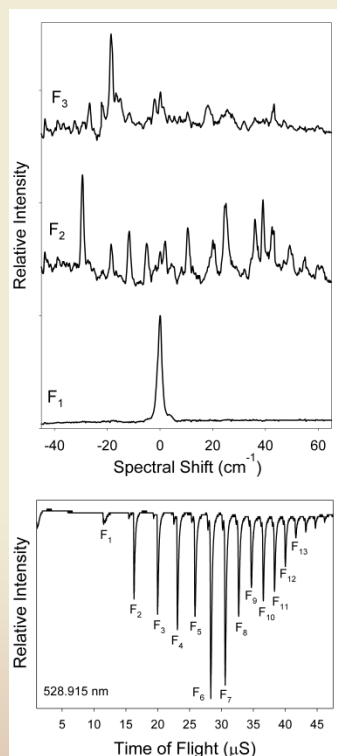
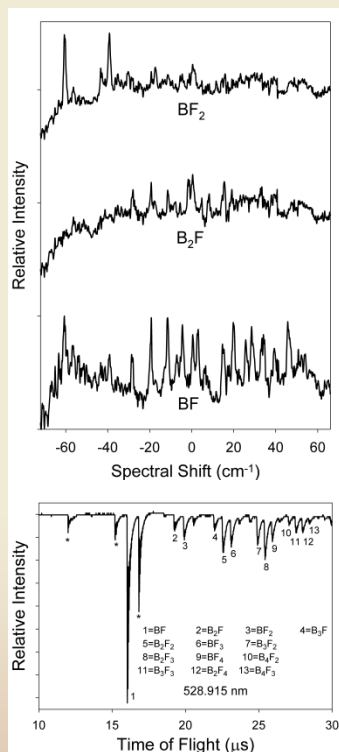


# Spectroscopy, Monte Carlo, and Electronic Structure Studies of Benzene-Derivative Solvation Clusters

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*R2PI* spectra of mixed benzene-fluorobenzene (left) and neat fluorobenzene (right) dimers and trimers. Spectral shifts are relative to fluorobenzene's  $\text{B}_2 \leftarrow \text{A}_1 0_0^0$  origin at  $37813 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The time-of-flight mass spectrum is shown below each set of ultraviolet spectra

*All spectra through the trimer show a limited number of reproducible sharp features. After correcting for fragmentation of  $\text{F}_3$ , the  $\text{F}_2$  spectrum reveals evidence of four van der Waals progressions at  $4.1, 6.1, 14.6,$  and  $16.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .*

MP2 calculations are under way to determine structures and van der Waals frequencies consistent with the spectra.