

^{13}C MONO-SUBSTITUTED ISOTOPOLOGUES OF PROPYNE (H_3CCCH): INVESTIGATING THE ACETYLENIC CH STRETCH PERTURBATION

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- ➔ Intramolecular vibrational relaxation (IVR)
 - the acetylenic CH stretch can be used to study non- and near-resonant perturbations – Kerstel *et al.* J.Chem.Phys., 100 (1994) 2588
- ➔ Chemical evolution in planetary atmospheres, circumstellar shells, planetary nebulae, and the interstellar medium
 - the close spacing of the K^2 -subbands and the relatively low dipole moment ($\mu=0.78$ D) make propyne an ideal probe of gas temperature
 - observed ratio of $^{13}\text{C}:^{12}\text{C}$ gives insight into the fractionation history of astronomical objects
- ➔ Propyne is seen in both galactic and extragalactic sources
- ➔ The mono-substituted ^{13}C isotopologues are significantly less studied compared to the ^{12}C isotopologue

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 - For $\text{H}_3^{13}\text{CCCH}$ and $\text{H}_3\text{CC}^{13}\text{CH}$, the combination band $\nu_3+2\nu_9$ is predicted to have about 2% the intensity of the fundamental band
 - For $\text{H}_3\text{C}^{13}\text{CCH}$, the combination bands $\nu_3+2\nu_9$ and $\nu_7+3\nu_9$ are predicted to have about 30% and 10%, respectively, the intensity of the fundamental band

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ν_1	0.035 <i>0.41^[4]</i>	0.646 <i>0.665^[4]</i>	0.035 <i>-0.2[★]</i>	0.622 <i>0.630[★]</i>	0.030 <i>101.0[★]</i>	0.640 <i>0.662[★]</i>	0.027 <i>-37.7[★]</i>	0.590 <i>0.625[★]</i>
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ν_4	-27.4	1.67 <i>0.40^[21]</i>	-27.2	1.42	-27.4	1.67	-27.4	1.57
