

#### Pure rotational spectroscopy of Vinyl Mercaptan

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Acetaldehyde



Vinyl Alcohol



Oxirane



Thioacetaldehyde





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# Experimental background

High resolution spectroscopy: limited to MW studies (up to 40 GHz)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

- ▶ *syn* and *anti* rotamers
- ▶ Ground + excited states (SH torsion, CCS bending)
- D-isotopologues
- Produced by pyrolysis of 1,2-ethanedithiol



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### Experimental set-up



- ▶ Frequency multiplication chain (70 GHz 1.1 THz)
- ▶ 5 m long absorption cell
- Radio-frequency (RF) discharge







#### 10 m absorption length



- Precursor: 1,2-ethanedithiol (liquid)
- ▶ Discharge power:  $\leq$  5W
- Pressure: 10 µbar (flow)



### Experimental conditions

- Frequency range covered:
  - ∘ 70 120 GHz (steps 10 kHz)
  - 170 250 GHz (steps 20 kHz)
- 20 ms time constant
- Second harmonic detection





#### "broad" portion of the spectrum







- ▶ 297 transitions (main isotopologue, GS)
- ▶ 263 *a*-type transitions ( $J''_{max} = 23$ ,  $K''_{a, max} = 17$ )
- ▶ 34 *b*-type transitions  $(J''_{max} = 24, K''_{a, max} = 3)$





- ▶ 164 transitions (main isotopologue, GS)
- ▶ 150 *a*-type transitions  $(J''_{max} = 20, K''_{a, max} = 14)$
- ▶ 14 *b*-type transitions  $(J''_{max} = 18, K''_{a, max} = 3)$



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Parameter	syn				anti			
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С	5222.075319	(66)	5222.081	(11)	5279.43977	(18)	5279.436	(9)
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$D_{JK}  imes 10^3$	-33.4946	(16)	-33.2	(21)	-37.6199	(32)	-38.5	(17)
D <sub>K</sub>	0.79167	(32)			0.80927	(34)		
$d_1  imes 10^3$	0.424378	(54)	0.425	(35)	0.47277	(20)	0.498	(51)
$d_2  imes 10^3$	-0.023615	(42)			-0.03114	(21)		
$H_{KJ}  imes 10^6$	-3.1334	(42)			-4.390	(28)		
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Nlines	329		37		196		32	
RMS / kHz	48				52			
$\sigma$	1.55				1.38			

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- ▶ Astronomical searches in the millimeter-wave range



Results



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