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***Molecular Spectroscopy and Secondary Frequency Standards***

***Part I and Part II***

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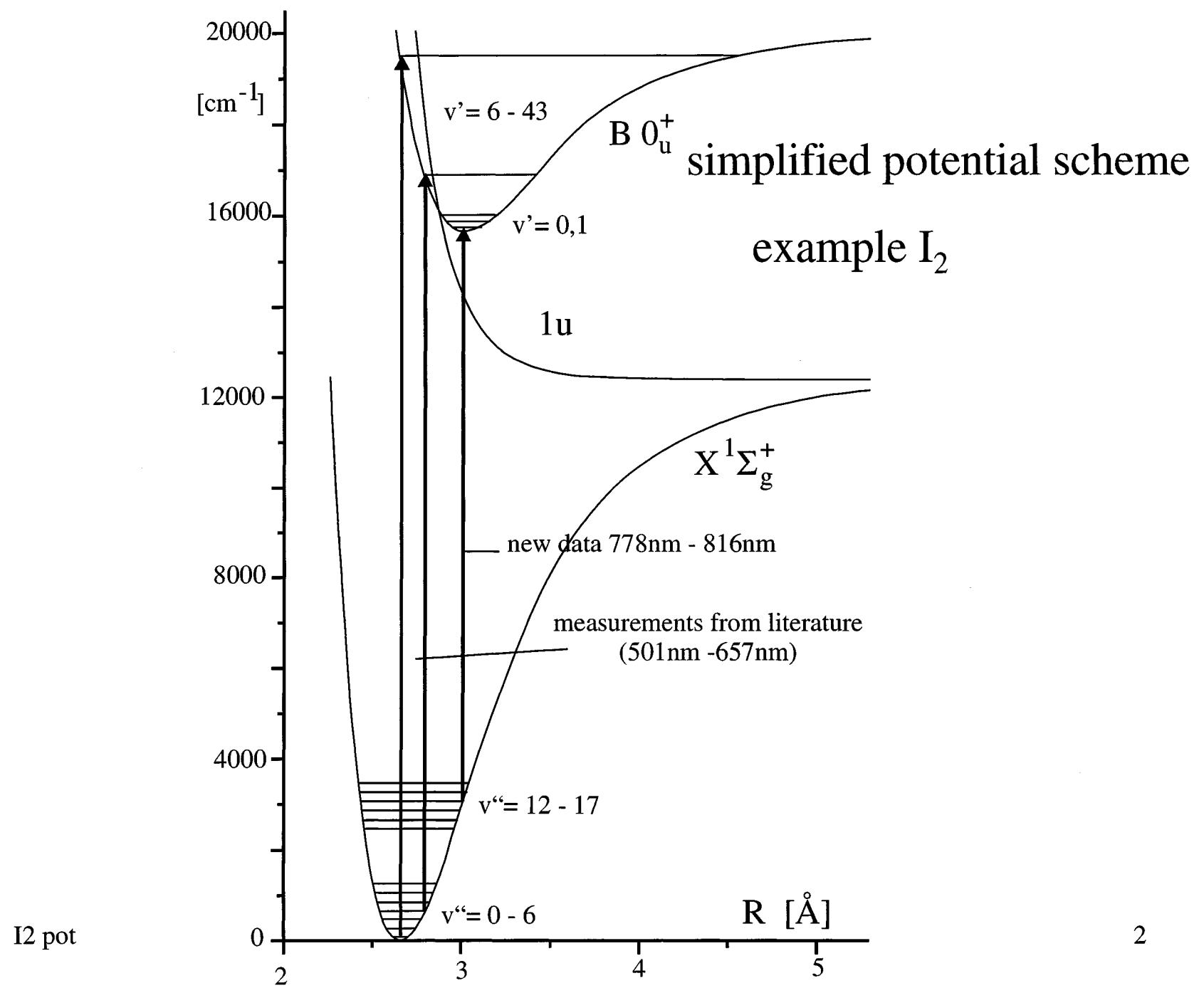
# Molecular spectroscopy and secondary frequency standards

## Part 1 Methods and potential determination

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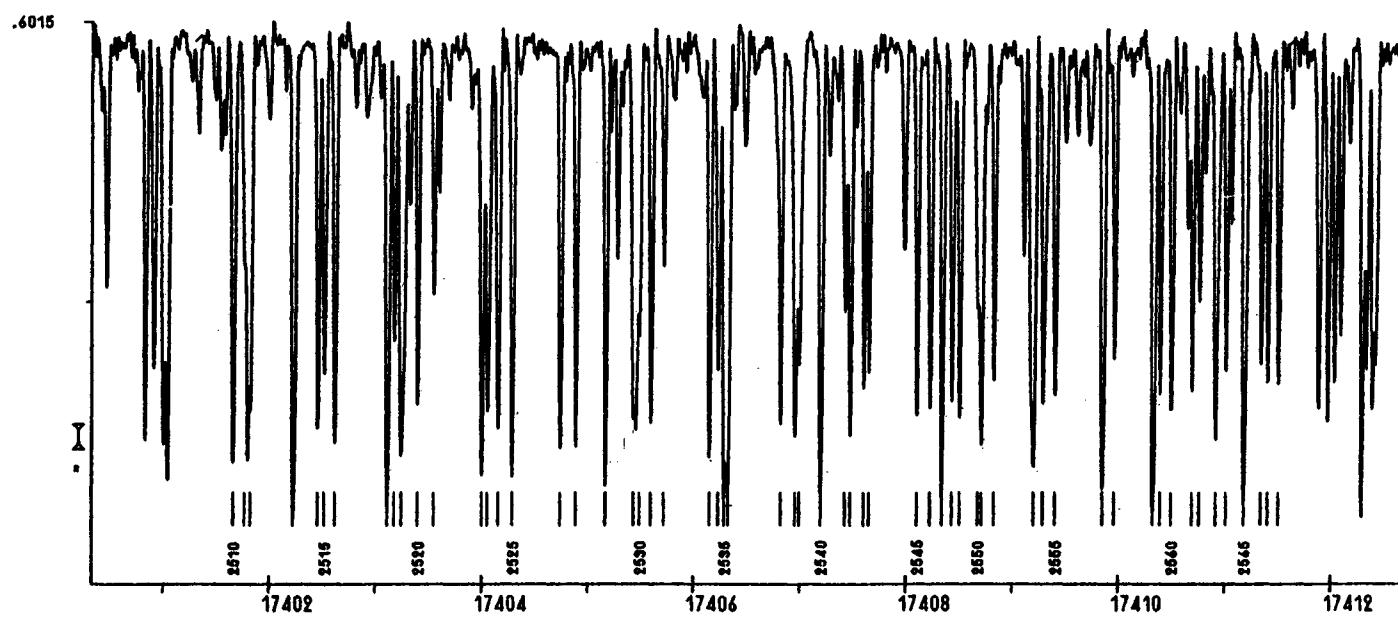
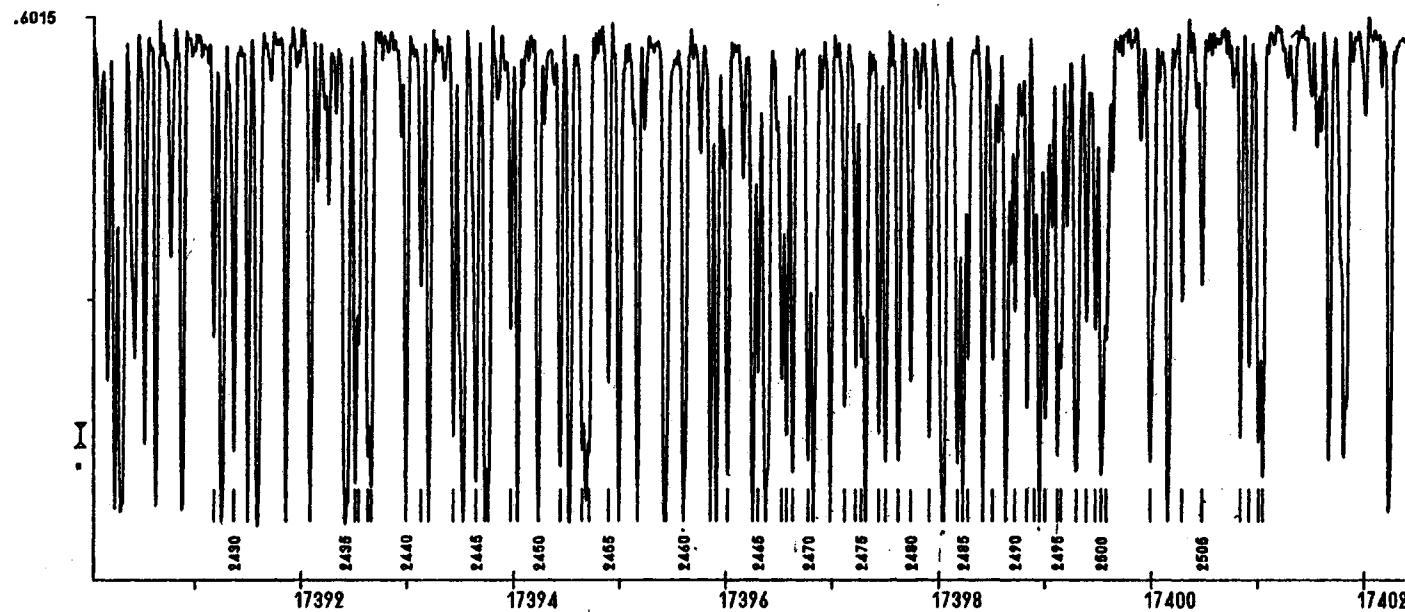
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1. High resolution molecular spectroscopy
2. Precision laser sources, stabilization techniques
3. Frequency measurements
4. Vibrational and rotational structure
5. Determination of potential functions
6. Born-Oppenheimer approximation and its correction

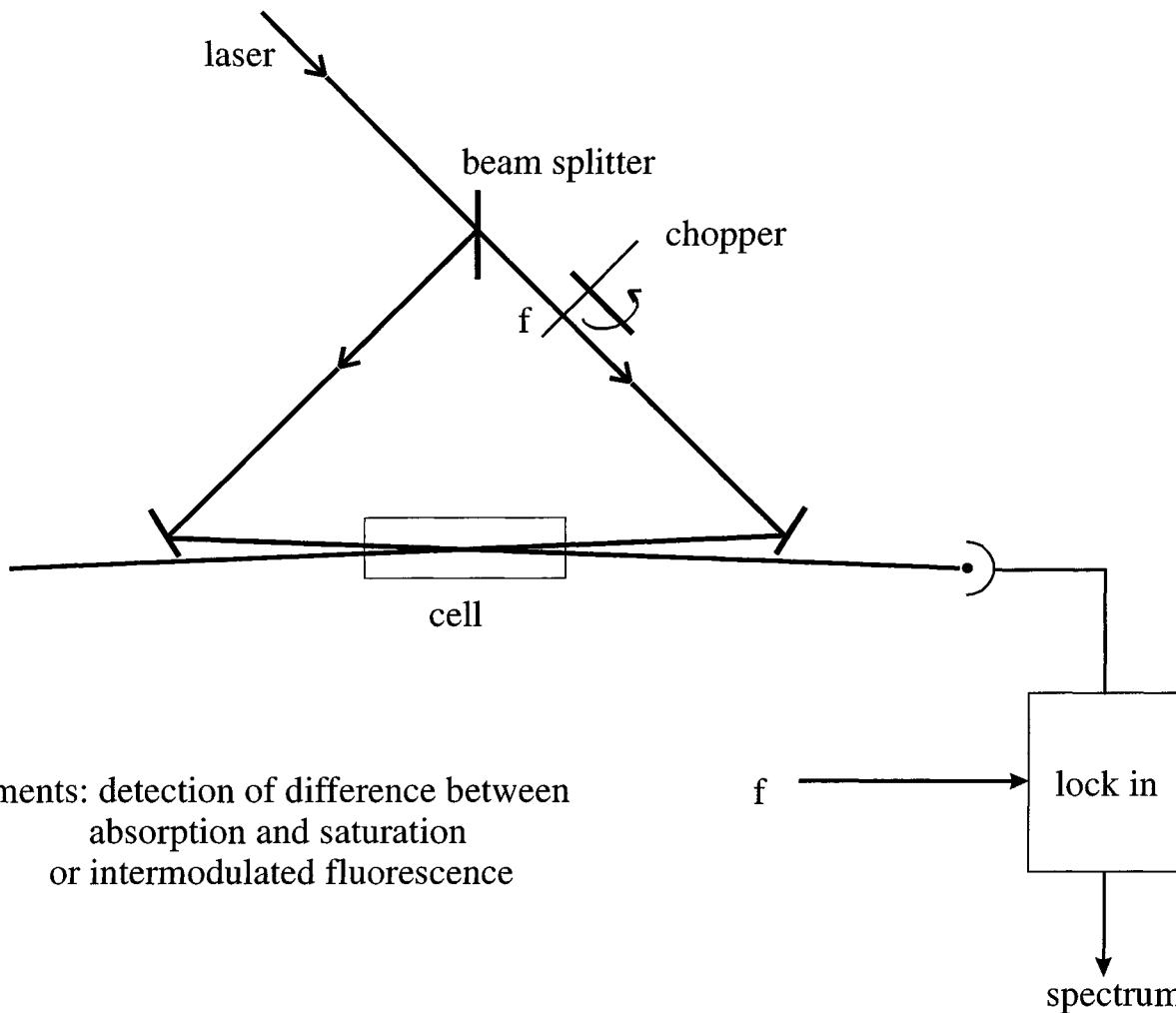


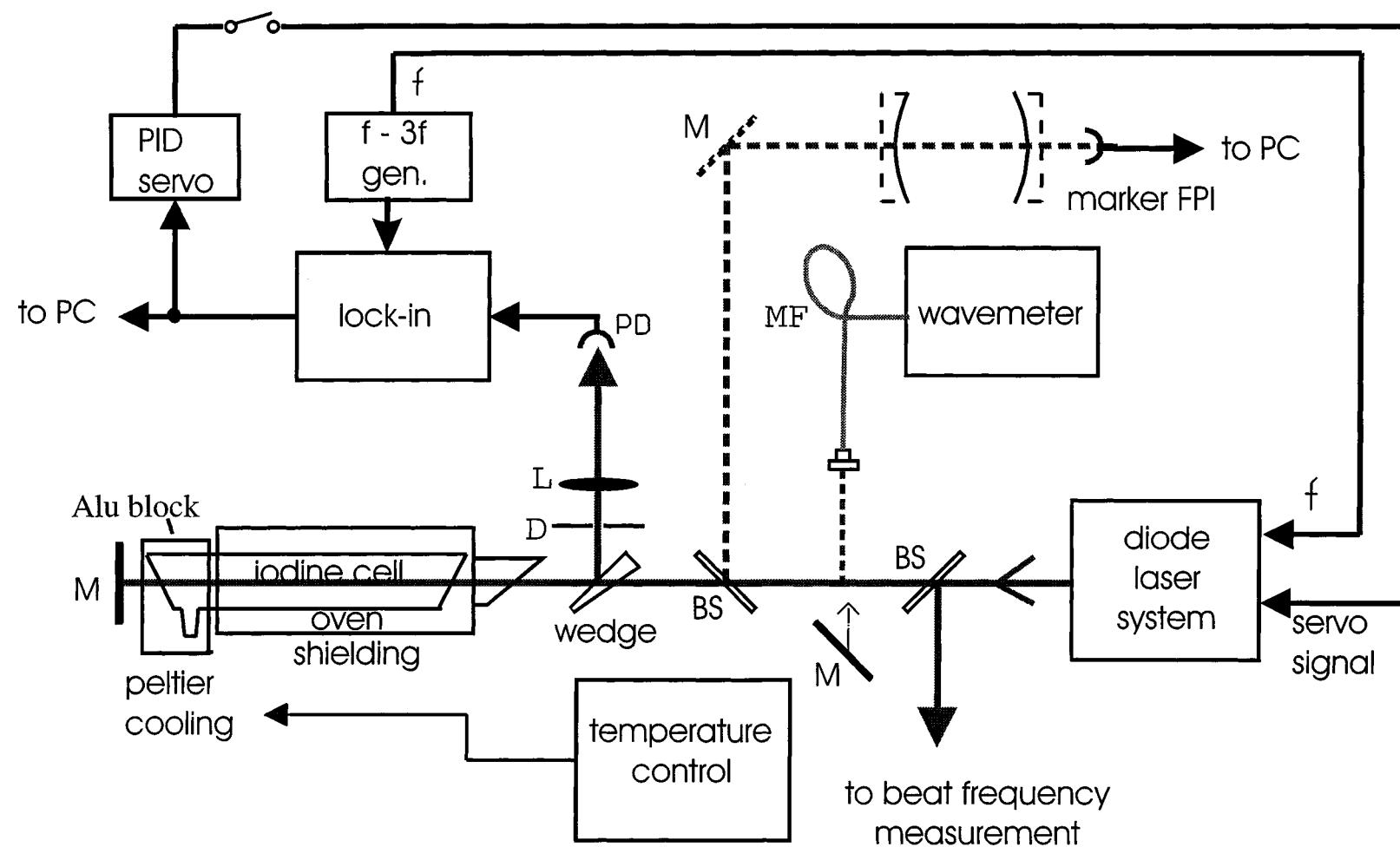
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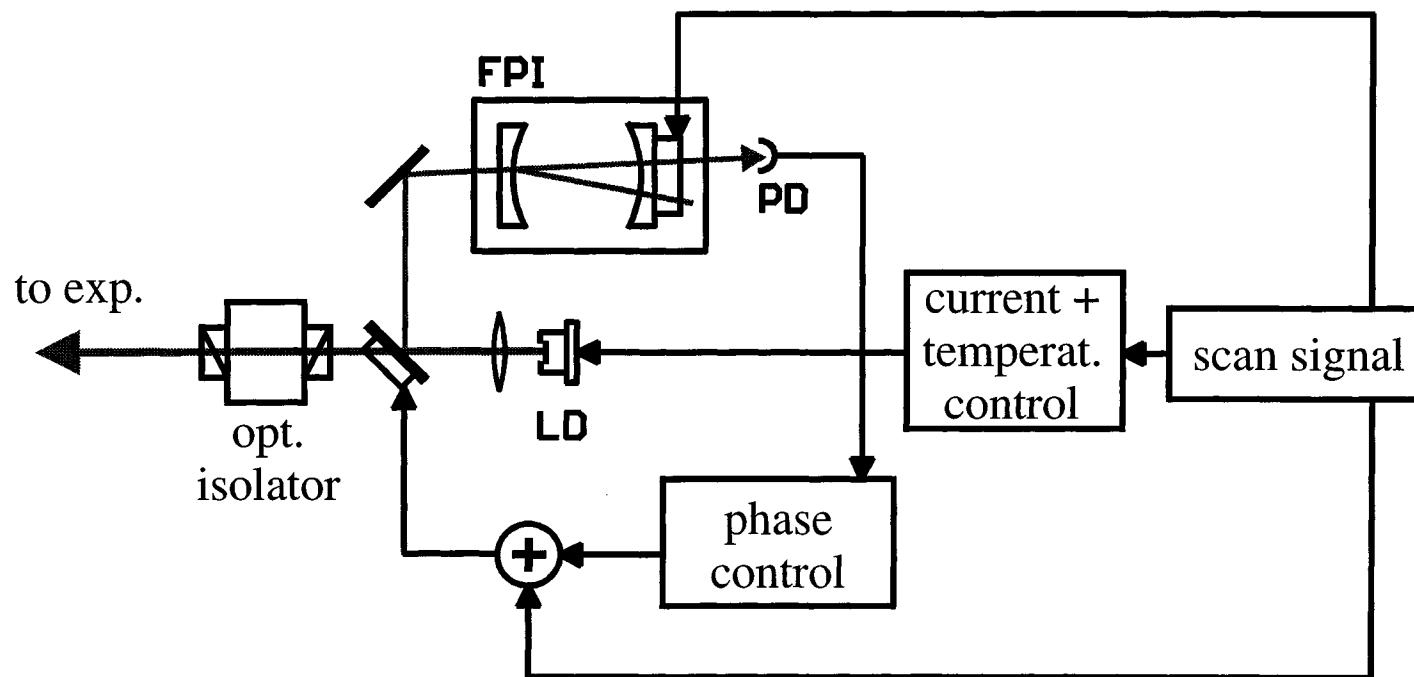
## Saturation spectroscopy