ν_5	6.01 <i>7.572^[15]</i>	1.29 <i>1.260^[21]</i>	6.04	1.25	6.03	1.29	5.90	1.20
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ν_7	39.7 <i>42.89^[31]</i>	-0.887 <i>-0.26^[21]</i>	39.6	-0.759	39.7	-0.891	39.7	-0.834
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ν_9	0.652 <i>1.353^[36]</i>	-0.187 <i>-0.18^[21]</i>	0.651	-0.180	0.670	-0.186	0.652	-0.156
ν_{10}	1.29 <i>2.170^[33]</i>	-0.821 <i>-0.78^[21]</i>	1.42	-0.798	1.19	-0.787	1.30	-0.803

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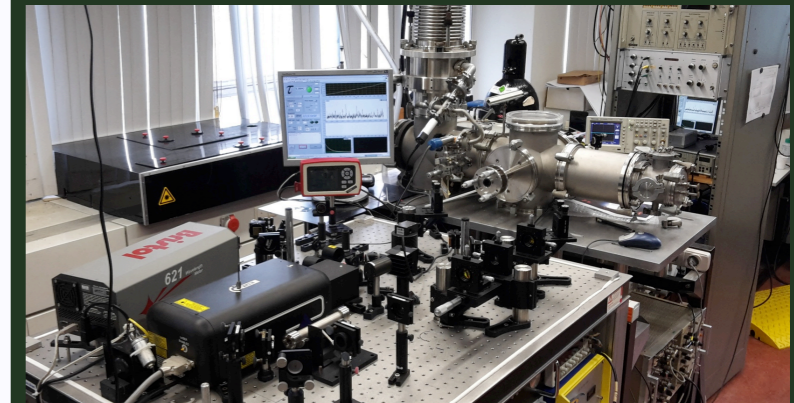
