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Spectroscopic Observation of Two-Center Three-Electron Bonded (Hemi-Bonded) Structures of the $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_n^+$ Clusters in the Gas Phase

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Table S1-1. Calculated relative energies in kJ/mol of the isomers of $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_n^+$ ($n = 3 - 6$) at the UMP2/aug-cc-pVDZ and UB2PLYPD/aug-cc-pVDZ levels. Spin angular moment $\langle S^2 \rangle$ values are also shown.

Structure ^[a]	UMP2/aug-cc-pVDZ	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	UB2PLYPD/aug-cc-pVDZ	$\langle S^2 \rangle$
3-1	0	0.7776	0	0.7609
3-2	41.6	0.7619	48.4	0.7560
3-3	44.7	0.7637	50.9	0.7569
3-4	54.6	0.7611	92.2	0.7557
3-5	80.6	0.7611	63.4	0.7556
4-1	0	0.7778	0	0.7610
4-2	4.63	0.778	0.840	0.7612
4-3	6.01	0.7759	2.76	0.7607
4-4	9.13	0.7773	N/A	N/A
4-5	42.8	0.7616	46.6	0.7559
5-1	0	0.7775	0	0.7609
5-2	3.28	0.7776	5.85	0.7610
5-3	10.7	0.7623	N/A	N/A
5-4	4.76	0.7768	8.86	0.7608
5-5	46.0	0.7611	53.4	0.7556
6-1	0	0.7780	0	0.7610
6-2	2.87	0.7774	N/A	N/A
6-3	6.01	0.7770	6.74	0.7608
6-4	46.6	0.7611	57.1	0.7556

^[a] The label of the structure corresponds to those in the following Tables and Figures.

Table SI-2. Calculated harmonic frequencies of the isomers of $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_4^+$ at the UMP2/aug-cc-pVDZ level. All units are in cm^{-1} . The hemi-bonded type isomers are scaled by 0.942 and the proton-transferred type isomer is scaled by 0.946. The corresponding experimental values are listed for comparison.

	Exp.	4-1	4-2	4-3	4-4	4-5^[a]
stretch of H-bonded SH in the ion core		2210 2243	2166 2182	2232 2266	2150	1949 2021 2138
stretch of SH• radical						2584
stretch of free SH in the hemi-bonded core	<u>2565</u>	2565 2566	2565 2567	2555 2578	2548 2564 2585 ^[b]	
sym. stretch of free SH in H-bonded H_2S	<u>2593</u>	2586 2587	2585 ^[c] 2585 ^[c]	2586 2588	2585 ^[b]	2592 2593
sym. stretch of free SH in charge-dipole bound H_2S					2593	
asym. stretch of free SH in H-bonded H_2S	<u>2610</u>	2610 2611	2609 ^[c] 2609 ^[c]	2610 2612	2610	2615 2617
asym. stretch of free SH in charge-dipole bound H_2S					2618	

^[a] Proton-transferred type.

^[b] These two vibrational modes are heavily mixed.

^[c] Degenerated frequencies.

Table SI-3. Calculated harmonic frequencies of the isomers for $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_4^+$ at the UB2PLPYD/aug-cc-pVDZ level. All units are in cm^{-1} . The hemi-bonded type isomers are scaled by 0.9607 and the proton-transferred type isomer is scaled by 0.963. The corresponding experimental values are listed for comparison.