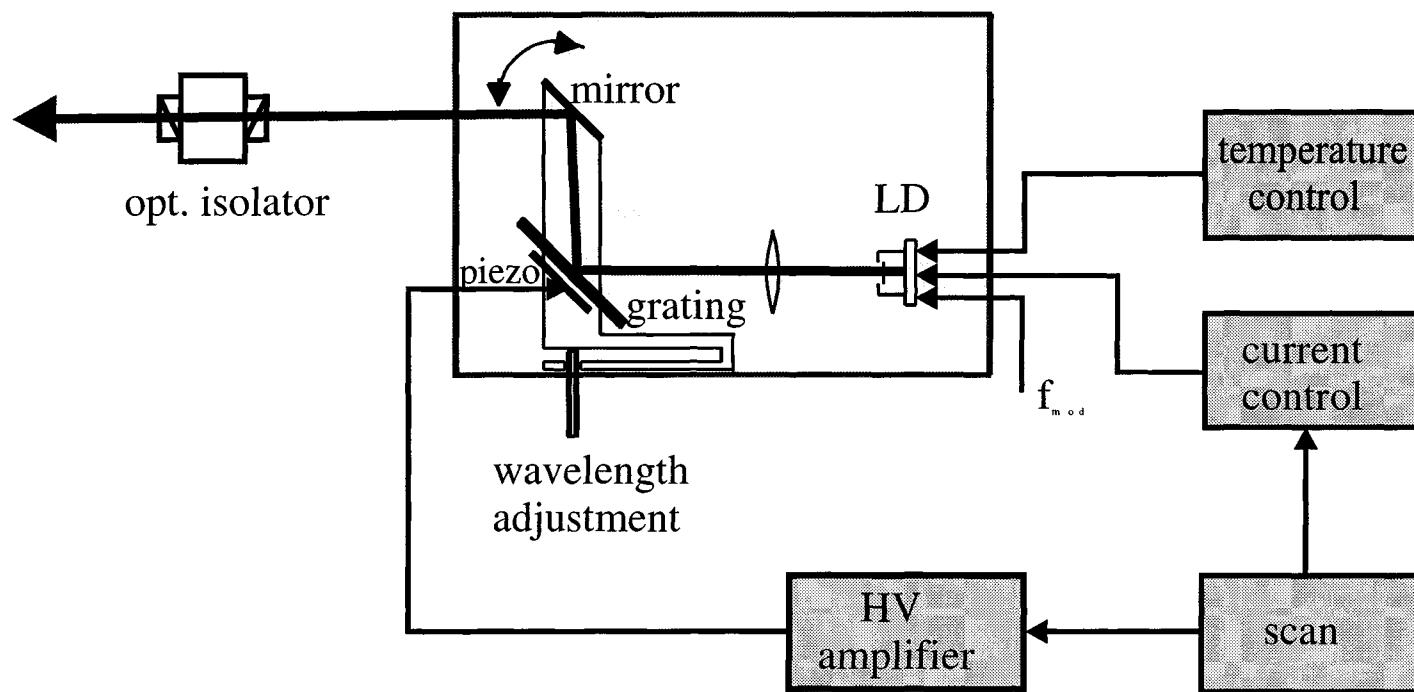
# Stabilizing lasers

Hollberg setup:



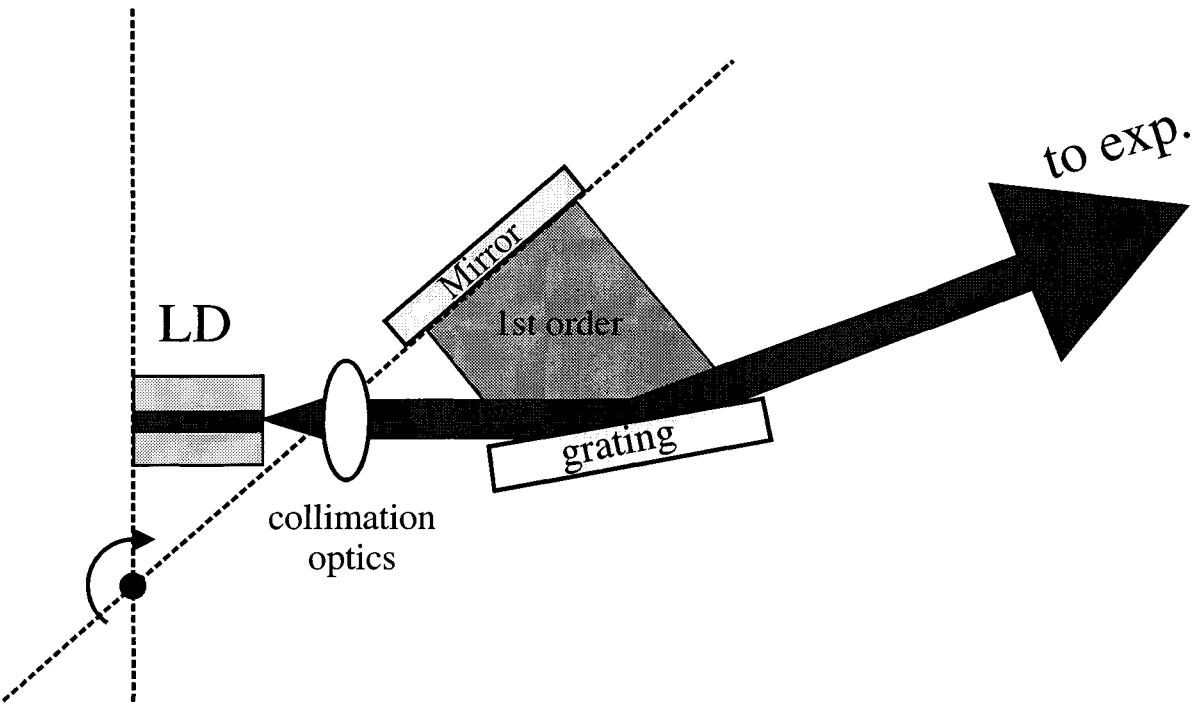
B. Dahmani et al., Opt.Lett. **12**, 876 (1987)

## extended cavity diode laser in Littrow configuration



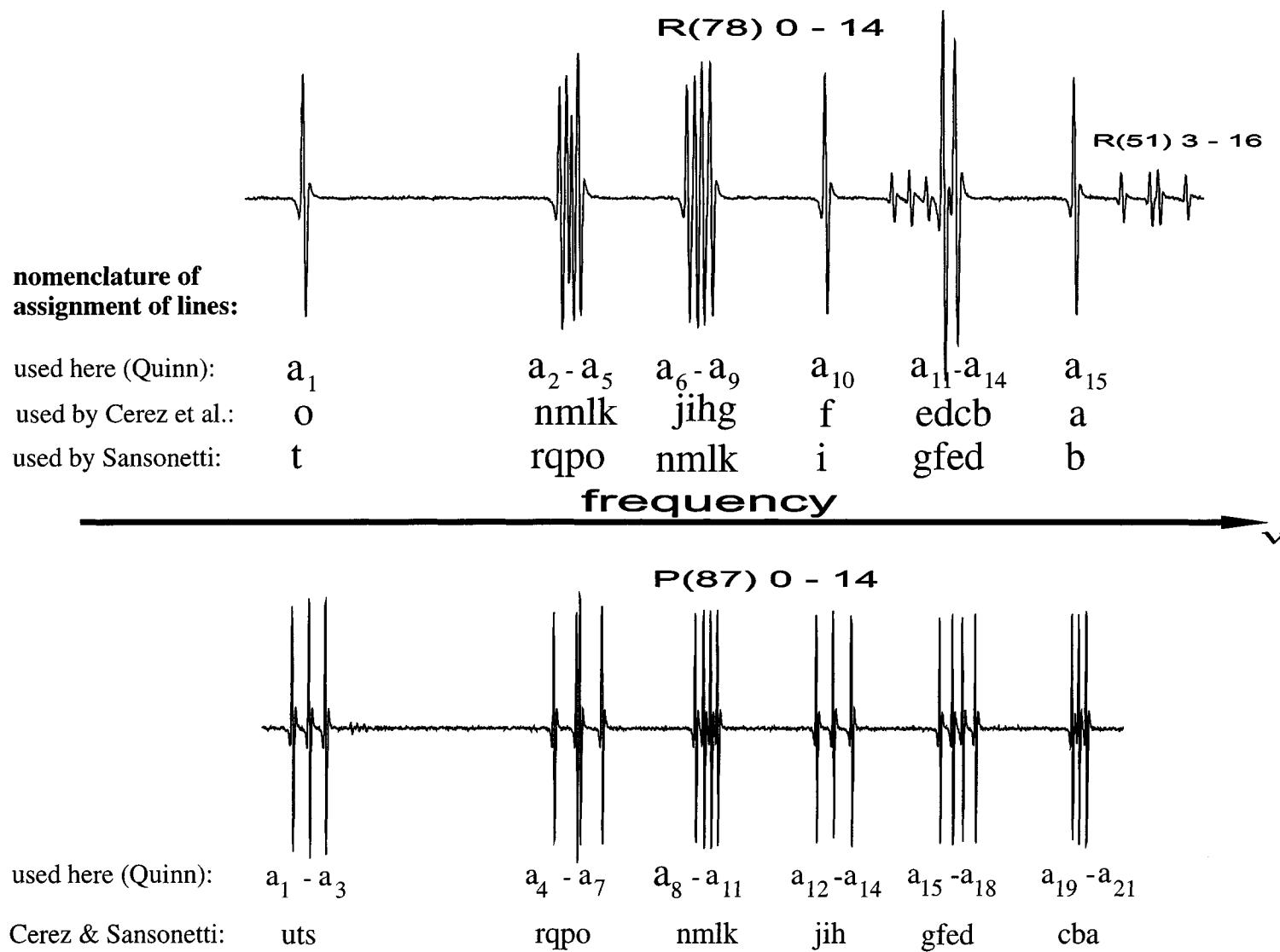
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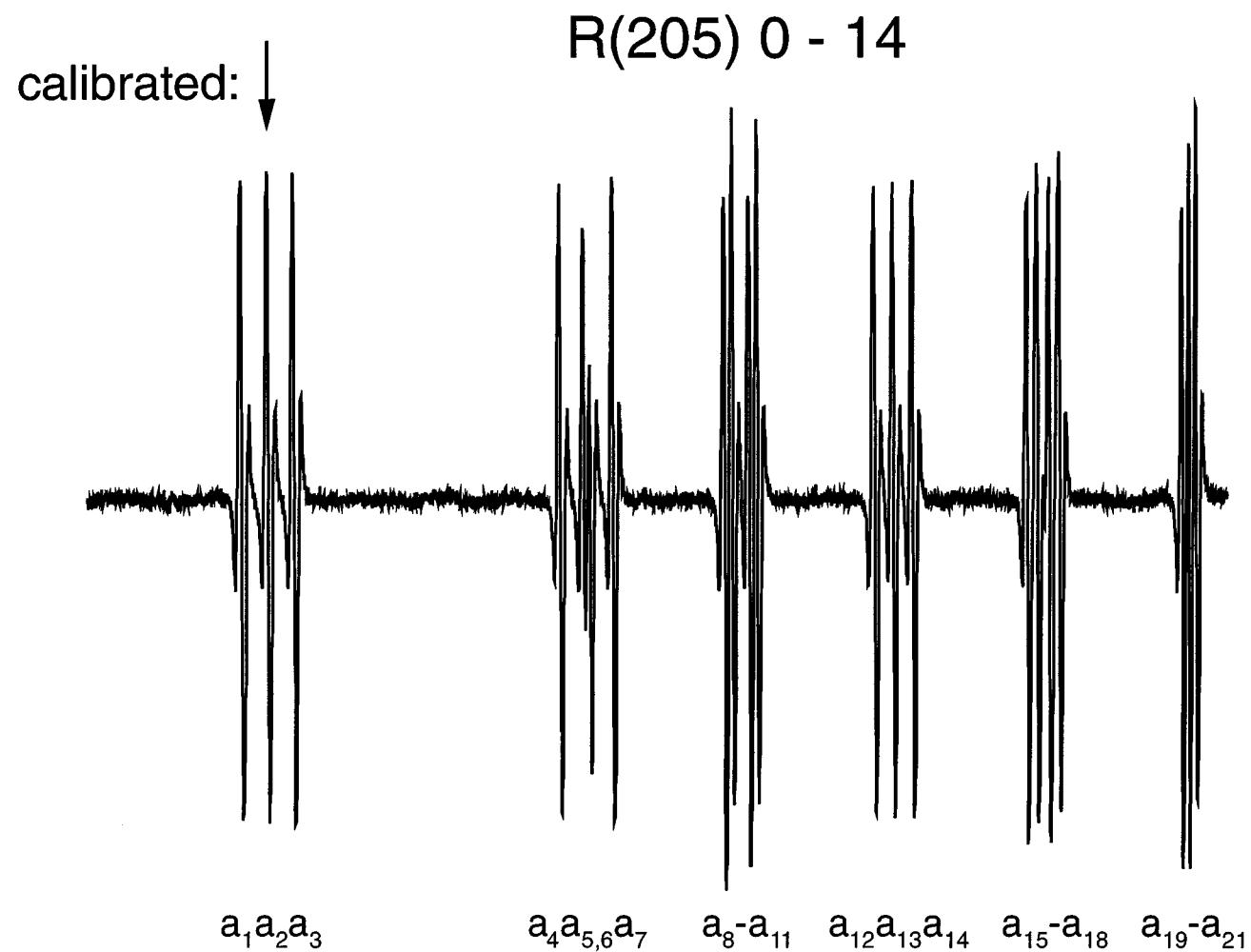
# Littman setup:



e.g. K.C. Harvey, C.J. Myatt, Opt.Lett 16, 911 (1996)

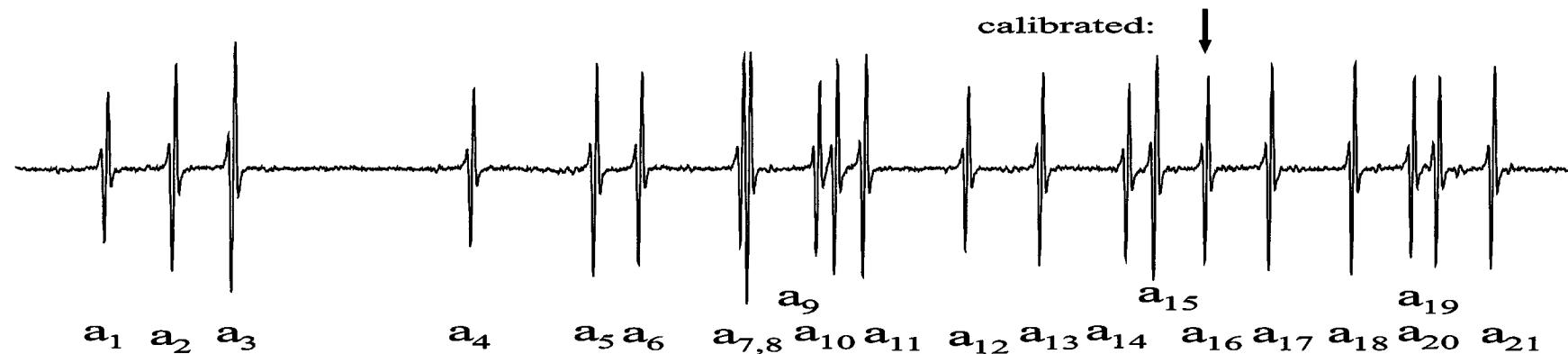
## Saturation spectrum as third derivative profiles



