# The Rovibrational Spectrum and Structure of the Weakly Bound CO<sub>2</sub>-CS<sub>2</sub> Complex

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The rovibrational spectrum of the weakly bound complex  $CO_2-CS_2$  was observed by exciting the asymmetric stretch of the  $CO_2$  moiety near 2349 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The complex was formed by the supersonic expansion of a 1:2 mixture of  $CO_2$  and  $CS_2$  in helium and had a nonplanar X-shaped structure. The intermolecular distance is 3.392 Å with a dihedral angle of 90°. The band center is located at 2346.5448 cm<sup>-1</sup>, with ground-state rotational constants of A'' = 0.08590 cm<sup>-1</sup>, B'' = 0.04634 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and C'' = 0.03546 cm<sup>-1</sup> and centrifugal distortion constants of  $D_j'' = -1.37 \times 10^{-7}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_k'' = 1.06 \times 10^{-6}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, and  $D_{jk}'' = -1.01 \times 10^{-6}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. The excited-state constants are similar to the ground-state constants. A portion of the potential energy surface was modeled through the use of a Buckingham atom–atom potential and a quadrupole–quadrupole electrostatic potential. Calculations for the  $CO_2-CS_2$  and  $(CO_2)_2$  complexes produced structures in agreement with experimental results. Although the  $CO_2-CS_2$  configuration is controlled by the quadrupole–quadrupole interactions, the atom–atom interactions predominantly determine the energy of the dimer. Because the magnitude of the  $CS_2$  quadrupole was increased in the electrostatic potential, the structure shifted from nonplanar X-shaped to a planar parallel configuration.

## Introduction

The molecular structures of weakly bound complexes of  $CO_2$  have been studied extensively by pure rotational and rovibrational spectroscopy. Carbon dioxide forms complexes with a wide range of partners, both polar and nonpolar. Because  $CO_2$  is nonpolar, its large quadrupole moment must play an important role in the bonding.

These CO<sub>2</sub> complexes can assume various shapes, including linear, T-shaped, slipped parallel, and even some nonplanar configurations. A priori predictions of these structures have not always been successful and, in some cases, the experimental structures have not been easily explained after the fact. For example, HF and HCl form essentially linear complexes with  $CO_2$ ,<sup>1-5</sup> whereas HBr prefers a T-shaped structure,<sup>3,6</sup> with the HBr axis parallel to the CO<sub>2</sub> axis. This structural change in the hydrogen halide series has been rationalized as a close interplay between the stability of the hydrogen bond that dominates in linear forms, and polarizability that prefers the T-shaped arrangement. Calculations done on this series by incorporating repulsion, dispersion, and electrostatic terms did not support the experimentally observed structures.<sup>7</sup> The deviation was suggested to result from vibrational averaging effects. However, the trend is substantiated in the T-shaped CO2-Rg complexes, where Rg represents He, Ne, Ar, Kr, and Xe. In this type of system, the structure is controlled by the interaction between the CO2 quadrupole moment and the polarizability of the noble gas.  $\frac{8}{12}$  Molecular bromine, like the heavier noble gases, is highly polarizable but also contains a sizable quadrupole moment. Unlike the CO<sub>2</sub>-Rg complexes,

 $CO_2$ -Br<sub>2</sub> prefers a linear geometry.<sup>13</sup> The CO<sub>2</sub>-ClF complex was also found to have a linear geometry with the chlorine atom nearest the CO<sub>2</sub> oxygen.<sup>14</sup> Though we have observed the rovibrational spectrum of the chlorine-carbon dioxide cluster, the complexity of the spectrum suggests there may be several structures or different species.

In CO<sub>2</sub>-HCN, both the linear and the T-shaped form have been observed.<sup>15,16</sup> In the linear configuration, the hydrogen forms a hydrogen bond with the  $CO_2$  oxygen, similar to the smaller hydrogen halides. In the T-shaped configuration, the nitrogen atom is closest to the CO<sub>2</sub> carbon. Unlike the hydrogen halides,  $\pi$  orbitals can come into play. Thus, the bonding has been explained by a simple HOMO-LUMO model where the nitrogen lone pairs donate electron density to the empty CO<sub>2</sub>  $\pi^*$  orbitals. Ab initio calculations have indicated a third higher minimum at a slipped parallel structure; however, this structure has not been observed experimentally. The complex  $CO_2-N_2$ is also T-shaped,<sup>17</sup> with the molecular axis of N<sub>2</sub> directed along the leg of the T. Although the structure resembles  $CO_2$ -HCN. the bonding has been explained by electrostatic and dispersion interactions where the potential energy is more favorable with the nitrogen along the leg rather than on top of the T. In  $CO_2$ -CO, the lone pair on the CO carbon likewise interacts with the  $CO_2$  carbon, resulting in a T-shaped cluster.<sup>18</sup> The  $CO_2$ -H<sub>2</sub>O dimer has a planar seesaw configuration,19,20 with a high barrier that hinders internal rotation  $(315 \pm 70 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ . The H<sub>2</sub>O oxygen and CO<sub>2</sub> bond in a T-shaped fashion that can be attributed to an interaction between the oxygen lone pairs in H<sub>2</sub>O and the partial positive charge on the carbon atom. Historically, a hydrogen-bonded complex was anticipated.

