

# **Supporting Information:**

## **Velocity Map Imaging Spectroscopy of $\text{C}_2\text{H}^-$ and $\text{C}_2\text{D}^-$ : a benchmark study of vibronic coupling interactions**

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# 1 $\text{C}_2\text{H}^-$ Spectral Assignments

Spectral assignments for all peaks resolved in the photoelectron spectra of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}^-$  from this work are presented in Table S1. Peaks are labelled with respect to the photoelectron spectrum of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}^-$  at 300 nm in Figure S1. The experimental binding energy of each transition is given, alongside the anisotropy parameter sign (+/−), the corresponding vibronic symmetry, and the calculated energy from Ref.S1. Assignments are given as  $\tilde{X}(v_1, v_2, v_3)\tilde{A}(v_1, v_2, v_3)$  where any superscripts represent hot-band transitions.

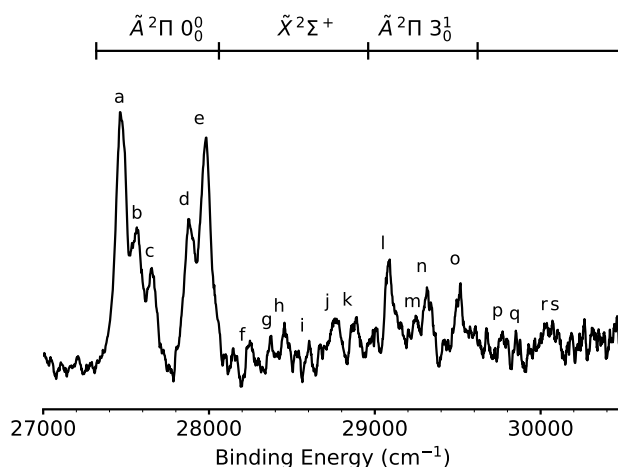


Figure S1: Photoelectron spectrum of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}^-$  at 300 nm, showing the alphabetic labelling of peaks used in this work.

# 2 $\text{C}_2\text{D}^-$ Spectral Assignments

Spectral assignments for all peaks resolved in  $\text{C}_2\text{D}^-$  from this work are presented in Table S2. Peaks are labelled with respect to the photoelectron spectrum of  $\text{C}_2\text{D}^-$  at 355 nm in Figure S2. The experimental binding energy of each transition is given, alongside the anisotropy parameter sign (+/−), the corresponding vibronic symmetry, and the calculated energy from Ref. S1.

Table S1: Peak positions ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), and assignments for the  $\text{C}_2\text{H}^-$  photoelectron spectra from this work. The sign of the anisotropy parameter is shown for each transition, along with it's vibronic symmetry, and the calculated position from Ref.<sup>S1</sup>.

| Peak | eBE ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $v$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $\beta$ | Symmetry   | $v_{\text{calc}}^a$ | Assignment   |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|--|
|      | 23 591                   | -231                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ |                     | $\tilde{X}(0, 2^2, 0)$                                   |
|      | 23 685                   | -137                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ |                     | $\tilde{X}(0, 1^1, 0)$                                   |
|      | 23 823                   | 0                        | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 0                   | $\tilde{X}(0, 0, 0)$                                     |
|      | 24 184                   | 361                      | −       | $\Pi$      | 371                 | $\tilde{X}(0, 1, 0)$                                     |
|      | 24 630                   | 807                      | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 794                 | $\tilde{X}(0, 2, 0)$                                     |
|      | 25 663                   | 1840                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 1838                | $\tilde{X}(0, 0, 1)$                                     |
|      | 25 916                   | 2093                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 2096                | $\tilde{X}(0, 1, 1)$                                     |
|      | 25 993                   | 2170                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 2166                | $\tilde{X}(0, 5, 0)$                                     |
|      | 26 362                   | 2539                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 2536                | $\tilde{X}(0, 2, 1)$                                     |
|      | 26 757                   | 2934                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 2933                | $\tilde{X}(0, 3, 1)$                                     |
|      | 26 929                   | 3106                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 3104                | $\tilde{X}(0, 7, 0)$                                     |
|      | 27 175                   | 3352                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 3371                | $\tilde{X}(0, 4, 1)$                                     |
| a    | 27 430                   | 3607                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 3604                | $\tilde{X}(0, 1, 2)\tilde{X}(1, 1, 0)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 0)$ |
| b    | 27 515                   | 3692                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 3690                | $\tilde{X}(1, 1, 0)\tilde{X}(0, 1, 2)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 0)$ |
| c    | 27 612                   | 3788                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 3790                | $\tilde{X}(0, 5, 1)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 0)$                   |
| d    | 27 851                   | 4028                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 4011                | $\tilde{X}(0, 9, 0)\tilde{X}(0, 5, 1)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 0)$ |
| e    | 27 941                   | 4118                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 4093                | $\tilde{X}(0, 9, 0)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 0)$                   |
| f    | 28 200                   | 4377                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 4375                | $\tilde{X}(0, 6, 1)$                                     |
| g    | 28 349                   | 4526                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 4524                | $\tilde{X}(0, 10, 0)$                                    |
| h    | 28 423                   | 4600                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 4593                | $\tilde{X}(0, 3, 2)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 0)$                   |
| i    | 28 562                   | 4739                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 4702                | $\tilde{X}(0, 7, 1)\tilde{A}(0, 1, 0)$                   |
| j    | 28 714                   | 4891                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 4879                | $\tilde{X}(0, 7, 1)$                                     |
| k    | 28 834                   | 5011                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 5004                | $\tilde{X}(0, 11, 0)$                                    |
| l    | 29 049                   | 5226                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 5222                | $\tilde{X}(0, 1, 3)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 1)$                   |
| m    | 29 227                   | 5404                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 5406                | $\tilde{X}(0, 12, 0)\tilde{A}(0, 1, 0)$                  |
| n    | 29 283                   | 5460                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 5445                | $\tilde{X}(0, 5, 2)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 1)$                   |
| o    | 29 465                   | 5642                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 5630                | $\tilde{X}(0, 9, 1)\tilde{A}(0, 0, 1)$                   |
| p    | 29 740                   | 5917                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 5914                | $\tilde{X}(0, 13, 0)$                                    |
| q    | 29 844                   | 6021                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 6054                | $\tilde{X}(0, 6, 2)\tilde{X}(0, 2, 3)$                   |
| r    | 30 021                   | 6198                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 6200                | $\tilde{X}(0, 3, 3)\tilde{A}(0, 2, 0)$                   |
| s    | 30 086                   | 6263                     | −       | $\Pi$      | 6266                | $\tilde{X}(1, 7, 0)$                                     |