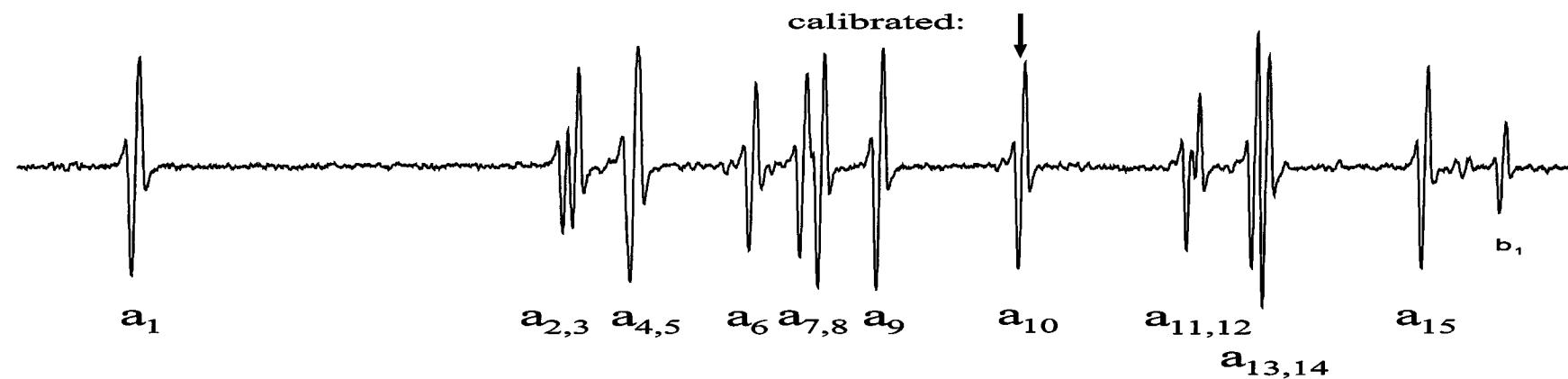


Low rotational angular momentum J

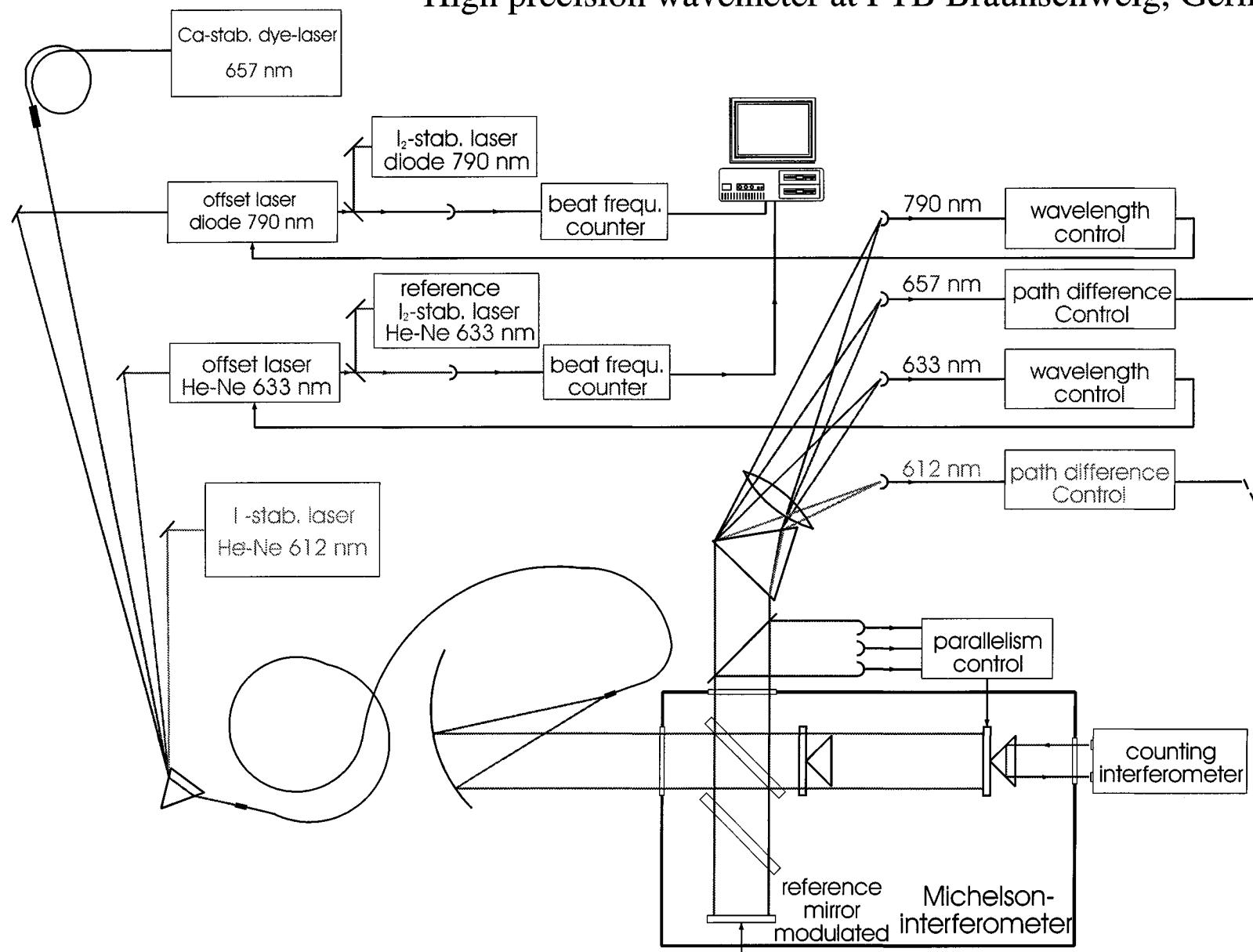
P(19) 0-14

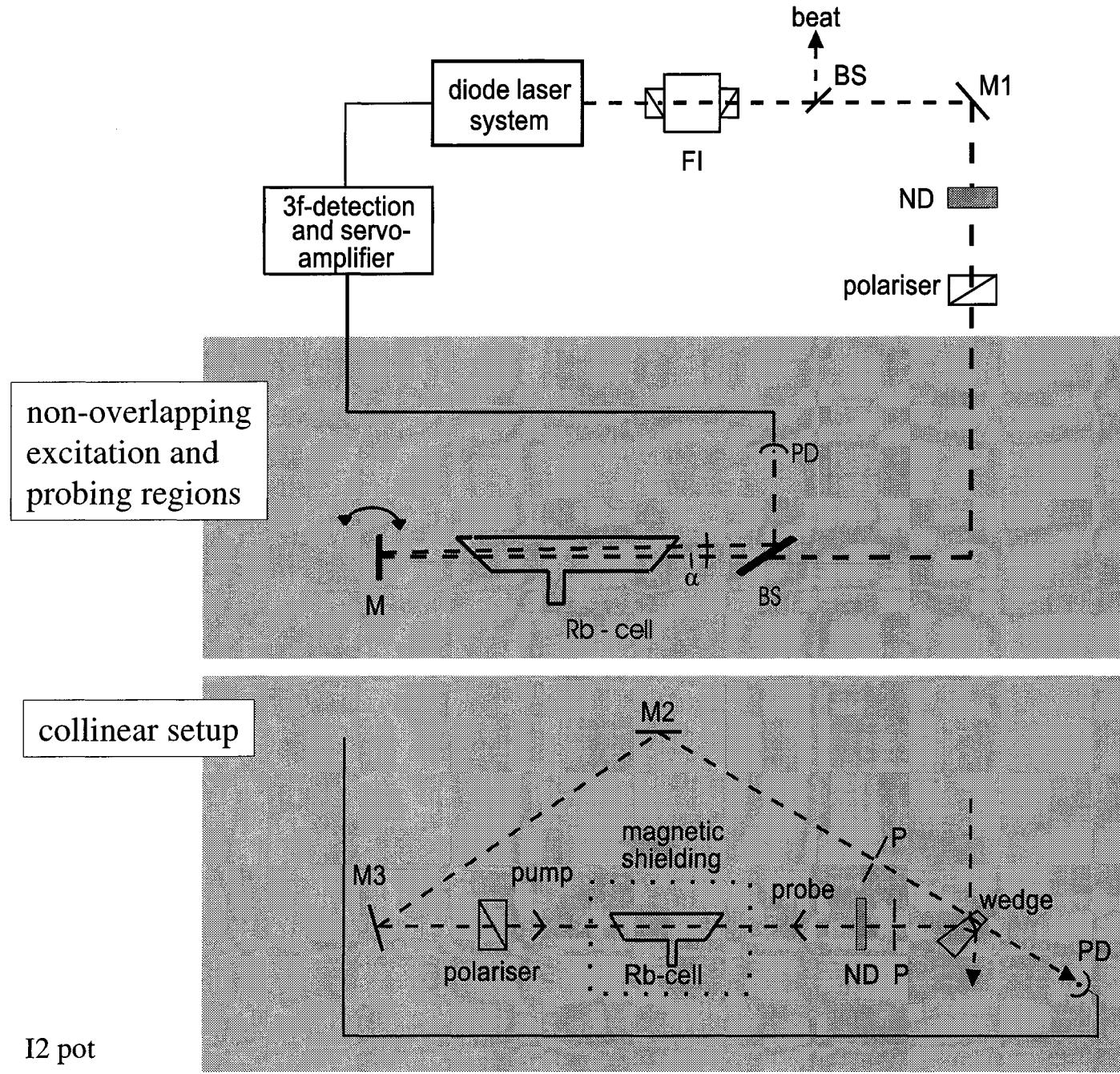


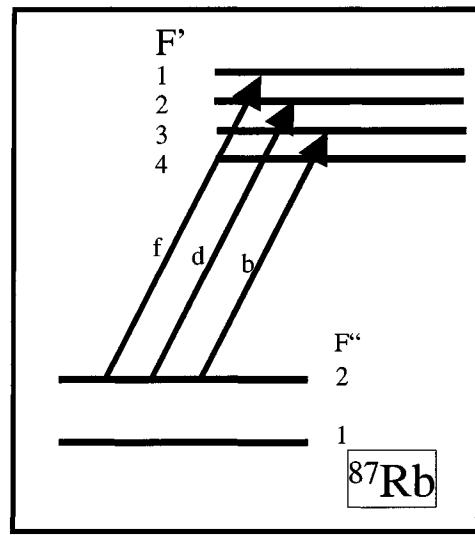
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# High precision wavemeter at PTB Braunschweig, Germany

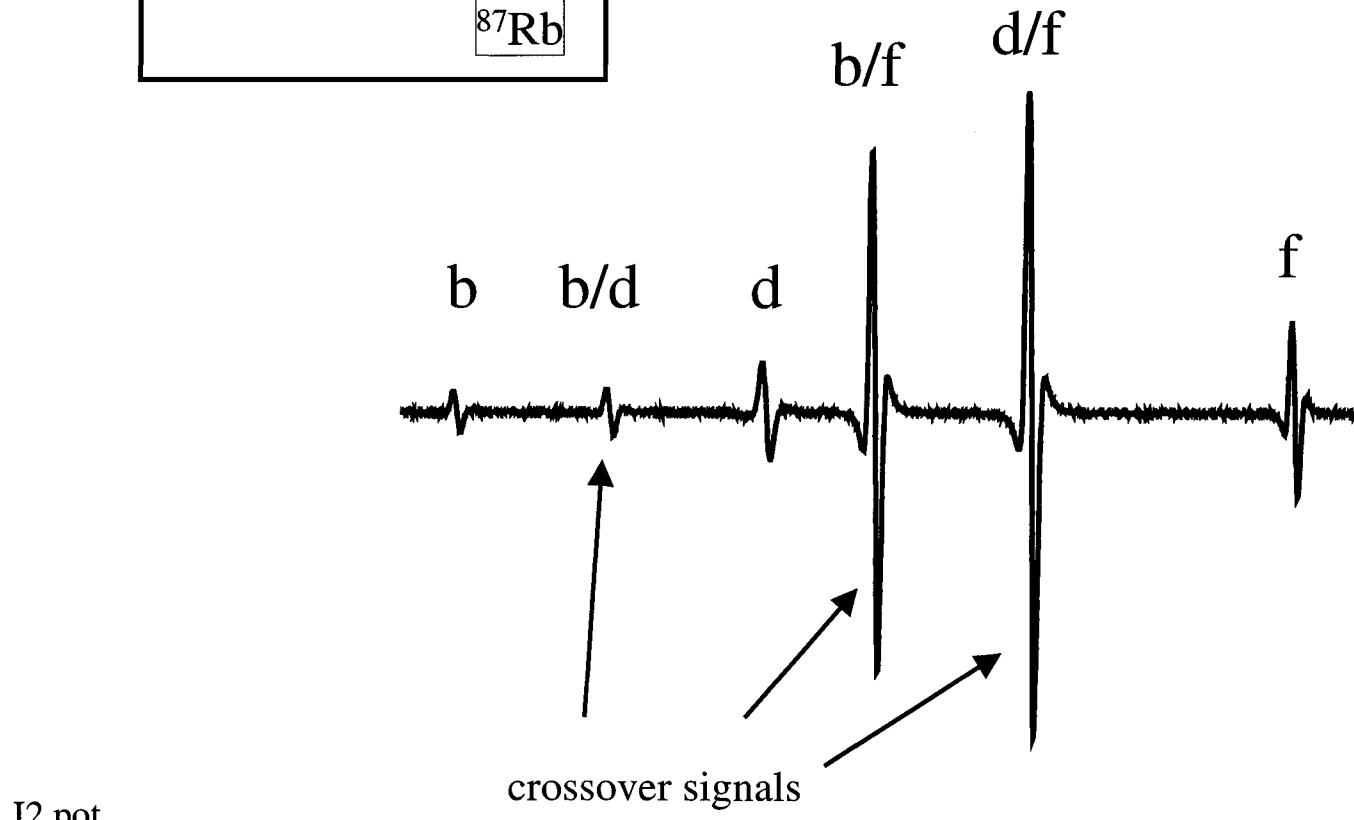




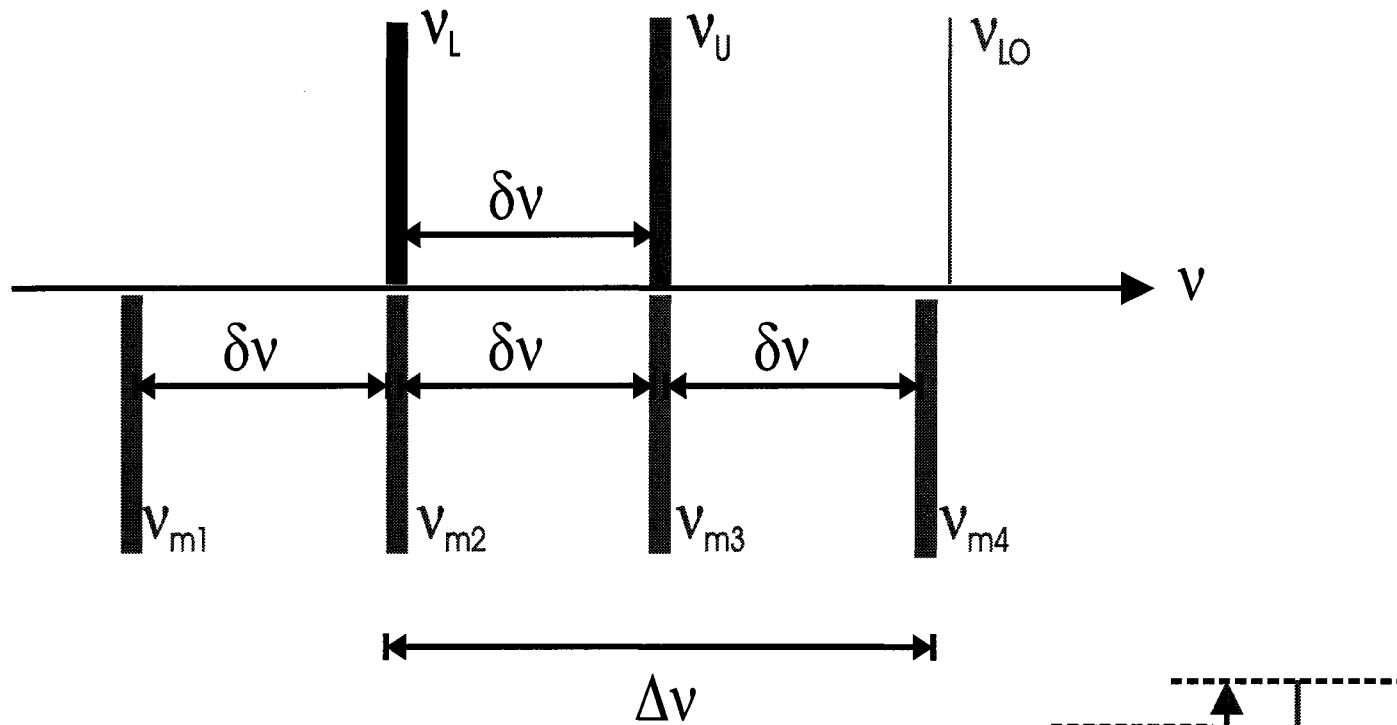


Calibration with reference spectrum

part of the hyperfine spectrum  
of the D2 line of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$



