

Synchrotron-Based Highest Resolution Terahertz Spectroscopy of the ν_{24} Band System of 1,2-Dithiine (C₄H₄S₂): A Candidate for Measuring the Parity Violating Energy Difference between Enantiomers of Chiral Molecules

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: The chiral C_2 symmetric molecule 1,2-dithiine (1,2-dithia-3,5-hexadiene, $C_4H_4S_2$) has been identified as a possible candidate for measuring the parity violating energy difference between enantiomers. We report here the observation and analysis of the low-frequency fundamental ν_{24} using highest resolution synchrotron-based interferometric Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy in the terahertz range with a band center of $\nu_0 = 6.95375559$ THz ($\tilde{\nu}_0 = 231.952319$ (10) cm⁻¹) and two related hot bands, the ($\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}$) $\leftarrow \nu_{13}$ band at $\nu_0 = 6.97256882$ THz ($\tilde{\nu}_0 = 2.9252319 + 0.9252319$



232.579861 (33) cm⁻¹) and the $2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$ band at $\nu_0 = 7.01400434$ THz ($\tilde{\nu}_0 = 233.962001$ (14) cm⁻¹). This success in the difficult analyses of the THz spectrum of a complex chiral molecule of importance for fundamental tests on molecular parity violation is enabled by the ideal setup of an FTIR experiment of currently unique resolution with the very stable and bright synchrotron radiation at the Swiss Light Source (SLS).

Within the ordinary quantum theory of molecules retaining only the electromagnetic force,¹⁻³ the enantiomers of chiral molecules are energetically exactly equivalent by symmetry,^{4,5} and the ground state would be delocalized with a well-defined parity as part of a tunneling doublet separated by a small splitting ΔE_{\pm} . This would result in a reaction enthalpy $\Delta_R H_0^{\ominus} = 0$ exactly for the stereomutation reaction (eq 1) for localized enantiomers as superposition states of the tunneling doublet states. However, with the discovery of parity violation⁶⁻¹¹ one predicts a small "parity violating" energy difference $\Delta_{pv}E_0$ between the ground states of the two enantimers as localized eigenstates (provided that $\Delta_{pv}E_0 \gg \Delta E_{\pm}^{4,5}$), leading to the prediction of a nonzero parity violating reaction enthalpy $\Delta_{pv}H_0^{\ominus}$

$$P \rightleftharpoons M \quad \Delta_{p\nu} H_0^{\Theta} = N_A \Delta_{p\nu} E_0 \tag{1}$$

where N_A is the Avogadro constant and we use the P and M notation for "axially chiral" molecules.¹² For a discussion of the consequences for our understanding of the foundations of stereochemistry⁵ and possibly also of the evolution of biomolecular homochirality^{13–19} as well as a review of theory and the so far unsuccessful experimental attempts to detect molecular parity violation, we refer to the recent reviews^{4,20–22} and the literature cited therein. After early erroneous

results^{23,24}(quantitatively incorrect by up to two orders of magnitude for benchmark molecules), theory now seems to converge on consensus.^{25–31} However, experimental confirmation or rejection of theory remains a major challenge.^{32–40} In this context, it is essential to identify suitable chiral molecules as candidates for experimental tests and to characterize them in preliminary spectroscopic investigations.

We have recently shown⁴¹ that 1,2-dithiine shown in Figure 1 is a potential candidate for measuring $\Delta_{p\nu}E$ as proposed in refs 33, 39, 40, and 42. The barrier for inversion by ring puckering is ~2500 cm⁻¹ (in wavenumbers), of appropriate magnitude. While the infrared spectra in the higher wavenumber ranges can be partly analyzed on the basis of FTIR spectra using ordinary light sources,⁴¹ the important lowest frequency fundamentals fall in the terahertz range $\nu = 5$ to 8 THz ($\tilde{\nu} = 165$ to 284 cm⁻¹ as summarized in Figure 2), very difficult for traditional FTIR spectroscopy but accessible to highest resolution FTIR spectroscopy using synchrotron light sources as available at the Swiss Light Source (SLS).^{43,44} We

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Figure 1. Two enantiomers of 1,2-dithiine $(C_4H_4S_2)$ left P, right M enantiomer, following ref 12 for the conventions).



