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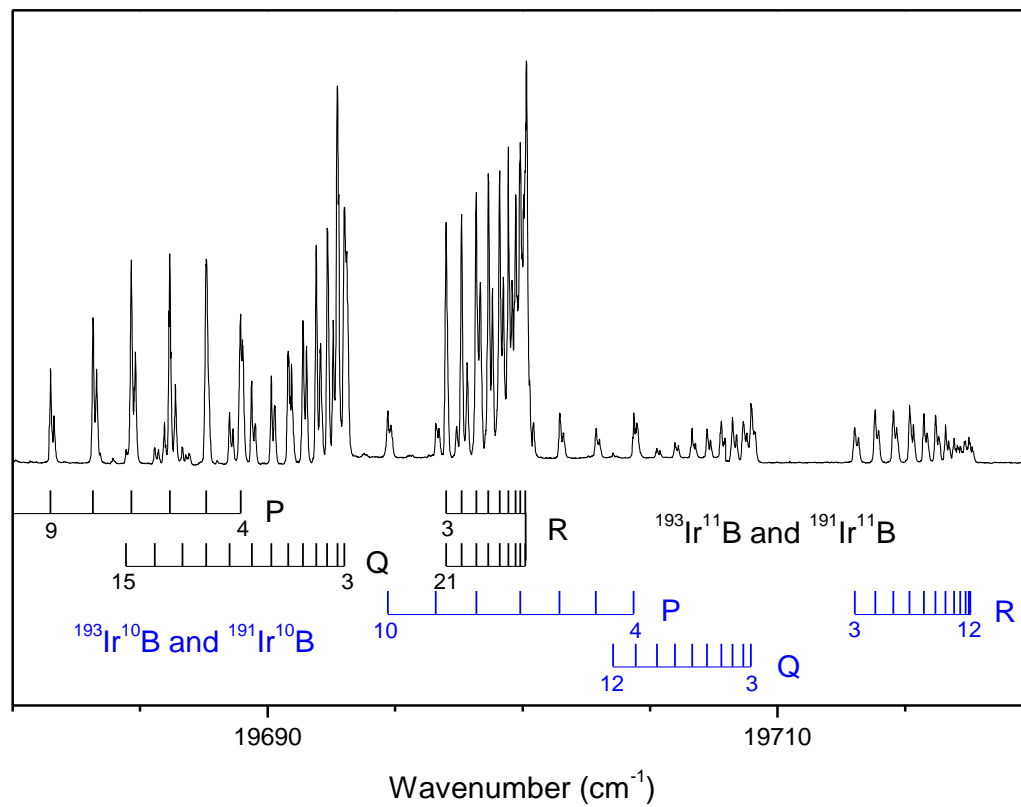
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**Research Highlights:**

- . New molecular transition bands of IrB
- . Four new electronic transitions have been observed and analyzed
- . Molecular constants of the upper and lower states were determined



Electronic transition spectrum of the (1, 0) band of the [18.8]  $^3\Delta_3 - X^3\Delta_3$  system of IrB with all four isotopic molecules resolved

# Electronic transitions of iridium monoboride

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## I. INTRODUCTION

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2 Metal borides (MB) are characterized by a great number of unique properties<sup>1</sup>. Most of  
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14 diboride (TiB<sub>2</sub>) is known to be five times better than the titanium metal itself<sup>4</sup>. In addition,  
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33 formation of carbon bonds (X = H, C, O, F etc.)<sup>7,8</sup>. Spectroscopic properties of diatomic  
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1 In this work, we report the analysis of thirteen vibrational bands belonging to four  
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4  $^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ ,  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ ,  $^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  and  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  were resolved and studied.  
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## 10 II. EXPERIMENT

11 The experimental apparatus and detailed procedures for producing metal containing  
12 molecules using laser vaporization/reaction free-jet expansion source and LIF spectroscopy have  
13 been described in earlier publication.<sup>14</sup> Only a brief description of the relevant experimental  
14 conditions for obtaining IrB spectrum is given here. Frequency-doubled Nd:YAG laser pulses  
15 with 5-6 mJ were focused onto the surface of an iridium rod to generate iridium atoms. A pulsed  
16 valve was synchronized with appropriate time delay released gas mixture of 0.5%  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$  in argon  
17 to react with the iridium atoms for the production of IrB. A pulsed dye laser operated with  
18 Coumarin dyes and pumped by a Nd:YAG laser with wavelength set to 355nm produced tunable  
19 output in the visible region, which was used to excite the IrB molecules produced. The LIF  
20 signal was collected by means of a lens system and detected by a photomultiplier tube (PMT).  
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22 The PMT output was fed to a fast oscilloscope for averaging and storage. The laser linewidth of  
23 the tunable dye laser was about  $0.07\text{cm}^{-1}$ . However, typical molecular linewidth obtained was  
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### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### A. Low Resolution Broadband Spectrum

Low resolution LIF spectrum of IrB in the spectral region between 400 to 545nm has been recorded. A broadband scan of the IrB spectrum is shown in Figure 1, which shows three transition systems. A total of 13 transition bands were recorded and analyzed. We were able to identify four electronic transitions, namely the [18.8]  $^3\Delta_3 - X^3\Delta_3$ , [21.1]  $^3\Phi_4 - X^3\Delta_3$ , [22.8]  $^3\Phi_3 - X^3\Delta_3$ , and [22.4]  $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$  transitions. Except the [22.4]  $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$  transition, all other three transitions originate from the ground  $X^3\Delta_3$  state. As far as the least squares fitting of the molecular lines were concerned, for those lines originated from the ground  $X^3\Delta_3$  state the rotational constant  $B$  was fixed at value determined earlier<sup>9</sup>. Figure 2 summarizes the electronic transitions identified and studied so far. Individual electronic transition observed is discussed in detail below. A list of the measured line positions of all the recorded transitions is deposited in the journal archive.