Carbon dioxide forms slipped parallel structures with itself,<sup>21–23</sup> N<sub>2</sub>O,<sup>24</sup> acetylene,<sup>25–27</sup> and OCS,<sup>28</sup> a result that was not always expected. In planar H<sub>2</sub>CO–CO<sub>2</sub>, the CO-axis of formaldehyde is parallel to CO<sub>2</sub> with the H<sub>2</sub>CO oxygen under the CO<sub>2</sub> carbon.<sup>29</sup>

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TABLE 1: Comparison of Structures, Inertial Defect, and Asymmetry of Dimers Containing Linear Triatomics Closely Related to  $CO_2 - CS_2^a$ 

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	$CO_2 - CO_2^a$	$CO_2 - OCS^b$	OCS-OCS <sup>c</sup>	$N_2O-N_2O^d$	$CO_2 - N_2O^e$			
$R_{cm}$ (Å)	3.602	3.552	3.648	3.421	3.470			
$\theta$ (deg)	58.0	68.9	85.2	61.2	60.1			
$\gamma$ (deg)	58.0	78.9	85.2	61.2	60.1			
$\varphi$ (deg)	0	0	0	0	0			
$\Delta$ (amu Å <sup>2</sup> )	+1.04	+0.93	+0.51	+0.67	+0.52			
κ	-0.93	-0.77	-0.66	-0.92	-0.92			
$\Delta \nu (\text{cm}^{-1})$	+1.61	_	+9.81	-0.50	-0.30			
structure	slip parallel	slip parallel	parallel	slip parallel	slip parallel			

<sup>*a*</sup> Dimer angles are defined below with monomers 1 and 2 corresponding to the first and second monomers listed in the table, respectively.  $\Delta \nu$  is the shift in the dimer band center from the CO<sub>2</sub> monomer band center in dimers containing CO<sub>2</sub>; N<sub>2</sub>O in (N<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>; and OCS in (OCS)<sub>2</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup> References 18–20. <sup>*c*</sup> Reference 25; in this case, the monomers are slightly tilted from parallel because of the difference in size between the sulfur and oxygen atoms. <sup>*d*</sup> References 34 and 35. <sup>*e*</sup> Reference 21.

Carbon dioxide also forms nonplanar dimers that are usually more complex spectroscopically. In the  $C_2H_4$ - $CO_2$  dimer,<sup>30</sup> CO<sub>2</sub> is parallel to the ethylene C-C axis and CO<sub>2</sub> lies directly above the ethylene plane. This structure is explained by the monomer units having large quadrupole moments of opposite sign. Both NH<sub>3</sub><sup>31,32</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>S<sup>33</sup> form essentially T-shaped complexes with CO<sub>2</sub> (discounting the hydrogens), with the electron lone pair(s) on nitrogen (sulfur) donating to the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital of carbon dioxide. In H<sub>2</sub>S-CO<sub>2</sub>, the H<sub>2</sub>S molecule lies in a plane orthogonal to the S-CO<sub>2</sub> plane allowing for inversion of H<sub>2</sub>S without changing the structure of the dimer.<sup>34</sup> Finally, SO<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub><sup>35</sup> was found to have an X-shaped structure, with the SO<sub>2</sub> oxygens pointing away from CO<sub>2</sub>. This structure was rationalized by the interplay between the SO<sub>2</sub> dipole moment and the CO<sub>2</sub> quadrupole moment.