# Optical Extrapolation

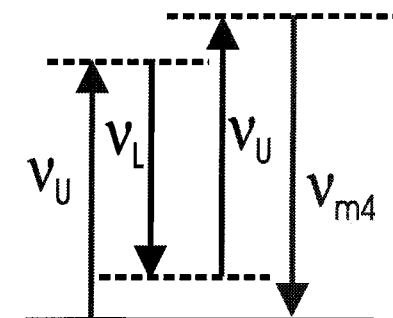


$v_U$  : upper mixing frequency

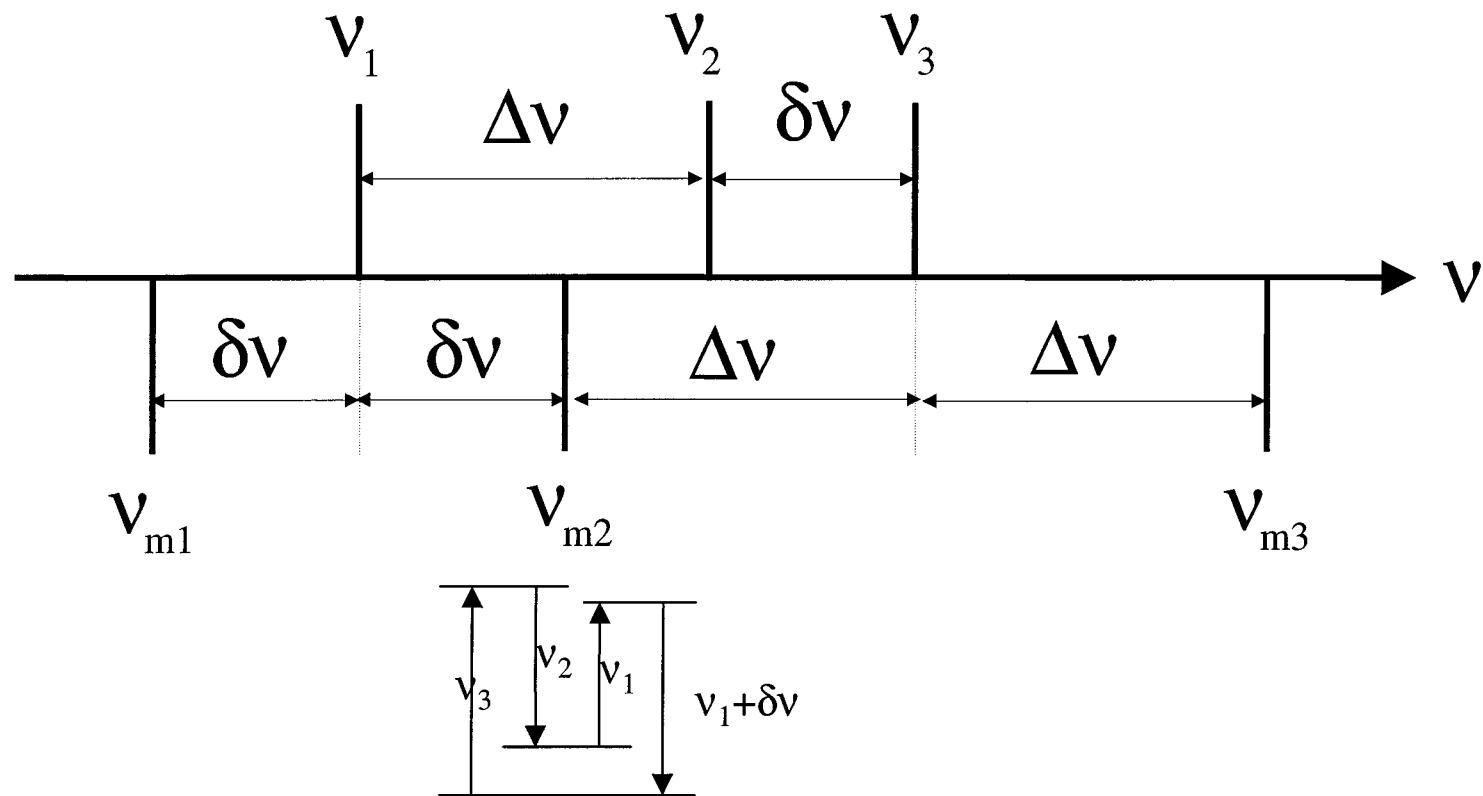
$v_L$  : lower mixing frequency

$v_{LO}$  : frequency of probe laser

$v_{m...}$  : mixing products

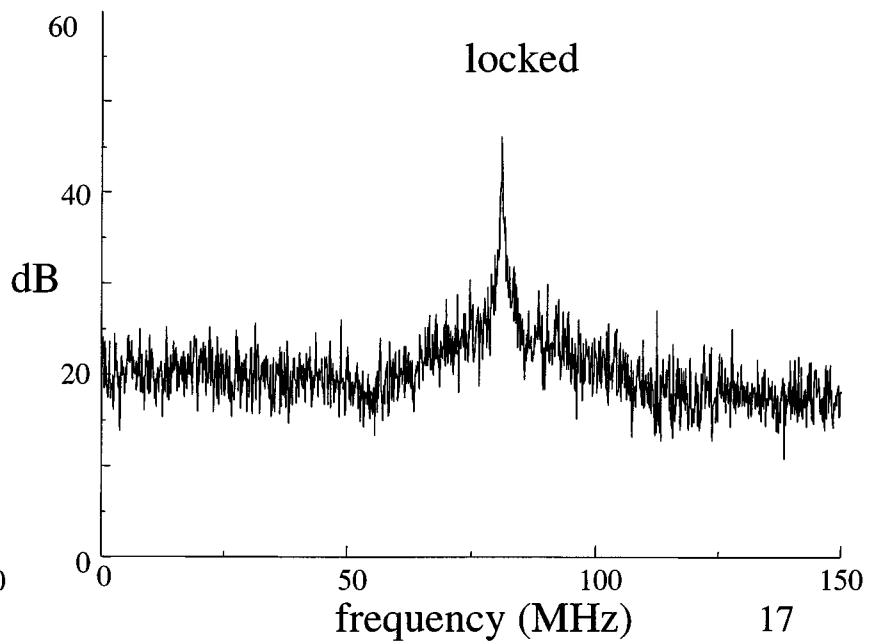
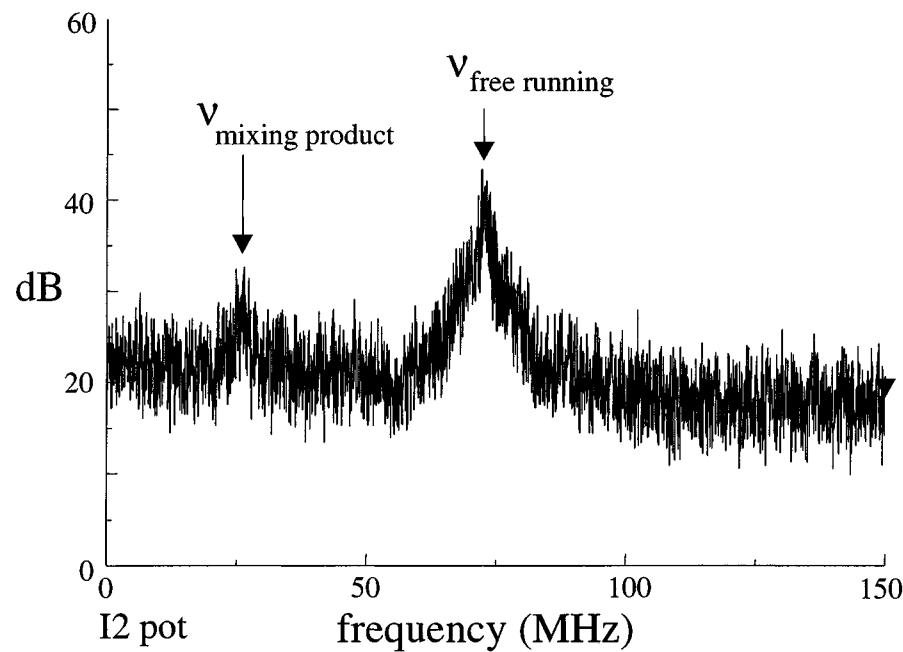
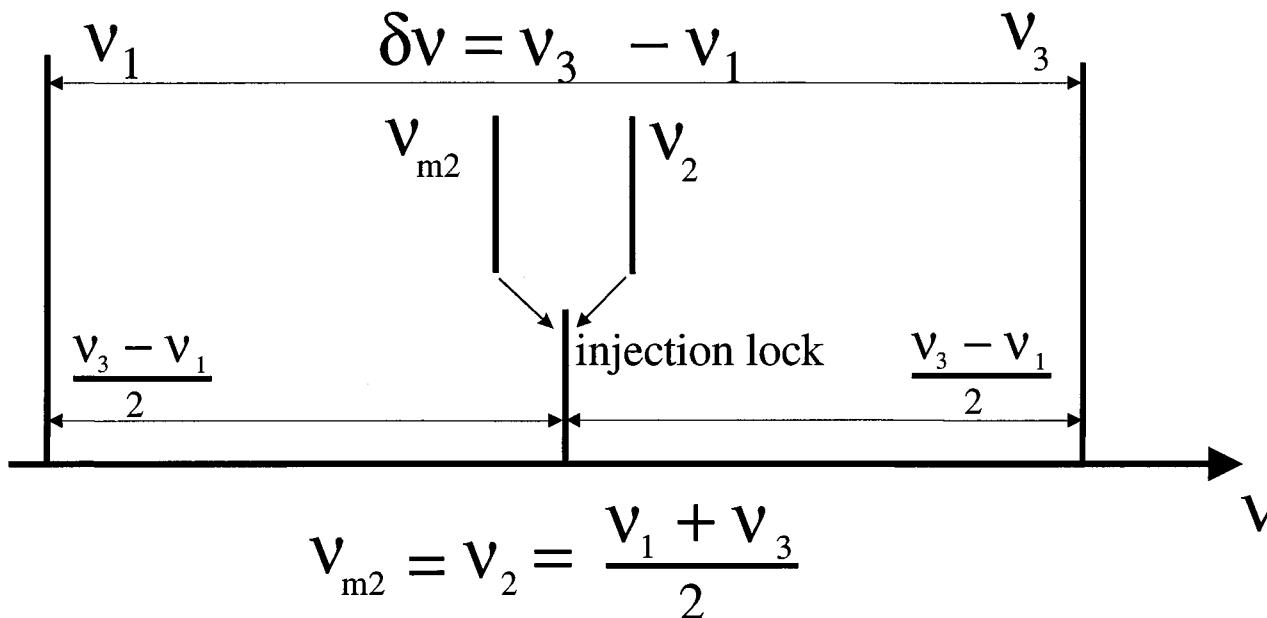


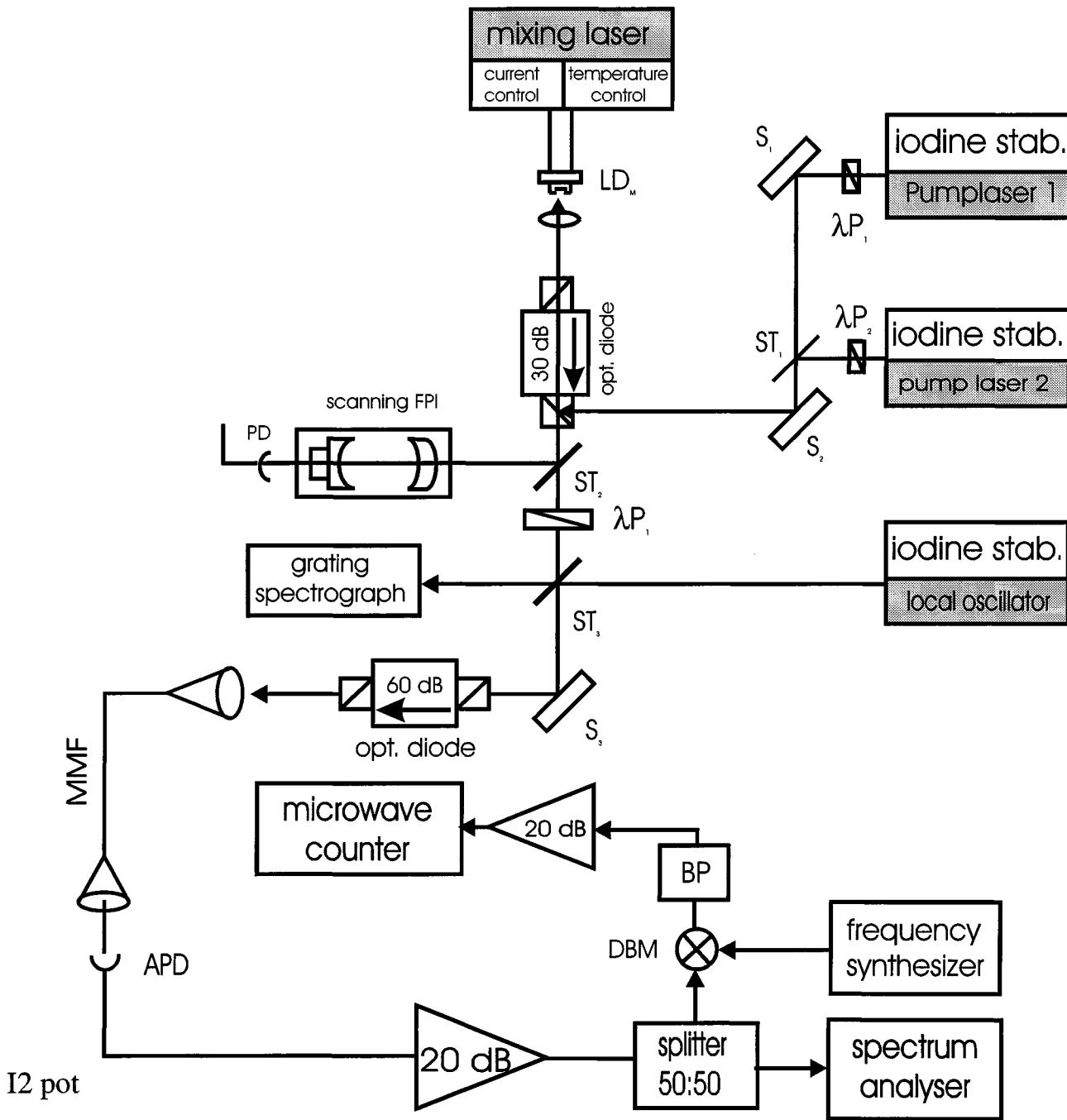
## scheme for 4-colour mixing:



4\_col\_mix.cdr

## optical interval division by 4-wave mixing:





Übergang:	Komp.	Frequenz [MHz]	Unsicherheit [MHz]	Methode
P(172) 0 - 16	a10	367565102,563	0,060	Beat
R(44) 0 - 17	a10	367586099,783	0,060	Beat
P(34) 0 - 17	a10	367599333,367	0,070	Beat
P(239) 0 - 15	a2	367606843,764	0,065	Beat
R(180) 0 - 16	a1	367614603,485	0,044	Diff. freq.
R(42) 0 - 17	a10	367615714,545	0,043	Diff. freq.
P(171) 0 - 16	a14	367634198,367	0,070	Beat
P(105) 0 - 15	a14	377087649,357	0,077	Rb D1
R(205) 0 - 14	a12	377105264,775	0,077	Rb D1
R(113) 0 - 15	a12	377117726,171	0,077	Rb D1
P(104) 0 - 15	a10	377131003,300	0,077	Rb D1
P(88) 0 - 15	a15	377770986,011	0,050	Beat
P(228) 1 - 14	b10	377796446,422	0,080	Beat
R(96) 0 - 15	a10	377796992,463	0,048	Wellenlänge
P(166) 0 - 14	a1	379431381,762	0,048	Wellenlänge
R(19) 0 - 15	a2	379431541,326	0,062	Beat
R(16) 0 - 15	a9	379448164,055	0,055	Beat
R(174) 0 - 14	a1	379459701,975	0,059	Beat
R(96) 0 - 14	a10	383617264,515	0,049	Wellenlänge
P(87) 0 - 14	a2	383633241,143	0,050	Beat
P(70) 0 - 14	a10	384205192,831	0,060	Rb D2
R(188) 0 - 13	a10	384208473,543	0,055	Rb D2
R(117) 2 - 15	b13	384208927,438	0,080	Rb D2
P(43) 3 - 16	a13	384219193,630	0,072	Rb D2
P(243) 0 - 12	b12	384219408,307	0,250	Rb D2
R(78) 0 - 14	a10	384222471,557	0,060	Rb D2
P(148) 1 - 14	a1	384235614,628	0,075	Rb D2
R(56) 0 - 14	a10	384783612,796	0,124	VWM
P(31) 0 - 14	a07	385074236,842	0,137	VWM
P(19) 0 - 14	a16	385218641,076	0,045	Rb 2 - Phot
R(26) 0 - 14	a10	385233438,207	0,042	Rb 2 - Phot
R(139) 1 - 14	a13	385266729,747	0,043	Rb 2 - Phot
R(18) 0 - 14	a9	385291965,716	0,050	Rb 2 - Phot
R(16) 0 - 14	a10	385302700,723	0,043	Rb 2 - Phot
R(138) 1 - 14	a10	385322745,915	0,047	Beat
R(240) 0 - 12	a10	385347591,290	0,047	Beat
P(164) 0 - 13	a1	385363327,790	0,110	Beat 19
P(129) 1 - 14	b2	385363816,382	0,120	Beat

Beat frequency of  
Ca standard and methane standard

B.Bodermann et al, Appl.Phys. B67, 95 (1998)

Wavemeter measurements

B.Bodermann et al Metrologia 35, 105 (1998)

Calibration with Rb lines

B.Bodermann et al, Eur.Phys.J. D11, 213 (2000)

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# Large set of measurements

- assignment of spectrum
- rotational and vibrational energy levels
- analysis of hyperfine structure
- determination of molecular parameters
- determination of potentials
- recalculation of the total spectrum
- predictions ? !

radial Schrödinger equation:

$$\left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 J(J+1)}{2m_r R^2} + V(R) \right\} \chi(R) = E_{v,J} \chi(R)$$

Dunham potential:

$$V(R) = d_0 \cdot \xi^2 \cdot \left( 1 + \sum_{i>0} d_i \cdot \xi^i \right) \quad \xi = \frac{R - R_e}{R_e}$$

representation of energy levels:

$$E(v, J) = \sum_{k,l} Y_{k,l} \left( v + \frac{1}{2} \right)^k [J(J+1)]^l \quad k, l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

transition frequencies:

$$\nu(v'', J'', v', J') = T_e + E(v', J') - E(v'', J'')$$

„X“-representation of potential: for better convergence behavior

$$V(R) = \sum_i a_i X^i \quad i=0,1,2,\dots \quad X = \frac{R - R_e}{R + a \cdot R_e}$$

effective Hamiltonian including Born-Oppenheimer (BO) corrections

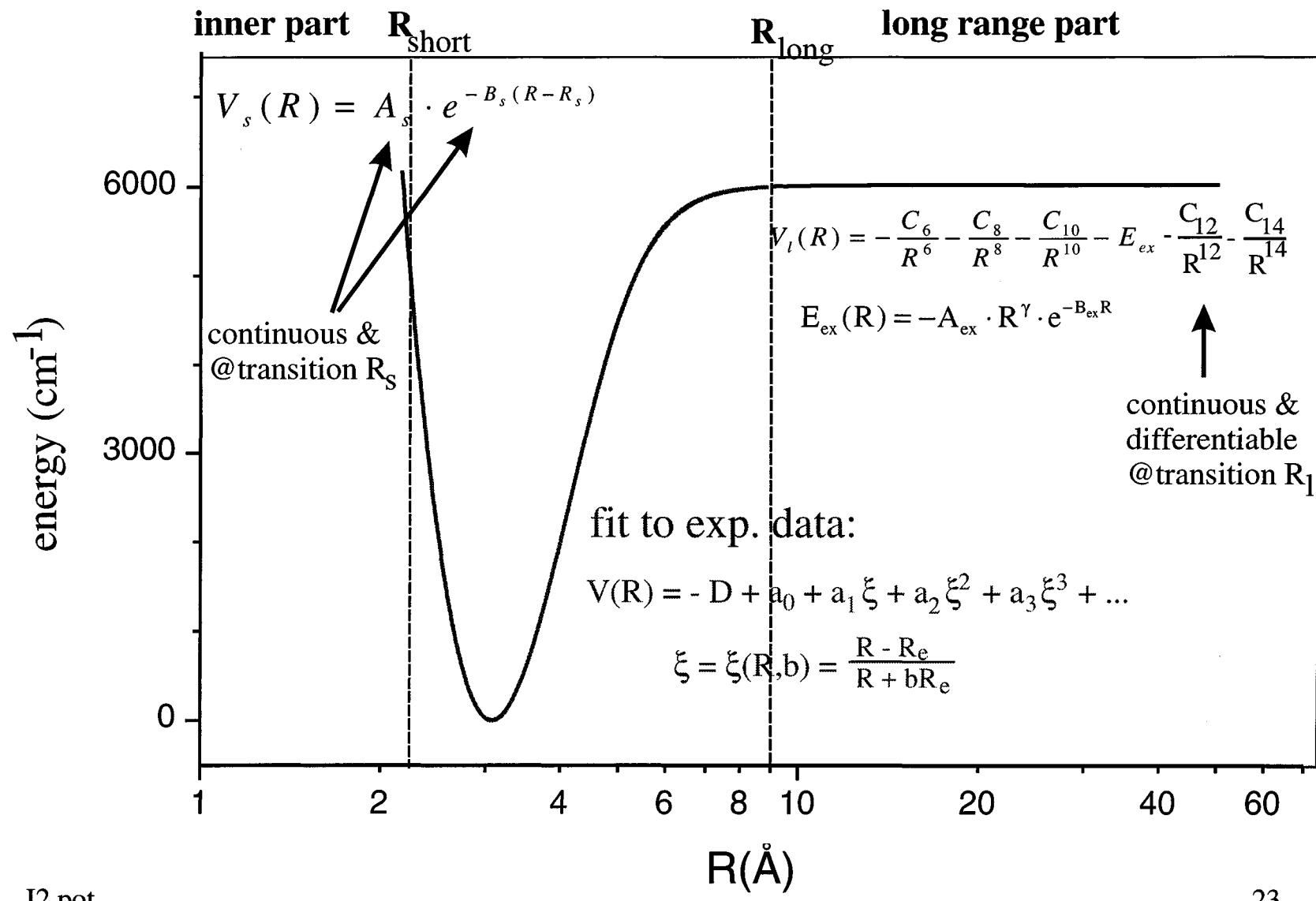
effective Schrödinger equation:

$$\left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 \cdot \sum_i b_i X^i}{2m_r R^2} J \cdot (J+1) + \sum_j a_j X^j \right\} \chi(R) = E_{v,J} \cdot \chi(R)$$