#### B. The [18.8] $^3\Delta_3 - X^3\Delta_3$ Transition

We have recorded three vibrational bands of this system: the (0, 0), (1, 0) and the (1, 1) bands. Figure 3 shows the (1, 0) band with all four isotopic molecules. The assignment of rotational structure was straight forward. The P, Q, and R branches are clearly resolved; from their respective first lines, namely P(4), Q(3) and R(3), we concluded that the upper state of this transition has an  $\Omega = 3$  value. The intensity of the P and R branches is generally strong, which is

consistent with a  $\Delta\Lambda = 0$  transition. The upper state is assigned to be  ${}^3\Delta_3$  state. The observed line positions were fit to the following expression:

$$v = v_0 + B'J'(J'+1) - D'[J'(J'+1)]^2 - \{ B''J''(J''+1) - D''[J''(J''+1)]^2 \}, \quad (1)$$

where ' and '' refer to the usual rotation for the upper and the lower states, respectively.  $v_0$  is the band origin, and B and D are the rotational and centrifugal distortion constants. Since only low J ( $J < 12$ ), lines were measured. In the least squares fit, the centrifugal distortion constant was set to zero. Molecular constants obtained for the [18.8]  ${}^3\Delta_3$  state are listed in Table 1. The  $\Delta G_{1/2}$  value determined for the [18.8]  ${}^3\Delta_3$  and the  $X^3\Delta_3$  states are 931.88 and 909.64  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively for the most abundant  ${}^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  isotope.

### C. The [21.1] ${}^3\Phi_4 - X^3\Delta_3$ Transition

Five vibrational bands of this electronic transition including the  $(v, 0)$  with  $v = 0 - 3$  and the  $(0, 1)$  band were observed and analyzed. Fig. 4 shows the  $(1, 0)$  band with well resolved P, Q and R branches. The first line of the respective branches are R(3), Q(4), and P(5), which established unambiguously the upper state has an  $\Omega = 4$  value. The intensity of the R and Q branches are much larger than the P branch, which is consistent with a transition with  $\Delta\Lambda = +1$ . The upper state is, therefore, assigned as [21.1]  ${}^3\Phi_4$  state. Least squares fit results of this transition is listed in Table 1. Again in this transition, all four isotopes were observed and analyzed. The  $\Delta G_{1/2}$  of the  $X^3\Delta_3$  state of the  ${}^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  isotope was determined to be 909.63  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which agrees extremely well with the value determined from that of the [18.8]  ${}^3\Delta_3 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition.

### D. The [22.8] ${}^3\Phi_3 - X^3\Delta_3$ Transition

Three vibrational bands ( $v, 0$ ) with  $v = 0 - 2$  of this electronic transition were recorded and analyzed. Fig 5 depicts the (2, 0) band of this transition. The first line of the P, Q and the R branches are with J value equal to 4, 3 and 3 respectively, which indicate that the upper state is with an  $\Omega = 3$  value. The intensity of the R and Q branches are stronger than the P branch, the upper state is, therefore, assigned as [22.8]  $^3\Phi_3$  state. This transition is generally weaker than other transitions. We only obtained spectrum of the  $^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  and  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  molecules. Molecular constants obtained from fitting the rotational lines are listed in Table 1.

### E. The [22.4] $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$ Transition

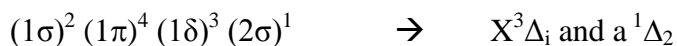
We recorded the (0, 0) and (1, 0) bands with heads at 22440 and 23128  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively. The (0, 0) band of this transition is shown in Fig 6. Assignment of rotational lines was straight forward. The first line of the branches are R(2), Q(3), and P(4), which indicates that the  $\Omega' = 3$  and  $\Omega'' = 2$ . In addition, as shown in Fig. 6 the R and Q branches are stronger than the P branch, which is consistent with a  $\Delta\Lambda = +1$  transition. The low resolution spectrum in Fig. 1 shows clearly that the two vibrational bands in this system are stronger in intensity than those other transitions originated from the same  $X^3\Delta_3$  state. We have also recorded the resolved fluorescence spectrum of these bands. The vibrational separation of the lower state with  $\Omega'' = 2$  is about 1018  $\pm 25 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is very different from the 909  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of the  $X^3\Delta_3$  state. As far as the assignment of the lower state of this transition is concerned, we have considered the possibilities of  $\Omega = 2$  of the  $X^3\Delta$  state or of the  $a^1\Delta$  state. We noticed that the spin-orbit of the Ir atom is very large and in the order of 2000 – 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ <sup>15</sup>, IrB molecule formed would also be expected to have spin-orbit

components in the order of thousands of wavenumbers. Therefore, the  $\Omega = 2$  component is expected to be located at much higher energy than the lowest  $\Omega = 3$  component of the  $X^3\Delta$  state and the population of the  $\Omega = 2$  component should be very low when compares to the ground state. In addition, the rotational constant for the  $X^3\Delta_3$  state is  $0.5181 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is relatively larger than that of our determined  $\Omega'' = 2$  level with a value of  $0.5153 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Based on the differences in transition intensity (the  $a^1\Delta_2$  is a metastable state), vibrational separations and rotational constants mentioned above, we assigned the lower state of this transition to be the  $a^1\Delta_2$  state. Consequently, the upper state is assigned as  $^1\Phi_3$  state. The molecular constants obtained from the least squares fit of the observed lines for the two states are also listed in Table 1.

The four IrB isotopes are  $^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ ,  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ , and  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  and their relative natural abundance are respectively 0.15 0.25 0.59 and 1. Molecular parameters for the isotopic molecules are related by different powers of the mass dependence parameter  $\rho = (\mu/\mu_i)$  when  $\mu$  and  $\mu_i$  are the reduced mass of an isotope and its heaviest isotope  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ . The agreement between molecular constants of the four isotopes is excellent and, generally, with uncertainty in the range of one standard deviation of the molecular constants determined. It is because the vibrational separations of the excited states are to some extent shifted by unknown perturbation; it may not be useful or helpful to tabulate the equilibrium molecular constants.

## F. Discussion

The ground of IrB as discussed in Ref. 9 is:



1 configurations with only one electron jump from the ground electronic configuration (Label A).  
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4 Many of the triplet states listed in the table are formed from molecular orbital (MO) with  $\delta^3$  or  $\pi^3$   
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7 occupation, therefore, they are inverted states with the largest  $\Omega$  value having the lowest energy.  
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13 iridium would generally have large spin-orbit splitting, and hence, the spin components with  
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19 be described using Hund's case (c) coupling scheme<sup>16</sup>. In this work, using single electronic  
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28 [16.5] $^3\Pi_2 - X^3\Delta_3$ , [21.1]  $^3\Phi_4 - X^3\Delta_3$  and [22.8]  $^3\Phi_3 - X^3\Delta_3$  systems transition can be considered  
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34 difference between the band origins of the [21.1] $^3\Phi_4$  and [22.8] $^3\Phi_3$  states is about  $1622\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , it is  
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37 reasonable that these states are the  $\Omega = 3$  and  $\Omega = 4$  components of the same inverted  $^3\Phi_1$  state.  
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40 This assignment is consistent with the observation that the [22.8]  $^3\Phi_3 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition is weaker  
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46 transition. In addition, the [22.4] $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$  transition would also arise from the promotion of an  
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1 the  $a^1\Delta$  state was calculated to be about  $1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  above the  $X^3\Delta$  state<sup>17</sup>. A detailed theoretical  
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7 The aim of this work is to study the upper electronic states of the IrB molecule; this task is  
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9 getting more difficult because as we move up the energy scale, more and more states that could  
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11 only be identified with the  $\Omega$  value. This is due, on the one hand, partially to the sizeable spin-  
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17 strong spectra of the  $\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$  isotopic molecule are widely separated from the  $\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ , for instance,  
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19 the  $v = 2$  level of the  $[21.1]^3\Phi_3$  state the isotopic separation is over  $28\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Combining those  
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23 difficult to link the spectra of isotopic molecules together. From our low resolution scan, we  
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25 have observed numerous bands that are comparable in intensity, but it is difficult to identify any  
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27 vibrational progressions. Similar excited state patterns have also been observed in the spectra of  
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Table 1 Molecular Constants for the [18.8]<sup>3</sup>Δ<sub>3</sub>, [21.1]<sup>3</sup>Φ<sub>4</sub>, [22.8]<sup>3</sup>Φ<sub>3</sub>, [a+22.4]<sup>1</sup>Φ<sub>3</sub>, a<sup>1</sup>Δ<sub>2</sub> and X<sup>3</sup>Δ<sub>3</sub> states of IrB

Table 2 Electronic configuration of low-lying excited states of IrB

## Figure captions:

Figure 1. Broadband spectrum of IrB between 431 and 454 nm.

Figure 2. Observed electronic transition systems of IrB

Figure 3. (1, 0) band of the [18.8]<sup>3</sup>Δ<sub>3</sub> – X<sup>3</sup>Δ<sub>3</sub> transition of IrB

Figure 4. (1, 0) band of the [21.1]<sup>3</sup>Φ<sub>4</sub> – X<sup>3</sup>Δ<sub>3</sub> transition of IrB

Figure 5. (2, 0) band of the [22.8]<sup>3</sup>Φ<sub>3</sub> – X<sup>3</sup>Δ<sub>3</sub> transition of IrB

Figure 6. (0, 0) band of the [22.4]<sup>1</sup>Φ<sub>3</sub> – a<sup>1</sup>Δ<sub>2</sub> transition of IrB

Table 1. Molecular constants for the  $[18.8]^3\Delta_3$ ,  $[21.1]^3\Phi_4$ ,  $[22.8]^3\Phi_3$ ,  $[a + 22.4]^1\Phi_3$ ,  $a^1\Delta_2$  and  $X^3\Delta_3$  states of IrB ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

State	Parameter	$^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$	$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$	$^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$	$^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$
$[18.8]^3\Delta_3$	$T_1$	19693.51(2)	19693.64(3)	19709.33(2)	19709.46(2)
	$B_1$	0.4805(2)	0.4806(3)	0.5300(3)	0.5301(2)
	$T_0$	18761.63(2)	18761.64(2)	18759.86(3)	18759.86(3)
$[21.1]^3\Phi_4$	$B_0$	0.5052(2)	0.5054(3)	0.5527(2)	0.5529(3)
	$T_3$	22554.49(4)	22554.57(3)	22580.81(3)	22580.92(3)
	$B_3$	0.4499(5)	0.4502(3)	0.4867(5)	0.4869(4)
	$T_2$	22158.00(6)	22158.26(6)	22186.30(6)	22186.57(5)
	$B_2$	0.4647(8)	0.4649(8)	0.5143(9)	0.5133(8)
	$T_1$	21650.29(5)	21650.33(5)	21661.64(8)	21661.71(8)
$[22.8]^3\Phi_3$	$B_1$	0.4687(4)	0.4693(5)	0.5153(8)	0.5154(8)
	$T_0$	21159.37(5)	21159.42(4)	21153.98(3)	21154.00(2)
	$B_0$	0.4855(7)	0.4856(6)	0.5321(3)	0.5323(3)
	$T_2$	24292.27(4)	24292.79(4)		
	$B_2$	0.4506(5)	0.4523(5)		
	$T_1$	23541.03(1)	23541.31(1)		
$[a + 22.4]^1\Phi_3$	$B_1$	0.4595(1)	0.4597(1)		
	$T_0$	22781.22(6)	22781.23(6)		
	$B_0$	0.4692(8)	0.4695(8)		
	$T_1$	$a + 23122.17(3)$	$a + 23122.63(4)$		
$a^1\Delta_2$	$B_1$	0.4668(6)	0.4683(8)		
	$T_0$	$a + 22435.44(2)$	$a + 22435.93(2)$		
$X^3\Delta_3$	$B_0$	0.4609(1)	0.4612(2)		
	$T_0$	a	a		
	$B_0$	0.5153(2)	0.5156(3)		
	$T_1$	909.63(2)	909.92(2)		
	$B_1$	0.5140(3)	0.5142(3)		
	$T_0$	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	$B_0^*$	0.51809	0.51839	0.56684	0.56713

Values given in parenthesis are one standard error in the last significant figure quoted

\*Molecular constants from Ref. 9

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Table 2. Electronic configurations of low-lying excited states of IrB

Label	Molecular Orbital Occupancies						Configuration	States
	1 $\sigma$	1 $\pi$	1 $\delta$	2 $\sigma$	2 $\pi$	3 $\sigma$		
A	2	4	3	1			$\delta^3\sigma$	$X^3\Delta_i, a^1\Delta$
B	2	3	4	1			$\pi^3\sigma$	$^1\Pi, ^3\Pi_i$
C	2	4	2	2			$\delta^2$	$^3\Sigma^-, ^1\Sigma^+, ^1\Gamma$
D	2	4	3		1		$\delta^3\pi$	$^3\Phi_i, ^3\Pi_i, ^1\Phi, ^1\Pi$
E	2	4	3			1	$\delta^3\sigma$	$^1\Delta, ^3\Delta_i$