Given the wide array of dimer complexes involving CO<sub>2</sub>, there appear to be no simple rules for predicting the experimental structure a priori. The linear triatomics OCS, CS<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O are isoelectronic with and comparable in size to CO<sub>2</sub>. Because N<sub>2</sub>O and OCS possess a dipole moment whereas CO<sub>2</sub> and CS<sub>2</sub> do not, structural predictions of dimers involving these molecules should not necessarily lead to similar structures. However, the dimers (CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>-OCS, CO<sub>2</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>O, (N<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>36</sup> and (OCS)<sub>2</sub><sup>37,38</sup> all exhibit planar slipped parallel configurations (shown in Table 1). It was expected that CO<sub>2</sub>-CS<sub>2</sub> would be planar.

In this paper, the structure of  $CO_2-CS_2$  is shown to be X-shaped, a unique configuration for two nonpolar linear triatomics. This structure was not originally anticipated given the results of previous work. We have successfully modeled the nature of the bonding in the dimer through the use of atom– atom and electrostatic potentials where the parameters were taken from crystal data. The structure appears to be primarily controlled by the quadrupole–quadrupole interactions, whereas the energy of the dimer is primarily determined by the atom– atom interactions.

## **Experimental Section**

The experimental apparatus has been described elsewhere,<sup>10,24</sup> and only details relevant to this experiment will be discussed here. Carbon disulfide was obtained from Omni Solv (liquid chromatography grade, 0.004% H<sub>2</sub>O residue). The CS<sub>2</sub> with a higher percentage water content significantly reduced the signal-to-noise ratio of CO<sub>2</sub>–CS<sub>2</sub>. The dimer was created by premixing 0.8% CS<sub>2</sub> vapor with 0.4% prepurified CO<sub>2</sub> in high purity He. The gas mixture was expanded through a 12.5 cm

 $\times$  150 µm slit nozzle with a backing pressure of ~1.8 atm. The nozzle was pulsed at 3 Hz and remained open for  $\sim 1$  ms. Two Pb salt diode lasers (Laser Photonics, Andover, MA) operating over a combined region of 2315-2375 cm<sup>-1</sup> were used to probe the CO<sub>2</sub> asymmetric stretch. Segments of the spectrum ( $\sim 0.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) were recorded during single pulses and averaged 20-100 times, the number depending on the stability of the diode laser. The signal was filtered with a band-pass filter (10–100 kHz). Filtering slightly distorted the line shapes and shifted the absolute peak frequencies  $\sim 0.0036$  cm<sup>-1</sup>; however, the relative frequencies remained unaffected. The final spectrum was recorded between 2340.1 and 2349.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>. A germanium Etalon temperature stabilized to within 0.06 °C with an average free spectral range of 0.016 cm<sup>-1</sup> was used to obtain the relative frequencies. A reference cell containing trace amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> was used to determine the absolute frequencies in the dimer spectrum. All three signals were recorded simultaneously with three transient digitizers, and the results were stored in a computer.

#### Spectrum Analysis and Structure

About 150 spectral lines that could be ascribed in the spectrum of  $CO_2-CS_2$  were observed between 2344.2 and 2349.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Other spectral features, presumably belonging to another species, were observed below 2344 cm<sup>-1</sup>. All features in these regions were observed only when  $CO_2$  and  $CS_2$  were both present. The  $(CO_2)_2$  lines were absent throughout much of the  $CO_2-CS_2$  spectrum, but began appearing above 2349 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The most obvious spectral features of the dimer spectrum were a strong broad peak at 2354.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>, an order of magnitude more intense than the next most intense transition, and a number of transitions with equal spacings of ~0.08 cm<sup>-1</sup> and ~0.17 cm<sup>-1</sup> (cf. Figure 1).

Initially we assumed the structure would be slipped parallel like other isoelectronic dimers. Thus, we expected *a*- and *b*-type transitions, with *b*-type spacings of  $\sim 2$  Å between consecutive  ${}^{R}R$  or  ${}^{P}P$  branch origins and  $\sim (B + C)$  spacing between consecutive transitions within the branches. Using a computer program based on the Watson Hamiltonian<sup>39</sup>

$$H_{\rm rot} = AJ_a^2 + (B+C)(J^2 + J_a^2)/2 + (B-C)(J_+^2 + J_-^2)/4 - D_j J^4 - D_{jk} J^2 J_a^2 + D_k J_a^4 + \delta_j J^2 (J_+^2 + J_-^2) + \delta_k (J_+^4 + J_-^4)$$
(1)

nine  ${}^{R}R$  and  ${}^{P}P$  branches were assigned with consecutive  $K_{a}$ . A