Figure 2. Energy level diagram of 1,2-dithiine $(C_4H_4S_2)$ up to 750 cm⁻¹. The solid transitions are experimentally detected; the dashed transitions are calculated.

report here a first successful analysis of the spectra of 1,2dithiline in this range.

The FTIR spectra of 1,2-dithiine $(C_4H_4S_2)$ as synthesized following ref 41 (and refs cited therein) were recorded with the ETHSLS-2009 Bruker prototype⁴³⁻⁴⁶ using synchrotron radiation in the range 200 to 340 cm⁻¹. This prototype spectrometer has a resolution corresponding to an unapodized instrumental bandwidth of 0.00053 cm⁻¹ (16 MHz), which is currently the highest for a FTIR spectrometer worldwide. Apertures of 1.8 mm, which allow for an effective instrumental resolution of 0.0006 cm⁻¹, were applied. The sample pressure in a 3 m glass cell at 296 K was 0.8 mbar, excluding substantial pressure broadening. The Doppler width of 1,2-dithiine is 0.00026 cm^{-1} at 230 cm^{-1} and 296 K. The spectra were calibrated with water lines.47 In general, the calibrated wavenumbers are estimated to be accurate to 0.0001 cm⁻¹. The line data given in the Supporting Information correspond to calibrated wavenumbers.

Figure 3 shows in the upper panel the ν_{24} fundamental spectrum including several hot bands. The lower panels are enlargements within the central Q branch region. Numerous Q branches due to the fundamental and hot bands like the $\nu_{24} \leftarrow$ gs, $(\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{13}$, $2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$, and $(2\nu_{24} + \nu_{13}) \leftarrow (\nu_{13} + \nu_{24})$ are visible in the middle panel. As one can see in the lower panel of Figure 3, the noise level of the synchrotron spectrum is inferior to about $\lg(I_0/I) = 0.002$, which is 100 times lower than with thermal sources. This low noise level makes it possible to measure the ν_{24} band at high resolution. The use of an effective resolution of 0.0006 cm⁻¹ leads to rotationally resolved

"eigenstate" lines as the lower panel in Figure 3 illustrates. The decadic absorbance of the weak lines in the spectrum is on the order of only $lg(I_0/I) = 0.008$. In addition, we have measured rotational transitions in the ν_{24} and ν_{13} vibrational states with our gigahertz setup^{41,48} in the range 89 to 108 GHz using a 2.5 m glass cell and sample pressure of ~0.025 mbar. The frequency is locked to a rubidium standard for short-term stability and to a GPS standard for long-term stability.^{41,48}

The equilibrium structure of 1,2-dithiine has C_2 point-group symmetry and the molecular symmetry group M_{S2} (and M_{S4} when including inversion tunneling^{4,41}). The nuclear spin statistical weights g of 1,2-dithiine arising from the $2^4 = 16$ nuclear spin functions of the four protons combining with the motional functions to Pauli allowed states correspond for $K_a K_c$ = ee:eo:oo:oe to 10:10:6:6 (e for even o for odd values of the quantum numbers K_a and K_c^{49}). 1,2-Dithiine has 24 vibrational modes with symmetry $(n_{\Gamma\nu}) = A$ (13 modes) and $(n_{\Gamma\nu}) = B$ (11 modes). According to the C_2 symmetry, the modes with A symmetry generate a-type transitions, and the modes with B symmetry generate b- and c-type transitions. In a more detailed description the modes with A symmetry can split into A_1 and A_2 symmetry and the modes with B symmetry into B_1 and B_2 symmetry, as derived for the $C_{2\nu}$ point group of the planar transition state as reference. As a consequence, the fundamentals with B symmetry generate mainly c-type transitions and weak b-type transitions if they correspond to "out-of-plane modes" in the planar transition state (B_1) or stronger *b*-type transitions than *c*-type transitions if they correspond to "in-plane modes" (B_2) .