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Figure 1

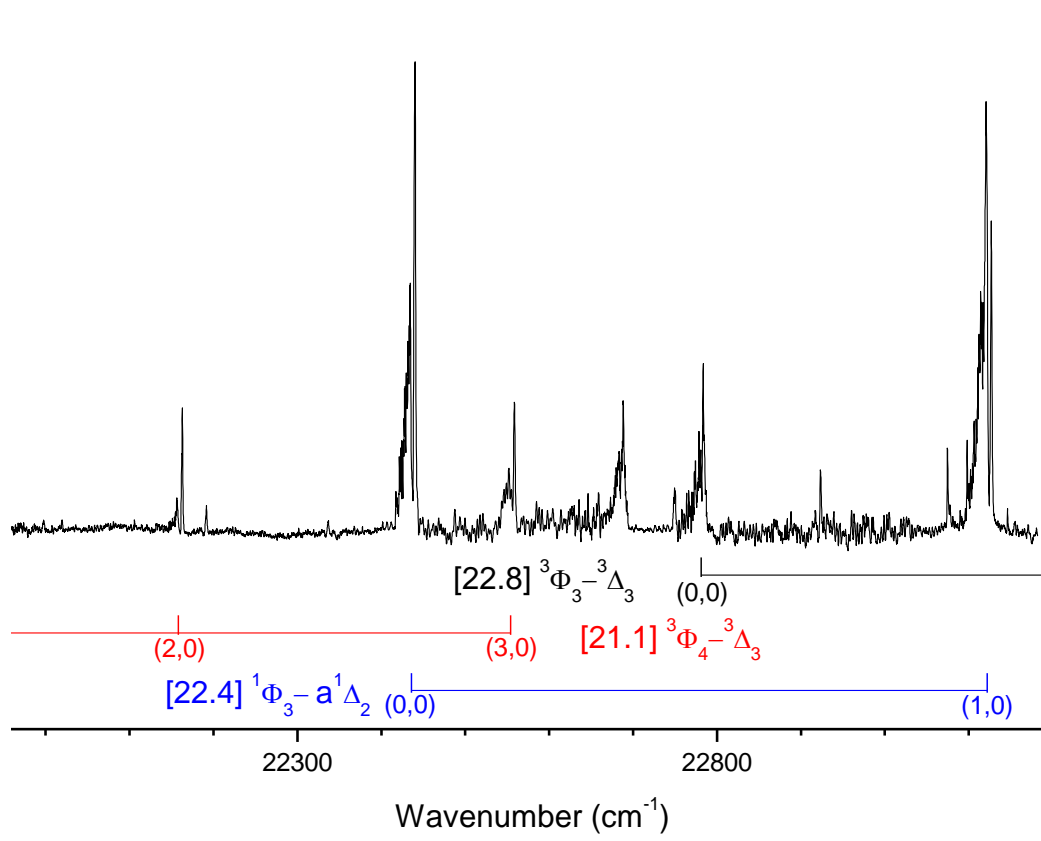


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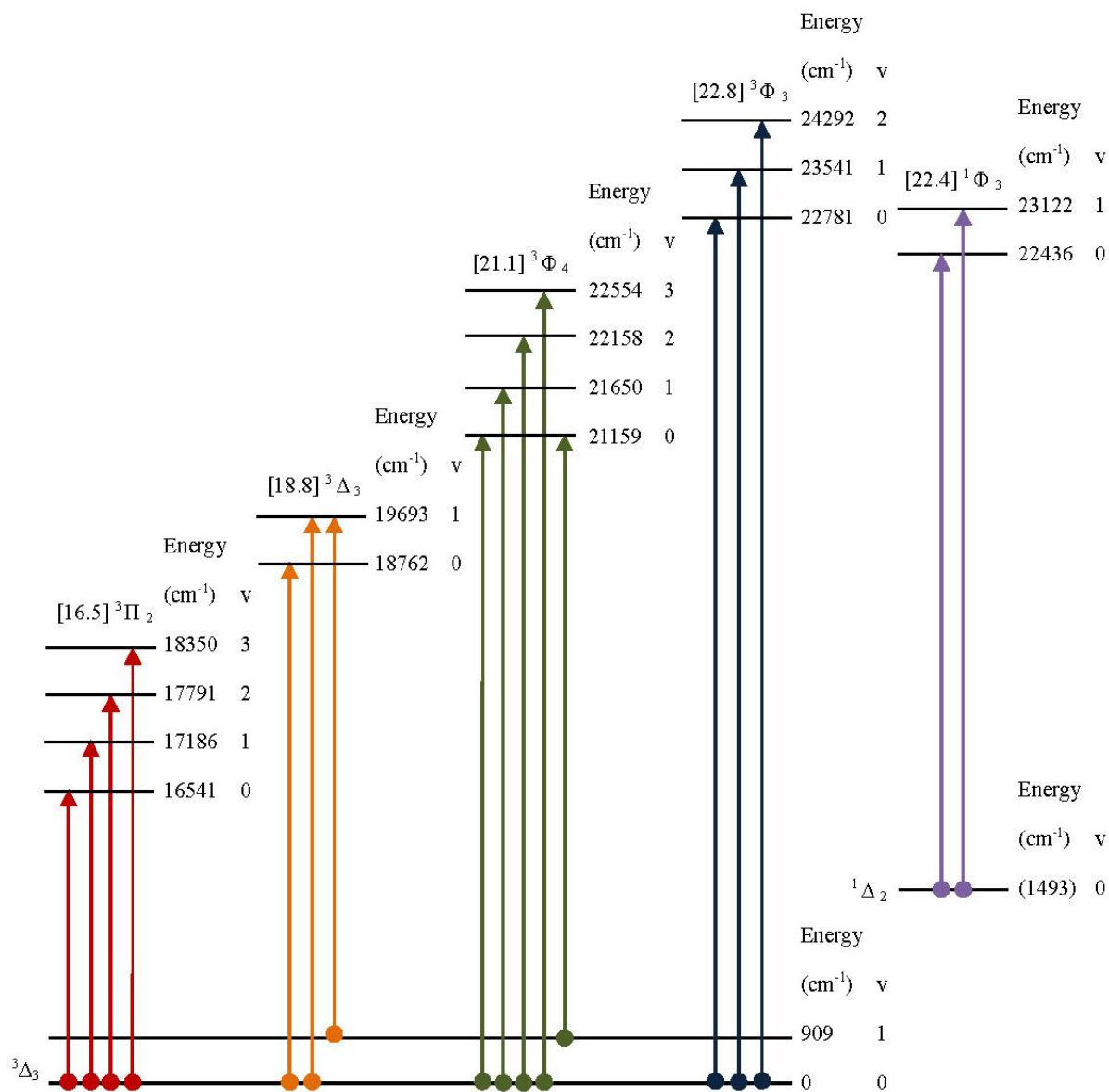