**Figure 1.** A portion of the  ${}^{R}R$  branches of CO<sub>2</sub>-CS<sub>2</sub> dimer between 2347.33 and 2348.55 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Only even  $K_a$  bands are observed. The broad feature between 2347.55 and 2347.63 cm<sup>-1</sup> is the P(2) transition of the CO<sub>2</sub> monomer.

reasonable fit was obtained for the first five *J* lines in a band. However, the higher *J* lines did not agree with predictions even when centrifugal distortions constants were included. Also, the large spectral feature at 2354.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which was presumed to be an *a*-type *Q*-branch, was not exactly in the center of the spectrum as predicted and *a*-type *P* and *R* transitions were not observed. Furthermore, the relationships between the rotational constants were inconsistent with a planar structure and the *A* constant was not of the magnitude expected for a slipped parallel structure.

Next, we considered that the structure might have  $C_{2\nu}$ symmetry allowing the oxygen atoms, as well as the sulfur atoms, to be equivalent. Then, nuclear spin statistics would cause only even  $K_a$  bands to be observed spectroscopically. The three types of structures that would have  $C_{2v}$  symmetry would be two T-shaped, a planar parallel, and a nonplanar X-shaped configuration. Spectral simulations were carried out in each case. The T-shaped configurations were rapidly rejected. The T-shaped structure with CO2 on top of the T would allow only *b*-type transitions to be observed, which would not explain the large central feature. The T-shaped configuration with CS<sub>2</sub> on top would allow only a-type transitions of which none were found. For an X-shaped structure, the selection rules would depend on the dihedral angle,  $\varphi$ . If  $\varphi$  were zero, then the molecule would be planar and only b-type selection rules would be allowed. If the dihedral angle were  $90^{\circ}$ , then only *c*-type selection rules could occur. For intermediate dihedral angles, both b- and c-type transitions would exist. Only the c-type selection rules accounted for the large Q-branch in the center of the spectrum at 2354.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> (cf. Table 2) as well as the several equally spaced series that were present. Finally, 111 lines were fit with a *c*-type spectrum, and no *b*-type transitions could be observed. The absence of *b*-type transitions ruled out a  $CO_2-CS_2$  geometry with a dihedral angle far from 90°. The experimentally determined constants are shown in Table 3. The centrifugal distortion constants,  $D_j$ ,  $D_{jk}$ , and  $D_k$ , were used in the fit; however, the  $\delta_j$  and  $\delta_k$  terms did not improve the fit and were omitted. It was assumed that the monomer structures remained unchanged upon complexation.

An orthogonal orientation of the two monomers can be further substantiated by calculating the planar moments defined as

$$2P_{c} = I_{a} + I_{b} - I_{c} = 2\sum_{i} m_{i}c_{i}^{2} + \Delta_{ab}$$
(2a)

$$2P_b = I_a + I_c - I_b = 2\sum_i m_i b_i^2 + \Delta_{ac}$$
(2b)

where  $P_c$  and  $P_b$  are the planar moments in the *c*- and *b*-directions, respectively, *a*, *b*, and *c* are coordinates in the principal axis frame, and  $\Delta_{ab}$  and  $\Delta_{ac}$  are the small discrepancies that would be equivalent to the inertial defect in a planar molecule. The experimental value of  $P_c$  (85.5 amu Å<sup>2</sup>) is twice the value of  $I_{CO_2}(43.2 \text{ amu } Å^2)$ . Similarly,  $P_b$  is 307.1 amu Å<sup>2</sup>, which is twice the value of  $I_{CS_2}(154.5 \text{ amu } Å^2)$ . The values 0.9 and 1.9 amu Å<sup>2</sup> found for  $\Delta_{ab}$  and  $\Delta_{ac}$ , respectively, are of the same magnitude as inertial defects found in weakly bound planar complexes (cf. Table 1). Thus, CO<sub>2</sub> and CS<sub>2</sub> are perpendicular, or nearly perpendicular, to each other.

