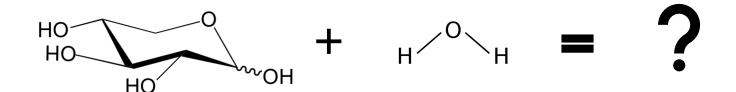




#### FIRST MONOSACCHARIDE-WATER COMPLEX CAUGHT BY MICROWAVE SPECTROSCOPY

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Their molecular structure is essential for an understanding of their function and the molecular basis of their macroscopic properties.



They perform their biological activity in aqueous environments.

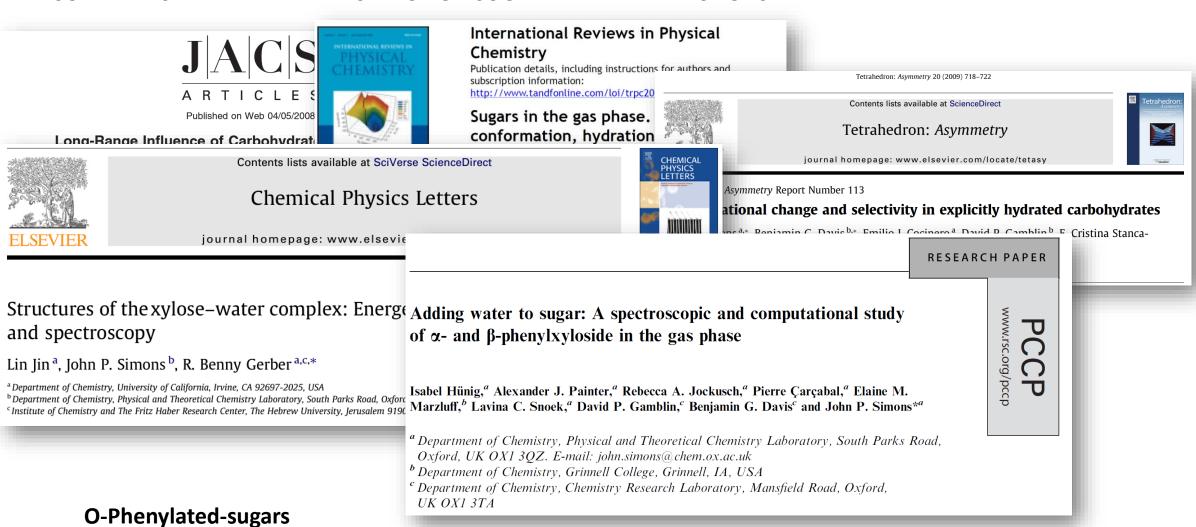


Limited microscopic knowledge on how water interacts with monosaccharides.

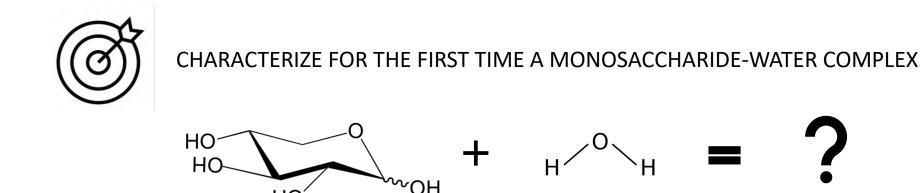
#### A LOT OF COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY RESEARCH ON SUGAR-WATER INTERACTIONS



#### ALSO THERE IS EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH ON SUGAR-WATER INTERACTIONS



BUT THERE IS A LACK OF EXPERIMENTAL DATA OF MONOSACCHARIDES-WATER COMPLEXES IN ISOLATION CONDITIONS....



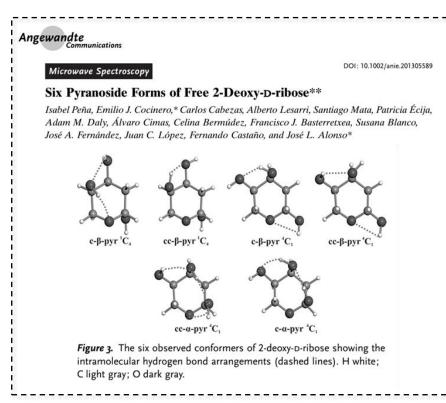
**USING HIGH RESOLUTION MICROWAVE SPECTROSCOPY** 

What system is the best to tackle first?

