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[222] IR spectroscopy and reactivity studies of hydrated CO₂•-

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Gas phase studies have provided significant contributions to the understanding of activated CO_2 . The metastable $CO_2^{\bullet-}$ is stabilized by a solvation shell and $CO_2^{\bullet-}(H_2O)_n$ can be studied readily by Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) mass spectrometry. An EKSPLA NT277 optical parametric oscillator system is coupled into the reaction cell, covering the 2235-4000 cm⁻¹ region at 1000 Hz pulse repetition rate. $CO_2^{\bullet-}(H_2O)_n$ (n ≈ 43) is studied via IR photodissociation spectroscopy. The products of the reaction between $CO_2^{\bullet-}(H_2O)_n$ and small organic molecules are investigated. This provides information about the formation of covalent bonds and thermochemical data *via* nanocalorimetry.

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