The center-of-mass distance between  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  and  $\mathrm{CS}_2$  can be determined by

$$R_{cm} = \sqrt{\frac{I_c - I_{\rm CS_2}}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{I_b - I_{\rm CO_2}}{\mu}}$$
(3)

where  $I_c$  and  $I_b$  are the component moments of inertia of the dimer,  $I_{CS_2}$  and  $I_{CO_2}$  are the monomer moments of inertia. The reduced mass,  $\mu$ , is defined as

$$\mu = \frac{M_{\rm CO_2} M_{\rm CS_2}}{M_{\rm CO_2} M_{\rm CS_2}} \tag{4}$$

TABLE 2: Assigned Transitions for the CO<sub>2</sub>-CS<sub>2</sub> Dimer

							expt	expt								expt	expt
$\Delta Ka \Delta J_{Ka}$	J'	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	J″	$K_{a}^{\prime\prime}$	$K_c''$	freq $(cm^{-1})$	calc	$\Delta Ka \Delta J_{Ka}$	J'	$K_a'$	$K_c'$	J″	$K_{a}^{\prime\prime}$	$K_c''$	freq $(cm^{-1})$	calc
RR.	3	3	1	2	2	1	2347.0151	0.0004		5	1	5	6	2	5	2345 8405	0.000/
<b>R</b> 2	1	3	2	3	2	2	2347.1006	0.0004		6	1	5	7	2	5	2345 7980	-0.0005
	5	3	2	1	2	$\frac{2}{2}$	2347 1676	0.0010		7	1	7	8	$\frac{2}{2}$	7	2345 6158	0.0003
	5	3	3	1	2	3	2347.1864	-0.0002		7	1	6	8	2	6	2345.6828	-0.0004
	6	3	1	5	2	1	2347.1004	-0.0009		8	1	8	0	2	8	2345 4002	-0.0004
	6	3	3	5	2	3	2347.2779	0.0009		8	1	7	9	$\frac{2}{2}$	7	2345 5599	-0.0004
	7	3	1	6	2	1	2347.2421	0.0000		9	1	8	10	2	8	2345.3377	0.0000
	7	3	5	6	2	5	2347.3107	-0.0000	$P \mathbf{p}$	3	3	0	10	4	0	2345 0010	0.0003
	8	3	6	7	2	6	2347.3741	-0.0004	14	1	3	1	5	4	1	2345 8180	-0.0001
	8	3	5	7	2	5	2347.4730	0.0012			3	2	5	4	2	2345.8180	0.0011
	9	3	6	8	2	6	2347.4030	-0.0010		5	3	3	6	4	3	2345 7345	0.0002
	11	3	8	10	$\frac{2}{2}$	8	2347 7120	-0.0010		6	3	4	7	4	4	2345 6490	-0.0002
	11	3	9	10	2	9	2347.8008	0.0009		6	3	3	7	4	3	2345 6630	0.0001
	12	3	10	11	$\frac{2}{2}$	10	2347.0000	0.0005		7	3	4	8	4	4	2345 5897	0.0000
$R\mathbf{R}$	5	5	1	4	4	10	2347.3142	-0.0003		8	3	6	9	4	6	2345.3077	0.0007
1(4	6	5	2	5	4	2	2347.3344	0.0000		8	3	5	9	4	5	2345 5189	0.0000
	7	5	3	6	4	3	2347 5187	0.0000		9	3	6	10	4	6	2345 4451	-0.0007
	9	5	4	8	4	4	2347.6759	0.0004		10	3	8	11	4	8	2345 2756	-0.0006
	o o	5	5	8		5	2347.6829	-0.0004		10	3	7	11	4	7	2345 3658	-0.0003
	10	5	6	9	4	6	2347 7665	-0.0001	$P \mathbf{p}_{c}$	5	5	1	6	6	1	2345 5548	0.0003
	11	5	7	10		7	2347.7603	0.0001	10	6	5	2	7	6	2	2345.3340	-0.0002
$R_{R}$	7	7	1	6	- -	1	2347.6923	0.0009		7	5	3	8	6	3	2345 3900	0.0002