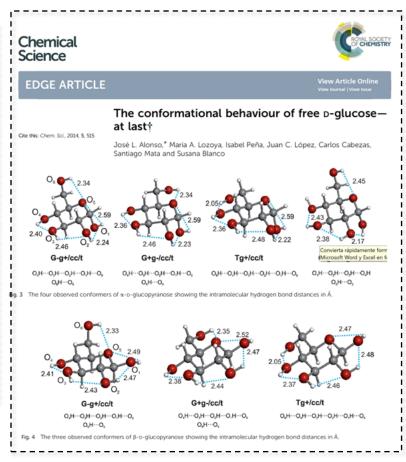
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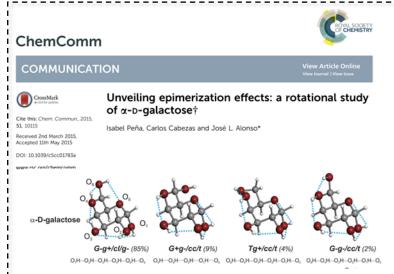
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6 conformers



4 conformers of  $\alpha$ -anomer 3 conformers of  $\beta$ -anomer



4 conformers



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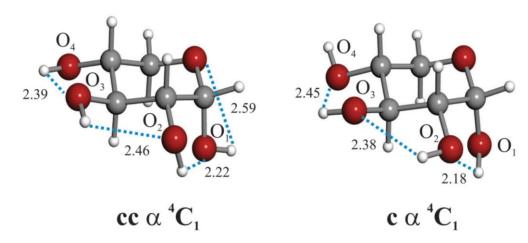
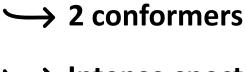


Fig. 4 The three dimensional structures of the two observed conformers of a-p-xylose showing the intramolecular hydrogen bond distances in Å.



→ Intense spectra

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→ <sup>13</sup>C characterized



### **EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH**

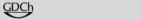




Sugars have high melting points, besides being thermolabile compounds



# LASER ABLATION SYSTEM EKSPLA Nd-YAG picosecond laser



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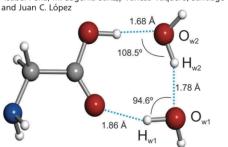
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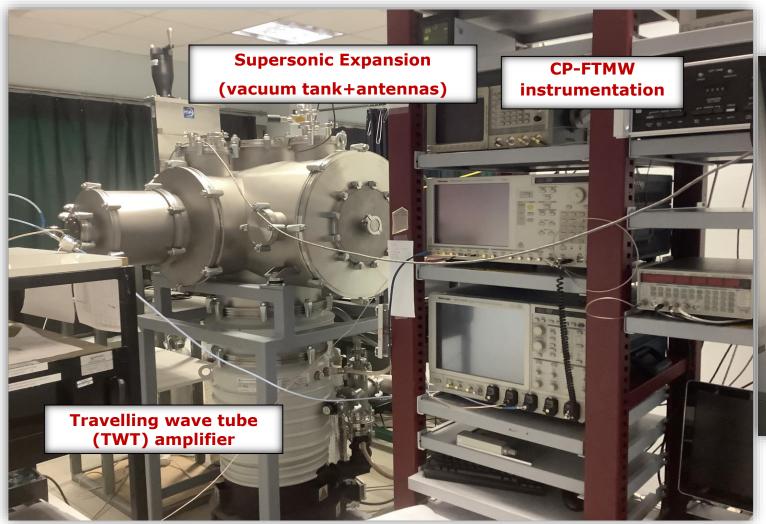
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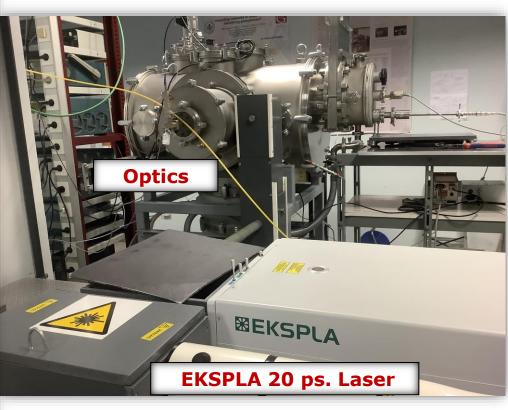
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Laser Ablation Chirped Pulsed Fourier Transform Microwave (LA-CP-FTMW) spectrometer

