

ABSORPTIONS BETWEEN 3000 AND 5500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  OF NORMAL AND OXYGEN-18 ENRICHED  $\text{O}_4^+$  AND  $\text{O}_4^-$  TRAPPED IN SOLID NEON

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Very recently, Ricks, Douberly, and Duncan<sup>a</sup> have assigned absorptions in the 3000 to 4300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  spectral region to combination bands of gas-phase *cyc*- $\text{O}_4^+$ . Other experiments by Kelley, Robertson, and Johnson<sup>b</sup> identified vibronic bands between 4000 and 5300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of gas-phase  $\text{O}_4^-$  complexed with an argon atom. Absorptions corresponding to these bands have been observed in the present experiments for both *cyc*- $\text{O}_4^+$  and  $\text{O}_4^-$ , as well as for several of their isotopologues trapped at 4.3 K in solid neon. The results will be compared with the gas-phase data, and possible assignments will be considered taking into account the results of isotopic substitution.

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