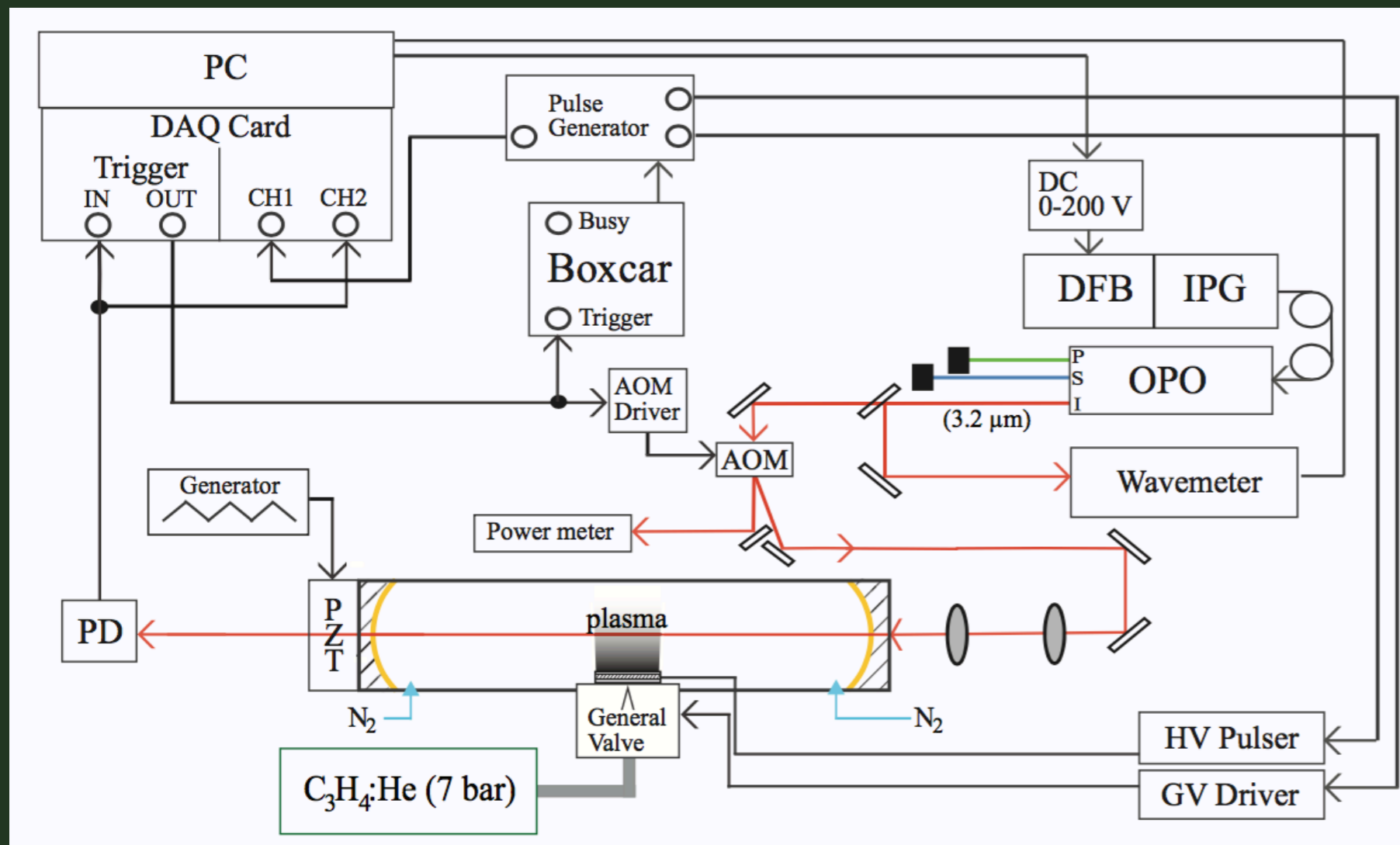
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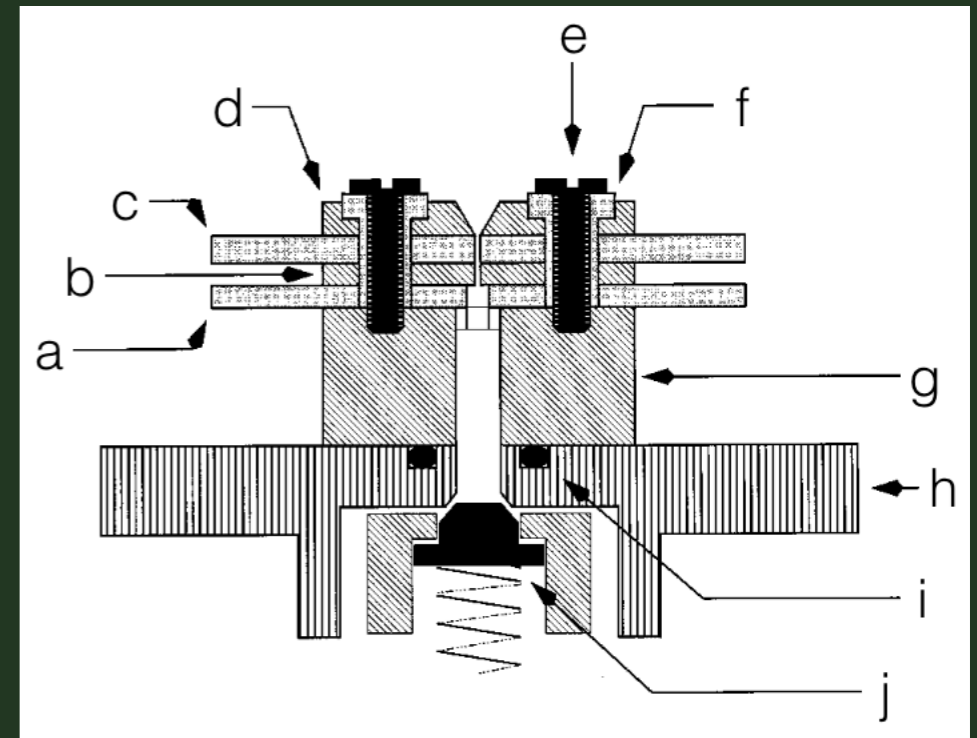
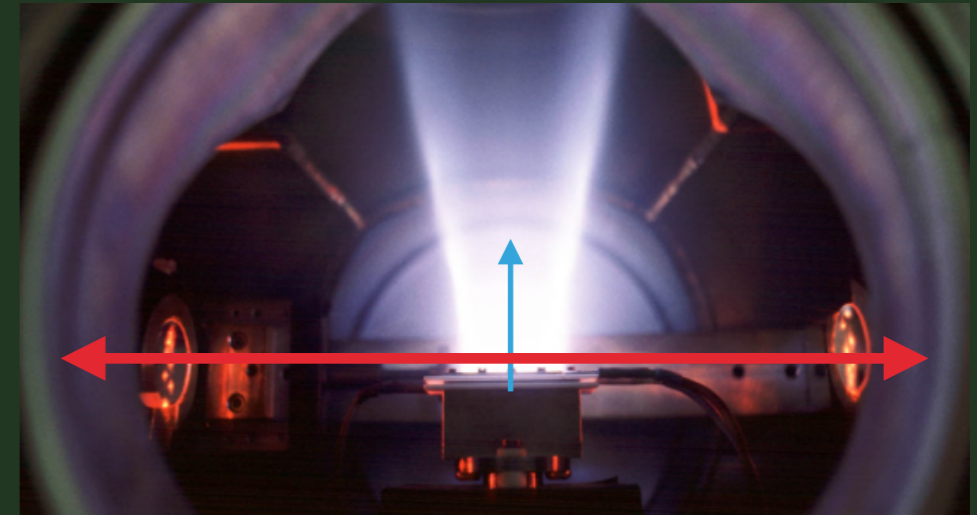
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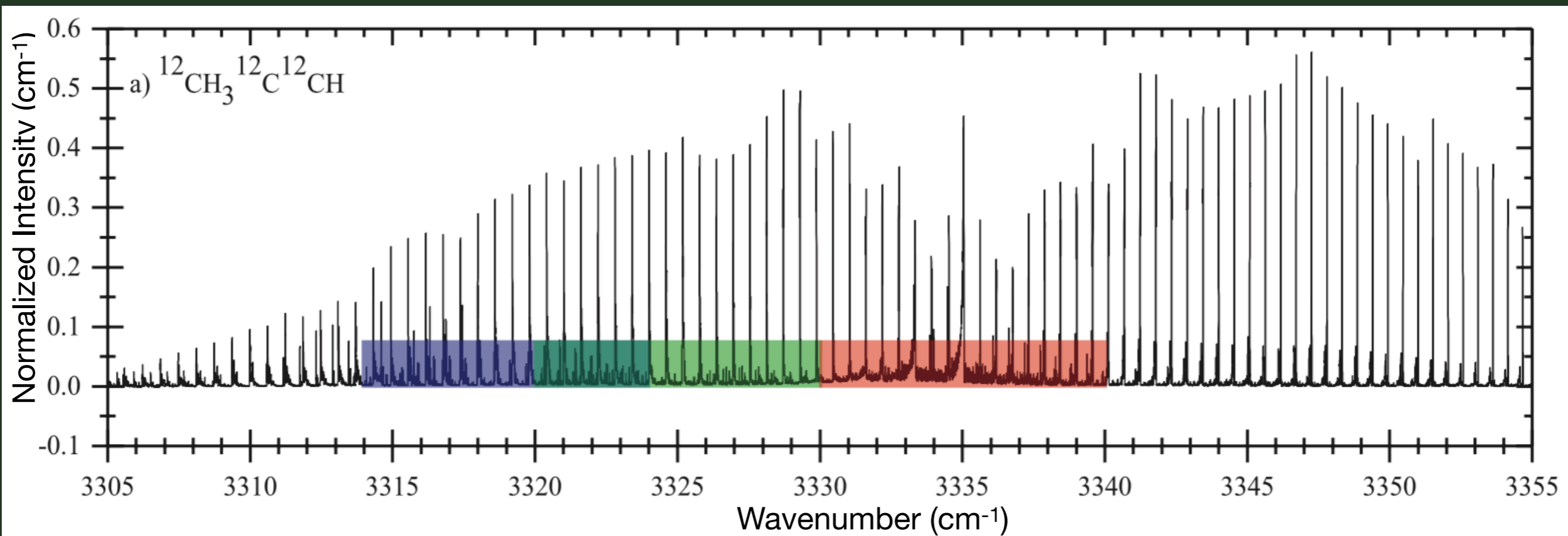
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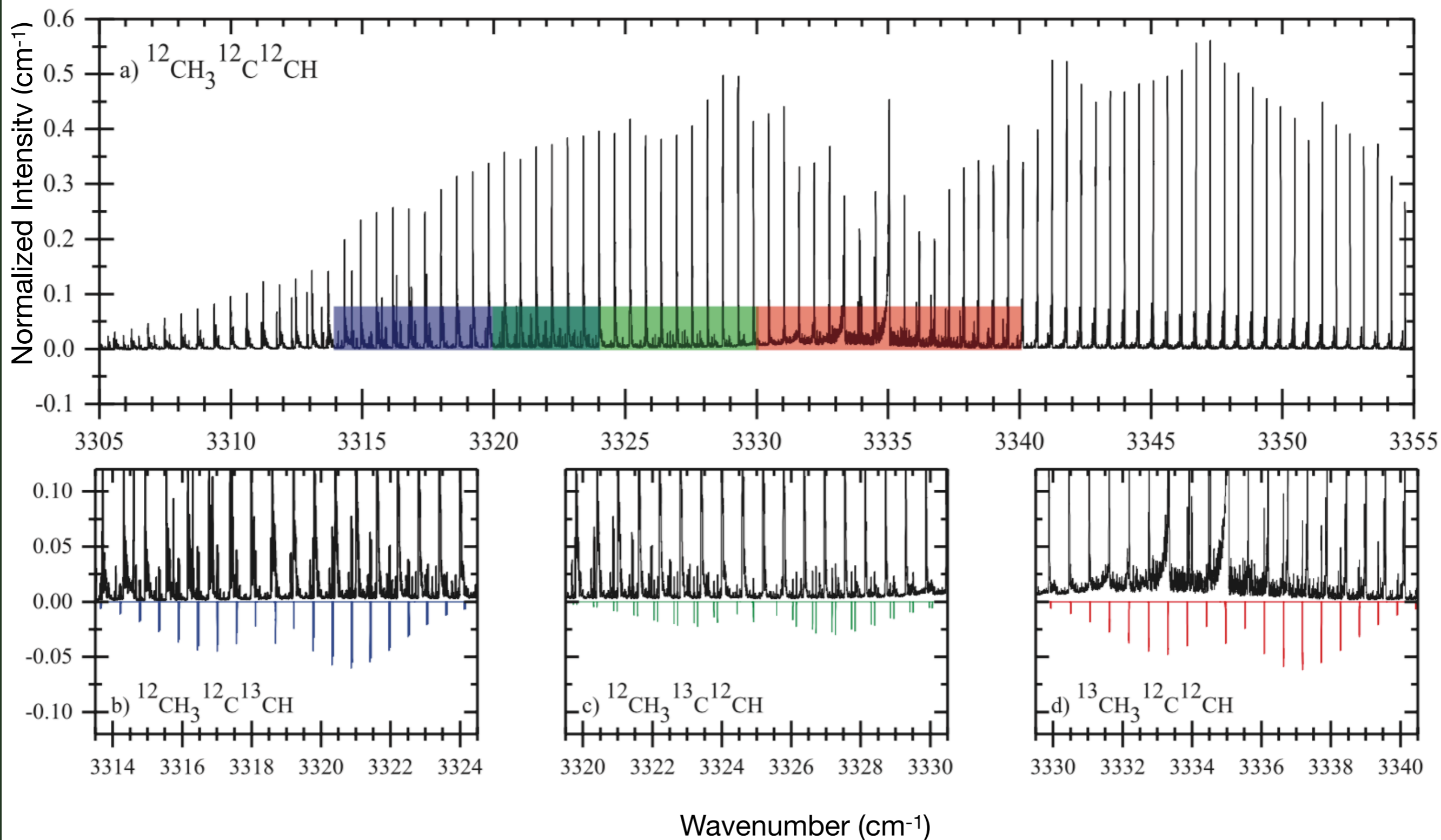
- Continuously tunable IR light from 2500 - 4100 cm^{-1}
- Quantum shot noise limited absorbance sensitivity
- Near-Doppler free absorption linewidths (≤ 60 MHz)

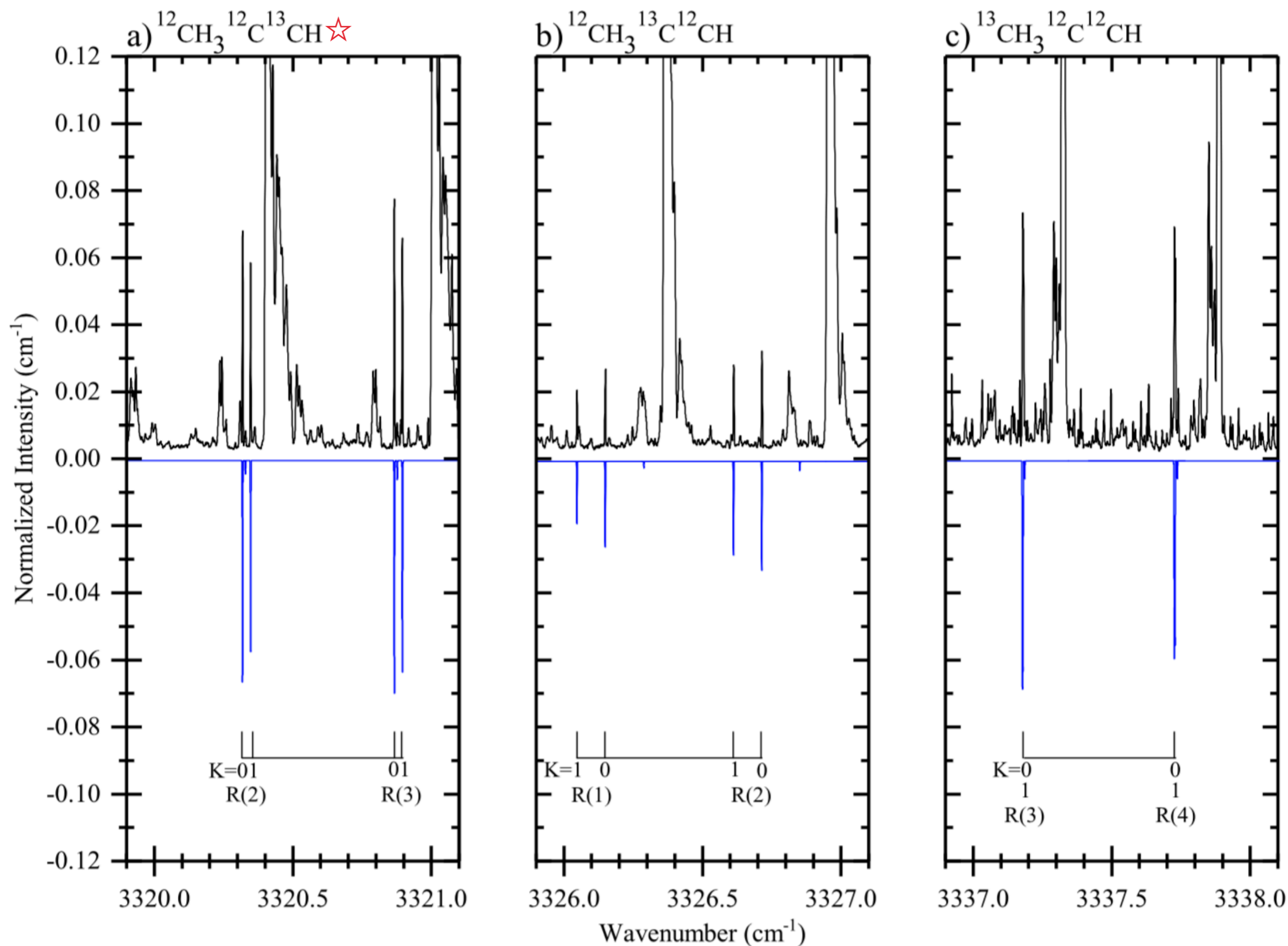