6.5-18 GHz configuration





# **EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY**

### Laser Ablation Chirped Pulsed Fourier Transform Microwave (LA-CP-FTMW)

6.5-18 GHz configuration

Variables to consider in the experiment:

### **Carrier gas**



#### **Water ratio**

0.01-0.05% water in Neon bottle

#### **Working pressure**

15 bar

#### Laser ablation

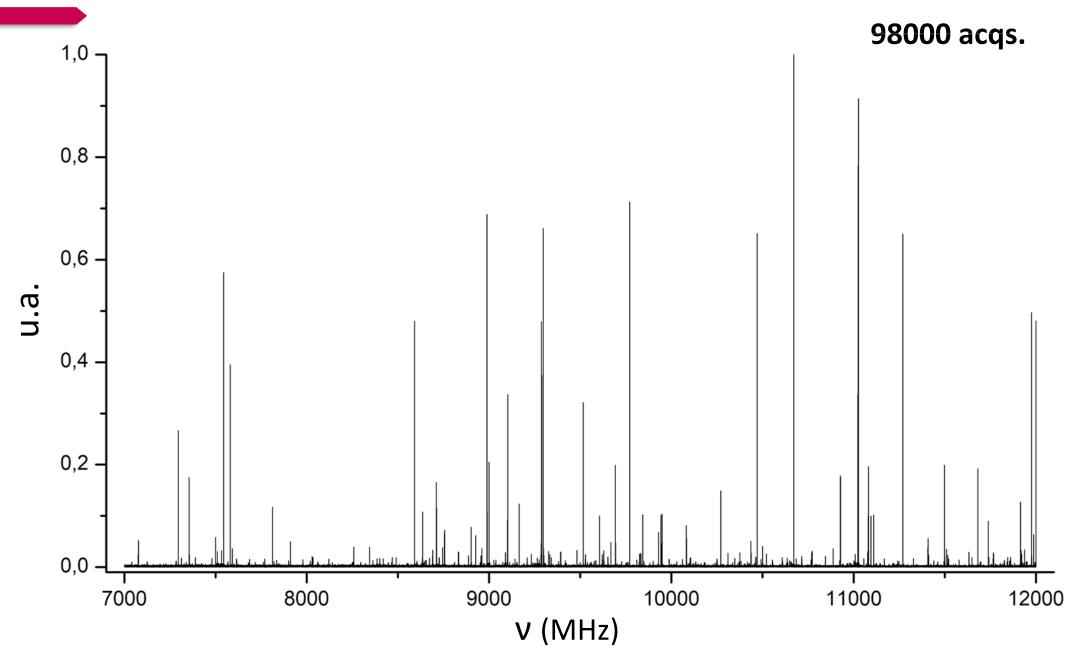


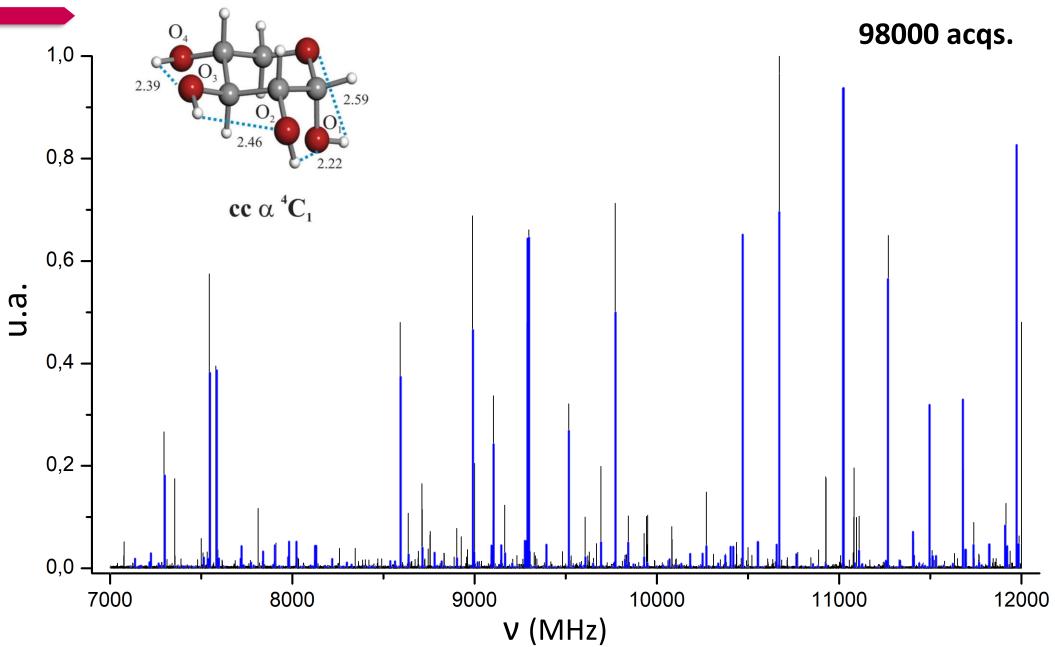
#### Laser wavelenght

4<sup>th</sup> Harmonic (266 nm)