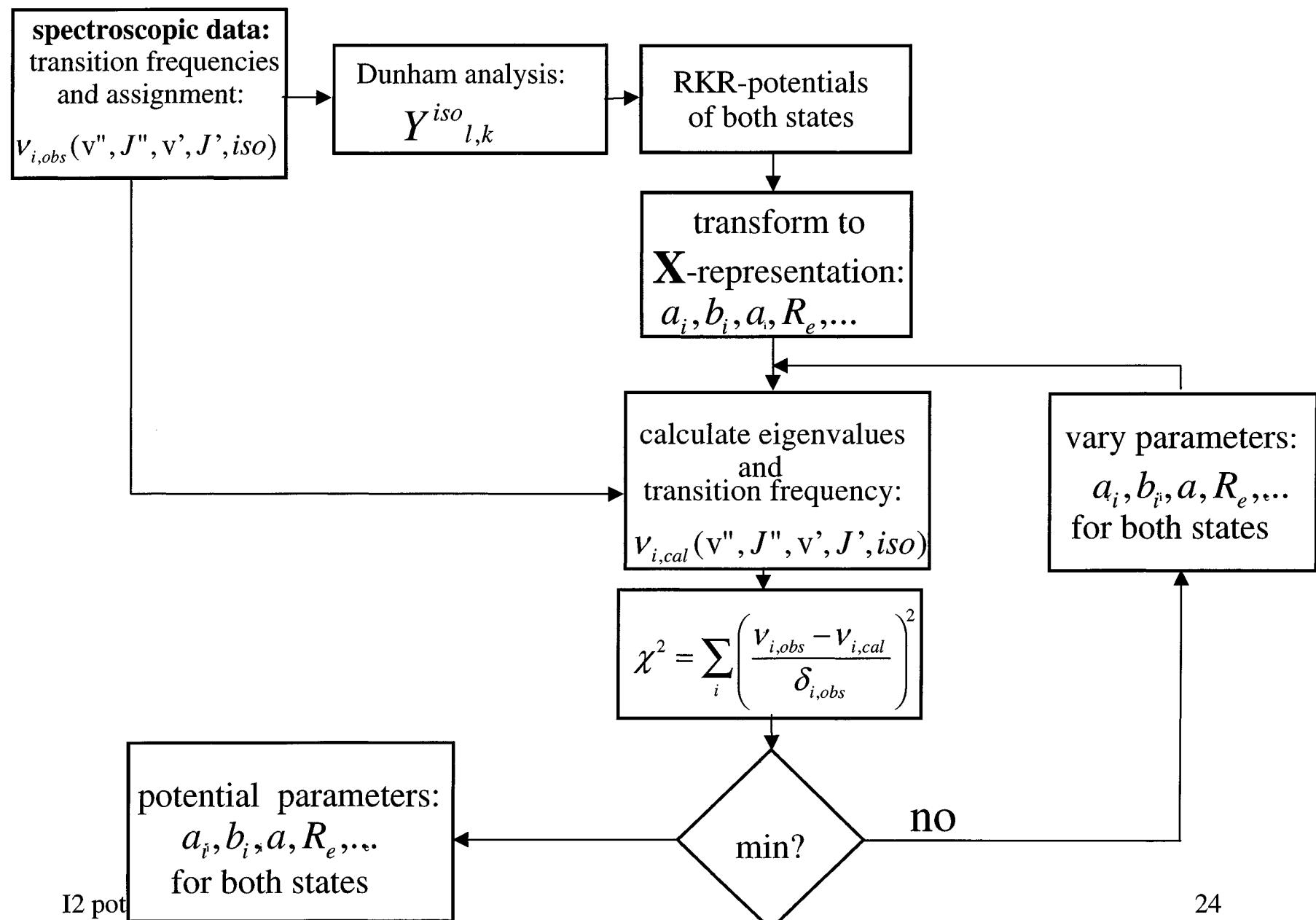
R.M.Hermann, A.Asgharian, J.Mol.Spectrosc. **19**, 305 (1966)

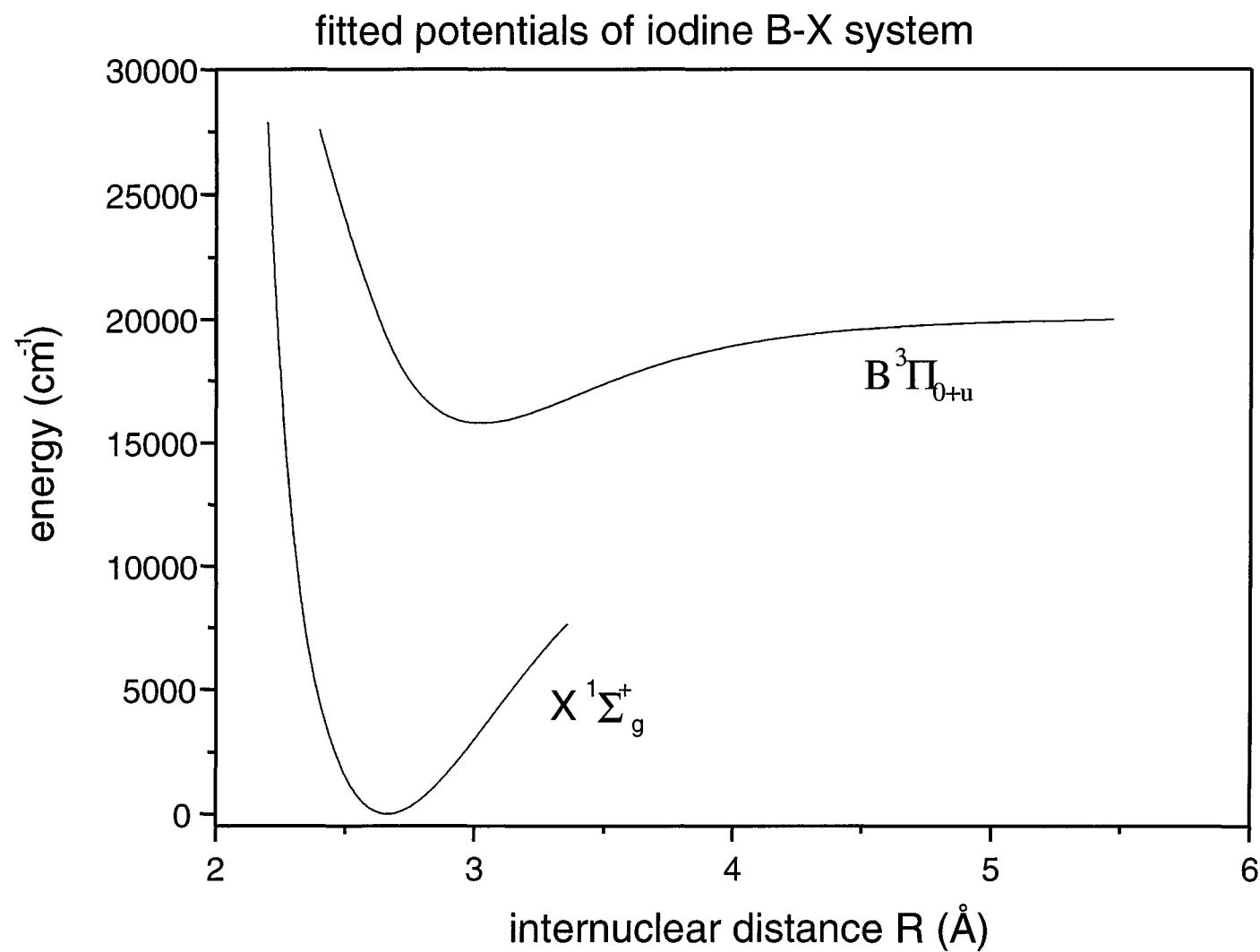
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# Construction of the adiabatic potentials

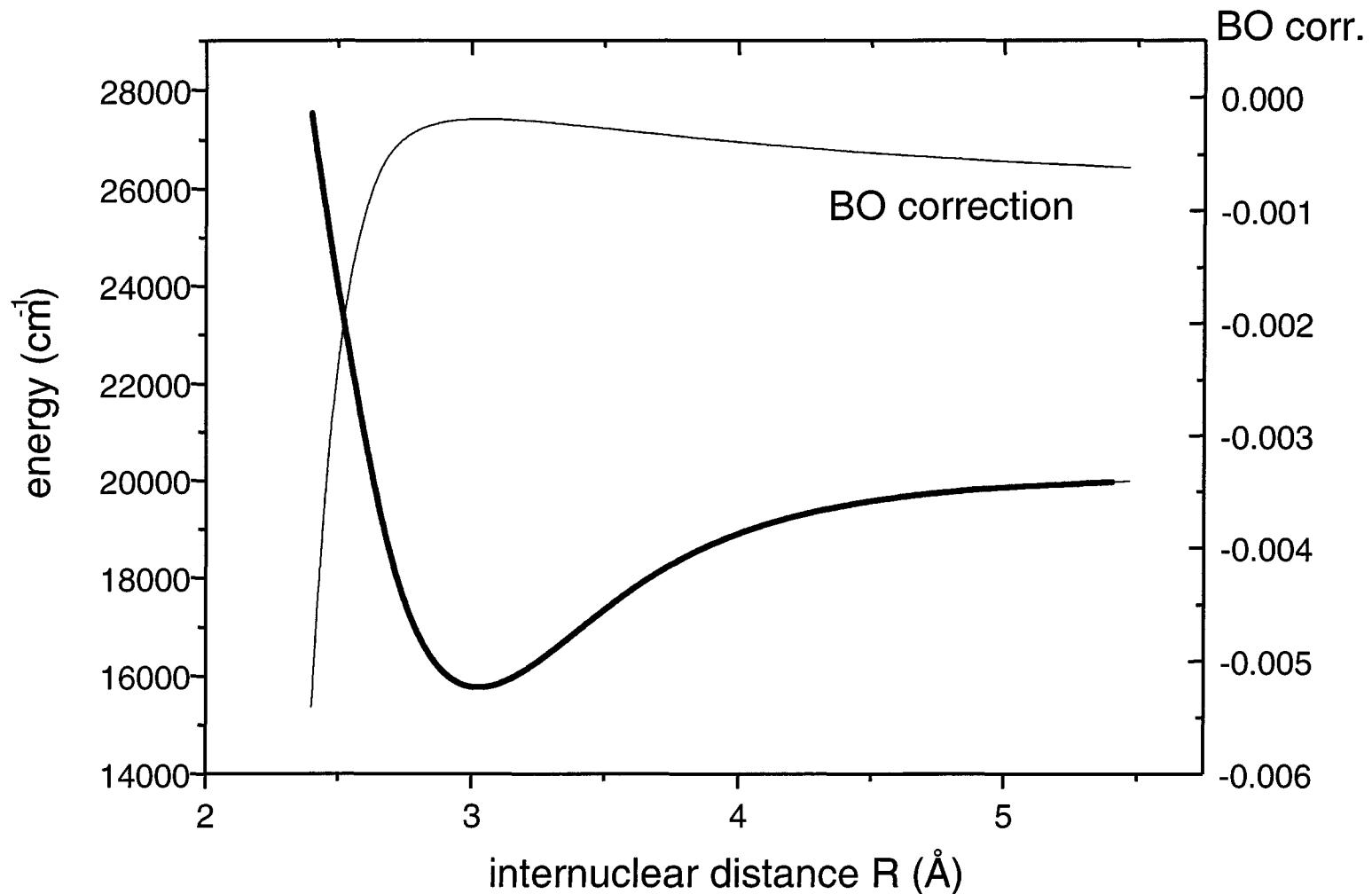


# determination of molecular potentials

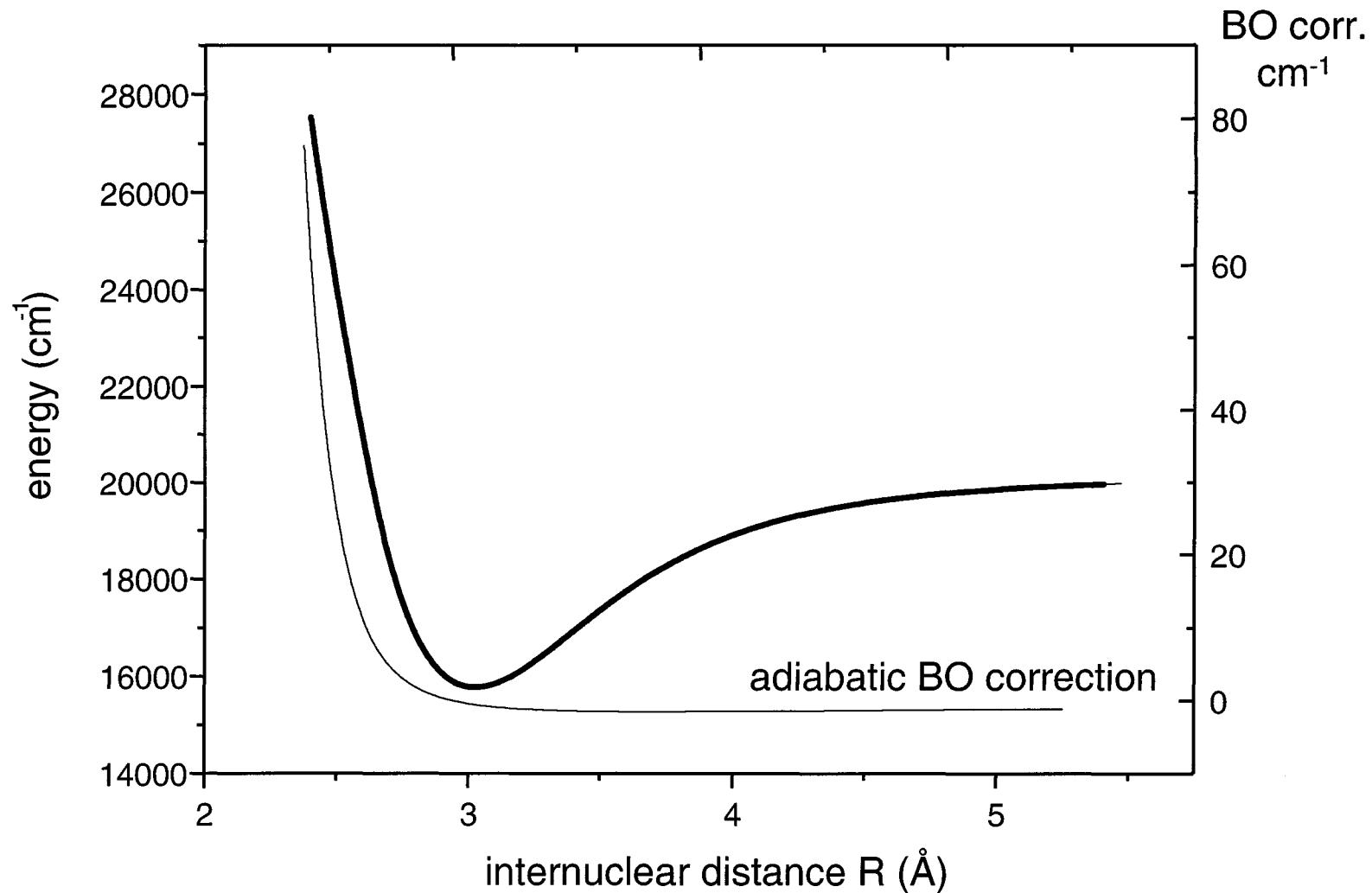




B state potential and BO correction for J **non-adiabatic**



## B state potential and **adiabatic** BO correction



The fit describes all observations of vibrational and rotational structure  
within experimental accuracy

To give error limits for potential parameters is not meaningful:

- the correlation is too high and
- the result depends strongly on the truncation of the power series

