ACETYLENE ¹²C₂H₂ LABORATORY MEASUREMENTS FOR ASTROPHYSICAL APPLICATIONS

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The acetylene molecule is important for atmospheric, planetary, and astrophysical applications. This organic molecule, known as a precursor of amino acids, shows numerous vibration-rotation bands in the IR. Two recent works on line intensities measurements will be presented.

A study around 7.7 μ m was motivated by SPITZER observations of C₂H₂ in this spectral region that cannot be modeled using the current line list of HITRAN/GEISA due to the lack of data ^{*a*}. High resolution spectra have been recorded with the Bruker HR IFS 120 of the LADIR and analyzed to deduce absolute line intensities of several bands included the one present in HITRAN, the ($\nu_4 + \nu_5$)⁰ + strong band^{*b*}. On the whole, line intensities of 2 cold bands and 15 hot bands have been studied, and a complete line list has been generated ^{*c*}.

Another study using SOLEIL synchrotron will be presented in the spectral region around 100 cm⁻¹ of interest for astrophysical applications (SPITZER, ALMA, HERSCHEL...). High resolution spectra have been recorded with the Bruker HR IFS 125 of SOLEIL. For accurate line intensities measurement based on the FIR beam of the synchrotron, the strong wavenumber dependence of the beam radius had to be modeled in the apparatus function calculation. Absolute line intensities of the intense ν_5 - ν_4 band have been measured ^d, and those of the 4 weaker hot bands are in progress.

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