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# Laboratory microwave, millimeter wave and far-infrared spectra of dimethyl sulfide<sup>★</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

**Context.** Dimethyl sulfide, CH<sub>3</sub>SCH<sub>3</sub> (DMS), is a nonrigid, sulfur-containing molecule whose astronomical detection is considered to be possible in the interstellar medium. Very accurate spectroscopic constants were obtained by a laboratory analysis of rotational microwave and millimeter wave spectra, as well as rotation-torsional far-infrared (FIR) spectra, which can be used to predict transition frequencies for a detection in interstellar sources.

**Aims.** This work aims at the experimental study and theoretical analysis of the ground torsional state and ground torsional band  $\nu_{15}$  of DMS in a large spectral range for astrophysical use.

**Methods.** The microwave spectrum was measured in the frequency range 2–40 GHz using two Molecular Beam Fourier Transform MicroWave (MB-FTMW) spectrometers in Aachen, Germany. The millimeter spectrum was recorded in the 50–110 GHz range. The FIR spectrum was measured for the first time at high resolution using the FT spectrometer and the newly built cryogenic cell at the French synchrotron SOLEIL.

**Results.** DMS has two equivalent methyl internal rotors with a barrier height of about 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. We performed a fit, using the XIAM and BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops codes, that contained the new measurements and previous transitions reported in the literature for the ground torsional state  $\nu_1 = 0$  (including the four torsional species AA, AE, EA and EE) and for the ground torsional band  $\nu_{15} = 1 \leftarrow 0$  (including only the AA species). In the microwave region, we analyzed 584 transitions with  $J \leq 30$  of the ground torsional state  $\nu_1 = 0$  and 18 transitions with  $J \leq 5$  of the first excited torsional state  $\nu_1 = 1$ . In the FIR range, 578 transitions belonging to the torsional band  $\nu_{15} = 1 \leftarrow 0$  with  $J \leq 27$  were assigned. Totally, 1180 transitions were included in a global fit with 21 accurately determined parameters. These parameters can be used to produce a reliable line-list for an astrophysical detection of DMS.

**Key words.** astrochemistry – line: identification – ISM: molecules

## 1. Introduction

In recent years, substantial progress in astrophysical observation has permitted the detection of many, and more complex, molecules in the interstellar medium (ISM) and in circumstellar envelopes. According to the Cologne Database for Molecular Spectroscopy (CDMS; Müller et al. 2001, 2005), 188 different molecules have been detected and almost a third of these contain more than six atoms (Herbst & Van Dishoeck 2009). Today, the new observatories such as Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA) and Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) are becoming operational. Besides the isotopologues of already detected molecules, one can expect the detection of even more complex substances in the future.

The detection of molecular species in space by microwave, millimeter wave and sub-millimeter wave telescopes would have been impossible without dedicated studies in the laboratory addressing the high resolution rotational and rovibrational spectroscopy, both in theory and experiment, of the relevant species.

These investigations produce reliable data that is indispensable for an astrochemical interpretation of interstellar surveys. Precise knowledge of the rotational spectra was the key point for the detections of many complex molecules compiled and updated in the existing international databases. These databases include: CDMS (Müller et al. 2001, 2005); SPLATALOG (2010); JPL CATALOG (Pickett et al. 1998); NIST Recommended Rest Frequencies for Observed Interstellar Molecular Microwave Transitions 2009 (NIST 2009); Toyama Microwave Atlas for spectroscopists and astronomers (Toyama 2008). One of the most efficient strategies to gain this knowledge is a combination of experimental microwave, millimeter wave and sub-millimeter wave spectroscopy, followed by the spectral analysis using appropriate effective Hamiltonians and ab initio calculations.

In recent decades, several molecules exhibiting internal rotations of the methyl group have been detected in the interstellar and circumstellar media, e.g. methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH; Ball et al. 1970; Gottlieb et al. 1979), methyl formate (HCOOCH<sub>3</sub>; Churchwell & Winnewisser 1975; Favre et al. 2014), acetaldehyde (CH<sub>3</sub>CHO; Fourikis et al. 1974; Matthews et al. 1985), acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>COOH; Mehringer et al. 1997; Remijan et al. 2003) and acetamide (CH<sub>3</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub>; Hollis et al. 2006; Halfen et al. 2011). On the other hand, fewer molecules

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containing two methyl groups such as acetone  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$ ; Combes et al. 1987; Friedel et al. 2005), dimethyl ether and its isotopologues  $(\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_3, ^{13}\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O}$ ; Snyder et al. 1974; Lovas et al. 1979; Bisschop et al. 2013; Koerber et al. 2013) and methyl acetate  $(\text{CH}_3(\text{CO})\text{OCH}_3$ ; Tercero et al. 2013) have been studied in the laboratory and detected in ISM.

Sulfur-containing molecules can be important in the chemical evolution of hot cores. Their molecular ratios have been previously used as chemical clocks to obtain information about the age of those hot cores (Charnley 1997; Wakelam et al. 2004). However the chemistry of interstellar sulfur is still undetermined. Much less sulfur is found in dense regions of ISM than in diffuse regions (Anderson et al. 2013). Therefore, there is some mystery about this missing sulfur and what might be its reservoir. About 20 sulfur-containing molecules have been identified in space so far, but only one of them, methyl mercaptan  $(\text{CH}_3\text{SH})$ , exhibits observable internal rotation splittings (called A-E splittings) because of the internal rotation of the methyl group (Linke et al. 1979; Müller et al. 2016). Ethyl mercaptan  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SH})$  has been recently detected in the Orion Cloud (Kolesniková et al. 2014), but no A-E splittings could be observed owing to the high barrier to internal rotation.

Dimethyl sulfide (DMS) is the sulfure analog of dimethyl ether, a relatively abundant molecule in ISM (Snyder et al. 1974; Lovas et al. 1979; Bisschop et al. 2013; Koerber et al. 2013). It is thus considered as a potentially detectable species, since the detection of sulfur-containing molecules often follows the detection of the corresponding oxygen-analogs (Cernicharo et al. 1987). Considering the astrophysical interest of DMS, it is surprising that the microwave data for this molecule is rather sparse in the literature and consists of mainly transitions in the ground torsional state  $\nu_t = 0$ . The first measurements were carried out by Rudolph et al. (1960). Afterward, Pierce & Hayashi (1961) measured the spectrum between 10 and 25 GHz and improved the accuracy of the rotational constants and the potential barrier hindering the two equivalent methyl internal rotors. In 1973, the excited torsional states of DMS were studied by Trinkaus et al. (1973) using perturbation theory.

The next decade, the  $\nu_t = 0$  measurements were extended by Vacherand et al. (1987) with 98 transitions with  $5 \leq J \leq 30$  in the millimeter wave range 140–300 GHz. These authors combined their measurements with 85 transitions in the 12–64 GHz region reported in Dreizler & Rudolph (1965) and Demaison et al. (1980). However, the measurement resolution often prevented the observation of all four torsional components, called AA, AE, EA and EE using the symmetry species of the  $C_{3v}^- \otimes C_{3v}^+$  direct product of the  $C_{3v}$  point group (Myers & Wilson Jr. 1960). In 2004, Niide and Hayashi assigned 66 rotational transitions with  $J \leq 5$  in the 12–35 GHz spectral range, which belong to the first torsional excited states  $\nu_{11} = 1$  and  $\nu_{15} = 1$  (Niide & Hayashi 2004). In most of these previous studies, internal rotation analyses were carried out using the XIAM code or other prior codes (Vacherand et al. 1987), providing rotational and torsional parameters for each torsional state. However, several problems occur in these previous works: (i) Certain residuals between calculated and observed line frequencies are as large as 10 MHz in Vacherand et al. (1987); (ii) separate fits were performed for each  $\nu_t$  torsional state (Niide & Hayashi 2004), and thus no interactions between different torsional states were taken into account and (iii) the torsional excited state transitions were so weak that only transitions with  $K_a \leq 1$  could be unambiguously assigned (Niide & Hayashi 2004).

In the far-infrared (FIR) or Raman spectral range, only low resolution data has been published. The Raman spectra was recorded between 50 and 3500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  by Durig & Griffin (1977), the FIR spectra were first measured by Fateley & Miller (1962) in the spectral range 80–500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , then by Smith et al. (1966) between 10 and 240  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These authors used the position of the fundamental torsional band  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$  to determine a value for the barrier heights hindering the internal rotations.

