THRESHOLD ION-PAIR PRODUCTION SPECTROSCOPY (TIPPS) of H₂S

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Threshold Ion-Pair Production Spectroscopy (TIPPS) of H_2S will be presented. Hydrogen sulfide molecules were excited into weakly bound H^- — HS^+ Rydberg-like state using XUV photons and then dissociated with pulsed electric fields. The TIPP spectrum was recorded by detecting the negative ion H^- . The spectrum agrees quite well with a simulated spectrum. From the TIPP spectrum the H-SH bond dissociation energy could be determined within several wavenumbers. We found that the positive ion product, HS^+ , could be highly rotationally, or even vibrationally excited. The dynamics of the photodissociation process of $H_2S \to H^- + HS^+$ will be discussed and compared to the process of $H_2S \to H^+ + HS^-$.