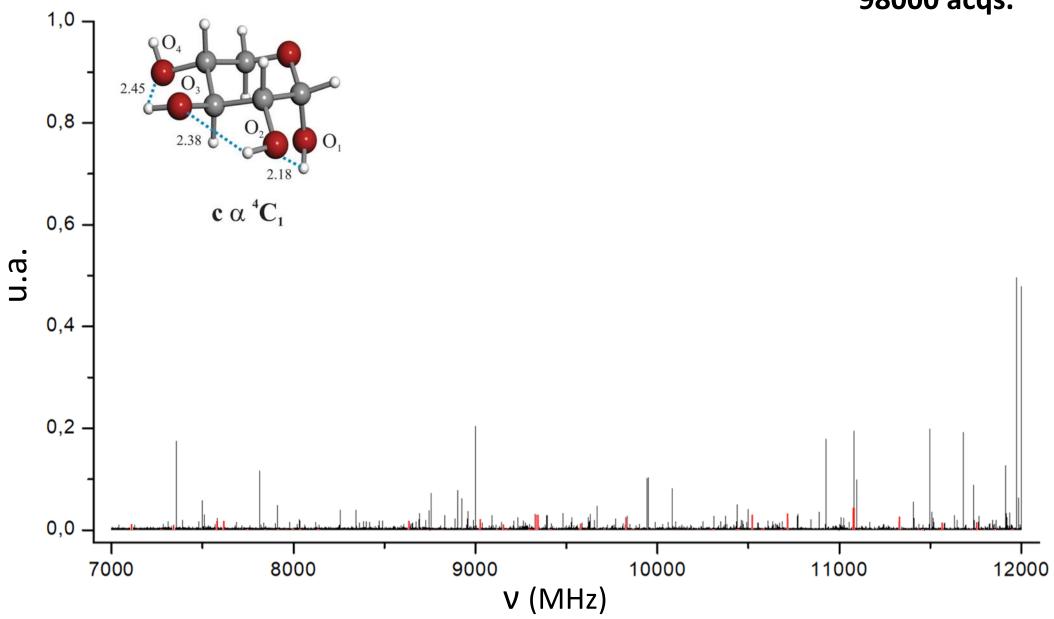
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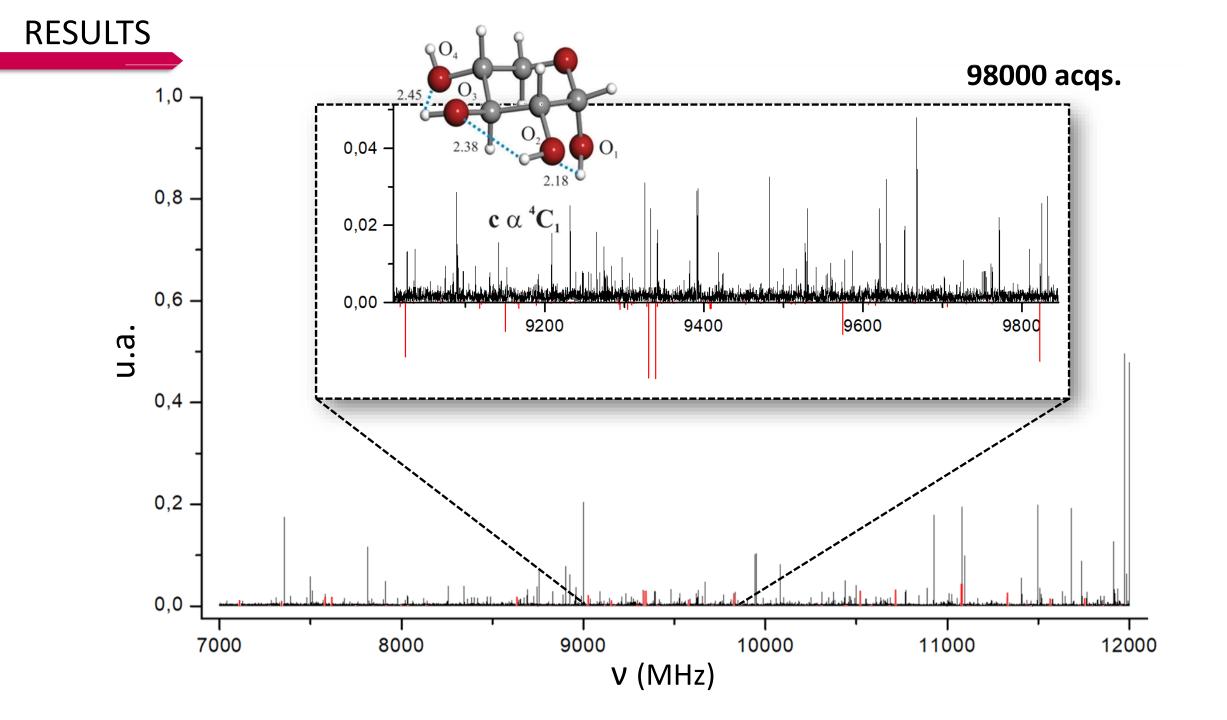