	Exp.	4-1	4-2	4-3	4-5^[a]
stretch of H-bonded SH in the ion core		2144 2195	2094 2126	2161 2194	1884 1963 2107
stretch of SH• radical					2580
stretch of Free SH in the hemi-bonded core	<u>2565</u>	2576 2577	2574 2576	2568 2582	
sym. stretch of H-bonded H_2S	<u>2593</u>	2593 ^[b] 2593 ^[b]	2587 ^[b] 2587 ^[b]	2590 2591	2593 2594
asym. stretch of H-bonded H_2S		2608 ^[b] 2608 ^[b]	2603 ^[b] 2603 ^[b]	2606 ^[b] 2606 ^[b]	2608 2609

^[a] Proton-transferred type

^[b] Degenerated frequencies

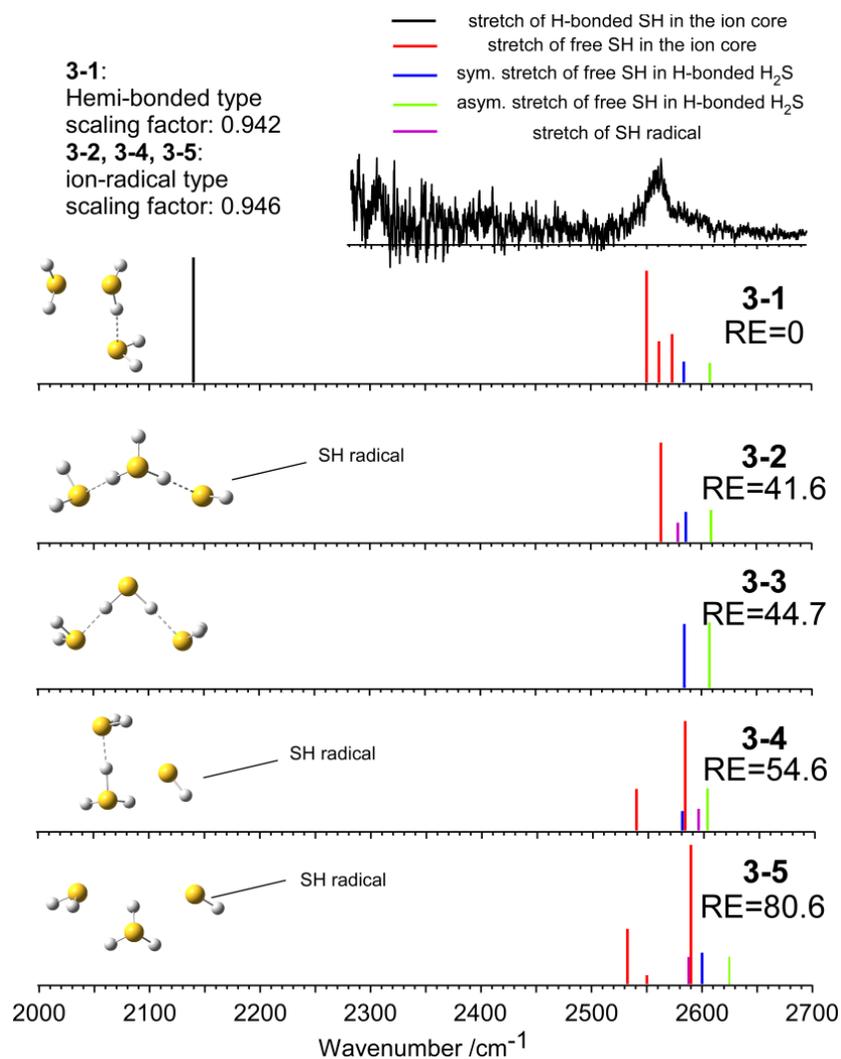


Figure SI-1. Comparison between the observed and simulated spectra of $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_3^+$. Colors of the sticks represent types of stretch modes, and they are shown on the top of the panel. Relative energy (RE) is also shown in kJ/mol. Since the intensity of the stretch of H-bonded SH in the ion core is about 100~400 times greater than those of the free SH stretches in the neutral H₂S moiety, its stick is simply cut for a clear presentation. The stretch frequencies of H-bonded SH in the ion core of **3-2**, **3-3** and **3-4** are out of the displayed range; 1690 and 1945 cm⁻¹ for **3-2**, 1573 and 1754 cm⁻¹ for **3-3**, and 1368 cm⁻¹ for **3-4**.