DMS was also the subject of several ab initio studies that employed the Møller-Plesset theory to explore the potential energy surface (PES) (Senent et al. 1995). Recently, Senent et al. (2014) performed highly correlated ab initio methods combined with large basis sets. This work presented a complete characterization of the rotational parameters at equilibrium and in the ground and excited vibrational states. The barrier height, energy levels and splittings were calculated using a variational procedure, which also allows calculating values for the PES developed in Fourier series containing the potential barrier height and the interaction terms of the two tops. Finally, all the torsional levels and transitions (with  $J = 0$ ) up to the 4th quanta of the torsional modes were predicted. The nondegenerate components of the two torsional levels ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0$ ) and ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1$ ) were calculated to be 176.516  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_{11}$ ) and 182.289  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_{15}$ ), respectively. Finally, using state-of-the-art computational methodologies, Puzzarini et al. (2014) also predict a set of reliable rotational and torsional parameters for the monosubstituted isotopologues of DMS as well as ethyl mercaptan.

The present paper aims at completing the microwave, millimeter wave and FIR dataset of DMS to produce a reliable line-list for astronomical purposes. We present a global fit for the four symmetry species AA, AE, EA and EE in the ground torsional state and for the AA species in the excited torsional state. The microwave dataset was measured between 2 and 40 GHz using two Molecular Beam Fourier Transform MicroWave (MB-FTMW) spectrometers in Aachen. With an accuracy of 2 kHz, it was possible to resolve even small splittings arising from internal rotations of the methyl groups. In addition, room temperature measurements in the millimeter wave region were performed between 50 and 110 GHz, which completed the coverage of the  $J$  values. Finally, we also measured the FIR spectrum from 50 to 300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at high resolution corresponding to the fundamental band  $\nu_t = \nu_{15} = 1 \leftarrow 0$  using the French synchrotron beam-line combined with a FT spectrometer and a cryogenic cell. It should be noted that only the  $\nu_{15}$  band is infrared active and can be observed in this spectrum.

Section 2 presents the experimental details; Sect. 3 is dedicated to a short presentation of the theoretical model and to the assignments and fits of the spectral data. The intensity calculation and the line-lists for astronomical purposes are given in Sect. 4. The discussion of our results can be found in Sect. 5.

## 2. Experiments

DMS was purchased from Alfa Aesar GmbH & Co KG, Karlsruhe, Germany and used without further purification.

Firstly, the rotational spectrum of DMS was measured in the microwave region with two MB-FTMW spectrometers operating in the 2–26.5 GHz and 26.5–40 GHz frequency ranges, respectively (Andresen et al. 1990; Grabow et al. 1996; Merke et al. 1994). A mixture of 20 mbar of DMS in helium, used as the carrier gas, at a total pressure of 2 bar was expanded into a vacuum chamber containing a Fabry-Pérot resonator. The spectrometers operate in two different modes: the high resolution mode and scan mode. Since the rotational constants reported in

Vacherand et al. (1987) possess sufficient accuracy, all spectra could be measured directly in the high resolution mode. All lines are split into doublets due to the Doppler effect; the molecular transition frequency is the center frequency. The accuracy for an isolated line is 2 kHz, but since a number of lines are blended, we safely weighted all microwave lines 5 kHz in the fit.

The millimeter wave spectrum was recorded between 50 and 110 GHz using a source modulated millimeter wave spectrometer in Aachen to improve and complete available data in the ground torsional state. The experimental accuracy is about 40 kHz for most lines.

The FIR spectrum between 50 and 340  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  was recorded at high resolution using the Bruker IFS125HR FT spectrometer on the AILES Beamline coupled to the synchrotron light (Roy et al. 2008; Brubach et al. 2010) and the newly built cryogenic cell at the French synchrotron SOLEIL (Tchana et al. 2013). The instrument was equipped with a Mylar/Si beamsplitter and evacuated at about  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  Pa in order to minimize  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  absorptions. The synchrotron source was operated with 430 mA ring current and a liquid-helium cooled Si/bolometer detector with a  $380 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  cold cutoff filter and operated without entrance aperture at the full spectral resolution ( $0.00102 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) given by the 882 cm maximum optical path difference (MOPD) with the  $\text{Res} = 0.9/\text{MOPD}$  Bruker criterion and no apodization. In total, 304 interferograms were recorded and averaged. We took the ratio of the spectra against a single channel background spectrum of the empty cell which was recorded at a resolution of  $0.048 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to ensure the best possible signal to noise ratio in the transmission spectrum. For the FT, a Mertz-phase correction,  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  phase resolution, a zero-filling factor of 2 and a boxcar apodization function were applied to the averaged interferograms. The spectra were calibrated with residual  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  lines observed in the spectra with their wavenumbers taken from HITRAN (Rothman et al. 2013). The resulting precision is about  $\pm 0.0005 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for well-isolated lines. For this experiment, the spectrum was recorded at a regulated temperature of  $203 \pm 2 \text{ K}$ , along the entire optical path, with  $0.42 \pm 0.01 \text{ mbar}$  DMS sample pressure. To limit acoustic noise during data acquisition, only totally vibration-free ionic and cryogenic pumps are in operation.

### 3. Analysis of the DMS spectra

#### 3.1. Theoretical models

As mentioned in the introduction, DMS contains two equivalent methyl internal rotors. Therefore, the spectral analysis requires suitable theoretical models and Hamiltonians to treat the internal rotation splittings.

Two different codes have been used for this purpose. At the beginning, the XIAM code (Hartwig & Dreizler 1996) was applied, which uses the Combined Axis Method (CAM). This method sets up the rotation-torsion Hamiltonian in the rho axis system for each top, and then converts the rho axis wave functions into the principal axis system. The XIAM code has shown its efficiency for treating internal rotation problems with high potential barriers for molecules with two internal rotors as well (Nguyen et al. 2014).

The second code is a slightly modified version of the BELGI- $\text{C}_s$ -2Tops code, which has been applied so far for molecules with two nonequivalent internal rotors (Tudorie et al. 2011). One of the differences with XIAM is the choice of the axis system. The BELGI- $\text{C}_s$ -2Tops code uses the so-called ‘‘quasi principal-axis-method’’ (Tudorie et al. 2011), instead of the rho axis

method (Hougen et al. 1994), which requires placing the  $z$  axis nearly parallel to the top axis. The quasi PAM takes its name from the fact that the coefficients of the three quadratic rotational operators ( $J_x J_y + J_y J_x$ ), ( $J_y J_z + J_z J_y$ ) and ( $J_z J_x + J_x J_z$ ) are kept fixed to zero in the fits. Following the procedure described in Ohashi et al. (2004), the Hamiltonian is given by Eq. (6) of this reference for the lowest order terms. For nonequivalent two-top molecules, relations between the kinetic energy parameters appearing in the quasi PAM system of Eq. (6) and those appearing in the PAM system of Eq. (7) of (Ohashi et al. 2004) can be obtained after performing a rotation through an angle  $\theta$  about the  $y$  axis, which relates the  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  principal axes in Eq. (7) to the  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  axes in Eq. (6). Another important difference is that BELGI- $\text{C}_s$ -2Tops includes the interactions between different torsional states, whereas XIAM treats each rotation-torsion  $\nu_1$  level as an isolated level with its own set of parameters.