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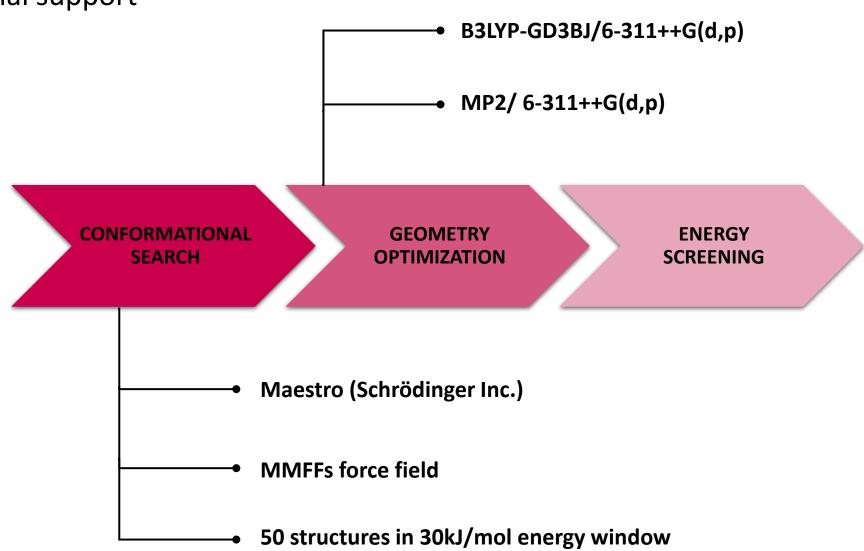