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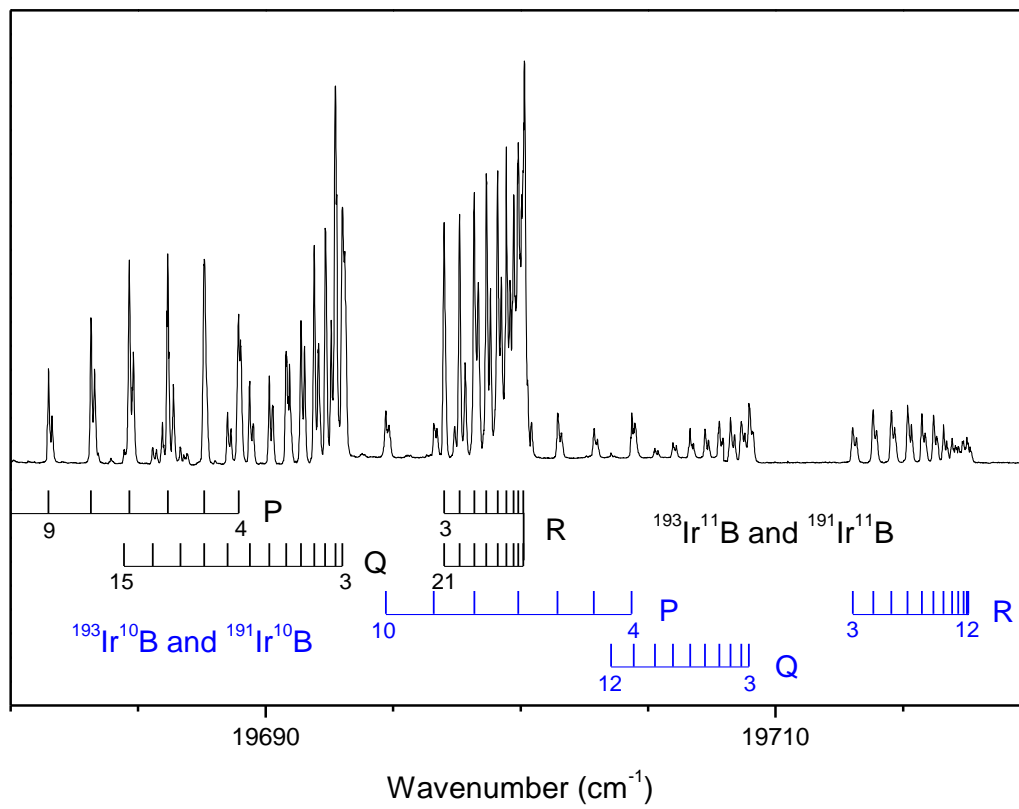




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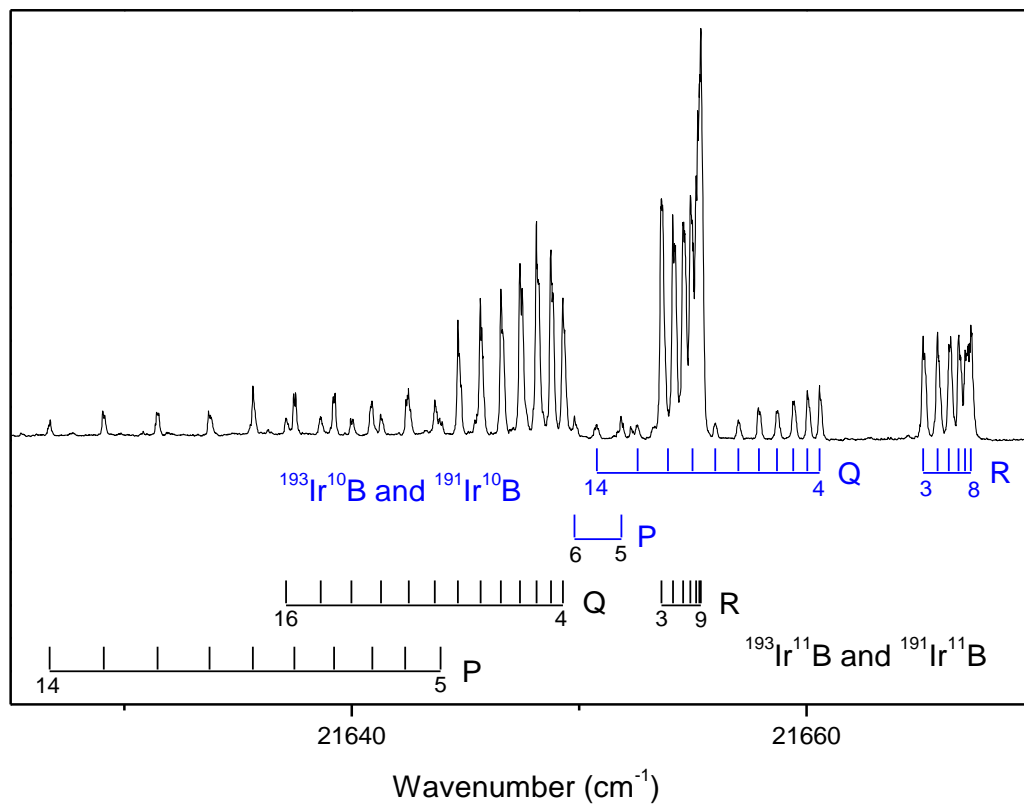