Extrapolation out of the region of observation degrades quickly in reliability

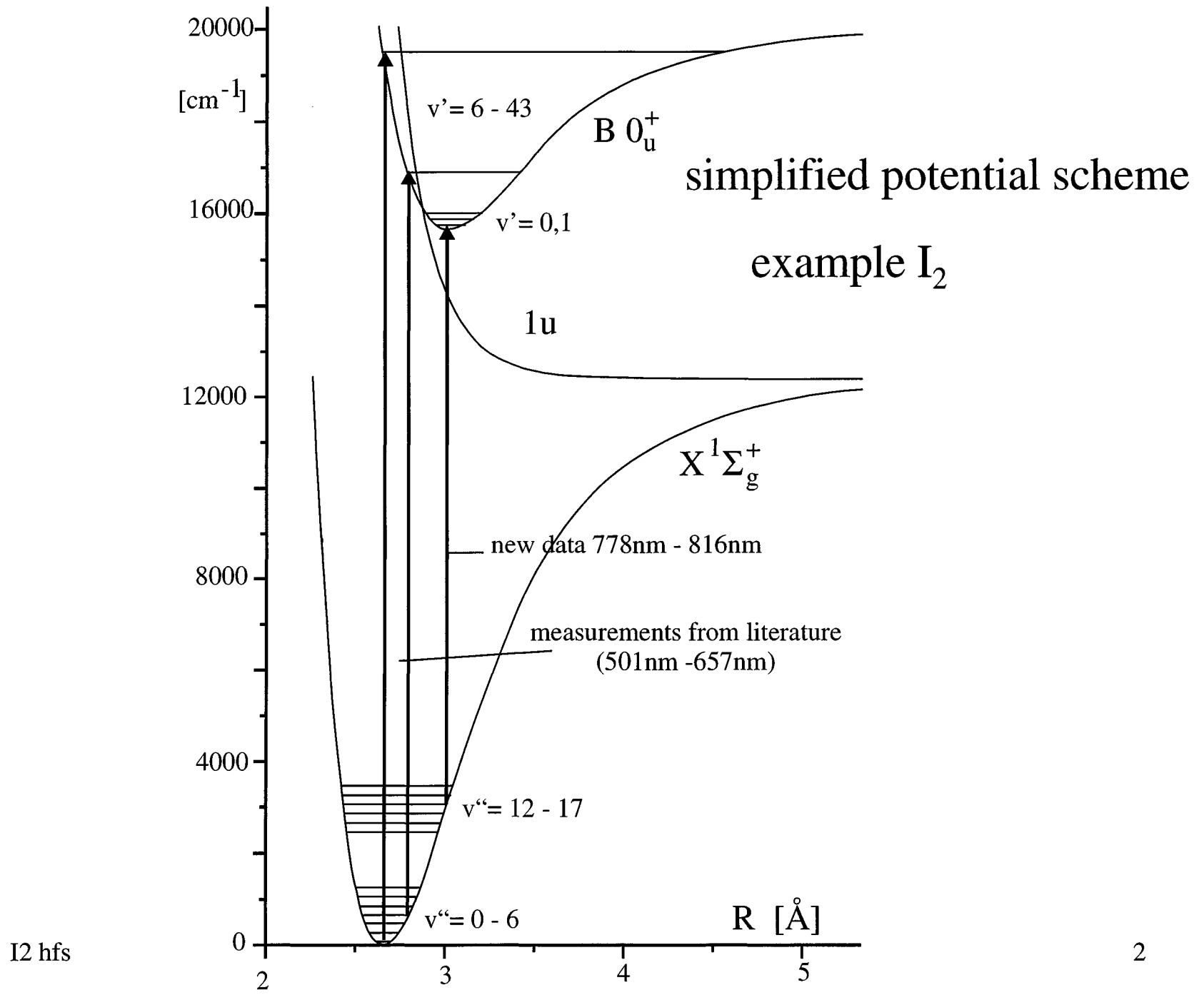
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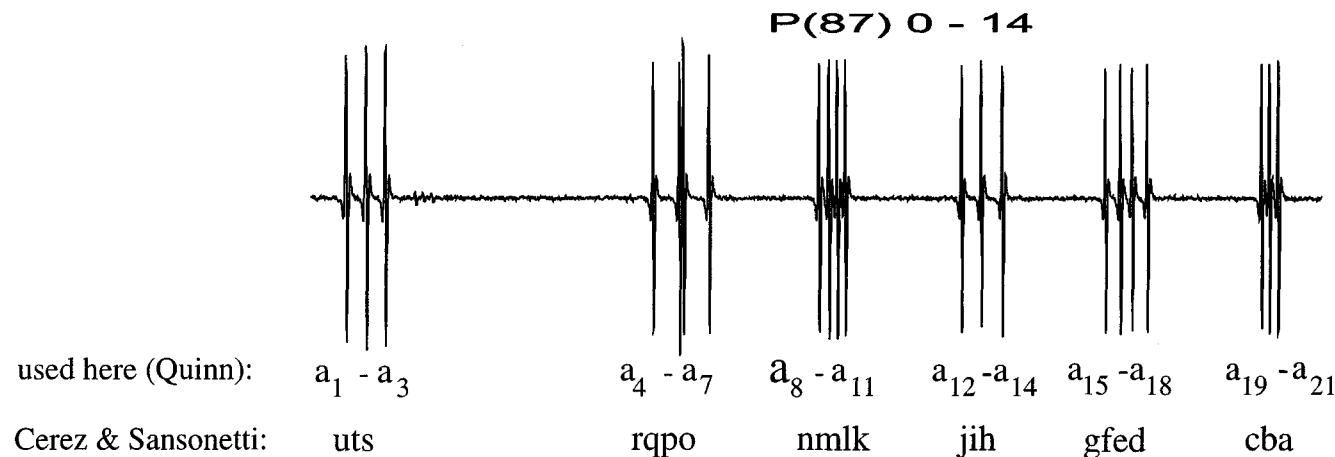
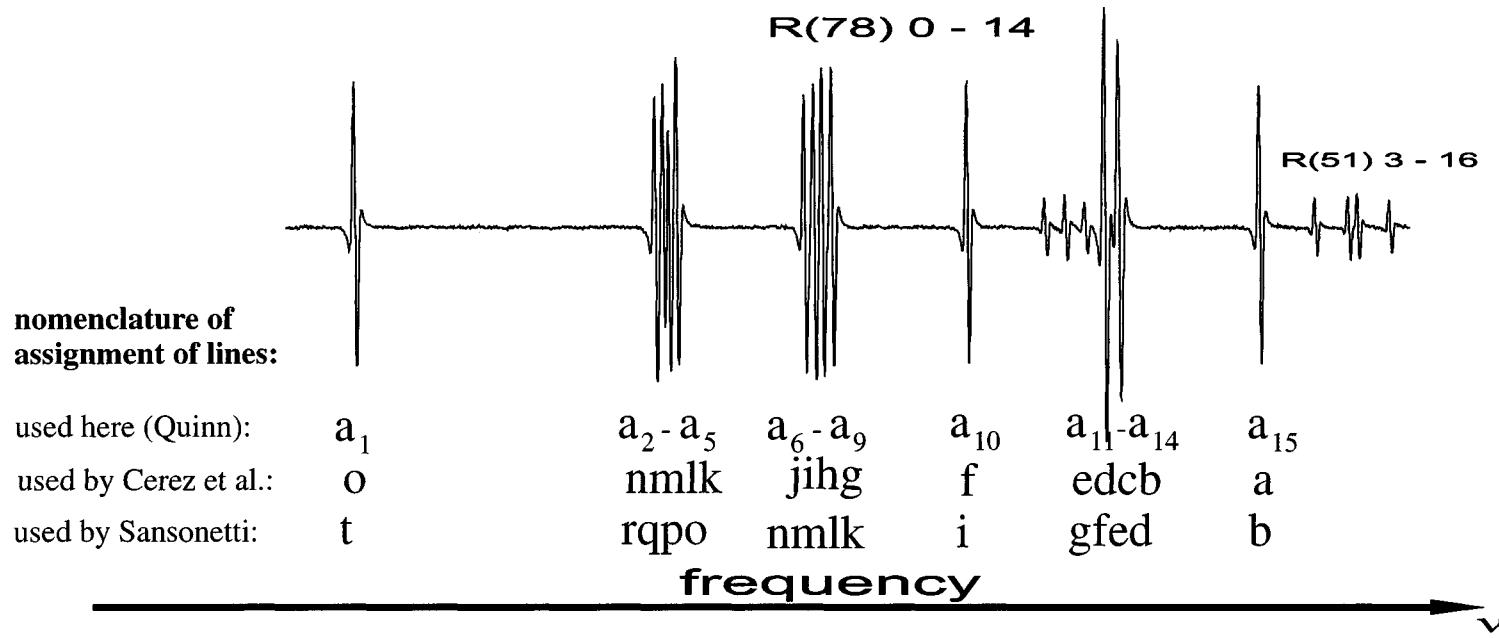
## Part 2 Hyperfine analysis and precise global prediction

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1. Hyperfine interactions, effective hamiltonian
2. Fitting to molecular parameters
3. Interpretation of quantum number dependence
4. Iodine atlas as reference and its numerical reconstruction





## Hamiltonian for hyperfine structure

$$\hat{H}_{hfs} = \hat{H}_{quadrupole} + \hat{H}_{spin-rot.} + \hat{H}_{spin-spin}^{tensor} + \hat{H}_{spin-spin}^{scalar}$$

eqQ <sub>A/B</sub>	C <sub>sr A/B</sub>	d	$\delta$	molecular parameters
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angular momentum coupling

$$\vec{F}_A = \vec{J} + \vec{I}_A \quad \vec{F} = \vec{F}_A + \vec{I}_B \quad \text{yields the basis} \quad |(J, I_A) F_A I_B F, M_F \rangle$$

effective hamiltonian, e.g.  $\hat{H}_{spin-rot.} = c_{sr} \vec{J} \cdot \vec{I}$

Literature: A.R.Edmonds, Angular momentum in quantum mechanics  
Princeton University Press (1964)

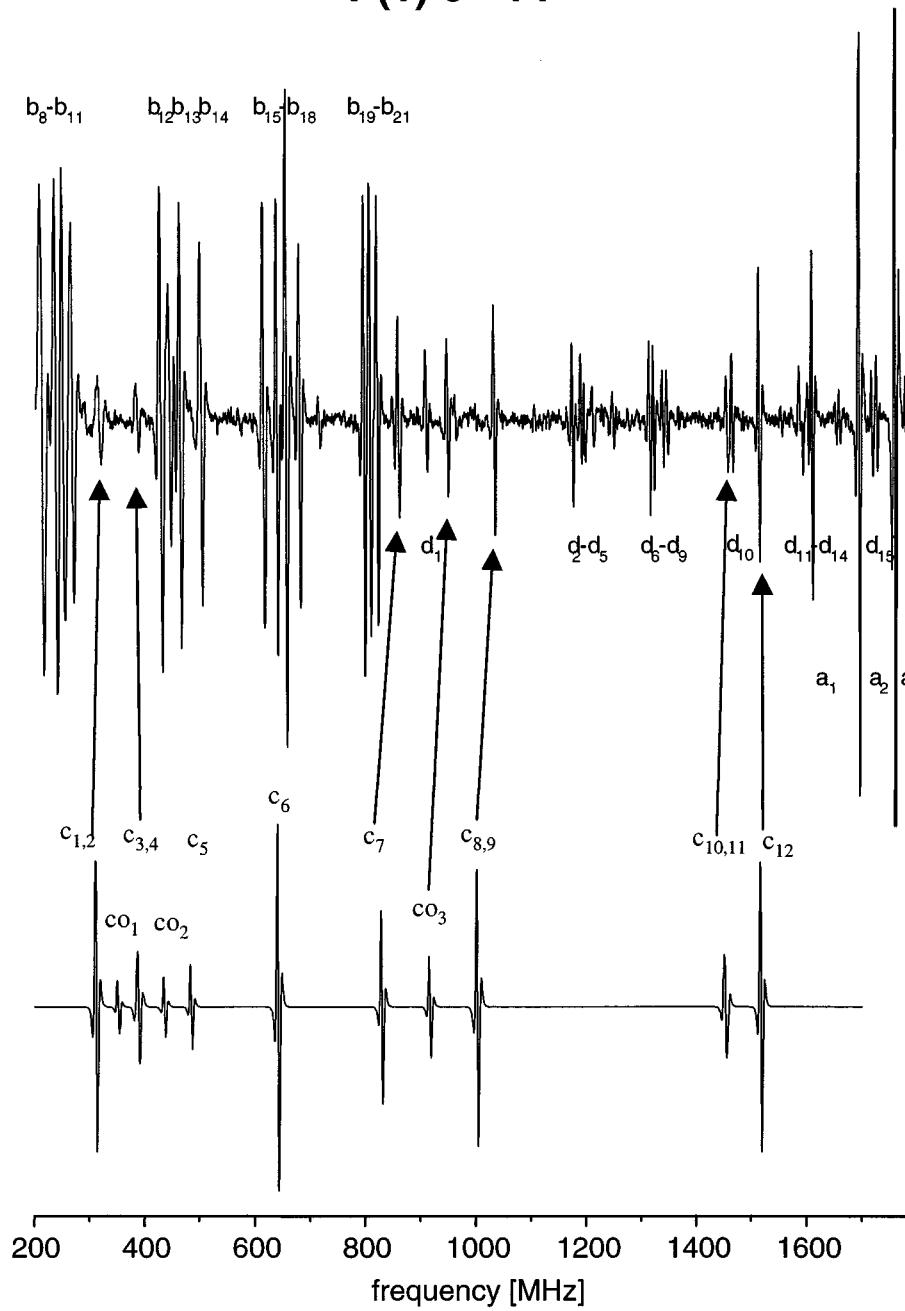
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E.Hirota, High resolution spectroscopy of transient molecules,  
Springer Berlin 1986

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Simulation  
to identify weak lines

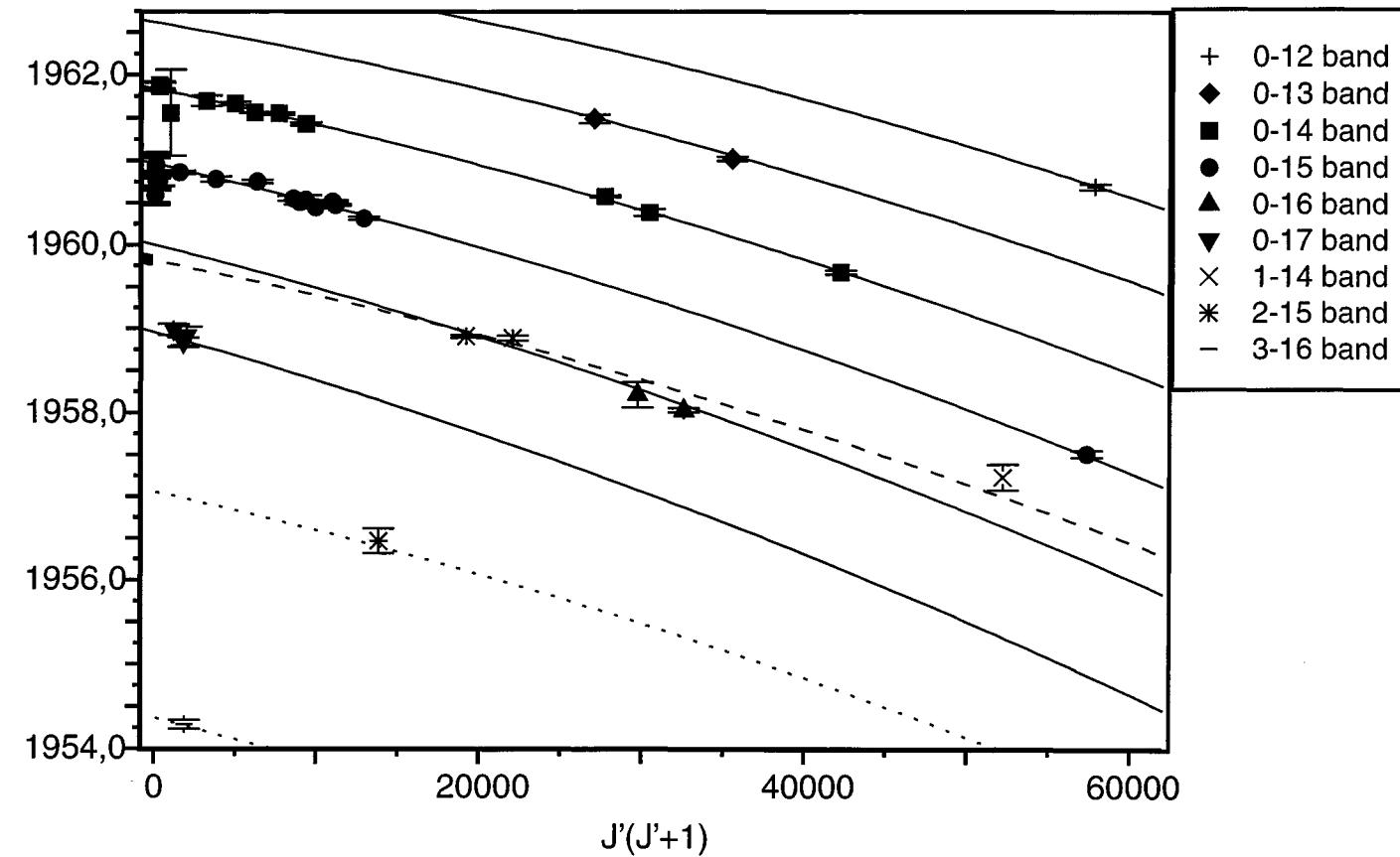
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nuclear quadrupole coupling

$$\Delta \text{eqQ} = \text{eqQ}_B(v', J') - \text{eqQ}_X(v'', J'')$$

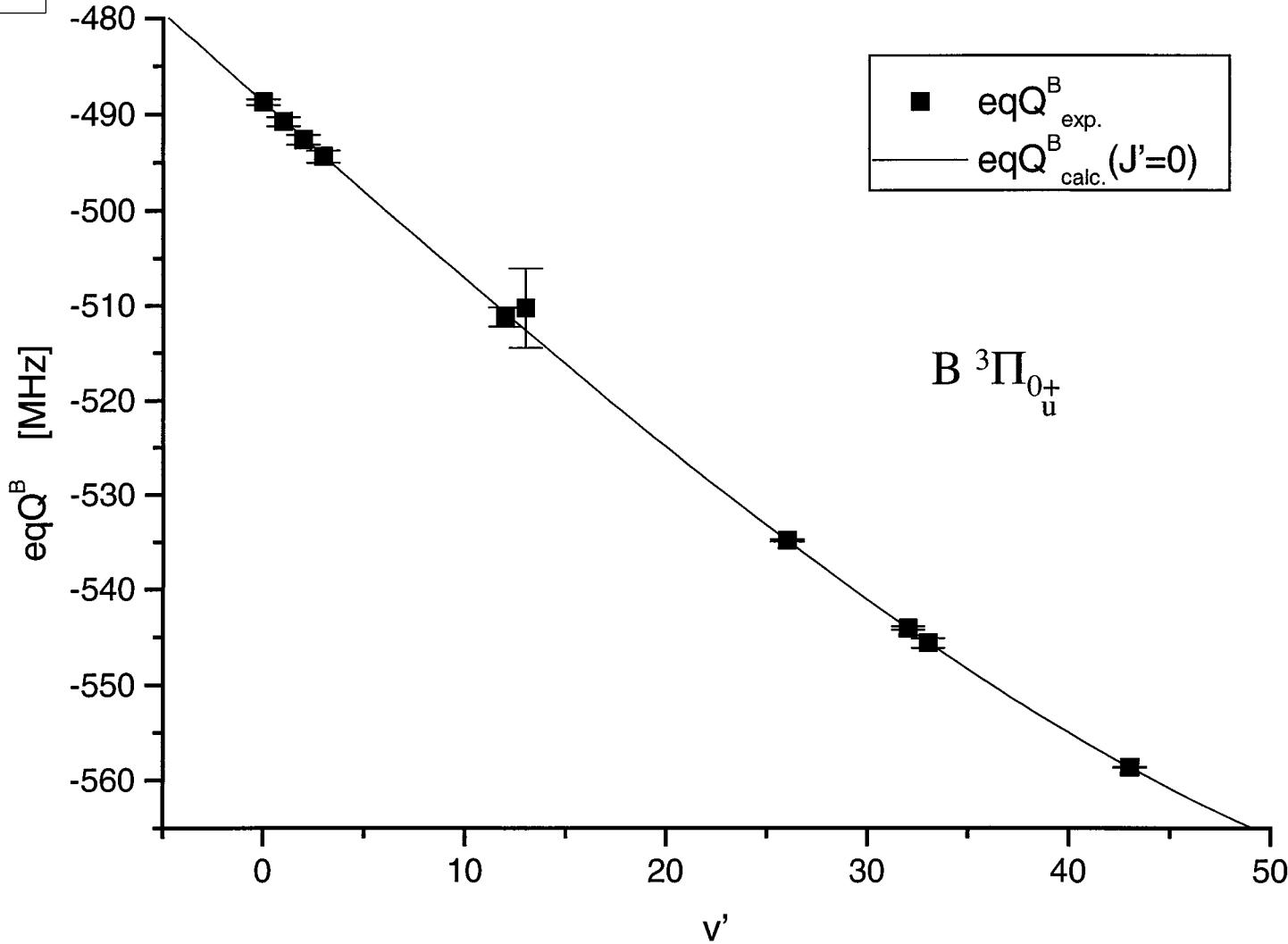
$\Delta \text{eqQ}$  [ MHz ]