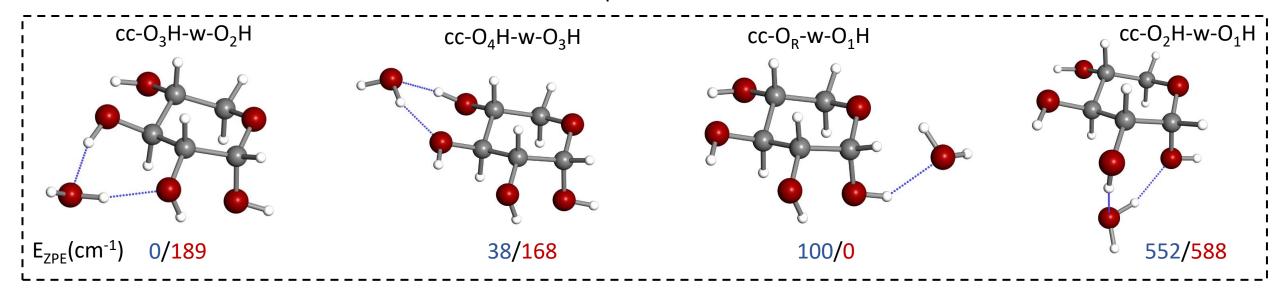




# Computational support



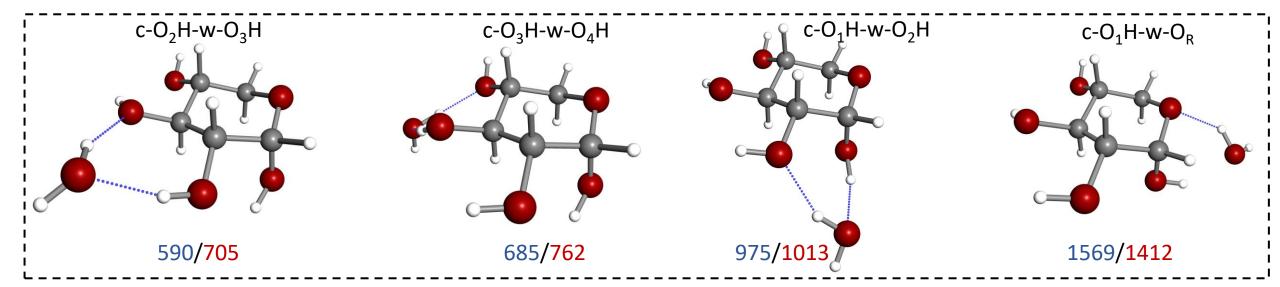
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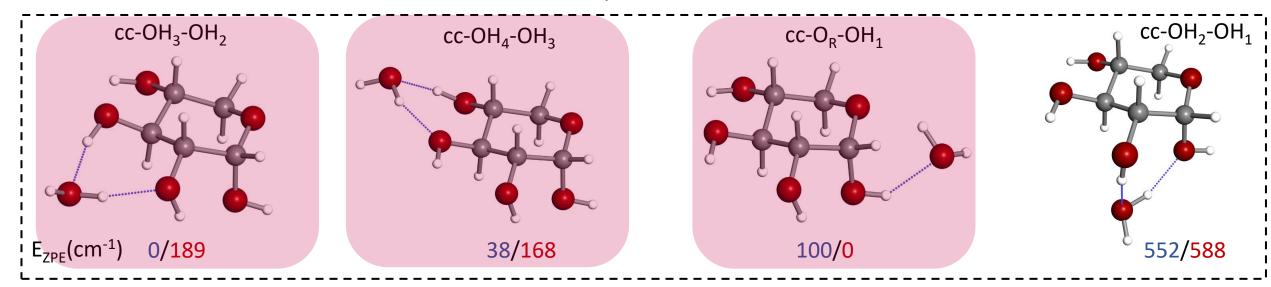
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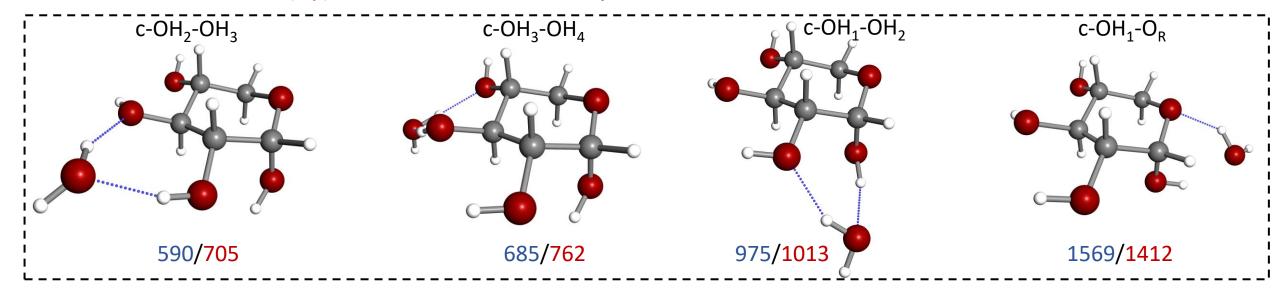
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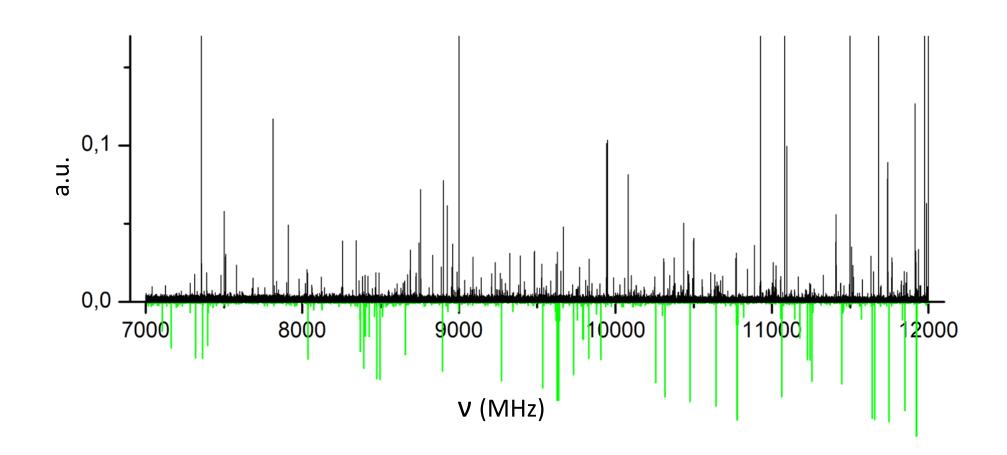