Harmonic frequencies, integrated absorption coefficients (corresponding to the double harmonic approximation), and anharmonic energy levels were calculated by the Gaussian 09 program package⁵⁰ at the MP2/cc-pVTZ and B3LYP/cc-pVTZ levels of theory and are listed in the Supporting Information. The B3LYP results agree better with experiment than the MP2 results for the four by now known fundamentals, but in any case the results from the two methods indicate the general uncertainties of theories at these levels. We have also calculated the electric dipole transition moment components μ_a , μ_b , and μ_c for the vibrational fundamentals in order to assist the assignments. The ν_{24} mode has been predicted to have a relatively high integrated absorption coefficient of ~12.0 km mol^{-1.41} The anharmonic constants defined by the matrix elements $(X_{ii})^{49}$ were used to estimate some selected hot band transitions and their shifts from the ν_{24} fundamental transition.

The infrared spectral region between 200 and 300 cm⁻¹ illustrated in Figure 3 shows three major strong absorption features associated with the Q branches of the ν_{24} fundamental, of the hot band $2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$, and of a third band which we assign as $(\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{13}$. Figure 2 illustrates the vibrational level diagram of the lower energy region. Transitions in this energy range include 25 vibrational fundamental, combination, and overtone states (see Figure 2). The strong sharp lines visible in Figure 3 are due to water absorption lines. In the following description the term "subband" or "series" describes the transitions belonging to one K_a or K_c value. The assignment of the observed rovibrational transitions belonging to a particular subband consisting of P and R branches has been carried out with an interactive Loomis–Wood (LW) assignment program.^{49,51,52}

The ν_{24} band of 1,2-dithiine centered at 231.95 cm⁻¹ (Figure 3) consists of *c*- and *b*-type transitions. The *c*- and *b*-type transitions are not split for $K_c \leq 7$. The *c*- and *b*-type series were

0.3

0.2

0.0

0.20

0.15

210

 v_{24}

lg(l₀ / l) 0.1 6.5

220

230

7.0





Figure 3. FIR spectrum of 1,2-dithiine $(C_4H_4S_2)$ between 200 and 300 cm⁻¹ using the Swiss Light Source (decadic absorbance $lg(I_0/I)$ is shown, conditions as given in the text). The numerous Q branches resulting from the fundamental and hot bands are visible in the experimental spectrum (see notation in the spectrum).

able 1. Spectroscopic Constants in cm	⁻¹ of the Ground State of	1,2-Dithiine and the Other Bands in the A Reduction ⁴
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	ground state ^b	ν_{24}	$2\nu_{24}$	ν_{13}	$\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}$
$\tilde{\nu}_0/\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$	0	231.952319 (10)	465.914320 (14)	x ^c	x + 232.579861 (33)
A/cm^{-1}	0.110955440	0.110991590 (10)	0.111021926 (13)	0.11083030 (31)	0.11086507 (30)
B/cm^{-1}	0.103499682	0.103540039 (14)	0.103578367 (55)	0.1033518 (26)	0.1033950 (24)
C/cm^{-1}	0.058573904	0.058644307 (11)	0.058709968 (72)	0.05847121 (57)	0.0585121 (60)
$\Delta_{I}/10^{-6} { m cm}^{-1}$	0.010662	0.0106844 (27)	0.0107001 (25)	0.010579 (59)	0.010626 (56)
$\Delta_{IK}/10^{-6} { m cm}^{-1}$	0.013599	0.013570 (11)	0.013570	0.013599	0.013599
$\Delta_{K}/10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-1}$	-0.0059816	-0.0059514 (13)	-0.0059514	-0.0059816	-0.0059816
$\delta_{\rm J}/10^{-6}~{\rm cm}^{-1}$	0.0022477	0.0022436 (15)	0.002248 (15)	0.0022477	0.0022477
$\delta_{\rm K}/10^{-6}~{\rm cm}^{-1}$	0.015793	0.0159102 (35)	0.015983 (18)	0.015793	0.015793
$N_{ m THz}$		4318	1019	415	
$N_{ m GHz}$		78		44	
$d_{\rm rms}({\rm FIR})/{\rm cm}^{-1}$		0.00012	0.00013	0.00013	
$J_{\rm max}$ for fit		70	68	48	48
$J_{\rm max}$ assigned		70	68	48	48
$K_{ m amax}$		70	68	48	48
K _{cmax}		57	26	27	4
a			h_{-}		c

^aThe uncertainties are listed in parentheses in terms of 1σ in units of the last digits. ^bFixed to the values from ref 41. ^cx is the unknown absolute value of the ν_{13} fundamental.

