

ROTATIONAL SPECTROSCOPY OF SINGLE CARBONYL SULFIDE MOLECULES EMBEDDED IN SUPERFLUID HELIUM NANODROPLETS

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The pure rotation spectrum of carbonyl sulfide embedded in superfluid helium nanodroplets was measured in the frequency range from 4 to 15.5 GHz. Four lines, corresponding to the $J = 1-0$, $J = 2-1$, $J = 3-2$, and $J = 4-3$ transitions were found. The line widths increase with J , and are about twice that of the corresponding rovibrational lines^a, indicating faster rotational relaxation within the ground vibrational manifold. The comparison of the pure rotational spectrum with the microwave-infrared double resonance spectrum^b reveals that the double resonance measurement mainly probes rotational transitions within the upper vibrational manifold.

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