solid line: variation of the ground state X

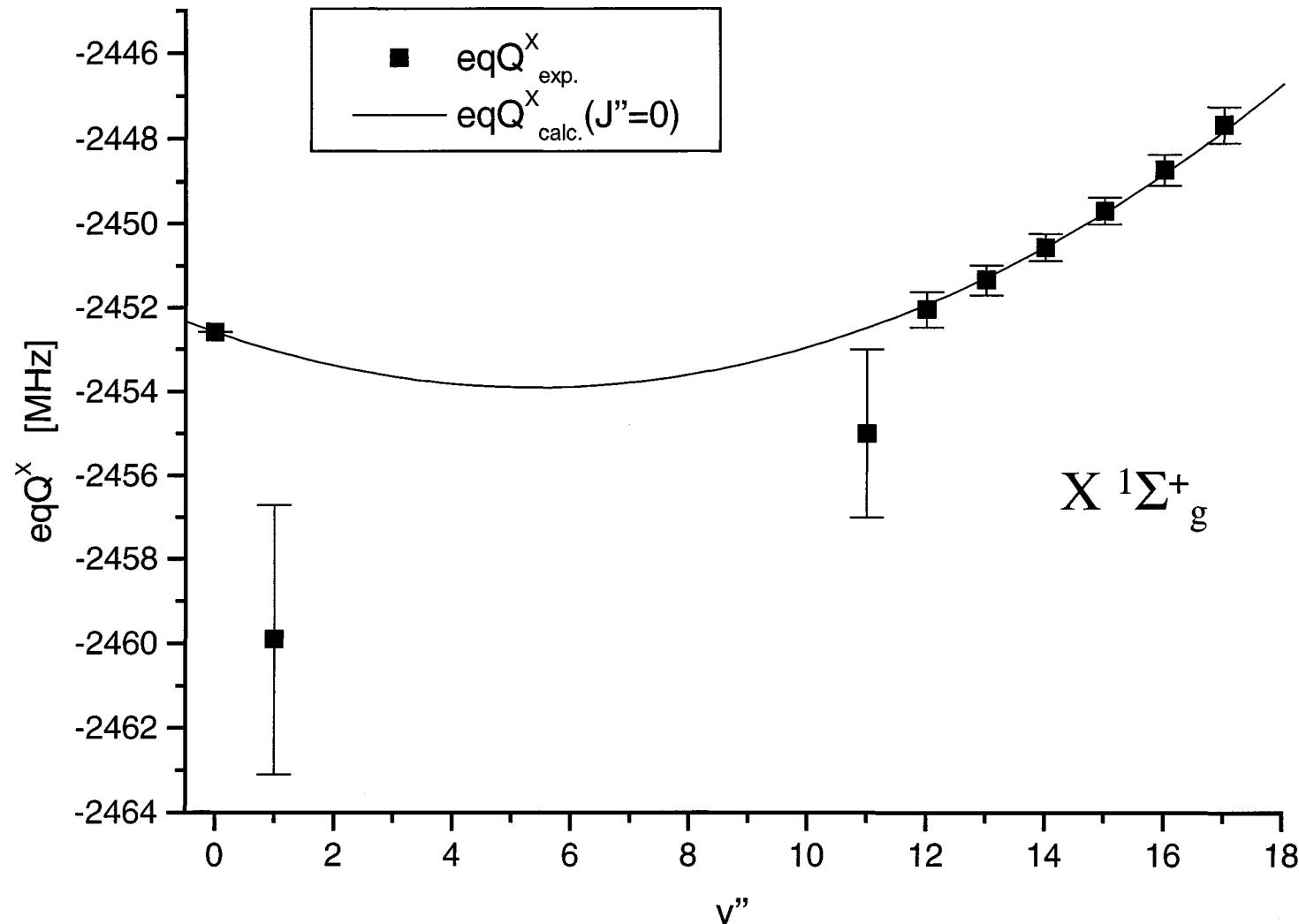
dotted line: variation of the excited state B

Variation of eqQ with  $v'$  gives the function of electric field gradient with internuclear separation