identified as P, R, and Q branches with $ee \leftrightarrow oe/eo \leftrightarrow oo$ transitions and $ee \leftrightarrow oo/eo \leftrightarrow oe$ transitions, respectively (e and o indicating whether K_a and K_c are even or odd). The lines have been assigned for $J \leq 70$, $K_a \leq 70$, and $K_c \leq 35$ for the *c*-type transitions and for $J \leq 70$, $K_a \leq 70$, and $K_c \leq 57$ for the *b*-type transitions. In the gigahertz spectra the b-type rotational transitions in the ν_{24} vibrational state have been assigned for J =21 to 29 and $K_a = 0$ to 12 and $K_c = 10$ to 28. The hot band $2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$ is centered at 233.96 cm⁻¹ and consists mainly of *c*-type transitions that have been assigned for $J \leq 68$, $K_a \leq 68$, and K_c

 \leq 26. The *b*-type transitions have not yet been detected for this band. The third band assigned as $(\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{13}$ is centered at 232.96 cm⁻¹ and consists of *b*-type transitions for $J \leq 48$, K_a \leq 48, and $K_c \leq$ 4. The *b*-type rotational transitions in the ν_{13} vibrational state have been assigned for J = 21 to 27, $K_a = 0$ to 10, and $K_c = 10$ to 27. This band is interesting because it provides information about the puckering mode ν_{13} . A more detailed look at the Q branch region shows that there are three additional weak Q branches that can be assigned in a preliminary way without detailed rotational analysis but with

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	transition	$E_{\rm exp}/(hc~{\rm cm}^{-1})$	$E_{\rm anh}/(hc~{\rm cm}^{-1})$	$S/(\mathrm{km} \mathrm{mol}^{-1})$
	$\nu_{13} \leftarrow gs$		177.3	0.03
	$\nu_{24} \leftarrow gs$	231.95	236.3	12.29
	$\nu_{23} \leftarrow gs$		315.4	0.23
	$2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$	233.91	238.36	7.77
	$3\nu_{24} \leftarrow 2\nu_{24}$	235.8	240.4	3.64
	$(\nu_{23}+\nu_{24})\leftarrow\nu_{23}$	231.8	236.0	2.64
	$(\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{13}$	232.58	237.23	5.18
	$(\nu_{13} + 2\nu_{24}) \leftarrow (\nu_{13} + \nu_{24})$	234.6	239.29	3.29
	$(2\nu_{13}+\nu_{24}) \leftarrow 2\nu_{13}$		238.2	2.21
	transition-fundamental		$\Delta ilde{ u}_{ m exp}/ m cm^{-1}$	$\Delta ilde{ u}_{ m calc}/ m cm^{-1}$
	$[2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}] - [\nu_{24} \leftarrow gs]$		1.96	2.06
	$[3\nu_{24} \leftarrow 2\nu_{24}] - [\nu_{24} \leftarrow gs]$		3.8	4.11
	$[(\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{13}] - [\nu_{24} \leftarrow gs]$		0.56	0.93
	$[(2\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow 2\nu_{13}] - [\nu_{24} \leftarrow gs]$			1.86
	$[(\nu_{13} + 2\nu_{24}) \leftarrow (\nu_{13} + \nu_{24})] - [\nu_{24}]$	$\leftarrow gs$]	2.7	2.98
	$[(\nu_{23} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{23}] - [\nu_{24} \leftarrow gs]$		-0.15	-0.35
	vibrational state	rot. const	$-lpha_{ m exp}/ m cm^{-1}$	$-\alpha_{\rm cal}/{\rm cm}^{-1}$
	$ u_{24}$	$A_{24} - A_0$	0.000037	0.000018
	$2\nu_{24}$	$(A_{24,2} - A_0)/2$	0.000034	0.000018
	ν_{24}	$B_{24} - B_0$	0.000040	0.000033
	$2\nu_{24}$	$(B_{24,2} - B_0)/2$	0.000039	0.000033
	ν_{24}	$C_{24} - C_0$	0.000070	0.000071
	$2\nu_{24}$	$(C_{24,2} - C_0)/2$	0.000070	0.000071
	$ u_{13}$	$A_{13} - A_0$	-0.000125	-0.000154
	$ u_{13}$	$B_{13} - B_0$	-0.000150	-0.000157
	$ u_{13}$	$C_{13} - C_0$	-0.000100	-0.000115
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Table 2. Comparison of Measured and Calculated Spectroscopic Parameters in cm⁻¹ (α_i being defined in a standard way by $\alpha_v = (B_0 - B_{v_i})/v_i$)^{*a*}