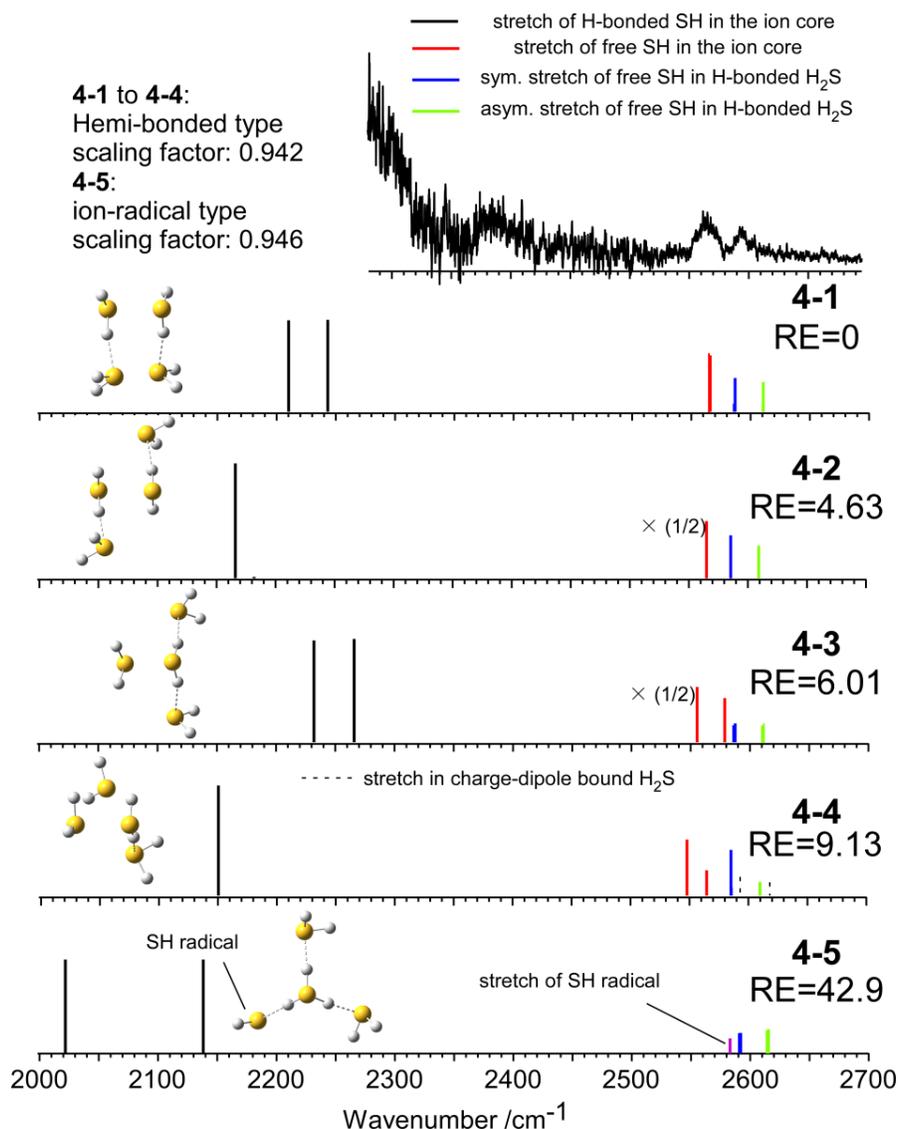


Figure SI-2. Comparison between the observed and the simulated spectra for $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_4^+$. Colors of the sticks represent types of stretch modes, and they are shown on the top of the panel. Relative energy (RE) is also shown in kJ/mol. Since the intensities of the stretches of H-bonded SH in the ion core are about 100~400 times greater than that of the free SH stretches in the neutral H₂S moiety, their sticks are simply cut for a clear presentation. The two bands of stretches of H-bonded SH in the hemi-bonded core of **4-2** are degenerated. Another stretch of H-bonded SH in the ion core of **4-5** is located at 1949 cm⁻¹. For **4-4**, one H₂S is bound to the hemi-bonded ion core by the charge-dipole interaction.