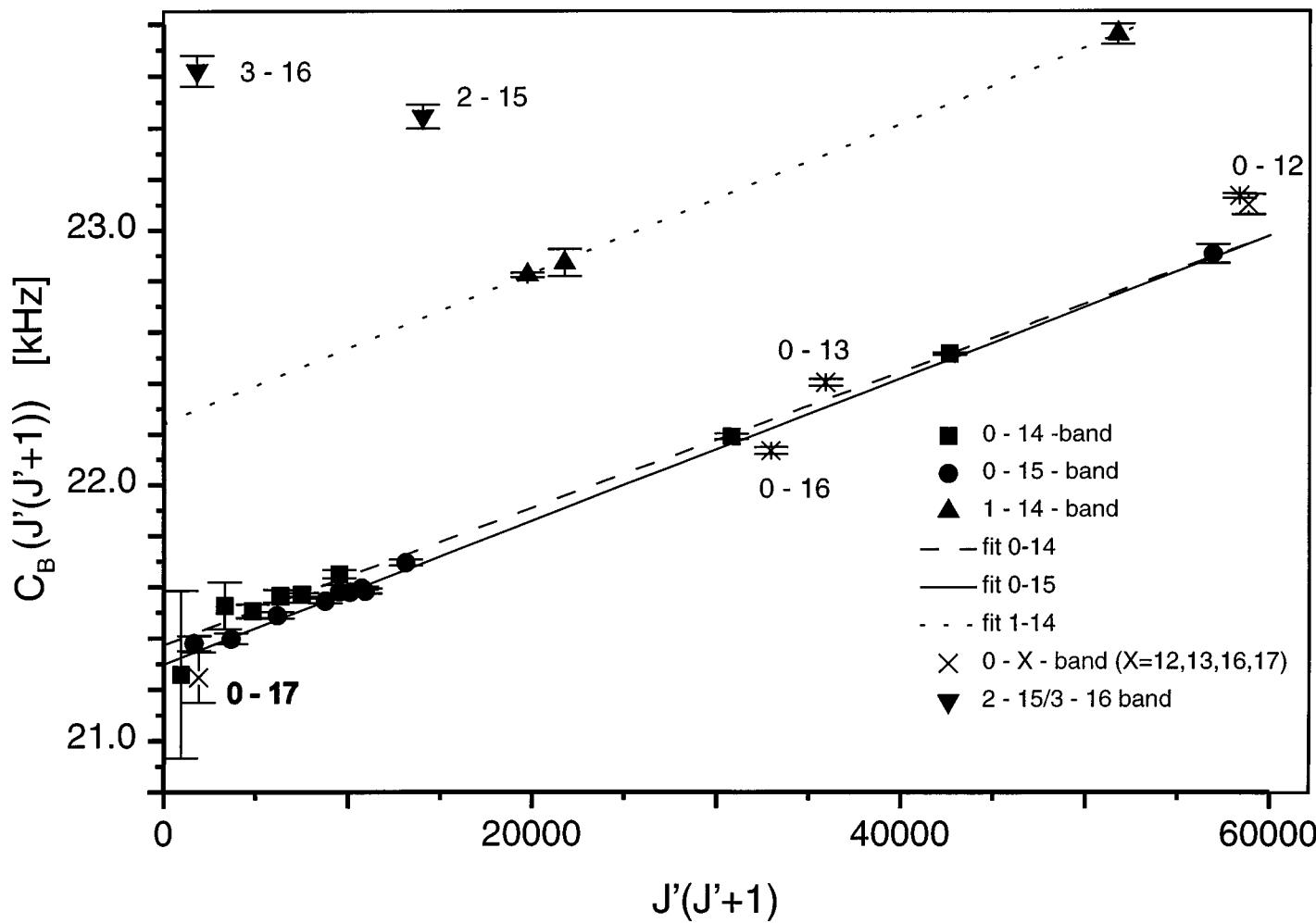




ground state, small variation of eqQ

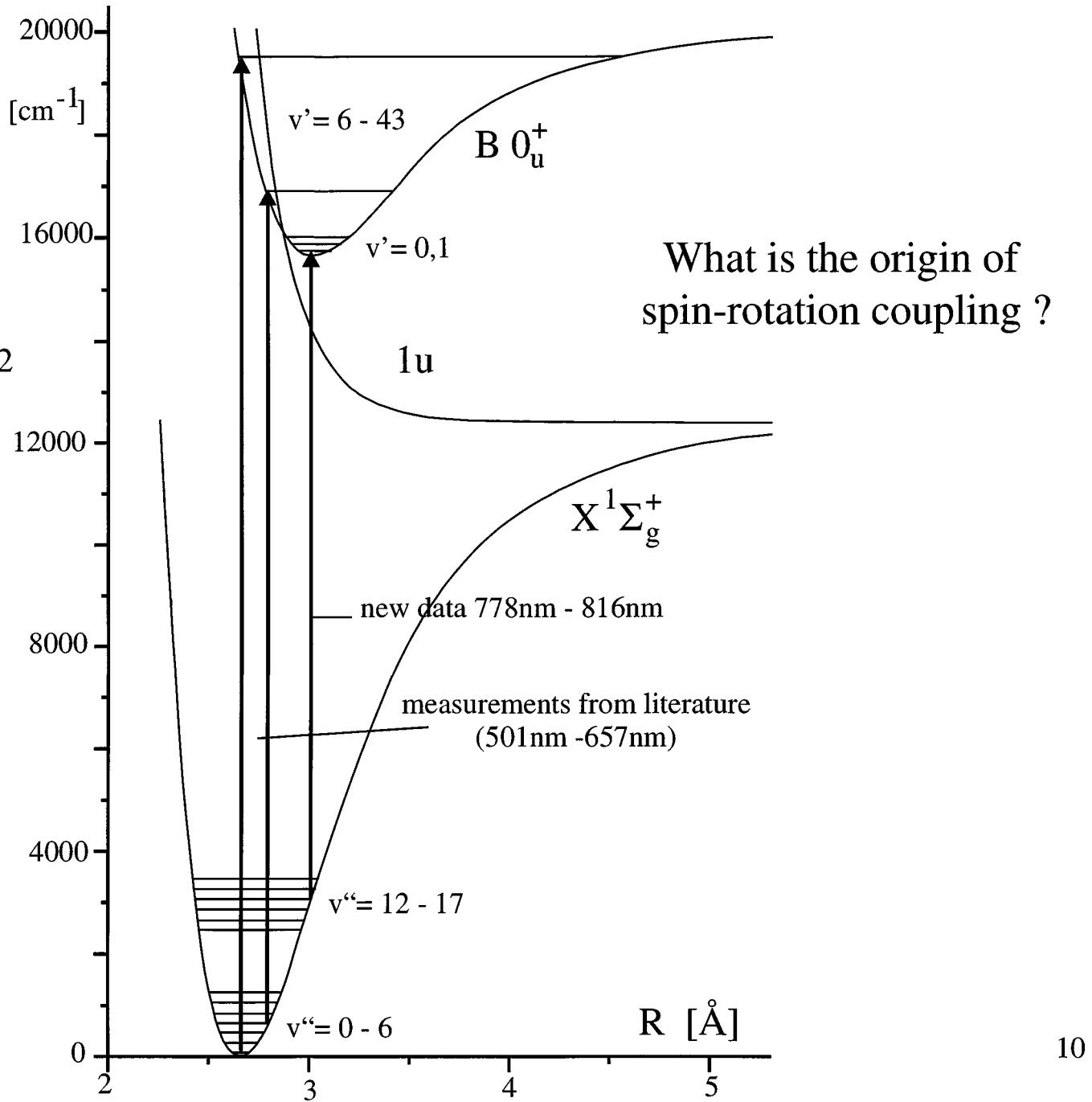


# variation of spin-rotation coupling of the excited state B

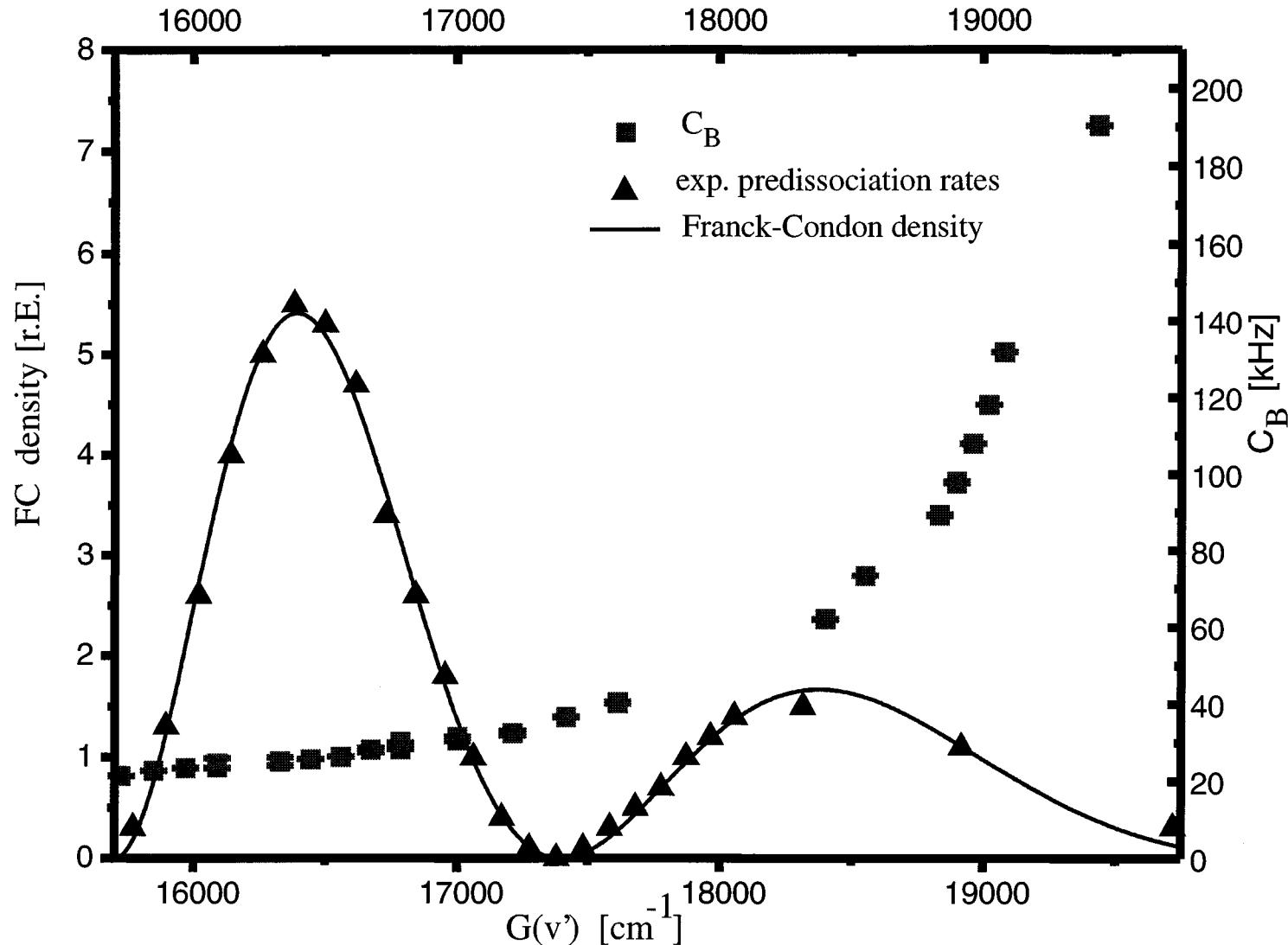


## example I<sub>2</sub>

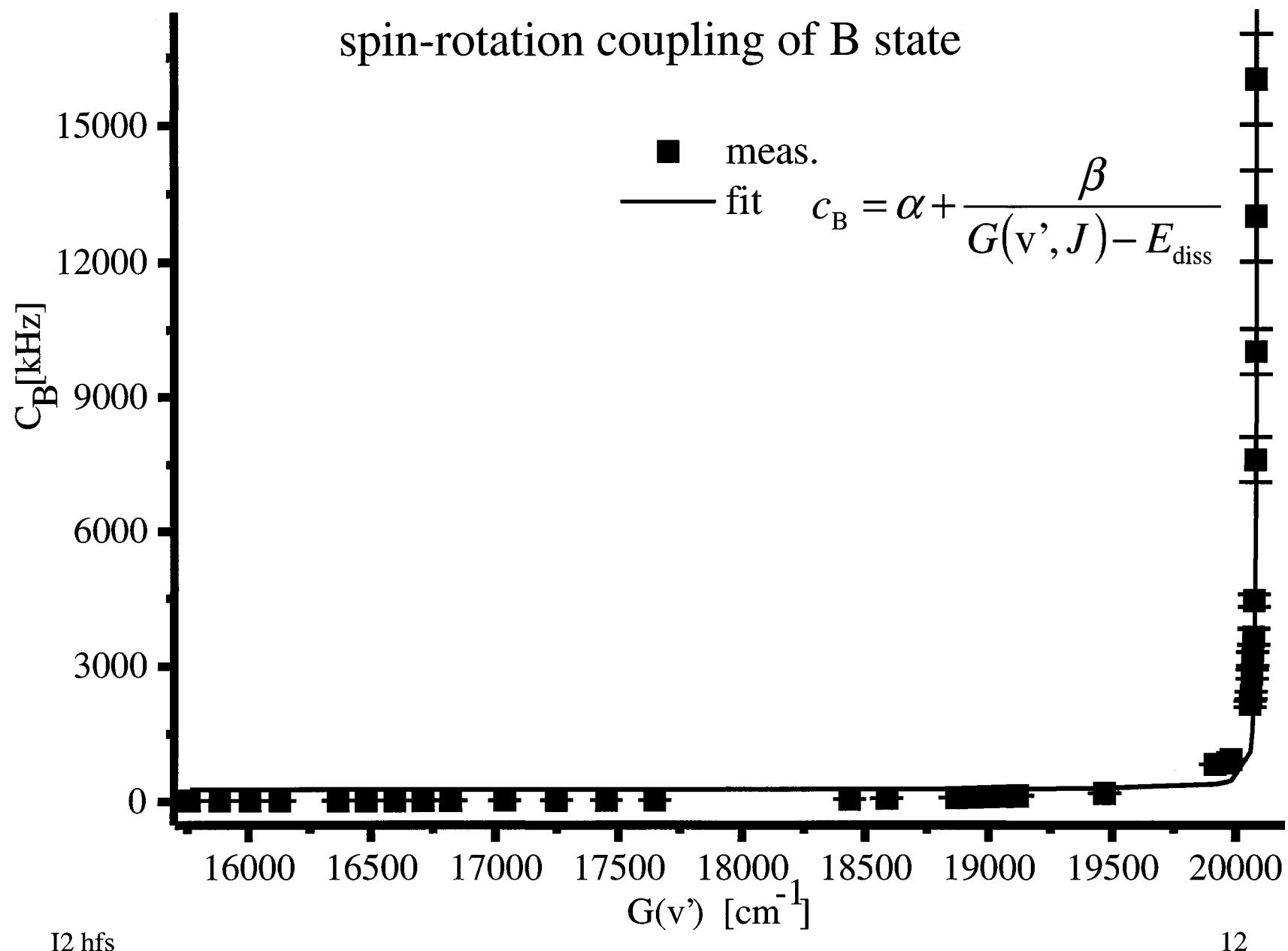
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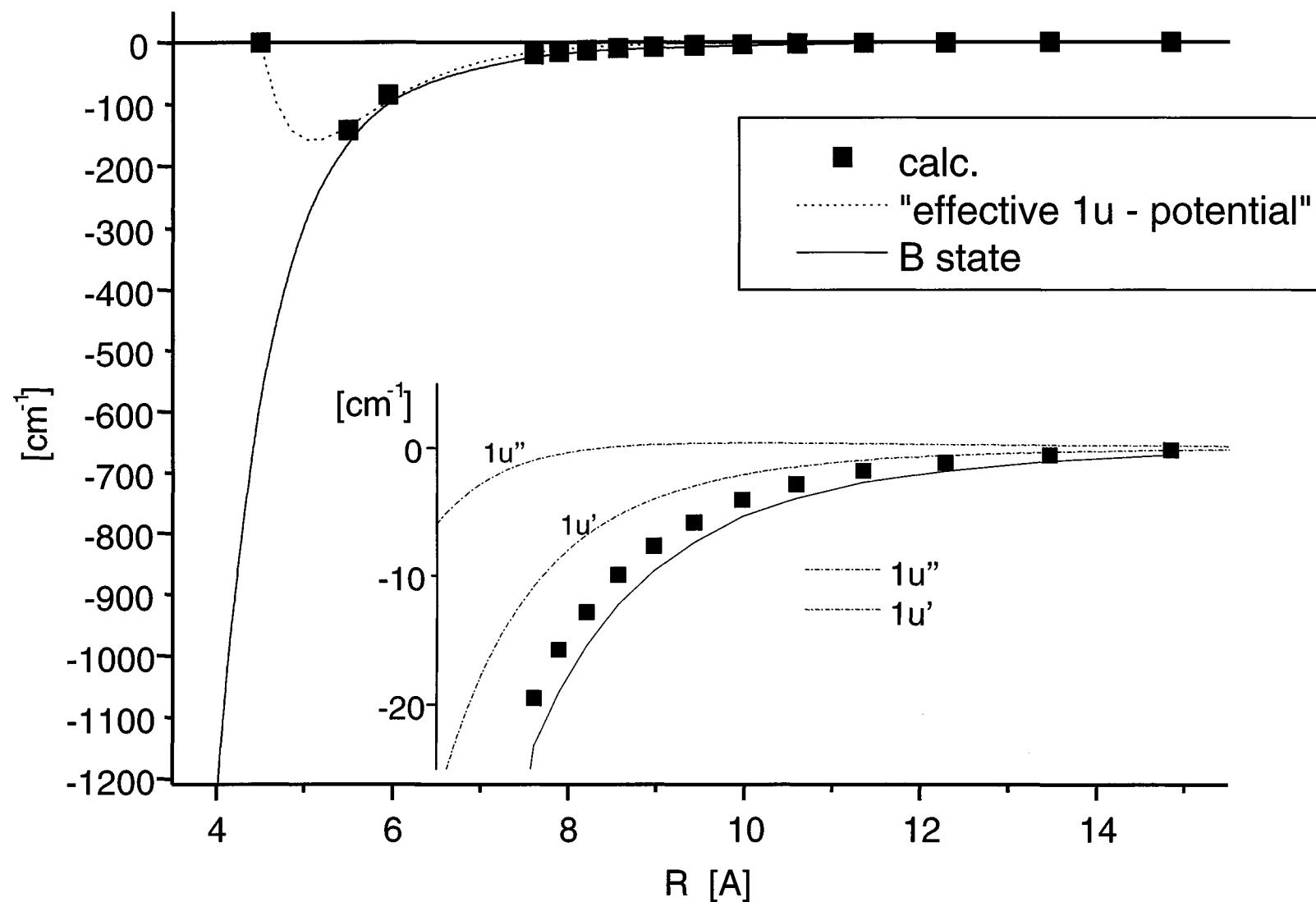
Is the spin-rotation coupling produced by the repulsive state 1u?



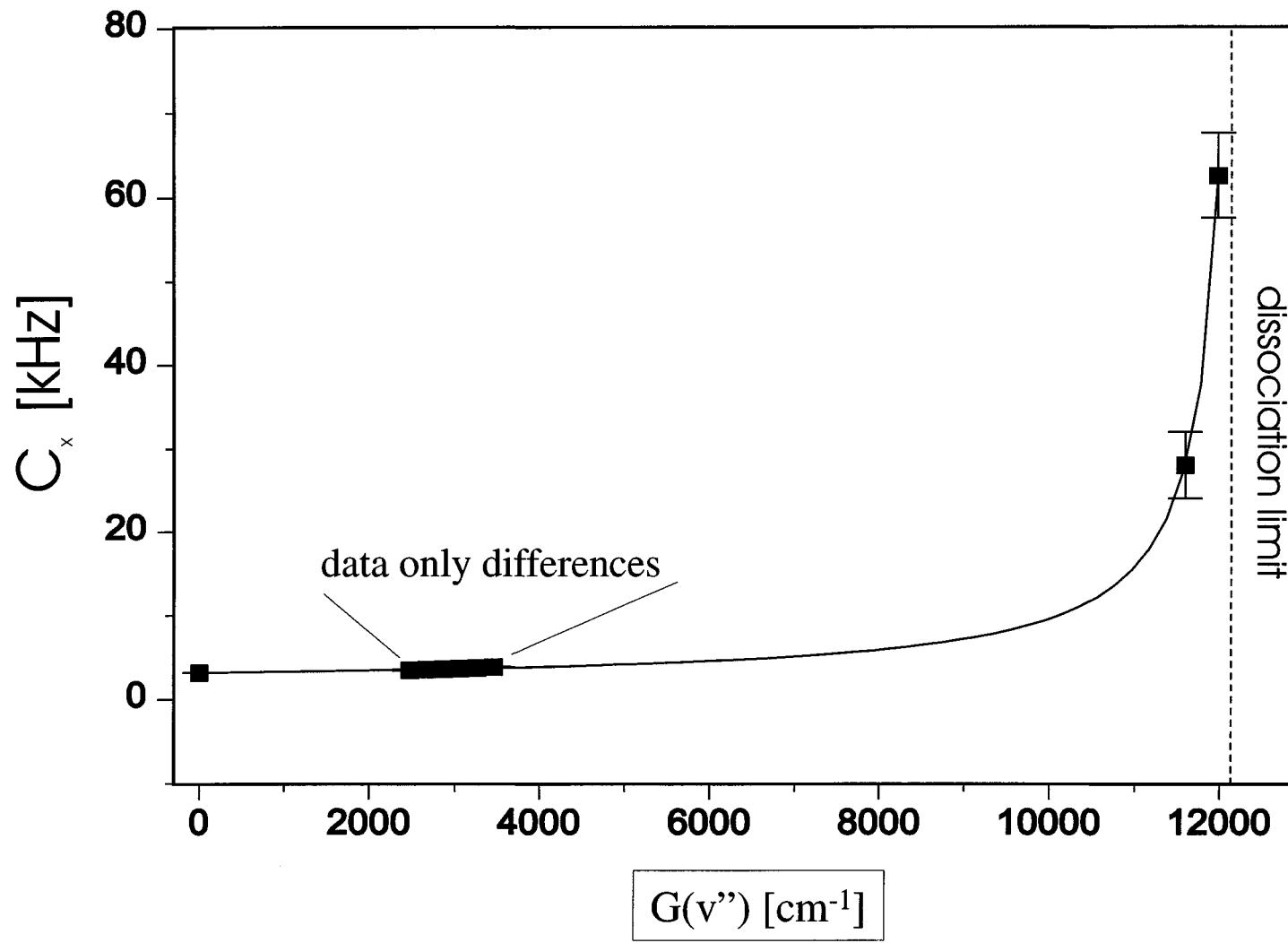
No! There is no similarity between the Franck-Condon density of State B and 1u and the function of  $C_B$



## Potential form from asymptotic behavior of the spin-rotation coupling

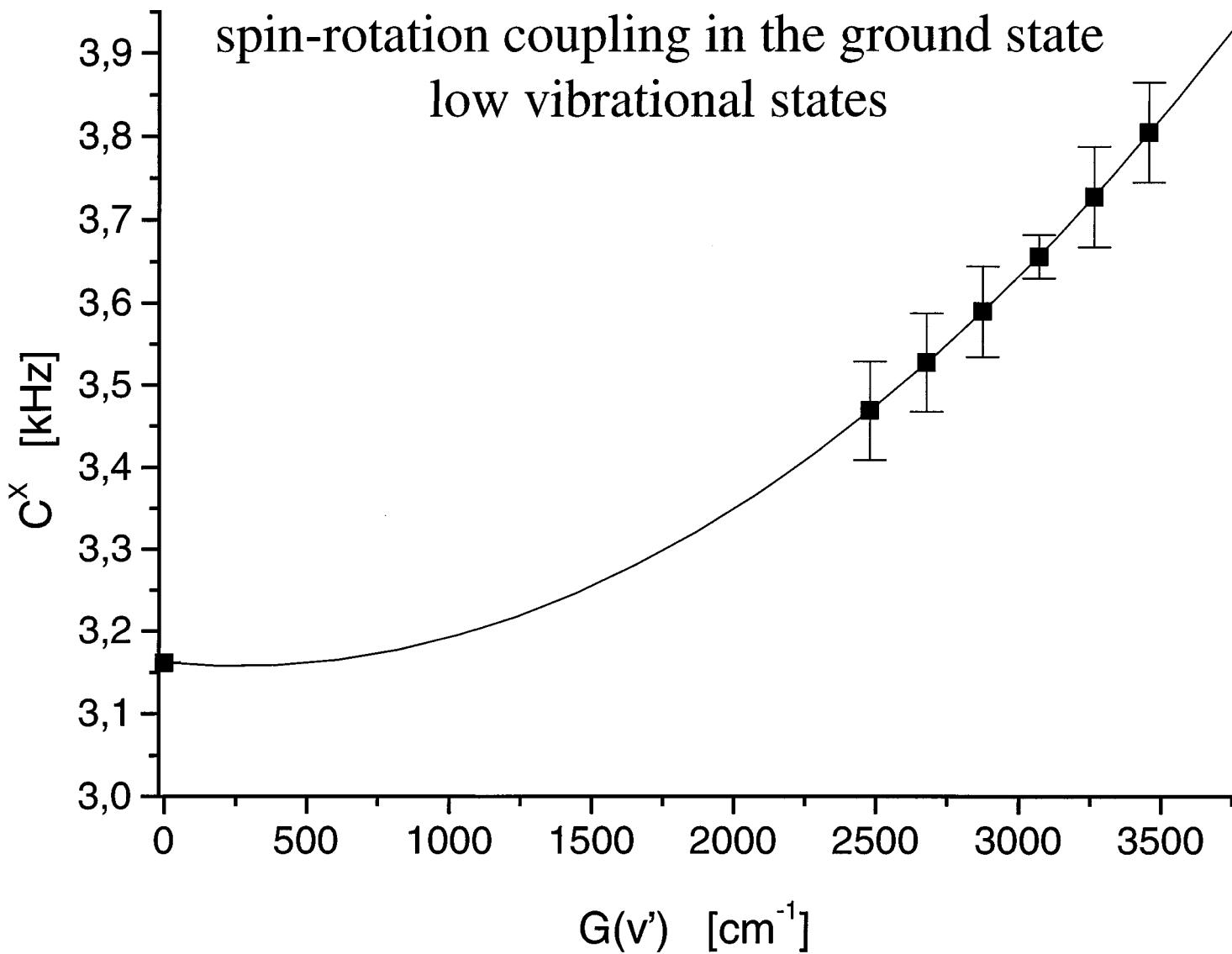


# spin-rotation coupling in the ground state



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$$C_x = 1.95(38) + 3.8(1.1) \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot \left( v'' + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{14677(4824)}{12343(85) - G(v'')} \quad [\text{kHz}] \quad 14$$



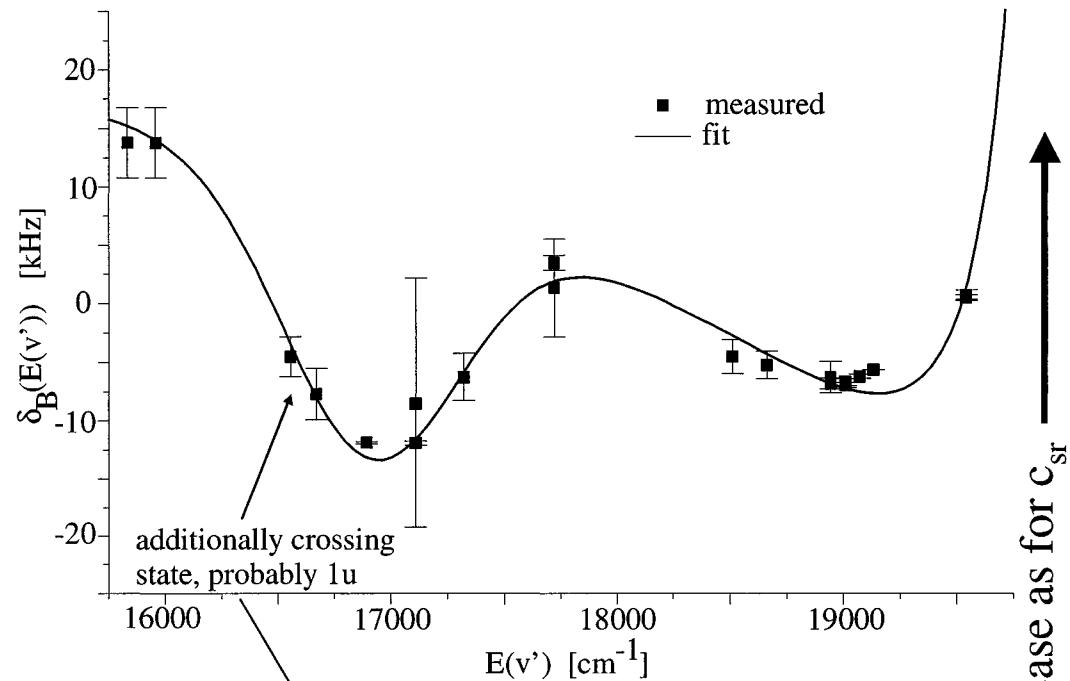
nuclear spin-rotation interaction:

$$C_x = 1.95(38) + 3.8(1.1) \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot \left( v'' + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{14677(4824)}{12343(85) - G(v'')} \quad [\text{kHz}]$$

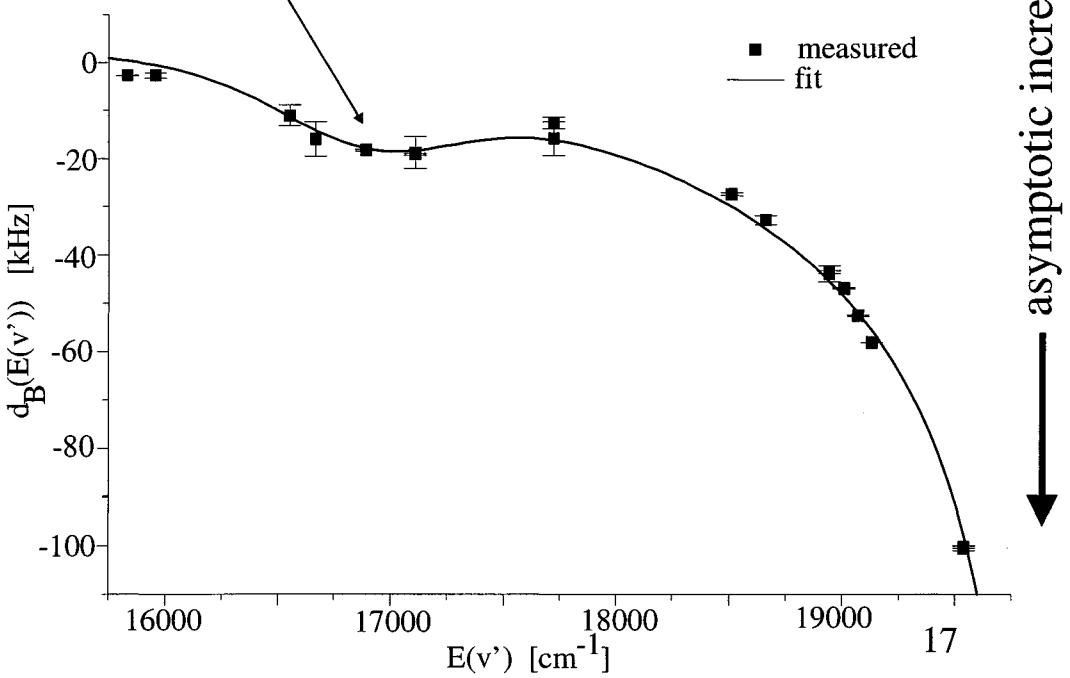
$$C_B = -5.539(32) - 0.3173(21) \cdot \left( v' + \frac{1}{2} \right) - 3.502 \cdot 10^{-4} J'(J'+1) -$$

$$1.080 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot \left( v' + \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot J'(J'+1) + \frac{119706(156) + 1.6422(37) \cdot J'(J'+1)}{20005.6(4) - G(v'')} \quad [\text{kHz}]$$

scalar spin-spin coupling



tensorial spin-spin coupling



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## Iodine as a reference spectrum

- Calculation of vibrational and rotational structure from potentials
- Determination of hyperfine structure from reliable formulas
- Construction of the spectrum with line profiles according to experimental conditions
- Calculation of relative intensities with the Franck-Condon approximation
- Accuracy in the range of  $10^{-8} - 10^{-10}$  depending on the primary calibration
- Stability of the calibration better than one year