^aCalculations were carried out at the B3LYP level of theory (see Supporting Information).

approximate positions estimated from the Q branches as $(\nu_{24} + \nu_{23}) \leftarrow \nu_{23}$ at 231.8 cm⁻¹, $(2\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow (\nu_{13} + \nu_{24})$ at 234.6 cm⁻¹, and $3\nu_{24} \leftarrow 2\nu_{24}$ at 235.8 cm⁻¹.

The rovibrational analysis has been carried out with Watson's A reduced effective Hamiltonian⁵³ in the I' representation up to sextic centrifugal distortion constants using our WANG program⁵⁴

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}_{\text{rot}}^{\nu,\nu} &= A_{\nu} \hat{f}_{z}^{2} + B_{\nu} \hat{f}_{x}^{2} + C_{\nu} \hat{f}_{y}^{2} - \Delta_{J}^{\nu} \hat{f}^{4} - \Delta_{JK}^{\nu} \hat{f}^{2} \hat{f}_{z}^{2} - \Delta_{K}^{\nu} \hat{f}_{z}^{4} \\ &- \frac{1}{2} [(\delta_{J}^{\nu} \hat{f}^{2} + \delta_{K}^{\nu} \hat{f}_{z}^{2}), (\hat{f}_{+}^{2} + \hat{f}_{-}^{2})]_{+} + \Phi_{J}^{\nu} (\hat{f}^{2})^{3} \\ &+ \Phi_{JK}^{\nu} (\hat{f}^{2})^{2} \hat{f}_{z}^{2} + \Phi_{KJ}^{\nu} \hat{f}^{2} \hat{f}_{z}^{4} + \Phi_{K}^{\nu} \hat{f}_{z}^{6} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} [(\phi_{J}^{\nu} (\hat{f}^{2})^{2} + \phi_{JK}^{\nu} \hat{f}^{2} \hat{f}_{z}^{2} + \phi_{K}^{\nu} \hat{f}_{z}^{4}), (\hat{f}_{+}^{2} + \hat{f}_{-}^{2})]_{+} \end{split}$$

Equation 2 defines the notation used for the parameters. The angular momentum operators are given by $\hat{J}^2 = \hat{J}_x^2 + \hat{J}_y^2 + \hat{J}_z^2$ and $\hat{J}_{\pm} = \hat{J}_x \pm i\hat{J}_y$. The I' representation was chosen to reduce correlations during the fit. The spectroscopic constants were fitted for each band separately according to the A reduction. The Hamiltonian in eq 2 shows distortion terms through second order, but only terms through first order were retained in the final fit, as given in Table 1.

According to the calculated transition moments for the ν_{24} fundamental the *b*- and *c*-type absorption lines are predicted to be of similar intensity. Around 2000 *b*-type transitions and around 2300 *c*-type transitions have been used in the adjustment, where around 1500 lines are from coinciding nonsplit *c*-type and *b*-type transitions for $K_c \leq 11$. Pure *b*-type

transitions (~500) have been assigned. Pure *c*-type transitions (~800) have been assigned in the entire spectrum. Overall, 4318 *b*- and *c*-type transitions for $J \leq 70$, $K_a \leq 70$, and $K_c \leq 57$ of the terahertz spectrum and the 78 *b*-type transitions from the gigahertz spectrum were used for the fit of the spectroscopic constants. There were no important perturbations observed in the spectrum, as the very small root-mean-square deviation $d_{\rm rms} = 0.00012 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for the terahertz lines indicates. The constants of the ground state have been held fixed to the values in Table 1, and the constants of ν_{24} have been adjusted in the least-squares analysis.