$n_0$	8	7	2	7	6	2	2347 7765	0.0009		8	5	4	9	6	4	2345 3075	-0.0003
	9	7	3	8	6	3	2347.8575	-0.0004		9	5	4	10	6	4	2345.2075	0.0000
	10	7	4	9	6	4	2347.0373	0.0001		11	5	6	12	6	6	2345.0719	0.0001
	11	7	5	10	6	5	2348 0198	-0.0001		12	5	8	13	6	8	2345.0715	-0.0001
	12	7	5	11	6	5	2348.0993	-0.0004		12	5	7	13	6	7	2344.9700	-0.0001
	13	7	6	12	6	6	2348.1783	-0.0004		13	5	8	14	6	8	2344.9320	0.0003
	14	7	7	13	6	7	2348 2551	-0.0004		14	5	9	15	6	9	2344.9520	0.0003
	14	7	8	13	6	8	2348 2601	-0.0006	$P \boldsymbol{p}_{o}$	7	7	1	8	8	1	2345 2070	-0.0002
$R_{R_{o}}$	9	9	1	8	8	1	2348.0325	0.0000	18	8	7	2	9	8	2	2345 1248	-0.0001
110	10	9	2	9	8	2	2348 1135	-0.0004		9	7	3	10	8	3	2345 0429	0.0002
	12	9	4	11	8	4	2348 2765	0.0000		10	7	4	11	8	4	2344 9611	0.0002
	13	9	5	12	8	5	2348 3560	-0.0012		11	7	5	12	8	5	2344.9011	0.0005
	14	9	6	13	8	6	2348,4379	0.0000		12	7	6	13	8	6	2344.7981	0.0005
	15	9	7	14	8	7	2348 5185	0.0004		13	7	7	14	8	7	2344 7160	-0.0006
	16	9	8	15	8	8	2348 5977	-0.0001		14	7	8	15	8	8	2344 6362	0.0000
	18	9	9	17	8	9	2348.7550	0.0003	$^{P}P_{10}$	9	9	1	10	10	1	2344.8588	0.0000
$RR_{10}$	11	11	0	10	10	1	2348.3689	-0.0006	- 10	10	9	2	11	10	2	2344.7772	0.0005
10	12	11	1	11	10	2	2348.4499	-0.0007		11	9	3	12	10	3	2344.6938	-0.0008
	13	11	2	12	10	3	2348.5320	0.0003		12	9	4	13	10	4	2344.6125	-0.0002
	14	11	3	13	10	4	2348.6124	-0.0001		13	9	5	14	10	5	2344.5310	-0.0001
	15	11	4	14	10	5	2348.6932	0.0000		14	9	6	15	10	6	2344,4499	0.0001
	16	11	5	15	10	6	2348.7735	-0.0000	$^{R}O_{0}$	4	1	4	4	0	4	2346.5558	-0.0003
	17	11	6	16	10	7	2348.8536	-0.0000	20	8	1	8	8	0	8	2346.5429	-0.0002
	18	11	7	17	10	8	2348.9333	-0.0001		9	1	9	9	0	9	2346.5429	0.0006
	19	11	8	18	10	9	2349.0124	-0.0004	$^{R}O_{2}$	6	3	3	6	2	5	2346.8138	0.0004
$RR_{12}$	13	13	0	12	12	1	2348.7056	0.0001	$P\widetilde{O}_{2}$	6	1	5	6	2	5	2346.4982	-0.0009
12	14	13	1	13	12	2	2348.7863	0.0000	22	7	1	6	7	2	6	2346.5149	-0.0004
	15	13	2	14	12	3	2348.8672	0.0003	$^{P}O_{4}$	6	3	4	6	4	2	2346.2297	0.0003
	16	13	3	15	12	4	2348.9472	-0.0001	27	7	3	5	7	4	3	2346.2238	0.0000
	17	13	4	16	12	5	2349.0280	0.0004		8	3	6	8	4	4	2346.2107	-0.0000
$^{P}P_{2}$	1	1	0	2	2	0	2346.2489	-0.0005	$^{R}O_{4}$	5	5	1	5	4	1	2346.9410	-0.0003
2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2346.2408	0.0002	27	8	5	4	8	4	4	2346.9267	0.0006
	2	1	1	3	2	1	2346.1710	-0.0000		10	5	6	10	4	6	2346.8897	0.0003
	4	1	4	5	2	4	2345.9474	0.0001									