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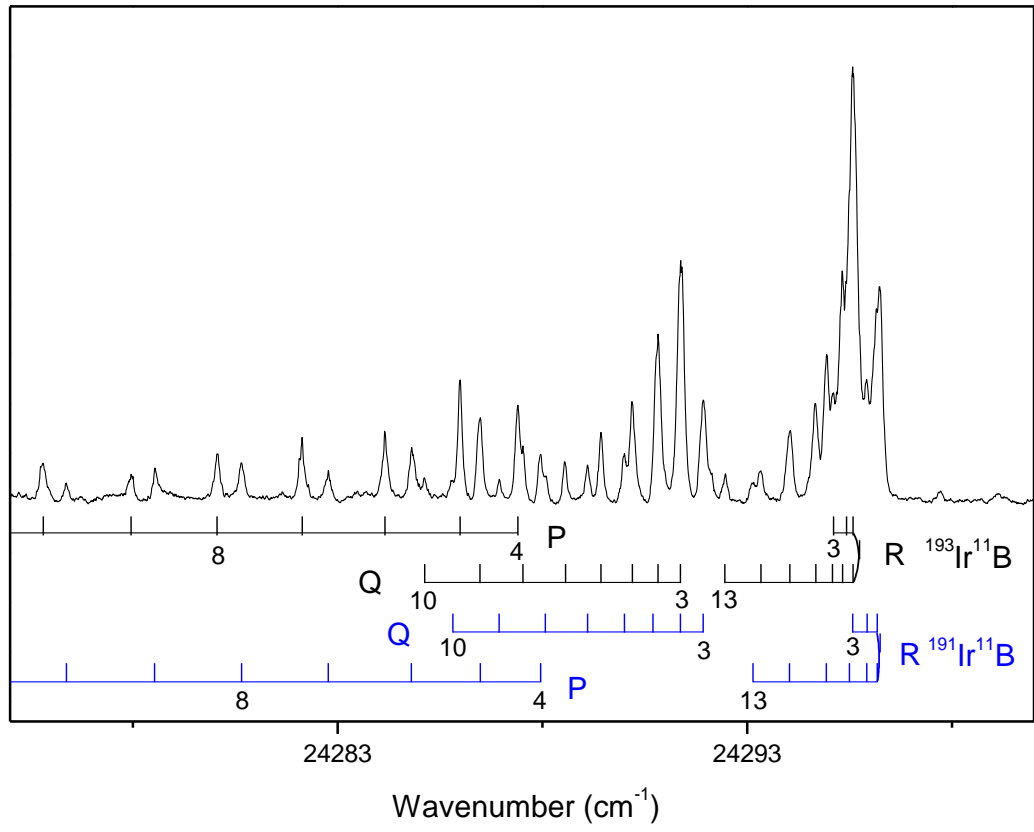
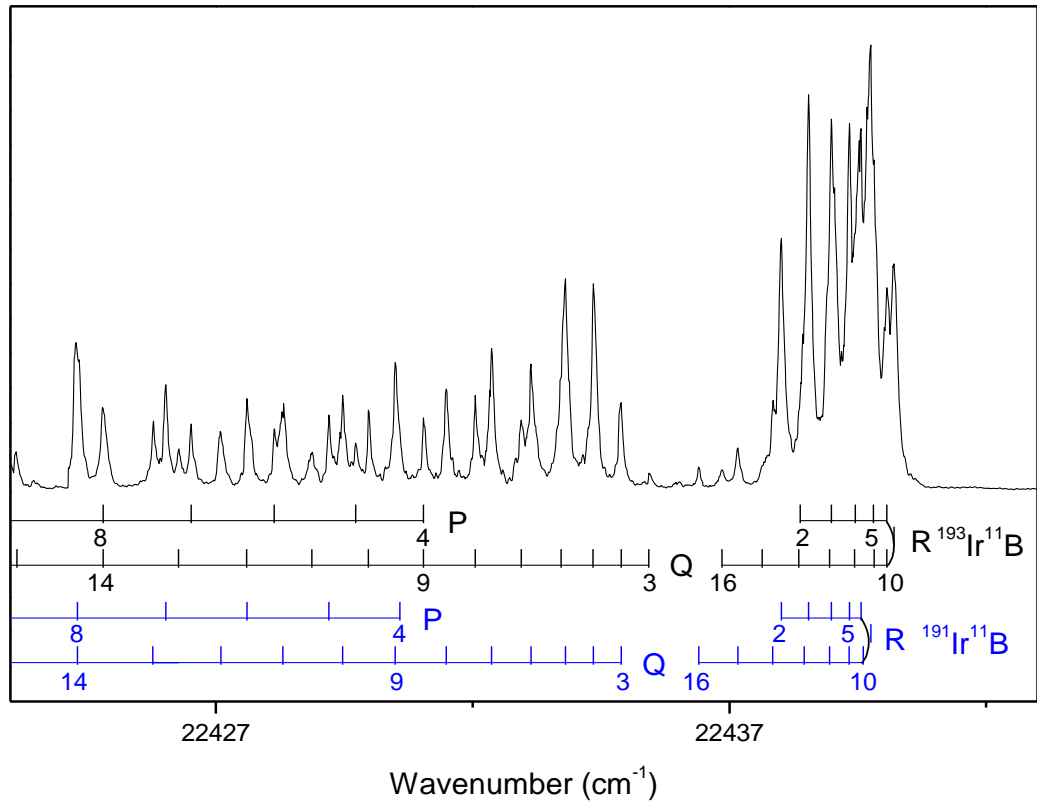


Figure 6



$^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$  and  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[18.8] \ ^3\Delta_3 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

(0,0)			
J	P	Q	R
3		18759.76	18764.10
4	18755.10	18759.74	18765.06
5	18753.77	18759.41	18765.96
6	18752.48	18759.26	18766.96
7	18751.29*	18759.02	18767.94
8	18750.02	18758.74	18768.97
9	18748.69	18758.47	18769.78
10	18747.36	18758.20	18770.63
11	18746.01		18771.35
12	18744.47		18772.02
13	18742.87		18772.78*
14	18741.23		18773.42*
15			18774.09*
16			18774.69*

 $^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  and  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[18.8] \ ^3\Delta_3 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

(0,0)			
J	P	Q	R
3		18761.48	18765.41
4	18757.48	18761.40	18766.31
5	18756.24	18761.29	18767.20
6	18754.94	18761.14	18768.16
7	18753.66	18760.96	18769.06
8	18752.48	18760.75	18769.92
9	18751.29*	18760.52	18770.70
10	18750.07	18760.23	18771.43
11	18748.80		18772.14
12	18747.52		18772.78*
13	18746.22		18773.42*
14	18744.79		18774.09*
15	18743.32		18774.69*
16	18741.78		18775.21

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[18.8] \ ^3\Delta_3 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(1,0)

J	P	Q	R
3		19709.10	19713.17
4	19704.49	19708.80	19713.96
5	19703.02	19708.39	19714.67
6	19701.61	19707.94	19715.34
7	19700.05	19707.37	19715.87
8	19698.35	19706.77	19716.33
9	19696.74	19706.11	19716.71
10	19694.84	19705.40	19717.06
11		19704.52	19717.32
12			19717.55
13			19717.67*
14			19717.67*

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[18.8] \ ^3\Delta_3 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3		19708.96	19713.03
4	19704.36	19708.65	19713.83
5	19702.88	19708.23	19714.54
6	19701.45	19707.80	19715.18
7	19699.91	19707.24	19715.74
8	19698.18	19706.65	19716.20
9	19696.59	19705.97	19716.59
10	19694.72	19705.27	19716.93
11		19704.43	19717.17
12		19703.55	19717.37
13			19717.50*
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15			19717.50*