<sup>a</sup> from calculations of Ref. S1

Table S2: Peak positions ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and assignments for the  $\text{C}_2\text{D}^-$  photoelectron spectra from this work. The sign of the anisotropy parameter is shown for each transition, along with it's vibronic symmerty, and calculated position from Ref.<sup>S1</sup>.

| Peak | eBE ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $v$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $\beta$ | Symmetry   | $v_{\text{calc}}^a$ | Assignment             |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|      | 23 751                   | -197                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ |                     | $\tilde{X}(0, 2^2, 0)$ |
|      | 23829                    | -120                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ |                     | $\tilde{X}(0, 2^1, 0)$ |
|      | 23 949                   | 0                        | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 0                   | $\tilde{X}(0, 0, 0)$   |
|      | 24 227                   | 278                      | —       | $\Pi$      | 287                 | $\tilde{X}(0, 1, 0)$   |
|      | 24 577                   | 629                      | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 615                 | $\tilde{X}(0, 2, 0)$   |
|      | 24 906                   | 957                      | —       | $\Pi$      | 953                 | $\tilde{X}(0, 3, 0)$   |
|      | 25 506                   | 1557                     | +       |            |                     |                        |
|      | 25 688                   | 1740                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 1744                | $\tilde{X}(0, 0, 1)$   |
|      | 25 901                   | 1952                     | —       | $\Pi$      | 1962                | $\tilde{X}(0, 1, 1)$   |
|      | 26 245                   | 2297                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 2302                | $\tilde{X}(0, 2, 1)$   |
|      | 26 556                   | 2607                     | —       | $\Pi$      | 2612                | $\tilde{X}(0, 3, 1)$   |
|      | 26 747                   | 2798                     | —       | $\Pi$      | 2796                | $\tilde{X}(1, 1, 0)$   |
| a    | 27 253                   | 3304                     | —       | $\Pi$      | 3309                | $\tilde{X}(0, 5, 1)$   |
| b    | 27 369                   | 3420                     | —       | $\Pi$      | 3426                | $\tilde{X}(1, 3, 0)$   |
| c    | 27 450                   | 3501                     | —       | $\Pi$      | 3511                | $\tilde{X}(0, 1, 2)$   |
| d    | 27 552                   | 3603                     | —       |            |                     |                        |
| e    | 27 793                   | 3844                     | —       | $\Pi$      | 3838                | $\tilde{A}(0, 0, 0)$   |
| f    | 27 906                   | 3957                     | +       | $\Sigma^+$ | 3967                | $\tilde{X}(0, 2, 2)$   |

<sup>a</sup> from calculations of Ref. S1

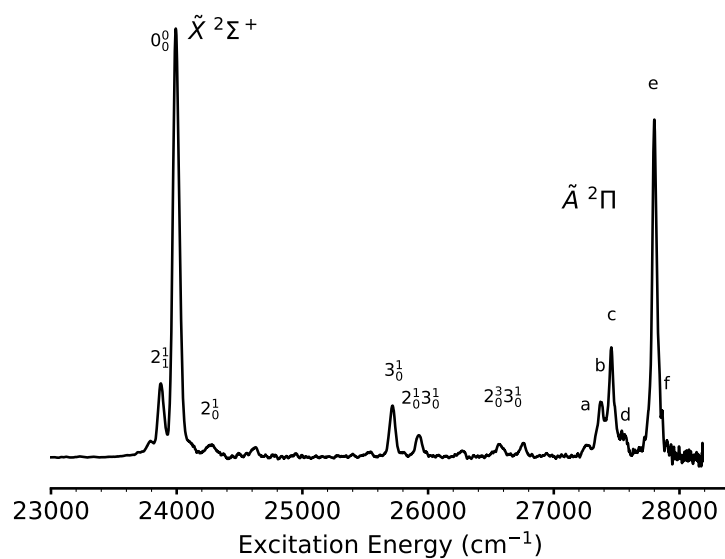


Figure S2: Photoelectron spectrum of  $\text{C}_2\text{D}^-$  at 266 nm, showing the alphabetic labelling of peaks used in this work.

## References

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