where  $M_{CO_2}$  and  $M_{CS_2}$  are the monomer masses. Thus,  $R_{cm}$  has been determined to be 3.392 Å.

## Modeling the Structure

This geometry has not previously been observed for dimers of linear triatomics, so potential energy calculations were performed to better understand the intermolecular interactions in this system. A number of authors have considered the structures of van der Waals dimers in light of intermolecular interactions, with potentials derived in part from other experiments. A seminal effort is that of Buckingham and Fowler<sup>40</sup> on the N<sub>2</sub>–CO<sub>2</sub> dimer. Closely related to this work is Muenter's<sup>41</sup> study of (CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>–HCCH, and (HCCH)<sub>2</sub> structures, where he assumed Lennard–Jones atom–atom potentials and an electrostatic interaction involving distributed multipoles on the molecules of the dimer. His results give a good understanding of the difference in structure of these dimers.

We have chosen to model the  $CO_2-CS_2$  dimer structure using intermolecular potentials found suitable to explain the properties of molecular crystals of  $CO_2$  and  $CS_2$ . We use an atom-atom potential plus point quadrupoles on the molecules as the simplest realistic approach, with the objective of understanding the difference between the slipped-parallel  $CO_2$  dimer and the X-shaped mixed dimer found in this study.

For the atom-atom interactions, a Buckingham potential<sup>42</sup> (eq 5) was used, requiring three parameters for each type of

TABLE 3: Experimentally Determined Parameters and Structure of  $CO_2 - CS_2^a$ 

parameter	v = 0	parameter	v = 1
$A'' \\ B'' \\ C'' \\ D_j'' \\ D_j''$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.08590\ (0.00001)\\ 0.04634\ (0.00001)\\ 0.03546\ (0.00002)\\ -1.37\times 10^{-7}\ (0.65)\\ 1.06\times 10^{-6}\ (0.23) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} A'\\ B'\\ C'\\ D_j'\\ D'\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.08574\ (0.00001)\\ 0.04633\ (0.00001)\\ 0.03543\ (0.00002)\\ -1.24\times10^{-7}\ (0.58)\\ 1.13\times10^{-6}\ (0.19) \end{array}$
$D_k \\ D_{jk}''$	$-1.00 \times 10^{-6} (0.23)$ $-1.01 \times 10^{-6} (0.22)$	$D_k \\ D_{jk'}$	$-1.03 \times 10^{-6} (0.19)$
$I_a'' \\ I_b'' \\ I_c''$	196.3 364.1 474.9	$I_a' \\ I_b' \\ I_c'$	196.7 364.1 476.2
	$\frac{R_{cm}(\text{\AA})}{\kappa}$ $\Delta \nu \text{ (cm}^{-1})$		3.392 -0.57 -2.61

<sup>*a*</sup> Rotational and centrifugal distortion constants are given in  $cm^{-1}$ ; moments of inertia are given in amu Å<sup>2</sup>; errors are one standard deviation and shown in parentheses.

interaction: C–C, C–O, C–S, O–S, and O–O (for the CO<sub>2</sub> dimer). The C–C, C–O, and O–O interactions were taken from Procacci et al.,<sup>43</sup> who based their results on agreement with physical properties of the CO<sub>2</sub> crystal. We adopted the Buckingham parameters of their potential, PRC-1, which included a set of C–C parameters of Williams.<sup>44</sup> The C–S (and S–S) parameters were taken from the results of Burgos and Righini<sup>45</sup> based on similar studies of the CS<sub>2</sub> crystal. The O–S parameters were derived using the conventional combining rules from those for O–O and S–S.

The electrostatic interactions between molecules were represented as those between point quadrupoles (eq 6)<sup>42</sup> located at the carbon atoms. Both of the studies just mentioned represented the molecular charge distributions by

$$V_{a-a} = \sum_{ij} \left( A_{ij} \mathrm{e}^{-BijRij} - \frac{C_{ij}}{R_{ij}^6} \right) \tag{5}$$

$$V_{q-q} = \frac{3}{16} \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{R^5} \{1 - 5\cos^2\theta - 5\cos^2\gamma - 15\cos^2\theta \cos^2\gamma + 2(\sin\theta\sin\gamma\cos\varphi - 4\cos\theta\cos\gamma)^2\}$$
(6)

$$V_{total} = V_{a-a} + V_{q-q} \tag{7}$$

distributed multipoles within the molecules. As a result, there is some inconsistency in our using their Buckingham parameters with a simpler (point quadrupole) electrostatic interaction. Our success in predicting the correct dimer structures and the wellknown insensitivity of crystal structure calculations to details of the electrostatic representation gives some justification to this simple approach.

A computer program was written that, starting with an arbitrary assumed structure for the dimer, found the structure of minimum potential energy. The potential parameters used are given in Table 4. Care was taken to ensure that the minimum reached was the one of lowest potential energy if more than one minimum was found.