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[18.8] \ ^3\Delta_3 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3		19693.11	19697.00
4		19692.79	19697.82*
5	19687.60*	19692.57	19698.35*
6	19686.38	19692.08	19698.82*
7	19684.82	19691.53	19699.25*
8	19683.29	19690.94	19699.59*
9	19681.62	19690.28	19699.91*
10	19679.83	19689.52	19700.10
11	19677.98	19688.64	19700.15*
12	19676.16	19687.60*	19700.15*
13	19674.17*	19686.79	19700.15*
14	19672.34	19685.72	19700.05
15	19670.07	19684.65	19699.91*
16	19668.06		19699.59*
17	19665.68		19699.25*
18	19663.41		19698.82*
19			19698.35*
20			19697.82*

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$^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[18.8] \ ^3\Delta_3 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3		19693.01	19697.00*
4	19688.94	19692.74	19697.60*
5	19687.60*	19692.34	19698.18*
6	19686.16	19691.91	19698.65*
7	19684.65	19691.39	19699.10*
8	19683.15	19690.81	19699.44*
9	19681.48	19690.15	19699.73*
10	19679.68	19689.38	19699.91*
11	19677.86	19688.51	19700.10*
12	19676.04	19687.60*	19700.15
13	19674.17*	19686.66	19700.10*
14	19672.05	19685.57	19699.91*
15	19669.94	19684.44	19699.73*
16	19667.94		19699.44*
17	19665.55		19699.10*
18	19663.29		19698.65*
19			19698.18*
20			19697.60*
21			19697.00*

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  and  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[18.8] \ ^3\Delta_3 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3		18783.58	18787.35
4	18779.26	18783.36	18787.99
5	18777.93	18783.00	18788.57
6	18776.57	18782.54	18789.07
7		18782.08	18789.53
8			18789.96

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			21157.96*
4		21153.34*	21158.57*
5	21147.58*	21152.92*	21159.28
6	21146.16*	21152.40*	21159.98
7	21144.67*	21152.04*	21160.61*
8	21143.05	21151.46*	21161.09*
9	21141.23	21150.92*	21161.52*
10		21150.29*	21161.87*
11			21162.15*
12			21162.36
13			21162.54

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			21157.96*
4		21153.34*	21158.57*
5	21147.58*	21152.92*	21159.20
6	21146.16*	21152.40*	21159.91
7	21144.67*	21152.04*	21160.61*
8	21142.97	21151.46*	21161.09*
9	21141.11	21150.92*	21161.52*
10		21150.29*	21161.87*
11			21162.15*
12			21162.36*
13			21162.51

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			21163.08
4		21158.78*	21163.75*
5	21153.34	21158.43*	21164.36
6	21152.19	21157.96*	21164.93*
7	21150.69	21157.53	21165.45
8	21149.32	21156.96*	21165.86
9	21147.84*	21156.39	21166.19*
10		21155.74	21166.49*
11			21166.77*
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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			21163.10
4		21158.78*	21163.75*
5	21153.33	21158.43*	21164.17
6	21152.04	21157.96*	21164.93*
7	21150.61	21157.49	21165.41
8	21149.23	21156.96*	21165.81
9	21147.84*	21156.32	21166.19*
10		21155.64	21166.49*
11			21166.77*
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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			20253.09
4		20249.08*	20253.81
5	20243.66	20248.72	20254.47
6	20242.35	20248.32	20255.06
7	20241.00	20247.84	20255.63
8	20239.64	20247.33	20256.09
9	20238.19	20246.70	20256.54
10	20236.69		20256.92
11			20257.27
12			20257.54*
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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			20253.35
4		20249.08*	20254.05
5	20243.93	20248.78	20254.69
6	20242.60	20248.45	20255.32
7	20241.26	20248.04	20255.85
8	20239.88	20247.60	20256.36
9	20238.44	20247.07	20256.80
10	20236.95		20257.19
11			20257.54*
12			20257.77
13			20258.02
14			20258.25
15			20258.32

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			21665.19
4		21660.65	21665.82
5		21660.10	21666.34
6		21659.45	21666.77
7	21651.92	21658.74	
8	21649.88	21657.95	
9		21657.06	

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(1,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			21665.13
4		21660.57	21665.76
5		21660.03	21666.26
6		21659.40	21666.69
7	21651.85	21658.67	
8	21649.79	21657.88	
9		21657.00	

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			21653.65
4		21649.34	21654.20
5	21643.87	21648.85*	21654.65
6	21642.50*	21648.21*	21654.98*
7	21640.89	21647.50*	21655.21
8	21639.27*	21646.64	21655.31
9	21637.53*	21645.71*	21655.35*
10	21635.65*	21644.73	
11	21633.79	21643.65*	
12	21631.52	21642.50*	
13	21629.14	21641.36	
14	21626.74	21640.06*	
15	21624.42*		

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(1,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			21653.62
4		21649.28	21654.12
5	21643.97	21648.85*	21654.60
6	21642.50*	21648.21*	21654.98*
7	21640.90	21647.50*	21655.14
8	21639.27*	21646.55	21655.29
9	21637.53*	21645.71*	21655.35*
10	21635.65*	21644.67	
11	21633.70	21643.65*	
12	21631.51	21642.50*	
13	21629.13	21641.27	
14	21626.74*	21640.06*	
15	21624.42*	21638.64	
16	21621.92	21637.11	

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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J	P	Q	R
3			22189.97
4		22185.55	22190.51
5	22179.97	22185.00	22190.98
6	22178.28*	22184.36	22191.35*
7	22176.37*	22183.58	22191.61*
8	22174.51	22182.69	
9	22172.62	22181.74	
10	22170.11	22180.70	
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12		22178.28*	

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(2,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			22189.77
4		22185.36	22190.33
5	22179.28	22184.80	22190.77
6	22177.89*	22184.16	22191.10
7	22176.37*	22183.37	22191.35*
8	22174.21	22182.48	22191.61*
9	22171.99	22181.51	
10	22170.04	22180.58	
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12		22177.89*	

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(2,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			22161.45
4		22157.32	22161.93
5	22151.73	22156.73	22162.35*
6	22150.18	22156.02	22162.57
7	22148.54	22155.21	22162.83*
8	22147.00	22154.30	22162.83*
9	22145.05	22153.28	
10	22143.17	22152.17	
11	22141.16	22151.00	
12	22138.96	22149.74	