In the BELGI- $\text{C}_s$ -2Tops code, the two-step diagonalization procedure adopted is similar to that initially used by Herbst et al. (1984), and later on in the BELGI- $\text{C}_s$  code for one top (Hougen et al. 1994). In the first diagonalization step, only the lowest order, pure torsional operators of the Hamiltonian are considered (Eq. (3) of Tudorie et al. (2011) and Eq. (6) of Ohashi et al. (2004)). They can be written as

$$H_{\text{torsion}} = \left[ f_1 p_{\alpha_1}^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) V_{31} (1 - \cos 3\alpha_1) + f_2 p_{\alpha_2}^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) V_{32} (1 - \cos 3\alpha_2) \right] + f_{12} p_{\alpha_1} p_{\alpha_2} + V_{12S} \sin 3\alpha_1 \sin 3\alpha_2 + V_{12C} (1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)(1 - \cos 3\alpha_2). \quad (1)$$

Here, the subscripts 1 and 2 indicate the two nonequivalent tops, respectively. In Eq. (1), the  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  parameters are the internal rotation constants. They multiply the angular momentum in the kinetic energy  $p_{\alpha_1}^2$  and  $p_{\alpha_2}^2$  relative to each top, respectively. The  $f_1$  parameter is the prefactor of the top-top kinetic energy interaction operators  $p_{\alpha_1} p_{\alpha_2}$ . The parameters  $V_{31}$  and  $V_{32}$  are the torsional potential for each top;  $V_{12S}$  and  $V_{12C}$  are the parameters multiplying the  $\sin 3\alpha_1 \sin 3\alpha_2$  and  $(1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)(1 - \cos 3\alpha_2)$  terms describing the interaction between the two tops, respectively.

The basis set for our first diagonalization step consists of the products of exponentials with the form  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \exp[(3k_1 + \sigma_1)i\alpha_1] \exp[(3k_2 + \sigma_2)i\alpha_2]$ , where the integers  $|k_1|$  and  $|k_2|$  are both less than a basis set cutoff parameter  $k_{\text{trunc}}$ . In the present calculation, we set  $k_{\text{trunc}} = 10$  as in the case of methyl acetate (Tudorie et al. 2011), e.g. 441 torsional basis functions are used in this first step. Following this diagonalization, we kept the lowest  $(2k_{\text{trunc}} + 1) \times 2 = 42$  torsional energy levels and wave functions for the second step. This corresponds (for similar torsional ladders in the two tops) to somewhat more than the first six torsional levels for each top, together with all their combination levels.

The second step of the procedure consists of diagonalizing the rest of the torsion-rotation matrix, i.e.  $H_{\text{rot}} + H_{\text{torsion-rot}}$  described in Eq. (6) of Ohashi et al. (2004). As explained in (Tudorie et al. 2011), terms in this Hamiltonian can be constructed by taking symmetry-allowed and Hermitian products of a rotational factor (chosen from operators of the form  $J_x^m J_y^n J_z^s$ , where  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $s$  are integer exponents) and a torsional factor for each top  $i = 1, 2$  (constructed from products of operators of the form  $p_{\alpha_i}^m, \cos 3n\alpha_i, \sin 3s\alpha_i$ , where  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $s$  again represent integers).



The BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops program has been applied for fitting high resolution torsion-rotational spectra of molecules with: (i) two nonequivalent methyl rotors; (ii) two different three-fold barriers and (iii) a plane of symmetry at equilibrium, e.g. methyl acetate (Tudorie et al. 2011), methyl propionate (Nguyen et al. 2012), three isomers of dimethyl benzaldehyde (Tudorie et al. 2013) and ethyl methyl ketone (Nguyen et al. 2014). In the case of DMS, we modified the code slightly so that all internal rotor parameters corresponding to one methyl group, referred as top 1, possess the same magnitudes as those of the other methyl top, referred as top 2. In the present study, the following parameters have the same values and signs:

$$f_1 = f_2; f_{1K} = f_{2K}; V_{31} = V_{32}; V_{31J} = V_{32J} \quad (2)$$

$$V_{31BC} = V_{32BC}; q_1 = q_2; q_{1J} = q_{2J}$$

whereas the following parameters were set to the same values but opposite signs:

$$r_1 = -r_2 \quad (3)$$

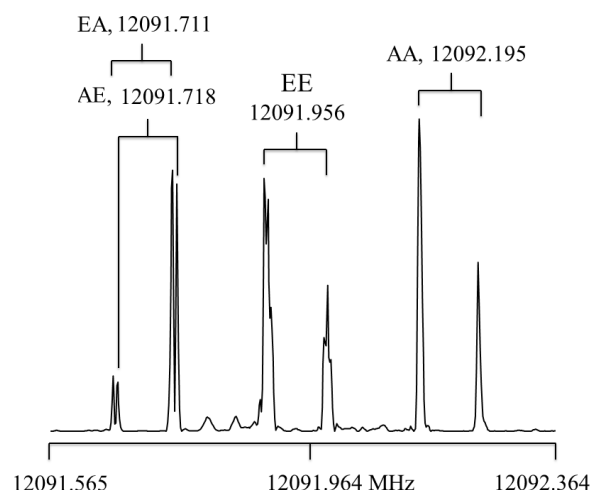
(see Appendix A for the definitions of those parameters). The signs of  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  can be derived from Eq. (11) of (Ohashi et al. 2004). It should be noted that the angle  $\theta$  about the  $y$  axis relating the principal axes  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  to the  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  axes is zero in the case of two equivalent tops. In Eq. (2),  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $V_{31}$  and  $V_{32}$  are defined as in Eq. (1). The parameters  $V_{31J}$ ,  $V_{32J}$ ,  $V_{31BC}$ ,  $V_{32BC}$ ,  $V_{31AB}$  and  $V_{32AB}$  represent the rotational dependences of the potential barrier. In Eqs. (2) and (3), the constants  $q_1$  and  $r_1$  are related to  $J_z p_{\alpha_1}$  and  $J_x p_{\alpha_1}$ , respectively (see Appendix A). They are essentially equal to  $-2f_1 \rho_{1a}$  and  $-2f_1 \rho_{1b}$  (Tudorie et al. 2011). Similar definitions hold for top 2. The parameters  $f_{1K}$ ,  $f_{2K}$ ,  $q_{1J}$  and  $q_{2J}$  are higher-order terms.

Energy levels obtained using the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops code, which has been originally written for nonequivalent rotors, belong to the permutation-inversion group  $G_{18}$ . The symmetries are labeled as  $A_1$  or  $A_2$ ,  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$  and  $E_4$  using the irreducible representations of this group. When the torsional parameters corresponding to top 1 are set to the same values as for top 2, energy values of the  $E_1$  species are equal to those of the  $E_2$  species, i.e. a quartet is observed for each rotational transition instead of a quintet as for the case of two nonequivalent rotors. The labeling  $A_1$  or  $A_2$ ,  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$  and  $E_4$  is thus confusing since the correct permutation-inversion group for DMS should be  $G_{36}$  as for acetone (Ilyushin & Hougen 2013). Therefore, we decided to keep a notation that reflects the Hamiltonian block-diagonalization performed in our code. The energy levels are labeled as AA, AE, EA and EE in (Vacherand et al. 1987) and (Niide & Hayashi 2004). The spin-weight statistics AA: EE: AE: EA depend on the parity of  $K_a K_c$ , i.e. 6:16:4:2 for  $K_a K_c$ :  $ee-oo$  and 10:16:4:6 for  $K_a K_c$ :  $eo-oe$  (Vacherand et al. 1987). The zero point energies calculated by our model are 187.6294 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 187.6299 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 187.6303 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the AA, EE and EA/AE species, respectively.

## 3.2. Assignments and fits

### 3.2.1. XIAM fits of the ground torsional state

The XIAM code was first used because of its efficiency to treat molecules containing methyl rotors hindered by relatively high potential barriers. We started with a fit including the millimeter wave transitions from Vacherand et al. (1987) to optimize the overall rotational and torsional parameters. This fit enables a prediction of the microwave spectrum with sufficient accuracy to measure new lines with low  $J$  values using the two MB-FTMW



**Fig. 1.** Spectrum of the  $1_{10} \leftarrow 1_{01}$  transition of dimethyl sulfide measured using a MB-FTMW spectrometer in Aachen. All four torsional species AA, EE, EA and AE are present. The brackets indicate the Doppler doublets. For this spectrum, 98 decays were coadded.

spectrometers in Aachen. After including these lines in the fit, a new prediction with higher predictive power is provided and further transitions with  $J \leq 8$  and  $K_a \leq 4$  could be measured. As a result of the very low rotational temperature of about 2 K in the molecular beam, no transitions with higher  $J$  and  $K_a$  values were observed.

