

OPTICAL-OPTICAL DOUBLE RESONANCE SPECTROSCOPY OF SrOH: THE  $\tilde{C}^2\Pi(000) - \tilde{A}^2\Pi(000)$  AND THE  $\tilde{B}'^2\Sigma^+(000) - \tilde{A}^2\Pi(000)$  TRANSITIONS

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The  $\tilde{C}^2\Pi(000) - \tilde{A}^2\Pi(000)$  transition of SrOH has been rotationally analyzed using optical-optical double resonance (OODR) spectroscopy. SrOH was synthesized in a Broida-type oven by the reaction of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and strontium vapor. The OODR spectrum was measured using a broad band dye laser ( $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  bandwidth) and a single mode Ti:Sapphire laser as the pump ( $\tilde{A}^2\Pi - \tilde{X}^2\Sigma^+$ ) and probe ( $\tilde{C}^2\Pi - \tilde{A}^2\Pi$ ) lasers, respectively. Rotational and fine structure parameters have been determined through a combined least-squares fit with the  $\tilde{A}^2\Pi - \tilde{X}^2\Sigma^+$  optical transition data and the millimeter-wave pure rotational data of the  $\tilde{X}^2\Sigma^+$  state. A significant decrease in the spin-orbit constant from the  $\tilde{A}^2\Pi$  to the  $\tilde{C}^2\Pi$  state has been observed and can be rationalized by the different atomic orbital character of the two states. The  $\Lambda$ -doubling constants of the  $\tilde{C}^2\Pi$  state have been examined using the pure precession model and suggest that this state forms a unique perturber pair with the nearby  $\tilde{D}^2\Sigma^+$  state. In addition, the rotationally-resolved spectrum of the  $\tilde{B}'^2\Sigma^+(000) - \tilde{A}^2\Pi(000)$  transition has been recorded using the OODR technique. Assignment and analysis of this spectrum is in progress and preliminary results will also be presented.