Free Electron Laser for Infrared eXperiments "FELIX"



Principles of FTICR-MS

-charged particles trapped by strong, homogeneous magnetic field B (Lorentz force)

- particles orbit magnetic field with frequency dependent only on m/z (for fixed B)
- trapped particles are confined axially by small static voltage to trapping plates (T)
- applying RF to excite plates (E) at cyclotron frequency bunches ions and expands their orbital radii, improving dynamic range \rightarrow also used to eject unwanted ions

- current induced by moving ions is detected (D) and amplified in time domain, then Fourier Transformed to obtain frequencies of trapped ions



Cyclotron frequency $f \sim Bz/m$



IR mirror Flange with electrical feedthroughs

Anionic Metal Carbonyl Clustering Reactions



Wronka and Ridge

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SORI up to higher masses

• By adding additional frequencies to the SORI excitation pulse, larger and larger cluster can be synthesized

- In each case, a large percentage (40-100%) of the ion population is transferred into the target mass channel
- Spectra show a blue shift with increasing size, converging to a value around 2000 cm⁻¹

• Structure in spectrum also disappears with increasing size -- indication of transition from organometallic complexes to metal-cluster-adsorbate systems?

Normalized depletion











IR M PD spectra of anionic iron carbonyl clusters



Theoretical spectrum from Schaefer's calculations for D2h unbridged structure. Frequencies lowered by 46 cm-1.









Theoretical spectrum from Schaefer's calculations for a dibridged C2h structure. Average lowered by 57 cm-1. Imported from Excel plot









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