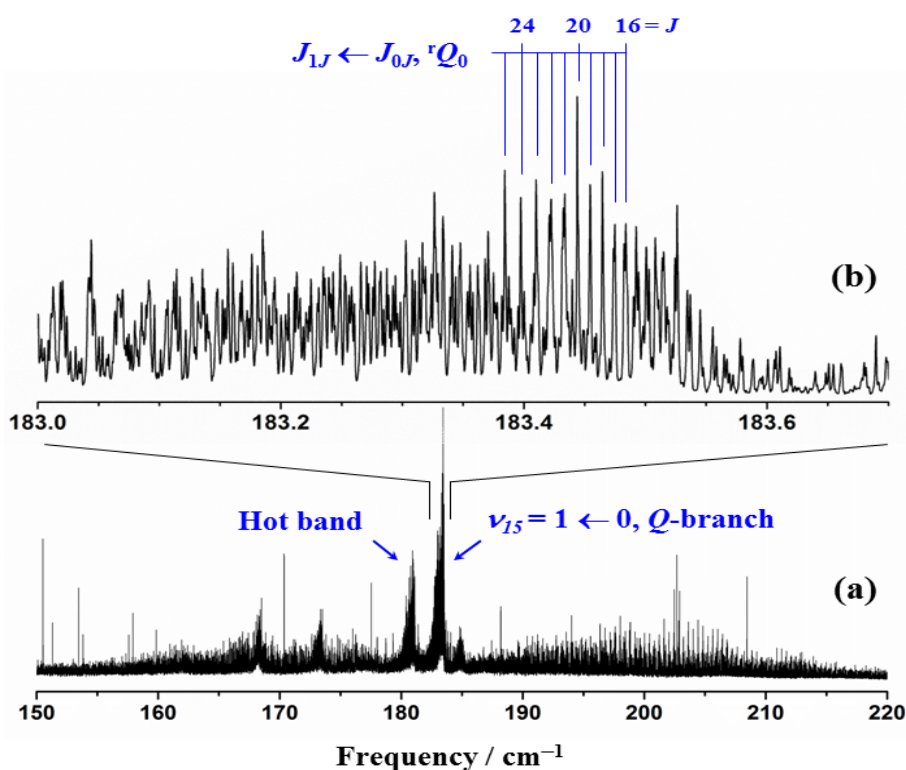
In total, 99 lines were measured and assigned in the 2–40 GHz spectral range. About half of these lines, with  $J \leq 7$  and  $K_a \leq 2$  were already measured by Hayashi et al. (1989) but our goal was (i) to improve the accuracy of the line positions and (ii) to be able to distinguish lines that are very close to each other since the occurring splittings in the ground torsional state of DMS are small and sometimes could not be resolved in previous experiments. Figure 1 exhibits an example of such transitions. In Vacherand et al. (1987), the AE and EA components could not be distinguished. The above mentioned 99 microwave lines were fitted by the XIAM code with a root-mean-square (rms) deviation of 9.3 kHz which is almost twice the measurement accuracy. However, only a limited number of parameters were used; these are the rotational constants  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , the centrifugal distortion constants  $\Delta_J$ ,  $\Delta_K$ ,  $\Delta_{JK}$ ,  $\delta_j$ ,  $\delta_k$  and the barriers to internal rotation  $V_{31} = V_{32}$ . This fit is given as Fit XIAM in Table 1.

Using these parameters, we predicted the frequencies of the transitions in the millimeter wave region between 50 GHz and 110 GHz. In this spectral region, only 45 transitions were reported in previous works. We decided to complete the measurements in order to determine more accurately the molecular parameters. In total, 305 lines (which include 260 newly measured lines) in the ground torsional state with  $J \leq 30$  and  $K_a \leq 8$  were measured and fitted with the XIAM code to a rms deviation of 37.8 kHz. Additionally, 98 transitions between 140–300 GHz reported in (Vacherand et al. 1987) were fitted with the XIAM code. However, three lines at 214 565.74 MHz, 282 636.26 MHz and 288 879.54 MHz show very large observed minus calculated values up to 1.6 MHz and were excluded from the fit. The rms deviation for these data combined with 85 transitions from (Dreizler & Rudolph 1965) and (Demaison et al. 1980) is 69.2 kHz.

**Table 1.** Molecular parameters for dimethyl sulfide in the principal axis system derived from the least-squares fitted parameters in Appendix A (fit BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops) compared with some parameters from a XIAM fit (Fit XIAM), ab initio (Calc.) and previous works (Fit (00), Fit (10) and Fit (01)).

Par. <sup>a</sup>	Unit	Fit BELGI-C <sub>s</sub> -2Tops <sup>b</sup>	Fit XIAM <sup>c</sup>	Fit (00) <sup>d</sup>	Fit (10) <sup>e</sup>	Fit (01) <sup>f</sup>	Calc. <sup>g</sup>
( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}$ ) <sup>h</sup>		(0,0); (1,0); (0,1)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(1,0)	(0,1)	(0,0)
A	MHz	17 782(18)	17 809.72591(81)	17 809.735(8)	17 825.694(46)	17 839.462(28)	17 832.46
B	MHz	7659.7(2.2)	7622.12409(52)	7621.098(2)	7591.081(25)	7575.045(16)	7631.16
C	MHz	5729.7546(62)	5716.74222(58)	5717.769(2)	5700.782(14)	5711.045(9)	5725.53
$f_1 = f_2$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	5.72048(74)	5.8636 <sup>i</sup>	5.8669 <sup>i</sup>	5.8604 <sup>i</sup>	5.8679 <sup>i</sup>	5.8259 <sup>i</sup>
$I_{a_1} = I_{a_2}$	uÅ <sup>2</sup>	3.241974 <sup>j</sup>	3.1586192 <sup>j</sup>	3.15552 <sup>i</sup>	3.15552 <sup>i</sup>	3.15552 <sup>i</sup>	
$V_{31} = V_{32}$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	735.784(44)	753.68(14)	752.04(84)	838.29(31)	848.44(21)	706.7
$f_{12}$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.490(12)	-0.324 <sup>i</sup>	-0.321 <sup>i</sup>	-0.309 <sup>i</sup>	-0.325 <sup>i</sup>	-0.2971
$V_{12S}$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	-32.86(44)			-30.0(51)		6.075
$\rho_{1a} = \rho_{2a}$		-0.09009(44) <sup>k</sup>					
$\rho_{1b} = -\rho_{2b}$		-0.03014(17) <sup>k</sup>					
$\rho_1 = \rho_2$		0.09500(47) <sup>k</sup>	0.09234 <sup>j</sup>				
$\angle(i_1, a)$ <sup>l</sup>		37.8331 <sup>m</sup>	38.1545 <sup>i</sup>	38(6)	39.107(86)	38.27(49)	40.7
$\angle(i_1, b)$ <sup>n</sup>		52.1668 <sup>m</sup>	51.8455 <sup>i</sup>	52 <sup>i</sup>	51 <sup>i</sup>	51.7 <sup>i</sup>	49.3
$\angle(i_1, c)$	°	90.0 <sup>o</sup>	90.0 <sup>o</sup>	90.0 <sup>o</sup>	90.0 <sup>o</sup>	90.0 <sup>o</sup>	90.0
$N^p$		602 / 578	99	63	33	33	
rms <sup>q</sup>	kHz	54.4 kHz / 0.00085 cm <sup>-1</sup>	9.3	11	35	21	

