

Answer on Question #54475, Chemistry / General chemistry

Question:

The interatomic distance of $^{14}\text{N}^{16}\text{O}$ molecule is 115.1 pm. Calculate

- its reduced mass,
- its moment of inertia,
- the wave number of the line corresponding to lowest absorption in m^{-1} Unit, and
- the energy in m^{-1} unit for the transition $J = 2$ to $J = 3$.

Solution:

- (i) The mass of a nitrogen atom is 14.003 amu;
the mass of an oxygen atom is 15.995 amu;
and the conversion factor is 1.6605×10^{-27} kg/amu.

The reduced mass is

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_N \mu_O}{\mu_N + \mu_O}$$
$$\mu = \frac{14.003 * 15.995}{14.003 + 15.995} = 7.4664 \text{ amu} = 7.4664 * 1.6605 * 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.24 * 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$$

- (ii) The moment of inertia is
 $I = \mu R^2 = 1.24 * 10^{-26} * (115.1 * 10^{-12})^2 = 1.64 * 10^{-46} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$

- (iii) The rotational constant is

$$\bar{B} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c I}$$
$$\bar{B} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}}{(8\pi^2)(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})(1.64 \times 10^{-46} \text{ kg m}^2)} = 170.6 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

Since the energy at which each "line" is measured is given by $E_J - E_J$, the shortest line or lowest energy transition occurs for $J=0 \rightarrow J=1$;

Wavenumber is

$$F = BJ'(J' + 1) - BJ(J + 1) = B(1(1 + 1) - 0(0 + 1)) = 2B = 2 * 170.6 = 341.2 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

- (iv) $E = BJ'(J' + 1) - BJ(J + 1) = B(3(3 + 1) - 2(2 + 1)) = 6B = 6 * 170.6 \text{ m}^{-1}$

$$E = 1023.6 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

