

**ANALYSIS OF THE HIGH-RESOLUTION FOURIER TRANSFORM  
INFRARED SPECTRUM OF THE CHIRAL MOLECULE  
1,3-DIFLUOROALLENE: A CANDIDATE FOR THE DETECTION OF  
MOLECULAR PARITY VIOLATION**

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According to traditional quantum chemical theory, the ground state energies of enantiomers of chiral molecules would be identical by symmetry, whereas “electroweak quantum chemistry,” including the parity violating weak nuclear force, predicts a small parity violating energy difference between them,  $\Delta_{\text{pv}}E$  on the order of sub-feV to feV. Experiments to measure this yet to be measured small effect are of importance both for fundamental physics in the standard model of elementary particles and for the evolution of biomolecular homochirality in the origin of life.<sup>1,2</sup> An important step towards such experiments, according to the approach following a previous publication<sup>3</sup>, is the analysis of the high-resolution spectra of suitable candidate molecules. We have identified chiral allenes in general and 1,3-difluoroallene in particular as possible candidates for such experiments<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> (see Table 2 of Ref. 2) and report here the analysis of the FTIR spectrum in the region of the antisymmetric CF-stretching fundamental  $\nu_{12} = 1087.138308(32) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the symmetric stretching fundamental  $\nu_4 = 984.9027(3) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  of FHC=C=CHF. The experimental results will be discussed in the context of possible further efforts towards measuring the parity violating energy difference in chiral molecules.<sup>6,7,8,9</sup>

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