**Notes.** <sup>(a)</sup> Parameters are given with one standard uncertainty in parentheses. <sup>(b)</sup> BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops parameters from the fit shown in Appendix A, derived after a quasi PAM to PAM transformation. <sup>(c)</sup> XIAM parameters deduced in the present work by fitting microwave lines between 2–40 GHz. <sup>(d)</sup> Parameters for the ground state given in Table 2 of (Niide & Hayashi 2004). <sup>(e)</sup> Parameters for the ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0$ ) state given in Table 2 (called (10p)) of (Niide & Hayashi 2004). <sup>(f)</sup> Parameters for the ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1$ ) state given in Table 2 (called (10m)) of (Niide & Hayashi 2004). <sup>(g)</sup> Ground state parameters calculated at the CCSD(T)/CBS(T,Q)+CV(CT)+B<sub>mb</sub> (CCSD/VTZ) level of theory (see Table II of (Senent et al. 2014)). <sup>(h)</sup> Notation for the two excited torsional levels (see (Senent et al. 2014) and text). <sup>(i)</sup> Fixed values. <sup>(j)</sup> The inertia moments of the two methyl groups  $I_{a_1}$  and  $I_{a_2}$  are derived from  $I_{a_n} = \frac{305379.076}{F_{0n}}$  ( $n = 1, 2$ ), where  $F_{0n} = \frac{16I_{a_n}^2 + \rho_{ab}^2 A^2}{4}$ . <sup>(k)</sup> Derived from Eqs. (11) and (12) of (Ohashi et al. 2004). <sup>(l)</sup> Angle between the top 1 axis and the principal  $a$ -axis. The angle  $\angle(i_2, a)$  can be derived from the relation  $\pi - \angle(i_1, a)$ . <sup>(m)</sup> Derived from Eqs. (10), (13) and (14) of (Ohashi et al. 2004). <sup>(n)</sup> Angle between the top 1 axis and the principal  $b$ -axis. Derived from the relation  $\angle(i_1, b) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \angle(i_1, a)$ . Note that  $\angle(i_1, b) = \angle(i_2, b)$  due to symmetry. <sup>(o)</sup> Fixed due to symmetry. Note that  $\angle(i_1, c) = \angle(i_2, c)$ . <sup>(p)</sup> Number of lines. For the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops fit, 602 is the number of all microwave and millimeter wave lines and 578 is the number of the FIR lines. <sup>(q)</sup> Root-mean-square deviations.



**Fig. 2.** a) Section of the FIR spectrum of dimethyl sulfide from 150 to 220  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . b) An enlargement from 183.0 to 183.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  showing the structure of an  ${}^1Q_0$ -branch (in symmetric top notation) of the  $\nu_{15}$  torsion band. Some transitions  $J'_{K'_a K'_c} \leftarrow J_{K_a K_c}$  with  $K'_a = 1$  and  $K_a = 0$  assigned and fitted by the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops code are indicated. The position of the hot band center  $\nu_{15} = 2 \leftarrow 1$  is also given.

### 3.2.2. BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops global fit of the ground and excited states

The BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops code uses a global approach taking the interactions between the rotation-torsional levels into account. All measurements can be fitted with the corresponding weights, equal to the inverse of the square of the measurement accuracy estimated to be 5 kHz, 40 kHz and 100 kHz for 99 transitions in FTMW, 305 transitions in Fit *mm1*, and 180 transitions in Fit *mm2*, respectively (see Table 2).

In total, 584 rotational transitions in the ground torsional state  $\nu_t = 0$ , including the four torsional species AA, AE, EA and EE were fitted with a unitless standard deviation of 0.99. Nevertheless, since the barriers to internal rotation are high ( $V_{31} = V_{32} \approx 730 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which result in rather small splittings in the ground torsional state (on the order of 2 MHz at  $J = 10$ ), the torsion-rotation spectroscopic parameters such as  $V_{31}, f_1, f_2, V_{12S}, q_1$  and  $r_1$  are highly correlated. To decrease these correlations, we measured the FIR spectra of DMS between 50 and 340  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at high resolution. Figure 2 shows an overview of the spectrum between 150 and 220  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and a zoom-in over the band center at 183.5711  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

The assignment of rotational lines for the torsional band, which is referred as  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}) \leftarrow (\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}) = (01) \leftarrow (00)$  in (Senent et al. 2014), was firstly carried out using the Loomis-Wood program package. This software has been shown to be very useful for analyzing the vibration-rotational spectra of rigid molecules (Łodyga et al. 2007) and also molecules exhibiting large amplitude motion (Loomis-Wood 2006). In the FIR spectrum of DMS, the torsional splittings are very small for the  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$  torsional band (about  $10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at  $J = 15$ ). The coupling terms between the overall and internal rotation are also small, as indicated by the parameters  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 \approx 0.095$ . Therefore, our analysis only takes the AA component into account. So, we used

the Loomis-Wood version for an asymmetric top (Łodyga et al. 2007). The preliminary assignment of the AA species for the torsional band  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$  was straightforward, especially for two branches with  $K'_a = 6$  and 7, in which the  $K$  doublet components are degenerate and the line intensities are strong. In total, 578 FIR AA species lines with  $K_a \leq 10$  and  $J \leq 28$  were assigned and fitted. Using the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops code, rotational transitions belonging to these two branches were combined with transitions of the ground state mentioned in Sect. 3.2.1. In addition, 18 AA species microwave lines of two first excited states reported in (Niide & Hayashi 2004) were also included in the fit with a weight of 50 kHz. These two states are noted as (10)p and (10)m in (Niide & Hayashi 2004) and correspond to the  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}) = (1, 0)$  and  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}) = (0, 1)$  states, respectively.

Finally, a global fit with 1180 transitions was performed including 584 transitions in the ground state ( $\nu_t = 0$ ), 18 transitions in the first torsional excited state ( $\nu_t = 1$ ) and 578 transitions of the torsional band  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$ . This fit is given as Fit BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops in Table 1. Each group of transitions with their weights are presented in Table 2 along with their rms deviations, number of lines and maximum values of  $J$  and  $K_a$ .

Twenty-one parameters were determined: three rotational constants  $A', B', C'$ , six centrifugal distortion constants  $D_J, D_K, \delta_J, \delta_K, H_J, H_K$ , the barrier heights  $V_{31} = V_{32}$ , the  $J(J+1)$  dependence terms  $V_{31J} = V_{32J}$ , as well as the rotation-torsion coupling terms  $q_2 = q_1$  and  $r_1 = -r_2$  (Eqs. (2) and (3)). The parameter  $D_{JK}$  could not be determined and was fixed to zero. The torsional dependence parameters of the barrier height,  $V_{31AB} = -V_{32AB}$ , multiplying the term  $(1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)\{J_x, J_z\}$  could not be determined well either and was set to zero. On the other hand, the internal rotation constants  $f_1 = f_2$  and higher order constants  $f_{1K} = f_{2K}$  as well as the parameter  $f_{12} = 0.490(12) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Eq. (1)) were determined well. The top-top interaction constant in the potential energy  $V_{12S}$  was fitted to be  $-32.86(44) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , but the other

**Table 2.** Overview of the measurements and fit quality using the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops code.

	FTMW <sup>a</sup>	mm1 <sup>b</sup>	mm2 <sup>c</sup>	MW <sup>d</sup>	FIR <sup>e</sup>
$J_{\max}$	8	30	30	5	27
$K_{\max}$	4	8	10	1	10
$\nu_t = \nu_{15}$	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0
$\nu_t = \nu_{11}$				1-1	
$N^f$	99	305	180	18	578
Unit	kHz	kHz	kHz	kHz	cm <sup>-1</sup>
Weight	5	40	100	50	$4 \times 10^{-4}$
rms <sup>g</sup>	5.5	52.7	84.6	48.6/69.7	$8.5 \times 10^{-4}$

**Notes.** <sup>(a)</sup> Microwave lines measured between 2–40 GHz. <sup>(b)</sup> Millimeter wave lines measured between 50–110 GHz. <sup>(c)</sup> Millimeter wave lines reported in (Vacherand et al. 1987) between 12–64 GHz and 140–300 GHz. We excluded three lines from this reference (see text). <sup>(d)</sup> Microwave lines of the AA species of the (10)p and (10)m excited states in (Niide & Hayashi 2004) measured between 12–31 GHz. The (10)p and (10)m states correspond to the  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0)$  and  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1)$  states, which fit with root-mean-square deviations of 48.6 kHz and 69.7 kHz, respectively. <sup>(e)</sup> FIR AA species lines measured in the present work between 150–200 cm<sup>-1</sup>, corresponding to the torsional band  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$  ( $\nu_{15}$  torsional mode of the methyl group). <sup>(f)</sup> Number of fitted lines for each set of data. <sup>(g)</sup> Root-mean-square deviation for each set of data.

term  $V_{12C}$  could not be floated and was fixed to zero. The set of parameters of our final fit is shown in Appendix A.

#### 4. Intensity calculation

To calculate the line strengths, we use the same method as described for methyl acetate (Tercero et al. 2013). The calculations used the energy parameters determined in Sect. 3 by the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops code. The dipole moment  $\mu_b$  was fixed to 1.5 Debye (Pierce & Hayashi 1961). For all the transitions, observed frequencies, calculated frequencies from our parameters, difference between observed and calculated values, line strengths, upper and lower state energies for the microwave and millimeter wave lines and for FIR lines are given in Appendix B and Appendix C respectively.

