Coherence-converted population transfer FTMW-IR double resonance spectroscopy of CH$_3$OD in the asymmetric CH-Stretch Region

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