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(2,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			22161.21
4		22157.07	22161.71
5	22151.50	22156.47	22162.09
6	22149.96	22155.77	22162.35*
7	22148.33	22154.98	
8	22146.63	22154.05	
9	22144.85	22153.06	
10	22142.95	22152.94	
11	22140.93	22150.78	
12	22138.72	22149.52	

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$^{191}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(3,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			22583.90*
4		22579.34	22584.21*
5	22573.66*	22578.55	22584.28*
6	22571.28	22577.63	22584.28*
7	22569.21	22576.51	22584.21*
8	22567.05	22575.16	22583.90*
9	22564.85	22573.66*	
10	22562.35	22572.05	
11		22570.32	
12		22568.51	

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{10}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - \text{X} \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(3,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			22583.64
4		22579.21	22584.09*
5	22573.53*	22578.45	22584.21*
6	22571.18	22577.52	22584.28*
7	22569.10	22576.39	22584.09*
8	22566.95	22575.03	22583.90*
9	22564.74	22573.53*	
10	22562.33	22571.95	
11		22570.21	

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\* indicate overlapped with another line



$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(3,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			22557.29*
4		22553.28	22557.77*
5	22548.06	22552.53	22557.99*
6	22546.29	22551.68	22557.99*
7	22544.50	22550.68	22557.99*
8	22542.62	22549.57	22557.64*
9	22540.60	22548.34	22557.29*
10		22546.97	22555.77*
11		22545.50	22554.74
12		22543.93	
13		22542.24	

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[21.1] \ ^3\Phi_4 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(3,0)

J	P	Q	R
3			22557.15
4		22553.14	22557.64*
5	22547.84	22552.40	22557.99*
6	22546.17	22551.55	22557.99*
7	22544.37	22550.55	22557.99*
8	22542.51	22549.44	22557.76
9	22540.37	22548.21	
10		22546.84	
11		22545.36	
12		22543.79	
13		22542.06	

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\* indicate overlapped with another line

$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$  and  $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$

Assigned rotational lines of the [22.8]  $^3\Phi_3 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(0,0)

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J	P	Q	R
3		22780.60	22784.48
4	22776.58	22780.14	22784.98
5	22775.13	22779.62	22785.46
6	22773.63	22779.01	22785.79
7	22772.05		22785.93
8	22770.24		

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\* indicate overlapped with another line

$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[22.8] \ ^3\Phi_3 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(1,0)

J	P	Q	R
3		23540.61	23544.35
4	23536.49	23540.11	23544.81
5	23534.94*	23539.50	23545.06*
6	23533.31	23538.79	23545.31*
7	23531.62	23537.95	23545.39
8	23529.78	23537.06	23545.31*
9	23527.76	23536.04	23545.22
10	23525.60	23534.94*	23545.06*
11	23523.41		23544.51
12	23521.10		23544.08
13	23518.63		23543.56
14	23516.14		23542.81
15			23541.94

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the  $[22.8] \ ^3\Phi_3 - X \ ^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(1,0)

J	P	Q	R
3		23540.31	23544.08
4	23536.20	23539.83	23544.51*
5	23534.66	23539.22	23544.81
6	23533.07	23538.51	23545.06*
7	23531.34	23537.69	23545.12*
8	23529.52	23536.80	23545.12*
9	23527.50	23535.76	23545.06*
10	23525.32		23544.73
11	23523.16		23544.35
12	23520.82		23543.88
13	23518.41		23543.26
14			23542.52
15			23541.65

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\* indicate overlapped with another line

$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the [22.8]  $^3\Phi_3 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(2,0)

J	P	Q	R
3		24291.92	24295.57
4	24287.95	24291.37	24295.90
5	24286.48	24290.70	24296.22*
6	24284.80	24290.00	24296.22*
7	24282.77	24289.10	24296.22*
8	24280.65	24288.07	24296.17
9	24278.53		24295.92
10	24276.38		24295.49
11	24274.11		24294.83
12	24271.73		
13	24269.02		

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the [22.8]  $^3\Phi_3 - X^3\Delta_3$  transition

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(2,0)

J	P	Q	R
3		24291.34	24295.10*
4	24287.40	24290.82	24295.42
5	24285.99	24290.19	24295.58*
6	24284.15	24289.43	24295.74
7	24282.13	24288.54	24295.58*
8	24280.05		24295.49
9	24277.95		24295.10*
10	24275.81		24294.67
11	24273.58		24294.04
12	24271.16		24293.33
13	24268.27		24292.45

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\* indicate overlapped with another line

$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the [22.4]  $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$  transition

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(0,0)

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J	P	Q	R
2			22438.38
3		22435.46	22438.98
4	22431.05*	22434.89	22439.46
5	22429.72	22434.27	22439.80
6	22428.13	22433.73	22440.07
7	22426.52	22432.95	22440.21*
8		22432.05	22440.21*
9		22431.05*	22440.21*
10		22429.97	22440.07*
11			
12			
13			
14			22438.39
15			22437.73
16			22436.86

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\* indicate overlapped with another line

$^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the [22.4]  $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$  transition

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(0,0)

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J	P	Q	R
2			22438.01
3			22438.54
4	22430.58	22434.35	22438.98
5	22429.20	22433.81	22439.34
6	22427.60	22433.14	22439.56
7	22426.03	22432.37	22439.75*
8		22431.49	22439.75*
9		22430.49	22439.70
10		22429.47	22439.52
11			22439.28
12			22438.90
13			22438.44
14			22437.85
15			22437.17
16			22436.41

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\* indicate overlapped with another line

$^{191}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the [22.4]  $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$  transition

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(1,0)

J	P	Q	R
2			23125.28
3		23121.95	23125.89*
4	23118.01	23121.55*	23126.39
5	23116.53	23121.17*	23127.00
6	23114.98	23120.57	23127.26
7	23113.45	23120.01	23127.41
8	23111.74	23119.21	
9		23118.41	

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 $^{193}\text{Ir}^{11}\text{B}$ Assigned rotational lines of the [22.4]  $^1\Phi_3 - a^1\Delta_2$  transition

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(1,0)

J	P	Q	R
2			23124.83
3		23121.55*	23125.42
4	23117.52	23121.17*	23125.89*
5	23116.00	23120.70	23126.34
6	23114.43	23120.12	23126.70
7	23112.91	23119.48	23126.77
8	23111.22	23118.75	
9	23109.46	23117.89	
10	23107.54		

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\* indicate overlapped with another line