The partition function was calculated in Appendix D using the approximation obtained from the simple asymmetric top expression (Townes & Schawlow 1975) multiplied by the total spin weight  $(2I + 1)^6 = 64$  (where  $I$  is the nuclear spin of Hydrogen,  $I = \frac{1}{2}$ ) and divided by the overall symmetry number, which is equal to 2, for the C<sub>2v</sub> point group (Groner et al. 2002). Appendix D also gives the vibrational partition function. Also, a detailed discussion of Groner et al. (2002) follows Eq. (3). We note that our line strengths already contain the square of the  $b$ -component of the electric dipole moment  $\mu_b$  (Pierce & Hayashi 1961) but to obtain the proper intensities they must be multiplied by the appropriate spin weights (see end of Sect. 3.1).

Finally in Appendix E, which is available at the CDS, we provide a complete line-list containing the line assignments, line frequencies and line strengths as well as upper state and lower state energies in the spectral range from 0 to 300 GHz. As our experimental data and fit covers up to  $J = 30$  and  $K_a = 10$ , we do not expect our spectroscopic parameters to be very reliable for quantum numbers above those values.

#### 5. Discussion

A global fit consisting of pure rotational transitions and rotation-torsional transitions of DMS using the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops code for a molecule with two equivalent rotors was carried out. This fit allows us to reproduce the microwave, millimeter wave and FIR data up to  $J = 30$ . In the microwave and millimeter wave range, the rms deviations are very close to the experimental accuracies for 584 transitions in the ground state  $\nu_t = 0 \leftarrow 0$  (including

the four AA, EE, AE and EA species) and for 18 transitions in the first excited states  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0)$  and  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1)$  (including only the AA species). In the FIR range, the deviation for 578 AA species lines is 0.00085 cm<sup>-1</sup>, about twice the estimated experimental accuracy for isolated lines. However, isolated lines are rare in our spectrum. Most of the lines are blended, probably due to unresolved internal rotation splittings. In fact, the torsional splittings are very small for the  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$  torsional band (about 10<sup>-3</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> at  $J = 15$ ), therefore, AA-EE splitting (and any of the AA-EA or AA-AE splittings) cannot be clearly resolved in most cases.

The comparison of the molecular constants with those deduced from previous studies is not straightforward because of the differences both in the theoretical methods and in the datasets (see Table 1). To compare the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops rotational constants  $A'$  and  $B'$  in the quasi PAM system with the rotational constants  $A$  and  $B$  in the principal axis system,  $A'$  and  $B'$  need to be transformed using Eq. (11) of Ohashi et al. (2004). The results of this transformation are given in Fit BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops of Table 1. It should be noted that the uncertainty of the  $A$  rotational constant is quite high (0.1% of the transformed value). This observation is relatively common in cases of molecules possessing high barriers to internal rotation and small values of the coefficient  $\rho$  which describes coupling between overall rotation and internal rotation (Tudorie et al. 2011).

Furthermore, the rotational constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  reported by Niide & Hayashi (2004) for the ground torsional state (Fit (00) in Table 1) differ by about 0.17%, 0.6% and 0.12%, respectively, from the values determined for the excited torsional state  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1)$  (Fit (01) in Table 1). These differences are very similar to those obtained by comparing the values in Fit (00) with the values for the excited torsional state  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0)$  (Fit (10) in Table 1) and the values in Fit BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops which come from a unique set of parameters determined for all the torsional states. For the same reason, a direct comparison with the ab initio ground state values in (Senent et al. 2014) is also not possible.

On the other hand, the barrier height of 735.784(44) cm<sup>-1</sup> determined by BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops differs by 2% from the ground state value of 752.04(84) cm<sup>-1</sup> in (Niide & Hayashi 2004). This parameter increases to 848.44(21) cm<sup>-1</sup> (almost 13%) for the excited state  $(\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1)$  (see Fit (01) in Table 1). The calculated barrier height of 706.7 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Senent et al. 2014) is 4% lower than our fitted value. On the other hand, the angles between the methyl groups and the principal axes from the



BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops fit are in satisfactory agreement with the values in (Niide & Hayashi 2004) and (Senent et al. 2014).

The top-top interaction constant  $V_{12S}$ , which multiplies the  $\sin 3\alpha_1 \sin 3\alpha_2$  terms, is  $-32.86(44) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which is close to the value of  $-30.0(51) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $36.0(90) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $24.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  found in (Niide & Hayashi 2004), (Trinkaas et al. 1973) and (Durig & Griffin 1977), respectively. The sign difference between our value and the values of those two last references is due to the different sign convention for  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ . The  $V_{12C}$  term, which multiplies  $(1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)(1 - \cos 3\alpha_2)$ , could not be determined and was thus fixed to zero (see Sect. 3.2.2). The values of these interaction terms are comparable to those found for methyl acetate ( $34 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $V_{12S}$  and  $-3.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $V_{12C}$ ; Tudorie et al. 2011). For DMS, the effective two-dimensional PES derived by Senent et al. (2014) at the CCSD(T)-F12/VTZ-F12 level shows only a very small dependence of the torsional modes on the other small amplitude vibrations, after the authors verified the validity of such a 2D Hamiltonian with a full dimensional anharmonic analysis. The effective PES is given by

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = 712.532 - 354.641 (\cos 3\alpha_1 + \cos 3\alpha_2) \\ + 0.583 \cos 3\alpha_1 \cos 3\alpha_2 - 2.767 (\cos 6\alpha_1 + \cos 6\alpha_2) \\ + 0.719 (\cos 3\alpha_1 \cos 6\alpha_2 + \cos 6\alpha_1 \cos 3\alpha_2) \\ + 0.263 \cos 6\alpha_1 \cos 6\alpha_2 + 6.075 \sin 3\alpha_1 \sin 3\alpha_2$$

which can be partly compared to the results in our fit

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = 735.784 - 367.892(\cos 3\alpha_1 + \cos 3\alpha_2) \quad (4) \\ - 32.86 \sin 3\alpha_1 \sin 3\alpha_2.$$

As stated in Senent et al. (2014), the long distance between the two methyl groups in DMS makes the coupling effects associated with this top-top torsional mode near the equilibrium configuration rather small in comparison with its oxygen analog dimethyl ether. As shown in Eq. (5) of Tudorie et al. (2011),  $V_{12S}$  corresponds to an off-diagonal quadratic force constant, which couples the torsional modes of the two tops and classifies the geared and anti-gear character of the torsional normal modes. The term  $\sin 3\alpha_1 \sin 3\alpha_2$  distinguishes the in-phase ( $\alpha_1\alpha_2 > 0$ ) and out-of-phase ( $\alpha_1\alpha_2 < 0$ ) methyl-top oscillations when both tops are near their equilibrium configurations, i.e. where  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are small.

The kinetic energy term  $f_{12}p_{\alpha_1}p_{\alpha_2}$  in our theoretical model also distinguishes the in-phase and out-of-phase methyl-top oscillations. A good agreement was obtained between  $f_1$  and  $f_{12}$  from our fit and those from ab initio calculations (see Table 1). The value of  $f_{12}$  is about 9% of  $f_1$ , showing a relatively small coupling of the top-top torsional modes arising from kinetic effects. It should be mentioned that the values of  $V_{12S}$  and  $f_{12}$  describe the magnitude of the splittings between the two torsional states  $\nu_{11}$  and  $\nu_{15}$ .

In the future, we will also extend the investigations of the excited torsional states ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0$ ) and ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1$ ).

## 6. Conclusion

We measured and modeled the microwave and millimeter wave spectrum of DMS in the ground torsional state  $\nu_t = 0$  including the four species AA, AE, EA and EE for  $J \leq 30$  and  $K_a \leq 10$ . The high resolution far-infrared spectrum was also recorded for the  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$  torsional fundamental band  $\nu_{15}$  and 584 transitions belonging to the AA species for  $J \leq 27$  and  $K_a \leq 10$  were analyzed. A global fit using the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops, which was slightly modified to treat the internal rotations of two equivalent

tops, was performed with 21 floated parameters. The root-mean-square deviations are within the experimental accuracies for the pure rotational transitions in the microwave and millimeter wave range. The rotation-torsional  $\nu_t = 1 \leftarrow 0$  transitions only fit to twice the experimental accuracy because of numerous blended lines.