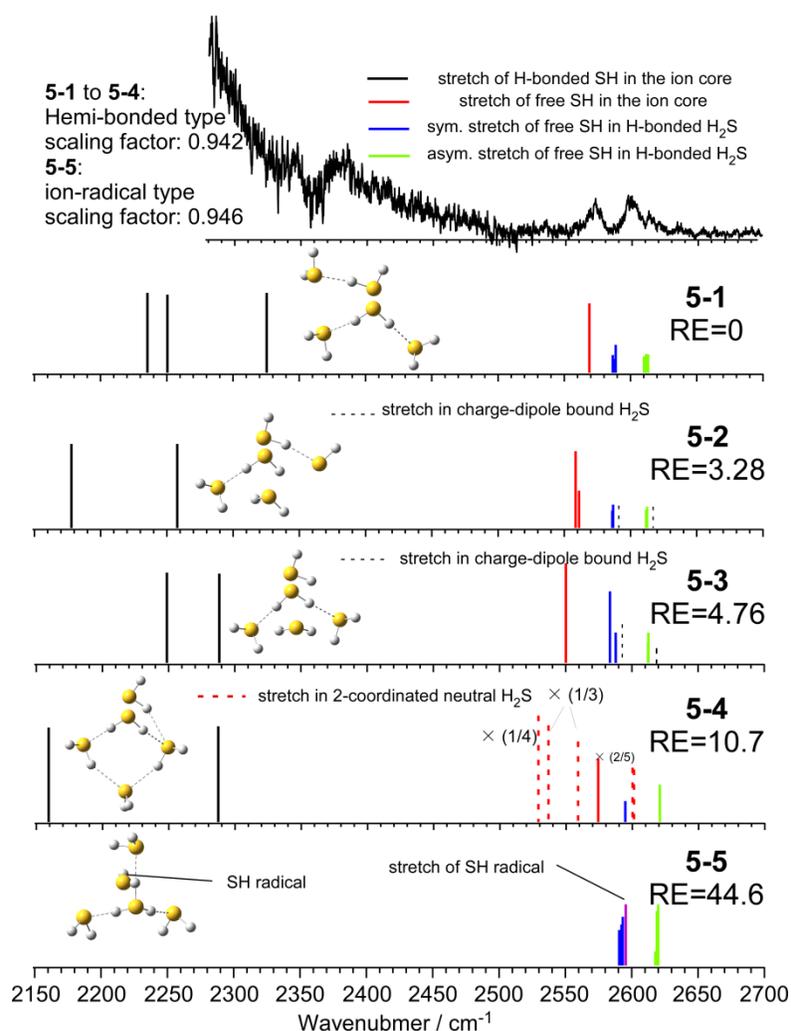


Figure SI-3. Comparison between the observed and the simulated spectra for $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_5^+$. Colors of the sticks represent types of stretch modes, and they are shown on the top of the panel. Relative energy (RE) is also shown in kJ/mol. Since the intensities of the stretches of H-bonded SH in the ion core are about 100~400 times greater than that of the free SH stretches in the neutral H₂S moiety, their sticks are simply cut for a clear presentation. In **5-2** and **5-3**, there are the stretch vibrational modes of charge-dipole bound H₂S, which are denoted by black dotted lines. In **5-4**, the SH stretches arising from the 2-coordinated H₂S sites are denoted by red dotted lines. The stretches of H-bonded SH in the ion core of **5-5** locate at 1889, 2011, and 2106 cm⁻¹.