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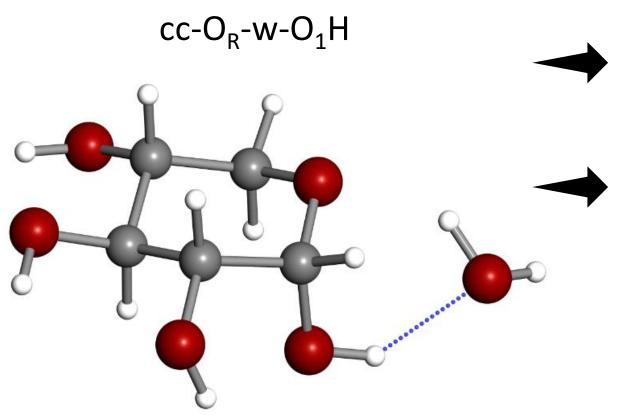
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# **DISCUSSION**



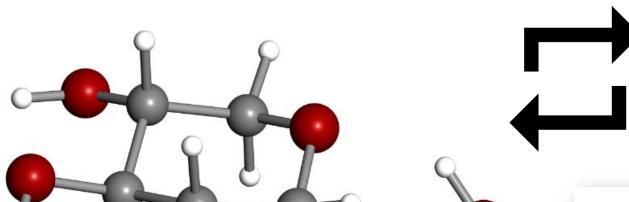
The structure of the monosaccharide in the complex remains the same as the structure already determined in the gas phase for  $\alpha$ -xylopyranose.

