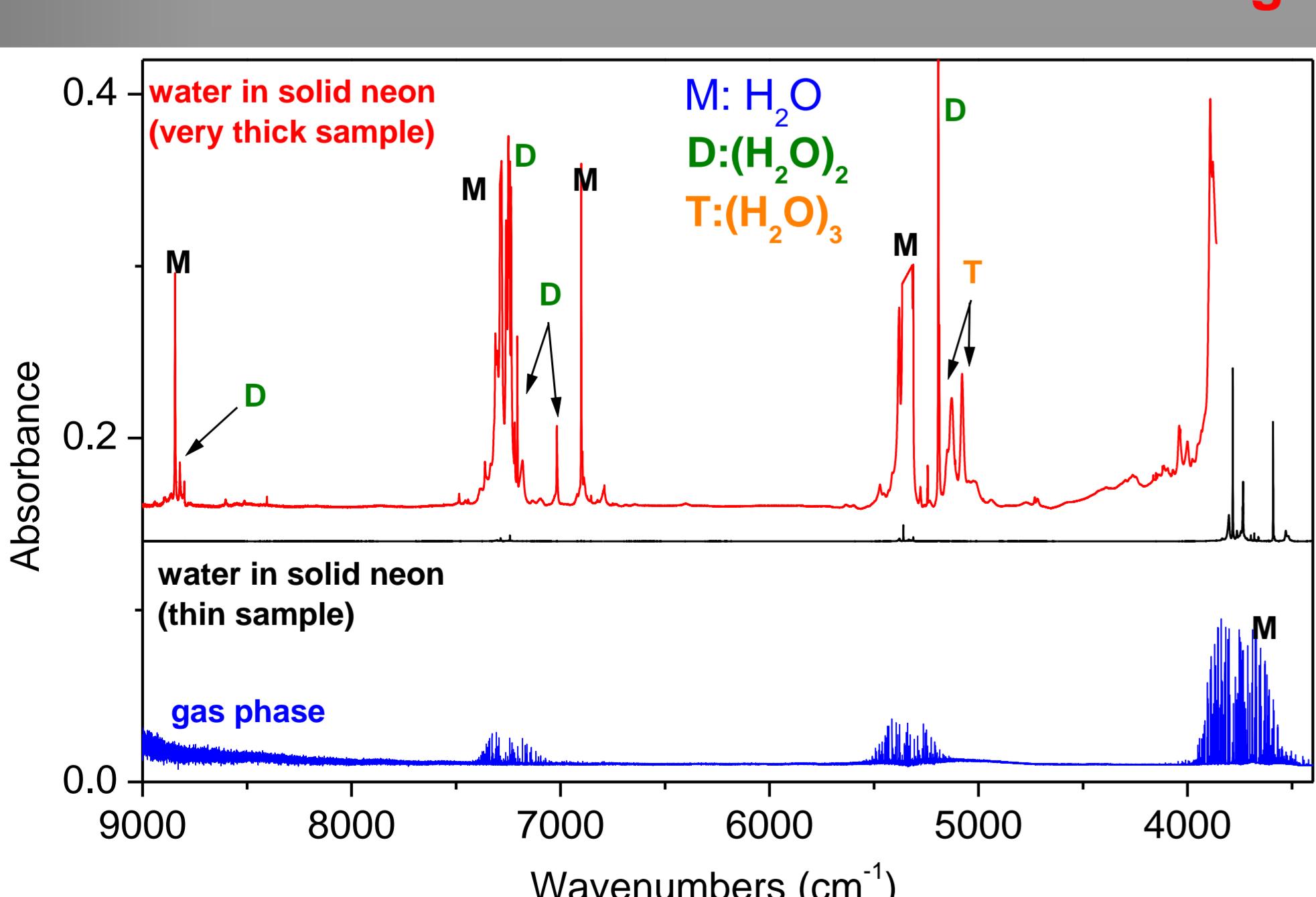
Hydrated complexes formed with small molecules