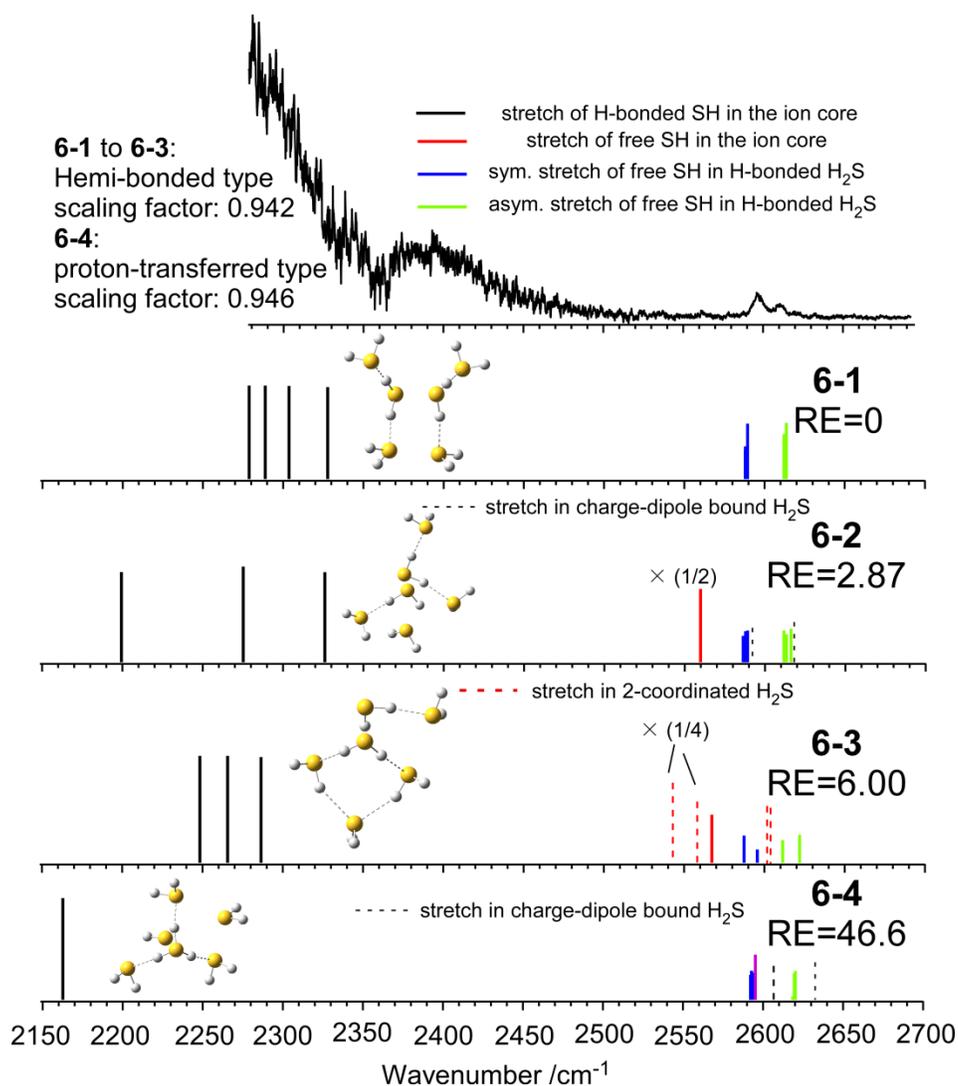


Figure SI-4. Comparison between the observed and the simulated spectra for $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_6^+$. Colors of the sticks represent types of stretch modes, and they are shown on the top of the panel. Relative energy (RE) is also shown in kJ/mol. Since the intensities of the stretches of H-bonded SH in the ion core are about 100~400 times greater than that of the free SH stretches in the neutral H₂S moiety, their sticks are simply cut for a clear presentation. For **6-2** and **6-4**, there are the stretch vibrational modes of charge-dipole bound H₂S, which are denoted by black dotted lines. The stretches arising from the 2-coordinated H₂S sites in **6-3** are denoted by red dotted lines. Another two stretches of H-bonded SH in the ion core of **6-4** locate at 1897 and 1995 cm⁻¹.