The set of spectroscopic parameters determined in this work allows us to provide a line-list of rotational transitions in the ground torsional state with line frequencies and line strengths for an astrophysical search of DMS.

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## Appendix A

Table A.1. Spectroscopic constants of dimethyl sulfide in the quasi principal axis system obtained with the program BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops

Operator <sup>a</sup>	Parameter <sup>b</sup>	BELGI-C <sub>s</sub> -2Tops-notation <sup>c</sup>	Value <sup>d</sup> /cm <sup>-1</sup>
$J_z^2$	A'	OA	0.68997(22)
$J_x^2$	B'	B	0.265448(34)
$J_y^2$	C'	C	0.19112405(21)
$-J^4$	$\Delta_J(\times 10^{-6})$	DJ	0.257528(69)
$-J_z^4$	$\Delta_K(\times 10^{-5})$	DK	0.62909(29)
$-2J^2(J_x^2 - J_y^2)$	$\delta_J(\times 10^{-7})$	ODELN	0.889338(89)
$-2\{J_z^2, (J_x^2 - J_y^2)\}$	$\delta_K(\times 10^{-6})$	ODELK	0.35349(27)
$J^6$	$H_J(\times 10^{-12})$	HJ	0.432(92)
$J_z^6$	$H_K(\times 10^{-10})$	HK	0.892(99)
$p_{\alpha_1}^2 = p_{\alpha_2}^2$	$f_1 = f_2$	F1	5.72048(74)
$p_{\alpha_1}^2 J_z^2$	$f_{1K} = f_{2K}$	F1K	0.00011269(12)
$p_{\alpha_1} p_{\alpha_2}$	$f_{12}$	F12 <sup>e</sup>	0.490(12)
$\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)^f$	$V_{3,1} = V_{3,2}$	V31	735.784(44)
$(1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)J^{2f}$	$V_{31J} = V_{32J}$	V31J	-0.0028703(12)
$(1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)\{J_x, J_z\}^f$	$V_{31AB} = -V_{32AB}$	V31AB	0.0 <sup>g</sup>
$(1 - \cos 3\alpha_1)(J_x^2 - J_y^2)^f$	$V_{31BC} = V_{32BC}$	V31BC	-0.0011392(13)
$J_z p_{\alpha_1}^f$	$q_1 = q_2$	Q1	1.0749(17)
$J_z p_{\alpha_1} J^{2f}$	$q_{1J} = q_{2J}(\times 10^{-5})$	Q1J	-0.60494(58)
$J_x p_{\alpha_1}^f$	$r_1 = -r_2$	R1	0.33005(72)
$\sin 3\alpha_1 \sin 3\alpha_2$	$V_{12s}$	V12S	-32.86(44)
$p_{\alpha_1} p_{\alpha_2} (p_{\alpha_1} - p_{\alpha_2}) J_x$	$r_{12p}(\times 10^{-3})$	R12P	-0.3515(10)
$p_{\alpha_1} p_{\alpha_2} (p_{\alpha_1} + p_{\alpha_2}) J_z$	$q_{12m}(\times 10^{-4})$	Q12M	0.5419(72)

**Notes.** <sup>(a)</sup> Operator which the parameter multiplies in the program. <sup>(b)</sup> Notation of Eq. (6) and Table 3 of Ref. (Ohashi et al. 2004). <sup>(c)</sup> Notation used in the program input and output. <sup>(d)</sup> Value of the parameter obtained from the final least-squares fit, with one standard uncertainty given in parentheses. <sup>(e)</sup> F12 is named  $f_{12}$  in Eq. (6) of Ref. (Ohashi et al. 2004). <sup>(f)</sup> Similar expressions for the operators related to top 2 were used. <sup>(g)</sup> Fixed value (see text).

## Appendix B

Table B.1. Excerpt the line-list for DMS in the microwave and millimeter wave range.

Upper state		Lower state				Freq. Obs. <sup>b</sup> MHz	Freq. Cal. <sup>c</sup> MHz	Obs.-Calc. <sup>d</sup> MHz	S. $\mu^2$ <sup>e</sup> Debye <sup>2</sup>	E' <sup>f</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>	E'' <sup>g</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>	Sym. <sup>h</sup>
$\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}^a$	J' K' <sub>a</sub> K' <sub>c</sub>	$\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}^a$	J'' K'' K'' <sub>c</sub>	J'' K'' K'' <sub>c</sub>								
00	1 1 0	00	1 0 1	12092.195(5)	12092.189(0.001)	0.005	3.36963	188.4777	188.0743	AA		
00	3 1 2	00	2 2 1	12142.837(5)	12142.829(0.003)	0.007	0.51223	190.8556	190.4506	AA		
00	2 1 1	00	2 0 2	14238.141(5)	14238.143(0.001)	-0.002	5.12130	189.4310	188.9561	AA		
00	2 0 2	00	1 1 1	16246.124(5)	16246.126(0.001)	-0.002	1.42005	188.9561	188.4142	AA		
00	7 1 7	00	6 2 4	16647.908(5)	16647.905(0.006)	0.003	0.33685	199.3997	198.8444	AA		
00	7 3 5	00	6 4 2	16892.018(5)	16892.015(0.005)	0.004	1.01264	203.5346	202.9712	AA		
00	5 2 3	00	4 3 2	17073.756(5)	17073.754(0.004)	0.001	0.76068	196.0117	195.4422	AA		
00	1 -1 0	00	1 0 1	12091.718(5)	12091.715(0.001)	0.003	3.36962	188.4786	188.0752	AE		
00	1 -1 0	00	1 0 1	12091.711(5)	12091.711(0.001)	0.000	3.36962	188.4786	188.0752	EA		
00	1 -1 0	00	1 0 1	12091.956(5)	12091.951(0.001)	0.005	3.36962	188.4781	188.0748	EE		
00	3 -1 2	00	2 2 1	12143.376(5)	12143.376(0.003)	0.001	0.51216	190.8561	190.4510	EE		
00	3 -1 2	00	2 2 1	12143.857(5)	12143.853(0.003)	0.004	0.51223	190.8565	190.4514	EA		
00	3 -1 2	00	2 2 1	12143.995(5)	12143.991(0.003)	0.004	0.51194	190.8565	190.4514	AE		
00	2 -1 1	00	2 0 2	14237.612(5)	14237.608(0.001)	0.004	5.12129	189.4319	188.9570	EA		
00	2 -1 1	00	2 0 2	14237.872(5)	14237.876(0.001)	-0.003	5.12129	189.4315	188.9566	EE		
Excited torsional state												
10	1 1 0	10	1 0 1	12116.970(50)	12117.043	-0.073	3.35906	365.8830	365.4788	AA		
10	2 1 1	10	2 0 2	14244.700(50)	14244.737	-0.037	5.11035	366.8327	366.3575	AA		
10	3 1 2	10	3 0 3	17848.180(50)	17848.161	0.019	6.18584	368.2519	367.6565	AA		
10	4 1 3	10	4 0 4	23273.800(50)	23273.731	0.069	6.53779	370.1332	369.3569	AA		
10	5 1 4	10	5 0 5	30676.160(50)	30676.185	-0.025	6.38600	372.4657	371.4424	AA		
10	1 1 1	10	0 0 0	23518.560(50)	23518.591	-0.031	2.23936	365.8200	365.0355	AA		
01	1 1 0	01	1 0 1	12120.970(50)	12120.976	-0.006	3.36960	372.0480	371.6437	AA		
01	2 1 1	01	2 0 2	14215.880(50)	14215.905	-0.025	5.13400	372.9964	372.5222	AA		
01	3 1 2	01	3 0 3	17758.970(50)	17759.065	-0.095	6.22940	374.4139	373.8215	AA		
01	4 1 3	01	4 0 4	23091.000(50)	23091.042	-0.042	6.60280	376.2933	375.5231	AA		

