MICROWAVE OBSERVATION OF THE 'RECENTLY FOUND' POLAR OCS DIMER

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Recently Afshari and coworkers[a] reported on the detection of a new infrared band which was assigned to the "long-anticipated polar isomer of the OCS dimer". We report here the microwave confirmation of their results. The lowest energy, non-polar isomer of $(OCS)_2$ has long been known from IR spectroscopy, while the polar form has only been deduced from qualitative beam "refocussing" experiments. The higher energy, polar isomer of $(OCS)_2$ has been produced by high pressure expansion of dilute OCS in helium. A surprisingly strong microwave spectrum of C_s $(OCS)_2$ has been observed and assigned. The structure of the dimer has been determined.

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