The adjustments of the constants for the $2\nu_{24}$ state have been carried out using the *b*-type transitions of the terahertz spectrum. Around 1000 lines have been used. During the adjustment of the constants of the lower level, the ν_{24} state has been held fixed to the values determined from the adjustment of the ν_{24} fundamental, which confirmed the assignment as $2\nu_{24}$ $\leftarrow \nu_{24}$. The rotation-vibration α constants of the rotational constants of the ν_{24} vibrational state agree very well with the calculated values shown in Table 2 and confirm the assignment. The constants for $\nu_{13} + \nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{13}$ band have been adjusted using around 400 b-type transitions from the terahertz spectrum and the 44 rotational lines from the gigahertz spectrum. Therefore, some of the quartic constants have been fixed to the values of the ground state. The shifts of the center of the $2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$ and $(\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{13}$ hot bands as shown in Table 2 confirm the assignments, too. In particular, the α constants of the ν_{13} state show a very good agreement with the calculated values. Also, the calculations indicate that the





Figure 4. Comparison of the experimental spectrum (highest trace) of 1,2-dithiine measured at 295 K in the P branch region with a simulation of the ν_{24} fundamental (third trace), the $(\nu_{13}+\nu_{24}) \leftarrow \nu_{13}$ band (fourth trace), the $2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$ band (lowest trace), and a sum of all three simulated bands (second trace). See parameters in the Figure. The decadic absorbances $lg(I_0/I)$ are shown as a function of wavenumber, with maximum peak values of $lg(I_0/I) = 0.06$ (3 m path length, 0.7 mbar, $\Delta \tilde{\nu} = 0.0007$ cm⁻¹ from a convolution of an instrumental width of 0.0006 cm⁻¹ with a Doppler width of 0.00026 cm⁻¹).

fundamentals ν_{23} and ν_{13} are too weak to be detected in our experiment.

A comparison of the measured spectrum with the simulated spectrum calculated with the parameters listed in Table 1 is shown in Figure 4 for the R and P branch regions. The upper trace shows the experimental spectrum, the second trace is the sum of all simulations, the third trace is the ν_{24} fundamental simulation, the fourth trace is the $\nu_{13} + \nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{13}$ simulation, and the lower trace is the $2\nu_{24} \leftarrow \nu_{24}$ simulation. As one can see, the agreement is very good. One recognizes the importance of hot bands to simulate the measured spectrum.

The ideal setup of the very stable synchrotron light source at the SLS with the currently highest resolution interferometric Fourier transform spectrometer is able to reduce noise levels in absorbance spectra to values by a factor of 100 lower than with conventional thermal sources. We have shown here that as a consequence of this advance high-resolution analyses are possible for the spectra of 1,2-dithiine in the very difficult farinfrared or terahertz range, for a chiral molecule that may at first sight seem exotic but is in fact one of the very few realistic candidates to measure the parity violating energy difference $\Delta_{n\nu}E$ between enantiomers, so far never detected.⁴ The fundamental ν_{24} at 231.95 cm⁻¹ agrees reasonably well with our theoretical results at the B3LYP level (236.3 cm⁻¹; see the Supporting Information). Also, the agreement between theory and the experimental anharmonic shifts of several hot band centers and the rotation vibration interaction constants is satisfactory. The rotational parameters for the ν_{13} and $\nu_{13} + \nu_{24}$ levels should be useful for the study of interactions of excited vibrational levels of ν_{13} with other vibrations, which will be relevant for future analyses, perhaps best starting with a reanalysis of the polyad associated with the ν_{22} fundamental (at 600 cm^{-1} , Figure 2).

The tunneling splitting ΔE_{\pm} ($\nu = 0$) in the ground state predicted at several levels of theory all consistently indicate that it is much smaller (by many orders of magnitude) than the predicted parity violating energy difference between the enantiomers, which is favorably large for a molecule containing no nucleus heavier than sulfur ($\Delta_{pv}E = 1.1 \times 10^{-11}$ (hc) cm⁻¹), leading to a relatively short "parity violating time" (1.5 s period) for which the initial evolution in the millisecond range should be detectable.^{40,41} The present first high-resolution analysis and characterization of the spectrum of the low-frequency modes for this molecule provide an important step toward future analyses aiming at identifying combination levels at higher energy, which would be suitable for parity selection in the experiment on molecular parity violation.⁴⁰

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Tables of calculated vibrational wavenumbers, inversion potentials, tunneling splittings, anharmonic constants, and wavenumber shifts. Tables of measured and fitted line frequencies and wavenumbers with the assignments. (PDF)

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