

STARK EFFECT IN X_2Y_4 MOLECULES : APPLICATION TO ETHYLENE

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We present a development of the dipole moment and polarizability operators of X_2Y_4 molecules, using a tensorial formalism^{a,b} analogous to the one developed for tetrahedral and octahedral molecules^c. These operators are involved in the calculation of the intensities of rovibrational transitions as well as in the calculation of the Stark effect. Expressions for the matrix elements are derived. A model for the study of the Stark effect in isolated bands of such molecules is proposed and has been used to predict the Stark spectra of the ν_{12} band of ethylene. Values of the polarizability coefficients have been calculated using *ab initio* methods.

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