The CS<sub>2</sub> quadrupole,  $3.4 \times 10^{-26}$  esu cm<sup>2</sup>, and CO<sub>2</sub> quadrupole,  $-4.3 \times 10^{-26}$  esu cm<sup>2</sup> were obtained from Watson and co-workers<sup>46</sup> from an electric field-gradient-induced bire-fringence experiment. Previous experiments determining the CS<sub>2</sub> quadrupole resulted in values in agreement with those of

 
 TABLE 4: Parameters Used for the Atom-Atom and Quadrupole-Quadrupole Potential Energy Calculations

atom-atom potential									
atoms	A (kcal mol <sup><math>-1</math></sup> )	$B(Å^{-1})$	C (kcal Å <sup>6</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )						
С-С	83 630	3.600	568						
C-O	14 004	3.404	271						
C-S	66 000	3.300	1320						
O-S	36 000	3.091	1398						
0-0	18 300	3.182	637						
quadrupole-quadrupole potential									
$\Theta$ (esu cm <sup>2</sup> )									
CC	$\mathbf{D}_2$	$-4.3 \times 10^{-26}$							
CS	2	+3	$+3.4 \times 10^{-26}$						

TABLE 5: Results from Intermolecular Potential Energy Calculations for  $CO_2-CS_2$  and  $CO_2$  Dimer<sup>*a*</sup>

A - B	$Q_A$	$Q_B$	$V_{aa}$	$V_{qq}$	$V_{ m tot}$	$R_{\rm C-C}$	configuration		
$CO_2 - CS_2$									
(i)	-4.3	+3.4	-1.317	-0.071	-1.388	3.557	X-shape		
(ii)	0.0	0.0	-1.318	0.0	-1.318	3.576	X-shape		
(iii)	-4.3	+3.4	+0.079	-0.531	-0.452	3.600	linear		
$CO_2 - CO_2$									
(iv)	-4.3	-4.3	-0.589	-0.090	-0.679	3.885	slip parallel		
(v)	0.0	0.0	-0.706	0.0	-0.706	3.595	X-shape		
(vi)	-4.3	-4.3	-0.005	-0.268	-0.273	3.755	T-shape		

<sup>*a*</sup> The potentials used are the Buckingham atom—atom and quadrupole–quadrupole potentials; rows (i) and (iv) show the structure calculated using the complete potential of eq 7; in rows (ii) and (v), the molecular quadrupoles are set to zero; the structures in rows (iii) and (vi) result from quadrupole interactions plus a carbon–carbon potential (see text); quadrupole moments are given in esu cm<sup>2</sup> (×10<sup>26</sup>), *V* is in kcal/mol and  $R_{C-C}$  in Å.

Watson within experimental error and are summarized by de Luca and co-workers.<sup>47</sup>

Results for  $(CO_2)_2$  and  $CO_2$ — $CS_2$  are shown in Table 5, where calculations (i) and (iv) represent the predictions of this theory using the total potential shown in eq 7. In both cases, the structural prediction is in good agreement with experimental results. For  $(CO_2)_2$ , a slipped parallel configuration is predicted, with the molecular axes at 63° from the intermolecular vector and an  $R_{cm}$  of 3.88 Å (experimental values are 58° and 3.60 Å). For  $CO_2$ — $CS_2$ , a perpendicular X-shaped configuration is predicted with  $R_{cm}$  of 3.57 Å (experimental value is 3.39 Å).

The energy in each case is dominated by the atom-atom energy. If the molecular quadrupoles are arbitrarily given zero values, both molecules become X-shaped [cf. Table 5, rows (ii) and (v)]. On the other hand, if the atom-atom potentials for all but the C-C interaction are set to zero (the *B* value for C-C is modified to hold the intermolecular distance to a reasonable value), then the dimers assume expected quadrupole-quadrupole orientations [cf. Table 5, rows (iii) and (vi)]. These structures are T-shaped for (CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (same sign for both quadrupoles) and linear for CO<sub>2</sub>-CS<sub>2</sub> (quadrupoles of opposite sign).

Finally, by using the complete potential, if the value of the CS<sub>2</sub> quadrupole increases in magnitude, the dimer shifts from the nonplanar X-shaped structure to a stable planar parallel configuration when the quadrupole reaches  $+6 \times 10^{-26}$  esu cm<sup>2</sup>.

In summary, the rovibrational spectrum of  $CO_2-CS_2$  has been obtained indicating the structure is X-shaped (see Figure 2). The vibrationally excited geometry remains virtually unchanged from the ground-state geometry. The atom-atom interactions are responsible for the X-shaped structure. The shape was initially expected to be planar based on the other isoelectronic dimers; however, the contribution from the quadrupole moments



**Figure 2.** The structure of the  $CO_2-CS_2$  dimer.

is too small to make  $CO_2-CS_2$  planar. Though the multipole interaction energies are weaker than the atom-atom interactions, the orientations of the monomers are controlled by these interactions.

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