**Notes.** The table includes: assignments, observed frequencies, calculated frequencies from the BELGI-C<sub>3v</sub>-2Tops fit, residuals, line strengths, upper and lower state energy levels for dimethyl sulfide CH<sub>3</sub>SCH<sub>3</sub> transitions from ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 0$ ) (ground state), ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0$ ) and ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1$ ) (first excited torsional state) included in the fit with parameters of Appendix A. To obtain intensities, the line strengths need to be multiplied by appropriate statistical weights, the Boltzmann factor and divided by the total partition function (see Appendix D). The spin-weight statistics AA: EE: AE: EA depend on the parity of  $K_a K_c$ , i.e., 6:16:4:2 for  $K_a K_c$ : ee-oo and 10:16:4:6 for  $K_a K_c$ : eo-oe (Vacherand et al. 1987). <sup>(a)</sup> Upper and lower state quantum numbers are indicated by “and”, respectively. Energy levels of the EA, AE and EE species have a signed  $K_a$  value (Herbst et al. 1984). <sup>(b)</sup> Observed ground state ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 0$ ) as well as excited torsional states ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0$ ) and ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1$ ) transitions in MHz with estimated uncertainties in parentheses (in kHz). Estimated experimental uncertainty are given according to the source of data. 5 kHz: MB-FTMW Aachen; 40 kHz: millimeter-wave Aachen; 100 kHz: (Vacherand et al. 1987); 50 kHz: millimeter-wave (Niide & Hayashi 2004). <sup>(c)</sup> Calculated line frequency in MHz with calculated uncertainty. <sup>(d)</sup> Differences between the experimental and calculated frequencies in MHz. <sup>(e)</sup> Calculated line strengths in D<sup>2</sup> (for details of the calculation procedure, see text). <sup>(f)</sup> Upper state energy (cm<sup>-1</sup>) including the zero-point torsional energy. <sup>(g)</sup> Lower state energy (cm<sup>-1</sup>) including the zero-point torsional energy. <sup>(h)</sup> Symmetry species in the C<sub>3v</sub> ⊗ C<sub>3v</sub> direct product; see text. The full table is available at the CDS.



## Appendix C

Table C. 1. Small part of the line-list for DMS in the Far-Infrared Range.

Upper state		Lower state				Freq. Obs. <sup>b</sup>	Freq. Cal. <sup>c</sup>	Obs.-Calc. <sup>d</sup>	E <sup>e</sup>	E <sup>f</sup>	Sym. <sup>g</sup>
$\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}$	J' K' <sub>d</sub>	K' <sub>c</sub>	$\nu_{11}, \nu_{15}^d$	J'' K'' <sub>d</sub>	K'' <sub>c</sub>						
01	4 3	2	00	3 2	2	187.2254(4)	187.2241	0.0014	379.0095	191.7854	AA
01	18 3	15	00	17 2	15	195.1112(4)	195.1122	-0.0010	453.4215	258.3092	AA
01	21 3	18	00	20 2	18	197.2921(4)	197.2925	-0.0004	479.7745	282.4820	AA
01	19 4	15	00	18 3	15	195.1048(4)	195.1034	0.0014	465.2528	270.1494	AA
01	11 3	9	00	10 2	9	190.9340(4)	190.9324	0.0015	403.9876	213.0552	AA
01	15 2	14	00	16 3	14	172.6030(4)	172.6034	-0.0005	423.6603	251.0569	AA
01	14 2	13	00	15 3	13	173.3282(4)	173.3285	-0.0003	417.4880	244.1595	AA
01	23 3	20	00	24 4	20	167.3158(4)	167.3175	-0.0017	499.1823	331.8648	AA
01	10 5	5	00	11 6	5	174.5303(4)	174.5311	-0.0008	405.1221	230.5910	AA
01	6 5	1	00	7 6	1	176.3690(4)	176.3708	-0.0017	389.8637	213.4929	AA
01	13 5	8	00	12 4	8	192.3193(4)	192.3208	-0.0015	421.4556	229.1348	AA
01	8 4	5	00	9 5	5	176.1740(4)	176.1727	0.0013	393.2615	217.0888	AA
01	4 4	1	00	5 5	1	178.0102(4)	178.0101	0.0000	381.6092	203.5991	AA
01	13 4	10	00	12 3	10	192.2187(4)	192.2180	0.0007	418.0421	225.8241	AA
01	9 2	8	00	10 3	8	176.6724(4)	176.6719	0.0005	392.2997	215.6278	AA
01	7 5	2	00	6 4	2	190.0235(4)	190.0232	0.0003	392.9944	202.9712	AA
01	9 5	4	00	8 4	4	190.8671(4)	190.8671	-0.0000	400.6202	209.7530	AA
01	25 2	23	00	24 1	23	200.3931(4)	200.3928	0.0003	513.5741	313.1813	AA
01	14 4	11	00	13 3	11	192.7928(4)	192.7919	0.0009	424.3296	231.5377	AA
01	21 2	19	00	22 3	19	168.5083(4)	168.5082	0.0001	474.5946	306.0864	AA
01	14 2	12	00	15 3	12	173.9100(4)	173.9112	-0.0012	420.8914	246.9802	AA
01	16 2	14	00	17 3	14	172.3051(4)	172.3069	-0.0018	434.3755	262.0686	AA
01	17 5	12	00	18 6	12	171.6425(4)	171.6424	0.0001	450.2336	278.5913	AA
01	13 2	11	00	14 3	11	174.7003(4)	174.6997	0.0006	414.6950	239.9953	AA
01	9 6	3	00	10 7	3	174.2676(4)	174.2685	-0.0009	404.6806	230.4121	AA
01	21 5	16	00	22 6	16	169.8776(4)	169.8788	-0.0013	487.1456	317.2668	AA
01	10 2	8	00	11 3	8	176.7771(4)	176.7754	0.0016	398.3315	221.5560	AA
01	12 6	6	00	13 7	6	172.8807(4)	172.8795	0.0012	419.5060	246.6265	AA
01	20 5	15	00	21 6	15	170.4110(4)	170.4110	-0.0000	477.2119	306.8009	AA
01	14 5	9	00	15 6	9	172.7738(4)	172.7728	0.0010	427.8757	255.1030	AA
01	16 5	11	00	17 6	11	172.0027(4)	172.0035	-0.0008	442.2567	270.2531	AA
01	13 5	8	00	14 6	8	173.1910(4)	173.1912	-0.0001	421.4556	248.2644	AA

**Notes.** The table includes assignments, observed frequencies and calculated frequencies from the BELGI-C<sub>s</sub>-2Tops fit, residuals, upper and lower state energy levels as well as line symmetry for dimethyl sulfide. The full table is available at the CDS. <sup>(a)</sup> Upper and lower state quantum numbers are indicated by “and”, respectively. Energy levels of EA, AE and EE species have a signed K<sub>d</sub> value (Herbst et al. 1984). <sup>(b)</sup> Observed transitions in the torsional band ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 0, 1$ ) ← ( $\nu_{11}, \nu_{15} = 1, 0$ ) in cm<sup>-1</sup> with estimated uncertainties in parentheses on the last digit. <sup>(c)</sup> Calculated line frequency in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>(d)</sup> Differences between the experimental and calculated frequencies in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>(e)</sup> Upper state energy (cm<sup>-1</sup>) including the zero-point torsional energy calculated at 187.6294 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>(f)</sup> Lower state energy (cm<sup>-1</sup>) including the zero-point torsional energy calculated at 187.6294 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>(g)</sup> Symmetry species in the C<sub>3v</sub> ⊗ C<sub>3v</sub> direct product; see text.

**Appendix D****Table D.1.** Partition function for dimethyl sulfide.

Temperature (K)	Asymmetric top approximation $Q_{\text{rot}}^a$	$Q_v^b$
10	5554.84	1.000000
20	15 711.46	1.000005
50	62 104.98	1.011980
100	175 659.41	1.194962
200	496 839.84	2.254191
300	912 753.07	4.606948

**Notes.** <sup>(a)</sup> Rotational partition function calculated using the asymmetric top approximation (Townes & Schawlow 1975). <sup>(b)</sup> Vibrational partition function calculated using harmonic oscillator approximation on the 21 normal modes, i.e., including the two low torsional states  $\nu_{15}$  and  $\nu_{11}$ . The total partition function is given by the product of the rotational ( $Q_{\text{rot}}$ ) and vibrational ( $Q_v$ ) partition function.