The water binds to the oxigen of the ring and the anomeric hydroxyl group  $(O_1H)$ 

COULD THIS BE CONSIDERED THE FIRST STEP IN THE MUTARROTATION PROCESS?

 $cc-O_R-w-O_1H$ 

**CONTRAST RESULTS** 



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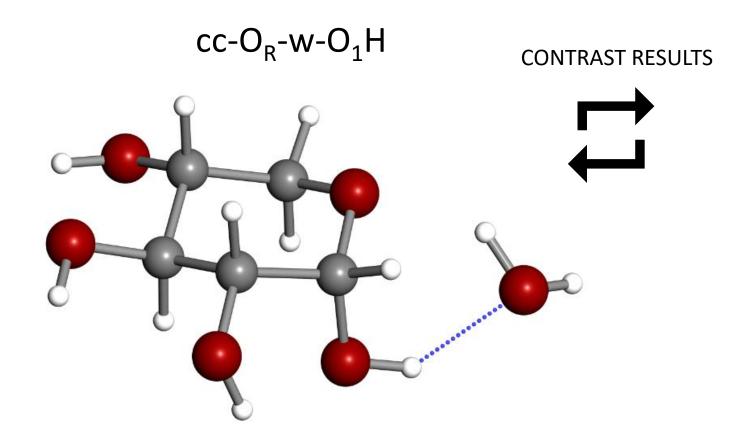
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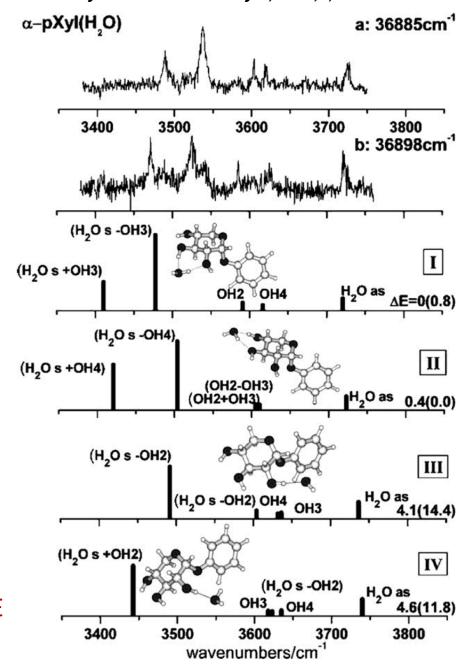
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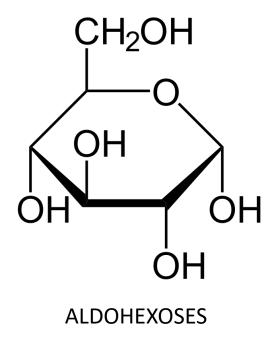
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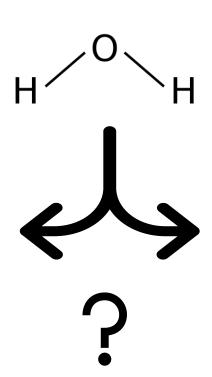


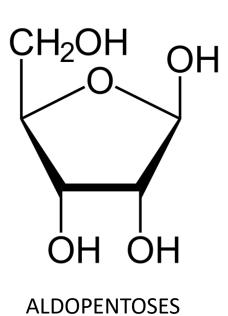
# **FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**



EXTEND THESE STUDIES TO OTHER MONOSACCHARIDES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE BINDING SITE PREFERENCES OF THE WATER MOLECULE







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