- 0.5% propyne in 1:1 Ar:He
 - contains a natural abundance (~ 1.1%) of the mono-substituted ¹³C isotopologues of propyne
- Supersonic planar jet expansion
- Thin slit discharge nozzle (0.5x32mm)

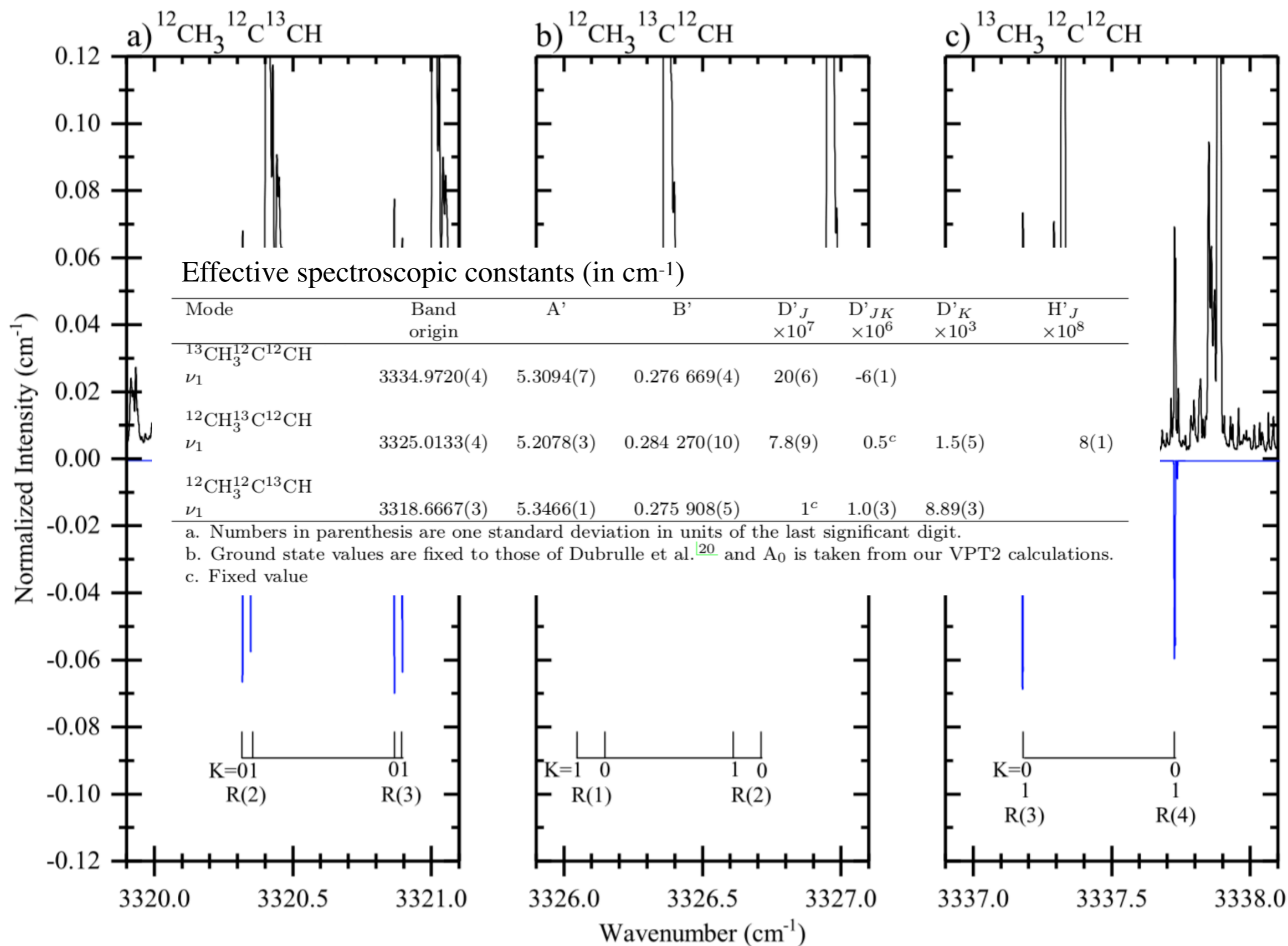




→ Simulated spectra at 10K rotational temperature







- CCSD(T)/ANO1 VPT2 calculations predict Fermi resonances, which are confirmed by experimental band origins - **but the combination band intensities are too weak to be distinguishable in the experimental spectrum**
- All isotopologues have small predicted values for α_1^A which could not be experimentally confirmed for two isotopologues ($\text{H}_3\text{CC}^{13}\text{CH}$ and $\text{H}_3\text{C}^{13}\text{CCH}$) - **suggesting a “double crossing” type perturbation (likely the result of an interaction with at least one other (A_1+A_2) pair state) as determined for the normal isotopologue**
- Based on the observed shift w.r.t. ^{13}C placement, the ν_1 and the main perturbing state involves vibrations that occur at opposite ends of the carbon chain

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