

## MICROWAVE INVESTIGATION OF C-H HYDROGEN BONDING INTERACTIONS IN THE DIMETHYL ETHER - OCS DIMER

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The rotational spectrum of a weakly bound dimer formed between dimethyl ether and OCS has been observed by Fourier-transform microwave spectroscopy. The rotational constants of the normal isotopic species are found to be  $A = 4069.4106(23)$  MHz,  $B = 1431.7413(7)$  MHz and  $C = 1074.2925(5)$  MHz and the dipole moment components are  $\mu_a = 1.3046(25)$  D and  $\mu_b = 0.8159(35)$  D. The rotational constants and dipole moment components are consistent with a heavy atom planar structure in which the OCS lies across the  $C_2$  axis of the dimethyl ether (the O=C...O angle is estimated to be about  $83^\circ$  by *ab initio* calculation); the oxygen atom of OCS appears to interact with one of the methyl group hydrogen atoms. Isotopic shifts in the spectra of the DME- $O^{13}C$ S and DME- $OC^{34}S$  isotopomers have been found to be consistent with this structure. *Ab initio* optimizations at the MP2/6-311++G(2d,2p) level will be presented and shown to give very good agreement with the rotational constants obtained from experiment.