- Identification of very weak binding complexes 1:1, 2:1, and 1:2
- Observation of different isomers for n:m complexes
- Observation of inter and intramolecular bands, overtones and combinations ($\nu_{\text{intra}} + \nu_{\text{inter}}$ and $\nu_{\text{intra}} + \nu_{\text{intra}}$)
- Many deduced anharmonic coefficients providing data for anharmonic calculations

Far infrared: Intermolecular region



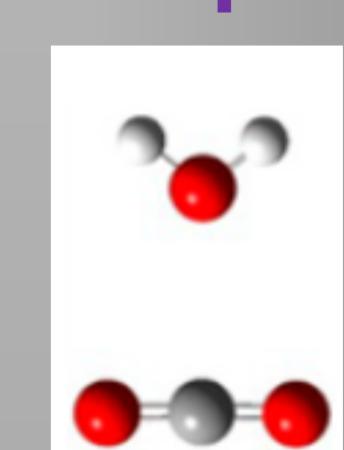
Near infrared: overtones and combinations region



Vibrational modes for the 1:1 $\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{CO}_2$ complex in gas phase and in N_2 , Ar, and Ne matrices

	H_2O modes			CO_2 modes	
	$\Delta\nu_1^a$	$\Delta\nu_2$	$\Delta\nu_3$	$\Delta\nu_2^b$	$\Delta\nu_3$
gas	-0.9				
N_2	2.8	-1.4	1.9	-2.9	-2.0
			3.3	6.0	
Ar	0.4	-1.2	1.6	-4.8	-0.8
				7.2	4.8
Ne	0.6	0.4	-0.8	-4.2	-0.4
				9.3	

$\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{CO}_2$ complex



^a $\Delta\nu = \nu_{\text{monomer}} - \nu_{\text{complex}}$ in the same matrix

^b the degeneracy of the ν_2 mode is broken in the complex

Vibrational shifts for molecule- H_2O complexes in Ne matrices

Water modes

	Van der Waals complexes			Hydrogen bonded complexes		
	CO_2 - H_2O	OCS - H_2O	N_2O - H_2O	$(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^b$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}-$ $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}-$ diacetyl ^c
1:1	v ₁ 0.8	6.0 ^a 10.0	1.4	4.8, 74.9	129.6	71.2
	v ₂ -0.4	-2.0 6.0	-0.3	-3.6, -20.9	-9.7	-7.6
	v ₃ 0.7	7.0 9.0	2.0	-2.5, 27.3	42.8	28.3
2:1	v ₁ 15	17.4	18.3			
	v ₂ 1.0	2.2	-4.6			
	v ₃ 9.0	20.0	7.6			
1:2 ^b	v ₁ 29.3, 21.6	19, 21	23.6, 18.7			
	v ₂ 1.4, 3.2	2.0, 0.9	1.0, no			
	v ₃ 24.0, no	22.9, 19.0	22.4, no			

^a the OCS- H_2O complex have 2 isomers

^b the 1:2 and $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ complexes have PA (proton acceptor) and PD (proton donor) vibrations

^c the diacetyl- H_2O complex have 2 isomers

CO₂, OCS and N₂O modes

	Van der Waals complexes		
	CO_2^a - H_2O	OCS - H_2O	N_2O - H_2O
1:1	v ₁ no	4.0 ^b -7.0	2.4
	v ₂ -4.0, 9.0	-7.5 -7.5	2.3
	v ₃ -0.4	7.0 14.4	-8.9
2:1	v ₂ -3.5, 4.5, 12.0	no	-2.8
	v ₃ -1.5, -2.4	-2.1, 21.2	-12.6
	v ₁ no	no	-17.4
1:2	v ₂ -2.6, 14.2	no	-6.0
	v ₃ -2.4	19.8	-17.4

^a the degeneracy of the ν_2 mode is broken in the complex